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FORTEAN NEWS AND UFO EVENTS

Harford County

More UFOs Sighted, One Follows Auto

Reports Come From
Baldwin And
Aberdeen

Two UFO's were reportedly sighted in Harford County during the past week.

Susan Morris of Whiteford said what appeared to be a UFO followed her in her car from Aberdeen to Route 136 Monday night about 11 p.m.

She described the object as two bands, one inside the other. She said the outer band was greenish-blue, and the inner band was white.

"I didn't believe it at first," she said. "It flew all around the car, from one side to another."

When Mrs. Morris reached her home after being followed by the object for approximately 25 minutes, she ran inside and had her husband come out and look at the strange object. She noted that her husband also saw the unusual sight.

Mrs. Morris said she has never seen a UFO before, and until Monday night, she never believed they existed.

"I just have to find out what it was," she repeated many times in a telephone conversation on Tuesday.

Another UFO was reportedly sighted in the Baldwin area last Wednesday night.

Mrs. Nancy Saxton of Kingsville, and her son who is an aircraft electronic technician, claim to have seen a UFO last Wednesday at the Route 165 and Sweet Air road intersection at approximately 5:30 p.m.

"It was two clusters of lights," Mrs. Saxton explained. "My son, who just got out of the Air Force, estimated the height of the object

to be approximately 5,000 feet."

Mrs. Saxton said the object remained stationary and was seen for approximately 15 to 20 seconds.

The object was described as two clusters of lights, one clump blueish-green and the other yellowish-white.

The Kingsville resident said she has never seen a UFO before, but was certain that what she saw Wednesday night was an Unidentified Flying Object, and not an aircraft.

Later the same night, Mrs. Saxton visited in Kingsville with her daughter, who had a guest from Madonna. The guest had also reported seeing the same object near Upper Cross Roads one hour later than Mrs. Saxton and her son had spotted the lights, she said.

She added the guest had described the unusual sighting to her sister before she had had a chance to describe the object she had seen.

There has recently been a rash of UFO sightings in Harford County.

Several weeks ago, approximately 28 individuals reported seeing a UFO on Jarrettsville Pike between the Baltimore County line and Mountain Road. This object was described as triangular shaped and hovered at treetop level.

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See a real true 'flying saucer'

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. - A "flying saucer," an experimental craft designed for military observation, attracts many visitors to the U.S. Army Transportation Museum at Fort Eustis, near here.

UFO's are reported in three areas

'Tis the season for unidentified flying objects in the area.

There have been numerous UFO sighting throughout the entire Tug Valley area in recent weeks, including three this week.

Although it was only in view for a matter of seconds, Barbara Goble is certain that what she saw Wednesday night in the sky near East Kermit was not an airplane.

The report of a sighting of a possible UFO came to the Daily News from Mike Triplett of WFJT radio in Inez, Ky. Ms. Goble is his secretary, he noted.

"Barbara said that the object was large and round with bright red and blue lights," Triplett said. "She said that it was only in the sky for a few seconds and passed over and went over the mountains. But she said it couldn't have been an airplane."

"And she said she's sure it wasn't a shooting star or anything like that," he added.

A Delbarton housewife has reported on two occasions sighting strange lights over the mountains at the head of Rockhouse Creek. These lights were "high above the stars," she noted.

Also a Williamson employee of a garbage service reported today seeing what he said "must have been a shooting star or something" in this sky this morning, which he said "just about scared me to death."

Recent sightings also have been reported in the Matewan area, near Holden and along Corridor G in the Trace Creek area.

Ridgeville youth also saw UFO

By KURT LEONARD
C-T Staff Writer

NORTH RIDGEVILLE — Russ Cambarare may be glad to know he was not the only person who saw an unidentified flying object early Saturday morning.

Shortly after 6 a.m., about the same time the Lorain Police Department jailer spotted a UFO over Lorain, 11-year-old Matthew Moore, 8193 Root Rd., was lying awake in the top bunk bed in his bedroom.



MATTHEW MOORE

WHILE looking out his window toward Lorain, Matt said he spotted an object that "looked light a big, round, bright star." However, he said he knew it was not a star because it looked much larger than a star should look from here.

The object, he said, was "the color of fire" and had a small tail behind it. It hovered motionless for about two minutes, Matt said, before traveling out of sight.

He told his parents, Pat and Sam Moore, after they awoke Saturday morning. "We didn't think anything of it," Mrs. Moore said, "until we got the paper that evening and saw the article right on the front page about someone else spotting it."

SHE ADDED, "We didn't show Matt the paper and asked him again to tell us what he saw. He gave almost word for word the same description as the paper. I couldn't believe it."

JACKSONVILLE, ARK. - NEWS
*****DEC. 15, 1978*****

Rome — Dozens of Romans reported sighting unidentified flying objects before dawn Thursday and police confirmed seeing "a very long and very bright emerald green trail descending vertically from the sky."

The reported sightings came hours after the satirical magazine *Il Male* (Evil) put out a fake edition of the newspaper *Corriere della Sera* reporting a Martian landing in Mexico.

The fake caused more smiles than alarm in skeptical Italy.

Numerous UFO sightings have been reported in Italy in recent months, including at least three in the Rome area. Some of the unexplained phenomena were reported by police and airline pilots.

The only difference in the two descriptions was the color of the object. Cambarare said he saw a bright, white object with a vapor tail.

The jailer said it was identical to a UFO photographed over Italy recently. The photograph appeared in Wednesday's Chronicle-Telegram. Matt said he did not see the photo of the UFO in Italy.

BECAUSE OF the tail, Matt said he thought it was a meteor when he first saw the object. However, he said Monday he is no longer sure what it was.

Although he was not frightened by the experience, Matt admitted he spent much of the next night thinking about what he had seen that morning. He said he even looked out the window about the same time Sunday morning, but the object did not return.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. - NEWS
****DEC. 21, 1978*****

Venus or a UFO?

TUSCALOOSA—Was it really a UFO that W.A. Williams saw in the sky about 4:15 a.m. today, or was it only Venus pulling some more of its "morning star" antics?

State Troopers think it probably was Venus, which is known for its brightness in the eastern sky this time of year. But Williams, operator at Holt Lock and Dam on the Black Warrior River near Tuscaloosa, has some doubts.

So do several other members of two boat crews cruising along the Warrior River near the dam.

"Stars don't move, and this one lit across the sky like something I've never seen before," said Williams, a 19-year veteran as a lock operator. "It looked like a great big dusty dome light or a falling star. Only it was streaking across the sky from west to the east, rather than falling."

"Then it stopped and got real bright. It's still up there, too. About 40 degrees up from the horizon."

TROOPER communications officer B.R. Hart said he figured it was Venus, appearing to move because of passing clouds. Williams, however, said at the time the sky where the action was happening was "clear as it could be."

"I've seen stars before and know what they look like. But this thing moved the fastest of anything I've ever seen. Then just suddenly it came to a stop."

Captains of two boats, the Muskogee and City of Demopolis, also witnessed the unusual movement of the object, said Williams and Hart.

"The captain of the Muskogee said he'd never seen anything like it either," Hart said. "I think it shook all of them up pretty good."

THE FACT that the bright object could still be seen by Williams at about 5:45 a.m. in the eastern sky is a good indication it must have been Venus, believes Hart.

About a month ago, a number of people throughout the state reported seeing an unusually bright object about 35 degrees above the eastern horizon. It turned out to be Venus.

Due to the position of the earth this time of the year, Venus becomes brighter during November and December.

Yuletide Sighting Wasn't A Star

By JANE ROBISON
Courier Staff Writer

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"It looked like an evening star," said Bob Trower, a Mountain Bell employee. "But it definitely wasn't a star."

Trower said he and at least six other employees Tuesday saw what they believed to be a UFO.

"It was way up there, way above the clouds," said Trower. "And it never moved an inch."

Trower said the object, which he described as looking like a silver wing-shaped kite, was located straight above the flat-top mountain south of Alamosa. He said it remained there between 6 a.m. and almost 9 a.m., until the clouds finally covered it up.

"Several of us saw it," said Trower. "I had 20-power binoculars and I saw it real well with those. With the naked eye it looked like a star."

Trower said he called the Weather Service to see if they had any weather balloons up, and they didn't. "But they said they didn't see anything," said Trower.

Donna Chappell, news reporter for station KGIW, was in the Lamplighter at 8 a.m. Tuesday and heard some of the Mountain Bell employees talking about the object. She said she called the Federal Aviation Administration in Trinidad, but showed nothing unusual on the radar.

"They referred me to a UFO center in California," said Chappell. "I called them, and they said they would check it out on their radar and call me back, but I haven't heard anything."

The sighting comes five days after a United Press International story in the Courier reported that cattle mutilations near Taos, N.M., and UFO sightings could be related. A state patrolman, a retired scientist, and the director of a chemical laboratory are looking into the

possibility the two incidents are related.

But as far as the sighting near Alamosa is concerned, Trower said he plans to do nothing about it. "You probably think I'm crazy," he concluded.

ESPANOLA, N.M. - RIO GRANDE SUN
*****DEC. 14, 1978*****

UFO Spotted By Guide Near Dulce

Joe Lucero, a guide who lives on the Jicarilla Apache reservation at Dulce, reported an Unidentified Flying object to state police two weeks ago.

Lucero sighted the object, which was similar in description to others seen in the area and reported to state police, at about 5 a.m. as he was travelling to meet up with some hunters whom he was to guide into reservation wilderness areas.

He described the object as cigar-shaped and illuminated with yellow or orange light.

"When I first saw it, I thought it was a star," he said, "but then it started moving."

As he had never seen a star move, he said, he stopped his car and started watching it. It flew to an area he said was Horse Lake and hovered, stationary, over the lake for awhile, then disappeared.

Lucero said that he viewed the object through his binoculars.

He described the object as a sophisticated machine and said he felt no fear upon observing it.

His only regret, he said, is that the pilot and the occupants of the UFO did not land and talk to him.

He said that if he sees another such object, he hopes he has a camera with him.

Gabe Valdez, State Police officer from the Dulce area, said there was one other witness to the machine Lucero saw, and last week he received a separate report which described a similar machine.

FREEHOLD, N.J. - TRANSCRIBE
*****DEC. 6, 1978*****

UFO sighting

Did a flying saucer visit the Freehold area recently?

Ocean Township builder Lawrence

Rosner is positive he saw one while he was driving home from Trenton at 2:30 in the afternoon of Nov. 24. He was driving east on the Route 33 bypass and was roughly between the Route 537 south and north exits when he saw "a very white object" outlined against the dark grey clouds that hovered over the area that afternoon.

Rosner glanced at the car driving alongside and saw the driver pointing the object out to several children who were in the car with him. Then noticing Rosner, the driver honked his horn as if to say, "Yes, I see it, too."

Rosner's wife Risa stated she'd never known her husband to believe in such things, but Rosner insisted he saw it.

UFO Seen Over Springs

A very prominent Colorado Springs businessman and civic leader, who doesn't want his name used "because I'll get 400 telephone calls," said he pulled open the bedroom drapes of his Cheyenne Mountain home well before daybreak Monday and saw a huge craft, glittering with banks of brilliant lights, and making a pulsating, whirring sound.

"I never saw anything like it before in my life," said the businessman. "I observed it for a long time, maybe half an hour.

"I wasn't frightened at all. What I felt when I was looking at it was that I was extremely privileged to see it. I have no doubt that it was people from outer space."

The businessman, a private pilot for 10 years, said his interest in unidentified flying objects has been cursory, until now. The experience was so overwhelming, however, that he said he is going to try to get in touch with some interested people to do research on UFOs.

Here is what happened, he said:

"My house was too hot. I

woke up about 4 a.m. and decided to turn down the furnace. Then I came back into the bedroom and, for some reason, decided to pull the drapes — to get some air, I think. It was 4:49 a.m. on the digital clock I have.

"The whole room was immediately filled with a brilliant light. It must have been lighting up a huge area. At first I thought it was one brilliant light, and then I realized it was banks of lights.

"There were three red lights around the center of it. In a bit, I could make out

that there was a form behind the lights, cigar-shaped, or saucer-shaped. I put my binoculars and my telescope on it, but I could make out little but the bright light. The thing was very big, at least as big as an airliner.

"When I first saw it, it was about a mile away, maybe around Ski Broadmoor or the entrance to NORAD, about a quarter mile off Cheyenne Mountain. It moved toward my house, and then, when it moved away, it was somewhere above Butts Field.

"I had no doubt that it was people from outer space."

LAS CRUCES, N. MEX. - SUN NEWS
*****DEC. 17, 1978*****

Officers View Luminous UFO Near Roswell

ROSWELL—An unidentified flying object was reported by a sheriff's deputy, a state patrolman, and others near Roswell Dec. 9. Although some authorities felt the witnesses might have been looking at Venus or the star Arcturus, which are prominent in the eastern sky, the officers felt differently. Reports were also turned in by truck drivers and truck stop employees about the "blob of light."

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and "blazing red," they said. Then it began to shrink in size and change colors, "like a fireplace log," according to Mason, as it continued a barely noticeable ascent.

They watched the object through field glasses for about an hour as it continued to move up and southward. The officers described it as

"possibly revolving" with "red and blue light" within, and "a wagon wheel shape with a round center and spoke-like flames emanating."

Eventually they lost sight of it in the distance and the coming dawn. When they last saw the object, "it looked like a cluster of stars, but a hell of a lot brighter," Bedford said.

The object was also observed east of Hagerman by the marshal of that town.

Mason, who says he viewed a similar object about four years ago in the Lake Conchas area, said he didn't believe it was a planet. "It changed directions from one side to the other and was too close to the earth," he said.

HAYS, KANS. - NEWS
DEC 15, 1978

Catherine winked at — or observed

Unidentified flying objects may be buzzing around Ellis County, but sheriff's deputy Frank Reese thinks winking stars may be responsible for two UFO sightings reported Wednesday night.

Reese learned of the first sighting at 8:43 from Karen Hashenberger, Catherine, who reported seeing what she believed to be UFOs in the sky northwest and northeast of Catherine for the past three weeks.

Hashenberger said she has seen red and blue and white flashing lights on the UFOs.

The second sighting was reported about 10:15 by Mark Younger, 1505 Canterbury, who said he saw a UFO flying around a hill near Catherine while visiting friends there.

After gazing at the stars for a short time, Reese told both callers he had observed stars in the area that could have been mistaken for UFOs. He said the lights were stars affected by atmospheric conditions.

UFO? Jersey shore cop saw 'circle of light' in sky

By BRIAN KATES

A puzzled look crossed the face of Lt. Joseph DeAngelo yesterday as he sat at his desk in the Brick Township, N.J., police station. "I can only tell you what I saw," he said.

At about the same time — at the other end of the world — six police officers in New Zealand stood before their bosses and said the same thing.

What they saw depends on what you believe. But in Brick Township, a quiet community on the Jersey shore near Asbury Park, they're calling it a UFO.

In New Jersey, it was the first such sighting in about a month. In New Zealand, it is the second sighting in four days.

What DeAngelo says he saw Wednesday night was "a white circle of light" with "blue lights at either end." It didn't move for nearly 40 minutes, said DeAngelo, a policeman for more than 12 years. "It just hovered here. Then it took off and disappeared. I don't know what it was."

Other New Jersey residents saw something, too. Joseph Frank, an animal control officer, his father, Joseph, brother Nick and wife, Anna, said that they observed a "strange object" while riding in their car on Wednesday night, about half an hour before the sighting over Barnegat Bay.

They described the object as brightly lit, about the size of a blimp and more rectangular than round.

In New Zealand, the object was said

to look "like a volcano" of pulsing light that coursed across the sky. It was captured on film by a television crew about 500 miles from where the police officers said they saw it.

The Lakehurst (N.J.) Naval Engineering Center and McGuire Air Force Base reported no unusual activity in the sky over Barnegat Bay where the New Jersey sighting was made at about 7:40 p.m. Officials at both installations said that they could provide no explanation for the activity.

Bob Warth, president of the Society for the Unexplained, in Little Silver, N.J., maintains that the sighting over Barnegat Bay represents "an encounter of the second kind." He believes, that the craft hovered in one place for so long because "it must have been observing or measuring something."

TUCUMCARI, N.M. - NEWS
*****DEC 19, 1978*****

REPEAT OF CONCHAS SIGHTING

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UFO Reported To Sheriff FRONT PAGE

An Albert Lea man told Freeborn County Sheriff's deputies Wednesday night he saw an unidentified flying object heading south at high speed about 2,000 feet in the air along Hwy. 109 near Alden.

Brian Wittmer called the sheriff's department about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday and said the UFO was about three times the size of the North Star, had no blinking lights and appeared stable in the air before it disappeared.

'UFO' sighting is reported

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By KATE CARLSON

What appeared to be a UFO, possibly a satellite, was sighted about 6 a.m. last Tuesday, Dec. 5 by Tom Carlson as he went outside to leave for work. Intrigued by it, he called his brother, Bob's home, and sister-in-law Rosemary Carlson went outside and took a look at the object, which was directly over Huckleberry mountain near their home on the Addy-Cedonia road, in the Glendale area. Rosemary called her husband, Bob, who was in the dairy barn doing his milking. He described the object thus, "It was really bright — like a star, only 10 times brighter. It seemed to move up and up in the sky, but remained visible, even in daylight about 8 o'clock."

LAS VEGAS, NEV. - SUN
*****DEC. 17, 1978*****

Two Ground Observers, Pilot Sight UFO Over Las Vegas

A large, apparently unidentified, disc-shaped object with glowing white lights hovered near McCarran International Airport Saturday before disappearing into the morning sky, according to two ground observers.

A commercial airline pilot notified aircraft controllers that an unidentified "flash of light" had streaked past his airliner, a McCarran controller reported.

Tower personnel scanned the skies trying to see the object to no avail. Radar indicated all was normal, said controller Bob Turner.

Fearing that a military jet might have strayed into McCarran airspace, controllers telephoned Nellis Air Force Base, but they said all their planes were down.

The couple, who did not wish to be named, said they saw the object looking southeast at about 5:30 a.m. It was unusually large for a star.

"At first I thought it was a bright star or planet," the husband reported, "but then I saw it move, like a leaf falling from a tree."

The woman said she ran into the house and grabbed a pair of high-powered binoculars. Closer inspection revealed that it was a disc or saucer-shaped object, hovering just below the clouds. It would occasionally bank from side to side, readily displaying its saucer-like appearance.

It was covered with a series of white lights, the man said.

PARK RIDGE, ILL. - ADVOCATE
*****DEC. 14, 1978*****

Unidentified flying object sighted by Park Ridge resident

An unidentified flying object (UFO) was reportedly sighted by a 12 yr. old resident near the Park Ridge Country club early Saturday morning.

Patti Kelly, 339 Cuttriss, woke up about 2:30 and restlessly wandered about her room, according to her mother, Joan Kelly. Upon looking out her bedroom window Patti observed a red and white saucer shaped object hanging "about a block's distance up" from the house across the street, and emitting a "fire alarm noise". She ran in to wake up her mother and the two watched the saucer hang for a minute where Patti had first spotted it, then the object traveled east

toward the lake "in the time it takes to snap your fingers" and remained there for close to an hour, said Mrs. Kelly.

The saucer shape, which gave off a red light glow and apparently had three red balls suspended from its bottom side, was viewed also by members of the Anatole Bachir family, 333 Cuttriss. Commented James Bachir "It was about the size of a pencil head when I saw it, and the color was changing from a pinkish to a greenish light." The saucer was moving from a vertical direction to a horizontal direction, said Bachir.

The toll free telephone number for persons to call if they should sight some sort of UFO, is the UFO locator center answering service, 822-9610. The center for UFO studies may be reached by phoning 312-491-6666. adv blotter 12-13-jw

Deapite scientists' skepticism over the flurry of UFO sightings in New Zealand, fliers and a television crew that photographed a so-called UFO claim that the objects they saw were real UFOs and not meteorites or the planet Venus, as one skeptic believed. Reg Phillips, an air traffic controller in Wellington, New Zealand, whose radar picked up a UFO, said: "We couldn't pick up either Venus or meteorites on our radar. We are agreed we cannot account for what we have seen lately."

An airline first officer, Robert Guard, said: "I saw both the object and Venus. The two were definitely there at the same time. They were different colors, sizes and shapes."

UFO fever also is sweeping Italy, with people reporting cigar-shaped objects flying about and one man in Siena saying he met a little green man who had horns. Hundreds of persons in Naples rushed into the streets one day to stare at a giant disc hanging over the city, but weathermen said it was only a cloud. At sea, fishermen have been reporting tidal waves during calm weather and red lights rising out of the water in an area which is now called "The Mad Adriatic Triangle"

THE BOSTON GLOBE - MASS.
*****JAN 3, 1979*****

NM cattle mangled by

UFOs?

By LARRY STATSER
Globe-News Staff Writer

About the same time law enforcement officers in the Hereford area were trying to find how cattle were being mutilated last summer, several head of cattle were found in the same condition in Northern New Mexico.

Since then:

- Three persons in New Mexico have come up with evidence that they claim shows 'flying saucers' might be involved.

- Apache Indians in the area near Taos are "hopping mad" because their cattle were among those mutilated.

- The sheriff at Hereford, when asked about UFO connections to the mutilations in his county, quipped that whoever mans the UFO "must not be all bad" if they like beef.

Federal and state agencies have officially taken a "hands-off" approach to reports that the New Mexico mutilations and UFO sightings are connected. But a former government scientist, a New Mexico State Police officer, and a private scientist say they are going to continue their "unofficial" investigation into the incidents.

The three men are cooperating in the research of a possible connection between metallic, organic material found on cattle in a remote, mutilation-prone area northwest of Taos and powder scooped up by persons who claim they saw a UFO just outside of Taos last July.

The New Mexico incident was made public this week when tests by a private Albuquerque laboratory showed the material on the cattle hides and the material found near the reported UFO sightings were almost identical.

The analysis was conducted by Bob Schoenfeld of Schoenfeld Clinical Laboratories in Albuquerque.

The tests were run on a request from Howard Burgess of Taos, a retired Sandia Laboratory scientist who has been investigating reported cattle mutilations and UFO sightings in northern New Mexico for several years.

Burgess said he first discovered the metallic substance on the cattle on the night of July 5.

A rash of cattle mutilations prompted Burgess to conduct ultraviolet light tests on a herd of cattle from the Manuel Gomez ranch near Dulce, on the Apache Indian reservation.

Manuel Gomez's son, Edmond, told the Globe-News last night that his father has lost between 15 and 20 cows, calves and bulls to mutilations. He said he has heard of no more mutilations in the area since the wave of reports last summer.

The mutilations in northern New Mexico occurred at the same time a similar "mutilation epidemic" was under investigation in the Hereford area.

The cattle mutilations in New Mexico, like those in the Hereford area, were reported to authorities in the span of a few weeks last summer.

Since then, reports of mutilations to authorities in both areas have all but ceased.

Deaf Smith County Sheriff Travis McPherson of Hereford said the only recent mutilation he is aware of occurred last Saturday on a ranch about 22 miles north of Hereford.

In the latest mutilation, as in those in both Hereford and New Mexico last summer, the mutilators cut away sexual organs of the carcass, McPherson said.

Texas and New Mexico ranchers reported that udders, rectums, tongues, ears, testicles, and sometimes tails were cut away with what appeared to be a very sharp and precise instrument.

Gomez said whole reproductive tracts were missing from some of his animals.

McPherson said there were no reported UFO sightings at the time of the mutilations last summer, but he said "if those UFO's have got a taste for beef, they must not be all bad."

Burgess said he has no doubt the Taos residents saw something in the sky last July, about four days before his ultraviolet test of Gomez's cattle, but he said he is not making any guesses or offering any theories on a connection to the mutilations.

"We went out and talked to each witness separately," Burgess told the

Globe-News, "and each story checked out. The whole neighborhood saw the UFO."

But Burgess said the people were "too scared" to report the sighting last July and only recently went to authorities with their story.

When they went, Burgess said, they took a fruit jar full of a powdery substance one of them scooped off the windshield of a truck parked beneath the UFO.

He said the residents saw a gray, slivery substance floating down after the UFO disappeared and that "fortunately, one of them had the presence of mind to gather some up in a fruit jar."

When Burgess and State Police Trooper Gabe Valdez heard of the strange powder, they immediately thought of the substance on the cow hides they had examined last July.

They received permission to borrow the Taos sample, for another analysis and took it to Schoenfeld in Albuquerque.

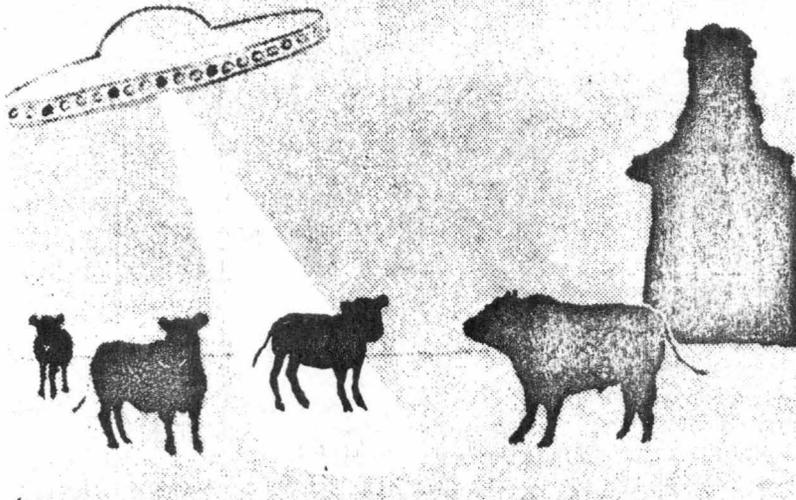
Schoenfeld told the Globe-News that the substance he tested was of the same chemical composition as the substance on the cow hides he analyzed earlier.

He said the material he tested was similar to "slivers or chips of gray paint" and that it contained an "extremely high" amount of potassium and magnesium.

He said the substances were "fairly ubiquitous around the world" but the potassium content was about 70 times more than the normal amount for earth samples in the Taos area.

A test under a mass spectrometer revealed the substance was similar to Teflon material in its composition.

Schoenfeld said the samples from Taos and the samples from the cow hides both proved to be organic matter, "as opposed to a metal compound such as used on aircraft."



None of the samples, including the Taos sample, the Dulce sample and livers from mutilated cows showed any trace of radioactivity, Schoenfeld said.

The injuries to the mutilated cattle are even more mystifying than the strange material, Schoenfeld said.

He said whole areas of tissue were missing from inside the carcasses and that some sort of cylindrical object had been inserted into one animal and it had completely shattered the pelvic bone.

Schoenfeld said he hasn't reached any conclusions about what might have mutilated the cattle, or exactly what the strange powder is, but added that he believes "the federal government has got something super-secret going on."

"A lot of people think it's just some kind of hoax, but something like this really makes you sit back and wonder," he said.

Burgess said it was once difficult for him and Valdez to get reports of mutilations on the Indian reservation, but that lately the Apaches have been cooperating fully.

He said the Indians first refused to talk about mutilations in their herds "until the chief found one of his ani-

mals mutilated — now they're downright mad about it."

He said most of the mutilated cattle in New Mexico have been found several hundred feet from where they last left tracks on the ground.

The reports of UFO sightings have reached global proportions since December. In Wellington, New Zealand, Squadron Leader Jeff Clarke of the Ministry of Defense said an air force Orion plane flew along a 250-mile stretch where UFOs were reported, but saw nothing. He attributed the sightings to temperature inversions and the powerful lights of Japanese squid fishermen. In Israel, police said they saw three strange objects, but radar did not pick them up. In Nashville, Tenn. police also reported two UFOs. Near Johannesburg, South Africa, Mrs. Meagan Quezet said she and her son met five or six dark-skinned spacemen in pink uniforms who came out of an egg-shaped spaceship. In Kaikoura, New Zealand, Mrs. Eru Pilcher said what everyone was seeing "is my cabbages reflecting off the clouds or something."

—SAM HEILNER

UFOs In West Nashville

SO WHAT were those two strange lights over West Nashville early Thursday? A group — practically a convention — of police officers reported seeing something which, being unidentified and in the sky, can only be classified as Unidentified Flying Objects. "Toldja so!" would say some people. "Hoot!" say the unconverted — or something much worse. Basically, you had to be there.

This happens all the time, of course, and descriptions of UFOs are sometimes no more fantastic than some of the explanations for these sightings. For what it's worth, at least one book on the subject (and they must rival the stars in sheer number) says President Carter has seen a UFO (in 1973), and a Carter spokesman confirmed the gist of that story. Doubtless Mr. Carter has seen stranger things since taking office.

There is no getting to the bottom of the West Nashville sighting or any other unless — and if — a UFO can be corralled, caged and put on public display. But that would be solving a mystery when the mystery itself is more intriguing — when argument exists even over whether there is any mystery to it. So in brief, we don't know what that was up there Thursday night. Believe or disbelieve. But look up at your own risk.

Reports of UFOs: They're filling the skies

TRIBUNE News Report

More UFO sightings were reported today from both sides of the world.

In Nashville, Tenn., more than a dozen metro policemen reported sighting two UFOs hovering about 5,000 feet over the western part of the city early today.

And Israelis today reported a rash of UFO sightings ranging from a red ball over Haifa to sparkling red, blue and purple lights over Jerusalem.

In Brick Town, N.J., a police officer dispatched to the home of a man who reported sighting a flying saucer last evening says he too saw a "large balloon with a lot of lights."

The officer said he "saw something in the southeast sky, very high up for about 20 minutes."

Nashville policeman Mike Smith said the objects seen in Tennessee were circular in shape and had red, blue, green and yellow lights circling around a large white light.

Police checked with Metro Nashville Airport officials to see if any light planes or weather balloons were in the area at the time of the 4 a.m. sightings, but officials said

there were none.

One officer spotted the UFOs and radioed for backup units. Police said 14 officers arrived on the scene and reported sighting the objects.

Sgt. Doug Johnson, a helicopter pilot, said he had never seen any aircraft like the UFOs. He said the objects hovered about 5,000 feet over the city for 45 minutes and then disappeared in the western horizon. The Israeli air force said nothing showed up on the radar screens of Israel's defense network, according to a military spokesman. Police refused comment, saying unidenti-

fied flying objects were not in their jurisdiction.

The sightings occurred only days after widespread reports of mysterious lights in the sky in Australia and New Zealand, half a world away.

Karol Braunstein, 51, of Haifa, told the armed forces radio's "Hot Line" he saw a red globe about 10 times bigger than a basketball shoot across the sky faster than a jet fighter. He said he was out walking his dog at midnight.

The most extensive sightings were reported in Jerusalem before dawn yesterday, according to newspaper

accounts.

Policemen on duty in the city said they saw three mysterious objects hovering over Jerusalem at a high altitude. They alerted 11 mobile units.

One policeman told the Haaretz newspaper he drove up to the Mount of Olives to get a better look.

"I saw a startling thing: three objects with irregular hues of red, blue and purple — like a sparkling diamond in the sun," he said. "Their size was that of a large street lamp. They moved forward as they went up and down, like an electrocardiogram reading.

"They disappeared gradually. We informed the air force but they said their instruments didn't detect anything and they would take care of the matter."

Earlier that same morning, the taxi dispatcher at the Hilton Hotel, Eli Ben-Sitrit, said he saw a blinding light that lit up the area.

BOSTON GLOBE - MASS.
****JAN. 6, 1979****

Police stand by UFO claims

Police in Winter Haven, Fla., and Nashville, Tenn., reported sighting unidentified objects in the sky recent nights, and at least one officer took exception yesterday to a psychiatrist's suggestion he was seeing things. "This sort of insinuates that I need some help," said Nashville Police Lt. Robert Ezell, referring to a statement by Dr. Otto Billig that UFOs exist "only in the minds of men." "I have no intention of going to see him or any other shrink as long as I can function as well as I have been functioning," Ezell said.

Vander Jagt Attempts To Find Lost UFO Film

Washington, D.C. — Congressman Guy Vander Jagt, Michigan's Ninth District, has been notified by Captain J. P. Muhlbauer, Chief of Staff of the Ninth Coast Guard District, that the whereabouts of film portraying an alleged U.F.O. sighted near Ludington in early October, remains unknown.

Vander Jagt initially contacted the Cleveland Coast Guard headquarters on October 12, 1978, requesting a status report on the contents of the 35mm film. He called again October 17 and uncovered the Postal Service's apparent loss of the film.

Vander Jagt responded to the Coast Guard's inability to track down the film by contacting William F. Bolger, Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service. Vander Jagt asked for an additional search attempt to ensure that every effort is made to locate the film.

"It's really an intriguing case," said Vander Jagt. "An alert Coast Guard man records on film an object naturally fascinating to all of us, a U.F.O., only to have the film lost, or misplaced, by the Postal Service."

UFO craze in Newark...

By James Robinson
NEWS WORLD STAFF

What has New Jersey in common with New Zealand? Why, close encounters of the third kind, of course.

As New Zealanders on Wednesday viewed a brilliant unidentified flying object "like a volcano" that was filmed by a television crew flashing across a pre-dawn sky, several individuals in New Jersey, including a Brick Township patrolman, spotted a UFO hovering over Barnegat Bay, N.J., for about 40 minutes.

About 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, an excited teenager called the Brick Township police and said that he and two friends had seen a UFO.

A police officer, who asked that his name not be used, was dispatched to the scene. A few minutes later, another officer, Lt. De Angelo, arrived.

A half-hour before the Brick Township sighting, Joseph Frank and members of his family sighted a UFO as they were riding in their car near the Hudson River.

Frank, his wife, Anna, his father, Joseph, and his brother, Nick, all agreed that the object was shaped "like a blimp, but was more rectangular than round."

The Franks observed the object as it hovered over the downtown Jersey

City area. They said "it moved up and down like a very swift helicopter."

When they turned the corner to get a better look at it, they said, the object had disappeared.

Flashing blue lights

De Angelo told The News World that the object he saw was "quite high in the sky." He said it had a white light with two small blue lights which were flashing.

"The object was stationary for quiet awhile," he said, "and then moved off very slowly. We watched it until it was out of sight."

De Angelo thought that it might have been a helicopter because there were no other aircraft in the area, but he said there was no sound coming from the object.

"No one really knew what it was," he said, "but if it were really a UFO there would have been other reports besides the one we got."

The Coast Guard, the Lakehurst Naval Base and McGuire Air Force Base all were contacted by the police, but none of them reported any of their aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting.

Although the object did not resemble any aircraft that De Angelo could recognize, he insists that it probably was a helicopter because "about a month ago people called in saying that

they saw something up in the sky. That time it turned out to be a Coast Guard helicopter."

An investigator for the National Investigative Committee for Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) said some of the sightings could be explained as weather and atmospheric conditions or possibly the planet Venus.

The investigator, Ernie Jahn, from Staten Island, told The News World that Venus has a very reflective cloud cover and if you couple that with heat waves and the atmospheric pollution of earth, many strange phenomena occur.

He said Venus appears to be a bright light in the sky which changes color, jiggles up and down and back and forth, and if it is close to the horizon, it can "disappear" very quickly.

Jahn also said that when researching a sighting, the main questions deal with the size of the object, its speed and if there is any noise associated with it.

Investigators also ask if there are any radio disturbances and if animals in the area behave strangely during the sighting.

Jahn, who worked with the Air Force's Project Blue Book—which dealt with unexplained objects in the sky—while he was in the U.S. Air Force, said that about 30 percent of the sightings can't be explained by any known means.

LONDON MILLS, ILL - TIMES
*****DEC 21, 1978*****

Locals Site UFO

Rhonda Brashear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brashear of London Mills and Paula Helle of RR No.2, Ellisville observed a tubular spacecraft on Rts. 116 and 97 about 7 p.m. on December 14. The tubular space craft hovered and circled their car and was close enough to their car that they could almost have touched it.

It then took off to the east after circling the car once at a fantastic

speed but with no noise at all. The space craft was said to be almost the size of a private plane and was made up of two parallel tubes and one perpendicular tube with no windows that they could see.

The two girls are going to report their sighting to Professor Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, who helped the Air Force put together its Blue Book on UFO's.

Cigar-Shaped UFO Seen By Four Local Residents

FRONT PAGE

Sightings in Aransas Pass skies of a possible unidentified flying object (UFO) have been reported by four area residents, including two employees of the local police department.

All four agree that the object they saw was cigar-shaped and moved back and forth quickly a few times before leaving.

They also reported neither hearing or smelling anything during the sightings.

While on patrol late Sunday, Dec. 3, Officer Robert Suggs spotted the object from a point on top of the seawall near Conn Brown Harbor.

"It was just a cigar-shaped object with a luminous green color," he noted.

"It moved across the horizon three times and on the third time it took off."

Suggs pointed out that he reported his sighting by phone to a UFO center and a spokesman there interviewed him and said he would contact him later.

Time of the sighting, Suggs noted, about coincided with the sighting made at approximately 9:30 p.m. by Evelyn and Bruce Spears.

Mrs. Spears reported that they saw it on Highway 35 near the flea market between Aransas Pass and Rockport as they were returning from Austin.

"It looked like a cloud at first I thought that's what it was," she said, "but it was more like a yellowish color than a cloud and it looked like it was too low.

"It was kind of flat, oblong and fuzzy and it looked like there was something in the middle. It happened so fast and it was gone."

She said that her husband saw it first and asked her, "Is that cloud moving?"

According to her report, when she looked, the object was still, but in about two seconds it started moving and went back and forth across the highway about four or five times.

"Then it moved up and forward and it was gone," he noted, adding, "We were really stunned."

Mrs. Spears works as a nurse at the Medical Arts Clinic in Aransas Pass and her husband is a local carpenter.

Spears told The Progress that the object to him "looked like any oblong glare" and was "flat and light green with the color fading to the edges.

"We looked at it about 10 seconds. We couldn't believe it.

"The only reason we reported it is that it didn't look like anything we've seen before."

Darrell Jones, an Aransas Pass police dispatcher, said he saw a UFO about 11:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 as he was returning home from work.

The sighting, reportedly occurred while he was on Lott St. between Rife and Houston.

He said he saw a "long, green oval-shaped object glowing.

"It moved back and forth," he added, and did that about three times.

"I don't know where it went then," he said.

Jones was on duty the night the Spears' came to report their sighting. Suggs and the Spears arrived at the station about the same time to make their reports.

This area's naval base, asked Monday if any UFO reports have been made recently, said there haven't been.

"No information or reports have been made to his office," said Commander Jack Waddington, of the public affairs office.

Nor have any UFO reports come recently to the control tower at the Corpus Christi International Airport, said Linda Davis of the FAA.

Frank Sealy, of the National Weather Service said that his office too has received no reports on a UFO.

Asked to describe the weather Sunday night, he said that it was cloudy and cold with light drizzle.

"There was a low ceiling of clouds and there could have been something reflecting up on the clouds."

Suggs noted that he thought of a possible reflection from the local airport beacon, but that it wasn't on that night

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILL - HERALD
*****DEC. 31, 1978*****

Meteors, not UFOs, over Chicago

Brilliant multicolored flashing trails or columns of light that were seen in the Chicago area skies in recent days were large meteors, not UFOs, an Adler Planetarium astronomer said. The meteors are a type called fireballs, said Larry Ciupin, an associate astronomer. What makes them unusual is that unlike most meteors, they are not part of a meteor shower. Seeing a fireball "is probably a once-in-a-lifetime experience," Ciupin said. Information people gave in telephone calls to the planetarium will be relayed to the Smithsonian Center for short-lived phenomena, he said.

UFOs Fly Over Peabody?

U.F.O.
BY WILLIAM VEDERE

PEABODY—
(Somewhere over) —
Yesterday between 2
and 3 p.m. the Sunday
Post received two
separate calls from
different individuals,
one of whom refused to
give his name, reporting
strange objects in the
sky overhead.

The objects, not
visible from Lynn,
despite requests that the
reporter "just look in
the sky and you'll see
them", were described

as looking like dinner
plates or coins, "rising
up into the clouds" and
then descending to view
again.

One caller, a middle-
aged man, was in-
stalling Christmas
decorations on his house
when he saw the ob-
jects.

He called his daughter
to the phone to confirm
the sighting.

"I feel like a nut," he
said, "but I've never
seen anything like it and
I had to call somebody."

The only discrepancy
between the man's
description and his
daughter's, was of the
size of the object

After a second call,
from a witness who
refused to be iden-
tified...and who neither
sounded like the first
caller nor called from a
location with the same
background noise...the
newspaper called
Peabody Police
Headquarters. One
incredulous officer
remarked... "It's just

something the Martians
send over here once in a
while."

Another officer did
say that similar reports
had been called into
headquarters by
Peabody residents
about two weeks ago.

Theorizing that round
or spherical objects
might be weather
balloons, attempts were
made to reach
meteorologists and
other observers.

According to sources

at the
U. S. Coast Guard installation
in Boston, there was no record
of any type of balloon probes
in this area. In addition, no
one had called the Coast
Guard to report the sightings.

A check with the
meteorology department at
WBZ-TV in Boston also failed
to produce an answer as did a
call to the weather department
at radio station WESX.

Despite the popularity of
such films as "Close En-
counters" and "Star Wars,"
observers did not leap to any
extra-terrestrial con-
clusions...and the UFOs, if
they were objects at all rather
than reflections on a sunny
day, remain simply uniden-
tified.

ALPENA, MICH. - NEWS
*****JAN. 2, 1979****

Woman reports strange light over Lachine sky

At least one area resident is not so
skeptical about the weekend's rash of
UFO sightings in Australia, Britain and
New Zealand. That's because she
spotted one of her own hovering near her
home this morning. The Lachine area
resident, who asked that her name not
be used, along with her son, watched the
strange light in the sky for about 15
minutes this morning beginning around
6:30.

The woman said she had driven her
husband to work and was returning to
her home on Taylor-Hawks Road when
she spotted the strange light in the
southeastern sky. She said, "At first I
thought it was an airplane. It was like
two great big double headlights. But
then I kept looking and it got like one
great big round light—like a great big
star. Then I thought it must be a star."

She, however, abandoned that view a
few minutes later when the light moved.
She said that, although the car had not
changed direction, the light moved from
her passenger window to the front of the
car.

She said she arrived home at that
point and let her dog in the house
"because it scared me."

She then awakened her son and both of
them watched the light. Mostly, the
strange object just hovered in position
but she said it did move back and forth
several times.

Her son was able to photograph the
UFO with a Polaroid camera but the
photo doesn't show much—just a pin-
point of light in the sky.

A few minutes later, the light made its
exit. She said, "It went out. It got
smaller and smaller and smaller then it
came back brighter then it went again
and never came back."

The woman she reported the sighting
to the Alpena state police post but Sgt.
Harold Boven, on duty at the time, said
he was unable to see anything in the sky.
The post is about 15 miles from the
Lachine home.

The woman was reluctant to talk
about the incident. She asked that she
not be identified saying, "Everybody
will think I'm nuts."

UFO sighted last Friday

A close encounter of the Duck Lake kind

by Tom Haroldson

Two Allegan area youngsters looked up in the sky last Friday evening, and what they said they saw wasn't Superman on his way to a movie preview or Santa Claus making an early Christmas flight.

WHAT THEY SAW, and others heard, has been labeled as an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) that blinked and roared while hovering for at least five minutes over Duck Lake about 7:45 p.m. Friday.

Like a scene out of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind"; or the UFO television program, the boys also experienced some unusual happenings in their home while the object hovered nearby.

The two boys, Jeff Pion, 15, and Randy Pion, 12, both of Duck Lake, south of Allegan, reported to the Allegan County Sheriff's Department that they saw and heard a strange vehicle hovering near their home.

THE BOYS said they were watching the "Newlywed Game" on television when they heard a loud noise outside that sounded like a jet plane.

Jeff said he was on the phone talking to a friend in Allegan when the phone suddenly went dead.

The boys, who were alone in the house at the time, went to the window and saw an object above the distant trees.

The triangle-shaped object had four white lights on the side that eventually turned orange and then orange-pink as it hovered.

THEY SAID the object was about 70 feet long and sounded just like a jet plane.

They tried to call the sheriff's department but the phone was still dead.

As the object hovered, the television was distorted, but did not go out completely, the youths said.

Their dogs, one a Doberman, became very excited and obviously scared, the boys told sheriff's deputies. The Doberman, not one to be frightened easily, was so scared it ran under a bed yipping and crying, and was followed shortly afterwards by a second excited dog.

AFTER ABOUT five minutes of watching it, the object went straight up and disappeared.

After it left, they tried the phone again, and it was working, so they called the sheriff's department.

Other Duck Lake residents have also reported hearing the loud noise overhead at that time, but none have reported seeing the object to the sheriff's department.

One Duck Lake resident heard the noise but said she passed it off as a low flying object because planes are always flying over that area as part of a normal flight pattern.

THE FEDERAL Aviation Administration (FAA) operates a guidance beam station in Pullman used by all aircraft for flights to airports in

Western Michigan and other states, such as Chicago, Ill.

An FAA spokesman in Grand Rapids said he had received no reports of either a plane having difficulties in that area, or for that matter, a UFO in the Allegan area.

He said the object could have been a jet helicopter, but that there are none in this area, nor was any expected to be in this area last Friday.

As for the color of lights the boys saw, he further stated no aircraft he knew of had pinkish colored lights.

AS A SIDELINE, one Allegan woman reported seeing a bright object in the sky over the city Friday evening about the same time the boys did, but said it appeared to be a plane on fire.

Another Allegan resident said he was watching the "Newlywed Game" at the same time the object was spotted, and his television channel turned by itself. He didn't like the possibility of

the channel turning with the object until hearing about the UFO Monday morning at the sheriff's department.

ONE DEPUTY at the sheriff's department reported that he had heard the object may have actually been two or three military planes flying maneuvers over this area, but that has not been confirmed.

Another deputy said that there was a report three weeks ago of a UFO actually landing on 102nd Avenue and 42nd Street in a swampy area, near the sight of last Friday's sighting, but that also could not be confirmed.

The latest UFO sighting report has been turned over to the UFO Information Center in Wisconsin for further study, but the sheriff's department said they doubted there would be follow-up.

"WHAT CAN they do?," a sheriff's department officer said. "Whatever it was is gone."

'UFO' you've been seeing is probably the planet Venus

Skywatchers who have been seeing a bright object in the eastern sky the past few mornings are not gazing at a UFO.

It's probably the planet Venus, which will be visible in the morning sky for the next few months.

Kentucky State Police in Henderson say they first noticed the planet shining brightly near the base of the moon about 3 a.m. Tuesday.

The Center for UFO studies in Evanston, Ill. has received a few calls the past few days from Chicago area residents seeing a bright, oval shaped object in the sky with a slight reddish tint.

A secretary at the UFO center's answering service in Chicago said two callers early today reported seeing a bright object to the south with no motion and no noise.

"It was probably Venus," said Ron Keeping of Henderson, an astronomer who lectures on the heavens at the Evansville Museum and teaches an astronomy course at Henderson Community College.

About 5 a.m. Tuesday, Keeping said the moon passed in front of Venus and the two bodies are closest together now. Keeping said Venus is now the brightest object in the sky besides the sun and moon and should be visible in the eastern sky between 3:30 a.m.

and dawn at a 20 to 30 degree angle from the horizon.

The moon will gradually move eastward until Venus is not visible in about two months, Keeping said. Venus will next be visible in the western sky sometime in the spring, Keeping said.

A Henderson County woman reported to state police yesterday that she saw a white, bright object in the southeastern sky about 4:45 p.m.

"She said it looked like it had pits in it like a golfball and had red lights on it," said a dispatcher at the state police post.

A Henderson man, Ormon Shewmaker, said he saw what looked like a jetstream in the western sky about 4:15 p.m. yesterday as he drove home from work in Evansville on Southlane Drive. The object turned from white to red as the sun set, Shewmaker said.

"There seemed to be a little bit of a tail behind it," Shewmaker said. He said the tail eventually disappeared in about 20 minutes and then he lost sight of the object behind some trees.

Keeping said both reports were probably about cloud formations which are accented by the light from the setting sun. He said the sun setting makes the cloud formations look red in the sky

EL DORADO, KASN. - TIMES
*****DEC. 26, 1978*****

In Italy it's an OVNI

Over the past several weeks the oggetto volante non identificato has been big in Italy. With a hole in the middle like a doughnut, yet, or maybe a bagel. Whatever, there've been dozens of sightings of an OVNI, or UFO, some by police and soldiers — on duty, and presumably as sober as judges.

Not only that, but the oggetto has been photographed in motion and stationary by a bank clerk whose camera sports a telephoto lens. That was in Palermo, where a lot of citizens observed a long, wide streak of light in the midnight sky, apparently made by some luminous thing in motion. A shot taken when it

momentarily halted showed a disc of light with a hole in the middle.

In Rome dozens of people called police headquarters with reports of "an enormous beam of green light," which enthusiasts took at once to be an unidentified oggetto volante. Though there was no firm indication that it was of the doughnut-bagel type, excitement ran high all the same.

Someone has proffered the crass hypothesis that all this is just an elaborate hype for a new chain of pizzerias. We prefer to think that these OVNI maneuvers in Italy account for the recent dearth of UFO sightings here at home.

UFO Spotted Near Demopolis

An unidentified flying object, said to resemble a whirring, "pulsating white light" was reportedly sighted hovering over an open field near Demopolis early Saturday morning.

According to reports from the Demopolis Police Department, a resident of the area reported seeing the object at 4:30 a.m. behind a vacant body shop about three miles west of the city off U.S. Highway 80.

The resident, whom police would not identify, told police he made the sighting after being awakened by farm animals.

Investigating officers confirmed the sighting.

Officer Wayne Mitchell said the object was radiating a bright, white light that blurred its shape and size.

It remained about five feet above the ground, hovering and whirring like a helicopter for about 15 minutes, Mitchell said.

The object was also sighted by a state trooper as it headed off in a southeasterly direction, said Police Chief L. C. Johnson.

Johnson said Maxwell Air Force Base representatives interviewed Mitchell concerning the sighting.

A Maxwell spokesman said this afternoon that the Air Force no longer investigates UFO sightings.

Something in the sky: Was it a rocket or a UFO?

Five people in the Ukiah area reported having a close encounter of the first kind early Monday evening.

They were not alone. Reports were received from all over the state, including Garberville and Mendocino, as well as in Nevada.

Vanderburg Air Force Base reported it launched a rocket at 6:30 p.m. Monday that may have been the cause of the sightings.

"The conditions were just right," a Vandenburg spokesman said. And a spokesman for the FAA Flight Service Station in Ukiah said there was an unusual weather condition in the valley Monday that could result in light refraction.

But two Ukiahans said they watched two objects for nearly seven minutes, and portions of their description correspond with those given by people in Nevada.

The two are hopeful that other persons who may have observed the objects will now come forward.

Their sighting corresponded with the timing of the rocket launch in Southern California, but they said the objects they saw were close to the ground.

The two were standing on the centerstrip of Seminary Avenue, just east of S. Oak Street, when they saw the first object just over the Veterans Memorial Building.

"It looked like it was touching the

building," one of the two said. "It looked close."

He said it had a perfect perimeter to it, and was light blue, almost white, in color.

"It looked foggy, like a spotlight on a cloud," he said, but added that there was no fog in the area at the time.

The two watched the object for between four and five minutes, they said, as it slowly moved in a northwesterly direction toward Yokayo School about 30 feet from the ground. At this point, they saw a second object higher in the sky, moving in unison with the first.

They described the second object as "bright mellow green" in color.

At first they said they thought the higher object was an airplane, but at that point saw a plane traveling south almost directly above them, lower than the green object.

The Federal Aviation Administration's Flight Service Station in Ukiah said it received no UFO reports either from pilots or local residents.

As soon as the aircraft had left their field of vision, the two said the green object began a transformation that resembled a slow-motion explosion. They said it changed color from green to the same color as the first object they observed.

"It almost looked like Saturn, with its rings," one said. "But it was all one

mass."

A Sun Valley, Nev. man, one of six persons reporting UFO sightings Monday evening in the Reno area, gave a similar description of an object he saw.

"It looked like a star, and then a ring formed around it, like the ring you'd see around Saturn," he told UPI.

The two Ukiahans were unaware of other sightings in California and Nevada when they told their story to the Journal shortly after their experience Monday evening.

Once the second object had transformed, they said, it suddenly shot toward them — not in a straight line, but more in a rocking motion, back and forth, they said.

The second object seemed to join with the first, they said, but the two differed on what actually took place.

One said it appeared the second object attached itself to the first, while the other said the second enveloped the first. But they both said the two objects "became as one."

The now-attached objects suddenly moved away toward the top of the old Yokayo School, and in a span of a few seconds, disappeared.

There was no tail or exhaust fumes, they both claim.

One of the two said the entire episode looked animated, as if it was a cartoon.

"I just thought 'Wasn't that neat'," he said. "I had a real mellow reaction."

The two said they made jokes about the entire incident as it was happening, refusing to believe at first it was actually occurring.

Later, after realizing what had happened, they said they decided to relate the incident.

The Ukiah Police Department reported receiving two UFO calls Monday evening, one from an Empire Gardens resident, the other from a hitchhiker. A sheriff's office dispatcher said she received one UFO report, and referred the caller to the Center for UFO Studies' 24-hour hotline number in Chicago.

The hotline operator said Monday night two calls had been received from Ukiah. Yesterday, a spokeswoman for the center said no calls had been received from Ukiah, but reports had been received from Garberville and the town of Mendocino.

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PARK RIDGE, ILL. - ADVOCATE
*****DEC. 21, 1978*****

Second UFO spotted over park

An unidentified flying object (UFO), the second in two weeks' time, was spotted in Park Ridge Thursday, Dec. 14.

Collette Loll, 12, was reportedly tobogganing at West park around 5:30 pm when she and her friend, Heidi Wissmueller, noticed a "flashing and blinking" object over the swimming pool, approximately two miles up in the sky. The object darted away, said Collette, then circled the pool again, all the while making a "rumbling sound".

The two girls said they ran home after the object remained in the sky for about 15 minutes, and when they looked back the UFO was hovering high above Washington school.

The two sightings are reportedly

unrelated to the city's infra-red picture taking airplane, used to take pictures of homes to determine how heat energy may be saved.

Persons viewing UFO's may call the toll free telephone number at the UFO locator center's answering service, 822-9610. The center for UFO studies may be reached by phoning 312-491-6666.

UFO leaves clue to mutilation

By PHIL BATEMAN

A powder left on two vehicles in Ranchitos last July after a possible UFO sighting, may aid

investigators in unraveling a series of mysterious cattle mutilations.

Mrs. Elias Vargas of Ranchitos

was one of several people who witnessed a "bright orange light" northwest of Taos near Blueberry Hill early last July. The object

hovered near her house for several minutes during the night, she said.

After the object "took off" to the north, a thin powder was found on the roof of a pickup cab that had been parked directly beneath the object. The powder was given to the Schoenfeld laboratory in Albuquerque, where it was analyzed and found to be made up of the same materials found on cattle that were being used as "test" animals at about the same time.

The test was being conducted on the Manuel Gomez ranch near Dulce, an area where a number of cattle mutilations had occurred. About 120 cattle were penned in a corral and moved through a chute under an ultra-violet light.

During the test, five animals were found to have a "glittery substance" on parts of their bodies. Hide samples were taken, along with control samples from animals that did not show signs of the material.

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When the affected hides were analyzed in the Schoenfeld lab, the potassium content was found to be 70 times above normal.

Interestingly enough, when the substance found on the truck in Ranchitos was analyzed by the same laboratory some four days later, it also contained significant amounts of potassium and magnesium.

Lab officials point out that they are not in the business of speculating, but note that concentrations of the two materials do not naturally occur in the air. The possibility of the material from the truck being oxidized paint has not been ruled out, but there will be further studies by the lab to try to find out more about the strange powder found in both locations.

New Mexico has had, according to authorities, 35 confirmed cattle mutilations this year, and has been identified as one of three states, Missouri and Arkansas included, showing a dramatic increase in

GOLDEN, COL. - TRANSCRIPT
*****DEC. 28, 1978*****

UFO sightings explained?

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

As we say, this theory has such a by-golly-that-must-be-it aura that talk of flying saucers and extraterrestrials tends to sound ridiculous. But then... Well, what about that fellow in a small plane in Australia awhile back who radioed that he was being paced by something big, fast and inexplicable—and then vanished.

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

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

But, there are also many reported sightings that probably have to be explained by some other way. But at least this goes a long way towards explaining many unidentified objects people have seen. It's a lot more believable than "Close Encounters."

Is it a National Defence snow job, or did the Balfours sight ten UFOs?

By BARBARA KEDDY

Jim and Kathy Balfour aren't exactly sure what they saw early yesterday

morning from the balcony of their fifth-floor apartment in North York, but the couple are calling them UFOs. Canadian Forces spokes-

men at the Downsview base are saying the Balfours saw snow-making equipment at Earl Bales Park, which has a ski hill, and Toronto police have not released any information about the mysterious sighting.

The Balfours, who live at 4340 Bathurst St., have been left astonished and puzzled by the incident, but excited members of UFO organizations believe they witnessed the real thing.

"We had just returned from Jim's parents' place, and I sat down to have a cup of tea," Mrs. Balfour said in an interview yesterday.

The time was 2:15 a.m. "I noticed this strange light out in the middle of the park. I watched it for a couple of minutes, and then called Jim and said, 'What's that strange light out there, flickering on and off?'"

"She wanted me to have a look at this thing outside the window. It was really bright. The light started off really bright — it was white — and dimmed very slowly, then brightened again," said Mr. Balfour, who has worked as a security guard and now sells plumbing supplies.

From their apartment, which faces east, the couple saw an object hovering at about 500 feet. Although bright it continually pulsed, and "at one point when it was really dim, I got a good look at it. It was shaped like a teardrop," Mr. Balfour said.

"When I saw it, I knew there was something weird about it. It started moving back and forth horizontally."

Mrs. Balfour, who had been scrambling through the telephone book, phoned the Department of National Defence and asked how to report a suspected UFO sighting. She was told to call Tom Gray, a member of the Northeastern UFO Organization and Research, which investigates UFO sightings. Mrs. Balfour remembers she called Mr. Gray at 2:30 a.m.

At 2:35 a.m., Mr. Gray says he called to notify Metro police.

By this time Mr. Balfour had found his binoculars and was watching the object with them. "As soon as she finished talking," he said, he noticed a black Military Police station wagon, followed by a Metro police cruiser, drive into the park's southwest entrance.

He continued watching from his balcony, often passing the binoculars to his wife. Suddenly, he said, the object shot up to about 2,000 feet and continued hovering in the air, turning bright orange.

Then two smaller objects came out of it. They were not as bright and were a different shape — like cylinders. "And then they took off, just disappeared."

"Then, another big one came along, straight down, and it was parallel with the other big one. It was bright orange, and it got brighter. I ran in and told my wife, and she could see the big one had six little ones outside of it."

Capt. David Scandrett, duty officer at the Canadian Forces base, said "it turned out to be a snow-making machine, according to the duty military policeman," who had gone to the scene. "He went out there and spent 10 minutes and then came back."

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UFO is sighted, photo shows two

A Durham College electronics student, his brother and a friend have photographed two objects they think are UFOs.

Paul Chorney, 18, his brother Mark, 15, and Alan Giles, 15, all of Ritson Road South, were returning home from a late party about 5 a.m. Sunday when they spotted an object in the sky while walking along Lakeview Drive.

"We thought at first it was just something strange," Paul Chorney said. "But we went to look at it out on the point (at the beach) and then realized it was a UFO."

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Chorney said the object was bigger than a star, with white light radiating from around it. He said there is no way it could have been a star, a plane or a helicopter. Chorney said he looked at it through binoculars and found it resembled a flat disc with three sections.

"It was practically the only light in the sky except for the stars," he said. "It was definitely a UFO."

Chorney said the object hovered at about 2,000 feet in the sky, flew at his group and then retreated.

"It came toward us really quickly," he said. "We thought it was going to come



PAUL CHORNEY
A UFO sighting

down and get us or something."

They watched the object until it retreated into the distance just prior to daybreak, he said, and his brother Mark took four pictures of it. In the photo, there are two white objects hovering above the lake.

Chorney said he was surprised to see the second similar object in the photo, as he only saw one during the night.

"We were flabbergasted," he said. "It was totally unreal, the greatest thing we ever saw in our lives."

TRUCKERS PACED BY UFO's

UFOs seem to love buzzing cars. Trucks too, as the following cases illustrate.

Around 2 a.m. on March 5, 1978, a truck driver was travelling south from Leigh Creek toward Hawker, Australia, when a tire on his truck blew out. He was just outside the city of Parachilna.

As the trucker changed the tire an eerie feeling came over him. Somebody — or something — was watching him. Or so it seemed.

The truck driver looked around him. But nothing — no one was there.

The trucker shrugged, climbed back into the cab of his truck and poured himself a cup of coffee. After a quick smoke, he was on his way.

Several minutes passed. Then, all of a sudden, a bluish-green light appeared in front of the truck.

"I did not take any notice of it because the railway line was on by left-hand side and I thought it was a reflecting sign," the Aussie told UFO Research of South Australia investigators. "It then started to move slowly up and down about 2 to 3 feet. As I didn't know what it was I had put high beam on to have a look, but before the beam could hit it, two smaller red lights appeared under the green light and it took off about 45 degrees to the right, so quickly that I could only see a small flash ..."

The light was gone. But not for good.

Thirty seconds later it reappeared, hovering 15 to 20 feet above the road. There were no red lights this time — only a green one.

The truck driver noted: "It started to lower itself towards the road, and when it was about 5 feet off the ground I switched on to high beam. Again, before the beam hit it, the two red lights came on and it shot up into

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the air at great speed.

"It came back very soon afterwards but would not come below 20 feet above the road and it always kept 150 to 200 feet ahead of me regardless of what speed I was travelling. I had tried time after time to catch but the result was always the same. This went on for at least 15 minutes."

The Australian flagged down another truck as he kept an eye on the green light still ahead of him. The light remained stationary, but switched off like a light bulb when he stepped up into the other truck.

The light was gone. It would not return.

We now turn to another case of UFO voyeurism which occurred only a few weeks after the Australian encounter. The date was March 29. It was between 9:30 and 9:45 p.m. The place: a high-way bypass near Indianapolis, Indiana.

The highway was busy that night as a 3-truck caravan — two 18-wheelers and a Ford super-cab truck — roared along under the clear dark sky. The truckers were talking to one another on their CBs — it was a night much like any other.

Well, almost.

Suddenly the trucks were enveloped in a bright blue light. All noise, all sounds seemed to cease; the truck's motors began to sputter. Then, in a flash, the light snapped off. The motors came to life and the sound of

whining tires once again filled the truck cabins.

Before the truckers could regain their composure, the thing — the same dazzling blue light — again bathed the trucks. The men felt as if they were in limbo.

One of the drivers later told Mutual UFO Network investigator Charles L. Trucker: "It was the most peaceful state I have ever experienced. I did not believe in this crazy stuff before, but I certainly do now. I drive about 130,000 miles a year, pulling trailers

for Mewmar Industries in Nappanee, Indiana. I do not drink nor use any drugs, and I have never experienced anything like this in my life."

Tucker, who reported this incredible case in the May, 1978, issue of the MUFON UFO Journal, asked the witness if he had noticed anything wrong with the truck after the sighting. He replied that he had — the truck's clock which had worked perfectly before the encounter now lost an hour a day. And, he added, "it took the battery about 1½ hours to regain full charge."

Over 100 people, in 50 different cars, viewed the awesome scene. The observers agreed that the light was about 250 to 300 feet in length and shone down only on the trucks.

One astounded eyewitness remarked: "It looked like a big bright blue lampshade over the three trucks ..."

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Park worker reports seeing UFO

When Mike Caton, the operator of artificial snow-making equipment at Earl Bales Park, was grooming the ski hills early yesterday morning, he saw something he couldn't explain. "I saw this light, and it didn't look like a plane." Another UFO? About 10 were reported to be flying over Earl Bales Park at about 2:15 a.m. Sunday by Jim and Kathy Balfour, who live on Bathurst Street. A military policeman who investigated said that the couple had been watching snow-making equipment. But while Mr. Caton insists he saw nothing early Sunday morning, it's a different story for early Monday morning. And the locations were the same.

French UFO report says someone's watching us

A secret French government study of eleven UFO close encounters in that country has concluded that the objects observed were material phenomenon that could not be explained as natural events or human devices. This is the first known instance where government sponsored research has reached such a conclusion.

The conclusion was leaked in a summary of the 500-page report, which says that the investigations of the UFO cases reveal the existence of aerial de-

vices "whose modes of sustenance and propulsion are beyond our knowledge."

The level of the research in the French study was described by one scientist who has seen the complete report as "extremely high quality," making the bulk of the major U.S. Air Force study of the late '60's (known as the Condon Report) seem "very poor" by comparison. "In many cases the investigations were textbook models of how such research should be carried out," he said.

The 11 cases spanning



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the period between 1966 and 1978 were selected because of the high credibility of the witnesses and the fact that the UFOs were seen from less than 250 metres. Two of the cases included descriptions of humanoid creatures. In 10 of the 11 cases the scientists concluded that the

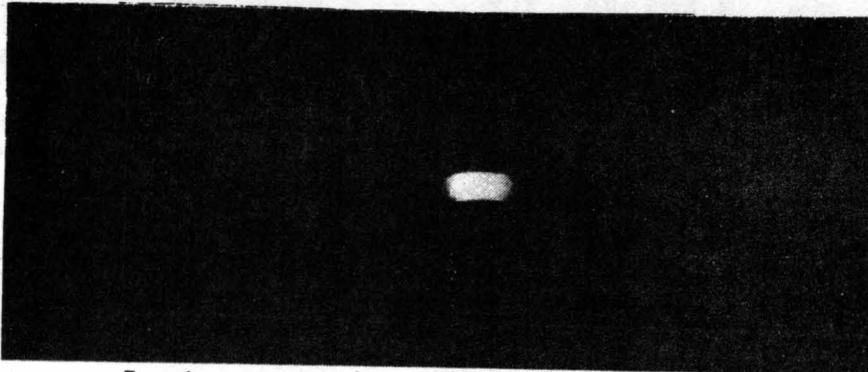
witnesses had seen a material phenomenon that could not be explained.

The scientific study group was created by the French government in 1977 and is alerted to new UFO cases by teletype by the national police force. The actual investigations of the 11 cases included in the special report were made by scientists of varying disciplines, including a psychologist who separately carried out psychological examinations relevant to the evaluation of the testimony of the witnesses.

Since UFO reports are largely based on the witnesses' testimony, psychological evaluation is a vital, but often missing element in so-called "thorough" scientific investigations carried out in Canada and the U.S. At the present time France is the only country known to have a government sponsored UFO research unit.

The group's scientific board, which has approved the project's conclusions, is composed of the members of such prestigious organizations and institutions as the National Meteorology Administration, Lyon Astronomical Observatory, Paris University's Social Psychology Centre, Astrophysical Laboratories and Geodynamic Research Centre, the Polytechnic School's Theoretical Physics Laboratory, and Clermont-Ferrand University's Physical Meteorological Laboratory.

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Examiner reporter photographed mystery light in sky.

Barrie residents report sighting UFO in area

Two Letitia Heights residents say they were awakened this morning by an unidentified flying object.

Don Dinwoodie of Chaucer Street said his wife Irene heard a strange whirring noise about 6:35 a.m.

She looked out the window and saw a light in the sky which the Dinwoodies said was a UFO.

"It was about one and a half inches across," said Dinwoodie. "It was way up in the sky by the time she got to look at it."

Dinwoodie said he and his mother-in-law also saw the object. The object was

visible for almost an hour in the early morning sky, he said. The light appeared to become very bright and then would become very dim, he said.

"It looked like the object was about two miles in the air and two miles from the house," said Dinwoodie. It was south of Barrie, he said.

Dinwoodie said at least one of his neighbors saw it. Barrie city police, OPP and Innisfil Township police say they had no sightings reported. Canadian Forces Base Borden military police said they had heard nothing about the UFO.

UFO glow, or swirling snowblow?

By PETER YOUNG
Staff Writer

Relax, Toronto!
UFOs still love us.

For the past two months, they've been popping up in Australia, Israel, South Africa and New Zealand — but ignoring Metro.

Now they're back, bigger and brighter than ever.

Just ask Kathleen Balfour, 19, and her husband Jim, 20.

They got up to investigate a strange light shining in their fourth-floor apartment window yesterday at 2:15 a.m.

What they saw was a blinding white light hovering at 500 feet over the trees of

Earl Bales Park, at the corner of Sheppard Avenue and Bathurst Street opposite their building.

The light alternately glowed and dimmed as the Balfours watched. Then it changed to a bright orange and began to climb slowly, Jim said yesterday afternoon.

"It looked like an ice-cream cone on its side. At about 2,000 feet, two other smaller ones came out of its side," he said.

"Then another big one came up and lined up with it."

The second UFO slid out of sight and Balfour saw the first object now had six

smaller cylinders ringing it.

Meanwhile, he was on the phone to adjacent Downsview Canadian Forces Base to report the objects.

Metro police squad cars and military police from the base drove up, but by then the object had drifted higher and moved off to the east, Balfour said.

It finally faded completely from sight at about 4 a.m., he said.

A military spokesman yesterday claimed the Balfour's UFO "turned out to be one of the world's most astounding snowblowers."

The snowblower, being used to prepare a ski hill in the park, was the only

thing investigators saw when they arrived, he said.

Balfour doesn't buy that explanation.

"We saw the snowblower, too. It started operating about 3:30 a.m. There's no way I'm going to confuse a snowblower with a bright orange light up in the air."

Balfour said that before yesterday morning, UFO sightings were "just a bunch of stories to me."

"If anybody told me he'd seen one, I would have asked him if he'd seen the Loch Ness monster flying by, too."

"Now I'm not sure...I know I saw something out there...it surprised the hell out of me."

UFO seen near Buckhorn

A UFO sighting was reported to Peterborough OPP this morning at 4:55 a.m. by James Todd of Big Bald Lake near Buckhorn.

Mr. Todd said this was the third consecutive night he has sighted a UFO with his wife Anna through their 100-power telescope.

"We were watching it in the sky in the east where we have seen them from time to time," he said.

"We spotted it around 4:30 in the morning and it seemed to go around 6:20. It was kind of oval shaped at first but later changed shape. There were legs on the bottom and it looked like a saucer with a bit of a tower on it," claimed Mr. Todd.

He said the object was definitely not similar to either a helicopter or an aircraft. Mr. Todd said he has seen more than 30 UFOs since 1974.

Peterborough OPP passed the information on to the air base at Trenton.

Thumps puzzle residents

Mysterious thumps in the night were heard all over the city during January. A wide range of theories were proposed for the sounds including, sewer gases, ice cracking, UFOs, sonic booms, industrial waste, and pre-earthquake tremors.

The reports of the after-dusk thumps were given special credibility when one was heard by city councillors during a regular meeting.

Local officials could give no explanation of the source of the sounds. The phenomena attracted widespread interest and the Earth Physics Branch in Ottawa placed seismology equipment in the city for a period to monitor for seismologic activity. The monitoring proved fruitless.

Reports of the thumps subsided by month's end.

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HALIFAX, NS. - THE MAIL STAR - CANADA
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Couple sights a UFO

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Military exercise

Nanaimo Emergency Program have received several reports of UFO sightings and tankers on fire, but co-ordinator of the program, Ian Heatherington said anyone concerned can relax it was only members of the armed forces carrying out exercises in Comox.

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Strange light Venus, not UFO

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UFO put on a good show

Seeing is believing for some people and Frank Ilavsky became a believer about 5 a.m. yesterday.

Ilavsky, 35, says he looked east from his Forest Manor Road apartment and saw a big white object he thought at first was a star.

"It was beautiful, but it wasn't a star. It was three or four times bigger than a star."

It was cloudy also and Ilavsky says he couldn't see other stars.

Ilavsky, a tennis pro, says it's very hard to describe in detail the flashing lights he saw over the Don Valley Parkway.

"If it was behind the

clouds it was very bright. Or if it was under the clouds it was very low," he explains.

"It was moving up and down, never side to side. I was enjoying watching it. It was growing very big then very small."

Whatever it was, Ilavsky says it moved away around 5:20 a.m. "It just kept going straight up. It grew smaller. Then, suddenly I didn't see anything."

He says he didn't want to report the sighting because, "some people believe us, some people say we're crazy."

"Before I didn't believe. Now I believe there are objects in the air."

That's not a UFO, that's just Venus

By SUE ELLEN WILCOX

The planet Venus, featured Tuesday in the news when it was eclipsed by the moon, has been named as the culprit in several local reports of UFO sightings.

"It started last Saturday," said Muncie Police radio dispatcher Harley Allen. A caller, he said, reported that a large object in the southeastern sky was beginning to fall to earth. The worried person was informed that the "object" was, no doubt, only the planet Venus.

At 5:53 a.m. Thursday, a female caller reported a similar celestial object, which she said was "making noises," according to Allen. However, investigating policemen saw only Venus, known as the "morning star," shining in the southeast as silently as ever.

Also before dawn on Thursday, a woman notified Portland police that she has spotted

a UFO "hovering very low. . ." over the town. They passed along the report to state police before investigation, but found upon driving toward the light found no "close encounters" of any kind.

Cold, calm weather conditions (such as the Muncie area has been experiencing) can make Venus, like other celestial bodies, appear brighter than usual, according to F.H. Arthur, director of the Muncie Community Schools planetarium. The planet is "very bright in the southeastern sky just before sunrise," he said.

During winter, the planet sets before sunset and therefore cannot be seen during evening hours, explained Arthur. In the morning, however, it rises about an hour before the sun and is usually seen as the brightest object in the sky, except for the sun and moon.

5 Local Sightings Of UFO Reported

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An early start by Santa Claus on his Christmas rounds has been offered as one explanation for sightings of unidentified flying objects reported to the sheriff's office Friday night.

Dispatcher Randall Cooley reported that he received at least five telephone calls around 11 p.m. from persons who claimed they saw something mysterious in the sky.

"They all saw it off Interstate 24 and said it looked like a star, but it was moving too fast to be a star," Cooley said.

The dispatcher reported the sightings to Fort Campbell officials. The fort had no scheduled air activity Friday night, Cooley was told.

UFO Sighting In Hyde Park

An unidentified flying object in Hyde Park during full moon last Friday night?

Could be. Three residents of the Dutchess Garden apartment complex in Hyde Park, who were unidentified, claim it is so.

They reported seeing a large, elliptical object in the sky at 10:15 Friday night, and their description closely matches a UFO reported about a year ago in New Jersey, according to the state director of the Mutual UFO Network.

The Hyde Park residents said the object hovered behind some trees just south of the apartment complex for about 30 seconds. The sighters were interviewed later by Dr. Gary Levine of the UFO Network, and, said Levine, the sighting "is very interesting" for a number of reasons.

An associate professor of anthropology and history at Columbia-Greene Community College in Hudson, Levine said a UFO with the same description landed in a parking lot in an apartment complex in North Bergen, N.J.

Two other UFO sightings were reported to his office in the past two days in Greene County, said Levine, and others were reported in Marlboro and New Paltz over the past eight weeks.

Levine also observed that last Friday night was one of full moon. An unusual number of UFO sightings are reported on the night of full moons, he added.

Further, said Levine, a lot of UFO sightings are reported over parking lots, like a recent one said to have hovered above the parking lot at the Hudson River State Hospital complex.

"I plan to pursue this," said Levine. "I am told that dogs all over the area barked as the craft hovered, and that's usually significant, too."

One of the witnesses to Friday night's sighting said he was a veteran of the armed forces and knows what a helicopter or a jet sounds like. What he saw and heard Friday night definitely was neither a jet nor a helicopter, he said.

Strange objects seen in sky

Several Big Point and Helena residents Tuesday reported having sighted strange objects in the sky in the northern part of Jackson County over the weekend.

Mrs. Lester Boykin of Helena Road telephoned the newspaper Tuesday morning noting that she and her sons saw what she called "red ball of fire Saturday night and last night (Monday)."

She said the object remained over

her home for a long period of time.

A resident of Big Point, who asked that her name not be used, told the Mississippi Press she encountered a large white light en route to a grocery in the community Saturday night.

"A man and his family in a truck ahead of me saw it, too. He stopped and asked me if I saw it. I said I did."

Mrs. Boykin and her husband recently saw a ball of fire fall from the sky about 4 a.m. as he drove to work.

A UFO in Jersey City?

Are encounters that close?

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By JEFF BENKOE

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It was not as awesome or magnificent as the spaceship in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," but Joseph Frank was sure it was an unidentified flying object he saw rising and falling in the night sky above Jersey City Wednesday.

Just in case you're shaking your head in disbelief, Frank's wife, Anna, his father, Joseph, and brother, Nick, were with him when they spotted the "strange" object from their car.

Frank described the UFO as a brightly lit blimp that was more rectangular than round, moving up and down like a helicopter.

The Frank family drove down near the Hudson River in downtown Jersey City to get a better look, but by the time they got into position the UFO was gone.

The Franks decided to report the sighting after they learned that several persons in Brick Town had also reported witnessing a UFO.

Police Sergeant Charles Kelly said he got a call Wednesday night at 7:30 from "an excited citizen (apparently not Frank) who said he saw a flying saucer."

The officer who answered the call "saw something in the southeastern sky, very high up," Kelly related. "He observed it for about 20 minutes."

The UFO "looked like a large balloon with a lot of lights. It was stationary until it disappeared," Kelly quoted the officer as saying.

The officer declined to be identified, according to Kelly. "You know how those headlines read, 'Cop sees little green men,'" he said. "Actually we're trying to downplay the sighting."

Frank and the Brick Town officer weren't the only ones who reported a close encounter. A motorist in Poplar Branch, N.C. told authorities he saw a large white light descending from a high altitude yesterday morning.

Israelis reported seeing three bright objects hovering, zigzagging and streaking through skies over Jerusalem yesterday in the latest in a series of sightings since an airplane pilot reported an object shadowing his craft last Dec. 22.

And in Johannesburg, South Africa, a former nurse and her son said they saw a half dozen "beings" in front of a craft illuminated by pink lights and parked on a lonely road yesterday.

"I don't believe in UFOs," Mrs. Meagen Quezet said. "These people were darkish-skinned as far as I could tell," wearing "white or pink suits with shoes attached to their trousers."

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Other People Also Spotted

UFO

Four members of a Jersey City family Thursday joined a handful of people in communities along the New Jersey Coast, including a policeman, who said they observed a UFO in the night sky.

Joseph Frank, an animal control officer; his father, Joseph; brother, Nick and wife, Anna, told reporters at the Jersey Journal they saw a "strange" object while riding in their auto Wednesday night.

The UFO was described as a brightly lit object that appeared similar to a blimp but it was more rectangular than round. The Franks told the Journal it moved up and down like a helicopter very swiftly.

The family said they observed the object in downtown Jersey City near the Hudson River for couple of minutes between 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

When they drove the car around a corner to get a better look the object disappeared.

The Franks said they decided to report their

sighting after they heard a similar report of a flying saucer Wednesday night in Brick Town.

In that case, Sgt. Charles Kelly said he received a call around 7:30 p.m. from an "excited citizen who said he saw a flying saucer."

"We didn't pay too much attention to the call until the man called back 10 minutes later and said it was still there," he said.

Kelly said the officer dispatched to the house, "saw something in the southeast sky, very high up. He observed it for about 20 minutes."

Kelly said the officer didn't want his name made public.

"You know how those headlines read: 'Cop sees little green men,'" Kelly said. "Actually, we're trying to downplay the sighting."

The UFO "looked like a large balloon with a lot of lights. It was stationary until it disappeared," Kelly quoted the officer as saying.

Kelly said he checked with the Coast Guard, the Lakehurst Naval Station and McGuire Air

Force Base but none had aircraft in the area.

Kelly said the officer, who is a six-year veteran of the Brick Township police force, "just clammed up once the calls started coming in."

In all, Brick Town police said Thursday they received two anonymous calls reporting a UFO and heard a similar report from a retired police chief across the bay in Mantoloking who observed something in the sky about the same time.

DATELINE: HUDSON

BY JACK HASBROUCK

JERSEY CITY, N.J. - NEWS
*****DEC. 13, 1978*****

UFO WEATHER

While driving through North Hudson Park the other day in the vicinity of 87 st., an odd thing happened which started me gazing from the window looking for little green men.

It was a radio news broadcast about seven employees of the Kuwait Oil Company who say that 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 of Kuwait. Seven technicians for the company described the craft as a hugh cylindrical object bigger than a jumbo jet with a large dome and flashing red lights.

The men, including one American, said it landed and took off without a sound disrupting telecommunications and pumping activities while it was on the ground. After about seven minutes on the ground, it quickly disappeared into the sky and things returned to normal.

What did this have to do with North Hudson Park flying saucers and little alien men?

NORTH HUDSON

LANDING RECALLED

Well, it was about this time in 1975, that a resident of the Stonehenge apartment, and the doorman, claimed they saw a UFO land and take off from there.

The man was George O'Barski, 72 years old, who owned and managed a small liquor store in Chelsea. As was his habit, on this January morning, O'Barski, himself a teetotaler, closed the store about 2 a.m., headed home from New York on his way to an all-night restaurant in Fort Lee.

As he was taking a shortcut through the park his radio went dead, he said, he heard a droning sound, and a large, bright object flew by him over a row of trees, stopped and was hovering about 10 feet above the ground.

O'Barski drove slowly watching the object with bewilderment. He described it as being about 30 feet in diameter, flat on the bottom with vejnkc-

cjgmsides and a domed top. Its maximum height was estimated at eight feet, surrounded with regularly spaced vertical windows. According to the account given, the object itself was dark but intense light shone from the windows, illuminating the earth below.

SEES BAGMEN

The Stonehenge resident said as the object hovered, a vertical door opened and uniformed figures began to descend to the ground by what resembled some sort of a ladder. At least nine, possibly more, uniformed figures began to descent to the ground.

Wearing light colored coveralls, their faces were obscured by helmets. They were about three and a half feet tall.

They moved quickly each carrying a spoon-like object and little bagmen with a handle spooning dirt into the bags. They ascended as quickly as they had decended. The UFO then took off.

At his closest, the man said he was 60 feet away from the action. The entire incident took place in less than four minutes and the visitors paid no attention to him at any time.

O'Barski said that he went to his apartment sweating and scared and fearing to tell anyone of the incident for what they might think. Later, in the light of the day he went back to the park where the UFO had landed.

There, he said, he dound about 15 little holes about five or six inches deep, he said, confirming his worst fears, and knew it was not a dream.

A subsequent investigation led to a doorman who had been on duty that night at the Stonehenge about 300 yards from the landing site. The man, William Pawlowski, had since left his job. Located a year later, he recalled the incident his story confirming O'Barski's in detail.

REPORTS INCREASE

UFO reports have been becoming more frequent and more detailed of late and from all parts of the world.

And, when one of our spacemen, who himself walked on the moon, came out publicly recently in the press and on the Mike

Douglas Show a week or so ago and said he definitely believed they existed and had actually seen one—it starts you thinking.

The sun was shining brightly as I drove out of the park that day and headed south on the Boulevard East. I looked back and rolled up the window—for suddenly there was a chill in the air....



NEW PA COP - Samuel N. Faivus of Jersey City was among recent graduates of the Port Authority Police Academy Training Program, a 13 week program held at Journal Sq. PATH Transportation Center.

Locals sight U. F. O.

By Steve Rogers

From deep space ...

The triangular shaped object glowed a bright white color as it hovered over the pines as if watching the scattered houses below.

The noise of dogs barking and cows bellowing awakes a family. The wife arises to investigate the uproar when she sees the foreign object near her house ...

The scene, which has existed only in science-fiction for most area residents, became a reality early Sunday morning as several Demopolites reported spotting an unidentified flying object on the west end of town.

Jerry Hines and his family. Route 1, Highway 80 west, (behind Wilson's Antiques) was awakened at 4 p.m. Sunday by the sounds of dogs barking on their farm. When Bobby Hines rose to quiet the dogs, she saw a "very large and bright object hovering over the trees about 600 yards from the house. The dogs and the cows were really making a lot of noise. Whatever it was really had them upset because they never make that much noise."

Mrs. Hines then woke her husband and they both watched the object. Hines called his father-in-law, Oliver McLendon, who lives on an adjoining farm, several neighbors in the Moscow Road area, and the Demopolis police.

"We were scared to death," continued Mrs. Hines. "We would not even turn on the lights for fear of letting it, whatever it was, see where the house was."

The object was described as

about the size of a small house and triangular in shape. "It just sat there over the trees for a while. Sometimes it would appear to turn and the brightness would dim. Then, it would turn back and it would get real bright again. Then, it began moving toward us and all we could do was pray. We told our son to pray hard because we had no idea what it wanted," explained Mr. Hines.

"As it came towards the house, it moved in a zig-zag pattern. Not very fast or far but it was definitely moving because we lined it up with the window panes," added Mrs. Hines. "It hovered for over a half hour."

The family, who is in the process of building a new home on their farm, all claim the object was solid although the brightness of the lights did tend to distort shape at times.

Mrs. Oliver McLendon, who lives in a hollow about a half mile from the Hines home stated that after she received her son-in-law's phone call, she went to her front porch to see what she could see. "All I could see was a bright light over the hill by the new house. It was a lot like a fluorescent lamp but really bright."

As the UFO approached the Hines' home, it stopped over a small lake and then rose "straight up into the air and then went toward the southeast," stated Hines. "It rose up, got sort of hazy, and then moved away."

However, the Hines' were not the only people to spot the object. Demopolis policemen Wayne Mitchell and Mike Slo-

cum both saw the object hovering and rising to the southeast as they approached the Hines' residence. Their police report, filed at 4:29 a.m. Sunday, described a large, bright object hovering some 50 feet off the ground and then moving to the southeast making a funny noise. The officers were able to give little other description of the object.

A radio operator working at the Demopolis State Trooper Post, reported seeing a bright object moving south of Demopolis after 4:30 a.m. Sunday.

Fred Mayton and Troy Martin who both live near the Hines, also reported seeing the UFO. According to Martin, who works for the City of Demopolis, he was awakened by his son, Skip, who had seen the bright glow and received a phone call from neighbors. "From our house, we really could not see anything so we got in our truck and drove toward the area. The thing was already rising when we got there but we could see it. It was a big, bright object; sort of oval shaped with bright lights underneath. It wasn't a star either because it was a cloudy night."

Mayton, who works for Culpepper Electric, described the UFO as triangular-shaped with a blue-white glow. "The whole thing was lit up on the bottom; more than just a spotlight. It looked solid but I couldn't tell what kind of material."

Mike Oliver also reported seeing the object while going deer hunting in Sumter County. Oliver reportedly first spotted the object through the scope of his rifle. While travelling north on Jefferson Road. Later that morning he and a friend, Douglas Wall, sighted a "large bright object" in the direction of Gulf States Paper Corp. as they were leaving Demopolis for Sumter County.

Hines said Tuesday that he and his family were reluctant to talk about the sighting for fear people would think them crazy. "I always heard about people reporting these things but I was always skeptical. Now, I am no longer skeptical because something was definitely out there. I can't say what it was but it was more than just a star."

Often such sightings can be explained by such man-made objects as weather balloons. However, not in this case. A spokesman at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, where the sighting was reported to, said that the base had not made an investigation and had no knowledge of any high altitude weather balloons in the area.

Bill Kenard, a meteorologist at the Centreville weather station, said that 10-foot diameter weather balloons are released each day at 5 a.m. and 5 p.m. from his office. He explained, "These balloons are out of sight in only a couple of minutes so I doubt if your sighting was one of these." Kenard also said that high altitude weather balloons that can be electronically brought to earth are launched from College Station, Texas. Phill Samson with the College Station weather center stated that he knew of no balloons in the area Sunday morning. p 9 A

Rockledge Man Joins UFO Sighting List

COCOA, FLA. - TODAY
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By RICHARD GLENN
TODAY Staff Writer

Is there life beyond the Rockledge Quarry?

One Rockledge resident thinks there might be, saying he sighted seven flying objects Friday night and Saturday morning which he thinks might be alien spacecraft.

However, a neighbor is not sure, thinking instead the sight might simply have been Venus rising in the east.

And a local resident who headed an Air Force project studying UFOs said a satellite might have been sighted but could not say without more information.

Craig Hoot, 35, of Rockledge said he first saw the objects at 11 p.m. Friday. He saw them again about 2 a.m. Saturday near his west Rockledge home.

The burglar alarm installer said he followed the objects to the Rockledge Quarry, a popular swim-

The objects 'looked like stars and kept coming closer. Then they left. I guess they couldn't find a place to land.'

— Craig Hoot

ming hole off West Barton Boulevard, where the hovering objects appeared to be looking for a place to land.

The objects "looked like stars and kept coming closer," Hoot said.

"Then they left," he said. "I guess they couldn't find a place to land."

Retired Air Force Col. William T. Coleman of Indian Harbour Beach, a film producer and consultant on UFOs, said it would be very hard to determine exactly what Hoot saw.

Coleman headed the Air Force project Blue Book begun in 1961 to study UFOs. Since then he has produced films and consulted on others about the UFO phenomenon.

"We've got a pretty interesting sky right now," Coleman said, explaining that many planets and stars are visible now.

Venus and Jupiter are both visible to the naked eye, and it is possible to see details of both, Coleman said.

There are more than 4,300 man-made objects in orbit now, Coleman said, and without a catalog and specific information about arc and altitude it would be difficult to determine if Hoot's sighting might have

been a satellite.

A few orbiting satellites can be seen by the naked eye. An object passing overhead from northwest to southeast could be a satellite on an equatorial orbit, he said.

Hoot said the objects at times appeared to be as big as basketballs.

He said he called the police but "they thought I was crazy."

Hoot's sighting is not the first in the state recently.

A Miami man reported to police Wednesday he was picked up by a UFO and dropped off again 10 miles away.

And Thursday night a Winter Haven police officer reported seeing a large, round, glowing object hovering 1,500 feet above the ground. The house-sized object sped away after several minutes, and the officer was unable to keep up with it.

Hoot estimated the objects he saw were about 5,000 feet off the ground.

DAILY TIMES - MAMARONECK, N.H.
*****JAN. 7, 1979*****

UFO spotted in Larchmont

Vincent Wynds, Edgemont High School wrestling coach, and two of the school's team, Cliff Meilman and Doug Baumgarten, would like to know whether anyone else saw what they saw at 6:49 p.m. Saturday — an unidentified flying object that hovered briefly over Weaver Street near the Hommock School, then sped off like a shot toward New York City.

Wynds said that two planes were in the air at the same time, and one of them appeared to be pursuing the object, a transparent triangular configuration with brilliant green, yellow and red lights at the three corners.

While the three watched, the object — resembling a "flying wing" on the starship in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" — became invisible for a moment. It then reappeared in a new, roughly-pentagon shape marked with numerous yellow and orange lights of spectacular brilliance.

Wynds said several other people were also leaving the Hommocks School at the conclusion of a wrestling match. He tried to point out the object to some of them, but it sped out of sight too rapidly.

Wynds said he will make a formal report to Mamaroneck Town police on Monday when his two wrestlers will be available to corroborate his statement. "I would never tell this story without witnesses to back me up," he explained.

Spotters Of UFO Sought

WORCESTER TELEGRAM - MASS.
*****JAN. 9, 1979*****

Sightings Reported Jan. 5 on Mass Pike in Sturbridge

The Massachusetts branch of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., is looking for people who saw a UFO Jan. 5 on the Massachusetts Turnpike near Interchange 9 in Sturbridge.

At 6:08 p.m. that Friday, a woman called the state police in Sturbridge to say she had seen a UFO while driving on the turnpike near the interchange.

State Police in Sturbridge said there were two such calls at that hour "regarding UFO sightings near Interchange 9." A police spokesman had no further information.

Raymond Fowler is a scientific associate for the center in this state. The branch has a team of 22 investigators who look into UFO sightings in the state.

According to Fowler, the woman saw not just a light but "a machine" to her left "over woods" as she was driving

west on the turnpike at the Route 86 interchange. Fowler said she slowed almost to a stop and rolled down the window to listen, but heard nothing. There were other cars on the turnpike at the time.

"Certain things happened, subtle things," Fowler said.

Fowler did not describe the machine because he does not want to influence the accounts of other witnesses. He is not interested in hoax calls.

Asked if there are many such incidents, Fowler said yesterday, "There sure are." There were 49 such reports in the state in 1978, he said, and investigations showed that only seven remained unidentified. Some were astronomical, such as planets. One was a hoax photograph. Some were airplanes carrying advertisements.

Nationally, Fowler said 20 percent of the sightings remain unidentified. Only 10 percent of the sightings are reported, he said, because people are afraid to reveal their names.

"We are interested in close encounters of the first, second and third kinds," Fowler said of his investigations. The center wants descriptions, "not of a light but a machine."

Fowler usually does not make public requests for information. "It invites crank calls," he said. However, the woman's experience was interesting enough to pursue.

Fowler said all callers will remain anonymous. He can be reached at 449-2000, ext. 2386, in Boston, or 468-4815 in Wenham.

SPRINGFIELD UNION - MASS.
*****JAN. 10, 1979*****

Teen-agers claim UFO

Three Springfield teen-agers claimed they witnessed a four-minute chase of a red light by a jet aircraft over Springfield Tuesday night.

The youths came out of a store in the 16 Acres section of Springfield at 8:05 p.m., heard a loud noise and saw the jet chasing the light at a high speed, Andrew Kienzler, 15, of 130 Willowbrook Drive, said.

After various dodging motions by the red light, the jet left, the red light stopped and appeared to descend past the horizon, Kienzler said.

Richard Matzko, 15, of 46 Middlebrook Drive, and Steven Wojkiak, 16, of 178 Woodcrest Ave., agreed with Kienzler's statement.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Authority air tower at Barnes Airport in Westfield said no aircraft in the area reported any unusual sightings Tuesday and there were no unusual objects on their radar screen.

Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee and a spokesman Air National Guard at Barnes said none of their jets were flying at the time.

Kienzler said the red light was moving too fast to be a helicopter or a flare.

DEMOPOLIS, ALA. - TIMES
*****JAN. 4, 1979*****

Wow! A UFO

UFO
Sunday's visit by some strange phenomenon has stirred speculation in this area that beings from outer space do exist.

We will admit we are keenly interested in what witnesses had to say about what they saw. We feel they DID see something, although we think what they saw can be explained scientifically.

Or we hope it can.

Of course, there is always that possibility that the "visitor" was a craft from some alien planet carrying their own astronauts at speeds incomprehensible to us. This one, however, moved with the speed and noise of a helium-filled balloon, and seemed to frighten nobody.

Whatever it was, it IS interesting, and it brings to coffee conversations something to live up a cold beginning to 1979.

We'll keep you posted.

ATLANTIC CITY PRESS - N.J.
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UFO Stuns Ocean Co. Residents

By BRETT SKAKUN
Press Staff Writer

What's round, has a yellow-white color to it, hovers over the Barnegat Bay while lights dance around it and is able to induce numerous phone calls to police and the news media?

If you ask the approximately 100 Ocean County residents who reportedly saw the phenomenon late Wednesday and early Thursday they'll say it was an unidentified flying object.

"It looked like a starry thing," 27-year-old Lacey Township resident Chris Simmons said. "It didn't really look that big but it seemed to be floating where a plane would be and looked whitish and yellow."

Some reports indicated the UFO lingered in the southeastern sky for almost 45 minutes and seemed to be flying above passing aircraft before it disappeared.

However, spokesmen for the National Aviation Facilities Experimental Center, McGuire Air Force Base, the Coast Guard and the Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Center say there was no unexplained activity in the air nor did anything unusual turn up on radar.

"We've picked up nothing throughout the whole area," said Sgt. William Reardon, who monitors radar at McGuire Air Force Base.

"Our air traffic control tower reported no unusual sightings," NAFEC Public Affairs Officer Michael Benson said.

Sightings were reported in Barnegat and Brick townships between 7 p.m. Wednesday and 1 a.m. Thursday.

Six come forward to back UFO report

Witnesses—six thus far—are rallying to the support of the Edgemont High School wrestling coach who reported spotting a UFO hovering over Weaver Street near the Hommocks School last Saturday evening.

In fact, three Mamaroneck residents vow that the unidentified flying object has been here before.

Charles Comblo Jr., 834 Palmer Ave., Mamaroneck, said he did not bother to report his sighting last Saturday because "no one did anything about it" when he reported seeing the same object, in the same location, two years ago.

ON BOTH OCCASIONS, Comblo said, the object appeared over the Frank N. Mucci home at 117 Highview St., and hovered there for several minutes. On both occasions, the object was clearly seen by Comblo, his girlfriend Lynn Mucci and Mrs. Mucci.

Last Saturday, Mrs. Mucci only saw the lights as the UFO moved off toward Larchmont, Comblo said.

Seconds later, a Mamaroneck family of three, driving north on Weaver Street, spotted the UFO hovering over the New England Thruway as their car turned onto Harmon Drive. Father, mother and daughter all saw the object clearly, but begged, "Please don't use our names — we would be too embarrassed."

MTS. X, in fact, only found the courage to report the incident Sunday after she read in *The Daily Times* that Vincent Wymbms, the Edgemont wrestling coach,

would file a report on his sighting of the UFO with Mamaroneck Town police. The object also was seen by two members of the wrestling team.

"When I read that that young man was willing to go out on a limb, I felt I had a duty to support him, so on Monday I told (town) police what we had seen — without giving my name," Mrs. X explained.

Wymbms filed his report with police on Tuesday and this morning said he is still working with an artist on a rendering of the object.

Wymbms said that when he went to the police station, "they believed it."

THE WRESTLING COACH said he has since heard reports of power shortages in Greenwich, Conn., and Pelham that coincide with the UFO sighting.

However, a Con Ed spokesman said there were no outages in the area on Saturday. "I'm not saying no individual customers from that area might have called, but there were no outages," said the spokesman. The only Con Ed outage in Westchester that evening occurred in Cortland at about 5 p.m. and related to a problem with an insulating wire.

The UFO, which Wymbms said was flying below clouds at less than 1,000 feet in altitude, was being chased by a propeller-powered passenger plane and what appeared to be an F-4 Phantom jet fighter.

WYMBMS SAID this morning the sighting was "a light show beyond belief, a demonstration of power I've never seen."

Barnegat patrolmen responded to two calls from UFO watchers but in the police reports they discounted that what they saw was a UFO.

"We have nothing to substantiate a UFO sighting," Barnegat Police Captain Edward Smith said.

The rash of sightings could have been prompted by a UFO resembling "an illuminated pingpong ball with a tinge of red in the middle" television cameraman Frank Kazukaitis reportedly described and filmed Tuesday in New Zealand.

Similar sightings were reported in New Zealand over the weekend and film footage was aired throughout the U.S. this past weekend.

Speculation on what was seen in both New Zealand and in Ocean County has ranged from a shooting star to a night fisherman training his lights on the sky. And also, of course, a spacecraft from the stars.

UFO Reported

By MICHAEL KESTNER
City Editor

At least two Dyersburg residents saw what they believe to be a UFO yesterday afternoon although no other similar sightings of a bright white light were reported to local authorities.

"I saw a big white light," said Ann Black this morning. "It looked like a street light, but it was over in a field. I watched it and watched it, but it didn't move. Then it began to move west at a high rate of speed."

Mrs. Black said that she and her husband witnessed the incident as they were returning from Memphis at approximately 5 p.m. She said that she first saw the object as they turned off 51 - Bypass onto old Hwy. 51 near Southtown.

While the incident was not reported locally, it corresponds with similar sightings in Nashville at the same time.

A story in the Nashville Tennessean reported that police in Nashville received nine reports of bright objects moving in a north to northwest direction between 5 and 9 p.m. yesterday.

"I didn't report the sighting yesterday because I didn't want anyone to think that I was crazy," said Mrs. Black. "But I heard on the news last night that sightings were reported in Nashville."

Mrs. Black said that the white light moved to the west at a high rate of speed and then turned red. She said that the red light split into two red lights and moved apart as much as a quarter of a mile before turning in a northerly direction.

"It was scary," reported Mrs. Black. "I didn't believe in UFOs. I always thought that people saw planes or something, but I know what I saw and it wasn't like anything I have ever seen before. I can swear that it wasn't a helicopter or a plane."

The Nashville sightings began yesterday when two police officers waiting to go on duty reported seeing several unexplainable bright lights about 5 a.m. The report of nine sightings of UFOs were made between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. last night and were reported on television.

City and county law enforcement officials said this morning that no sightings had been reported yesterday.

Ken Leggett, manager of Perkins Aviation, said that Dyersburg was under a 5,000 ft. ceiling at approximately 5 p.m. yesterday and that anything seen at that time would have to be below that altitude.

Mrs. Black said that she and her husband observed the phenomenon for about five minutes.

ROCK RAPIDS, IOWA - REPORTER
*****JAN. 8, 1979*****

Officers observe UFO here Saturday

Several deputies and Lyon County Sheriff Craig Vinson, along with a few other people, saw what must be termed as an unidentified flying object shortly after midnight Friday—and they continued to observe the phenomenon for some time. The object, according to Sheriff Vinson, was probably a bright star or planet. The cold temperatures and atmospheric conditions may have added colors to the light coming from the star or planet.

The object was visible over a large area, and was observed by other people, including observers at Sioux Falls.

Deputies seeing the UFO in the county were officers Olson, Johnson, Hammer and Bender.

TUCSON DAILY CITIZEN - ARIZ.
*****JAN 3, 1979*****

UFO debate—Recent reports of flying saucers along the New Zealand coastline may have been nothing more than the dancing lights of Japanese squid boats, the leader of an airborne saucer search group said today.

Squadron leader Ray Carran, captain of a Royal New Zealand Air Force Orion maritime plane, said he and his crew of 11 did not see any unidentified flying objects during a night-long patrol of the Kaikoura area 100 miles north of the city of Christchurch.

"However, some 106 miles east of Christchurch is a very large Japanese squid fleet," Carran said. "The squid fleet is visual to the naked eye for 120 miles with the very, very, powerful lights they use."

Film footage of purported UFOs over New Zealand filled television screens in Britain and Australia yesterday.

FOUR POLICEMEN SEE UFO IN NIGHT SKY

FOUR police officers have reported seeing a UFO fly past Hit-chin police station on New Year's eve.

The officers were all on duty in the same room when they watched the mysterious object go by at about 7.20 pm.

By WENDY STEVENSON

"I have seen airplanes and all sorts of things, but I have never seen anything like that," said Inspector Fred Caterer this week.

The four officers watched the strange blue light for two minutes as it went by them in a straight line, finally vanishing behind treetops.

"Apparently it was seen all over the country," added Inspector Caterer, who was watching with Sergeant David Kemp, Pc John Thorn and Pc John Taylor.

"It seemed to break up into a line of white lights before going out of sight.

"It seemed to be going faster than an aeroplane, although it is hard to judge with objects in the sky, and one of the men made it out to be three inches long at that distance — so it must really have been huge.

"I don't think it could have been a meteorite because they go downwards towards the horizon, but this kept going straight."

Inspector Caterer added that he had entered the strange object in the incident book and had contacted the London-based officer who collates information about UFOs.

DES PLAINES, ILL - TIMES
*****JAN. 4, 1979*****

Report UFO; it may have been meteor

A Des Plaines man and his 21-year-old son told police Dec. 26 that they had seen a UFO about 6:25 p.m. at Touhy and River. They reported they were in their car when they saw a bright green light about 500 feet above the tree tops. They said it was oval shaped and going west at speeds of 200 mph or more.

Police Sgt. Walter Lang confirmed that about the same time he, too, was in the area and saw the green light. But he identified it as a meteor. And according to police, people in the tower at O'Hare Field also confirmed that the green lights were meteors.

The Adler Planetarium reported that for several days last week a rare display of fireballs was seen in Chicago area skies. They noted that fireballs are meteors, only much brighter, like a full moon. And they leave behind a trail that may last for several minutes. The astronomer at the Planetarium said callers have reported a trail streaking from east to west.

SUNDAY PATRIOT-NEWS - HARRISBURG, PA.
*****DEC. 24, 1978*****

The People Speak

Remnant of UFO Found in State?

QUESTION: A Pittsburgh man believes a black, glassy sphere he found in an Ohio field three weeks after he saw an orange ball in the night sky is a UFO remnant. So does a NASA investigator. What do you think?

UFO? Jersey shore cop saw 'circle of light' in sky

By BRIAN KATES

A puzzled look crossed the face of Lt. Joseph DeAngelo yesterday as he sat at his desk in the Brick Township, police station. "I can only tell you what I saw," he said.

At about the same time — at the other end of the world — six police officers in New Zealand stood before their bosses and said the same thing.

What they saw depends on what you believe. But in Brick Township, a quiet community on the Jersey shore near Asbury Park, they're calling it a UFO.

In New Jersey, it was the first such sighting in about a month. In New Zealand, it is the second sighting in four days.

What DeAngelo says he saw Wednesday night was "a white circle of light" with "blue lights at either end." It didn't move for nearly 40 minutes, said DeAngelo, a policeman for more than 12 years. "It just hovered there. Then it took off and disappeared. I don't know what it was."

Other New Jersey residents saw something, too. Joseph Frank, an animal control officer, his father, Joseph, brother Nick and wife, Anna, said that they observed a "strange object" while riding in their car on Wednesday night, about half an hour before the sighting over Barnegat Bay.

They described the object as brightly lit, about the size of a blimp and more rectangular than round.

In New Zealand, the object was said

to look "like a volcano" of pulsing light that coursed across the sky. It was captured on film by a television crew about 500 miles from where the police officers said they saw it.

The Lakehurst Naval Engineering Center and McGuire Air Force Base reported no unusual activity in the sky over Barnegat Bay where the New Jersey sighting was made at about 7:40 p.m. Officials at both installations said that they could provide no explanation for the activity.

Bob Warth, president of the Society for the Unexplained, in Little Silver, maintains that the sighting over Barnegat Bay represents "an encounter of the second kind." He believes, that the craft hovered in one place for so long because "it must have been observing or measuring something."

NEW WILMINGTON, PA. - GLOBE
*****DEC. 21, 1978*****

UFO Encounters At Youngstown

The hypothetical "UFO Encounters," a possibility of life developing elsewhere, in another universe, remains before us as a locked door, heightening our curiosity and wonderment as to just what lies beyond. Fifteen million Americans, an amazing eleven percent of the adult population, have reported UFO sightings. People ranging from congressmen to housewives; from policemen to astronauts and pilots and even President Jimmy Carter have reported seeing "unidentified flying objects."

Even after sifting through all the misidentifications, false reports and outright hoaxes, there remains a percentage of unknowns — those sightings that cannot be explained by science or natural phenomenon.

Youngstown State University planetarium program, will examine the possibilities of interstellar contact from ancient time to the present. Showings will be on Jan. 11, 2:00 p.m.; Jan. 12, 8:00 p.m.; Jan. 13, 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.; Jan. 19, 8:00 p.m.; Jan. 20, 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.; Jan. 26, 8:00 p.m. and Jan. 27, 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.

While there is no charge for admission, due to the limited seating capacity, advance reservations are required. Reservations can be made by telephoning the YSU Planetarium, (216) 742-3616.

MOSES LAKE, WASH. - HERALD
*****DEC. 22, 1978*****

Strange object sighted overhead

An unidentified object was sighted in the sky by many Basin residents Thursday.

Those who did see it reported it as a whiteish orange round shape directly overhead. It definitely was traveling in a westerly direction, observers said, and felt quite warm.

Herald photographers also reported seeing it, but said they were unable to get any pictures because of the speed with which it disappeared.

It also had a warming affect upon the Basin, leaving a trail of melted snow and slush as it began its trek toward longer days on the first day of winter.

An unidentified source also said a different object might be observed in the sky sometime Sunday night (Christmas Eve) bringing gifts for the benefit of all who believe.

Metro Police Watch UFOs Flying Over West Nashville

By JOHN BRITTINGHAM
Banner Staff Writer

West Nashville is an unlikely setting for a science fiction story.

But a group of Metro police officers said what they saw in the sky there early today was like a science fiction tale come to life.

The officers reported spotting two strange, unidentified flying objects over West Nashville about 3 a.m.

"People have always said you're nuts if you see something like that," said Lieutenant Robert "Buddy" Ezell, one of those who spotted the strange objects.

"I've always been skeptical as hell of those kind of reports. But I'm 46 years old and I looked up in the sky and saw something I'd never seen before."

The UFOs were witnessed by Ezell, seven other patrolmen and

several Tennessee Highway Patrol officers.

"They were round objects that looked like the tip end of a sparkler that was really glittering. They had a white light on the top. In the center was a red light flashing like a beacon," Ezell said.

"The bottom part was a bluish green light flashing bright and dim. There were two of them. The funny part about them was that you could see these things

but nobody could figure out what they were or where they were."

Ezell and the Metro officers said they watched the objects from a parking lot at 10th Avenue North and Charlotte Avenue.

The flying objects were first spotted by officers Oscar Davison and Ronald Hollis. Ezell said they called him and other officers to the scene.

Richard Thomas, a pilot for

WSM radio, said he flew a plane at 13,000 feet above the ground at 4:30 a.m. to look for the objects, but did not see them.

"The whole time I was out, I didn't see one thing," he said.

Air traffic controllers at the Metro Nashville Airport said they had not sighted the objects or detected them on radar.

"We don't have any reports of any," said Charles Weber, watch supervisor.

A police dispatcher called a

toll free number listed to an organization known as UFO Central to report the sighting.

Ezell said both objects appeared to be westbound.

He said he followed one of them out Interstate 40 in his car before it finally disappeared from view.

"If I was alone and saw these I might have just not said anything to anybody and gone on home," he said.

HERALD STATESMAN - YONKERS, N.Y.
*****JAN. 4, 1979*****

City woman reports sighting UFO

By CHRISTINE PHILLIP
Staff Writer

It was about 5 a.m. today when Jill Shifrin was walking her dog along DeHaven Drive in Yonkers. Suddenly she looked up at the sky and saw something that looked like an unusually bright star.

"It was very unusual," she said. For a whole I thought it was my imagination but when I continued to look the figure was in the same fixed position," she added. She said she saw the star in the east and it

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seemed to have six points coming from the west.

I was frightened because this was the first time I have seen something like this in the sky," she said. Miss Shifrin said she finished walking the dog and went inside and continued to watch the object from her window.

She said the figure was still there. "I told my sister about it, and she saw it also," she said.

A police spokesman said they had not received any calls about it. However, Bruce Riggs, planet lectur-

er at the Andrus Space Transit Planetarium said what Miss Shifrin probably saw was the planet Venus.

He said Venus comes up about 3 a.m. in the morning and is clearly visible. "Venus rises before the sun and appears as a planet at this time of the year," he said.

He said the six points that she saw while looking through the window is the illusion that is created when one looks through glass. He added that other planets are also visible at different times in the morning and evening at different points in the sky.

SIGHTING OF UFO REVIVES MEMORIES

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THE sighting of another UFO over the skies of Stafford last week by schoolboy Shaun Salmon, 12, brought back memories to neighbour Jessie Roestenburg - involved in one of the "classics" of UFO experiences in the 1950's.

Shaun was playing outside his home in Cramer Street when he spotted the object moving across the sky with no sound about it.

"There were four red lights in a sort of oblong shape," Shaun said. "There looked like sparks coming out of it every five seconds."

Mrs Roestenburg's experience - 24 years ago last Saturday - was on a far larger scale, and has been recorded in books and been the subject of film documentaries.

At the time she and her husband, Tony, were living with their family in a lonely farmhouse at Ranton.

"It was late in the afternoon and I was waiting for my boys, Tony and Ronnie, to come home from school," she recalled. "I heard a noise which put the fear of God into me."

"It sounded like a huge

fire being put out with water and I thought it was an aeroplane crashing.

"I rushed out to look for my boys and found them lying flat on the ground

saying 'Mummy, Mummy, we've seen a flying saucer.'

"They each grabbed my apron and as we turned to look at the house, there it was."



UFO spotters Jessie Roestenburg and Shaun Salmon. Both live in Cramer Street, Stafford, but their experiences are years apart. Shaun saw a UFO last week while Mrs Roestenburg's experience features as one of the "classics" in UFO history.

Mrs Roestenburg describes the object as like a massive sombrero, bright silver and tilted at an angle on the roof of the house.

"Looking down at me were what looked like men, with hair curled under their ears, wearing what seemed like vivid blue polonecks, and wearing glass-type bowls over their heads - what the astronauts wear today."

"I looked down at the boys. When I looked up again it had gone," she said. "We searched the sky and saw it disappearing."

ILFORD RECORDER - ESSEX, ENGLAND
*****OCT. 12, 1978*****

BRIEFLY A strange encounter

HEADS up - the UFOs are back in town!

Among reports of recent sightings being investigated by the Essex UFO Study Group comes one from Gants Hill.

A couple driving along Cranbrook Road noticed two multi-coloured objects over Valentines Park.

The incident was reported to police and later passed on to EUFOSG.

Police probe new UFO sightings over Suffolk

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UFO sightings were reported in the Lowestoft-Beccles area last night - but Lowestoft police said it

was probably the result of night flying exercises from RAF Woodbridge.

A police spokesman said

"The night flying exercises appear to involve aircraft equipped with spotlights and projecting pencil type

beams of light - so that could account for the numerous UFO reports. We are still investigating."

LIGHTS IN THE SKY

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WITH REFERENCE to your front page article, "Three UFO sightings reported in Island," the "bright and large double light" flashing on and off was also seen by myself and a friend on the night of Sunday, October 8, about 10 pm while travelling along the lane from The Anglers in the direction of Bembridge.

It was almost directly overhead among the stars, but plainly visible on account of its brightness and the one flashing light.

I wondered if it could have been a plane signalling for landing, but if so, could not understand why it did not appear to move (unless height was deceptive) and then suddenly swoop away.

As we rounded the lane a minute or so later, a seemingly answering twin light, flashing on and off, was visible across the water well out to sea.

This too, after remaining stationary for a couple of minutes, suddenly swooped and disappeared.

E. BRIGNALL (Mrs.)
16 Brook Road,
Shanklin.

Dozens report 'UFO' sighting

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North Warwickshire has had its own encounter of a strange kind.

Dozens of people have reported seeing a large, brightly-lit craft early on Monday night.

The Tribune switchboard has been jammed with people informing us about the sighting. Many of them believe they have

seen a UFO — an Unidentified Flying Object.

Ice-cream salesman Peter Hutton, of Chapel End, was working in Sycamore Road, Camp Hill when he saw the object.

"It was nothing like a plane and seemed to hover for a couple of minutes with the lights dimming and brightening.

"I don't know what to make of it. I am not sure what I believe," he added.

Most of the callers have come from Nuneaton but there have been reports of sightings in Bedworth, Hinckley and Atherstone.

Mancetter schoolboy Tony Hiatt said: "I am sure it was a UFO. I never believed in them — but I do now.

"Two of my mates also saw it and that's enough for me," added Tony, who lives in Mancetter Road.

Now, Jeff Taylor, who helped to form the Nuneaton UFO Society, is investigating the sightings.

He is hoping to get in touch with all the people who saw the object.

"At this stage it is far too early to pin - point what exactly it was," he said.

200 report seeing UFO

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MORE than 200 people have reported seeing a delta shaped unidentified flying object spotted in Leicestershire last Monday.

Mr. Trevor Thornton, organiser of the Leicester branch of the Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon Research Organisation, said he had received calls from

all over Leicestershire and the Midlands area.

"It is the largest number of calls we have had, and is a fantastic response. The response is more phenomenal than the phenomenon," he said.

The object was described as delta shaped with a mass of lights and was sighted between 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

UFO RIDDLE 'NO HOAX'

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Storeman Robert Huttleston could not believe his eyes as he drove along The Ridgeway towards Enfield on Monday night.

Hovering in the air over the open fields towards Trent Park was a glowing yellow diamond shape surrounded by four flashing white dots . . . a UFO.

Now Robert (31) is appealing for anyone else who saw the lights to come forward.

He said: "I know this sounds funny but it is genuine. It's not a hoax. Everyone I tell just seems to think I made a mistake but someone else must have seen it."

Robert, from Mapleton Crescent,

Enfield first saw the object as he drove from the M10.

When he reached The Ridgeway about a mile north of Chase Farm Hospital he stopped the car and had a good look at the object which appeared kite-shaped in the middle with the lights on the outside.

He said it was at about the height and was about the size of a helicopter but it was not a helicopter.

There was nobody around to check the sighting.

On Tuesday local police said they had not had any reports of a strange sighting, though a

policeman at Potters Bar thought it "might have been a high flying student from the Polytechnic at Trent Park."

Local unidentified flying object expert Dan Goring said he had not heard of this kind of sighting in that area recently.

But he said there were a number of UFO sightings over the River Lea area in May and June.

Mr. Goring who help to produce Earthling—an international magazine on UFOs—said Enfield was particularly rich in UFO sightings. "Anyone who looks out in Enfield on a clear night has a chance of spotting something," he said.

JE SUIS PILOTE ET J'AI VU UN O.V.N.I.

"NOSTRA" - PARIS, FRANCE - NOV. 2, 1978

I AM AIRLINE PILOT AND I HAVE SEEN A UFO!

PERUVIEN de naissance, pilote de profession, en revenant d'Allemagne vers Paris, environ à 30 km à l'est de Metz à 17 h 50 j'ai vu un objet de forme un peu allongée à la couleur plutôt argent, brillant comme le platine. Derrière l'objet, il y avait les gaz de combustion de l'appareil qui étaient de couleur orange et une chose que, pour moi, j'ai trouvée étonnante : au fur et à mesure que l'objet se déplaçait, les gaz de combustion, derrière, ne laissaient pas de trace ; ils se déplaçaient avec « l'objet » en question (la fumée des gaz, toutefois, étant assez longue).

Native of Peru, and airline pilot, I was coming again from Germany towards Paris, about 30kms to the east of Metz, at 05:30 p.m. I have seen an object a little elongated and silver coloured, shining like platinum. Behind the object, there were exhausts which were orange coloured. But I was very astonished by a curious thing; as the object was moving progressively, exhausts to its back did not leave tracks. Exhausts traveled with the object! (Therefore, smoke of exhausts, was very long.)

This object, was 3km away from me and the sighting lasted about 1 minute and 30 seconds. Then, the object turned towards the north-east.

L'objet se trouvait à 3 km du lieu où je me trouvais ; l'observation a duré 1 mn 30 et ensuite l'objet a tourné en direction du nord-est.

OVNI dans la Nièvre

Nevers (CP). — Deux jeunes filles qui campaient au lieu dit « Méroc de Froy », commune de Dun - les - Places, ont vu dans le ciel, une forte lumière rouge, pendant une vingtaine de secondes, après avoir entendu un sifflement aigu. Environ une heure après, le même phénomène se renouvelait près de leur campement. Apeurée, les jeunes filles se sont rendues à la gendarmerie de Lormes pour

raconter ce qu'elles avaient vu. Les gendarmes qui sont allés sur le terrain ont vu la trace de l'OVNI, celle-ci a la forme d'un ballon de rugby et fait à peu près cinq mètres de long.

La gendarmerie poursuit son enquête, d'autant plus qu'il y a d'autres témoins, un restaurateur du chalet du Martal a vu aussi cette étrange lueur qui a priori, ne semble pas provenir d'un avion.

Very frightened, both came on telling their story to the Gendarmes. These ones went on the sighting spot and found a track left by the engine. This track is shaped like a football and is 5m long. Gendarmes is inquiring on this affair, and we have learnt there are other witnesses, particularly a restaurant owner living in Martal-cottage, who has seen also this queer gleam, which doesn't seem to be a airplane sidelight.

"LE BIEN PUBLIC" - NEVERS-FRANCE
NOV. 3, 1978

UFO IN NIEVRE DEPARTMENT

NEVERS: TWO young girls who were in the camping-ground so-called: "Meroc-de-Froy", in Dun-les-Places village, have seen in sky, a kind of red light for a twenty seconds, after having heard a shrill whizzing. About one hour later on, the same phenomenon happened again close to their camping ground. Very frightened, both came on telling

"LA NOUVELLE REPUBLIQUE du CENTRE: - BOURGES, FRANCE 11/8/78

La Roche-sur-Yon: - A woman from Bessay (village of Vendee department), has seen Tuesday a UFO Mrs. de Bardentane, effectively, saw a UFO formed with two incandescent disks which were the one over the other, and flying in a altitude 500m.

La Roche-sur-Yon. — Une femme de Bessay, petit village de Vendée, a aperçu mardi un objet volant non identifié. Mme de Bardentane a vu l'O.V.N.I., qui volait à 500 m, d'altitude, composé de deux disques incandescents superposés.

IEUX OBSERVATIONS D'OVNI

"NOSTRA" - PARIS, FRANCE - NOVEMBER 8, 1978

TWO UFO SIGHTINGS

JE tenais à vous signaler que plusieurs témoins de La Mure ont observé le 14 septembre, à 8 h du matin, un O.V.N.I. ayant une forme sphérique et une teinte jaune-orangé : l'objet était entouré d'un halo lumineux de couleur blanc laiteux et évoluait à une vitesse très supérieure à celle d'un avion. L'observation a duré trois minutes.

Le 15 septembre vers 23 h une habitante de la commune de Susville a observé un engin ayant une forme ovoïde d'une teinte jaune-orangé, rouge feu. A un moment, cet objet a émis un faisceau d'un blanc très brillant ; cette dame a ressenti des picotements aux yeux à la suite de son observation qui a duré en tout cinq minutes. Dans ces deux cas, les objets sont apparus au sud-ouest (soit en direction de l'Italie) pour disparaître au nord-est dans le plus grand silence.

I point out to your attention that several witnesses from La Mure town, have sighted on Septemebr, 14, at 06:00 a.m., a UFO with a spheric shape and a yellow-orange colour. This object was rounded with a bright halo which was white-milky and it was moving with a very high speed, quicker than a conventional air craft. This sighting lasted three minutes.

On September, 15, about 11:00 p.m., one inhabitant from Susville village has sighted an engine having shape like an egg and a yellow-orange tint, almost red like fire. At one moment, this object gave off a very bright white beam and the witness, a woman, felt smarting sensation to their eyes just after his sighting which lasted five minutes.

In these two cases, objects sappeared in the south-west (in fact towards Italy) and disappeared towards the north-east with larger noiseless.

"LA NOUVELLE REPUBLIQUE DU CENTER" - BOURGES, FRANCE 11/9/78

VIERZON. - Une Vierzonnaise, Mme Huguette Boyer, domiciliée 22, Cité Mermoz, a déclaré avoir aperçu dans le ciel, mercredi matin, vers 7 h. 10, un objet en forme de torpille qui crachait un feu à l'arrière. Cet O.V.N.I. a très vite disparu aux regards de Mme Boyer qui a été de seul témoin de cette apparition. ...

VIERZON: A woman from Vierzon, Mrs. Huguette BOYER, resident 22, Cite Mermoz, has stated having seen in the sky, Wednesday in the morning about 7:10 a.m., a object shaped like a torpedo which was giving fire and flames in its back. This UFO disappeared very swiftly as Mrs Boyer look, who was the only witness of this sighting.

"LE PARISIEN" PARIS, FRANCE 12/13/78

UFO SIGHTED IN MARNE DEPARTMENT

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O.V.N.I. aperçu dans la Marne...

CHALONS-SUR-MARNE. - Une famille marnaise a affirmé aux gendarmes de Vertus (Marne), près de Châlons-sur-Marne, qu'elle avait vu évoluer une boule orangée lumineuse, pendant un quart d'heure au-dessus de sa maison de Vert-Toulon.

Mme Jacqueline Bemelmans, 36 ans, secrétaire, a déclaré qu'elle avait aperçu, lundi matin, à 6 h 15, une boule orangée, de 1 mètre de diamètre environ, survoler sa maison à une altitude qu'elle ne pouvait définir. Elle avait alors réveillé son mari, M. Jacques Bemelmans, 39 ans, chef d'atelier, et en compagnie de leur fils, Patrice, 17 ans, ils purent, ont-ils assuré aux gendarmes, suivre pendant une quinzaine de minutes, l'évolution de cet objet volant et silencieux, qui oscillait « comme un hélicoptère », dans un halo bleuté.

M. et Mme Bemelmans et leur fils ont, également, précisé que l'objet s'était éteint au passage, près de leur maison, d'une automobile, qui roulait tous feux allumés, pour s'éclairer à nouveau et disparaître, enfin, vers le sud.

Les gendarmes de la brigade de Vertus ont ouvert une enquête.

Chalons-sur-Marne: A family of Marne dept. has stated to Gendarmes of VERTUS near Chalons sur-Marne, that they had seen the evolutions of a bright orange ball for 15 minutes above their home of Vert-Toulon. Mrs. Jacqueline BEMELMANS, 36, secretary, has stated she had sighted, monday in the morning, about 6:15 am on orange ball, one metre in diameter, lying over hsi house in an altitude she couldn't to define. She awoke her husband, Mr. Jacques BEMELMANS, 39, shop-foreman, and with their son Patrice, 17, they could look for a fifteen minutes, according to their statement, at this noiseless object traveling in a oscillating manner, and rounded with a blue coloured halo.

Police report 'close encounters'

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A SUSPECT seen loitering by Surrey police officers in the early hours of Tuesday morning, escaped being questioned and identified — even though five special reports were put in from patrolling Panda cars.

For the "suspect" was an

unidentified flying object spotted travelling on high over the area.

Police officers from Egham and Addlestone reported their sighting after the strange object had them baffled.

One sighting was near the M25 works at Lyne and police reported a mysterious flying object with red and green lights with a white glow. It appeared to be about ten or 15 miles away.

Two other patrol cars in Addlestone reported seeing the same thing.

Then came another report from Egham policeman Gavin Hamilton.

The fifth came from policewoman Fay Briggs in Addlestone town centre who said she had spotted a UFO travelling about 200 feet high in the sky and at a speed in "excess of an aircraft".

This object was described as blue and white and emitting a bright light.

A spokesman at Addlestone police station said that an official report had been made to the RAF base at West Drayton. And full details of the sightings have been passed to the Ministry of Defence, where a spokesman said that they were waiting for a full report before commenting.

'Object' baffles UFO experts

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A MYSTERY light spotted in the sky over Molesey is baffling UFO experts.

The red and green ball of light was seen last Wednesday night by Walton machinist Miss Sarah Yapp and her boyfriend, Dave Hatchet. Only the day before, a similar sighting was made by 12 police officers as the light passed over the Addlestone and Woking areas.

Sarah, of 15 Second Avenue, saw the light hover in the sky and then shoot off towards Hampton Court. "We had just arrived at the New Inn pub, Mattham Road, when I looked out of the windscreen and saw this red light apparently chasing an aeroplane," she said.

"It was a fairly large red light and was moving very fast and jumping around.

"Then the object hovered behind a tree and I could see a green light flashing underneath. The light remained for a few seconds and then shot off at an incredible speed — much faster than any aeroplane."

Although the light has been seen by a number of people in North West Surrey, it is the first time such an object has been investigated by UFO experts.

Mr David Stonnard, regional co-ordinator for the British UFO Research Association, said he had not received any other reports of this object

Lights in the sky puzzle police

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Bright objects in the skies of West Virginia have puzzled the state police.

"I couldn't tell you what they were. I've never seen anything move like that, I'll tell you," said Corporal Don Sharpe of the State Police.

He said he watched seven objects for about 30 minutes on Friday night and was one of at least three state troopers and a number of other officers who reported sighting the flying objects.

Hovering

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 sometimes red or yellow lights.

Most reports indicated at least three objects travelling together.

Mr Robert Brown, director of Green Bunk radio astronomy observatory, said weather was a possible explanation.

Another UFO is sighted

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A MULTI-COLOURED UFO was seen in the sky over Surrey yesterday by three patrolling police crews.

The mysterious object was seen by policemen in Addlestone, Chertsey and Woking, as well as by many members of the public.

The object was said to be green and red and was sighted over Lyne, near Chertsey, in the early morning.

All the sightings were reported to the Royal Observatory, at Greenwich.

One person who saw the object told the police that it looked like a shooting star.

Strange noises have been reported by residents in Ash and Aldershot. The Surrey Investigation Group for Aerial Phenomena is investigating the reports of the "droning" noises.

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*****OCT. 25, 1978*****

Police spot low-flying UFO?

SURREY police have been seeing stars this week. A dozen officers are convinced they saw a UFO pass over Addlestone in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

Reports of the close encounter vary but it appears that whatever it was that flew past was travelling very fast and had coloured lights.

Sightings came from staff at Addlestone police station, officers on mobile patrol, and a WPC pounding the beat in the town.

WPC Fay Briggs was on the corner of Garfield Road and Station Road when she saw a bright blue and white ball-shaped object fly over the roof tops only 20 feet above her head.

"It shocked me that it was so low, but nobody believed me at the station at first. They thought I was nuts," she said.

"It was like a burning ball and was going faster than anything I'd ever seen. It went straight as an arrow and I was quite frightened."

She was with PC Nigel Murphy at the time but the object was moving so fast that it had disappeared by the time she called him.

Another officer who spotted the strange object said: "It was pulsating and red on the bottom, green on the top and white in the middle."

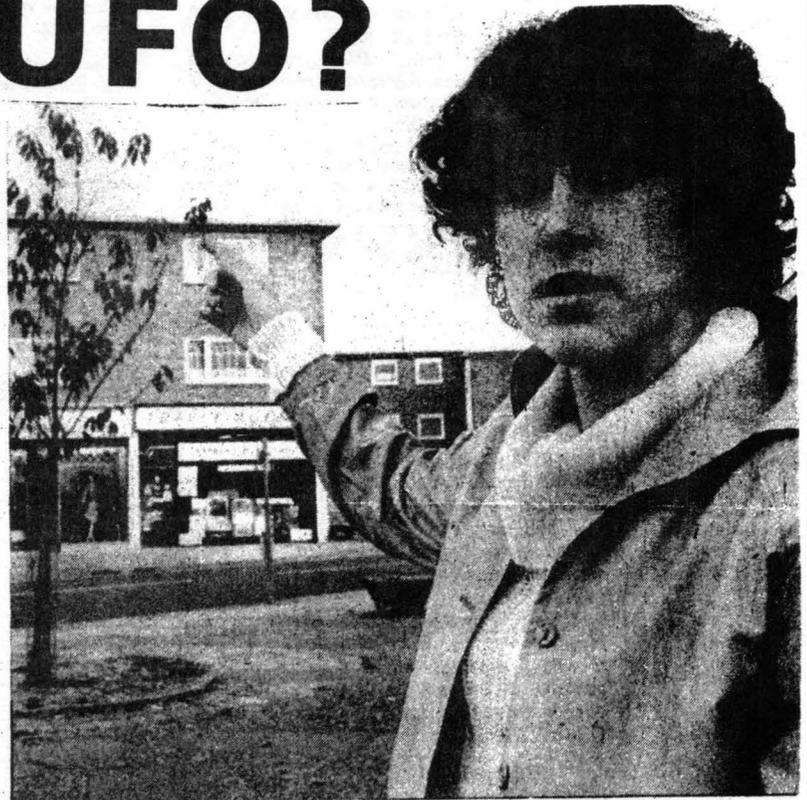
Yet another uniformed skygazer said he saw red lights shrouded in white.

Met office

A spokesman for the Meteorological Office said: "White, red and green is definitely an aeroplane, but it wouldn't be flying that low."

Staff at Heathrow's control tower said they had not picked up anything unusual on their radar.

Mr David Stonnard, regional co-ordinator for BUFORA (British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association), had heard of no reports of a sighting and said he had no idea what it could have been.



WPC Fay Briggs points out where she saw the UFO.

Housewife Evelyn spots mystery object No. 4

A SHEFFIELD housewife has just had a close encounter of the fourth kind.

Mrs Evelyn Whiteway, of Deerlands Avenue, Parson Cross, has reported her fourth sighting of an unidentified flying object this year to the British UFO Society.

Earlier this month her washing-machine went berserk when a silver cigar-shaped object passed over her house, and her latest encounter was a repeat visit.

"I was surprised to see it again," said Evelyn. "I was just cleaning my windows when I saw this plane. Then this cigar-shaped object

came underneath the plane the other way."

Several other sightings of the cigar-shaped UFO have been reported before. This time it was travelling from Grenoside towards Ecclesfield, said Evelyn.

Now she is so convinced there is something up there she has ordered a detector from the British UFO Society.

"It's as big as a suitcase and has a big needle which moves when a UFO is in the area. When it gets closer an alarm goes off," said Evelyn.



WELL, what do YOU think? Is that mysterious object a visitor from outer space? This is young John's picture, taken at Etherley.

YOUNG John Anderton thought he was seeing things when a circular, flat object with a dome in the centre and surrounded by a white glow flew low over the trees opposite his home.

It was broad daylight and a clear sunny day but to make sure of it he picked up his camera and took two shots of the object.

When the colour film was developed there it was — quite plainly . . . a flying saucer in the air above Low Etherley.

John, 11, was off school at the time and his mother, Jean, was upstairs in the bathroom.

"I shouted: 'Mam I can see a flying saucer,' but she just called 'Don't waste too much film,'" he said with resignation.

"Some people say it's a good fake. I was lying on the couch and it just appeared in the sky with a faint white glow around it. There was no noise and I watched it for about a minute. It was about 200 yards away and about 50ft above the trees.

"It hovered, then moved right and went down behind the trees and then

shot away very fast indeed. It whizzed away. One second it was there and the next it was gone."

John, a first year pupil at Bishop Barrington School, Bishop Auckland, is a keen science fiction reader and wants to be a fighter pilot. But he is quite sure he wasn't imagining things. "But I don't know if I believe in UFOs," he said.

His father, engineer Mr Peter Anderton, is rather sceptical about UFOs but admits that John's photo shows clearly the standard flying saucer shape.

"I said at first that it was a hawk but John would know better than that. He's mad on "Star Wars" but he's level headed. If he had faked it, it would have been better!"

Now Chrysis, a North East voluntary organisation which monitors UFO sightings, hopes to interview John.

Shirley Coles, a Redcar member of Chrysis said UFO sightings in the North East are on the increase.

"We certainly get a lot of interesting reports," she said. "A lot you can

discard as natural phenomena but there are about five per cent you can't explain. There's not really a set pattern in shape. There are several different types. Young people tend to say they see lots of flashing lights."

The group which began five years ago has just been offered some computer time at Keele University and hopes that something interesting will emerge from the Ufology data they put in.

Further information on the group can be had from 48 Britannia Place, Dormanstown, Redcar.

Mister Spaceman pays a call — and John snaps it up

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Two policemen were among the many who saw the latest mystery object in the sky.

One of those who got a grandstand view was 38-year-old driving instructor Mr John Shannon, of Victoria Terrace, Tockholes.

He was taking his children to a party about seven o'clock at night and stopped his car near the top of Heys Lane.

A star

He said today: "It approached me from my left—from the direction of Feniscowles. It looked like a shooting star and as it turned over Darwen and headed south towards Manchester I saw that it had a tail three times its own length.

"There were sparks coming out of the tail and I thought I saw lights. But there was no noise that I could hear.

When it got near Darwen it made a decided dip in the Manchester direction. I thought it must have been a plane and I rang the police to tell them."

Radar operators at Manchester Airport picked up an object on their screens at about the same time. But it was not an airliner.

The new East Lancashire sightings come only 48 hours after sensation in New Zealand where other observers saw another UFO. Among those who had a first class view were the pilot of a light aircraft. One of his passengers took pictures.

Mystery up ³¹²⁸ above as UFO reports go soaring

MORE and more people in South-East Essex are claiming to have had close encounters of a strange kind.

The number of reports of UFOs has shot up with three objects being spotted in the past week.

UFO researcher Andy Collins claims there have probably been many more such sightings — but the sky-watchers are too embarrassed to admit they have seen something.

He said: "Three unexplained occurrences have happened in the past seven days in South-East Essex and we are sure other people must have seen the objects in the sky.

"They may be too embarrassed to come forward, but they can rest assured there are many, many ordinary people today who have seen UFOs."

Horror

The latest reports were from:

- A man and his girlfriend who saw a "horseshoe-shaped orange light" over the estuary at Westcliff. This was confirmed by another man, Mr. Jack Roach, of Seamore Road, South Benfleet.
- Southend coastguard Joe Cousins who saw two bright lights hovering off Southend Pier.
- The Hawkes family of Ferry Road, Hullbridge, who saw a "bright orange ball of fire" in the sky above their home.

Mrs. Margaret Hawkes, her husband Laurie and 23-year-old son Gary were sitting watching television when their living room was filled with a "bright orange glow."

Mrs. Hawkes said: "I looked out the window, as the curtains were not drawn, and to my horror and amazement, there was a huge bright orange object, like a ball of fire, in the sky.

"It was moving very, very slowly across the sky, filling the whole area with an orange glow. We watched it for about three to five minutes before it disappeared from view."

Mr. Collins, who is Essex researcher for the UFO Research Association and who lives in St. David's Way, Wickford, is planning to investigate each sighting to see whether an explanation for each can be found.

- Mystery lights in the sky which brought a flood of calls to Basildon police earlier this week were discovered to be airliners

Women report UFO 'sightings'

Further claims have come in from Wrexham women of UFO sightings over the town.

Mrs Claire Roberts, of Lodge, near Brymbo, saw star-like objects in the sky while waiting for a bus with her son Gareth, 8.

Mrs Jane Bromfield, 19 Gerald Street, Wrexham, earlier reported a

sighting near her home.

Mrs Kathleen Roberts, 18 Osborne Road, Wrexham, saw lights in the sky as she walked in Rhosddu.

She said today: "I was more puzzled than frightened."

Mrs Kathleen Green, of Gwenfro, Wrexham, said she saw the mysterious lights as she looked out of her bedroom window.

WESTMORLAND GAZETTE, - KENDAL, ENG.
*****JAN. 5, 1979*****

Meteorite theory shot down

UFO VIEWERS 3128 ARE ADAMANT

With the controversy over UFO's refuelled by the filmed sightings in New Zealand, there was a new wave of reported sightings in South Cumbria on New Year's Eve.

In a police message broadcast on TV on New Year's Eve, the lights in the sky were dismissed as meteorites, a view shared by many eminent astronomers.

But many eye witnesses remain unconvinced by this official theory. A Kendal man who saw a strange object in the sky near Benson Knott told the Gazette that it was "just like the back end of a rocket going straight across the sky.

"It definitely wasn't a shooting star because it was travelling horizontally," he stated.

wards Wray at a height of about 300 feet.

The New Year's Eve sightings in South Cumbria all occurred at approximately the same time — shortly after 7 o'clock in the evening.

Two printers at the Westmorland Gazette were among the people who saw unusual objects in the sky at this time.

While driving near Burton of Kendal, John Kitching of Woodhouse, Milnthorpe, saw a vertical gold coloured object with a long tail moving rapidly across the sky towards Ingletton.

A similar object, with a "tail" estimated to be 40ft. long, was seen by Mr R. Rylands from his home at Vicarage Park. This was travelling noiselessly, and at a very low altitude, in the direction of Heron Hill.

A Stainton man, Mr R. Jackson, also adamantly denied that the bright object he saw in the sky on New Year's Eve was a meteorite. He watched the "white globule with a long flame tail" for a full five minutes at Hornby soon after 7 o'clock.

The object, travelling on a horizontal plane, passed noiselessly behind Hornby Castle to-

BOURNEMOUTH EVENING ECHO - ENG.
*****JAN. 5, 1979*****

Couple spot UFO

MR. EDWARD BREWIN and his wife, Dora, watched a UFO from their bedroom window in St. Alban's Avenue, Bournemouth, this week.

"It was a throbbing white light," said Mr. Brewin, adding that it was low in the sky and eventually disappeared behind houses.

"I have seen aircraft lights and it wasn't that," he said, adding that he saw the object about 11.15 pm. "It looked like a table tennis ball in the sky. It hovered and glowed tremendously bright."

He said it was difficult to say how far away it was.

GLASGOW HERALD - ENGLAND.
*****JAN. 5, 1979*****

Black spacemen

3128
JOHANNESBURG, Thursday.

Amid a welter of reported UFO sightings around the world a white South African woman and her son today claimed to have watched an alien craft land near their home. She said five or six creatures, all dark-skinned, got out and spoke in a strange tongue. When the boy ran for his father the craft took off and disappeared into the sky.—Associated Press.

HERTFORDSHIRE MERCURY - HERTFORD, ENG.
*****JAN. 5, 1979*****

UFO is 3128 seen in sky over Bayford

A UFO — cigar-shaped, with a very strong light at the front — was sighted at Bayford on Sunday evening.

Mrs Auriel Mason, of Acorn Bank, Bayford, told the Mercury that she and her husband had seen reports of UFO sightings in New Zealand on the 6 pm television news on Sunday.

Just after 7 pm her husband went upstairs and then called her to come quickly. Looking through a window, north towards Hertingfordbury, they saw an object travelling from west to east at a very low altitude and going horizontally.

No noise

They could hear no noise, although this was to be expected as the window was double-glazed. Along the long body of the cigar-shaped object were a lot of tiny lights.

Before they lost sight of it two other strong lights came on, one in the middle and one at the end, but only for a short while.

Mr and Mrs Mason's description is similar to that of a Crewe sighting.

Said Mrs Mason: "We are both agricultural scientists with inquiring minds, and I maintain that I have seen about four things in the past few years that one could call unidentified flying objects, but I would put it no higher than that."

DAILY MORROR, LONDON, ENG.
*****NOV. 23, 1978*****

Jet drama of 'UFO'

A UFO is reported to have been on collision course with an airliner coming in to land at Rome last week.

The UFO was described as "a great big globule of light" travelling at 1,000ft. But it did not show up on the control tower's radar screens.

Italian air bosses refused to comment

TWO UFOs SPOTTED?

Looking up at the rich red dawning sun against a dark sky early on Wednesday morning, Mrs Rosemary Carr, of Beech Cottage, Hawstead Green, saw first one, then two strange objects.

And now she is asking: "Were they UFO's?"
Bury police said they have had no reports of strange objects in the sky.

Firemen rescue dog

Bury firemen went to the rescue of a dog trapped in an old ice well at Ickworth Park, Bury St Edmunds on Saturday.

They were called to help after the dog's barking was heard. It is believed the dog had been down the pit for two or three days — but it was none the worse for its adventure and has been returned to its owner.

Mrs Carr describes the objects as "shimmering" and very, very bright. They were definitely not aeroplanes and seemed to be to the left of the sun. She saw one slightly tilt, and then they moved off in different directions at speeds much faster than aeroplanes.
It was about 8.30 a.m. and Mrs Carr was so excited she called her three children — Sylvia (14), Charles (12) and James (9) — to witness what was happening.

SUNDAY MIRROR - LONDON, ENG.
*****NOV. 26, 1978*****

Airport UFO riddle

A MYSTERIOUS triangular light over London's Heathrow Airport set off a UFO scare last night.

Passengers and staff said the light appeared over the south side of the airport and hovered for about twenty minutes before moving south again.

One passenger, Gerry Reeves, of Harrow-on-the Hill, said: "It could not have been an aircraft. It was too fast and too erratic."

Heathrow's air traffic control said nothing had been spotted on radar.

But Mr. Lawrence Dale, co-ordinator for British UFO societies, said: "We have had five or six sightings in the area."

"It does seem to be a favourite spot at the moment."

WESTMORELAND GAZETTE, - ENG.
*****NOV 17, 1978*****

Help solve the South Lakeland UFO mystery

The British UFO Research Association is trying to get to the bottom of the mysterious sightings reported throughout South Lakeland on the night of September 8.

Hundreds of people saw the objects—bright lights moving slowly and silently across the sky—and this week BUFORA appealed for witnesses to write to its regional investigations co-ordinator, Mr B. M. Hartley, of Westdene, 23 Hastings Road, Thornton-le-Fylde, Lancs.

"We would like to establish what was seen that night and the only way we are going to do this is by getting all the facts together concerning the sighting," said Mr Hartley.

PORTSMOUTH NEWS, HANTS., ENG.
*****NOV 16, 1978*****

U.F.O. sight frightens Selsey couple

A close encounter of the first kind ... a frightening experience involving an unidentified flying object, has been reported by a Selsey couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hughes, of Otaro Close, Selsey, were driving south on the A285 at 6 p.m. when they saw strange lights low in the sky.

As they were climbing Upwaltham Hill they saw a bright red, fast moving object with a tail of flame, and stopped their van.

"It suddenly stopped and stayed still in the sky. I tried to take a photograph of it, but the U.F.O. moved towards us with great acceleration. We were a bit unnerved at this and left quickly," said Mr. Hughes.

"This is not a joke and we would like to know if there were any other sightings. My wife saw a similar thing last November only five miles back from this sighting," he said.

"We were reluctant to say anything about this at the time, but it does not really matter if we get our leg pulled, we are interested to see if anyone else reports such a U.F.O."
"A car slowed up behind us

when we were watching this object and we wonder if that driver did anything about it," said Mrs. Evonne Hughes.

Her sighting was on November 6, but she was emphatic that the object had not been a firework.

"There were three lights together and the object seemed to be quite close, with flames coming from one end of it.

"When it started to come towards us at speed it was quite frightening and we drove off. As we were moving off the thing stopped again," said Mrs. Hughes.

A spokesman for Chichester police said there had been several U.F.O. reports over a period of two days three weeks ago. These had been passed on to the U.F.O. Research Association.

NORTH CHESHIRE HERALD - HYDE, ENG.
*****JAN. 5, 1979*****

Father and son see Hyde 'UFO'

WAS it a bird? Was it a plane? No, and it wasn't Superman either. To add to the current spate of UFO sightings, a report came this week from the Williamson family, of Hyde.

Mr Barry Williamson was giving son Phillip, 13, a lift with his paper round at 6.30 a.m. when they stopped in their tracks in Bagshaw Street.

Phillip was glad his dad was with him. "He'd never have believed me if he hadn't seen it for himself," he said.

Overhead was a brightly shining, but unidentifiable flying object.

As father and son came through Swindell Street to Lodge Lane, there it was again, bright and bell-shaped, lurking in the sky over the Ashton Brothers factory.

DORKING & LEATHERHEAD ADVERTISER - ENG.
*****NOV. 17, 1978*****

Children 3125 see a saucer?

CHILDREN AT Brockham may have had a Close Encounter of the First Kind - that is, they thought they saw a UFO on Sunday morning.

The youngsters spotted a round, "metal looking" object in the sky in the direction of Box Hill at about 9.30 am. It appeared to be moving at high speed, high up.

The object remained in view for several minutes. One of the mothers came out in time to see it retreating.

She did not want her name printed - "I'd be a laughing stock among the neighbours!" - but said the object was definitely not an aeroplane.

"Several children saw it and came rushing down the road," she said. "One of them had a pair of binoculars and I took a look at it through them, but it was too far away by then to make out what it was. It was in view for about five minutes and then went away into cloud."

There appeared to be a light on it, but it could have been reflected sunlight, she said.

She added: "The children, of course are sure it was a flying saucer."

SCOTTISH DAILY EXPRESS - GLASGOW, ENG.
*****NOV. 18, 1978*****

Alert after kids 3128 spot U.F.O.

A GROUP of school-children reported a close encounter with a "flying saucer" yesterday.

Pupils at Craigshill High School, Livingston, West Lothian, saw the saucer-shaped U.F.O. from the window of their classroom.

Joyce Hetherington, 13, of Cedarbank, Ladywell, Livingston, said: "There were beams of light coming from it but it didn't make any noise."

"We watched it for several minutes. It was glinting in the sunlight then it disappeared behind the trees."

"My sister Marion goes to another school a mile away and she saw it, too."

Last night air traffic control at Turnhouse Airport, ten miles away, were investigating the sighting.

KENT & SUSSEX COURIER - ENG.
*****NOV. 17, 1978*****

Mystery light 3129 in sky

A BRIGHT amber light the size of a moving tennis ball moving over Bewl Beech Reservoir is the latest in a recent series of mysterious sightings by 18-year-old Brad Wood of East Peckham.

Brad, of 40-42 The Freehold, has gone to the reservoir most weekends since joining the British Unidentified Flying Object Society.

The day he sent off his membership fee to the society he had the experience of a rare daylight sighting in Tonbridge.

He was standing outside West Kent College in Brook Street, where he is studying A-levels, when some low flying aircraft went overhead.

SMALL OBJECT

"Suddenly I saw a little disc-shaped silver thing under one plane. It was very small, moving in the opposite direction to the plane."

"I pointed it out to friends and we watched it go across the sky, suddenly rise steeply, then it dropped quickly, carried on at the same altitude and then dropped out of sight."

Other strange sights Brad recalls include intermittent flashes, and on one occasion a white light that he saw through binoculars as it came closer, and which seemed to be bar-shaped.

FIFE FREE PRESS - KIRKCALDY, ENG.
*****JAN. 5, 1979*****

3128 UFO over Kinross

A U.F.O. (unidentified flying object) was seen in Kinross on New Year's Eve.

The object was flying from west to east at a very high altitude and one of the people in Kinross who saw and reported it was Mr Jock Stewart, The Auld Manse, Sandport.

He said the U.F.O. was large and oval-shaped and of bright shining light with a white streaming tail.

Mr Stewart reported it to the police who contacted R.A.F. Leuchars. Their explanation of the object was that it could have been a re-entry particle, but nevertheless it was recorded as a U.F.O.

Kinross was not the only place at which the U.F.O. was seen, as sightings had been reported in Perth, Angus and in some parts of northern England.

BURY FREE PRESS - ENG.
*****JAN. 5, 1979*****

Did he 3128 see a UFO?

Was a Long Melford councillor one of the first to spot a UFO on New Year's Eve?

Mr Richard Kemp was on an errand of mercy checking a possible burst at a friend's house when he looked up and saw a large bright object in the sky.

"It was obviously of considerable size" he said "but there was absolutely no sound. It was long and very bright and there appeared to be other lights at the rear."

Within minutes of the sighting Mr Kemp rang the Free Press and later that night TV news reports confirmed that people in other parts of the country had also observed the phenomena.

Mr Kemp has treated previous UFO sighting with scepticism but he confessed "I don't know what to think. I've certainly never seen anything like it before."

Norfolk flying object mystery

The great flying object mystery moved to Norfolk on Sunday, when an object throwing out bright lights and some 200 yards long was seen about two miles off the coast.

The object, which was seen for about 30 seconds off Cromer and was reported simultaneously by observers at Skegness, was still unexplained last night.

First impressions were that it was an aircraft about to crash into the sea, but this was discounted when the air traffic control centre at West Drayton, Middlesex, said there were no planes, either civil or military, in that area at the time.

SPACESHIP?

There were two simultaneous sightings between Norfolk and Lincolnshire just after 7 p.m. Coastguards at Cromer saw it moving from north to south, while the report from Skegness gave its direction as west to east off the Lincolnshire coast.

Two coastguards at Cromer saw the UFO through high-powered observation equipment.

Mr. H. V. Brown, an auxiliary coastguard and Mr. Colin Handforth, a full-time coastguard, were on duty at Cromer when they saw what looked like a spaceship.

Mr. Brown explained, "At first it looked like a big light and then an airship. It came just opposite us about two or three miles out, over the sea. It looked 200 yards long with bands of whitish light coming off in all directions. It looked like a spaceship."

From start to finish the sighting lasted about 30 seconds.

A spokesman at HM Coastguard rescue headquarters at Gorleston, to whom the sightings were reported, said, "It had a line of red and green lights down the side and something like a bright glow surrounded it."

"It was between one and three miles from the coast and its height was estimated at 800 to 1000 feet.

although that can only be an assumption."

He added that it was so clear and so close that the coastguard thought it was a Boeing 707 with all its lights on.

PILOTS

The UFO was also reported by pilots on their way to Amsterdam, and another sighting was reported from Wales. Other reports of lights came from Tyne, Teesside and Humber and elsewhere along the East Coast.

One possible explanation put forward was that the phenomenon was a re entry of some part of an object from a space probe. But the UFO seen off Cromer was moving horizontally along the coast not coming down vertically.

The Gorleston spokesman said: "We can only put it down as a report of something unidentified. We do not know the explanation, whether it was a space vehicle re entering or what it was. For us there is no punch line. We are left in the dark."

More UFOs spotted over Norfolk

THE mystery of the unidentified flying objects spotted over Norfolk deepened today with more sightings reported to the "EEN."

Mr. John Pooler brought things up to date when he made a sighting just before midnight yesterday when he returned to his home, Street Farm, Calthorpe, after taking his dog for a walk.

"I saw a very bright object travelling from west to east at an absolutely enormous speed... it was travelling so fast I expected a sonic boom," he said.

Mr. Pooler, who takes an interest in the night sky, says it was not a shooting star. He estimated it travelled from horizon to horizon within a quarter of a second.

OBJECT

Rosemary Fitchett, a 12-year-old schoolgirl, of 26, Oval Avenue, Costessey, described a brightly coloured object she watched for about three hours on Tuesday evening.

"I saw this brown circle, then it was sort of blue then it changed to green and then red. I kept on watching it and it moved high in the sky," she said.

Her mother and father, Edith and Arthur Fitchett also saw the object and Mrs. Fitchett says she saw it yesterday morning as well.

UFO spotted

An unidentified flying object was reported seen here Thursday evening. Mrs. Bernice Rainville, 1409 S. 26th St., Wausau, said she saw the space vehicle go out of sight after being called to a window by a granddaughter, 12, who had spotted it. She said it was of amber color and that there was a propellor on the top, similar to a helicopter.

MORE SEE UFO's

FURTHER sightings of unidentified flying objects over Staffordshire were reported today.

About twenty-five feet of film was taken of one of them, spotted by Mrs. Angela Bacanin, a part-time shop assistant, of 266 Ubbertley-road, Bentilee.

It caught her attention just before midnight and appeared at first to be a very bright star. However, she said, it was below the cloud base at about 8,000 feet and although initially it was stationary it began to move across the sky in the direction of Dividy-road.

It was a brilliant white, round and followed an undulating trajectory. It was emitting no noise. It came nearer and then disappeared.

No sound

Details of a UFO sighting at Hanford at 7.04 p.m. on New Year's Eve were given to the *Sentinel* by Mr. B. Darby, of 100 Stanier-street, Newcastle.

With his girlfriend Miss K. J. Hall, he saw the object for about two or three minutes before it disappeared from view. It followed a course from Newcastle to Stoke and Uttoxeter, had no sound and was moving at, he estimated, 500-600 m.p.h.

Its height was about 2,000 feet and its length filled "one eighth of the sky visible to them."

It had a brilliant orange head, flame-like, followed by a yellow section and a white rear end with a faint, smoky trace.

Mr. Tony Pace, of Eccle-shall, research director of the British UFO Association, said the Hanford sighting was probably, as the Ministry of Defence had suggested, the re-entry of a Russian rocket stage from a Cosmos satellite which was recently launched.

It was possible the Bentilee sighting may have been of a satellite but this report would be checked, as were all sightings of unidentified objects.

A Uttoxeter couple who saw the New Year's Eve object while travelling on the A34 north from Newcastle, said it could not have been the re-entry of a rocket.

Mr. Phil Edwards, a sales executive, of 37, Kimberley-drive, Uttoxeter, who flies as a hobby, said the object was flying at about 4½-5,000 feet in the lower cloud base.

He told the *Sentinel*: "It was flying a parallel course and made a deviation for the cloud base. It started to enter, then came round and back and adjusted its course.

"Its size was about 20ft. in diameter at the centre, and it appeared segmented. Its recognition lights did not represent a standard configuration. Its trail gave the appearance of a jet after-burner at altitude, but it was not at altitude.

"The rear appeared to be heated as though by an ignition process. The trail was five times the length of the object, so it was travelling quite slowly. We watched it for about 10 minutes."

Did you see UFO's?

Local UFO spotter Mark Pritchard wants to hear from anyone who saw the weekend's series of flashing lights across the heavens.

Mark, of 10 Walker Avenue, Lye is the Midlands regional co-ordinator for the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, a national body linked with the Centre for UFO Studies in California.

Most of his spare time is filled with arranging interviews and building up dossiers from all over the area for the group's central office in London.

From there it is fed directly to the American centre's computer for assessment and report.

The weekend's sightings

came from as far afield as London in the south to Berwick-on-Tweed in Scotland. Hundreds of people reported seeing a series of lights flash across the sky.

Now Mark wants to build up a file on local sightings.

Said Mark: "Towards the end of the year is always the most productive time for sightings. I had three very good ones recently from the Kidderminster area and there have been others from Birmingham."

That close encounter

Years ago Peter Ustinov said in a radio interview that the last person who said that the landing on the moon was impossible would be an expert.

The specialists have crowded in again to denounce what has been claimed to be the first radar-confirmed UFO captured on film.

Despite the sceptics science-fiction has been uncannily and sometimes uncomfortably nearer the truth in the past. Flying saucers at least provided an entertainingly speculative diversion from the harsh realities of our world.

The Loch Ness monster has never been sighted in the winter. An outer space mystery is what we all need to send the blood coursing these bitterly cold winter days.

WOLVERHAMPTON EXPRESS & STAR - ENG.
*****JAN. 3, 1979*****

Silverdale man sights U.F.O.

A U.F.O. sighting at Ches-terton was reported yesterday by 27-year-old Mr. Keith Hughes, of 29, The Parade, Silverdale, who saw a long cigar-shaped object with a white light in front and at the rear and a green fluorescent light in the centre.

Mr. Hughes told the *Sentinel* that he saw the object as he was travelling along the A34. His initial impression was that he was seeing the moon. He stopped his car and watched the object for about a minute before it disappeared from view. It was

UFO alert after 'light' in the sky

UFO hunters in North East Lancashire were on the alert today after a new "sighting" on the moors above Darwen and Burnley that brought scores of telephone calls shoaling in to police stations.

Burnley police alone had 30 phone calls in an hour as people rang to talk of a mysterious, flame-tailed object drifting over the hills.

Two policemen were among the many who saw the latest mystery object in the sky.

One caller to Burnley police station said the object was "as big as a double decker bus."

And all over the area puzzled people saw lights and flames as the unidentified object drifted across the skies.

One of those who got a grandstand view was 38-year-old driving instructor Mr John Shannon of Victoria Terrace, Tockholes.

He was taking his children to a party about seven o'clock at night and stopped his car near the top of Heys Lane.

A star

He said today: "It approached me from my left—from the direction of Feniscowles. It looked like a shooting star and as it turned over Darwen and headed south towards Manchester I saw that it had a tail three times its own length.

"There were sparks coming out of the tail and I thought I saw lights. But there was no noise that I could hear.

When it got near Darwen it made a decided dip in the Manchester direction. I thought it must have been a plane and I rang the police to tell them."

Radar operators at Manchester Airport picked up an object on their screens at about the same time. But it was not an airliner.

The new East Lancashire sightings come only 48 hours after sensation in New Zealand where other observers saw another UFO. Among those who had a first class view were the pilot of a light aircraft. One of his passengers took pictures.

KENT & SUSSEX COURIER - ENGLAND
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Mystery of the flying object

Mystery surrounds a series of "UFO" sightings in Shropshire and surrounding counties.

The object — seen by many people, including police patrols, at around 7 pm on Sunday — was described as being like a light aircraft in flames by several of the observers as it passed across the county.

And a Rough Hills, Wolverhampton, man and his wife tells of seeing a bright white light surrounded by smaller lights and leaving a trail of orange sparks at about 7 o'clock on Sunday evening.

They say that the object appeared to be moving from north to south and then changed direction towards the east, it was in sight for about 20 seconds.

A similar sighting is also reported by a Sedgley man.

The mystery object was seen in Shropshire by Mr David Prestridge of Nesscliffe, at 7 pm who described it as "like a space rocket."

Five minutes later, a Wellington police officer reported that he had seen a light aircraft in flames.

A report from Sheriffhales at 7.07 also described the object as a light aircraft in trouble.

A call from a Newport police officer at 7.10 pm said that he had seen an aircraft on fire and breaking up in the Shifnal area.

A Newport motorist said that he saw a flying object while driving past Fort Dunlop on the M6 at about 7.15 pm.

"It was flying very low and at first appeared to be a plane coming in to land at Elmdon Airport. There appeared to be a vapour trail coming from the rear of the object. It disappeared in the direction of the East Midlands," he said.

A Telford police spokesman said that local airports had ruled out any possibility that it was an aircraft. Police in the West Midlands have suggested that the object was a meteor burning out.

Other police forces have also reported sightings of mystery objects.

But the editor of British UFO journal, Bufora, Mr Norman Oliver, says people have probably seen the planet Venus. It is particularly visible in Britain at present from 4.30 am to 6 am.

UFO like a huge cigar in the sky

MRS Kathleen Baker was inclined to dismiss summarily all reports of UFO sightings . . . until Monday evening.

Mrs Baker, of 40 Guards Close, Towngate Wood, Tonbridge, and her fiancé, Mr David Wilmshurst, were driving down the A21 in the direction of Hildenborough when they saw something "like a huge headlight" in the sky.

"At first we thought it was a low-flying aircraft, but it did not move", Mrs Baker said on Tuesday.

"As we came up the Hildenborough slip road we could still see it. As we got nearer to it I opened the car window, and we stopped. Then the object moved.

"It was cigar-shaped. It had wings like an aircraft, but it was completely lit up right along both wings. It was enormous, but it was very high in the sky.

"I did not believe in things like that, but after seeing it I was very glad David was with me."

Tonbridge police had no reports of any similar incidents on Monday. But other UFO sightings were reported elsewhere.

Scientists believe they may have been caused by a space satellite break-up.

SPALDING GUARDINA - ENGLAND
*****JAN 5, 1979*****

New Year's Eve lights in sky

It was too early on New Year's Eve for the sight of strange lights in the sky to be attributed to over-enthusiastic celebrations on the part of the viewers.

But Spalding police station had several reports of a UFO during the early evening from callers in Surfleet, Moulton Chapel, Pinchbeck and Spalding.

One eye-witness described it as a "double decker bus" in the sky and another as "like an airliner on fire."

Mrs Joan Cook, of Six House Bank, West Pinchbeck, was with her husband, Bill, and a friend Neil Kendal driving along Six House Bank.

"It looked like an airliner on fire," said Mrs Cook. "It was travelling in an arc west to east and we reckoned it had a trail of fire about a mile long behind it."

"We watched the object for about five minutes and what we thought was peculiar was that as it went over Spalding sugar factory instead of falling lower it seemed to turn away at an angle and disappear," Mrs Cook added.

That was at about 6.50 pm. At 7.05 Mr and Mrs Frank Hughes, of Woolram Wygate, were walking in Pennygate when a strange object appeared above Spalding station.

"It was like a double decker bus in the sky," said Mrs Jo Hughes, "all colours, red, blue and yellow — and all lit up. Then it vanished. Very eerie."

Strange sightings were reported from all over the country on New Year's Eve and one expert opinion was that it was part of an old rocket or satellite burning up.

This theory was supported by amateur astronomer, Mr Terry Byatt, of Moulton.

That UFO: now a sighting at Eaton

THE mystery flying object seen in the skies over the Norfolk coast on Sunday may also have taken a flight over Norwich.

Scotsman Mr. Russell Dick, of Purtingay Close, Eaton, came forward yesterday to talk about the strange light he and his family saw at about the same time in the city skies.

He said he did not say anything earlier because "I thought, who is going to believe a Scotsman at Hogmanay?"

'BRIGHT'

But when he heard about the other sightings he decided to describe the object he saw flying over Eaton, from west to east.

It was a very bright light, but long — about the length of an aircraft — and when he first saw it he thought it was an aeroplane exhaust being reflected. This was just after 7 p.m., said Mr. Dick.

"I was absolutely stone-cold sober. My wife saw it — and the kids — and everybody was excited."

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Couple report a UFO sighting

A NUMBER of people in Calderdale report sightings of UFOs in the skies during the New Year weekend.

Mr and Mrs Peter Williams, of Greave House Fields, Luddenden, saw what they describe as a cigar-shaped object about 7 pm on New Year's Eve.

It had, says Mr Williams, a tail of flame and was moving horizontally in the sky, below the skyline and even appearing narrowly to miss some trees.

"It had the look of a rocket take-off," said Mr Williams, who had the object in vision for about half a minute.

Another local report was of a similar object — but seen in the Queensbury sky at about 7.15 pm on Saturday. No reports, however, have been made to police in the Calderdale area.

UFO THAT 3128 BROUGHT THE NEWS ALIVE

by Jenny
de Bechi

RADIO news came alive for Mrs Jackie Young after her children had arrived home from school.

That morning she had already heard a listener describe an unidentified flying object seen over the Bristol area.

"I am interested in UFOs, but I didn't take too much notice of this, but later another listener described the object," said Mrs Young of Chelwood.

It was when her three children, Andrew, 17, Alison, 15, and Jonathan, nine, arrived home from school at about 4.20 and called her into the garden that she saw the object for herself. "It was like a very bright star in the sky," she said. While she headed for the phone to report another sighting, her son Andrew tracked the object by telescope. He described it as a dirty grey colour, and egg shaped.

But while Mrs Young, whose husband is a reporter with the Daily Mirror, was phoning her own news story to Radio Bristol, the object moved off at great speed.

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NOW BARROVIANS SPOT THOSE UFOs

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SEVERAL people in the Barrow area reported seeing unidentified flying objects on Sunday night, New Year's Eve.

Mr William Sproat had picked up four passengers in his mini bus at Itampside and he was half-way to Roose when he and his passengers saw an oval shape, brilliantly lit, in the sky. It was 7.10 pm.

The object was "throwing a long tail behind it, all flames," he said.

The object was "about the same height as a plane when it is dropping parachutists off." "It was like a big plane on fire."

A Barrow housewife was in Red Oak Avenue at the same time when she saw "a bright thing going across the sky."

She added: "It was very big. It was like a large airliner going low. It was very bright. It had a long silvery tail."

"I thought it was a plane coming down. There was no sound at all. I was so alarmed my one thought was getting home to the children

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Most spectacular of the sightings was reported by an Australian television crew who say they saw 25 strange objects on a flight over Cook Strait between New Zealand's North and South islands. Their film shows what appears to be a fuzzy sphere with lighter bands.

It's That Thing again

SOUTHEALES ARGUS - NEWPORT, ENG.
*****JAN. 3, 1979*****

Somebody else saw The Thing that flew across the sky in the early hours of Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Johns, of Ynys Lane, Croesyceiliog, saw the same object as the Wakefields, but a little earlier - about 1 a.m.

To Mr. and Mrs. Johns it appeared as a large red light and Mr. Johns thought that perhaps it was a firework, as sparks appeared to be coming from it.

It hovered for quite a while, and then finally disappeared toward Newport.

● Another unidentified flying object was filmed by a television crew early today over New Zealand.

The object, described by the cameraman as like "an illuminated ping-pong ball with a tinge of red in the centre," was shown on television.

It was filmed in the area of recent UFO sightings off the North-east coast of the South Island both in darkness and after sunrise, but was not seen by an air force plane which conducted a midnight-to-dawn patrol.

Close encounter . . . ?

WAS it a UFO, a piece of space debris burning out in the atmosphere, or an aircraft? That is the question many people are asking after seeing a strange object in the night sky to the east of Harlow at 7.05 pm on New Year's Eve.

The object was shaped like a tadpole with the body illuminated and a tail of shimmering light. It was travelling from west to east quite slowly when seen by a member of the Gazette staff, but Mr Thomas Linford, a security officer, who saw it when he came off duty, said it suddenly accelerated at terrific speed. He and some of his colleagues watched until it disappeared.

Mr Linford, who lives at Guilders, Sawbridgeworth, thought nothing more of it until he heard a report on UFOs on Radio London the next day.

Stansted airport could throw no light on the mystery. They suggested it could have been the airport beacon, but otherwise could offer no explanation.

But the Gazette employee who saw it says he is quite familiar with the beacon and it was nothing like that.

FLYING START TO 1979 - FOR UFO SPOTTERS

Since the strange encounter between a TV film crew and a UFO Britain has undergone a flying saucer boom.

The UFO spotting agency Contact International says there has been an "unprecedented" number of reported sightings.

Contact's President Ruth Rees said: "Our data research man received 185 calls in 36 hours."

About 60 were attributed to the meteorite. But Miss Rees says that does not account for some reports of lights going from East to West, and others going the opposite direction.

The sighting that is causing most interest in the organisation was by a policeman in Northants.

Miss Rees said: "He told us that about 200 people watched an enormous silver cylinder in the sky which seemed to be sending search-light beams up into space and down to the ground."

"It's the sort of sighting we like because it was backed up by someone in a position of authority."

Holy smoke! Local priest spots UFO

Millions of viewers watching the television news on New Year's Eve saw what was claimed to be the first radar-confirmed unidentified flying object ever captured on film.

But a few hours before the news item, a number of people in Wrexham thought they saw a UFO.

Among them was the Rev Terry Henderson, priest in charge of St John's, Rhosnesni, and his father-in-law, Mr Bill Finbow, of Canterbury, who was on holiday.

Mr Finbow said: "We had just come out of the evening service at St Mark's on the Queen's Park Estate at about 7 p.m. when I saw this very bright, vivid shape streaking across the sky.

LIKE A TRAIN

"It was just like an inter-city train in form and shape and was about the length of a five or six-carriage train. It had a very bright, silvery light."

Mr Finbow, who is a schoolteacher, called to Mr Henderson who was scraping ice off the windscreen of his car.

"We both watched it and it seemed to be on a definite course, not like a falling star. It went behind some houses so I ran up the road and saw it again in a gap between two houses.

"INCREDIBLE"

"It moved again so I ran to another gap between houses and watched it until it disappeared behind some houses. It was then impossible to keep track of it."

Mr Henderson said: "It was quite incredible and did not appear to be a comet or a meteorite. It seemed so close you could pick out details like the windows."

Mr Finbow said that two women who had been in church had also seen it as had a couple who had just parked their car.

At about the same time, Mr John Maelor Davies, of 44 Bryn Yorkin, Caergwrie,

was walking towards High Street in the village with his sister Mary and her 11-year-old son, Mark.

SPARKS

"We suddenly saw this big ball of light over Cheshire. It was cylindrical-shaped in front, like a cigar and had a big trail of sparks a couple of hundred yards long.

"It was going from left to right across the Cheshire boundary as we looked at it. There was no noise and it must have been very high up."

Those strange sightings in the sky

SIGHTINGS of strange objects in the sky are still being reported locally.

Mr Frank Karran, of Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, is convinced that he has seen a UFO.

"Large, like a bright, shining star" — he saw it just after 8 o'clock on Tuesday.

Mr Karran told the Evening Post-Echo: "I called my wife and she saw it too.

"I called the police because they asked me to report anything like that, and they agreed that it is definitely a sighting.

"I was watching it for 40 minutes. I do not think it

can be Venus, as it travelled too fast for that."

Mr Chris Hart of Sycamore Road, Houghton Regis, saw the shape of a trail of smoke hanging in the air over Dunstable Downs.

He said it started moving off. It was something like a jet aircraft, but later the object disappeared and all that was left was the slight trail of smoke.

Mrs Beryl Bashford, of Hilldown Road, Gadebridge, Hemel Hempstead saw what she described as something like "the Star of Bethlehem."

She saw it at 6.15am on December 29. It did not move for about 35 minutes, she said.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Allison's account of her UFO

I spotted a bright orange object hovering over Frizington. I watched it all the way to Arlecdon.

When I reached Arlecdon, I immediately rushed into my grandma's and granda's house, then into the backyard.

The object was more like a long red dull light that was stringed with portholes and lit up with an orange light.

There was no noise and no sign of smoke from the back.

The object was very high in the sky, higher than I have ever seen a helicopter.

When I left it was slowly moving over to Workington. Yours etc.

ALISON CRELLIN (age 12)

1 Ward St., Netherton, Maryport.

I would like to tell you of my sighting of an object claimed to me as a UFO on Saturday, December 30.

It was about 5.20 p.m. when I was going over Steel Brow between Morbesy and Frizington.

CUMBERLAND EVENING NEWS - CARLISLE, ENG.
*****JAN. 5, 1979*****

UFO mystery - two Oxon 'sightings'

A NORTH Oxfordshire housewife made a resolution only hours before New Year dawned — never disbelieve reports of UFOs.

Mrs Doreen Smith, 46, has just returned to her Banbury home after a trip to London when the night sky became the centre of attraction.

An object — "travelling much faster than a plane ever could" — flashed above her home at 33 Mascord Road.

"It was in view for two seconds with flames shooting out of the front and white vapour from the back. I have always been sceptical about UFOs but now I have changed my mind.



"IT WENT that way" . . . over the snow-covered roofs of Banbury. Mrs Doreen Smith with her son David (centre) and nephew Graham.

Son present

"Luckily my son David and my nephew saw it as well. It was travelling from north to south before it disappeared behind the clouds."

David said: "It wasn't visible very long, just enough for us to be sure it wasn't a plane. It certainly makes you wonder."

Only a few hours later Mrs Freda Keenes whose husband, Terry, runs a

fashion jewellery business in Banbury, woke at 5 a.m. to see "a strange object" in the sky over the Ruscote estate.

20 minutes

Mrs Keenes, who lives at Warmington, said: "It was four times brighter and bigger than a star. I watched it for 20 minutes and then it disappeared."

"But my husband noticed it had moved to the right. Then it was gone altogether behind some trees."

"We were both a bit shocked by what we saw and rang the police as this sort of thing is followed by so many people."

A police spokesman at Banbury said both sightings had been reported to them. "What more can we say," said the officer.

BRACKNELL NEWS - BERKSHIRE, ENGG.
*****JAN 4, 1979*****

UFO reported over town

FLAMES in the sky and a brilliant light were seen over Bracknell on Saturday and a watcher believes they came from an unidentified flying object.

Alan Nash, of 51 Aysgarth, Great Hollands, Bracknell, a Post Office engineer, said he went out into his garden at

11.20 am and saw a big ball of fire high in the sky.

A brilliant light lasting for some three seconds fell towards Binfield and disappeared.

There has been no other report of such a phenomena and no-one else has reported seeing it either to the police or to the Meteorological Office.

Mr. Nash has no explanation to offer and is convinced he saw a flying saucer of some kind.