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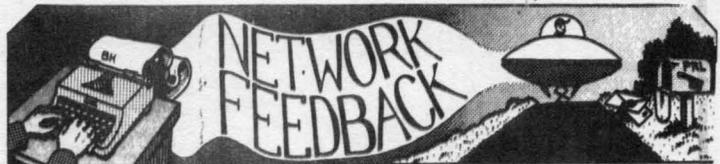
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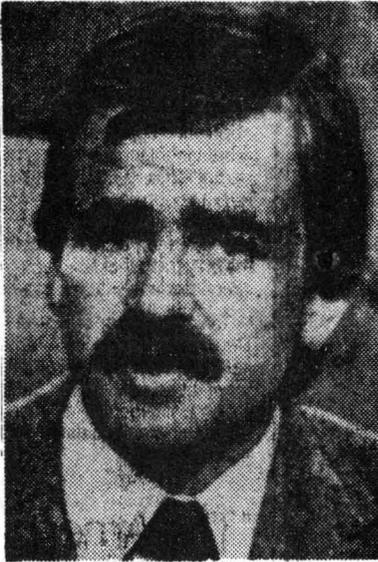
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ENCOUNTERED UFO — Australian television reporter Quentin Fogarty describes his encounter with unidentified flying objects over New Zealand early Dec. 31. (UPI)

Strange radar blips, film image reported *New Zealand* *on UFO alert*

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — The New Zealand air force put Skyhawk warplanes on standby alert yesterday after a TV crew said it filmed unidentified flying objects and air controllers tracked strange blips on radar.

"I am not a UFO believer, but there there was definitely something there," said Bill Startup, pilot of the plane carrying the TV crew. He said the large objects shone with a "very bright white light."

Early today off the Queensland Gold Coast near Brisbane, Australia, four policemen reported watching a UFO for more than 2½ hours.

Constable Ian Jansen said:

"Through the glasses, the light looked to have a bluish tinge although I reckon I could see reds and greens in it as well.

"We fixed a viewing position and watched it move up and down and left and right before it finally rose high in the sky until it was just a pinprick of light. Then it disappeared behind clouds." He said other policemen in the area also reported seeing it.

Quentin Fogarty, a reporter for a Melbourne (Australia) television station, said his crew filmed the UFOs for seven minutes Saturday night from Startup's plane over Kaikoura, in the eastern region of New Zealand's South Island. Civil aviation authorities in Wellington, 70 miles away, said they recorded up to 10 unidentified radar readings about the same time.

"We now have recorded sightings by six pilots on three aircraft over 10 days and a host of radar sightings," said a Wellington air traffic controller who identified himself as A. Causer. "There is obviously some strange phenomenon and it needs to be investigated."

In London, Sir Bernard Lovell, a
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Associated Press

This unidentified flying object was spotted by a television news team over New Zealand.



New Zealand airmen put on alert for UFOs

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distinguished astronomer, said the UFOs over New Zealand were probably meteorites that failed to burn up on entering the atmosphere.

Lovell, quoted in British newspapers, said it was "depressing and deplorable" that bright objects in the heavens could be imagined as visitors from outer space. Such suggestions belong to science fiction, he said.

Skyhawk fighter-bombers will be deployed if radar at Wellington tracks any more unusual signals, said a spokesman for the New Zealand Defense Ministry.

Fogarty, 32, had hired a four-engine turboprop plane to retrace a New Zealand Airline flight that reported seeing UFOs Dec. 21 over Cook Strait, the narrow channel that separates the two islands of New Zealand.

"We first saw the objects about 11:35 p.m., 10 minutes out of Wellington," he said. "I was doing a piece on camera inside the body of the plane and was saying 'Now we'll go upstairs to see if there's anything happening' when the pilot yelled 'Get up here quick!'"

"There were bright globules of light pulsating and expanding and lighting up the foreshore and town of Kaikoura," he said.

"We got frightened when Wellington radar control told us we had one on our tail. Then it was joined by four or five more. I thought once, maybe this is it. I was thinking of Valentich. I was scared stiff."

He was referring to Frederick Valentich, 20, pilot of a light plane that disappeared over Australia's southeast coast Oct. 21. Valentich had radioed that he was being followed by a large silver flying object.

Fogarty said that as the objects came closer he noticed one was saucer-shaped with a dome on top and another was egg-shaped with white lights moving around it.

"The whole feeling was that we were in their domain," said Fogarty. "They seemed in control and aware we were filming. I don't think they were going to harm us."

Startup, who has been flying for 23 years, said he first saw an object about 20 miles ahead of his aircraft.

"Air traffic control then told us there was an object about one mile behind us and I turned the aircraft around to have a look," he said.

"We spotted something which kept accelerating to get closer to us and would then fall back. I know of no aircraft which could carry out such a maneuver."

"We made a two-minute orbit but then continued the run because we did not want to push our luck," he said, adding they saw more strange objects on the return trip to the airport at Blenheim, New Zealand.

The TV film of the supposed New Zealand UFO was purchased by the British Broadcasting Co. and the CBS television network for undisclosed sums. CBS showed the film last night on its news broadcast.

But Britain's leading betting house was not impressed by the New Zealand report.

"We're offering 250 to 1 against aliens from outer space landing or crashing on Earth during 1979 — the same as before this sighting," said Ron Pollard of Ladbrokes bookmakers in London.

In Ferrara, Italy, eight persons returning home from a New Year's Eve party said they saw a bright oval object moving slowly through the sky, leaving a dense, whitish trail. It was the second sighting in two days over the northern Italian city.

Talk with spacemen is claimed

By NICHOLAS HANKS
United Press International

UFOs have been reported in New Zealand, Israel and the United States — and a South African woman now says she met six "darkish-skinned spacemen" in front of an egg-shaped space ship and tried to talk with them.

Mrs. Meagan Quezet, a former nurse, said she and her 12-year-old son Andre encountered "beings" dressed in pinkish uniforms, who looked "just like human beings." She said their bearded leader bowed to them and attempted to speak in a high-pitched voice.

Mrs. Quezet said she and her son left their home in Krugersdorp, about 30 miles northwest of Johannesburg, just after midnight yesterday to find their dog, which had begun barking moments earlier and ran off.

The two followed a lonely, country road from their home up a hill and noticed lights over the crest where they found the dog standing about 20 yards from what Andre described as a "lead-colored egg-shaped space ship."

"My son and I definitely saw something and some beings. There is no doubt about it," Mrs. Quezet said. "In front of the craft were these five or six beings."

"I don't believe in UFOs or that sort of thing. These people were darkish-skinned as far as I could tell, and the bearded one, the leader, was very charismatic. He seemed to be friendly until I got excited and shouted to Andre to run for his father. Then they left," she said.

Israelis yesterday reported seeing a bright object like a "sparkling diamond in the sun" hovering, zigzagging and streaking over the holy land from Jerusalem to Haifa. Israeli police also said they saw three mysterious objects, but the air force said nothing showed on its radar screens — the pattern in most UFO sightings.

UFO Big as an Ocean Liner Dazzles

A UFO the size of an ocean liner, with dazzling fishtail wings, lit up the sky for several miles around, say witnesses who reported its blazing trail across the length of Italy. In Rome alone it was spotted by police over five areas of the city, a police captain reveals.

Thousands of people saw the UFO hurtle along a zigzag course from Sicily in the south to Italy's northwest border with France, a government spokesman says. Some of these witnesses told The ENQUIRER that the UFO:

- Retracted its wings and changed shape.
- Created a screen of smoke or fog and disappeared behind it.
- Traveled noiselessly, but sent birds and wildlife dashing for cover.

"Dozens of phone calls arrived at the Interior Ministry from people all over Italy who sighted a UFO before dawn on September 14," said ministry spokesman Mario Giannini.

"On the basis of the number of calls we received, we can presume that thousands of people spotted the UFO."

Calls from four patrol cars and a policeman on duty outside an embassy alerted Rome police to the UFO.

"At first I was skeptical, but the calls all came from reliable officers and their descriptions were all similar," said Police Capt. Giovanni Grimani.

"We cannot even account for it by collective suggestion because the calls came from patrol cars in different parts of the city, not in touch with each other."

Police contacted the control tower at Rome's Ciampino Airport, which reported that neither military nor civilian radar had tracked anything unusual.

But policeman Antonio Giangrande, who was on duty near the airport that morning, told The ENQUIRER that he saw a mysterious V-shaped object in flight that was much bigger than a plane and apparently made of "opaque crystal."

"It was giving off beams of light over a mile long which reached the ground. The beams were white, with a shade of yellow. One went up, the other down. Suddenly those beams



BLAZING TRAIL: Broken lines indicate flight path of giant-sized UFO that zigzagged across Italy.

of light got brighter and yellower," said Giangrande.

"Then there was a blinding flash within the two arms of the V. It was like a burst of gunfire — but without any sound — and then the object disappeared.

"All that remained at the spot in the sky was a little round cloud, but you could see what looked like a glass globe speeding off in the distance."

The UFO was first sighted at 5:50 a.m. by workers arriving for the day shift at a state-owned oil refinery at Gela, a

city that is on the Sicilian coast.

"I never believed in UFOs before, but what I saw was something very weird, which I cannot explain," said Antonino Ferrara, chief security guard at the refinery.

"It was egg-shaped at the top but had these big, bright wings, or beams of light in the shape of wings, which trailed behind it. And it was bigger than any airplane. There was absolutely no sound."

As the craft hurtled away, Ferrara said, "a ring of black

Thousands in Italy

cloud appeared around it. At the same time, the wings, or beams of light, retracted, and the UFO seemed to hover in the sky for a few seconds.

"The cloud gradually got bigger, enveloping more and more of the bright circle of light in the center while the wings got smaller and smaller. This went on for about 20 seconds — and suddenly the UFO was gone.

"It vanished like magic. It was as though a black veil had been drawn across it. The craft left no trace in the sky."

Alfonso Pace said he fled from his lakeside house near the refinery when he saw the "ball of fire" sweep across the sky. "In the center was a bright disc and it had big, shining wings shaped like a fishtail. I feared it was going to kill me," he shuddered.

As the terrifying object flew overhead without a sound, Pace said, "all the birds on the lake and the little animals around the shore began scurrying for cover and curling up in fear.

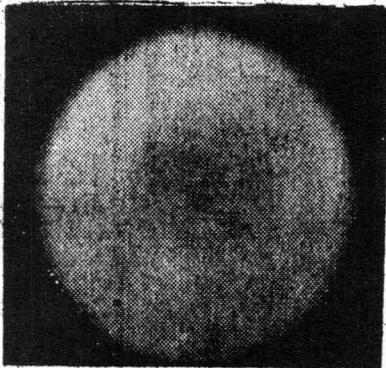
"The ducks hid under bushes and made nervous cries. They trembled as when a hawk passes over."

Romolo Bondi, an artist, saw the object blaze over a mountain near his home in the village of Gragnano. He said the giant UFO "was like an ocean liner that left a great wake of light behind it. It lit up the sky and the mountain for miles."

Summing up the reaction of terrified eyewitnesses, Bruno Natucci, an excavator operator in the village of Torre del Lago Puccini, asserted: "I was stupefied — I had seen a UFO!"

— DENNIS NEEDL

UFO like 'volcano' is filmed



UFO STRIKES AGAIN — New Zealand television crews, filming in the northeast corner of New Zealand's South Island, have again spotted an unidentified flying object in the skies. (UPI)

By JOE WALSH

SYDNEY, Australia (UPI) — A television crew filmed the second UFO spotted in New Zealand in four days — a brilliant object "like a volcano" that flashed a pulsating light across the pre-dawn sky.

The new sighting also was reported yesterday by six policemen in a town 500 miles away from the TV cameras.

The national newspaper The Australian, which reported the sighting of the second unidentified flying object in its editions today, said military aircraft patrolling New Zealand's skies did not pick up the UFO on their radar.

The original New Zealand UFO sighting on New Year's Eve was cor-

roborated by an airport radar controller who saw an unknown object on his scope.

Scientists puzzled by the UFO sightings suggested they might be caused by reflections from Japanese squid fishermen, who are using high-intensity lights in the nighttime harvest now in progress off the New Zealand shore. But they could not explain the radar incident.

The film crew turned its new photos of the UFO over to the government for analysis by a computer capable of eliminating film distortions and defining the relative shape of the object.

The New Zealand network's news editor, Douglas Eckhoff, said, "We have no doubt that we have the most detailed and dramatic film of a UFO taken by non-military sources anywhere in the world."

The TV crew set up two cameras, one with a 600mm lens, near the mouth of the Clarence River in the northeast corner of New Zealand's South Island, the Australian said.

The film crew's sound recorder, Lloyd McFadden, reported the object was "sort of triangular with rounded edges and a piece missing from the apex, like a volcano."

The newspaper's New Zealand correspondent, Dai Hayward, said the UFO was "a round, glowing ball, with a bright light which faded then brightened again, and a reddish center."

He said the object appeared high in the sky just before 4:30 a.m., moving rapidly towards land.

"It was definitely no aircraft," Hayward said. "It behaved erratically, then hung stationary. After a while the object moved again and disappeared."

"All told we watched it for about 20 minutes. Then just as dawn was breaking and we were prepared to pack up, it appeared again roughly in the same area. It could be clearly seen against the gradually lightening sky.

"Again the object moved away and seemed to go higher in the sky until it finally vanished."

Hayward said there was a high wind blowing at the time, but no rain or clouds were visible.

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W. Siders spot UFO's in V-shape

A longtime student of UFOs who lives in Parma said he is investigating unidentified flying objects reportedly seen by a West Side woman.

Earl Neff said the woman called him recently to describe what she thought were UFO's in the sky around W. 58th St. and Clark Ave.

"She told me that she and her children saw about 40 objects in the sky. They formed a V. Then, in the open part of the V, the rest of the objects formed a circle. The time was between 7 and 7:30 p.m."

Neff said the woman called again to find out if he had learned anything about the sighting. He said he could not give the name of the woman without her permission.

Neff said he is awaiting word from Australia as to the substance of the latest UFO sightings. So far, he said, he has no more information than there is in the newspapers and on radio and television.

Australia has had more than its share of sightings through the years, said Neff. He belongs to a world-wide organization that keeps track of UFO sightings. There are many sightings in the Soviet Union, he said.

Neff explained some UFO sightings:

"UFO's are seen frequently over high-tension lines where they are absorbing electricity. They also hover over fertilizer plants where they absorb nitrogen."

He raised the possibility that the position of Mars in the heavens could have something to do with sightings.

"It seems to be cyclical. When Mars is in closest opposition to us, every 26 months, we have a greater number of sightings, as a rule. They may be using Mars as a stopping off place."

Neff said he first had a call on the latest rash of Australian and New Zealand sightings on New Year's Day. He said, "I'm getting a lot of material together and I hope that by the middle of the month I'll be able to release it all."

"We've had some awfully good sightings this past year. In all these years, we have never had as many sightings as we have had last year. It's not surprising to me."

Strange as it seems - strange lights are seen

(EDITOR'S NOTE — The following is an account of an unexplained appearance of strange lights near a rural farm in McMinn County during the latter part of October. Several people saw the lights and have vouched for the accuracy of the description. The names of the people who saw the lights and the location where the sightings occurred have been withheld by request of the parties involved.)

By JAMES EWING

A rural McMinn County family has had an interesting — what may be called “illuminating” — visitor recently. Called an “unidentified flying object,” or a “UFO,” or merely “strange lights,” the “visitor” was described at various times as flying, hovering, remaining motionless, accompanied by smaller lights, as well as exhibiting behavior almost as if it had a mind of its own.

It was a strange ball of light that faithfully greeted the family nearly each morning before daybreak and often at night for over a week, beginning Thursday, October 19. After a week-long show of evasive appearances and disappearances and sometimes brilliant displays of pyrotechnics, it finally petered out. It apparently has not been seen again.

The mother of the farm family, a middle-aged, deeply religious woman, first sighted the object on that Thursday. After living on the farm for more than 30 years, she said, she had never seen anything like it.

Around 6 a.m., shortly before daybreak, in the woods bordering their farm, she said she saw a bright light “about the size the moon looks to be and maybe brighter.” It was not the moon, though, because the area where she saw the light and where it subsequently appeared regularly, was in a hollow approximately 100 yards wide by 75 yards deep, on a slope, backed by a tall, steep hill.

She went out to the edge of the woods, she said, and watched it for a short time before calling to members of her family

to come and see it. “But before I could get them to hear me,” she said, “it changed to a fire-coal red glow and disappeared.” She told her family about it afterwards, but soon forgot about it — almost.

Very elusive

She didn't see it the next morning, Friday, October 20, but she didn't look for it, either. That night, however, around 10:15 p.m., she noticed it outside her bedroom window, which faces the woods. She told her husband and he looked out the window and saw it, too. But before they could call their children and grandchildren who were also in the house, she said, it disappeared again.

She remembers the way it looked that night quite clearly. With both of them watching, it appeared and disappeared, with variable brightness, several times. Although the white or yellowish color didn't change, it appeared neither as large nor as bright as the day before.

She and her husband were genuinely perplexed about what the light could be.

The next morning, a Saturday, she was awakened at around 5 a.m. by the telephone. A neighbor, who lives on a hill overlooking their farm, approximately half a mile away, called to find out about the bright light that seemed to be near their home. The neighbor said she and her husband had been watching the light for several minutes and were curious about what it could be.

Although they immediately got out of bed and looked for the light, she said, neither she nor her husband saw it that morning.

Saturday night the light did not reappear and neither was it observed Sunday morning. But around 10:15 Sunday night, October 22, the woman saw it for a few minutes when it appeared very dimly out in the woods. It grew brighter, she said, but before she could call her husband, it disappeared again.

Very bright

On Monday, around 6:45 a.m. it appeared again. But this time, her daughter and grandson saw it. It ap-

peared for a few minutes, then disappeared. A few minutes later, however, while she and her daughter were still looking, it reappeared and they watched it for about 20 minutes. It became very bright and erratic.

“Streaks of light flashed on each side of it a number of times,” she said. “Then, it suddenly went out. I kept watching it. I got a glimpse of a fire-coal red light traveling at a very high speed from the direction of the light, north.”

She and her daughter went out to the woods to where the light seemed to originate. She said they found a place where they thought it possibly could have been but weren't sure. During the 20-minute display, she and her daughter had watched the light with a pair of binoculars “and there seemed to be a light beam beneath the light,” she said.

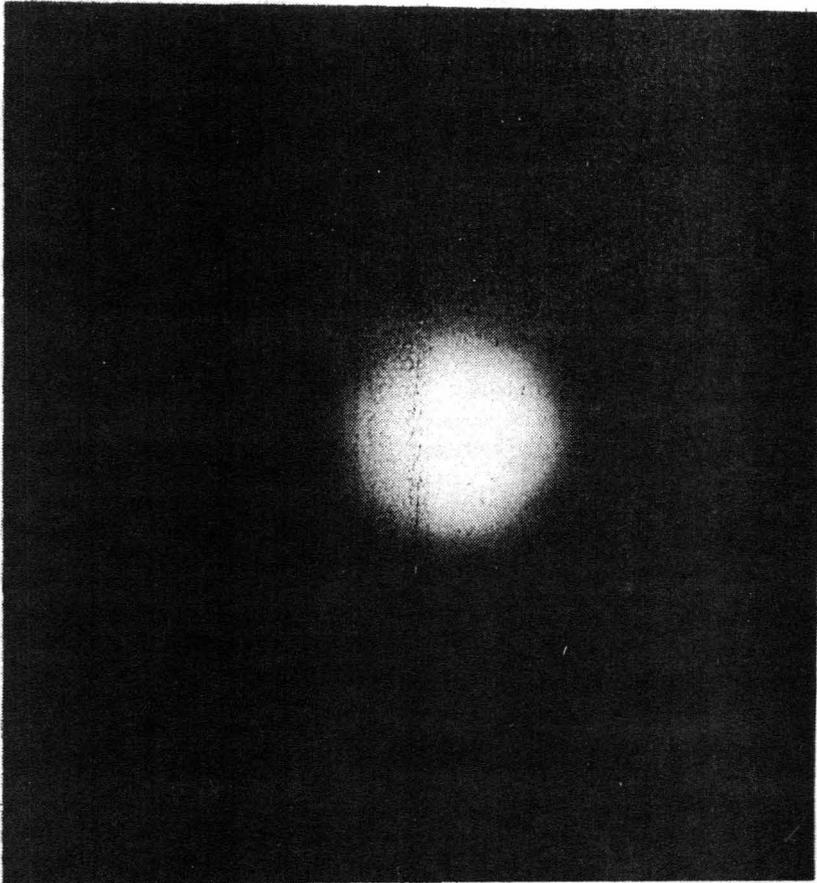
Between the hours of midnight and 1 a.m., one of their neighbors again saw the light, although she and her daughter

did not.

By this time the woman was intensely curious about this light. Only a few weeks earlier another woman in McMinn County near the Polk County border had reported a strange light in the early morning hours. That woman, Sandra Hooper, said the light appeared with a reddish glow and picked up two man-like shapes in her yard.

Hooper was genuinely perplexed about what she saw, also. But she alone had seen it, unlike this week-long visitor which was perplexing to all around it. Still, the woman who had witnessed the series of lights was forbidden by her husband to report it to the authorities. She said he was afraid that other people would talk about them and say they were crazy. She remained silent but was determined to find out what it was.

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Unexplained bulb

A strange light (similar in appearance to that simulated here) was seen by a rural McMinn farm family during the latter part of October. The light, they

said, mysteriously appeared and disappeared over the course of several days. It has not been seen since. See Story. (DPA Photo by James Ewing)

Very strange

So, around 6:30 Tuesday morning, when she saw the light appear as usual out in the woods, she went out to investigate. Again, it had disappeared. She sat in her yard from around 6:50 until 7:20 a.m. and still didn't see anything. She came back in the house and looked out her window and there it was again.

"It had gotten brighter," she said. "Then there were two lights that looked to be like car lights. They came moving along until they went behind a large tree and were gone."

That night the light came and went for about 40 minutes until around 11:30 p.m. "a large light, round in shape, and sorta orange-looking, suddenly appeared over where the light had been seen all of these days," she said. It moved "very fast eastward," she added, and "there was no sound."

The light was not seen on Wednesday, but appeared briefly on Thursday morning and again only a couple of times over the next few days. The appearances finally ceased.

A thorough search of the area revealed nothing. The family has lived in the house for 30 years and all agreed that none of them has seen anything

like it in the woods near their home. All of the people interviewed described the sight as inexplicable. It was "strange lights."

The woman said she thought it was "God trying to tell me something." She said her brother had been killed in World War Two and shortly before the family was notified of the death, her mother had an incident with a strange light.

Another strange light

She said she remembered her mother said she saw a light through the front window, "like a motorcycle light, but no noise." She said her mother opened the door, expecting someone to come in and there was no one there. It was shortly after that, she said, that they received the letter telling them that her brother was dead.

"I think it was God telling us that (the brother) was with him," she explained, simply. She also said she believed that, whatever the light was, it was responsive to her.

She said it seemed "friendly," and "shy" sometimes. When she saw it moving through the field with the two smaller lights, she said she felt like it was "running right up to the fence, playing." Although she never found an explanation for it, believing that it was a religious phenomenon, she said she felt no fear of it — only curiosity.

What made her angriest was the feeling that she couldn't talk about what she saw with other people. Both she and her husband, as well as her children and grandchildren, talked freely about what they saw. But they talked about it among themselves.

Although she said she had personally never seen anything like it before — no UFO's, ghosts or anything else unusual — and previously hadn't even been interested, she said the reason she called the newspaper was because she thought people "ought to take these things seriously."

"I think people ought to stop laughing about these things," she said, "and start looking out their window!"

UFO sightings publicized

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Here in Argentina — which leads the world in UFO sightings, according to a NASA tally — extraterrestrial visitors are part of the national folklore, thanks to dozens of such wellpublicized tales as these:

—Six fishermen in San Luis Province last Feb. 4 saw a saucer light up the predawn sky. A towering figure in a silver jumpsuit climbed down a ladder, waved, returned to the saucer and sped away. Police found huge footprints, five feet apart, at the scene.

—A flying object hovered over a train station in San Juan one night in July and lit up the place like day. Dozens of frightened stray dogs and cats took refuge in the building and the station chief suffered a nervous collapse.

—An oval-shaped translucent object, ringed by a halo of light, flew silently over the Andes mountains in Neuquen Province on Aug. 22. Descriptions along its 300-mile path were so numerous and consistent that the UFO landed on covers of two national news magazines.

Argentina's highly literate population seems ready for the "invasion." Books like "Chariot of the Gods" and "The History of Flying Saucers in Argentina" have sold briskly, and a 424-page textbook on "Extraterrestrial Science" is being offered to Argentine secondary schools. The movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" just ended a profitable 15-week run here.

"When people continuously contemplate such films, television shows, magazines and books, then UFOs, flying saucers and green men become so natural that finally they are perceived in the world that surrounds us," wrote Gregorio Klimovsky in a special section of the Buenos Aires newspaper Clarin analyzing the UFO phenomenon.

Vlado Kapetanovich, a Peruvian engineer who says he met spacemen while building a dam, put himself under psychiatric analysis to dispel his own doubts before writing a book about the encounter. When it was published his daughter had him committed to an asylum, but he

talked his way out and his book became a best seller in Peru.

Grenada Prime Minister Gairy has a harder time with skeptics. His recent demand for a U.N. investigation of UFOs was ridiculed by the island's newspapers. One cartoon showed him on a mountain gazing at flying saucers while his people suffered in squalor below.

While Yaqui Indians in northeast Mexico curse extraterrestrial intruders for their woes, most Latin believers say the "visitors" are benevolent explorers or peacemakers. Sergio Lemos, a Rio de Janeiro schoolteacher, says he was told by a "UFO Commander Akilovan" that his mission was to prevent nuclear holocaust.

"They have vested interest in averting a nuclear war on earth, as this would blow the planet apart and alter the cosmos," said Ariel Rietti, head of Argentina's UFO Observatory Commission. "They have come here to see how their security is related to our stupidity."

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Close Encounters

A recent rash of UFO sightings has occurred around the world, and Central New York is no exception. A Verona man says he witnessed three unidentified flying objects hovering over a U.S. Air Force communications test area on the night of October 23.

David Williams (not his real name, at his request), a resident of Germany Road in Verona, says he was watching television at about 9:20 p.m. "when all of a sudden I heard this noise coming from my backyard. I went outside to see what it was and I saw these lights in the sky that appeared to be the source of the noise." Williams says he saw three oblong-shaped objects with "flashing yellow and orange lights" in a V formation "hovering about 65 degrees above the horizon."

After several minutes of watching, Williams says he observed what he thought were jets from nearby Griffiss Air Force Base approaching the objects. The UFO's, he says, then moved off "a lot faster than the jets," only to return after the planes had left the area.

Williams said that he sought out several other people to witness the phenomenon "so nobody would think I'm nuts." He says four other persons also saw the unidentified objects, which he said were visible for about one hour and 20 minutes.

A check with the Oneida station of the New York State Police showed that the incident was reported to the troopers. A police spokesman said that there were no other reported sightings in the area at that time that he knew of.

Griffiss AFB spokesman Lawrence Clavette said that he could offer no comment beyond the Air Force's official position that "we don't believe in UFO's."

Richard Garcia, a spokesman for the Rome Air Development Center at Griffiss, said that the area referred to by Williams is part of an Air Force troposphere scatter network that transmits microwave signals from Verona to Buffalo, and back. He said that at the time in question, there were no Griffiss AFB-related flights over that area. Garcia said that the Air Force did not engage in any type of airborne testing in that area.

According to Williams, "there's a lot of radar and microwave activity" at the site near his house. He said he had heard stories of previous sightings in the area from other residents, but that it was the first time that he had personally witnessed anything. Williams said he and his wife have lived in the area for about one year. "The whole thing was right out of Close Encounters," he said.

--Paul Farmer

HOLLAND, MICH. - SENTINEL
*****NOV. 16, 1978*****

UFO sightings

By Bob Niedt
Sentinel Reporter

ALLEGAN — Sightings of unidentified flying objects have been reported in Allegan County as late as Monday night, the Allegan County Sheriff's department said today.

One caller, who wished to remain anonymous, said that 10-12 cars were stopped along I-196 just south of Holland Monday night all watching one hovering object over some trees.

A deputy at the sheriff's department said that calls have been coming into the department from up and down the county, but especially near the major expressways which cut through the county.

Many of the callers, the deputy said, are calling just to notify the department and not to file a report. As far as could be determined, no photographic evidence of the objects has turned up.

The deputy said that all the calls give basically the same description of the object or objects: red, blue and green lights which rotate in a circular manner. The objects reportedly hover in the air and take off in a westerly direction.

No reports have been made in the Holland area or in Ottawa County, but any calls that come into the Ottawa County Sheriff's department are referred to the National UFO Reporting Center of Phenomena Research in Seattle, Wash.

A spokesperson at the center said today that six calls have come from Michigan within the last 10 days. Asked if the calls were about the same objects, the spokesperson said, "yes, generally speaking. All the objects were maintaining a high altitude and appeared to be under control, judging from the controlled lights and the motion and maneuvering of the objecta."

The Phenomena Research Center is a private scientific organization, manned 24-hours a day set up to study the reports. The spokesperson said that depending on the nature of the complaint, an extensive questionnaire would be sent to the caller or if it was a close encounter with the object, a field representative may be sent out.

None of the calls from Michigan deemed sending a representative out, he said. Most of the objects seen are at a high altitude. All the calls, however, are taken seriously and documented.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR - IND.
*****NOV. 16, 1978*****

Soil Where UFO 'Landed' To Get Radioactivity Test

STAR HOME AREA REPORT

Greenfield, Ind. — Tests will be run on soil samples taken from the alleged landing site of an unidentified flying object to determine if there is evidence of radioactivity, a spokesman for the Center for UFO Study at Evanston, Ill., said Wednesday.

The spot in question, a circle 44 feet in diameter, is located in a soybean field near the home of Jay Wilfong, about two miles south of Willow Branch in north-eastern Hancock County. Everything inside the circle was crushed to within six inches of the ground.

Cathy Wilfong, 23, and her sister, Cindy Bridges, 21, R.R. 6, Greenfield, told authorities they saw a 100-foot-long craft hovering near the Wilfong home Nov. 8.

POLICE SAID, however, that helicopters were seen flying in that area and they believe one of them made the marks in the field.

An investigator from the UFO center said he did not believe the markings in

the field were made by a helicopter. An attempt is being made to contact other persons who saw the object, he said.

"Cindy went outside to get some firewood," and she saw something out of the corner of her eye, Mrs. Wilfong said. "At first, she thought it was a plane crashing" but then realized there was no noise.

Mrs. Wilfong came out a short time later and saw the UFO, which she said was the size of a "large barn" and was hovering about 60 feet over a field within 200 feet of the house.

"IT HAD TWO white lights and one red light" and made no noise, she said. The craft hovered over the field for 12 minutes before moving away slowly, according to the women.

Mrs. Wilfong said it seemed they were looking at the bottom of the craft, which was divided into three sections, two of which extended lower than the middle section. There appeared to be a circle on the middle section, she added.

JOUNSTOWN, PA. - TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT
*****NOV. 22, 1978*****

Armagh Couple Reports Object Sighted in Sky

An unidentified object was reported to have been seen Monday night in the skies west of Johnstown.

An Armagh couple, Kevin and Lou Patterson, reported the sighting shortly before 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Patterson said her husband had gone to the back porch of their home to smoke a cigarette when he called and said he saw something strange in the sky.

Bowl, Saucer Shape

Mrs. Patterson described the object as orange-colored, and shaped like a bowl or saucer. She said that at different times either a red or green light would circle the object. She said the object also emitted a whirring sound.

Mr. Patterson said he had no idea how far away the object was. He said it appeared to be over Gas Center or Seward.

Mrs. Patterson said they watched the object for about three minutes until it disappeared. She said it returned later but disappeared after a few seconds.

Close Encounter?

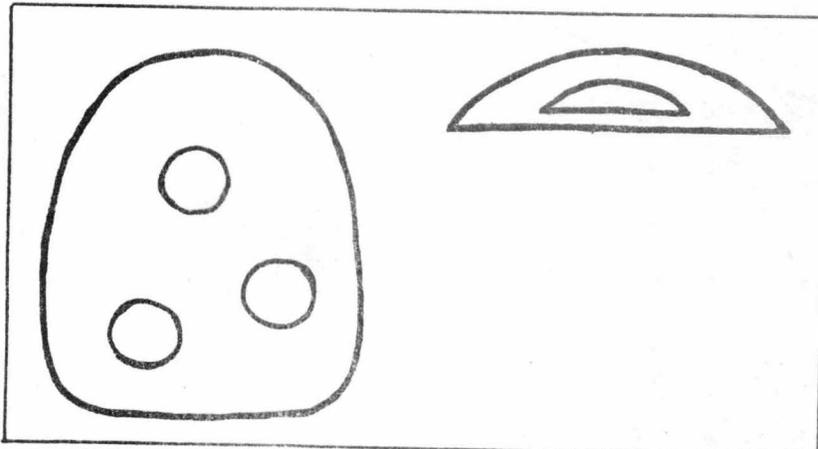
By RONALD S. LOAR
Of The News Staff

Just as we thought we had it all settled — this thing about UFO sightings.

The Parkersburg News Sunday night received additional reports of unidentified flying objects. This time four law enforcement officers and about a half - dozen private citizens all reported seeing just about the same thing.

Something definitely not a star, and unlike any conventional aircraft was the way many of the persons who saw the UFO Sunday night described the object that was observed at different times between 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.

Deputy Greg Chapman, who has spent seven years in law enforcement furnished The News with a drawing of the object that he saw about 9:12 p.m. from behind the Wood County Correctional Center.



UFO — Drawing portrays flying object as described by Wood County Deputy Greg Chapman. View on left shows bottom of object as seen from almost directly below. View on right is how object appeared to Chapman as it flew away from him. The object was metallic gold with three light, glowing spots on the bottom and a lighter gold patch on the rear, Chapman said.

"I had just pulled behind the jail and got out of my cruiser car," said Chapman, who explained that it is his policy to check the rear windows of the correction center. "I looked up at the windows, and that's when I SAW IT." He described the object as being shaped somewhat like a slice of bread, rounded on the leading edge, with the back end of it flat, but slightly rounded at the corners.

"It was the most beautiful gold color I had ever seen. . . sort of a metallic gold," Chapman said, describing the bottom plane of it as having what appeared to be three white lights (although they seemed to radiate light, rather than beam the light). As the object moved away from him in a southwesterly direction, toward the Ohio River, the officer said he observed that it seemed to be domed shape, "sort of like an inverted saucer."

After observing the object, Chapman got on his police radio and reported to Deputy Steve Greiner, who was inside the correctional center. Greiner and Deputies Simon Knotts and Rick Woodyard went outside and observed the same object. Because the object was at a greater distance away than when Chapman first saw it, the other three deputies said they were unable to distinguish any lights on the bottom of it.

Further describing the color,

Chapman said as the craft moved away from him, it appeared that the profile was of a lighter gold color in the center, giving way of the same brilliant, but darker gold color around the edges as he observed on the bottom side as it passed overhead.

"There was no noise coming from it," reported Greiner, and I couldn't see any wings or red or green lights. It just moved steadily across the sky, about the same distance from the ground as a small airplane might fly," Greiner added.

Fifteen - year - old Joey Knotts, of Hugh Street, said he saw a "funny - shaped thing" in the sky near his home about 7:15 p.m. Knotts, however, said it appeared to be "greenish - red" in color. "A large, plane, about the size of a jumbo jet, flew through the sky about the same time and flew beneath it. The thing shot out a bright light, sort of like it took a picture of the jet," Knotts reported.

About the same time, but from a different part of the neighborhood, his sister, Julie, 12, said she saw the same thing. Both children (unaware that the other had seen anything) rushed home to tell their father, Lee Knotts of their experiences. The elder Knotts said he went out in his backyard, and along with neighbors, observed "something shiny hovering in the sky." He said the object "zig-zagged" toward the south until it disappeared from view.

Deputy Woodyard said that after he observed the UFO from behind the jail, he telephone the Wood County Airport to determine if an advertising plane, which has lighted sign boards on its underside, had been flying about that time. He said the airport told him it had not been off the ground

all afternoon.

Having earlier written a story disclaiming reported UFO sightings with verification by astronomers, we, at The News became a bit concerned about the credibility of this story — especially in view of the fact that this is the Halloween season.

What was it that Barb and Kent saw in the sky?

When someone walks into your office and says, "I saw a strange object in the sky, had all kinds of lights, big as a house, make a noise like a storm, nearly scared me to death and then moves out as swiftly as it came," what would you do?

This was told to Editor Del Shipman by Mrs. Orville (Barb) Johnsrud, who lives northwest of Watford City. Barb and her son, Kent, observed this strange thing last Thursday night about seven o'clock.

Most people anymore, think people are seeing things. Are they? Do they make up stories just to have something to talk about? Hardly, when it comes from a person like Barb Johnsrud, a very sincere person, who said, "I wouldn't tell you this if I hadn't seen it and I believe what I see."

In her own words this is the story that Barb wrote for the McKenzie County Farmer, the sketches are by Barb and her son Kent. Now, what do you think?

Editor Del Shipman did a little research by first calling Minot Air Base to talk to security people there. They were asked if anything strange appeared on their radar scope last Thursday and if they had any aircraft from their base or any other base that would have been in the Watford City area. Their reply: Nothing. Asked if they were interested and they replied, No, but maybe some university might be, as they had given up the program of investigating unidentified object calls.

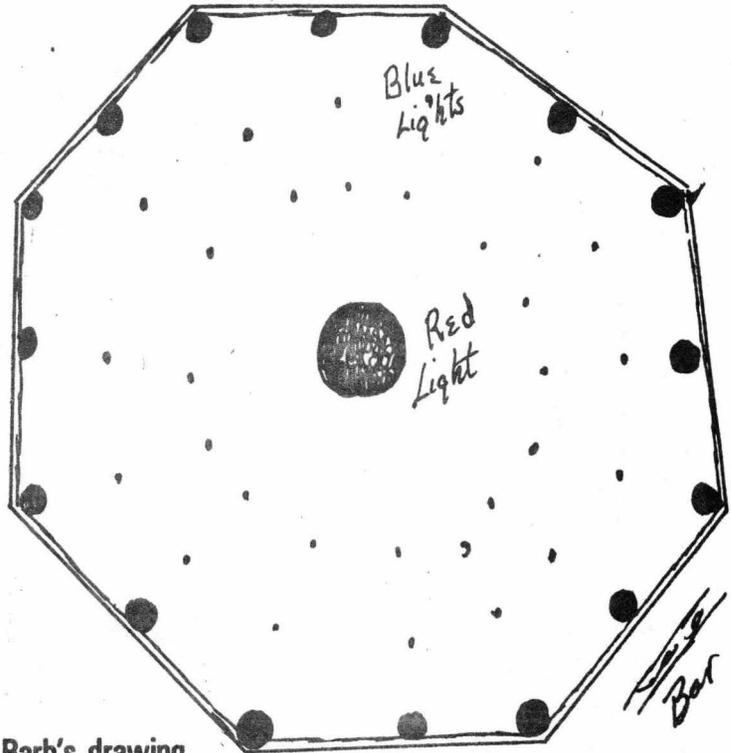
What Barb and Kent saw was also witnessed by four other Watford City folks traveling on highway 85 and 200 Thursday night, but they just passed it off as some light in the sky. Another person, John Gary, of Watford City, probably saw the same object as he was going to Richey, MT, Thursday night. His sighting was just after making the turnoff of 85 onto 68 going west to Sidney. He stopped, looked at the strange sight, drove on and dismissed it from his mind until it was mentioned by the editor. His sighting was practically the same as the Johnsruds, except it was at a distance, but his drawing very much corresponds with the drawings of Barb and Kent.

Are people seeing things? What type of experimental aircraft are passing thru the area? It's hard for us to believe but they are making believers out of some of us, what about you?

I was conversing with a friend of mine on the telephone Thursday evening and our son Kent, who was outside doing chores around 7 p.m. or so, came to the house and told me to come outside quick. He wanted to show me something! I told him I was on the phone and he said, "Hurry, it's in the sky." So I told my friend to hang on and went out and looked.

I saw a quite large light which appeared to be separated. It looked like an extra large star with a small divider which made it look like 2 lights beaming as you'd look at a light through a window. It appeared to be stationary and was about the same height as the evening star.

So I ran back in the house and told my friend I'd call her back and picked up my glasses and ran back out. It was still there! Kent said he was observing it for about 2 minutes before he called me. Then all of a sudden that



Barb's drawing

thing came down so quick it sounded like a storm coming and I was so scared I ran to the edge of the house about 20 ft. and looked up and there it was going over us quite slowly - I'd say about 25 mph and was only about 50-60 ft. high. It was about 40 ft. in diameter and looked like a huge stop sign with many, many blue lights and an extra large red light in the middle. Neither Kent nor I could see a tail or nose or propellers or anything other than lights, except for a metal bar which seemed to be full of holes or perforated.

It took off just as fast as it came down in a northeasterly direction. After it was all over, Kent said, "Mom, for a little while I thought a little green man would come out of there."

I gave Kent a piece of paper and said let's draw what we saw - It was almost identical with the same lighting. There were no flashing lights and the two big clear lights were like headlights.

Sighted over Green Hill

UFO has him 'astonished'

It seems unidentified flying objects are making a comeback. Sightings have been reported in Australia and West Virginia. A respected Russian scientist claims proof that a tremendous explosion in his country 70 years ago was caused by an extra terrestrial craft crash-landing.

So why not in South

County?

An unidentified flying object did indeed pass through Green Hill not long ago, and it has a retired Army colonel living there "simply astonished".

It was on Sept. 20, around 10:55 p.m., that the UFO was sighted.

The man who reported it said he was going from one building to another on his ocean front property when a bright ball of light appeared, traveling east to west, parallel to the beach.

His first thought was of a helicopter with a search light. But as it grew closer it was obvious the light was like none he had ever seen.

According to an account given to the *Times* it seemed about the size of a basketball, bright white, with the essence of a trail behind it. It gave off no noise.

It traveled about 15 degrees above the horizon, about a quarter of a mile from shore, in an "absolutely flat trajectory."

It disappeared over a grove of aspen trees almost as quickly, and quietly, as it first appeared.

South Kingstown police said they received no calls that night reporting anything unusual.

The Green Hill resident stops short of calling it an extra-terrestrial vehicle. It

had "none of the elements associated with UFOs, as such," he said.

Yet in 32 years of military service he has seen many strange sights, none that quite compare with this one.

It certainly doesn't compare with the latest sightings reported in the media. In West Virginia a week ago "bright objects" were seen "zipping" and "hovering" about in the sky by numerous people, including law enforcement officers.

Unlike the Green Hill sighting these were said to display yellow, green, red, blue and white lights at various times. Also there were three to seven of these objects travelling together, it was reported.

In Australia last weekend a pilot of a small aircraft reported a UFO with green lights following his plane. Then there was silence. The search for plane and pilot continued this week.

In 1909 in an isolated Russian forest, an object streaked from the sky and crashed with a tremendous explosion. The impact leveled acres of wooded land and created a large crater.

Some witnesses said a mushroom shaped cloud billowed into the sky.

Recently a Russian scientist said samples taken at the site revealed traces of manufactured metals, elements not found in meteors.

For every unnatural event someone has supplied a "logical" explanation of sorts. The Green Hill resident is still looking for such an explanation to last month's sighting.

At any rate, if those trick-and-treaters seem to have unusually realistic costumes this year, just give them candy bars and close the door on the little green buggers...very slowly.

UFO Is Really A Star

ELSA - What started out as an unidentified flying object at about 4:20 a.m. this morning turned out to be a peculiar star-maybe.

An official report was not filed with the Elsa police department although at least one Elsa police officer saw the object. The encounter of the first kind began in the early morning hours when Hidalgo County Deputy Sheriff Martin Sepulveda radioed Elsa PD for assistance and a witness.

Sepulveda reported by radio that a "UFO" was following him and the Elsa officer reportedly confirmed this. Both officers observed the eerie star from SH 107 and W. Mile Six just west of the Elsa city limits.

The Elsa officer contacted a science teacher and the object was observed through a telescope. The unidentified science teacher concluded that the object was a star glowing red and green.

CORRY, PA. - JOURNAL
*****NOV. 15, 1978***

Another UFO was spotted in the Titusville skies last night. About 6:05 p.m., a resident of the north side of town saw the object in the southwest skies. The resident said the UFO had the appearance of revolving white lights, not flashing such as an airplane. The object also made a sharp, right angle turn in the skies, something which would be impossible for an airplane to accomplish. Last Wednesday night, John Hilburn of Centerville reported sighting an unidentified flying object at 10:50 p.m. That craft made no noise, but had lights which flashed orange, green and white.

New Batch Of UFOs

There's been a considerable shortage of good, lively "unidentified flying object" sightings lately. The two reported from Melbourne, Australia, and Charleston, W. Va., are as welcome as an oasis in the Sahara.

One of the two, sadly, involves an apparent tragedy; a young Australian who radioed observations of a mysterious object while on a flight from Melbourne to King Island seems to have disappeared. With all due respect, we note that this heightens interest in his account of what he thought he saw: A "long shape" which was "not an aircraft" but seemed "to be playing some sort of game...flying at a speed I cannot estimate."

Communicating with air traffic controllers, he had said he could see bright lights above him—apparently the landing lights of a large aircraft. He inquired about military planes and was told there were none in the area. Then the other comments, and finally, just before radio contact was lost: "It is not an aircraft."

But then what? The mind, if it doesn't boggle, at least settles down to some heavy pondering about what that young man could have seen.

So, to a lesser extent, with the bright objects reported zipping about the West Virginia skies. Reported, one must note, not by moonshine imbibers but by God-fearing state troopers—three of them—and other sober officers of the law. There were more than 30 reports of sightings, in all.

It seems the objects, variously displaying green, blue, white, red or yellow lights, would hover or move slowly, then dart with the speed of a meteor, then slow down again. Wow!

It must be acknowledged that Robert Brown, director of the Green Bank National Radio Astronomy Observatory, offered a possible explanation. Said he: "This is the type of weather, hot and clear following a cold snap, that produces these types of sightings." That's not all. Brown also noted that "there are turbulent thermal cells in the air that can produce strange effects."

But who's going to believe that stuff when one can toy with the exhilarating thought that mysterious objects, unidentified but tantalizing, were dashing about over West Virginia? Not to mention Australia.

COLUMBUS, NEBR. - TELEGRAM
*****NOV. 10, 1978*****

Mysterious sound heard in the night

Seven Columbus youths heard something strange in the night Tuesday. It wasn't a bump — it was a "schshshumpf" in the night.

Hugh Riley, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Riley, and six of his friends were returning from McDonald's after a snack when, while walking along 23rd Street across the street from Alco, the group heard, and saw, the strange schumpf in the night, a sight that sent them dashing home in fear.

According to young Riley, the group saw three simultaneous flashes in the cloudless sky "like lightning, except perfectly straight."

The light flashed across the sky, making the schumpf sound and leaving

three trails of smoke, still glowing slightly.

The flashes were high in the sky, about where planes would be, said Riley's, friend Mike Reiser, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Reiser, except, "They were going too fast to be an airplane."

The young men speculated that the strange lights were either a UFO of a comet.

Other youngsters in the group included Mike Bogus, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bogus; John Liebig, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Liebig; John Liebentritt, 12, son of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Liebentritt; Roger Konwinski, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Konwinski; and Tim Taylor, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Taylor.

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.

UFO Seen In Area

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TITUSVILLE, PA. - HERALD
*****NOV. 15, 1978*****

Wanaque saucer answers sought

By JOE FUMO
Herald-News Staff Writer

WANAQUE — Maybe by the end of the year there will be a scientific explanation to the frequent UFO sightings near the Wanaque Reservoir. That's the goal of a non-profit group of researchers from Stanhope called Vestigia, Inc.

Researchers next month will test out their theories that seismic pressure on quartz-bearing rock is responsible for the mysterious light configurations, said Robert Jones, a Byram computer analyst who founded the group.

Jones said he believes there is a common expla-

nation for the reported UFO sightings over the reservoir at night and what has been described as a ghostly railroad worker with a lantern on some tracks in Long Valley. Vestigia has been exploring strange lighting in that Morris County community for the past two years.

THE SIGHTINGS AT BOTH places almost always involve soft, glowing lights close to the ground, he said. Seismic pressure on the crystalline rock surfaces gives off a type of electricity that results in the lighting effects, according to the theory.

Jones said the pressure around the Wanaque Reservoir may be caused by the nearby Ramapo Fault. A number of mild tremors have occurred along the fault line over the years.

With permission from the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission, the researchers intend to use Geiger counters, infrared detectors, magnetometers and surveying equipment in their work.

Vestigia Inc. last year helped the U.S. Navy investigate the mysterious sonic booms that were heard along the New Jersey coast. The noises never were satisfactorily explained.

ZION, ILL. - BENTON NEWS
*****NOV 16, 1978*****

Wheeling woman reports UFO

Judy Thomas, an inspector for Postal Express Zion, reported she observed what she thinks is a UFO at her Wheeling home Monday night.

"This was the most beautiful thing you ever saw in your life," she said, reporting it appeared about 60 feet tall, with a streak of light through the center.

She said her sister and a police officer also viewed the phenomena.

At one time there were two of the objects, shaped somewhat like a huge kite, she said. She said she saw the first one at about 6:45 a.m. and watched it off and on until dawn.

She said the policeman at first thought it was a reflection, a defective window pane, or the moon,

but all these were disproved; the latter when the moon moved to the other side of the sky.

The object at first seemed all white, then changed to blue, she said.

Thomas said there were other reports of UFO's Monday night, another one being in the Round Lake area. She said an employee of her company's Fox Lake office told her that her two young sons came running in Monday night to urge her to come

outside and see some strange light.

"It was the strangest thing I've ever seen in my life," Thomas said.

OTTAWA, CANADA - CITIZEN
*****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 Reserach 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 13 in the area

Spinning, gold color UFO doesn't frighten mom, son

By DAVID AVERILL

Record-Eagle staff writer

SUTTONS BAY — She didn't see any little green men with pointed heads, but that doesn't necessarily mean they weren't up there scrutinizing the community from their lofty, whirling perch.

It was her son, Anthony, 9, who saw it first. "Hey, look at the star!" he shouted.

Mary Forton looked. It was the largest celestial object she had ever seen, and much lower in the sky than any star with which she was familiar.

"It happened Friday, Nov. 3, about 6:30 in the evening," she said. "It was quite dark with only a quarter moon shining. Anthony and I were fishing off the end of the Burke Coal Dock, facing Stony Point, when he saw it."

"It" turned out to be a huge, spinning object low in the sky, very bright and emitting a deep yellow-golden color.

"At first we thought it was a falling star. But it stopped falling and then shot clear across the sky in a northwesterly direction. It acted as if propelled.

Anthony said it looked to him as if it had rockets powering it."

She said neither she nor her son were frightened at the aerial happening. "I didn't report it to the police and when I told my other children about it they just laughed and said Anthony and I had been spending too much time fishing in the dark."

In addition to Anthony, Mary and her husband Andrew, a retired U.S. Navy chief petty officer, have a son, 17, and two daughters, 14 and 13.

Mary is not excitable or hysterical but plain-spoken and obviously a responsible person. After working four-and-a-half years as a nurse's aide in the long-term facility at Northport's Leelanau Memorial Hospital, she quit three months ago.

Now a licensed baby-sitter, she was tending three infants while being interviewed. One of them — handsome, bright-eyed four-month-old Jacob Blankenship — lay nearby emitting happy coos and gurgles.

"Anthony and I like to fish in the evening and we do it quite often," she

said. "We fish and talk. That's when Anthony likes to discuss his problems with me."

Mary said she decided to report the adventure she and her son shared after reading lengthy illustrated article in the Record-Eagle which discussed unidentified flying objects.

In addition, there have been several other reports in the paper concerning UFO sightings in this part of the state recently.

"It was really an extraordinary sight," she said. "Actually we don't know what it was but certainly I've never before seen anything like it. It was very bright and could be clearly seen in the black sky. I'm surprised other people haven't reported it. It was round, very bright and spun in a circular fashion."

And were there any signs of life or other activity on or in the object?

"No. Only the very bright golden light and the star — or whatever it was — spinning in a stationary manner in total silence, then speeding out over the lake."

RHINELANDER NEWS - WISCONSIN
*****NOV. 14, 1978*****

UFO 'Drops In' On Oil Workers

KUWAIT (UPI) — Seven employees of the Kuwait Oil Company say a flying saucer dropped in on them, stayed for seven minutes and then took off again.

It was the first report of a UFO — in this case a flying saucer — visiting the Persian Gulf state of Kuwait.

Seven technicians, including an American, employed by the Kuwait Oil Company said the incident occurred Friday

at the Umm Alaish oil pumping station 90 miles from the capital of Kuwait.

They described the craft as a huge cylindrical object bigger than a jumbo jet with a large dome and flashing red lights. They said it landed without a sound and took off again silently after about seven minutes, quickly disappearing in the sky.

It disrupted telecommunications and

pumping activities while it was on the ground. They automatically resumed as soon as the object had left, the technicians said.

Kuwaiti Security Chief Brig. Mohammed al Hammad said it was the first UFO ever sighted in Kuwait.

The technicians said they were "frozen with horror" at the sight of the object and dared not approach it.

Students watch a UFO

By RANDY KEMP
Citizen Staff Writer

It could only have been a Russian spyship or a U.S. secret project of some kind — and it certainly was like nothing they had ever seen.

That is what Searcian Mike Simpfinderfer said about the UFO he and Donna Weir reported seeing about 11:15 last Saturday night.

They were on their way back to Searcy, coming from a date in Little Rock, when they spotted an intensely lighted object appear behind some trees beside the freeway near the Heber Springs exit, said Simpfinderfer, a junior at Searcy High School.

The object then suddenly shot from the trees to beside the freeway just ahead of them, where it stayed about 150-200 feet from the ground and appeared to be traveling slowly down the road toward their car, according to Miss Weir, a Searcy High School senior.

"It traveled (from the trees to the highway) at unbelievable speed," she recounted. "It was just like daylight — that's how intense the light coming from it was." Once above the road, it moved "very, very slowly. It seemed like it was not even moving, just hovering," she remembered.

She said that when it came into the clearing, the object had "intense moving lights" on the bottom, "probing" lights on the front and two stationary lights on bottom. She said the probe lights were unreal, "not like any kind of lights I've ever seen."

The two students discussed the incident with the reporter sincerely and without hesitation, recalling many details they had noted.

"It made absolutely no noise," according to Simp-

finderfer, who was driving at the time. "We turned the radio off to check."

"It was not a saucer," Miss Weir said. "It was kinda like a bird. It was compact, but it seemed to fill a lot of area, and it lit up the whole sky. It was nothing like the shape of a plane." "I have never seen a shape like that before," Simpfinderfer agreed.

Qualifying their statements, he said he has an interest in aviation and has studied different makes of aircraft. Miss Weir said she grew up next to an airfield.

While the object was above the freeway, Simpfinderfer said that he just kept driving, although he noticed later that he had slowed way down. He said they drove past it slowly, with it above and to one side of the car. When they were past it, Miss Weir turned to look back at it but it had "just disap-

peared," she said. She also noted that other cars on the freeway near them had stopped while the object was present.

"It was a scary thing, looking back at it now," Simpfinderfer said. "But at that time we were just curious."

The high school junior said that when they got back to Searcy, he got the number of a UFO center in Chicago from Arkansas State Police, and called to report what they had seen.

He said when he reported it, "she said she had had several other reports that night already from across the country. She commented that 'tonight's been busier than usual!'"

Miss Weir said they have had a lot of flak at school about the experience. "There are always some disbelievers, but they are all curious and want to hear

about it, and they want details. When we start talking about it, and get into the details, they quit joking," she said.

"I still have a visual image of it being just right there — a mental image of it that just won't go away," she confessed. "I've never seen anything like it. And what it did, defies all the laws of physics."

When asked if they thought the object was something from somewhere other than Earth, they concluded that it was. "It would have to be," Simpfinderfer said. "It was beyond our capabilities of anything," Miss Weir agreed.

When asked if they believe that there other beings "out there," she said it is "kinda exciting" and "encouraging" to believe there are.

"If we can go there, why can't they come here?"

UFOs Liven County Sky

By ANN PEPPER
Staff Writer

County skies have been active once again with several unidentified flying objects spotted Wednesday night, including one sighting by Argus-Courier sports editor, David Landis.

Landis, in the company of Casa Grande High School football coach, Bill Silva and three of Silva's players, was standing by the school's locker room around 6 p.m., Wednesday, when Silva spotted a bright light in the sky.

Landis said when Silva pointed to the object he and the other three immediately responded with the scientific observation, "Oh, wow!"

He said the object, which looked like a "ball of fire" sped across the sky from north to south and "disappeared."

Landis, who said the UFO "might have been a meteor," indicated he felt the sighting will probably have no influence on the Casa team which has a five and four record going into Saturday night's game with Piner High School.

Meanwhile, a Sonoma County airport tower spokesperson said the tower received a telephone call about a bright object in the sky over Sebastopol, and a pilot flying a plane from Healdsburg to Santa Rosa reported the same light in the western sky. Both reports were received about 6 p.m.

The Coast Guard at Bodega Bay reported Air National Guard planes were dropping white parachute flares off Bodega Head between 5 and 11 p.m. and said that the flares light up large areas and are dropped from a height of 1,500 feet. These flares are dropped into the ocean about three or four times a month as part of training exercises, a spokesperson said.

About the same time as the other sightings, Craig Roland, a Santa Rosa architect, said he was jogging in the Spring Lake area and saw a "tremendously bright light beyond the earth's atmosphere, traveling in an easterly to westerly direction."

He said the object was "extremely bright in a not yet dark sky and seemed to throw off burning sparks."

Roland said that while the object could have been a missile, rocket or satellite re-entering the atmosphere, he was certain it was not an airplane or a meteor.

A blue object was sighted in the sky over Lake County about 11:10 p.m. according to a report called into the sheriff's office there and a Clearlake Highlands woman said she saw large flashing lights over her home at about 11:25 p.m.

The Petaluma Police Department reported receiving no calls involving unidentified flying objects in the past few days.

PETALUMA, CALIF. - ARGUS-COURIER
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Local woman tells of seeing UFO

Tourists are nothing new to Lincoln City. Thousands come here each year. But an unexpected visitor to the area on Sunday left Fern Curington of Lincoln City excited.

"I never believed in UFO's before in my life, but let me tell you, I'm a sure-fire believer now after Sunday."

Curington said she was driving south to Cutler City about 4:14 p.m. Sunday when she saw something gray bobbing in the sky. "I thought at first that that was a strange looking kite. Suddenly it went big and round and turned medium gray color. It was bigger than the full moon in the sky."

Curington said she stopped her car in the road to watch the object, which hovered several hundred feet in the air. "It started to spin, and it cast lights in the middle. Then it stopped spinning and the lights turned pink."

The object, she said, was ball-shaped, although it was a bit drawn out in the center "like you would pull out some cotton candy. And then suddenly it put out long rods in opposite directions from the middle on either side."

Curington said she watched in amazement as the rods, each the axis of two gear-like wheels, started to rotate. "All of a sudden the shafts and gears started to whirl while the big thing stood still. Blue flames were shooting from the rods. It was beautiful. A pastel blue. It did that for quite a while and I thought, 'How fantastic.' Then it retracted them."

The object, which Curington said was at least 25 feet across, repeated the procedure with the rods three times before it started drifting off to the northeast.

Her reverie was interrupted, Curington said, when a Lincoln City police officer pulled up behind her in his patrol car and honked at her to stop blocking the road. "I pointed at the sky, I wanted him to look up and see the thing, but he just grinned and went on past me. He could have at least asked me if anything was wrong."

At least one other passer-by, a man in a station wagon, also stopped to view the UFO, Curington said. "He stopped and I pointed the saucer out to him. All he said was 'Doomsday's coming' and drove off in a hurry. I didn't think it was doomsday, I've never seen one of those before and it's not something I'm likely to see again in my lifetime."



Curington has shared her UFO experience with the media and anyone who would listen. She has also shared a secondary experience in connection with the event.

"I don't know whether you'll believe me or not," she told staff members at The News Guard as she prefaced her story. "I'm not crazy, we've never had any problems like that in my family."

Curington said she would like to contact agencies involved in collecting information about UFO sightings to pass along her experience. "The one thing was, I sure wish I had had a camera. I don't even own one, though," she sighed.

GOSHEN, IND. - NEWS
*****NOV 17, 1978**

Reports UFO

The International UFO Bureau, Nappanee, is investigating reports of a sighting near Elkhart at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday.

An octagon-shaped object estimated to be about 35 feet long and 10 feet wide was seen by several people as it moved over Elkhart. The object was described as dull orange in color with nine white lights. It had no tail or wings and made

no sound.

Charles Tucker, head of the UFO bureau, said the description of the object resembles several reports during the past few weeks from the southwestern Michigan area.

GREENFIELD, IND. - REPORTER
*****NOV. 28, 1978*****

UFOs cited by Mexican police, residents

Two objects described as luminous flying saucers were reported by residents and a police officer near Guadalajara, Mex., authorities said Monday. One of the unidentified flying objects hovered about 30 feet over a patrol car and emitted a red light than turned on the car's siren and made the car spin around. The UFO then descended rapidly behind some nearby hills and when police chased it, found another flying object.

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UFO sightings create stir

By MARK EISENLOHR
Staff Writer

Recent sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects, commonly referred to as UFOs, over the Lower Peninsula have brought to mind the fact that some occurrences were reported back in the 1940s.

In fact, for a couple weeks back then, the Upper Peninsula and the country, were taken aback by such sightings. Other countries, though, didn't put much stock in our find.

On July 10, 1947, the elusive "discs" were seen in our neck of the woods as reported by the newspapers of the time:

"The flying saucers, which have had all America confused for over a week, appeared in Schoolcraft County on Tuesday evening, according to stories told by several persons whose word can be accepted as credible," read the newspaper.

Accordingly, a flying disc was seen around 7:55 that night by Jack Slack and William Berger, Inland Lime and Stone Employees, as they were taking a train load of stone from the quarry to the company plant at Port Inland.

"A return train, operated by Robert Marks and Henry Colgrove, reached the quarry about the time that Slack and

Berger noticed the thing in the sky. Both locomotives were stopped, and all four men watched the gleaming disc-shaped thing undulating across the sky for about three minutes."

The four men described the disc to the newspapers as "silvery in the sunlight and appeared to be about the size of an airplane," although none of the four heard an engine. "It seemed to swing in a semi-circle in the northern sky and as it moved eastward its appearance from view was rather sudden," the four men said.

It's feasible that four men could have been "seeing things" or possibly even imbibing in fruit of nature, but others came forward, according to the newspapers, with similar stories.

"Apparently bearing out the story told by the four Inland men was a report from Ralph Merwin, judge of probate, and Howard Hewitt, sheriff, who said they saw a saucer-like object floating across the sky shortly after 7 o'clock Tuesday evening," was the account provided by another newspaper.

Same time and same place as the previous story, even descriptions were similar. The two men were on the Merwin farm about seven miles west of Port Inland.

Schoolcraft County residents were not the only persons to spot such extra-terrestrial spacecraft.

"Those flying 'discs' or 'saucers' that have been reported as spinning through the air over the central and western sections of the United States for the past 13 days still remain as much a mystery as before," read the Daily Press in July, 1947.

"But, Roy Erickson, 1119 Third Avenue north, a North Western Railroad car inspector, yesterday said that he had seen three of them over Escanaba at 4:45 a.m. Saturday, June 28.

Erickson told the newspaper then that he didn't say anything to anyone because of what people might think. Imbibing or something like

that, they would say.

June 28 was about the time the first UFOs were reported seen, but even then, they weren't reported until a later date, presumably for the same reasons Erickson cited.

"After I began reading about other people seeing them, I thought people might believe me then," Erickson said later.

Erickson was working night shift when he sighted the strange objects. It was reportedly daylight.

"The first one came from the south and went overhead to the north very fast. The first one was hardly out of sight before the second appeared and went north. The third one followed it. They were gray in color and spinning very fast. They were flat because when they got into the north they looked very thin and then disappeared," Erickson recounted.

He, too, reported that they made no sounds. Seven persons can't all be deaf.

Erickson said in the air they looked to be about as big around as an automobile tire and they sped through the sky about twice the speed of a fast airplane.

Other states reported seeing the flying saucers whirling through the air including Washington, Wisconsin, Dakotas and California.

Other observers of the extraordinary in our area included Wells residents Mr. and Mrs. Harry St. Cyr, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bernard, Miss Dora Krasick, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Way, Mrs. Ruby Casey, William Couchan and David King.

While the sightings of the saucers brought mixed reaction on our part, European newspapers were united in their stand.

The London newspapers were inclined to "pooh-pooh" the whole thing. Actually, you see, they don't need flying saucers for excitement, Europe has the Loch Ness monster to keep them busy.

The European newspapers generally took the position that the "flying saucers, like the ghost-rockets that last

year reportedly plagued Sweden, would go away without causing anymore damage than an occasional case of nerves."

Funny things those UFOs. This writer saw one once. Turned out false though. It seems the neighbors were having a fight and the Mrs. was throwing plates. One of those missed the target and flew out the window. Spinning quite fast, too.

UFOs shouldn't be discredited however. They're

big business. Look what "Star Wars" and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" made in the money department. The Loch Ness monster never made that much.

ESCANABA, MICH - PRESS
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TTTUSVILLE, PA. - HERALD
*****NOV. 16, 1978*****

UFOs May Have Been Small Jets

James Warner, who lives near the old North Star Station on Route 8 about 5 miles south of Titusville, put to rest the rumor that strange sightings over the sky Tuesday night were UFOs.

Warner said that the the time residents of the city thought they saw a UFO in the sky southwest of town, he was outside his house.

He saw lights approaching and watched as they came almost directly over his house and then made an abrupt 45 degree turn. He said that after they turned it was clear to see that it was a pair of small jets, apparently on some sort of maneuver.

Mountie now believes in UFOs after sighting in Newfoundland

Special to The Globe and Mail

CLARENVILLE, Nfld. — An RCMP constable here says he stared "in disbelief" for more than an hour late last week as an unidentified flying object hovered 2,000 to 3,000 feet above a nearby island.

The Mountie, who "for obvious reasons" wanted to remain anonymous, said yesterday that he studied the saucer-shaped object from the detachment office, using a high-powered telescope on a tripod.

The constable said he made the sighting about 2 a.m. after receiving a telephone call from a resident reporting a strange object in the sky. He said the object, moving "about five times faster than an airplane would," had flashing blue lights at either end and a flashing red and white light in the middle.

The bottom of the saucer was "completely illuminated," the Mountie said, but he could not distinguish any markings indicating windows or doors.

He said the craft appeared to have "a smooth metallic surface, but it was different from the body of an airplane." He said it moved only slightly during the hour, turning from left to right and then went straight up and eventually out of sight.

The constable, a former skeptic who has become "a true believer in UFOs," said a fellow Mountie made a similar sighting about a week earlier and the report on both incidents has been filed with the National Research Council in Ottawa and with the North American Air Defence Command. He also said the Clarenville detachment has set up infra-red camera equipment in the event the object makes another appearance.

Clarenville, a community of about 3,000, is about 200 kilometres west of St. John's.

DAILY ATHENAEUM - UNIV. OF W. VIRGINIA
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UFO mystery

A rash of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) were spotted in the Mountain State last week, but no incidents as bizarre as the one in Melbourne, Australia turned up.

Federal Transport Department authorities said Frederick Valentich, 20, who was piloting a single-engine Cessna 182, disappeared after being followed by a UFO. Valentich radioed Morrabin airport flight service and reported that he was being followed by a strange craft. At one point the pilot said: "It's not an aircraft...it's..." then the transmission broke off.

Air Force reconnaissance aircraft and civilian planes searched 1,000 miles of ocean without success.

VACAVILLE, CAL. - REPORTER
*****NOV. 10, 1978*****

Woman Sights Three UFO's

Esther Frazier, who lives on Walnut Road in rural north Vacaville, reported that she sighted three white, tire-shaped objects flying past her property Wednesday afternoon.

The elderly widow was walking two of her dachshunds behind her home about 5:15 p.m. when the three small white objects descended, she told The Reporter.

"It scared me. I thought they were going to land somewhere. But they went past the house and kept going toward the (Nut Tree) airport," she explained.

Neither Patterson Aircraft Co. at the Nut Tree Airport, the Vacaville Police Department nor the Solano County Sheriff's Department received any calls about the unidentified flying objects.

Mrs. Frazier said that her two dogs stopped barking when the three objects flew past.

She said that a similar incident happened to her about 14 years ago when her husband was still alive and the two lived on Midway Road. Her husband sighted objects very much like the ones Mrs. Frazier said she saw Wednesday.

NEW YORK, N.Y. - IRISH WORLD
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Little green men 'seen' in Belfast

IT HAD to happen. In Belfast they are now seeing little green men.

Flying saucers have been reported over parts of the city and one leading local newspaper devoted a front page lead story to claims of "close encounters."

A team investigating UFO's (unidentified flying objects) also claims sightings have been reported over Bangor, Co Down and Derry City.

A Belfast woman claims she saw a UFO taking off after a landing. At the Cave Hill strange lights have been seen. Letters have been sent claiming extra-terrestrials are operating in the area.

Other sources claim that if people in North Antrim go in search of strange lights at night they are likely to encounter some very disgruntled poteen-makers.

A Belfast woman (not the same one) that for about 20 years now her husband had been seeing the UFO's every Saturday night — and frequently came home looking like an extra-terrestrial himself.

Meanwhile, to help them keep track of data, the research team have installed a centre in Belfast with a 24-hour answering service.

Hootenanny Turns Attention to UFO's

By HELEN MARSHALL
Register Staff Writer

The regular monthly hootenanny at Callisburg turned out to be anything but "regular" for those attending the musical program as many in the audience joined the ranks of persons spotting UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects).

Between 9 and 10 p.m. Saturday evening, several persons attending the hootenanny at the Callisburg Club House spotted red lights in the sky that hovered at times and moved slowly at other times.

Tommy Phillipp of Gainesville, who attended the program with his wife and 12-year-old daughter, said that they spotted three red lights toward the western horizon, about one mile west of Callisburg.

Alma Thurman, Rt. 1, Whitesboro, was part of the crowd standing outside the club house, and she noticed two red glowing lights northwest of Callisburg. She said the lights traveled to the west of Callisburg "moving slowly."

After they had watched the lights for several minutes, the group went back inside the club house, Mrs. Thurman stated, but many children remained outside to watch the lights in the sky.

About 45 minutes later, Mrs. Thurman said she returned outside, and the lights were gone.

Phillipp reported that his daughter had been playing with other children outside the building when they spotted the red lights travelling over the club house. The 12-year-old said that the movement of lights sounded like a "whirring

noise," she said that it was not a helicopter.

The red lights, however, were not the only "strange phenomena" noted by the Phillipp family.

As they returned home by way of the Woodbine Road, the family noticed a "swarm or cluster of white lights" between 9:40 and 10 p.m. Phillipp said that he drove slowly so that he could watch the lights.

"The cluster of lights would come quickly and then leave quickly — in about two seconds," Phillipp said.

His daughter observed that the lights' movements were similar to those she had seen in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

The cluster of lights appeared about 60 feet over and to the front of the car, and then it would move away, Phillipp said. He added that the family saw the lights reappear four to six times as they were driving. However, when they reached Highway 82, the lights disappeared.

When he reached home, Phillipp called the Gainesville Police Department to report the sightings.

Laura Carroll, the dispatcher on duty, stated that the department received about "half a dozen" calls on the sightings that evening. However, since the lights were

seen outside the city limits, the local police could not investigate.

The Cooke County Sheriff's Department reported that they received no calls Saturday evening on the UFO sightings.

Tom Watson of the Civil Defense checked with a state agency and found that there is no procedure for reporting UFO sightings.

The U.S. Air Force formerly was the organization to contact when spotting unusual phenomenon, as those seen Saturday evening.

However, according to a spokesman in the Information Office at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, the Air Force "did away with Project Blue Book on Dec. 17, 1969." The information officer now refers callers to science departments at Metroplex universities, where the witness might receive a possible explanation for what he or she saw.

Phillipp already tried to rationalize what he saw on the Woodbine Road, but none of his theories panned out. And, he knows his mind was clear, because "all they served at the hootenanny were coffee and Cokes."

"I know I saw something, but I don't know what it was," he said.

Another UFO Seen to West

LIVINGSTON, N.J. - TRIBUNE
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The second sighting of an unidentified flying object in recent weeks was reported early Tuesday morning, November 14, by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Licari of 32 Cornell Drive. An earlier sighting had been reported by two police officers.

Mrs. Licari was preparing to retire at about 1 a.m. when she saw a light in the sky from her kitchen window. She called her husband to see the object, which hovered in the sky to the west — the same direction where the police officers had seen the earlier UFO.

As she watched, Mrs. Licari told police afterward, the light moved from east to west, and it made a sound somewhat like an electric motor running. At times the light would stand still while the object appeared to move separately.

After they had watched the UFO for about 40 minutes, they said, it grew dimmer and then vanished.

What Wails Them?

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — Two objects described as luminous flying saucers were reported by residents and a police officer near Guadalajara, authorities said. One UFO emitted a red light that turned on the car's siren and made it spin around. Police said they fired on both UFOs.

Wanaque Mystery — UFOs or Earthquake Tremors?

By Rita Jensen
News Staff Writer

The recent spate of UFO sightings over the Wanaque Reservoir might be a sign of increased seismic activity along the Ramapo Fault, which, in turn, might be a prediction of future earthquakes, the president of a scientific research group said in a recent interview.

However, the science of earthquake prediction is still its infancy, and there is no way of knowing if his theory is valid, said Robert Jones, president of Vestigia Inc. of New Jersey.

Vestigia is a volunteer organization

of scientists that investigates possible scientific explanations for unexplained phenomena such as UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects).

Vestigia was given approval last week by the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission to begin research into the sightings of the Wanaque UFOs.

The reservoir holds billions of gallons of water, and services much of Northern Jersey's population. UFOs have been sighted at the reservoir for several years.

THE RAMAPO was thought to be inactive, until mild tremors were

recorded in the past year.

Last December the fault was responsible for an earthquake which shook Oakland, and sent shockwaves down the New Jersey coast.

Yash Aggarwal, a geophysicist at Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory in Palisades Park, told Mahwah township officials Saturday there's a possibility the fault can cause a major earthquake.

He said scientists cannot predict when earthquakes will occur but that over the next century the Ramapo Fault is likely to produce one quake with a force of 6 on the Mercalli scale.

SUCH A QUAKE would move trees and shrubs, damage poorly built structures and crack glassware. Since 1934, some 20 quakes ranging in the magnitude of 1.5 to 3.0 have occurred along this fault.

Aggarwal advised the officials that no critical facility or potentially hazardous operation be built on the fault including liquid natural gas units, hospitals and schools.

The connection between UFO sightings and earthquakes is a complex one Jones explained.

He said he believed the UFO's were actually lights created by seismic pres-

ures along the Ramapo Fault.

The Ramapo Fault, which lies within a mile of the reservoir, and is the largest fault in New Jersey, is basically a crack in the earth's surface.

JONES EXPLAINED the fault is like a crack in the ice-covered lake. At first, the crack in the ice is small, but the pressures under the ice cause the crack to grow.

Beneath the fault, pressures pull and push rocks so huge that they are measured by the cubic-square-mile. The fault, just like a crack in the ice, continues to grow.

The pulling and pushing are seismic pressures, Jones said.

The mineral quartz is located in much of the rock on which the seismic pressures are exerted, Jones said, and quartz gives off electrical energy when squeezed.

His theory is that the electrical energy given off by quartz under pressure ionizes the air surrounding it, creating the lights that are often reported as UFOs, or "spook lights," such as those in Long Valley in Morris County.

The eerie lights that can be explained by seismic pressure are always reported close to the surface, Jones said, just as the Wanaque lights are.

UFO's sighted

ALLEGAN — If you live in Allegan County, and think you saw an unidentified flying object, don't worry. You're not alone.

The Allegan County Sheriff's Department has received a number of UFO reports lately.

Thursday night the department received two reports of sightings in Cheshire Township around 102nd St. between 43rd and 48th Sts. The sightings came between 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

A spokesperson from the department said other reports have come from Gunplain Township in southeastern corner of the county and on the west side of the county.

All descriptions of the UFO's seem the same. The people see red, blue and green lights rotating in a circular manner. The objects hover in the air then take off in a westerly direction.

The sheriff's department has no explanation as to what Allegan County residents are seeing.

HOLLAND, MICH. — SENTINEL
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Professional Explainer Of UFOs

"Which explanation of a so-called UFO am I proudest of?" Thomas Guffy repeated after me. "Hm. Let me think."



by
John Irvin
Keasler

As he pondered, his eyes half-closed in concentration, I thought of the amazing record Guffy has created over the past 25 years in explaining UFOs.

This thin, wiry, perfectly average-looking chap, I mused, has been in demand by the Air Force, Coast Guard, various airlines and control towers, and an entire host of "official sources" which value his unusual gift—sizing up a UFO sighting and producing an explanation within a reasonable time.

He chuckled: "It was a tough one. Happened right outside Kansas City. Sixteen men working as round-downers at a frisbee factory swore they seen this UFO at twilight, shining a light down on the plains. To make it worse there were two highway patrolmen, a traveling preacher and an entire Boy Scout troop in the vicinity and all had exactly the same detailed description."

"Sounds tough," I said.

"Tough?" He grinned ruefully. "Hell, man, there were no aircraft in sight. Venus wasn't up, no swamps for gas, no clouds for refraction, wasn't hot enough or a mirage, no humidity to reflect diffusion. It was a humdinger!"

"What did you do?"

He smiled patiently. "I simply remembered a nearby bird sanctuary," he said, "and explained that what had been understandably taken as a UFO was in actuality a whooping crane carrying a stolen flashlight. They like bright things, you know."

I could only stare at Thomas Guffy in admiration. For years, of course, I had heard of his exploits but this was the first time I had met him.

Some of Guffy's most outstanding explanations were:

—For 88 mysterious lights which circled the Cleveland City Hall for three hours one afternoon, then vanished at an estimated two million mph: "Reflection of a parked car on a merry-go-round."

—The Appearance of six tiny yellow men at a farmhouse near Bark (Ark.) where they reportedly stole a pig, levitated 20 feet, boarded a craft described as shaped like a large Mr. Coffee machine and disappeared at a high rate of speed. "Pranksters celebrating the Chinese New Year with a tall helicopter."

—Five shiny craft which swooped over a farm near Houston so fast that the suction de-feathered chickens, disoriented a goat, mutilated a bull and blacked out everything all the way to Fort Worth: "Crop dusters late to work."

—A large, circular, brilliant blue light which was watched for a full 20 minutes by the entire Mormon Tabernacle choir. It came so low, emitting shrill pinging noises and bending everybody's keys, that the group raced pell-mell back in the tabernacle, and called the Air Force. "The moon. The blue color is so rare in the moon that a saying has been made up about it."

Guffy said he had no specialized formal training for his work and got into the business quite by accident. A rash of UFO-sightings had happened around his home town of Tampa, back in the early 1950s, and Guffy chanced to see the "UFO."

The newspaper called him to ask if his sighting were the same as the other 124: Namely, a saucer-shaped craft which gave off humming noises, occasionally swooped down and terrorized a citizen, evidently contained several purple beings who waved, and at one point caused a small tidal wave in Tampa Bay.

"I explained it was simply the Dog Star which has appeared simultaneously with a wayward monsoon," said Guffy. "My next explanation was the swamp gas thing, and the Air Force put me under contract. I have an idea that I'm up for the next Nobel. God knows humanity needs more explanations. About everything. And I've got explanations I haven't used yet."

Here are two explanations Expert Guffy hasn't used yet: Paratroopers testing luminous parachutes to be worn when landing in friendly countries or (2) a small piece of noodle on your contact lens.

Feel free to use either at will. Of course, if you disappear, you may have to call Guffy personally.

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UFO's Are Coming At Us Once Again

The following is a guest editorial from the Atlanta Constitution:
Head for the hills. The UFOs are coming.

While those unidentified flying objects never have completely disappeared, despite repeated official Air Force and other authoritative assurances that there is nothing to them, there was not very much interest in them for a long time since the late 1950s when a couple of popular books and a spate of news stories started the whole thing.

But in the last few years have been looking up. So have UFO watchers. Maybe the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," had a lot to do with it — not to mention "Star Wars," "Star Trek" and other movies and telly series. Anyway it seems we're getting more UFO stories in the paper.

In Australia a pilot radioed that his plane was being pursued by a

UFO with green lights. "It isn't an aircraft," Frederick Valentich radioed, "it's..." After which he disappeared. The Aussie air force launched a search.

Law enforcement officers and radar picked out some bright objects zipping across the skies of West Virginia. "I couldn't tell you what they were," a state patrolman said. "I've never seen anything move like that, I'll tell you."

It used to be considered slightly odd for anybody to report such things. But UFO sighters these days are in very good company. Even the President of the United States once reported sighting something in the sky that he couldn't identify. A general rule seems to be that when you've seen one UFO, you haven't seen them all. A lot of other people are going to report seeing other UFOs. Rule No. Two is that UFO sightings seem to come all at once in short periods, then die down.

Stay tuned.

MARYSVILLE, CALIF. - DEMOCRAT
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Several Report UFO Sighting

Unexplained Impression in Bean Field Has Many Pondering 'UFO Touchdown'

By KARYNN RIDDLE

On Wednesday, Nov. 8, Cindy Bridges and Cathy Wilfong, Hancock County residents, were sure they spotted an unidentified flying object, hovering over their soybean field around 9 p.m. The Wilfong farm is located on S.R. 525E, near Greenfield. Local law officials, a bit more skeptical, claim it was three helicopters flying overhead. However, the women checked their field the next day and there was a 40 foot diameter impression in the field. Research experts from the Center of UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., are now investigating his alleged sighting.

Cindy Bridges, 21, sister of Mrs. Wilfong, did most of the describing of the event.

"On Wednesday, around 9 p.m. our house lights went off. Cathy flipped the circuit breaker and the lights came on again. Between 7 and 7:30 p.m., our lights kept going on and off. Cathy messed with the circuit breaker, but it did not bring the lights on again. In fact, we lost 15 minutes on the clock.

"After 7:30 p.m., we did not have any more prob-

lems with the lights," Cindy said.

Around 9 p.m., Mrs. Bridges went out to their shed to gather firewood for the fireplace. She explained there were no lights in the shed, so she got in her truck camper to point its headlights into the shed. When she was backing up, she saw a tremendous amount of light being emitted from an object, just about 50 feet from the shed.

"When I saw all those lights, my first thought was 'my God, there's been an airplane crash'. But when my eyes started to focus, there was a large object hovering over the field. I started honking the truck horn, just to get Cathy's attention. When Cathy came outside, I pointed to the field and yelled, 'UFO, UFO.'"

Cathy Wilfong continued the story, "When I saw this thing, all this light, I panicked. I ran into the house, called the sheriff's department, then I called our mother. I ran outside and left my mother hanging on the phone. When I did talk with our mother, I just kept yelling 'UFO, UFO.'"

The young women estimated they watched the

object for about 12 minutes while it was close to them. They thought the object, at times, was moving towards them. It took about 30 minutes for the sheriff's deputies to arrive and the girls claim the lights still could be seen in the distance, when the deputies arrived.

Cathy Wilfong and her mother attempted to chase the object, which was heading west, but they lost sight of it around S.R. 9.

The women said the deputies made fun of them and asked them what they had to smoke, drink, or what sort of pills they were on, but they denied having taken anything.

Mr. Wilfong was away on a business trip in Alabama. Their camera was in his car which was parked at the Indianapolis Airport. The young children of the two women were asleep.

Mrs. Bridges said, "This object did not make any noise whatsoever; it was just suspended in air, about 60 feet in the air."

The women described the object as being over 100 feet long. It was long and thin with a "gray-greenish" color. There were two very bright white lights and one

red light. It was divided in three sections, and something was protruding from the object in the center section. The women also saw wings on the object. The object was also described as being like an "inverted saucer."

The day after the incident, the women went to their field and found a circular impression in the area where they claimed to have seen the UFO.

Mrs. Wilfong said the weeds in the field are about five feet high, except in one spot, where weeds are crushed down in a perfect circle about 44 feet in diameter. The weeds around the circle were undisturbed, while weeds in the circle were woven and meshed together — not broken off, according to the women. Mrs. Wilfong also reported seeing weeds meshed together in the back of their field, but this time it looked like a pathway, but starting from nowhere and going nowhere.

The women called the deputies again to see the impression in their field. This time the women were asked how they mashed down the weeds. They were

also told by the law officials that helicopters probably came close to their field and mashed the weeds.

During Wednesday evening, a state trooper reported seeing helicopters flying by. Henry County Sheriff Joe Harris said his office had received about six calls from people reporting they saw a UFO in the sky on Wednesday.

Harris explained that one of his deputies was in the southwestern part of Henry County and saw three Army helicopters flying by.

Hancock County Sheriff Malcolm Grass said, "To my personal knowledge, the two women were the only people to call us on Wednesday night. There were no other phone calls. My men did not see anything at their farm; however, a state trooper reported seeing a helicopter.

Cindy Bridges confided that one of the Hancock County deputies seemed to take their account seriously.

"Since most people seemed skeptical of their account, the women checked *Omni* magazine for a phone number of a UFO research center. They called the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. Two men from the center came to the Wilfong farm Sunday, Nov. 12, to investigate the alleged sighting and possible physical proof in the field.

Allan Hendry from the Center of UFO Studies explained that this case was similar to a case in Missouri in the sense both had impressions and had "rings on the ground and broken vegetation."

Hendry said his office receives 30 to 50 calls a week, but few have any sort of physical evidence. Hendry and his companion Paul Clark, took soil samples and other tests. They also plotted the area and took photographs. Attempts have been made several times to contact the investigators about the results of the tests; however, they have not been available for comment. The

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women have not heard from the investigators, either. They were advised by Hendry that it would take several weeks before results from the tests would be known.

A spokesperson from the Center of UFO studies remarked, "This case has been extremely puzzling. As many as 15 separate witnesses in the area have been interviewed. We are trying to identify the object. Tests have not come back yet, because we use very complicated tests. Soil and plant life from the impression will be compared with soil and plant life from around the field."

Tests such as checking density, composition, radiation, water absorption rates and heat, are being run on the samples. The spokesperson described the testing as a "long and involved process."

The center spokesperson said, "Mr. Hendry was impressed by the witnesses and their testimony and, most of all, by the physical evidence. He has seen nothing like this before, and the witnesses' story was in agreement".

Reports are investigated, but the spokesperson said most sightings can be cleared up over the telephone. She explained most sightings were "obvious and explainable."

The Center for UFO Studies was founded in 1973 by Allen Hynek. Mr. Hynek was associated with the federal government's Project Blue Book, until it was discontinued. Mr. Hynek then founded this privately funded center.

The spokesperson explained the center has a computer data bank of all UFO sightings reported to them. The center works closely with NASA and other government agencies on cases.

While at the Wilfong farm, Hendry felt the accounts of Mrs. Bridges and Mrs. Wilfong were sincere. He estimates the object being close to 140 feet in length. He also explained

he did not believe the impression in the field could be left by helicopters or a hot air balloon.

Martha Turner, Willow Branch, mother of the two women, said she, too, saw the lights and doesn't believe it was a helicopter.

Lynn Wilfong, of Carthage, brother-in-law of Cathy, called them and comically said, "Now that these stories are getting into newspapers, everyone is going to think all Wilfongs are crazy."

Since their encounter, the women said there haven't been any strange happenings. Yet, both are a little frightened of the evening now. They said they get a sick feeling wondering if the object was over their field around 7 p.m. when the houselights started going out.

There is also an interesting twist to this story. After this reporter began on this story, several people have come to explain they, too, saw something on that Wednesday, Nov. 8. Many lived in the Spice-land-Kennard area. These people were very sincere — they saw something and it wasn't a helicopter. When these people were interviewed independently most described the object, the exact same way Cathy Wilfong and Cindy Bridges did. Some people in Indianapolis also reported seeing an object.

Whatever was flying around on Wednesday, Nov. 8, many people are convinced it was not a helicopter. It was something they have never encountered before.

The Center for UFO Studies encourages anyone who feels they were a witness to the Wednesday, Nov. 8 sighting to write or phone. They also encourage anyone who feels they witnessed, at any time, a UFO sighting to contact them: Center for UFO Studies, 1609 Sherman Ave., Suite 207, Evanston, Ill. Phone: 312-491-6666.

GALVESTON, TEXAS - NEWS
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A UFO?

PAGE ONE By MARK TOOHEY
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"It was real long and had a fiery tail at the end. I've never seen anything like it before and I was scared," said Spring Cervantes as she tried to describe an object she and several neighbors spotted Thursday night.

Cervantes, who lives in the 6700 block of Avenue Q, said she was chatting with a group of neighbors about 5:30 p.m. when the "long streak with a ball of fire on the end" appeared.

"At first it was right over my house. One of the neighbors said it was a shooting star, but it kept going up. It never did come down. I saw it for about a minute. Its tail started getting longer as it got higher," she added.

Only for a moment did Cervantes consider what she and her neighbors spotted as an unidentified flying object (UFO).

"If you say you saw a UFO, people think you're crazy and you get criticized. Maybe for a second or two I thought it was a UFO. I sure wish I had a camera," she said.

Jack Stewart, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, said Cervantes and her friends may have observed a UFO.

"Most of the time when people see something in the sky they're not imagining it. You can't write these people off as nuts. I can't think of any explanation for what they saw," Stewart added.

According to Stewart, different atmospheric conditions can create many conditions in the sky which are plainly visible to a casual observer.

"The different atmospheric conditions cause different reflections. What they saw may have been something that reflected off the water," he said.

Atmosphere, Meteors and Lights Variously Cited as UFO Theories

By Kay Michael
Staff Writer

Nobody familiar with unidentified flying objects is pretending to know what West Virginians have been seeing during the past few evenings.

But virtually everybody has a theory.

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

That's the opinion of Robert Brown, site director of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, Pocahontas County.

Brown 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."

HE SAID he can understand why objects in the sky capture the fancy of the public. "It's fun. It's interesting to speculate over coffee. But there could be other plausible reasons for the phenomenon before we get to UFOs. For instance, what's the military doing? I

have no idea, but that could be a factor."

Brown has discounted what he refers to as the "zoo hypothesis," or theory that extraterrestrial beings visit earth periodically to study human beings. He said if a spacecraft filled with students from another solar system assigned to write term papers on this planet were flying around, it isn't likely the craft would appear on radar screens.

"The military is perfectly aware of how to make aircraft invisible to radar. If we can disguise ourselves, why can't they?"

Oak Hill broadcaster Hugh McPherson, who's long been an amateur studier of UFOs, said Tuesday he's been unable to find a single shred of evidence to indicate Earth has been visited by beings from other planets. He runs a weekly space report on WOAY Radio, and maintains contact with the Astrophysical Laboratory in Cambridge, Mass., a lab affiliated with Harvard University.

McPherson said the lab has reported

a meteor shower. "This is the time of year when you have what are called UFO flaps," he said. "If you look in the skies, there are many meteors flying. You can see all sorts of different things."

GRAY BARKER of Clarksburg both agrees and disagrees with McPherson. Barker, who operates a movie theater and has written two books on unexplained phenomena, said this past week's sightings have probably been a result of weather conditions.

However, he said that same excuse has been used to inadequately explain other occurrences.

"Since 1947, they've (UFOs) been around. People have seen things in the daylight hours. They've seen machines land and they've seen people get out of them. They're usually small creatures who often pick up rocks and plants. In New Jersey a couple of years ago, a bunch of little men jumped out with little scoops and scooped up samples of dirt."

Of the recent sightings, Barker said: "I'd say yes, they probably are a result of strange atmospheric phenomena. But sometimes it's too easy to explain things away in that manner."

DR. RALPH OBERLY, chairman of the physics and physical sciences department at Marshall University, also said objects in the sky could have resulted from the weather.

"When you have certain atmospheric conditions, you get a lot of air mass motion, and this results in turbulent conditions in the atmosphere. Lights which may be originating on the ground, bend to a complex curved path in the sky.

"What we're talking about is optical looming."

UFO reports flood sheriff's office

More than a dozen residents of Muskingum and Guernsey counties looked up into the sky between 9 and 10 p.m., Tuesday, and saw what they thought were unidentified flying objects. The apparent sightings triggered a rash of telephone calls reporting UFOs to sheriff departments in Zanesville and Cambridge.

A Muskingum County sheriff's deputy said many of the calls were from South Zanesville. Residents reported low-level objects in the sky at 9:16 p.m. Several residents reportedly heard muffled sounds and saw bright flashing lights. The objects were traveling in an easterly direction, according to reports.

James King, chief of flight operations at the Flight Service Station, east of Zanesville, said today that the UFOs were probably four low-level Cessna aircraft on a delivery flight from Wichita, Kan., to New Jersey.

King said it was a clear night and the aircraft were flying slow.

Other reports of UFO sightings came from the staff and residents of the Avondale Children's Home. They reported seeing something that they thought were not airplanes in the sky

An FFA spokesman said people are usually suspicious of nighttime flying aircraft at this time of the Halloween season. He also suggested people are more aware of UFOs because of the NBC television program "Project: UFO."

Other sightings reported

'UFO' follows Madison youths

By BETTY COX
Leader correspondent

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RICHMOND — There were lights the color of lightbulbs around the small bowl on top and the object had legs.

Sound like something out of *Star Wars*? If you had been with Phillip Leger Tuesday night you might have agreed that it was more like a close encounter of the third kind.

"I've never seen anything that scary in my life," said Leger, 17, after he reportedly saw an unidentified flying object (UFO) about 9:30 Tuesday night.

State police here said that Leger's sighting, as all others, was reported to the UFO center in Chicago.

Leger lives on Log Cabin Road off U.S. 421 near the Rockcastle County line. Sightings have been reported in this area previously.

Phillip said his sister, Fay, 24, had gotten a new car Monday and they, along with their brother, Michael, 15, and their uncle, Theo VanWinkle, 47, drove to a neighbor's home Tuesday night to show off the car. While returning home, Fay said that through the rear window, she noticed a light which followed them.

As the light brightened, she said she became nervous.

"It kept following over us while we were coming down the lane," said Phillip, adding that twice the car engine stalled, even though it had been tuned the day before. He said he watched the object from the rear window and it looked like "a bowl on the bottom with a smaller bowl on top."

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Upon arriving home, Fay said the four of them watched the light from the front porch while it circled the house then "went out."

They went inside to call their cousin, Becky Allen, 17, who lives a couple of miles away. Becky said she went to the Leger home, where she and Fay went outside to see the car. But while they were inspecting it, the object returned.

Becky said it made no noise.

"It's kinda odd, seems like you'd hear something," she said.

"We don't know what it was, but we just want to be left alone — we've never been so scared in our lives," Becky said.

The answering service for the UFO center said Tuesday that other sightings had been reported earlier in the evening from Cincinnati and California. The center is affiliated with Northwestern University, and is not government funded.

CHARLESTON, W. VA. - MAIL
*****DEC. 5, 1978*****

Was It A UFO?

By ANCELLA BICKLEY JR.
Of The Daily Mail Staff

It's happened again.

A multicolored unidentified flying object was spotted in the skies by police and citizens alike at about 5:45 a.m. today.

However others said the phenomenon in the sky was only an extremely bright morning star or the planet Venus.

Officer Bruce Angell of the Nitro Police Department, strongly disagreed with this explanation of the object in the sky. "It was definitely not a comet, or star, or meteor, or Venus. I know what I saw. And I could see a craft."

Angell said he and several other officers observed the UFO for a number of hours. "It traveled and it looked like it was floating. It moved in a corkscrw fashion."

Lee Dent, the South Charleston Public Works Director, also reported seeing a multicolored object.

"I've heard about UFO's," said Dent, "and I didn't believe it. It was going in a southwestern position. Then it became stationary for two hours and began moving again at 7:45 a.m."

Angell, who looked at the object with binoculars, said orange and yellow lights came from one end of the craft. The craft itself was a blue-gray metallic color.

Both Dent and the officers in the Nitro Police Department reported their sightings to the Pentagon which has a bureau on phenomenon research.

The National Weather Service said there was an extremely bright star shining this morning and lends little credence to the UFO sightings.

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**Your
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**Sheriff explains
UFO incident**

Dear Editor: 7/27

At 9:02 p.m. on Nov. 8, the Hancock County Sheriffs Department received a call from Mrs. Cathy Wilfong advising of a U.F.O. sighting on CR 525E, between CR 300N and CR 400N.

Deputies were advised and the first car (with two men) arrived at the Wilfong residence at 9:08 p.m. A response time of six minutes.

These two deputies (one of them a veteran helicopter crew chief) saw lights in the distance believed to be helicopters. There are many helicopters that fly between McCordsville and Shelbyville airports over Hancock County.

There were two deputies near U.S. 40 and CR 600W, at this time, who observed three helicopters flying westbound about 1000 feet above ground just north of U.S. 40. An Indiana State Police Sergeant (an Air Force veteran) had a car stopped on I-70 near the reported sighting. He saw three helicopters near his location at about the time of the sighting.

The dispatcher on duty at the Hancock County Sheriffs Department called Indianapolis International Airport. They advised there were three Tomahawk planes (experimental) flying low over part of Hancock County and they had them on radar.

A call was made to Ft. Harrison who contacted Wright Patterson Air Force Base on their hot line. Wright Patterson advised that the Air Force no longer investigates U.F.O. sightings.

A call was made to the Indiana State Police who said they had been advised the objects were helicopters.

The Hancock County Sheriffs Department also tried to contact the Shelbyville and McCordsville airports, but were unable to make contact with them.

Wright Patterson has contacted the sheriffs department since Nov. 8.

Two deputies returned to the Wilfong residence Nov. 9 and took pictures of the field.

I don't know what Mrs. Wilfong and Mrs. Bridges saw Nov. 8. No one on the Hancock County Sheriffs Dept. has had specific training in this area. We have to rely on the sources available to us. I hope the experts from the Center of U.F.O.

SPENCER, IND. - WORLD
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UFO Sightings Will Not Go Away...

UFO sightings will not just go away, for other forms of life probably do exist in the universe, says Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a leading expert on the UFO phenomenon and a 30-year veteran in research and writings on the subject.

"It is preposterous to think we are the only intelligence in the universe," Hynek told a lecture audience at the Indiana University Auditorium Tuesday evening. The planet earth and its inhabitants are only a small part of the universe that surrounds us, Hynek said.

The idea of encounters with unidentified objects is not something dreamed up by movie producers, Hynek said. UFO reports continue to persist. The author of "The UFO Experience" and "The Hynek Report of UFO's - the Inside Story of Project Blue Book" cited the disappearance earlier of an Australian pilot and his plane after the pilot had radioed he was being chased by a UFO.

The founder and director of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., said that over 63,000 UFO reports have been received. Approximately 60 percent of these reportings have occurred in North America.

"However, this is a misleading thing," Hynek said. "The reporting methods here are better. We have one language and good communications." The technical adviser to the science fiction movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" cited political and language difficulties of other countries as a hindrance

to a more global reporting system of UFO occurrences.

But despite this, the UFO phenomena is definitely a part of our current culture, Hynek said. The Northwestern University astronomy professor cited successive Gallup Polls which have shown that 57 percent of the American people believe that UFO's are real. Hynek said a similar percentage of people elsewhere have accepted the idea which was once considered preposterous.

The acceptance of the UFO idea has been a sort of conditioning exercise in raising our state of awareness, Hynek said. "The idea that we are not alone has been filtered indirectly into our consciousness," he added.

It took over 30 years for this idea to gain acceptance, he said. Hynek claims that he was once a part of the group which believed the UFO idea to be nonsense. But, finally, after continuous study, "there were three things that I couldn't deny," he said. "UFO reports

exist, they come from all over the world and most reports were made by highly responsible people."

In his slide-illustrated lecture, Hynek stated that many reports are explainable and far outnumber the reports that cannot be explained. However, these unexplainable happenings do exist.

The study of UFOs is not a science for one main reason, Hynek said. "UFOs basically depend on human testimony, unlike scientific study which depends on systematic facts."

"I've given you no answers, only a challenging problem," he told his audience. However, it is the scientific duty of every individual to report unexplainable sightings, he said. Otherwise, the answers will never be found.

Studies can help them identify what they saw.

The Hancock County Sheriffs Department did respond quickly (six minutes) to Mrs. Wilfong's call. Several calls were made to obtain as much information as possible.

I hope if anyone sees anything they believe to be an unusual object, they will not hesitate to contact the sheriffs department and we will do everything we can to assist them.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Grass
Sheriff of Hancock County

'UFO' Spotted in the East

'I'm going to leave well enough alone.

If there is one (UFO) out there I

don't want it to get me.'

By Robert H. Bork Jr.

Ledger Staff Writer

Little green men roused sheriff's deputies and state troopers from Opelika, Ala., to Valdosta, Ga., early today and kept them buzzing the highways in search of a reported UFO.

One Brooks County, Ga., deputy described the object as a "glowing ball of light moving in the eastern sky." An Americus, Ga., trooper said she got "a couple of calls" but, "didn't tell anybody because you're not supposed to use the radio for unnecessary talk.

"Anyway," she said, "I'm going to leave well enough alone. If there is one (UFO) out there I don't want it to get me."

The dozen or so calls that kept Lowndes

County, Ga., deputies out and about on the freezing morning and Cordele, Ga., troopers from snoozing were just part of a mass sighting from Florida to Massachusetts, said a professional UFO tracker in Seattle, Wash.

Robert Griebble, a staff member of the privately funded UFO Reporting Center, said that his phones were ringing off the hook today with sightings of "a big spotlight in the sky." Griebble said he's been getting similar calls since the end of October.

"Yeah, every day it starts about 1 a.m. (Pacific time.) The calls start rolling in from the eastern seaboard and move steadily west.

"We are certain that what everybody's seeing is the morning star, Venus. The planet illuminates like the moon. It has its

phases. This time of year its entire disc is lit up and it shows up like a huge floodlight."

ANTIOCH, CAL. - LEDGER
*****DEC 6, 1978*****

UFO seen in area

An unidentified flying object matching the description of another seen 10-14 days ago was reported witnessed by two Antioch residents Tuesday night.

The two Antioch women said they spotted what looked like two headlights hovering over the Antioch Airport at about 11:50 p.m. The headlights stayed there for several minutes, then began moving and sped at low altitude over the reservoir where the women were watching.

The object didn't make a sound, they said.

They described it as looking like a sting ray or kite, with a string of bright lights running

across it.

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An Antioch Airport spokeswoman said she got an identical report from a Pittsburg woman 10-14 days ago. The Pittsburg woman said the object she saw appeared around midnight, looked like two headlights, then sped from Antioch to Pittsburg. She described it as resembling a sting ray as it sped overhead.

Area law enforcement agencies questioned said they hadn't received any reports of UFO sightings lately, but two Antioch men reportedly saw three strange objects Tuesday night and spent some time chasing them.

Nevadans report 'ball of light

By ERNEST WEBSTER

A UFO or something was in the sky over Nevada Monday night.

Whatever it was — space visitors, as some hoped, or an atmospheric phenomenon, as more earth-minded persons believed — it was seen in widely-scattered parts of the state.

Mrs. Lloyd Kirchner of 625 Canyon Circle in Southwest Reno said her whole family watched an unusual light from the direction of Verdi at 6:15 p.m.

"At first it looked like the moon, but it was clear and we could see the stars," she said. Her family watched the light as it appeared to be coming up from behind the

mountain. She said it disappeared in just a few minutes.

Three separate sightings of a mysterious unidentified flying object, which looks like a large white ball of light, were reported by others in the Reno, Mt. Rose and Battle Mountain areas Monday night.

One sighting occurred at about 6:45 p.m. at Battle Mountain. Around 7 p.m., three more persons said they saw a similar UFO southeast of Sun Valley, about 220 miles away. Shortly after 7 p.m., a man described the same type of sighting at Mt. Rose.

In all, six persons claim to have seen the UFO between 6:45 p.m.

and 7 p.m. in three different areas of the state.

In the first incident, brothers Thomas Hopper, 25, and Butch Hopper, 28, both hunters in the Battle Mountain area, said they were checking traps in Slavin Canyon when they noticed a large white ball in the sky.

"At first we thought it was the moon coming from behind some clouds, but then it looked like a bright beam coming down at a 45-degree angle. It came right towards us. The closer it got, the bigger and dimmer it got," said Butch.

"By this time we decided to get the hell out of there and hopped in

our pick-up and took off. As we looked back at it, we saw a smaller craft come out of the right lower corner. This smaller craft had a dome in the middle of it and two wings on either side, but the whole thing was oval-shaped," Hopper continued.

"It stayed with us for a while and as we made a turn, it would turn with us, and then all of a sudden it vanished..."

At about 7 p.m., Herman Buehler, 27, of Sun Valley and two friends were driving on a road just southeast of Sun Valley.

"I was sitting in the back seat of the car and everybody started

talking about this really bright light in the sky. It looked like the moon at first, but then it started getting bigger and the light got dimmer as it came closer to us," Buehler said.

"We stopped the car. I thought it was an optical illusion at first, but it just kept coming closer and closer so that I could see it wasn't an illusion. Then something started coming out of the side of it. It looked like a star, and then a ring formed around it. A kind of ring like you'd see around Saturn," Buehler said.

"It didn't make any noises, and then it vanished, like it had never been there."

Another man reportedly called from Mt. Rose and described a similar UFO sighting to a Reno radio station.

Butch Hopper said he and his brother have been hunting in the Battle Mountain area for the last five years and said neither had seen a UFO until Monday night.

ing and no reports of any unusual flying objects. Area police authorities said they had received no information from either the military or other federal agencies about the possibility of flight tests being conducted in the area.

Meanwhile, two objects described as luminous flying saucers were reported by residents and a police officer near Guadalajara, Mexico, United Pres International said.

Authorities said one of the unidentified flying objects hovered about 30 feet over the patrol car of Policeman Francisco Diaz Cortes and emitted a red light that turned on the car's siren and made it spin around.

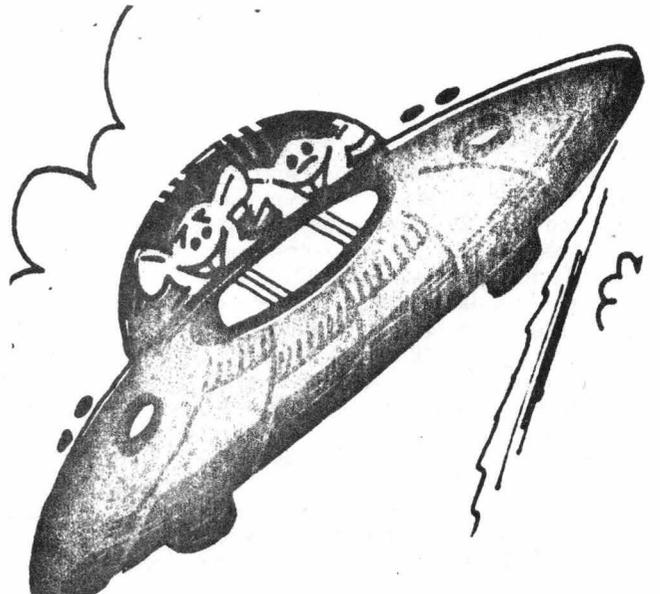
The policeman said the UFO then descended rapidly behind some nearby hills and when he gave chase he found another flying object.

The police said they fired on the UFOs, both of which took off after rapidly emitting red light. Neither apparently was hit by the shots.

"Now we're both believers. And I don't ever want to see another one. We're pretty good-sized men and ain't scared of nothing except for snakes and now flying saucers," he said.

Buehler, meanwhile, said that although what he saw Monday night "seems like an illusion, it had to be real because my friends saw it too."

The FAA's Reno Flight Service station reported no aircraft miss-



Two tell about UFO

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By JOHN LOVEJOY
Ledger Staff Writer

Two Antioch men told the Daily Ledger about three unidentified flying objects that apparently flew over Antioch Wednesday night.

Ed Martinez, a music teacher at Webb's Music Center, said he and his friend, Ron Garcia, a K Mart employee, spotted a strange light in the sky around 11 p.m. from Martinez' 17th Street home near Antioch High School.

Martinez saw it first, and the two watched as the single light began to branch out into several others. Garcia said there was one light in the front, brighter than the others, "several lights on the side," and a red light on the tail end.

Martinez said the lights didn't resemble aircraft running lights, and looked larger than usual. The object seemed to alternately start and stop, never moving more than about 75 or 80 mph.

"At first we thought we were watching helicopters," said Martinez, "but the lights were moving too steadily. And when it flew over us, we knew there was something different about it. All the dogs in my neighborhood started barking."

At first the two men didn't hear any noise at all, but as the diamond-shaped craft moved away from them they described a low rumble or hum. "It sounded kind of like the wind," said Martinez, "really quiet."

Garcia said he would describe the noise as "a mild jet engine."

Garcia said the lights on the object illuminated it enough so that he could discern a light gold color. Both men said that, although there was a stiff wind blowing, the object was rock steady in its course.

The two jumped in Garcia's car and chased the object, starting from the Oakwood Apartments, down G Street, west on 18th Street, and finally south on L Street. They stopped at the waterfront on Second Street.

The object was going so slowly, Garcia said, that "I did actually catch up with it once and crossed its path."

It flew off in a northwesterly

direction and seemed to lose altitude, disappearing somewhere around Benicia, the two claim. The sighting took about 15 minutes.

Martinez said the altitude and speed were hard to determine, but he guessed the object could have been about 1,000 feet up. He said he thought it was the size of "two average houses." Martinez claimed it was definitely bigger than a commercial jetliner.

On the way back to Martinez' house, the two saw another ob-

ject, identical to the first, coming from the east.

They stopped at Martinez' house and watched the second object for about 10 minutes as it flew west, but more southerly than the first object.

Later, at about 11:45 or so, Garcia saw yet a third object in the general vicinity of the Antioch Airport. He says he ran into his home to get a jacket, but when he came out again, the third object was gone.

That third object was what was

apparently seen by two Antioch women, who said the "sting ray-shaped" object flew over one of the women's home near the Antioch reservoir at high speed, making no sound.

A Pittsburg woman reportedly called the Antioch airport about a similar object approximately two weeks ago, and another witness phoned the Ledger Thursday to say he saw a kite-shaped object flying over the Bridgehead Drive-In Theater about two years ago.

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We saw it too-about 7:30 or quarter of 8 Monday night. We were at the Riviera postoffice west of Huber's Insurance office up in the dark sky appeared to be a big cloud of smoke as tho it had just come out of a chimney - as it came forward the center became more brilliant and gave the appearance of being a light in a fog. The center became more dense and the shape of the flying saucer plainly visable, as it dipped to one side then the other straightened up and disappeared - much as a film being run on a screen. We turned on CB to pass the word along but the air was alive with many others who were watching. One C.B.er mentioned the light over the hill and we looked up and there was the glow again over the hill. Dead sober too - we saw it too.

Ed and Renee Kerns
Happy Valley

BULLEAD CITY, ARIZ. - NEWS
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CHICO, CALIF. - ENTERPRISE
*****DEC. 4, 1978*****

Ridge Man Spots UFO

PARADISE (E-R) - A Paradise man reported spotting an unidentified flying object Friday.

John Fraik, 51, 6435 Graham Road, told Butte County deputies he and his wife were returning from the Reno area at 1 p.m. Friday on Highway 70. While driving, he looked into the sky and observed a "flying object." He described it as a "very brightly lighted thing" that disappeared through the trees after he pointed it out to his wife.

He said he only made the report in the event someone might be interested.

LAS VEGAS, NEV. - SUN
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Several Vegans Report

Seeing UFO

By JEFFREY M. GERMAN
SUN Staff Writer

"It was an aircraft. It was round. It was the kind of thing I've been laughing about for years."

It was a UFO — at least according to John Franick, who lives on Blue Diamond Road.

Franick, 39, was one of several Las Vegans who reported UFO sightings to the SUN Wednesday.

Although the sightings all occurred Monday between 6:30 and 7 p.m., the SUN was not informed until Wednesday, after it published reports Tuesday of similar UFO sightings in Reno.

"I didn't want to say anything because I thought people would think I was crazy," said Gina Riley, 26.

"I heard about the sightings and said, 'My God — that's the same thing I saw.'"

What did Riley and other Las Vegans see?

"It looked like an upside-down plate with a dome on it," Franick said. My kids and I were outside our house about 6:30 p.m. when we saw a huge white cloud in the black sky.

"Then all of a sudden it came toward us. It was fantastic. It must have been about two or three houses wide. The sky was lit up. I could see the whole farm."

The mysterious round object was reported in three separate sightings in the Reno and Battle Mountain areas Monday night.

A total of six persons reported seeing the object, described as a large white ball of light that spawned a domed, winged craft.

Riley said she saw the object in the sky near the Red Rock Canyon area as she was driving west on Spring Mountain Road about 6:30 p.m.

"I don't understand it," she said, "the road was crowded with cars. There should have been more people reporting it."

All those reporting the UFO said they contacted officials at Nellis Air Force Base but were more or less ignored.

"I called Metro Police after that, and they gave me a toll-free number to call in Chicago," Riley said.

PALATKA, FLA. - NEWS
*****DEC 8, 1978*****

Army Refutes UFO Sighting

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Reports of a connection between a reported sighting of a UFO in the Interlachen area and a Wednesday night power failure have been refuted by US Army officials at Camp Blanding.

"A woman was absolutely convinced that she saw UFOs and they were what caused the power failure," a Putnam County sheriff's dispatcher said of a report that came into the office around 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The power failure reportedly was due to a Clay electric substation failure in Melrose. Florida Power and Light Company was using that substation to route power to areas in the county and had to switch to another substation when the failure occurred. The operation resulted in discontinued electrical power

for five minutes in Palatka to as much as an hour in Interlachen and other areas, a company official reported Thursday.

The Interlachen resident saw lights in the sky during the power outage and believed them to be a UFO.

A Sheriff's office worker told the woman that the lights were from flares dropped from a plane.

"But she didn't believe it," the dispatcher said of the one call received on the incident.

According to Camp Blanding post commander Col. Gus Gonzalez, the lights were flares used during practice operations Wednesday evening and they were visible for miles.

"We have to illuminate to fire the guns and rockets," Col. Gonzalez said.

Another UFO makes appearance in area

Skepticism for several additional Mingo County residents went out the window Monday night as they watched strange flashing lights in varied colors for a half hour or longer.

The latest proclaimers of sightings of unidentified flying objects asked that they not be identified — for obvious reasons.

No matter how authentic the sightings may be, or how reliable are the persons who report seeing strange phenomena in the skies, UFOs remain unreal to most people.

One woman caller to the Daily News office this morning admitted she was a skeptic, that is, until last night. Even today, she hesitated to broach her experience to two women workers until learning that they, too, had sighted flashing lights in the Holden area Monday night.

According to the Daily News informant, the woman had driven to Dingess and was enroute to the Holden area where a son's car had broken down. Another, younger son accompanied her on the trip.

She said that, earlier, she and two other women had attended a meeting at Chattaroy and that the two others had departed for their homes on Trace Creek and at No. 22 Holden, respectively.

As the Dingess woman was traveling toward Holden, "there was a great big light flashing off and on," she recalled. "It illuminated the mountain. Then it seemed to go about 100 feet above the mountain top and stayed there. We watched it for about 30 minutes.

"The lights seemed to be floating and was white light was real bright, flashing on and off. It was still illuminating the mountain when my son and I went on our way about 11:05 p.m.," the sighter reported.

When she reported for work this morning, she said she was afraid to mention her experience to other employees, until she learned that the women from Trace Creek and No. 22 Holden had viewed the same flashing lights. They also recalled seeing two men watching the lights as they stood beside the highway.

Other sightings in this area were reported last Friday night in the sky over the Sprigg area. George Warren of radio station WHJC at Buskirk, Ky., said he and 15 or 20 other persons observed flashing lights of various colors. At least one person observed the lights until the wee hours of the morning.

Flying saucers reported by Mexican authorities

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — Two objects described as luminous flying saucers were reported by residents and a police officer near Guadalajara, authorities said yesterday. Authorities said one of the unidentified flying objects hovered about 30 feet over the patrol car of policeman Francisco Diaz Cortes and emitted a red light that turned on the car's siren and made it spin around.

UFOs spotted near Matewan Friday night

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"I've always said that everyone who reported seeing a UFO was crazy. Now I've seen one."

Those were some of the comments this morning of George Warren of radio station WHJC in Buskirk, Ky., who said that he, along with about "15 or 20 other people," observed an object in the sky Friday night.

Warren reported that the object was in the sky in the Sprigg area, and contained lights of various colors, including, red, white, blue and green. He added that there was a large light at each end that was like a "dusk to dawn light that lit up the trees."

He said that he would estimate the size of the object at about 75 to 100 feet across. He said he first observed it at about 10:15 Friday night, and stayed until he called WSAZ TV3 in Huntington just minutes before the news, at about 11 p.m.

He said that one witness said that he stayed there until the hours of morning with the object still present.

"The lights would almost go out," Warren said. "A couple of times I turned to leave and looked back over my shoulder and it was shining there again."

Warren noted that he has long been a skeptic of the "sightings" of UFO's from other persons.

"Then I just stood there with my mouth open," he added. "Some people told be that it was just coon hunters. If it was, they were about 200 feet above the tree lines."

Warren said that there were also reportedly some persons who sighted the object from the Matewan side of the river. He noted that in his group were about 15 or 20 responsible adults who viewed the object.

"I'm not saying that this was a flying saucer," he concluded. "But it was not an airplane or helicopter."

Hundreds wait—but no UFOs

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SEVERAL HUNDRED people ^{UFO} flocked to a side road near Warrenville Friday night to await the predicted arrival of a spaceship.

The spaceship didn't come.

A report by columnist Bill Geist in Friday's Suburban Trib stated that Guido Franch of Villa Park, who claims to be an admiral in the Black Eagles Galaxy Patrol, and a few of his followers said they would be on a side road near Warrenville between 9 and 10 p.m. Friday waiting for the ship. The column included a suburban telephone number to call for further information.

At 9:30 p.m. Friday, 210 automobiles, recreational vehicles, and trucks lined both sides of Herrick Road, one-fourth mile north of Warrenville Road. Traffic moved continuously up and down the road, and by 10 p.m. more automobiles had arrived.

WARRENVILLE CIVIL defense vehicles, squad cars, and undercover vehicles were on the scene, as were Du Page County sheriff's police and Naperville police.

Reporters and photographers from a variety of newspapers were at the site, as was a WBBM radio reporter and a WLS-TV minicam crew doing a live report.

No crowd estimate was made by police, though one "about 500, judging by the number of cars." About 75 people stood around the television reporter, trying to be on camera during the live news report. But most waited for the spaceship in their cars in the subfreezing temperature.

HUNDREDS of cars cruised slowly past the site without stopping. Most had heard what was going on, and those who had to ask received a surprising answer.

Those who came to see if the ship would land varied greatly, from beer-drinking teen-agers to young couples with babies to older people in long dresses and three-piece suits. Some were deadly serious and others caroused.

Green light starts UFO tide in Italy

From Tribune Wire Services

ROME—The skies of Italy seem to be full of OVNI's—the Italian version of UFOs.

Unidentified flying objects that give off green, red, or white lights and have a doughnut-like hole in the middle have been reported, and in some cases, photographed, at dozens of places between Palermo, Sicily, and Milan, in the north.

Early Sunday, dozens of patients and doctors in a Bari hospital reported sighting an OVNI—"oggetto volante non identificato" in Italian—a huge luminous object moving silently along the Adriatic Sea horizon.

BARI POLICE said they tried to calm patients by telling them the object was the mail plane, but they admitted later that the plane was not in the vicinity of the sighting and that several officers had also seen the object.

The officials said the "long, metallic" object flew at high speed over the city and then hovered silently on the horizon before picking up speed southward and disappearing into the night sky.

Last Thursday, an OVNI was sighted in Rome for the first time, being reported by officers on duty in the operations room of police headquarters. Dozens of people called, all with the same message: "We see an enormous beam of green light just overhead."

IN PALERMO on Tuesday, a bank clerk, Nino Raffagnino, said he spotted an object just before midnight, made a dash for his 1,000 mm. [telephone] camera lens and came up with a series of pictures that were



UP: Tele. photo
Police in Palermo, Italy, snapped this picture of an unidentified flying object sighted there last week.

published in local newspapers. One, taken when the object was stationary, according to Raffagnino, showed a disc of light with a hole in the middle.

Officers of the Palermo police, alerted by citizens' calls, also snapped pictures and sent them to the newspapers. Taken while the object appeared to be moving, the photos showed a long, wide streak of light in the dark sky.

Reports of sightings also came from a night patrol of the Carabinieri, the elite national police corps, at Lecce, in the south, and from two soldiers standing guard at Brindisi, on the Adriatic coast.

The telephone number listed for further information in Suburban Trib began ringing at 6 a.m. Friday and was still getting calls Sunday. Between Friday morning and noon Saturday, an estimated 500 calls were taken at the number, according to a secretary who manned the line.

The waiting group broke up about 10:30 p.m. Friday, though some calling themselves "true believers" stayed on.

Franch said Saturday he was "humiliated" and that the spaceship didn't land because his ground crew failed to show up.

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Our Mysterious World

By GEORGE CUNNINGHAM-TEE

The UFO that went bang!

For the peasant Tunguskas of Siberia, the morning of June 30, 1908, must have seemed like the end of the world.

They felt the earth tremble and shake, saw their tents and buildings tossed down, saw the forest crushed as if by a giant invisible hand, felt a searing hot blast of air and heard the roar of thunder. They saw fires raging and watched a great black cloud rise miles high into the sky. Later they were terrified when black rain fell.

In that terrifying morning, the outside world also received evidence of some cataclysmic, but unknown event. Seismographs in Moscow, in Germany, and even in Washington, were activated by an immense earth-shudder.

But as to the cause of all this remarkable phenomena, no one knew.

The first theory to take hold was that a huge meteorite had collided with the earth somewhere. Eventually, in 1921, meteorologist Leonid Kulik began collecting newspaper accounts from the major towns of that Siberian region. One report stated that "peasants to the north saw a body shining very brightly, too bright for the naked eye, with a bluish white light. It moved vertically downward for about 10 minutes and was in the form of a pipe; that is, cylindrical".

Kulik was puzzled by this; meteorites were not 'pipe-shaped'. Another puzzling report... "when the flying object touched the horizon a huge flame shot up that cut the sky in two..." The scientist stuck by his meteorite theory, however. At that time, with no other frames of reference at hand, it was the only theory possible.

Several expeditions to the area were set up and finally in 1928 the actual centre of the explosion was located. The devastation that met the eyes of the first explorers was incredible. A great area of permafrost tundra had been thawed

out to a depth of several feet and it was now a swamp. Thousands of trees lay felled in a fan shaped design, charred and black. Only one group of trees had remained upright, at the centre of the blast area, stripped of every branch, a veritable 'telegraph pole' forest. The scientists concluded that the blast had taken place about two miles above, not at ground level. And as for the 'huge meteorite' they firmly expected to find, there was absolutely no sign.

The mystery remained unsolved. Until 1946...and the atomic bomb. On Aug. 6 of that year, at 8:15 a.m., the Japanese city of Hiroshima was obliterated. The uranium-235 bomb created the greatest man-made destruction ever known, killing and maiming multi-thousands in seconds.

Leaving aside the moral implications of this event, it was the aftermath of the Hiroshima explosion that led to a re-evaluation of the Russian Tunguska mystery. One didn't have to look too hard to discern many striking similarities between the two and awesome though the Hiroshima devastation had been, it was obvious that the explosion of 1908 had been many times greater.

The destroyed area in Hiroshima totalled 18 square miles, that on the Tunguska, 200 square miles. Wood was ignited in the Japanese city at a distance of one mile from the blast while on the Tunguska plateau, trees had been burned at a distance of eight to 10 miles from the fall point. Japanese naval students felt a hot breeze from the Hiroshima blast 60 miles away! It has been estimated that the 1908 explosion was at least 100 times more powerful than the one in 1946. But it was still a mystery as to what had caused it.

In 1962, a surveying team using a helicopter was able to chart the pattern of

the explosion's scattering ellipse and more soil samples were gathered. Trees and plants were also examined and here they found thousands of tiny brilliant spheres imbedded in them. A detailed analysis revealed small amounts of cobalt and nickel, and traces of copper and germanium. The discovery of these metallic elements supported a theory that had been put forward previously by a respected Russian scientist, namely that what had exploded was an artificial craft...from somewhere. The eye witness reports had mentioned a very bright pipe shaped object. At that time no-one even knew the term UFO, but since 1946 they had become almost common to every country in the world. And many of the descriptions were of pipe,

or cigar shaped, space craft. Could it really be...?

All evidence now points to one conclusion. The object must have been an intelligently controlled, atomic powered space vehicle, which, having sustained some irreparable damage, was deliberately steered to an area where the least devastation (in terms of human life and property) would result.

Had the explosion occurred just three hours later, the great city of Moscow would have been totally destroyed.

Bang!

George Cunningham-Tee is interested in your experiences with Our Mysterious World. Just write c/o the Toronto Sun, Box 345, Station A, Toronto, Ont., M5A3X5.

Missile Launch Might Explain UFO Mystery

UFO sightings reported by at least nine people in the Reno, Mt. Rose, Carson City, Battle Mountain and Santa Barbara areas Monday night might be linked to a Minuteman Missile launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base at about the same time of the reported sightings.

Unofficial military sources said atmospheric conditions may have caused the sightings throughout Northern California and Nevada. The line persons reported seeing a large white ball of light that looked like the moon hovering overhead. The sightings began at 6:45 p.m. in Battle Mountain, about 220 miles northeast of Reno. Similar sightings of a UFO with the same description were reported minutes after the 6:45 p.m. sighting in Sun Valley, Mt. Rose, Carson City and Santa Barbara. Military officials said a Minuteman Missile is launched from Vandenberg at about 6:30 p.m.

Vandenberg public information officer Capt.

Leonard Brady said Tuesday that such sightings from distant points are not unusual. "We once had a call from Kansas City," he said.

He said when a missile is fired, the first thing visible is a fireball to the west-southwest. Then there is a blast at separation of the rocket's stages, after which the missile's booster tumbles. Brady said the tumbling booster appears to be a blinking light.

Seen through clouds or haze, the firing and subsequent blast and separation can appear eerie, he said.

The persons who viewed the large white ball of light said it made no noise while traveling through the air and came within several hundred yards of them before vanishing into thin air.

Meanwhile, at about the same time Monday, two objects described as luminous flying saucers were reported by residents and a police officer near Guadalajara, Mexico.

Authorities said one of the unidentified flying objects hovered about 30

feet above the patrol car of Policeman Francisco Diaz Cortes and emitted a red light that turned on the car's siren and made it spin around.

The policeman said the UFO then descended rapidly behind some nearby hills. He said that when he gave chase, he found another flying object.

The policeman said he fired on the UFOs, both of which took off after rapidly emitting red light. Neither apparently was hit by the shots.

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Las Vegans, Renoites Report UFO Sightings

A mysterious "roundish" object flying through the Red Rock Canyon area Monday, was spotted by several Las Vegas residents who phoned the SUN Tuesday to report the UFO.

The object, most callers agreed, was of a milkish white color and was surrounded by a "mist" as it slowly and steadily crossed the sky at about 6:30 p.m.

The UFO sparked such uneasy feelings in one woman, who wished to remain unidentified, she said she left the area to return home.

Three separate sightings of a mysterious object in the sky were reported in the Reno and Battle Mountain areas Monday night.

In all, six persons reported seeing the object, described as a large white ball of light that spawned a domed, winged craft, about 7 p.m.

Butch Hopper, 28, and his brother, Thomas, 25, said they were checking traps near Battle Mountain when they noticed it.

"At first we thought it was the moon coming from behind some clouds, but then it looked like a bright beam coming down at a 45-degree angle. It came right toward us. The closer it got, the bigger and dimmer it got," Butch said.

"By this time we decided to get the hell out of there and hopped in our pickup and took off. As we looked back, we saw a smaller craft come out of the right lower corner. This smaller craft had a dome in the middle of it and two wings on either side, but the whole thing was oval-shaped," he said.

Herman Buehler, 27, of Sun Valley, and two friends driving on a road near Sun Valley reported a similar sighting.

"I thought it was an optical illusion at first, but it just kept coming closer and closer so I could see it wasn't. Then something started coming out of the side of it. It looked like a star, and then a ring formed around it, like the ring you'd see around Saturn," Buehler said.

"It didn't make any noises, and then it vanished. It had to be real, because my friends saw it, too."

PITTSBURG, CALIF. - POST DISPATCH
*****NOV. 28, 1978*****

TWO OBJECTS DESCRIBED as luminous flying saucers were reported by residents and a police officer near Guadalajara, Mexico, authorities said Monday. Authorities said one of the unidentified flying objects hovered about 30 feet over the patrol car of Policeman Francisco Diaz Cortes and emitted a red light that turned on the car's siren and made it spin around. The policeman said the UFO then descended rapidly behind some nearby hills and when he gave chase he found another flying object.

UFO Reported by Hunters at Ojo

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By GAIL OLSON
Of the SUN's
Santa Fe Bureau

Three Espanola hunters, camped in Comanche Canyon near Ojo Caliente last Friday, reported to State Police that a cigar-shaped unidentified flying object flew about 200 yards over their campsite about 8:45 p.m.

State Police referred the hunters to Dulce area officer Gabe Valdez when they said they wanted to discuss their experience in depth.

Valdez told the SUN of the sighting though in respect of the hunter's request for anonymity, he did not identify them.

Valdez said the report was the 10th he has received since summer. Objects described in the reports, he said, all were similar to the one seen by the hunters.

The fact that there were three witnesses to the UFO strengthened the report, Valdez explained, though he does not doubt

the authenticity of the other reports he's had.

"It scared the heck out of them," Valdez said of the hunters.

The object was described to Valdez as a 40' cylindrical machine surrounded by orange lights. He reported it as being "very bright."

"When they turned their car lights on, it flew away," Valdez said of the sighting.

One of the hunters said that the machine looked "exactly like a ship" of some sort.

"Three vehicles could fit inside the thing, and all around it was illuminated," Valdez said of the hunter's description of what they saw.

Valdez said flying machines of similar description have been photographed in Colorado recently. A machine flying as low as the hunters said this one was flying would not be discernable by radar, Valdez said further.

He is investigating the report further.

Blue flash close encounter of sorts

FRONT PAGE

By GAILDENE HAMILTON
City Editor

It was almost like something out of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." The blue flash of light that filled the windows in my Ladoga home left no doubt that something unusual had happened.

The light certainly wasn't caused by a passing car, the color was too definite. It wasn't an explosion because there was no accompanying roar or shudder. Warren Bolling, who lives across the street and does some welding, wasn't out there working so we knew it wasn't the light from the welder.

Two of us sitting in the family room saw it. The other two didn't. We checked outside for any glow in the sky to indicate a fire or blast — nothing. We called the next door neighbor — he hadn't seen anything.

By this time, the two of us who had seen the light, were beginning to think perhaps our imaginations were running wild. After all, we had just watched the television show, UFO, and maybe the mind was playing tricks.

Or maybe it was a cute little space man like Mork, on Mork and Mindy which had also aired Thursday night.

The county sheriff's department

said they at first had heard reports of a plane downed but then had confirmed a meteor had flashed across the heavens.

Jack Burns at the sheriff's department said they received about 20-25 calls in a half-hour period. Burns, Ron Newlin, Jack Henderson and their wives were all standing in the parking lot at the jail when the meteor made its brief appearance. He said it was just like any meteor only slower and wider with lots of colors. He said the small wooded area west of the jail was lighted just like broad daylight.

By this time the neighbor's son had gotten home and came over to find out what we knew about the sudden lighting of the skies.

He had been on his way home from Crawfordsville on Chigger Hollow Road when the light appeared. He noted that there was no flash, just the sudden lighting of not only the heavens but the earth as well.

When his mother arrived home she too had seen the light. "I kept wondering when the car engine was going to quit running or the radio stop," she said with a laugh.

For those of us who saw it, it won't be quickly forgotten. For those of you who didn't, you're sure to get a complete telling of the story from those who did.

Sightings Of UFO's Reported In Area

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Two sightings of UFO's in the Bristol area were recorded during the past several days.

One lady, who refused to disclose her name but emphatically claimed that she wasn't intoxicated, said she was driving in the vicinity of Spencer Street and Marion Avenue, Bristol Virginia, Wednesday afternoon when she spotted an object in the sky.

She said: "It was silver and had red, white and blue lights across the top. It looked like it was going to hit my car and I could hear a buzzing sound coming from it. When I looked up, it was almost on top of my car and I thought it was going to hit it. Then it disappeared."

Police said a helicopter was in the area during the reported sighting.

A Bristol family returning from Blountville said they spotted a UFO Tuesday night. A family member reported that they were driving on Blountville Highway when they noticed an object in the sky.

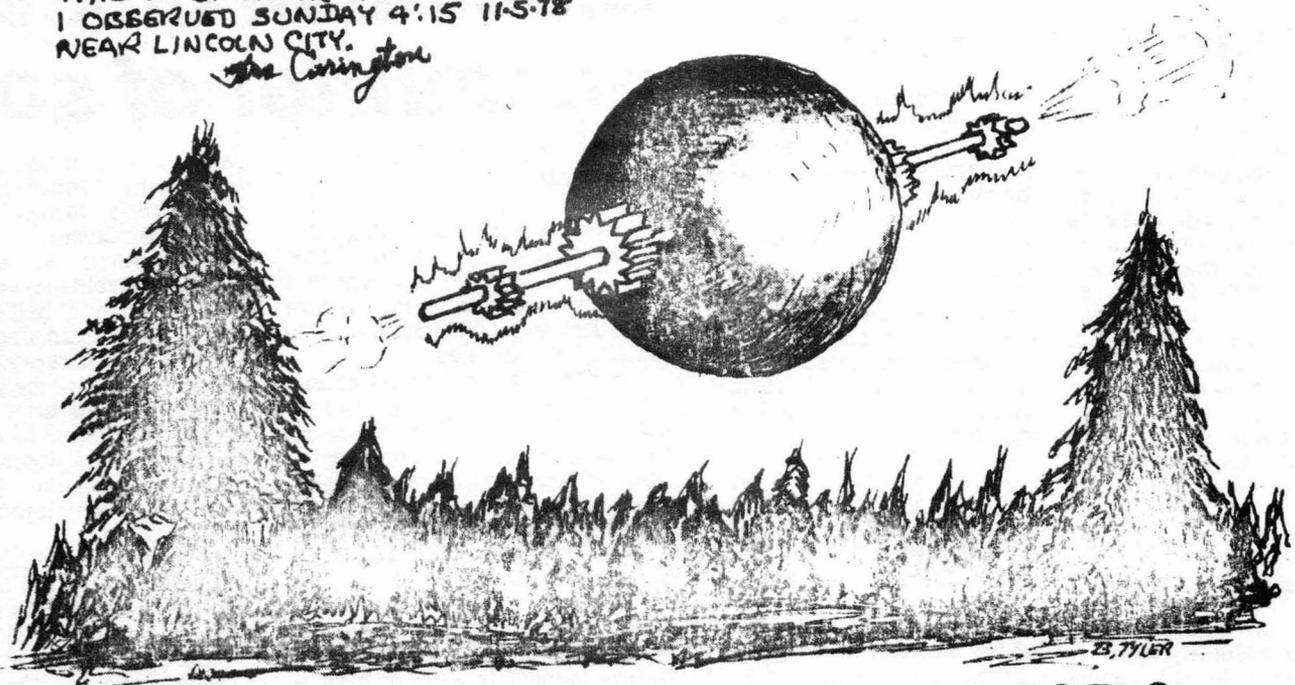
"At first, we thought it was moving away from us, but by the

time we reached Bristol, it was still above with its red and white lights shining," she said.

"We went up to Bristol Memorial to see if we could get a better look, but it vanished instantly."

Reports of UFO's have flooded the Tri - City area recently, apparently after several police officers with both Bristol police departments said they observed UFO's.

THIS IS SIMILAR TO WHAT
I OBSERVED SUNDAY 4:15 11-5-78
NEAR LINCOLN CITY.
Fern Curington



UFO SIGHTED NEAR LINCOLN CITY

UFO

Billie Tyler of Otis drew this rendition of the UFO seen recently by Fern Curington of Lincoln City. A number of local residents have reported seeing strange objects and lights in the sky recently.

More strange lights seen

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Publication in last week's News Guard of a story about a local UFO sighting has drawn comments from local residents who say they also have seen strange lights or objects in the sky recently.

The original sighting was by Fern Curington of Lincoln City who said she saw an object similar to the drawing flying in the Taft area on Nov. 5.

Another women, Louise

Tyler, said she was outside her house about 4:15 a.m. the same day when a flash "like a giant flashbulb" went off.

"It was too high to be a military flare, I've seen flares, and I know what they look like," Tyler said.

"I was outside putting the key in the car door when there was a flash. I looked up and saw it dying out, but it was travelling horizontal to the east, leaving a reddish trail behind it."

Mrs. Tyler said what she saw could not have been a shooting star, since it didn't lost altitude but flew straight across the sky.

Her husband, Billie Tyler, said he spoke to a woman in the Whale Cove area who witnessed the same phe-

nomenon. "It was bright enough to light up the entire living room of her house, she told me," Tyler related.

And at least three other persons, including a county game officer, an Oregon State Police trooper and a post office employee in Otis saw the flash. "These people came forward voluntarily and told us about what they saw," Tyler said. "My wife came back inside the house to get me when she saw it, but it was gone.

Mrs. Curington said she saw an object flying over the Taft area Nov. 5. The ball-shaped object sent out rods on either end which revolved in an arc, she said, as blue flames were shot out the rod ends.

UFO sighting in Yuba

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Phenomena Center, the national unidentified flying object research center, is investigating the report of a Wheatland resident of a "white object" over eastern skies early yesterday morning.

According to Chris Muck, "we saw something for about half an hour that was just too low to be an airplane."

"It was moving slowly north, then it would disappear, then we could see it again," she added.

The Wheatland resident reported she called Mather Air Force Base, and "they said they had nothing flying at that time."

Muck said she then called the UFO center in Seattle and

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reported the sighting, and described it Phenomena Center, which investigated all reports of UFOs is expected to respond to Muck on the report of its findings. However, more than likely the report to the Wheatland resident will suggest the sighting was a planet, an airplane or a balloon.

"Eighty percent of the reports we get have logical explanations," Robert Gribble of Phenomena Center told the Herald.

"It can be a bright star or low flying aircraft and its very easy to see something else when its actually just something routine."

Gribble added his office is being swamped by sightings of UFOs which are actually either the planet Jupiter or Venus.

"Mrs. Muck might have seen Jupiter as it was in the skies she described," Gribble said.

The official added that "when you fix your eyes on an object, it sometimes appears to be moving, when its actually your eyes that are moving."

"I'm perfectly willing to accept a logical explanation," Muck said. "But I know that was no airplane with that bright light."

UFOs sighted

Mercury News Service

FORT RILEY—Reports of unidentified flying objects were filed at Fort Riley as well as in Salina Tuesday night.

The first report was made to the Salina-based Kansas Highway Patrol from a citizen around Herington; a highway patrol unit was dispatched and saw the alleged UFO, but the troopers later determined that what they had seen was actually the planet Venus, which is sometimes particularly bright, a spokesman for the Highway Patrol said this morning.

Later in the evening, the military police at Fort Riley received a call from a person in the nearby community of Grandview Terrace about a UFO in the southern sky. An MP patrol was sent out on Marshall Road, near Marshall Airfield between I-70 and Fort Riley. The MPs saw a "light in the sky that would get bright and then get dim," a Fort Riley spokesman said. The light was apparently stationary.

"They know a plane had taken off about then, but they don't know if that had anything to do with it," the spokesman said.

UFO reports flying on Anderson airwaves

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OLIVER SPRINGS

Reports of a low-flying unidentified object were making the citizen's band radio waves and the report log of the

metro area

Anderson County Sheriff's Office late Friday.

Doris Duncan, of Oliver Springs, said she and her 13-year-old daughter were traveling on State Highway 61 between Harriman and Oliver Springs when she

first noticed "what looked like smoke" above the road.

"The whole thing was bigger than a semi-truck," she said. "I could see something come out, like a round disk. I didn't say anything because I didn't want to scare my daughter. But she asked me if I'd seen it."

Air traffic controllers at McGhee-Tyson Airport said they had received one unusual report earlier in the day from the Oliver Springs area, "but that person said something looked like an explosion, like a plane was down."

They said several planes were in holding patterns, and it was possible Mrs. Duncan had seen a smaller plane going inside a cloud.

However, Mrs. Duncan said the disk-shaped object dropped in and out of the "hazy stuff" and dropped about a car length in front of her car.

"Then it moved back up where it was before, just like a blink," she said.

UFO reported seen over Corona Sunday

CORONA — Police have received a report that an unidentified flying object passed over this city Sunday afternoon.

Detective Les Scott said the report was made in person by Otila Vega and Eda Jones, residents of Lake Elsinore who are in their mid-20s.

"They said they were coming into Corona on the freeway from Lake Elsinore when they saw the UFO at about 4:30 p.m.," Scott said. "They said they spotted it near Ontario Avenue, approaching from the Lake Mathews area at a fairly fast speed."

Scott said the women told police it looked like a large delta wing, and was orange in color.

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PALO ALTO, CALIF. - TIMES
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The South partially rose again Sunday

By DAN ROACH

It should have been about the 93rd resurrection of the south last night at Stanford, as the Atlanta Rhythm Section, UFO and Sea Level played to a partially filled Maples Pavilion. It didn't exactly turn out that way though.

The ARS and Sea Level both hail from Georgia and play good old post-Allman Brothers southern rock and roll. But it was the boys from Britain, UFO, that the predominantly teenage audience came to hear, and when that band had finished leveling the walls around Maples with its bashing hard rock, a lot of the kids on the floor simply went home and passed up seeing the show's scheduled headliner.

What they missed was one of the tightest, yet shortest sets any headliner has played in this area in quite awhile. From the opening fanfare of "Tara's Theme," to the closing chords of "Champagne Jam," ARS played smooth, polished rock and roll. Only trouble was, they only played it for about 40 minutes.

That's right, eight songs and then it was goodnight Irene. The breaks between sets were longer.

The Atlanta Rhythm Section is doing a resurrection act of its own these days. Once upon a time in the '60s, there was a band called the Classics IV. They had a couple of lightweight hits, then went the way of most bands from that era, only to have the nucleus of that band resurface in the '70s as the Atlanta Rhythm Section.

The group was struggling along in relative obscurity until it scored a smash summertime hit last year with "So Into You." It has been champagne ever since.

The eight songs ARS performed

last night were all from its last two albums and showed why this band has become the leading exponent of the new south. Its music is danceable without being disco, instantly familiar without being repetitious, and extremely well played without being flashy. ARS is simply one of the most professional groups playing rock and roll today.

Sticking mostly to tunes made familiar through constant radio play, ARS finished very strongly with "So Into You," followed by "Imaginary Lover" and "Champagne Jam." But 40 minutes was way too short a set for a headline act, especially when it followed a 45-minute break after UFO's set. If you're going to have three bands performing on the same bill, at least plan it so the best can play the longest.

UFO is extremely popular in its home country, and from the sound of last night's crowd, is gaining quite a following in the States as well. The hard rocking British quintet play with as much subtlety as a freight train and at a volume that rivals a DC-10. Thrashing, bashing songs like "Rock Bottom," "Light Out" and "Only You Can Rock Me" may be what the Clearasil set craves these days, but it left this listener shell-shocked and seeking relief in a quieter corner of the pavilion. Like the parking lot.

Sea Level opened the show with its quite pleasing Allmanesque blues-rock-jazz fusion. Led by Chuck Leavel and Jai-Jai Johanson, both formerly of the Allman Brothers Band, Sea Level cooked solidly through its hour-long set that featured a wide variety of influences.

Reports sighting 2 UFOs

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A Perry Township man told Massillon City Police he saw two UFOs while driving west on Richville Drive Tuesday evening.

Reginald Richardson, 42, of 3220 Stump rd SW, said he could not make out any form to the objects he spotted at 5:45 p.m., but that they looked like Christmas tree lights.

Richardson told police the lights moved back and forth across the horizon, curving at least 30 degrees at a high rate of speed before splitting up, one object heading north and one heading southeast.

Radar operators at Akron-Canton airport who were on duty at the time could not be reached, but airport spokesmen said they had no report of UFO sightings in their area.

2 UFOS Sighted

GUADALAJARA, Mexico (UPI) — Two objects described as luminous flying saucers were reported by residents and a police officer near Guadalajara, authorities said Monday.

Authorities said one of the unidentified flying objects hovered about 30 feet over the patrol car of Policeman Francisco Diaz Cortes and emitted a red light that turned on the car's siren and made it spin around.

The policeman said the UFO then descended rapidly behind some nearby hills and when he gave chase he found another flying object.

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What was that light in the sky?

By STEVE RAY
Times Staff

She isn't sure what it was, but Christine Figi knows she saw something unusual this morning.

Awakened by Ellee, her three-year-old daughter at 5:15 a.m., and told there was a strange light shining a short distance from their rural home near Jordan Center, Mrs. Figi was at first ready to write it off as a product of her daughter's active imagination.

But after pulling herself out of bed, and looking out the window, it slowly dawned on her that there really was something out there.

A ball of light, hovering an estimated 50 feet from the ground, remained in the general vicinity of the farm owned by her and her husband William for over two hours. "At first I thought it might be a comet," Mrs. Figi said. "but then I thought it can't have much of an orbit left, except for our pasture. For a while I thought it was going to hit something."

Not trusting her eyes, Mrs. Figi moved from one room to another and looked out different windows, thinking it may be only a reflection on the glass of the window. Having disproved that theory, she calmly brewed a pot of coffee and watched the

phenomenon for the next two hours. "I guess I just wanted to make sure I was really awake," she explained.

She estimated the object to be about the length of a city block away from her house, moving slowly up and down, and sometimes laterally. Describing it as "a mass of light", she watched as it dipped up and down, until finally, by 7:15 a.m., it rose to a high altitude and disappeared from sight.

According to Pat Allard, of the National Weather Service in Madison, a rash of sightings called into the Chicago office at about 6 a.m., proved to be the planet Venus, lying low on the horizon, shining brightly through the clear, cold morning air. Those looking to the southeast at about that time would have seen it. Allard said it may have been possible to see Venus more to the south at about the time Mrs. Figi first woke up.

She says she is sure the object was not merely a brighter-than-usual heavenly body however. "It was definitely not in the sky," she said. "There are trees on the other side of the road, about two city

blocks from our house, and the light was in front of them." She added that she was looking due east, and that the light from the object reflected off the west side of the trees during the twilight of dawn.

Shortly before 6 a.m., she decided to call the Green County Sheriff's Department. "I felt a little foolish calling, but then I thought, 'Why not? This is interesting,'" she said. Mrs. Figi said she saw two cars traveling down Jordan Center Road shortly after the call, but could not tell if either was a squad car.

Sheriff's Deputy Kim Arneson responded to the call, but is at this time unavailable for comment. A report has yet to be filed.

Both Allard and Mrs. Figi agreed that it was unlikely that the object was a weather balloon. According to Allard, the balloons are sent up at about 5:45 a.m., and he doesn't see how one could travel to the Jordan Center area. "Even if one did come down, it just wouldn't float around," he said. "The equipment would bring it to the ground, and it would stay there."

UFOs Light Up Italy's Skies

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Rome, Italy — The skies of Italy, it seems, are full of OVNIS, the Italian version of UFOs.

Unidentified flying objects that give off green, red or white light and have a doughnut-like hole have been reported recently, and sometimes photographed, at dozens of places between Palermo in Sicily and Milan.

Last week, the phenome-

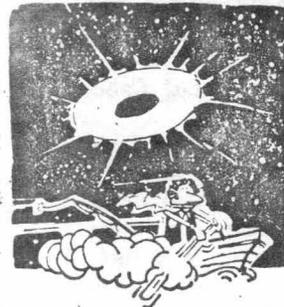
non of the OVNI — "oggetto volante non identificato" in Italian — hit Rome for the first time. Dozens of persons called police, all with essentially the same message: "We see an enormous beam of green light just overhead." A lieutenant and a noncommissioned officer, "driven by curiosity," as they said later, then ran out on the terrace at police headquarters and confirmed the sighting.

Camera Was Ready

Last week in Palermo a bank clerk, Nino Raffagnino, spotted an object just before midnight, made a dash for his telephoto lens and came up with a series of pictures that appeared in the press. One, taken when the object was stationary, according to Raffagnino, showed a disc of light with a hole in the middle.

Officers of the Palermo police, alerted by calls, also took pictures and sent them

to newspapers. They showed a long, wide streak of light in a dark sky. Reports of sightings also came from a night patrol of the elite national police corps, at Lecce, in the south, and from two soldiers



standing guard at Brindisi near the Adriatic.

Newspapers all over the country have been getting calls for weeks — so many that Paese Sera, a Communist newspaper in Rome, said it might have to consider a daily column.

The most alarming item so far has been one from San Benedetto del Tronto, a fishing village near Pescara, where two fishermen were reported to have disappeared without a trace on a clear night when the sea was as smooth as a mirror and the moon full. Fishermen in the area refused to go out at night after that, and there has been talk of an "Adriatic Triangle."

Italy's national UFO center has not made a public appraisal of the reported sightings, nor has the corresponding service of the Defense Ministry. In Corriere della Sera, the influential Turin newspaper, Francesco Alberoni, a sociologist, expressed surprise that so many sightings were being reported.

Normally, he said in an interview, such reports come at times of great national anxiety, but Italians are rather less worried just now than usual.

UFO sighted by area teenager

Wavering over Emery last Tuesday night were two bright lights which Phillips High School Freshman Rosann Boehm claims belonged to an unidentified flying object.

"It was an oval shaped, silver machine with windows all around it from which beams as bright as headlights shone," she said. Boehm first sighted the object at 3:40 p.m. when it was hovering over her neighbor's house. At first glance she thought that the lights belonged to a car but then realized that they were too high.

Stepping outside her home on Cherry Road, she watched the object for about 10 minutes until it began to approach her yard. Scared, she ran inside and watched the machine hover over the yard for about 20 minutes until it moved up over the house, passed beyond the

woodshed and then disappeared.

"It made a slight buzzing sound which frightened our dog although I could hardly hear it," Boehm said. Before she ran inside she snapped a picture of the machine. As of press time she has not received the negatives back from the developer.

The sighting was confirmed by Mr. Owen Hainy who said that he was returning from Medford at approximately the same time Boehm viewed the machine. He said that he saw two bright lights as he approached his home which is located a couple miles northwest of Boehm's. "At first I thought that it was a yard light," he said, "but then realized that it was too high."

As he was unloading his car he saw a small plane fly by but said that the light that he had seen had

been much too bright to have been the light on the wing of a plane. The Boehm's neighbors, the Marlunga's, also reported seeing the airplane, but no one else in the area noticed any unusual lights.

Until Hainy spoke with Mrs. Boehm who told him about Rosann's sighting, he had entirely dismissed the lights. In retrospect he said that he realized they were probably the same lights and easily accepted the assertion that they belonged to a U.F.O.

"I'm not superstitious," he said, "so I didn't think anything of the lights, but both me and my family saw similar lights several years ago."

Boehm, who reported her sighting to the UFO Education Center in Appleton, said that personnel there told her they are not uncommon in the area. In fact, just last May, Steve Vuechtick of Park Falls reported seeing the whitish light of what he considered a UFO while fishing in Butternut Lake.

According to the report he gave to a UFO information center, Vuechtick saw a

whitish light travelling toward him about 30 degrees above ground. It came from the north flashing irregularly and moving as fast vertically as it did horizontally. The object that he saw turned gradually from white to orange and then back to white as it zigzagged east of his location, finally dropping below some trees.

Vuechtick said that another light then joined the first which left its position by the tree line and began approaching him. When it came within 100 yards of him, he left the area and called the police.

Neither the Park Falls nor the Phillips police were notified of any other sightings last Tuesday night but when Boehm's brother returned home from work around 11:30 p.m., he reported seeing two amber lights outside the kitchen window. Unaware of Rosann's sighting, he mentioned the lights only when his mother asked him if he had seen anything unusual in the yard.

The Boehms do not know if there is any connection between the two sightings.

On Thursday a meteor, which was sighted in five or more states from Michigan to Kentucky, fell from the sky. It was seen by several people in Emery, but Rosann asserts that it was unconnected with the UFO she saw.

Home from school with a cold, Rosann said that she was under no medication and had never seen anything out of the ordinary in the past. "I never saw a UFO before," she said, "and really hadn't even heard of them before I sighted this one."

The single photograph that she took may hold some answers to the skeptic's view of her sightings, but to this down-to-earth teenager there is no question about what she saw. According to Boehm, representatives from the Appleton center plan to investigate the incident further and to present talks on the subject of UFO's in area schools.

RICHMOND, KY. - REGISTER
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Two women report UFO

Two Madison County women told State Police of a strange experience they had at about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday while riding in a car on Log Cabin Road.

According to police reports, Vickie Allen and Lise Leger were allegedly chased by a large unidentified flying object that flashed blue and white lights. The craft hovered above their vehicle, causing it to stall they reported.

Troopers were unable to locate any aircraft in the vicinity however police record state that the Morehead post was also receiving UFO calls at the same time.

The women could not be reached for comment about the incident.

UFO Reported Over Kalama

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WOODLAND, WASH. - NEWS BULLETIN
 *****NOV. 9, 1978*****

By C.F. SENK and MARY JANE BREWER

KALAMA—Flying saucers, UFO's, what have you, have been around since the dawn of time, but their most modern history dates only back to 1947 when a private pilot flying near Mt. Rainier reported six disc-like objects flying in the air with him—and at unheard of speeds.

Since then, such sightings and the experiences of those who have reported them have been the subject of much investigation, both private and, reluctantly, by the U.S. Government.

Some of those who have reported seeing strange things in the skies have been ridiculed and branded as crackpots. Some of them have banded together to conduct their own investigations after the government bowed out.

But you don't ridicule Darrel Coffey. Not around Kalama you don't. And if you take the trouble to get acquainted with him, you don't even if you aren't around Kalama.

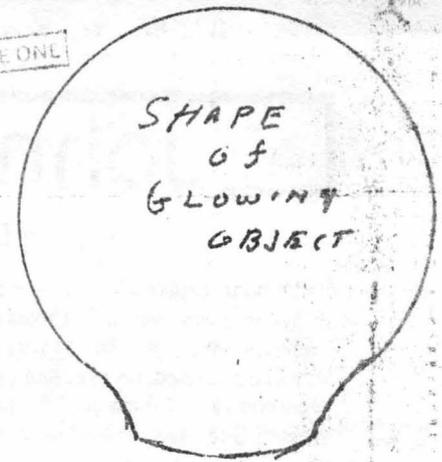
He saw something. And when he says he saw something, he most certainly did. And you'd better believe that when he describes what he saw, that's just exactly how it was. He has a well deserved reputation for being level headed, a man of his word, and one not likely to be shaken into making irresponsible statements.

So what did Coffey see?

The diagram accompanying this story shows the shape of what he saw and the actions of the "thing" just as he describes the incident.

"It was a light," he says with quiet

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BROOKFIELD, WISC. - NEWS
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Police reports

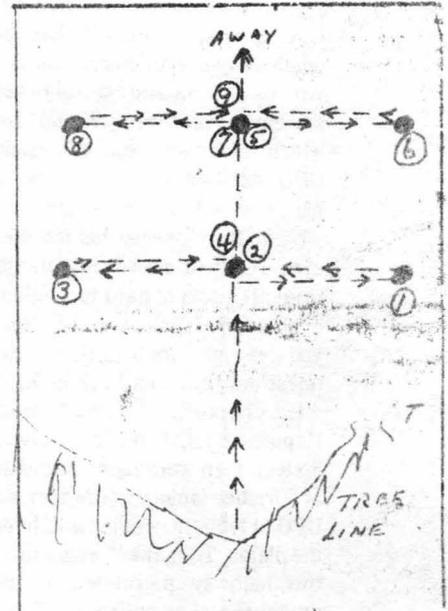
Among the reports entered on the log of the Brookfield Police Department recently were the following:

• UFO

A Brookfield man told police that he saw an unidentified flying object on the night of Oct. 31, at approximately 7 p.m.

The UFO was in the southeast sky, the man claimed, and it moved up and to the right very rapidly. The observer said the craft was white, except when it stopped, when it appeared to be orange in color. The object finally disappeared into the eastern sky.

• Stake out



LAPEER, MICH. - PRESS
 *****NOV. 22, 1978*****

3 report they saw a UFO

The Lapeer County Sheriff's Department got 3 reports of UFO sightings last Wednesday.

The object was sighted around 6:45 p.m. in the area of Genesee and Davison Rds near the western county line. The object reportedly had 3 triangular red and green lights and was headed west towards Flint. It also made a humming noise, the callers said.

NEW PORT RICHEY, FLA. - PRESS
 *****NOV 16, 1978*****

UFO spotted by police in Pasco

Tarpon Springs police chased an unidentified flying object (UFO) around Trouble Creek Road and U.S. 19, earlier this week, but came up with nothing more than close encounters of the inflated kind.

The oblong object reported by Tarpon Springs police was spotted by Pasco Deputy Gary

Hausauer about 1,000 feet off the ground floating at a speed of about eight miles an hour, he said.

Pasco officials said they couldn't be sure, exactly, what the object was but a Tarpon Springs police spokesman said they were "pretty sure" it was a balloon.

John Keasler

Sizing Up A UFO Sighting

"Which explanation of a so-called UFO am I proudest of?" Thomas Guffy repeated after me. "Hm. Let me think."

As he pondered, his eyes half-closed in concentration, I thought of the amazing record Guffy has created over the past 25 years in explaining UFOs.

This thin, wiry, perfectly average-looking chap, I mused, has been in demand by the Air Force, Coast Guard, various airlines and control towers, and an entire host of "official sources" which value his unusual gift -- sizing up a UFO sighting and producing an explanation within a reasonable time.

Now Guffy opened his intense green eyes, ready to answer my question. He said, "It's sort of hard to single out one explanation from so many. But, when you get right down to it, I believe my finest moment was back in '69."

He chuckled: "It was a tough one. Happened right outside Kansas City. Sixteen men working as round-downers at a frisbee factory swore they seen this UFO at twilight, shining a light down on the plains. To make it worse there were two highway patrolmen, a traveling preacher and an entire Boy Scout troop in the vicinity and all had exactly the same detailed description."

"Sounds tough," I said.

"Tough?" he grinned rufully. "Hell, man, there were no aircraft in sight, Venus wasn't up, no swamps for gas, no clouds for refraction, wasn't hot enough for a mirage, no humidity to reflect diffusion. It was a humdinger!"

"What did you do?"

He smiled patiently. "I simply remembered a nearby bird sanctuary," he said, "and explained that what had been understandably taken as a UFO was in actuality a whooping crane carrying a stolen flashlight. They like bright things, you know."

I could only stare at Thomas Guffy in admiration. For years, of course, I had heard of his exploits but this was the first time I had met him.

When I heard he was in town I rushed right over to get his opinion of the explanation of the so-called UFO which on Monday in Australia had been minutely described by a pilot, who then disappeared.

The pilot, shortly before his reported disappearance, had described the pursuing UFO as being green, with a metallic light on the outside, and chasing his plane. The pilot then went silent and has not been seen, or heard of by United Press International, at this writing.

The "explanation" given by, in this case, an Air Transport officials was that if the pilot were flying upside down he could have seen the reflections of some lighthouses on the clouds above him. There was no explanation of where the pilot is. (Perhaps in one of the lighthouses?)

Guffy said of this explanation: "Oh, it's not bad for an amateur, I suppose --

but a bit iffy, you know. I try not to deal in all that if-the-pilot stuff. Most pilots are a bit balmy at best, you know, so it hardly seems cricket -- I just give a logical explanation based on prevailing circumstances."

Some of Guffy's most outstanding explanations were:

--For 88 mysterious lights which circled the Cleveland City Hall for three hours one afternoon, then vanished at an estimated two million mph: "Reflection of a parked car on a merry-go-round."

--The appearance of six tiny yellow men at a farmhouse near Bark (Ark.) where they reportedly stole a pig, levitated 20 feet, boarded a craft described as shaped like a large Mr. Coffee machine and disappeared at a high rate of speed. "Pranksters celebrating the Chinese New Year with a tall helicopter."

--Five shiny craft which swooped over a farm near Houston so fast that the suction de-feathered chickens, disoriented a goat, mutilated a bull and blacked out everything all the way to Fort Worth: "Crop dusters late to work."

--A large, circular, brilliant blue light which was watched for a full 20 minutes by the entire Mormon Tabernacle choir. It came so low, emitting shrill pinging noises and bending everybody's keys, that the group raced pell-mell back in the tabernacle, and called the Air Force. "The moon. The blue color is so rare in the moon that a saying has been made up about it."

Guffy said he had no specialized training for his work and got in the business quite by accident. A rash of UFO-sightings had happened around his home town of Tampa, back in the 1950s, and Guffy chanced to see the "UFO."

The newspaper called him to ask if his sighting was the same as the other 124: namely, a saucer-shaped craft which gave off humming noises, occasionally swooped down and terrorized a citizen, evidently contained several purple-beings who waved, and at one point caused a small tidal wave in Tampa Bay.

"I explained it was simply the Dog Star which had appeared simultaneously with a wayward monsoon," said Guffy. "My next explanation was the swamp gas thing, and the Air Force put me under contract. I have an idea that I'm up for the next Nobel. God knows humanity needs more explanations. About everything. And I've got explanations I haven't used yet."

Here are two explanations Expert Guffy hasn't used yet: Paratroopers testing luminous parachutes to be worn when landing in friendly countries or (2) a small piece of noodle on your contact lens.

Feel free to use either at will. Of course, if you disappear, you may have to call Guffy personally.

'UFO' crosses Roswell skies

UFO 7424
By SCOTT MERVILLE
Record Staff Writer

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At first it looked like a hillside fire, but when the round object began to change colors and slowly ascend into the night sky, a Chaves County Sheriff's Deputy and mounted patrolman decided to keep an eye on it.

"I'm sure there's an explanation, there usually is, but it sure was unusual. I've never seen anything like it," Chaves County Sheriff's Deputy T.C. Bedford said of the object he observed for more than an hour early Saturday morning northeast of Roswell.

City planetarium director James W. Waldrip declined to speculate on what Bedford and New Mexico Mounted Patrolman Don Mason saw, but pointed out that the planet Venus and the star Arcturus are prominent in the eastern sky.

Veteran air traffic controller George S. Gillard Sr. said there's no doubt it was a planet or a star seen every morning at this time of the year.

Mason — who said he saw a similar object near Conchas Lake four years ago — doesn't think the thing was a planet. "It changed directions from one side to the other and was too close to earth," he said.

Mason and Bedford were patrolling about five miles east of Roswell on the old Clovis highway when Bedford spotted what seemed to be "something on fire," possibly across the Pecos River up on Comanche Hill.

At about 12 miles out of town, the two men noticed that the "barn fire" had begun a slow ascent, and estimated it was about 500 feet off the ground.

Initially about the size of a full moon and blazing red, they said, the object began to shrink and change colors — like an artificial fireplace log, according to Mason — as it continued a barely noticeable ascent.

The men said they watched it for about an hour through field glasses as it followed its course upward and to the south.

"It looked like it might have been revolving," Bedford said, adding that he saw red and blue light in the object.

Mason described it as kind of wagon wheel shape with a round center and spoke-like flames emanating from it.

Size and distances were difficult to determine in the dark, Mason and Bedford said.

A combination of distance and the coming dawn finally made it too hard to see, they said, but Bedford said when he last saw the object "it looked like a small cluster of stars but a hell of a lot brighter."

Truck-stop employee Don Briggs

said he first observed a "blob of light, about the size of a nickel" out over the Caprock early Saturday.

After watching it shrink, he decided it must have been magnified by a mist and speculated that it might have been "space junk" — a satellite or a weather balloon.

Briggs added that his fellow employees and some truckers at the truck stop also observed the object.

State police contacted Cannon Air Force Base after being informed of the object by Bedford, but the base declined to investigate.

Sheriff's office records also show that Hagerman Marshal John Collis observed an object before dawn east of Hagerman. Collis could not be reached for comment Saturday.

Waldrip, director of the Roswell Planetarium and a science teacher in the Roswell schools, pointed out that the red star Arcturus and the planet Venus are prominent in the eastern sky in the early morning but added, "I'm not saying that's what they saw."

UFOs spotted in Bradford, Port Allegany

Reports of unidentified flying objects in McKean County Thursday night came from the city and a point south of Port Allegany.

Joan Jeffers of Bradford, a field investigator for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, said a Bradford couple and an Emporium family told her they saw a bright white light which was teardrop shaped, appeared solid and had a definite outline.

The Bradford sighting took place at 5:30 p.m., Jeffers said, and a check with the Federal Aviation Administration at Bradford Regional Airport revealed there was no aircraft in the area until after 6 p.m., the cloud ceiling was high and visibility was 15 miles.

The sighting between Emporium and Port Allegany occurred at 6:35 p.m. Jeffers said the manager of the Emporium airport told her he did not know of any large aircraft in the area at that time.

BRADFORD, PA. - JOURNAL
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THE READING LIST

HARDCOVERS

D. D. HOME: THE MAN WHO TALKED WITH GHOSTS by I. G. Edmonds - Thomas Nelson Inc., 30 East 42nd Street, N.Y., NY 10017, \$6.95 - (Another look at one of the best-known spiritualistic mediums of the 19th Century.)

WHO GOES THERE? by Edward Edelson - Doubleday & Co., Inc., 245 Park Avenue, N.Y., NY 10017, \$8.95 - (Rehash of material on the search for intelligent extra-terrestrial life; includes generally skeptical material on UFOs.)

FIRE FROM HEAVEN by Michael Harrison - Meuthen Inc., 777 Third Avenue, N.Y., NY 10017, \$11.95 - (Generally good survey of spontaneous human combustion cases; includes photos and bibliography.)

AMONG THE MISSING by Jay Robert Nash - Simon & Schuster, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, N.Y., NY 10020, \$14.95 - (A history of missing persons from 1800 to the present; includes material on Bermuda Triangle, etc.)

THE PARANORMAL by Stan Gooch - Harper & Row, 10 East 53rd Street, N.Y., NY 10022, \$10.00 - (An attempted analysis of ESP, reincarnation, trances and various other types of psychic phenomena.)

MYSTERIES by Colin Wilson - G. P. Putnam's Sons, 200 Madison Avenue, N.Y., NY 10016, \$15.00 - (Over 600 pages devoted to all types of "occult, paranormal and supernatural" phenomena; an interesting sequel to the author's previous work, THE OCCULT.)

MARS! by Jeff Rovin - Corwin Books, 2029 Century Park East, Los Angeles, CA 90067, \$15.00 - (A history of scientific and science-fiction views of the Red Planet, including photos and information from the Viking landings.)

PAPERBACKS

THE FLIGHT OF THE FEATHERED SERPENT by Peter Balin - Wisdom Garden Books, Box 1241, Venice, CA 90291, \$8.95 - (Large format paperbound volume dealing with the Tarot cards which were used by the Maya Indians, according to the author.)

MY SEARCH FOR THE GHOST OF FLIGHT 401 by Elizabeth Fuller - Berkley Publishing Corp., 200 Madison Avenue, N.Y., NY 10016, \$1.95 - (The wife of John G. Fuller--a former airline stewardess--tells her story of the research for her husband's book and her own psychic experiences.)

UFO sighting starts search for woman

AN UNIDENTIFIED flying object — UFO — spotted by a Stacksteads man, is said to have also been seen by 10 other people.

Two members of a local UFO group — Digap, the Direct Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomenon — have toured Bacup and Stacksteads this week after reading a report of the sighting in last week's Free Press.

Mr Mike Sacks of 11 Miles Avenue, Stacksteads had reported seeing an orange/white object fly parallel with the ground, 600ft high.

It crossed two-thirds of the sky in his vision in 16 seconds without a sound.

Mr David Tarry of Digap told the Free Press: "There has been a lot of UFO activity in the last two or three weeks.

"But the Stacksteads one is the best we have had for a long time. We have contacted 11 people who have seen it. We want to piece together each story to get a picture of what was going on.

"A taxi driver who had broken down saw something and told the same story as Mr Sacks. We are trying to contact an elderly lady who was out for a walk at the time.

"We hear she was frightened and knocked on a neighbour's door in a state of shock.

"The question we have to ask is why there are so many sightings in the Valley? We have checked the maps and cannot find a reason for such a high proportion of sightings.

"One possibility is that power lines go over the hills and could be an easy place for a craft to recharge power cells from the national grid."

It's the great UFO mystery...

EVERYONE is suddenly seeing UFOs.

An unidentified flying object was seen hovering over Woking by five separate groups of policemen.

A police spokesman at Addlestone Police station said: "Police in a car near the M25 works at Lyne said it appeared soon after 2 am this morning. There was a red light on top and a green light below and it projected a whitish light.

Reports also came in from other

police cars in the area and an off duty policewoman.

And meanwhile in the United States bright objects in the skies of West Virginia last weekend have puzzled the state police who are at a loss for an explanation.

"I couldn't tell you what they were. I've never seen anything move like that," said Corporal Don Sharpe of the State Police yesterday.

He said he watched seven objects for about 30 minutes on Friday night.

He was one of at least three state troopers and a number of other officers who sighted the flying objects.

In Kanawha county alone, authorities said they received more than 30 reports of sightings. Viewers described hovering or slow-moving objects that displayed green, blue, white and sometime red or yellow lights. Most reports indicated at least three objects travelling together.

Bill Givens, a supervisor at the aircraft control tower at Kanawha

Airport, said there were unidentified objects on his radar set a weekend. He thought they could have been radar phenomenon caused by the weather.

But in Melbourne, Australia, young pilot who claimed his light aircraft was buzzed by a UFO has vanished.

Police are now searching for aircraft wreckage. King Islanders say they have seen many strange lights in the sky recently.

Three UFO sightings reported in Island

THREE separate UFO sightings within the space of a few days have been reported on the Island.

The most dramatic came late last week when a Newport shop owner reported seeing a flying saucer hovering over Victoria Recreation Ground, close to his home.

Florist, Mr. J. Gadd, of Hinton Road, Carisbrooke, was awakened in the early hours of Friday week by his cat pawing at the door.

From his bedroom window he saw, silhouetted against the lights of nearby Newport, a "flying saucer descending very slowly."

He immediately awakened his wife, and together they kept watch as the saucer moved southwards, until it was out of sight. "Frightening and incredible," was how Mr. Gadd described the sighting.

RECEDED

A sighting by Mrs. Gadd earlier the same week was of a "bright and large double light in the sky which could not have been a street light or a star."

It receded into the distance. Similar sightings have been noted by Mrs. Gadd on other occasions.

The third incident involved the

wife of the Rev. C. Targett, vicar of Shorwell, and their son, Lucian.

On Monday at about 7.45 pm they were travelling towards Atherfield Bay when they spotted an extremely bright light in the sky, which flashed on and off as it moved downwards, to the horizon.

"It could not have been a plane because it was too large, too bright and not accompanied by any engine noise," Mrs. Targett told the County Press.

The incidents are to be discussed by the UFO section of the IW Astronomical Society at their next meeting.

Foreign

Clippings

Skywatcher seeks UFO probe into his 'close encounter'

A Wirral skywatcher to-day said an official investigation was needed into the latest "close encounter" on Merseyside.

Mr. Bob Dobson, 27, of Bell Road, Wallasey, has been compiling a report on night sky sightings made from Wallasey riverside and Bidston Hill.

He said the latest sighting of a brilliant, pulsating orange light should be probed further.

Field day

It's the latest in a constellation of U.F.O sightings since the weekend of August 26-27, when flying saucer fans had a field day.

At 11.35 p.m. on October 4, Mr. Dobson was on Seacombe promenade when he saw an object throwing off a brilliant orange light.

He added: "It appeared to move from right to left and would be about 5 miles away. I judged that its position was above Grassendale.

"It disappeared at 11.45 p.m."

No reports

A spokesman for the landings office at Liverpool Airport said: "We have not had any reports of U.F.O.s recently."

Neither were there any log entries of anything unusual in the sky on the night of October 4 at Air Traffic Control, Manchester, but a spokesman suggested a flame stack burning off waste gas at the oil refineries near Ellesmere Port could have been the culprit.

"The flame often reflects off the clouds — that has led to reports of U.F.O.s before now," he added.

Mr. Dobson, a former member of a Bromborough U.F.O. spotting group, reports no less than three sightings on August 27.

'DELTA' UFO SIGHTING SETS LINES BUZZING

REPORTS are still coming in from all over Leicestershire and beyond following the sighting of a bright "delta-shaped" unidentified flying object last Monday evening.

Already more than 20 separate sightings of the object have been reported to the Leicester branch of the Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon Research Organisation (UAPROL).

UAPROL organiser Mr. Trevor Thornton has received calls about the object from Burton-on-Trent, Measham, Leicester, Hinckley, Coalville and Wigston.

All have described it as a delta-shaped object with "a mass of lights". From a distance some said it looked like a red light.

According to Mr. Thornton, witnesses said that it stopped, hovered, and then shot away.

Checked

Reports flooded in between 6.30 and 8.30 p.m. on Monday, after which time it moved away from the area.

"We've checked the local airfields and there hasn't been any configuration of aircraft that it could have been," said Mr. Thornton.

"Reports are still coming in but we want more information about this sighting. It seems to be quite important. The more we know about it the closer we come to finding out what it is. Unfortunately none of our own team encountered it."

The object was not built like a normal aircraft, he said. The Leicester group are now in touch with other branches of their organisation to find out more about where it travelled.

Mr. Thornton can be contacted at Leicester 826545.

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Police spot UFO panda

A MYSTERIOUS UFO in the sky was spotted by police patrols in Addlestone early on Tuesday morning.

The object, described as a red light with a green light below shrouded by a white glow, was spotted by PCs Gavin Hamilton, Richard Green and Richard Adamson who were in patrol cars in the Addlestone area.

Flying

It was also seen by office staff on duty at Addlestone Police Station.

A few minutes later P.C. Fay Briggs saw another UFO while patrolling in Addlestone town.

She described it as blue and white and estimated it to be about 200ft. in the air — an inter-galactic panda car perhaps?

More UFO sightings

THE SIGHTING of more strange phenomena over mountains is puzzling people living in the Gwaun-cae-Gurwen and Brynamman areas.

One man who had the shock of his life early one morning was Mr. Alun Morgan, of Heol Caegurwen, a member of the local Carmel Chapel and the caretaker of two nearby factories.

He was on his way to work at between four and five in the morning, he said, when over the nearby Penllerfawr Mountain he saw a UFO which "suddenly rose into the air and seemed to vanish."

He recalled it as being cigar-shaped with blue flashes emanating from the sides and top.

Then, on other occasions since and early in the morning he has noticed similar manoeuvres by the same type of object.

Corroborating his story is a woman from the Gwaun area who has reported seeing the same shaped UFO, also at about four in the morning, and another resident, Mr. D. Pritchard, of Gwaun-cae-Gurwen.

Two sisters spot UFO hovering in the sky

by JULIE GREENFIELD

A UFO was sighted by two sisters driving along their road in Bromley on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Hope Alexander, and her sister Ruby, who live in Hayes Road, were driving from the Westmoreland Road end.

As they reached Cameron Road, they saw a long black bar with a brilliant light at each end hovering in the sky.

"It was a good deal longer than the width of an aeroplane would have been at that distance," said Miss Hope Alexander.

"Being on a corner, I was unable to stop immediately, and, as I proceeded, the object disappeared behind house roofs.

"I pulled up as soon as I could, and walked back to Cameron Road, but although I walked a little way up, there was no sign of the UFO."

Miss Alexander sighted a UFO in Bromley about two years ago, and another 25 years ago, when she and about 200 others saw three brilliant green lights flashing over the London skyline.

ANOTHER U.F.O. SIGHTING

A CULLOMPTON woman has reported what may be a further sighting of a UFO in the area last Thursday night.

The sighting occurred between 9.30-9.45 p.m. on the Yettington road, near Four Firs.

She reported seeing two large parallel orange lights the same distance above the ground. They looked as if they were behind glass and burned constantly for at least 15 seconds.

The lights were so powerful that they lit up the whole area, before disappearing together she said.

A spokesman for the Royal Marines, Lympstone, said that there was a troop on the common somewhere in the vicinity that night. But no pyrotechnics were being used because of a ban owing to the tinder dry conditions on the common.

But the spokesman did add that the troops on exercise could have been using torches.

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Little green men 'seen' in Belfast

By PETER McKENNA

IT HAD to happen. In Belfast they are now seeing little green men.

Flying saucers have been reported over parts of the city and one leading local newspaper devoted a front page lead story to claims of "close encounters."

A team investigating UFO's (unidentified flying objects) also claims sightings have been reported over Bangor, Co Down and Derry City.

A Belfast woman claims she saw a UFO taking off after a landing. At the Cave Hill strange lights have been seen. Letters have been sent claiming extra-terrestrials are operating in the area.

The UFO investigators are now intending to ask the security forces to help with looking for the strange beings. One RUC man told me yesterday: "I see enough strange beings around here already, thanks very much."

Other sources claim that if people in North Antrim go in search of strange lights at night they are likely to encounter some very disgruntled potteen-makers.

A Belfast woman (not the same one) reported to me that for about 20 years now her husband had been seeing the UFO's every Saturday night — and frequently came home looking like an extra-terrestrial himself.

Meanwhile, to help them keep track of data, the research team have installed a centre in Belfast with a 24-hour answering service — telephone, Belfast 662386.

A new UFO sighting

AN UNIDENTIFIED flying object, in the shape of a satellite, was seen over High Wycombe and Marlow on Monday evening.

The first report came at 6.30pm from Mrs Vivienne Roberts, of Penn Road, Hazlemere who, witnessed a very bright light in the shape of a light bulb.

"It came down from the top of the trees at an angle of about 150 degrees. I could not tell the size of it or how far away it was, but there was no noise," she said. "It was stationary for a while before moving off towards West Wycombe and Oxford."

The object was first seen by Mrs Roberts' niece, Annette Watson, 22, who is visiting her from New Zealand. She was standing by the window when she saw the UFO.

"I have never seen anything like it before," she said. At first I thought it was a comet as it was a sort of oval shape. We watched it for about five minutes altogether before it moved off. It was certainly quite interesting."

The second sighting was reported over Marlow half-an-hour later by a 53-year-old man who preferred not to give his name.

He claimed it was travelling in an east-to-west direction at a very slow pace.

"It was high up — and I thought at first it could be a satellite," he told the 'Free Press'.

"I suppose the colour was a sort of whitish silver — if you can imagine white paint glowing that's what it looked like."

He went next door and his neighbour looked at the object through a telescope, but neither of them could explain what they had seen.

● UFO note: The last UFO sighting in the area was last March, when a couple from Hammersley Lane, High Wycombe, saw an object 20 times as large as an aeroplane hovering over Loudwater.

UFO baffles residents

THREE residents are baffled by a UFO mystery in Cleveland.

Pensioner Winnie Marshall of Normanby Road, Teesville, was first to notice a glowing red object with a green tail on Monday evening.

She alerted her neighbours, 28-year-old BSC driver Raymond Grange and his wife, Linda, 24.

"It was a strange sight, we watched it for about half an hour," said Raymond.

Fascinating

"From what we saw it couldn't possibly have been an airliner or a small plane. And I don't think it was a helicopter because it moved so strangely — and there was no noise.

"It stopped in its tracks and

went backwards. The whole thing for fascinating."

Raymond said his story was backed by his father-in-law, Mr. Albert Potter, 49, of The Avenue, Teesville.

"He called me about an entirely different matter, but mentioned seeing the light," said Raymond.

A spokesman for Cleveland Police said no UFO incidents had been reported that night.

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Callers back up UFO claim

DOZENS of Corby people are backing Alistair Ross's claim that he saw a flying saucer on Friday night.

Calls flooded into the Evening Telegraph office after people read of Mr Ross's close encounter with a UFO.

Mrs Christine White, of Kelmarsh Grove, Corby, was with her husband and two friends outside St. Brendan's Church when they saw the object.

"It appeared to be over the Domino pub and was moving really slowly towards Cottingham village," she said.

"We watched it for seven minutes and are convinced it was a flying saucer or something like that. There were four flashing lights that merged into three at times."

ROBERT AND CO SAY THEY SAW A UFO...

YOUNG HAWKHURST student Robert Gibbs was one of 13 people to spot what they firmly believe to be more than a firework at Bowl Bridge Reservoir at Lamberhurst on Friday. They say they saw a UFO.

Robert, of Turpington, Hensill Lane, Hawkhurst, is convinced that what he and his friends saw just after midnight on Friday was an unidentified flying object — one of several he claims to have seen there in a matter of months.

Robert described what he saw as a "pulsating amber light" which suddenly appeared very low above the water at the end of the reservoir and was kept in sight for about two minutes before it vanished behind trees.

Robert said: "We had been waiting for about two and a half hours before the light appeared and when it did we all saw it. I have been at the reservoir every week since the last object I saw in June, and this is the first time I have seen anything so well defined since then.

"Quite a few of the people who were with me were there for the first time and were pretty surprised by what they saw. They couldn't work out what the light was and, once they realised it couldn't possibly be a plane, were baffled by it."

Robert has seen many lights at the reservoir in the past but he became firmly convinced it is a prime site for UFOs in June on International Sky Watch night. It was then that he saw a ball of white light reported seen at many other spots throughout the country the same evening.

Robert is now a member of the UFO Society. He has dismissed any idea that the light he saw on Friday was a firework.

He said: "It would have to have been a pretty expensive firework to have been that big

Ufologists open a file on the white lights

MORE witnesses are needed to complete investigations into a double sighting of unidentified flying objects in Worcester.

Local Ufologists, my friends at Skyscan, are building up a dossier on red and white lights spotted by two youngsters over the Warndon area.

Fourteen-year-old Wendy Chance, of Tunnel Hill, Worcester, was near Troutbeck Drive, Warndon when she spotted the two red lights.

The lights turned white and one moved away towards Gorse Hill, while the other hung in the sky before moving off in a north-westerly direction.

Says Wendy: "The sky was clear and I happened

to look at the stars and I was amazed to see these lights just hanging there."

Wendy ran to fetch a friend from nearby, while leaving her mother to keep an eye on the suspicious objects.

Skyscan says there was an aeroplane in the area at the time, which behaved in a completely different way, ruling out that exploration.

The lights were spotted at 6.45 p.m. on Thursday, November 2 and Skyscan wants more witnesses to come forward.

If you think you saw something there and then, contact Tony Green at 59 Rydal Close.

BRISTOL EVENING POST - ENGLAND
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Now mystery lights play sky dodgems

Another UFO has been sighted over Bristol, a Bedminster woman claimed today.

Mrs Julie Currie, of Monmouth Street, Victoria Park, said she, her brother and a friend saw flashing lights in the sky as they looked north-east from her home last night.

At first I thought it was a plane," she said. "When I looked again, it was in the same place, but then it started dodging round the sky. It was really strange."

Yesterday Mr Kenneth Overett, of Gordon Road, Whitehall, told the Evening Post he had seen four black UFOs over Whitehall.

Des ovnis dans le ciel de Mulhouse.

STRASBOURG. - Des objets volants non identifiés ont été observés dans le ciel de Mulhouse (Haut-Rhin), dans la nuit de mardi à mercredi, par différents témoins dont les récits concordent.

Selon ces témoins, il s'agissait de boules lumineuses venant du Nord. Elles ont volé à faible altitude et dans un silence total, puis sont montées à une allure vertigineuse et se sont perdues dans les nuages. Les trois ovnis avaient la forme d'une assiette plate surmontée d'une demi-sphère. Le diamètre des engins a été estimé à environ 25 m.

Les observateurs, qui étaient placés en différents points de la ville estiment tous qu'il ne peut s'agir d'avions.

According to these witnesses, it was bright balls coming from the north. They were flying to a low altitude and in a full noiseless, then they rose up with a breathtaking speed and disappeared in clouds. The three UFOs were shaped like a plate with a little half-sphere on its top. Diameter of these engines was estimated as being about 25 metres. The witnesses, who were located in various spots of the town, are all agree: It wasn't conventional aircrafts.

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UN O.V.N.I. DANS LE CIEL DU MONT-BLANC

CHAMONIX. — Deux chasseurs de Chamonix (Haute-Savoie) qui ont pu observer récemment un étrange phénomène dans le ciel, au-dessus du massif du Mont-Blanc, viennent de raconter leur aventure aux gendarmes.

Les deux hommes se trouvaient vers 5 h du matin, au col de la Terrasse, non loin de Vallorcine, lorsqu'ils furent intrigués par le déplacement d'un objet au-dessus de l'Aiguille verte.

Ils ont observé à la jumelle, pendant sept minutes environ, un objet dont l'une des extrémités semblait incandescente et qui dégageait deux faisceaux de gaz, inclinés à 30 degrés l'un par rapport à l'autre.

Ces faisceaux ayant brusquement disparu, l'objet fut entouré d'une auréole nébuleuse tournant sur elle-même. Puis, il s'éloigna en direction du Nord.

Une autre observation d'O.V.N.I. avait été faite sensiblement au même endroit dix jours plus tôt.

Then, the beams disappeared and a nebulous halo rounded the object, these halo spinning on itself. And it went away towards the North. Ten days ago, in the same spot, another sighting had been reported, about a UFO.

ON aurait découvert dans les archives du professeur Alberto Tulli, l'ancien conservateur du musée égyptien du Vatican récemment décédé, un texte traduit par le prince Boris de Racherwiltz. Celui-ci ferait état de la présence d'une escadrille de soucoupes volantes dans l'Égypte antique. Cette traduction mentionnerait que le manuscrit original, décrivant avec précision ces objets volants, faisait partie des annales de Thoutmès III, le plus illustre des quatre rois égyptiens de la XVIII^e dynastie. Compte tenu de l'époque à laquelle vécut Thoutmès, on peut considérer que les soucoupes volantes étaient déjà connues des Égyptiens au X^e siècle avant Jésus-Christ.

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"LE REPUBLICAIN LORRAIN" NANCY, FRANCE

UFOS IN SKY OF MULHOUSE

STRASBOURG: Some UFOs have been sighted in the sky of Mulhouse (Haut-Rhin dept.) in night of Tuesday to Wednesday, by numerous witnesses of who testimonies tally.

They were bright balls coming from the north. They were flying to a low altitude and in a full noiseless, then they rose up with a breathtaking speed and disappeared in clouds. The three UFOs were shaped like a plate with a little half-sphere on its top. Diameter of these engines was estimated as being about 25 metres.

The witnesses, who were located in various spots of the town, are all agree: It wasn't conventional aircrafts.

"LE PARISIEN" - PARIS, FRANCE - 9/27/78

UFO IN SKY OF THE MOUNT BLANC

CHAMONIX: - Two hunters from Chamonix who have sighted recently a queer phenomenon in sky, above the Mount Blanc, have made their report to the Gendarmes.

The both men were in Terrasse Pass about 5:00 a.m., close to Vallorcine, when they were puzzled by the motion of an object above the "Green Needle".

They sighted with binoculars, during about seven minutes, an object of which one of tips seemed incandescent and which gave off two beams of gas, these beams being sloped to 30°, one in comparison with the other.

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UFOS IN THE ANCIENT EGYPT!

One would have found in Professor Alberto Tulli records, former curator of Egyptian Museum in Vatican, and recently dead, a text translated by Prince Boris de Racherwiltz. This one would quote presence of squadron of flying saucers in ancient Egypt! This translation would mention that the original manuscript, describing with care these flying objects, were a part of Thoutmès III Annals, the most famous of the four Kings of the 18th Dynasty. As Thoutmès was located in his time, we can consider that flying saucers were yet known by Egyptian people, 15 centuries before the Christ.

MYSTERY OF 3128 THE BRIGHT LIGHTS IN SKY: WAS IT A UFO?

An eerily silent UFO — white and red lights glaring — mystified scores of local people last night.

The sightings reported to the police and airport authorities, were about the same time — between 6.45 and 7.15 p.m. — and the descriptions of the object given by the UFO spotters are remarkably similar.

All said that if had bright lights, like car headlights, which changed suddenly to dull red lights. Air traffic controllers at the East Midlands airport said the bright lights could have been the landing lights of an aircraft — but the people who sighted the unusual object all agreed that it had flown absolutely silently.

The spokesman at the Castle Donington, airport, admitted though, that even one of the airport officers had seen something flying silently over his home at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, just after 7 p.m.

He said it had three white lights which changed, then the object suddenly vanished. It had flown from the south west.

Mr. Ivor James was on a council housing estate at Measham when he saw the object coming towards him. He said it was not travelling very fast, and looked like three bright lights in a horizontal line. As it got closer, the lights appeared to be more in a triangular shape.

"There was no sound at all... it was completely quiet. As it got overhead it seemed to stop moving and the lights changed to four red lights in a diamond shape.

"Then it moved off very, very fast towards Burton. I must have watched it for three or four minutes, and there were scores of others who saw it. Kids playing in

the streets were running to fetch their parents to look at it.

"I don't know what it was. But until somebody convinces me otherwise I am certain it wasn't a plane." Burton police received three calls in the space of 20 minutes last night to report the sighting.

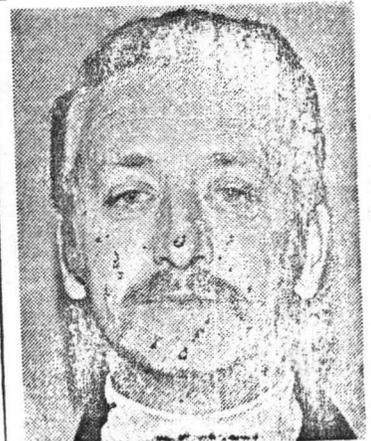
Martin Phillips, of Empire Road, Winhill was with a friend Lee Goddard near the Winhill recreation ground.

"We saw four bright lights, like car headlamps. It seemed to be hovering about, then the lights suddenly went out and were replaced by three dull red lights. "There was no noise, and when the lights changed the object went off very fast towards Derby."

Later Martin and Lee met friends Dominic Dillon and Anthony Walsh who said they too had spotted the object from Tower Road.

Another to sight the UFO was Dave Parry, of Cedar Grove, Moira — who works with Martin's father John. He and his wife Doris saw it through their window as they watched TV. Mrs. Parry said that it had bright lights which changed to red and then the object flew off. She too said it was silent.

The EM Airport received three telephone calls about the object. They said that they had no unusual radar contacts but said that whatever it was could have been either above or below the range of their radar.



• Ivor James

Strange things seen in night sky over Chard

INTENSE activity in the Chard area by UFO's at the beginning of last week brought three separate reports of sightings of mysterious objects.

"A yellow elliptical object, with a blue-green haze top and bottom and red on either end of the object" was how some Chard schoolboys described what they saw on Tuesday evening of last week.

Ian Welch, who lives at 23 Nursery Gardens, saw it at about 8.15 pm, when he was looking from Nursery Gardens in the direction of Millfield.

Nicholas Borthwick, of 15 Nursery Gardens, also saw the object, and he told Richard and Tim Heddington, of 26 Nursery Gardens.

One of the boys, with his father, looked at the object through binoculars and was able to provide the accurate details regarding colour.

Two nights earlier, at the later time of 10 pm, two schoolgirls at Ravensmead saw peculiar flashing lights in the sky.

Jayne Gummer, of 112 Ravensmead, Glynswood, Chard, and her friend, Melanie Mousseau, who lives next door, both saw a "central bowl of light and downwards from it were sweeping rays of light, similar to searchlights."

But the most vivid description was given by Miss Margaret Joy, of 47 High Street, Chard, who saw her mystery object about 10.30 pm on Wednesday — and that was the second time she had seen such an object.

Miss Joy admitted: "I know nothing about UFO's but I am just curious to know what these sightings were."

FLASHING LIGHT

Miss Joy occupies one of three cottages in a cul-de-sac off High Street and from the windows she has extensive views.

Telling of the first experience, which happened some weeks ago, she said: "My bedroom window faces west across open countryside. At about 1.30 am I was awakened by a flashing light. At first I thought it was lightning."

"It has always been a habit of mine to count the time lag between a flash of lightning and the thunderclap that follows. In this way one can roughly determine how far the thunderstorm is from a particular locality."

"This light, however, was different from a streak of lightning, because the flashes continued intermittently without any thunder at all. I was so intrigued that I got out of bed and stood at the window. I had closed the windows earlier that evening because there had been some rain."

"Just outside there is a field and garden, with a garden wall and a hedge half-way across the field. On the ground coming from the edge of that hedge, was a light of remarkable intensity like a searchlight. It was a terrific beam coming from the ground and it was swinging round as it shone into the bedroom."

"I remained at the window for a good half-hour. Whatever 'The Thing' was, it was not actually touching the ground but it seemed to float around or over the hedge."

'TWO LEGS'

"Then it came back again to the side of the hedge and at the base I saw what I can only describe as two legs coming downwards, quite straight and encased in what seemed to be armour, or something. I thought it was

the base of an object with two projecting antennae."

Miss Joy said she opened the window. "I heard nothing and all I could see was this continual swinging powerful beam of light. It seemed to float and I was also conscious of a heaviness in the atmosphere. I felt I could cut the air with a knife."

"As for the two V-shaped objects, as the last few weeks have gone by I came to the conclusion that they might well have been men's legs but, of course, I have no definite proof."

Miss Joy had not too long to wait before she got a second chance to put some of her theories to the test. This was last Wednesday night when she saw the mystery flashes again.

"I had the bedroom light on, with the curtains drawn back, and was reading at the time," she says. "Normally one cannot see lights of passing vehicles but suddenly a powerful light appeared in the west."

"To identify it more clearly, I put out my bedroom light and saw that the mystery light seemed to be right over in the Wambrook area. The beam lasted for about five minutes and then it disappeared," she said.

'UPTURNED DOME'

There have been other sightings in recent months.

Mrs Dorothy Brown, of 5 Holly Terrace, got a fright when she saw flashing lights which seemed to hang motionless in the night sky between Honiton and Chard.

Another sighting was of a vivid light seen near Chard by the Rev E. W. L. May, of Swallows Bridge, near Wimsam, an ex-R.A.F. chaplain who was accompanied by his wife at the time.

There was also the experience of two other Chard children who sighted what they believed to be a UFO over the town.

UFO SIGHTING: An Amman Valley woman claimed that she had seen an unidentified flying object hovering near her home at Garnant at about 4 a.m. yesterday. The woman — who wished to remain anonymous "for fear of being thought a crank" — said the cylindrically-shaped object had three bright lights. 3/28

They described it as a saucer-like object with a dome on top and told how the object was spinning through the atmosphere, emitting flashes of green, red and white lights.

A UFO which looked like an "upturned dome, with a saucer underneath surrounded by flashing lights" was seen from a house in the lower part of Chard. The same people also saw a group of bright lights, "like spotlights without beams," which moved too fast to be stars and formed squares and triangles in shape.

U.F.O. over Dundee?

Some residents of the Charleston area of Dundee reported seeing an unidentified flying object high over the city shortly after 10 p.m. last night.

One eye-witness, Mr Mark Stewart, 123 Dunholm Road, said, "It was flashing in the sky and was a bright blueish-white colour."

"It was very high up — definitely not a star."

A spokesman for R.A.F. Leuchars said that they had received no reports at all.

"There is nothing out of the ordinary happening here tonight," he said.

Close encounter of the terrifying kind



SCANNING the sky (left to right) Amanda Woodcock, Yvonne Thorp, Mrs. Linda Thorp, Wayne Thorp, and Mrs. Kathleen Woodcock with baby Kelly.

A SILVER cigar-shaped UFO has terrified a young Sheffield girl into staying away from school.

Amanda Woodcock, aged 11, spotted it on her way to Gleadless Valley School . . . and she has since refused to go.

It isn't only Amanda's nerves which have been shaken.

Wayne Thorpe, aged 11, and his sister Yvonne, nine, who live next to their friend, in Ironside Road, Gleadless Valley, also got a scare when they spotted the low-flying, silent UFO when going to school.

But they have managed to pluck up courage to return.

Mrs. Linda Thorp and Mrs. Kathleen Woodcock are also jittery after having spotted a strange object in

the sky at the same time and in the same place — in their case four successive nights.

They have reported their sightings to RAF, Finningley, who have asked them to tell the Ministry of Defence and to try to capture the UFO on film if it appears again.

Bright star

The un-nerved mothers have also told the police, at Hackenthorpe.

A police officer they spoke to said he had also seen it.

Mrs. Thorp, who said an illness she is suffering from has been worsened by the sightings, described her night-time sighting as being like a bright star with flashing lights.

"It appears about 8 p.m.

and seems to be in the Norton area," said Mrs. Thorp.

"Sometimes it is stationary an other times it appears to be zig-zagging all over the place."

Amanda, she added, shot into school after seeing what she said was a silver cigar-shaped object.

"She is frightened to death because this 'cigar' was quite low and seemed to be following her," said Mrs. Thorp.

"When she stopped, whatever it is also did, then moved when she moved."

Binoculars

Mrs. Thorp said her own children were scared when they spotted the "cigar" on their way to Hemsworth School, but decided to go again.

She had viewed the "lights" through high-powered binoculars and it seemed to be going berserk, said Mrs. Thorp.

"The RAF have asked me to try to film the sighting with a telescopic lens camera, but unfortunately we don't possess one."

★ OTHER UFO sightings were reported last week by Mrs. Evelyn Whitway, of Deerlands Avenue, Parson Cross, Sheffield. Two girls — Diane Bragger and Joanne Richards, of Greystones, Sheffield — also reported strange sightings.

Mrs. Whitway said her washing machine "went berserk" when the UFO passed over her home. The girls tape-recorded the sounds from the UFO they saw.

Man sees UFO

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AN unidentified flying object—UFO—was spotted over Stacksteads quarry early on Saturday.

Mr Mike Sacks of 11 Miles Avenue, Stacksteads, told the Free Press he had not been drinking but getting ready for bed at 2 am.

He said: "A light shone through the bedroom window

and I saw an orange/white object fly parallel with the ground about 600ft high. It was three times as big as an aircraft and 50 times as bright.

It crossed two thirds of the sky in about 16 seconds without a sound.

"I saw an object 10 years ago but kept quite about it. This time I would like to know if anyone else saw it."