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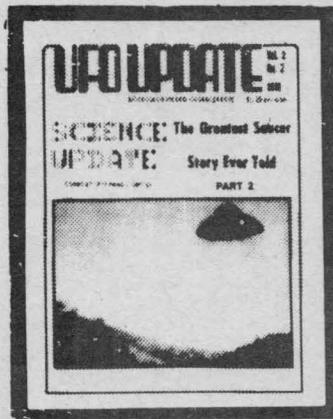
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FORTEAN NEWS AND UFO EVENTS

It's a bird? It's a plane?

PEMBROKE, MASS. - SILVER LAKE NEWS
*****JULY 5, 1979*****

Is it Skylab?

Nighttime flash in the Kingston sky has scientists puzzled

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. "You'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 too 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.

Two Teenagers Report Seeing UFO Saturday

Two teenagers told Asheboro Police they saw a low-flying, unidentified object Saturday night around 9:30 while standing in Kiwanis Park.

David L. Jordan, 18, 1849 Sewell St. and Louise Chriscoe, 17, of Rt. 1 Seagrove, said they saw a circular object with lights flying over Asheboro. Miss Chriscoe saw some lights first and thought it was an airplane.

But as the object came closer she realized it wasn't a plane. It had six white lights in a row and a red light at the top, left of center, she said. All lights were blinking, she added.

"It didn't look like no airplane," she said. It might have been a plane, but it looked like no plane she has ever seen, Miss Chriscoe commented.

"All I wanted to do was get out of there," she said. The object was flying near the ground, but neither of the teenagers heard an engine or any other noise. It appeared that the circular lighted object flew behind some trees and landed, she said.

HOWEVER, ON their way out of the park they couldn't see where it looked like it went and nothing was there, she

said.

"It looked kind of funny, really," she said.

Jordan told police that they watched the flying object for about 30 to 45 seconds. He said no beam of light could be seen from any of the lights. "When I saw it, it was slightly lower than the top of the radio tower and disappeared behind the trees," he said in a statement.

Ptl. Timmy Lee stated that there was a plane in the area during the time with a message being put out on a lighted screen with yellow lights on the bottom of the plane.

UFO Baffles Troopers

An unidentified flying object sighted earlier this week still baffles a Pennsylvania state police helicopter pilot and his partner.

"I tell you I think it was something, I hesitate to say something from outer space, but it was a satellite of the U.S. government or from outer space," said Sgt. William Kute Friday.

"My partner and I both saw it, and we both believe it to be a UFO... people may say we're crazy, but we're not senile."

Kute, 39, of Pittsburgh, and Trooper Fred Scanlan, 33, of Ebensburg, are part of the state police aviation unit based at Westmoreland County Airport near Latrobe.

Last Sunday afternoon they were flying at about 2,000 feet over Greene County, about two miles north of Waynesburg.

"It was 4:05 p.m., we were southbound and we observed a small object coming in the opposite direction," related the pilot. "It was about two feet in diameter, round, a depth of 8 to 10 inches and blue in color. A real light, silvery blue.

"As we approached it, we heard a loud 'whooshing' noise, it picked up a lot of speed and passed us about 50 feet away."

Kute said he turned the craft around but failed to locate the object again. "We were flying about 120 miles per hour chasing after it, but we never saw it again."

Kute said the weather was hazy with a high overcast and visibility of between 6 to 10 miles.

"I still don't know what it was — there may be some explanation — but I do feel it was capable of high speed," Kute continued. "It was moving very slowly when I saw it several hundred yards away. As we approached, I think it accelerated, causing that 'whooshing' noise.

Wallace Residents Think They Have Enough of Strange Visitors: UFO'S

PAGE ONE

WALLACE—Are visitors from a strange planet in outer space visiting this area? If so, what do they want and why this particular area?

If not, does the U.S. Government have a new type vehicle that has been kept secret as some believe? Or does a foreign nation have a secret airborne vehicle and is observing us?

Whatever the answer is, a number of Wallace folks aren't too happy about having strange airborne vehicles look over the town at night.

At least 12 adults and two children sighted what appeared to be a flying saucer or **UFO** about 11:45 Thursday night. The large object, estimated to be as large as a jet plane, hovered over the Wallace Elevator and the Burlington Northern tracks for about five minutes while they watched. It then moved northward.

Glenn Garner of Wallace reported that the object had been seen by workers at the Gerald Gentleman Power Plant Thursday night also.

James Wais, who operates the Wallace Lounge with his wife, said the UFO appeared to be of

triangular shape as he watched. Mr. and Mrs. Walt Zezulka and their two young children thought it was diamond shaped or even rectangular, depending on the angle from which you watched. All agreed that white lights shown at each point of the object. Some saw white lights, others saw red lights also. The Zezulka children reported they saw small lights in the center surrounding a large one. Each of the Zeulkas drew a picture of what they saw. The pictures were compared and were similar.

Zezulka is an eight year veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He said he had never seen such a sight before. He estimated it at being about 5,000 feet above the ground.

Not only did Wallace residents witness the strange visitor over town but Joel Phillips, Lance Heitman and Bob Christensen reported they saw the UFO south of Wallace a few miles. Phillips said the object seemed to hover for about three minutes, then move toward Wallace. Phillips reported the object appeared cross-shaped, had red lights which appeared

yellowish as the object got closer. It seemed as large as an airliner but was quiet, making no disturbance. It appeared to be several hundred feet in the air.

Such visitors are not exactly strangers to the Wallace area. A couple of years ago some dead cattle were found, mysteriously killed under unexplainable circumstances and parts of the carcasses had been cut away. Last winter a ranch woman north of the Platte reported sighting an UFO.

Similar sightings have been reported at various times throughout the United States and also in foreign countries.

Believe in UFOs or not—folks in Wallace saw something unusual. They can't identify it so that makes it an "Unidentifiable Object", an UFO.

Lincoln County deputy sheriffs were contacted about the sighting indicated that since the area lies in the path of a B-52 bombing run for simulated bombing, that what people saw was a plane. But don't try to convince the folks that watched, that that is what it was.

Pair see UFO here

FRONT PAGE

By Sandy Sand 7474

The barking dogs alerted Mrs. Mickey Childers of Canoga Park and her 19-year-old son to the possible visit of extra terrestrial beings.

Mrs. Childers was awakened by the sounds of barking dogs at 3:15 a.m. on July 25. She looked out of her second story window to see if anyone was prowling around.

She saw no one, but said she saw a glowing, white mass hanging low in the sky over the Chatsworth Reservoir. She said the mass was surrounded by electrifying sparkling white lights that resembled a Fourth of July sparker.

She awakened her son, Dean, who is an astronomy student at

Pierce College. Together they observed the object through binoculars and a high-powered telescope.

The object was sighted in the northern sky from their Canoga Park home which is located near the intersection of Valley Circle Boulevard and Highlander Road.

They said they observed the object noiselessly ascend into the early morning sky, and as it moved up, the lights around it changed colors becoming green, red and blue.

Dean reported that they watched the object for approximately 25 minutes until it disappeared from view. He said that the lights around the object pulsed instead of rotated as they do on a helicopter.

Mrs. Childers said it was the reaction of the dogs that really interested her. She said that they must have heard some high frequency sound that caused them to start barking, because as the object moved higher and higher into the sky their barking ceased.

Mrs. Childers said that she had all but forgotten the incident until she read about the UFO sighting of Ira Pearson on the same date in last week's Chronicle. She said she never would have called the paper except for the fact that she and her son and Mr. Pearson all saw something on the same day, except for a four hour difference in time.

The Childers called the police to report the sighting. They spoke to the Communications Division in Van Nuys who said they would forward the information to West Valley Division.

Lt. David Knapp of West Valley checked the log and could find no entry of any reported sighting for that day and time. He said the log showed it was "the slowest night with no significant observations."

Walter H. Greenawald, an engineer with Rocketdyne, does independent UFO research. He is convinced that the Pearson sighting at 7:15 a.m. and the Childers sighting at 3:15 a.m. were two different sightings. He said that in order to make accurate calculations he needs at least two independent witnesses who saw the same sighting from two different vantage points at least two miles apart.

Anyone having seen a UFO is urged to contact Greenawald at 887-6632 or write him at 20709 Collins

St., Woodland Hills, 91364. Last week, the Chronicle reported that a police officer was seen at the 7:15 a.m. sighting. He reportedly had a camera with him at the time.

ASHBORO, N.C. - RANDOLPH GUIDE
*****AUG. 8, 1979*****

Couple Reports UFO Sighting

A young man and woman reported to Asheboro Police Saturday night that they spotted a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) over northeastern Asheboro.

David L. Jordan of 1849 Sewell Street, Asheboro, said that the airborne object was brought to his attention by his date, Louise Chriscoe of Route 1, Box 137-A, Seagrove, as they were sitting in the Kiwanis Ball Park about 9:42 p.m. Saturday.

Jordan told Patrolman Timmy R. Lee of the Police Department and Dispatcher D. W. Lawrence, that the two of them observed the flying object for about 30 to 45 seconds before it disappeared behind some trees.

In a written narrative report of the incident Jordan described the object as "circular."

"It had a definite thickness about the circumference with approximately six white spotlight type of lights around the edge and one red light on the left side, off center. No beam could be seen from any of the lights. No engine sound or other unusual noises could be heard. I watched it for roughly 30-45 seconds. When I saw it, it was slightly lower than the top of the radio tower and disappeared behind the trees."

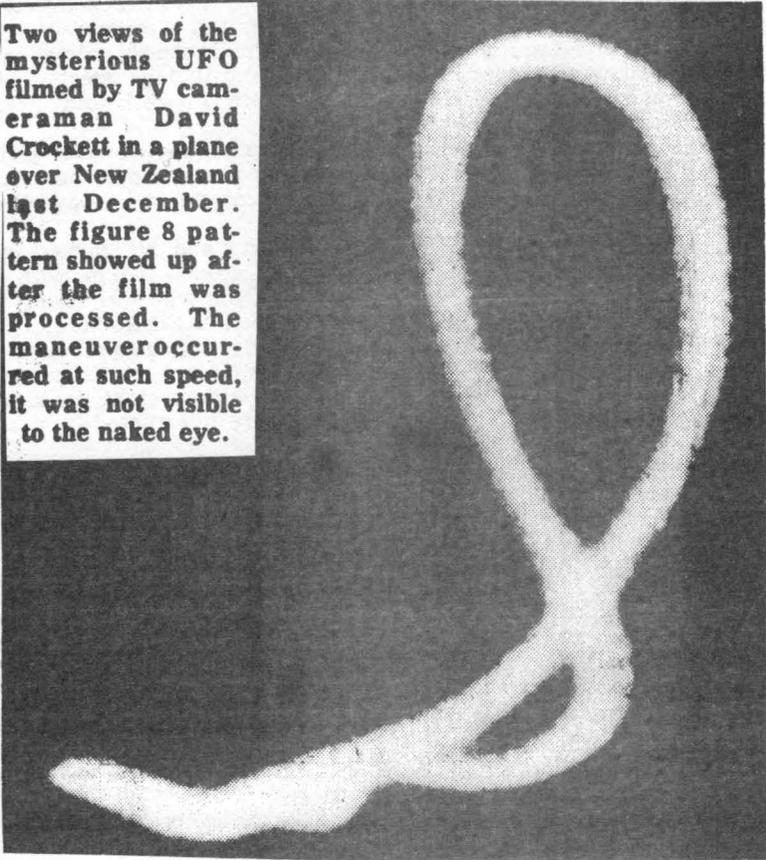
The police department said that they were aware that there was a plane in the area about the same time, but this one had yellow lights and a lighted screen underneath.

The couple also was advised to report their UFO to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and also to the State Bureau of Investigation in Greensboro.

Playing tag with a UFO



Two views of the mysterious UFO filmed by TV cameraman David Crockett in a plane over New Zealand last December. The figure 8 pattern showed up after the film was processed. The maneuver occurred at such speed, it was not visible to the naked eye.



By **BEVERLY CREAMER**
Advertiser People Editor

Flocks of mutton birds, said one.

Car lights, said another.

Train lights or the white foam from the surf far below, said others.

Venus, or maybe Jupiter, said someone else.

But the intense reddish-white orbs that David Crockett saw and filmed seven months ago out the window of a plane as it flew at 13,000 feet above a New Zealand coastline were none of the above, he says.

They were prime UFOs, the kind that make experts scratch their heads and write reports, the kind that some people feel compelled to debunk.

"The New Zealand government came out with a report and said it was Venus," says Crockett. "It was a great laugh . . . But they forgot a very important factor, that Venus hadn't even risen

the morning sky until half an hour after the film was shot."

Yet even now, although Crockett lived through the experience, he knows the bright orbs that did pirouettes around the plane were plotted both by radar on the ground and in the plane and has film to show that *something* was there. He also shared the episode with four other persons, but he still finds it almost unbelievable.

Others don't. According to Bruce MacCabee, an optical physicist with the U.S. Navy who works with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) and went down to New Zealand to investigate the reports, the large moving lights that harassed the cargo plane were the first verified sighting of a UFO that can't be explained as something else.

Crockett, a career TV documentary filmmaker, is in Hawaii hoping to rent or sell a copy of the half-hour documentary he made about the incident to a local TV station.



David Crockett: "Something was there."

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And he's happy to talk about his experience.

"I was a skeptic before it happened," he says, with a short laugh. "People ask me now and I say you should have been on the aircraft to watch it happen."

The night of Jan. 30 last year changed Crockett's life; he gave up his plans to retire on New Zealand's south island and breed dwarf ponies, his wife's hobby, and went off instead on a world-wide quest to promote his TV film that has not made his wife happy.

It may also have affected him in ways he can't even imagine. Experts now say the Argosy four-engine turbo-prop freight airplane he was riding seems to have lost a few minutes of time.

Moments — during which the pilot veered off-course and "chased" the bright unidentified sphere — are unaccounted for, says Crockett.

"The whole atmosphere of the aircraft felt strange to me . . . I don't know . . . And everyone felt the same.

"I'm not a guy to get scared of anything." He paused, then continued, "But I really thought that we were going to be taken by this."

At the time he was living it, Crockett couldn't help remembering the widely publicized incident two months earlier over Australia where a pilot in a small plane disappeared mysteriously — plane and all.

The last communication from pilot Frederick Valentich was ominous. He said something strange was following him and

was getting closer. Then he said nothing more.

Crockett's own experience began by chance 10 days after the first publicized sightings of UFOs over New Zealand. Vern Powell, a pilot for Safe Air Co., part of Air New Zealand, was flying a short cargo hop from Blenheim down the coast to Christchurch on Dec. 21.

Powell and his co-pilot, Ian Pirie, saw a round hovering object that followed them for a time. It was picked up on ground radar and seen through binoculars by others on the ground.

It caused a sensation in New Zealand, says Crockett. "There was a big story in the newspapers about New Zealand being attacked. It was incredible . . . I didn't even bother to read it."

Then Crockett, a freelance filmmaker, was contacted by Quentin Fogarty, well-known television newsman and anchorman in Melbourne. Fogarty was on vacation in New Zealand, became intrigued by the story and decided to do a report on it.

Fogarty hired Crockett to do the filming and Crockett's wife to man the sound-recording equipment, and 10 days later set off to re-create Powell and Pirie's flight.

"People think we were up there hunting these things, but it was purely coincidental," says Crockett.

Fogarty and his camera crew took off around 11 p.m. with pilot Bill Startup who was flying Sunday papers to Christchurch.

Fogarty was doing a "stand-up" in front of the camera on the plane's wide freight deck when they were interrupted by a shout

from the pilot, "I think you better get up here because we've got four or five lights above the township of Kaikoura."

"So we rushed up there," says Crockett. Startup pointed out the lights, reddish-white and hovering about 3,000 feet above the town, a thousand feet below and to one side of their plane.

"They seemed to disappear and change position," said Crockett. "This went on all down the coast."

The radio crackled with a report from Wellington airport. "Sierra Alpha Echo," said the radio, calling the plane's code-name. "You have a target one mile behind your aircraft and tracking with you."

A few seconds later, says Crockett, the "target" had doubled in size and was in formation with their aircraft. The Wellington radar report said it was beside their ship.

The crew in the cockpit peered out the starboard side and saw a large bright object off the wing-tip, says Crockett.

Fearing they might have mistaken their own navigation lights for it, the copilot switched them off. The bright object was still there, pacing them.

Crockett's wife was recording the sound, Fogarty was dictating and Crockett was filming like crazy, getting the lights in focus in his camera lens.

The pilot put the plane into a 360 degree turn to bear down on the object, but by the time they turned, the light was no longer there.

"The light had gone out but radar said the object was still in the area," says Crockett, with that short laugh again. "You can imagine how we all felt."

When Startup finally landed, Crockett's wife was so frightened she didn't want to return with them. But the others decided to go right back with the pilot.

They had barely climbed out of the Christchurch airport and nosed through a bank of clouds when the brilliant orb was suddenly there again, in a 1 o'clock position to the plane.

The bright light paced them again, at a distance that's been estimated at about five miles.

"Startup said 'should we take it off the flight path and go toward it?'" They said yes and he got permission from the Wellington tower.

"The pilot was very keen," says Crockett. "He kept chasing this thing around . . . I felt we were closing in on it . . . but it really never came any closer to us."

At times, the orb was spherical with hazy lines across it. At other times it was flattened and longish.

Once again Crockett was filming like mad. He'd swing the camera toward the light and film for a while and then swing back to the instrument panel of the plane to give a reference point. Then he'd swing back to the mysterious light.

The orb was performing. It overtook them, crossed in front of the plane, went above them, then below, then it just disappeared.

"It was too big and bright to be a planet or stars . . . it was something moving pretty fast," says Crockett.

Later, when he had the film developed, a strange pattern of light showed up in one of the 30,000 frames he shot. It was almost a figure 8, a maneuver he hadn't distinguished while he was filming.

"NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) is now very interested in this," says Crockett. "They've estimated that to be able to do that it would have to be traveling at 14,000 mph."

A week later, Crockett went back up on the same late-night freight run. There was no light, no radar blip, nothing.

In the wake of that night, says Crockett, "the whole thing exploded worldwide. Fogarty had every TV station in the world ringing him."

The people involved have become celebrities of sorts. At a recent West Coast convention for UFO enthusiasts, Crockett's attendance caused a minor sensation. Fogarty left his television job to write a book and Crockett's doing the same thing, in conjunction with the pilot, co-pilot and radar operators.

It's all a strange new world for Crockett, who carries a box of blow-up photos with him showing the strange white orb in various configurations. Wherever he goes he sets up photo exhibits and a schedule of lectures about the experience.

(On Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 p.m., he will lecture and show his documentary at the University of Hawaii's Spalding auditorium. Admission is \$2.50 for adults; \$1 for children under 12. Crockett expects the evening showings to be swamped.)

Crockett shakes his head. "I was going to get out of this business at Christmas," he says. He laughs again, that short laugh.

"The scientists, they really want to know what was out there."

So does Davey Crockett.

SOMERVILLE, N.J. - MESSENGER
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Silv'ry and round

SOMERVILLE — Two borough women who saw something hovering above Hamilton Street yesterday morning aren't sure it was a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object), but then they're not exactly sure it wasn't one, either.

"Me and my neighbor were outside about a quarter to 11 this morning and we saw this big round aluminum thing in the sky," related the woman who phoned the M-G right after their sighting.

"At first we thought it was a kite, but when it got closer we saw it was aluminum and round like a bowl, with openings underneath," she continued.

The resident declined to give her name, saying with a laugh, "I don't want people to think I'm crazy."

No other sightings of any strange objects were reported in the area yesterday morning, a police dispatcher said.

YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, N.Y. - NEWS
*****AUG. 14, 1979*****

Spoon flies over Somers

by Nancy Gerbino

Something is going on in the north county and that "something" is only happening to police officers. Saturday at 6:15 p.m. an unidentified flying object (UFO), shaped like a spoon, was spotted "floating" across Somers.

Observed by Westchester County corrections officer Keith Jorgensen and his wife Connie as they drove north on Interstate 684 at the Route 138 overpass, the UFO was described as "floating" - handle first - towards Connecticut over the Goldens Bridge shopping center.

Jorgensen said his wife made the first observation and called his attention to it. At first they both thought it was an airplane. It was similar in design, but on second glance they realized it was "no airplane I have ever seen," said Jorgensen.

The front of the craft was the "handle" and the spoon area had a "bubble-like appearance." The forward portion had a set of small wings. "Off those wings came what appeared to be a large antenna system with two or three spherical objects attached," said Jorgensen.

The rear portion or "spoon" area of the UFO had a similar set of wings and antenna system but much larger.

Jorgensen said the object was charcoal gray in color, and left no visible vapor trail. They were able to observe it for five seconds and reported their observations to the State Police barracks in Somers.

The Richfield, Connecticut Police Department said they did not receive any reports on UFO "sightings or landings" Saturday night to coincide with the "Goldens Bridge Spoon."

Goldens Bridge is four miles north and west of Pound Ridge Park where Westchester County Patrolman William O'Shaughnessy made his "close encounter" a week ago. He observed a brightly lit saucer object flying erratically, which evidently interfered with the proper functioning of his radio. O'Shaughnessy had to report his sighting by using a pay phone, at which point he discovered his headquarters could not contact him. The interference lasted for 45 minutes.

In August, 1976, Yorktown Patrolman Joseph Ciozzi had a similar experience. In the early hours of the morning he observed multi-colored lights 1,000 feet in the sky over Route 118 and Commerce Street. He observed erratic movements that appeared and disappeared for a period of two hours.

Mysterious flying object leaves deputy stunned, vehicle damaged

WARREN, Minn. (AP) — A brilliantly lighted object that swept down on a deputy sheriff's car and left the vehicle damaged and the officer unconscious remained a mystery yesterday.

Aside from being shocked and sustaining a mild case of "welder's blindness," Deputy Val Johnson was in good condition yesterday, three days after the incident. It happened early Monday on the flats of the agricultural Red River Valley in northwestern Minnesota.

The chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies, Allan Hendry, investigated the case and said "it is a most incredible case, and there are some most unusual clues," including the two bent

antennas, shattered windshield, broken head lamp and a small dent in the hood of the patrol car.

"A truly anomalous case," Hendry said. "We receive about 1,000 tips of UFO's a year. We investigate by phone the most interesting ones. But in the event of an unusual case like this, where damage is involved, it's worth going out to see."

Hendry said he was intrigued by the fact there was no damage to the rim of the headlamp. Also, the radio antennas were bent over, but there was no evidence of paint marks, and the bugs on them hadn't been scraped off.

And the fact Johnson's wrist watch and the electric clock in

the car each stopped for 14 minutes heightened the mystery.

The Federal Aviation Agency and Grank Forks Air Base had no reports of aircraft in the area at the time of the incident. "But it doesn't prove a plane wasn't there," Hendry said.

Johnson intended to rest at his home in Oslo, Minn., yesterday but went to meet with reporters at the sheriff's office in Warren.

"I was pretty down in the dumps the first couple of days afterwards," he said. "I thought I was in mental difficulty. It's pretty hard for me to justify, since I work with facts and logic."

"But what happened isn't logical, and that's a bit frightening."



Associated Press

Deputy Val Johnson of Oslo, Minnesota, surveys his car that he said was damaged early Monday by a mysterious, brilliantly lighted object.

A Bird? A Plane?

FRONT PAGE

No, It's... (?)

^{1484 UFO}
CULBERTSON — There seems to be little doubt that some type of object was flying around Northwestern Kansas and Southwestern Nebraska Thursday night, Aug. 2.

The question is, what was it?

The GAZETTE has received a report from the Alfred Rippen family who lives four miles southwest of Culbertson that they also saw a strange object about 11:30 p.m. last Thursday.

Todd Rippen, 12, and his cousin, Mark Wilson, 13, of Concord, Calif., spotted the object first and summoned Todd's twin brother, Troy, and the twins' mother, Mrs. Jackie Rippen.

The group described the object as being about the size of an airplane or perhaps a little larger.

They said it was triangular shaped, similar to a drawing which was submitted to the GAZETTE by Dawn Tongish of Herndon.

The object had what appeared to be two headlights and a red light on the bottom. Todd noted there was a yellow light

on top and several yellow lights on the bottom around the edge.

All said that the object came from the south and seemed to hover over their farm for three or four minutes and then started up again and headed north.

Mrs. Rippen said at first they thought it was the balloon which had been flying around McCook but when there was the sound of some type of engine they knew it couldn't be that.

She said the lights weren't blinking so they assumed it wasn't an airplane.

None of them would estimate how high the object was but Mrs. Rippen said it appeared to be fairly low, noting it is difficult to tell at night.

She said it appeared the object had no windows in it.

All said the object made no noise when it was hovering over the farm but when it started up it made a humming sound.

They estimated it moved very fast because it wasn't long before the object disappeared.

Mark said he had never seen anything quite like the object before although he has seen several practice rockets that were launched in California.

As is the case with others who saw the object, neither the Rippens nor Wilson reported the sighting to authorities because "we felt kind of funny about it."

Earlier three other families had reported seeing what was apparently the same object at about the same time.

They included the Denis Tongish family who lives 2½ miles southeast of Herndon; the Cliff Sattler family, who lives in Herndon but was driving east on U.S. 36 nearing the Herndon turnoff when they spotted it, and Mrs. Arlo Wurm, her son and daughter, who live 9½ miles southwest of Oberlin.

All agree that the object was triangular shaped and all agree that it hovered over their property and made no sound while doing so.

The Federal Aviation Administration at North Platte said they had no reports of any flying object in the area at that time.

Robert Pease, an air traffic control specialist at the FAA's North Platte office, said the workers' report of the UFO was logged about midnight Thursday.

The FAA doesn't have a radar unit in North Platte, so the Denver air traffic control center was notified, Pease said. Denver radar indicated that a C-5 and a KC-135 "were in the (Sutherland) area at the approximate time (of the UFO sighting)," he said.

Told of the FAA's findings, Hitch said lights on the power plant's stacks "might be a good landmark for two aircraft to meet at out here in the middle of nowhere. That's probably what it was."

LINCOLN, NEB. - JOURNAL
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Sutherland UFO event is explained

Outstate Nebraska Bureau

SUTHERLAND — A UFO seen last week near Gerald Gentleman Station may have been two military aircraft engaged in a refueling procedure.

Harold Hitch, superintendent of the Nebraska Public Power District plant at Sutherland, said he received reports of the UFO from 10 employees. It appeared low in the sky northwest of the plant last Thursday between 11:15 and 11:45 p.m. and "didn't act like a normal airplane," employees told Hitch.

A Federal Aviation Administration official in North Platte said Tuesday the object possibly was a KC-135 tanker refueling a C-5 cargo plane in midair.

Hitch said plant workers saw the object from two vantage points. They reported that it looked somewhat like an airplane but seemed to be flying too low and too slowly, he said.

Hitch said some of the workers estimated the UFO to be about 1,000 feet off the ground, "and planes usually don't fly that low over power plants at night."

WEED, CAL. - PRESS
AUG. 2, 1979



What might have been a meteorite crashed to earth recently near Dunsmuir. That's at least what Randy Thompson thinks after he saw a ball of green fire shoot across the sky while driving

on Interstate 5. Thompson's sighting has also been verified from people as far away as Klamath Falls who say they, too, saw the mysterious object.

Green ball of fire baffles Redding man

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WEED - "It was a green ball of fire and the color and size of it was beyond anything I've ever seen before."

"It just lit up the sky."

Those were the words of 35-year-old Randy Thompson of Redding last week as he described his sighting of what possibly could have been a meteorite crashing to earth near Dunsmuir recently.

Thompson went to the Weed Press office last Tuesday to see if any word had been received about the mysterious object.

After calling the Shasta County Sheriff's office, the Siskiyou County Sheriff's office, the Mount Shasta police and the Dunsmuir police Friday, no sightings of the ball of fire had been reported in the area.

Thompson said the fireball shot across the sky and looked as if it crashed somewhere west of Dunsmuir.

"It was traveling much too fast to be an airplane," says Thompson.

"It was a large burning ball and there was a big flash that lit up the mountains on impact," he said.

Thompson also ruled out that the flash might have been lightning.

"No way," he said.

Thompson was baffled Friday that no one had reported the sighting in the area and said he hoped he wasn't labeled as "some kind of kook."

"There were at least 50 people in cars around that must have seen it," he said.

However, television station KTVL in Medford had received reports of the object from as far away as Klamath Falls.

According to the KTVL news department, people have said that they saw the object "flashing through the sky."

A KTVL spokesperson said reports of the sightings have come in from Dunsmuir, Klamath Falls, Ashland and Tulelake.

It was not known, however, where the object had crashed.

Thompson also has witnesses to back up his claim, he says.

Thompson said he was driving north on Interstate 5 about 5 miles south of Dunsmuir on July 14th at about 10 p.m. when he saw the object.

"It was a spectacular sight and it got yells out of both me and my daughter," he said.

Thompson said that a woman he knows in Old Shasta also said she saw the fireball, but thought it hit somewhere near Central Valley.

"It's hard to estimate where it might have hit because it was so huge," Thompson said.

Thompson, an self-employed electrical contractor who often works in Weed, said his wife was asleep in the car when the ball of fire hit, but, "It sure woke her up."

He said the fluorescent green ball had a yellowish gold colored tail and that "it was quite impressive."

Thompson said he couldn't understand why it hadn't started a forest fire in the area and speculated that it might have been space debris or the last remains of Skylab plummeting back to earth.

He dismisses the notion that it might have been a flying saucer.

"If it was, it was their last flight," he said.

SAC Lacks Facts, Too What Was Up

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August 2?

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Apparently the strange object which some 21 persons have now reported seeing in the skies of Southwest Nebraska and Northwest Kansas the night of Aug. 2 is not a Strategic Air Command vehicle.

An Associated Press check with the Public Information Office of SAC headquarters in Omaha turned up little information.

According to the Associated Press, a SAC spokesman said the command has no aircraft resembling the triangular shape which has been described.

The SAC spokesman said to his knowledge the command had no vehicles flying in the Oberlin to Culbertson area that night. However, the spokesman said he had not checked all the flight records for that night.

The Associated Press also reported that it has unsuccessfully tried to contact a member of the Mutual UFO Network that keeps track of such sightings.

The latest reports of the sighting have come from Jim Armagost of McCook and Lindsey Cooper, an Atwood city policeman.

Cooper said he had no idea what the object could be and said the only thing he could think of was that it was a low altitude practice bombing flight by the Air Force.

However, Cooper said it was his understanding that such practice flights, which have been made all summer, were further west, more in the area of Bird City and Benkelman.

Armagost said he spotted the object about 11:35 p.m. the night of Aug. 2 as he was giving one of his children a ride on his moped.

He described the object as "a big plane with landing lights."

Armagost said though neither he nor his wife, who also saw the object, could figure out what a large plane would be doing in the area with landing lights on.

As others who have reported the sighting, Armagost also said there was no sound and added there was no wind to blow any sound away.

He said the object was not moving fast but he could not tell how fast.

Armagost was in the west part of McCook when he spotted the object southwest of the city. He said it was not too high and was moving from the south to the north.

Most of the others who have spotted the object said it hovered over their property but Armagost said it continued to move, "but not very fast."

He said the shape of the object was not discernible from the lights but pointed out he was looking at it from the side.

Armagost said beside what appeared to be landing lights he also noticed a red light on top and one on the bottom of the object.

Cooper said he was not sure of the time he saw the object "probably about 11:00 or so" but said it was east of Atwood and was headed south.

The two-year member of the Atwood police department said the object was "quite a ways from town, probably 15 to 20 miles."

He said he could see only two lights so could not distinguish any shape but added the lights were fairly far apart and seemed to stay even with each other indicating they were both attached to the same object.

Cooper said the thing he found strange about the object is that one minute he was watching it and the next minute it seemed to disappear.

He said he had a perfectly clear view of the object with no obstructions in his line of sight and the night was clear.

Cooper said there was no sound but added this could be because the object was so far away.

Earlier the Federal Aeronautics Administration at North Platte said they had no reports of any aircraft in what apparently was the corridor used by the object; that is, from southwest of Oberlin to north of Culbertson.

Man says he saw UFO

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SOMERS—Somers State Police say a man called them at 8:15 p.m. Saturday to report UFO.

Keith Gorgensen, who identified himself to state police as a corrections officer, said he was driving along Shore Road in Putnam Lake at 6:15 p.m. when he noticed a tubular object with wings at the front and back. He told deputies it looked similar to a spoon and flew off to the east.

Troopers said his was the only sighting, and that because he called two hours after the sighting they would not investigate.*

PEEKSKILL, N.Y. - STAR
*****AUG. 5, 1979*****



RESIDUE FOUND AT "UFO LANDING"

Couple Finds Site Near Butylo

UFO Landing?--Well It's Being Investigated

JOHN RENNOLDS

The night was hazy and particularly overcast close to the river at Butylo on St. Route 600 last Friday and the Panellas, Peter and Bet, and visitors from Penn. went to bed as usual. But then, according to Bet Panella, "it seemed the night became unusually bright, and the dogs started barking wildly. This continued for about a half hour and after it got quiet again, everyone went back to sleep".

Saturday morning Peter and John Panella went outside about 8:30 a.m. to check on some trees Peter had trimmed the week before. Heading back to the house, they noticed a ring of what appeared to be an oily substance in the field next to the house. Upon closer examination, Panella found the dark substance to be small

granules, deposited on the grass in a perfect circle and when rubbed between the fingers had the feel of graphite. Not really thinking anymore about it the two brothers went into the house and told their wives about their discovery.

Bet Panella's father, Joe Bozman, the Postmaster at Butylo, came over later and after examining the ring again, according to Panella, the discussion turned to UFOs.

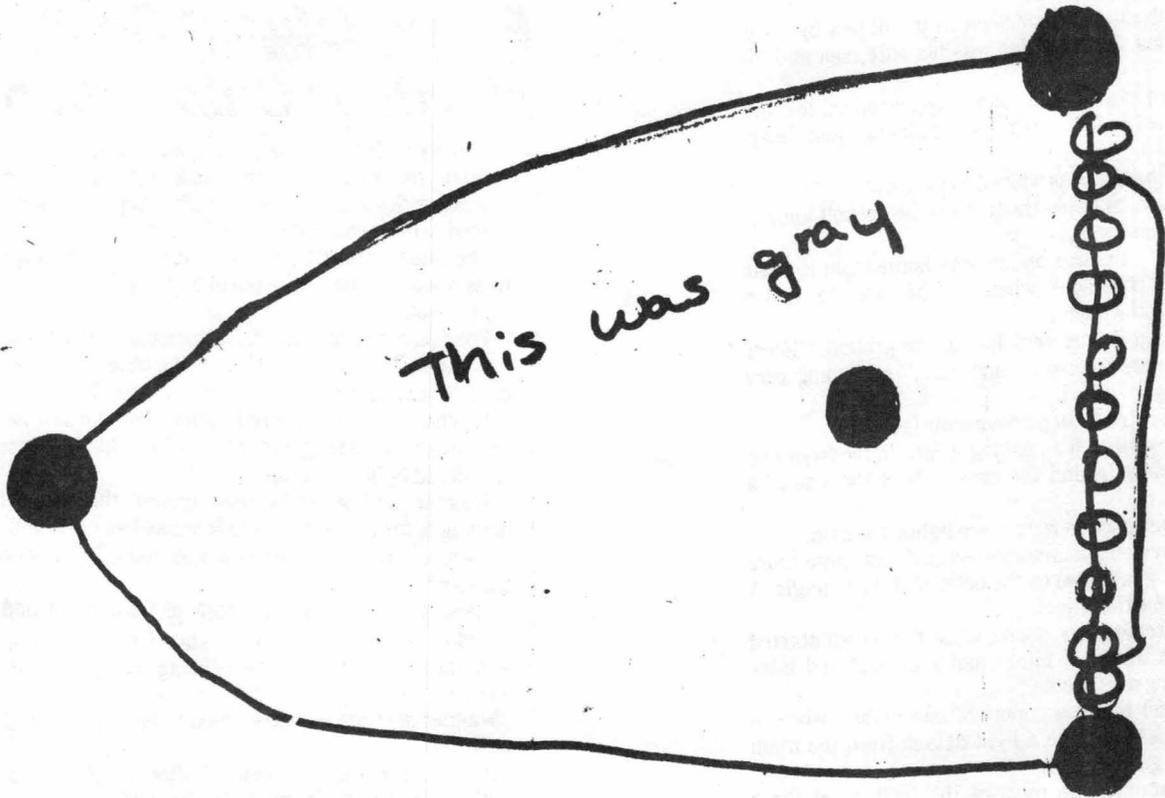
"I placed a call to the U.F.O. Center in Seattle, Washington," said Bet Panella, "and as I was describing what we had in the yard, the man I was talking to seemed to know exactly what I was talking about. He asked me if there were any indentions in the circle and where to look for them," she added. "We went out and they

(the indentions) were exactly where he said they would be."

According to Mrs. Panella, the apparent residue began fading Sunday morning, so the Essex County Sheriff's Department was notified so verification could be made to the representative at the UFO Center in Washington.

According to deputy M.J. Smalling, who says he has had experience in investigating UFO sites, the area was much like a site he had examined in Huntsville, Alabama over a year ago.

Essex Sheriff Denwood Insley took soil samples and samples of the "residue" to send to the State Consolidated Lab in Richmond. The investigation is continuing, with the probable arrival of a government expert from the UFO Center in Seattle within the next few days.



Witness' Rendition

One witness of a strange object flying in the skies over the Herndon-Oberlin area last Thursday night made this drawing of what she thought the craft looked like. The drawing was submitted by Dawn Tongish of Herndon, one

of several persons to observe the object about 11:30 p.m. The Federal Aviation Administration office at North Platte said they had no reports of such an object filed with their office.

Strange Object Seen By Kansas Residents

Although they may not agree exactly on all the details several residents of the Oberlin-Herndon area do know that they spotted some type of strange object in the sky about 11:30 p.m. last Thursday.

Apparently one family which got the best look at the object was the Denis Tongish family which lives 2½ miles southeast of Herndon.

Mrs. Tongish and her daughter, Dawn, age 14, were riding their bicycles near the farm after a late supper.

In a letter to the GAZETTE, Dawn said there was a half-moon so it was fairly light and it was clear.

Dawn and her mother said they noticed a strange light to the south.

Mrs. Tongish said the light just seemed to hover above the grain bins so Dawn went into the house and got some binoculars. Dawn estimated the object was about 500 to 800 feet above the bins but her father said he thought it was higher than that.

By this time, Mrs. Tongish said, her husband, son and another daughter were watching the object.

They all agreed there was no sound when it was hovering over the bins but there was the sound of a motor when it moved on.

Tongish indicated the sound made by the craft was not familiar to him.

Dawn enclosed a drawing of what she had seen which showed the object was three-sided with red lights at each corner and one in the middle.

She said it also had red and white lights which did not blink at all.

She said the object itself was a dull metal and described it as being at least 50 feet long.

Mrs. Tongish said she had heard of others who also saw the object.

Two of them were Cliff Sattler, who lives in Herndon, and Mrs. Arlo Wurm, a son and daughter, who live 9½ miles

southwest of Oberlin.

Sattler said he was driving east on U.S. 36 about a mile west of the turnoff to Herndon about 11:15 p.m. when he spotted the object to the north.

He said his attention was drawn to the object by very, very bright lights. With Sattler was his wife, son and his son's friend.

Sattler also reported that the object appeared not to move for awhile, then headed north and "suddenly just disappeared."

He described the lights as white and yellow.

Sattler said he didn't stop the truck so he doesn't know if there was any sound or not.

Mrs. Wurm said she was on her way home from the fair about 11:30 p.m. Thursday when she, her son, 15, and a daughter, 16, saw the object.

Mrs. Wurm said it was very low to the ground, "lower than the helicopters we see around here," and going very slow.

She said it appeared to stop above their feedlot.

Mrs. Wurm described it as having a cone in the front and then a black object behind the cone "about the size of a football field."

Behind the black portion were more lights, she said.

She said it traveled north-northwest and had three more lights — one on top and two on the bottom of the triangle. A red light was below the object.

Mrs. Wurm described the sound when the object started up as similar to that of a blimp motor at first and later faintly resembling a jet motor.

She said he had heard a report of one person who observed what appeared to be a light detach from the main vehicle and then go back to it.

Mrs. Wurm summed up most of the feelings of those interviewed when she said, "You know, it kind of gives you a strange feeling."

GUNTERSVILLE, ALA. - ADVERTISER
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UFO reported

Something unusual was seen moving across the sky over Guntersville Saturday night.

Mrs. Jean Jordan was driving past the feed mills toward her home at 1306 Coplin in East Lake. Since she was driving she couldn't watch it as closely as her 8-year-old son Tommy did.

"It was flying south," Tommy said. "It was going too slow for a plane or helicopter. It had 3 flashing lights, white, red and blue. As it got closer to Big K there was just the red light. The last we saw it, it was still flashing."

MC COOK, NEBR. - GAZETTE
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Flying Object Seen North of Culbertson

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CULBERTSON — The path of an unknown object which was in the skies of Southwestern Nebraska and Northwestern Kansas Thursday night, Aug. 2, has now been traced to the north and west of Culbertson.

The latest report has come from Todd Wagner, 18, who lives about one-half mile north and one-fourth mile west of Culbertson.

Todd said he, his sister, Kathleen, and her friend, Kent Jording of Trenton, both 16, saw the object about midnight or 12:30 a.m., the morning of Friday, Aug. 3.

Wagner said from the red lights which he saw he agrees the object was triangular shaped. He said there also was a fourth red light on the top.

Wagner said when he first spotted the object he was driving home and at first it looked like two car headlights.

He said the object they saw was going from the north to the south.

Reports from residents south of Culbertson and in the Herndon and Oberlin area all stated that the object was seen about 11:30 p.m. and was going from the south to the north.

Wagner said the object seemed to be "setting still in the north."

He said he was able to watch it after he got home but said unlike other reports he spotted no yellow lights.

"At first I thought it was a helicopter but there was no popping sound such as blades would make," he said.

As the others have done, he also reported the object seemed to hover near their farm and estimated it was about 200 to 300 feet high.

He said he made the estimate based on the height of some 60-foot trees in the yard.

Wagner said the sound made by the object was more of the humming sound of a jet.

The object evidently made a couple of passes over the Wagner farm.

Wagner said he noticed the lights were quite bright, then dimmed and seemed to disappear.

He said all at once the lights came on very bright and then stopped.

Wagner said there appeared to be a glow in the front of the vehicle such as light shining through a window.

Wagner and his sister both saw the object again about an hour later.

He said his sister heard it about 1:30 a.m. and alerted him and their parents, Jack and Nina Wagner. However, by the time they got outside the object was gone. He said this time the object appeared to be to the west.

There is a great deal of speculation about what the vehicle could be with the most prevalent theory being that it's a helicopter.

However, all of those who have reported the sighting said it didn't sound like a helicopter.

One theory is that it could be a new jet helicopter from some branch of the armed forces.

Another theory is that the vehicle is some type of aircraft and is photographing the area for some reason — perhaps something that has to do with the proposed MX missile sites.

Whatever it is and whatever the mission there are 19 residents of Northwestern Kansas and Southwestern Nebraska who will swear they saw something.

3 teens claim UFOs hovered over Scarborough

By JOHN COSWAY
Staff Writer

The UFOs are back. This time, several glowing, multi-shaped UFOs have been seen dancing about in the night skies over Scarborough by three girls who reacted differently to the experience.

Cindy Henderson, 14, Jory Holmes, 14, and Josie Salva, 11, all of Longbow Square, say the strange UFOs came out of the west one after another late Thursday.

"We were sitting in front of Jory's house just before 10 p.m. when Jory said she saw something," says Cindy. "We walked up the street to the hydro field."

That's when the UFO show began.

She says the UFOs hovered over the hydro field and Sir Ernest MacMillan Senior Secondary School and one may have left marks on the roof of the school.

Cindy says she was "really excited" as she stood beneath a white, diamond-like UFO, surrounded by a glowing red mist with a green light at one end.

"It was right above me, but there was no noise," says Cindy. "The bottom looked like pipes on the bottom of a car. Airplanes don't move up and down like it did."

Josie says she was "shivering" as she watched "a thing shaped between a cigar and a football" with red and green lights on top and flickering white lights below.

And Jory, well, she says she started to cry while watching a dome-like UFO with four legs coming out of it. Like Cindy and Josie, she couldn't believe it.

Another object Cindy said she saw during the 10-minute UFO sighting was a "orange-red ball of fire." One of the objects

they saw seemed to land on the school.

"Some friends helped me get up on the roof of the school yesterday and I saw marks," says Cindy. "There was oil and half-square marks."

Cindy says she never used to believe in UFOs and flying saucers — but she certainly does now.

Her mother?

"They aren't the kind of children to make up stories," Cindy's mother said yesterday. "What they saw is another question."

Just what did they see?

"I don't know what they saw, but it sounds very intriguing, to say the least," says OPP Con-

stable David Craig, who received a UFO call from Cindy on Friday.

"It seems to me, there may be something to it," says the constable. In fact, he saw a UFO in 1970 that was comparable to one describe by Cindy.

"It was an orange-red ball that moved slowly across Lake Ontario with an afterglow, getting fainter and fainter before it disappeared," he says.

Craig says three police officers in Whitby had reported seeing a similar object prior to his sighting in 1970.

"And an uncle of mine saw a cigar-shaped UFO in the country near Napanee once. It was in a cloud."

Deputy OK After Close Encounter

Warren, Minn. —AP— When law officers responding to a call reached Marshall County deputy Val Johnson, they found his car smashed, its windshield broken, antennas bent and its clock 14 minutes off.

Al Hendry, the chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies, says the "thing" that attacked Johnson on an isolated road may well have been a UFO. The attack was reminiscent of the one in the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

"It's certainly as good a case as any I've seen in the past year," Hendry said Wednesday after flying here from his headquarters in Evanston, Ill.

Johnson, 35, said he was on patrol early Monday when he was attacked by an unidentified thing that dived at his car, causing him to lose control.

"It sat there and appeared to be stationary," he said. "But when I got closer, boom, it was right there, just right now. I heard glass breaking, saw the inside of the car light up real bright with white light. It was very, very, extremely bright. That's all I can remember."

Deputy Greg Winskowski, answering Johnson's call for help at 2:19 a.m., asked him to describe the vehicle that hit him.

"It wasn't a vehicle, Greg," Johnson replied. "I don't know what the hell it was."

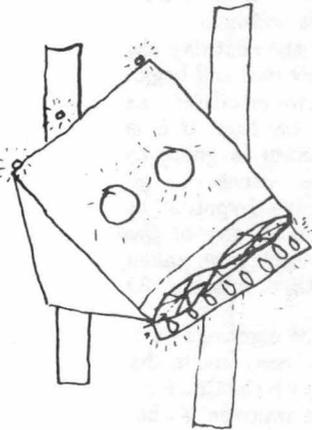
Johnson's car was sideways on the road. The windshield and one headlight had been smashed. There was a small, round dent in the hood. The red light atop the car was broken and two spring-mounted antennas were bent at angles of almost 90 degrees.

Johnson's wristwatch and an electric clock in the patrol car stopped for 14 minutes.

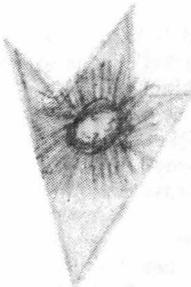
Johnson was treated for "welder burns" to the eyes.



'It had a red mist'



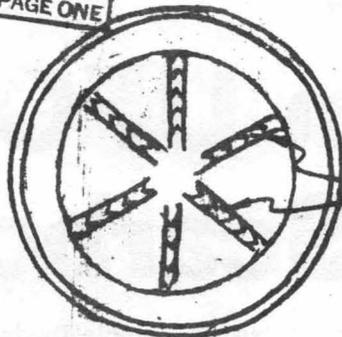
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Top view of UFO

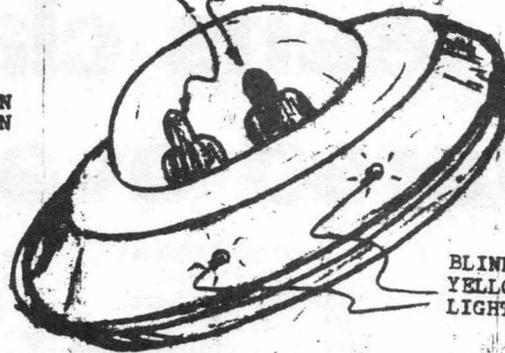
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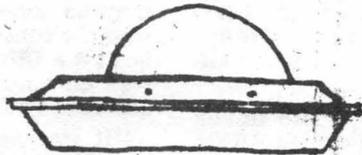


BOTTOM VIEW

TWO HUMANOID
FIGURES (DARK)



BLINKING
YELLOW
LIGHTS



SIDE VIEW

UFO SEEN BY MARIA ARBUJA & GRANDSON

CANOGA PARK, CAL

8/4/79 22:35

UFO in Canoga Park

By Sandy Sand ⁷⁴²⁴

"The sighting of a UFO does not necessarily breed other sightings through imagination, but it does make others who feared talking about their experiences feel that they can come forward with information," said Walt Greenawald, an engineer with Rocketdyne who has been doing UFO research on his own since 1972, when he had an UFO sighting from a commercial airliner.

Since the exclusive Chronicle UFO story three weeks ago, several more sightings have been reported.

Last week the Chronicle reported that Mrs. Mickey Childers of Canoga Park was awakened by barking dogs and spotted an object in the sky at 3:15 a.m. on July 25.

Since then another Canoga Park resident who works as a cocktail waitress in Chatsworth reported to Greenawald that as she was driving home from work that night when she saw bright lights coming at her from the sky at approximately 3:15 a.m. when she was stopped for a traffic signal at the corner of Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Plummer Street.

She said she was so frightened she jumped the red light and sped home. The only problem she

discovered was that she arrived home a half-hour later than normal, and cannot remember anything about that half-hour.

She said that the next day she felt slightly nauseated and began breaking out in water blisters, as from burns, on her legs. If it is possible, Greenawald is going to arrange for the witness to go through regressive hypnosis to see if she can recall any of the events which might have taken place during that missing 30 minutes.

By tracking the sightings on a map, Greenawald has come to the conclusion that both the Childers' sighting and the waitress' sighting were the same.

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Wayne County UFO Still Unexplained

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The unidentified flying object that passed over southeast Wayne County with a flash and a boom Monday night was apparently not the same flaming object that caused a sensation from Cleveland to Quebec Sunday night.

A Canadian Press story that ran Monday morning in the Toronto Star said that a Soviet rocket used to launch a communications satellite on July 31 had reentered the atmosphere and disintegrated. The story said there is no indication that any pieces actually fell to earth.

The story quoted a spokesman from the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) in Colorado Springs, Colo., as saying they had known the rocket would fall two hours ahead of time, but they had expected it to descend over the Gulf of Mexico

The spokesman said NORAD had been tracking the rocket's course since the July 31 launching. It did not carry nuclear matter, he said.

Witnesses of the rocket's descent reported seeing a fast-moving object with orange flames traveling in a southwest direction.

Wayne County sheriff's deputies have come no closer to identifying the object that passed over the Rochester area. Investigation efforts apparently have been called off, as no debris was found and no airplanes have been reported missing.

Shoumatoff Spectulates

Couple Spots UFO; Second in A Week

by WILL LYNCH III

Lewisboro was blessed with its second UFO sighting in a week when corrections officer Keith Jorgensen spotted one "floating" over the Golden Bridge Shopping Center, on Saturday, Aug. 4. Mr. Jorgensen's sighting came just three days after County Police Officer William Shaughnessy spotted a UFO in the Pound Ridge Reservation.

Mr. Jorgensen reported he was traveling northbound on I-684 from Bedford Hills to his home in Putnam Lake with his wife, Connie.

"My wife saw it first and when I looked up I saw it too," Mr. Jorgensen said. "During the 15 or 20 second period that the object was visible it floated like a dandelion seed over the A&P in a southeasterly direction toward Pound Ridge."

Size of Jet

M. Jorgensen, who studied astronomy in college and is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Reserve's pilot training program estimated that the object was approximately 2,000 feet in the air and was the size of a 747 jet airplane.

the object had a fuselage or body similar to an airplane, Jorgensen said.

There was a saucer-shaped section at the rear with wings protruding from the saucer. Another set of wings, approximately one-third the size of those in the rear, were mounted one-third of the way from the front of the fuselage, he said.

Robert Gribble of the U.S. UFO Information Gathering Service in Seattle, Wash. said "his object is not common, but it is similar to another report we had from a different part of the country two weeks ago." The service gathers confidential information for its own studies and is not part of the U.S. Government. "On the whole the country has been pretty quiet, as a

matter of fact, this is the quietest it's been since the 1940's," he said.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, of Center for UFO Studies and the author of "The UFO Experience, Scientific Inquiry" claimed that there is a correlation between UFO's and small bodies of water. Mr. Gribble claims that the connection not only exists between UFO's and small bodies of water but also among Atomic installations, rivers, power lines and military installations. The Cross River sighting occurred near the Cross River Reservoir and the Golden Bridge

sighting occurred near the Croton Reservoir.

Shoumatoff Says Otherwise

The small body of water theory is not enough for Pound Ridge Reservation Curator Nick Shoumatoff. He credits the sightings (and his long tenure at the park) to the mystical qualities of the park. Mr. Shoumatoff regards the park as one of the holiest Indian areas in New York.

"In the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation and nowhere else in New York State there are verified Indian petroglyphs (rock carvings) including Bear Rock, Spy Rock, and several less identifiable carvings. Both petroglyphs seem to be pointing to something celestial," Mr. Shoumatoff said.

He thinks the Indians may have had a rapport with the heavens. Besides the lines pointing to the sky, there are a number of carvings that are not distinguishable. "They definitely have something to do with the sky, but they refer to neither the winter or summer solstice. There are problematic ellipses (egg-shaped forms) that we don't know what they are. They could be pointing to some kind of object in the sky," he said. "I realize I am sticking my neck out, being so unscientific," he added.

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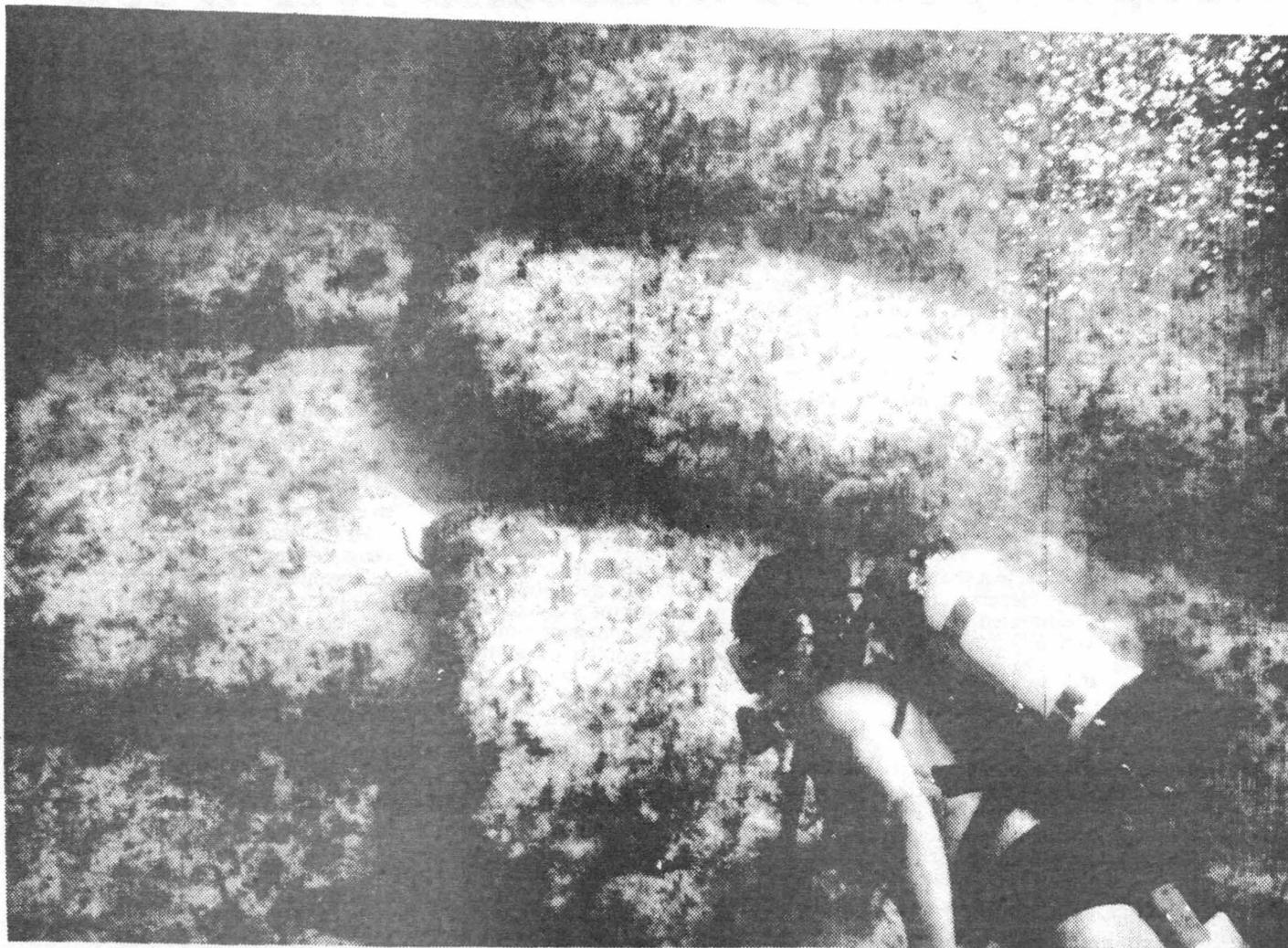
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Couple Spots UFO; Second in A Week

by WILL LYNCH III

Lewisboro was blessed with its second UFO sighting in a week when corrections officer Keith Jorgensen spotted one "floating" over the Golden Bridge Shopping Center, on Saturday, Aug. 4. Mr. Jorgensen's sighting came just three days after County Police Officer William Shaughnessy spotted a UFO in the Pound Ridge Reservation.

Mr. Jorgensen reported he was traveling northbound on I-684 from Bedford Hills to his home in Putnam Lake with his wife, Connie.

"My wife saw it first and when I looked up I saw it too," Mr. Jorgensen said. "During the 15 or 20 second period that the object was visible it floated like a dandelion seed over the A&P in a southeasterly direction toward Pound Ridge."

Size of Jet

M. Jorgensen, who studied astronomy in college and is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Reserve's pilot training program estimated that the object was approximately 2,000 feet in the air and was the size of a 747 jet airplane.

the object had a fuselage or body similar to an airplane, Jorgensen said.

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Robert Gribble of the U.S. UFO Information Gathering Service in Seattle, Wash. said "his object is not common, but it is similar to another report we had from a different part of the country two weeks ago." The service gathers confidential information for its own studies and is not part of the U.S. Government. "On the whole the country has been pretty quiet, as a

matter of fact, this is the quietest its been since the 1940's," he said.

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Shoumatoff Says Otherwise

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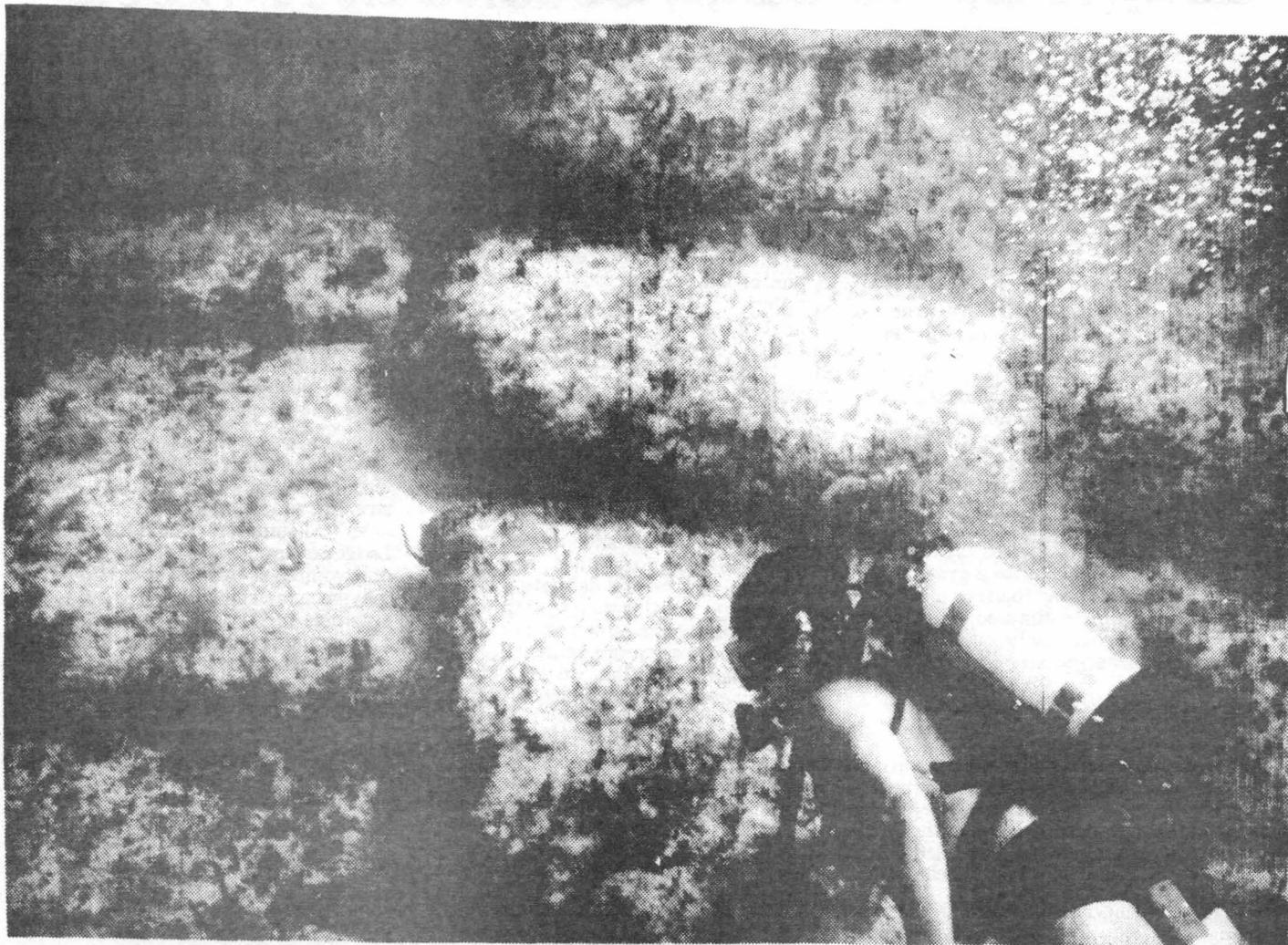
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UFO sighted near Fairview

FAIRVIEW... At 9:30 p.m. Sunday, August 19, Jerry and Rose Miks of Fairview observed an unusual lighted flying object in the night sky near Fairview. Jerry reported, "I spent four years in the Air Force and I know the light had no

resemblance to landing gear or wing tips on aircraft. The object was moving rapidly from the southwest to the northeast. It was visible for approximately one half minute and it appeared to be a glowing ball shape about the size of a house.

It moved as quickly as a falling star, but it just kept going.

"I've always heard these UFO stories and didn't pay much attention, but now I don't know what to believe. After the sighting, I called the Alpena Office

of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Board. They told me I was caller No. 20 reporting the sighting. Unfortunately, within the Alpena area at the time, a heavy fog layer reduced visibility to one half mile.

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Museum Planetarium suggested that the object could have been the effects of a Russian launching attempt Sunday. Either it was a part of the rocket that staged away or perhaps it was the whole rocket re-entering the earth's atmosphere.

"My question is, 'If it was a Russian rocket, what else are they sending over here that we don't know about?'

"Another possible answer to the phenomenon is a meteor or a comet. Comets could move in any direction.

"My wife and I watched the UFO until it was out of sight. It seemed to leave a bit of a vapor trail in the sky."

The following criteria from the August issue - OMNI magazine provides data to record when sighting a UFO.

..Note the precise time of day and how long the UFO stayed in sight.

.Measure the object's size, but avoid descriptions such as 'big as a house.'

Compare the UFO to the size of the moon (half a degree), the width of your thumb held at arm's length or the width of an outstretched fist.

.Describe its position in the sky. Estimate its altitude in degrees above the horizon. Again, you can do this by using fist or thumb widths.

.Note specific details: shape, color, or changes in shape or color.

.Most important, get other witnesses to write down their observations

MODERN PEOPLE - FRANKLIN PARK, ILL.
*****AUG. 26, 1979*****

Bizarre, Four-Legged UFO Terrorizes Hundreds

An eerie, four-legged UFO craft hovering in the sky for several minutes recently terrorized hundreds of Hertford, England residents.

"We watched the ball of light for about five minutes," stutters Alice Ball who reported her family's sighting to Anthony Steel, an investigator for the UFO Scientific Research Association based in London. "It stayed in the same area all that time."

The sighting occurred about 7 p.m. on a Saturday evening when she was traveling in the family auto. The woman's husband was behind the wheel while her daughter and son-in-law were passengers.

"We were on the stretch of road by the A-10 bypass," Alice continues, "when all four of us noticed that the car's headlights were growing dim and the music from our cassette player faded."

Although they were frightened by what was happening, she adds, they continued to travel along the road. "Suddenly I looked out the window and saw a round, yellow ball of light in the sky," she reports. "It was quite large."

"My husband slammed on the brakes so we could watch it. The ball of light stayed in the same area for about five minutes. Other cars in front of us also stopped and people wound down their windows so they could see more clearly."

"The object had two red lights on the top and two on the bottom," Alice reveals. "It also had four legs, two at the top and two at the bottom. And the object was spinning round because I could see the legs turning."

"Then a cloud of vapor began to form around the object," she continues, "partially obscuring it and then it began to move away in the direction of Hertford police station. As it went, it got smaller and smaller."

"As the strange object passed over our car, my daughter and I felt sick," she adds, "and very heavy. Suddenly we all had blurred vision with colors before our eyes."

Anthony explains that the vapor cloud the woman described is a fairly common occurrence in UFO sightings. He reasons the cloud is used as a camouflage by the UFO to confuse observers.

"The sensations the family experienced as the object passed over their car was probably caused by electro-magnetic energy," he explains, "similar to the heaviness that is felt before and during thunderstorms. All I know is these witnesses are awfully shook up," he concludes.

Bizarre, Pulsating UFO Terrifies Florida Women

Three women who spotted a UFO in Florida are furious that ignorant authorities refuse to take them seriously.

But Judy Kozak, her sister Monica Karnbach and their

mother, Mrs. Lucy Karnbach, are taking their terrifying encounter very seriously indeed!

"It scared the living hell out of us," confesses Mrs. Kozak. "And I'm hurt to see what the public's reaction has been."

Her sister agrees. "This thing was not to be taken lightly," Monica insists. "When I was watching it, I felt a cold chill."

The three women were working in their garden when they first noticed a pulsating object, an oval diagonal shape, hovering in the sky southwest of their Florida home. After watching it for a few minutes, Mrs. Kozak hurried into the house for a pair of binoculars.

"I looked at it," she recalls, "then I gave them to my sister and my mother and asked

them to describe what they saw. We all came up with the same strange description. It's hard to describe something you've never seen before."

"It was an oval shape with a colorless metallic light," Lucy adds. "You couldn't describe it as silver or gold."

"It was glittery," Mrs. Kozak's 5-year-old daughter Kim points out.

The mysterious object hovered in the same spot for four hours while the family continued to watch it. The following evening, the UFO returned for about another 30 minutes.

"At first I thought it might be a glider," comments Miss Karnbach, "but there were planes in the same general area and when they came near it, it moved down into the clouds." She adds that it reappeared once the planes were gone.

"I've seen weather balloons and blimps and toy balloons," Mrs. Karnbach admits, "and this was something I've never seen before."

Mrs. Kozak blasts the Dunedin Police Department "laughed the whole thing off." Some people now ridicule them, she adds, by wiggling their fingers behind their heads to resemble antennas, asking if Mork has come to call. "I never claimed it to be a flying saucer like on TV," Mrs. Kozak insists, "but it's an unidentified flying object until someone gives me positive proof as to what it was. I'd accept a reasonable explanation for what I saw."

So far, none has been offered.

"I'm an accountant and a mother of three children," declares Mrs. Kozak, who is also a Sunday school teacher. "Why would I risk my respect and reputation by making up this story? People have made a mockery out of this. I want some people with open minds to see this thing and explain it."

Mrs. Karnbach agrees, adding, "People who are not open-minded about things like this are in for a rude awakening. I've never believed in UFOs before—but now I'm a firm believer!"

ARTESIA, N.M. - PRESS
AUG. 28, 1979

Strange, Airborne Objects Reported

UFO 7-24

By BARRY J. CASEBOLT
Daily Press Editor

Eight people from the Artesia area have reported seeing an unidentified flying object (UFO) shaped like "an upside-down trapezoid" hovering over the Alamogordo area Wednesday evening.

Sisters Jackie Blessing and Helen Thomas and their mother, who is visiting in Artesia, said they saw the strange shaped object stationary in the sky about 6:30 p.m.

Other relatives also saw the object which was spotted while the family members were sitting in or on a car.

Ms. Thomas said she watched the object for 15 to 20 minutes; that it remained stationary; and that a smaller object appeared to come from underneath.

The information officer for Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, said today he had no reports of strange objects in the sky Wednesday, but he personally saw a "weather balloon."

The Artesia women ruled out the possibility of a weather balloon since they said they saw a smaller object drop from the belly of the larger one.

Three family members said the smaller object appeared to drop from the bottom of the larger craft, and then moved north and west at a quick pace, leaving a trail of smoke or vapor.

The larger, hovering object was in the western sky approximately above the Alamogordo area, they said.

None could determine how high the object was.

"A little one came out and left a trail of smoke, then it went out of sight," said Ms. Thomas.

She said the family was "enthralled. It was fascinating to watch."

The larger object, she said, was silver in color, and ruled out the possibility of it being a star because it was still light.

Her mother said it was "too early for Venus — the evening star."

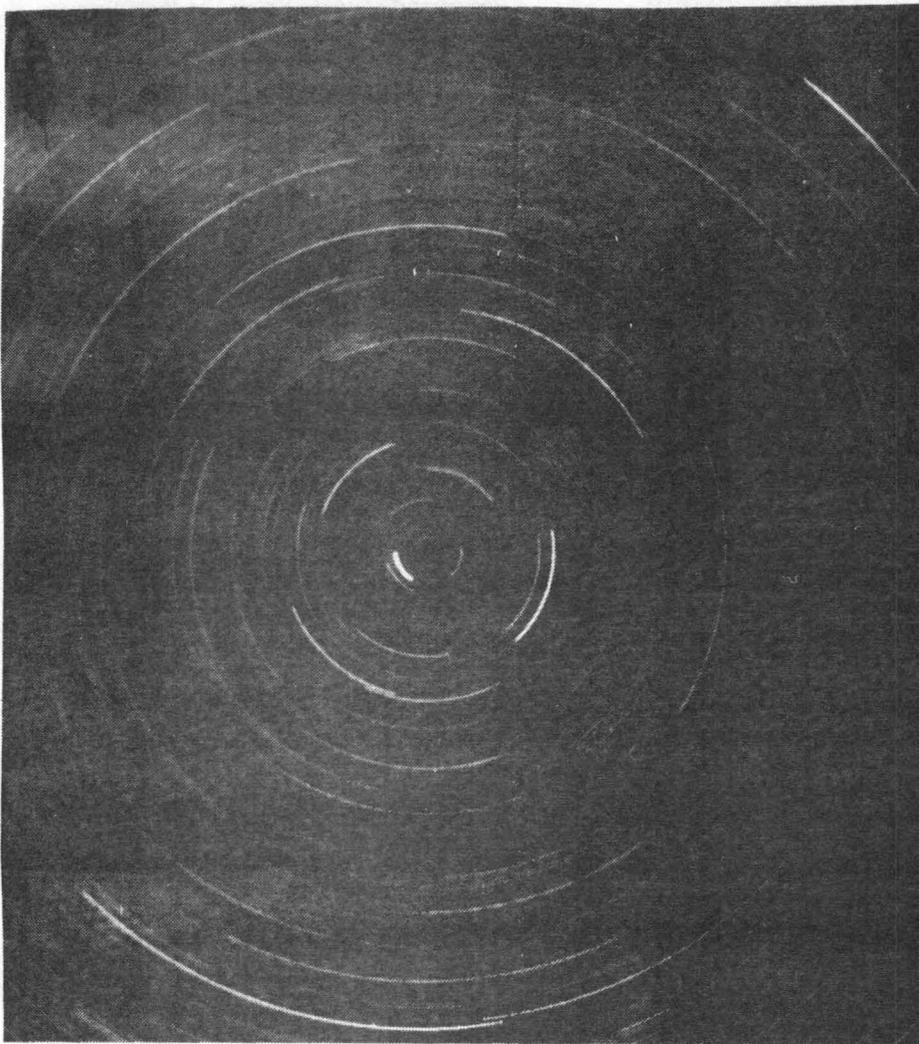
Ms. Blessing said the object "appeared to split, dragging the other part (smaller one) to the west."

"It was not a star. It didn't move. It stayed in one place," she said.

"One little part broke off, and came towards earth, and then it moved off to the west," she went on.

They all expressed some concern about what people may think of their reporting the sighting, but noted they know what they saw and wonder who else may have seen the objects before dusk Wednesday.

What was it?



THE PHOTO is a six-hour time exposure of the stars rotating, taken the morning of August 19. The camera, set on a tripod was aimed at the north star, or Polaris.

What was it? Weathermen are puzzled because they can't explain the sequence of events but, whatever it was, something peculiar flew over the Sterling area about 3:30 Sunday morning, and was viewed and photographed by Beccy Tanner, a Bulletin reporter.

At the time the thing flew over the northern skies, Beccy was camping out and following her hobby of photographing the stars. As she tracked a star in the northwest sky, she spotted what appeared to be a flight of something, traveling from west to east.

There were six of these things, each one containing a bright, white light. As Beccy watched, the lights on all six of these things began to blink in unison, alternating between long and short blinks.

At the time the blinking started, the things appeared to stop all forward movement, and just hung in the northern sky. Finally, after about 15 minutes, the blinking stopped and they moved eastward, disappearing from sight.

According to Mike Smith, meteorologist for KARD-TV in Wichita, there wasn't any particular reason for something to happen in the northern sky at 3:30 a.m. Sunday. No unusual weather was in the area and the actions of the things didn't fit into meteorological patterns.

"I just don't have any idea at all what it could be," Smith said, suggesting that Beccy contact the Air Force to see if they had a flight of high-flying U-2 aircraft in the skies at that time.

But, neither Beccy nor Smith could explain the white lights blinking in unison from the aircraft, or whatever they were. An airplane blinker is like the turn signal on a car and it's next to impossible to get several to blink in unison.

Also, the actions of the things in stopping in mid-flight defied any meteorological explanations Smith could recall, and it didn't fit into the theory that a high-flying formation of U-2 aircraft made the blinking lights. Like Beccy, Smith was puzzled.

Whatever it was that flew over Sterling last Sunday, here is Beccy's explanation of what happened, and how it happened:

"I was camping out in a field and at approximately 3:30 a.m. I noticed what appeared to be six lights traveling from the west," she said. "They surrounded the northern part of the sky and proceeded to blink on and off in sequence and at random time intervals. I watched this for about 15 to 20 minutes before they disappeared."

"As far as what it was or could have been," she said. "I really don't know. I did notice however that the Russian cosmonauts did land at approximately that time. It might have been them, it might have been a number of things. I really don't know what it was."

UFO sighting stirs excitement across county

the object from 11:20 to 11:33, traveling north with two white lights." As it flew east of their farm, they said they heard a faint jet noise, and thought the object was just a jet tanker." But as we got to thinking about it," Mrs. Shields said, "It wasn't loud enough for a jet so close or low." Mr. Shields added, "It had a red light above each of the white lights, and they didn't blink like a plane's."

CLOSEST SIGHTING

By far the closest and most detailed sighting came one mile east of Shields, at 11:30. Mrs. Arlo Wurm, her son, Kevin, daughter Shanna and Kenny Black were driving south after the county fair that night, when they saw what appeared as "two car headlights moving east over Loyd Walinders." They continued driving west to their house, when Kevin, the driver, curiously headed the vehicle a mile south to better view the lights from one of the farm's pastures. Still, nothing more could be noticed and they drove uneasily back to their farmhouse. From their yard, they watched as it continued its slow eastward path, directly over them. Shanna was skeptical, but all claimed to see a "cone-shaped light in front, with three lights in back—one on top and two on bottom." As it passed at "maybe double tree-top height" over their feedlot yard,

lights, the Wurms report that it was a "large black object the size of a football field, making a faint humming sound like a blimp." All the lights of the frightening 'thing' were steady, which Mrs. Wurm elaborated was much, much too big for an ordinary plane or helicopter." Kevin was visibly shaken after the incident.

Brad Marcuson, Selden, stepped out of his tractor at 11:30 to see "something with an orange light in front and three lights in back, moving slowly overhead about 1,000 feet up." It "made a low, jet hum" as he watched, it travelled only 10 miles per hour for one mile along highway 83, 13 miles south of Oberlin.

SERIES OF LIGHTS

At North Elk Street in Oberlin, Roy Shobe, his wife, Anne, son Andy, daughter Sandy and Renee Smith reported seeing a series of five lights, "one in front, four in back." Roy noted that "it was blocking out the stars as it passed," at 11:30 p.m., in a northwesterly direction.

"Two white headlights in the sky" were noticed by Ed Schwab, at midnight, enroute to his home nine miles south of Oberlin. Said Schwab, "I thought they were heading northwest and passed them off as lights on a jet tanker." As the object passed to the west, he saw it had "one front

light and four or five on the tail section." None were flashing.

VIEWER LIST GROWS

Robyn Karls and Richard Anderson observed "something in the sky" at 12:30 at the Karlises Oberlin residence. Both claim it was this time "moving south, and appeared to be just west of town." Descriptions were the same as the others.

The flying crafts were sighted by Dan Brown and his wife, Chris. At their house located one mile south of the TV 8 studio, they saw "two airplane headlights" moving slowly toward them, at 12:50. The first object flew "straight overhead" and appeared to be "four lights in a diamond-shaped pattern." They watched its flight for three or four minutes, then noticed a "second object moving southwest at a slightly faster pace." The second craft was thought to make a faint jet noise.

Similar sightings of "lights in the sky" were reported by Norcatour youth Lucretia Thornton while at the Decatur County Fair, Thursday night and by Marvin Hansen, from his living-room window near the Oberlin ball park.

Goodland Flight Service reported, however, "Negative for any such aircraft" by its radar or any its area pilots.

Theron Krizek, Jennings, reported seeing similar lights while on security duty for his 4-H club at the Decatur county fairgrounds, late the same night. He added that "as the lights went north, the three in the back separated and went off in different directions, then came back somewhat" before the object disappeared beyond the horizon.

The first daytime sighting of the unidentified flying object has been reported at 6 p.m. in the evening of Aug. 3, by the golfing foursome of Mr. and Mrs. Frank King and Mr. and Mrs. John Ready. The couples were out on the #8 fairway at

the Oberlin Country Club golf course, when they noticed "a white object hovering to the north." Mrs. King described it as "long and flat, with no projections of any kind. It was about the size of a ruler held at arm's length, but maybe a little thicker." she added. At first the four thought it was a glider due to the absence of any kind of noise, but later concluded it was too big for a conventional glider.

Whatever the being or beings might have been in, be it a blimp, balloon or even a Boeing, they missed a heckuva good carnival and fair.

By JERRY SMITH FRO
Believers in 'extra-terrestrial visitation' and skeptics of 'unexplained phenomenon' have all had excitement, disbelief and controversial debate about a pair of large unidentified flying objects reportedly seen over Decatur County in the late evening hours of August 2. No 'little green men' were seen, but at least 30 Decatur residents reported witnessing "a large object with a series of lights, flying at low altitudes and extremely slow speeds, with little or no noise."

At 11 or 11:15 p.m., Mrs. Gary Vaughn looked out of her Oberlin front door and "saw two bright lights like headlights" running straight north. The first thing she thought was "what's a car doing up there?"

About the same time of evening, Mrs. Jerry Lohofener and her three children, Lynell, Amy and Seth observed what looked like "car headlights" low in the sky, moving very slowly with no sound. They watched from their rural residence for about eight minutes, as the 'craft' moved northwest of them. They reported seeing "one light in front and a diamond pattern of four lights in back, with nothing in-between."

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Shields, 11 miles southwest of Oberlin, say they "observed

UFO Scene

By Walt Greenawald,
UFO Researcher



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UFOs in area detailed

Walt Greenawald, a Rocket-dyne engineer and a UFO researcher, details nine separate sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects in the west valley since July 21 on page 8 of the San Fernando Valley Chronicle today.

Greenawald has investigated each sighting and interviewed those who saw the UFOs.

In his exclusive column, Greenawald explained he first became interested in the subject after sighting an UFO through the window of an airliner in 1972.

Since then, he explained, his interest intensified and he is now rated as an expert in this field. A

As one of the very few UFO researchers in the San Fernando Valley, I have lately become involved in the detailed investigations of several local UFO events which have surfaced within the past several weeks.

Nine separate sightings have been logged. Some of these are inter-related with witnesses apparently seeing the same thing as others, as times, directions and descriptions correlate well.

21 July, Simi Valley. Sandra P. and her four children, ages 6 to 11, saw a white glowing ball over their house at 9:30 p.m. The kids, being frightened at the close proximity called for their mother who was busy at the time of the closest approach to look. She later saw the object at some distance and did notice blinking or rotating multicolored lights, red, green and blue. The device wandered away slowly and disappeared in the distance within a half hour.

25 July, West Canoga Park. This was a busy early morning as three, probably related early morning incidents occurred. The first event was recorded by four unknown teenagers who witnessed several low flying big white objects pass over near the intersection of Shoup and Vanowen. The "something" was bright enough to light up the local area. It also made a whirring noise. Not much detail here but the investigation will continue. Apparently, a little later, the Childers family looked north-

west of the previous location, observed a low hovering bright glowing blob with flashing multicolored lights to their northeast. This event was amply described in the August 9 issue of the Chronicle and may have been the prelude to the most incredible, perhaps unbelievable story of the lot. Sherry N. was driving south on Topanga Canyon at 3:15 a.m. and while stopping at the light at Plummer, she became alarmed at what appeared to be a brightly lighted window in the low sky. It appeared to be an impending airplane crash or the blimp, but very low. All this through her windshield. She rolled the window down, no noise.

Noting that no other cars were around and that she couldn't identify the "whatever-it-was" she ran the red light and sped home. During the interview, she remembered she arrived home at least a half hour late. The

total trip normally takes 15 minutes; however, this time it was 45 minutes. The incident is, in UFO parlance, a time-lapse case and has the overtones of a possible abduction. Hopefully, this event will be thoroughly investigated. However, it will take the complete cooperation of the witness with sessions under laboratory conditions involving a hypnotist. The case must remain in the hand of a very few people at this time as the UFO phenomena is still riddled with character assassination and ridicule. A lot of people aren't talking for obvious reasons. It is hoped that at some future date this case can be fully investigated, documented and, above all, revealed to the public.

25 July, Canoga Park. Daytime. The sighting that started it all was one reported by Ira Pearson, a retired carpenter. Only this was a daytime sighting by Ira, three of his friends, a young man working at the Alta-Dena Dairy and two policemen. Location -- corner of Oso and Saticoy. Time - 7:15 a.m. Towards the west, Ira noticed an oblong device hanging in the sky. Details vary as to whether it had squared ends or round but, in general, the elevation angles, azimuths, times, etc. agreed. All said that it reflected the early sunlight and appeared to be of metallic construction. It hovered for several minutes which ruled out an airplane. No noise, no helicopter. For awhile the UFO was tilted at a 45 degree angle, straightened up with axis vertical then flew off. Total sighting duration was five minutes. The peculiar part was that two policemen were observed to have looked at it through binoculars. It was reported in the 2 August issue of the Chronicle that they were using a camera, but it is thought that they had binoculars. This is based on an interview with the witness who was closest to them. Several calls to various police agencies came up blank and nobody knew any thing.

3 August, Canoga Park/Reseda. Two sightings of the same object by two individuals unknown to each other characterize this event. As Mrs. Evelyn P. was on her way home near Sears, Northridge, she noted a large red, round glowing UFO in the sky. Location -- near Corbin and Nordhoff. As she drove south on Corbin she

studied the device while stopped for a train. She continued to observe it and passed directly under it at Roscoe. She was able to drive home, park the car and still observe the UFO. She tried to get her husband to observe but he was in the tub.

Using binoculars, she was able to see more detail. The UFO emitting a silvery exhaust at the bottom, described as feathery. The entire object blinked on and off at several times a second. Color -- stop-light red. Remained motionless for minutes. Time -- 9:15 p.m. Elevation angle about 60 degrees. Azimuth NNE (this points to directly where she drove under it at Roscoe and Corbin). No noise. Based on a map she was about one mile away. Weather clear. Based on information from Mrs. P., the size was estimated at 80 feet in diameter.

Meanwhile, in Reseda, Mrs. Doris P. was in her backyard tending to a watering chore. She noticed a large red round "thing" in the sky towards Chatsworth. She described it as a very bright red ball which blinked on and off every several seconds. And it had perhaps 20 blinking white lights at the bottom (sound familiar?). Elevation angle described as about 45 degrees. Time was 9:15 p.m.

Weather was clear. No other witnesses as her husband was gone for the evening. She watched it for perhaps 10 minutes when it abruptly disappeared to the East. Trinagulation of both stories agree and based on the apparent size from the first Mrs. P., I calculated a diameter of 200 feet ... thought to be erroneously high due to an error in estimating the apparent size (this is a difficult concept to get across to non-technical observers). This altitude was calculated at about 10,000 feet.

4 August, Canoga Park. The same UFO observed by Ira Pearson on July 25 was again seen by one of his friends known only as George. George said that he saw the same gadget at approximately 8:30 a.m. only this time in the eastern sky. Elevation angle was 30 degrees. That evening Maria A., babysitting her grandson, aged 6, was summoned by the lad who told her about a strange thing in the sky. Time, 10:35 p.m.

Object was first noted approaching from Topanga Canyon. No noise. Very large and very close. Both were scared. Mrs. A. reported she could discern two humanoid shapes, though not clearly, inside a clear dome on the top of the craft. The critters exhibited oversized heads and arms and shoulders were observed. Again, no details were evident.

Not a bad period regarding the UFO enigma. Who would have thought that aliens from outer space could have an interest in this particular locale? But that's speculation on my part. It is a fact that among UFOlogists the extraterrestrial intelligence

hypothesis is the most popular answer for the source of UFOs.

My interest in this argumentative, controversial, tantalizing, interesting topic was crystallized in 1972 when, from the window of a commercial airliner I saw a UFO. Since that time I have read everything I could afford to buy or borrow. I have investigated cases mostly in the Los Angeles area, talked on the radio, lectured at small colleges and generally have kept my ear to the ground, so to speak, regarding local UFO events.

I invite readers to comment on the UFO phenomena argue with me (politely, of course), call me and tell me about their sighting (I will guarantee anonymity and will not ridicule anyone). It is time, perhaps, that this column can be a focal point for the distribution of UFO information.

Call or write: Walt Greenwald, 20709 Collins St., Woodland Hills, 91367, 887-6632.

STERLING, KANS. - BULLETIN
*****AUG. 30, 1979*****

While residents of Sterling slept one night a week or so ago, their town became involved in an international mystery that still hasn't been completely resolved. In fact, full answers to this mystery may never be found.

It all began because a hobby of Bulletin reporter Beccy Tanner is the photography of stars. While camping on a recent weekend, she had her camera trained toward the heavens, ready to capture a bright star on film. While watching the skies, Beccy noticed six tiny white lights in the northwest, moving toward the east. These lights tended to blink, but not separately. Instead, they blinked in unison, on and off.

For a few moments the objects halted their eastward path, then sped away and vanished. Before they disappeared, Beccy managed to capture them, and their flight, with her camera. The film clearly shows a disruption in the circular movement of star paths across the sky. The light trails left by these objects halt and then begin again on the film.

What were they? Meteorologists thought the objects might have been high-flying airplanes. Max Ary, director of the Hutchinson cosmophere, also felt the film trails could be those of aircraft but was puzzled by the definite indication of an interruption in their forward path. Also, their location in the skies wasn't exactly right for known stars or planets.

Governmental agencies weren't able to shed any knowledge about the identity of the things Beccy photographed. The search continued and, gradually, the airplane theory became discounted. Surprisingly,

none of the offices or experts even hinted at the possibility of UFO's, or flying saucers.

Finally, from a retired intelligence officer, the first speck of knowledge began to appear. Interested in this tiny mystery, the retired spook made a few personal inquiries, and learned what may be the identity of the objects Beccy photographed in the northwest sky.

Innocently and unknowingly, Beccy may have seen and photographed the descent of those Russian cosmonauts who recently landed after spending six months in space. The timing was right, and the direction in the sky was right. In fact, according to opinions gathered from inquiries into Washington, the Soviets entered the atmosphere at exactly the time when Beccy noticed the objects in the sky.

But, this is only an opinion; the mystery is far from solved. In fact, nobody may ever know what it was Beccy saw and photographed. But, the weightiest evidence so far indicates that she likely saw the descent of the Russians from their orbiting space station.

FOREIGN CLIPS



BRISTOL EVENING POST - ENGLAND
*****JULY 30, 1979*****

UFO MYSTERY

³¹²⁸
Police and RAF rescue stations in the West were stumped today over the reported appearance of a UFO over Clevedon last night. Four people saw the bright cigar-shaped object, but so far no explanation has been given for it.

WILTSHIRE TIMES - TROWBRIDGE, ENGLAND
*****JULY 13, 1979*****

UFOs—Oh! Sweet Mysteries Of Life

³¹²⁴
MORE UFOs OVER WARMINSTER, by Arthur Shuttlewood, published by Arthur Barker, £5.50.

ANOTHER UFO has been seen over West Wilts—but except for the witnesses it seems to have caused little excitement. These days such sightings are commonplace—inexplicable, but no longer making the headlines.

This is no fault of that dedicated band of skywatchers at Warminster who, led by Arthur Shuttlewood, a former Wiltshire Times reporter, have kept vigil on the local hilltops since that momentous Christmas 1964 when, for many people, the sky suddenly became alive.

For they, and many more like them, are now just as earnestly seeking an explanation for even stranger things which are being reported all over the world.

Perhaps it is because we have learnt to live with these mysteries of life, especially if we appear in no immediate danger.

In his latest book on the subject, Mr Shuttlewood presents even more hair-raising, mind-bending stories guaranteed to leave the reader hot—or cold... We hear of the heavy stepping Invisible Walker, the warbling Mechanical Bird and the Crackling Serpent.

A long way from the shape-changing, direction-changing, suddenly-disappearing but oddly familiar UFOs, we may think, but "are they all unearthly derivatives from the same source? And do they all, even remotely or indirectly, tie up with our worldwide UFO mystery?"

Who can say? I was interested to see whether Mr Shuttlewood had reached any firm conclusions after 14 years of dogged investigation.

Could UFOs be "loosely termed messengers coming from our future time?" Warminster hilltops, he points out, are on a direct aerial route between two centres of ancient magnetic power—Stonehenge and Glastonbury—and observations show that UFO flights occur most often along this line.

The fact that they have not smashed our defensive systems to smithereens by now and captured every man, woman and child on Earth means they are "divinely inspired; are Wheels of Heaven that have always been our custodians and guardians against dark forces of evil."

A homeopathic practitioner apparently believes that the release of etheric energies from the soil, particularly from tumuli, plague pits, graveyards and battlefields around Warminster, is the cause of strange occurrences, but at the end of his 152-page book Mr Shuttlewood asserts: "I honestly think the majority of UFOs are inherently of our native planet. It could be that their time clock is in advance of our own; therefore it is a futile exercise trying to capture something of our future."

Still, this impossible task goes on. What future mysteries will unfold? What next, Mr Shuttlewood?

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SOUTHEND EVENING ECHO - ESSEX, ENG.
*****JUNE 8, 1979*****

Goodness gracious — a great ball of fire

³¹²⁸
A WOMAN told today how she was terrified after a close encounter with an unidentified flying object over Basildon.

But an Essex UFO investigator said she needn't have been alarmed. It may have been a fireball.

Mrs. Shirley Ashdown saw the UFO on Tuesday night at her home in Bellfield, Vange.

She said: "I happened to look out of my window at about 9.30 p.m. and saw what looked like a trail of fire in the sky."

"It was very high up and moving towards Basildon very quickly."

"I watched the object for about three minutes before it disappeared behind some houses."

Mrs. Ashdown called out to her husband and he watched the UFO until it vanished.

Time

She said "I'm pretty sceptical but this experience really frightened me. I tried not to show it at the time, but I was pretty frightened inside and the sighting has been bugging me ever since."

Wickford UFO investigator Andy Collins said: "This sounds rather like a fireball but they are only usually visible for a few seconds."

"Three minutes seems a very long time for it to be a fireball. I should think it was an astronomical phenomenon of some kind."

UFO LIGHTS BAFFLE EX-SOCIAL WORKER

3128
FORMER social worker Mrs. Ruth Whitehead watched three mysteriously flashing bright lights hover near her house yesterday. "I will certainly be less sceptical about UFOs now," she said later.

She reported the early morning sighting and wants an investigation. She admits to being baffled by the lights which held her "mesmerised" for about two minutes.

"I am open minded about what happened, but... unless somebody comes forward with a rational explanation it seems that there can be no explanation," she said at her home, Sandalwood, Kelland Hill, Lapford, near Chulmeigh.

It was half an hour after mid-

night, just after Mrs. Whitehead had gone to bed, that she suddenly became aware of the slowly moving lights.

She got up and went to the 12-foot wide window, which gives a wide vista, and saw the three large lights in a line. Two, orange in colour, were on a level and flashing continuously at about the rate of a heart beat, and the third, a pale yellow and slightly smaller than the others was in front lower, and constant.

She gained the impression the aura of light concealed the shape of some craft.

Mrs. Whitehead said: "The lights, not very high up, just moved across the sky and then came down very slightly. They

seemed about 20 times bigger than a star.

"Whatever it was it never landed. It moved off towards Morchard Bishop and disappeared over the hill.

"There was absolutely no noise. It was a clear night and there was complete silence: I could not understand why there was no noise at all."

Still baffled in the morning, she called Exeter airport but no explanation could be offered. They did, however, rule out the possibility it was a glider.

"I would like this to be investigated to find out if there is a rational explanation, and, if not, to find out if what I saw is of any use to people who are trying to discover more about these things," said Mrs. Whitehead.

UFO seen over Stroud

ARCHERY enthusiasts James Hickey and David Cass were right on target when they spotted a UFO in the sky above Stroud.

James (18), of London-rd., Stroud, and David (15) of The Circle, Stroud, were just leaving archery practice at Beeches Green Youth Club on Wednesday night when they spotted two strange lights in the sky.

"The lights were orange and very bright. The sky was not dark enough for them to have been stars," said James.

As they watched the lights rose sharply in the air and appeared to hover above Stroud police station. Soon afterwards, the lights changed to red and blue and whirled on a zig-zag course over Rodborough Common.

"The lights then came back changing to orange lights again before merging into one and disappearing. We watched them for about five minutes," said James.

David, a trainee legal executive, added: "The police took us very seriously when we reported it, although we expected them to laugh."

A spokesman for the Cotswold radar at Brize Norton said "there was nothing unusual logged.

I SAW A UFO!

I WRITE to substantiate the sighting of the UFO by a group of students at Seaside fairground, during the late evening of July 2, as described by Mollie Leach in the Gazette.

At about that time, I was standing in my front garden looking westwards towards the Downs beyond Holywell when a brilliantly illuminated rounded, flattish object skimmed apparently low across the sky roughly from the direction of the Royal Sovereign light tower.

It appeared to be heading west-north-westwards and losing height as it disappeared from my vision behind and below the level of the high rooftops.

Its vivid colouring can only be described as a blaze of metallic green/blue gold and yellow, its shape indeterminate and its passage through the air completely silent.

Depending upon its distance from my observation point the size of the object could have been guessed at anything from a few feet to a hundred or more feet in diameter.

Having practised navigational astronomy for many years during my seagoing career I was utterly convinced that this was no ordinary heavenly body, certainly not a star shell distress signal or any other kind of pyrotechnic display. — F. J. Durrant, Master Mariner (retired), Milnthorpe Road, Eastbourne.

NEWS OF THE WORLD - LONDON, ENGLAND
*****AUG. 5, 1979*****

A trunk call to discover Nessie

NESSIE the Loch Ness monster could really be Nellie the elephant, claim two American scientists.

For Nessie's reported swimming style is remarkably similar to that of an elephant, they say.

And they believe they may have found a clue to the identity of the monster that has become one of Scotland's top tourist baits.

The scientists, Dr Dennis Power and Dr Donald Johnson, admit that the swimming elephant theory "does not account for all the supposed sightings of the Loch Ness monster."

But they say a 1960 photograph from Sri Lanka of an elephant swimming with its trunk out of the water shows a striking similarity to a famous picture of Nessie taken in 1934.

A Nessie observer at that time spoke of a "huge neck, six feet at least above the water."

Length

That is the same length as an adult elephant's trunk, the two doctors point out in the current edition of New Scientist.

And there is no doubt about an elephant's swimming ability, say Dr Power, director of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, California, and Dr Johnson, who is a geography research associate at Illinois University.

They tell of one elephant washed overboard from a ship which managed to swim ashore from nearly 30 miles out at sea.

Could elephants get into Loch Ness?

"Perhaps travelling circuses have occasionally released their elephants into the loch to bathe," say the scientists.

GLOUCESTER CITIZEN - ENGLAND
*****JULY 27, 1979*****

EASTBOURNE GAZETTE - ENGLAND
*****JULY 25, 1979*****

Did Eastchurch man 3128 see a flying saucer?



A reconstruction of what Mr Impey saw at Kemsley on Sunday. Picture faked by Terry Scott.

EASTCHURCH man Thomas Impey had the shock of his life while travelling to work on Sunday.

It was 4.50 am and he was passing over the Grovehurst Road humpback bridge near Kemsley station when he saw what he believes to have been an unidentified flying object.

Thomas explained: "I stopped my motorcycle and had a clear view of the craft for several seconds before it did a climbing turn and disappeared."

He described the object as being cigar shaped, silver in colour and pointed at both ends with domed top with large, brightly lit windows.

Thomas is adamant that the craft was not an aeroplane and he even lifted his helmet visor in case it was distorting his vision.

"What struck me as being so extraordinary was the fact that the object made no sound whatsoever," he said.

Unfortunately, and quite probably due to the early hour, he appears to have been the sole observer, for no other reports of sightings were received by Sittingbourne police or the TIMES-GUARDIAN.

But 44-year-old Thomas is convinced he saw an unidentified flying object, "I was stunned I just couldn't believe my eyes," he said.

Have you recently had a similar experience? If you have, the TIMES-GUARDIAN would like to hear from you.

UFO over Cotmanhay?

3128 Nottingham UFO Investigation Society are appealing for information about a 10ft long UFO flying at roof height over Cotmanhay.

It was glowing red and amber with vapour coming from its

tail. The strange craft was seen by a woman cook, and the Society are trying to trace other witnesses including a passing car and a local couple out for a walk. Anybody who saw the UFO is asked to phone Nottingham 250316.

31 28 UFO researchers

Top - level UFO researchers from 12 countries arrive in Britain next month for a close encounter of their own kind. Delegates will meet for two days at a London hotel to discuss ways of improving the worldwide study of sightings.

STOKE-ON-TRENT EVENING SENTINEL - ENGL.
*****JUNE 1, 1979*****

U.F.O. 3128 EXPERTS PROBE SIGHTING

UFO experts were today probing the sighting of a disc-shaped flying object by a former wartime airman.

Mr. Albert Hunter, aged 55, of Haydon-street, Basford, spotted the bright, white object in the sky as he drove along the Potteries D-road at midnight last night.

Mr. Hunter who was a flight engine on Lancaster bombers during World War Two, said: "It banked at fantastic speed, then rolled over. It was definitely not a plane."

A spokesman for the New-chapel-based British Un-identified Flying Object Research Association said: "It sounds very interesting and we would like to know if anyone else saw it."

WEST BRITON - TRURO, ENGLAND
*****JUNE 7, 1979*****

UFO with a 'tail' speeds in, then stops

IT LOOKED to Mrs. Joan M. Dell like a star or a planet, when she first saw it in the night sky near Camborne at about 10.30 p.m. last Friday. Except that it was much brighter, and moving quite fast from south to west — then suddenly stopped in its tracks.

Mrs. Dell, of Springfield-park, Barrripper, watched the mysterious object pass "under" the moon, apparently leaving an ice or vapour trail.

She phoned Camborne police, called her neighbours and stopped a passing motorist to look at it for a quarter of an hour.

Twice, she says, the UFO almost disappeared to a pinpoint

(there was no cloud at that point), then returned to full brightness.

She thought she detected a slight redness, and that perhaps it moved away a little.

Later the moon clouded over, and gradually the object disappeared too. But on one occasion it could still be seen through thinning clouds, until about 11.35 the cloud became too thick.

This, says Mrs. Dell, was about the seventh UFO she has spotted. The others, more spectacular, were in Gloucestershire.

Three of these were reported—on March 26, 1977, April 28/29, 1977, and January 11, 1978—the last, which was "colossal", seen with her by a policeman.

NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST - ENGLAND
*****JUNE 5, 1979*****

UFO CALLS KEEP THE SKY-CHECKERS BUSY

A BREAKAWAY Nottingham group dedicated to finding out the truth about UFOs has been inundated with calls following an appeal for more information about a reported sighting in Chilwell on Friday.

And not all the calls concern that particular UFO.

One came from an RAF Flight Lieutenant who spotted a mysterious object at Ollerton two weeks ago.

The secretary of the Nottingham Flying Saucer Discussion and Research Organisation, Mrs. Jenny Sallis, says that after a report of the Chilwell sighting appeared in the *Evening Post* on Saturday her tele-

phone was busy all evening.

"Several people called to confirm the sighting by Mr. Steven Brown, of Chilwell. They included two old age pensioners who had seen it but did not know who to contact and just wanted to talk to someone about what they had seen," says Mrs. Sallis.

"We also had calls from people who had seen UFOs before but were reluctant to come forward for fear of being made to feel silly.

"One was an RAF officer who saw an object at Ollerton a couple of weeks ago. He had eight witnesses and got a close-up of a huge glowing white light through his binoculars."

Mrs. Sallis formed the research group in March after disagreeing with policies of Nottingham's other two UFO organisations, SPRING (Strange Phenomenon Research Investigation and Notation Group) and the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society.

The new group, which goes sky-watching at Bestwood Lodge on Saturday nights, is launching a "Look at the Sky" Week on June 24 when Mrs. Sallis hopes everyone will spare a few minutes each day to study the sky.

"We are dedicated to presenting UFO phenomenon in a serious and sensible light," she adds.

BRISTOL EVENING POST - ENGLAND
*****JULY 30, 1979*****

UFO 3129 info

BRISTOL student Chris Farey is interested in your close encounters . . . of the third kind.

Chris, a physics student at Bath University, wants to catalogue all the UFO sightings in the West.

"So many reports of sightings are inadequate and unscientific," said Chris (24).

"I would like to be able to compile comprehensive reports on UFOs and forward them to the UFO Investigators Network — an organisation that looks into sightings.

"Any reports I received would be treated with the strictest of confidence."

Anyone who can help Chris should write to him at 20 Meridian Place, Clifton.

UFOs sighted at Wigton

3128

COUNTY ambulance driver Michael Pearson and his family had four sightings of an unidentified flying object.

Mr Pearson, who lives at Dundawn, Station Hill, Wigton, said that at one stage on Monday night the silver grey object came over the huge silo at Hawkrigg House farm and it was three to four times the size of the silo dome.

He said: "My wife Eileen spotted it first from our living room window at about 8.10 p.m. It was below the skyline coming from the Rosley direction. It seemed to drop as if it was landing behind some trees and about two minutes later we saw it again in the direction of Hawkrigg travelling at a tremendous speed.

DIRECTION

"It seemed to change direction at incredible speeds and we got an ex-

By HARRY WATSON

binoculars I am converted. All the family definitely saw an object."

cellent view of it as it turned into the sun leaving a vapour trail.

"It appeared to travel about four miles in the time I could put my hand to my mouth and I have never in my life seen anything move so fast. It then appeared twice more in the Blencogo area."

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Mr Pearson added: "My daughter Lynne and a colleague from the ambulance station also saw it. I rang the police and reported what I had seen.

"I had been a bit sceptical about reports of UFOs, but after the view we had with

APPEAL ON UFO IS A SUCCESS

3178

THE Nottingham Flying Saucer Discussion and Research Organisation say they have had a phenomenal response to their appeal for witnesses to the orange glowing UFO seen over West Bridgford on Friday night of last week.

Phone calls were received by the organisation from people all over the city and as far away as Newark where a humming object disturbed several people on a caravan site at 2am.

minutes before it dived down "fast and steep."

A Chilwell man saw it from his garden and he said it was orange, moved very fast to the left, then hovered. It was definitely not a plane.

An elderly Meadows man watched the object over West Bridgford and told them: "That was never a plane. I have never seen anything like it in all my life."

Five men watched it from the Bramcote-Beeston border and a Rise Park family and a neighbour also watched a strange orange object that was "definitely not a plane."

A Basford family watched it from a relative's garden and said an aircraft could not make the movements the thing they saw did.

All these people were convinced they had seen something strange, said the organisation.

In-depth interviews have not yet taken place but after checking with the local airports the investigators are sure that this was not a plane, a weather balloon, strange atmospheric conditions, Venus or any of the usual explanations for UFOs.

Whitish

Two Wilford women saw a plane minutes before they saw "a round whitish object with red flashing lights" which they watched for several

'Flying triangle' report

3128

THE second UFO sighting in Nottingham this week has been reported by a West Bridgford woman.

Mr. Robert Morrell, chairman of Nottingham UFO Investigation Society, said the woman described seeing a large triangular-shaped object, which had a reddish orange glow, over the Embankment at The Meadows.

It was moving up and down but after two or three minutes it gathered

speed, climbed rapidly and disappeared.

Mr. Morrell added that earlier this week, a fleet of triangular objects was seen in the Ashby area by a group of boys playing football.

He is now appealing for anyone who saw the objects to ring the Society on Nottingham 874615.

UFOs: Has Russia found the answer?

FORGET ALL those little green men coming to earth and demanding: "Take me to your leader."

Forget about flying saucers, spaceships, UFO's or whatever you choose to call them. The Russians have a down to earth, scientific answer for all that high flying nonsense—and it's chemiluminescence.

The Iron Curtain is certainly no obstacle to — dare we call them — UFOs. They've been coming down thick and fast, in all shapes and sizes over Russia and Siberia.

And from many carefully recorded encounters of the Soviet Kind comes what may

By ANTONY BUZEK

be a true answer to the flying saucer mystery, all recorded very scientifically, of course, in the Soviet journal Aviation and Cosmonautics.

First let's look at some of the Soviet encounters related by military and airline pilots.

On October 11, 1977 three new Soviet military aircraft were tested near the city of Ryazan.

At 1800 hours, flying at the height of 27,000ft and keeping a distance of 50 miles apart, these reliable, trained observers spotted a luminous, pulsating object. Its front part blindingly white; the rest, also white, looked as if surrounded by white cotton yarn.

It first approached the aircraft, flew alongside and finally began to ascend at an angle of 70-80 degrees.

As it was drawing away, the intensity of its light faded and finally the object looked just like a little twinkling star in the dark evening sky. Only then were the pilots able to exchange between themselves their excited impressions.

For the 24 minutes, while the unidentified "thing" was in their vicinity, their VHF radio stations did not work.

A similar experience was also had by the crew of the Aeroflot airliner. Its pilot and crew saw a light emitting object. As it came nearer, its dimensions gradually grew.

The crew first thought it was the rising moon and switched off the cabin lights so that the passengers could see better.

Everybody then clearly saw

that the approaching thing was a brilliant white disc floating at an angle of 60-70 degrees. And behind was a trail of light visible for seven or eight minutes.

A third mysterious bright object collided with another Aeroflot liner, causing an explosion and fire.

Is all this not a clear proof that Soviet pilots met with "flying saucers."

"Not quite," says Soviet scientist Dr M Dimitriyev in the journal. "What they encountered were not UFOs, but bands of chemiluminescence, cold radiation."

Reactions

In the atmosphere, he explains, there are always microscopic chemically active particles of ozone, nitrogen dioxide, organic compounds, etc.

Energy released by chemical reactions of these molecules often change into photons, giving off a faint light imperceptible to the naked eye.

When, however, these chemically active particles condense, they create that chemiluminescence — their light becomes more intense and may, at times, be even 10 or 20 times brighter than the sun.

These have their own source of chemical energy and can move, rotate, pulsate, emit light, imitate radio waves or swallow them!

As Dr Dimitriyev sternly reminds his readers they should not speak of UFOs, but of chemiluminescence.

UFO over Somerford

A WEIRD cream-coloured light jerking its way over Somerford startled four sky-watchers, who believe they had a close encounter with a UFO.

Roger and Rosemary King were entertaining friends Chippy and Julie Kearley at their Draper Road, Somerford, home when they saw the bizarre yellowy light pass by late last night.

"It was a creeping, cream-coloured light," said Rosemary, who added that none of them had been drinking. "It was certainly nothing like a star or a plane."

The four dashed outside and watched the flight path. It disappeared, reappeared and disappeared within minutes.

"It was jerking up and down. It made us all very excited. We had never experienced anything like it before."

Hurn Airport confirmed that no plane landed or took off from the airport at the time, around 11.40 pm.

Now the four want to get in touch with UFO experts to see if anyone else witnessed the strange happening—or can explain it.



Balls of fire... no, chemiluminescence!

BOURNEMOUTH EVENING ECHO - ENGLAND
*****JULY 17, 1979*****

DID THEY REALLY SEE A SAUCER?

By MOLLIE LEACH

WHEN Karen Whittall and her friend from Stockholm, Helene Morsing, went to the carnival fair they had an out-of-this-world experience.

They saw an excited group of young people staring at the sky — they looked too and saw clearly an object that they insist was a genuine flying saucer.

I never have believed in them,' said Karen, 'but I do now and there is no question about what we saw. People may sneer but this thing really was absolutely other-world.'

Both girls are 16 and Helene

is over from Sweden to spend a five-week holiday with Karen. Karen, after leaving Hampden Park Secondary School, is to train to be a cook.

Both girls describe the UFO as being of a shiny metallic appearance and shaped like half an egg.

Their sighting, from Seaside fairground, was at about 10.15 p.m. on July 2.



YES, SEEING IS BELIEVING — that's the verdict of UFO spotters Helene (left) and Karen. PICTURE: JOAN HARRIES.

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Mystery objects in sky

MYSTERY flying objects have been spotted in Holmbury St Mary.

Mr Christopher Gillott, a gardener who lives in a caravan just outside the village, says he saw not one, but two above the Royal Oak pub on Tuesday night.

Mr Gillott said: "I was looking up at the sky when I saw the strangest looking object. It was flying faster than an aircraft and glowing silver."

Expert

He was sure it was not an aircraft as he is an air enthusiast, and often goes to Gatwick to watch them.

"The UFO circled, then shot off. Suddenly another craft appeared and that shot off over Holmbury Hill," he said.

UFO expert Mr Michael Mercer, a computer operator at the Mullard Space Science laboratory, Holmbury said there had been no recent sightings reported over that area.

"But we're always interested to hear of any unidentified objects," he said.

Skyscan probes town's UFO

THE MYSTERIOUS low flying craft seen in the skies of Bromsgrove last week is being investigated by Skyscan, a Worcestershire group specialising in UFO sightings.

They have already sent investigators to interview Mr Phillip Crump of Marlbrook and Mrs Marlene Sword of Rock Hill who reported sighting the craft.

The object which is described as crescent shaped was seen hovering above Bromsgrove and made a noise which woke people as far afield as Redditch and Belbroughton.

Skyscan was formed in 1975 and has over 150 documented sightings of UFO's in the county.

They say the UFO's have been seen all over the county and are particularly interested in the Bromsgrove sightings.

Pauline reveals a close encounter with an alien spaceship

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Pauline Coombs is the most famous—and the most prolific—witness of the great Pembrokeshire UFO invasion of 1977.

According to UFO experts, the chances of any individual making one sighting are many thousands to one.

So the odds against Mrs. Coombs' series of UFO encounters must be—if you'll forgive the pun—astromical.

It was Mrs. Coombs whose car was chased by an object she described as a "flying football."

It was Mrs. Coombs who saw a seven-foot, silver-suited spaceman at her window while she and her husband were watching television.

And when more spacemen began walking in and out of hidden doors in Stack Rocks, in Broad Haven Bay, it was Mrs. Coombs who spotted them again.

It would be easy to write her off as a crank—except that each of her bizarre sightings have been confirmed by her husband, her five children or other members of her family.

And it is the concentration of strange events around the Coombs' home at Lower Ripperston Farm, near Talbenny, which has led local UFO investigator Randall Pugh to speculate that the farm might be somekind of 'time window.'

In 1977, faceless spacemen made at least three visits to

Lower Ripperston and the family twice saw flying saucers.

The sightings were accompanied by other odd phenomena, including a sky high electricity bill and a mysterious drop in the milk yield of the farm's cows.

The family lost eight cars and five television sets in a year—all with their electrics inexplicably burned out.

And now 35-year-old Mrs. Coombs has revealed for the first time her closest encounter of all. The night she was taken aboard an alien spaceship.

Until a few weeks ago, she was convinced that she had dreamed the incident, which occurred in the summer of 1977.

But then she saw a television film about an American couple, Barney and Betty Hill, allegedly kidnapped by spacemen in the early sixties.

"I saw the same thing happening to the American woman as happened to me," she said. "There's no other explanation. It must be true."

Mrs. Coombs said she remembered being injected with a syringe identical to that shown in the television film.

But there are many differences between the two cases. Mrs. Coombs' spacemen appears to have been crewed entirely by women.

She was not subjected to any medical examination of the type described by the

American witnesses.

And unlike them, she saw other people—all women—being brought into the ship.

Whether or not Mrs. Coombs was dreaming, one thing is certain. While UFO activity around Lower Ripperston has now died out, interest in it certainly hasn't.

Although it is difficult to find, the isolated farm has become a place of pilgrimage for tourists interested in UFOs.

"It's a pest sometimes," says farm worker Billy Coombs. "They come in the daytime when I'm working and they won't take no for an answer."

Journalists—some of them representing foreign newspapers—swell the steady stream of callers at Little Ripperston.

Television presenter Vincent Kane has been there. So too has former disc jockey Simon Dee, who didn't impress Mr. Coombs.

"He was just taking the mickey, in my opinion," he said. "He wasn't interested at all."

At one time, an American television company was interested in making a film about Mrs. Coombs.

And interest in her story is likely to be revived by two books which will be published in the next couple of months.

She figures prominently in "The Dyfed Enigma," by Randall Pugh and Ted Holiday, which goes on sale in September.

She also features in Clive Harold's paperback "The Uninvited," which is published next Thursday.

Next Wednesday, she'll be joining Mr. Harold in a Haverfordwest bookshop to promote the book.

She'll also be accompanying him on a tour of major bookshops in Cardiff, Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester and London.

Which prompted the obvious question of how much money she had made out of her UFO sightings. "I haven't had a halfpenny," she replied.

Husband Billy added: "She has been offered money, but she's never accepted it. In my opinion she's a fool. She should have taken it."

That argument will soon be academic, because Pauline Coombs' life in the UFO limelight is nearly over.

The family will shortly be moving from Little Ripperston to Milford Haven. But they strongly deny a recent national newspaper story which claimed they had been scared out by the faceless spacemen.

The 'landing' of two creatures clad in silver

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SO is there life in Space? Reports of luminous, cigar-shaped objects shimmering in the moonlight, which, upon landing, throw out figures minus faces are certainly not unknown.

The increase in popularity in creepy films like Star Wars, Close Encounters, The Shape of Things to Come and Aliens (currently holding London cinema audiences enthralled) also tends to increase public awareness.

For Jenny Randles, an attractive 23-year-old former schoolteacher, UFOs are a full time job. Jenny keeps a 24 hours a day, seven days a week surveillance on what might be happening out there.

She works for Flying Saucer Review and belongs to an investigative team on round-the-clock call from anyone who thinks they might have seen something weird or wonderful.

Next month will see the publication of a book she has written on UFOs, jointly with her colleague Peter Warrington. She also edits a monthly newsletter entitled Northern UFO Network.

Jenny's no crank, but a highly intelligent young woman whose time is fully occupied in the relentless search for facts behind the



phenomena of UFOs in the north and midlands.

Her figure for British sightings is around 350 a year, but having given that figure, she appreciates that her organisation only scratches the surface, representing about a tenth of all sightings.

Jenny herself defines a UFO as something inexplicable. They come in all shapes, sizes and colours—the most popular resembling cigars, or saucers. Sometimes they move very fast. At other times they seem to hover. The sounds they make vary from humming, to buzzing, to complete silence.

The creatures they contain are known as 'humanoids.' These, too, can be multifarious—big, small, grey, fat, square, ugly, or even faceless. Like ghosts, they seem to have the ability to appear as from nowhere.

Weren't they just a little like ghosts, I suggested?

"Yes, there are broad similarities. Peter and I have gone into this pretty extensively in our book. It is also interesting to find that many of the people who have seen humanoids, also report having seen ghosts at some time or another."

Did she think their

★ Although many UFO sightings are explained away by scientists and meteorologists, a question mark still hangs over others. MONICA O'HARA concludes this series by talking to a former schoolteacher who now works full-time tracking down the facts behind reported incidents.

ONE man who believes there are other civilisations in the Universe, is American academic George Wald of Harvard. The question, he feels, is not so much of "if", as "where". He also maintains that intelligent life does not necessarily need to be human and, outrageous though it may seem, it can also be more technically advanced than ourselves.

Astronomers and astro-physicists are being honest with us. But is the Government? The London-based Aetherius Society thinks not, and have launched a national petition for the release of UFO information. It states:

"We, the undersigned, demand that

Thousands demand to know more

government agencies in this country release all information they have relating to extra-terrestrial craft or 'flying saucers'. We feel that in view of the numerous 'sightings' throughout the world recently, it is vitally important that the general public should no longer be kept in ignorance of the facts.

"We further appeal that a national investigations committee on UFO's should be set up immediately and be given access to all such

information."

Mr Richard Lawrence, 36-year-old former schoolteacher and new full-time secretary of the society has told me that he already has 17,000 signatures and hopes for about 25,000 before handing the petition over at the year end.

Although primarily made up of members of the public, the signatories also include many stage and screen stars—notably Spike Milligan, Alan Freeman, Henry Cooper and Pete Murray.

The Aetherius Society is an international body of people, from all walks of life all stratas of society, and a variety of races. Its title incidentally, is of Greek origin (an aetherius being "one who travels through the ethos").

appearances followed some sort of pattern, or was the choice entirely random?

"I don't know. Some people have firm ideas on the subject, but it's all so contradictory. There are those who believe that

spaceships are vehicles manned by aliens, but I keep an open mind myself. The view of UFO workers varies considerably. Unless there's an alien zoo out there, something very odd is going on. That's all I know."

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***** JUNE 7, 1979 *****

U.F.O. sighting at Caernarvon

Glyn Brown did not know what was happening when his father suddenly slammed the car brakes on a clear road near the old dump at Rhosbodruall, Caernarvon.

"It was around 12.20 a.m. last Saturday when my father suddenly stopped the car, telling me that he had seen a red object in the sky. I did not see anything at that stage," said Glyn, of 61 Llys yr Eifl, Caernarvon.

His father, Mr W. Brown, again started on the journey home, but in a matter of seconds he again stopped the car.

"I saw the object on this occasion," Glyn said, "it was on my father's side, but it quickly passed over to my side of the car."

The object, he said, was red in colour, and dome-shaped.

Mr Brown then switched off the car headlights, but put them on again for safety.

Glyn went on, "As soon as we put the car lights back on, the object came dipping down, as if it was attracted to the lights."

"At this stage I became very scared indeed."

Mr Brown flashed his headlights at oncoming cars in an attempt to draw their attention to the object, but none stopped.

"Although there was a moon out last Saturday, this object we saw was definitely no moon," said Glyn.

A police spokesman said that they did not receive any reports of U.F.O. sightings over the week-end.

LIVERPOOL ECHO - ENGLAND

***** JULY 12, 1979 *****

What, then, was her most exciting case, to date?

"The case which impressed me most was that of Gaynor Sutherland, the young Flint schoolgirl who recalled her experiences under hypnosis. The simple

honesty of the witness and the way in which her testimony held together over a long period was what I found particularly worthwhile."

Readers may recall that on a hot summer afternoon in 1976, Gaynor—then aged only nine—was out cycling when she saw a strange cigar-shaped object land in a field near her home, and watched two silver clad creatures step out from it. They were definitely not human, she insisted.

However, afraid that people would laugh at her, she kept the story to herself for 18 months. Then, earlier this year at the request of the Liverpool Daily Post, in the presence of feature writer Philip Key, Gaynor and her parents agreed to take part in an unusual experiment.

Hoyle hypnotist Joe Keeton had been called in, as he specialises in age regressions (putting people under deep hypnosis and sending them back through their memories). At the Sunderland home, in the presence of several observers, Gaynor was regressed to the time when she witnessed whatever it was that had landed in the field and, sure enough, she had seen something decidedly odd.

● Jenny Randles . . . ready to investigate day or night.

The child's information was very vivid and fitted the descriptions given by many others, older and wiser than herself, who have had similar Encounters.

Jenny Randles was not there that evening, but she subsequently visited the family at home and later, with Joe Keeton and Gaynor, was interviewed on the B.B.C. As a result, the case sparked off national and international interest and is now being investigated by a major American publication.

Only recently, when taken to the site of the "landing", Gaynor and her mum were amazed to find that—on the spot where the spacecraft, or whatever it was, had been—the grass was a different colour from that in the rest of the field.

On hearing the news, Joe Keeton too was amazed. This was the only time he had conducted such an experiment in connection with UFOs and I understand that he would now like to repeat it for anyone else in similar circumstances.

Meanwhile, Jenny Randles keeps up her watch.

The Daily Telegraph August 27 1979 - ENGLAND

'Flat-headed alien in silver suit' faces inquiry

By MICHAEL FARR

THE number of reported sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) in Britain so far this year is down on recent years, but a silver-suited humanoid was reported in the Isle of Sheppey.

"In March several drivers in Sheppey saw a silver-suited thing with a flat head leaping along like a chimpanzee," Mr Laurence Dale yesterday told the first London International UFO Congress.

"The police were called, but nothing was found. The entity had disappeared into a ditch before they arrived. At the same time someone else reported a UFO sighting in the area. The case is still being investigated."

Mr Dale, council member of the British UFO Research

Association and chemist in a quality control laboratory, said: "The level of activity is currently low with only 90 sightings this year."

He described 1977 as "something of a bumper year with 583 reports received. There were approximately half that number in 1978."

Comparing notes

More than 350 UFO enthusiasts and experts from some 16 countries are meeting to compare notes and experiences at the two-day congress which opened yesterday.

Under hoardings filled with diagrams, drawings and photographs of flying objects Italians could be seen describing to North Americans the phenomena they themselves had witnessed.

Over lunch Mr Randall Jones

Pugh, retired veterinary surgeon, told me how six years ago at his Spanish holiday chalet at Torrevieja, Alicante, he went outside after midnight and had his experience.

"Something really immense glittered about 2,000 feet up. It was coming very slowly, silently from south-west to north-east and was shaped like a huge wheel with prongs sticking out. It was twice as big as a house. I went inside, but it had gone when I came out again.

"No one will ever convince me that it wasn't an UFO. A most eerie sensation. I had no interest then in UFOs."

Secret weapon

UFOs are not new phenomena. In the late 1800s there were reports of strange airships. During the 1939-45

War reports of strange lights pacing aircraft on military missions were regarded as potential enemy secret weapons by both Axis and Allied powers.

After the war they were known as ghost rockets. Then, in 1947, the term flying saucer was applied by the Press to a well-publicised report in America.

Kenneth Arnold, an Idaho businessman, was flying a private plane on June 24, 1947, near Mount Rainier, Washington, when he reported seeing a group of objects flying in a line.

He said they looked like pie plates skipping over the water. The Press adopted the term flying saucer to describe what Arnold had seen, a term which had been used by a Texas farmer, John Martin, to describe the object he had seen in January, 1878.

UFO's over Poland.

Several people in Poland have informed the authorities about UFO's they had seen on august 20, at about 2100 hours. An air force officer has made a painting of the objects, which appeared in the "Express Wieczorny". The painting shows ten balls of light, taking off and leaving a trail of white.

From the Lodz airfield another sighting was reported. Four light radiating objects were seen for about ten seconds, flying in a triangular formation.

The same formation was seen by an engineer in warschau.

pilot of the Lot - company also spotted an object, that didn't occur on the radar.

Zbigniew Blania-Bolnar, a Polish expert on "flying saucers" has stated that the objects could have been caused by a desintegrating meteorite

FROM: ALGEMEEN DAGBLAD - HOLLAND
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FROM: GAZET VAN ANTWERPEN 8/25/79

Ufo's boven Polen

MONUS, u weet wel, de man van de maan, blijft de mensheid bezig houden. Dit keer in Polen waar „talrijke mensen” hebben laten weten dat zij in de vroege avonden van de 20e augustus „een waar vuurwerk van onbekende vliegende voorwerpen” hebben waargenomen.

Onder hen een gepensioneerde luchtvaartofficier die - hij is amateur-schilder - het wonderlijk verschijnsel in zwart-wit heeft vastgelegd en welk werkstuk door de krant Express Wieczorny werd afgedrukt. Zag deze tekenaar dertien lichtende bollen die na het opstijgen een witte baan achterlaten, de verkeerstoren van Lodz zag gedurende tien seconden vier fel lichtende voorwerpen die zich in driehoeksformatie voortbewogen.

Een Poolse deskundige op het gebied van UFO's (onbekende vliegende voorwerpen) gooide roet in het spannende eten. Zbigniew Blania-Bolnar liet weten dat het waarschijnlijk om een meteoriet ging. Waarom die vliegende stenen dan niet op de radar zichtbaar waren zoals een piloot constateerde wist ook de deskundige niet.

Misschien dat de 250 ufologen die dit weekeinde in Londen samenkwamen om zich te buigen over vreemde verschijnselen binnen en buiten de dampkring, er iets meer over kunnen zeggen.

POLEN ZAGEN

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Talrijke Polen hebben de media laten weten dat zij omstreeks negen uur op de avond van 20 augustus een „waar vuurwerk van onbekende vliegende voorwerpen” hebben waargenomen.

Een luchtvaartofficier, die in zijn vrije tijd schildert, heeft voor het avondblad Express Wieczorny een tekening van het verschijnsel gemaakt: dertien lichtende bollen die opstijgen en een witte baan achterlaten.

Een man in de verkeerstoren op het vliegveld van Lodz heeft gedurende een tiental seconden een horizontale vlucht van vier fel lichtende voorwerpen waargenomen. De vier vlogen in driehoeksformatie. Een ingenieur in Warschau zag het ook en nam een lichtende staart waar. Een piloot van de Poolse luchtvaartmaatschappij „Lot” zag ook een lichtend voorwerp dat geen effect op de radar had.

Zbigniew Blania-Bolnar, een Poolse deskundige op het gebied van „vliegende schotels” heeft roet in het eten gestrooid. Hij zei dat er sprake kan zijn geweest van een meteoriet die nadat ze binnen de aantrekkingskracht van de aarde kwam, desintegreerde. Dat is volgens hem in januari '65 ook gebeurd.

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Delante de aterrizados testigos 3-MARZO-79

OVNI tripulado se tiró en picada contra un camión

diario desconocido de Santiago de Chile

RIVERA (URUGUAY), 3 (EFE).— Seres de enormes cabezas, protegidos por cascos transparentes fueron avistados en esta ciudad tripulando una extraña nave de forma ovalada.

Esta nueva presencia de OVNI en la zona fronteriza con Brasil ha causado gran conmoción entre los pobladores que se encuentran atemorizados ante las sucesivas presencias de estos objetos voladores, que despiden una gran luminosidad y se desplazan a altas velocidades.

Desde el pasado mes de diciembre, Rivera ha sido

"visitada" en varias oportunidades por estas naves.

El último avistamiento se produjo en la madrugada del viernes y dos testigos oculares del hecho afirmaron categóricamente haber visto a los tripulantes de la extraña nave, quienes, según su relato, eran de cabeza grande y estaban protegidos por un casco transparente.

Uno de los testigos, Ernesto Fagúndez, se encontraba trabajando en la torre de transmisión de la radio local, acompañado de su hijo Plinio, de 14 años, cuando vieron al OVNI que daba vueltas sobre la torre.

En un determinado momento se detuvo, agregaron los testigos, y por una de las escotillas pudimos observar a los extraños seres.

Pocos minutos después la extraña nave se lanzó en picada sobre un camión que transportaba obreros, quienes horrorizados por lo que estaban viendo, se arrojaron al asfalto.

En ese momento, según declaración de los testigos, el OVNI se elevó y desapareció en el espacio, dejando tras de sí una fuerte descarga de fuego, acompañada de una espesa columna de humo.

UNKNOWN NEWSPAPER OF SANTIAGO, CHILE, March 3, 1979

In front of terrified witnesses
U F O with crew
dove at a truck

RIVERA (URUGUAY), 3 (EFE).—Beings with enormous heads, protected by transparent helmets, were seen in this city manning a strange oval-shaped ship.

This new UFO appearance in the area bordering Brazil has caused a great commotion among the residents, who are terrified of the successive appearances of these flying objects that emit a great luminosity and move at high speeds.

Since last December, Rivera has been "visited" on several occasions by these ships.

The latest sighting occurred early Friday morning, and two eye-witnesses to the event categorically stated they saw the crew of the strange ship, who, according to the account, had big heads and were protected by transparent helmets.

One of the witnesses, Ernesto Fagúndez, was working on the transmission tower of the local radio station, along with his son Plinio, age 14 [sic—Plinio was really 13], when they saw the UFO that was maneuvering over the tower.

"All of a sudden it stopped," added the witnesses, "and through one of the hatches we could see the strange beings."

A few minutes later the strange ship dove over a truck that was carrying long-shoremen [employees of the Municipal Meat Supply], who, horrified by what they were seeing, threw themselves down on the asphalt.

At that moment, according to the statement from the witnesses, the UFO rose up and disappeared in space, leaving behind a powerful discharge of fire, accompanied by a thick column of smoke.

(Bracketed information added to article is mainly from ufologist Milton W. Hourcade of Montevideo, Uruguay.) (Translation by Richard W. Heiden)