

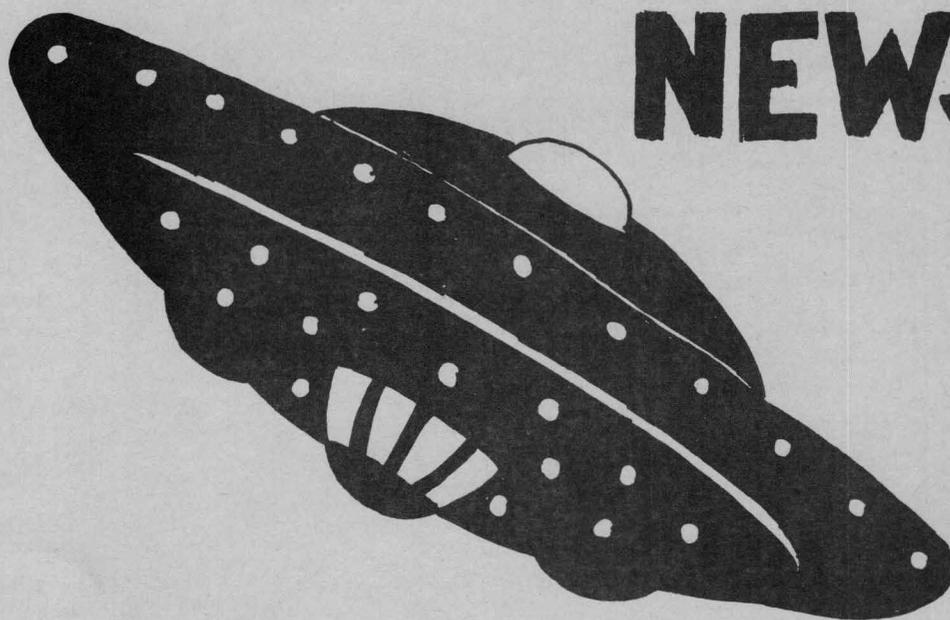
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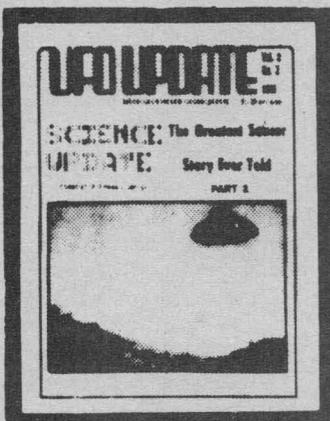
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Tanneberg's scary experience **Mansfield** **UFO sightings west of**

It was just another Sunday night for Doug Tanneberg, of Mansfield, as he headed toward his home just west of Mansfield. It was 10:30 P.M., and all was quiet.

But just then, a blur of light appeared -- a light that traveled faster than anything Tanneberg had ever seen before. The light was bright, very bright.

The beam of light was about the size of

“Not any kind of aircraft”

Editor's Note: “Quite obviously, what they saw was not any kind of aircraft,” according to Robert Gribble, of the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle.

Gribble says that what Tanneberg and the Glessners saw “fits similar descriptions from other witnesses in the State of Washington.” Over the last few years, according to Gribble, many people have seen lights and formations similar to those seen by the Mansfield residents.

Gribble offers no explanation as to what Tannebergs and the Glessners saw. He says that the information supplied by Tanneberg and the Glessners is not sufficient to warrant an identification of any kind.

an airplane. And it moved across the sky, just a little more than 100 feet off the ground.

At first, Tanneberg thought that it was just a meteor. But then, all of a sudden, the light stopped, and it became stationary and hovered overhead. Again it moved, faster than any plane that Tanneberg had ever seen. And then, once again, it became stationary and hovered overhead.

Tanneberg became scared. He also began to wonder if he was seeing things, or if he was losing his senses. So he hustled over to the home of Linda and Larry Glessner, and called them out of their house. The Glessners came out, and they too saw this incredible sight of the bright, bright light hovering overhead.

About this time, Doug's parents heading back to Mansfield from Wenatchee. Jens, Jr. and Shirley Tanneberg saw two distinct lights out in the wheat field. At first they wondered if they were parked cars. But when the lights moved quickly into the air, the Tannebergs knew that these weren't cars.

Doug called the Sheriff's Deputy, Jerry Poole. But by the time Poole got to the scene of the apparent sighting, the bright lights were gone.

The whole episode was over in just a few minutes, but the memory of the traumatic event lingers on. “I was scared to death,” says Tanneberg, who admits that he looks out his window every night to see if the bright light has returned.

The same is true for Linda Glessner, who called Tanneberg just the other night to tell him that there are “three strange lights in the Northeast.” Linda Glessner too cannot forget, and she, too, wonders if the lights will return.

Neither Tanneberg nor the Glessners had ever seen such a sight before. They don't know what it was, other than an incredibly bright light that moved faster than anything they had ever seen before -- faster than any jet plane around.

Did they see a craft? “I'm not sure,” says Tanneberg, who admits that he could see no outline of an object, no metal, and no frame.

Could it have been Tanneberg's imagination? “Absolutely not,” says Tanneberg, who notes that he was completely sober, and that his story has been corroborated by at least four other people.

But the most incredible question of all is, “What did Doug Tanneberg see on that farm road West of Mansfield on Sunday night, March 23?” An advanced army weapon? Tanneberg says that he understands there is a new army weapon, The Cobra, which is a very advanced hovering craft.

Was it a meteor? This is what

Tanneberg originally thought it might be. “But,” Tanneberg asks, “how could it have been a meteor if it stopped and hovered directly above him in the air?”

That leaves one other possibility--the most incredible one of all -- an **unidentified flying object**. Recently, there have been sightings of unidentified flying objects around Mount Rainier and in Idaho.

Tanneberg says that a hired man for Mansfield rancher Howard Asmussen once saw some incredible speeding lights while traveling out in the fields. According to Tanneberg, the man was “really shook up” by the experience.

Most likely, it will never be known what Doug Tanneberg, Linda and Larry Glessner, and Jens and Shirley Tanneberg saw in the wheat fields that Sunday night. But whatever it was, the people of Mansfield will be a little more leery, and a little more frightened, when they drive out into the countryside late at night.

Ed. Note: On Monday night, March 31, shortly after talking on the telephone with Doug Tanneberg, I got into my car and headed back toward Waterville. It was about 11:00 P.M. I was scared, and looked this way and that way throughout the trip. But, alas, all that I saw was the full moon in the sky, and the wheat fields all around me.

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UFO SIGHTED

Civil Air Control planes searched in vain for an unidentified object spotted just east of Cornelia, Georgia last Thursday night. Several persons in that area of North Georgia reported seeing the object which consisted of burning objects falling from the sky during the night. The two hour search by the CAP planes, plus a ground search by a volunteer crew under the direction of the Habersham County Civil Defense netted no result.

THE SHREVEPORT (LA.) TIMES

MAR. 25 1980

Streaking object treated as a UFO

By BOB DEAN
Of The Times Staff

That streaking object in North Louisiana skies just might be an unidentified flying object. That's what the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Department is classifying an object seen last Thursday night.

An object, a bright white light with a 60- to 70-foot tail, was spotted traveling in a straight line at a high rate of speed. It was observed just after 8 p.m. by a deputy, who was patrolling about a half mile west of the General Motors plant on 70th Street.

The deputy, who was not identified by Investigator Sherri Carter, said he talked to about 20 persons who also confirmed the sighting.

The object was also observed by employees at Shreveport Regional Airport and the National Weather Service at the airport, the investigator said.

Bossier City police also received a report about the same time from a

Haughton woman who observed an object streaking over her rural home. She described it as an airplane on fire, according to Officer J.W. Roat.

More reports of UFO sightings were confirmed last night by a controller at the Monroe airport. He said a controller observed what he called a "magnesium flame" streak across the sky a few weeks ago. That sighting was confirmed by a private pilot, who was landing his plane when the object was observed.

A woman in the Calhoun area near Monroe also reported sighting an object flying over her house earlier this month. That sighting correlated with a floating light observed by the control tower at the Monroe airport.

Weather service officials told Mrs. Carter that a weather balloon was released Thursday and that the balloon may have been what was observed. But those who saw the object are skeptical that a balloon could travel that fast, the investigator said.

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Michigan Cop Has Seen The Light

Gladstone, Mich., police officer Mark Hager, describing the bizarre unidentified flying object he helped track for half an hour Wednesday: "It kind of gave you the chills, you know, but as far as being scared or anything, we weren't scared — just interested. We've had reports of UFOs and stuff like that before, but we've never seen anything like this. This normally turns out to be airplanes or planets or something.... I didn't believe in 'em before, but I do now."

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County officer reports UFO

By Stephen Braun
News American Staff

When Baltimore County Patrolman George Hensler looked up into the night sky from the parking lot of the Middlesex Shopping Center in Essex, he couldn't believe his eyes.

What he saw — and later officially jotted down in a police report — was an unidentified flying object streaking across the heavens Saturday night.

In his report, Hensler said he saw "an object moving in a northerly direction from the south at a high rate of speed. The object displayed no visible lights and no noise could be heard coming from the object."

It was your regular, everyday UFO, "oblong in shape, with a dim glow from both ends."

But Hensler was dogged by that inevitable snag that almost all UFO watchers encounter — lack of witnesses. He ran to get his partner, but when the partner looked up, what else? He saw nothing.

Undeterred by this setback, Hensler continued the investigation when he got back to the station. He called Martin's Airport in Middle River and Baltimore-Washington Airport. Nothing, they reported back, had flown in that air space.

So he then called the National UFO Center in Washington. (The precinct helpfully lists that among its important telephone numbers). They vowed to check out his story.

West Siders dazzled by UFO sightings

By MIKE FISH

Why would a bunch of people who work the dayshift around town gather at a spot on the West Side at midnight, stand outside in 35 degree weather and gawk at the sky until the birds chirp to greet dawn?

Because each successive unidentified flying object they see dart across the night sky bewilders them more.

At the risk of being called crazier, I must admit I've been among the various witnesses who collectively have spotted at least 82 objects in 24 sightings during the past five nights from the driveway of a friend's house at the corner of State Fair Boulevard and Waite Avenue.

Some of the descriptions by witnesses vary, but 90 percent of the objects spotted generally come from the northern horizon and take three to 10 seconds to pass a field of vision of about 100 degrees before fading at a constant speed to the north. A few of the sightings of the apparently self-luminous objects involved only one object, but at least 21 of the sightings have involved from two to 20 objects. They make not a sound, and the better sightings appear to be 10,000 to 30,000 feet high, although most witnesses agree have agreed the height is very difficult to judge.

While all of them simply give off a white glow, their apparent shape, to me, depends on the relative height: the closer objects I have seen appear to be four to five times the size of a close star and are shaped like an arrow with its stem cut short. Others have said they look like manta rays or pointed hearts.

By my count, during the last five nights there have been four, seven, three, eight and two sightings, respectively. The best time to spot them, according to a log of sightings maintained during the nightly vigil, is from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m.

There have been at least two witnesses to each of the reported sightings, and nine people saw a row of six objects yesterday morning.

Those who see them express excitement, fear of the unknown and a general concern they will be ridiculed by friends, co-workers and relatives who weren't there.

"We might be nuts for reporting them, but I know we saw them," said Gary O'Brien, who, with Scott Harris, has hosted the UFO gazing parties that began with only a couple of witnesses late Friday and have since mushroomed to a gathering of about 30 people who craned their necks toward the southern horizon for several hours early today.

O'Brien and Harris are drafting technicians at Niagara Mohawk. About 15 of their co-workers came out last night.

During the last three days, I've interviewed about a dozen UFO researchers, government officials and skeptics.

Officials at Hancock Airport and Griffis Air Force Base in Rome said there have been no military exercises at the relevant times, and no official reported any unusual blips on radar.

Allen Hendry, one of the more respected UFO "investigators" in the country, could not explain what we have seen. "The most striking thing is the frequency. Night after night," he said from his Atlanta home.

What has now become a nightly vigil and a daily prayer for clear night skies started at 1:14 a.m. Saturday when Harris, standing in the driveway near the back door of the house he shares with O'Brien, started to lean back a bit to take a sip of beer.

"I just started to tip it, and I caught 'em," Harris said. "They were quite close. I'd say 5,000 to 10,000 feet. I mean they seemed close." What he saw that first time stunned him. There were six to eight objects in the sky, formed in a pattern of a semi-circle, he said. They moved from one horizon to the other in about four seconds.

Harris and a friend, struck by the sighting, stayed outside for at least another two hours. They were rewarded. From 1:56 to 3:19 a.m. they had three sightings. The last was perhaps the most spectacular of any so far this week. According to Harris' notes, "15 to 20 objects did a full barrel roll in order." His diagram shows they were in a straight line across the sky, and the objects were relatively close together.

An FAA official I interviewed the other day said we could be seeing the reflection of a huge ground search light off clouds overhead. When it comes to that theory, Bob Raphael, a disc jockey for WAQX, doesn't see the light.

"When parallel, then they did rolls, and three split up and went that way and three went the other way," he said, explaining a spectacular sighting yesterday morning. "It seemed like an organized light pattern. It didn't look like any reflection."

Raphael's radio station, informed of the sightings by O'Brien a couple of nights ago, has helped the cause by playing songs like "Waiting for the UFOs" since then.

Raphael said he was curious, not skeptical, when he got the first phone call from O'Brien.

I asked him how he felt after his first sighting.

"Shock might be the word, but it's, a common word," he said. "I saw something I'd never, ever seen before. It's like seeing the second coming a third time. I don't know if shock is the right word. Awe might be better."

An Air Force official said the sightings actually might be of jets, whose lights often play visual games in the night sky.

O'Brien and all others who have seen the objects dismissed the notion immediately. The apparent speed and lack of noise convinced them. "There's no way that's a plane," O'Brien said after one sighting, "cause those four were bookin'."

Some have suggested meteors. On that theory, Raphael said, "I can't imagine meteors traveling in unison, in a flight formation. I can't imagine six meteors getting together and saying, 'Hey, let's do this' and then do barrel rolls together. These are flying in definite flight patterns."

That these sightings have occurred on Waite Avenue is appropriate. There is a lot of time, probably 99.9 percent of the time, spent staring at nothing but stars. Many of the witnesses there wonder why hundreds, if not thousands, of others don't see and report the same sightings. But most of them conclude the reason must be the long wait outdoors, combined with the unusually high speed of their flight.

For example, there were about 30 witnesses at 1:18 a.m. today, all standing or sitting outside, waiting for the first show. A set of four passed over, but from a slightly different direction than usual. Only four or five people saw them, and the best view for those few was about four seconds.

Craig Fox, general manager of 95X, said they looked like stars moving across the sky, which has been quite clear the last two nights. Three were in front, and one was slightly behind them, he said.

Some skeptics suggest geese. O'Brien's response: "Yeah, they flew over Three Mile Island and got radiated so we could see them."

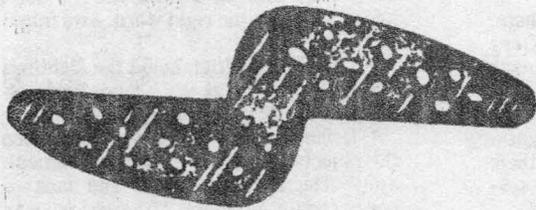
One of the standing jokes among the witnesses is that citizens of the United States are in mighty kept fine hands if the objects are some kind of a government project kept under wraps.

So far, there are no positive answers. Only theories and wonderment. Most of those who have seen the objects probably would agree with O'Brien when he commented on a sighting the other night.

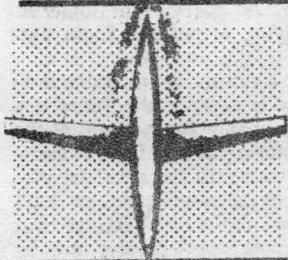
"You try to make sense out of it," he said. "I don't know. How can you make sense out of something like this?"

U.S. GOVT'S OFFICIAL UFO DRAWINGS

By BARRY HART

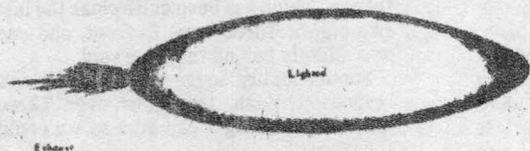
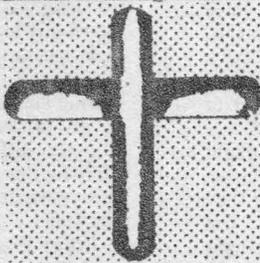


ON THE morning of July 29, 1948, two men driving across a bridge saw this object glide across the road in front of them about 30 feet above the ground. It was shiny and metallic, about six to eight feet long and two feet wide. They saw it for only a second before it disappeared into a wooded area.



A NAVAL aviation student, his wife and several others saw 20 groups of objects like this fly in straight lines over a drive-in movie theater on April 20, 1952. The objects, moving in groups of two to nine, were shaped like conventional aircraft.

A WINGED object was spotted by the crew of a commercial plane the night of January 20, 1951, as they took off from a big city airport. The object flew abreast of the plane, hovered, then quickly disappeared two or three seconds later.



DURING a 10-second period the morning of July 24, 1948, the crew of a DC-3 spotted an object like this coming towards them. It passed slightly to their right, and seemed to be powered by rocket or jet motors which were shooting out a 50-foot-long streak of fire to the rear.

GLOBE is publishing for the first time these amazing official drawings of the 11 basic UFO shapes that government researchers cannot explain away.

The drawings were done by artists at the Air Technical Intelligence Center near Dayton, Ohio, for the now defunct Project Blue Book, the massive Air Force UFO study. But they were kept under wraps — until now.

"The drawings are fascinating because they were produced for a government which has always officially denied that UFOs exist," noted UFO researcher Dr. Leon Davidson told GLOBE.

"What makes them so important is that the scientists fed thousands of UFO sightings into a computer to single out the most commonly occurring shapes.

"Then they went back through case histories to find the best examples of individual sightings and artists were assigned to reproduce the UFOs exactly from eyewitness accounts.

"It becomes very obvious that not all UFOs look like flying saucers. There is a vari-

ety of very definite shapes which keeps reappearing.

"Once the 11 shapes were recognized they were described as 'typical UFO' models and have formed the basis of a new type of UFO recognition."

Those 11 basic shapes were discovered after complete analysis of that nine percent of the 4,834 sightings Project Blue Book scientists were unable to explain.

"What scientists were left with is probably the most accurate and definitive record we have of UFO descriptions and shapes," Davidson said.

"But although the drawings were produced during the era of Project Blue Book, the government has gone to some pain to withhold the details.

"I obtained them through official channels, but not without a lengthy paper battle of words.

"One of the tactics the Air Force office used when they did release the material was to mix the drawings and the accounts.

"For example, the report for sighting seven would be under drawing eight and so on.

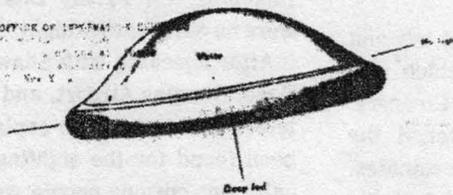
"By doing that, one can only conclude that these were the tactics used by someone with something to hide."

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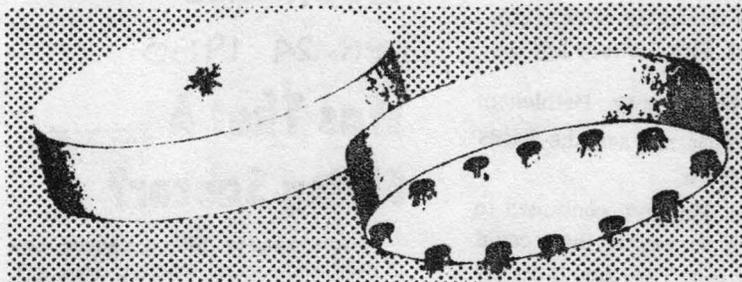


AN INSTRUMENT technician driving to an Air Force base on December 22, 1952, stopped his car when he spotted an object in the sky, then observed it for 15 minutes. The lighted object darted backwards and forwards in the sky, and rolled three times as he watched showing a red side and a side with no light at all.

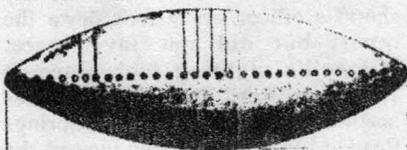
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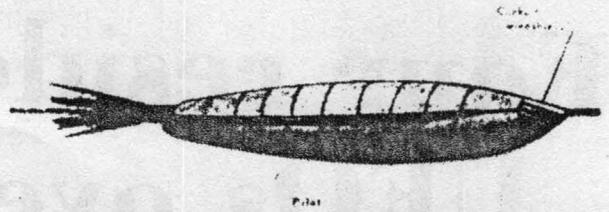
AN ELECTRICIAN was standing at his bathroom window the morning of July 31, 1948, when he first sighted this object in the western sky. He ran to the kitchen and pointed it out to his wife. During the 10 seconds it was visible, the object flew on a straight course across the horizon.



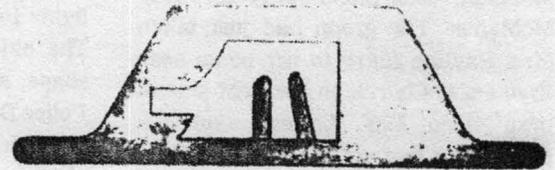
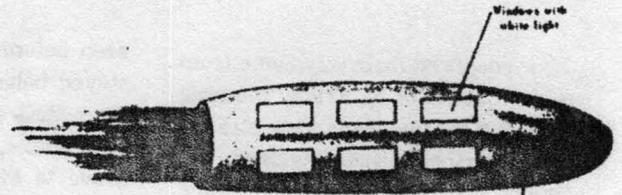
FOR ABOUT 25 to 35 seconds, on the night of March 20, 1950, crew members of a commercial flight saw this object pass in front of their airliner as they were flying about 15 miles from a major city. The object appeared to be circular, about 100 feet in diameter with a rapidly blinking light on top. A soft purple light shone from the portholes.



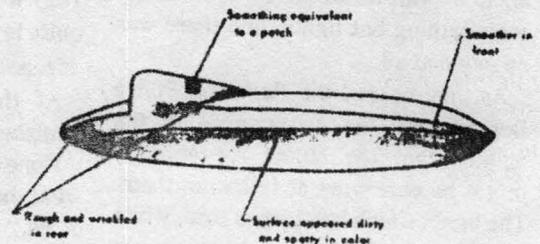
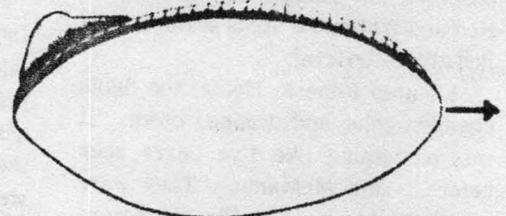
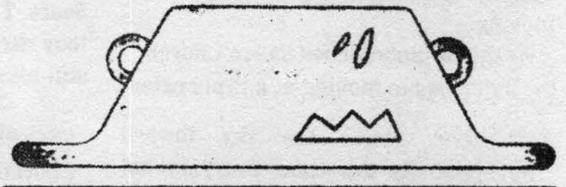
THE MORNING of August 25, 1952, a radio station musician spotted this object hovering about 10 feet above a field and making a deep throbbing sound. It was 75 feet long.



A FARMER and a hired hand spotted two cigar-shaped objects hovering overhead on the night of July 19, 1952. The sighting lasted three to four minutes as one object remained stationary while the other moved around. Then both traveled out of view over the horizon.



ON AUGUST 13, 1947, a farmer spotted this object near a river about 30 feet away from him and about 75 feet off the ground against the background of a canyon. For the brief seconds it was in sight it followed the contour of the ground, agitating the trees as it flew and spitting flames from the sides. He said it was about 20 ft. in diameter and 10 ft. thick.



EMPLOYEES of an aeronautical laboratory saw this saucer-shaped object by the banks of a river at about five p.m. on May 24, 1949. The metallic object reflected sunlight during the two-and-a-half to three minutes it was in sight before rapidly disappearing into the distance.

Four residents observe UFOs over Pageland

Four people on their way home from work in Lancaster on Friday morning around 1 a.m. saw some very strange goings-on in the sky over Pageland.

Riding in the automobile at the time of the sighting were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mangum, Mrs. Sue Lowery and Ray McManus. The group had just taken Mrs. Pauline Autry to her home near High Point Church on the west side of town when Mrs. Lowery said she pointed out two very large and bright objects in the sky, commenting, "Ray, I've never seen two bright stars that close together before, have you?" At that point, according to both Mrs. Lowery and Mr. McManus, the objects appeared to be quite high and were not moving.

As the car approached Salem Church, the lights began moving at a rapid rate

of speed across the sky toward Pageland. By this time, everyone except Mr. Mangum who was driving had observed the strange sight. Near the Red and White, the lights seemed to be just at treetop level.

At Sutton Funeral Home, the lights changed color and dropped down. "It was something like I've never seen before," said McManus. "They were within two blocks of us. The lights were wider apart than car lights — they were about as wide as the street. We couldn't see anything but lights, and there was no sound at all."

As they neared the Pageland Police Department, the group were of the opinion that the object (or objects) might be observing or following them. The lights which had turned from white to "a shade of red which I have never

seen before," according to McManus, stayed behind the car as it continued down McGregor Street.

At Maple, the group turned left and drove to McManus' truck which was parked beside Pageland Cleaners. There, they stood and watched the lights for approximately five minutes. The object, which had no detectable shape, was hovering in the area of the Police Department.

McManus said he had every intention of trying to drive beneath the object to get a better view, but as he turned to get in his truck, the thing had vanished.

The three remaining occupants of the car traveled down Pearl Street and lost visual contact with the lights around Sears. Turning left on Evans Mill Road, they discovered the lights once again, still blinking red. Mrs. Lowery left the

car at her home near Bethlehem Church, and could not see the lights after reaching home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mangum continued to Jordan's Store to see if they could relocate the object. They saw it briefly just beyond the store. At the top of the next hill, which is higher, they observed the lights once again. Once again, they were white but had changed from horizontal to vertical in configuration.

They were still very bright, apparently quite low, and in the area of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sutton.

At that point, the lights suddenly vanished.

None of the group seemed alarmed by what they had seen. "It didn't scare any of us," said McManus. "We were too surprised to be scared. It was a pretty sight."

The four people commented on one

peculiarity in the night's events. Usually, there is traffic on the streets of Pageland. On Friday morning, there were no other cars in sight.

After checking with Shaw Air Force Base, Douglas Airport, and a couple of television stations, no explanation has been found for the sighting. And four calm but curious people would like to find some answer as to what on earth (or beyond) they saw.

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Was That A Flying Saucer?

FRONT PAGE

It was shaped like a saucer and glowed red. Then when it took off, white flames shot out from behind.

What was it? That's a good question and something that Shirley Mitchell of Houston who reported seeing such an object Monday night would like to know.

According to the Texas County sheriff's office, which took down the report but did not investigate, Mitchell's sighting took place at 10:38 p.m. April 21 about four miles north of Houston on Mineral Springs Road. Mitchell reportedly viewed the object through field glasses.

Exactly what Mitchell saw is not known but one deputy speculated that it could have been an F-4 fighter plane from Fort Leonard Wood. Several have been flying in the area lately, he said, and they give a red glow through the exhaust.

Regional magazine writer chases UFOs

BILLINGS, MONT. GAZETTE
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By ROGER CLAWSON
Of The Gazette Staff

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Terry Shorb is looking for Montanans who have had close encounters of several kinds.

Shorb, a Mont-Wyo News staffer, has been named this region's investigator for the Center for UFO Studies which is headquartered in Evanston, Ill.

Shorb will be looking for answers to a number of questions, including:

Are aliens cruising the high plains of Montana?

Have beings from outer space been at work mutilating cattle on Big Sky ranges?

Is a period of national stress causing people to see things?

Since the center is especially interested in central Montana's frequent reports of cattle mutilations — a phenomenon often linked with UFO sightings — Shorb will be contacting area lawmen seeking information on such incidents in this area.

Before becoming the Center for UFO Studies' official investigator, Shorb had tracked down UFO sightings on his own for several years in this area, categorizing "close encounters."

He explains:

Close encounters of the first kind include any sighting — a daylight disk, nocturnal lights, a hairy creature.

"Those of the second kind include physical

evidence, perhaps pod marks (presumably left by some sort of craft that has landed) on the ground.

"Those of the third kind involve actual contact with occupants of a space craft, humanoid creatures of some kind."

While a Wyoming hunter is currently on tour telling of his "close encounter of the third kind," in which he reports having been taken aboard a space ship after aliens stopped the bullet he had fired at an elk, Shorb has only found close encounters of the first kind — "mostly nocturnal lights."

In one of the most recent, a number of individuals in Billings' Westend saw strange lights moving overhead at high rates of speed.

Interviewing them separately, he found most said that they resembled, "cold star-like lights."

In an attempt to turn UFO's into IFO's (identified flying objects) he began by gathering astronomical data. He learned that there had been a meteor shower that evening and concluded that the space debris was probably in the right place at the right time to account for the sightings.

More recently, he and the center's director — Dr. J. Allen Hynek — interviewed a Powell, Wyo., woman who was pursued by "strange red lights."

The woman said she was returning to Powell from a trip to Billings when the lights appeared, running parallel to her car.

Frightened, the woman crushed the accelerator and was soon traveling at 100 miles per hour. The lights kept pace. When she met

a large truck on the stretch between Bridger and Warren, the lights suddenly disappeared.

For months she told no one but her husband.

Shorb notes:

"It is becoming more socially acceptable to talk of your UFO experience now. Also, where 10 years ago only 20 to 30 percent of the population believed in UFOs, now 80 or 90 percent believe."

Shorb says the current high acceptance rate could be a sign of stress. "People seem to believe that a higher power, a superior race, may come to Earth and bring us world peace, a cure for cancer and a solution to our energy program."

Finding this somewhat alarming, Shorb says, "That's one of the reasons I believe there is an urgency to solve this



TERRY SHORB
urgency

mystery."

The center has computerized files on 100,000 sightings.

Whether the phenomenon is the product of hysteria or recurrent visits from alien beings, Hynek and his investigators are determined to find the answers.

"We don't expect it to be easy," Shorb said.

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Six witnesses confirm those UFOs flew here

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By STUART AWBREY

At least six people in addition to Officer Ronald Coles saw the mysterious UFOs that appeared over Cranford Palm Sunday.

Mrs. Madeline Gormanly, 30 Hillcrest Ave., said she saw them as "bright flashes of light" appearing over Cranford Towers from her perspective on Miln Street.

Skip Nemeth, 31 Balmiere Pkwy., saw them as "real, real bright" flashes, perhaps numbering five or more. The lights hung in the sky and then suddenly dropped, he said.

Nemeth said he was the driver who had passed Coles outside police headquarters and yelled "UFO sighting!" to him. Coles was returning from Thomas Street where he had seen four UFOs and Nemeth and two friends continued driving toward the Cranford Hall area where they thought the UFOs were dropping. That was at 12:55 p.m.

Mrs. Gormanly and her husband, Thomas, were in their car on Miln Street, waiting for their children to exit St. Michael Church where the family had attended noon mass. "We thought they were fireworks but didn't hear anything," she said. He reported their observance after reading about Coles' sighting in The Chronicle.

The Gormanlys view toward the northeast could have intersected with Coles' sighting from Thomas toward the northwest, somewhere above or behind the Municipal Building, which could have been behind Cranford Towers at 18

Springfield Avenue.

Nemeth and his two friends, former Albright College classmates Bob Grimes and Jim McClellan, saw the phenomena from Springfield Avenue, toward the southeast, and placed its descent south. That, too, corresponded with Coles' description of the four spheres dropping off to the west or south.

Another motorist spotted "four brilliant things" between Dr. Carl Hansen's home and the townhouses under construction, not far from the river. Mrs. Peg Campbell, of 701 Springfield, said she was driving down the avenue to Pathmark, looked left and saw the objects. "I wonder what the devil that is," she thought to herself. That was at the same time the others saw the UFOs. After reading The Chronicle, she exclaimed, "Oh my heavens, that's what I saw!"

A woman called police Friday to say that she, too, had seen the UFOs while while traveling south on the Garden State Parkway the previous Sunday. She didn't give her name.

Coles was somewhat relieved to have these verifications. He also spent several hours with a UFO investigator whose agency, the Scientific Bureau of Investigation Inc., considers the incident a "valid case." Jim Fillow, a former New Jersey police officer working out of SBI's Staten Island headquarters, discounted the possibility of flares which would have burned oxygen and left a

trail, which none of the sighters reported. He said a meteorite shower was a possibility, though doubtful.

SBI is concentrating now on locating the aircraft that Coles reported below the UFOs, by contacting airports in the area. Coles saw a single engine craft, probably a Cessna. The Gormanlys and Nemeth and his friends didn't see a plane.

Nemeth described himself as being "in awe" and was especially fascinated by the brightness, which was even more pronounced because he was wearing sunglasses. "We were shocked," he said. "It was something giving off its own light. It's changed by mental processes," he added, in reference to his attitude toward UFOs.

Nemeth hesitated in reporting the incident officially because the common reaction among acquaintances was one of disbelief. Investigator Fillow said this was common. He cited a 1978 incident in which many Maplewood police officers reported a sighting but were ridiculed for a time. One of the goals of SBI is to protect the interests of policemen involved in such cases.

Police tend to get more involved with UFOs because they are always observing, especially between midnight and eight a.m. when most sightings take place, he said. About half of SBI's national organization is made up of policemen. Fillow investigated a sighting in Michigan last month which involved six police officers.

Local man spots UFO

By Dan Griswold

For 23 years Duane "Skeeter" Weiner has been pulling himself out of bed at the quiet hour of 2:30 a.m. to supervise delivery of the Minneapolis Tribune.

But last Thursday, as he stepped out of his mother's house next to the downtown tennis courts, he said the night was anything but still.

"The sound was all around me," Weiner said. It was an "energetic sound," like that from an electrical wire lying on the ground, or an arc welder at a distance. Weiner inspected his thermos, thinking it could be gas escaping, then he checked his car. The he looked above the tennis courts

By the time the object left, he was already 15 minutes late for his distribution duties.

"I know Skeeter, and he's not one to tell stories," Sauk Centre Police Chief George Trierweiler said Thursday. At 12:35 a.m. that morning the police department received a report that an electrical pole on Second and Elm streets was smoldering. According to Trierweiler, a helium balloon and a kite had been spotted over the downtown area that night.

"I stood here in bewilderment," Skeeter said. The object he described as the source of the sound was a glowing orange sphere about a hundred feet off the ground, in the area of the Northwestern Bell Telephone office.

The sphere moved back and forth, southwest to northeast. It rotated as it moved, spewing tiny bits of matter as it spun.

A few minutes later, Weiner said the UFO shifted west, continued its diagonal motion, then moved erratically off into space until it was only a dim point of light.

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UFO Sightings Mystify Residents In 3 Counties

By WAYNE NICHOLAS
Observer Gastonia Bureau

LINCOLNTON — LeAnn Sain, 22, was traveling from Hickory to her home in Vale when she spotted a round golden light, shrouded in a haze, flying in the distance.

"I knew it wasn't an airplane," she said Monday. "It was close enough I would have heard a sound."

Miss Sain, a beautician, said the object would move, hang in the night sky, then move again. The light circled her car at a distance all the way from Hickory to Vale — about 30 miles — during the April 10 incident.

Miss Sain is among 12 to 15 people who have reported unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in Gaston, Lincoln and Catawba counties since January, said UFO expert George Fawcett, 59, of Lincolnton.

And in Chesterfield County, S.C., four

persons told authorities they were followed by a UFO about 1 a.m. on April 18.

Spokesmen at the municipal airport control towers in Hickory and Charlotte said they could not explain what might have caused the recent sightings.

Fawcett said one Lincolnton businessman, who asked not to be identified, reported seeing a saucer about the same time as Miss Sain's sighting as he traveled to Dallas, N.C., over the lonely Philadelphia Church Road.

The businessman invited Fawcett into his office, closed the door and turned on a radio to keep from being overheard, Fawcett said. The man said he saw a round, red object, flying about treetop level and making a humming sound.

Fawcett said he received two other reports of flying saucer sightings on April 10, the night the businessman saw the UFO.

Fawcett, who has studied flying saucers for 37 years, teaches a course on UFOs at the Lincoln campus of Gaston College.

One anonymous person recently sent him a snapshot of several UFOs hovering over Gastonia. Fawcett, who protects the identity of his sources when asked, hopes that person will contact him and describe the sighting in more detail.

Herb Bryant, a Lincoln County Communications Center employee, spotted what he thinks was a flying saucer about a month ago from the third floor of the county courthouse in Lincolnton.

"It was almost stationary," Bryant said. "When it moved, it moved ever so slowly. It had flashing red and white lights, which definitely weren't airplane lights."

"I've been working at the communications center for five years, and I've never seen anything like it."

Lincoln Sheriff's Sgt. Arnold Craig said

he spotted what appeared to be a UFO when he was patrolling Rural Road 1138 in Vale one night last February.

Craig had pulled his car off the road. When he looked back, he saw a bright, teardrop-shaped object about a half mile away, slowly moving, then stopping, then moving again.

"I watched it about two minutes, and all of a sudden the light just went out like somebody had flipped a switch," he said.

"I've seen some strange things in my line of work, but there's usually an explanation for them," he said. "This time there wasn't any explanation."

Seen Any UFOs?

If you spot what you think is a UFO, George Fawcett would like to know. Contact him after 6 p.m. at (704) 735-5725, or write to him at 802 Battleground Rd., Lincolnton, N.C. 28092.

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UFO Spotted By Police Official

Officer George Hensler reported to the National UFO Center that he spotted a UFO on April 5 at 11:30 p.m.

Officer Hensler stated in his report that he was parked in his patrol car on the Middlesex Shopping parking lot, next to a car driven by Officer Mike Papesh, when he looked in the sky and saw an object moving in a northerly direction at a high rate of speed.

It displayed no visible lights and made no noise, according to the officer.

He also stated the object was oblong in shape and had a dim glow on each end. He said he pointed the object out to Officer Papesh, who reportedly was unable to see it.

The sky was very clear at the time of the sighting, added Officer Hensler.

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UFO information program

A program of information on UFO's (Unidentified Flying Objects) will be presented at Bay de Noc Community College on April 29 in the college gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. The program will feature Jim Fillow and Pete Mazzola, the New York detectives who investigated the UFO sightings in the Gladstone area.

In addition to Fillow and Mazzola, Mark Hager and Dave Mariin, the two Gladstone police officers who first sighted the UFO on highway M-35, will be present to recount their experiences and answer questions.

Both Fillow and Mazzola are leaders in the Scientific Bureau of Investigation Organization, which has a primary purpose of investigating UFO sightings.

Their investigations are done from a scientific basis which includes collecting factual information, reconstructing the incident, and being as thorough as possible. The organization has many police officers as members and the

New York detectives spend much of their time investigating UFO sightings by fellow police officers.

In a recent conversation with Pete Mazzola, he reported that he was investigating a broad daylight UFO sighting by four police officers.

The program at Bay College will include a presentation on the Gladstone incident (what was sighted, its significance, and how it was investigated); a slide presentation and a discussion on other sightings and investigations by Fillow and Mazzola; and a question and answer period.

Admission to the program is \$2.00 and the public is invited to attend. Bay College students with activity cards will be admitted free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at Gust Asp's, Ernie's Party Store and Team Electronics in Escanaba and at Ivory Drug in Gladstone.

The program is sponsored by the Bay de Noc Communi-

ty College Student Government organization and the Visible Humanities Committee.

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Two UFOs Reported

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He said it hovered for about 15 seconds before it tilted and sped out of sight.

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The deputies called back to say they could find nothing.

"They've already gone back to Mars," one deputy quipped.

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UFO spotted
Tuesday
morning

An "oval shaped", white object emitting a wavy white light was reported over the Crescent Grade, between Crescent Mills and Greenville early Tuesday morning.

First report came at 5:05 a.m. from Sheriff's Deputy Richard Griffith. Deputy Griffith said he could not determine in which direction the bright object was headed, but it cast a bright light on the ground.

Two minutes later, Ruth Spear, who gave her address as being one mile south of Crescent Grade on Hwy 89, called the Sheriff's office with a similar report of a white, oval shaped object which cast a white wavy light on her entire back yard.

Both observers reported their sightings to the UFO Center in Illinois, a spokesperson from which told this newspaper that there were no other reported sightings in the area.

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-LINDA HAUGSTED

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On my mind...

Hello, earth people!

BY AMBER GUY

Staff Writer

Recently in Lindale, a very trustworthy lady reported to me the sighting of an U. F. O. She stated as she was driving back into town on Highway 69 from Tyler, just after passing the Interstate, she noticed a gleaming silver object in the sky. She said that because of its intensity she couldn't keep her eyes off of it. While staring at it, it suddenly disappeared out of sight. She felt if it had been a weather balloon, it wouldn't have gone from view as fast as it did. I must admit here and now, I believe her and do believe that she could have seen a real U.F.O. But just for fun, let's think about it other than in a serious way for just a minute.

To begin with, why did it choose Lindale to hover over? I know we have signs welcoming strangers to Lindale with "Good Country Living," but do we want strangers to be THAT strange?!

Could this be just another case of urban escapism. If so, what did he, she, it or they see to make them leave so abruptly. True Lindale does have a lack of entertainment, but then that is what makes it country living. We devise our own entertainment and like it that way.

Could he have left because of Police Chief Kirkpatrick? If he saw Kirkpatrick giving a ticket to someone going 60 MPH in town, did he realize that he could never get his vehicle slower than 150MPH?

Was it the four-way stop? Maybe he decided he would be safer in interstellar traffic!

Since the spotting took place on Tuesday, the day of the rabies vaccination clinic at Lindale High School, did the spaceling think we all queue with four legged beast for food or other substance?

Or -- he might have left because he felt human beings had no freedom. Let's face it, he probably didn't see that many people out walking. Surely all he saw was people escaping from metal machines to be imprisoned immediately by brick or wood macines.

Could he simply have thought we were a bit weird? I mean he saw us digging up dirt, then hauling in more dirt, then

smoothing the dirt and then covering the dirt with a hard, rough substance to let our machines on.

With all the advancement to travel in space, we must have seemed unbelievably naive and stupid.

But wait -- it might and could well have been just the opposite. Maybe we were more advanced than they. We have been able to have the best of all things.

The people of Lindale live in a beautiful and for the most part unmarred part of the world. We are surrounded by plenty of food, water galore and yet just a short distance off are good medical facilities, entertainment areas, etc.

Yep! I think we were just too smart for him!

'UFO' probably is satellite

By Christie Wallace
Gazette staff writer.

It was 8:25 on a recent Friday night. Three northeast-side boys gazing skyward couldn't believe what they were seeing.

At least they *thought* what they were seeing was unbelievable. The teen-agers thought they had observed an unidentified flying object.

A more experienced night-sky observer, however, minutes later said the boys had "probably" seen one of the thousands of satellites that orbit the Earth.

Joining Matt Barth, 3900 Georgia Ave. NE, at his house for the Friday night sky exploring session were Gary Dvorak of 4750 Woodview Drive NE and Tim Matthews of 3805 Georgia Ave. NE.

"Are you sure it couldn't have been an airplane?" a reporter asked the three who excitedly relayed their sighting via the telephone.

"It kinda went too fast for a plane," responded one of the boys. On a phone exten-

sion, another explained that the night light flickered from bright to faint as it quickly moved northward.

The boys said they observed the light through a "not real expensive" telescope and with the naked eye for about five minutes.

"Did any adults see it?" the reporter prodded further.

"No," responded one of the boys. "That would help, wouldn't it?"

But the reporter was not ready to ignore the boys' account yet. One of them after all, 13-year-old Matt, had been studying a little astronomy at Coe College.

J. Clayton Troeger, the Ames school instructor who writes the monthly "Sky Lights" column for *The Gazette*, was contacted by telephone.

According to him, the stars and planets were just putting on their usual "show" that night.

The three Cedar Rapids boys had more than likely seen a satellite, he said. Those small bodies revolving around the Earth are

"very common."

A person's first satellite sighting is "quite exciting," Troeger agreed. But he also said he sometimes sees more than five satellites during an evening's observation at his Ames residence. "I ignore them," he added, because, "sometimes they get in my way."

"Does that sound logical?" the reporter asked Matt after calling him back and explaining what Troeger had said.

"Yeah," he moaned despondently over the reality that he and his friends had overlooked in their anxiousness.

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NEW EVIDENCE CONFIRMS UFOs really exist

THE EXISTENCE OF UFOs has been conclusively proven by a Maryland UFO investigator who says he has six metal fragments recovered from an exploded alien craft.

John Lutz, head of Baltimore's Odyssey Research, a non-profit volunteer UFO investigation group, also revealed for the first time in an exclusive National Examiner interview:

● That when the UFO exploded in 1957, the U.S. Army did its best to cover up evidence of the blast but news still leaked out!

● Other UFOs have been seen over Maryland, including a blue, cigar-shaped craft witnessed by hundreds in 1972.

● A confirmed 'close encounter' between a Maryland couple

By HAROLD FISKE

and two silver-suited aliens took place as recently as 1979!

"A UFO actually exploded in the sky over northern Baltimore County in 1957," Lutz told the Examiner. "The region was fairly isolated but all the area farmers heard it and one even saw it."

"After the explosion, the Army rushed in and sealed off

the entire area. They literally confiscated the area under the explosion — they dug up an entire field, loaded it onto trucks and hauled it away.

"They were trying to recover all the fragments of the ship from the blast but they missed six small pieces of metal," said Lutz.

Analyzed

"The farmer who owned the land found them, gave them to someone who gave them to me. They are still in my possession.

"We've had them analyzed, but nobody can figure out what they are. All we can say is that they're polished metal and they're neither radioactive nor magnetic."

Lutz also revealed that he and his group have confirmed that a mass UFO sighting took place near Oakland, Md., in the extreme western part of

the state in 1972.

"Many people saw a large, blue, cigar-shaped object hovering over a farmer's field," Lutz said.

"The thing eventually took off, but strange things happened for days afterwards. Many people reported their clocks ran backwards.

"Another effect was that area chickens laid a tremendous number of eggs. In one henhouse alone 14 chickens managed to lay over 50 eggs in one day!

"The local cows neither ate nor drank for three days," said Lutz. "Yet, they continued to give abnormally large amounts of milk."

Lutz also reported a 'close encounter' near Midland, Md., in 1979.

"An elderly couple were driving down a lonely country road," he said. "As they drove around a bend they saw

a circular craft sitting in the middle of the road right in front of them. Standing beside the craft were two short man-like creatures wearing silver suits.

"The couple got very frightened because the electrical system on their car suddenly went kaput," said Lutz. "But the aliens didn't seem very interested in them. They got into their craft and took off almost immediately — straight up!"

WRECKAGE FROM FLYING SAUCERS BAFFLES EXPERTS

Reports

Lutz says that he and his group investigate UFO incidents so thoroughly that they are able to explain away three-quarters of the reports they receive as weather balloons and other natural phenomena.

"Of the 81 sightings we heard of in Maryland last year," he said, "only 19 turned out to be unexplained."

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People Abducted by UFOs Believe They're on Mission to Help Aliens

Persons who report being abducted by UFOs believe they now have a role in preparing the rest of us on earth for contact with aliens.

That's the stunning conclusion of psychologist Dr. Leo Sprinkle who conducted a study of 200 persons involved in UFO abduction cases.

"At first these people feel like they are captives," he said. "Then they feel like collaborators with UFO creatures and finally they become aware of responsibility to all

life, not just to earth inhabitants."

He said such people become citizens of the universe and stay in contact with UFO beings through sightings or mental contact.

"Contactees often act as if they are working with unseen UFO beings who push, nag, cajole or encourage them to complete a mission," said Dr. Sprinkle, professor of counseling at the University of Wyoming and consultant to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization.

— BOB PRATT

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WORLD THREATENED BY A UFO INVASION

By JOHN WORTH

AN ENGLISH earl is leading a campaign to persuade the governments of the world to take unidentified flying objects seriously... and to expose what he believes is a deliberate cover-up of evidence by a number of governments.

He is convinced that other — and friendly — worlds are watching us.

"Of course they are — and have been for over 30 years," says William Francis Brinsley le Poer Trench, Earl of Clancarty.

It was Clancarty who, in Britain's House of Lords, called upon world governments to recognize the dangers facing civilization of a sudden UFO invasion.

"It is my belief that, faced with the latest batch of sightings, governments are deliberately conniving at a cover-up to stop people panicking," he declares.

Clancarty has his observatory on the top of his home in London's fashionable Belgravia. There he collates reports of UFO sightings from all over the world:

The very latest? "I have here," he told me, "records of multi-colored objects seen streaking across the sky above the village of Al-Jahra in Saudi Arabia."

Clancarty declares that his interest in UFOs — he is the founding president of Contact International, an organization which monitors sightings — began over 30 years ago when he spotted a strange object out of his kitchen window.

He says frankly: "I'll admit that at the beginning flying saucers were a cranky pursuit. It was not difficult for me to believe in them."

"All my life I've had this instinct that there must be other forms of life."

"But the fact is that there are now far too many sightings around the world for UFOlogists to be written off as cranks any longer."

In the mid 1960s, Clancarty and his friends published a magazine called "Flying

Saucer Review" which is now approaching its 25th year.

Clancarty turned to writing on flying saucers himself, publishing books like "The Sky People," "Men Among Mankind," "Operation Earth" and "The Flying Saucer Story."

In 1975, Brinsley le Poer Trench became the 8th Earl of Clancarty. That meant a seat in the House of Lords —

and an unexpected platform for spreading the message about unidentified flying objects.

Says Clancarty: "There was one particular event which put UFOs sensationally on the map and gave me a chance to cause a bit of a stir."

"In February 1974, the French Minister of Defense, M. Robert Galley, went on television and made an offi-

cial statement that UFOs actually existed and were a serious problem.

"Furthermore, he stated that the ministry had been collecting data on UFOs since 1954, passing them to the National Centre for Space Studies at Toulouse.

"I tabled a question to a minister in the House of Lords, asking him if the British Ministry of Defence was investigating UFOs.

"I was told that the Ministry had never heard of Galley's broadcast — and that there were only two clerks collecting reports in London."

With the backing of a House of Lords UFO Study Group, which he set up, Clancarty plans to alert politicians around the world to "the UFO threat."

He declares that a cover-up by the governments of the United States and the Soviet Union on the subject of UFOs is proven.

After a series of rigid refusals, the Pentagon was forced to release Department of Defense documents to Ground Saucer Watch, a Phoenix-based organization for the study of UFOs.

The released papers revealed that in 1975, a string of sensitive nuclear missile launch sites and bomber bases in the United States had been visited by UFOs.

Clancarty believes that alien beings are basically friendly souls who may even be planning to move the human race to another planet. He explains: "They may foresee some disaster ahead — a war, a ruined environment — and will want to salvage what they can of humanity."

From space?

Streaks of light and falling debris seen over Nottinghamshire earlier this month may not have been a shower of meteorites as thought — but falling space debris, says Nottingham UFO Society.

The society wants anyone who was on the Bingham to Lowdham road shortly after midnight on April 10 to contact them on Attewborough 250316.

Canadian's book says Jimmy Carter believes in UFOs

TORONTO STAR
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What have U.S. President Jimmy Carter, actor Orson Welles, film star Marcello Mastroianni and boxer-cum-diplomat Muhammad Ali got in common?

They have all, according to a new book on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), experienced sightings of mysterious craft believed to be from outer space.

And if you think these gentlemen are blessed with over-active imaginations, the latest Gallup Poll on the subject shows that 57 per cent of Americans and 46 per cent of Canadians believe UFOs are for real.

Author Yurko Bondarchuk not only is a believer. The Montreal head of a media consulting firm has spent two years of exhaustive research to record, with chapter and verse, his conviction that creatures from celestial worlds far more advanced scientifically than ours have, indeed, touched down in various parts of our planet earth.

And he has found his own country fertile ground for much of his study, which he presents in *UFO Sightings, Landings and Abductions: The Documented Evidence* (Methuen Publishing).

This is probably the most thoroughly researched, documented and illustrated volume of its kind yet produced in Canada, and among the most seemingly authoritative in the world.

I was curious to meet Bondarchuk after reading his thesis. He looks more like the bright young (31) executive that he is than a dreamy visionary.

Even as a child, he says, he was fascinated by what might exist in outer space.

Was there life elsewhere in the universe? he wondered.

Moonwalks

Was humanity merely a freak accident of cosmic evolution?

"I was so disappointed with the much-publicized moonwalks of the Apollo missions," he recalls. "I felt there must be something better out there than a barren moon waste. I began to track down all the information, including that from authenticated sighters, that I could find. Although I'm disappointed to say I've never had the experience myself, I'm



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convinced thousands of those who have are not hallucinating, lying or deceived by earthly phenomena."

A graduate of McGill University in Montreal with a degree in urban studies, the writer feels his own higher-education studies gave him a sound scientific background.

He's had a lot to do with communications — as a radio host, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission licensing officer, and a protocol officer at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

"Through that Olympics job, I was at the airports a great deal meeting VIPs," he said, "so I talked a lot with pilots and other flight people who had seen UFOs. I was impressed with the vast numbers of those in technical and scientific fields who were convinced."

Classified files

In his book, Bondarchuk traces the various government research plans which all seemed to reach a certain point and then be mysteriously shut off.

"I'm hoping the Freedom of Information Bill brought in by the defeated Conservative government, but not passed before the election, will be revived," he says earnestly. "For locked in those still classified files should be a great deal of information on UFOs."

The author has investigated more than 1,000 sightings in Canada, accepting only those with physical evidence.

He says that Dr. J. Allen Hyněk, an astronomer who heads the Chicago-based Centre for UFO Studies, has computerized more than 63,000 sightings in 133 countries.

According to Bondarchuk there have been 48 sightings in Canada alone involving "occupancy" — meaning the UFOs reportedly had humanoid creatures

rare abduction, like a much-publicized one in Calgary in 1977.

So all right, Mr. Ufologist, I said. What do they want with us? Why do they come so swiftly and mysteriously and disappear as quickly into the heavens?

He replies that the visitors have shown no sign of hostility.

"They are enormously advanced by our standards in technology. The fact that they have taken earth people aboard and examined them would seem to suggest they want to know what kind of creature our civilization has produced.

"Then, they appear to be interested in our power sources. Many of the sightings have been over high-technology corridors, missile launch sites, energy gener-

ating installations. They obviously are highly intelligent."

"They," according to Bondarchuk and a number of others scientifically involved in the field, come from different planets, not just one.

The writer's UFO book has become as popular in its French edition, *Ojets Volants Non Identifiés (OVNI)*, as in the English. Printed in Quebec, it is being distributed in Switzerland, Africa, France, Belgium and other countries with French-speaking populations.

Future Film Productions of Toronto is negotiating the rights for a 60-minute documentary for TV, with Allen Kool (*Nomads of the Deep*, at Ontario Place) as producer, director.

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Space sleuth: Montreal writer Yurko Bondarchuk believes creatures from other worlds have visited earth. He spent two years researching reported sightings, and documents the results in a new book on UFOs.

Another U.F.O. sighting —over Forfar

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After the dramatic sighting of a U.F.O. over Dundee at the weekend, an off-duty policeman in Forfar has reported a similar experience.

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Debunking those ufology claims

Ufology — the science of the future — would you say it still grabs the public interest?

I attended a lecture at McGill University in Montreal recently. Six-hundred people jammed the room to capacity, with many turned away at the door.

The speaker was Stanton T. Friedman, nuclear physicist, from California. His credentials are impressive; 14 years experience in the development of nuclear and space systems for G.E., Westinghouse and General Motors — B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in physics — 10 years of lecturing on UFO's.

Friedman, by his own admission, comes on strong.

"Flying saucers do exist. They are real. They are physical vehicles from other planets."

This is known as the "nuts and bolts theory" of the ufology movement. It's not subscribed to by all of the movement's supporters. But millions — yes, millions — of people agree with this speculation. Public opinion polls have confirmed this.

Friedman doesn't just express a belief in flying saucers. He claims to have evidence. Not just old-fashioned everyday run-of-the-mill evidence. "Overwhelming evidence."

My question is — to whom is the evidence overwhelming?

Alright, let's look at some of the items he lists as evidence.

One — eyewitness testimony.

Anyone who has studied the subject of eyewitness testimony knows how flimsy it can sometimes be. Contradictions are common. Psychological studies have proven over and over again its unreliability. And in the case of UFO identifications, doubly so.

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Two — radar identifications.

Most people think that every indication on a radar screen denotes a solid object under observation. It does not. These spurious targets, or "angles" can be many things — dust clouds, moisture in the air, atmospheric conditions.

A third claim of evidence for the existence of UFO's by Stanton Friedman is that some witnesses have seen "beings" emerge from landed extraterrestrial vehicles.

A fourth claim — some people have been abducted by these humanoids, have been examined, and released.

Imagine the embarrassment of having a little green man with large ears peering into your navel. I would call this a Close Encounter of the Unbelievable Kind.

Friedman says these abductions have been proved by regressive hypnosis. This means hypnotizing the subject and bringing him back in time, to relive his past experiences, while under hypnosis.

Friedman, as a scientist, should know the weakness in this theory. It has already been scientifically shown that a subject who has a tendency to an overactive imagination, and to fanciful exaggeration, will continue to exhibit these qualities while under hypnosis.

Hypnosis doesn't turn you into a zombie.

So when you hear claims based on regressive hypnosis take it with a grain of salt. And throw it over your left shoulder.

PC David Cathro was at his home, 16 St Margaret's Park, Forfar, on Saturday evening, when he saw a "strange orange glow" in the sky.

As he watched, the object faded away to a pin point, then re-emerged as a bright glow with four lights shining from it.

For PC Cathro, it was the

first UFO sighting he had encountered.

"I have never seen anything like it before," he said.

"It appeared to be about two or three miles away and stationed over the nearby gas compressor plant.

"When it was at its brightest, you could clearly see it hovering and floating."

Baffled

Just to confirm that his eyes were not playing tricks, P.C. Cathro got his wife and next-door neighbours to look at the object — and they were all baffled, too.

"None of us had any idea as to what it could be," he said.

Even my neighbour's grandson, who is home on leave from the army, could not identify it using binoculars.

However, he managed to see that it was shaped like a rugby ball with a white top and a glowing orange base. Before it disappeared, after hovering for about an hour, he made a rough sketch of it.

"When it eventually faded out, I phoned Forfar Police Station but they said there were no kind of aircraft reported to be in that area.

"The whole thing was a complete mystery."

Space invaders

Mesa reports strange objects in the sky

By MICHAEL MURPHY
Tribune staff writer

Four luminous white lights, "definitely not military," traversed the night sky Sunday in two different directions and then disappeared, according to a 38-year-old Mesa construction worker, his family and neighbors.

"It was really amazing," said Robert Navarra of 1137 W. Drummer St., near Eighth Avenue and Alma School Road in Mesa. "I'm an amateur astronomer and I go out every night.

"Between 9 and 9:10 p.m., there were eight (two groups of four) nocturnal lights. Four were heading from south to north over the city."

Bill Spaulding, director of the Valley-based Ground Saucer Watch, is investigating the sighting and believes the UFOs to be part of a military exercise.

"It looks pretty positive that the sightings are related to the military," Spaulding said. "We have suspicions that it was a military operation out of New Mexico."

Spaulding, an engineer at AiResearch, said the organization, which seeks to change *Unidentified Flying Objects* into *Identified Flying Objects*, began in 1957 in Cleveland, Ohio.

"We get about 500 calls a month and about 99 percent of the sightings are misinterpretations," he said.

Navarra was skeptical of the "military" explanation for what he saw.

"All the lights were heading in same direction, the same course. About 9:10 p.m. the same four, at least I think it was the same four, came back from north to south.

"They were a little bit smaller in brightness than the planet Jupiter, which can be seen now," he said, adding, "Satellites don't reflect that much light.

"I called the observatory in Tucson because four or five of the objects headed south," he said. "They said there

were about 2,000 or 3,000 satellites up there, but satellites travel by themselves — not in groups."

Navarra added there was an additional sighting after the first two.

"At 10:05 p.m., one appeared going north to south 45 degrees to the east," he said. "It stopped directly over us and began zigzagging."

"Then it headed east and disappeared," he added.

"My neighbors saw each one of the lights except the one after 10 p.m."

Navarra uses an 800-power telescope with different lenses and has been an amateur astronomer about 10 years.

No one was frightened at the sightings, but the neighbors were excited, he said.

"It was definitely not military and not satellites," he said.

Navarra said he has believed in UFOs for a long time and "Henry Ford and the secretary of the Navy and many others also believe in them — you can't call them stupid."

Navarra contacted the Federal Aviation Administration and Williams Air Force Base but received no confirmation of the sighting.

"The Air Force wouldn't tell me anything," he said. "Neither would the FAA."

Navarra added that he also has made daylight sightings, one of which is being investigated by GSW.

The saucer watch, which employs computers to evaluate evidence, contends that UFOs exist but are manipulations of intelligence agencies rather than extraterrestrial.

The organization is involved in a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against the Central Intelligence Agency seeking evidence of a UFO cover-up.

Spaulding said his organization has good rapport with law enforcement agencies and the Air Force, "which has been accused unduly of withholding information."

"Our whole approach is scientific," he added.

UFO'S BEEP OVER AREA

The Georgia State Patrol office in Griffin received three separate calls Sunday from residents of the Lake Cindy area who reported seeing an unidentified flying object.

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Two Georgia State Patrolmen responded to the calls but did not see the object.

The object, which was described as being round with different color lights and making a beeping sound, was reported seen at approximately 12:30 a.m.

The FAA Flight Control Center in Hampton reported no radar contact with any UFO's.

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Probers report progress in unraveling UFO claims

By RICK NELSON
Post Reporter

Some investigators of unidentified flying objects Saturday said they may be getting closer to unraveling claims the government recovered the wreckage of at least one UFO crash and preserved the bodies of several alien beings.

An estimated 300 people attended the 11th Annual UFO Symposium designed as a discussion of technologies supposedly employed by UFOs. Armed with sophisticated equipment and exhibits, the serious group of respected scientists, researchers and the curious discussed theories surrounding the mysterious sightings.

Leonard H. Stringfield, an Ohio UFO researcher, announced at the opening of the symposium held at Clear Lake High School he recently obtained eight photographs purportedly showing alien beings encased in liquid nitrogen in a glass enclosure.

Stringfield said he has not verified the authenticity of the photos — and acknowledges he may never do so — but

said the pictures corroborate information given him by at least 13 "first-hand sources" of various covert UFO recoveries.

Stringfield, the public relations director of an Ohio chemical company, refused to publicly exhibit the pictures. He said the pictures closely resemble the description of an alien's body supplied by a doctor who said he performed an autopsy on one.

Stringfield said the debris from about a dozen UFO crashes since the late 1940s "allegedly" has been recovered by the government, according to his sources.

"Right now I don't have the final proof," he said. "I'll be the first to admit it. I haven't seen the bodies."

But William L. Moore, an author whose book concerning one purported crash is scheduled for publication later this summer, said he believes many of the sightings emanate from one supposed crash in Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

Moore said information he received from 50 witnesses reveals "six to eight bodies and the major part of the wreckage" was recovered by the military, and

shipped to several locations since then. Most of the discovery now is secured at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, he said.

"A lot of stories resulted from the movement of the bodies," Moore said. The tight security surrounding the recovery was directed by the same people who guarded the the Manhattan Project's development of the atomic bomb, he said.

Walter H. Andrus, international director of the Mutual UFO Network, said that despite Jimmy Carter's campaign promises the government has refused to release much of its information about UFOs.

Many NASA scientists were among the crowd attending the symposium which Andrus said was more technical than most of the group's annual meetings.

"We take this very seriously," Andrus said. There is no doubting the existence of UFOs, he said, "But where are they from? We don't know. The most exciting answer is they are extraterrestrial visitors."

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UFO Spotted Over Shenango Reservoir

SHARPSVILLE — A red light drifting slowly across the sky in the area of the Shenango Reservoir prompted a number of Unidentified Flying Object calls to local police agencies about 10 p.m. Thursday.

Borough police said they received a dozen calls telling them about the red light which seemed to move in an easterly direction.

One policeman who watched the light said it was high in the sky but moved too slowly to be an airplane.

The National Weather Service at Youngstown said they believed the object was probably a weather balloon.

United Airlines and FAA personnel at Youngstown Airport saw the light but the object did not appear on radar.

The Weather Service spokesman said objects such as rubber weather balloons won't show up on radar.

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Dr. N's war is missing

Back to the mailbag:

Robert Haines writes regarding one of my columns on precos — people who claim to predict the future.

He mentions a book titled *Predictions: Fact or Fallacy*. Someone named Dr. N is quoted in this book as having predicted an atomic war in 1970. It would be caused by sabotage of the crops in the Soviet Union.

The effects of this war were supposed to melt the polar ice caps and flood large parts of the earth.

Writes Haines — "Either he was wrong or I missed it in the papers."

It would make an interesting publication to list all of the major predictions of Jeane Dixon and other prognosticators — and then to follow them up for the results. It would be a gigantic undertaking. Whenever these things have been checked out in a limited way they have proven to be largely negative.

Robert N. Brown writes in response to my columns on UFOs.

His letter is exceptional because it's one of the few that does not attack me on my views on this controversial subject.

Brown refers to his years of experience in the aircraft industry, in addition to his stage training with a drama guild. He points out that with this combination going for him he could have made a big buck going out on the UFO lecture circuit.

To quote him — "I could have had them (the audience) sitting on the edge of their seats with their hearts pounding like triphammers, and after the lecture I could have sold them plastic models of flying saucers at \$20 a shot, along with letters of protest to the air force on lovely rich paper at \$10 a sheet."

This, of course, is an oblique reference to the constant cry of the Ufologists, "It's a government cover-up."

You may have heard the old circular logic argument of the flying saucer promoters.

They assume a flying saucer has landed. But the government doesn't publicize it. If the authorities don't publicize it, then it must have landed. Hence a government cover-up.

Good old circular logic. Sounds like one of my Mind Bogglers.

Speaking of Mind Bogglers I know you're waiting breathlessly for the solution to last week's sadistic sample. Here it is.

You've got to solve this in three steps. By doing this you will rephrase the question in a manner which is easier to follow.

1. The one you did after the one you did before this one is this one.

2. "The puzzle you solved after you solved the puzzle you solved before you solved this one" is this one.

3. To reword the question in a simple manner, here it is: If the puzzle you solved before this one was harder than this one, was the puzzle you solved before this one harder than this one?

The answer, of course, is yes.

(Mentalist-magician Henry Gordon presents his lectures on Psychic Phenomena across Canada)

Ayton UFO

RAF Staxton Wold is investigating a detailed UFO sighting in the East Ayton area last night.

They are checking on reports of a yellow object with a red dome on top seen hovering over the Forge Valley and Yedmandale area at 9.30.

The object was spotted by Mr George Rice and his wife, Audrey, due west of their home in Byfield Grove, East Ayton.

The couple, who called police after making the sighting, watched the object through binoculars for nearly 15 minutes.

They said that it appeared to move up and down and swerve from side to side before slipping out of sight behind trees.

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WAS IT A U.F.O.?

Anybody else see the suspected U.F.O. over Crief at 5.50 p.m. on Wednesday last week?

Miss Mary Ford, staying at her sister's in Monteath Street, told us that a huge light appeared low in the sky and had her puzzled for some time as it rose higher and higher.

She can't believe it was a plane or a star — she is convinced it was an Unidentified Flying Object and wonders if others witnessed it . . .

Close encounter seen by Geraldine man?

FRONT PAGE

By DENNIS BENEFIELD

Steve Galloway hasn't seen the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", but he had a close encounter of some kind three weeks ago, and it still has him shook up.

Galloway, 24, is employed at with Mueller Corp. in Albertville and is currently on strike, so he was plowing in a field between Whitton and New Harmony the night he spotted the UFO hovering above some nearby trees.

It was just about dusk.

"I don't know what it was, but it was something wierd," Galloway explains, "and I won't be satisfied until I find out about it."

He says the object didn't make any noise and didn't give off any direct light, rather, it just glowed. And when it got closer to the trees, they began to glow from the reflection, Galloway says.

"It looked like a flare, it was reddesh pink; when it slowly floated towards the trees, I was afraid it would catch something on fire."

Galloway said he cut off his tractor and watched the object for about five minutes. It was pretty good sized, he said, and was round.

After a few minutes, some fire seemed to fly from it and the object slowly disappeared, as if someone had

turned off the light, Galloway says.

"I've seen a lot of weird things," Galloway points out. "I was raised around the military, my father was in the service and so was I — but I've never seen anything like this."

He says he knows it wasn't an airplane, because it didn't make any noise. His uncle told him it was probably a balloon, but Galloway doesn't buy that. He doesn't

believe that it was a satilite, either.

"I can describe what I saw, but I can't explain it," he says. "It is beyond my comprehension."

Galloway wasn't the only person to spot the object. Some people a couple miles away also described a similar object. "But the way they talked, I was the closest to it," Galloway says.

Galloway's wife works at the Geraldine Police station.

so he informed them of his sighting, and they came and talked with him about it.

Corporal Ron Ogletree, an Alabama State Trooper, also came out to interview Galloway recently.

"All I can say is that in my opinion, they are very honest and they saw something," Ogletree says, "but I can't say what it was, I just don't know."

Ogletree explains that the Center for UFO Studies in

Ohio, run by Dr. Allen Hynek, has a toll-free number that the troopers call to report unusual sightings that seem factual.

The sighting was reported to them, but they have not contacted Galloway yet.

Galloway said that the next day he looked around the area near where he thought the UFO was hovering, but he couldn't see any signs that anything unusual had been there. He

explains that the is pretty well grown up with underbrush.

Galloway isn't too concerned about what people say about his sighting. "I don't care what they say, I saw something."

"I don't know, I am just dumbfounded," Galloway says, "it wasn't something that was supposed to be there."

"I believe in UFO's,

personally. There is something out there."

Explanations of what UFOs may be range from the scientific to the mystical.

Professor Francoise le Lionnais believes they are a collective illusion. Astronomer Paul Muller says they may be lens-shaped clouds. Dr. Herman Oberth, afamed German rocket expert, said in 1955 that he believed UFOs came from outer space somewhere.

However, a few weeks later — after going to work for the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville — he no longer made such statements.

Also in 1955, Gen. Douglas MacArthur said, "The nations of the world will be forced to unite ... for the next war will be an interplanetary war."

A Washington UFO study dated March, 1965, reported, "The USA has to admit it has no explanation for at lease 633 sightings clearly made in detail by people in full possession of their faculties."

"What is certain is that these sightings were not test balloons, neither were they light-refraction phenomena, or stars, or aircraft, missiles, or flying objects of man-made or known physical origin."

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Mystery cone spotted

in volcano

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — A puzzling cone has formed on the floor of Mount St. Helens, scientists said yesterday as the death toll from the volcano's major eruption rose to 22.

A 30-year-old Oregon resident died in a Portland hospital of burns suffered in the May 18 disaster.

Helicopters took off in low clouds and fog in search of 58 people listed as

missing yesterday. That number had been reduced from 71 as more people were accounted for.

The cone on the floor of the 4,800-foot-deep crater was seen by radar and from spotter planes, which circle the peak 24 hours a day when weather permits.

"A small edifice is being built on the crater floor and occasional glimpses . . . by aerial observers

indicate this may be a cone or rampart of pumice and ash," a U.S. Geological Survey spokesman said.

Scientists are unsure whether the protuberance may be magma (molten, plastic rock) pushing to the surface, indicating that the mountain is trying to rebuild itself. Observers in a spotter plane, wearing infra-red goggles, also reported seeing hotspots in the crater.

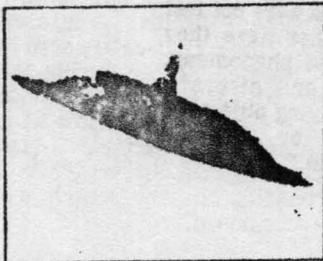
Flying Saucers And the C.I.A.

As Patrick Huyghe ironically points out between the lines of "U.F.O. Files: The Untold Story" (Oct. 14), the untold U.F.O. story remains to be told in full. Once public pressure compels the U.F.O.-secrecy bureaucracy to cough up the remainder of its Pandora's box of data (including any crashed-saucer documentation), perhaps we can write finis to what lately has been called the Cosmic Watergate.

LINDA S. DAVIES
Rockville, Md.

Careful study of Central Intelligence Agency papers released late last year (not "recently," as Mr. Huyghe claims) reveals that the U. S. Government has not taken an active interest, nor shown a serious concern, with the "flying saucer" type of U.F.O.'s since 1969, although the Air Force retains a concern about unidentified aircraft penetrating national airspace and posing a military threat.

Had Mr. Huyghe thoroughly studied the C.I.A. report and other papers he cites, as I urged him to do when he interviewed me, he would know that the C.I.A. exhibited an active interest in U.F.O.'s for less than one year, more than a quarter of a century ago, in



1952-53. This early involvement has been known to experienced UFOlogists for more than a decade.

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Driver's now a a saucer believer

BARRIE — (Special) — Bob Hope doesn't consider himself a "UFO nut" but he has become a strong believer after seeing a large, saucer-shaped object hovering over a hydro line in the night skies near here.

Hope, 35, and no relation to the Hollywood one, says he was returning to his Barrie home from his map-making Toronto job when he first noticed a strange bright white light over Highway 400 near the Aurora Sideroad.

There was other traffic on Highway 400, but he was apparently the only motorist puzzled enough by the unusual light to pull over for a closer look at the light, he says of the sighting Thursday.

"I know it wasn't an airplane or helicopter. In fact, what I saw couldn't be considered as anything man-made, as far as I'm concerned." He watched it for four minutes.

"Then it just seemed to move up a bit and left in a straight line. There was no noise."

Hope now wants to know if anyone else saw the strange light at 6:15 p.m.

MIDNIGHT GLOBE GREENWICH CONN APRIL 22 1980 UFO sighting

Dear Sarah: I saw a UFO!
Couldn't believe my eyes.

Sarah, but swear to God that I did.

I'm a sheep herder in Northern Wyoming, where you can be for days on end without ever seeing another living soul. Well, one night this humming sound woke me up. When I looked out the window I could see a hazy light over the rise. I went outside and saw it clear as anything.

When I told my story in town, everybody laughed and called me crazy. Am I? — A believer

Dear Believer: If you're crazy, so are thousands of other people who have testified to UFO sightings. There is a national organization that collects UFO data. They will be very interested in hearing your story.

This is where you should write: UFO Information Retrieval Center, P.O. Box 57, Riderwood, Maryland, 21139.

Is mankind all alone in the universe?

By Charles Panati
Toronto Star special

Curiously enough, just when (or because?) so many scientists are searching for evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence, a number of astronomers and biologists are becoming increasingly vocal about the possibility of the existence of ETI being infinitesimally small.

Some have gone so far as to recall the centuries-old notion, now referred to as the "anthropic principle," that we are alone in the universe.

"Chances are overwhelming," says physicist John Wheeler, "that the Earth is the sole outpost of life in the universe."

The modern-day anthropic principle clearly represents the views of a minority. It's based on recent evidence that the creation of Earth's life-giving atmosphere was not one of orderly evolution over 4.6 billion years, but a lucky fluke, an astronomical long shot.

Astronomy

The most detailed study undertaken of the evolution of the Earth's atmosphere was completed in 1978 by Michael Hart of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. According to his study Earth barely escaped two major crises that destroy most life on planets just as it begins.

First, the Earth was almost suffocated 3.8 billion years ago by a runaway greenhouse effect — sunlight trapped in Earth's dense atmosphere could not escape. Had the planet been situated a million miles closer to the sun, no oceans would have condensed and a thick hot atmosphere of carbon dioxide, topped with clouds of acid rain, would have formed. This is the current state of the planet Venus.

The second crisis occurred 1.8 billion years ago, when ice spread over more than 10 per cent of the Earth.

The effects of the winds from other stars show up best for the strongest. Such winds are found in Wolf Rayet stars, a rare type of massive young star named for the scientists who called attention to them. Some of these stars have bubble nebulae. In 1965 H. M. Johnson and D. E. Hogg of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Virginia suggested these were shells produced by stellar winds.

As the winds leave the surface of the star at high velocities they interact with gas left over from the birth of stars. The stellar wind will blow a bubble in this material, an interstellar bubble. As the shell expands it sweeps up the gas in its path, a procedure called "the snowplow phase." Matthew H. Schneps and Neo Wright describe the bubbles, with beautiful photographs, in the March issue of Sky and Telescope.

These bubbles are enormous, fifty or more light years in diameter. This is more than 10 times the distance between the sun and the nearest star. The bubbles are very distant, thousands of light years away. Oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen are found in them. They have very thin globular shells and their expansion velocities may run up to 100 km per second.

The Earth came to within one-tenth of a degree centigrade of pervasive glaciation. Had the planet been 1.24 million miles farther from the sun, ice would have spread substantially enough to thwart the growth of life. This is similar to the current state of the planet Mars, which may have layers of ice under its dusty surface. Hart's computer-simulated evolution suggests life on most evolving planets is destroyed by rampant glaciation or suffocation.

The eminent British astronomer Sir Bernard Lovell also favors the anthropic principle. He has determined that the rate of expansion of the universe has to be very precise to permit life.

If the universe had expanded a fraction slower than it did, it would have collapsed shortly after its formation. If it had expanded a fraction faster, then gravitationally bound systems like galaxies and solar systems could never have coalesced. Lovell concludes

that "chances of the existence of man on Earth today, or of intelligent life anywhere in the universe, are vanishingly small."

Pro-ETI and con-ETI forces have already begun to form in the scientific community, and each is drawing heavily on the latest evidence to build its own cogent case. Since the amount of money spent each year on scientific research is very limited, groups on both sides of the ETI issue are sure to engage in heated debate during the coming decades as to how these funds can best be spent. Nevertheless, it is safe to guess that no matter how high the odds rise against the existence of extraterrestrial life, the search will never be abandoned.

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The Stars

Stellar winds blow bubbles

By Dr. Helen Hogg

Bubbles come in a wide variety of sizes and substances on earth. There are celestial bubbles, too, enormous ones in distant space.

Long-exposure photographs of various parts of the sky show beautiful patches of nebulosity. Some of these nebulous patches are explained as bubbles caused by stellar winds.

An astronomical concept of increasing importance in recent decades is that stars have strong winds which are constantly carrying away some of their material. This moves off into space with observable effects. The wind from the sun affects the earth's atmosphere markedly.

Night riddle of the green thing in the sky

THE GREEN, glowing thing moving across the night sky gave Pat Busby and William Jones a fright — and now their story has set boffins a real poser.

Pat saw it first, as she sat in the front room of her home in Balfour Way, Pitsea, at 10.15 p.m.

"Through the net curtains, I saw a round green thing high in the sky. It was bright and glowing and about the size of the moon," she said.

"I got up to move the curtains and it shot behind the big block of flats nearby. It didn't come out of the other side. It wasn't a star and you don't get a green moon so

I thought it might be a UFO.

"I was a bit worried because it might come up again. I kept looking," said Mrs Busby.

The next sighting was by Mr Jones, 59-year-old welfare manager for News Group Newspapers, of London.

He was driving along the A127 Arterial Road towards Southend and had just passed the turning for Orsett and Brentwood.

"I looked at my watch afterwards and it was 10.55.

"There was this vivid green light going at a terrific speed. It went from the top right of my windscreen to the bottom middle

Explanation

"It came over the top of my car, and I thought it was going to crash. It disappeared behind some trees.

"It was a fair size, oblong-shaped. I thought perhaps it was something burning as it came into the atmosphere."

"It didn't seem that far away, about a mile. It wasn't a moon or a plane — it was bigger than a plane and looked like a bus. It had brighter bits in it," said Mr Jones, of Kennel Lane, Billericay.

The Met. Office HQ in Bracknell, Berks, could not come up with any explanation.

Forecaster Mr Phillip McAllen said: "I've had no reports.

"The dust from St. Helen's volcano in America would have the effect of colouring the moon, so that could be a possibility if it had been stationary."

Burning

Mr Bill Eden, investigator for the magazine *Earth Link*, said: "If it was elongated it does suggest a fireball — a lump of rock that comes through the atmosphere and burns itself out."

But Mr McAllen discounted that idea.

He said: "It could be something burning up in the atmosphere — there is such a lot of debris up there from satellites — but it would not be a fireball because that is associated with a thunderstorm and ball lightning. There was no thunder.

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THOSE CLOSE ENCOUNTERS —OF BLACK PUDDING KIND

An unidentified flying object with a difference — a giant, floating black pudding — soared through the sky above Leeds.

Car park attendant Mr. Arthur Linley told the EP he saw the object rise from near Millgarth police station at about 9.45 a.m. yesterday, quickly gaining height until it disappeared. "It was just like a giant black pudding," he said.

But when the EP investigated we discovered the "pudding" was a black plastic balloon being sold at "Joys for Toys" stall in Leeds open market.

"One of the balloons filled with air broke away," said Peter Alton, 22, who was helping sell the balloons from his mother's stall.

CIGAR

But the "black pudding" was not the only strange object to glide through the Leeds stratosphere.

For workers and passers-by in Hunslet at the same time reported a strange black and silver cigar-shaped object moving slowly across the sky.

About 25 workers at engineering works John King and Co., Garnett Road, gathered outside to watch the strange object pass by.

A woman who spotted the object phoned Leeds police, who managed to solve the mystery.

"We contacted the air-traffic control office at West Drayton, near London, and apparently the object was a helicopter," said a police spokesman.

CORNISH GUARDIAN BODMIN
APRIL 24 1980

Message from space station St. Austell

IT SEEMS that the sighting of UFOs we reported recently was what could be described as a "call with good intent."

It is almost certain that the objects were silver balloons released from the market at the Cornish Stadium on Par Moor, although at the time, our informant was genuine in his concern.

The situation has been reflected in humorous vein by a St. Austell reader, who writes:

As resident agent for the Galactic Space Patrol (Cornwall sub area) I feel it my duty to reassure you and your readers regarding the UFOs sighted over St. Austell.

PRIVILEGED

From a secret hideout in the front seat of my scout craft (cunningly disguised as a motor car) parked near the Cornish Stadium, I was privileged to watch the launch of these space ships.

In each case a crew of three humanoid bipeds was involved — two large ones and one small one. Each time the crew would report to a space ship store (or garage or hangar) which was camouflaged with fiendish ingenuity as a market stall. On production of several silver tokens they would be issued with a silver space ship, approximately one foot in diameter and shaped like a fat round cushion, with a short mooring cable attached.

The small biped would then take control, holding the mooring cable as they moved to the launch area. After a short period, obviously for pre-launch systems checks, the launch would be performed simply by the release of the mooring cable, whereupon the ship would take off silently on a south westerly course with no exhaust emission or other indication of its power source.

In each case, the small biped would emit wails and show obvious signs of distress, doubtless at the severance of its last link with its home planet.

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WHITE TOPPING

The larger of the two other members of the crew would then obtain, from an orange and white vehicle parked nearby, a cone shaped object with a white topping which the small biped would immediately lick. Obviously this was a sophisticated communications device.

Opinion in the Space Patrol is divided as to the source of these visitations. One school of thought is that Venusian sheep farmers are using Cornwall as a way-station for shipping cargoes of dehydrated lamb into France.

Others maintain that the inhabitants of Sirius IV are infiltrating bed and breakfast house operating crews into Cornwall in readiness for the coming season.

However, using my sub-etheric super light speed radio, I have alerted the Patrol HQ and received confirmation that, although Superman cannot attend because he is down with a cold, Capt. Kirk and the Enterprise will be on their way to deal with the matter as soon as Scotty has finished fitting a new fan belt to the starboard atomic drive.

For obvious reasons my identity must remain secret (the neighbours are already suspicious just because I'm small and green and have an antenna growing out of my head), so I must sign this letter with a non-de-plume.

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EVENING COURIER ENGLAND Sparks in sky OCT 13

TEN-YEAR-OLD Karen Pickard woke up her father at 7.30 am to see something burning in the sky.

Karen believes she saw a UFO, and asked father, David, to have a look at the sky.

She saw the circular object above the house opposite her home at 9, Linden Road, Elland.

She watched for two minutes before it turned and began to move away, so she alerted her parent in the next bedroom.

Her father saw the UFO, then her mother, Mrs Norma Pickard, had a look at the sky object.

She said Karen was convinced what she had seen was a UFO, and was not the type of child to make it up.

"Karen said sparks came from it when it began to move away," said Mrs Pickard. "It looked just like the sun to me, but it moved away."

The object moved across the sky from Elland towards Lower Edge and Brighouse before it disappeared.

UFO expert Mr Trevor Whitaker, of Well Head, Halifax, said the description given by Karen could be explained as a reflection of the sun.

"These sort of sightings are fairly common just before sunset and sunrise," said Mr Whitaker.

BOURNEMOUTH EVENING
ECHO DORSET
JUNE 6 1980

Mystery night light report

ANOTHER report of a sighting of the bright light in the sky late on Tuesday night was passed to the Echo today — this time from Wallisdown, several miles east of Canford Heath.

The mystery flash was spotted by Mrs. Stella Styan who was at her daughter's home in Templer Close at around 10 pm when a rotating light appeared in the distance.

"We first thought it was a reflection from a motor-bike. It was very vivid with a red glare and seemed to be coming from the ground. My daughter, son-in-law and I decided to investigate and walked towards Turbary Common where it seemed to be coming from.

"We walked towards it and it was beginning to look like a searchlight, but by the time we arrived at the point we thought it originated from it had disappeared," added Mrs. Styan, of Ritchie Road, West Howe.

The mystery light was also seen by Mrs. Stevie Webber and husband Philip at their home in Verity Crescent, Canford Heath, who first reported it to the Echo, but inquiries about its origin have so far been fruitless.

NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST
JUNE 11 1980

What was that light?

AN ARNOLD family believe they have seen a UFO — which appeared to be a large, bright light hovering over Nottingham.

Mrs. Anne Williamson, of Moyra Drive, saw it when she looked out of her bedroom window.

"I shouted my husband and two sons and they looked too. We just couldn't believe it. It was about four times as bright and twice as big as the North star," she said.

"Then as were looking at it, it dimmed a little and then moved slowly across the sky, just like a plane."

Now she wonders if anyone else saw it.

"A couple were walking past at the time and the light did stay very bright for about 20 to 25 seconds," she added.

SOUTHEND EVENING
ECHO

JUNE 6 1980

The UFO answer

A FIREBALL investigator with the British Astronomical Association has solved the mystery of the green, glowing thing in the night sky over Essex.

It was spotted by Pitsea housewife Mrs Pat Busby and Billericay man Mr William Jones on Tuesday night.

Now Mr Howard Miles has the answer: "It appears it was a brilliant fireball, something from outer space. I don't think it was man-made, but a piece of rock. They often come from minor planets between Mars and Jupiter."

BRISTOL EVENING POST
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Space link-up

There is an increasing public awareness of the existence of unexplained aerial phenomena, commonly referred to as UFOs.

In the Bristol area, there are two groups active in the research of this phenomena — Unidentified Flying Objects International and British Flying Saucer Bureau. These two groups co-chaired a conference in Bristol recently attended by groups from Members of Affiliation of Unidentified Flying Objects Groups, in short MAUFOG.

These groups came from all over the country.

This network was formed to promote closer liaison between groups and to improve the image of such groups. By working as a network, MAUFOG, enables individual groups to be more effective in direct investigation and enhances the flow of information between the various groups.

Those who would like to know more about the the organisation in general are invited to write to one of these addresses:

Pat O'Brien, BFSB, 29 Rowlandson Gardens, Lockleaze, Bristol.

Alan Parsons, UFO Int., 160 Courtney Road, Kingswood, Bristol.

Pat O'Brien.

HUDDERSFIELD
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Second UFO is spotted

A SECOND UFO has been spotted in the skies above Huddersfield.

Early today Mr David Edmondson was driving home when his car was bathed in light as he neared Stirley Hill. When he stopped he saw a brilliant object flash across the sky above the town.

"It was an object with a red base and a white top and it covered the whole skyline in 10sec. I have never seen anything move as fast," said Mr Edmondson, of Hangingstone Road, Berry Brow.

On Tuesday four young men spotted a brilliant light in the sky and watched it for more than 1½ hours, with police.

HEREFORD EVENING NEWS
LONDON
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Bromyard light could be UFO

BROMYARD police have had their first reported sighting of a UFO.

A "large, white light" was seen over Thornbury by a family of five, who do not wish to be identified.

"The light was stationary for 20 to 25 minutes before moving off towards the Ludlow area," said one member of the family.

"I understand why some people don't bother to report such things," she said. "You can be made to look a fool unless it is checked out.

Skyscan, a group of

"serious amateurs" who investigate reported sightings in the Worcestershire area, is examining this report.

Mr Tony Green, one member of Skyscan, said the light was seen between 10.58 p.m. and 11.25 p.m. on Sunday night.

DURSLEY GAZETTE GLOS.
MAY 24 1980 LONDON

Keeping an eye on the UFO's

OUT OF A HUNDRED or more unidentified flying object sightings in Kingswood over the past 30 years, 90 per cent can be explained as either man-made or natural phenomenon. But as for the remaining ten per cent, who knows?

One of the many people who has spent years trying to discover the answer is Mr. Allan Parsons, of 160 Courtney Road, Kingswood.

Mr. Parsons is a member of the UFO international group, whose records go back 30 years and he also edits the group's monthly magazine, Quest.

His involvement with UFO's grew from his interest in the American space programme, and since that time he has assembled exhaustive details about UFO sightings both locally and nationally.

More concerned with cold facts and figures

rather than speculation, Mr. Parsons is of the opinion that people should make their own minds up about UFOs after being presented with the unvarnished truth about sightings.

For this reason he has spent the last two years assembling details about every reliable (and otherwise) sighting in this country.

He is one of five UFO International members on a co-ordination body, which supervises the activities of its network of investigators and also liaises with other UFO organisations.

"If we find out somebody has had a sighting we send them a prepared form to fill out and return.

"If we think the results are worth following up we will carry out our own investigations", Mr. Parsons told the Gazette.

A typical report collected by Mr. Parsons concerned a Kingswood woman who saw a yellow and red circular object in the sky last month.

She went on to describe a "rumbling noise" when the object moved off.

Mr. Parsons said cases like this were often explained as the after-burners of jets, but other sightings were not as simply explained.

One Kingswood man recently saw a peculiar elongated star shape shining over the Brislington and Knowle area of Bristol, and Mr. Parsons had to admit they had no idea what it was.

All sightings are given an evaluation figure from one to five, from the common one person 'light in the sky' type of sighting to the rare multi witness sighting.

Hoaxes are, surprisingly, few and far between, and Mr. Parsons tries to ensure they receive a lot of publicity, to dissuade other people from wasting the organisation's time.

It is for this reason that serious UFO organisations do not rely too much on photographs.

"The trouble with photos is that one can always prove they have been faked, but it is practically impossible to prove they are genuine", Mr. Parsons said.

The facts and figures he has collected have revealed some interesting trends.

For instance in 1978 the vast majority of sightings occurred in the summer months, whereas in the following year the majority occurred in the autumn.

It is perhaps quite simple to explain why most sightings occur at night, but why do white coloured objects seem to predominate during the winter months.

All these seemingly unimportant facts fit together to help establish a pattern of trends, and peaks, providing a thorough and highly sophisticated source of information for serious UFO researchers.

Sadly, many people have the impression that UFO researchers are nothing more than a bunch of cranks, but Allan Parsons and UFO International are, through their dedicated and painstaking work, helping to eradicate this false image.

IN this the first of three articles on unidentified flying objects, sightings from the mundane to the spectacular made in Northern skies are listed. The second article will feature a North East society formed to correlate and evaluate sighting reports. The final piece in the series will seek to place the U.F.O. phenomena into a rational context.

Aerial pyramid hovered over High Throston

TWO girls were cycling from Hartlepool to Hart in 1968 when they paused after climbing the incline to High Throston. Upon looking overhead they were astonished to see a huge pyramidal object in the clear summer sky. It had shining surfaces which reflected the sunlight in rainbow shades. There were no port-holes or appendages and as it revolved slowly it also moved from east to west and back again. It then vanished suddenly.

Sylvia Frost, then a schoolgirl of Zetland Road, Hartlepool, was one of the amazed witnesses.

An interest in the subject led me to note the salient details of this close encounter, which was never reported in the Press.

In fact, the number of sightings written up in newspapers would seem to be only the tip of the proverbial iceberg. Witnesses are often reluctant to be quoted in cold print for fear of derision from friends and colleagues.

Though newspapers are largely sympathetic in their reporting of aerial mysteries, foolish headlines making facetious references to little green men do little to encourage confidence.

Nor do frivolous comments from officialdom. Not The Mail, but another North East newspaper, carried a police spokesman's comment about a red flare dropping behind Billingham's Salutation



public house as: "If it was men from outer space, they must have been thirsty."

Of course, a great many sightings would seem to be of misidentified aerial phenomena of a meteorological or cosmic nature. Or man-made satellite debris, sun shining off seagulls, weather balloons, Harrier jump jets, chemical burn-off reflected off cloud, and so on.

Yet anything strange in the sky makes a public talking point and deserves a mention in the Press.

For instance, what may have been a fireball on the night of April 25, 1969, was reported throughout England and The Mail noted that police had received a report that it landed in a field between Hart and West View! They searched the area after a man reported seeing something crash into a field.

Descriptions of the object — or objects — diverged widely as Mail reporters pieced together witnesses reports.

Zeppelin

A resident in The Grove, Hartlepool, described how he saw "an extremely bright light from my lounge window and then made out a cylinder, rather like a zeppelin. It was bright red, orange,

and yellow, and travelling low and quite slowly. It appeared to have a tail and seemed to change course at the top of Park Road."

In a different direction that night, four anglers at Middleton reported an object coming from the Seaton Carew direction at great speed and creating a "tremendous glow".

Also that night an object was sighted by a teen-ager over Easington Technical College as being a green light and arrow shaped, changing colour from red to blue to green.

Under the heading "Wingate residents puzzled by U.F.O.", The Mail for June 9, 1972, reported a mysterious "flying electric light bulb" observed the previous night. For shortly after 10-30 an unidentified flying object brought people out of their homes and caused motorists to halt as it lit up the night sky.

One eyewitness, Mr James Anderson, of Lake View, Wingate, told The Mail: "I was driving down through Wingate when the car in front of me pulled up in the middle of the road. The people jumped out and looked up at the sky."

Terrified

"There was a brilliant light in the sky — like an electric light bulb. There was a terrific noise with it. It seemed to fly along, then it stopped for two or three seconds, and then it shot up vertically at great speed. I've never believed in flying saucers and that sort of thing before, but now I don't know. My wife Rita, who was in the car with me, was terrified."

Another witness said: "It had a hell of a rumble with it. It was like a brilliant spinning light, with a centre and a sort of flare around it. It disappeared upwards in a flash and must have been travelling faster than sound."

In rare cases U.F.O.s cause a physical effect to people, as happened on a deserted piece of ground near Carlton, Stockton, in 1961 to Mr John Nicol.

Walking home over a field close to the village, he observed a bright yellow light. He was in a hurry to get home and at first gave it little attention.

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Buzzing

"Then I heard this kind of buzzing sound and looked at it more closely," he said. "It was getting lower and lower and the light was really bright. It seemed to hover just over the fields, lighting it up as if it were day.

"I couldn't move. I thought it was going to land but it started to go away and I felt myself being lifted into the air. I don't mind telling you I thought my last moment had come. Then I felt myself falling back to the ground and it was gone."

When he eventually told of his sighting people "thought it all very funny, but they can think what they like. I didn't imagine it. Sometimes I wish I had."

Another extraordinary sighting was made around July, 1977, by schoolboy Michael Dickinson, of Comondale Drive, Seaton Carew. He and a friend had been for a bicycle ride and had paused at the top of Claxton Bank by Greatham quarry.

"I was fiddling about with my bike when I saw a silver dome in the grass," Michael told me. "It was about two feet wide and looked metallic to start with before becoming blurred. It was only visible for a few seconds as it jumped about 30 yards high and would land in the quarry. It shot off at a terrific speed and the grass wavered about where it had been."

They were scared and when they eventually ventured to look into the quarry there was no sign of whatever had created the unnerving experience.

In fact, the majority of Hartlepool sightings reported in the columns of The Mail have been by youngsters. A typical one being of an object seen on the night of September 2, 1978, when 12-year-olds Paul Muldown and Anthony Young, both of Spurn Walk, Hartlepool, saw a long silver cigar-shaped object.

Comet

"We were standing near the North Eastern when we saw this bright light heading out towards the sea and was cigar-shaped with a sort of dome on top. It moved slowly over the town and disappeared," they reported.

About five minutes later another light appeared overhead this time.

"This light was travelling much faster than the first we saw and it eventually came down somewhere near the coast. It was like a comet or a shooting star. It was very exciting," they agreed.

Perhaps we can discount many sightings as relating to occurrences explainable to scientists in various disciplines. The ones chosen here merely being a cross-section from a file of North East sightings regarded as being mysterious as far as the witnesses were concerned.

What is of primary importance is that people feel that what has been witnessed is of sufficient importance to be taken seriously. Observers deserve to be heard with understanding and an answer should be sought to account for what has been seen. Most people who feel they may have seen a U.F.O. would, in fact, probably be relieved to be given an assessment which is rational and argues a mundane explanation. Others are of a more complex nature and defy the sifting process which quickly finds a plausible natural explanation for around 90 per cent of reports.

●The next U.F.O. FOCUS report examines the people who examine the U.F.O. reports.

— BY PAUL
SCREETON

DAILY TELEGRAPH
LONDON
JUNE 3 1980

UFO SEEN OVER FAIRGROUND

The annual agricultural show at Zambia's northern copper-belt drew unexpected observers at the weekend according to fairgoers who claimed that a UFO hovered over the fairground for 15 minutes.

The TIMES OF ZAMBIA quoted nine policemen saying that they watched a "round brown object" in the sky for about 15 minutes

NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST
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UFO SPOTTERS TRY NEW AREA

THE spate of reported UFO sightings over Nottingham in the past year has died out, so a group of local UFO spotters are to spend a weekend in the Wiltshire town of Warminster, which has been called the UFO capital of the world.

Since the mid-1960s thousands of sightings have been reported in Warminster and next month a party from Nottingham will stay in a cottage owned by the British UFO

Investigation Society in the hope of seeing a flying saucer.

Organiser Denise Swain, of Bulwell said: "Things have been quiet in the Nottingham area recently, which is particularly surprising in view of the perfect weather conditions we have enjoyed.

"But we are hoping the visit to Wiltshire may produce something. We are also meeting Arthur Shuttlewood, who has written several books on the Warminster phenomenon."

EASTERN EVENING NEWS
NORWICH

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Flying objects

MAY I ask anybody who has had an experience relating to the UFO phenomena to get in touch with me. I have recently been in contact with UFOIN (Unidentified Flying Objects Investigators Network) and they have told me that Norwich is badly in need of a UFO investigator, so I have taken it upon my shoulders to collect any relevant information.

UFOIN is a serious organisation comprising many professional people who are trying to solve the UFO mystery. Over the past few years many discoveries have been made which bring us slightly closer to the ultimate answer. However, if members of the public don't come forward with their information, or if this information is suppressed by our authoritative bodies, little progress can be made.

Therefore, if people would contact me with the details of their sightings I would be very grateful.

MICHAEL HARDY.
59, George Borrow Road,
Norwich.



A disappointing time for investigators

So far 1980 has been a disappointing year for ufologists. Nationally it has been quiet and the North East group Chrysis has only received six reports this year.

Chrysis was formed in the autumn of 1976 by several members of the defunct Cleveland Unidentified Flying Objects Research Group. Its organization is kept deliberately loose and centres around three members—John Watson, and husband and wife Keith and Christine Pickett.

U.F.O. groups are notoriously unstable and frequently engage in literary skirmishes of a most odious nature through their respective publications. Chrysis has a modest magazine and does not engage in anything other than straightforward articles and encapsulated reports. It has no formal stratification of officers such as chairman, secretary, treasurer, and so on, but has a loose membership of 15 who receive the magazine and keep in contact.

However, should you see what could be termed an unidentified flying object, Chrysis wants to hear from you. Firstly they send out a report form to ascertain the main features of the sighting. When returned it is studied critically from a scientific standpoint and if it merits further investigation a personal interview is arranged.

Chrysis covers an area from Northumberland to North Yorkshire. Sightings in the area are analysed and during most years only about two to three per cent are regarded as defying analysis. However, around 30 per cent of cases in the North East during 1978 seemed to be "genuine" and not examples of natural phenomena or mistaken man-made objects.

MOVED NORTHWARDS

1978 had a particularly large concentration of sightings in the Darlington area. The year before the North Yorkshire Moors seemed to have a higher density of sightings than elsewhere. By 1979 the concentration had moved farther north to the Newcastle area.

Most reports are of sightings made genuinely, but one case Chrysis investigated was uncovered as a hoax. Early during 1979 two schoolgirls produced a parody of a sighting made by two other schoolgirls two years previously.

By Paul Screenshot

So far the group has no equipment such as U.F.O. detectors, but John is a member of the British Astronomical Association and so is fellow Chrysis member Eddie Ollis, who hopes to be elected a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Association.

UNBIASED BASIS

Chrysis takes note of all the possible theories concerning UFOs and examines cases on an unbiased basis. Naturally ufologists have formed their own opinions, and John sees the phenomenon as multi-faceted.

"A certain percentage I would regard as extraterrestrial," he said. "Secondly there may be secret man-made craft or weaponry. Thirdly there may be meteorological effects, not necessarily ball lightning but aerial disturbances which are as yet unknown. Fourthly there could be a form of psychic phenomena caused by people's minds, like children causing poltergeists. It could be similar to the spark caused by electricity."

On option one, John surmises that the occupants of UFOs could have colonized our Earth, be descendants from it, or be engaged in exploratory trips in "Star Trek" fashion.

Option two suggests that the authorities indulge in apathy and indolence and when forced to make a statement prefer a cover-up explanation rather than be honest.

Yet the other two explanations seem to be the most fertile areas for the solution of the problem. It is a subject with few easy answers and much speculation.

Chrysis can be contacted at the home of Keith Pickett, 48 Britannia Place, Dormans-town, Redcar, Cleveland. The group also operates a "hot line" for reporting sightings and the contact is Shirley Coles, on Middlesbrough 321580, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday.

Nevertheless, the region has provided several cases described in U.F.O. literature as "high strangeness" cases, though most are LITS — lights in the sky.

The core of Chrysis is John Watson (24), an auditor with a national furniture company, of Albert Street, Easington Colliery, Christine Pickett (29), and her husband Keith (29), who is employed by Impasse, a project to encourage young unemployed people in artistic pursuits, and who live in Dormanstown.

In addition to evaluating the more mundane reports, John Watson spent five months last year undertaking an in-depth study of a family in Gateshead.

BUZZING SOUNDS

"The phenomenon seemed to centre upon the mother," said John. "She said she saw flat and bell-shaped discoid objects. She also said that there were strange beings in the house on two occasions. All the members of the family heard buzzing sounds outside the house. Then her brother heard noises and felt tingling sensations. The phenomenon petered out around January this year."

John pointed out that the house where the manifestations were stood only 50 yards from a ley (an alignment of ancient sites which are believed to transmit a form of energy, possibly of a psychic nature). Until its demolition, a house nearby stood on the ley line and was reputedly haunted.

This aspect of research has led Chrysis to — and particularly John and the Picketts — widen its scope to cover all aspects of the paranormal. Keith Pickett was particularly interested in the similarities between certain folkloric aspects of ufology and fairy legends, such as the abduction syndrome.

As is often the case, persons involved in research into flying saucers develop an interest in prehistory, ancient civilizations, earth mysteries studies, and myths, and Chrysis is developing this interdisciplinary approach in the hopes of coming nearer to solving the problem.

Are UFOs on the increase?

UNEXPLAINED "multi-coloured objects" streak across the sky above the Saudi Arabian village of Al-Jahra, near the Iraqi border...

Strange blobs flash at 170 kilometres an hour on to radar screens at the Norwegian town of Bodo, nudging the Arctic Circle.

Red lights hover and dart in front of civilian and military aircraft at Wellington, New Zealand, and have been filmed by television crews.

And this week UFO spotters around Manchester were sent into a frenzy by lights flashing across the sky, though one theory says they were only meteorites.

Suddenly UFOs (unidentified flying objects) are back in the headlines and, according to the Aetherius Society — the international UFO-spotting organisation — are more in evidence than at any time in the past 10 years.

One of the most spectacular recent sightings was of two piercing red lights in the flight-path of a Spanish Caravelle — forced to make an emergency landing at Valencia.

The pilot, Captain Javier Lero Tejada, with 15 years' flying experience declared: "I have never known such danger. Whatever the object was, it was certainly interested in my piece of metal."

"They were very strong red lights moving very fast and they kept together both vertically and horizontally."

Captain Tejada, who claimed that at 28,000 feet the object was "on top of him," radioed Barcelona control who could see nothing on its scanner.

Then he contacted the Madrid radar centre, which is part of Spain's early-warning system, and bristles with sophisticated equipment.

The objects were definitely picked up there... The Caravelle made its emergency landing — followed, claims its pilot, by the UFOs.

A spokesman for the Spanish government later announced: "A Mirage Interceptor was sent up from the air base at Albacete. We are not commenting on what it saw."

The spokesman for the Aetherius Society told me: "This is typical. Governments are still covering up on UFOs and refusing to admit, against mounting evidence, that they exist." Nor was this the only recent UFO sighting in Spain.

In the early dawn of November 28 hundreds of witnesses in Madrid claimed to have seen an object which they described as circular and giving off intense flashes of blue light.

The Spanish government was again reticent, and an information spokesman refused to confirm that the Spanish Air Force had also plotted the object's progress.

And mystery still surrounds the bizarre experience in France a few weeks ago of M Frank Fontaine who became separated from two friends when they spotted a light in the sky over Clergy Pontoise in the Val d'Oise.

M Fontaine told the police: "It was as big as

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SOUTH WALES
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Flying saucer faces

In 1952 I joined the British Flying Saucer Bureau in Bristol and thus started on a study and interest that continues.

Among people I corresponded with was Mr George Adamski, who, in November 1952, claimed to have made contact with a being from another world.

On December 13 1952 he took photographs of a flying saucer with faces at the port holes.

Later, seven astronomers in Norwich, England, reported observing a similar craft and there have, of course, been other photographs and even 8mm film taken of such sightings.

I wonder how "Post" readers view this subject?

Ronald W J Anstee
6565.24 Avenue, Rosemount, Montreal H17 348, Quebec, Canada.

UFO seen over oil port

AN UFO investigator is talking to people in Milford Haven today about an unusual sighting over the town on Saturday night.

At least 10 people have reported seeing an object over the oil port for about half-an-hour on Saturday night.

The local UFO investigator, Mr. Randall Jones Pugh, of Roch, near Haverfordwest, said today: "I will be talking to some witnesses later today."

"This was an object seen by quite a number of people and it seems to be one of the best reports for some time. Apparently it was first spotted at around 11.30 p.m. on Saturday."

One eye-witness has described the object as a light in the sky quite high up with an orange or red light on top.

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a tennis court and it made
the car.

"Then I felt a strong
tingling in the eyes and
everything went blank."

His companions also
claimed that they saw the
light engulf the car and
then disappear upwards.

He eventually found
himself on the road where
he disappeared — minus
any memory of what hap-
pened. In fact his friends
had reported his disap-
pearance to the police — a
whole week before.

The police confirmed
that all three men were
respectable individuals of
good background. The car
had been checked by a
radiation counter, and
radar bases had confirmed
that nothing abnormal had
shown up on their screens
during the time the inci-
dent was supposed to have
happened.

Usually, governments
refuse to divulge any
information they have on
alleged UFO sightings, but
the recent upsurge of UFO
activity is putting on the
pressure, and the US Pen-
tagon, for example, has
been forced, under the
Freedom of Information
Act, to release Department
of Defence Documents to
Ground Saucer Watch, a

Phoenix, Arizona, based-
organisation.

Another suit resulted in
the CIA releasing further
documents to the Washing-
ton Post.

These documents re-
vealed that in 1975 a string
of sensitive nuclear
missile launch sites and
bomber bases in the US
had apparently been
visited by UFOs.

At risk had been instal-
lations in Montana, Michi-
gan and Maine and there
had been extensive Air
Force attempts to trace
and detain the objects.

A year later, two Iranian
Air Force F-4 Phantom
fighters encountered a
brightly lit object in the
skies over the Persian
Gulf.

The object was tracked
by Iranian ground radar,
seen by the crew of a com-
mercial airliner, and
recently for the topic to be
pursued by the F-4s which,
the report alleged,
experienced a breakdown
of their electrical systems
when they neared the
object.

Mr Todd Zechel, an
investigator for Ground
Saucer Watch, com-
mented: "We've had to
pry loose every item of
information. And there is
plenty more!"

Similar pressure is
being applied in London
by the Aetherius Society,
and a senior member,
Richard Lawrence, told
me: "In 1962, Ministry of
Defence UFO files for 30
years were destroyed as
being of 'no permanent
interest' and 'no bearing
on the defence of the UK'."

"It is interesting that
under the Public Records
Act, that material should
have become available to
the public. Just why was it
got rid of?"

UFO enthusiasts point
out that the French came
clean five years ago when
French Minister of
Defence Robert Galley
admitted that UFOs
existed and, furthermore,
since 1954 his department
has regularly been passing
data to Groupe d'Etudes
des Phenomenes Aeriaes.

And, Richard Lawrence
points out, the United
Nations now has a Com-
mittee for Peaceful Uses
of Outer Space which fre-
quently monitors UFO
reports.

He told me: "We are
pressing all governments
everywhere to set up an
international investiga-
tions committee to look
into the entire topic of
UFOs."

"There have been far
too many sightings
covered up any longer."

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U.F.O.s

Sir,—Regarding the letters on
U.F.O.s, I would not rule out the
possibility that extra-terrest-
rials could and would journey to
earth, but if they did we would
soon know about it, since
modern radar constantly scan-
ning the skies can detect a
football at a distance of the
moon and can track orbiting
nuts and bolts.

However, if an intelligence
went to all the bother of travel-
ling such a vast distance to
earth it would hardly hang
around looking for a place to
park or indulge in childish
games of cosmic hide and seek.

David B. Taylor,
Chairman,

Dundee Astronomical Society.

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Arbroath.

EAST GRINSTEAD COURIER

WEST SUSSEX

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UFO sighting

UFO experts at West Drayton in
Middlesex have been told of a
"bright white light" that appeared
over East Grinstead on Tuesday
last week. Mr C. Ellis, of 127 West
Street, told police who informed
West Drayton. The light could
have been a powerful landing
beam on a small aircraft.

Two UFOs spotted over village

UNIDENTIFIED Flying Objects have been
spotted over a Northamptonshire village twice
within the last seven days — once in broad
daylight.

A round black
object apparently
with a glass domed
top was seen about a
week ago flying near
Long Buckby.

The man who saw
the object, section
manager in a Dav-
entry shop said he
was out walking with
his six-year-old son at
the time.

"In fact it was my son
who drew my attention to
the object. At first I
thought it was an aero-
plane, but I soon realised
that it was not," said the
man, who did not wish to be
named.

"One of my neighbours
who also saw the object put
it down as a weather bal-
loon, but it wasn't that
either. I couldn't say for
certain what it was, but I
have not seen anything like
it before."

He said that the UFO was
black, but that the sun was
being reflected off the top,
which appeared to be
silver-coloured or glass.

The object was travelling
from the West Haddon di-
rection, following the line
of the electricity pylons to-
wards the A5.

The second sighting was
made on Monday by Mr.
Peter James, of The New
Cavendish Restaurant.

"It was in Long Buckby
Market Square, near the
National Westminster
Bank at about 10 p.m.,
when from the corner of
my eye, I noticed two very
bright lights in the sky.

"They were quite close
together, but they seemed
to light up part of the pave-
ment — it was like being on
stage with a couple of spot
light pointed at you," said
Mr. James.

He said that the lights
seemed to be the size of the
street lights, but that they
must have been at a height
of around 400 to 500 feet. He
added that they started to
pulsate, on and off.

Mr. James said he ran
back to his home and called
to his wife Jenny to look out
of the window, after watch-
ing the lights for about 45
seconds.

Mrs. James said that she
looked out of the bedroom
window, and also saw the
two lights.

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Who, and where from?

Sir.—The letter from George Spalding concerning recent reports on U.F.O.s from Dundee and Forfar appears once again to attempt to explain the phenomena by associating the sightings with the appearance of natural celestial objects.

As any serious student of U.F.O.s will freely admit, by far the largest percentage of sightings can be explained away quite easily by the mis-identification of high-flying birds, weather balloons, aircraft, ice crystals in the upper atmosphere, satellites or even that hoary old favourite the planet Venus.

These apart, there still exists a hard core of reports from experienced observers such as airline pilots, professional astronomers, radar operators and even American astronauts.

Serious-minded, trained personnel are most unlikely to suffer hallucinations, falsely identify natural objects or risk association with the lunatic fringe that surrounds the whole subject of U.F.O.s unless they are personally convinced that the sighting they are reporting is incapable of explanation by our present technology.

If we accept the existence of U.F.O.s in our atmosphere, and the mass of world-wide sightings and photographs leaves even the most sceptical with no real choice, then should we not show less alacrity in dismissing each sighting out of hand?

Cavalier treatment of this nature is illogical and unscientific.

Ideally, each report should be investigated as thoroughly as possible without tendency to prejudgment of the result. In this way only can we preclude the possibility of chucking out the baby with the bath water.

The existence of objects exhibiting technological development perhaps thousands of years in advance of anything we possess presents possibly the greatest challenge yet to mankind, transcending even the internecine national dissension so evident among the peoples of planet earth.

The question we must now seek to answer, and tomorrow may be too late, is not if, but who, why and where from?

R. E. Wood.

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Markinch.

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Is it or isn't it?



THIS puzzling picture was taken by 13-year-old school-boy Ryan Hodges (above), of Mayenne Place, Devizes.

Ryan, a second-year pupil at Devizes School, was attending motor-cycle scrambles near Axminster on February 10.

The scramble took place at Trinity Hill, in the Otter Vale.

At about 12 noon Ryan was taking photographs of the surrounding countryside, from the hill top, when his attention was drawn to a white object with red bars at the top, which was travelling through the sky like a very fast aeroplane.

He took this picture, and the object (arrowed) eventually disappeared behind some hills in the distance.

The object was said to have been seen by at least one other person at the scramble, and Ryan says he saw it for at least two minutes. The weather was bright and sunny.

This picture is a greatly-enlarged print from a colour negative. Ryan handed it in to our Devizes office and photographer COLIN KEARLEY produced this print.

Kearley has examined the negative and says it has not been tampered with in any way, nor did there appear to be any processing fault on the negative.

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Heavens another U know-what!

STRANGE lights in the midnight sky have been bringing out the local UFO-hunters again. And again there seems to be no logical explanation for the sighting. It was even reported by a number of police officers on the beat in the area, although nothing appeared on any radar screens.

The strange object was sited over St. Helens the other night . . . and immediately the Brock telephones started ringing again.

Three people say they saw the flying saucer — a bright white vessel with red flashing lights at about 11.35 pm.

And when I contacted the town's police station, a spokesman confirmed the rumours.

"Five of our officers say they saw it to," he said.

The UFO was seen above Rainford, Bold, Billinge, Rainhill and even as far as Liverpool.

I carried out my own inquiries but could not reach a conclusion.

Radar operators at Liverpool's Speke airport and the city's docks say nothing was registered on their screens at all.

And officials at RAF Burtonwood, near Warrington, say no manoeuvres were carried out which could have accounted for the light in the sky.

I'm afraid I'll have to leave the whole thing in mid-air.

Any ideas?

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'UFO chased us' — claim

FOUR young Huddersfield men claim they have been chased by a UFO. Mr Neil Holdsworth, of Berry Brow, said a brilliant oblong light followed their van around the area at about 10.45 last night for more than an hour, hovering when they stopped, then shooting across the sky at tremendous speed. Police called to investigate drove to the moors above Outlane with the men to view the light, which was clearly visible. But today a police spokesman said it was thought the object was a brilliant star. Checks at Manchester air-traffic control revealed nothing on radar and there was no other explanation.

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TWO NORTH musicians, prompted by the reported sighting of a UFO over the Black Isle at the weekend, have told the story of their own strange encounter — which they had kept to themselves for fear of being laughed at.

Inverness Country and Western singer Tug Wilson and Aberdeen accordionist Stuart Anderson say they watched a very bright cigar-shaped object in the sky for half an hour.

During that time they say a piece detached itself and moved off into the distance.

Yesterday the "Evening Express" carried a story about a Fortrose couple's reported sighting.

Robert and Dorothy Munro, of 2 Alexander Court, say they saw a bright pear-shaped object in the early hours of Sunday morning.

And last week at least five people in Fearn, Easter Ross, say they saw an object in the sky and a Nairn man reported a similar sighting.

CRAZY

Tug and Stuart claim to have seen their UFO while they were playing a three-night engagement in Thurso at the end of February.

Musicians' strange encounter with UFO

Tug says they told very few people. "We didn't want people to think we were crazy. It is a bit embarrassing really, but there's no question about what we saw."

The two musicians had finished their Friday night gig on February 24, at the Inver Arms Hotel at Dunbeith, and were on their way back to their digs at about 1 a.m. Neither had been drinking — Stuart does not drink at all and Tug had kept him company during the evening.

Tug said: "We were driving back when we looked over the hills and something bright caught our eye. It looked like the moon at first, but it was in the wrong direction."

Tayside 'close encounters'

THE U.F.O. sightings over the rural area to the north-west of Dundee and over Forfar earlier this week are the latest and best documented in a series of sightings in Tayside and Fife over the last 18 months.

By the term U.F.O. I am referring to serious sightings of unidentified flying objects—not the flying saucers and little green men that have brought this subject much ridicule in the past.

Those in the area who have witnessed U.F.O.s are not cranks. They include architects, civil servants, military and former military personnel and police officers trained to make impartial and detached analysis of a given situation.

In most cases these people were prepared to identify themselves fully and run the almost inevitable gauntlet of ridicule at the hands of their colleagues and friends.

Many of the recent reports have details in common, while others are in stark contrast to the general pattern.

Whatever personal feelings and beliefs are felt on the topic, one fact remains constant and undeniable—thousands of honest, respectable people with nothing to gain and everything to lose have come forward and told of unexplained phenomena in the skies.

The subject of U.F.O.s has been taken very seriously for a number of years now, but for the first time since the earliest recorded sighting 700 years ago it is being debated coolly and rationally by a respected governing body

By
a "Courier"
reporter

Who better than the staid fathers of British politics—the House of Lords—to debate this emotive and controversial matter?

Under the auspices of the Earl of Clancarty, who has been studying U.F.O.s for 30 years, the Lords have been taking a close look at the subject and analysing many astonishing accounts.

In the last 18 months the files at the "Courier" office in

Dundee have bulged with reports of sightings, ranging from "glints in the sky" to "cigar-shaped objects leaving a vapour trail."

It is only fair to add at this stage that many of the reports have been adequately explained by the military or the local observatory, but the majority remain a mystery.

It is this puzzle and the constant quest for knowledge of the unknown that keeps the U.F.O. syndrome in the forefront of the world's modern mysteries.

One of the most recent sighting was made by an off-duty police officer of Tayside Police.

Although he wished to remain anonymous, a "Courier" reporter secured an interview with him.

A "hearing"

Not only did the policeman experience a sighting, lasting more than 30 minutes, but he also had a "hearing."

In fact, the most dramatic aspect of his report was the strange sounds which accompanied the sighting.

Briefly, he and his wife were wakened just before 5 a.m. last Sunday and heard a noise like "a child's spinning top but amplified—a hollow metallic sound."

The noise rose and fell in pitch and intensity.

He saw four glows in a diamond formation in the sky, later one came slowly to the ground "like an elevator."

His tale was corroborated by other police officers and two milkboys.

Other sightings starting from the beginning of 1979 tell their own story.

with U.F.O.s

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January 10, 1979.—An Alyth man driving from his home to Dundee at 6.15 p.m. saw a "bright light in the sky which seemed to grow larger," and followed his car for some distance then shot away at great speed. The driver didn't mind admitting he was very frightened by the experience.

January 25, 1979.—Seven Arbroath men saw a "bright cigar-shaped object hovering above and just to the left of the Bell Rock." It remained in their sight for some three minutes and then seemed to "shrink" away.

Flashing lights

February 2, 1979.—At 6.15 p.m. several drivers on the Dundee to Forfar road stopped their vehicles to watch a "round shape with bright silver, green and red flashing lights" hovering over Kinpurnie Hill in the Sidlaws. It was a clear evening and the object was in full view for about five minutes before disappearing.

April 6, 1979.—A large number of people reported seeing a "saucer-shaped object with flashing lights" hovering over the northern area of Dundee. A low rumbling noise accompanied the sighting.

August 11, 1979.—Two Dundee men saw a "silver ball followed by a bright red light" travelling south over Dundee at tremendous speed.

August 23, 1979.—A Dundee busload of youngsters and sev-

eral other adult passengers saw "two bright lights" in the sky above Drumgeith Road. They were at first travelling at speed then stopped and remained motionless, before vanishing.

December 5, 1979.—Four office girls from Kirkcaldy were driving home along Sheriff Road when they all saw "four orange lights above them." One of the lights detached itself and darted behind their car, then disappeared. The same day "a big red light surrounded by flashing white lights" was spotted over Whitfield, Dundee.

December 6, 1979.—An object answering to the description of the Whitfield sighting was seen by three schoolboys over Arbroath.

Mistaken

These reports, all of which stated the name and address of the witness, are some of the many sightings reported in the Dundee area last year.

Many more have been seen but never reported, and some of the witnesses may have been genuinely mistaken or have seen something easily explained.

What is certain is that none of

the incidents were explained, despite rigorous checks made with R.A.F. Leuchars.

At first glance there are few similarities between the reports, but closer inspection tells another tale.

The witnesses all saw lights of some description. None of them told of objects as such, but of shapes and the lights.

In many cases the object travelled at some speed for a time and then hovered, discounting any confusion with aircraft.

Helicopters would then be a possibility, but R.A.F. Leuchars, who are aware of all air traffic in the area, denied that any were flying at these times.

The discrepancy in the various light colours could be explained by the different times of year and varying light intensity.

At the moment there are no answers. Some of the world's top brains have been trying to solve the riddle for years.

Hopefully, one day we will know the answer to the mystery and, who knows, it may just turn out to be those little green men after all!

Star expert steps

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in to track bright light shower

A LEADING member of the British Astronomical Society has been called in to investigate the bright lights spotted in the sky throughout the North-East.

Howard Miles hopes, with the help of witnesses to the nocturnal firework display, to track meteorites which may have fallen in the region.

Police were inundated with calls after the lights were seen flashing across Britain from North Wales to the Scottish border last Wednesday night.

First reports treated the sightings as UFOs, but the Ministry of Defence said later the lights were caused by two showers of meteorites burning as they came into the earth's atmosphere.

Last night Mr Miles, who investigated similar sightings 14 years ago in Leicestershire, said: "We are particularly interested in this incident because of the brightness of the lights seen by people in the region."

Key region

"Some reports said they were as bright as a full moon. I am looking for eye-witnesses in the hope that I might be able to trace the direction of the meteorites so we can examine them."

"Last time I was on a similar investigation I was just two miles out — thanks to some accurate sightings."

The North-East has become a centre of interest for astronomers and ufologists following a spate of sightings this year.

One eighty-year-old Darlington boy drew a picture of a UFO he saw over Cleasby in the early hours of the morning. The same light was seen by two other people over a period of 48 hours.

The BAS is sure last week's lights were meteorites. But a discovery of remains of the burning space debris could help chart where they came from — and perhaps give clues as to the make-up of a distant star.

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Another UFO sighting

A YOUNG Teddington couple feel that a bright light they saw in the sky on Sunday might have been a UFO. It is the second eye-witness report from local residents within the past month.

Sunday's sighting was about 8.30 p.m., when Mr. Adrian Antrum glanced out of a window of his home at Clarence Road. "It was low-ish on the horizon, and many, many times brighter than any of the stars," he said.

"It was so startling that I even checked to see that my eyes were not moist, or that I was seeing it through trees, which could magnify the light."

Shortly afterwards he and his wife Daphne noticed that the object had moved towards the south.

Mr. Antrum said: "It definitely was not a star, nor a plane. I have lived here for eight or nine years, and have never seen anything like it."

Some two weeks earlier he had seen a similar object, which appeared even closer. It was moving slowly and became brighter. It had a round shape, with a second, fainter round shape underneath "and had a silvery quality."

He and his wife had previously been quite sceptical, but after seeing the object on Sunday they were now convinced that it could not have been a plane or a helicopter.

"We are used to seeing the planes coming in and out of Heathrow. This was something quite mysterious, in my opinion."

He took some colour pictures of the object, and is waiting for the film to be processed.

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Experts probe UFO sighting

FLYING saucer experts are to contact a 19-year-old shop assistant who saw a bright orange light hovering over a quiet village.

Last night Ken Rodgers of the British UFO Society said they would get in touch with witnesses of the light show.

Marilyn Shackleton of The Green, Cleasby, near Darlington, was driving home when she spotted a strange light hovering above some trees.

"It was a very bright orange and white light, oval in shape, and made no noise at all," she said.

But as she drove up it moved off and hovered about 60ft. above the motorway before disappearing.

John Smith of Corner House, Cleasby, dashed out when Marilyn banged on the door to attract his attention.

"I was watching it through binoculars but it was too far away to see much," he said.

Marilyn's mum, Marjorie, said: "She was as white as a sheet. It really gave her a fright".

She said Marilyn had seen a UFO once before but only from a long distance.

The British UFO Society spokesman said there had been only a few sightings in the country recently but added they tended to come in waves.

"We would ask other witnesses to come forward to collaborate this case. We are gathering together as much information as we can on UFOs because the whole thing is like one huge jigsaw puzzle."