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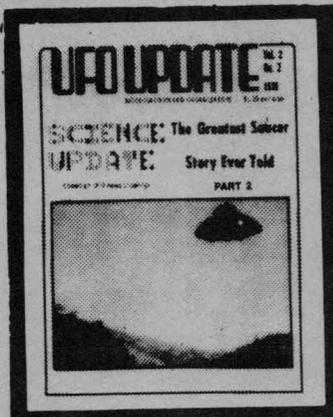
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OFFICIAL GUIDE TO UFO SIGHTINGS by Carl Sifakis - Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.,

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1979 MUFON UFO SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS - MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, TX 78155, \$8.00 - (Papers by McCampbell, Peters, Greenawald, Bearden, Haines, Friedman and various others at MUFON's July Symposium in California.)

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Far-out encounters of weirdest kind



Bu Laurie Itow

Grace O'Mara firmly believes she was abducted five years ago by space creatures, four feet tall, all white, with large eyes and small slits for mouths.

While watching a summer sunset at her Sierra foothills cabin north of Auburn, she says, a brightly lighted winged spacecraft appeared. The vehicle, about 50 feet in diameter, landed somewhere behind her garden.

For a few minutes, she stood watching. Then, in fear, she sprinted into her cabin. When she peered out the window, O'Mara, a 25-year-old clerk in a neighborhood store, says she saw a creature standing.

It was through telepathic messages that she was told to board the spacecraft. And until last year, that was all she remembered of that August day. O'Mara says that the next morning she found herself, confused but unharmed, back in her cabin.

Last year after undergoing hypnosis, she recalled three other creatures while aboard the circular spacecraft. O'Mara says that while hypnotized, she remembered that she was told to remove her clothes and lie on a table where she was examined. When a wired helmet was placed on her head,

IT'S A BIRD ... IT'S A PLANE ... NO, IT'S A UFO
This so-called flying saucer was shot in 1954 near Rouen, France

it was impossible for her to move.

But there are no other witnesses and no physical proof of her story.

J. Allen Hynek, director and founder of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., says her report is typical of dozens he receives.

Others may report bruises and puncture or burn marks on their bodies, but the experiences are strangely similar, he says.

Yesterday, during the 10th annual Mutual UFO Network Symposium in Burlingame, Hynek and 2,000 other participants immersed themselves in talk of nocturnal lights, space entities and extra-terrestrial beings.

There, he had an avid audience. But Hynek admits he's had a difficult time convincing skeptics that unidentified flying objects are worth looking into.

The gray-haired astronomer is former chairman of Northwestern University's astronomy department and was a consultant for the Air Force's UFO investigation, code-named Project Blue Book.

Then his name flashed across movie screens nationwide when he served as consultant for the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," a phrase he concocted to describe incidents with space creatures.

He describes himself as a man with "all his buttons and marbles."

Although he's now an outcast among colleagues, Hynek contends he too was a skeptic in 1948 when the Air Force first asked him to help study bizarre reports of spaceships.

When the 18-year project ended, the Air Force announced there was no evidence of outer space visitors, although Hynek was convinced that

circumstantial evidence was bizarre enough to pursue.

But Hynek, 69, says Northwestern University and the Air Force "dropped me like a hot potato" when he founded the Evanston center.

Hynek believes the concept of spaceships is too strange for scientists to accept.

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And although 90 percent of the reports he receives are explained as meteorites, he's convinced the remaining 10 percent isn't all nonsense.

Reports of UFOs are being made by reputable people throughout the world in addition to those who are overly enthusiastic and sometimes psychopathic, he says.

And because of the kooks the subject tends to draw, Hynek says, he needs the help of professionals to either prove or disprove that UFOs exist.

Hynek has purchased a tool called a proton magnetometer, which he hopes will substantiate some UFO landings.

Hynek says he has seen a large, silent orange ball he believes was a UFO. But despite the many hours he spends studying the skies, he hasn't had a "close encounter."

Right now, Hynek says he doesn't know where the UFOs are coming from or why they've chosen to visit.

The creatures may be gradually emerging with sporadic sightings in preparation for a future meeting, he says. And he doesn't rule out the possibility that they may be evil.

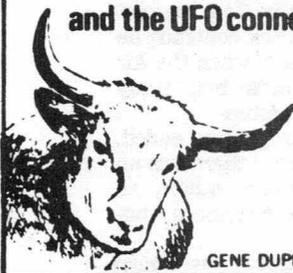
But he concludes, "The ball is in their court. They are the ones who apparently control how much they want us to know. I'd like to have a close encounter of my own."



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A New Hampshire couple claimed this eerie critter abducted them

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UFOs: We saw them!!!

By Valerie Sullivan
Sentinel staff writer

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Margaret Putman was on her way home from church with her daughters when she saw it flying over Grand Mesa about 9:45 p.m. Wednesday.

She said she ran over to a neighbor's house, but when she stepped outside again it was gone.

Mrs. Putman, originally from Louisiana, Saturday recalled the sight of what she now thinks might have been a UFO. That's right—unidentified flying object.

"It was a big old long thing and it had three big lights in it...(It was) bright, bright, bright," she said.

Sound crazy? No crazier than the number of calls The Daily Sentinel received Saturday after a story appeared in Friday's newspaper which reported other area residents spotting three glowing objects flying in triangular formation near Mount Garfield Thursday night.

Persons calling the Sentinel's city desk reported seeing them anywhere from Loma to the Colorado National Monument, from Thursday to a week ago Saturday.

Paul and Janet Kareus, 2993 Walnut, were sitting in their hot tubs

Thursday when they saw two objects of a slightly orangeish color flying south. What made them think they weren't planes? "The lights weren't flashing," said Mrs. Kareus, who added she is "real skeptical about that stuff."

Clark Cape, 3259 Road B 1/2, 8 years old—almost 9, saw only one object, "puttering along" over Grand Mesa. "Today (Friday)," he reported, "there was a big boom like a sonic boom. It made our dogs and cats act funny."

Another area resident reported seeing what looked like jet airplanes flying in formation high in the sky. There was no sound. "We saw one light, thought it was a plane, then another right above each other, the third in front. Seems like we watched them for ages. (They) didn't go by fast."

"Totally baffled" is the way Bruce Haverkos, 828 Texas, described his reaction to what appeared to be a constellation of three stars moving across the sky. Haverkos said he was camping near Dewey Bridge Thursday night when he saw the "stars." He and several others watched the constellation move south.

Amelia Johnson, 225 Red Mesa Heights, knew it wasn't a plane. Dean Stewart, 14, 3088 Bookcliff, also

thought he saw stars, heading south.

"We saw two big ones out towards Loma, coming to Grand Junction," reported Chuck Williams, 995 Road 23, who was in a truck with friends well past 10:30 p.m. Thursday. "All of a sudden, it was gone."

Ken Baldwin, 2947 Road B, saw three objects flying in formation "like military transportation planes" about 10:45 p.m. Thursday. But, he said, the crafts made a noise like jet engines. He said they were headed south, and he lost sight of them as they flew over Uranium Downs.

Bill Walcher, 744 Hill, did not see UFOs Thursday night as reported, but recalled seeing one as he was traveling to Rangely about 10:15 p.m. July 7.

"Looked like three motors on it. It never made a sound," he said. "(Then) the light went out, that's all it was."

Ken Lynn, 17, his brother Robert, 15, and Dale Wright, 14, all of Clifton, said they heard the sound before they saw the crafts.

The objects—three, flying in formation—were "way past them" when they saw them. "They must have been really moving," Lynn said, adding the objects were headed toward the Colorado National Monument.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. - ENTERPRISE
*****JULY 8, 1979*****

Wierd thing is spotted in sky here

Goodwin Court residents saw something very strange in the sky Saturday night; one homeowner smiled and waved . . . just in case whatever it was contained creatures from outer space.

Beverly Pennington and her family, husband Dan and son Danny, 9, sighted a "thing floating over the house" at about 8:50 p.m. It remained over the area for about 17 minutes before it "dropped, like fire, down and just disappeared."

Pennington said whatever it was "looked really weird" and that about 15 neighborhood residents left their TV sets to watch it.

"It looked like a balloon on top, with very bright lights dangling underneath. It was too dark to tell what color it was. It was silent, no noise whatsoever," she said.

The "whatever it was" floated in from the south, went northward and then south again, the observer said, and it appeared as only a "blur" through binoculars.

"I hope it was a hot-air balloon but just in case it wasn't, I smiled and waved at it," Pennington laughed.

HINTON, W. VA. - NEWS
****JULY 3, 1979*****

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A second UFO (unidentified flying object) sighting within a week was reported last Wednesday evening. A large fireball was seen falling from the sky at about dusk and some observers claim it fell to earth in the vicinity of the star on the hillside above Madams Creek.

The description of the slowly falling object sounds reminiscent of last week's UFO report that turned out to be a roman candle. However, observers said Wednesday's fireball was much too high to have been fireworks.

UFO startles Kingston residents; confuses experts

By DANIEL RING
Memorial Press Group Staff

KINGSTON—The Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics is still puzzled by it. The Kingston police were even more thrown by it. But the Center for Unidentified Flying Objects in Chicago wanted a full report the next day.

And there were plenty of South Shore residents willing to talk to UFO investigators, although the flying object has been tentatively identified as a massive flaming meteor streaking across the starry night sky.

At 11 p.m. Thursday, June 21, five or six cars came to a full stop on Route 3 outside the Howard Johnson's in Kingston, and their drivers leaped out, leaving the engines of their cars running. They pointed gleefully toward the heavens, wondering if they were about to have a close encounter of the third kind.

One of those drivers, Tim Colton of Hyde Park, ran to a phone booth and called the Kingston police. "Your're going to think I'm nuts," he said to the police in a hurried voice, "but I just saw a UFO!" The police laughed. Just

another kook who had to much to drink at Ho Jo's, perhaps.

The officer who kept the log typed that, yes, he thought Colton was nuts. But Colton wasn't nuts, and neither were the large number of other South Shore residents who were positive that they did see something, and phoned to report the sighting to the Harvard-Smithsonian Center, and to the Center for Short-Lived Phenomena, both in Cambridge.

"Most of the calls we received were from the South Shore," said Bill Waller of the Harvard-Smithsonian. "The reports we received said that it was very bright, and that it seemed to be breaking and burning as it flew."

At the center for Short-Lived Phenomena in Cambridge, a spokesman there also confirmed that most of the calls they received were from startled South Shore residents, although the center received reports from as far east as Hyannis.

By all reports, the meteor lasted a full 45 seconds. The head of it was outlined by a white-hot glow, probably due to its speed, which was an estimated 17,000 miles an hour. It had a "tail" that

was about the size of a full moon. It shot across a moonless night, heading to the northeast, spewing off bright colors as it travelled.

"It's Skylab! It's Skylab!" Colton said he screamed at the illuminated sky.

Indeed, Skylab had orbited over the South Shore that night, but sometime earlier. And, compared with the meteor, it was a speck in the night, just

another one of the more than 4000 satellites that orbit our planet.

Both Cambridge experts agree that there is an element of mystery to the meteor.

It remains unclear, they said, whether the object simply grazed the earth's dense upper-atmosphere and shot itself back into space or whether it actually hit the earth somewhere undetected. This depends on its precise trajectory, which remains unknown.

If it landed, Waller said it was probably in the Atlantic Ocean. If it didn't, he figures it was because it was so big and heavy that its velocity resisted the Earth's gravitational pull.

The object could also have been associated with a meteor shower, said Waller. The last meteor shower the area experienced was on June 16, he said, and the spectacle that Colton and

others saw could have been the remnants of the plummeting material commonly associated with a meteor shower.

Meantime, Colton was happy to find out that he wasn't nuts. And whether or not you think you are nuts when you spot something flaming in the sky, the UFO center in Chicago is interested. Call the center at its toll-free UFO Hotline at 1-800-323-6556.

HINTON, W. VA. - LEADER
*****JUNE 28, 1979*****

UFO Identified

A report of a UFO sighted near Greenbrier Drive Sunday evening resulted in a resident of the area telling the Hinton News that the fireball was produced by a Roman Candle. The tipster said he was a neighbor of the person who had launched the fireworks.

The tipster said he heard something that "sounded like some-

one dragging a wire brush along the side of the house." He said when he went to investigate he discovered his neighbor with the aerial display.

Initial reports described the glowing fireball as about five or six feet in diameter, but the size distortion was probably caused by heavy fog along the river.

Dr. Rutledge Of SEMO U. Investigates UFO Sighting

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Harley Rutledge, chairman of the physics department of SEMO University, is director of Project Identification which studies reports of unidentified flying objects. Here is part of a report prepared by Rutledge, concerning a sighting that occurred May 24 on Highway 105 between Charleston and East Prairie.

EAST PRAIRIE — On May 24 at about 10:45 p.m. five East Prairie women were frightened by a lighted object that landed near a highway and that may have been responsible for a local, temporary power failure.

The women, Susan Winchester, Lisa Blackman, Linda Oliver, Sandra Oliver, and the driver of the car, Donna Bryant, were returning home from Charleston on State Route 105. They left Charleston at 10:34 p.m. according to a digital clock in the car.

Blackman said, "We saw it pretty soon after we were out of Charleston. It was a big, bright white light stationary in the sky and not very high." The sky was clear and the women could see the star background. Their first impression was of a helicopter or airplane about to land at the Mississippi County airport five miles south of Charleston, or a star or a planet low in the sky. The light did not move.

The airport is located just south of County Route C. The airport is at least 700 feet to the west of 105, running parallel to the highway. Several business establishments front on Route 105 between the highway and the airport runway. Butch's Sport Cycle is the last one and is about as far south as the south end of the airport runway.

After the women passed Route C, the light began to lower slightly. Only one bright

light was observed. As they got closer to the Sport Cycle, they saw that the light was at the southwest corner of a chain-link fence in back of the building and connected to it.

The light flickered. At this juncture Bryant pulled over onto the shoulder just past the entrance driveway to the Sport Cycle. The light dropped rapidly, almost straight down. Winchester thought that the thing was going to crash.

Some of the women determined a vehicular structure while all agreed that colored lights became visible only after it began to descend. Their descriptions of the colored lights do not agree. Sandra Oliver described a green light on the left side which illuminated a pod about three feet long. A red light was on the right side, she said. But, Bryant said, "It looked like a giant insect sitting on a pole with lights on its legs". Four of the women saw more than

one red and one green light. All agreed that the colored lights were below the big white light. They described the white light as bright but not blinding and the size of a car windshield. All agreed that the lights on the object disappeared when it struck the ground. By this time the car was stopped, the accessories were off, and the windows were down. The women could hear no sound emanating from the area of the object although they left their car motor running.

They drove to the southwest corner of the front lot and got out of the car, leaving the engine running because they were afraid. They heard no sound from the area of the chain link fence and could see nothing unusual. Then, they left for East Prairie.

In retrospect, when the women had passed the driveway to the Sports Cycle, they noticed that the multi-colored lighted arrow at the driveway entrance was not functioning. Also, the three security lights were off. The women said that at this time, they could not see the beacon light at the airport about one-half mile away. However, one of the women saw a truck near the airport building. Someone turned off the truck headlights while she was looking in that direction.

The next morning when Butch Rosenfeld, owner of the Cycle Shop came to work, he found that his clocks were 18 minutes slow, indicating a temporary cessation of power during the night. Rosenfeld said, "If someone turned off the lights on that arrow, my burglar alarm would have alerted the police. My burglar alarm did not go off". He said that the arrow display is operated 24 hours a day and could not be missed by anyone driving by. He also said that his three outdoor surveillance lights were photoelectrically controlled so that they came on when darkness fell.

Dr. Harley Rutledge, director of Project Identification and chairman of the Physics Department at SEMO University, became involved after receiving a telephone call from Susan Winchester;

the call had been transferred from the office of Dr. Bill Petrek, Vice-President for Academic Affairs at SEMO University. Late Friday afternoon he met the five women at the Cycle Shop. At the time he was more interested in searching the ground for evidence of a landed vehicle.

Dr. Rutledge searched the lot behind the shop, then climbed a barbed-wire fence to search the area around the south end of the runway. At the end of the runway is an area about twice the width of the runway where airplanes can turn around. He found no evidence of a landing.

Surrounding the strip is knee-high grass, very sparse. South of the runway is a wheat field where the height of the wheat is about mid-thigh. The field adjoins the farm home of Jerry Shands. (Note that at one time the women surmised that the vehicle was about to crash in the wheat field short of the runway).

Dr. Rutledge checked with Don French, one of the owners of the French Implement Co., just north of the Cycle Shop. He told me he had no evidence of a power outage. A similar report was given to me by the Delta Co-op Restaurant nearby.

After dark Friday night, he was in the yard at the home of Jerry Greenwood who lives on Route C three miles west of the airport. I had set up cameras and a viewing station. During the watch, about 10 p.m., he was looking at a patch of stars high in the western sky. Suddenly, a star "switched off". I remarked to Susan Winchester and her mother, Helen Shelby, who were observing with me in the yard, that I had seen a star "blip out". Immediately, Susan told Dr. Rutledge that she too had seen the star disappear but didn't mention it because she feared that I would think that she was "seeing things".

UFO lights have been in southeast Missouri the past three weeks.

'I thought it was a meteorite,' woman says of UFO sighting

It looked like the sun — sort of a yellow color with a flame around it.

There were two long flashes of light — like the stream of a Roman candle — descending toward the lake.

Then it just disappeared.

The scenario is not a figment of the literary imagination of Isaac Asimov or Robert Heinlein.

Nor is it a description of the fiery entrails of Skylab plummeting to Earth.

A 58-year-old Winnipeg woman claimed to have observed the phenomenon while looking out the window one recent night at her cottage on Poplar Bay, about 45 kilometres east of Lac du Bonnet.

"I was waiting for it to splash into the lake, but it never did," Kaye Wolowiec said.

"It just appeared in the sky like the sun. I thought it was a meteorite, not Skylab coming down."

She reported the incident to the centre of UFO Studies at the Planetarium (Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature).

Such reports have been infrequent this year, Ed Barker, the centre's director, said.

"It's supposed to be the time of the year because people are looking at the sky," Barker said.

In past years, the centre would have by now received about a half-dozen reports "with some meat in them."

"This year, there's been absolutely nothing," Barker said.

The most frequent reports this year have been of flashing lights which have proven to be nothing more than an airplane carrying advertising on

its under-wings.

There's been nothing to compare with the series of things spotted near Carman in 1976 or the Falcon Lake incident in 1967 when a man was burned, Barker said.

"It's surprising there doesn't seem anything to notice or report," he said.

"Perhaps it's because of the low profile of the (UFO) centre that people don't seem to know where to report."

He also said the publicity surrounding one sighting generates reports of more sightings.

A non-believer in UFO's whose faith has been severely tested, Mrs. Wolowiec said she is not sure she would like to see similar phenomena again.

"This here was something different," she said.

DINUBA, CAL. - SENTINEL
*****JUNE 26, 1979*****

Boy Reports

Sighting UFO

In Alta District

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Domenic Fino of 40205 Rd. 88 near Dinuba says that while he was searching the sky Sunday night for a glimpse of skylab, as it was scheduled to pass over the Valley, he noticed a strange looking object which he says was not an airplane, or skylab.

The young Fino says the object, which resembled a star, hovered overhead for nearly ten minutes then sped away. "It was like a helicopter, but faster," he told the Sentinel when he called Monday morning.

Fino sighted the strange object at approximately 9:30 p.m. and he said it was traveling out of the northeast.

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. - SENTINEL
*****JULY 13, 1979*****

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UFOs sighted near Mt. Garfield

It wasn't the now-defunct Skylab that drifted out from behind Mt. Garfield Thursday night heading in a southwesterly direction toward the Colorado National Monument. But at least six eyewitnesses would like to know a little more about the three, glowing, silent aircraft, flying in triangular formation at 10:40 p.m. "The weird thing is they didn't make noise," said Clifton resident James Thomas. A Palisade mother, who teared for her credibility and asked not to be identified, said, "They were definitely not airplanes ... There was no sound at all. We were very thrilled." The Grand Junction Police Department and Mesa County Sheriff's Department said they were unaware of any UFO sightings Thursday night. Airport officials acknowledge receiving telephone inquiries about the sightings but have been able to offer any explanation. If you were one of those to view Thursday's heavenly enigma, you're invited to call The Daily Sentinel's city desk at 242-5050.

UFO's, Psychic Experiences Linked

BY DICK HOWLAND
Knight News Wire

LONG BEACH — Since the early 1940s, UFO investigators, like police artists probing the memories of witnesses to crime, have drawn images of spectacular creatures described by people who claim to have been abducted by UFOs.

Now a professor at Long Beach State University has found that volunteers with no particular interest in UFOs, when asked under hypnosis to imagine that they are taken aboard a UFO, draw sketches of their imagined abductors that are very similar to the creatures described by UFO witnesses.

Professor Alvin Lawson, a Garden Grove resident, says that UFO experiences are similar to a wide range of mental and psychic

phenomena, such as drug-induced hallucinations, religious conversions and deathbed experiences of afterlife.

He suggests that all are linked to a common reservoir of imagery deep in the human consciousness, which surfaces under hypnosis in the same way it surfaces on those lonely highways said to be visited by UFOs.

Lawson has identified six categories of entities found aboard UFOs by both hypnotized volunteers and "real" abductees. The categories are: human, humanoid, animal, robot, exotic and apparitional (transparent or ghost-like).

"The sketches provide the most compelling evidence of the extensive in-depth parallels of imagery be-

tween imaginary and 'real' abductions," adds Lawson, and English professor who teaches an unusual course on the rhetoric of UFO literature.

He says the same six categories of entities also appear in mankind's literature throughout history. An example is "The Wizard of Oz," which features Dorothy (human), the Munchkins (humanoid), the lion (animal), the Tin Man (robot), the Straw Man (exotic) and the wizard (apparitional).

"Folklore and mythology are loaded with this type of imagery," Lawson points out. "The only category absent until modern literature is the robot, although knights in heavy armor can be substituted in this category in early folklore."

Lawson concludes that

there is a "deeply human and culturally consistent pattern of images" that today finds expression in UFOs.

Another parallel is the image of a bright light and a beckoning tunnel, which are recurring images in various types of mental phenomena, he says.

Many people who report they have been abducted by a UFO say a bright light focused on them and the light beam levitated them aboard the extraterrestrial craft through a tube.

Patients who have been clinically dead but were revived have reported that they saw their bodies float away through a tunnel toward a bright light, Lawson adds.

Lawson says the same light-tunnel imagery expe-
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Alvin Lawson Says Mind Plays Strong Part In UFO Sightings

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Consistent Pattern Seen In UFO Sightings

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riences and religious conversions.

"It's reasonable to hypothesize that a similar mental process is occurring in each case, but in response to an unrelated stimulus, such as a drug in the hallucinations or deterioration of the body in the deathbed cases," he says.

Lawson says another common image is that of an examination, either physical or oral, or a personal review of one's past.

UFO "abductees" frequently say their extraterrestrial captors performed a complete physical examination, taking blood tests and so forth.

Deathbed survivors often report undergoing some sort of moral examination, answering to spiritual beings who question their moral character.

A review of one's life is also common, Lawson says. Deathbed survivors and near-drowning victims report seeing episodes of their lives rapidly passing through their minds.

UFO "abductees" have related seeing events of their past portrayed on television screens in consoles aboard UFOs. Hallucinating subjects also frequently observe such screens bearing autobiographical data.

The imagery from hallucinations and close-encounter reports is often so similar as to be nearly interchangeable," Lawson says, he cites similar colors and geometric patterns, such as the honeycomb interior of UFO's compared to the network of diagonal lines in hallucinations.

Since early 1977, Lawson has observed more than 20 volunteers given imaginary

UFO abductions by a clinical hypnotist, Dr. W.C. McCall of Anaheim, who specializes in controlling obesity and smoking through hypnosis.

While under hypnosis, the volunteers were asked to imagine that they were at one of their favorite recreational places, such as the beach or mountains. Then the idea of a UFO was suggested, and the volunteers were asked to imagine that they were taken aboard a UFO and examined.

The descriptions of the hypnotized volunteers were compared to documented accounts of "abductions" related by UFO witnesses who believe they have really seen UFOs.

"Although we expected major dissimilarities, and averaged comparison of data from four imaginary and four 'real' abduction narratives showed no sub-

stantive differences," Lawson says.

The significance of his conclusion is not that UFO abductees are necessarily the victims of their own imagination, but that their experiences are as valid as dreams, deathbed visions and psychosis.

"We have never before been able to say that UFO abductees are reliable," Lawson observes, speaking with conviction. "Now we have evidence that they really perceive the images they report. They report the experiences subjectively but truthfully.

"Their sensory experience is real. They are not loony. We should treat them with enough respect to find out why they have these experiences."

Moreover, there is still the mystery of what stimulus prompts the UFO imagery.

"A brush with death, a dosage of drugs or suggestion under hypnosis can stimulate this imagery," Lawson says. "But we don't know what stimulates a spontaneous UFO experience out in the boonies on a lonely highway."

If UFO experiences are psychic or hallucinatory, why is there sometimes physical evidence, such as the imprint of a spacecraft on the ground, disturbed vegetation and photographs, he asks.

Sometimes UFOs are witnessed by more than one person, and there is little evidence that multiple hallucinations occur spontaneously or for extended periods, he adds.

"There is a need for serious research on the physical aspects of UFO reports," he says. "People other than English professors need to be involved."

BIRMINGHAM NEWS - ALABAMA
*****JULY 12, 1979*****

No more Skylab, but Alabamians still seeing UFOs

Skylab may haunt us yet.

Or, we may be in for an invasion of spacemen angry at the portrayals they've been getting in this summer's bumper crop of space and science fiction movies.

Reports from Oneonta and Northport say unidentified flying objects were spotted Thursday night.

An Oneonta man called *The News* to report sighting, with his son, a spherical, red-lit, hovering object while he drove from Birmingham to Oneonta. "You may think I'm crazy. . ." the caller began before he explained he had thought the object first to be a helicopter until closer examination proved otherwise.

Tuscaloosa County police say a pair of Northport women reported a pair of bright white lights suspended over a county lake.

As a prowl car looked for the could-be spacecraft, a woman called to say the UFO was in trouble because sparks were flying from it, and police theorized the complainants had spotted a couple of the myriad power lines downed by stormy conditions around the state last night.

Another UFO spotted over Estacada area

"Is this the place I could report a UFO?" asked 14-year-old Greg Kay of Estacada when he called the newspaper at about 11 p.m. Friday night.

Young Kay, who lives at Rt. 3, Box 468, in the Garfield area, said he and a friend, Ken Robertson, observed two objects moving at high speed. The first craft to cross the sky directly above the youths appeared to have a single white light that pulsed in various intensities, sometimes flickering out entirely. When Robertson first saw the craft it was changing directions quickly and sometimes back-tracking across the same space it had crossed. By the time Robertson pointed the object out to Kay it had changed course and was flying in a straight path. The white light went out before the UFO reached the horizon.

The youths said the second UFO appeared to be following the first. The second sighting occurred about 10 seconds later, said Kay.

The light on the second craft didn't flicker on and off as the light on the first one did. The craft also travelled in a more erratic course, Kay said. Some of its moves were described as "like a U-turn."

Any persons seeing UFOs in the Estacada-Eagle Creek area are urged to contact Ray Horn at this newspaper.

HINTON, W. VA. - NEWS
*****JULY 10, 1979***

At Beech Run UFO Seen Again?

UFO's are once again in the local news with the State Police being called to check out the latest report. A Trooper was dispatched to the Beech Run area Saturday evening about 11 PM when residents saw lights up the mountain where lights had never been seen before.

Residents pointed out three lights clustered together and said they had gotten dimmer and then brighter. The lights appeared to be below the crest of the hill some one or two hundred yards up the hillside. Closer examination revealed yet a fourth light.

The Trooper, who, along with the rest of those involved, would

prefer to remain anonymous, carefully began making his way up the hill through the brush and poison ivy.

A few minutes later he returned to the foot of the hill and

informed the neighbors gathered to watch the mysterious lights. He said he had discovered the source of the moving lights and it was indeed a celestial object, the moon.

As it rose above the ridge, the brush blocked out most of the full moon and made it appear to be separate lights. As it moved, the trees made it appear to grow dimmer or brighter. The neighbors apologized.

SANDPOINT, IDAHO - DAILY BEE
*****JULY 19, 1979*****

UFO spotted

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Sandpoint police received a report Tuesday of a UFO spotting over the Sandpoint area. Two girls reported seeing a round, silver object over North Boyer Avenue north of the airport. The UFO was reportedly seen about noon.

The witnesses said the UFO looked like a satellite with antennae on the top and bottom. The craft was oscillating and later traveled at a high rate of speed at a 45 degree angle downward.

The UFO appeared to land between the airport and south of the Schweitzer cut-off road. No smoke, explosion or sound of any kind was witnessed by the two individuals.

There were also reported sightings near Cocolalla. Anyone who saw the reported UFO in the area is asked to contact the newspaper.

MAUSTON STAR - WISC.
*****JULY 12, 1979*

Unidentified flying object spotted here

An unidentified flying object (UFO) was spotted by a former Mauston resident the afternoon of July 5 over the Harmonisle area.

Beulah Johnson of Chicago, who is staying this summer in town, said she was by Riverside Park around 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. that day when she saw an object perhaps four feet by three

feet in size, with two metal slabs fastened together, coming out of the north. It "twisted and turned every way. I thought it was crazy," she said.

The UFO came as close as six to eight feet above the houses on the north side of the river, she said. She thought it was taking pictures of them and it turned toward her as if it was taking her picture.

She watched as it circled to the west at a low elevation, then went higher and faster until it disappeared.

There was "quite a good breeze that day, but you could see it was solid," she said. The object stayed in the area quite a while, she said. At first, she thought it looked like an open newspaper.

Belief in flying saucers not surprising in Russia

By Craig R. Whitney
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MOSCOW — In this society of Scientific Socialism, there are some people who believe in communism but not in God.

There are others who believe in God but not in communism.

But all of them seem to believe in flying saucers.

Soviet science has put more men into space than the United States has, but it has been unable to stamp out the advanced art form of the Russian rumor.

Though two Soviet astronauts even now are circling the earth in man's longest space research mission, their countrymen persist in believing that they may be menaced or visited up there by beings from outer space.

"Why has the United States never published the whole story of the landing on the moon?" the director of one of Moscow's most serious and respected cultural institutions asked an American friend recently.

What whole story? the American innocently asked.

"The flying saucers that landed next to Apollo 11 on the moon," the Russian replied with assurance. "Your astronauts took pictures of them; the saucers photographed the Apollo craft. Why was the news suppressed?"

Suppression of news is also an advanced art in the Soviet Union, so it is easy for flying saucer believers to be confident that official denials mean nothing. Besides, said a student who also was in on the Apollo secret, one of the astronauts later suffered mental depression, probably because of the trauma of the saucer incident.

Col. Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., who followed Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon on July 20, 1969, did have mental health problems after the Apollo mission, but he saw no flying saucers. Russians greet this sort of assertion from their American friends with knowing, unbelieving smiles.

Pictures of flying saucer apparitions over Soviet territory circulate among the intelligentsia the way underground literature circulates among dissidents.

"It's only logical that intelligent beings from other worlds are trying to make contact with us," said a leading poet not long ago. He pulled out two snapshots of vaguely saucer-shaped objects that were said to have appeared last August over Petrozavodsk in north European Russia.

Another writer says he was visited by extraterrestrial beings at his home in the forest. He says he took them seriously. As a token of their good faith, he adds, they gave him a mathematical formula that they said unlocked the secret of space flight by tapping the energy from stellar light. The writer says he himself did not under-

stand the formula, but he gave it to scientists who examined it and pronounced it genuine.

Some critics of Soviet society who do not believe in flying saucers say such rumors spring from a crisis of faith in the official Communist ideology. Having no belief left, the critics say, people turn instead to superstition, prejudice and nationalistic feeling.

A musician says he was on a night flight to eastern Siberia recently when he looked out the window and saw three bright lights — flying saucers — hovering just beyond the wingtip.

"I woke up the people in front of me, and they looked out and saw it, too," he said. "I was so fascinated I just watched for half an hour. But when I looked up again, everybody else in the plane had gone back to sleep."

He was disappointed. But for most Russians, being shown that you can believe in flying saucers is about as routine and unsurprising as being shown that you cannot believe what you read in Pravda every day. Everybody knows it, so why be surprised?

ROCHESTER, MINN. - POST-BULLETIN
*****JULY 18, 1979*****

Bellechester Woman Reports Sighting UFO

BELLECHESTER — A 20-year-old Bellechester woman has reported seeing a round, unidentified flying object with red and white flashing lights.

The woman, Chris Kahl, said she was alone in her car on a gravel road between Goodhue and Bellechester near Goodhue 9 when she saw the UFO at about 9:45 p.m. Friday.

She said she stopped her car and watched the object for about 60 seconds as it moved up and down and back and forth, drifting into the clouded sky and heading toward Rochester.

Kahl said she was about 100 yards from the object that she guessed to be

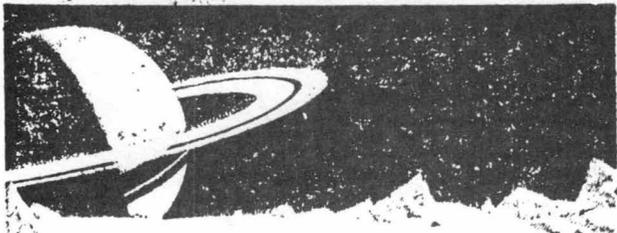
about 20 feet in diameter. She said the red and white flashing lights circled the object.

She said it was "definitely not an airplane or a helicopter," and that it made no sound.

Kahl said she was "petrified and stunned" when she saw the object. Her first thought, she said, was "Oh my God!"

After the object disappeared, she said she calmed down, but did not report it to the Red Wing Police Department until the next morning. She was referred to a number at the UFO center in Chicago. The center called her back later and taped her report of the object.

EXPLORING THE UNIVERSE



President Carter's Leary UFO

By Andrew Fraknoi

ON January 6, 1969, Jimmy Carter saw a UFO in the western sky over the town of Leary, Georgia. The incident must have made quite an impression on the future president because in 1973, he submitted a written report about it to the International UFO Bureau in Oklahoma City.

The letters UFO, of course, stand for "unidentified flying object" and anyone who has not heard of UFO's must have been living aboard one during the last few years. Carter is only the most famous of an estimated 15 million people who believe they have seen a UFO.

Carter's report clearly states that the object he observed was in the western sky about 30 degrees above the horizon. It was quite bright and seemed to approach and recede several times, as many UFO's are reported to do.

What was it that Carter saw?

Veteran UFO investigator Robert Schaeffer has conducted a careful study of the Carter sighting and has been able to shed some celestial light on the subject:

According to Schaeffer, weather records indicate that the sky was indeed clear that evening and that there was in fact a bright point of light about 25 degrees above the horizon at the time of the Carter sighting. It was the brilliant evening star better known to astronomers as the planet Venus.

How could the future president of the United States mistake Venus for a UFO? First of all, we should note that he is by no means alone. UFO experts tell us that Venus is the celestial object which is most commonly misidentified as a UFO.

To be sure, Venus was particularly bright on the night of the Carter sighting, reaching a brilliance perhaps one hundred times brighter than any star in the January night sky. But how could a planet appear to move forward and backward?

One possible explanation is a fascinating trick played by the human eye and mind which psychologists call the *autokinetic effect*. You can demonstrate this effect for yourself by covering a lamp so that only a pin-point of light shows through. Sit about four or five yards away from this light in a dark room and stare at it for five seconds or more. If you watch it carefully, it will appear to move (often differently for each observer).

In their recent book, "The U.F.O. Enigma," astronomer Donald Menzel and psychiatrist Ernest Taves propose that this apparent motion of bright pin-points of light on a dark background may explain why so many people mistake bright planets for moving UFO's.

Of course, you might well point out that just because President Carter's UFO turned out to have a prosaic explanation, it does not mean that all UFO reports will turn out to involve sightings of a planet.

What other investigators have discovered about various "encounters of the UFO kind" will be the subject of our next column.

L.A. TIMES - CALIFORNIA
*****JULY 5, 1979*****

1,000 Believers in UFOs Expected at Conference

Physicist Says Highlights of S.F. Meeting Will Be Growing Proof of Government 'Cosmic Coverup'

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The forbidden frontier—communicating with UFO-nauts—is on the agenda at this weekend's conference on unidentified flying objects.

Although alien experts are welcomed to the symposium, no one is expected to arrive in a flying saucer.

Hovering about the activities, however, will be about 1,000 persons scanning new evidence of an alleged governmental "cosmic coverup." The audience also will hear a report on 3,200 pilot sightings and will monitor a panel of assented UFO eyewitnesses, including some people who say they have been abducted by UFOs.

"Highlights will be the growing proof of the government coverup, and the conference itself illustrates the growing involvement of the scientific community," said Stanton T. Friedman, a nuclear physicist and longtime lecturer on UFOs. He said new data on the phenomenon is being emphasized.

"I am going to try to make the case as succinctly as possible that some UFOs are somebody else's spacecraft," the UFO expert from Hayward said.

A featured speaker at the annual Mutual UFO Network symposium in Burlingame is Northwestern University astronomer J. Allen Hynek. Hynek for 20 years was consultant on Project Bluebook, the U.S. Air Force's now-discontinued investigation of UFOs.

Friedman says there is proof that Project Bluebook, which was disbanded in early 1970, was not the only government study of UFOs, it has been the claim.

He said he will unveil a recently discovered 1969 memo written by the former head of the Apollo Program Air Force Gen. Carroll H. Bolender which proves military sightings were channeled to another still-secret agency.

Although not on the program, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, who spent 15 days investigating the seven-minute film of a highly publicized UFO sighting in New Zealand by jet aircraft, will be present.

"I've looked at the film, and it's genuine unidentified flying object. Nothing else qualifies," Friedman said.

Friedman said the public interest in UFOs has remained fairly steady over the last few years, "but what has changed is that now the acceptance is much greater."

"The noisy negativists are in a very small minority. Their voices are shrill but the number is low," he added.

He said that people are interested in the new scientific information available and the deeper approach shown on the subject of UFOs.

"They are no longer concerned with the 'last week I went to Venus syndrome,'" Friedman said.

They're sure—it's a UFO

BY WILLIE WOFFORD
C-T Staff Writer

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Lillian Grimes and Violet Erwin know what they saw in the sky over southwest Marion early Thursday morning, and they aren't about to debate it.

They saw an unidentified flying object — a UFO — they say, without the slightest indication of changing their minds.

Mrs. Grimes, 34, 2420 S. Selby St. and Mrs. Erwin, 71, 3103 S. Selby St., say they saw the aircraft as the drove near 38th Street and the Bypass shortly after midnight.

"I shook like a leaf for an hour," Mrs. Grimes says. "It really scared me bad, I'll tell you."

Their story begins:

They had left Sambo's restaurant and were southbound on the Bypass in Mrs. Grime's van when Mrs. Erwin, the passenger, saw a craft in the sky.

"It wasn't much over 50 feet above the trees," Mrs. Erwin says. "That's right," Mrs. Grimes adds.

At first, Mrs. Erwin thought the craft was a low-flying plane preparing to land at the Marion Airport, she says. But the craft wasn't making any noise, and it wasn't moving.

"It hovered up there with green lights around it," she says.

Mrs. Grimes says she pulled her van off the road at the Grant Memorial Park cemetery. They got out of the vehicle.

The craft, they say, was shaped like a blimp, with stubby wings at the front and rear. However, the wings at the rear were shorter than the front. The bottom of the craft was flat. It was grey or silver, and about 30 feet long and 10 feet wide, they say.

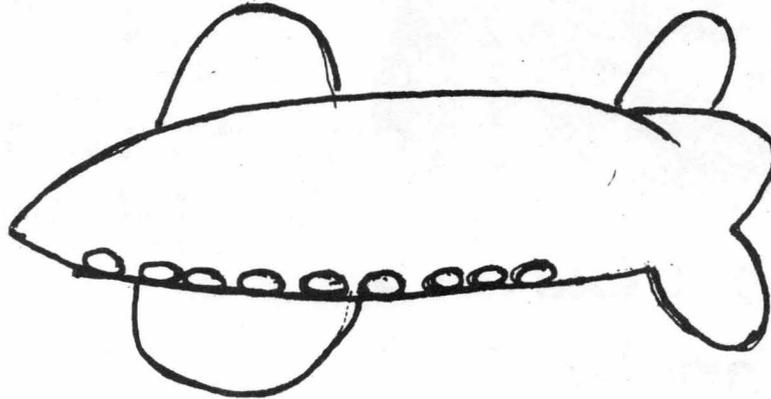
The traffic along the Bypass was moderate for that time of day, but

no one, other than Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Erwin, noticed the hovering craft.

They watched the craft for about 10 minutes. "It stayed in that spot," Mrs. Erwin says.

Mrs. Grimes returned to her van and called Christmas City REACT, a citizens band radio group, on her CB to report the occurrence, she says. She gave her location, explained what they were looking at, and assured the operator that they had not been drinking, she says.

"I told her, by golly, if anybody



Lillian Grimes drew what she saw.

had been drinking they'd sober up right now."

The REACT operator said she would contact law authorities, Mrs.

Grimes says.

Meanwhile, the craft began to move, Mrs. Erwin says, and moved in the direction of the Marion Airport. Red lights also began to glow from its rear, she says. "And just like a snap of your finger all of the lights when out and the thing disappeared."

The women jumped in the van and drove to the Marion Airport. "We sat in the van near the runway for about an hour," Mrs. Grimes says. They didn't see anything that resembled the craft, and returned to the spot where they first saw it.

No luck.

"I sure wish I would have had a camera," Mrs. Grimes says. "Honest to God, we saw it." Lt. Todd Fruehling, deputy chief of the Information Division at Grissom Air Force Base, near Peru on U.S. 31, says the base's radar did not pick up anything unusual Thursday morning.

Fruehling says "Project Blue Book," a project that investigated reports of UFOs, was terminated Dec. 17, 1969, at the base.

Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Erwin realize many people will never believe their story. Apparently local law officials didn't, because there were no records of the incident being reported on their logs.

"But we know what we saw," Mrs. Grimes says.

BRADFORD, PA. - ERA
JULY 14, 1979

UFO spotted by housewife in Duke Center

DUKE CENTER — An unidentified flying object, possibly fitting the description of a blimp, was reportedly spotted by a Duke Center housewife Thursday evening, according to a field investigator for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

The investigator, Joan Jeffers, said the gray object, which appeared to be floating, was seen in the Duke Center area about 8:50 p.m.

There were no visible running lights, but a cloudy substance appeared around the object, Ms. Jeffers said.

According to officials at the Bradford Regional Airport no aircraft was reported in that area at that time, Ms. Jeffers stated. She said it sounded like the object was a blimp, but would continue an investigation.

Ms. Jeffers requested anyone with further information or other sightings to contact her at 368-8558.

Texas town searches for body of UFO pilot

By Tom Tiede

AURORA, Texas (NEA) - There's almost nothing to do in this north Texas farm community. The nearest city is Dallas, 45 miles to the East, and the nearest beach is on the Gulf Coast, down towards Mexico. The only business in town is a service station — and it's not open much anymore.

Yet each summer, when Americans are touched by warm weather wanderlust, hundreds of tourists motor into Aurora. They bring their sun glasses, their cameras and their walking shorts, and they stay for a few hours, or a few days, prowling roads and observing natives as if it were Tampico.

They aren't looking for a good time, however.

They are looking for the man from outer space.

The tourists in Aurora are UFO watchers. They believe this wide spot in the road is a shrine to their convictions. Many years ago, they say, a great space ship fell from the sky and crashed here; the pilot of the craft was supposed to have been killed and then buried for the ages in this place.

The tourists, then, come to find the body, or what's left of it. They search the reported crash site, on a hill behind the gas station, and they study the grave markers at Aurora's small cemetery. If even a bit of bone can be found, they say, it will change the course of human thought.

A bit of bone? Most locals snicker up their sleeves at the visitors. The opinion among townfolk is that the story of the dead spaceman is a hoax. At the same time, residents admit the hoax is founded on a vague fact; records indicate that something of this sort may indeed have happened here.

The year was 1897. And though the first flight of the Wright brothers was still eight years away, people across America were sighting propelled objects in the sky. For example, several Texans reported seeing a cigar-shaped vehicle, lighter than air, cruising low over cowboy country.

No one in Aurora paid attention to the sighting reports. This was a bustling region at the time, growing with the nation, and there was little pause for nonsense. Then, on April 9 of that year, reportedly at 6 a.m., a UFO allegedly slipped from the heavens and exploded in the middle of town.

The record of the occasion was compiled by a Dallas newspaper correspondent named F.E. Hayden. He apparently got most of his information from Aurora resident T.J. Weems. The latter told the former that the crash was observed and verified by numerous early risers in the community.

Hayden wrote that the UFO was a space craft, and smashed into property belonging to J.S. Proctor, a judge. He quoted Weems as saying the explosion lit up the morning sky, and left debris over three acres. Weems added there was a body among the debris, and it was "not...of this world."

The body was thought to be the ship's pilot. It was identified as being dressed in a blue uniform, not unlike a sailor suit. Weems told Hayden the corpse was badly mangled, but, happily, "The men of the community gathered it up, and it was

given a Christian burial in the Aurora cemetery."

The grave is said to have been small and round. It is also said to have been distinguished with a hand-made stone which was inscribed with a drawing of a cigar-shaped object. Aurora residents say the marker was not really handmade, and that the inscription closely resembled the scrape of a plow.

The residents concede the crash of 1897 probably occurred. But that's as much credence as they'll allow the story of the dead

spaceman. They believe the town was hit by a meteorite, and Weems and Hayden embellished the moment; they say Hayden was a well-known writer of satirical fiction.

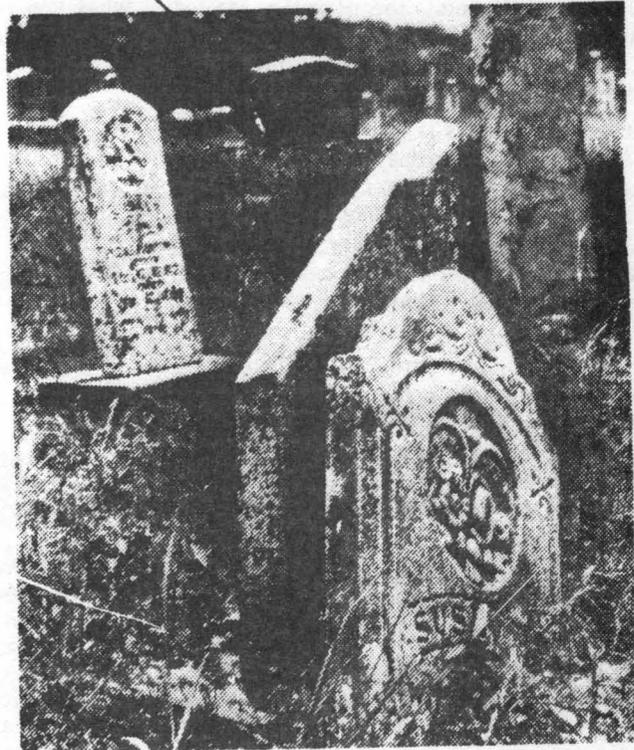
This local opinion was bulwarked a few years ago by Dr. Alfred Krause, a Texas researcher; he dug at the crash site and found nothing more extraterrestrial than a 1932 license plate. As for the spaceman's grave, it's "officially" occupied by an itinerant named Carr who died of yellow fever.

True believers have their own side of it, of course. For one thing, some visitors have reported finding "odd metals" at the crash site.

One piece of metal was aluminum, and the oddity is that it was said to be buried too deeply to be of modern origin. Aluminum was not in common use in 1897.

Additionally, the spaceman theory is supported by the only man in Aurora who personally remembers the crash. Charles Stevens was just a child then, but he says his father saw something fall into Judge Proctor's property; and, he adds, "There might have been two or three spacemen, I don't know."

No one knows. And it's unlikely that anyone ever will. The spaceman's gravestone was stolen years ago, and the grave itself has been eroded and lost. Rest in peace, whoever you are.



UFO watchers consider Aurora a shrine to their convictions. According to published reports at the time, a spaceship allegedly crashed in the middle of the town at 6 a.m. on April 9, 1897. There was a body among the debris. Townsfolk buried it in the town's small cemetery. (NEA photo)

Suspicious Soviets are certain astronauts saw UFOs on moon

CLEVELAND
PLAIN DEALER
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* New York Times

MOSCOW — In this society of scientific socialism, there are some people who believe in communism but not in God. There are others who believe in God but not in communism. But all of them seem to believe in flying saucers.

Soviet science has put more men into space than United States technology has, but it has been unable to stamp out the advanced art form of the Russian rumor. Though two Soviet astronauts are even now circling the earth in man's longest space research mission, their countrymen persist in believing that they may be menaced or visited up there by beings from outer space.

"Why has the United States never published the whole story of the landing on the moon?" the director of one of Moscow's most serious and respected cultural institutions asked an American friend recently.

"What whole story?" the American innocently asked.

"The flying saucers that landed next to Apollo 11 on the moon," the Russian replied with assurance. "Your astronauts took pictures of them, the saucers photographed the Apollo craft. Why was the news suppressed?"

Suppression of news is also an advanced art the Soviet Union, so it is easy for flying-saucer believers to be confident that official denials mean nothing. Besides, a student who was also in on the Apollo secret said, one of the astronauts later suffered mental depression, probably because of the trauma of the saucer incident.

Col. Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., who followed Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon on July 20, 1969, did have mental health problems after the Apollo mission, but he saw no flying saucers. Russians greet this sort of assertion from their American friends with knowing, unbelieving smiles.

Pictures of flying saucer apparitions over Soviet territory circulate among the intelligentsia the way underground literature circulates among dissidents.

"It's only logical that intelligent beings from other worlds are trying to make contact with us," said a leading poet not long ago. He pulled out two snapshots of vaguely saucer-shaped objects that were said to have appeared last August over Petrozavodsk in north European Russia.

Another writer says he was visited by extraterrestrial beings at his home in the forest. But he says he took them seriously. As a token of their good faith, he adds, they gave him a mathematical formula that they said unlocked the secret of space flight by tapping the energy

from stellar light. The writer says he himself did not understand the formula but he gave it to scientists who examined it and pronounced it genuine.

Some critics of Soviet society who do not believe in flying saucers say such rumors spring from a crisis of faith in the official Communist ideology. Having no belief left, the critics say, people turn instead to superstition, prejudice and nationalistic feeling.

A musician says he was on a night flight to eastern Siberia recently when he looked out the window and saw three bright lights — flying saucers — hovering just beyond the wingtip.

"I woke up the people in front of me, and they looked out and saw it, too," he said. "I was so fascinated I just watched for half an hour. But when I looked up again, everybody else in the plane had gone back to sleep."

He was disappointed. But for most Russians, being shown that you can believe in flying saucers is about as routine and unsurprising as being shown that you cannot believe what you read in Pravda every day. Everybody knows it, so why be surprised?

DAILY ARGUS - MT. VERNON, N.Y.
*****AUG. 2, 1979*****

County cop says he sighted UFO

A Westchester policeman says he saw an unidentified flying object not once but twice early Wednesday in the sky over Pound Ridge in northeastern Westchester.

Officer William Shaughnessy, a member of the Westchester County Police and a resident of Yorktown, said he saw the object at 1:35 a.m. and again at 1:47 a.m. He said it apparently caused a jamming on his police radio.

Shaughnessy was on duty in the Lakeside parking area at the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation when he said "I saw a large ball of white light traveling in a southeasterly direction. At one point, the object stopped and made a complete right turn and headed in a westerly direction," he said.

"As the object was turning, it flashed with greater brilliancy," he said, adding that he observed it for about one minute.

The officer said the second time he saw the object was at 1:47 a.m. when it reappeared from a westerly direction and then headed east. This time the object was observed for about 45 seconds, he said.

COLUSA, CALIF. - SUN-HERALD
*****JULY 27, 1979*****

EDITORIAL Editorial

The UFO Phenomena ⁷⁴²⁴

↳ Not to long ago two Colusa brothers reported they had seen a UFO from a boat in the river.

The occurrence did't raise many eyebrows or cause any consternation amongst Colusa residents.

The next day, two 12 year old youngsters, one who lived on the levee, came into the Sun-Herald to report they had seen the same UFO that night.

They individually drew almost the same picture as each other in different rooms, but slightly different from the the two brothers.

A businesswoman also saw the same UFO while driving with her husband. He laughed until the Sun-Herald came out the next day.

Earlier this week, Ricardo Lucero, 28, of Butte City, called the Sun-Herald and reported seeing a UFO hovering about 1,000 feet over the highway two miles south of Princeton (Route 45).

Ricardo did two things, he sped up until he loss sight of the UFO and did't look back.

He was scared at first when he saw the triangular shape, lights on each corner, hovering above him.

"It just floated above the highway," Lucero said.

People do not want to believe there are foreign flying machines flitting back and forth over their heads. They often chose to ignore UFO's because they don't want to be laughed at or be ridiculed.

But throughout America the Phenomena Research Center has recorded scientific data supporting the theory that UFO's are real.

Since 1955 when the Center was founded, UFO phenomenon has been gathered.

Motion pictures and television have both helped and hindered in UFO research. The unknown makes for good scripts.

One television series dealt with nothing but UFO sightings and how they came about. Although many of the incidents were never proved out, the information gathered left the viewer mystified.

Based on the volume of information which has been analyzed to date, Phenomena Research believes that UFO's represent technologies capable of traveling through time and space.

If you see an UFO, contact the Center at P.O. Box 1807, Seattle, Washington, 98111.

It is the scientific responsibility of every citizen to report their UFO experience.

SARASOTA, FAL. - HERALD TRIBUNE
*****JULY 29, 1979*****

UFO In Banana River

An unidentified flying object that cast an eerie amber light in the night sky above Indialantic caused a lot of commotion among earth-bound creatures. The Indialantic Fire Department was on the scene, ready for action. Melbourne police broadcast a warning that the UFO was speeding westward at an estimated 400 miles per hour. Patrick Air Force Base was called for assistance. Then the UFO made a wavering descent into the Banana River. It was a red-and-white kite, illuminated by an ordinary pen light.

HINTON, W. VA. - LEADER
*****JULY 19, 1979*****

At Beech Run UFO Seen Again?

UFO's are once again in the local news with the State Police being called to check out the latest report. A Trooper was dispatched to the Beech Run area Saturday evening about 11 PM when residents saw lights up the mountain where lights had never been seen before.

Residents pointed out three lights clustered together and said they had gotten dimmer and then brighter. The lights appeared to be below the crest of the hill some one or two hundred yards up the hillside. Closer examination revealed yet a fourth light.

The Trooper, who, along with the rest of those involved, would

prefer to remain anonymous, carefully began making his way up the hill through the brush and poison ivy.

A few minutes later he returned to the foot of the hill and

informed the neighbors gathered to watch the mysterious lights. He said he had discovered the source of the moving lights and it was indeed a celestial object, the moon.

As it rose above the ridge, the brush blocked out most of the full moon and made it appear to be separate lights. As it moved, the trees made it appear to grow dimmer or brighter. The neighbors apologized.

Bethune Street Sighting

Something Was Up There

By RICK ROUNTREE
Times Staff Writer

Something was fighting for space in the sky here the other night, says a Valdosta woman.

Fireworks isn't what Mattie Ponder and her 13-year-old daughter say they saw when they looked up to the sky Wednesday night.

She is one of several persons who said they peered at something unusual in the sky near the intersection of Bethune Street and Wesley Lane about 9 p.m.

Those who saw the object said it had flashing lights. Mrs. Ponder said the object may have been an unidentified flying object. She is, however, leery of making judgements, she said.

Mrs. Ponder was driving home with her daughter on Bethune Street about 9 p.m. when the two saw something

in the sky. "My little girl was looking out when she saw something big with flashing lights. She grabbed my arm and said 'Oh mama, look, there's something with red flashing lights.'"

"It was just a big piece of machinery with big beautiful red lights splashing," Mrs. Ponder said.

Since then her daughter has been unable to sleep, frightened by what she saw. "I know it wasn't a helicopter or airplane. It didn't make any noise. It's like nothing I've ever seen before," she said.

Mrs. Ponder and her daughter said the object appeared to land behind trees off Bethune Street.

Javonia Bell was sitting on her porch at 1 Wesley Lane about 9 p.m. when she saw something unusual. Mrs. Ponder, returned the next day to ask Mrs.

Bell if she saw anything unusual.

"I saw some lights but I didn't pay much attention at the time. I saw lights flashing everywhere. I thought it might have been some kids but there wasn't any noise. It was sort of strange," Mrs. Bell said.

"She (Mrs. Ponder) came back today and asked me didn't I see something landing, but I just don't know. I saw something flashing but I don't know what it was."

Mrs. Bell said she noticed Mrs. Ponder's car stopping in the middle of the road but thought little of it. "There were alot of kids out popping firecrackers and all. I just didn't think none about it," she said.

Mrs. Ponder is convinced she saw something eerie. "I didn't know what to do like call the police. I just wonder if anybody else saw it," she



MATTIE PONDER
Daughter Frightened

said. "My girl nearly caused us to have a wreck she grabbed me so hard when she saw it," she said.

Mrs. Ponder said the object couldn't have been Republic Airline's night arrival which usually appears here about an hour after the sightings.

DUNKIRK, N.Y. - OBSERVER
*****JULY 9, 1979*****

Red Lights In Sky Still

Unidentified 7424

SILVER CREEK - Apparently, Skylab isn't the only thing people are witnessing as a strange object in the sky these days.

Several phone calls were received by Silver Creek police (over 10 separate calls logged by dispatchers) between 11:17 p.m. Sunday and 12:09 a.m. today concerning three red lights in the sky.

State police were called. They in turn, called the Buffalo Airport and officials there said that the lights could be on a stationary balloon or an experimental aircraft. Nothing, however, was noted on radar.

At 12:09 a.m. today state police called Silver Creek police and asked that they send a patrol car to Robinson Street where a citizen reported that one unidentified flying object (UFO) looked like it was dropping what appeared to be fire.

There were other citizen reports of seeing the objects in the sky. One report received came from the lake shore area of Sheridan.

THE REPORTER DISPATCH - WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.
*****AUG. 1, 1979*****

UFO sighting

UFO 7424

A Westchester County police officer reported seeing a strange flying object over Pound Ridge in northeastern Westchester early today.

Officer William Shaughnessy, who was on duty at the Pound Ridge Reservation, a county park, said he sighted a large object with flashing bright lights flying erratically. The policeman said there was interference with his police radio reception at the time.

The officer reported sighting the object at 2:11 a.m.

Parkway Police dispatched a special services officer with a camera to the scene, but by the time he arrived the object had disappeared.

Two UFO Sightings Claimed In Skies Over Visalia Tuesday

FRONT PAGE By LEE TERKELSEN
Times-Delta Staff Writer

Something.

That, it seems, is the best way to define what a few Visalians apparently observed in the sky Tuesday night.

No one knows what that something actually was, but the Times-Delta received two telephone calls Wednesday by people who said they saw something in the sky.

One teen-ager's observation resulted in a 45-minute telephone conversation between her and the National Unidentified Flying Object Headquarters in Seattle, Wash.

Jennie McCarter, 17, said she and her friend, Michele Williams, 16, spotted three diamond-shaped objects in the sky traveling northeast near the Visalia Municipal Airport at 10:20 p.m. Tuesday.

Miss McCarter said she was outdoors with her friend when they both heard a loud hum and spotted the objects. She said the objects contained four lights, but it appeared there was no substance behind the lights.

The objects, according to Miss McCarter, appeared for 15 to 20 seconds before rapidly disappearing. She said her mother and sisters heard the hum from inside their home but did not observe the objects.

After contacting the Tulare County sheriff's department and Lemoore Naval Air Station, Miss McCarter said she received a telephone call from the UFO headquarters. She said she was asked to describe the objects and to give complete weather and lighting conditions.

Miss McCarter said two youths riding bicycles

near them also saw the objects.

A Dinuba resident who works at a manufacturing plant in Visalia, meanwhile, said he also observed "something" in the sky near the airport.

Mario Lopez said he and a co-worker heard a loud sound and thought a plane was going to crash out of the sky.

Lopez described the object he saw as grey and disc-shaped with four red lights. He said all the lights but one blinking red light eventually went out.

As did Miss McCarter, Lopez said the object appeared at 10:20 p.m., lasted 15 to 20 seconds in the sky and traveled northeast.

"I couldn't work the rest of the night after seeing that thing," Lopez said. "It was right on top of us."

Both witnesses said the object(s) traveled at an extremely fast pace and rejected suggestions that the objects may have been aircraft from the airport.

Chuck Lee, manager of the Visalia Municipal Airport, said the two UFO sightings were not the first Visalia.

He said turbine helicopters and military aircraft have been reported as UFOs. He also said the airport has received some calls from Visalians concerned about the advertising plane that flies over Visalia at night.

"It has 360 lights on a rotating disc which gives a circular appearance," he said. "Speed and distances can sometimes be deceiving, especially on a clear night."

The Mitchell Wing, a go-cart powered hang glider from Porterville, has also been reported as a UFO, Lee said.

FRONT PAGE

Patrolman spots UFO early morning local reservoir

By MARIAN KISCH

CROSS RIVER — The sky was dark. Suddenly, a white, solid, donut-shaped object with flashing white strobe-like lights passed over the car.

Patrolman William Shaughnessy of Yorktown, a member of Westchester County Department of Public Safety Services, was on a routine patrol ride at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation early Wednesday morning when he saw "an unidentified flying object" in the sky.

He first saw the object at 1:35 a.m. near the Lakeside picnic area. "It passed over the police car in a southeasterly direction and then stopped in mid-air," Shaughnessy said. "Then it made a quick right-hand

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turn and went out toward the west over the Cross River Reservoir area."

The policeman remained stationary in his patrol car and tried to call in his discovery to the police station. But his radio did not work.

At 1:47 a.m. the UFO returned, according to Shaughnessy. "It came from a westerly direction, heading east. It stopped and then shot north over the car toward North Salem."

That was the last Shaughnessy saw of the strange phenomenon. This 30-year-old man said he has never seen any UFOs before. He has been on the county force for seven years.

The patrolman said it was definitely not an airplane,

helicopter or something kids could have been playing with.

He is also disturbed about that his radio did not work for the 40 minutes he was in the area. He tried to reach headquarters to report the UFO, but could not get through. When he went to the entrance to the park he was finally able to reach the police station and discovered they had been trying to reach Shaughnessy for a location check on the radio — but to no avail.

"I was both scared and anxious to look at it," he said. And although Shaughnessy was definitely not returning to the reservation the next night, he said, "I don't know if I'm really through with it yet."

SONORA, CALIF. - UNION-DEMOCRAT
 *****JUNE 25, 1979*****

UFO Identified as Military Plane

7424 UFO

A triangle-shaped object spotted over Tuolumne county Thursday night has been identified as a military aircraft.

Nearly 150 persons reported spotting the object at 9:45 p.m. Thursday to the local Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network (MUFON).

All reported sighting a triangle-shaped object with three lights.

Marv Taylor, director of the local MUFON, said Trav-

is Air Force base yesterday said the craft was a C-5, a large military cargo plane.

A Travis spokesman told Taylor that the shape of the plane would not allow the people viewing it from underneath to see the tail assembly which would have identified it as an aircraft.

Travis said the C-5 is a slow moving aircraft which appears to be crawling. The engines are quiet.

When flying under 11,000 feet bright landing lights are left on, Travis said.

Persons observing the craft told MUFON it appeared to be moving slowly and made

only a faint noise. The craft appeared to stop in midair at one point over the Sonora Plaza.

A Travis spokesman told Taylor that flight patterns to the Fairfield air base sometimes bring craft over Tuolumne county.

Persons who reported spotting the object said either they heard no sound or only a faint noise.

Four persons who watched the craft with high-powered binoculars told MUFON they could make out what appeared to be a fuselage.

MUFON received nearly 150 calls on Friday and Saturday after a report in The Union Democrat that 10 per-

MC COOK, NEBR. - GAZETTE
 *****AUG 4, 1979*****

More Residents Report Seeing 'Strange Light'

FRONT PAGE

Two more residents of Southwestern Nebraska have reported seeing the strange, bright light Sunday night which was originally called to the GAZETTE's attention by two employees of the Bison Drive-In Theater.

Jack Jones and David Dyer said they saw a very bright round light about 11:30 p.m., Sunday. The object had red fiery specks behind it and seemed to split into two pieces at which time the light went out.

The two said that the object appeared to be moving in a horizontal direction.

Dave Bush of McCook said he was coming into McCook from the west on Amtrak about 11:30 p.m. Sunday when he saw the light.

Bush said others on the train also witnessed the sight but said it appeared to him to be green in color.

Bush said those on the train also saw the object break up but said it was in several pieces. He said the object was in the north sky and appeared to be going in an easterly

direction.

Bush said the object Sunday night lasted longer than a typical shooting star but didn't resemble a comet.

He noted that while living in Montana he saw a comet on a bright, sunny day and this didn't resemble that.

Bush said a friend of his also saw the object while driving back from Colorado. She was in Kansas at the time, he said.

In addition, Mrs. Robert D. Cox of Imperial reported that her family was traveling north of Wauneta about 10:30 p.m. (MDT) Sunday when she and her son, Doug, saw such an object.

Mrs. Cox reported at first they thought it was a "falling star" but it was moving in an easterly horizontal direction.

She said it had the fiery red sparks behind it and it broke into pieces before going dark.

She said they did not mention the sighting to anyone until seeing the story in the GAZETTE.

UFO in Canoga Park?

By Sandy Sand

Is there someone up there watching us?

According to a reported UFO sighting in Canoga Park there just may be someone or something viewing us from above.

Canoga Park resident Ira Pearson claims to have seen an unidentified flying object hover-

ing over the vicinity of Rocketdyne at 7:15 a.m. on July 25.

Pearson, a retired carpenter, said the object was shiny, appearing to be approximately six feet in diameter and about 12 feet long. He said the object hovered for five minutes before moving off silently.

Pearson was standing on the corner of Oso Avenue and Saticoy Street, looking north when he spotted the cylinder-shaped object in the northern sky.

Pearson said another witness to the sighting was an unidentified police officer who had a camera with him, and was aiming the camera at the object.

Sgt. James D. Burch of the west valley station checked and rechecked the log for that day, and could find no entry regarding a sighting for that day and time.

Burch noted that it would be

highly unlikely for a patrol officer to have a camera with him, and suggested a check with Valley Traffic, as their officers usually carry cameras in conjunction with accident investigations.

Valley Traffic Sgt. Donald R. Harris also checked and rechecked his log for that day and time and also came up empty-handed.

Three members of the department said any officer reporting such an incident would not be immediately rushed to the psychiatrist's couch.

Joyce Lincoln of Rocketdyne said that her company does not fire rockets or weather balloons or anything into the air, so whatever was seen did not come from Rocketdyne. She also stated that as far as she knew nobody in or around the plant had seen anything that morning.

FRONT PAGE

GRIT - SAVANNAH, GA.
****MAY 27, 1979****

Expert Thinks "UFO's" May Not Be UFO's

GRIT

May 27, 1979

It may be that UFO's are not unidentified, not flying, and not objects

They may have been created by sophisticated mind-manipulators based on earth, said Dr. Jacques Vallee, a French-born scientist and one of the world's leading ex-

perts on the UFO experience.

"There is a real potential for manipulation of people's minds," said Vallee, a 39-year-old astrophysicist and computer consultant in San Francisco. "Human technology could produce a UFO experience."

In his book, "Messengers of Deception," Vallee explores UFO sects and cults and recounts the experiences of witnesses and contactees. In researching the book, he studied French Air Force records of sightings as well as records kept by the U.S. Air Force.

Need Serious Research

Vallee contends that UFO's need serious research "because it's not all nonsense."

But Vallee worries that a dangerous myth is spreading.

"The expectation of actual contact makes people hope for the realization of that age-old dream: Salvation from above, surrender to the greater power of some wise force, and that is the danger of the UFO movement," he said.

Ironically, Vallee reportedly was the model for the character of Lacombe, the French scientist played by film director Francois Truffaut in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." That movie, Vallee believes, added fuel to the UFO craze.

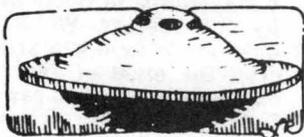
But the tall, lanky, green-eyed Frenchman admits he enjoyed the movie.

Vallee's interest in UFO's began 18 years ago when, as an astronomer at the Paris Observatory, he helped track the path of an unidentified flying object that streaked across the sky. Until then, he scoffed at reports.

After four years of research, Vallee found that three of four UFO sightings could be explained as weather balloons, gas, cloud formations, or airplanes. But more than 2,000 cases since 1947 couldn't be explained.

THE SUNDAY SUN - CANADA
*****JULY 1, 1979*****

Barbs



The reason flying saucers move so rapidly is that, obviously, extraterrestrials want to get away from us just as soon as possible.



IN OUTER SPACE

TERENCE DICKINSON

Half believe that something's up!

A recent survey of 1,200 scientists and engineers revealed that more than half of them believe that unidentified flying objects exist and should be officially investigated by the government. These figures differ little from the results of similar polls conducted by Gallup and other organizations.

The study was conducted earlier this year by *Industrial Research* magazine, a publication that limits its circulation to researchers in industry, 92 per cent of whom have scientific or engineering degrees. Other findings in this poll of brainpower showed that eight percent had observed a UFO and about a third knew someone who had claimed to have seen a UFO.

To me the most stunning result of the survey was the response to this question: "If you consider the possibility of UFO existence where do you think they originate?" Forty-four per cent answered "outer space." Twenty-eight per cent believed UFOs were unexplained natural phenomena, and most of the remainder were undecided.

Surprised

The reason I am so surprised by this result is that I constantly read in science textbooks and journals that "the vast majority" of scientists are convinced that UFOs are unexplained manmade or natural phenomena events that could be explained if fully investigated. This survey result clearly suggests the reverse.

An evaluation of the age of the respondents reveals that the older the individual the less likely he or she is to accept UFO reality. Seventy-one per cent of those under 35 believe UFOs are a real phenomenon compared to only 47 per cent over 55. Yet the percentage in the various age groups who reported actually having seen a UFO does not vary with age, remaining at approximately eight per cent for all age categories.

In every respect the survey parallels the findings of similar surveys of the general public, implying that the thinking of the population as a whole can be extrapolated to scientists and engineers in industry and research. Also in parallel with general public surveys the results of this survey show an overall increase in belief in UFOs and the outer space origin of UFOs compared to a comparable survey by the same magazine in 1971.

My analysis of this and other similar surveys convinces me that people generally aren't changing their minds about UFOs. The increases in positive responses over the years is almost entirely due to the older folks with negative views being replaced by younger people who grew up with *Star Trek* and Apollo moon flights.

Opinion surveys about UFOs only tell us what people think and don't tell us anything about the real nature of the phenomenon. Only continued scientific investigation has any hope of solving the mystery.

Baffling

No government sponsored scientific UFO research is currently being conducted in the U.S. or Canada. Past studies have consistently shown that some UFO cases remain baffling after investigations prove that the UFO phenomenon is real. The problem is, nobody knows for certain what these unknowns are.

Pressure on President Carter for a new government study from private UFO groups and concerned individuals reached a peak in 1977. The question was shifted to the President's Science Advisor, Frank Press, who passed it on to NASA, the Space Agency where it was decided that UFOs were unworthy of investigation.

Not revealed by any public announcement was the fact that several high level NASA scientists disagree with this official stand and welcomed a new investigation. Thus, there is hope that some day the "official" stand on UFOs will come into line with the views of the majority of the rest of us.

THE ANDREASSON AFFAIR (The Documented Investigation of a Woman's Abduction Aboard a UFO): In 1975, Massachusetts resident Betty Andreasson wrote a letter to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Centre for UFO Studies, to report an extraordinary Close Encounter of the Third Kind. Author Raymond E. Fowler takes us on a fascinating journey into Betty's mind, via hypnosis, to relive her "abduction" by alien beings. While Betty was the only one to be taken aboard the spacecraft the night of Jan. 25, 1967 — her daughter Becky also saw several three-foot humanoid creatures in the Andreasson home. Both Betty and Becky bring out a series of incredible remembrances of the night under hypnosis — from probing "medical" examinations carried out on Betty aboard the ship to encountering a 15 foot "eagle." Fascinating reading, but perhaps only believable to those who've experienced a close encounter themselves.

Police and Soldiers 'Half Paralyzed' By Eerie UFO in Brazil

Four Brazilian military policemen watched in stunned disbelief as a mysterious force from a hovering UFO shook their car, knocked out the radio, stalled the engine — and “half-paralyzed” them.

“We were terrified,” said Sgt. Dione Martins de Souza. “We felt so helpless.”

The frightening encounter occurred about 2:20 a.m. last October 18 as Souza, 29, and three soldiers were parked in a nearly deserted section of Belo Horizonte, a city of 2 million people in Brazil, 220 miles north of Rio de Janeiro.

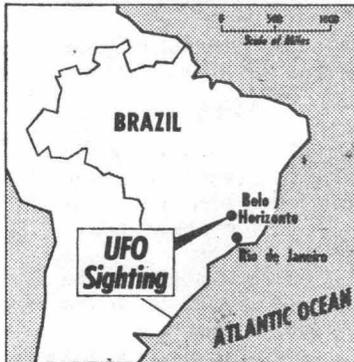
“Suddenly I noticed an object over the car. It had two very strong lights about four to six yards across,” Souza told The ENQUIRER at police headquarters.

“The lights made the object look like an electric arc light and when it came down over us it was only about 100 yards away.

“I tried to get out of the car, but I felt a kind of half-paralyzed sensation. Then the car trembled, shook and started to rock a little, back and forth. We tried to drive away but the engine would not start and the radio went completely out, too. We couldn't understand what was happening to us.”

Only when the UFO moved on did the car's engine and radio work again.

By then the paralyzing sensa-



MAP shows city in Brazil where UFO was sighted.

tion had left Souza and the other three soldiers, Manoel Braza, Geraldo Correa and Joao Florentino.

Souza immediately called headquarters and was ordered to follow the object. They caught up with the UFO about one mile away — and once again they were seized by the mysterious force.

“The four of us felt we were really in trouble,” said Souza. “We felt we were under the control of the UFO.”

“The car shook and stalled, the radio went out and we experienced those paralyzing sensations again.”

Moments later, the UFO began to move away. As it did, it blinked — and at that exact moment, the lights of the entire city blinked and then a whole district blacked out.

“We later learned that the power company had no explanation for the power failure,” said Souza.

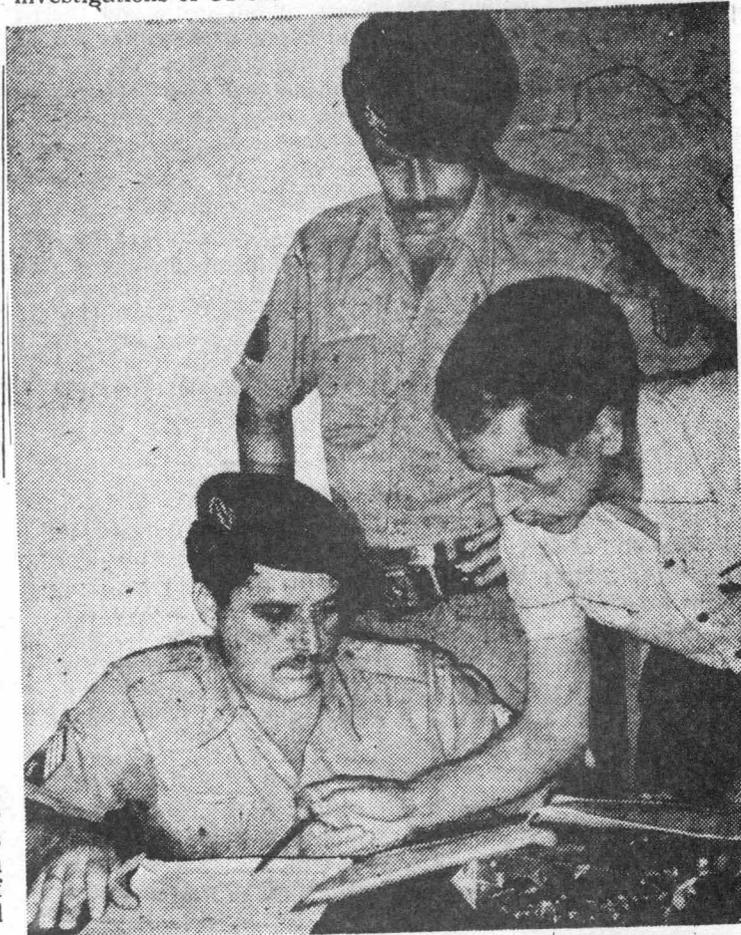
Souza and his men weren't the only military police to see the object. Cpl. Nairo de Assis Barbosa, 34, was in a car with two other soldiers about a half mile away when they spotted the eerie UFO.

“We saw an object that looked like an electric arc light passing by about 200 yards up in the air,” said Barbosa. “We didn't know what it was and we were all frightened. I've never seen anything like it before in my life.”

“As the object went by, part of the city's lights went off. I was startled.”

The close encounter was just one of many that occurred over the city last September and October, said one of Brazil's top UFO investigators.

“We've had a mini-flap with about 25 cases of close encounters such as this,” said Hulvio Aleixo, professor of psychology at the Catholic University at Belo Horizonte and president of Cicoani, the center for civilian investigations of UFOs.



SKETCHES of what they saw are discussed by Sgt. Souza (seated) and Cpl. Barbosa with Hulvio Aleixo, a professor and UFO investigator.

MY NIGHT OF UFO TERROR HUNTED DOWN BY ALIENS

MIDNIGHT GLOBE
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DAVID Crockett cringes in terror when he recalls the mysterious events of Dec. 31, 1978. That night he was stalked by a UFO.

And now David has agreed to tell GLOBE readers his own shocking story about that eerie night over Wellington, New Zealand.

"My life will never be the same again," the 45-year-old cameraman said during a brief stop in San Francisco.

"Sometimes I wish I could turn back the clock and tell myself I'd never seen what I saw that night. I think I'd be a much happier man."

David told how he and four colleagues were stalked and followed by a glowing object as they flew in a plane at 13,000 feet in an area where UFOs had been spotted a few days before.

Huge

Crockett said he was wearing the intercom headset when the small plane left the airport and heard the control tower alert his plane to a UFO that was seen on the radar screen — one mile directly behind them.

"We knew there were no other planes in the area and yet there was this huge light in the night sky behind us," he said. The sweat glistened on his brow as he spoke.

"It just tailed us for 20 minutes, keeping the same distance away for a few minutes before it suddenly came alongside.

"It was the most frightening



ATTACK... UFO followed their plane as they flew over Wellington.

experience of my life. I felt sick to the pit of my stomach, but somehow I still managed to keep the film focused on the UFO and continue filming.

"The film shows the UFO for everyone to see it.

"But what the film doesn't show are the thoughts and the fears of our crew and the trauma that pervaded our aircraft that night."

In that same area just one year earlier, a plane had vanished after the pilot had radioed, "There's a UFO chasing me. It's closing in. Oh God..." Then silence.

"I've done all sorts of crazy things during my lifetime as a cameraman such as hanging from helicopters," David said.

"But I've never been as scared as I was when this strange piercing light appeared with us in the sky."

Trip

"I couldn't sleep for weeks after that night. I'd occasionally doze off for brief naps, but I'd wake up to find my eyes steaming.

"No one could explain why this was happening. I'd also completely lost my appetite and many times would find myself sweating and shaking for no apparent reason.

"I was a very frightened man.

"And a week after our weird experience, Quentin Fogarty, a Melbourne, Australia, TV reporter who was along on our trip, had a complete nervous breakdown from the frightening experience.

"That is something we will all carry inside us for the rest of our lives. I truly wish it had never happened.

"I don't feel threatened now like I did when we were up

By GLOBE REPORTER

there in the plane, but I often get the feeling that someone is watching me.

"I know it sounds silly, but I shall never rid myself of the memory of that awful, blinding light that was aimed at us."

Film

David is now touring the United States with a 20-minute documentary film that he has put together about those frightening events.

"It's a remarkable film," he said, "probably the finest film of its kind in existence.

"And I also obtained the radar plate from the Wellington air-control tower showing the UFO blip on their radar screen. I've put that in my film too."



SIGHTING... Cameraman David Crockett tells of his most frightening 20 minutes.

Bright-light UFO adds to puzzle

IS IT Dan Air or Dan Dare? Another sighting of a mystery object flying over the Valley was made last Friday.

For several weeks, people have been seeing unidentified flying objects (UFOs), in the late-night sky over Rawtenstall and Bacup.

Sightings are so regular it would appear the Valley is a "milk run" for UFOs, if that is what they are.

Mr Tom Schofield of 12 Forest Bank, Crawshawbooth, who has read reports and spoken to people who have reported sightings, decided he would take a look for himself.

He went to the disused Shortclough Reservoir and watched the sky after midnight. His vigil was rewarded about 2.30 am.

He said: "I saw a bright light over Loveclough.

It seemed to be about 200ft high but its size was difficult to assess because there was nothing to compare it with.

It was the brightest light I have ever seen in the sky, except for the sun. It was like a car headlight but bigger.

"Through my binoculars it was dazzling but I could just see a tiny red light behind the white one.

"Its flight was erratic, it seemed to drift up and down at about 50 mph.

It seemed to appear all at once. I did not see it approach, suddenly it was there, a bright ball of light over fliher Fairbanks Farm."

Mr Schofield is an aeroplane enthusiast and makes models. Although he does not know what he saw, he knows it was not an aeroplane.

Other sightings have been reported to the police. They

believe the objects are flights into Manchester Airport.

This theory fits with the flight schedules. A 10-mile air corridor passes over the Valley and a flight uses it every Friday night between 2 and 2.30 am.

Mr Schofield is convinced the explanation does not cover his experience. What he saw seems identical to an object seen by Mrs Joan Burby of Barnley.

She reported seeing "a reddish light in the sky which dimmed and brightened" last Friday night. It too was travelling slowly

Mrs Burby is convinced she saw a flying saucer but Mr Schofield is not that sure. He does not believe it could have been an aeroplane or a helicopter and the bright light convinces him it was not a balloon.

He said: "I went out looking for a flying object because of reports I read of sightings from Rakehead Quarry, Bacup.

"I saw one, looked at it through binoculars, was dazzled by a light so bright that it hid the object's shape and I know it was not a plane because of my familiarity with them."

Foreign Clippings

UFO landing

WHY did two silver-suited humanoids with white eyes and three fingers on each hand step from a UFO in North Wales and dig up the soil?

This close encounter of the third kind was reputedly observed by 12-year-old Gaynor Sunderland, who saw the flat-bottomed, dome-shaped craft land in a field at Oakenholt, near Flint.

Such curious and un-British behaviour is quite beyond my ken but you may find more enlightenment at a series of UFO lectures in Salford on Saturday.

The lectures, organised by the Manchester UFO Research Association, will take place at the Chapman Building, Salford University, starting at 2 pm.

Charles Bowen, the editor of Flying Saucer Review, will talk about the nature of humanoids and cine film of UFOs will also be shown.

This will include the famous film of a fast-moving orange sphere, accidentally shot in Oxfordshire by a TV crew, which was presented as evidence at a debate on flying saucers at the United Nations.

YOUR HELP 3128 IS WANTED OVER THOSE SIGHTINGS

THE British UFO Research Association want readers of the Lancashire Evening Telegraph to help them in the great debate about unidentified flying objects. The BUFORA people have responded to sightings of strange flying objects reported in East Lancashire at Christmas and the New Year.

And they want readers who saw UFO's at that time to contact them so they can get the full facts for their research programme.

Our report on January 28 said: "Christmas and the New Year brought in a whole series of reports from people all over North East Lancashire — in no way out of the ordinary as such reports go — but several were of a strikingly similar nature and concentrated on one particular sighting on New Year's Eve.

"A mysterious flame-tailed object over the moors above Darwen and Burnley led to scores of telephone calls to police stations and two policemen were among those who reported seeing it," the report said.

At the time, there was immense world-wide interest, with sightings of various kinds being reported in New Zealand and Italy.

Co-ordinator

The readers we spoke to were: Mrs Bernadette Thomas, of Priory Drive, Darwen; Mrs Margaret Mason; Mr John Shannon of Victoria Terrace, Tockholes; Peter Houghton, of Orchard Street, Gt. Harwood and Peter and Simon Anslow, of Washbrook Close, Barrow.

The BUFORA regional co-ordinator, Mr B. M. Hartley, of Westdene, 23 Hastings Road, Thornton-le-Fylde, wants those readers to contact him so that he can forward the association's sighting report forms to them.

He can also be contacted by telephone on Cleveleys 824417.

High flying

AFTER his historic debate on Flying Saucers last winter, the Earl of Clancarty has once again triumphed in the Second Chamber. The House of Lords UFO Study group has been established and has just held its first official meeting.

So far, 14 peers have joined the group. "We haven't actually bought a book for them to sign on in yet," Lord Clancarty told me today. "So they've all put their names on a piece of paper."

Appropriately, Lord Clancarty has been elected chairman. The Earl of Ilchester is Honorary Secretary. "I'm also the Honorary Treasurer," added Lord C. "because no one else will take the job on."

First speaker at the group's next meeting will be Charles Bowen, editor of Flying Saucer Review, a publication which Lord recently succeeded in introducing to Lords Library.

He is now to invite a distinguished range of saucer experts in due course from abroad.

NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST - ENGLAND
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3128 Quibbles

SEMANTIC quibbles and a questionable dictionary definition apart, the letter from Mrs. J. Sallis seeking to reply to my observations on her approach to ufological investigation only serves to demonstrate the accuracy of the points I made.

As I thought, Mrs. Sallis is uninterested in scientific ufology, for not only does she deny that a notion suggesting UFOs to be manned by demons (as was made in a window display in Nottingham put on by another organisation) was unscientific, but clearly states that her objection to it stemmed simply from not wanting to see the idea given public expression, in case it created "fear."

Mrs. Sallis went on to state, presumably in order to stress her hatred of science, that in her opinion "serious scientific study (of UFOs) will lead nowhere."

In the lights of such statements, then, Mrs. Sallis stands condemned for seeking to turn ufology into a form of cult, which it must be if it is unscientific in its methods.

It might also serve some point to remind Mrs. Sallis, who now desires not to damage the reputation of her group by further public wrangling, that she started the dispute by first attacking

NUFOIS along with my views on ball lightning, and later going on to criticise another organisation, SPRING — and this in the mere two months since she started her group!

R. W. MORRELL

(Chairman, Nottingham UFO Investigation Society)
Meadow Lane,
Nottingham.

SWINDON EVENING ADVERTISER - ENGLAND
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Mysteries in the wind

I WOULD like to add my comments about the UFO sightings over Swindon to that of your reader in Tovey Road, Moreton.

If it is of any consolation to him, I would advise the leg - pulling sceptics that balloons can only travel "with the wind" and not against it.

I observed three coloured lights two days before this, travelling "into wind" over South Marston; they then circled back over the Shrivenham area before making off, gaining height, to the north.

While not believing they were from another planet, as there is no concrete evidence whatsoever to prove this with regard to UFOs, they were in fact powered objects and not balloons.

The light coming from them was from a power source at the rear, and I could observe an airship-type shape of the objects when low over South Marston. It was dusk at the time.

I do not drink, do not yet suffer from hallucinations, and hold a pilot's licence. And I had a witness with me at the time.
A. F. BULLOCK, Milton Road, Swindon.

LIVERPOOL DAILY POST - ENGLAND
*****MAY 20, 1979*****

CALL FOR UFO PROBE

A Merseyside-based group is calling for a Government inquiry into U.F.O. phenomena.

The probe is being sought by the British U.F.O. Investigation Bureau, after a sighting over Ormskirk in the early hours of Saturday, February 24.

Paul McCarthy, chairman of the bureau, said four official explanations for the sighting have all been proved wrong.

Mr. McCarthy said: "We've got the facts to prove that something other than a plane flew over Ormskirk and we are challenging the Government and the Ministry of Defence to prove us wrong."

ASHLAND, ORE. - TIDINGS
*****JULY 17, 1979*****

2 more report seeing UFOs

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Skylab is down, we are told, but people in the Rogue Valley just keep sighting strange objects in the sky.

And this is neither the time nor the place for the aurora borealis.

There were several reports Saturday night, both to the Medford-Jackson County Airport tower and to area police agencies. Nothing was determined — only that the red flash "people reported seeing was probably a meteor or a meteorite.

But there were at least two sightings

again Monday night.

The state police office in Medford received a report from a man who said he had seen an unidentified flying object "travelling very fast and in a zig-zag pattern" from south to east.

An Ashland woman called the Daily Tidings this morning and said that she had also seen an object moving in the night sky. She said it was a flashing red object moving from northwest to southeast.

UFO Spotted Northeast Of Mountain Park

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FRONT PAGE

An Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) was spotted by Johnny Locklin, Mountain Park at 3 a.m. Saturday morning north east of his home as one would look towards Gotebo.

Locklin said he had awakened from sleep and was sitting in his living room when through a window he noticed what he first thought to be an airplane.

According to Locklin the object had a red-flashing light

but appeared stationary in the star-studded sky.

Locklin said he then thought perhaps a helicopter was in the area but could hear no noise.

"The object then began to move up, then down, then to both sides and I knew this was something different," he said.

Locklin then called for his wife, Theola, and with a pair of binoculars began observing the strange object.

Locklin said the UFO was at a certain point and appeared to be moving in an easterly direction.

At 4:30 a.m. Locklin called this writer about the sighting. "This is Theola Locklin and I'm not drunk, I'm not hopped up and I'm not crazy, and I don't believe in UFO's from other planets, but there is something out there in the sky and it's blinking at us!"

I drove to the Locklin residence and viewed the

object with them until 5 a.m.

The object appeared to be pulsating with red, blue, and white lights.

We agreed that this could be from heat or reflection. The object was similar to that of a star and appeared to be getting farther and farther away in an upward thrust like manner.

The distance of the object was difficult to determine but as we watched, a "falling star" shot across the sky

which appeared close though we knew it's distance had to be millions of miles away. the distance of the "falling star" and the UFO appeared to be near the same.

Locklin said this was the first time he had ever seen a UFO.

This reporter believes that the word UFO is a highly suspect word. It simply means that an object is flying which is as of the sighting unidentified. Many people

tend to immediately connect UFO with flying saucers, alien beings, and invasion from outer space when actually the word should have no such meaning.

There are currently a large number of satellites weather, TV, reconnaissance, radar, or tactical, both United States, and Soviet Union made which orbit our earth or drift through the universe.

Locklin said that on one occasion he has viewed what

he knew was a satellite when in the early 60's the Russian Sputnik I streaked across the skies

Locklin said that a friend of his with a powerful telescope came up to view the highly publicized Sputnik 1 appearance.

He said it appeared as a shining star in the western horizon and took about three minutes to disappear in the eastern horizon.

Locklin said that the object he and his wife viewed had no similarities to the Sputnik 1 craft.

Another thought provoking incident occurred at the same time of the UFO sighting which could possibly be related to the sighting.

A woman from Walters who works at Fort Sill said that at 4:30 a.m. Saturday morning that her dogs began barking and howling uncontrollably.

OGDENSBURG, N.Y. - JOURNAL
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UFO Or Skylab Sighted?

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MASSENA - Was it a UFO or a disintegrating piece of Skylab that was viewed by a motorist in Massena Center last evening?

An unidentified person called The Journal this morning stating that he saw a bright, green and brown, moon-shaped object flying at tree-top level, then fall into the Grasse River at approximately 11:45 p.m. last evening.

The Massena Village Police, when contacted, did say they received one call by a group of children in the Grasse River area, but attributed the sighting to swamp gas and intense fog.

CRESCENT CITY, CAL. - DEL NORTE TRIPLICATE
*****JULY 18, 1979*****

Unidentified flying objects

The Curry County sheriff's office is still investigating reports of unidentified flying objects which were sighted near Smith River and Brookings.

The reports of mysterious bright lights that seemed to be falling from the sky were received on the evening of June 30 by the sheriff's department. The Coast Guard also advised the sheriff's station that two of their ships had seen the lights.

The sheriff's department has received no further reports on the unexplained lights.