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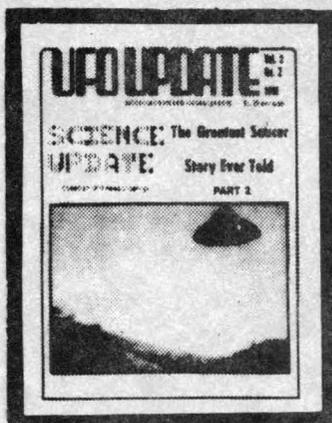
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**FORTEAN NEWS AND UFO EVENTS**

# New UFO sighting reported here

By Richard Fields

Several Cumberland County residents were provided a brief glimpse of an unidentified flying object Tuesday night as it took time out from its busy schedule to

pay a visit to the plateau.

According to airport supervisor George Adcock, reports of the sightings were first received by the airport from a number of people in the Bakers' Crossroads area about 7:30 p.m.

A second sighting was confirmed minutes later by two out-of-town pilots on an instrument training flight. Their observation placed the UFO 12 miles north of Crossville Memorial Airport.

The men in the plane were asked by officials of the airport to investigate the object.

According to the report filed by the pilots over the radio, the object was like nothing they had ever seen. They followed it in a northerly direction toward the

Jamestown area and lost sight of the object just beyond Jamestown.

Both men in the plane agree that the object was not an airplane or helicopter and that it was moving at an extreme rate of speed.

"No official report of the sighting has been filed," Adcock said.

He points out that in the past UFO sightings have seemed to run in seven-year cycles, with numerous reports being filed in the years 1965 and 1972.

THE TORONTO SUN - CANADA  
\*\*\*\*\*NOV. 16, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## 'ZIG-ZAG ATTACK'

# Passengers insist UFOs buzzed jet

TENERIFE, Canary Islands (UPI) — Passengers who insist their Caravelle jet was buzzed by unidentified flying objects said yesterday an elderly male passenger collapsed when he saw the pulsating red objects zig-zagging across the night sky toward them.

The Caravelle was on its way to Tenerife in the Spanish Canary Islands Sunday when it made an emergency landing at Valencia airport on the Spanish mainland.

Passengers from flight 297, which arrived in Tenerife a day late, said

many — but not all — of them saw the objects pilot Francisco Lerdo de Tejada says made two attempts to intercept him.

They described the objects as oval in shape, bright red and pulsating.

The passengers said they saw the UFOs in the sky over Valencia airport for two hours after they landed.

The director of the airport corroborated their claim.

Several people living in the Valencia region came forward to confirm the UFO sighting.

A young mother said she

was out walking with her children the day before the Caravelle scare when they saw an orange disc flying toward the sea.

She said it moved in complete silence, radiating a beaming light, and was orange at its center.

A married couple in a village many miles away said they, too, saw a UFO, and gave an identical description.

Asked whether the objects were flying saucers, Lerdo de Tejada, a pilot with 15 years in the air, said: "I only know that it was a devilishly fast thing, with a terrifying capacity for maneuver."

DEER PARK, WASH. - TRI-COUNTY TRIBUNE  
\*\*\*\*\*OCT. 24, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO sighted

A UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) sighting was reported to Deer Park law enforcement officers Thursday morning at Cedar Road, off Burroughs Road, according to police records.

The woman caller said she saw what appeared to be a strobe light on a star when the object moved and as she rounded a corner, it disappeared. She added that the object was not a plane or helicopter because there was no noise.

The sighting will be reported to Phenomenon Research in Seattle the police dispatcher told the Tribune Friday.

# Calls Deluge Police After Many Sightings

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By Suzanne Banks <sup>7424</sup>

It appeared above the distant horizon rotating flashes of red, green and white light, much like the beacon of a patrol car. Apparently stationary, the object was about the size of a cigarette in diameter when viewed through the binoculars of WAFL-WTHD newscaster Joe Scott and the Milford police. But they were not alone; for over the weekend, reports began to pour in from area residents who had sighted a similar object. State police in Georgetown's Troop 4 received approximately five calls within ten minutes, and so the unraveling of Delaware's recent Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) begins.

Although similar sightings were reported from the Smyrna area just a couple of weeks ago, local

residents seemed relatively unconcerned until the lights began to flash in Sussex County. Not actually discarding the idea that the object swept in from some distant galaxy, but hoping that a more rational theory could be found, the search began with the Milford Police Department.

Almost immediately, mystery seemed solved when Milford police reported what they believed could be the answer. Depending on information supplied by Magistrates Court 3 in Georgetown, the police theorized that the lights could have been the result of military maneuvers from New Jersey involving a formation of four helicopters followed by a dirigible (blimp).

Judge Aubrey Hudson in

Georgetown added a slightly new twist to the theory, however. Having seen the lights and determining them to be helicopters, he placed a call to Georgetown's Troop 4 where he learned the military maneuvers theory. Although he could not be sure, he guessed that maybe this flight was coming from Fort Miles in Lewes.

Sergeant Ken Wheatley of Troop 4 brought in a new aspect, however, when he told of the incidences which occurred one night over the weekend. After receiving numerous calls about the sightings from the Dagsboro-Frankford area, the state police dispatcher made a quick call to the Dover Air Force Base where it is reported that he was told not to worry for the maneuvers were Delaware's own.

Although admitting that initial reports had been received, Major Robert Groom of the base Public Information office had this to say about the matter, "We are not involving ourselves in this matter. We have been out of the U.F.O. business since 1971, and all reports are being transferred to a UFO siting station in the state of Washington where they may be studied further."

Other sources who spoke with

Major Groom did say that the DAFB had no ongoing operations at the time of the sightings. Furthermore, the base contacted McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey just to check on their operations and the answer was negative. It was suggested that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) might be responsible.

Joyce Milliner of the Public Affairs Office at NASA's Wallops Island confirmed reports that NASA was conducting ozone study demonstrations for representatives from several countries. Although involving the use of rockets, satellites and balloons, the demonstrations did not begin until Sunday, October 21. Local sightings were reported before this. Milliner further stated that the instruments traveled straight up and then down again, adding that they could not have been seen from Delaware. Already deluged with Delaware UFO reports, Milliner further commented that although NASA does, on occasion, conduct experiments that are visible, in this case, "there were no NASA operations at the time of the Delaware sightings."

Back at the Milford police (Continued on page A6)

## Calls Deluge Police after Sightings

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station, Officer Thomas McPherson, who actually saw the flashing lights, claims he now believes they may have come from a turbulent star.

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Although many theories are circulating concerning these local sightings, the most popular solutions seem to be that it is either an elaborately rigged hoax (considering the season), or that it could quite possibly be a military maneuver.

While many have claimed to have actually seen the formation of helicopters, others discount this. Some have

suggested that the flashing light and the helicopters are not even one and the same. The blimp theory, however, seems to be more founded.

A blimp travels at such a slow speed that the lights would indeed appear stationary, says Joe Scott who further added that the lights of a blimp would probably be located in a basket directly beneath the structure.

Although no one has reported having a blimp in the area, this theory cannot be discounted, nor can the hoax idea be dismissed. After all, wasn't it this time several years ago when little green men overran Greenwood having been rigged by a local group? And then again, maybe there's another explanation or maybe it is really a visit from the beyond.

# Weatherman's wife reports sighting of UFO in Blount

Mrs. John R. Norton knows she saw a Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Wednesday night better than many people - she is the wife of a weatherman.

Her husband, who works at McGhee Tyson Airport's weather station, apparently believes her story. He called the UFO investigators who have already talked by telephone to Mrs. Norton.

Her experience started about 8:45 p.m., she told The Times, when she rounded the curve on Old Niles Ferry Road heading toward her home on Greencrest Drive on her way home from a church meeting. She looked in the field near Sunny's Grocery and saw the lights hovering about 300 feet in the air.

The object to which the lights were attached was not too visible to Mrs. Norton but the lights were.

The green light pulsed, she said, never going completely out. There were red and white lights on the horizontal object as well. While she watched, a spark was emitted from the green light but the spark, Mrs. Norton said, never touched the ground.

She was tempted to pull her car into the parking lot of the Fairview United Methodist Church and watch the object more.

"But I had heard those tales about what had happened to some people with UFOs so I didn't."

Her car windows were rolled up because of the chill fall air and Mrs. Norton said she heard no noise. As she

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turned down a street off Old Niles Ferry toward Greencrest Drive, she glanced again at the spot where she had seen the object.

It was gone.

FRESNO BEE - CALIF.  
\*\*\*\*OCT 28, 1979\*\*\*

## Prisoner Of UFO City Guest

A woman who claims she was abducted by a UFO and examined by three types of aliens, will speak in Fresno on Nov. 3.

The Aware Center is sponsoring the talk by Judy Kendall of Yolo County, who says she was intercepted by the aliens while driving from Bodega Bay to Woodland.

She will speak at 7 p.m. in the University Religious Center, 2311 E. Shaw Ave.

Kendall will also play tapes of hypnosis sessions with Dr. J. Allen Hynek and his Mutual UFO Network staff. The sessions were held to "de-program" Kendall.

A Superior Court secretary for Yolo County, Kendall has spoken of her experience on a television talk show. A question-and-answer period will follow her presentation.

Additional information may be obtained from the Aware Center at 266-1275 or 439-5853.

When asked if she had believed earlier in UFOs and if her opinion had been changed by her experience Wednesday night, Mrs. Norton hesitated.

Finally she said, "I know what I saw. It was not an airplane. It was not a weather balloon. I know what those objects look like."

An official with the Federal Aviation Administration, Supervisor Bill Solomon, said his agency noticed nothing unusual at the time Mrs. Norton reports she saw her 40-foot object hovering in the sky.

He pointed out that on clear fall nights, even stars and planets look exceptionally bright.

Their appearance often brings telephone calls to the FAA reporting UFO sightings, he said.

SMYRNA, DEL. - TIMES  
\*\*\*\*\*OCT. 18, 1979\*\*

## Strange Lights Spotted

Four Smyrna policemen claim they saw unidentified flying objects Sunday evening about 8:30.

Similar sightings were reported in the Laurel area.

According to Sgt. Nelson Mesick, he saw two objects to the north and two to the east. All, he said, had flashing red, white and green lights. They appeared to Mesick as standing still and looked to be about the size of a volley ball.

Det. Bob Montgomery said he heard about the citing on the scanner and went outside to look and saw a white flashing object race across the sky west to east.

Cpl. Howard Fortner, who was also off duty, went out to investigate upon hearing the report. He said he saw the lights to the north and east but could not make out any shape and saw no movement.

( Sight UFO near Half Moon lake

# Apple River man, wife see object

Richard Breault, a town of Apple River farmer, said he hasn't slept well for nearly two weeks.

On Thursday, Oct. 25, he and his wife had an encounter with an unidentified flying object (UFO) about 6:30 a.m. while driving on CTH G near Half Moon Lake.

"We were on our way to our deer camp," said Breault. "We left our house about 6:15 a.m."

About a 1½ miles from the Half Moon store, the couple's attention was directed to a bright, shining light in the sky.

"My wife thought it was bright star and I said it looked more like a weather balloon," Breault observed.

Suddenly, the bright light descended on the Breault's "just past the Half Moon store."

"My wife thought we were going to smash into it and screamed at me to hit the brakes," observed Breault

The UFO came at the car about 80 feet above the ground and then came straight down until it hovered about 20 feet above the road.

He described the UFO as about 40 feet in length with a hump in the middle. One end of the craft was square with the other end sloped.

"I've never seen such speed in all my life," he said.

It was out of sight in about six seconds, Breault estimated.

About three-fourths of the UFO was reddish in color. He described the top

quarter as a combination of red, green, yellow and orange.

The craft then shot across Half Moon lake at 4,000 or 5,000 miles an hour, according to Breault.

While there was no damage to pickup truck, Breault said both he and his wife experienced a good case of the jitters including "butterflies in the stomach and we couldn't swallow."

The couple didn't tell anyone about the incident, except their children, "because you know what people think when something like this happens."

Sitting next to Breault on the on pickup seat were a loaded camera and binoculars.

"It all happened so fast, I didn't think to use them," he observed.

No other sightings were reported to the Polk county sheriff's department.

This is the second sighting of a UFO in Polk county this year. Earlier, several persons reported seeing a UFO near East lake located east of Dresser.

COURIER EXPRESS - BUFFALO, N.Y.  
\*\*\*\*\*NOV. 4, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO Sighted In Bradford

Special to the Courier-Express  
BRADFORD, Pa. — A sighting of an unidentified flying object near the end of W. Corydon Street here was reported Saturday evening to Joan Jeffers, field researcher for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

Ms. Jeffers said residents of the street described the object as a white ball of light trailing orange sparks, apparently traveling from south to north at an extremely high speed. The sighting lasted just a few seconds, she said.

OSHKOSH, WISC. - DAILY NORTHWESTERN  
\*\*\*\*\*OCT. 30, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO sighting reported by several on Saturday

Several town of Oshkosh residents reported seeing an unidentified flying object Saturday night.

One man, who lives on Shady Lane near County Trunk A, told Winnebago County sheriff's deputies that he was looking out his window over Lake Winnebago when he saw a large red ball on fire in the sky.

The ball descended and apparently crashed. The man said he heard a loud boom accompanied by a huge flash of light.

Deputies were unable to locate any evidence of a UFO crashing in the area. There were no reports of any aircraft crashing there, deputies added.

The residents who reported the incident said the occurrence was definitely not fireworks. The sight occurred at about 10:30 p.m.

# Cattle mutilation spreads to Sask.

EDMONTON — (Special) — Mysterious marauders responsible for the "sick" mutilations of 13 cows and bulls across Alberta in recent weeks have apparently moved on into Saskatchewan.

RCMP in Saskatchewan yesterday confirmed that a heifer's sex organs had been sliced off in Melville and the ears of a dead horse in Mossbank were cut off this week.

Meanwhile, two top cops from the Calgary RCMP were moving around rural Edmonton yesterday following up new clues in the baffling Alberta cattle mutilation spree.

Usually, the animals' sex organs and sometimes the ears and tongue are cut away with surgical precision and carried away by the marauders.

Seldom are there solid clues left behind, like surgical instruments, footprints or vehicle tracks. At least one Alberta cow was shot before being mutilated but veterinary pathologists have had difficulty determining the exact cause of death in many of the cases.

Cattle mutilations reported in Canada, the U.S. and Britain in recent years have been blamed on UFOs, the CIA, religious cults and satanic worshippers.

But one RCMP spokesman described as "ridiculous" claims that extra-terrestrial beings or the CIA are involved in the grisly mutilations.

"We haven't had any UFO reports and besides, I can't see why little green men would come down and remove the genitals of cattle," he says. "It doesn't make sense."

If anything, the cops suspect devil worshippers or cultists are responsible.

Canadian cops are relative newcomers to investigating the baffling mutilations — more than 12,000 cases have been reported in the U.S. since the early 1970s.

## Calf is latest of 5 mutilated in Alberta area

EDMONTON (CP) — A dead calf found near Airdrie has been confirmed as the fifth cattle mutilation discovered since Saturday in Alberta.

Two animals were found mutilated on the same farm near St. Albert over the weekend, one was found near Nanton and another near Caroline.

Veterinarian Dr. David Green of Airdrie said the Airdrie case was a classic mutilation. The others he called "copy-cat mutilations."

THE GLOBE AND MAIL - CANADA  
\*\*\*\*\*NOV. 15, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## MYSTERY BLASTS

# 'Tremors' shake waterfront

Several mysterious blasts shook the Toronto waterfront last night, but Metro cops and Toronto firefighters couldn't come up with a source.

The "tremors" shook buildings in the Cherry Street and Unwood Avenue district and were also felt by Ward's Island residents

and island firefighters.

Toronto International Airport reported no aircraft missing or in trouble.

"It was just a fairly loud explosion (at 9:30) that shook the firehall," Captain Robert Schoales of the island firehall told the Sun

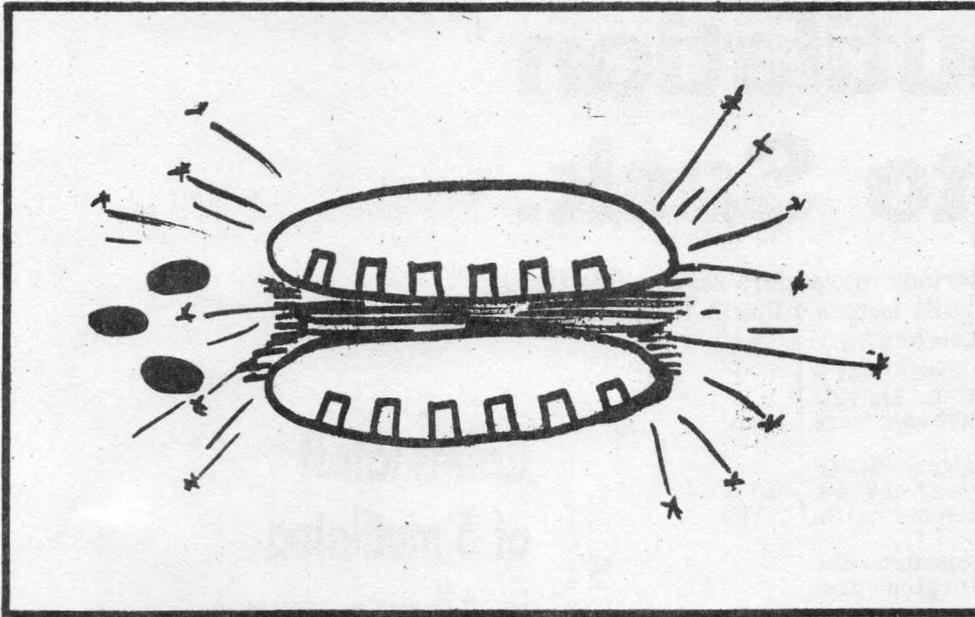
"You've got me on what it was. We looked around, but couldn't find anything."

Other tremors were heard shortly after 10 p.m., one by a man who said the whole building he was working in near Cherry Beach shook.

Callers to the Sun said

they saw a "bright white light" zip across the city around the time of the explosions.

A Toronto Hydro spokesman said he hadn't heard of last night's explosions but had heard a report of similar tremors earlier in the week.



This drawing is a reproduction of the sketch drawn by Mrs. Holms of the UFO's seen by her and four others near Methow on October 5. Reproduction by Sue Lagsdin.

LOUISVILLE TIMES - KY.  
\*\*\*\*\*OCT. 26, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## New Albany family reports spotting UFO

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An object shaped like a quarter-moon was spotted over the Ohio River downstream from the Sherman Minton Bridge last night by four New Albany residents, police said.

The object, which was not confirmed by Standiford Field in Louisville or by Hap's Airport in Jeffersonville, was seen about 10 p.m.

by Mr. and Mrs. James E. Anderson, 22 E. Sixth St., and two of their children.

The Andersons told police it was a reddish-yellow, glowing object that remained in the air downstream from the bridge about 10 minutes, then faded from sight about the time a train approached.

PROVO, UTAH - HERALD  
\*\*\*\*\*NOV 4, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Provoans Claim Seeing UFO

Several Provo residents reported seeing a UFO late Friday evening which slowly passed beneath the moon as its lights flickered on and off. It then reportedly disappeared from the sky.

One witness, Sandi Williams, a Brigham Young University student from Washington State, said she and a group of friends, including Charlene Christiansen and Steve Campbell, were walking outside at about 10:10 p.m. when they spotted a solid yellow craft of some kind moving high in the southern sky.

She discounted any possibility that it could have been a satellite, helicopter, plane or meteor, because it emitted no noise.

The Herald checked with the Utah County Sheriff's Department, Provo Police and the Utah Highway Patrol about the incident, and their offices had received no calls about any UFO's cited.

Salt Lake City Police and the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Department also reported no UFO calls.

# More UFO's sighted

By Mae Darwood

Cam Pierce was not the only other Methow Valley resident who sighted a UFO the week of October 1-7. A sighting also occurred about 1:00 a.m. Friday, October 5 by a party of five just north of Methow.

Lawrence and Signe Holms of Twisp were returning from the Spokane Airport where they had met Pat Prehm and her daughter, Marie, of Elgin, Illinois and the Holms' son, Les, of Wooddale, Illinois. The group had just "rounded the bend" above Methow when the startling object(s) dove into view in the after-midnight sky.

They watched the UFO(s) for several minutes before it went out of sight over the horizon.

Mrs. Holms drew a picture of the object(s) which we've attempted to reproduce. She said the area between the two objects was dark and may have been part of the ship, making it one unit, or it could have been the night sky, meaning it was two ships. The top part, or ship, looked larger than the bottom one, she said.

Mrs. Holms said the flying object(s) was fairly large but it was hard to determine exactly.

Off to the side and back of the windowed and lighted object(s) were sparkling, shooting lights, "resembling a Fourth of July rocket," Mrs. Holms said.

Following along the side of the ship(s) were three lights. The largest and top light was flashing red but Mrs. Holms said she wasn't sure about the color of the other two but knew that they weren't flashing.

by Linda Callaway **FRON**

Newspapermen are as a whole, through no freak accident of nature, a skeptical lot.

That's why The Sussex Countian didn't contract a case of the heebie geebies when all of our competitors ran stories concerning various alleged UFO sightings last week. It's not that we don't trust people, you understand, it's just that other recent incidents, including a reported giant cougar on the loose, have sort of caught us in the "we'll-believe-it-when-we-see-it" syndrome.

That is, until our freelance photographer George Stevenson said he saw it too. Well, we had always told George

~~that~~ he had to be crazy to work here, and this was, perhaps, proof positive. But then, to back up his sanity, George produced what nobody else had: a photograph.

This in itself was no small feat, we might add, because even Bob Pratt, the National Enquirer's exclusive UFO reporter who visited Georgetown last Thursday, went home to Florida empty-handed. Mr. Pratt has traveled worldwide in search of reported life from outerspace, and is, by the way, the nephew of Georgetown's own Town Clerk Betty Cooper.

According to Mrs. Cooper, Pratt is fascinated by the thought of intelligent life on other planets, and does not believe that these sightings are something that originated in Russia or China, etc.

We kiddingly told George that what he photographed probably originated in the drug store - if you don't look too close it seems to be a flying Darvon capsule.

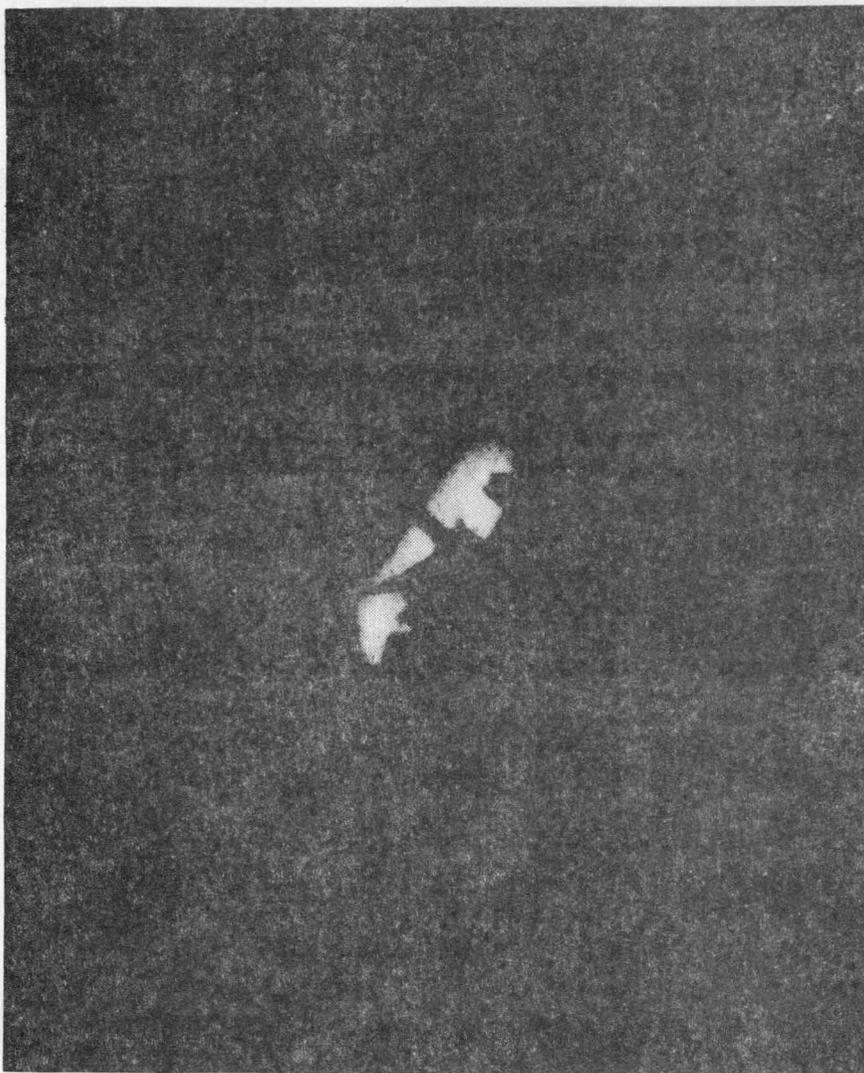
But seriously, whatever it was George and his wife saw on Friday night east over Milton, its description was the same given by Georgetown firemen and by Slaughter Beach residents on Thursday night. It was white, brighter than any star, with red and green flashing lights. This information also backs up stories recounted earlier last week by startled Millsboro and Bridgeville residents.

George, however, was still unconvinced. "I guess it's possible, but I never did believe much in flying saucers and whatnot."

He added, smiling, "When I see it land in the field across from my home, and the little green men come out, I'll bring you a picture then."

Nevermind, George, your first million's waiting at the National Enquirer office, in Florida.

# UFO? ... finally captured by camera

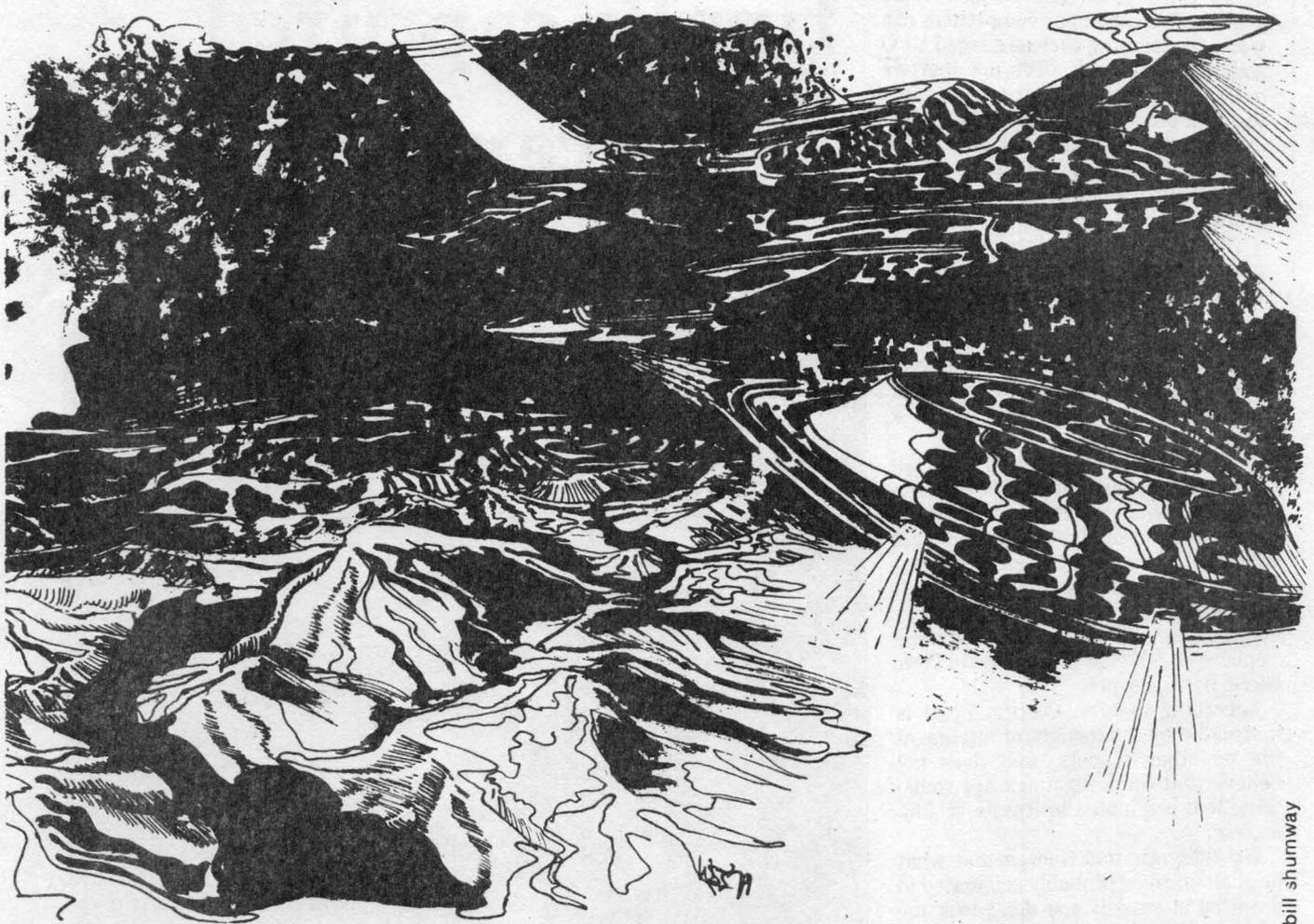


WHAT IN THE WORLD ... OR IS IT OUT OF THIS WORLD? . . . The Sussex Countian is proud to boast this exclusive photograph of the recently spotted UFO, taken by Freelancer George Stevenson of Redden.

Stevenson's description of the object concurred with others from Slaughter and Bowers Beach, Georgetown, Millsboro and Bridgeville: it was white with red and green flashing lights. He obtained the photograph via time exposure on Friday night.

ALBANY, ORF. - HERLAD  
\*\*\*\*\*OCT. 29, 1979\*\*\*\*

# *The mysterious case of Fred Valentich and the UFO*



bill shumway

By TOYO YAMAMOTO

On October 2 of this year some people in the Lincoln City area reported an unidentified flying object. A few months earlier residents in the Klamath Falls-Grants Pass section of southern Oregon also reported UFOs. In both cases the sightings were of a relatively undramatic nature.

But the mysterious case of the disappearance of Australian pilot Fred Valentich one year ago on Saturday, October 21, still remains unsolved. This well-publicized occurrence is such an intriguing case than even a confirmed unbeliever will find the puzzle to be quite a challenge. Let us commemorate the first anniversary of Valentich's disappearance with the following complete story.

Frederick Paul Valentich, a 20-year-old who had spent three years as a cadet and volunteer instructor with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Air Training Corps in West Melbourne, held an unrestricted license and had been flying for two years. He needed to build up night flying hours for his commercial pilot's license.

Leaving Moorabbin Airport in Melbourne at 6:19 p.m. on October 21, 1978 for a flight along the shoreline to Cape Ottway and then across the Bass Strait to King Island, Valentich planned to log some flying time, as well as pick up some crayfish for an officers' function, piloting the same plane in which he had trained—a \$43,000 Cessna 182L ("long-range" type). Valentich had flown that same

route three times before. Flying conditions were "perfect" with a cloudless dusk sky, a mild northeasterly breeze and unlimited visibility.

The pilot radioed to Melbourne Flight Service that he had just passed the mainland at 7 p.m. and was crossing the Bass Strait toward King Island. At 7:06 p.m. he reported an "aircraft" nearby. The following is a verbatim transcript of the conversation between Fred Valentich and the Melbourne Flight Service. Although at least three versions of the transcript exist, the following has been supplemented with complete details through Dr. J. Allen Hynek's investigation into the matter.

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7:06:14-Valentich: Melbourne, this is Delta Sierra Juliet. Is there any known traffic below five thousand?

Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet, no known traffic.

Valentich: Delta Sierra Juliet, I am...seems (to) be a large aircraft, below five thousand.

7:06:44-Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet, what type of aircraft is it?

Valentich: Delta Sierra Juliet, I cannot affirm. It is four bright, it seems to me like landing lights.

7:07:00-Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet.

7:07:31-Valentich: Melbourne, this (is) Delta Sierra Juliet. The aircraft has just passed over me at least a thousand feet above.

Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet, roger, and it is a large aircraft, confirmed?

Valentich: Er...unknown, due to the speed it's traveling--is there any Air

Force aircraft in the vicinity?

Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet, no known aircraft in the vicinity.

7:08:18-Valentich: Melbourne, it's approaching now from due east towards me.

Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet.

7:08:14-(Open microphone for two seconds).

7:08:48-Valentich: Delta Sierra Juliet, it seems to me that he's flying over me two, three times at speeds I could not identify.

7:09:00-Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet, roger. What is your actual level?

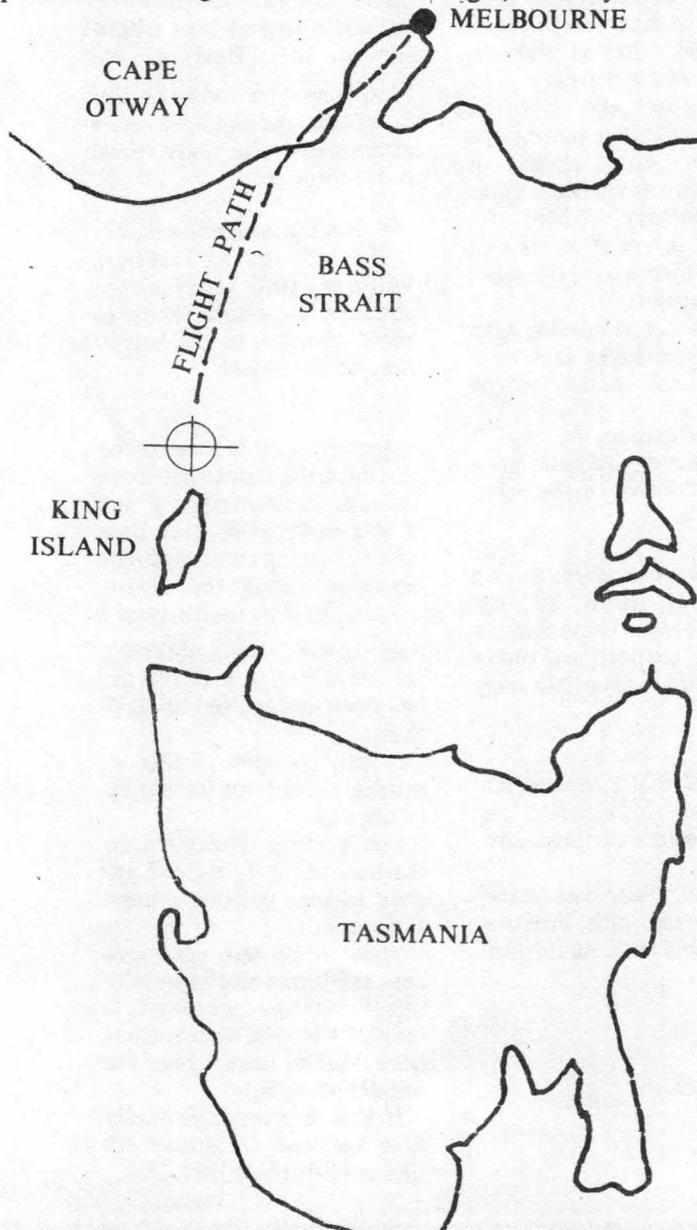
Valentich: My level is four and a half thousand...four, five, zero, zero.

Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet, and you confirm you cannot identify the aircraft?

Valentich: Affirmative.

Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet, roger, stand-by.

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7:09:27-Valentich: Melbourne Delta Sierra Juliet. It's not an aircraft it is...(open microphone for two seconds).

7:09:42-Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet, Melbourne. Can you describe the...er...aircraft?

Valentich: Delta Sierra Juliet, as it flying past, it's a long shape...(open microphone for three seconds)...cannot identify more than that. It has such speed...(open microphone for three seconds)...before me right now Melbourne.

7:10:00-Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet, roger, and how large would the...er...object be?

7:10:19-Valentich: Delta Sierra Juliet, Melbourne. It seems like it's stationary. What I'm doing right now is orbiting and the thing is just orbiting on top of me also. It's got a green light and sort of metallic (like) it's all shining (on) the outside.

Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet.

7:10:46-Valentich: Delta Sierra Juliet...(open microphone for five seconds)...it's just vanished.

Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet.

7:11:00-Valentich: Melbourne would you know what kind of aircraft I've got? Is it (a) military aircraft?

Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet confirm the...er...aircraft just vanished?

Valentich: Say again?

Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet, is the aircraft still with you?

Valentich: Delta Sierra Juliet, (it's...ah...)(Open microphone for two seconds)...now approaching from the Southwest.

Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet.

7:11:50-Valentich: Delta Sierra Juliet, the engine is...rough idling. I've got it set at twenty three, twenty four and the thing is coughing.

Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet, roger. What are your intentions?

Valentich: My intentions are...uh...to go to King Island...uh.. Melbourne that strange aircraft is hovering on top of me again. It...(open microphone for two seconds)...is hovering and it's not aircraft.

Melbourne: Delta Sierra Juliet.

7:12:28-Valentich: Delta Sierra Juliet, Melbourne...(Open microphone for seventeen seconds, during which time a strange "metallic" sound occurs).

A thorough land and sea search proved fruitless. Valentich had simply vanished without a trace. My own files on the case remain open--possibly forever.

# 'I wish I may, I wish I might,' I wish you'd say what

EAST PRAIRIE, MO. - EAGLE  
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## you are tonight

By Liz Anderson

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During the weekend of September 8 a rash of sightings of an unidentified flying object were reported to law enforcement agencies throughout the Bootheel and beyond.

A lot of people noticed the light on Sept. 8 and 9, flashing brilliant red, green and white colors.

No one knew what it was then and they still don't, but it has been in the northeast sky in approximately the same location each night since.

No one has reported it to local authorities since either.

According to Dr. Harley Rutledge, chairman of the Physics Department at SEMO U. and director of Project Identification, it may be a star or it could be a true UFO.

Dr. Rutledge has investigated many UFO sightings and is in the process of writing a book on the subject.

Object seen in St. Louis

In a telephone interview last week, he said that the object

had been seen on the weekend of Sept. 8 all along the Mississippi Valley and as far north as St. Louis.

This, he said, would indicate the presence of a star at a long distance from Earth, rather than a smaller object close to a given locale.

And while he refused to say that it definitely was a star, if it were one, it would probably be either Sirius or Capella, he said.

Both are notorious for scintillating lights, he added.

When asked why the object and Little Dippers, for example.

It also helps if you know your directions (north, east, south and west) at night as well as during the day.

Then, check the object as early in the evening as possible, and check it periodically each hour after.

Particularly note its position in relation to an earthly object and to the other stars around it.

If it is a star, it will rise up in the sky, 15 degrees each hour and will not remain in the

same position in the sky. It will, however, remain in a position relative to the other stars.

If it is seen over a long period of time in approximately the same relative positions, chances are you're looking at a true heavenly body.

He added that if the object did not act in this manner, the viewer should call him right back.

You should also not stare directly at the light, because your eyes will make the object

appear to move more rapidly than it actually is moving. Look a little to one side, Rutledge said.

If you have memorized the patterns of the constellations, and your light moves with them each night, a star may be just what you have discovered.

He added, however, that he had known UFO's to follow positions relative to the stars.

The scintillating or flashing lights appear because of refraction when a star's light enters the Earth's atmosphere. The lower the star is on the horizon, the more atmosphere the light must come through.

### Not Uniform Flashes

The flashing should not be in uniform time lapses but shimmering scintillations or rapid changes in the brightness of the object.

According to one report on this light, the flashes are more uniform than scintillating, and it was reported to have been late appearing on at least one occasion during the month.

It can first be seen around 9 p.m. near the northeast horizon and by 10 or 10:30 p.m. has risen and started its light show.

It has been seen clearly at midnight and later further up in the sky.

One evening it was not on the horizon at 9, but did appear in that position around 10:30 p.m.

Those of us here who have seen the lights and especially one who has watched it carefully for the weeks it has been visible, cannot help but wonder what it is.

If it is a star, it certainly does not look or always act like one. But if it isn't...?

# Four See Blinking Lights Moving Erratically In Sky

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By J. Anselm O'Brien

WINSTED—Monday evening, under a crisp, clear sky and a nearly full moon, four area residents watched, for nearly two hours, as three or four blinking lights moved silently about the sky in the vicinity of the American Legion forest in Barkhamsted.

Mary Lee Marino, a legal secretary with a local law firm, said earlier this week that she, her husband Thomas, and their friends, Dennis and Johanna Delaney were at a residence at Horse Shoe Circle on Wallens Hill when all of them saw the same phenomenon. Delaney, a United Technologies employee, first saw the lights, Marino said.

Mrs. Marino said she and the others saw "three or four fast blinking lights" moving in an erratic manner through the sky over the Legion forest. She reported the lights as being red, green and white.

They moved in both vertical and horizontal directions, Mrs. Marino said, and at times appeared to hover. They were moving very fast but were not making any noise, she noted.

The four watched the lights from 9:30 until 11:30 p.m., Mrs. Marino said. That is when she stopped watching the lights and went inside, she added. The stars were out that evening and their light was very sharp.

Charlie Duquette, a training specialist with the Federal Aviation Administration, at Bradley International Airport said Tuesday a check of the control tower's flight record book revealed no unusual traffic in the vicinity of Bradley.

"Aircraft which we are not working on Bradley radar quite often go unnoticed," Duquette said. Airport officials do not usually become concerned about aircraft unless they are within a five-mile radius of the airfield, he noted.

This is called the "positive control area" in which an aircraft is under the direct control of the airport's control tower, Duquette added.

The radar at Bradley has nearly a 40-mile range radius, Duquette said. Even if the tower made contact with a craft in the vicinity of Pleasant Valley, it wouldn't be noted in the log because

of its distance from the airport. Duquette added that the lights described by Mrs. Marino are commonly found on conventional aircraft.

On clear, moonlit nights, it is not uncommon for private pilots to take pleasure flights, Duquette said. Some of them even practice stunt flying at night, he added.

Richard Shepard, manager of Johnny Cake airport, on the Burlington-Bristol town border, said Thursday that it is not uncommon for a pilot to go "joy riding" when a full moon is present, because of the light it provides the pilot.

All planes belonging to Johnny Cake were logged in by 6 p.m., Shepard said, but there may have been a

private pilot flying in the vicinity of Pleasant Valley. The airport's records would not necessarily list a private flight.

When Shepard was told that no engine sound could be heard while the lights were clearly visible, he said that quite often the lights from a plane "ten miles away" can appear "very clear." At that distance it is doubtful the engine of a plane could be heard, he added.

Mrs. Marino claims she and the others saw "something," but they don't know what it was. Not only do they not know what they saw but neither does Duquette.

"I don't know what they saw," Duquette said, "I'm not trying to discredit anyone."

# Car passenger describes UFO he reported seeing over city

By PEGGY BIER  
Staff Writer

**UFO**  
If any of the residents of the Lincoln Terrace housing project in Northwest Roanoke had the uneasy feeling they were being watched about 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Larry Powers can explain why.

Powers can, in fact, explain in explicit detail. He said he saw the watcher.

Powers, a 27-year-old music education student at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, was on his way into Roanoke via Interstate 581 when he saw a light that seemed to be that of an approaching plane.

But he watched it — his wife, Martha, was driving — and very soon it did *not* seem to be an approaching plane. For one thing, it wasn't headed for the airport.

Powers said it seemed to be about three miles away when the lights on it suddenly became so bright he had to put on his sunglasses. When he did, what he saw was not headlights, but a configuration of four lights — two below that appeared to touch each other, and two above, a little farther apart. There was a red-and-green light on top, and red lights on each side, he said.

"It definitely was not an airplane," Powers said. He said whatever-it-was was shaped like a beetle, oval with a

humped-up top. It was as "big as a Winnebago" and made a noise like a new refrigerator, he said.

Powers said he was close enough to the thing that he could see the street lights of the housing project reflecting off its bottom. It wasn't shiny — it had a dull, dark finish, he said. And its shape was irregular.

"I knew I was looking at it, but I just couldn't believe it," he said. "I was so close if somebody had stuck their head out, I'd have seen their face. It was impossible by our laws that it could ever be in the air."

Powers said the craft hovered over the housing complex with its lights fixed on something on the ground. "For about 30 seconds, it had its lights fixed on us."

He said his wife slowed their car to about 20 miles per hour, and he rolled down his window to look and listen. Three or four other cars slowed also, he said.

Powers figured the asymmetrical hovercraft, which he said wasn't smooth but had metallic projections and indentations all over its surface, was about 200 feet off the ground when he saw it, and he was within 300 feet of it.

Then he lost sight of it behind a building, and by the time his wife had turned the car around, it was gone.

"But I know what I saw," he said.

Police received no calls about the object, and it wasn't seen or recorded by radar at Woodrum Field.

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## Latest UFO sighting has many believers

MADRID, Spain — Whatever a government investigation decides, a reported UFO sighting in Spanish airspace must be one of the best-documented on record.

The case involves a pilot who diverted his plane with 109 passengers and seven crew to make an emergency landing, claiming unidentified flying objects were buzzing him and threatening collision. An airport director, among others, says he saw the UFOs. Air force jets were reportedly sent up and filmed them. And Spain's Transport Minister, ordering an investigation, said: "It is clear that UFOs exist."

Francisco Lerdo de Tejada, the 34-year-old pilot with 15 years experience, said "What I saw was a UFO." He claimed sophisticated radar in Madrid picked up the UFOs and saw them plunge 12,000 feet in 30 seconds — "something no plane I know can do" — in an attempt to follow him down.

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## Jet Pilot Says 4 UFOs Pursued His Plane

VALENCIA, Spain (UPI) — The pilot of a Caravelle jetliner with 109 passengers aboard radioed he was being pursued by four unidentified flying objects while flying over the Mediterranean island of Ibiza Sunday en route to Tenerife in the Canary Islands. The jet made an emergency landing, Valencia airport officials said yesterday.

The director of Valencia airport said the crew of the Caravelle described the four flying objects as bright red balls three times larger than stars.

# Unexplained night lights near Baldwin part of increasing UFO activity in area

EAU CLAIRE, WISC. - LEADER-TELEGRAM  
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By Tim Zgonina

Leader-Telegram staff

BALDWIN — Scott Sieracki was watching the 10:30 movie Oct. 19 at his farm home 8 miles south of Baldwin, a 1973 film called "Westworld."

He was alone in the living room.

His brother was asleep upstairs.

The movie wore on, and Sieracki, an average ninth grader at Baldwin-Woodville High School, felt hungry.

He got up from his chair and headed through the archway into the dining room, on his way to the kitchen to get something to eat. But as he passed by the window on the north wall, something shining above a pasture caught his eye.

Sieracki stopped and looked closer. It was a light, but not from a late-working tractor in a neighbor's field as he had supposed. He sat on a chair by the window and watched.

## Two shining lights

There were two of them, one a little larger than the other, bright and uncolored, hovering above the ground. They appeared to be about 1,000 feet away, at the corner of an unharvested sunflower field, flashing on and off as if they were pivoting around an axis, first shining and then hidden from view.

Sieracki watched a few seconds, then ran up the steep steps to wake his brother. He couldn't raise him.

He ran back downstairs and looked out the window again. The lights were still there.

Sieracki went to the back door, opened it and looked out. He heard only the crickets chirping in the

darkness and the wind rustling the leaves, no sound of an airplane or motor.

The lights continued to rotate, and Sieracki saw that they cast beams, like a spotlight in a war movie, as they went around. At times they even illuminated the granary in the yard.

## Locked the door

Sieracki closed the door and locked it. Going back to the window, he watched the beams a short time more.

Then they were gone.

Sieracki finally made it to the kitchen to get his snack, then went up to bed.

He didn't tell anyone of what he'd seen until the following Sunday, when he mentioned it to his mother. But he did go out to the spot the lights seemed to be above, and the grass was a little browner in the shape of a circle in one place.

The next Wednesday, although the lights weren't seen again, the family collie howled all night, and one of two pet hamsters in a cage attacked and killed the other.

## Called UFO center

Mrs. Sieracki told some of her friends at work what her son had seen. They told her she should report it.

That's when Mrs. Sieracki

called Bradley E. Ayers.

Ayers is not a man with a mundane profession. He's a field investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., and works out of his Lakeland, Minn., home. He's investigated nearly 200 reports of unidentified flying objects in the past five years in western Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota, many involving nocturnal lights such as Scott Sieracki saw.

Ordinarily, a sighting such as Sieracki's with just one witness seeing distant lights at night wouldn't get detailed attention from Ayers, but the incident south of Baldwin two Fridays ago occurred in an area of high UFO activity this fall, so Ayers decided to investigate personally.

Last Saturday, Ayers drove from his home on the bluffs overlooking the St. Croix Valley to the Sieracki home. Equipped with note pad and tape recorder, he sat down at the dining room table with young Sieracki and his mother.

## Youth hesitant

Ayers reassures Sieracki, telling him to relax and not be afraid because many others have had the same experience.

He asks Sieracki questions

about what he was doing that night, why he walked past the window and what he saw.

Sieracki's mother shows Ayers a pencil sketch her son made of the twin lights, and they talk for more than an hour. The youth is hesitant to speak of what happened, but Ayers presses on.

Sieracki sits at the chair in front of the window recreating his actions the night of the sighting. He tells Ayers how the lights hovered above the pasture below the top of the distant treeline.

Then Sieracki retraces his steps to the door and tells Ayers how the lights beamed hit the side of the building. He holds an ink pen at arm's length to show the lights were about the size of the tip of the pen held that distance from the eye.

## Not first sighting

Mrs. Sieracki tells Ayers that Scott's sighting was not the first made from the farm.

She relates how in 1974, driving home in her pickup, she spotted a light above the horizon. She dismissed it as being a helicopter, but later it was still there. Then it began gliding in her direction.

The craft was crescent shaped with a beam in front and in the rear was what

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appeared to be exhaust in the colors of the spectrum. The craft passed into the distance.

Ayers, Sieracki and his mother then drive through the pasture to the point over which the Oct. 19 UFO appeared to hover.

As the Sierackis said, the grass at the spot is a little browner than the rest of the surrounding pasture.

Is there a connection between the dryness and the lights?

To say yes would be speculation, Ayers says, so he takes a kit from the trunk of his car and fills sample bags with bits of vegetation from the spot and another area.

The samples are later sent to the Center for UFO Studies and analyzed in laboratories to see if they have been subjected to unusual amounts of light or chemicals.

Ayers drives back to the Sieracki house with the woman and her son. He tells them he will contact them before he sends his report to the center.

Then he asks Sieracki what one detail of the sighting stands out most in his mind. "The beams like a spotlight," he replies.

Part two of this article will run on Friday's regional page.

Staff photo

Bradley E. Ayers, kneeling, field investigator for the Center for UFO Studies, takes samples of vegetation below the spot where Scott Sieracki, standing, said he saw

a UFO Oct. 19 on his family's farm south of Baldwin. Ayers conducted the investigation Saturday in the wake of a cluster of UFO sightings in west central Wisconsin.

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# Sightings of UFOs reported near town

LAUREL - UFO sightings recently reported in lower Delaware have joined the ranks of national statistics apparently, with State Police confirmation Tuesday that no further investigation is on their dockets.

State Police at Bridgeville said they received a call at 2:14 a.m. Monday from someone in the Laurel area reporting strange lights in the sky at Whaley's Crossroads.

Four State Police units responded to the call and the troopers said they observed the lights. Immediately contacting Dover Air Force Base, they were told there was no known aircraft in the area. Radar at the air base, however, showed two stationary objects where sightings were reported.

On advice from Air Force Base officers, investigation of the incident was turned over to the National UFO

Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash.

Sgt. Jerry Weller said no additional reports have been received by the State Police and the investigation is apparently history.

Neither have earlier news reports received recognized support concerning UFO sightings in the Smyrna area from 9:30 p.m. observances Sunday.

Reports were that four town policemen on patrol saw an object surrounded by alternating red, white and green lights hovering north of Smyrna at 8:30 p.m.

Dover Air Base, however, reported no unidentified aircraft in the area.

Smyrna Police Sgt. Nelson Messick said Tuesday he had no further information on the subject. Excitement over the incident is no longer apparent in town, he said.

Blades Chief of Police Richard D. Meding said Tuesday a person on

Woodland Road thought she saw some green lights in the sky, but she would not want to be identified for information.

Laurel Chief of Police John McGlaughlin said he has heard nothing further concerning the sighting at Whaley's Crossroads, but he recalled a personal sighting in the sky about eight years ago on the airport road near Laurel.

He said it would move and then stop and hover for 10 to 15 minutes before moving again. He followed the object all the way to Bethel, he said.

He recalled other people spotting the same "bright-lighted" phenomenon north of Seaford and over Bridgeville.

"It was no gimmick," he stated. "It finally moved higher up in the sky and it gave you an eerie feeling."

Seaford Police said no UFO sightings had been called into their station.

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## 'Green ball' seen in sky on East Side

At least six persons, including a Madison police patrol sergeant, reported seeing an unexplained brilliant green ball or light travel faster than a rocket descending at a 90-degree angle over the East Side about 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Police, the Dane County sheriff's dispatchers and The Wisconsin State Journal received inquiry calls about the object that a Madison woman, Billy Sager, 2644 East Lawn Court,

said crossed over her car on East Washington Avenue at "super fast speed with no noise" and disappeared behind trees in the area of the post office on Milwaukee Street.

Two East Side Madison men, an Oregon woman and another woman from the Lakeview area along Highway MM near Oregon described what they saw the same way, adding that it looked about the size of a basketball when it disappeared from their view behind houses and trees in Madison.

City Police Sgt. Raymond Warner said he saw "it" shining a brilliant green as he patrolled the far East Side. He reported he had a full view of the horizon and the object disappeared before touching the ground.

Warner suggested that it was a meteor that disintegrated before striking the ground.

Sheriff's dispatchers, in their sev-

enth-floor radio room at the City-County Building, reported that about the same time a very bright light flashed across their building. The said they thought it was from a plane that had its landing lights accidentally turned on too early.

The airport control tower workers said they saw no weird light in the sky about 7 p.m. and had no reports from plane crews spotting it.

# Scores see PAGE ONE UFOs in county skies

Reports came in from all parts of Sussex County last week concerning Unidentified Flying Objects, for which there has thus far been no official explanation.

A large number of people saw a UFO over the Delaware Bay on the night of Oct. 22 —the object was described as making little noise as it hovered, and it was equipped with flashing lights that one observer said were similar to those on the top of police cars.

This sighting followed an earlier incident in which a UFO was sighted in Smyrna by law enforcement officials.

Our Gumboro correspondent, Gail Wells, was among the many Sussex Countians who observed this strange phenomenon last week. Her sighting took place as she was driving home from work on Rt. 24 two days before the Delaware Bay sighting. Like the other observers she saw the lights but was unable to determine exactly what shape the object was.

Officials at the Dover Air Force Base said last week that there were no scheduled aircraft flights in the area that would account for the many sightings. So, at this point there is no official word as to the origin and purpose of the sighted objects.

# More strange PAGE ONE lights appear in Sussex sky

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by Bryant L. Richardson

GREENWOOD - A resident of Smithville Estates, a small community about four miles west of Greenwood, has reported the latest in a series of unidentified flying object sightings.

Marie Poltrock said she and her family saw a cigar-shaped object in the western sky about 6:30 p.m. Monday. "I'd just like to know what I was seeing," she told The Leader Tuesday. "I'd like to know I wasn't seeing things."

Mrs. Poltrock said the object appeared as a long line of fire in the sky, moving very slowly in a westerly direction. She said she watched it about 20 minutes before it changed direction and disappeared.

"I didn't know what to do in a case like this," she said when asked if she had

reported it to any agency. "Nothing like this has ever happened to me before.

"I'm interested in finding out what it was. If it was a comet, then my children saw their very first comet. If it was a jet, okay, but I just want to know what it was," she emphasized.

"If that was a flying saucer, it would have to land in my yard for me to believe it," she added. "I've heard of reports of flying saucers in Bridgeville, but I can't believe that. I wouldn't want to go to Bridgeville on a spaceship."

Mrs. Poltrock, who estimated the length of the object at 50 feet, said she was interested in knowing if anyone else noticed it. "If anyone was out, they would have seen it," she said.

The object appeared to be flying at a very high altitude, and just before it disappeared, was heading in a northerly direction.

Mrs. Poltrock said she watched the object with her husband and two children, ages four and six.

Numerous UFO sightings have been reported in Delaware in the past few weeks, including sightings in the Laurel and Smyrna areas.

Dover Air Force Base personnel reported last week two unidentified stationary objects appeared on the base radar on the night of one of the sightings.

UFO CITED BY POLICE - Police responded to a call from an unidentified, and possibly airborne, resident at Brandywine Apartments last week that a UFO had landed out behind his apartment.

The object was described as being a cluster of green lights and reported to have made a fiery landing behind the North Amherst apartment complex.

"A search of the area proved negative," one sergeant noted.

# Dover air base confirms unidentified 'contacts'

By JEFFREY R. WELSH

Dover Air Force Base has confirmed that its approach radar reported two unidentified, stationary contacts south-southeast of Laurel Monday morning, at the same time and location that four Delaware State Troopers were watching two objects hovering motionless in the sky.

Twice earlier this week, a base spokesman had said there had been no contacts on the base radar.

But Maj. Robert Groom, the base information officer, emphasized that the Air Force, by confirming the unidentified radar blips, was not reporting a UFO sighting. He suggested the radar may have been showing "ground clutter" — objects on the ground showing up on the screen.

According to Groom, the operator reported the radar images at least three times Monday morning while in contact with state police and the U.S. Coast Guard in Cape May, N.J.

Groom said there was no way to determine the altitude of the radar images.

Monday morning, Groom said the only involvement of base personnel on duty Sunday night and Monday morning had been to relay a request from the state police to the U.S.

Coast Guard station in Cape May, N.J., for a helicopter to check out the sighting.

The Air Force officially confirmed the radar contacts only after being told a reporter had learned from state police and the Coast Guard that an air base radar operator had verified the contacts in several phone conversations early Monday morning.

Sunday night, beginning at about 8:30, Smyrna policemen and residents reported watching red, green and white lights hovering in the eastern sky. One of the objects eventually moved off at high speed, a policeman said.

Troopers were dispatched from Bridgeville at about 2:15 Monday morning, after a Laurel area woman reported seeing multi-colored lights in the sky.

The state troopers said they

watched the objects off and on until nearly dawn. The objects disappeared from view when the sky grew light.

According to the Sgt. Robert West, desk officer at Bridgeville Sunday night, the troopers said the objects were stationary and made no sound.

Later, a man who identified himself as a pilot called the Federal Aviation Administration station at the Wicomico County (Md.) Airport by phone to report a similar sighting in Delaware early Monday morning. He said he couldn't tell if the unidentified object was in the air or on the ground.

Until last night, the official Air Force version did not coincide with state police and the Coast Guard reports.

According to both agencies, a radar operator at Dover told them that he had contacts on the approach radar screen and pinpointed the location for the police as six miles east of Laurel. He estimated the altitude at 1,000 to 1,500 feet.

State police said the operator told them the objects at first seemed to be "going around and around." There were no identified aircraft in the area.

At the request of the state police, the air base duty officer called the Coast Guard for a helicopter to investigate. A radioman on duty at the Cape May station called Dover approach for more information on the objects, and was told there were two unidentified stationary objects on the radar screen.

But the Coast Guard helicopter wasn't sent to the Laurel area because it was on a search-and-rescue mission elsewhere.

The state police said the air base reported a private aircraft flying from the Snow Hill, Md., area to New York; and the base said it would ask the pilot to fly over the area east of Laurel to investigate the sighting.

According to Maj. Groom, the air base didn't contact the pilot. And no one can confirm whether he was the same pilot who later called the FAA at the Salisbury airport.

Police who saw the objects were

told by Dover to call the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., with their information.

The center, which a spokesman said is a privately funded organization monitoring UFO reports, questioned the validity of the Delaware sightings. The spokesman said reports indicated the objects were actually scintillating stars.

Two exceptionally bright stars, Fomalhaut on Sunday night and Capella Monday morning, were visible in the east, according to the Fels Planetarium in Philadelphia.

Another explanation offered for the lights was that helicopters were operating in the area. Maryland State Police helicopters were in the air much of the night in Caroline and Talbot counties, but only one at a time.

The National Weather Service in Wilmington said atmospheric conditions Sunday night made it unlikely that an upper-air inversion layer was reflecting the helicopter lights.

The NASA installation at Wallops Island, Va., did not launch any rockets during the time the objects were sighted.

## Errors in past UFO issues:

- Nov. 1977, p. 7: The short UPI article from Leningrad was in the Madison (Wis.) WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL of Oct. 13, 1977.
- Nov. 1977, p. 27: The lower left article was in the Madison (Wis.) WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL of Oct. 21, 1977.
- Jan. 1978, p. 10: Lower left article was in the Green Bay (Wis.) PRESS-GAZETTE of Dec. 1, 1977.
- Feb. 1978, p. 38, top: The newspaper O DIA is published in Rio de Janeiro; São Paulo is mis-spelled in the article translation.
- March 1978, p. 7: The Rhinelander (Wis.) newspaper is the NEWS.
- March 1978, p. 14: Omit "Madison" from label of Feb. 20 article.
- March 1978, p. 16: Omit "Madison" from label of Feb. 20 article.
- July 1978, p. 18: Lower middle article (on reflection) was in the Oshkosh (Wis.) DAILY NORTHWESTERN of June 27, 1978.
- Dec. 1978, p. 2: The Green Bay (Wis.) paper is the NEWS-CHRONICLE; the second column of article is omitted here.
- Dec. 1978, p. 13: The complete name of the Wis. paper with upper left article (on the bright light) is the Black Earth DANE COUNTY NEWS/Mazomanie SICKLE/Cross Plains ARROW. (The UFO sighting was in Cross Plains.)

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## UFO Sighting Reported

By JANET BROWN

Daily News Correspondent

HART—Another observation of unidentified life in the sky above Oceana County was made to the Oceana County Sheriff Department Wednesday night.

The lights were reported by Catherine Gotts, 62, of 8335 Garfield Road, Hesperia, who notified the sheriff department at 8:05 p.m.

Mrs. Gotts, Tom Gotts, 34, Barry Gotts, 26 and Eric Latin, 13, all observed the lights for about 20 minutes. Mrs. Gotts called the sheriff department about 10 minutes after the lights had disappeared.

In a telephone interview, Mrs. Gotts said, "It was real odd. It was up quite high at first, like a red streak going back and forth getting lower all the time. It would go away and reappear and go back and forth and get lower again. It was hard to see but it looked like a fast moving red streak."

Mrs. Gotts added, "It was a freak thing. It possibly could have been a beam of light. We didn't know and after talking it over decided to report it. We couldn't see it real plain, but we all could see it with just our eyes...a sharp red beam going back and forth."

Tom Gotts described it as

being directly overhead, a red beamlike light that went back and forth and sideways. "It would go north and south for a while and then criss cross and go east and west."

The Gotts who live near Taylor Bridge, on the White River, do not have any neighbors that live close by that might have also sighted the lights.

Many sightings of UFO's have been made within the past several years in Oceana County. The most recent sighting was Sept. 16 when residents on Russell Ridge in the center of Oceana County observed something unexplainable around 10 p.m. Prior reported sightings were made along the coast of Lake Michigan in the fall of 1978.

## UFO sighting reported by several on Saturday

Several town of Oshkosh residents reported seeing an unidentified flying object Saturday night.

One man, who lives on Shady Lane near County Trunk A, told Winnebago County sheriff's deputies that he was looking out his window over Lake Winnebago when he saw a large red ball on fire in the sky.

The ball descended and apparently crashed. The man said he heard a loud boom accompanied by a huge flash of light.

Deputies were unable to locate any evidence of a UFO crashing in the area. There were no reports of any aircraft crashing there, deputies added.

The residents who reported the incident said the occurrence was definitely not fireworks. The sight occurred at about 10:30 p.m.

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## Cattle killings hit 15

EDMONTON (CP) — The heart of a cow may have been removed in a new twist to recent cattle mutilations, now at 15 cases in Alberta in two months, Royal Canadian Mounted Police say. A yearling steer was also found south of Calgary, with its sex organs removed.

# Sheriff Brekke Releases Final Report On UFO Incident

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The following report was received by Sheriff Dennis G. Brekke in reference to the UFO incident which involved Deputy Val Johnson on August 27, 1979. The report was made by Mr. Roland D. Wardell of Edina, Minnesota, who is a registered professional metallurgical engineer and has been a supervisor in the Honeywell Metallurgical and Chemical laboratories for 23 years.

At the end of September, the following samples were submitted to Mr. Wardell:

**Top Antenna** - The antenna from the roof mounting on the car.

**Rear Antenna** - The antenna from the trunk lid mount.

**Headlight Glass A** -- Pieces of headlight glass from the inboard headlight (left set of headlights).

**Headlight Glass B** -- Same source of headlight glass "A" except consisting of smaller pieces which were picked up from the highway.

**Toplight Glass** - Perforated red lens and broken pieces of the light (including reflector) which had been mounted on top of the vehicle, left side, facing forwards.

The six associated phenomena or happenings are discussed

individually, and finally what might have caused all of these happenings is discussed:

1. Intense light. First, it occurred in the shape of a beam, then became overwhelmingly bright. The beam-like shape of the light suggests an unnatural source -- using lenses, etc.

2. Glass breakage. There are definite signs of impact; analysis shows residue at one fracture containing iron, silicon, aluminum, and calcium. These elements are typical of rock fragments. The direction of the impacting media is evident from location of breakage and imprint

on indent on the hood of the car. The relative angle of attack on the car is near horizontal. The speed of the car being 60-65 mph would tend to create a relative impact angle near horizontal.

3. Engine stoppage. The stoppage was not due to a mechanical failure, as evidenced by the fact that the car functioned normally following the incident. The engine stoppage points heavily to temporary disruption of the electrical system.

4. Driver unconscious for a period up to 40 minutes. It is not clear whether the bump on the head could have caused this or if other "phenomena" might be the source of unconsciousness. To function, the body's nervous system relies on electro-chemical signals. Could there have been

disruption of this by electrical means?

5. Malfunction of the automobile clock and wrist watch. This was of a temporary nature, much as the engine failure. Disruption of the electrical clock could very well coincide with the "failure" of the engine electrical system. The failure of the mechanical wrist watch would, of necessity, be of a different form; but again, the temporary nature suggests a "malfunction" that "dissipates".

6. Bent antennas. Considerable effort was made to solve the problem of the bent antennas. The metal hardness tells us that they were not exposed to a general high temperature that caused bending. Normally, an antenna subjected to a uniform force would bend at the base. However, on a car traveling 60-65 miles per hour, the antennas are considerably flexed towards the rear. A force from above, superimposed on the flexed antennas, could bend the parts in the manner exhibited. As no impact marks are evident, the force must have been of a relatively uniform kind -- that is, not from a series of particle impacts. A few pounds of force applied to the areas involved would bend the parts. The kinds of phenomena capable of performing this bending includes electrical, fluid (air) and, of course, hand forces.

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## More strange lights appear

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**GREENWOOD** - A resident of Smithville Estates, a small community about four miles west of Greenwood, has reported the latest in a series of unidentified flying object sightings.

Marie Poltrock said she and her family saw a cigar-shaped object in the western sky about 6:30 p.m. Monday. "I'd just like to know what I was seeing," she told the paper Tuesday. "I'd like to know I wasn't seeing things."

Mrs. Poltrock said the object appeared as a long line of fire in the sky, moving very slowly in a westerly direction. She said she watched it about 20 minutes before it changed direction and disappeared.

"I didn't know what to do in a case like this," she said when asked if she had reported it to any agency. "Nothing like this has ever happened to me before."

"I'm interested in finding out what it was. If it was a comet, then my children saw their very first comet. If it was a jet, okay, but I just want to know what it was," she emphasized.

Numerous UFO sightings have been reported in Delaware in the past few weeks, including sightings in the Laurel and Smyrna areas.

# A UFO Spotted On Garret Mt.

A UFO was spotted Thursday, October 18 at 8 a.m. on Garret Mountain by early morning joggers, and by travelers on their way to work.

Some sixty feet high and sixty-five feet around, it was soon identified as a man-carrying hot air balloon publicizing the United Way of Passaic Valley's campaign kickoff.

Attending the kickoff of the \$1,300,000 campaign were General Campaign Chairman, Dr. Gustavo Mellander, President of Passaic County Community College; Honorable Lawrence (Pat) Kramer, Mayor of Paterson; Frank Graves, Passaic County Parks Commissioner, and others. At about 7:30 a.m. filled with two tons of hot air, the balloon slowly lifted.

Stout-hearted, short-of-breath, members of the United Way's Board of Directors and volunteers from the field held ropes.

The idea, according to Public Relations Chairman, Jack McNamara, was to land somewhere in Passaic County with the last of the 10,000 campaign letters to be mailed to residents of Passaic County and the towns of Wallington and Garfield in Bergen County in a few days.

The last letter was handed to the balloonist, who carefully added it to his existing cargo, such as the two-way air craft cargo with ATC frequencies, emergency locator transmitter, radar transponder with encoding altimeter, and VOR receiver. The financially cautious Dr. Mellander had given the balloonist, Ron DiGiovanni, a 15 cent stamp "just in case". He promised to return the stamp if he did

not need it.

The balloon with "United Way" letters, 12 feet high on banners, 20 feet long on each side of the balloon, has already gained major television attention on trial runs. DiGiovanni is lending his balloon and donating his time to the United Way of Tri-State, and the United Way of Passaic Valley was selected to be one of the first sites on a series of such promotions for local United Ways in the Tri-State area.

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## News, Names, Comment

# The View From Here

By Henry E. Josten, Editor 7-12-79

Did anyone else in the area notice anything unusual — like a UFO (unidentified flying object) — in the evening sky a week ago Monday, Oct. 15th?

Mrs. John Gillespie of Essex tells us that she and her husband were driving westward along the Connecticut Turnpike (I-95) from Mystic to Essex that evening, and they were somewhere in the East Lyme area between 10 and 10:30, when she looked out of the window and noticed this strange, bright object in the sky, to the northwest.

"It moved along horizontally for a short time, then dropped straight down, as if falling to the ground," she recalled the next day. Her husband and two couples in the car behind them also saw the object, she said. A Pictorial check with the State Police, however, indicated they had had no reports of any UFO sightings that evening.

What could the object have been? An airplane? No; an airplane could not have descended in such a straight vertical line, and so rapidly. A helicopter? Possibly, but even a helicopter could not have come down so suddenly without crashing. A space ship from another planet? Or a floodlight playing against some low-hanging clouds? A shooting star (meteor)? Could be, but not likely.

Mrs. Gillespie's own guess is that it may have been a burned-out satellite — or a piece of a burned-out satellite — that ignited as it hit the atmosphere and fell to earth. Unless or until someone comes up with a better explanation, that sounds logical to me. But where did it fall? And why didn't anyone else see it and report it?

My only regret is that I wasn't outdoors at that time that evening and saw whatever it was for myself.

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## UFO sighting documented

A reported UFO sighting in Spanish airspace may be one of the best-documented on record. The case involves a pilot who diverted his plane with 109 passengers and seven crew to make an emergency landing, claiming unidentified flying objects were buzzing him and threatening collision.

Among the witnesses were an airport director. Also, air force jets were reportedly sent up and filmed the object. And, Spain's transport minister, ordering an investigation, said: "It is clear that UFOs exist."

## Woman Reports Spotting UFO In Arkwright

ARKWRIGHT — A UFO sighting near Weaver Road here was reported to Fredonia-based state police at 7 o'clock this morning.

Rosemary Sabatino, who lives on Weaver Road, reported seeing the object over some trees for about 20 minutes. She said her 8-year-old son also saw the UFO.

Mrs. Sabatino described the UFO as being shaped like a seashell or egg with a large laser or ray-like light on the front.

She said the light was almost like a jet exhaust, except that it was moving in the opposite direction that an exhaust would normally go, almost as if it was pulling the object.

Mrs. Sabatino said the UFO reversed from a horizontal to a vertical direction, and went over the horizon and came back.

During the sighting, she noted, a smaller light dropped from the object and moved away to the right and then down in a slanting motion, disappearing in the woods. She described the small light as being similar to a bright star.

Although the object was quite a distance away, Mrs. Sabatino pointed out that it was always close enough to make out features. She was not sure of the object's size, but noted that it was fairly large in the sky.

"It wasn't an airplane," she exclaimed. Mrs. Sabatino saw five jets in the area 20 minutes after reporting the sighting, which she said was unusual for that area.

State Police Sgt. R.W. Miller, who took the UFO report from Mrs. Sabatino, reported seeing a vapor trail, but noted that it was probably from the jets in the area.

## Colored Lights Seen By Five People

# UFO Sighting Reported

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"The lights seemed to be stacked on top of each other," said Tony Farley. "There were three of them and when they were stationary, they went from red on the bottom to green in the middle to white at the top. Then, just before they would move, they would start changing colors from red to green to white faster. And when they moved, they changed colors faster."

"You hate to say anything about it because a lot of people laugh at you," Tony added. "Heck, I've laughed at flying saucer sightings myself."

But when Tony saw those lights last Saturday night, he didn't laugh.

"It was kind of scary at first," he said.

There were two sets of the three-colored lights, Tony said. From his house in the Phillips Hollow near the Siloam Community, they were east toward Lafayette and Carthage as they moved about in the clear night sky.

Tony, his wife, and his eight-year-old son started watching the lights at about 9 p.m. They watched them off and on from then until midnight. But they weren't the first ones to sight the lights. Tony's brother, John Farley, was.

"I went outside at about 8 o'clock and that's when I first noticed them," John said. "Something had been

interfering with our T.V. set and that's why I went out."

John said he couldn't guess the distance they were from his house, which is about a quarter mile from Tony's house. He did say that one of them seemed to light up the hillside.

"They rose slowly, then fast, then stopped," John said. "They didn't have any special shape, just lights."

Tony couldn't tell the size of the lights, either. He said they were smaller than the almost-full moon and larger than the brightest stars.

"It wasn't stars or airplanes or anything like that," Tony said.

Tony called the Westmoreland Police Department to see if anyone else had reported the lights, but no one had.

A check Monday of other area police departments revealed no other reports of sightings.

Denise Waugh of Skycaster Aviation at the Lafayette Municipal Airport said they had no reports of any unusual air activity out there Saturday night.

"The signs made by Waugh Electronics out here have been reported before as UFOs," Denise said. "But as far as we know, none of the signs were flying Saturday night. None of them from here were, we know that. And, besides, three or four hours would be a long time for one of the signs to be in the air."

So, what did the Farleys down in Phillips Hollow see last Saturday night? Apparently no one knows. Thus, they remain exactly what Tony Farley reported them to be.

**UFOs. Unidentified Flying Objects.**  
With lights.

# ANOTHER MIDWEST UFO ENCOUNTER

**THERE may have been yet another "close encounter" in Wisconsin. A Lake City farmer has made the startling claim that a UFO landed in his cornfield.**

This incident appears to be one more piece of evidence to support the belief of some citizens that aliens have built a spaceport nearby, as reported in *The Globe's* November 20 issue.

The farmer, Curtis Olson, told *The Globe* he found the landing site on September 19, 1979, when he was mowing hay. He noticed several stalks of corn in a nearby field were damaged so he went closer to investigate, he said.

He found a huge circle, 30 feet wide, where stalks were flattened out from the center of the circle, explained Olson.

"I know it wasn't a helicopter or anything like that," Olson's wife, Theresa, told *The Globe*.

"It was strange. You couldn't see the spot if you were walking on the ground, but it was visible from on top of a tractor."

They also found a smaller circle only 15 feet away, she said.

"To me it looked like the thing hovered in the air

for a while over the small field and then finally settled down and landed on the larger one," 23-year-old Theresa said.

The Olsons discovered a path connected the two mysterious circles.

Ears of corn were missing from this area where Olson said "people or something" walked around.

"First we thought that lightning may have hit the field," said Mrs. Olson.

"But it couldn't have peeled and singed the corn. We didn't hear or see anything strange in the days before we found the circles.

"I can't explain what happened out there. But I do believe there's life somewhere else in the universe."

Robert Loschler, the Wabasha County Sheriff who examined the field, told *The Globe*:

"I don't think an airplane could have done this.

"Some of the corn was singed, and if it was caused by an airplane exhaust, the plane would have been flying so low that it would have crashed.

"There are many possible explanations.

"Some folks thought it was the wind. Others guessed a small twister might have touched down.

"And it may be due to some unknown space phenomena, like the Olsons say.

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## Deputies spot 'balls of light' in East County

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By DAVID HASEMYER  
TRIBUNE Staff Writer

Last night's patrol through East County started off routinely for deputy sheriffs Ron Cottingham and Myron Porter. But things didn't stay that way.

"There were two balls of light in the sky," said Cottingham, a 6½-year veteran. "It looked like red, blue and white spotlights stacked on top of each other. They were much brighter than any of the stars.

"That was interesting enough, but when they started to move I had a very strange feeling — like I know it can't be a UFO, but it is."

Porter was on patrol about 2 a.m. three miles east of Rancho Janal Road on Proctor Valley Road when he, too, glanced into the crystal-clear night sky and saw the celestial phenomena.

"There were three distinct light sources," said the veteran of 1½ years on the force. "They might have been stars, but they were moving too much to be stars."

The bizarre evening began with a call from a woman living near Jamul who reported that two unidentified flying objects — UFOs — were buzzing her house. Cottingham responded, but said then that he couldn't see anything.

Less than an hour later, Porter called Cottingham about the sightings.

"I never would have seen it, but I just happened to catch a glimpse of something bright in the sky," Porter

said. "It was then that I began to study the thing and called Ron."

The pair said they spent about two hours watching the "things" do aerial acrobatics low in the southeastern sky.

"It's hard to say how large the two things were or how fast they were moving because they were so far away," Cottingham said. "But they were moving, and it wasn't a natural phenomenon."

After watching the pulsating lights for two hours, the deputies called the division supervisor — Sgt. Michael Peltier — who also saw the two objects and agreed that they weren't stars.

"They couldn't have been stars; they were too bright," Peltier said. "When I saw them they weren't zigzagging or anything, but they were definitely moving faster than anything else in the sky."

Peltier took photographs of the objects, but said he didn't have a telephoto lens. "I used a tripod, so at least I should be able to get some idea how fast the things were moving," he said.

"I never did believe in UFOs," Cottingham said, "but I'm sure going to give it strong consideration now."

# Lakeland Man: UFO Sightings Worldwide And Reports Come from Credible Persons

HUDSON, WIS. - STAR OBSERVER  
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"I'm more mystified today than I was 10 years ago or five years ago," says Bradley Ayers of his investigations of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

Ayers, who lives in Lakeland, investigates reports of UFO sightings and sends his data to the Center For UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. for analysis.

Center researchers have yet to come up with viable scientific evidence to support any of the current theories of the nature of UFOs. Ayers says. The Lakeland man himself asserts that he is open-minded and has no preconceived ideas as to what the phenomena might be.

This fall, several persons reported seeing UFOs in western Wisconsin. Incidents included the sighting of a red, glowing disc by two couples traveling together near Balsam Lake on Sept. 3, a silvery disc-shaped object seen by three young Hudson men near New Richmond on Sept. 4, a silver disc-like object witnessed by five persons in the Dresser area on Sept. 5, and the latest reported sighting, that of two brilliant white, rotating lights seen by a rural Baldwin teenager early on Oct. 20.

All these incidents remain unexplained.

Ayers says researchers can attribute some 92 pct. of reported UFOs to astronomic or man-made things such as weather balloons, gases or other "normal" causes. But investigators as yet have not been able to explain the remaining eight pct.

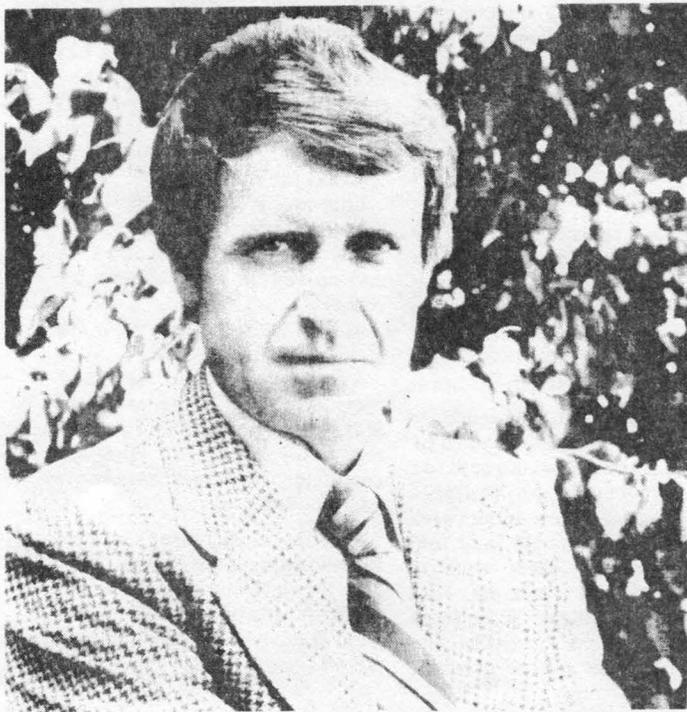
Ayers has personally investigated some 200 UFO reports within the last four years in his working territory of western Wisconsin, Minnesota, the eastern Dakotas and northern Iowa. Of those cases, he says, some 20 are true UFOs that "defy the most imaginative science-fiction writers." Ayers classifies about a dozen as extremely "hard-core" cases, some involving abductions.

The UFO center has established three points that apply to the phenomena UFOs are historical. That is, they have

been reported for many years. Caves contain drawings of objects similar to those being reported today, says Ayers. These reports continue to be made even though witnesses are often subjected to ridicule and even though the government, scientists and the military all contend that UFOs do not exist, Ayers says.

Secondly, the phenomena are worldwide. Reports come from many countries, all describing the same strange behavior and general characteristics, usually a "flying saucer" object or lights.

Thirdly, witnesses are credible persons. The great majority of reports come from rational, responsible, reputable citizens, according to Ayers.



**BRADLEY AYERS** of Lakeland, pilot, author and CIA undercover agent, now investigates UFOs for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. Photo contributed.

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The investigator believes a fourth point can also be made: the sighting of a UFO has a psychological impact on the witness. That impact has "ripple effect," spreading to the observer's family and to the community, according to the Lakeland man.

Value systems of the witnesses are often changed, Ayers thinks, and the experience has a broadening or mellowing effect. UFO witnesses get a willingness to accept new experiences beyond their current background, Ayers says.

There is an intellectual uplifting, he thinks. Ayers knows persons who were quick to scoff at the possibility of UFOs suddenly become interested in scientific literature and discussions after a UFO experience. Witnesses seem to get a "renewed awe" at the potential of life.

The UFO investigator speculates that perhaps a "higher intelligence" is

"nudging" man in a subtle form of behavior modification. He is writing a book about that thesis.

"Although we're a scientific community, it may well be a religious problem," Ayers said.

According to Ayers, religious leaders have attempted to explain UFOs variously as manifestations of demons or of angels. Ayers said that Billy Graham and Christian author Hal Lindsey, although both "brilliant" men, disagree on UFOs, again pointing out that the phenomena are still unexplained.

In his book, *Satan Is Alive and Well On Planet Earth*, Lindsey does not specifically condemn the study of UFOs, but he appears to group the phenomena with such other topics as astrology, astral bodies and witchcraft.

The premise of Lindsey's book might be in this paragraph: "All of these cults, ventures into spiritualism, fortunetelling and psychic avenues, have a common danger; they open the mind to associate with the spiritual realm and to seek contact with the world beyond. The will is made available to any experience which is beyond the senses. Whether it is realized or not, the person exposed in this manner can be brought under the direct influence of powerful spiritual personalities who are dedicated to enslaving his life."

Billy Graham, in his book, *Angels: God's Secret Agents*, refers to a description of cherubim in Ezekiel 10 and says, "UFOs are astonishingly angel-like in some of their reported appearances."

In another passage, Graham writes, "Any attempt to connect such passages (Ezekiel 10) with

the visits of angels may, at best, be speculation. What is interesting, however, is that such theories are now being given serious attention even by people who make no claim to believe in the God of the Bible."

The UFO center in Illinois has yet to establish a cohesive pattern that might help explain the UFO mystery. There is no evidence yet that UFOs are "nuts-and-bolts," or physical, things, according to Ayers.

If the phenomena are physical, Ayers says, they so greatly exceed our technology that it "boggles the mind." For example, UFOs move at speeds close to the speed of light. They seem to materialize and dematerialize. They can change direction instantaneously, at a 90 degree angle, not by banking as airplanes do.

The appearance of a UFO cannot be predicted, Ayers said. If one is seen at a given location and moving in a certain direction, its next appearance cannot be calculated like a plane's course could be. Persons cannot go "UFO-hunting," Ayers says.

Ayers is licensed by the state of Minnesota as a private investigator with a specialty in aircraft accident investigation. "I bring the same degree of professionalism" to UFO work as to an investigation of a plane crash or any other private investigation work, he says.

His background includes military intelligence, writing and aviation.

Ayers had "no time" for UFOs until he saw one himself in 1965. Later, he read a book by Dr. J. Allen Hynek which proposed a way to study the phenomena scientifically.

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Hynek was a scientific consultant to the Air Force's Project Blue Book. That program was disbanded in 1969 with a report that there was no scientific value in more research of UFOs and that UFOs posed no threat to national security.

However, Hynek, like Ayers, believes there is a legitimate scientific question which should be studied. Hence, the Center For UFO Studies was established in Illinois.

After reading Hynek's book, Ayers eventually developed a friendship with Hynek and began working for him and the center in 1973.

When Ayers receives a UFO report, he first tries to identify the object or lights. Sources such as the Federal Aviation Agency, the National Weather Service and area airports are contacted. The witness is interviewed, and the area of the sighting is examined. Occasionally, there appears to be an interaction between the UFO and the immediate environment.

If the sighting cannot be explained simply, Ayers sends his data to the Illinois center for analysis and filing.

The most recent reported UFO sighting in this area was by a Baldwin teenager, Ayers said. The boy was watching television in his rural Baldwin home about midnight on Oct. 19-20. His brothers were asleep upstairs.

About 12:20 am, the teenager was going to the kitchen when he looked out a window and saw two intensely bright white lights revolving counterclockwise around each other. He later told Ayers that the lights were so bright it was "almost like daylight." The lights were some 400 meters from the house and seven to 10 feet off the ground.

At first, the boy thought the lights might be a tractor working in a nearby field. But he discarded that theory because the lights were stationary and so intense.

When he opened the door, the family dog became agitated and tried to go outside, but the boy held it in.

After several seconds, the lights seemed to "turn in upon themselves" and disappeared.

The teenager said he did not perceive anything attached to the lights.

Ayers was called and interviewed the teenager on Oct. 27. They found a triangular dried area some 30 by 45 feet in the hayfield where the witness saw the lights. The grass in that area was dried, brownish and somewhat brittle, contrary to the normal appearance of grass elsewhere in the field.

The family reported that, after the incident, their collie dog has been acting in an agitated manner, occasionally running off and barking for no apparent reason. They said that was unusual for their dog.

Like many incidents, only one person has reported seeing the UFO. However, Ayers says he had no reason to disbelieve the report.

At this point, Ayers says the incident is unexplained.

Ayers asks persons who have recently seen UFOs to notify the Star-Observer which will pass on the information to the investigator. Witnesses' names are kept confidential.

Persons may also call the Hudson police department which will forward the report to the Midwest headquarters of the UFO Education center in Appleton.

# Strange objects in the sky

# FOREIGN CLIPS

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SIR, — I wonder how many persons have witnessed, at some time or other, strange objects in the sky, but because they could hardly believe their eyes, or are too shy, have never declared their "sighted phenomena" to any other person.

I have read of a few bold persons' descriptions of strange lights, strange objects being spotted and sometimes heard, but how many other incidents witnessed by the shy persons have never been declared?

Recent happenings made me a convert from disbelief. I had read of white lights hovering and then disappearing rapidly over the D-road, reported by a former member of R.A.F. air

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crew, and of strange shaped objects being seen over Bucknall and Trentham areas, all of which I treated with disbelief.

However, around the end of February or beginning of March, on a night when few travellers would venture forth. I heard a lot of shouting outside the window of my second storey flat.

I pulled open the curtains and there, 200-300 yards away, I saw an object in a hollow, its shape indistinguishable, but prominent were two white searchlight beams showing from its surface coming together amidships and, underneath, a series of bright red porthole lights.

My wife witnessed it, too. Some weeks later I decided to report this. It had not stayed hovering too long and then climbed and disappeared in a Chesterton direction.

I was visited by U.F.O. officials from Stone. I told them that I did not believe in U.F.O.s and thought it to be a troop carrier helicopter, off track, of the type which were at that time flying from R.A.F. valley, North Wales, to cut-off villages in Cambridgeshire to drop food parcels.

I believe other folk in this area must have seen this object, but failed to report it.

However, I remained unconvinced until recent further reports of sightings around the Bucknall, Newcastle areas of two brilliant white lights and a diamond shaped object being seen.

My further conversion came when an acquaintance yesterday described having also seen a diamond shaped object with a row of lights on it, hovering and then flying rapidly away and this, too, in the Newcastle area.

I feel that people in other parts of the country, not only North Staffordshire, would have stories to relate.  
A. W. DAVIS,

Clayton.

● Mr. Davis is himself ex-R.A.F. aircrew

## MORE SAY THEY SAW UFO OVER DERBY

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SEVEN more claims of a UFO sighting in Derby including one by the deputy headmaster of Sinfin Community School, have been made to the Evening Telegraph

All the reports are of a kite - or diamond - shaped object with two bright white lights like car headlights or four amber lights, which appeared over the city between 7.30 and 8 on Monday night

School caretaker's wife, Mr Nora Haynes, said she was going into Sinfin Community School with the deputy head, Mr Lawrence Davies, about 7.45 when they spotted the object

"It was travelling very slowly and appeared to be low" she said. "If it was high it must have been an enormous thing"

Sixteen year old David Williams of Chester Green Road who claimed to have seen the object over St Mark's Road said he would stake his life in saying it was not a plane, as an East Midlands Airport spokesman suggested

"I was very frightened - it was like nothing I have ever seen before," he said

A Ripley woman said a helicopter with four amber lights was passing over Derby about the same time and she believes that could have been what people saw

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# I SAW UFO



● MARIAN O'SHEA:

## Police scoff as librarian claims 'close encounter'

**A DUMBFOUNDED librarian claimed this week to have had a close encounter with an unidentified flying object — just a few yards from her Islington home.**

Twenty-four-year-old Marian O'Shea says the object — a glowing, silver disc about the size of a dustbin lid — hovered past her house in Arundel Square and then disappeared over the rooftops.

She reported the incident to the police but they did not take her sighting seriously.

Miss O'Shea said: "Everyone seems to think I'm mad or something — but I didn't imagine it. I know what I saw."

"I'm not saying it was a UFO from outer space — I'm still a bit sceptical about things like that. Perhaps it was some kind of remote-controlled toy — although I don't know of anything like that on the market."

"The trouble is there was absolutely no one else around at the time and it's hard to convince anyone it happened."

"Perhaps other people in the area have had similar experiences and not reported them."

Miss O'Shea, who works as an assistant

### Picture: DOUG POOLE

librarian with Camden Council, saw the object at about six o'clock in the evening as she arrived home. She had just got out of a taxi and was walking up the steps to her front door.

"Then I noticed this object," she said. "It was saucer shaped and made of a bright glowing metal. It was so dazzling."

"It was moving slowly down the middle of the road at about eye-level. It stopped, hovered and changed direction and then drifted upwards and away over the rooftops. It all lasted about 20 seconds."

"I wasn't scared. I was just dumbfounded and amazed. I didn't know what to do but I thought I ought to tell someone."

Miss O'Shea saw a report in a national newspaper about a London man who claimed a similar sighting the night before her own.

"But he said little green men had got out and tried to take him away," she said. "But I certainly didn't see anything like that."

# HIGH-SPEED U.F.O. THE MORNING SKY LIGHTS

## Whitecross UFO fear reported

LATEST reported sighting of a mystery object in the night sky comes from UFO spotters David Evans and Peter Ryder. Eight-year-old David, of Grafton Street, Warrington, and his chum Peter, aged nine, of Lexden Street, were playing on open land at Whitecross local park when an orange light appeared in the sky over Sankey Brook.

"We went to the park on Monday night last week," explained Peter. "Then we saw it — a big gloomy light in the sky that kept moving back and to."

As they watched, the light vanished as mysteriously as it had appeared. "It just disappeared, then after a few minutes it came back again," David told the Guardian.

"After that the UFO flew off fast, then we could not see it again. We were frightened and we ran off into the bushes," he said.

Can anyone else recall seeing an unusual object in the night sky? Send your reported sightings to the Letters Editor, Warrington Guardian, Newspaper House, Sankey Street.

## Thinks he saw UFO

A report of an unidentified flying object over the sea off Lowestoft was received by police yesterday.

An employee at the Birds Eye factory said he saw a UFO and a myriad of brilliant white light over the sea and around the moon at about 4.50 p.m.

Coastguards at Gorleston thought the sighting might have been the lights of a ship well down over the horizon, and twinkling in the exceptional visibility at the time.

## REPORT UFOs

WITH reference to the recent UFO sightings. The British UFO Society investigates reported incidents of unidentified flying objects. While many sightings can be explained in mundane terms, i.e. aircraft, balloons, planets, satellites, etc., there remains a high proportion of reports that defy rational explanation. We would be very interested in hearing from any readers who are interested in UFOs or who think they may have had a sighting. A confidential sighting report form will be sent on request.

KEN ROGERS,  
Director,  
BRITISH UFO SOCIETY.

IF some weird space creature have landed in Scotland, they haven't made their presence known yet.

So perhaps what was seen streaking across the country early on Wednesday morning last week, was just a meteorite after all.

That is the most likely theory. Others suggest it could have been a comet or shooting star or part of a satellite re-entering earth's atmosphere.

It is believed to be something extra-terrestrial by the British UFO Society and keen UFO-spotters were very excited about it.

Whatever it was, it certainly travelled at a great speed. For it was seen over Inverness at 7.15 a.m. and five minutes later over Kilmarnock.

Lorna Anderson, a teacher at New Farm Primary School, was out walking the dog in Walker Avenue, Kilmarnock, with her father, Mr Samuel Anderson, who drew her attention to the sky.

"I saw a streak of colour, a bright glare at the front and then brilliant green and then an orangy colour.

"It was about 50 yards in length and travelling very fast," said Lorna. But she

doesn't think it was a spaceship and she is prepared to accept that it was a meteorite.

"Whatever it was, it was quite spectacular and I'll probably never see anything like it again," She said.

It was also seen by Mrs Margaret Fagan who was coming from the shops in Altonhill Avenue at about 7.20 a.m. when she saw something in the sky.

"It was like an orange ball with a tail which seemed to be on fire. You could perhaps describe it better as a big tadpole," said Mrs Fagan.

An expert on the subject, Mr Duncan Lunan, a science writer from Irvine didn't see it, but from its description thinks it was most likely part of a satellite.

"If the colour description is accurate it is not likely that it was a meteorite, but satellites often do show pure colour," said Mr Lunan.

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# UFOs RETURN

## 'No aircraft in area'

Strangely similar reports of more UFO sightings in the Whitby area have been made this week and civil and military authorities have no explanation.

Farmer Clifford Dowson, of High Newbiggin Farm, Aislaby, and his daughter, Melinda, who first saw flashing lights over the farm on Friday 19 October, said they had again appeared at the weekend.

And about six people who have made similar sightings have been in touch with the Dowson family.

Whitby police said they had one call from an Ellerby woman reporting UFOs above the village in the early hours last Saturday. The woman said she saw two saucer shaped objects with red and white flashing lights above her home, that they were soundless and flew off towards Teesside. A senior

police spokesman said the woman appeared rational and sensible.

The police said that, according to RAF Fylingdales, there were no aircraft in the area at the time and there was no information on any kind of a flying exercise.

A Scarborough couple said they were travelling to Whitby the same Friday night at 7.45 pm when they saw two flashing lights approach Whitby along the coast from different directions and hover briefly over the town.

"It was a still night, they

were soundless and in our opinion there was no way they could have been conventional aircraft," said the husband. "There were no navigation lights. They were just like flashing stars."

Mrs Dorothy Clegg, of Whitby, also saw the lights on 19 October while travelling along the moor road from Guisborough towards Whitby. She stopped to watch them at the Egton bend.

The lights, two bright red ones, were about 300 to 400 feet up, said Mrs Clegg. "They didn't vary in height

and didn't move one way or the other, but moved a little around a fixed point."

Mrs Joan Dowson, wife of the Aislaby farmer, described several calls from people who had also seen the lights.

"The first person to phone said she was coming back from Sandeend at the time and it was exactly how it was described in the Gazette.

"A Robin Hood's Bay woman said she had seen the lights two weeks ago and asked her neighbour what it was. She said it was soundless and was not a plane."

"A young boy travelling to Ughorpe saw the lights at 8 pm on Friday 'spinning and flashing' and a family was travelling back from a hospital visit to Scarborough when the light suddenly appeared above them. They stopped the car to watch and felt there was no way it could be a plane. One minute they were hovering above them and the next were 20 yards away, flashing and hovering."

"A young man spotted them over Blue Bank on Saturday and a woman who saw them this Saturday was very agitated and contacted the police and RAF Fylingdales. She was told there was nothing registering on the Fylingdales screens. My husband and daughter also saw them again this weekend both on Friday and Saturday."

## Fireball baffles experts

BY STAFF REPORTERS

GOVERNMENT Departments and UFO spotters were still bewildered last night about a ball of fire which was seen streaking across the sky in the West of Scotland early yesterday.

Hundreds of phone calls were received by Glasgow police between 7 and 9 a.m. as the unidentified flying object was spotted at Inverness, Galston, Rothesay, East Kilbride, and by the pilots of two aircraft about to land at Glasgow Airport.

Professor Archie Roy, Professor of Astronomy at Glasgow University, said: "It would appear to be a meteorite, but it could have been a satellite burning out which could have landed fragmented or in one piece, but there is no indication yet of it having landed."

At Glasgow Airport an official said: "We have had a sighting of this object from two aircraft, but as far as we know it was a comet or a shooting star."

## U.F.O. 'Invasion' clue

Flying saucer activity in the skies over Pembrokeshire appears to be on the increase again.

Ufologist Randall Pugh said this week that he had just received reports from two local families who had seen silvery discs high in the sky over Newgale and Neyland.

Mr. Pugh, who lives at Roch, also believes he has uncovered new evidence of the UFO 'invasion' of 1977. He has been investigating

a mysterious depression at Belmont Farm, near Broad Haven, where a landed saucer was seen two years ago.

He said the depression was 60 feet long, 20 feet wide and about four inches deep, with rounded edges at the front and back.

"(It's a clear imprint," he added. "And I would be very grateful if anybody could tell me how this precise indentation could have happened."

## Another UFO

ANOTHER mysterious flying object was spotted hurtling over Glasgow last night, the second in two days. Bank manager Robert McClure from Uddingston saw a large elliptical object flying eastwards above his home, and a similar sighting was reported in Clydebank. Air traffic control at Glasgow Airport confirmed that there was no plane in the area at the time. They are compiling reports on the sighting for the army, who collate information on all unidentified flying objects. Mr McClure said it was a very large light and did not appear to be very high.

# Family 3128 flee as 'UFO glides in to land'

FRIGHTENED by a UFO that seemed about to land near her home on Tuesday evening, Mrs. Magdalene Oates bundled her two children into the car and fled.

She intended to drive to Truro from her home at Honey-suckle Cottage, Degembris, near Newlyn East, but her mind was in such a whirl that she finished up at Kestle Mill, near Newquay.

There she telephoned the police, and later decided to spend the night with her mother in Truro.

First indication of the UFO was an orange light seen by Mrs. Oates's 16-year-old son Jonathan.

## Slowly pulsating

"It was lighting up the woods and the horizon," said Mrs. Oates, "and it was slowly pulsating—bright, then dim, then bright again."

Just after Mrs. Oates's daughter Sarah (12) had emerged from the bath at about 8 pm, Jonathan shouted to his mother to come to the window.

"It was egg-shaped and bright red with lights at the bottom—we could see it lighting up the rain," said Mrs. Oates. "And there was still the orange glow."

"It was slowly gliding in diagonally towards a field about 300 yards from the house."

"I wasn't going to stay there, so I got the children into the car. I thought I was going to Truro, but found myself on the way to Newquay and telephoned the police."

## Too rhythmic

She said the orange light had been pulsating too rhythmically and was too big to have been a bonfire.

"If it had been a bonfire, how could it have gone dim, then bright again at almost identical intervals?" she asked.

Mrs. Oates said that later she returned to her home, Honey-suckle Cottage, and that police and firemen were looking around with torches.

"But there was no way I was going to spend the night in the house, so I went to my mother's," she said.

Her mother is Mrs. Dorothy Kemp, of 47, Malabar-estate, Truro.

Yesterday Newquay police said they were looking into the incident.

# Uninvited 3128 guest

Swadlincote, the dusty capital of South Derbyshire, seems to hold a fascination for extra-terrestrial beings . . . for yet another U.F.O. sighting has been reported in the area.

The latest in a series of inquisitive visitors sailed over the trees in Bretby Park, took a look at Midway and floated away to Hartshorne according to Swadlincote solicitor Mr. Harold Timms.

He said: "I saw an incandescent, brilliant white, round ball coming straight towards my house in The Spinney, Upper Midway, from the direction of Derby."

"It appeared above the trees in Bretby Park, got brighter and brighter, and went off towards Hartshorne, where it eventually glimmered out."

"There was no noise, and it was obviously not a plane, although it was about the size of a small one — it was the wrong shape, and a plane would have had to be on fire to produce the amount of light it did."

He said the object approached in the evening from the north east and veered off to the east, and agreed that this placed him in a line between it and where the sun had set.

"But I am sure it was not a reflection — the sun had been down a long time. At its closest it was about 500 yards away, and I saw it for 15-20 seconds. It approached fairly fast and seemed to get faster as it went off to the east," he said.

# All eyes on city UFO

TWO women on their way to work early today were a little worried when they were stopped by two policemen.

3128  
But they were on the right side of the law — all the officers wanted them to do was witness an unidentified flying object hovering in the sky above Sneintondale.

Hardly a routine inquiry, but all in the line of duty, nevertheless.

The officers had been keeping the UFO under surveillance for about 20 minutes — but left without making an arrest.

Mrs. Mary Bailey and

Mrs. Edna Wiston, both of Highcliffe Road, Sneintondale, and who work as cleaners, said they were not far from their homes when the policemen pointed out the strange flashing object.

Mrs. Wiston commented: "It was quite frightening."

Mrs. Bailey said: "It was like a big star but flashing red, green and white lights. It wasn't very high up — just over the houses."

"It mesmerised me looking at it."

The officers' views of the situation are not yet known — they went off duty soon afterwards.

# UFO sightings 3128 over city last night claimed

CLAIMS of sighting a UFO over Derby last night were being made in calls to the Evening Telegraph today.

One sighting came at about 7.50 pm as Mr Trevor Harrison, his wife Carol, two children and father Mr Cyril Harrison were going through the garden gate of the father's home in Arlaston Street, Normanton.

Four amber lights appeared to be travelling from the north-west.

They were in a large kite shape and moving slowly.

A plane passed over at the same time but this had normal flashing lights, said Mr Trevor Harrison.

The amber lights were unwinking.

Other Derby residents who saw mysterious lights in the sky last night were Mr Tim Hassall, of Cobden Street, his wife Christine, eldest daughter Sharon and her boy-friend Simon Gilbert.

This occurred ten minutes before the Harrisons' sighting and the lights were travelling the other way.

They were not amber — more like the colour of an electric lamp — but were in a recognisable diamond shape, moving steadily.

A spokesman for East Midlands Airport said: "Without being truly able to elucidate, it is possible that these people, in last night's exceptionally clear weather conditions, saw high-flying aircraft. This sometimes happens.

"We suggest they might contact the organisations which have been set up to look into reported UFO sightings."

He added, giving an unintentionally sinister ring to the affair, "We don't talk to anybody over 6,000 feet."

# Star attraction 3128 is mystery to its followers

by John Brooks

A multi-coloured jewel-shaped UFO spinning and slowly orbiting the sky over Chepstow, has been reported to the police.

It has been appearing every night since October 1, weather permitting, and is gathering quite a following in Bulwark.

Several families regularly follow its colourful progress through the sky with binoculars and more than forty people, including nursing staff at Mount Pleasant Hospital, Chepstow, claim to have seen it — but no-one seems to know what it is.

Nurse Mrs. Barbara Morgan, of Western Avenue, made the first sighting on October 1 at 4 p.m. in broad daylight.

"It was quite a big, odd looking thing. It was like a big jewel with droppers hanging either side like Christmas tree baubles.

"It was changing from green to orange and spinning so that every so often it went blue," she said.

She claims she has seen it about 25 times since and on some occasions there have been two objects, as if signalling to each other.

Mrs. Morgan, in her forties, contacted a fellow nurse, Mrs. Marion Thyer, 53, of Somerset Way, who had reported sighting a shining brilliant orange ball-shaped object outside Mount Pleasant Hospital, in January this year.

Mrs. Thyer, an auxiliary nurse, had claimed they had seen the object illuminating the hospital grounds for half an hour one morning before dawn.

Her husband, Mr. Francis Thyer, 68, now retired after 17 years in the army and as a police detective, described what they saw.

"It was a big object in the sky to the north over St. Arvans. It flashed red, green, blue and yellow and inside it there appeared to be two lights.

"We contacted an amateur astronomer we know in Bristol and he used his telescope to see

it and was amazed. He said he had never seen anything like it."

Mr. Thyer now looks for it every night as it orbits clockwise around Chepstow from dusk to dawn.

He claims over forty people have confirmed the sightings and many people regularly follow its movements.

Barmaid, Tina Rees, 24, of Burnt Barn Lane, said she had seen it three times high in the sky over Wentwood.

"It was oval, with a ring of light around it and had areas of colours, green, white and amber."

Chief-inspector Eric Keegan, of Chepstow, confirmed that they had received reports of sightings and had informed the appropriate authorities.

## Passengers see UFO

A close encounter of the umpteenth time happened in Gloucester when bus driver David Howell and 15 of his passengers saw a UFO.

The UFO, one of many sightings in the past few months, was seen flying over Horton rd., when the passengers were in a bus parked in Gloucester's bus station. "It really was a UFO," claimed Mr. Howell, "it looked like the sun but it was red-pink."

# PROBE INTO <sup>3128</sup> 'ALIENS' WHO MUGGED BOB

**EXPERTS** were yesterday investigating charges of alien aggression.

And sightseers tramped up Deer Hill, West Lothian, to see marks said to be left by the getaway spaceship.

The close encounter of the weird kind was

**By ALEC MURRAY**  
reported by foreman forester Bob Taylor, 60.

He staggered more than a mile home on Friday to 4 Broomieknowe Drive, Livingston Station, West Lothian.

## ORDEAL

And he said he was grabbed by two creatures who tried to drag him into a craft shaped like a spinning top.

He was so shocked a

doctor ordered him to nearby Bangour Hospital.

Last night his boss, Malcolm Drummond, said: "He had certainly been through an ordeal and his trousers were torn."

"Whatever caused the indentations on the ground must have weighed a ton."

Stuart Campbell, UFO investigations coordinator for the British UFO Research Association, said: "I take the report seriously."

# REPORTS OF MORE N. STAFFS. U.F.O.s <sup>3128</sup>

THE SPATE OF reported U.F.O. sightings over North Staffordshire continues.

This morning reports of a diamond shape and also a cigar-like object in the sky over Stoke-on-Trent last night were both given to the *Sentinel*.

The first sighting came at 7.40 p.m. when Mr. David Eggleton, of 23 Grayshott-road, Tunstall, saw bright lights in the sky as he drove from Chell Heath up Spring Bank.

"I thought it was a helicopter at first. But it was a diamond shape with four bright lights and it was very big.

"It stood still in the sky and we stopped the car and watched it for about five minutes before it went off towards Leek.

"There was no noise and it could not have been a plane because it stopped in the sky without making a sound."

## Cigar shape

The second sighting came about half-an-hour later when Mrs. Beatrice Pendleton, of 9 Barry Gardens, The Coppice, Talke, was driving along the D-road. She saw a "dullish red cigar shape" cross the sky in front of her and was so surprised she stopped the car for a clearer look.

"I had to stop... I couldn't believe it. I have always wondered about such things and now I am beginning to think twice about this.

"It was a long cigar shape with red lights at both ends. I have never seen anything like it before and I had to stop as it crossed in front of me and went towards Congleton."

# Schoolboy <sup>3129</sup> spotted UFO - claim

Bradford schoolboy Dominic Royston, 11, spotted what he believes was a UFO as he walked down his garden path on Monday.

Dominic, of 7 Mond Avenue, Bradford, was out walking with his dog, and he said: "I saw that one of the stars was oval and brighter and bigger than the others. If a star looked the size of my finger nail, it was the size of a table tennis ball. Then it moved further away and higher up, until it was smaller than the stars. It did not move like an aeroplane, but very fast."

# UFO <sup>3128</sup> sighting

A UFO was sighted in Boreham Wood on Tuesday morning by Jeff Benjafield, of Crown Road, Boreham Wood.

It appeared at 6.45 a.m. in the sky above Stirling Corner. "It was a very bright, white light and looked like an elongated saucer," he said. "A loop of light came from one side and went underneath the saucer, and then the light dimmed and the whole thing disappeared."

He maintained that the object was definitely not an aeroplane, although he thought it was when he first spotted it.

# 3128 CREATURES OF THE WOOD BY BOB

**BOB TAYLOR** yesterday showed off his drawing of a spacecraft.

And told of the strange creatures he encountered.

It happened, according to Bob, on lonely Deer Hill, West Lothian.

## NOISE

The 61-year-old forestry worker spoke of alien aggression after he spotted the craft and creatures in a clearing in the woods.

Bob, of 4 Broomie knowe Drive, Deans, Livingston, said: "The craft was round, about 20 to 30 feet across.

"It was a dull grey, but seemed to change colours.

"Two round things like balls, with metal

By **JIM DAVIS**

legs sticking out, rolled towards me and tried to take me into the craft.

"There was no noise except for the sound of the two balls rolling.

Bob said there was an overpowering smell, which made him choke. Just before he lost consciousness, he heard his dog barking.

When he came to he found his trousers

ripped and the craft and the creatures gone.

His boss Malcolm Drummond, head of Livingston Development Corporation's Forestry Department, said: "If anyone else had told me the story, I would have laughed.

"But not Mr Taylor. He is an adult, sensible man, whom I respect.

A police spokesman said: "We are still investigating.

"This man definitely saw something."



**BOB TAYLOR**  
"Round objects."

## 128 Close encounters of the weird kind on moors

People living in the Whitby area have been urged to keep a look-out for U.F.O.s after a number of strange sightings in recent weeks by farmers, police and drivers on moorland roads at night.

Now the director of the British U.F.O. Society, Mr. Ken Rogers, has urged people to report the sightings at Whitby.

He said: "While many sightings can be explained in mundane terms, such as

satellites, balloons, aircraft and planets, there remains a high proportion of reports that defy rational explanation."

He added that the society had no firm views on U.F.O.s.

### 'SPACECRAFT'

"It is popularly believed that they are visiting spacecraft from a technologically superior planet.

"The possibility is not as remote as may first appear when we consider the advances man has made in space in the last 20 years."

The R.A.F. tracking station at Fylingdales confirmed there were no aircraft in the area at the time of the sightings, which occurred in mid October and early November.

Six people reported seeing a U.F.O. near Aislaby, north of Whitby, and sightings have also been made at nearby Robin Hood's Bay, Ugthorpe, Egton and Sleights.

# Strange lights in the sky ...

IT WAS the night after we had sat at home and enjoyed Jeff Wayne's impressive narrative-and-music double LP of "War of the Worlds" that news came of possible sightings of UFOs — unidentified flying objects — in the Yarmouth area. Remembering what havoc and carnage the H. G. Wells war machines wreaked, I was glad I was not in Fleggburgh to witness the strange lights.

A 22-year-old man from Northgate Street, Yarmouth, who preferred not to be named, was at Broad Farm with three companions when they saw various lights overhead that made him wary and apprehensive.

"We saw some strange things," he told me, "and they certainly didn't look like planes or helicopters to me." He had never believed in UFOs but felt compelled to telephone the police to report what he saw and they sent an officer to interview him.

## FILM

There were various lights, among them three forming a triangle and apparently linked together by a girder-work system. Also, there were flashing white lights and a group of five "that seemed to separate, with all five going different ways, as they went into the distance."

He added, "At one stage we saw orange lights in a boomerang shape, very low and going very slowly, and looking like a classic UFO."

They took a movie film of some of the sightings but are not over hopeful of a clear cine record because the camera's batteries were low.

Representatives of the British organisation that investigates and records possible UFP sightings have been in touch with him for more precise details.

## FORMATION

At about the same time, two police officers watched "a formation of lights" over Yarmouth acting in a way uncharacteristic of aircraft or helicopters, a Heimbby couple saw a similar silent movement of lights, another policeman noticed two strange lights at Fritton, and at Gorleston one or two calls were received by coastguards at their pier-end headquarters inquiring about unusual lights.

However, one coastguard believed that lights he saw from the lookout were on an aircraft refuelling another in mid-air, and a Ministry of Defence spokesman said USAF F111 jet planes were flying that evening from various bases and could have been crossing the coast heading for the North Sea, and refuelling in flight.

"This is probably what they saw," he stated.

In Oxfordshire that same evening various reports were received of an explosion in the air and/or odd lights, but that was due to two F111 jets from the USAF Brize Norton base "engaging rehearsal."

The MoD spokesman explained that activating their engine burners produced a loud coughing noise and "tremendous tongues of flame" that varied in number up to four depending on the position of the viewer. Those tongues could become distorted by atmosphere over a long distance on a clear, frosty night.

## ASSAULT

Perhaps that is the solution to the Fleggburgh-Gorleston-Fritton lights, although it might well be that some of the witnesses would rejoice that their height, shape, speed and general behaviour must rule out American jets, refuelling or other manoeuvres.

That would leave a big question mark over those supposed UFO sightings. Only this week came reports from Scotland of a forester who claimed two space creatures assaulted him as they tried to haul him into their craft, and of a Spanish airline pilot claiming two UFOs forced him to make an emergency landing at Valencia airport. Both reports are being seriously investigated.

Close encounters of a second kind?

Peggotty

# EYES ON THE SKY FOR UFOs

SIR, — I am a U.F.O. researcher / investigator, working on behalf of both the British U.F.O. Research Association and the U.F.O. Investigators Network, the two leading British groups studying the phenomenon.

In recent weeks, a spate of reports have been made the subject of our investigations. I appeal for further witnesses to come forward and contact me. It is amazing how many genuine people feel unable to do so because of their understandable fear of subsequent ridicule.

I can assure anyone doing so that they can retain anonymity, if they so wish,

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

and that any information offered is treated with the strictest confidence.

The main drawback in our field is reticence to report any sightings that they have made. In the Staffordshire area the situation is better, due in no small part to the sensible and down-to-earth manner in which your paper treats reports of this nature.

Of prime significance are sightings in October and September this year, correlating with your article, "More UFO Sightings," October 24, and also a letter on November 7 from A. W. Davies.

The other reports are in my possession, passed to me by Mr. A. R. Pace, a co-worker in B.U.F.O.R.A. Therefore, to make as complete a report as possible on these recent events, I really require further witness testimony.

The fact that the bulk of sightings are later found to have mundane explanations escapes the notice of the general public, but the truly "unidentified" remain as mysterious as ever.

If we are ever to fathom the problem, then we must look long and hard at the data presented. In turn, we must collect as much data as possible, in order to make the sample truly representative of the phenomenon.

North Staffordshire has a very high level of sightings, due in part to its position under busy airlines where aircraft misidentifications, etc., are common, and many classic sightings have been made in the area.

It seems a pity that such a genuinely interesting subject should suffer from a lack of reporting, but it has been calculated that only 10 per cent. of actual sightings reach investigators in this country.

It is with the hope of furthering our knowledge of the subject that I make this plea. Considering the potential importance of U.F.O.s I feel we have as yet failed to come to terms with a truly astounding phenomenon.

STEPHEN W. BANKS  
59 Firehill-lane, Walton, Stone.

# Did you see a UFO?

MRS Rosina Pickering is convinced she saw a UFO over Clacton on Wednesday evening.

She said she had been at her home in Ellis Road when a great bright light, brighter than the moon, appeared about 9.30 pm.

She watched it moving in circles for about 20 minutes. "Clouds seemed to open — to let it pass," she said, "and then it disappeared as suddenly as it had come."

Mrs Pickering said she had told other people in the house and they also saw the object, but had been scared.

She was not frightened, she said, just fascinated. It was the first UFO she had seen.

# 'Close encounter' sightings reported

Reports have been coming in from all over Yarmouth of UFO sightings last Tuesday evening.

Local UFO investigator Mrs. Dorothy Street said that she had already received over 10 individual reports from people living in Acle, Reedham, Fritton, Fleggburgh, Gorleston and Bradwell who all say they saw something strange in the sky between 8 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.

"The actual descriptions differ in many of the reports, but generally

everyone saw a formation of lights fairly low in the sky," she said. "Several police officers saw it and had a lot of calls through to them at the station about it."

She added that as yet no feasible explanation had been put forward, and the air bases had reported that nothing had been out that night.

Now, Mrs. Street has hopes that a cine film taken by one of the spotters will shed more light on the mystery.

"Their camera batteries were rather low, apparently, but the man

who took the film is sure that something must come out."

She also feels that many more people must have seen the object but are too embarrassed to come forward and say so. If you saw any strange light formation in the sky that night — or any other — contact Mrs. Street at 15, Blackberry Way, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

Anyone who has received a sighting form is asked to return it to her as soon as possible.

The mystery of the three distress flares sighted over Rockland Broad on Monday night remained unsolved after searches of the area by police and a helicopter had drawn a blank.

## NO REPORT

Norfolk police thought that a wildfowler might have been in trouble, but there has been no report of a missing person or an abandoned vehicle.

Mr. Ron Dye, warden of the Broad, saw one red flare at 5.30 p.m. and five minutes later saw two more. A coach driver and a man at Brundall also saw the flares.

Mr. Dye alerted Gorleston police who contacted Yarmouth Coastguards.

A Sea King rescue helicopter from RAF Coltishall, piloted by Flt. Lt. Gerry Hermer, was scrambled, but after nearly three hours found nothing and it was called off.

Insp. David Hunt from Acle police and other officers searched the Broad and the nearby River Yare by boat. It was thought the flares might have come from the Strumpshaw side of the river.

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# A CHANCE TO SWOP SPOOKY STORIES

People who claim to have had strange encounters with ghosts, UFOs and psychic phenomena are being given the chance to swop scary stories during the long winter nights.

They are being urged to join a new club where they can exchange creepy tales — and help researchers study eye-witness reports.

The man behind the idea is health and safety officer Mr. Terry Shotton, 37, who spends his spare time unearthing the secrets of paranormal experiences.

Said Terry, of Orchard Cottage, Saverley Green, near Blythe Bridge: "Lots of people are afraid to talk about what they have seen with their own eyes because they are labelled as cranks."

"But there is ample evidence to show we have a lot to learn about psychic happenings."

He has organised a special public meeting on Monday night at the Jubilee Hall, Stoke, when he hopes to launch the club . . . and bring strang phenomena down to earth.

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# BRADELEY COUPLE IN UFO CLAIM

A young Bradeley couple claim to have followed an unidentified flying object on their way home from Burslem last night.

Housewife Mrs. Wendy Jones, 20, of Unwin-street, Bradeley, said today: "It had four very bright lights, two white and two flashing green and orange. I knew it wasn't an aeroplane because it hovered and there was no noise at all."

She and her husband Neil say they saw it all the way home, keeping it in their sights for about half-an-hour.

Mrs. Jones says that she also spotted an identical object in the City on October 22. Over 30 readers telephoned the Sentinel to report sightings the following morning.

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# Sun theory for lights sighting

Lights in the sky have been spotted by another Burton UFO watcher — but an expert says all he saw was the sun going down. Mr. John Tufts of Henhurst Ridge Burton, was travelling in a car at 8.45 last night from Milton to Ticknall when he saw two bright lights.

"They were round white lights, very bright, which didn't move for about three or four minutes and then disappeared," he said.

He could not say how high up they were and agreed they might have been an aeroplane's landing lights but he added: "They seemed too bright for that and you couldn't hear any noise."

What Mr. Tufts probably saw

was the reflection of the setting sun on a plane travelling through one of Britain's major international airways, according to East Midlands Airport public relations consultant Mr. Ralph Wright.

"The sun reflecting on an aircraft travelling through Amber One, a big international airway which passes between East Midlands and Burton is a common site in the summer," he said.

The craft could be anything up to 50,000 feet and their height would give the impression the lights were stationary. Then as the sun set the lights would just disappear.

"It happens a lot at this time of year, with the nights drawing in a bit and we get a lot of calls from people who have seen the lights. But I am afraid there are no UFO reports," said Mr. Wright.

## Mystery 'star' has observers baffled

Steve Entwistle  
BURNLEY

ANOTHER UFO sighting has been reported in North - East Lancashire, this time over the Padiham area.

The object was seen during a 45-minute period last night when it made three passes over Todmorden before accelerating upwards and disappearing from sight.

Mr John Wood, of Kay Street, Padiham, said about half a dozen people watched the object, which appeared as a glow in the sky.

He said: "It was flying too high and too fast to be an aircraft, and there were no navigation lights showing."

"It was like a star but it could not have been a shooting star because it kept changing direction. It crossed the same area three times."

He said it was first seen flying a zig-zag course from Todmorden towards Pendle, then it made a second cross in the same direction, but this time in a straight line.

A little later it was seen again coming from the Preston area towards Burnley, then it accelerated and disappeared upwards.

Mr Wood is interested in finding out if anyone else saw a similar phenomenon between about 10.30 and 11.15 last night.

## RECORD OF UFOs

UFO spotters in the East Midlands are to unite in a bid to keep track of the increasing number of flying phenomena sighted in the region.

Various spotting organisations throughout the region, intend to co-operate in their search for spaceships.

Their aim is to build up a pattern of UFO flights in the region, one of the most frequently visited by unexplained aerial objects.

If spotters from all over the area are able to send their reports to one operations centre, it is hoped that across country UFO flights can be accurately tracked.

A hot-line to Leicester is to be opened so that spotters can make immediate reports of especially interesting events.

Anybody interested can contact Mr. Cecil Bottomley, Flat 157 High Street, Burton, telephone 34879.

## City taxi driver sees UFO

A GLOUCESTER taxi driver reported a UFO in the night sky over Stroud at the weekend.

He made the sighting as he was driving over Horsepools Hill shortly after 2 am yesterday.

Police were told he saw a large disc, surrounded with multi-coloured lights, and travelling at around 10 mph. There was no noise and the object appeared to be losing altitude.

At Stroud police station today a senior officer said the report had been noted for reference.

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GLOUCESTER CITIZEN - ENGLAND  
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## Those encounters

<sup>3128</sup> Stories of UFO sightings from all over the world were being related this weekend at the first London International UFO Congress. And for the first time the American documentary UFOs past present and future was being shown in the UK. It contains official photographs from Gemini, Apollo and Skylab Two missions and recreates a reported landing of extra-terrestrials on a U.S. Air Force base. Organisers feel the congress could represent a major step in transferring the study of UFOs from the cultist fringe to scientific acceptability.

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## Did you see this mystery light?

<sup>3128</sup> MICHAEL REBANE is anxious to hear from anyone who saw an odd light over Wideopen.

Mr. Rebane, and his wife, Brigid, were driving home on Wednesday to their home in Rothbury Road, Durham, when they spotted a very bright white light, stationary in the sky at about 11 p.m.

"I'm a sceptic about UFOs, but I would like to hear from anybody who saw it too," he said.

"It was too bright to be a star, quite low on the horizon. It didn't move for three or four minutes.

"Then it moved across the road

about a mile ahead of us and became dimmer. It was moving very fast by this time and then it moved round to our left. We found somewhere to stop and then it circled round behind us."

He said the light changed at one point from white to three different coloured lights - red, orange and white.

A Newcastle airport spokesman said: "We had quite a number of flights around at that time and it could have been any of those. If an aircraft is coming towards you it does seem to hover. The other lights he says he saw are quite likely to have been the ordinary coloured lights which they carry."

DAILY MIRROR, - LONDON, ENGLAND  
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# MYSTERY OF TINIEST UFO

<sup>3128</sup> TWO flying instructors are baffled by a UFO that is just nine inches long.

The pilots have reported close encounters with the UFO over Hampshire.

The first sighting was by chief instructor Laurie Adlington of the Three Counties Aeroclub

during a training flight from Blackbushe airport.

He said the object looked like a flattened blob of mercury shining in the sunlight as he approached at 2,500 feet.

"It consisted of little flat hexagonal panels, each about an inch

across," said Mr. Adlington, 58, yesterday.

"It was in two halves and there seemed to be two clasps near the dividing line. There were two short aerials at the top.

"From fifteen feet away it seemed to be motionless, although it

rose to 3,000 feet at one stage.

"It seemed to be rotating. I haven't a clue how it stayed aloft."

The next day a similar object was seen at the same time in the afternoon by pilot Simon Spence, 21, also a Three Counties instructor.

He reported that it flew off towards Farnborough at 150 miles per hour.

## Mystery object in the sky?

<sup>3128</sup> DID anyone see a huge purple object lighting up the night sky over Radipole in the early

hours of Monday morning?

One rather frightened woman believes she did - and is so certain that it was not part of a bad dream that she asked me if anyone else had reported this mysterious object.

According to her, it filled her bedroom with purple light and was emitting a low, persistent hum.

It awoke her at around 3 a.m. on Monday, but she was so frightened that she was unable to get out of bed and could only watch the receding object through the crack in her bedroom curtains. Apparently it moved off in the direction of Weymouth.

The U.F.O. - spotter asked me not to reveal her name in case she is ridiculed by her friends and colleagues at work. But she would certainly sleep easier if she knew whether someone else had seen it too!

# Ridiculed by the sceptics, but can everyone be so wrong?

IF YOU saw a little green man climbing out of a flying saucer in your back garden one night what would you do?

Tell the police? Your friends? Give the story to the local newspaper? Or would you be like the vast majority of people and keep quiet about it.

Because even in today's enlightened world spotters of unidentified flying objects often become the subject of, at the best, light-hearted digs and scorn and at the worst, ridicule.

Either one is branded a lunatic fit only for a straightjacket or you are accused of being a publicity-seeking hoaxer. But despite the insults a small minority of people still report their sightings.

## Lights

In the summer of 1970 four unusual lights in a diamond formation were seen speeding silently up the Channel. It was about ten minutes before midnight on July 3. They were followed minutes later by a similar formation of lights.

Mr John Male, of St Martin's Road, New Romney, and Mr Nicholas Ashman, of Cheriton Road, Folkestone, were looking out to see with three friends.

The group saw the lights and watched them for several minutes. Mr Male, who worked at Lydd Airport, later told police they were travelling at twice the speed of a jet airliner.

In 1972 a UFO was spotted hovering at tree-top height near Whitstable. It changed colour

by Ken Nickoll

from red to white to green, said a witness.

In November the same year 30 employees at a Faversham shipyard spotted strange objects on three consecutive afternoons.

They reported their sightings to the police and RAF Manston. Their claims were also investigated by the Ministry of Defence.

When one object appeared over the middle of the Creek a vapour trail came from it. It then changed shape and zig-zagged to a stop. Red lights appeared round it before it rose vertically into the air and disappeared. RAF Manston confirmed no aircraft were in the area at the time.

Four students of physical education at Nonington College saw an unusual object at Lyminge Forest in January, 1975.

Two of them were returning by car to their home in Stelling Minnis after an evening out with friends. About a mile from Barham they both noticed a glow in the sky. Later they were able to see this came from a perfectly round ball of light hovering 100 feet above open fields.

They slowed down to work out what the object was. They watched it hovering over the fields for about five minutes. It lit up the whole area.

When it started moving towards them the girls said they panicked and drove off towards Stelling Minnis.

At home they woke up two other female students living in the house and from an upstairs window all four saw the strange light swaying sideways and shooting up and down over the forest.

They called the police who arrived within ten minutes. A check was made with nearby Army camps to check if flares had

been used that night. They hadn't.

And RAF Manston confirmed there had been no air traffic in the area at the time.

In February 1976 a British Air Ferries pilot, Captain Philips, was flying over Kent when he twice saw a UFO cut across the flight path of his Corvair.

The object was spotted by another aircraft in the vicinity who had heard Captain Philips radio his sighting to RAF Manston.

Dungeness and Hythe were "visited" several times in 1977 as well as other areas.

These are just a small selection of the recorded sightings. But it is safe to assume that for every one reported, many are not.

## Sense

Individual sightings are so numerous across the globe that they literally become meaningless.

According to the experts, far from being a load of nonsense detailed descriptions of sightings are beginning to make good engineering sense.

Information, which in the majority of cases is reported by intelligent people from all walks of life, is building up to a pattern which is technically corroborative.

So much so that the sceptic is faced with two alternatives to explain the mysteries.

That the sightings are just a fantastic coincidence, a world-wide conspiracy or misinterpreted natural phenomenon?

Or that hundreds of UFO reports are genuine descriptions of extra-terrestrial craft?

Perhaps the time has now come for the whole field to be researched by newly constituted international authority.

A cool scientific approach to the subject of UFOs may well provide some vital missing pieces in the vast cosmic jigsaw.

# UFO sighting 3128 reported at Hinckley

Strange lights in the sky have been reported to a group of UFO spotters in Hinckley.

The lights were seen by Mr Brian King, of Mour Road, Hinckley, as he and his wife parked their car last week.

"We had just parked the car after a country drive, when

my wife glanced up and remarked upon a bright light she could see in the sky," he said.

"I looked up and saw the light, which was coming towards us. It was orange, but as it approached it turned red and then green.

"As it passed overhead we listened for any sound it might make, but there was complete silence. I'm sure it was something unusual."

He said the object passed overhead and towards Leicester.

Today a spokesman for Hinckley Aerial Phenomena Society said they were checking with other Midlands UFO spotters

to see if anyone else had seen the light.

"Mr and Mrs King's report is only one of many we have received recently. We are checking them all out fully," said the spokesman.

The society can be contacted at 28 Bearsden Crescent, Hinckley, telephone 30244.

# Another sighting of 3/28 spark in sky

ANOTHER reported sighting of a red coloured sparking object in the sky on Friday morning has been received by the "Courier."

Mrs Sheila Crowther spotted the suspected UFO while she was having breakfast at 7.30 am on Friday.

She ran upstairs with her husband Mr Donald Crowther and 12-year-old daughter Ruth to get a better view.

"There was a gap in the clouds and we saw a round ball shape with holes in the side. It looked like a golf ball and there were sparks coming from the holes," said Mrs Crowther of 1, Warley Dean, Warley, Halifax.

"We got the binoculars out so we had a good view of it," said Mrs Crowther.

She said it moved away quickly towards the Ainleys, Elland.

"We are positive it wasn't a reflection of the sun or anything like that because we could see it clearly through the binoculars," said Mrs Crowther.

UFO expert Mr Trevor Whitaker of Well Head, Halifax, said he had spoken to four people since an article appeared in Saturday's "Courier" and all gave different descriptions.

"Nearly all the people agree about the sparks but there are disagreements over the direction it went," said Mr Whitaker.

He said his initial theory that the sighting was of a reflection from the sun was not acceptable and he was puzzled about the sparking.

He added he still had to check on any aircraft activity in the area.

# Lincs UFO claim

THREE workmen claim to have seen a UFO in broad daylight in Lincolnshire.

They say it was a silvery grey object shaped like a saucer, which made no sound as it hovered within a quarter-of-a-mile of them and then veered away.

"It was about 25 to 30 feet across and about seven feet deep," said joiner Alan Rick (47), of Albany Close, Skegness. "It was hovering about 200 feet up, and we had a completely clear view

of it for as long as a minute or two before it flew slowly away."

He and his two workmates, Clive Cook, of Skegness, and Alan Todd, of Friskney, were on their way home from work on the Revesby Estate when they saw the object near East Kirkby.

"It looked a bit like an air balloon, but if it had been we should have been able to see ropes and a basket," said Mr. Rick. "It certainly was not a helicopter or a

cloud or anything like that. I have never seen anything like it."

He reported the sighting to RAF Coningsby. A spokesman there said he could offer no explanation.

Mr. Rick said: "Nobody was more sceptical than me about things like this, but I have completely changed my view. There were three of us in the car as well as another chap in front of us in a van, who had also stopped and was looking at it."