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FORTEAN NEWS AND UFO EVENTS

UFOs sighted falling at Tahoe

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By ED MOORE

Two unidentified flying objects fell to earth with a "bright flash" early Sunday morning in the South Shore area, officers are saying today.

The two orange objects were seen by two on-duty South Lake Tahoe policemen and citizens falling out of the sky and hitting with a flash somewhere between Freel Peak and Echo Summit.

El Dorado County sheriff's deputies say they're studying the reports before deciding whether it's worth seeking the mystery objects.

Sgt. Warren Smith, search and rescue coordinator with the sheriff's department at South Shore, said this morning he's reviewing reports from police and citizens who saw the 1:15 a.m. event.

"We're looking into it. We'll search if the facts warrant it," Smith said.

In a sheriff's department report filed Sunday, several witnesses say they saw the objects fall in the general Heavenly Valley Echo Summit area.

Two on-duty South Lake Tahoe police officers are quoted in the two-page sheriff's report as seeing the objects, "which didn't appear to be falling stars. They had no tail.

"When the objects hit the ground,

there was a bright flash," the two officers are quoted as saying.

The plot thickened Sunday morning as El Dorado County sheriff's received more sighting reports:

—At 1:20 a.m. sheriff's deputies contacted Reno International Airport and were told that residents of Lovelock, Nev., reported two green lights were falling to the ground nor-

theast of the town.

—At 2:15 a.m. Shingle Springs resident Richard Kert said he saw the two UFOs while traveling on Highway 50 near Sugarloaf at 1:15 a.m. Kert told deputies the objects looked like falling stars, but when they hit ground there was a bright flash.

—At 2:54 a.m. Heavenly Valley crews working on the upper slopes of the

mountain telephoned the office and said they too saw the orange objects falling at 1:15 a.m. The crew said the two objects hit ground in the Freel Peak-Meyers area.

—At 4:25 a.m. an El Dorado County sheriff's deputy said he observed bright flashes of light and possible smoke in the vicinity of Echo Lake.

The sheriff's report also states

Douglas County sheriff's deputies in Nevada sighted the two orange objects as they fell to earth.

According to the report, Douglas County officials said the two UFOs emitted bright flashes of light when they hit ground about three quarters mile behind Harrah's Tahoe at "just about the state line."

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UFO Reported Over Lake

About 10 people called the Federal Aviation Administration airport control tower last night to report sighting four bright red lights hovering high above Rob-Co Lake in Southwest Memphis.

The lights "turned into three red lights, then two, then one white light like a star, and then shot across the sky and disappeared," said one of the witnesses, Amy Stubert, 16, of 4900 East Shore Drive.

A similar sighting was reported Saturday, also in Southwest Memphis.

Robert Ingram, assistant chief of the control tower, said he saw the red objects "west of the tower" and estimated they were 3,000 to 4,000 feet high before they disappeared. "I'm sure they went up into the clouds. We happened to have a helicop-

tor out there and it went up to 2,600 feet and reported that the object was still the same vertical distance from them. I don't know what it was, I really don't."

The police helicopter was piloted by Ron Houston, who said the objects "just looked like four red lights. We were never able to get high enough to tell what they were, but they appeared to be fairly stationary. It very possibly could have been balloons."

Last night's sighting was reported to the UFO Center in Seattle by three persons, said center official Robert Gribble, who also took calls from Memphians Saturday.

"We never did dig up anything more" about the Saturday sightings, Gribble said.

Six weeks later, flying object still

By NED POPKINS
Staff Writer

VERNON — An unidentified flying object seen last month by a Vernon man and at least nine other persons as far away as Norwich has stumped scientists at the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., according to the center's Connecticut investigator.

The bright object seen in the March 1 night sky was not an airplane and apparently was not a meteorite, either, Lawrence Fawcett, who also coordinates UFO sightings for the entire New England region, has said.

Fawcett said last week that testimony from Ronald Mocadlo of 21 Peterson Drive, who said he saw the object change direction as it went overhead, has scientists puzzled.

Mocadlo, a Manchester High School guidance counselor, said the object appeared to turn as it passed over the Vernon area.

Fawcett said other evidence also diminished chances of the object having been a meteorite. Some of the witnesses said they

watched the object for as long as ten or 15 seconds, while meteorites are normally visible for only two or three, he said.

"But after talking to the Vernon gentleman, we sort of realized it wasn't a meteorite or anything like that," he said.

Although Fawcett said he expected to receive a full report from the center on its conclusions, Dr. Alvin Hynek, the center's director, has told him by telephone that researchers have as yet been unable to explain the sightings.

The object, seen between 7:45 p.m. and 8 p.m. that evening, ranged in color from bluish-green to white, according to witnesses. Most said it appeared to be about the size of a pumpkin, but had no discernible shape, Fawcett said.

Besides Mocadlo, witnesses included an off-duty Manchester policeman, the news director at a Willimantic radio station and a Norwich newspaper reporter, Fawcett said.

A check of area airports showed that none

unidentified

of them picked up the object on their radar that evening, he said.

Fawcett said that about 90 percent of all sightings investigated by the center, which handles UFO reports from around the world, are eventually explained.

The other 10 percent, however, remain in the center's computer banks as unexplainable, he said.

Fawcett said UFO sightings, which he called a "global phenomenon," point to the existence of life forms outside our sphere of knowledge.

The only way scientists will know for sure is through investigations of "close encounters of the third kind": incidents in which UFOs interact directly with humans, he said.

Although most UFO reports in this area deal with sightings of strange lights in the night skies — "nocturnal lights" — there have been several instances in which persons have been "kidnapped" by UFOs for short periods of time, he said.

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*****APRIL 28, 1979*****

The Philippines UFOs

Connoisseurs of unidentified flying object sightings have had little to sink their teeth into for awhile. Thus the succulent UFO reports from the Philippines are especially welcome.

We hear of a cluster of glowing objects hovering a couple of hundred feet in the air, a sight which excited residents of three villages located some 380 miles southeast of Manila. We hear also of an intriguing episode in Pagadian City, 155 miles northeast of Zamboanga, which involved that staple of UFO fanciers, a disc-shaped object in the sky.

In this case the alleged sighting was reported by none other than Pagadian's police chief. Col. Cipriano Geongson. He and Cesar Orcajada of Zamboanga, it seems, left a hotel very early in the morning and spied the object moving northward. They said many Pagadians were aroused from their sleep because the thing in the heavens emitted bright,

multicolored light. And that's not all: a few minutes after the sighting observers heard a couple of explosions and then the spectacular object vanished.

This sounds much like other reports from other parts of the world — granted, which may or may not argue for their authenticity, depending on one's point of view. There is a footnote to this report, though, that tends to boost its credibility: at the Zamboanga station of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration a staff member reported observing an unexplained bright object over Zamboanga five minutes after the incident in Pagadian.

Nothing conclusive in that. As usual, there may be simple, rational explanations for all that was reportedly observed. Still, isn't it kind of nice to have some fresh UFO reports to chew on again?

Fawcett, a Coventry police officer with 15 years experience dealing with UFO sightings, investigated an incident during the 1960s in which a New Hampshire couple lost two hours of travel time while out driving one day.

Under hypnosis, the two described how they had been taken aboard a UFO and examined by strange beings, he said.

Fawcett would like to have area residents report any strange sightings to him as soon as possible.

Persons may write Fawcett at 471 Goose Lane, Coventry, or telephone him at 742-7988.

Observer of Lights Says 'UFOs' Probably Flares

By ORVILLE HANCOCK
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

A maintenance technician with Velsicol Chemical Corp. today said he believes that unidentified flying objects recently sighted over Coro Lake and Rob-Co Lake were merely flares or flashlights suspended from lighter-than-air balloons.

Billy J. Ditto, 4032 Grantham, said he and his wife saw the four red lights, described by some who saw them as "red balls and objects resembling stars."

He said, "I used a pair of binoculars, as well as the naked eye. I am completely convinced that what I saw and what others have seen . . . is nothing more than man-made flares of some type, joined together, probably by string or cord, and set aloft by a bag or balloon filled with lighter-than-air gas.

"I watched . . . until one of these lights dropped to the ground, one burned out and the other rose perhaps 500 feet more and burned out," Ditto said. "These lights, when I first saw them, were probably 1,500 feet to 2,000 feet high near Raines Road at Highway 61 South. These lights were the color of railroad flares.

"I am definitely convinced there was no kind of aircraft or flying object other than what I have stated," Ditto said. "I feel I am qualified to make such assumptions with 20-plus years of using telescopes and studying astronomy and physics.

"It would give me much pleasure to see a flying saucer, if they do in fact exist, but it just hasn't happened yet," he said. "I have seen this trick done before with a hydrogen-filled plastic bag with flashlights tied to the bottom of it. One can be fooled into seeing something he really isn't seeing, especially at night."

Several hundred Memphians — including boaters, doctors, pilots, air traffic controllers and several persons considered knowledgeable in celestial navigation — reported seeing strange lights last Wednesday night.

Robert Ingram, assistant chief of the Federal Aviation Administration control tower at Memphis International Airport, said that in all aviation activities he has seen during his career, "I've seen nothing ever like this."

Taylor L. Blair Jr., 4707 Lakeridge Drive, a pilot, said the lights "sure were strange. The darndest thing I ever saw."

UFO Sighted Over South Park

PAGE ONE

(By Richard Blake)

An unidentified flying object was reportedly sighted at two locations in Park County on Tuesday night March 13.

In one case the object was seen from a passing car near Jefferson, and in the other it was seen from a car near Alma. The two sightings were approximately three hours apart, but in both cases the description of the object was nearly identical. Debbie Robinson and Norma Newquist were passengers in a car that was headed towards Bailey at about 7:30. Both describe the UFO as being very large, low flying, white, and very bright. It was flying at about the same altitude as would a low flying helicopter, according to the witnesses, but it seemed to be flying even slower than a chopper would and even more strangely it made no noise. Mrs. Newquist later reported the sighting to the Park County Sheriff's Office.

At about 10:30 that same

night, Mary Blake and a passenger were driving from Fairplay to Alma when they sighted an object bearing a striking resemblance to the one sighted earlier. Emphasizing the crystal clarity of the sky that night, they were baffled when the UFO seemed to disappear in thin air as suddenly as it had originally appeared.

Sergeant Mike Bergman, of the public affairs office at NORAD stated that the Air Force had suspended their investigation of UFOs or "Project Blue Book" as it was called in 1969. The reasoning behind the suspension was that the Air Force felt that the case for the UFOs representing some form of extraterrestrial intelligence had not been made and that in any case they did not seem to represent a threat. The Air Force now suggests that citizens that sight UFOs report them to a local law enforcement agency if they feel threatened by them.

Area pilots spot UFO

Two St. Louis-area pilots who are employed by Festus Flying Service reportedly followed what they called a UFO while flying from Pittsburgh to Cleveland about two weeks ago.

Hal Sperling and co-pilot Paul Lewis had just taken off from a Pittsburgh airport to return to St. Louis on March 24 when they reportedly spotted a bright star-like object in front of them. Radar at air traffic con-

trol centers in Cleveland and Pittsburgh reported the absence of any such object on their monitors, authorities said.

The object, according to the pilots, appeared to be about 50 miles ahead of the plane and disappeared just east of Columbus, Ohio. They described the movement of the object as erratic and sporadic.

They're Willing To Wonder

2 Monroe Policemen Believe The 'Thing' Was A UFO

By LaFLEUR PAYSOUR
Observer Staff Writer

Aside from top-salaried comedians, nobody tries to solicit laughter.

But every so often Earthlings become heir to experiences that must be shared in spite of the risks.

It happened to Hoyt Edmisten Saturday night when, from his silver-blue Lincoln Continental, he saw what he can only call an unidentified flying object hovering over N.C. 16 near Newton — a dome-topped blur of light ringed by revolving rectangular lights.

It happened also to two Monroe policemen just before daylight Tuesday when they saw a lazy flicker of light over U.S. 74.

"It was this big white thing that was oval-shaped and real bright around the edges," said Officer Keith Hyatt.

"... It was about 2,000 feet in the air and about the size of a quart jar."

"I used to laugh at all those (UFO) reports. But now," Hyatt said, "I'll be looking out for them, I sup-

pose."

Edmisten admits a similar change of heart.

"People laugh and think I'm crazy," he says. "But seeing it kind of makes a believer out of me ... I'm starting to wonder now, maybe there really is something — some other world — out there."

His willingness to wonder was spawned on a stretch of highway near Newton.

"My wife Jenny and I were on Highway 16 about 5 miles beyond Newton, headed back toward Boone. And there it was, just hovering there in the sky ... a circular blob of light with a bunch of smaller rectangular lights all around it."

He stopped his car, rapped on the door of a roadside telephone booth and pointed out the oddity for a bewildered stranger.

That made three people who saw the lights, but airport radar watchers from Charlotte, Atlanta, Asheville and Bristol, Tenn., said they detected nothing unusual in the weekend skies. Nor could they explain Tuesday's reports of Hyatt and Officer Gary Haywood.

But Wayne Laporte of Indian Trail is on the case.

He's spent three years investigating Carolinas UFO sightings and gets about four reports each week.

"The Newton sighting sounds a lot like an advertising plane that flies out of Douglas (Municipal Airport in Charlotte)..." he said, recalling about 10 sightings this year traced to that source.

"But the Monroe case ... Now that could be a good one."

Monroe, he explains, lies within what ufologists call a "window area, a place where there is heavy UFO traffic."

"(That's because) there's a geological fault line that runs through Indian Trail to High Point and for years researchers have known that UFOs have an affinity for fault lines."

While Laporte is looking, Haywood, Hyatt and Edmisten are doing their own scouting.

"We'll be paying attention to every UFO report we hear from now on," Hyatt said.

"I'll be watching too," Edmisten said. "I want to be sure I'm not in this thing alone."

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*****APR. 20, 1979*****

UFO sighting made

Notice anything peculiar hovering in the sky lately?

An unidentified woman living about 9 miles south of Jonesboro off Highway 107 reported to Washington County Sheriff's Department last night an unidentified flying object in the sky.

She said she was looking out of her window and saw something red hovering in the sky. She said the object was barely moving, if at all, and was making no noise. She told officers she was able to hear planes when they were in her vicinity.

The woman said it appeared to her that the red object was near Lamar School, off Highway 81.

The call came to the sheriff's dispatcher around 8:30 p.m., and the woman had said she watched the object for 20 minutes. Investigating officers reported sighting nothing in the area, although there have been reports from the Memphis area about similar sightings Wednesday evening.

Fishermen land with tale of possible close encounter

By Jack Stewardson
STANDARD-TIMES STAFF WRITER

Neither Francisco Marreiros nor Manuel Pateiro is quite sure what they saw out there on the fishing grounds earlier this week, but they wonder whether they had a "close encounter" with a UFO.

The two New Bedford fishermen were on the bridge of the trawler Christina and Sandra Tuesday night when they saw a bright, circular flying object fixed stationary above the water ahead of them.

Before they finally turned their vessel away from the object about five minutes later, they said its flashing lights changed color — first from white to green and then to redish orange — and appeared to have an antenna.

Both fishermen talked to The Standard-Times about their experience through an Portuguese interpreter this morning as the Christina and Sandra unloaded its catch at the Pilgrim Fish Co.

Neither stated clearly how close the object came to their approaching vessel, nor how high the object was above the water. However, both indicated lights from the object flashed down from the sky.

According to Marreiros, owner and skipper of the 78-foot vessel, the encounter also disabled the vessel's Loran system for about 15 minutes after the experience and the trawler was also unable to pick up the object on the vessel's radar system throughout the time.

"I didn't appreciate seeing that thing," Marreiros said through the interpreter. "I am wondering now if it was a flying saucer, what would have happened if we had stayed."

The trawler owner said it had been raining for about 10 minutes before the crew first noticed the object. Marreiros said he first brought it to the attention of Pateiro, who was on the bridge with him.

He estimated the vessel's position was around 60 miles east of the Nantucket Lightship, around the 3200, 6250 Loran position lines. It was around 11:30 at night.

Pateiro, who drew a sketch of the sighting, said the object was about the size of the Christina and Sandra, and stood fixed in the sky at all times.

Marreiros described the flashing beacons much like the flashing dome of a police car.

"Something normal it wasn't," said Marreiros.

"We were steaming, just sailing toward it, and it was there," said Pateiro. "As we were navigating, it started changing colors."

"We turned away," Marreiros said.

Both men were at a loss to identify what they might have seen. They agreed that they had never seen anything like it before.

A spokesman for the Coast Guard 1st District headquarters in Boston indicated that "very few" UFO reports have been filed with the Coast Guard in the past. They said there have been no recent reports of UFO sightings. The Air Force usually investigates such incidents, they noted.

UFO sighting changes local couple

There have been no major changes in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. John Pozdro since their sighting of a group of unidentified flying objects the evening of March 6.

"We're just exactly the way we were before the experience," Pozdro explained Saturday afternoon. "I guess perhaps some people felt that because we made the sighting there would be something new and different in our lives, but

that hasn't happened. We saw something special, at least to us, just one of those things, I guess. It's still unexplained. We had some contacts from people about it for a day or two, but then things went back to normal."

Pozdro, a Kansas University professor of music theory, and his wife, Shirley, were walking near their home at 713 La. about 8:10 p.m. the evening of March 6. The

weather had turned pleasant after a long siege of winter and they were "getting some fresh air and walking our dog." Suddenly they both spotted about eight starlike objects traveling in a V-formation from east to west, high in the sky and at a high rate of speed.

Pozdro said the sighting lasted for about five seconds; then the formation dropped behind the horizon. Informed

by police that there was a Washington number to call, they telephoned what proved to be the UFO Reporting Service in Washington and were informed that such phenomena are fairly common and can be attributed to one of two things: either vehicles from outer space or time travelers. "There is no total explanation that we have," a spokesman at the UFO Reporting Service told

the Journal-World the next day.

"We had some contacts at first and heard from a number of people we know," Pozdro said, "but it soon died down and we haven't had anything unusual happen since. I was a skeptic about this happened, and I still have doubts about some of the things that people claim to see or experience. But I'm not so certain now as I was before. We're just chalking it up as an experience that was very interesting and intriguing and letting it go at that. We know what we saw; we just aren't sure what it was. And that's about as far as we can take it."

UFO reports

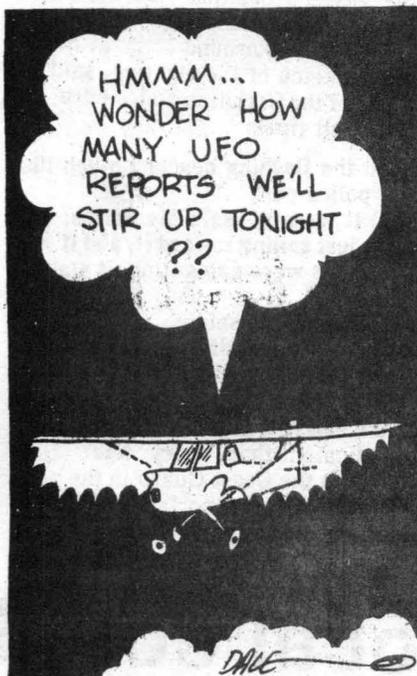
A week ago, I called the Express about an Unidentified Flying Object near Randolph Air Force Base.

While the person I talked to was not rude, I got the impression the reporter or editor listening to me was not the least bit interested and could care less that some strange object is flying around the skies.

I then called one of the television stations and the next night a complete, accurate report on this object was given over the air.

I would think the newspaper would be more interested in carrying news about such things. UFOs have a lot of interest now and one may land and someone in your paper may miss the story because he isn't interested.

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The incident is not quite as you recall. For one thing, the report the following day on television was inaccurate in that it said the object involved (a small plane with a system of moving lights which spell out words as an advertisement in the night sky) had appeared for the first time over San Antonio in connection with a recent shopping center opening.

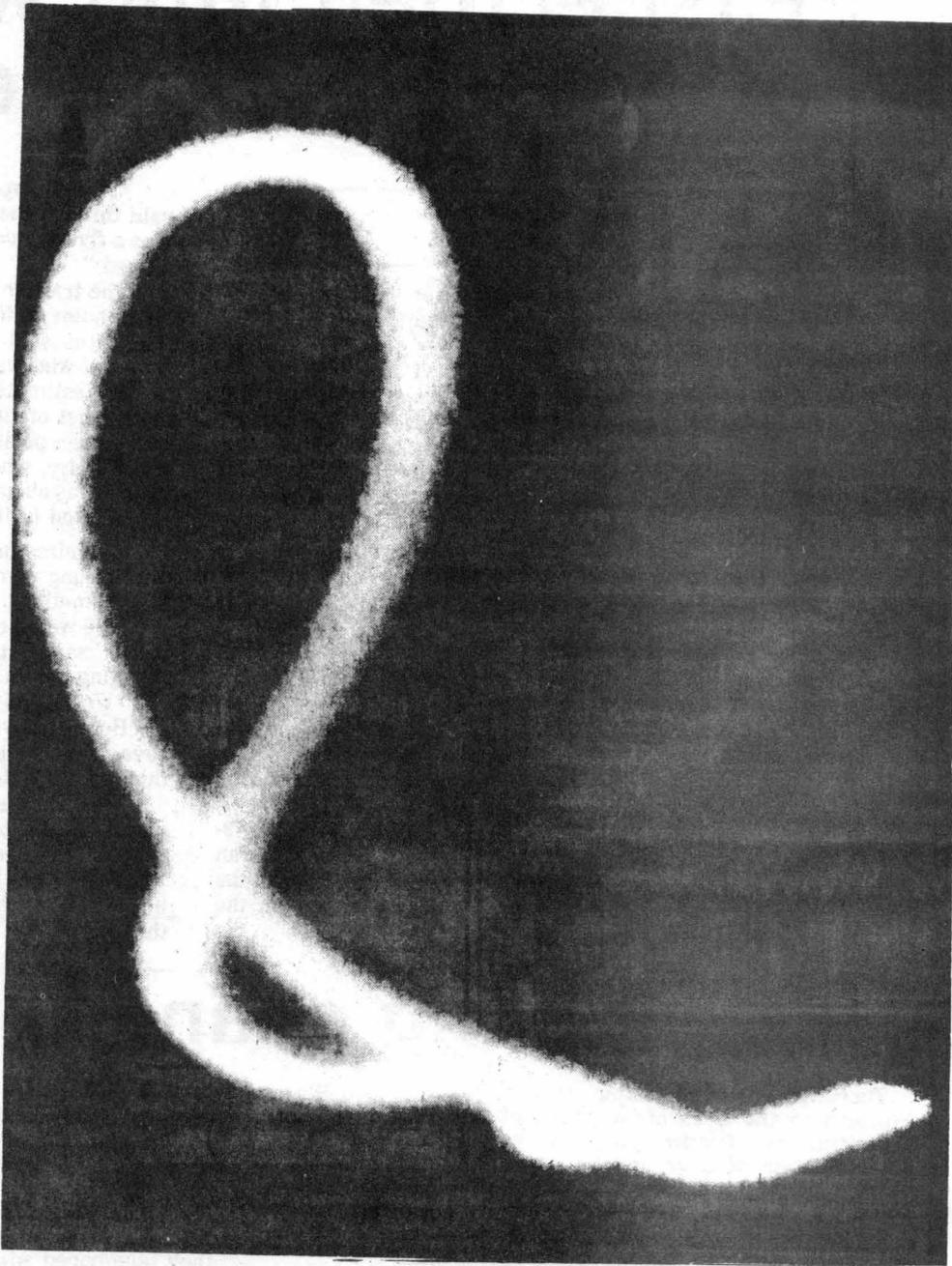
Aircraft equipped with lighted, moving letters have appeared here many times.

As for the lack of enthusiasm you say you encountered contacting the paper, yours was one of several calls received about the plane.

The Express is always anxious to hear reports of any sort of news happenings from local citizens who see something unusual.

In the case of UFOs, the paper receives literally hundreds of such calls each year and many of them are later identified in news stories. The paper has a UFO group it contacts in the event an object really cannot be identified by official sources.

WEST CHESTER, PA. - LOCAL NEWS
*****MAR. 26, 1979*****



IS IT A UFO? This single frame of 16mm film, recorded by an Australian news crew from an aircraft off the coast of New Zealand New Year's Eve, shows the path taken by an unidentified flying object

in just one-twentieth of a second. Two of America's top UFO experts have been analyzing the sighting.

This particular UFO was not explained in the paper because it was a commercial venture and the number of people who could not finally figure out exactly what it was appeared to be quite small.

Did the UFO carry small space child?

JIMMIE BELL
Herald Staff Writer

Minutes after reports began circulating last Wednesday of an unidentified flying object hovering over the North Biloxi area, a resident of Biloxi River Estates said he was awakened by a bright light near his trailer.

V.B. Phelps, 587 Dallas St., says he thought it was a neighbor turning on a light about 10:30 p.m. "so I went back to sleep."

Next morning, Phelps was clearing his backyard to burn overgrown weeds when he found a footprint that puzzled him. It looked like a baby's print with four spreading claws instead of toes.

The five-inch footprint, clearly defined in drying mud, was the only one in the vicinity. Nearby he also found what he surmised to be a tiny handprint.

He said there were no children in the area nor had any been there to his knowledge with feet and hands that size.

"I've been a woodsman all my life and never have I seen anything that resembles the footprint," said Phelps.

"I thought nothing about the light until I heard about the UFO sightings," Phelps said. "But I then recalled the bright light came from the rear of my residence, and no one lives in that direction."

Phelps said he was not aware of the reports of a UFO in North Biloxi and Hancock County until a couple of days later or he would have investigated the strange brilliance.

His son, Wallace Phelps, on a visit from Sequatchie, Tenn., found numerous holes in the ground near the footprint and the location of the bright light indicating metal rods may have been shoved into the ground to a depth of about six to eight inches. All the holes were straight and dug in at angles pointing to an undefined center.

The younger Phelps shoveled up the footprint for safekeeping and hopes to have a cast made to preserve it.

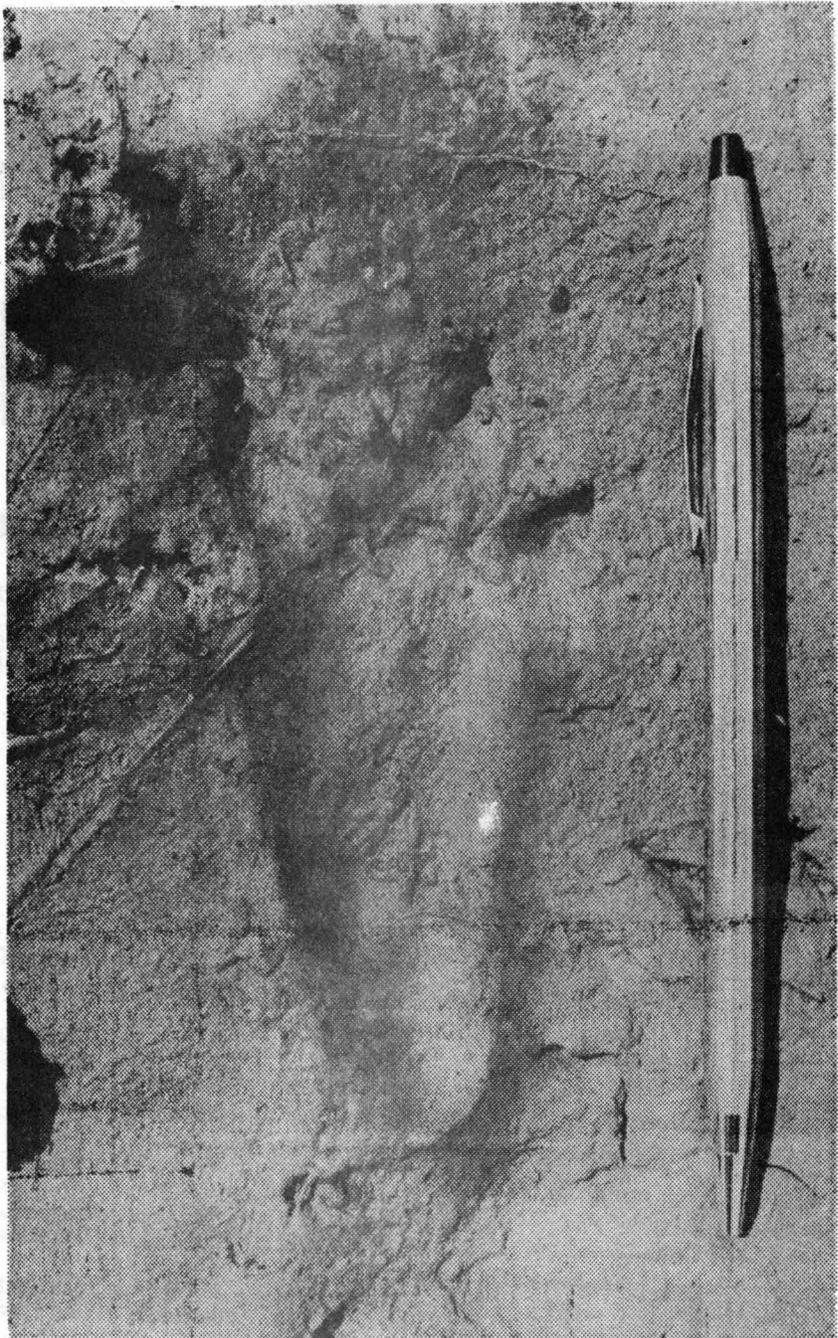


Photo by Chief Photographer Vernon Matthews

'Littlefoot' from outer space

W.B. Phelps of Biloxi River Estates was puzzled by a strange little footprint bearing what seems to be four claws, which he discovered in his yard last Thursday. Webb wonders if the 5-inch footprint has any connection with a UFO reported on the Gulf Coast last Wednesday night. He said there were no children in the area with so small a foot. In the photograph, the main part of the print was enhanced with an airbrush to show its outline.

UFO sighting worth \$2,000 to 2 Charlotte policemen

By MIKE WEINSTEIN
News Staff Writer

Ron Arey and Howard Dellinger caught a lot of ribbing after their UFO sighting in December 1977.

But the joke was on the ribbers, because the two Charlotte helicopter policemen are each \$2,000 richer today, thanks to the National Enquirer.

Arey and Dellinger were cruising in their Snoopy II police helicopter at 1,600 feet near the Coliseum Dec. 27, 1977 when they spotted two illuminated objects hovering 200 feet above. When they got close to the objects, the UFOs went up to 4,000 feet and disappeared.



AREY

DELLINGER

Word of their sighting reached the National Enquirer in Lantana, Fla., which has a standing offer of up to \$10,000 for an individual UFO sighting and \$1 million for "absolute proof" of a UFO, an En-

quirer spokesman said.

The paper sent a reporter to interview them, and last week awarded them \$2,000 each for their story. The Enquirer's "blue ribbon" UFO committee also awarded \$1,000 to Ray Bader, a Douglas Airport air traffic controller who tracked the UFOs on radar.

So now that they are \$2,000 richer what are Arey and Dellinger going to do with their money? After they buy steak dinners for the officers in their unit, Arey is going to save his while Dellinger is going to widen his driveway.

They haven't seen any more UFOs, "but we're hunting 'em," Dellinger said.

plane

Five UFOs spotted in Auburndale

By PAUL DAVIS
News-Chief Staff

AUBURNDALE — Two police officers and one resident here saw five "whitish-yellow round objects" floating over Auburndale early this morning, but no one is sure what those objects were.

"By the time they tried to count them they were gone," said a spokeswoman for the Auburndale Police Department today.

According to police reports, Officers

John Knapp and Guthrie Knorr spotted the objects around 2:04 a.m., when one of the officers first spotted the objects and called to the other officer.

The sighting makes the second this year in the Auburndale-Winter Haven area of unidentified flying objects — or UFOs.

On an early Thursday morning in January, a Winter Haven police officer reported seeing a similar object near Polk Community College which he described as a round glowing object about 150 feet in diameter.

Officer Ron Perdue watched the object for several minutes before it

moved straight up and away, disappearing in the southeastern portion of the morning sky.

Perdue said he received a dozen phone calls from other residents who had seen the object, around 4 a.m., Jan 5.

Auburndale police said they received one call corroborating the two officers' sighting this morning, but that the caller refused to give his name for fear of ridicule. One of the officers, said the spokeswoman, jokingly reported having read the underside of one craft that had the following printed message: Martian Air Force.

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2 more possible UFO sightings

There have been two more possible UFO sightings by Dixonites.

The Tribune reported in its Feb. 22 edition that four adult males observed what they thought may have been a UFO around noon on Monday, Feb. 19.

Kelly Thompson said a possible UFO was spotted above the Dixon Dryer by himself, Ron Smith and James Tucker about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21.

He says they watched it for about 10 minutes while it hovered. Then it "just flew away real fast." He described the object as disc shaped with yellow, blue and red lights. The yellow and blue lights were on

continually while the red went on and off, he said.

"When it moved, it looked like it changed shapes," the 11-year-old said.

The trio heard no sound coming from the object about a half mile above them, Thompson said. "We weren't scared. We figured it wouldn't hurt us."

Another resident reported seeing a possible UFO about 10:45 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, above Silveyville Primary School.

She said she was driving south on Almond Street when a light caught her eye. As she got closer she realized that what she took for lights were sun reflections from a metallic

body that appeared to be suspended in the air.

"It was very definite," she said. "It looked similar to an airplane but it didn't have a tail. It was gray. There were what looked like circular vents all the way across the front."

She said that although the object was very low — about the height of two telephone poles — no sound came from it. There was no other person about to verify her account, she said. She was on her way to play bridge and asked a friend to return but the object was no longer there when they came back to the site about 10 minutes later.

"It was clear," she said. "I know I saw it."

Unidentified lights seen

Unidentified red, blue and green lights were reported in the night sky Sunday in an area from Battle Ground south to Wilsonville, Ore.

Sandra Williams of the Portland police records division said about 20 calls were received from persons who reported seeing the lights over downtown Portland.

Some persons said three such lighted objects appeared to be stationary, with one close to the ground and the other two higher in the sky.

Portland police officers this morning could shed no more light on the reported Battle Ground sightings.

Persons at the Clark County sheriff's office and the Battle Ground Police Department said no similar calls had been received.

ABBEVILLE, LA. - MERIDIONAL
*****MAR 15, 1979*****

UFOs, anyone?

"It was like a glowing red football, or basketball," the caller told the Meridional Tuesday. "We saw everything outside all lit up in red, and everyone around here gathered outside to watch it. It was like a big red ball floating down, and when it got near the ground, there was a flash of red light and a little sound like a cap gun going off. The police came but it was gone. They told us it was probably a shooting star."

The caller's report of a "UFO sighting" intrigued one of our reporters who checked with the local police.

The police said they has responded to calls concerning such an object Monday night within the city limits, and said again that it was likely a falling star.

But the police, also reported that another sighting of a strange aerial phenomenon had been reported at the beginning of March. This second sighting was a white light that reportedly hovered, then took off in a southerly direction at a high rate of speed. UFO's anyone?

AQUARIAN - MONTECLAIR, N.J.
*****MAR. 28, 1979*****

Policeman Burned By UFO

A UFO research group reports that a California police officer who reported being "burned" by a mysterious oval-shaped flying disc last year seems to have been injured by some form of micro-wave radiation.

The officer in question is Manuel Amparano, a five-year veteran of the police force in Kerman, California. Amparano was treated for third degree burns and facial blisters at a Central California hospital last May a few hours after he claimed to have sighted a UFO.

According to the officer's account, he was attracted into the deserted countryside near Kerman by what looked like the glow of a fire. He said he spotted what looked like a glowing oval-shaped disc that hovered motionless in the air for nearly four minutes.

Amparano later stated that the object suddenly emitted a bright bluish beam of light, and then shot skyward at a great rate of speed and disappeared.

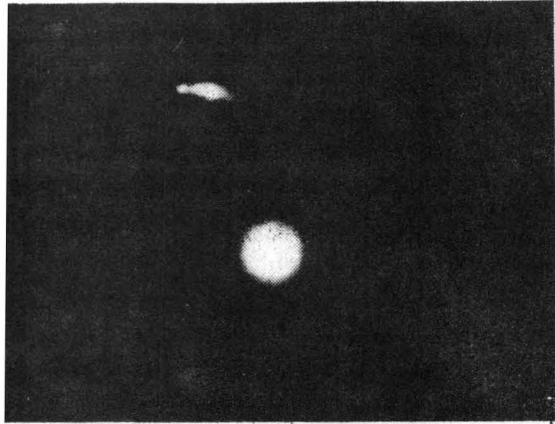
The officer arrived at the police station minutes later, covered with an apparent sunburn that later blistered.

The Center for UFO Studies quotes medical experts who treated the officer as saying his injuries resembled micro-wave radiation burns.

VAJCCUVER, WASH. - COLUMBIAN
*****MAR. 19, 1979*****

Newsman films UFO near SAC air base blowups discover more and STAR

NEW YORK, N.Y. - STAR
*****APR. 3, 1979*****



ie STAR blowup that revealed the smaller object.



This single frame captured in a fraction of a second the UFO's fast, erratic movements.

By JOHN LATTA

A SPECTACULAR UFO sighting has been captured on high-quality film by a TV reporter researching a story about similar sightings.

Prowling the area of the previous sightings late at night with little expectation of capturing anything but the night sky on his movie film, reporter Jim Voutrot suddenly leapt from his car and hit the camera trigger as the UFO cruised over eastern New Hampshire.

The circumstances of the sighting, near the vital Pease Air Force Base (a Strategic Air Command bomber post) are amazingly close to the most spectacular of recent sightings, the New Zealand close encounter when television crews filmed UFOs from an aircraft.

And since examining the 15-second film, THE STAR has revealed another uncanny similarity.

We blew up some of the frames and found on several of them a second object close to the main object Voutrot had seen through the lens.

The tiny secondary object, unseen by Voutrot at the time and also when the film slipped through normal projectors, has a tail of light behind it, like a comet. And this is exactly what was found on the New Zealand film.

Once processed and blown up for detailed scanning, smaller tailed lights were revealed close to the main UFO object on that film too.

With Voutrot, who said he approached the story as a skeptic, was Betty Hill, one of the main figures in a UFO drama which was accidentally uncovered when her husband Barney underwent deep hypnosis and revealed the couple's alleged kidnapping by an alien craft.

Voutrot, a highly-respected newsman with more than 12 years' experience, said: "I was surprised when we saw it and bolted out of the car and started filming. It was a big, round, white object, just as it appears on the film. Then all of a sudden, it was gone. Quite honestly, I've never seen anything like it before or since."

He got involved in the UFO story after local newsmen in Manchester, New Hampshire, became interested when they heard that Betty Hill was telling local meetings on her lecture circuit that UFOs were being sighted over the air base.

Said Voutrot: "Several reporters did stories with Betty, but I'm a skeptic and wanted to do it when I would be sure there was no chance for anything to be set up, like a balloon that could be mistaken. So I called Betty one day and we were out looking about five minutes

later. I didn't expect to get anything and I still don't know what I've got on film.

"I don't know what it was, but I do know what it wasn't. It wasn't the moon or Venus, it wasn't aircraft landing lights and it wasn't a balloon," he said.

Voutrot checked with the Pease Air Force Base the day after the sighting, then later chatted casual-

ly with some of the tower staff. The result: the base had tracked nothing visually or on radar — the night the newsman was filming, but they did concede that their air space often hosted unidentified pieces of "junk."

Voutrot's newsroom colleagues

teased him unmercifully — until the New Zealand incident, with all its similarities, surfaced.

Like Voutrot, newsmen there had gone to interview reliable witnesses who had made strong visual sightings of UFOs. Then to complete their report thoroughly, they had taken to the night sky with cameras filming, not expecting to find anything. Like Voutrot, they were surprised, and their skepticism melted.

Betty Hill recalled the moment they spotted the UFO: "We were driving up a hill when Jim yelled 'There's one.' He was out of the car before I could stop it and was filming."

They were "just a hop and a skip from Pease Air Force Base", said Mrs. Hill.

Recent disclosures of CIA documents have revealed strange concentrations in the past of UFO sightings over vital air bases in what appear to be definite patterns in Montana, Michigan and Maine.

An Air Force spokesman said of the sighting: "We do get a lot of reports of unidentified objects, and we put our radar and control towers on alert to track them."

The Maine sightings in this grouping were made in regions of the state close to Pease AFB, which is tucked into the southeast corner of New Hampshire where the state has a small stretch of coastline.

Mysterious aircraft seen over ranch

A mysterious aircraft thought to be connected with a series of cattle mutilations was being sought today by the New Mexico State Police.

State Policeman Gabe Valdez said he saw the "unidentified flying aircraft" three miles east of Dulce about 2:10 a.m. Sunday.

A JICARILLA Apache police matron, who was patrolling the area, radioed Valdez that the craft was hovering over a portion of the Manuel Gomez ranch.

"She called me on the radio to go to the area right away," Valdez said. "She said there was this strange flying aircraft."

Valdez said he stopped during the three or four minutes it took him to get to the spot and he saw the craft hovering about 100 feet over the ground.

"IT HAD RED and green lights," he said. "I couldn't tell the size and there was absolutely no noise."

Valdez said the craft "had to be" some type of helicopter because it went straight up as it left the scene.

The area where the incident took place is a mixing plant with a nearby gravel pit. Valdez said about 100 head of cattle are kept there during winter.

He said Gomez has lost eight cattle this year. were unexplained "mutilations."

"THERE HAVE ben about 16 mutilations in the Dulce area this year," Valdez said. "But his (Gomez) is the biggest loss."

The craft reportedly headed west

2 area pilots share skies with 'UFO'

Two St. Louis-area pilots followed a brightly lit UFO for about 110 miles from Pittsburgh to Cleveland before the object blinked out like a light bulb, they said.

It was about 10:45 p.m. March 24 when Hal Sperling, a pilot flying for Festus Flying Service Inc., and his co-pilot, Paul Lewis, saw a bright star-like object directly in front of them after they'd taken off from a Pittsburgh airport to return to St. Louis, they said.

THE TWO WERE FLYING an unloaded twin-engine Cessna 404 Titan cargo plane at about 225 miles per hour when the object appeared "at 12 o'clock," directly in front of them, they said.

"At first I thought it was a star, but it moved, and then I thought perhaps it was an airplane," Sperling said.

"I contacted the Cleveland Air Traffic Control Center to see if they had anything on their radar at 12 o'clock and they replied 'negative, nothing on our radar,'" the commercial pilot said.

SPERLING SAID the Cessna was on autopilot on a bearing of 273 degrees and the UFO appeared to be about 50 miles ahead and moving west at about the same speed as the airplane.

He said the object appeared to be flying at about 14,000 feet, or about 2,000 feet above the Cessna.

"The object started moving and the light alternated from red to green to a bright white light. There didn't seem to be any pattern to the

alternation of colors," he said.

"AT ONE POINT IT moved vertically up or down 20 degrees in pitch in either direction," Sperling said. "It also moved horizontally back and forth from an 11 o'clock position to a 1 o'clock position. The movement was erratic and sporadic."

Sperling, a veteran of 15 years as a pilot, said he checked his instruments to make sure the plane was stable, "and yet the object continued to move."

In the meantime, he said, he requested Cleveland to contact Pittsburgh to see if the object appeared on their extended radar. Again, the answer was no, he said.

JUST EAST OF Columbus, the light "just blinked off, disappeared," Sperling said.

The conversation between Sperling and the Cleveland control center was recorded on tape.

"I just looked at Paul and said, 'Do you see what I see? Are we running low on oxygen? What is it?'" Sperling said.

"I've always been skeptical of things like UFOs because they just seemed phony. I know I saw something. I don't know what it was and as I told Cleveland, 'I don't know what this is so I guess I'll have to call it a UFO,'" the Mehlville pilot said.

Sperling said neither he nor Lewis was frightened at any time, and he said that whatever it was they saw appeared to be under intelligent control.

More UFO

Sightings

Reported

Reports of spotting UFOs over Rio Vista came from three teenagers last Saturday night. Their reports were somewhat similar.

The unidentified flying objects were reported as being bright white with red and green flashing lights. The configuration was from round to cigar shaped. The reports said that the UFOs were spotted over the water tower and also over the Rio Vista Bridge.

The Rio Vista youths were among many who spotted the same type incident throughout five western states.

The consensus was that the object could have been the Russian Satellite which reportedly fell from orbit over Canada and was believed to have burned up in the atmosphere before striking the ground. It was said not to contain any radio active material.

Fourth UFO sighting reported

A fourth possible UFO sighting has been reported.

Jeanette Farrell of 265 E. Broadway St. said she saw a flying object that definitely was not an airplane

about 6:45 p.m. Thursday, March 1, over downtown Dixon.

She says she was driving south on North Adams Street when an object in the sky caught her attention. It was in front of her in the area over the railroad tracks south of A Street.

Farrell says she then turned east on A Street and "didn't give it much thought because I was concerned about other things." She then turned north on North First Street and parked in the 100 block.

After she got out of her car, she says she became "mesmerized" by the object. She described it as disc shaped with red, green and white lights. No sound came from it and it seemed to move by floating.

"It looked like it was going to land in the street and I wondered if it would be small enough to come down between the buildings," she said. The object went out of sight over the Betty Ann Shop.

"I've been around airplanes, my husband works around airplanes, I've lived here long enough to know that First National Bank, the Betty Ann Shop, Title Insurance are not in Travis' flight pattern," she says.

The flying object she saw definitely was not an airplane, Farrell says. A spokesman at Travis Air Force Base said there are no experimental aircraft at the base. Everything

there is standard and well known, he says.

On Feb. 19 Glen Russell, Kevin Jacobs, John Pardi and Bill Wentworth watched a disc shaped object for about 10 minutes around noon as it moved across the sky.

Three juveniles said they saw a lighted disc shaped object over the Dixon Dryer the evening of Feb. 21.

An adult women said she saw an unidentified object over Silveyville school Feb. 15. She described what she saw as an airplane without a tail.

TORONTO STAR - CANADA
*****APR. 12, 1979*****

New UFO sighting reported by couple

Another in a rash of UFO sightings was reported Tuesday night by a Bradford couple, according to Joan Jeffers of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

Ms. Jeffers said the couple was driving home from the Limestone, N.Y. area at about 8:20 p.m. when about a mile north of Limestone they saw a bright flash in the sky, much like a camera flash, but slower.

When the flash disappeared they saw a triangular pattern of red and white lights and another green light but it was obvious the lights were not in the proper pattern for an airplane.

While looking at the object through binoculars, she said, the couple noticed the object seemed to be moving from east to west and then later from west to east, taking

about 30 seconds to make the trip between horizons.

It appeared to be moving about twice as fast as a small propeller driven plane.

As the couple's car neared Jordan's store the object appeared again and again flashed.

The pair, who had been watching the object while their car was stopped, saw the object hover over the Bell's Camp area about five degrees over the horizon.

Ms. Jeffers said she checked with the Bradford Regional Airport and found that while there was a lot of air traffic Tuesday night, there had been no contacts from north of Bradford.

The possibility exists that the object was a small plane flashing its landing lights to warn approaching air traffic, but the configuration of the lights does not confirm to aircraft regulations.

Ms. Jeffers said she is interested in hearing from anyone who saw anything similar Tuesday night as well as anyone who saw anything strange in the sky in the early morning hours of Sunday.

No UFOs seen in Metro area

UFOs have been sighted all over the world. Has there ever been a sighting in Toronto, and if so when?

B. Sims, Willowdale

Although, from time to time, people have reported seeing mysterious lights and the like, we have never had a sighting which caused real excitement or left behind it a baffling mystery. Such occurrences are, in fact, rare in large cities.

However, one of the really great "flying saucer" incidents occurred not too far from Toronto, in the North Bay area. In early November 1975, mysterious "blips" which could not be attributed to aircraft in the vicinity, began appearing on the radar screens of the Canadian air force base at Falconbridge. Taken together

with reports of large objects seen in the sky, they created a real alarm. Canadian and U.S. fighter aircraft were launched to deal with the intruding "spacecraft," but they found nothing. The official explanation now is that the radar phenomena were caused by unusual layers of ice particles in the atmosphere.

We would like to inquire where we may write Rene Simard and receive an answer. We have written the CBC and have received nothing.

**Mary Iannuccilli and Liz Quigg,
Willowdale**

You can write to Rene Simard c.o. Guy Cloutier, 2300 East Sherbrooke Street, Montreal H2K 1E5. Hope you have better luck with a reply.

BRADFORD, PA. - PHA
*****APR. 4, 1979*****

But what was it really . . .

RANDOLPH — The moon wasn't the only thing shining over Narrowway Avenue last night as about 15 people, including two policemen, saw the latest of a series purported UFO sightings on the South Shore.

It was just about 7:30 p.m. when Mrs. Ann Flaherty of 35 Narrowway Ave. saw the strange, illuminated object hovering over her house.

Wanting to be sure of what she was seeing, Mrs. Flaherty called a friend to take a look. She then called police and two officers responded.

Others heard the police radio broadcast and converged on the Flaherty home where a group of about 15 watched what appeared to be round, but wasn't, and would emit light in an on-and-off manner, she said.

The sighting lasted for about a half-hour, Mrs. Flaherty said today, recalling that the object also appeared to be revolving and emitting sparks. She said it was "very high" above her home, but she couldn't estimate how high.

Patrolman Joseph Previti reported the object still hovering above the Flaherty home when he responded at 7:45 p.m.

"She showed me an object in the sky that appeared to be moving," the officer radioed the station, but there was no physical description of the object, police said, noting that a complete report had not been filed.

The sighting comes after widespread reports in Quincy, Braintree and Randolph on Thursday night when a mysterious airborne object was spotted over the Southeast Expressway.

Although some may discount the report, officials at South Weymouth Naval Air Station say the object was actually an airplane with lighted advertising on it.

There is also the report to Randolph police shortly before 5 a.m. Saturday morning by Jerry Lopes of WHDH radio. He said he at first stopped at Braintree police station but when officers seemed uninterested in his report he went to Randolph.

Lopes said the object appeared to be over Weymouth.

"It didn't look like one of ours," he told The Patriot Ledger, noting that the Saturday sighting was his second.

An Air Force veteran who piloted P-47s for five years, Lopes said the government's UFO center in Illinois has given him no response to his reported sighting last March 23 in Raynham.

He said he withheld news of the Raynham sighting until the Saturday morning sighting because he didn't want to be ridiculed.

Lopes said he and WHDH staffer Steve Sbaccia were in Raynham when they saw what appeared to be an object shaped like home plate with a red light at the tip, white lights on the side and multi-colored lights at the rear which seemed to be spitting sparks.

"I want some answers," he said today. When he spotted the object over Weymouth early Saturday, he said he "could have shaken this off" and not reported it but he felt he must report it.

REXBURG, IDAHO - STANDARD
*****MAR. 27, 1979*****

Western pilots report seeing a bright light

Aviation officials in California say a bright light resembling a meteor was spotted over at least five Western states Saturday night. The Federal Aviation Administration center in Fremont, Calif., says airline pilots reported seeing the object shortly before 10 p.m., Pacific time. Reports were made to controllers in California, Nevada and Utah. Sightings also were reported by pilots flying over Idaho and Colorado. The object is described as having been visible for a minute to 1½ minutes. It's said to have traveled from south to north — or northeast. Some witnesses say they saw a comet-like tail. But the FAA in Reno, Nev., said its radar, which scans as high as 60,000 feet, picked up nothing. An observer at the University of California's Lick Observatory near San Jose says he'd guess it was a meteor. The National Center for UFO studies located in Illinois says it's been unable to identify the object.

TORONTO, ONT., CAN. - SUN
*****MAR. 14, 1979*****

Are those UFOs bouncing back?

All has been quiet on the UFO front in recent weeks, except for letters to the Sun's open forum on UFOs.

An Endeavor Avenue woman named Helene says she was sitting in her boyfriend's kitchen talking when they saw a "fluorescent orange ball" float by the window.

"The ball was about the size of a large basketball, orange in color, solid and moved about two mph. It was about eight feet away from us."

Diane Masanovich says she was with a friend driving along the Niagara River Parkway by the hydro plant in Niagara Falls one night last fall when they saw a UFO.

What first looked like a falling star was within minutes "coming closer towards us at a fast rate of speed" with no visible shape or sound, she says.

"What we saw were three very large lights blurred together, the colors being a bright orange yellow, red and the color in the middle was different. It hovered for a few minutes then disappeared."

Flying Object Still Unidentified

PASCAGOULA, CALIF. - UNION
MAR. 29, 1979

Whether those bright lights in the sky over Tuolumne county Saturday night were UFOs or a Russian satellite has not yet been determined.

The sightings, reported by 11 people, has been under investigation by the local Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

"We'll just have to consider it as unexplained," MUFON's Marv Taylor said.

Taylor said he contacted the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) in Colorado which tracked the re-entering Russian Cosmos

satellite.

A NORAD spokesman told Taylor the satellite first became visible on radar screens at 10:44 p.m. (9:44 p.m. locally).

The first local sighting occurred at 9:05 p.m. from the Phoenix Lake area.

Three family members told The Union Democrat they saw an orange, fiery object traveling from the southwest to the northeast.

Eight other persons reported seeing a huge, bright, white light at about 9:30 p.m.

Sightings of that object were made from Rawhide Rd. near Highway 49 and from Sylva Dairy Rd. That object was also traveling north.

The eight observers reported seeing portholes or windows on the object.

Taylor said he asked NORAD if the satellite would have been visible in central California.

"He (the spokesman) said he didn't see how it could be seen," Taylor said. But the NORAD spokesman added it might have been possible."

Taylor said MUFON first tries to explain all sightings as something

that occurred naturally.

So far the group has not been able to reach an opinion on the local reports.

"There's still a 15-minute lag there (between the local sightings and the satellite's re-entry), so you can't say one way or another," Taylor said.

"The large windows on the craft are confusing," Taylor said, in trying to reach a conclusion.

The satellite made its re-entry into the atmosphere over northwestern Canada. NORAD had expected the satellite to make its descent about the time it did.

Several dozen other persons may have also spotted the objects over Tuolumne county Saturday night.

Taylor said the MUFON 24-hour answering service has received 33 calls since The Union Democrat yesterday carried a story on Saturday's sightings.

Followup on the calls will begin today.

THE SUNDAY SUN - CANADA
((((MAR. 18, 1979))))

UFO still up in air

In June of 1978, Cliff Crocker stood outside his Kimberley Street home and snapped two pictures of a UFO lighting up the night skies.

One picture showed a large circular white object visible between the leaves of a large tree and the roof of a neighboring house. It's stationary.

The other picture showed the object in motion, which Crocker felt was "the precise moment of acceleration" of the intriguing UFO.

Crocker did nothing with the pictures until last month, when he decided to mail them to the Sun's open forum on UFOs. His story was told Feb. 4.

Today, he wishes he had kept quiet. Why? Not because of doubt — computer analysis by Ground Saucer Watch suggests "an unknown light source coming from an unknown aerial object."

The Phoenix-based UFO research organization examined all the details of the film and eliminated the moon and a hoax as the source of the light.

No, it was the reaction of others. "I didn't anticipate the mixed reaction from neighbors and friends, not to mention the mixed reaction my three school-aged sons received from their friends," Crocker says today.

"I don't mean to imply that it was a bad reaction, but perhaps more the effect of leaving a question mark in certain peoples' minds."

The GWS computer analysis should help erase the question mark. Still unanswered is what did Crocker photograph that night?

PASCAGOULA, MISS - PRESS
APR. 9, 1979

Patrolman reports UFO sighting

OCEAN SPRINGS — The sighting of a UFO was reported by a patrolman here at 3:05 a.m. today while he was transporting a Biloxi police reserve officer across the Biloxi - Ocean Springs bridge.

"I know it sounds crazy," Patrolman Robert Rachuba said, "but it's true. We spotted a dome looking object with fire spurting from it."

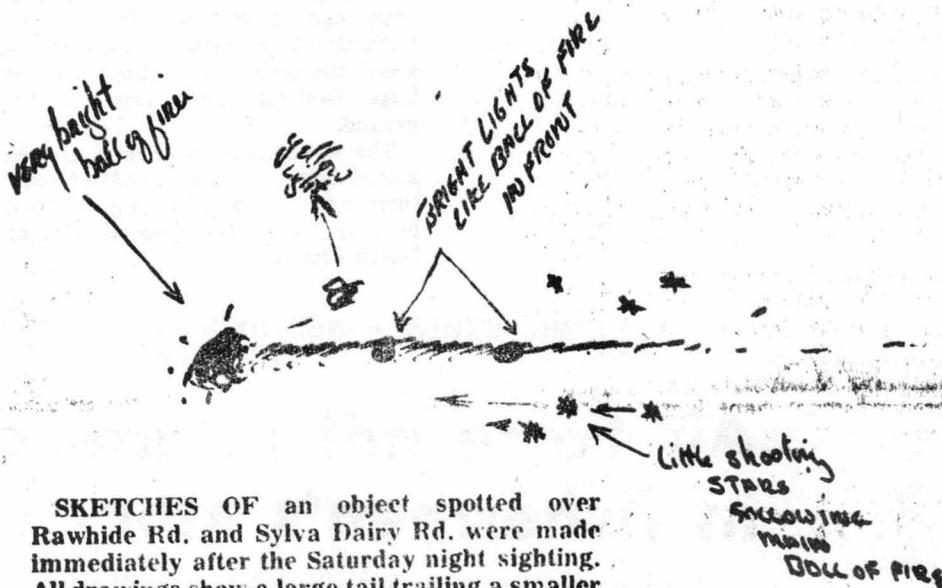
Rachuba was transporting Biloxi police reserve officer Ricky Briggs across the bridge after his vehicle broke down in Ocean Springs.

"We spotted the UFO two different times as we were crossing the bridge toward Biloxi," Rachuba said.

Lights in The Night



SONORA, CALIF. - UNION-DEMOCRAT
 *****MAR. 27, 1979*****



SKETCHES OF an object spotted over Rawhide Rd. and Sylva Dairy Rd. were made immediately after the Saturday night sighting. All drawings show a large tail trailing a smaller body. Small objects are shown flying through or around the tail.

By DIANE FREITAS

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Eleven people have reported sighting bright objects in the sky over Tuolumne county Saturday night.

Eight persons—in two separate sightings—saw what they described as a huge, bright white light.

A fiery orange ball was reported by the other individuals.

The reports are under investigation by the local Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network (MUFON) to determine whether the sightings were of a UFO or a Russian satellite which made a fiery re-entry into the

earth's atmosphere Saturday night.

To be determined is whether the satellite's re-entry would have been visible from Tuolumne county and the time it would have occurred.

Two local sightings occurred about 9:30 p.m.

Six adults, four from Tuolumne county and two from Los Angeles, spotted an object from Rawhide Rd. near Highway 49.

The object was also spotted by two Sonora High school students from Sylva Dairy Rd.

A Phoenix Lake man contacted

The Union Democrat this morning to say his family had spotted a fiery object in the sky earlier Saturday night, at about 9:05.

That object was described as a fiery orange color, traveling from the southwest to the northeast. The sighting lasted about one minute.

"It left a real fiery trail," the man said, "and particles looked like they were falling off of it."

He estimated the tail's size as between four and five miles long.

"It was beautiful," he said. "I wouldn't have missed it for anything."

The Rawhide and Sylva Dairy Rds. sightings lasted about 30 seconds and the object was reportedly traveling across the sky in a northerly direction.

This object was described as a bright, white light.

"It was just gigantic and luminous," said a woman who saw the object from Rawhide Rd.

All eight observers had difficulty judging the object's size and elevation at which it was flying.

But the woman estimated that, when looking at the object from the ground it appeared to be about the size of a football field and was traveling in the airspace between where small private planes and jetliners fly.

The object was described as being an oval or cigar-shaped bright, white light, followed by a tail of less

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intense light.

The tail was about four times the size of the main object.

Smaller, cigar shaped crafts, were reported to be flying in the tail area. The number of small crafts viewed ranged from two to five.

Portholes or windows were visible from the craft, according to the observers.

All eight said they heard no noise from the object but dogs were barking in the surrounding areas.

"It was moving quickly and smoothly," the woman said.

The two youths spotted the object through their car window then rolled down a window for a better view.

They said the object was first spotted in the distance, came nearer and then disappeared from sight.

The six adults were outside when one happened to look up and see the lights.

"I think this is one of the best sightings we've had up here," MUFON's Marv Taylor said.

He said the report stands out for the detail provided of the craft.

The two students said that in conversations at school they have encountered other students who also spotted an object Saturday night.

MUFON is asking that other people who may have sighted an object to call their 24-hour answering service (532-6711).

POMEROY, WASH - EAST WASHINGTONINA
*****MAR. 22, 1979*****

Several residents report U.F.O. sighting

Several residents of the Pataha area reported seeing large lights in the sky Sunday night—about the same time other sightings were reported in

Western Oregon and Western Washington.

The residents have reported seeing three star-like lights in the sky at about 9 p.m., except the lights were very bright and appeared to be fairly close.

The biggest one, which was seen to the south, started flashing red, blue and white, and one of the others moved west, before returning to the same position. The residents said they did not see the objects move away, but the lights were gone Monday night.

UFO sightings were reported by several hundred people in the Portland area, and in several Western and Central Washington communities about the same time. They reported large flashing lights, close to the ground.

The sightings in this area were the second in four months. Last December, three women reported being followed by a UFO while they were driving on Dutch Flat Road.

STANDARD-TIMES - NEW BEDFORD, MASS.
*****APR 13, 1979*****

Air Force not interested in fishermen's story

The Air Force is no longer actively involved in investigating possible sightings of unidentified flying objects, a spokesman said.

Richard McCloskey, public affairs officer at Hanscomb Air Force Base in Bedford, said the Air Force actually ended extensive UFO investigations, known as Project Blue Book, in 1969.

The air base was contacted by The Standard-Times about the possible UFO sighting made by two fishermen aboard the trawler Christina and Sandra earlier this week.

McCloskey said the air base gets "occasional" calls about UFO sightings and usually will refer them to local police departments or two universities.

He said The Standard-Times' call was the second such inquiry on UFOs that the base has received this year.

Project Blue Book, which formed the basis for a television show on the UFO phenomenon, was an Air Force project which investigated UFO sightings between 1948 and 1969. It covered more than 10,000 "sightings."

In the Christina and Sandra sighting Francisco Marreiros and Manuel Pateiro said they saw a bright, circular object in the sky which changed colors from white, to green to reddish orange as their vessel steamed toward it.

They also said their Loran system malfunctioned for about 15 minutes after the sighting.

"Then came Saturday morning and I had to say something!

"I was over Vin Maloney's house in Braintree and we were talking most of the night, and when I left I looked up and saw this light. It was a perfectly clear night and I knew immediately what it was. There was nothing else in the sky."

Lopes hurried down the street to the Braintree Police station, but he got little help there.

"There were three officers there and I all but dragged them outside to see it," he said. "They all saw it, but when I suggested we drive over that way, they didn't want any part of it."

"The sky was crystal clear and as it took off there was a black puff of smoke. Sometimes it picks up speed and zooms."

"I was sort of skeptical before, but I believe it now," Lopes asserted. "Unfortunately there is no procedure for handling these cases. You report them to the police, but all they can do is give you the toll free number in Illinois to make a report."

"I've suggested the police look out for it, because it wasn't one of ours," the three-year newsman said.

Randolph police received numerous calls late Thursday night and early Friday morning about UFO sightings in addition to a report Saturday morning. And again yesterday there was another call.

"At 7:46 p.m. a Mrs. Ann Flaherty of Norway Ave. reported a light in the sky," Patrolman Joe Previti said. "She showed me a light in the sky, but I don't know. It looked like a light, but I really don't know what it was. There wasn't a star in the sky."

"She claimed the light was moving and the lights were changing, but I didn't observe any changing lights. There was no baloney about it," Previti assured, "I saw a light. Who knows? Maybe it's true. But I gave her the number to report it and she was happy."

"Then I got into my squad car and looked straight ahead."

Randolphians are looking up into the sky more often these days, and it's not to check snowflakes.

You never know what you might see!

Antics In Sky Leave Witnesses Nonplussed

By LEROY WILLIAMS JR. 74 74

Folk in Southwest Memphis were upset last night. It seems that a lighted object, the likes of which had never been seen, appeared unannounced.

And the sudden visit, they said, was unsettling.

From the Southwest Twin Drive-In theaters to Don Street near Westwood residents reported seeing an unidentified flying object (UFO) that became three flying objects and later disappeared.

They said it was nothing to laugh about.

Pete Pierotti, 53, of 4443 Don said he was all set to watch the movie, "Cold Turkey," on television when his daughters first spotted the object with the strange lights.

"My daughters were getting ready to drive off and all of a sudden, they screamed, 'Come here,' so I ran out, looked up and there were these lights. There were four of them — floating down real slow ... Then they started to separate and disconnect. Two went to the northwest and the

others became one and went straight up in the sky."

Officials at the Federal Aviation Administration tower at Memphis International Airport said they didn't see the object, but said they heard plenty about it.

"We've been getting calls. I'd say about a dozen calls so far," said Allan Stoddard, assistant chief at the tower.

The tower, Stoddard said, was referring the calls to the national UFO Center in Seattle.

Only one of Stoddard's referrals had called the center last night, but officials there said that one caller was enough to begin a routine investigation.

Robert Gible, a center official, said the caller reported a glowing object with several bright lights hovering about 300 to 400 feet off the ground.

"We will try to get additional information the best we can. It's obvious it wasn't a conventional aircraft."

Gible said the Memphis UFO sighting would be open for 30 days during which time the center would take any reports. He said if the object can't be accounted for in that time, it will be classified as "unknown."

Other residents weren't certain what they were seeing.

At the Southwest Twin, the movie "Blazing Saddles" was going strong when the object appeared, said Mrs. Mary Ann Rooker, who said she spotted the object while with her husband, Ronnie.

"I think somebody blew up four helium balloons and turned a flashlight upside down in them. That's all we can think of. We're trying to think of something logical. It was like a movie."

At the police south precinct headquarters on Raines, the experience was far more unsettling than any movie, said Lydia Ward of 1030 Leacrest.

"I don't mean to get so upset," she said from the station where she had gone to report the sighting. She said it was "dropping stuff" out of the air.

Planes, she said, started flying overhead and the object "backed down real slow. It sparkled like fire. But it was much redder than fire."

By ORVILLE HANCOCK
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

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Hundreds of people in Southwest Memphis were still buzzing today over sightings of unidentified flying objects in the area of Coro Lake and Rob-Co Lake last night which were reported to be "red balls and objects resembling stars."

Those who saw from one to four "extremely bright red lights" included pilots, Federal Aviation Administration air traffic controllers, doctors, boaters and some persons knowledgeable in celestial navigation.

The sighters were not reluctant to talk about their experience, as some have been in the past. At one sighting, 14 persons were together when they watched the objects.

Taylor L. Blair Jr., 4707 Lakeridge Drive, was having a meeting of the Memphis Power Squadron (boaters) at his house when the lights were spotted. Two of those present at the meeting are versed in celestial navigation.

Blair, himself a pilot, said: "There was one red light when we first saw it. It looked a lot like a railroad flare. It was

stationary when we first saw it.

"It was just sitting there. Then three others seemed to come in and join it in a formation. Just all of a sudden they were there. We don't know where they came from. The four would alternately go on an off. You would see one, then two and then three and four.

"Sure was strange. The darndest thing I ever saw. My wife, Bonnie, called the FAA control tower and the man she was talking to told her that . . . he had them on radar."

Robert Ingram, assistant chief of the control tower, said he saw the objects.

"I can't honestly say that I had them on radar, but I thought they appeared for a few moments."

Ingram said he received calls from about 15 people, the first coming around 8 p.m.

"I was in the radar room and I asked the guys in the cab if they saw anything over in the southwest and they said that they did see some red lights," Ingram said. "I then went out and took a look and I saw the four red lights. We directed a police helicopter to the area and we could detect it on radar. You can detect balloons and even smoke on radar, but if objects move only vertically, they are canceled out," Ingram said.

"We checked with Little Rock, where weather balloons were supposed to have been released, and they told us that the balloons didn't come in the Memphis direction, and besides they were not lighted."

"There was some flickering as the lights disappeared after we watched them for about 15 minutes. The flickering could have come as they moved through the clouds," he said.

"The helicopter followed them but Ron Houston, the pilot, told me that the lights stayed about the same distance from the helicopter as it followed," Ingram said.

Some residents in the Coro Lake area

Lights in the Sky Have Southwest

Memphis Buzzing

who were watching reported that the helicopter shined its spotlight at the objects at one point.

Ingram, who is trained in observing aircraft, said: "In all the aviation activities I've seen, nothing ever acted like this."

He estimated the objects were at an altitude of about 4,000 feet. Blair estimated them at about 6,000 feet and others estimated them at about 2,000 feet.

With Blair at the Memphis Power Squadron meeting were his wife and two daughters, Ann and Nancy; Frank Wedge, new commodore for the Memphis Yacht Club; Ed Lasarus; Dr. Ben Moeller; Roy Howell; Larry Jenkins; Fred Kesselman; Bill Field; Dr. Carl Sabelius; Stu Pierson; and Ann Wedge.

"We just stood and watched the things," Blair said. "We were rather awed. It broke up our meeting."

Amy Stubert, 16, of 4900 East Shore Drive, said four lights turned into three, then two and then one and then turned white like a star.

Margaret Gibson, 23, Berna Hillary, 37, Emma Rice, 62, and Odell Crump, 21, all of 4329 Sewanee, watched the lights.

Mrs. Gibson said the lights "seemed to join up together and go out of sight. As they disappeared, they looked like stars. We saw them Saturday night, but didn't say anything until we knew someone else had mentioned it."

Others reported the lights descended slowly, stood stationary and then later zoomed away.

One caller to *The Press-Scimitar* today said that as the lights merged and disappeared "they seemed to join with the other stars."

The sightings were reported to the UFO center in Seattle.

It was the second night in a week that sightings have been made of UFOs over Memphis.

Policemen in Monroe spot UFO

By BOB GLENDY
News Staff Writer

MONROE — Two Monroe policemen spotted an unidentified flying object over a shopping center on U.S. 74 early today and watched it for more than 30 minutes.

Officer Gary Haywood said he spotted the white object in the eastern sky about 5:15 a.m. as he was checking stores in the Monroe Plaza Shopping Center.

"I was in front of Rose's when I looked to the east and saw the white object over the Union Village Shopping Center," Haywood said. He moved to the front of the Sears store and continued to watch.

"It was white and way up high some distance away." From the ground, he said, "it looked like it was 4 to 5 inches in diameter. There wasn't anything up there but the moon and that thing."

Haywood said he couldn't tell whether the object was oval or round, but said it seemed to be brighter around the edges.

After watching the object for a while, he called fellow officer Keith Hyatt to confirm what he had seen.

"He showed me a big white thing just after dawn," Hyatt said. "I was in the parking lot at Rose's and looked out over the Sunoco sign and could see this white thing about the size of a quart jar."

"The object appeared to be about 1,500 to 2,000 feet up in the air and some distance away to the east."

Hyatt said the object was not smoke, fog or a cloud.

"You couldn't see through it and all the stars were gone except for the moon," he said. "The light seemed to flicker on and off as we watched it. The light didn't move during the 30 minutes or more that we watched it."

"We watched it from several positions and the object never seemed to move at all," Haywood said. It "seemed to flicker up and down like you might have a weak battery or something."

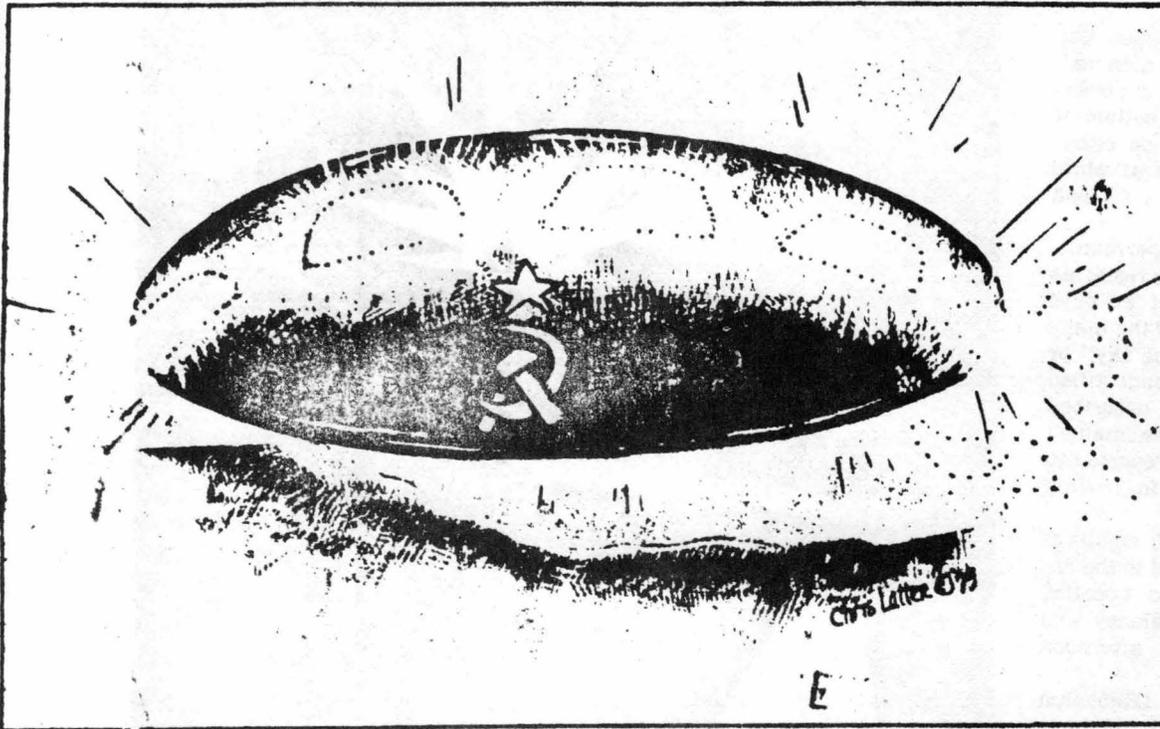
The policemen watched the object from about 5:15 until almost 6, when they had to respond to unrelated police calls.

"I was called back into town and saw the object from the Skyway Bridge looking back to the east," Hyatt said.

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UFO sightings

It's those Russians again



By MIKE BOWKER
Staff writer

On the night of March 24, at approximately 9:40 p.m., a huge, black and orange, cigar-shaped, unidentified flying object was sighted over the states of California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Nevada.

Hundreds of calls poured into police and sheriff offices up and down the coast. One call was made by George Garcia, a Placerville carpenter.

"I saw it just as we crossed the American River bridge between Cool and Auburn. It was weird, this glowing object seemed to be just gliding across the sky. It looked bigger than a jumbo jet." Garcia told the Mountain Democrat.

Garcia was accompanied by his wife Rosemary, their three teenage daughters and a friend. They all witnessed the event.

Orange glow

"I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it. It was cigar-shaped and an orange glow came from what looked like gigantic windows in a black silhouetted body. One of the strangest things of all was that it made no noise at all." Mrs. Garcia, a bookkeeper at Hangtown Pharmacy said.

A call to the Auburn city police confirmed that others had seen and reported the UFO. "Yeah, we had a lot of calls about it," said an Auburn

policeman. However he added that no records of UFO sightings are kept unless there appears to be some danger to the citizens of the area.

After calls to Mather and McClelland Air Force bases netted little information, an El Dorado sheriff's deputy provided the first clue to the flying object's identity. "It was a Russian satellite," he said, "it came back to earth in a glorified ball of fire."

Russian satellite

A Russian satellite? It sounded like something from the late show, so a call was placed to the Phenomenon Research Center (PRC) in Seattle,

Washington. A spokesman for the Center, which is devoted to the research of UFOs, confirmed the deputy's story. "A Russian satellite did reenter the atmosphere between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. on the night of the 24th. It was observed within a five-state area, appearing as a long, glowing object. The unusual thing about the satellite was that it travelled parallel to the ground for a long time giving it the appearances of a spaceship," the spokesman explained.

-And Garcia wasn't alone in seeing "windows" in the satellite. "A lot of people reported seeing windows," the PRC spokesman added "including a Bay Area physician who insisted he saw a burning airplane because he could see the glow in the windows so clearly."

No explanation was given as to what the windows actually were.

"The satellite broke up

into several pieces over Idaho," the spokesman continued, "we had a lot of reports from people there

who thought a whole fleet of spaceships were descending on them."

The Russian satellite

story didn't totally convince Mrs. Garcia. "It's hard to believe it was a satellite, it was moving

slowly. But if that's what they say I guess I'll accept it. But it really is hard to believe."

UFO's over Randolph? Some persons say yes!

By NANCY ABRAMSON
Enterprise Correspondent

RANDOLPH — What's shaped like home plate on a baseball diamond, has a bright red light on top, a powerful white "headlight" on the bottom at the point, bright red lights on either side of the base and a row of white lights along the back edge . . . and flies?

It's not a bird, plane or Superman!

But if you were to listen to residents around Randolph for the past few days and nights, it could be one of the many observed "white lights in the sky" or UFO's. This particular unidentified flying object was seen and described by Jerry Lopes, a radio newsman at WHDH in Boston and was reported to the UFO Hotline located in Rolling Meadows, Ill.

This was one of about 30 sightings this week that were reported to the answering service, Executive Locator, according to Mary Jean Maloney who was working the Sunday afternoon shift.

"A Sargeant Monahan (Randolph Police Sargeant Richard Mahan) called at 10:57 a.m. Saturday Central Standard Time to report the sightings," Mary Jean reported. "He said it shot sparks out of the back and was traveling in a southeasterly direction. It slowly disappeared after it was seen for about five to 10 minutes."

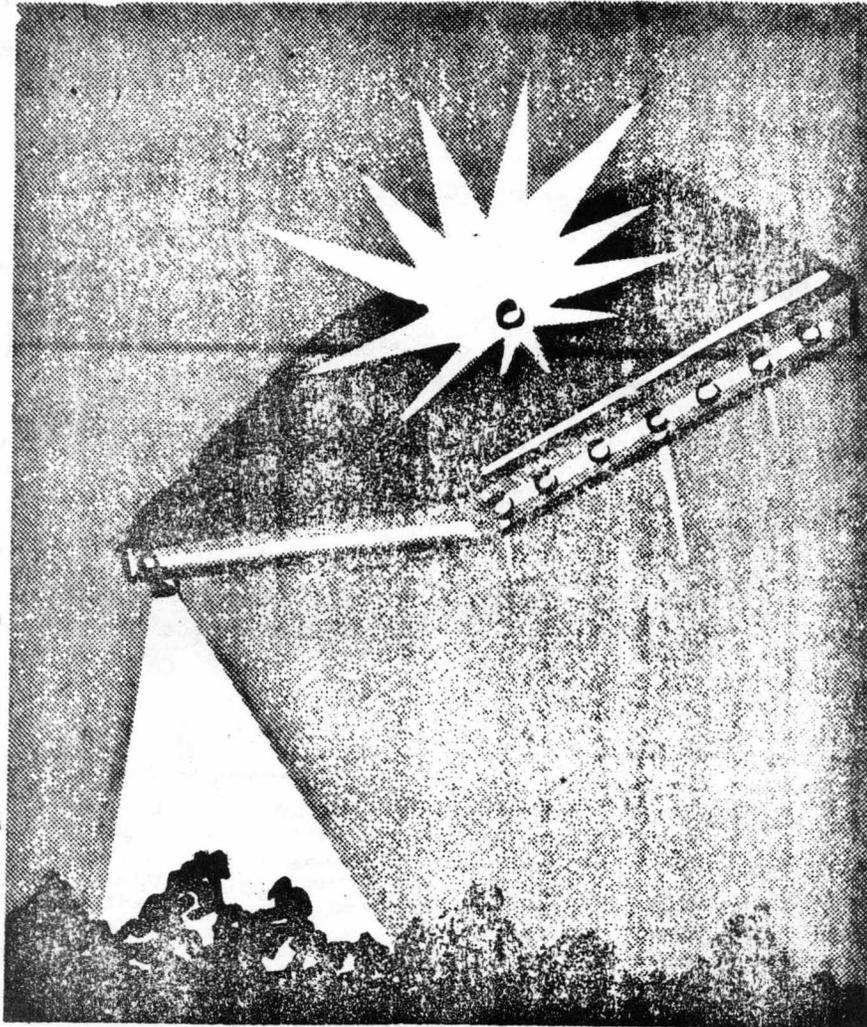
Most of the reported sightings came from California, but within the past week two others were called in from Eastern Massachusetts.

"On April 2 a Melrose man reported a silver cylinder moving at a moderate speed which shot a light beam down at him and he couldn't move," the operator read, "and on April 5 a Brookline man reported a large red

light with a yellow ball of lights circling it."

When asked if Ms. Maloney would like to see one of the UFO's she hears so much about, she said emphatically, "Nope! The people who call in here seem too frantic."

One who was not frantic at all was Lopes who recalled what he saw very calmly.



Since many people have reported seeing UFO's over Randolph, Enterprise artist Liz Dunbar went to work and transformed all the reports into a conception of what those funny things in the sky might look like.

"I saw this thing in the sky about 4:20 a.m. Saturday, but the story begins back on March 23," Lopes recalled. "I saw it for the first time then but was silent about it. I was traveling down Route 24 with Steve Sbaccia, another newsman here at WHDH when Steve saw this light first. I told him it was probably some pole light, but when we got off at Route 106 it looked like it was about 10 o'clock high in the sky, about a mile or two away and moving.

"We stopped at a light and this thing was coming towards us. We got out of the car and it passed right over us. It was a perfectly clear night and that's how we were able to get a good look at it.

"We didn't say anything at the time but Steve called me on the 26th to say he saw it again over the Mass. Turnpike in Newton.

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Pair sight UFO

A UFO was reportedly seen flying over Somerset Borough in a westerly direction Thursday night by two county employees who were near the county jail.

The employees agreed that the object seen at 8 p.m. was diamond-shaped and was lighted in the front, middle and rear sections of a craft that they say made no noise.

"We could hear absolutely nothing," said one employee.

Described as being off-yellow in color, the craft disappeared from view after being observed for 30 seconds.

The craft disappeared from view shortly after the sighting, that the employees say, could have been witnessed by more

people.

Both agreed that the craft was flying at an altitude estimated to be 10,000 feet.

It represents the first sighting of an unidentified craft this year.

UFO calls prompted by newspaper story

Investigation is promised

by Fran Anderson
Managing Editor

The mystery of the UFO-sighted last Saturday by a Kendall Park family--has not been cleared up, but at least 13 other people reported seeing something in the sky on Feb. 10 that did not look like a conventional aircraft.

Area residents called the "Central Post"--after reading last week's article -- to report that they had seen something similar on the same night. The family who first reported the sighting have also heard similar reports from persons in the area.

No one else had bothered to report the sighting however because they didn't think anyone would take them seriously.

"You call up someone and tell them you saw something and they chuckle," one man said. "There's something to them (UFO's) and someday it will all come out in the wash."

Last week the Central Post reported about a family who had clearly sighted an unusual celestial object and were frustrated in obtaining information about it.

Police, the Air Force and the

Federal Aviation Administration said they do not follow up on UFO calls because they are so plentiful. Private organizations who do follow up UFO calls insist on getting reports from more than one family.

Not wishing publicity, but anxious to find out if anyone else in the area had seen something unusual that night, the family called the newspaper.

People responded. They had seen something similar at about the same time. All the Kendall Park residents saw the UFO hovering at about tree-top level between 6:30 and 7 p.m. The object was also characterized by bright lights and no noise.

One man--who is a pilot--said he watched the object because it didn't look like any plane or helicopter he had ever seen. "It was roundish and the lights were not in a normal position. Also, it didn't make any noise and it was close enough to make noise."

A Monmouth Junction resident reported that members of her family sighted something unusual at 6:40 p.m. also.

In addition to seeing a UFO,

the callers all had something else in common. They--like the first family to report the UFO--did not want their names used for fear of ridicule.

"Don't use my name," one woman said, "I just wanted that other family to know they did see something because we did too. But my kids are in school and their friends will tease them--and our friends will think we were seeing things. But there was something there."

Now that there are multiple sightings, UFO organizations have agreed to investigate. Often UFO's become IFO's (identified flying objects). And most of the sighters said they thought the object was man-made, not a space-ship from another planet.

One caller speculated that the object was really three military helicopters flying in formation and the whirling blades created a dome illusion. But that doesn't explain the lack of noise, he said.

Another caller said the object looked home-made and she thought a company in Princeton was experimenting with a pleasure craft.

"It looked like it was made of tin or something, and the lights were conventionally placed to conform with FAA regulations. I don't think it came from outer-space, I think it came from Princeton," she said.

That may be carrying anti-Princeton sentiments too far, but it's as good of an explanation as any--until a UFO investigating agency can come up with a better one.

Similar incident in 1967 credited to UFO

By GAIL ROBERTS

The unexplained destruction of a patch of woods in western Broome County may be baffling local residents, but such strange sights have been reported in upstate New York before.

In 1967 in West Danby, a Tompkins County hamlet about 25 miles north of Owego, a property owner found four separate stands of mysteriously fallen trees on his property. The phenomenon, which left officials as baffled as their counterparts are today, were explained at

the time by the property owner as a result of a flying saucer that was seen hovering over the site.

The site in the Town of Union yesterday drew large crowds of curious onlookers, including a local representative of a national UFO group.

Route 17C west of Endicott was lined with automobiles and a minor traffic jam was in the making by mid-afternoon.

Douglas Dains, a local spokesman for a national center for UFO studies in Evanston, Ill., who came to the scene armed with a

radiation detector, recalled the West Danby incident, which bears striking similarities to the local case.

In the Tompkins County case, Hugh Barlow told reporters from the Syracuse Herald-American in March 1968 that he had discovered four circular areas of mysteriously felled trees on his property on Beech Hill while he was out berry picking.

Some were uprooted, some bent over and some snapped off close to the ground where they were lying parallel to each other, according to

the article.

Barlow said at the time he did not bring the phenomenon to the attention of local officials until November 1967, when he said he saw "an illuminating turtle shell hovering over the hill near his home and then descend in the general vicinity of the area."

Other local residents reported seeing similar unidentified flying objects in the skies over West Danby.

Local officials, according to the account, could not find a logical explanation for the occurrence.

Although a number of experts said they believed it was the result of a very unusual wind, a local forester ruled out that possibility.

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If there only had been a single area, the forester said at the time, the explanation would be plausible. But because there were four large areas — each measuring between 100 and 150 feet in diameter — such effects from wind alone would have been "more than ironic," the forester said.

The patch of felled trees in Broome County was first spotted Feb. 27. There have been no reported UFO sightings and there is no evidence of extreme heat in the area.

Spurred by news accounts of the curious happening, onlookers came frequently to the spot yesterday to add their own speculation on how the trees were damaged.

Onlookers, such as Mary Zlock-Smith of Binghamton, had difficulty believing that a freak tornado-like wind, one of the explanations offered, could have caused the damage.

"I can't believe a wind came through here," she said, "because no other trees are touched."

Dains also said he doubted that a wind could have been the cause.

"It's hard to believe that wind hit the spot like that."

Dains said he has been in contact with other UFO watchers in Missouri to compare notes on the case.



KEITH HITCHENS PHOTOS

An Endicott family, getting a first-hand look at the phenomena, was one of many who visited the site yesterday.

Strange encounter of the Brentwood kind

Foreign
Clippings

EMPTYING his rubbish bin one Wednesday evening Brentwood man Bob Sell felt certain that he saw "a floating black ball cross right over the house."

And he feels equally certain that this black ball he sighted over his Ongar Road home was an unidentified flying object — a U.F.O.

And he has even stranger tales to tell.

At risk of being ridiculed by his friends he tells of his 'first encounters' in Germany, 11 years ago. He claims that while out there with Brentwood's Territorial Army unit he came face to face with a space ship and its alien inhabitants.

"We were guarding a command post at about two o'clock in the morning when, in the distance, I saw a mass of bluey green lights in the sky. They were coming nearer and nearer at an angle of about 45 degrees until I could distinguish seven separate lights. Three lights broke off and landed in a field about eight feet off the ground."

"Doors in each of the craft opened and long platforms slid out of them. Then three figures came out, one from each craft. I couldn't see them very well but they looked to be short and stubby with square-shaped ears — they may have been headphones, and they looked as if they were wearing wet-suits — their clothes had that kind of texture.

"But they did not say or do anything else. They went back to their egg-shaped ships and disappeared into the distance leaving us shocked and terrified," he went on.

Mr. Sell further claims that his story was backed up by a national newspaper the following day. This reported U.F.O.s had been sighted over West Germany.

His second 'encounter' was a little nearer to home in Larchwood Gardens, Brentwood, where he lived with his parents seven years ago.

While out in the garden with his friend, Mr. Sell says that they saw "a green glow in the sky somewhere between Upminster and Basildon." He even claims that policemen who came to arrest them for causing a disturbance saw the U.F.O.s "One of them fainted," said Mr. Sell.

"Most people find things hard to believe if they don't go through customs," he went on. "But I'm sure that there's something out there. If we can send rockets to other planets then why can't they send them here?"

Another 'close encounter' was reported by the Essex U.F.O. Study Group. Their Brentwood area researcher, Miss Carol Munday, who lives at the Railway pub, West Horndon, tells of a sighting in Brentwood in April last year. She said that a Brentwood man, Mr. Peter Saunders, saw an object with "a dome on top, and red and green lights underneath which spun around not 400 yards away from him."

The object hovered for about 30 seconds, then shot off at tremendous speed, flying in a zig-zagging pattern in the direction of Billericay, he claimed at the time, said Miss Munday.

As official researcher, she interviews everyone in this area who claims to have seen a U.F.O. Although she has never seen one herself, she feels certain that there is "more intelligent life than us in the universe — but they cannot land because they know that the human race is likely to shoot first and ask questions afterwards."

She is equally sure that there is some kind of official cover-up. During her enquiries she claims she has come across several instances where after someone had claimed to have seen a U.F.O. they had been visited by people asking them to

keep their sightings to themselves.

The Essex U.F.O. Study Group began in 1970, and members believe U.F.O. sightings in Essex to be on the

increase. If you believe you have seen a U.F.O. or are interested in learning more about them, you can write to their head office at 16 Raydons Road, Dagenham.

UFO Seen Over Burbage

A total of five people claim to have spotted a UFO over Burbage on Monday night.

The sightings began at about 8.30 p.m. when three Hinckley youths who were standing in Boyslade Road spotted three strange red lights travelling slowly across the sky towards the west.

One of the youths, an 18-year-old employee of Sketchley Ltd, Hinckley, said "They were very bright and we could hear no sound. The object headed slowly west then circled back towards us. One of the red lights then changed to green and started to flash on and off, but it was unlike a normal aircraft light".

GREEN LIGHTS

The boys were not alone in their sightings. Minutes later a Burbage couple were walking along Brookside when they heard a strange buzzing sound above them. They looked up and saw a set of three green lights hovering directly above.

Mrs Gale, one of the witnesses said "The lights were brighter than any star in the sky, and the sound seemed to be coming from them. Then all of a sudden the lights went out and the sound stopped. I was quite frightened at the time".

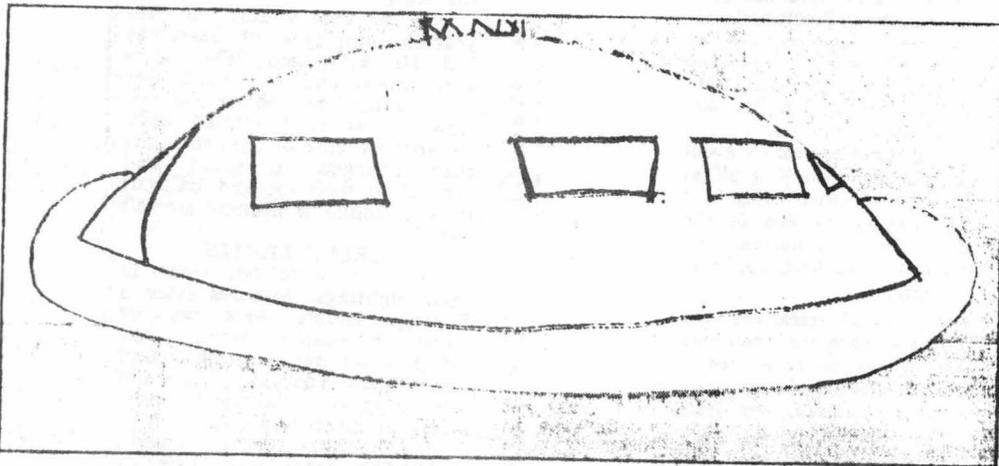
The sightings have been reported to Hinckley Aerial Phenomena Investigations who would be interested in hearing from others who may have seen anything strange in the sky on that evening.

The person to contact is the society secretary, Mrs Mayne, telephone Hinckley 30217. All information will be dealt with in confidence.

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FACE TO FACE WITH THE MEN FROM SPACE

Little Gaynor's close encounter is amazing say the UFO experts



SPACECRAFT: "Like a saucer with windows and a flashing light"

TALK of outer space and these could be the drawings any youngster dreams up. . .

A funny looking man with a weird helmet, a flying saucer with windows and flashing lights.

All in a child's imagination—or is it? For little Gaynor Sunderland who drew these pictures is an exception.

She says she came face to face with aliens of another planet, and UFO experts believe her. They say the sighting is "a most incredible breakthrough."

Eleven-year-old Gaynor has

by NEIL MORAN

twice been questioned under hypnosis.

One UFO expert, Miss Jenny Ranel, of Flying Saucer Review, said yesterday: "It is probably the best encounter ever documented in Britain."

Gaynor's close encounter of the frightening kind happened in July 1976, when she says she watched a silver saucer-like craft and two silver-suited people for half an hour.

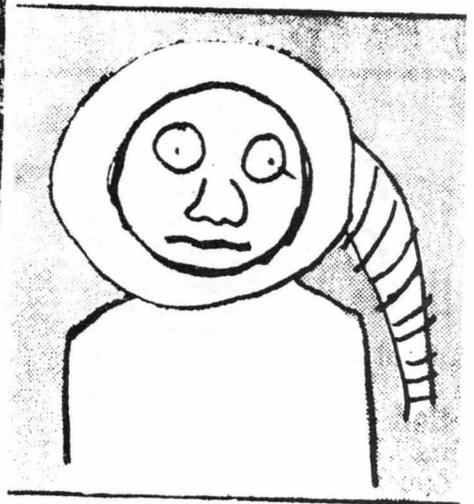
She lay terrified, peering through a gap in the hedge after it landed in a field a mile from her home in Julius Close, Oakenholt, near Flint, North Wales.

Yet it was another 18 months before she spoke openly

Said her mother, Mrs. Marion Sunderland: "Gaynor was frightened of ridicule. Her story has been studied since last April. "It is extremely detailed and tallies with sightings in other parts of the world," said another UFO expert.

Gaynor describes the space craft as being half the size of a house, and its occupants—a man and woman—as short and angular with large pink eyes.

Both wore silvery suits and helmets



ALIEN: Gaynor's picture of her spaceman

Humming

The ship, about 35 feet across and nine feet high, had a row of yellow windows along the side and a flashing box on top.

Gaynor says the aliens probed the ground with equipment before taking off with a loud humming noise.

Then she dashed home too scared to speak. Said Gaynor: "I was cold and frightened—I was sure both of them had seen me."

Added Jenny Ranel: "Her description is among the most detailed recorded. We shall be asking her many more questions."

A close encounter

ABERDEEN man Stanley Shearer is still scratching his head over the strange sight which marked the start of his 52nd year.

For Mr Shearer is sure he spotted a UFO as he gazed out of the window of his 17th floor home early on Sunday morning.

At first he thought it was a helicopter, but a closer look through a telescope revealed what he said was an oval object with a dome on top and shrouded in an orange pulsating light.

"I went to bed early, but I couldn't sleep. I was 51 on Saturday but I hadn't been drinking at all," said Mr Shearer.

RED LIGHT

"I got up about 1.30 a.m. and made a cup of tea. I was looking out the window to the west, just knocking in a bit of time, when I saw this red light.

"I thought it was a helicopter but when I looked through my telescope it was obviously nothing of the sort."

Mr Shearer, an unemployed fish filleter, observed the UFO for about 15 minutes before it disappeared.

"I noticed a thing like a steel helmet sitting on top of the oval shape. Then it seemed to tilt over and show its underside.

STARS

"I was trying to get a better fix on the object when it disappeared."

Mr Shearer is not a fanatical astronomer but likes to pass the time looking through his 'scope at the stars. "This was not a cloud," he said, "because there were stars around it."

Mr Shearer, who stays at 103 Linksfield Court, is quite certain about his sighting. "I'm quite adamant and I was hoping that someone else may have spotted it as well."

Spokesmen for the Aberdeen and District Astronomy Society and the air traffic controllers at Aberdeen Airport said there had been no reports of any strange sightings.

STANLEY CLAIMS A UFO SIGHTING

OWN UP ³¹²⁸

ONE wonders how many people see UFOs and never mention the fact to anyone else for fear of being ridiculed.

Certainly if everyone who has seen an unexplained object in the sky reported what they had seen, the number of UFO sightings would be tremendous.

Like the Cleethorpes woman who rang up to nervously ask if anyone had reported seeing a strange light in the sky the night before.

Given a negative answer she sounded utterly disappointed, and was about to ring off. Pressed about the reason for her inquiry she admitted she had seen a UFO.

It sounded as if she was going to put the phone down, so I assured her she was certainly not the first person to ring up and tell me that she had seen something strange in the sky.

This seemed to give her confidence, and she went on to describe what she had seen at Cleethorpes between 7 and 7.15 pm last Thursday.

"It was a bright light. It came towards us from over the river very slowly. It got bigger and bigger. It was a very bright very white light. It was not a helicopter light, I have seen them before, and it was not an aeroplane. I am absolutely certain of that because it suddenly started to move at an incredible speed and just flew off."

She would not give her name, but said she would be most interested to know if anyone else saw it.

So... is there another stranger somewhere who also witnessed the couple's strange encounter?

GRIMSBY EVENING TELEGRAPH - ENGLAND
*****MAR. 12, 1979*****

Mystery of the flashes in the night

THE UFO debate has started again, with the sightings of two mystery objects in the sky.

The first was early on Wednesday last week when Mr. Robert Wright (32) was awakened at his home in Alison Way, Aldershot, by a flashing blue light. He said it seemed to be beamed down from the sky over his house.

The second object was spotted by John and Pat Few from their home in Tilford Road, Farnham, just before midnight on the Wednesday evening. They saw an object that was flashing blue, orange and red and had a green haze around it.

The object moved slowly across the sky and was then stationary for about half an hour before moving away and disappearing behind some trees.

WONDER

Mr. Few (39) is convinced that it did not come from this planet.

He said: "It wasn't a plane or a helicopter or an Army flare. I don't believe it was a satellite either. For one thing it remained stationary for a while and also it was very low."

Mr. Tim Childerhouse, who works at the RAE and tracks satellites in his spare time, was interested in Mr. Few's sighting.

"The fact that this object was stationary certainly poses questions and I wouldn't like to attempt to hazard a guess at what it was," he said.

"Usually at midnight satellites are in the shadow of the earth and cannot be seen. If I had seen this thing I might have been able to say

what it was, because sometimes these things have very logical explanations.

"I wouldn't altogether rule out the possibility that it was a satellite but the fact that it was stationary certainly makes one wonder about it."

Mr. Few said: "This was the first UFO I have seen. There was just the flashing lights and I couldn't hear any noise coming from it. I have seen Army flares and this was definitely not a flare.

"I would love to know what that object was doing. I couldn't see what shape it was because it was distorted by a haze around it."

Mr. Wright is also puzzled by what he saw.

"At first I thought we had a burglar but then I realised the light was being beamed down by something above my roof. It was flashing blue against the window and the flashes were not regular.

"The trouble is I have no idea how long it had been there. It woke me at 2.30 in the morning but went fairly quickly back over the house and out of sight.

"Whatever it was it was very close to the house and wasn't making any sound.

"I don't really believe in UFOs, although one would be naive to discount them as ridiculous. I don't know what it was but there was something there.

"I believe in other life forms but I don't see how they can come down here without being tracked by radar."

UFO sightings 'flap' on at Brightlingsea

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THE "flap" is on in Brightlingsea, according to the British UFO Society.

Sightings have taken off since the beginning of the

year and the chairman of the London-based group said there had been about 20 "good" reports in the area.

"It seems the flap is on in this area," said Mr. Ken Rogers of B.U.F.O.S. "That is the term we have for a large number of concentrated sightings.

"It is now the turn for East Anglia and things have definitely picked-up in the last few weeks. The UFOs will pick on one particular area for some unknown reason and scan it systematically, like we do Venus or Mars, I suppose."

"We have had several good clear sightings which are extremely interesting and several reports which are not so definite."

The main rush of sightings, at the end of January, was concentrated in the Clacton and Brightlingsea area. This area apparently lies on a main line UFO route called L6, which has been drawn up from reported sightings by the British society and crosses the country, going out to the North Sea over Colchester and West Mersea.

Mr. Rogers explained that the increased activity is peculiar to East Anglia. "Last year we had more sightings than ever across the country but in East Anglia as a whole they were few and far between. But now they are on the upsurge around here."

One sceptic about UFOs

has been converted — Mrs. Barbara Faint, 40, of Red Barn Road, Brightlingsea, a Salvation Army officer. She saw a UFO which she could describe only as a saucer.

'Bright yellow'

She was walking the dog with her son Andrew, 16, at about 6 p.m. at the end of January when a blaze of lights shot overhead in Seaview Road, Brightlingsea.

"It was bright yellow in colour, hovered, then moved back over its ground," said Mrs. Faint.

"It was huge, about the size of a rooftop, and only just cleared the roofs of a group of nearby chalets as it flew over to the open fields at the back.

"It didn't make a noise at all and was nothing like anything man-made, such as a helicopter. When it stopped by the fields the lights went out and you could see its shape. It had long windows with grids over them. I must admit I was frightened and could not go out for a few nights. I am in the Salvation Army and a Christian and would never have believed anything like it before."

At Alresford

A courting couple also claim to have seen a UFO hovering over nearby Alresford, as they were driving through Wivenhoe.

An Army spokesman said later they had had no reports of sightings. He added that the Brightlingsea area was close to an army training ground but said army helicopters have been out of the area since the beginning of January.

People are afraid to come forward after a sighting, according to Mr. Rogers. But he urged spotters to phone the London hotline 01.794.3093.

"Things are building-up," he said, "and you never know, we might even have a landing or a close encounter here."

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STOKE-ON-TRENT EVENING SENTINEL, ENG.
*****MARCH 5, 1979*****

Light in sky sparks probe

A MYSTERIOUS light-in-the-sky was being investigated by UFO experts today.

The blue-white "blob" was spotted by three people as they drove from Norton to Brown Edge last night.

They saw it move slowly then suddenly change direction and shoot across the clear sky "like a bat out of hell."

"I don't know what it was but it travelled far too fast for an aircraft. Its turn of speed was incredible," said 50-year-old Mr. Brian Hall.

Transport manager Mr. Hall, of Mallory road, Norton, was taking his daughter, Sharon, and son-in-law Christopher Boff to their home in Leek-road, Brown Edge, when they sighted the object.

"At one point we stopped at a bus stop and pointed it out to a chap who was across the road. Later we mentioned it to Chris's sister — and she had seen it as well," said Mr. Hall.

Mr. Tony Pace, Research Director of the British UFO Research Bureau, said: "The object could have been a satellite but for its change of direction and rapid acceleration. It certainly sounds unusual."

Close encounter with a flying saucer...!

TERRIFIED and shocked, a young Lancaster couple last week drove straight into an unforgettable encounter with a UFO.

"We weren't drunk, we saw what we saw," said Mr David Tobbell, a man whose previous belief in UFOs was only confirmed by his startling experience near the Morecambe golf course last Thursday night.

David, his wife Lesley and their two young daughters were driving along the promenade on their way home from Carnforth.

At 6.50 pm strange things began to happen, according to the couple.

FLASHING

"We were driving past the golf course when I saw two red flashing lights above the bay, about four to five hundred yards from shore," said Mr Tobbell.

"I thought it was a boat."

Minutes later Mr Tobbell's premise was dramatically proved wrong.

"I looked up and saw this thing above my car. It was massive."

The "thing" was dome shaped, with a silver underside framed by a rotating ring of silver light. Four large red domes flashed from the bottom of the object.

TERRIFIED

Mrs Tobbell was shattered. "I was scared stiff, terrified." Her husband's initial shock calmed to curiosity, he said.

He could not give an accurate indication of the size of the object, but said it easily engulfed his Hillman Imp car and would have contained six average size terraced houses with no problems.

There was no noise. It

was raining heavily. That plus his vehicle's engine noise probably muffled any sound the object could have made, Mr Tobbell said.

The object came to within 100ft above the car, then moved slowly off in the direction of the golf course. Mr Tobbell said it was so low above the course he was expecting it to land.

"Then suddenly, a flame shot from it, and it was gone, so fast I couldn't even see in what direction."

"I have never seen anything move as fast as that moved."

Mr Tobbell was so interested he would have gone to investigate had the thing landed. But his wife was determined that she never

wanted to see it again. Morecambe police said they had no other reports of UFOs in the area at that time.

ERRATIC

However, a 13-year-old Lancaster girl, Joanne Coupe, saw some unexplainable objects above the city at 6.40 pm last Wednesday.

She described them as three bright, white slightly pulsating lights moving somewhat erratically while changing formation.

A keen astronomer, Joanne is familiar with most things that shine from the night sky. She said the lights were too large and moved too erratically to have originated from aircraft.

SUSAN ANDERTON

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Heavens! A UFO

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PRETTY Beverley Sheehan couldn't believe her eyes when she saw a brightly coloured UFO hovering over Basildon last Sunday night (Feb 25).

And she was feeling pretty shy about the experience when she rang to tell us all about it the next morning.

Beverley (27), a former Recorder front counter girl, lives in Gardiners Lane with her husband Dave (29). She told us: "I never thought I'd ever see a UFO, although everyone would love to see one. I feel excited but a bit embarrassed about it at the same time."

Whirring

"It was about 9.30 pm when I put some milk bottles out. I saw two white lights in the sky. I called Dave, and together we saw other coloured lights come into view.

"As the object got nearer it took shape, and we heard a faint whirring noise. It was shaped like a stingray fish, with rounded corners. The white lights were on the front and back, beaming ahead and behind.

"Red and green lights all round the UFO gave it its shape. It was as high as a helicopter in the sky, and bigger than a car. And it took about three minutes to go over — first hovering, then carrying

on its journey.

"It wasn't travelling on the normal aircraft route over our home, but in an entirely different direction."

□ MEANTIME another Basildon woman was plucking up courage to report a sighting. Margaret Eyre (67), of Clay Hill Road, turned up rather shyly at the Recorder office on Monday afternoon.

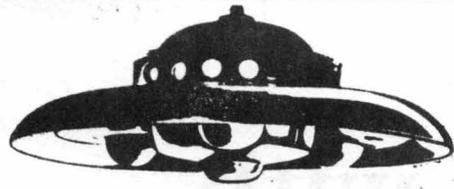
"I don't know how to tell you this," Mrs. Eyre said. "But I was watching Dr Who on TV on Saturday night when I decided to close my curtains. One of them caught on a plant, and I looked outside.

"I was amazed to see a UFO shaped like two bright orange balls — one bigger and one smaller — giving off star-like rays. It was the size of a helicopter, and hovering low over Witchards.

"Something prompted me to go out into the garden for a better look. I concentrated on the object, telling it that I wasn't frightened and not to go away.

"It sounds ridiculous, I know; but I swear the thing moved towards me. That's when I saw a woman coming along the road and called for her to look at the UFO. But at that moment it vanished."

Both sightings have been reported to national UFO investigator Andy Collins, of Wickford.



MORE UFOs SEEN IN BURBAGE AREA



NUNEATON EVENING TRIBUNE - ENGLAND
*****MAR. 7, 1979*****

More than 12 witnesses have so far come forward, I hear, to claim that they spotted a UFO over Burbage on the evening of Monday, February 26 — and researchers from Hinckley are wondering if there could be even more sightings that haven't been reported yet.

The sightings began at about 8.15 pm when three Hinckley youths saw a brightly lit object in the sky moving slowly west. One of the youths, 18-year-old Stuart Ward, said that he and his two friends were standing in Boyslade Road, Burbage, when their attention was drawn to three bright red lights over houses on the opposite side of the road.

"I saw the lights move slowly west and then circle back towards us.

"One of the lights then changed to green and started to flash, but it was flashing differently to aircraft lights, and there wasn't a sound. I'm sure it was a UFO," he said.

Buzzing

Then at 8.30 pm a married couple were walking along Brookside when they heard a strange buzzing sound above them. They looked up and saw a set of three green lights stationary in the sky. After a few seconds the lights vanished and the buzzing sound stopped.

Later at 9.45 pm a brightly lit object flew over witnesses in Twycross Road, this was ball-shaped and white in colour.

New researchers for Hinckley

Aerial Phenomena Investigations are investigating the reports and would like to hear from others who may have seen something odd in the sky on that evening.

The person to contact is the society secretary, Mrs Mayne. Tel: Hinckley 30217. All information will be dealt with in confidence.

NORTH DEVON JOURNAL - BARNSTAPLE, ENG.
*****MAR. 8, 1979*****

Hunt for the hum

MR IAN Vinten, regional investigations co-ordinator for the British UFO Research Association, is on the hunt for unidentified flying objects which might be associated with mysterious bumps in the night and recent humming sounds heard in Bristol and district.

Mr Vinten, of Hutton Park, Weston-super-Mare, said today: "I have been asked by our national co-ordinator Mr Larry Dale, to collect information about bangs and hums in the area.

"Bangs were reported in various parts of the country between 1956 and 1957 — and that was before Concorde."

UFO reported by schoolboys

Two Torrington schoolboys report seeing a strange amber-coloured U.F.O. near their home on Sunday evening.

Simon Clarke and Mark Alford, two 14-year-olds who attend Torrington Comprehensive had been playing football in the gathering darkness when they saw the object crossing the sky in a north-westerly direction.

It suddenly dropped and Simon said: "We expected to hear a bang or something but it was all quiet."

They stood on a wall to try to get a better sight of the object that Simon said was "as big as a house" but it disappeared.

BRISTOL EVENING POST - ENGLAND
*****MAR. 12, 1979*****

Lights that fly in the night

AT ONE time it was the things that went bump in the night that disturbed folk. But they have been succeeded by the lights that fly in the night — UFOs, which give you an uneasy feeling unless you happen to be a scoffing sceptic.

During the Christmas period a television film was screened on some news bulletins of an unidentified flying object seen by a pilot and cameraman off the New Zealand coast. It produced the usual reactions: the "experts" quickly explained it away.

On New Year's Eve, coastguards — trained observers, to be sure — and hundreds of other people saw a brightly-lit object as it travelled down the East Coast from Tyneside to Cromer, and a Gorleston couple in a car near Thetford spotted something similar that same night. Air traffic controllers confirmed that no aircraft were flying in those areas at the time.

SIGHTINGS

While I have been on holiday and colleagues have contributed this nightly column, there have been several claims of UFO sightings over Yarmouth and Gorleston, and I know of one teenage girl who was decidedly upset by what she saw the other night as she travelled in the borough.

Several people reported seeing an orange ball of fire in the sky over Yarmouth for up to 2½ minutes at the same time — around tea-time — and, according to one man, "I have never seen anything like it."

Then, a few nights later, this Gorleston girl saw two strange lights hovering overhead, roughly above Englands Lane, as she waited for a bus. The lights — "like no other light she had ever seen, and giving the impression that they were solid," her mother told me — divided, one flying off but the other appearing to follow her bus to Yarmouth. When she alighted at the Haven Bridge it was high over the river.

MISTAKEN?

She is a down-to-earth, sensible girl, not given to flights of fancy, and this happened at 7.30 p.m. and not after a night out.

Luckily — or should it be, unluckily? I have never had a close encounter even of the first kind, and I suppose I could count on one hand the number of shooting stars I have seen. But I still find it difficult to accept that all these alleged sightings of UFOs by ordinary, unexcitable people are either meteorites, space satellites, the Aurora Borealis, an aircraft or whatever else the experts suggest to put down the stories.

Can they all be mistaken?

PHOTOGRAPHS

On the other hand, it is strange that nobody yet seems to have photographed clearly and positively one of these so-called UFOs; all the pictures are blurred, grainy and jerky, just like those of the dear old Loch Ness Monster (which has just reared its ugly head again to herald the coming holiday season), and they have to be "interpreted."

It is, perhaps, a pity the Yarmouth UFO sightings are not dramatic enough to excite the nation's imagination so the holiday industry can trade on them. One must hope that, if one of the UFOs lands at dead of night in some lonely spot in the borough, the first earth-being the little green men meet is not Old Shuck!

Peggotty

Searching for Nessie

Mrs Andrea Baynon of 11, Clyde Gardens, St George, is the membership secretary of the Bristol branch of the Loch Ness project set up in another attempt to find the elusive Scottish monster — if one exists.

The branch who have just launched a membership drive, plan expeditions at Easter and in the summer to search the loch.

Members believe that they have discovered a new photographic technique to penetrate the murky waters.

Boys petrified by UFO 'crash'



TWO young schoolboys were petrified when they saw a UFO "crash into a plane" over Holcombe, Chard, last Wednesday.

Simon Heighes, aged 12, of 22 Halcombe, Chard, and Andrew Stuckley, 12, of 3 Church Street, Chard, saw the two UFO's that evening.

At 5.35 pm they saw a plane flying in a downward spiral over Halcombe when "a hunk of red glowing stuff" collided with it and clung to it.

The boys said the plane and the UFO stayed together for about five minutes and two or three glowing bits shot off in different directions. The UFO then flew off over Chard and there was no sign of the plane.

Both boys were scared and wanted to run, but they stayed and watched the spectacle for some minutes.

"Planes give off red and green lights and so do helicopters so it could not have been them," said Simon Heighes.

The boys said that there was a man they did not know standing next to them when they saw the first UFO and he said: "Blooming hell, look at that."

Andrew and Simon saw the second UFO flying over a corn field at Halcombe at about 7 pm.

It was pitch black out when they saw a white, pulsating light in the sky. "It could not have been a torch because a torch only fires one steady beam," said Andrew.

The white light flew off in the direction of Bluebell Wood. "It was moving faster than anything I have ever seen," said Simon.

"I did not believe in UFOs before, but I believe in them this time," said Andrew.

Cmdr McGregor of RN AS Yeovilton said: "It could well be that we had helicopters

night flying in the area."

These would have had the standard red, green and white navigation lights and one or two flashing red, anti-collision lights said the Commander.

THE NEW OBSERVER - BRISTOL, ENG.
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3128 STRANGE GOINGS ON BY THE 11th GREEN

By JEANNINE HITCHINGS

A UFO nearly scored a hole in one when it landed on the Royal Eastbourne Golf Course.

Head greenkeeper Mr Dennis Rodway found the strange object in a small crater next to the 11th green.

Mr Rodway called in the police but they were equally puzzled about it and took it to the police station.

The silver object, which measures 6ins by 4ins and weighs about 1lb, has been sent to Slough for laboratory tests.

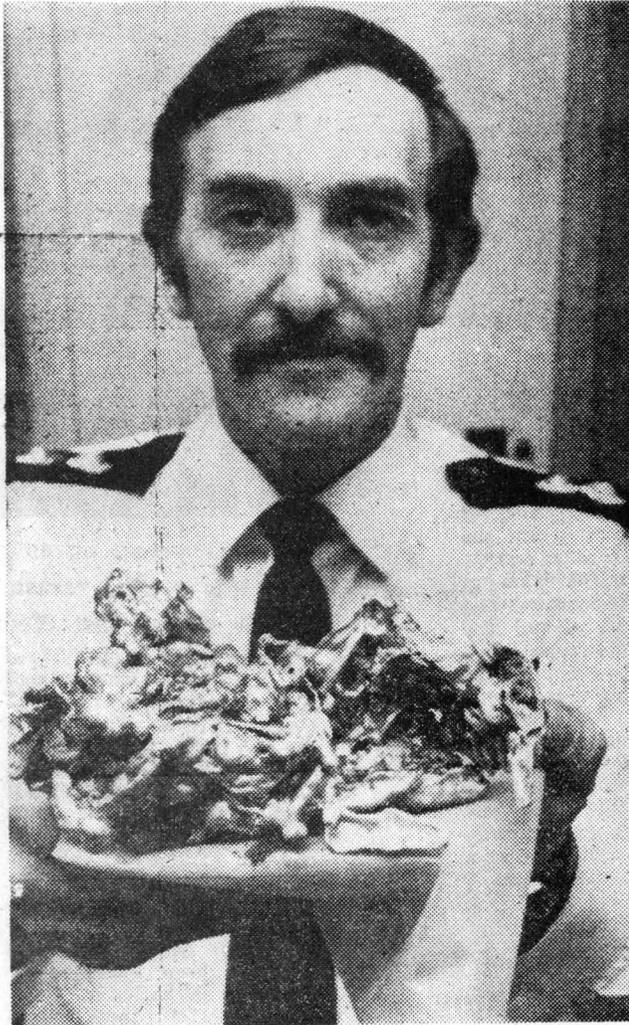
Police Inspector Norman Temple said, 'We are assuming it was still hot when it landed. We have been led to believe it could be part of a satellite that has blown-up — or it could be a gigantic hoax.'

'We contacted Herstmonceux Observatory which had no reports of any sightings that day and we are now contacting the laboratory at Slough which records satellite orbits and objects that fall down.'

'There have been two reports of similar incidents in France and Germany involving larger objects. The one we have is made of an alloy or very high quality aluminium.'

Mr Rodway said 'I haven't a clue what it is; my first impressions were that it was a meteorite.'

'It was lightish grey, like aluminium, and about the size of a coconut. It was flat on one side where it had fallen on the ground and was stone cold, but then it had been raining so it might have been hot when it fell.'



INSPECTOR TEMPLE holds the strange arrival. PICTURE: JOHN MOUNTAIN.

Lights in the sky mystery continues

I HAVE been following with interest the continuing story of unidentified flying objects over north-east Essex and wondering just what is going on.

In the past few weeks, the Standard has received more than a dozen reports from people who have seen an object bearing four lights — two big, two small — flying at a low level over the Brightlingsea area.

Last Friday, the Standard carried the story of three sightings over and around Brightlingsea, and on Friday night, five people claimed they too had seen a brightly-lit object hovering over the town centre and suddenly disappearing.

Certainly all those who have spoken to us have said firmly that they have never believed in UFOs and added that the object was nothing like anything they had seen before.

The question really is, are those reported sightings coincidental? Could it be that because Brightlingsea people have read about sightings in their area they are now looking at the sky more carefully and more often? That would account for the increased number of sightings — but not, of course, for what it is that they are seeing.

Another of the most recent sightings was made on Friday evening by Mrs Janet Partridge, of Wivenhoe Road, Alresford.

She telephoned the Standard to report seeing "two bright, white lights" in the sky above Essex University as she drove home with her husband at about 7.30pm.

She said: "The two lights were close to each other, with one slightly above the other. They did not look like aircraft lights and in the brightness resembled floodlights."

The mysterious lights were seen on the same evening by Mrs Sylvia Usher, her husband and two children, as they drove along Bowes Road, Wivenhoe, where they live.

ESSEX COUNTY STANDARD, COLCHESTER, ENG.
*****MAR. 9, 1979*****

Airship 3129 - or UFO?

WAS it an air balloon? Was it a weather balloon? Or was it an unidentified flying object hovering in the sky over Charlton Farm, Swanley, last August?

UFO expert Mrs Margaret Fry, of Contact (UK), has written telling me of the time she saw what she first thought was the "Goodyear" airship on August 13.

But she later discovered that particular craft was not in the country at the time. So what was the object she saw over farmland where people were strawberry picking?

If any of those strawberry pickers can remember seeing the airborne object, I would be interested to hear from you.