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CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF WHAT KIND?

STRANGE objects sighted hovering in the air above Trimsaran mountain have made some villagers wonder if it's a centre for U.F.O. activity.

Eye-witness accounts of an incident last week were given to the Star by two employees of a Llanelli hairdressing salon — Miss Dianne Harries and Mrs. Pru Pike.

"We were driving past Trimsaran washery when I saw this round luminous object hovering above a field 150-200 yards away," recalled Miss Harries, a former Miss Llanelli, of Dythel-park.

"It was a clear, dark night and I could see it plainly. It was as big as a lorry and glowing orange.

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"It very slowly came down from the sky and seemed to land in the field. I wanted to investigate but Pru was frightened."

The two did, however, get out of the car and watch the object for a few minutes.

"I was horrified," said Mrs. Pike. "It had three bright lights attached to it but it definitely wasn't an aeroplane. I know the R.A.F. have low-flying planes but this was too late at night it moved far too slowly and it was luminous."

Miss Harries, aged 23, told her mother about the incident. Mrs. Harries then revealed that she'd spotted a cigar-shaped object hovering above Trimsaran mountain some weeks before.

A Pembrey woman living near

the mountain told the Star her home was filled with a loud, throbbing noise one night in late summer.

"It even woke up my son," she said. "I opened the kitchen door and a huge gust of wind

came in. Then it was still and silent. It was about 2 a.m. but the birds started singing.

"I called the police but although they searched the area with torches they found nothing. It was eerie."

BLACKBURN TIMES LANCS.

DEC. 11 1980

Hovering UFO's a puzzle for Phyllis

DID she have two sightings of UFO's hovering over Blackburn — that is the question which Mrs Phyllis Banks, of Moorside Avenue is unsettled about.

Mrs Banks, well-known as Principal of The Blackburn and District Institute of Yoga, is just one more Blackburnian with anecdotes which add to the mystery of renewed stories about mysterious flying objects locally.

While walking to a town letter box one sunny, Sunday afternoon, Mrs Banks saw "a glint of silver in the blue sky". The object resolved itself into a cigar-shaped hovering object. Was it a UFO?" she wondered.

Within seconds the object had disappeared, leaving her, very, very puzzled.

When she attended her yoga class next

evening, members were talking about a gas-filled balloon that had broken loose from its moorings at the Birmingham Motor Show.

BALLOON

"I learned it was silver on one side and blue on the other. could the object I saw have been the balloon which turned around and blended with blue sky?" she asks.

"I definitely do not believe in little green men" says Mrs Banks.

"In the circumstances" she continued "I am prepared to accept the sightings were genuine, and a balloon is the logical explanation".

However, another strange sight in the Blackburn sky which Mrs Banks witnessed only days ago, has also left her puzzled.

She was waiting in Church Street and saw

that against the dark sky lights were rotating. It looked as if a cylindrical object with lights attached was going round and round as it moved slowly across the sky", she said.

Mrs Banks was so amazed she knocked on the window of a car to attract the driver's attention.

The motorist thought it was a helicopter and the lights swinging in a circle were on the rotor blades.

"It had red and green lights" said Mrs Banks. "but then it disappeared".

She recalls a report of a policeman who saw a similar sight, but he heard a "whirring noise".

"I heard no whirring noise and although I accepted the explanation of a helicopter at the time I wondered if helicopters have lights on the rotor blades".

KEIGHLEY NEWS YORKS
DEC. 5 1980

More UFO sightings³¹²⁸

Two more UFO sightings have been made locally within six days of each other.

The first, which we reported last week, was seen over Broomhill by 13-year-old Mark Adams on November 22.

This week Mr. Malcolm Longstaff, of Woodside Avenue, Cottingley, spotted two UFO's near his home.

Mr. Longstaff was out walking his dog just after midnight when he made the sighting.

He said: "I was just walking up the field with the dog when I saw something like a bright star drop from the sky. It was in a north-westerly direction. It dropped vertically — it wasn't a shooting star.

"Then about 30 seconds later another one dropped. I have seen shooting stars before and these were different. There seemed to be a vapour trail behind the second but there was no noise. One appeared to drop over Harden and the other over Wilsden.

The UFO spotted by Mark Adamson was described, by him, as "red, green and white lights travelling from south-west to north-east."

LANCASHIRE EVENING TELEGRAPH
BLACKBURN
NOV 17 1980

Now Sue has close encounter³¹²⁸

ANOTHER strange UFO sighting has been made in the Lake District.

Farm partner Sue Critchley claims she saw a space-craft hovering above her car as she drove from Shap to Kendal yesterday.

And her description tallies with that given to the "Post" on Tuesday by Mr Mario Luisi.

Miss Critchley, 32, claims she did not see Tuesday's article, and has not spoken to Mr Luisi about his experience.

She says she spotted the UFO in broad daylight while driving on the A6 from Stoney Gill Farm, Shap, to Kendal.

It was about eight miles from Burneside, where Mr Luisi claims he met and talked with beings from space.

"At first there was a bright light about a mile away," said Sue, of Grasmere Road, Kendal. "It darted right, then left.

"We are used to aircraft on the fells, but I stopped because I could see it wasn't anything like that.

"In just a few seconds it

was near the car, hovering. It was squat and sort of greyish, with a bright light at the front and short wings jutting back.

"In a flash it was gone but I couldn't see where to."

When Sue told her boyfriend, Mike Stephenson, he said there had been an article in the "Post", and she then got in touch with Mr Luisi.

She added: "I don't know if I believe in UFOs — I've never thought about it before — but I know what I saw.

"I would like to talk to someone who knows about these things. I'm not frightened, just puzzled."

Kendal police said today they had had reports from Lancashire police headquarters that their device which raises the alarm when an aircraft crashes had been triggered off.

"The course fixing was 12 miles south-east of Kendal, but it was later thought to be over the border in West Yorkshire. We've heard nothing more," said a spokesman.

MAIDSTONE GAZETTE KENT
DEC. 9 1980

CYRIL'S CLOSE ENCOUNTER³¹²⁸

AN encounter with teaching staff at Cornwallis School, Maidstone, was followed by a close encounter of a different kind for Cyril Ellen and his wife Ivy.

Mr and Mrs Ellen, of Kenward Road, Yalding, were driving home after discussing their son's examination prospects at the school when they spotted a strange light in the sky.

Mr Ellen believes it was an unidentified flying object.

"It was about nine o'clock when we saw this round object like a

saucer, with a yellow light and red and green flashing lights round the outside," he said.

"I stopped the car and we got out to have a look. The yellow light suddenly went out and the object went at speed back towards Coxheath.

"It was definitely not an aircraft, as there was no noise."

Police could shed no light on the mystery object in the sky, which was spotted on November 26. They said they had received no similar reports.

DAILY TELEGRAPH
LONDON

NOV 29 1980

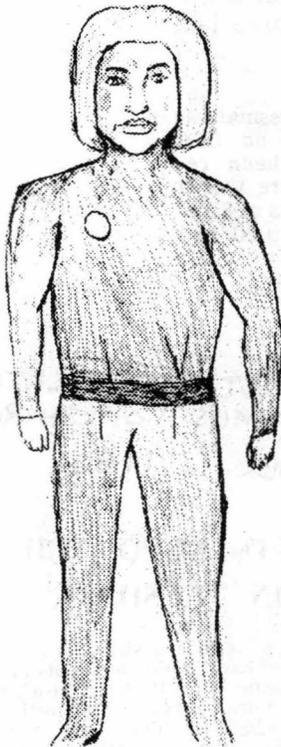
'FLYING SAUCER' FOLLOWED CAR

Three people claimed yesterday they were followed in their car by a flying saucer as they travelled along an isolated road in Co. Durham.

Mrs Rachel Ainslie, 38, of Corn Close, Startforth, told police the saucer followed the car, in which she was a passenger, for two miles. There were no other reports of sightings.

Mario's close encounter

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● Mr Luisi's sketch of the space man.

PAPER mill worker Mario Luisi claims he's had a close encounter of the spine-chilling kind.

The 36-year-old father-of-three says he met and talked with two beings from another planet.

And he has given detailed descriptions of the aliens and their spacecraft to the "Post".

Mario has also showed us his melted torch — burned, he says, by some kind of ray gun they were carrying.

But he refused to reveal details of markings on their craft and emblems on their clothing, because he was warned against it.

Today, as he relived the amazing meeting that left him riveted to the spot with fear, Mario, of Hall Park, Burneside, Kendal, said: "I know I'll be the laughing stock of the village for this.

"But I'm not bothered because I know what I saw. I'm not looking for any

Space invaders spoke to me — mill worker

By David Jones

sympathy or anything — before, I might not have believed it myself."

He says he saw the human-like creatures one evening as he walked his dog on the banks of the river, near Croppers' papermill.

"I saw something that I thought must be a cow, at first. I swung round, and shone my torch and a light flashed back, melting it.

HOVERING

"Then I saw the craft, about 16ft long and 8ft deep and dark-coloured with a blunt nose and sort of glass windows, hovering just off the ground.

"A man and a woman stood next to it. They were the most beautiful people I have ever seen. Their hair was light-coloured, in a helmet style down past their shoulders.

"They wore skin-tight suits, a sort of back wet-look, and she had a cloak over hers. They were about 5ft 6in tall.

"Their features were out of this world and they had very pale skins as though they were ill or something.

"I was with them about two or three minutes. The woman did all the talking in English — she said they

would not harm me but that I must not tell certain things, like the letters on the craft.

"I wanted to run, but I couldn't. I didn't believe it was happening to me but it was. Then they got back into the ship up some fold-down stairs and it shot straight up into the sky in a red glow."

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Mario, who has been off work awaiting an operation since June, then ran as fast as he could until he reached home.

He reported the incident to the police and told his wife, Judith, and next door neighbour.

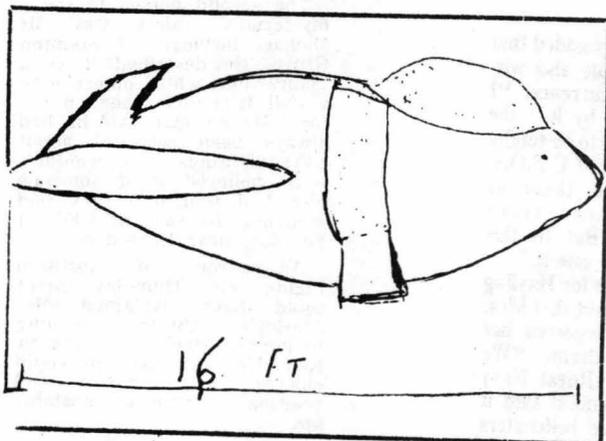
"I knew another woman in the village who says she saw something similar in the same field," he added. "But she doesn't want her name mentioned.

"I always believed in UFOs' but never have any experience of them. I know its far-fetched, but how do you explain the torch?"

Judith added: "He never gets scared but he was that night."

A spokesman for Kendal police said: "Mr Luisi did report this to us and we sent a man out. He found nothing, so that's the end of the matter as far as we are concerned.

"We did have one or two reported sightings in the Crook area about two years ago, but nothing recently."



● The space ship — as seen and sketched by Mr Luisi.

BOURNEMOUTH EVE.
ECHO DORSET
DEC 3 1980

Zig-zagging UFO spotted over C'church

A UFO, giving off "a brilliant twinkling white light," was sighted by several people over the centre of Christchurch shortly after dark yesterday.

It was first spotted by 10-year-old Kestrel Hawkins, of Whitehall, Christchurch, as he was walking in Wick Lane with his mother, Mrs. Julia Hawkins.

At first they thought it was a shooting star, said Mrs. Hawkins, but it was cloudy and no stars were visible. And it did not follow a straight course but zig-zagged about.

They had time to call several people from John Trokes general stores to watch it with them and had it in sight for about three minutes.

"We all agreed it was not an aircraft because the light was not alternatively flashing and there were no coloured lights with it," said Mrs. Hawkins.

It seemed to be high up and there was no sound from it. It appeared from the west and after wiggling about veered off and disappeared in the Bournemouth direction.

Galactic goings on at Hayling

Goodness gracious galactic goings on! Tired after working the night shift at the Suntrap School, Hayling Island, Mrs. Elizabeth Hastings thought she was imagining things in the sky.

But she rubbed her eyes and realized that seeing was believing, even if the scene was similar to something out of Star Wars.

BOLTON EVENING NEWS
DEC 16 1980

Viv spots her third UFO

A WOMAN claims to have spotted her third UFO — hovering over the Farnworth area last night.

Miss Viviane Mears, aged 27, of Piggott Street, says she watched "a multi-coloured object which kept changing shape" for more than an hour last night along with Mrs Ethel Partington and her 13-years-old daughter Julie.

The first time Miss Mears saw a UFO she was only six years old and her second sighting was in Swinton six years ago when she saw a cigar-shaped object hovering over the houses where she lived.

But last night's object was nothing like her previous sightings "It seemed to split into three parts like a triangle and it had a red light circling around it and then it went back together again".

The trio watched the phenomenon for about an hour until it gradually dis-

appeared.

A police spokesman at Farnworth said no UFO sightings had been reported. "But there was a power cut in parts of Farnworth between 9.20 and 10.40 p.m."

DARLINGTON & STOCKTON
TIMES YORKSHIRE
DEC. 6 1980

UFOs REPORTED IN TEESDALE

Two separate sightings of UFOs have been reported in Teesdale. Mrs Rachel Ainsley, of Corn Close, Startforth, described a silver and red object, like a large saucer with a dome on top. She was travelling in a car between West Auckland and Staindrop when she saw the object on Thursday of last week.

The second person to see a mysterious object was Mr Michael Bowman, of Stainton Grove. He described it as a "saucer-like white object with a dull triangular cone on the top." Mr Bowman said he had always been sceptical about UFO sightings and wouldn't have believed it if someone else had told him they had seen one. He saw the UFO on Tuesday, near Eggleston.

An aurora of Northern Lights on Thursday night could have explained Mrs Ainsley's sighting, according to physics teacher Mr Andrew Keir. He said that this could change shape, colour and position because of unstable air.

PORTSMOUTH NEWS HANTS
DEC. 4 1980

As Mrs. Hastings, an assistant night nurse, was cycling from work to her home in Blackthorn Drive she noticed a trail of white travelling quickly across the sky.

At first she said she thought it was a jet. "There was no sound at all," she told The News. "Suddenly it stopped and the single flame dropped down in an L-shape and gradually disintegrated, leaving flame particles in the morning sky."

Mrs. Hastings added that two other people also witnessed the occurrence. "I was fascinated by it," she added. "I used to be totally against reports of U.F.O.s, and dismissed them as people's overactive imaginations. But in this case I actually saw it."

A spokesman for Hayling Island police said that Mrs. Hastings had reported her sighting to them. "We contacted the Royal Navy Air Service, and it said it could have had helicopters in the area at the time. We received no reports of any aircraft in trouble," he added.

Flying saucer sightings may help solve ancient mystery

WALTON COULD HOLD CLUE TO UFO RIDDLE

Strange sightings over Liverpool's Walton area could play a part in solving the riddle of flying saucers.

Details of the sightings are to be sent to the

By Jack Ashton

Centre for UFO studies in Illinois, the international clearing house for flying saucer reports.

Mr. John Morris, a UFO investigator living in the Walton area, is currently compiling a thorough dossier on the sightings.

He has also contacted local archaeologists for background information on Walton's ancient past. One theory is that there is a link between UFO sightings and ley lines, the network of landmarks across the country, believed to be

BOURNEMOUTH EVENING ECHO DORSET
DEC. 12 1980

Sky spy spots a wriggle riddle

SIR — I was fortunate enough to have the "Echo" issue for December 2 which carried a report of a "UFO" seen by several people in the Christchurch area, on Monday, December 1. I would explain that I have been involved in UFO investigation for over thirty years and am currently the Public Relations Officer for the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association, widely known as "BUFORA."

Coincidentally, I saw a very similar object to that reported, on Friday, November 28, just after six in the evening. Originally, I looked up at two "stars" which were quite high up over towards Winchester and as I did so one of them gave a "wriggle" or a "zigzag" kind of movement and then began to move off at a steady speed towards the north west. I had time to call my wife and we watched it as it gradually vanished into the slight haze. I was then able to telephone a lady acquaintance, also an investigator, who lives on the edge of the airport at

Eastleigh, and returned to my post in the garden. After a short while, what looked like a similar object reappeared from the north west and slowly travelled towards the south, again, looking like a "star". I again advised my friend of this on the telephone and on return to the garden I could no longer see this object, whatever it may have been.

However, subsequent checking with the other person revealed her view was of an object that was emitting two white lights from either end as it moved across the sky. I would point out that my friend is well used to aircraft of all kinds and under all conditions situated where she is.

Any further reports of this or other UFOs are always received at this address and passed on to BUFORA headquarters where they are allocated to one of our many "local" investigators in that area.
— ERNIE SEARS,
BUFORA PRO, 12a Westridge Road, Portswood, Southampton.

the power lines of cosmic energy.

Walton is apparently on a ley line stretching from a church in Formby, through St. Mary's Church at Walton-on-the-Hill to the original site of an ancient tomb at Calderstones and the site of an Iron Age fort at Camp Hill, Woodton.

In one sighting, earlier this year, a 27-year-old woman and her brother saw an object resembling two tin plates held together by a stainless steel band. It started as a flashing light moving quickly out of cloud and then stopped dead.

The object displayed lights the colour of an open furnace door.

In the other sighting, also this year, a man practising golf strokes saw a flashing light travelling at great speed. It stopped dead in the late afternoon sky, flashing green and red, and stayed there for about 20 minutes.

"He got a very strange feeling — not of being afraid but of being alone," said Mr. Morris, a 67-year-old retired civil servant.

Both objects were seen over the Walton Triangle area, and Mr. Morris says, because of the descriptions given by the people involved, the lights could not have been aircraft.

Fears after mysterious close encounters

EVIL FORCES SO UFO MAN QUILTS

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FEAR OF THE occult forces which he believes are involved in UFO phenomena has caused the author of a book on the subject to end his investigations.

By Derek Rees

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More UFO sightings

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FURTHER reports of close encounters with UFOs have reached the Lynn News this week, following our story on Tuesday about a West Norfolk couple's sighting of a mystery craft.

Mrs Julie Williamson, of Low Road, Grimston, telephoned to say that her eight-year-old daughter, Andrea, spotted flashing lights in the sky on the same evening as two other villagers had a hair-raising experience when they went for a drive in the country.

Sallyann Rudd and Jeffrey Warner, claim to have come across a diamond and triangular shaped craft hovering above the Hillington Road, near Sandringham, last Wednesday.

On the same evening, at around 5.30 pm, Mrs Williamson's daughter shouted from her bedroom that she could see a spaceship.

"We didn't take any notice of her at first, but went to see her a couple of minutes later," said Mrs Williamson.

"By that time the flashing lights had disappeared. Andrea said the lights were yellow and orange and were floating above a field at the back of our bungalow.

"I am sure that she must have seen something, but it was unfortunate that we didn't go and have a look more quickly," said Mrs Williamson.

North Lynn pensioner Mr Frank Simpson (75), of Burkitt Street, also contacted us to say that he had seen a mystery object flying over the docks on the same evening.

"I didn't get a good view of it, but I saw something fly across the docks from east to west at great speed. It then turned round and went back the way it had come," he said.

"I am sure it wasn't a bird or a plane — it was moving too fast. I haven't just made this up — but I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes."

Another West Norfolk woman contacted the Lynn News to say that she saw exactly the same-shaped craft as Sallyann Rudd and her boyfriend flying across the sky — exactly a year ago to the day.

Retired veterinary surgeon Mr. Randall Jones Pugh, of Roch, Haverfordwest, has quit his position as South Wales co-ordinator for the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA), but he is remaining tight-lipped about the Pandora's box of malevolence which he claims to have peeped into.

The 65-year-old joint-author of a book on UFO activity in West Wales entitled "The Dyfed Enigma," said yesterday: "I came across factors which are unpleasant and evil and that is the reason why I have packed it all in. I have completely severed all interest in the phenomena and am disposing of all my tapes and reports. I discovered negative and dangerous things at work and I did not like what I found."

BUFORA is looking for a new man in the area where so many strange and unaccountable happenings have occurred during the last few years, and Mr. Jones Pugh says: "Whoever takes on the job, good luck to him, but he is welcome to it."

Refusing to give details of his personal encounters with evil forces, he told me that he had come out of his investigations during the last seven years unscathed.

"I am not going to be drawn into giving details of what I have experienced," he said. "I have no worries about it. I sleep well at night and there have been no psychosomatic effects. But I have my Christian principles and I did not like what I found. A person who was not well-adjusted could well have come out with detrimental psychological effects, but I have none."

He would not reveal whether or not he had himself seen a UFO, been threatened by any unusual phenomenon or had experience of poltergeists or any similar manifestation.

During his investigations of numerous UFO sightings in the area, particularly in the section known as the Talbenny Triangle where reports of space-suited humanoids, flying saucers, balls of light and disappearing herds of cattle were probed, he interviewed dozens of eye-witnesses and wrote detailed reports.

In the book he wrote in collaboration with a journalist, the late Mr. W. F. Holiday, Mr. Jones Pugh expressed the belief that the phenomena he was investigating were not due to alien visits from other planets, but to the overlapping of other time existences. Folklore, leylines, legend and the occult all play their part.

Mr. Jones Pugh said that other people who had been involved in UFO investigation, including a past president of BUFORA, had dropped their interest after discovering factors which disturbed them.

KIRKSVILLE MO,
EXPRESS AND NEWS

NOV 19 1980

Area Residents Report UFO Sighting

Hundred of residents of north Missouri from 50 miles west of Trenton to Kirksville reported sighting an unidentified object flying across the sky Tuesday night.

According to reports from the Kirksville Police Department, several city residents called the police station around 9 p.m. Tuesday claiming they had seen some lights and a strange object travelling across the city from west to east. Most of the callers said the lights looked like the headlights of an automobile travelling at a low altitude and a relatively slow rate of speed. Two members of the KPD also reported seeing the object east of the city.

Several area residents called the Federal Aviation Administration flight service station at the Columbia airport to report the sighting. One unidentified Kirksville man reported to the FAA that he observed the object on the southeast side of the city flying low with bright lights for nearly 15 minutes. He told the FAA that the craft appeared to be travelling from west to east, but made no noise and then began travelling back and forth, and then eventually disappeared to the east.

FAA officials in Columbia said no military aircraft of any type was scheduled to travel in the northeast Missouri area Tuesday night, and they receive weekly notices from the military of aircraft flight patterns and schedules.

The police department contacted the Air Force radar base at Sublette seven miles north of the city shortly after 9 p.m. and were informed that the craft was an airplane. Police reports indicate that they received a call from radar base personnel at 10:40 p.m. and were told that the object was not an airplane.

The radar that was tracking the object recorded maneuvers

that cannot be made by an airplane, and the light configuration was not like that of any plane, according to radar base personnel. The 250-mile radar tracking apparatus checked the object as it travelled east until they lost contact.

A disc jockey from KTTN radio in Trenton told the Daily Express today that he received several calls at approximately 8:30 p.m. from area residents that expressed the sighting of some type of object 15 miles west of Trenton. He said that he received dozens of more calls from people that sighted some type of flying object west of Trenton, and he stepped outside at 9 p.m. to check for himself.

He saw nothing and was re-entering the building when he spotted the lights travelling from the west at a slow speed and low elevation. As he observed for several minutes, he viewed the object flying at a steady rate of speed and the lights appeared to be similar to those of an automobile, spaced approximately 10 feet apart.

Persons between Trenton and Kirksville reported similar sightings, and many Kirksville area residents then reported seeing the lights travelling from the west.

The KTTN employee said he called Strategic Air Command (SAC) bases in Omaha, Neb., and Belleville, Ill. and was told no aircraft were scheduled to fly in the north Missouri area at any time Tuesday night.

Many of the callers told police that the lights appeared to split apart and go in separate directions from time to time. The FAA in Columbia said several pilots of small planes in the area also reported sighting some type of lights and undetermined object.

Few of the citizens that reported sighting the lights could identify any type of shape to the craft, although several persons thought it to be cigar-shaped, or long and thin. FAA officials and law enforcement personnel said no sightings were reported more than 20 miles east of Kirksville.

PEABODY MASS. TIMES
DEC. 3 1980

UFO over Salem? No one's talking

SALEM — A half-dozen Salem residents are still wondering what they saw glowing in the evening sky over the city last night.

Six people called Salem police between 7:20 and 7:45 p.m. to report sighting a long, white, cigar-shaped object which they believed could have been a UFO. So far, police and UFO investigators have been unable to come up with any explanation for the phenomenon.

Raymond Fowler of Wenham, who has his own planetarium and observatory, said today that no formal investigation could be conducted into the sightings because those who called police did not give their names.

Fowler is director of investigation for the Mutual UFO Network, a national organization, and said no determination of the UFO's source could be made without interviewing those who saw the object.

"We need to know the duration of the sighting, for instance," Fowler said.

As one of 20 trained UFO investigators in the state, Fowler said that "probably about 80 percent (of the sightings) can be explained as . . . misinterpretations of man-made or natural phenomena." Many people, he said, report meteors and fireballs as UFOs.

After thorough investigation, the Wenham man said, only about 20 percent of the sightings are actually classified as Unidentified Flying Objects.

Fowler said he contacted personnel at Beverly Airport, who said they saw nothing in the sky over Salem last night. He also contacted owners of two airplane advertising firms which operate in the area, and learned that neither had a lighted advertising plane airborne last night.

Salem Police reported they called the Logan Airport tower and determined that nothing had been sighted on airport radar during the time of the UFO reports.

HOMWOOD ILL.
FLOSSMOOR STAR
NOV 27 1980

• WILL COUNTY — Two separate sightings of apparent unidentified flying objects were reported by the Will county sheriff's department late Monday and early Tuesday. The UFO's, seen near New Lenox and Joliet, were described as a green circular light flashing on and off and topped by a smaller, flashing green light.

CANTON MO.
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UP
AND
DOWN
THE

By David W. Steinbeck



Countryside

Identifiable flying object

The other evening, my wife and I watched a "UFO" flying over as we were enroute home late in the evening. When we arrived home, we stood outside and watched the thing disappear.

Minutes later we received a couple of phone calls about the "UFO", and several days later read in the dailies of numerous reported sightings in Northeast Missouri. There was a report that Kirksville airport tracked it on radar, which was later denied, etc., and the usual conflicting reports.

Without the aid of binoculars, we watched the flying object move from the east toward the south west. It did not appear to be traveling at any super human speed, nor did it make sudden turns, elevations, etc. In fact, it behaved very much like an airplane.

We heard no noise (except the trucks roaring by on the highway, a tow boat on the river, and maybe even a train). But then we see lots of planes that are not accompanied by sound.

There was nothing extra-terrestrial about the flying object. In fact, there were a few earth-type things we noticed. The speed, as mentioned, appeared to be about that of a commercial aircraft, and it was flashing a red navigation light at the bottom of the "thing." (It's highly unlikely that flying saucer occupants from other planets would be complying with our flight light requirements.)

It really resembled an aircraft flying with it's landing lights on. Maybe the crew of a commercial airplane just forgot to switch them off.

Another explanation has occurred to us. Not long ago Northeast Missouri was targeted by the Air Force (our own) for practice bombing runs. This caused a lot of hulabaloo, and many objections from chicken farmers, etc., but we have not heard that it was called off.

Perhaps the "unidentified flying object" was an Air Force plane practicing a night bombing run — quietly, so as to not disturb the populace. Whoever knows isn't telling.

JOLIET ILL.
HERALD NEWS
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Sirius may have been star of UFO show

An unidentified flying object seen by several persons last week may have been the star Sirius, says Dr. James Sweitzer, associate astronomer at the Adler Planetarium in Chicago.

"We often hear UFO reports this time of year as Sirius rides low on the eastern horizon," Sweitzer said. "It can become very visible and exceedingly bright if the weather is clear."

The red, green and white flickering lights from Sirius are 8.8 light years away and often the star appears to be moving, he said. The star appears brighter in August, he said.

"On that night (Nov. 24), no other star could be seen as brightly as Sirius," Sweitzer said.

The UFO was reported by several persons, including two Will County sheriff's officers. Lt. Karl Sicinski said he and Sgt. Jay Mau spotted the object about 4:30 a.m. on Nov. 25 as they drove near South Briggs Street.

Sicinski said the object, which he first saw on the horizon to the southeast, displayed a bright white light. It moved easterly across the horizon, he said. Then it appeared to make a sweeping circle in the sky before resuming a stationary position, he said.

The object was also seen by Elwood Police Chief Walter King. He described it as a large light that seemed to get bright and then dim.

King said he watched it for about an hour and at 5:50 a.m. it started climbing in the sky.

Salemites spooked by UFO show

By CARL JOHNSON
News Staff

FRONT PAGE

SALEM — There was a strange heavenly show over the city Tuesday night, apparently visible only to residents and no one else along the North Shore.

Police are mystified as to exactly what caused a rash of calls to light up their switchboard reporting strang object in the sky within a 25 minute time span starting at about 7:30 p.m.

Patrolman Charles Rehal Jr., who was serving as the night dispatcher, started receiving calls from all parts of the city regarding a strange object in the sky.

Some callers reported seeing an unidentified flying object, and described it in detail. Rehal said that each caller gave him basically the same description of the UFO or whatever it was.

Rehal reported that calls came from all parts of the city, and he

vouched for their coherency and their sobriety.

He was convinced that this was not a prank, and he made several checks of area airports and their traffic controllers, only to learn no aircraft were over the city at that time.

Logan controllers told Rehal that their radar showed no craft over Salem as the calls still continued to come in to the station.

Many of the callers refused to leave their names, but Mrs. Hilda Beck of 90 Webb St., which is close to the beach at Collins Cove, provided this description of what she saw at about 7:30 p.m.

She said that she was looking out of her window toward Spring and

Webb streets when she noticed a "brightness in the sky."

"I looked again, and at first I thought it may have been an airplane, perhaps doing some night skywriting. But, I had seen such a night writing display once before, and that was not it. It looked like a bright glow in the sky ... it looked like a long pencil and could be described as cigar shaped at times. There was a white streak, too. The object seemed to disappear into the cove ... When I first saw it, it seemed to be hovering for maybe five seconds before it disappeared."

"I am not a freak, and this was something very different," Beck said.

Rehal said that all of the callers, like Beck, described the UFO or

whatever it was, in the same manner.

He also reported that police have a special telephone number to call when they receive reported UFO sightings that come from reliable sources.

The patrolman said that he tried several times to establish contact, but could reach no one.

A check with area police and fire departments failed to produce any reported sightings or any unusual heavenly lighting displays.

No calls were logged at Salem fire headquarters, either.

This morning the fire department dispatcher said he had a probable cause — "It was just Santa making a pre-Christmas test flight."

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Caller's UFO a bright star?

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PALM SPRINGS — A close encounter of the desert kind was reported to Palm Springs police at 5:30 a.m. today by an unidentified caller.

Lt. George Neesan said the caller "was concerned about a hovering light" over the mountain above Southridge Drive where Bob Hope's house is located.

"Several of our units responded as well as some from other agencies," said Neesan. He said that upon checking the area, officers determined "that it was a very bright star."

There were reportedly no other calls concerning the star.

Neesan said such calls are not uncommon to police here, "especially in light of rockets coming out of Vandenberg Air Force Base and the Jet Propulsion Lab."

UFO tips victim with TV broadcast

After announcing its arrival on a television screen, a UFO swept down out of nighttime skies and two aliens captured a terrified man.

Orlando Bertintat, 19, says he and a friend were playing a TV game late one night after all stations had gone off the air when a frightening image came on the screen.

"It was very bright with luminous flashes. It landed and burned the place where it touched the ground. Then two small beings got off — then the set went off," says the Buenos Aires, Argentina, resident.

Several days later, Orlando says, he was walking home at night when the identical craft landed in the deserted street near him.

The creatures, identical to those on television, got off and immobilized him with a mysterious ray. Then the aliens examined him closely and, after several minutes, re-entered their spacecraft and flew away.

Tracking UFOs throughout northern Ohio

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Investigator reports fall months bring an increase in sightings

By JESSE BOROCZ

While reports of flying saucers may have disappeared from daily newspapers, the saucers have not gone away and sightings continue to occur — right here in northern Ohio.

So maintains Rick Hilberg, 32, feisty publisher of a newsletter on unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and organizer of the 40-member Northern Ohio UFO Group.

"For reasons unknown," Hilberg says, "there is always a decrease in reports of UFO sightings during the hot summer months and an increase when the weather turns cool in the fall. This year is no exception."

A DETAILED CRITIQUE of three separate UFO sightings reported this fall by groups of skywatchers in Lorain, Euclid and Cleveland, will be made by Hilberg and a companion UFO buff, Robert Easley, when the two address the Psychic Explorers Group in the Fireside Room of West Shore Unitarian Church Monday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. The public is invited.

In addition to discussing the sightings and responding to questions from the audience, Hilberg and Easley will present their popular program, "The Illustrated History of UFOs from Biblical Times to the Present." The two have presented the program as a team since 1967 in New York, San Francisco, Atlanta, in cities throughout Ohio, in local colleges and on radio and TV.

A UFO buff for 16 years, Hilberg has been publishing an eight-page newsletter, the UFO Magazine News Bulletin, from his Berea home since 1964. He mails out some 250 copies monthly. He was the organizer, in January, 1978, of the Northern Ohio UFO Group which meets on the first Thursday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Parma Regional Library, 5850 Ridge Rd.

Easley is co-editor of the newsletter. A writer and investigator of flying saucer cases for over 16 years, he is the author of three published books on the subject: "The UFO Mystery," "Saucer Album" and "M.I.B. (Men in Black)".

IN A RECENT lecture, "Government Secrecy and UFOs" given before the UFO group of which he is the current chairman, Easley took a

swipe at Washington for keeping the lid on the UFO mystery.

Easley claims that with the help of the Freedom of Information Act he has compiled a long list of instances where government agencies such as the Air Force, the CIA, FEI and the ultra-secret '54/12 Group' have deliberately suppressed or distorted information about UFOs in their dealings with other government agencies and/or the general public.

Charges Easley: "The U.S. government, in its infinite wisdom, has deliberately lied to the public about UFOs. By doing so, it has created a situation that makes 'Watergate' look like a Sunday school picnic. I firmly believe that there were military authorities who felt that it was better to lie to the public rather than tell the truth. It has gotten to the point now where I can no longer believe a single word that comes out of Washington."

In his lecture, Easley cited from scores of once secret documents to buttress his charges.

A feature of Easley's and Hilberg's talk before the Psychic Explorers Group on Dec. 1 will be the presentation of over 40 color and black and white slides showing unidentified flying objects.

"THESE SLIDES," said Hilberg, "have been subjected to computerized digital enhancement, just as the current Voyager photos of Saturn and its moons. The work was done for us by an electronics firm based in Phoenix, Arizona. They have done a marvelous job in clarifying the scenes on them."

The first of three recent northern Ohio UFO sightings to be discussed by the lecturers occurred Sept. 3 at 12:50 p.m. at W. 161 Street and Brookpark Road where three men employed at an air freight company and on an outdoor lunch break, reported seeing four silvery, aluminum-colored discs traveling "faster than any jet plane" west to east in a clear blue sky.

The four discs, in view for no more than 90 seconds, were first seen flying in a square formation, then maneuvered into a diamond position. One of the discs fell behind but quickly caught up with its companions, the observers told the UFO Group's investigating team. No sound issued from the discs.

A Lorain, Ohio resident, Joseph Coltrane, 53, told investigators of a two-minute sighting he and a couple of his neighbors made Oct. 3 at 8:55 p.m. while he was outdoors mending his window frame. Coltrane described a shaped object about 25 feet in diameter with a dome on top emitting a pale pinkish light and moving silently low in the sky about a block from his home.

He said the object had 8 or 10 lights on its underside which blinked in a counter-clockwise fashion. The slow-moving object occasionally stopped and hovered over the treetops before finally gathering speed and disappearing in a westerly direction.

A EUCLID, Ohio couple returning from a bowling evening at 1:30 a.m. on Nov. 1 and about to open their ga-

rage door, reported seeing a noiseless, large, wing-shaped object "much larger than any aircraft" traveling very low in the sky near their home. The delta-wing-like object had no lights and the couple said their attention was drawn to it by sharp reflec-

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tions emanating from street lights.

Hilberg and Easley believe many more people may be experiencing sightings in the area but, because they may feel intimidated or threatened, refuse to report them. "Our guesstimate is that for every sighting

that comes to our attention, at least 10 or more go unreported," Hilberg said.

Alert skywatchers sighting a UFO are asked by Hilberg to contact his organization's UFO Report Center which is open 24 hours daily. The telephone number is 826-0225.

Enquirer hot on X's UFO trail

THE KANSAS CITY TIMES
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I was sitting at home Wednesday night watching "The Millionaire" on television when who should call but the *National Enquirer*.

Never having been interviewed by the *Enquirer*, I was understandably thrilled. The *Enquirer* reporter, Bob Pratt, wanted to know the identity of the mysterious "X" whom I had quoted Wednesday as having observed a cigar-shaped UFO somewhere near Sedalia.

X, I had written, was a "gentleman with considerable credibility, a former high-government official, a respected lawyer and now a UFO-spotter."

The *Enquirer* wanted the story — bad. Pratt had just arrived in Kirksville, Mo., to investigate reports of UFOs being sighted the night of Nov. 18 over several Missouri towns and cities.

Pratt wanted to know: Who was this X, and what had he really seen? Had X's cigar-shaped UFO been the same as that spotted by hundreds of Missourians Nov. 18?

I was skeptical. First of all, X had never mentioned the exact date of his sighting. He implied that it had occurred only recently. Second of all, I hadn't even heard of the UFO-sightings a month before. And besides, surely X would decline to talk with the *Enquirer*.

But the *Enquirer* reporter was insistent and exuded genuine enthusiasm for his subject. From his motel room in Kirksville, he told me that he had interviewed 1,000 UFO-spotters in his six-year quest to write the perfect UFO story. But for Pratt, it seemed, the UFO beat was a frustrating one. He had never seen a saucer himself.

"I've talked to about 1,000 people who've seen them," he said with considerable passion, "and I can't believe they're all lying to me."

Would I be able to bring X and the *Enquirer* together? I was shaking with excitement as I dialed X's number. The phone rang four times. X answered. We talked. NO, he didn't want to be interviewed by the *Enquirer*, but he would check his notes to see which day he had spotted the big cigar over Sedalia.

Later, X called back. His sighting, his notes revealed, had been at sunrise Nov. 19 — just hours after the UFO sightings in the towns of Ridgeway, Galt, Laredo, Chula, Gilman City, Huntsville and Kirksville in northern and central Missouri.

I was startled. Perhaps there was something to this after all. . . .

Perhaps X truly had seen what the others had seen. But what had the others seen? I placed a few phone calls, hustling now in the wake of the *National Enquirer*.

Hank Janssen, a reporter for the *Kirksville Daily Express*, related that several people had observed a "set of headlights cruising in the sky" over Kirksville the night of Nov. 18. Furthermore, Janssen said, a nearby Federal Aviation Administration flight service station had told the Kirksville police dispatcher that the lights and maneuvers were definitely not those of any airplane.

Miles away that same night, Dave Counsell was playing records at radio station KTTN in Trenton when the switchboard lighted up with callers asking about lights in the sky. Counsell ran outside to take a look for himself and saw "a couple of headlights in the sky" flying low and quietly toward town.

According to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, two men near Huntsville were driving east that night when they saw two bright lights coming toward them from the east. The men stopped their pickup and watched as a huge cigar-shaped vehicle with stubby wings extending the length of the fuselage rumbled by at low altitude, flashing multicolored lights.

Across a large part of Missouri that night, it seems, hundreds of people reported seeing all manner of UFOs. It was a clear moonlit night. There were cigarlike craft, diamond-shaped craft, delta-shaped craft, triangular ships, headlights, multicolored vehicles maneuvering oddly in the night sky.

No wonder the *National Enquirer* was investigating Missouri.

Of course, some folks were poohpooing the whole thing. One clever news reporter said: "I think people around here now are leaning toward the unidentified flying airplane theory." The Highway Patrol wrote it all off as U.S. military maneuvers of some sort, although nearby military officials denied any such activity.

These were strange affairs indeed.

Had Missouri been under surveillance by alien forces on Nov. 18 and 19? Did the mysterious "X" observe the sunrise maneuvers of some monstrous interstellar spacecraft? Will the *National Enquirer* get the story?

I quivered as I pondered these questions. Gradually, I stopped quivering.

Bright lights still leave us in the dark

Reports of UFOs over Lake Ontario are on the increase, and an aeronautical engineer says there's definitely something out there

By Bruce Ward Toronto Star

Drop your scepticism for a minute, and listen to Harry Picken on the subject of UFOs.

"What we have seen cannot be explained away as physical phenomena," he says. "There's nothing in science to match it."

Picken is talking about mysterious bright objects seen with alarming regularity over Lake Ontario near Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"These circles of light are incredibly bright — you can see them for 15 miles. They can hover above the water and move at incredible speeds."

Picken believes the objects are controlled. "They make 90 degree turns, and move in patterns that no aircraft could match."

Before you dismiss Picken as a well-meaning crank, check out these credentials. Picken is an aeronautical engineer, and the president of Genaire Ltd., an aerospace company in St. Catharines that makes high-technology components for the Department of National Defence.

"I have secrecy clearance and if the military were involved in this, I'd know about it. I've got 45 years' experience, and I've never seen anything like it."

Sightings increase

The mysterious lights have been seen and photographed by several people during the past few years. In the past three months, sightings have increased. As many as 30 or 40 a night have been reported.

Picken is especially fascinated by what he describes as the "blooming" effect produced by the objects.

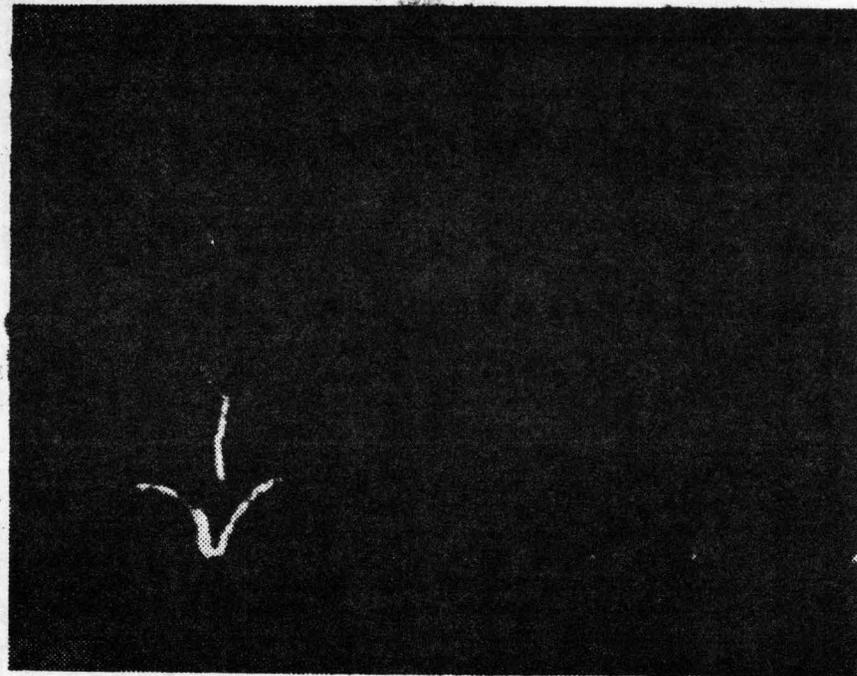
"Just before they disappear, the glow becomes incredibly bright. It's like it bursts with brightness."

A massive study of reported UFO sightings conducted by the United States Air Force concluded that only 3 per cent are inexplicable or have no known terrestrial cause.

The remaining 97 per cent were attributed to



Convinced: Harry Picken is sure objects are controlled.



Convincing? This is one of many photographs taken by observers. This could be a UFO gyrating in the sky and another one racing off after touching the water.

weather balloons, aircraft landing traces, radar blip, and cloud mirage.

Photographs of the mysterious objects sent to The Star can't be accepted as proof, says Star photographer John Mahler, photo assignment editor.

"You could get the same effect by putting a little lint in the developer," he says. "The photos could be anything."

Picken himself has no theories about the paranormal phenomena. "I'm not sure of anything except that there is something out there."

Picken says the objects tend to appear "in miserable weather when nobody would have any reason to be out on the lake."

His wife and children also have spotted the objects in the past four or five years. "The kids ac-

cept it as fact they're much more receptive than we are."

The latest Gallup Polls on UFOs show that 60 per cent of us now believe. That's up from 15 per cent in 1955.

A book to be published later this year will no doubt fuel the UFO controversy. The Roswell Incident, by William Moore and Charles Berlitz, claims that an extraterrestrial vehicle piloted by a crew of aliens landed in the U.S. in 1947.

Using the Freedom of Information Act, the authors have amassed documentation they claim is proof that aliens landed in New Mexico 33 years ago.

At the time, the incident provoked a flurry of publicity. The official explanation? A government press release identified the object as a weather balloon.

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UFO base

in the USA

THERE'S STARTLING new photographic evidence of a UFO base under Lake Ontario, says a professional photographer and UFO investigator!

Bill Nelson, a photojournalist for over 30 years, says he's been witnessing strange events in Lake Ontario from an observation station he set up at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada, near his home in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

He started seeing strange unexplained craft five years ago and told the Examiner straight out: "There is definitely a UFO base submerged in the waters of Lake Ontario!"

"The UFOs are large glowing globes, at least 25 feet in diameter," he continued. "They are very bright — they are as powerful as four or five searchlights, and you can see them from 15 miles away. They are a sodium-orange color."

"They come into view when they're about 1,000 feet up, and generally move either east or west along the middle of the lake. Sometimes they move very quickly and sometimes they slow down or even hover over the water. They look like stars."

"They travel along to a point in the middle of the lake, approxi-

By HAROLD FISKE

mately 30 miles south of Toronto — that's northwest of our observation point at Niagara-on-the-Lake," said Nelson.

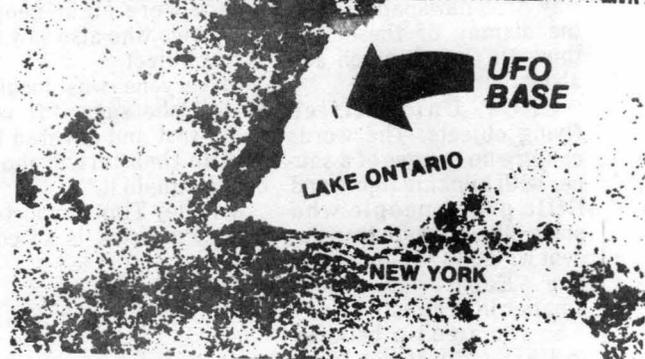
"Up until the end of summer, they would approach that point and then hang motionless in the sky for a while, anywhere from a few seconds to several minutes. Then they would fly right in."

"A bright flare would appear before they entered the water — it was almost blinding. Then they'd slide

into the water like a dish slipping into dishwater.

"In the wintertime they would cruise across the ice and look for a hole in the ice before sliding into the lake," Nelson said.

"That was the pattern until a couple of months ago. Now there is some kind of construction that ap-



pears to assist landing in the lake.

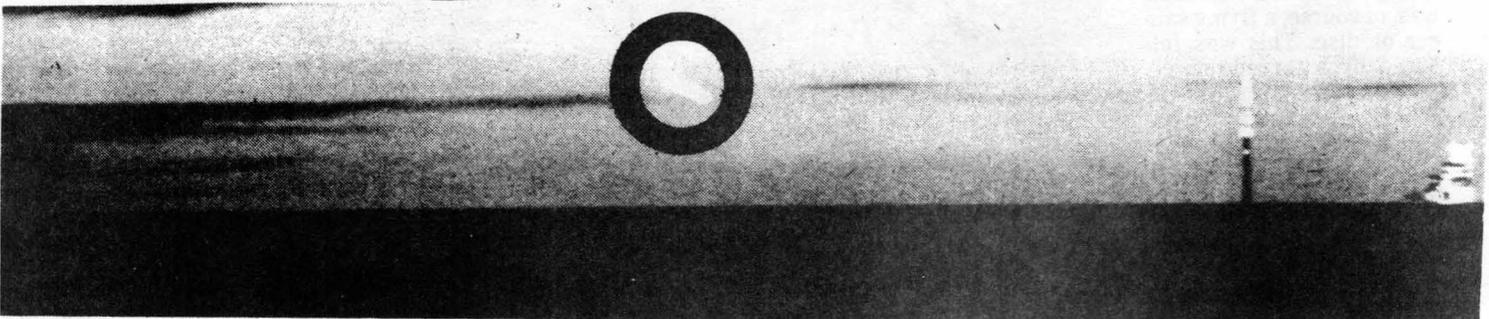
"It looks like a couple of bowling pins placed side by side. It rises up out of the water and the UFO settles onto it. Then both the craft and the construction go back down," he said.

"When we first started observing five years ago, we'd see them maybe twice a week," Nelson said. "Now

we're seeing as many as 70 a night!"

Nelson says he has photos of the lake from a government satellite: "You can actually see the base lying on the lake bottom — it stretches out in a long line due south of Toronto."

But Nelson suspects the whole thing may be a secret military project operated by the U.S. government.



● A UFO hovers over Lake Ontario before beginning its descent to a secret underwater base. The lights on the right are Toronto, 30 miles away

If you see UFO

Don't embarrass yourself

By RICH FREEDMAN

Times Staff Writer

"Odd Green Lights Sighted in Salinas."

"Walnut Creek Couple Sight 'Flying Saucer.'"

"What Was It? Well — It Came From the Sky."

These are not sensationalized headlines from the National Enquirer. They are headlines printed in Bay Area newspapers — to the dismay of those who think UFOs are much ado about nothing.

UFOs. Unidentified flying objects. The words conjure up images of a saucer with blinking lights and little green people who stare outside their translucent windows saying things like: "Earth looks so much smaller in person."

So you aren't a believer in UFOs? But if you think every person who has spotted a strange object from another planet is either lying or hallucinating, you may be dead wrong.

Recent surveys have shown that most adults who sight UFOs have at least a high school education. Sixteen percent have dabbled in college. Doctors have seen UFOs, so have dentists, postmasters, accountants and even a news editor.

This survey, conducted by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena also discovered that the most commonly reported UFO shape was, of course, a flying saucer or disc. This was followed by a torpedo or cigar-shaped spaceship, spherical-shaped flying object and balls of light.

When asked if they believe in UFOs, many people take the easy way out and say they'd believe it if they saw it.

But some will stand up

and be counted among the small group of people who actually claim they saw something in the sky that came from a planet beyond.

"When I went camping for four days, I saw some weird things," says 23-year-old Kim Rico of Castro Valley. "It was oval with different lights." There were eight people with Rico who also saw the flying object.

"Everyone was looking at it," she says. "It was going fast and hovered for awhile then left. Nobody could explain it."

A Valley Times reporter, Gary Peterson, is so con-

vinced he saw a UFO, he's earned the nickname "Spaceman."

Peterson's experience took place on May 15, 1979 when he was driving down Interstate 680 with a friend.

He saw a saucer with pulsating lights which "didn't perform like any typical craft I've seen. It would hover, then turn over on its side."

Linda Thomsen, a Stoneridge mall employee who lives in Pleasanton, has never seen an unidentified flying object, but she doesn't rule out the possibility of their existence.

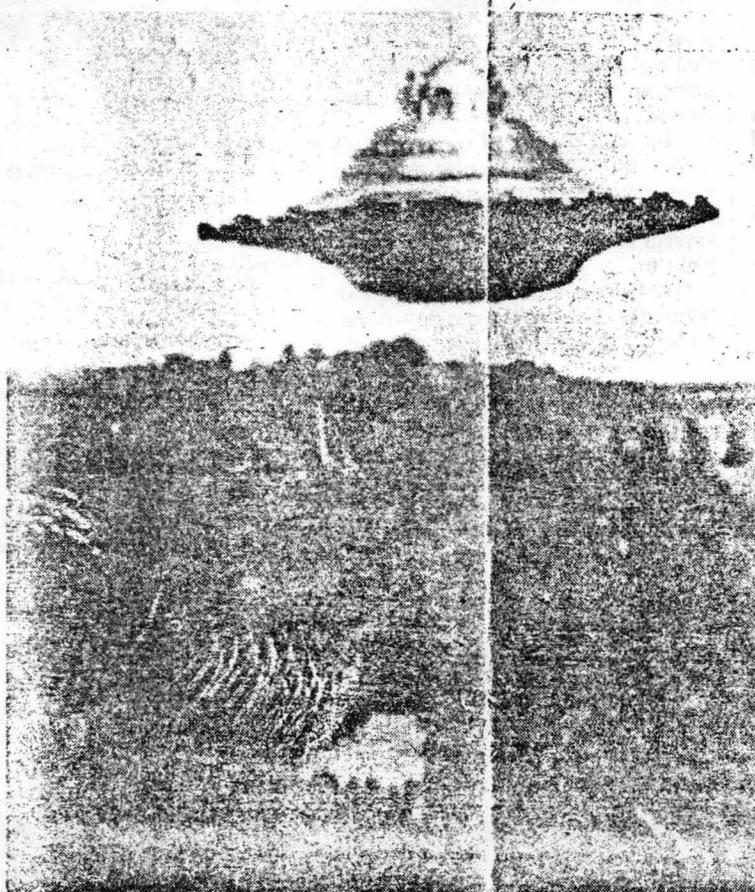
"There's an awful lot of things people can't ex-

plain," she believes. "I keep an open mind. The closest thing I've come to seeing a UFO was a shooting star."

What if she actually saw the flashing lights of a hovering spaceship?

"I guess I'd be frightened at first, of course," she says. "But then I'd want to find out more about them."

So did a lot of people who attended the "UFO '80" symposium in Oakland last August. One attendee, Clarisa Bernhardt of Carmel, swears she is often visited by the "Space Brothers" who tell her when earthquakes will take



place. She says they have even warned her of attempted sabotage to U.S. missiles.

Richard Miller, who has investigated unidentified flying objects for 25 years, has no doubts about the existence of people on other planets in space.

"The people look much like you and I," he insists. "And you might not be able to distinguish them from you or I on the street."

So it's important not to jump to any conclusions when you're strolling down a city street and see someone in the middle of the road singing at the top of his lungs. That may be a visitor from another planet and you may be the first Earthperson it will meet.

Is this, or is this not, a real, live UFO? No one seems to know for sure.

Murray ferry 'buzzed'

Flying saucers seem abnormally attracted to the meandering, sky-ripping Murray River.

Since 1970, I have received dozens of reports of glowing disc-shaped objects emerging from or hovering above Australia's most important waterway.

Perhaps the most spectacular series of encounters occurred in 1974 near Morgan.

While 14 ferry passengers watched, amazed, a sky craft the

size of a double-decker bus beamed a brilliant light on to the river's surface.

One woman aboard the ferry became hysterical and spent 48 hours in hospital.

The ferry buzzing occurred at the height of an unprecedented UFO flap in the area.

Many sightings, one of which occurred over Penfold's vineyard, were reported to the town's policeman, senior constable Brian Brealey.

In one particularly uncanny incident, a cigar-shaped craft appeared above a local

ambulance going to an accident.

The ambulance's engine and lights died.

Mr Kevin McNeil, one of Australia's foremost UFO investigators, told me: "The Morgan-Cadell ferry was buzzed several days later.

"Witnesses include the ferry's captain, Mr "Aussie" Atkinson, said the first thing they saw was a light in the sky. It descended rapidly until it was visible as a bus-sized object about 60m upstream.

A brilliant blue light speared down from the craft.

Morgan, which is surrounded by lonely, uninhabited terrain, is only one of scores of Murray towns which have reported UFO activity.

Physicist Jacques Vallee wrote: "These mysterious objects are traditionally attracted, worldwide, to seas and rivers.

"Could it be that the chemical constituents of water provide UFOs with a source of power?"

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The terror of a giant hand shake

A South Australian bookshop owner came close to nervous collapse when what seemed to be a "gigantic hand" clutched and shook her car.

Mrs Pat Hartley, of Murray Ave, Renmark, told me: "We live four miles out of town, among fruit blocks.

"While driving home from the shop at about 10 pm, I glimpsed a bright light moving toward me at great speed.

"Imagining it was a car, I pulled over to let it pass.

"But then, what seemed to be a gigantic hand grasped my car and shook it up and down.

"When the shaking stopped at last, and I got over my severe fit of trembling, I discovered that my car engine had stopped and the lights had gone out.

"I desperately looked around for some explanation for this extraordinary experience.

"But the road was dark and unlit, and the incident, to this day, remains a complete mystery."

•The shaking and blacking out of lights and engine are symptoms of a classic UFO encounter. And as hundreds of overseas experiments are now proving, you may have experienced far more than you remember.

Under regression hypnosis, motorists who have consciously recalled nothing but blinding light and violence are remembering apparent contacts.

Some hypnotic subjects (among them the Pascagoula, Mississippi fishermen) have even described being levitated aboard the craft. You seem anxious to learn more about what happened. Hypnosis is well worth considering.

Children's night light of terror

On a farm near Strathalbyn, two frightened people record a chilling visit by a UFO.

"It's a real flying saucer.

"It's disc-shaped.

"It's coming closer."

These words, uttered by two terrified teenagers, are keypoints in a South Australian tape recording now intriguing international UFO researchers.

The eerie saga began on December 21, 1975, when 14-year-old Mark Rogers and his sister took a cassette player to the cubbyhouse they had built on their parents' property at Finnis, near Strathalbyn.

The cubby is set deep into a hill which looms at the rear of the Rogers' farmhouse.

The youngsters amused themselves, playing pop music tapes, until 11.10 pm, when the evening's mood changed.

Suddenly, the shack was flooded with light. Squinting into the sky, the teenagers, quickly located the il-

lumination's source — a gigantic, glowing disc, which "lit up the clouds like a sunbeam."

Mark earned the gratitude of aerial phenomenon investigators by having the presence of mind to switch the player to "record."

The tape, now duplicated dozens of times for distribution to UFO research groups worldwide, tells a bizarre story.

The youngsters, excited at first, become terrified as the massive disc of blinding light, spins downward.

As the object hums, the teenagers gasp: "It's coming closer." ... "It's a real flying saucer."

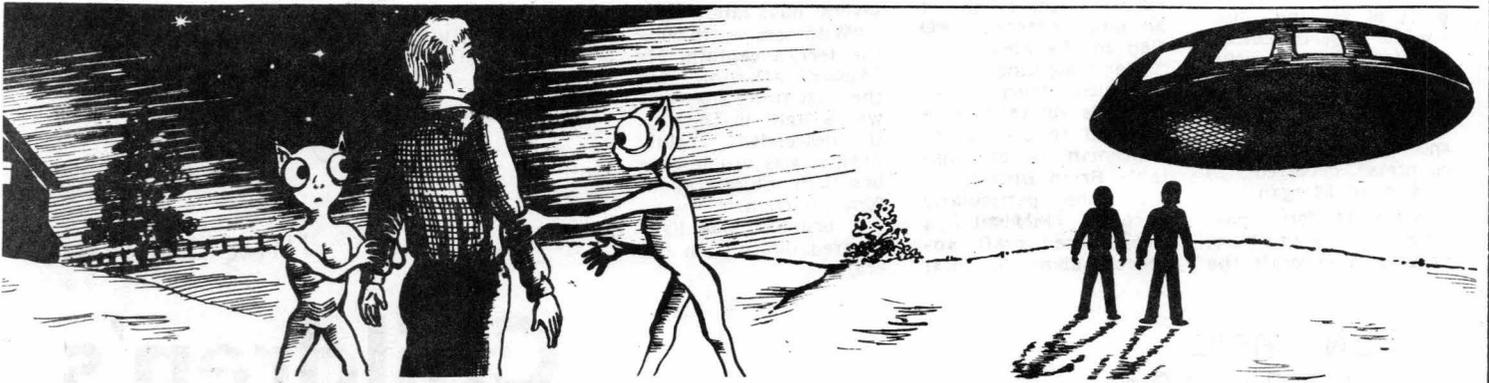
Mark's final words on the tape are: "It looked as though a spotlight was coming from it ... as if it was streaming with sunlight."

In Washington, the teenagers' reaction to the immense saucer-craft has been analysed on remote-control lie detector devices.

The verdict: The youngsters were filled with "genuine fear."

UFOs kidnapping humans

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UFOs ARE ABDUCTING AMERICANS to examine them aboard their flying saucers and then releasing them claim 68 people who have had encounters with 'UFOLK' — or extraterrestrials.

This amazing revelation was recently disclosed by Leo Sprinkle, a ufologist who has been studying the phenomenon of UFOs since 1961. He has interviewed over 200 people who claim to have had UFO contact or sightings. Under hypnosis, 68 of them remember being abducted.

Sprinkle, who works as director of counseling and testing at the University of Wyoming at Laramie, Wyo., says he does not believe or disbelieve the experiences related to him by the 68 people who claim they were abducted.

"I have worked with 68 persons who, during hypnosis, described a feeling or memory of having been abducted and taken aboard an alien spacecraft where they were examined by UFOLK," Sprinkle told the Examiner.

"The details were often different, especially as to how tall the humanoids were, but there seems to be a definite pattern — not only in the description these people gave of the aliens, but in the pattern of the experience itself.

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"The details were often different, especially as to how tall the humanoids were, but there seems to be a definite pattern — not only in the description these people gave of the aliens, but in the pattern of the experience itself.

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68 victims who came back now tell what they actually saw

By RON LEE

Pattern

Sprinkle says that the abductions follow a general pattern. The abductee claims he or she was out alone in a lonely area at night. Suddenly, they saw a light. The light then descended and looked large. Then they saw the light going away. At this point, most of them did not have any conscious recollection of what happened to them during the hour or two of "missing time" or time that they had no memory of.

"During hypnosis, the story comes out that somehow they were taken aboard the craft and examined. Then they were told that they

would not remember what had happened to them before they were released," Sprinkle says.

"The pattern is a complex one and we really have no way of proving or disproving the cases. But my own interest is to document these cases and also to try to help the people who have had them.

"Often, they find themselves at a loss to explain not only their own experience but the changes that occur in their lives afterwards. These are often described as an increased psychic impression, poltergeist activity, dreams, visions, nightmares and out-of-body experiences."

Sprinkle says it is his speculation that these abductions are actually happening, but as yet we don't know at what level of reality they are happening.

"I want to obtain as many of these experiences of abductions as possible for the scientific and educational aspect," Sprinkle says. "I'm trying to help the people who have had these experiences come to grips with their fears and their doubts, and to

come together and share the information in the hope that we can learn more about these experiences.

"Hard-nosed scientists tell me these claims are nonsense. I tell them that maybe they are, but we'll know in a few years."

Sprinkle says that at first he was a scoffer as far as UFOs go, but after his first sighting in 1956, he started to read about them. He then became a skeptic and, finally, a serious investigator of the phenomenon.

The following cases are taken from a paper that Sprinkle presented to the Mutual UFO Network, MUFON, UFO Symposium in Houston, Texas, on June 7, 1980.

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Typically

The people in these cases are typical Americans, most of whom never thought about UFOs or alien beings until they had their personal close encounter.

● Herbert L. Shirmer, a policeman, recalls an encounter with UFOLK during a 20-minute loss of time experience near Ashland, Neb., in 1968.

● Carl Higdon, Jr., an oil driller, recalls a strange

● Gayle P. Bever recalls impressions of an abduction and examination by alien beings in 1977. A small circular scar can be observed on her shoulder.

● Mary C. Sewall, a Utah woman, describes memories of abduction by UFOLKS and flight in a spacecraft while she was living in

encounter with UFOLK during a two-hour loss of time experience while hunting elk south of Rawlins, Wyo., in 1974.

● Sandra Larson, her daughter Jacki and Jacki's boyfriend experienced an hour-long loss of time while driving on a North Dakota highway in 1975. Their memories were of an abduction and an examination by UFOLK.

California in 1977.

● Thomas Jankowski, a Wyoming welder, recalls memories of a strange face looking through the windshield of his truck during a snowstorm. During a hypnotic regression session in 1978, he recalls memories of being aboard a space craft and sitting at the control panel.

● Pat L. McGuire, a Wyoming rancher who had two cattle mutilations on his ranch, recalls a loss of time while hunting in the Teton mountains. His experiences include a "mission" to dig a well; encounters with UFOLK and vivid but strange impressions of the Israeli-Egyptian war of October, 1973.

● Barbara Freund, a University of Wyoming student, recalls impressions or memories of an abduction and examination by UFOLK aboard a spacecraft while she was meditating in her Laramie apartment.

● Millie Lindsey, a coach of a university women's softball team, remembers an earlier UFO sighting and a UFO encounter when she was driving on a California highway.

● Kimberle Lenz describes memories of an auto journey on a Colorado road with her brother and her impressions

of their abduction by a UFO. ● Judith E. Doraty describes impressions of the abduction for her daughter. She recalls the interior of a craft and an operation by UFOLKS on a calf.

● Ida M. Kannenberg recalls in 1980 a UFO encounter which occurred in 1940 when she and her husband were driving in the desert. During the video taping of the hypnosis session, a UFO personality, Hweig, spoke through Mrs. Kannenberg about the purpose and procedures of UFOLKS.

● One person remembers the shocking trauma of her abduction by terrifying alien creatures. Melinda Chow, 26, drew a sketch of this humanoid creature, while she was in Virginia in September, 1975.

SMALL TOWN IS NORTH AMERICA'S FLYING SAUCER CAPITAL EXAMINER

LIFE IS GENERALLY quiet and comfortable in the small Canadian town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. But the historic town of 12,000 is getting used to excitement — spectacular UFO sightings have become everyday occurrences.

Fantastic and frightening celestial shows have been luring residents of the town to the shores of Lake Ontario to view a phenomenon that seems to defy explanation.

Peering out onto the waters towards Toronto, residents see strange lights screaming across the night.

Experts have tried to offer explanations, but none really seem to make sense. They know the lights aren't planes. They shine too brightly, make 90-degree turns and move too quickly.

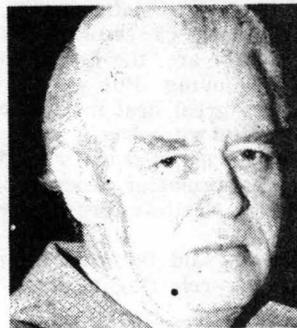
Harry Picken is the town's expert. He tells of the UFOs he and his family and friends have been seeing for years.

Picken knows the skies. He's president of Genaire, a locally-based aeronautics firm and a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute.

"We've seen so many UFOs out over the lake that we don't even bother to report them any more," Picken said.

But the word spreads. When there have been a cluster of sightings within a few days of each other, skywatchers flock to the town's lakeside golf course.

"They aren't planes," Picken said. "Aircraft have to be lit in a particular way — and these lights



● Harry Picken

are too bright. They generate many hundreds of candlepower."

The UFOs appear to follow the marine forecasts — in reverse.

"They're seen most often in the winter months when there are high waves on the lake," Picken said. "Usually conditions are such that nobody in their right mind would be involved in maneuvers. Besides, through my work I have a good idea of the activities of the air force. It's not them."

The lights are always the same color, deep orange, and usually

'So many we don't bother to report them anymore'

appear to be about halfway between Toronto and Niagara-on-the-Lake. Although there have been some sightings from Toronto, it's thought the city lights make observation more difficult.

It's been suggested the lights are simply a mirage. Lake Ontario can create illusions. On some days, atmospheric conditions can make the Toronto skyline loom so large that it seems only five or six miles away from the shores of the Niagara peninsula.

"These objects are not mirages," Picken said. "They move in a positive fashion as if controlled by some form of intelligence."

Could they be extraterrestrial craft? He doesn't rule that out.

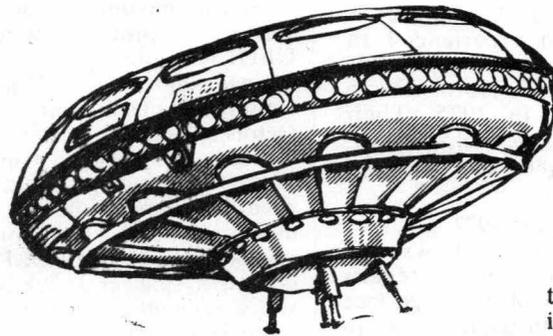
"I offer no opinion," Picken said. "But I do say there are certain things we don't understand."

"But it is a fact that 60 percent on the scientific world now admits we have some kind of phenomena out there," he said.

Will County callers report

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JOLIET — Experts on unidentified flying objects are seeking more information on reports of UFOs seen in night skies over eastern Will County this week.

But at the same time, Will County police are overwhelmed by calls from "weirdos" reporting flying objects they've seen, according to Will County Police Sgt. Jack Watters.

"They are describing objects with little people running around inside," said Watters. He said the department has received more than 300 calls since an object was reported about 10:15 p.m. Monday.

About 5 percent of the calls reported the same set of circumstances that police officers reported early Tuesday morning, Watters said.

Three Will County officers reported seeing the bright light moving up and down in the sky about 4 a.m. Tuesday, Watters said. Lt. Karl Sincinski and Sgt. Jay Mau saw the object while patrolling in a car. Sgt. Gae Luchowski saw the bright light at the same time in his patrol car.

Sincinski said he and Mau first noticed the bright light on the horizon in the southeastern sky. He said it suddenly began to move at an extremely high rate of speed in a southeasterly direction across the horizon and then appeared to make a sweeping circle in the sky before becoming stationary, he said.

Estelle Postol, administrator of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, said more information will be needed to determine whether reports from police officers and hundreds of residents Monday night and early Tuesday all concern the same object.

From several witnesses' description

of the object as a "bright light," Mrs. Postol said, it sounded as if they might have been watching a star or other astronomical body.

Mrs. Postol, who received some calls about the Will County sightings, said the length of time an unidentified object is observed is very important.

"Generally when people watch an object for one hour, they are looking at an astronomical body, because an hour is a long time for an object to be observed, particularly if it's described as moving," she said.

"Often witnesses watch the motion of the stars, which is movement, and don't equate that with stars because they think of stars as stationary."

She added, "The closer to the horizon they (stars) are, the faster they seem to be moving. But we would have to get a great deal more information from the witnesses."

The center is operated by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a professor emeritus of astronomy at Northwestern University.

Sgt. Watters said the Will County police are now referring all calls to

the National UFP Reporting Center in Seattle.

Robert Gribble, spokesman for the national center in Seattle, said he plans to interview witnesses to the sighting. He said lights moving in the sky are not uncommon and that similar reports are received each week.

Among the witnesses was Jeffery Poppenbarger of New Lenox, who told Will County police he saw a flying object out his south bedroom window shortly before 11 p.m. Monday.

He said the object was rotating back and forth, and that on top of it two green lights appeared to be flashing on and off. Poppenbarger said he viewed the object for about 20 minutes, after which an airplane appeared to fly under the lower light and the light disappeared momentarily, he said. It went back on, he said, and then the object vanished.

Elwood Police Chief Walter King said he observed "something very strange" in the southeastern sky Tuesday morning. After hearing reports about an unidentified object on a police scanner at his home, King said, he drove to the edge of town.

He described the object he saw as "a large bright light that seemed to get bright and then dim. Then it started moving in a southeasterly direction toward Manhattan." He said he watched it for about an hour.

New Lenox Police Chief Joseph Wajchert said two of his officers saw a light early Tuesday morning that "seemed to hover and go up and down in the sky."

Watters said the department started receiving the majority of the strange calls after the news of the UFO hit the media.

"It's been on the morning news and it was all over the paper here yesterday morning," he said. "I guess weirdos read papers and listen to the radio."

Incredible glowing UFO stuns housewife & cops

A glowing white UFO — seen several times by a woman — was spotted by police after she reported that the object incredibly followed her car home.

"It was definitely a UFO. I'm familiar with what's in the night sky, and that thing did not belong there," says Patrolman Dan Siebenaler of Farmington, Minn.

The object was also spotted by Patrolman Steve Kurtz of the Apple Valley police, who says: "It was something unexplainable. I've never seen anything like it before."

The officers were on patrol when they were sent to investigate a UFO sighting reported by Karen Anondson, a 32-year-old Farmington housewife and computer firm employee.

"I was driving home from work about 12:30 a.m. when I spotted the object about 50 feet above the ground and directly to my right. It was as though it was leading me home, which was about three miles away at that time," says Mrs. Anondson.

"About two miles from my home, it seemed to get closer to me — as though it was bringing me home.

"When I turned into my driveway, the thing was about 30 feet off the ground and not more than 20 feet ahead of me.

"As I pulled into my garage, the object parked itself over our neighbor's house and hovered there. I went into the house and

peeked out of the window — and the object shot across the street and then parked over a cornfield.

"I woke up my husband and he saw it too.

"Then I called the Farmington police."

Mrs. Anondson said she had seen the same glowing white ball-shaped object about nine or 10 times over the past three years.

"It's become a normal thing. I look for it when I come home from work," she says.

Mrs. Anondson's next-door neighbor, Diane Nelson, has also seen the strange, glowing

white object. "I saw it every night for a week," she said. "I'd lay in bed at night and see it out my window — plain as day — real bright."

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Objects In Sky Upset Burke Residents

By WAKE BRIDGES
Record Associate Editor

MORGANTON — Things have been popping in Burke County of late — unusual things like a full moon vanishing almost instantly and a large UFO anchor ship flanked by smaller unidentified flying objects.

Between 7:38 and 8 a.m. today, three different people in the Pax Hill section off N.C. 18 north of Morganton reported UFOs.

A woman who gave her name told Albert Suttle, a deputy on duty at the Burke County Sheriff's Department, she had seen a bright orange UFO hovering at tree-top level three different times within three or four minutes.

"I'm not drunk, because I don't drink, but I've just been seeing the darnedest thing — a great big bright orange thing with smaller UFOs on each side of it.

"The great big one stops and the smaller things come up on each side. Then the smaller ones take off.

"The big thing follows, but comes back, repeating the same pattern," the woman said.

"I'll send a deputy," Suttle said. "Call back if you see the things again."

Once the woman called back, saying she had seen the apparitions again, but reported in a third call she had not seen them again.

The vanishing full moon incident occurred during a test being made by the

U.S. Department of Defense, but this morning's phenomenon so far has not been plausibly explained.

In recent weeks, eastern Burke County youth en route home were looking at a full moon, when suddenly the moon was not there.

Their mother called a veteran newsman of the Unifour: "What happened to our moon? The kids were looking at it when it disappeared.

"Has somebody done something to our moon?"

The test by the Department of Defense was seen as the cause of the full moon suddenly not being there, but so far the incidents in the Pax Hill community have authorities scratching their heads.

What Is It?

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Friday night was dismal with rain and fog creating an almost London-like eeriness over Hillsboro and the area.

But this didn't deter Bob Goss and his wife, who live on Myrtle Street in Hillsboro, from going over to his sister's house on the River Road to play cards for the evening.

The short trek from his home in the family pickup seemed routine enough, but shortly after 8 p.m., while enroute along the River Road, he viewed a phenomenon that "was like nothing else he had ever seen in 30 years of life."

A blue flash of light shot in front of his pickup. At first, the couple thought it might be the lights of a police car in pursuit. Bob slowed his truck down and glanced over his right shoulder through the window directly behind his head. There, hovering over tree tops some 1/2 mile away, was a large, ball-shaped object glowing brilliantly despite the adverse weather conditions.

"It wasn't a plane, helicopter or the moon," Goss said. "It wasn't like anything I have ever seen before," Goss said. Goss said that there was no sound and the object disappeared as quickly as it appeared.

An avowed skeptic on the subject of Unidentified

Flying Objects, Bob is now having second thoughts. "I can't explain what I saw, but I definitely know there was something out there," Goss said.

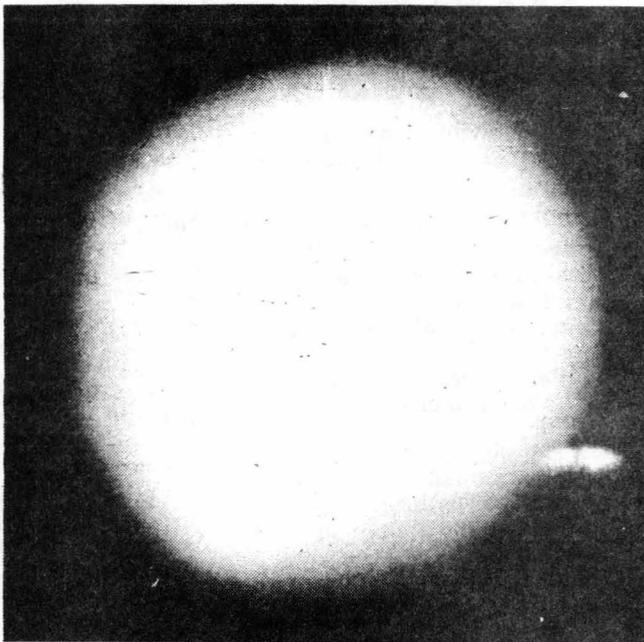
Bob's sighting apparently was not an isolated incident that evening. The Hillsboro police department received several calls from people in the same area about seeing a UFO.

Bob Giglio of Hillsboro, a free-lance photographer who has studied the UFO question in the area for four years, picked up the UFO calls to the police department over his scanner at approximately 8:30 p.m. that evening. He went up to the Old Henniker Road near the old Gray farm when a bright, multi-colored light enveloped his car and the road directly in front of him.

He then looked to the east and saw the large bright object drifting over a house some 100 feet above the roof. The object moved from east to west directly in front of Giglio's car and then vanished into the murky night. Bob had just enough time to snap two shots with his camera. The results are shown in the photo above.

The question does not seem to be whether people are actually seeing something in the sky, but **WHAT IS IT?**

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WHAT IS IT? This brilliantly-lit object was photographed Friday night on the Old Henniker Road by free-lance photographer Bob Giglio of Hillsboro. Several local people had similar sightings in the same area at approximately the same time. This is not an isolated incident, according to Giglio. He has over 50 taped interviews of people who have had sightings in the area over the last four years. The sightings have attracted some regional and national coverage with an article in the Boston Globe, a Channel 4 News Magazine segment and a soon to be published article in McCall's Magazine. It is expected to hit the newsstands on December 15th.

[Photo By News-5 Bob Giglio]

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An unidentified flying object was reported over June Galford's home on Saturday, November 22, by Jim Foster, of Bobwhite, between 11 and 11:30 p. m. He had just gone to bed when he heard a sound; it got louder; the oozing sound got so loud that he had to cover his ears. He noticed the room would get bright and then dim.

The object seemed about 50 feet over the house, had lights all the way around, was oval shaped, 18 to 20 feet long and 12 to 14 feet wide. As he looked out the window it left and went over the hill toward Green Bank. Two weeks ago another object was seen at Edray and at Marlinton, a light that hovered and then moved away at incredible speed with no sound.

First, UFO hovered; then, the media

By DEB RICHARDSON-MOORE
News staff writer

ANDERSON — Things haven't been normal around the Jerry McAlister household for months. Three months, to be exact. It was three months ago Thursday that the 40-year-old electrician heard the hum heard 'round the world.

On Sept. 11 McAlister heard that helicopterlike hum. He saw those blinding flashes of light from a giant saucer that hovered just above the trees in his back yard.

And now, a film crew from the ABC-TV show "That's Incredible!" is coming to the house on Parnell Road Dec. 20-21 to interview the McAlisters and to "re-enact" those fateful pre-dawn moments of Sept. 11. But the interest of a network TV show willing to pay \$750 for the story is no more incredible

than the attention the family has received from all over the world.

A Japanese film crew from the Nippon Television Network came to get footage for a documentary. They contributed \$200. A reporter and a photographer from the National Enquirer, the supermarket-distributed weekly that is second in national circulation only to TV Guide, spent a day with the McAlisters. The result appeared in the Dec. 9 issue with one of the publication's typically low-key headlines — "Burned by a UFO."

But McAlister is much more kindly disposed toward the Enquirer — which paid him another \$200 — than toward The Globe, a similar publication. In its Nov. 4 issue, The Globe ran a story that quoted McAlister directly although a reporter never contacted him. "They didn't call me or nothing," said McAlister, pointing to the things he allegedly told the magazine.

In addition, McAlister said he's been contacted by staff personnel from both "The Tonight Show" and "The Merv Griffin Show." He said he's willing to appear on both shows and is only waiting for confirmations of dates.

Reporters and producers haven't been the only ones calling, however. McAlister and his wife, Faye, have received calls and visits from interested people all over, many of them scientists.

An article in a South American newspaper led to their strangest communication. A man in Paraguay wrote a letter, requesting in fractured English that McAlister send him an Arabian language textbook because it was hard to obtain one in Paraguay.

The widespread publicity accorded McAlister's sighting is apparently due to the corroboration of his tale: Besides the close-up view described by Jerry, Faye and the oldest of their five daughters, 14 wit-

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nesses, including four sheriff's deputies, claimed to have seen something in the sky after the saucer allegedly sped from McAlister's yard.

At 8:05 a.m., one hour after the object finally lifted from telescopic view over Broadway Lake, an Easley man claimed it passed over his yard. Larry Garrett described the huge, purplish-gray saucer to an artist in the Pickens County Sheriff's Department. Artist Mickey Tate said it was practically identical to the drawing he concocted from McAlister's description.

Oddly enough, Garrett has received little attention from his sighting. Only local journalists, the Japanese film crew and a California radio reporter have called him. "I haven't pushed this thing," Garrett said. "But if anybody calls and asks me, 'I' tell them."

Further credibility was afforded the story by two investigators from a UFO research group in New York, who classified McAlister's sighting "as a close encounter of the second kind," one in which physical evidence is found.

Pete Mazzola and Jim Fillow, international directors of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation, flew to Anderson Sept. 11 and spent the next two days with the McAlisters. They reported finding higher-than-normal traces of radiation in the exposed area of the yard.

Moreover, the bureau reported, the three McAlisters who saw the craft up close suffered mild eye burns from the bright lights. McAlister said his irritation was the worst and lasted four days.

In reaching its conclusion that the Anderson sighting was authentic, the bureau team analyzed taped statements of all the witnesses on a voice stress analyzer. The machine is the most advanced lie-detection unit available.

Sheriff gets 3 reports of UFO sightings

Several residents who live along Highway 18 north of Morganton phoned the Burke sheriff's department early this morning to report sighting unidentified flying objects.

The Burke Sheriff's Department received three reports from people claiming they saw the UFO's at 7:30 this morning.

The three reported seeing the same thing. They said several small saucer-shaped objects were flying just above the tree line. The callers said the small objects flew through the door of a large saucer-shaped object which had been hovering in the sky.

Then in less than a second the large UFO disappeared.

A sheriff's deputy was dispatched to the area, but the deputy reported he did not find anything.

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Two U.F.O.s Solved, New Sighting Reported

(Continued from page 1)

Fairfield — Even as this newspaper received the latest in a series of Unidentified Flying Object (U.F.O.) reports this week, The Chronicle believes it has found the explanation for at least two of the previously reported sightings, one in late August and the other on September 12.

First, our account of the latest sighting.

On Saturday, October 19 at about 9:35 p.m., Jean O'Donnell of Totowa was driving on Route 46 East from the Parsippany area into Fairfield on her way to work.

She was surprised to see "a round white glow" in the east, "almost as large as the moon."

As she watched the glow, a beam of white light shone from the glow towards the earth at a wide angle, and then entered the glow again. Then the glow became smaller and smaller, and finally disappeared.

The entire sighting, Jean estimated, took "less than two minutes." When she arrived at her destination she told her co-workers about her experience.

"They told me I needed more sleep," Jean recalls.

Later, however, when describing "the glow" to her friends, she discovered that a similar sighting by Rosalee and Ralph Inocencio on the morning of Monday, October 13 had been reported in The Chronicle.

Reading that account she exclaimed, "I saw that!" and contacted this newspaper.

Jean insists that the beam

of light she saw emanated from "the glow" and was not directed skyward from the ground. "It was not a searchlight beam," she maintains. "I've seen those in the area recently. This was amazing."

Jean notes, "I was glad to read a similar account in your newspaper." She adds that she felt "good" about her sighting.

But she also notes, "whatever I saw should not have been there."

Also this week, The Chronicle talked with several Fairfield residents who verified a U.F.O. sighting which took place sometime in late August and was previously reported in our October 8th edition.

The sighting, at some time between 9:50 and 10:30 p.m., involved a row of white lights and one red light, blinking and revolving at low altitude somewhere in the area of Route 80 and Route 46.

The object was remarkable for "zig-zagging" motions which did not resemble ordinary aircraft maneuvers. The lights also appeared to be "quite a bit larger than airplane lights." The most skeptical of the observers admitted that the

U.F.O. was "very unusual."

Because two of the residents seemed to remember the lights as "strangely colored," perhaps orange and green, we contacted Route 46 shopping plazas to find out whether a carnival ferris wheel might be at the bottom of the sighting.

This hunch did not pay off. The last carnival left the area on July 2nd, more than a month before the sighting.

However, we had also heard about a small aircraft with an electronic billboard mounted beneath the wings used for advertising promotions, which had been known to fly over this area.

After contacting several airports and commercial hangars, we finally located Mr. Arnold Meyers of "Star Flite Aerial Advertising." Mr. Meyers recalled that he had indeed flown over this area, Willowbrook Mall to be specific, on the evening of Monday, August 18th at "about 9 o'clock" for some 20 minutes.

Seen from a distance, Mr. Meyers explained, the white lights of his aerial billboard "look like blobs of light, blinking, revolving and moving sideways." As with all aircraft, his plane also shows a revolving red light on the tail, and one green and one red light on each wingtip.

Mr. Meyers noted that these lights can create illusions of movement that would seem impossible for any conventional aircraft. "Very often U.F.O.s are reported after my flights," he chuckled. "During one flight in Long Island years ago, a man ran out of his shower naked into the streets to alert his

neighborhood!"

Because the date, time and description of Mr. Meyers' flight coincides so completely with the late August sighting, The Chronicle has no doubt that his airplane is the source of that U.F.O. report.

Also, a very similar U.F.O. sighting had been reported in the same area on September 12, so we asked Mr. Meyers if his airplane might again be responsible.

No, he replied, he was not in our air space on that date. But he did refer us to a Mr. Lloyd Silverman, who operates a similar aerial billboard under the name of "Night Flight Advertising."

Yes, Mr. Silverman replied, his plane flew over this area many times in September and early October, promoting various fairs and air shows. "I generate a lot of U.F.O. calls wherever I go," he said merrily. "The police switchboards just light up."

Once again, because so many factors of date, time and description coincide, The Chronicle believes Mr. Silverman is the September 12th U.F.O.

To date The Chronicle has received reports of a dozen U.F.O. sightings from area residents. To our own satisfaction we have found explanations for three of those sightings. Anyone who has witnessed aerial phenomena is asked to call Garry Herzog at 227-1428, in care of this newspaper. Names will be withheld upon request.

UFO casebook:

Hundreds see strange sights in York's skies

By JOHN SLYKHUIS
Last of three parts

OTTAWA — There's a strange silence from the corridors of Ottawa concerning unidentified flying objects, and indeed from governments the world over.

All UFO sightings in this country are recorded by the Hertzberg Institute of Astrophysics in Ottawa, a government agency.

That's where the David Dunlap Observatory in Richmond Hill refers all the UFO calls it receives.

"We really don't have anything to do with UFOs here," said a woman at the observatory's switchboard when Topic called. "We don't keep track of the number of calls (on sightings)," she added.

"The Hertzberg Institute only records sightings," UFO investigator David Haisell explained. "They don't do any official investigations — at least not publicly. What's going on behind the scenes, I don't know."

Despite the hundreds of sightings recorded each year, many of them around Lake Simcoe, Ottawa maintains a politely skeptical posture, refusing any thorough and public study of the phenomena.

Former Georgina councillor Jean Noble and her late husband Dr. Harry Banfield experienced a very dramatic sighting of a UFO about 30 years ago near Sutton.

Dr. Banfield had spotted the white, glowing object first, then together they watched it for more than an hour. Strangely, the object did not move from place to place by conventional means. It disappeared in one spot, instantaneously appearing in another.

In 1969, Mrs. Noble and three friends again spotted a UFO between Snake Island and Island Grove. It was about as big as a house she estimated.

Later, with the object still in sight, they drove off. The object then moved toward them, and suddenly the car was enveloped in heavy fog. Inexplicably, the car then stalled, and the lights went out.

Stark terror is the best way to describe their reaction, but the fog quickly lifted and they were able to start the car and drive quickly home.

She reported her sightings to Ottawa, but again the veil of silence fell. "We didn't get anywhere with anything," she said.

Although she hasn't seen anything strange over the lake this year, last weekend a Thornhill man did.

Douglas Mowatt was camping on Fox Island, near the centre of the UFO activity over the years, with his wife and sister.

"I saw a very bright light due east of where we were. When I looked through my binoculars, I could see it was making some very strange patterns.

"There was a red glow on the underside, and it was so bright it was reflected in the water. It had indentations, like a golf ball."

Just before dawn, the object — shaped like a "double saucer" — was joined by another. As they moved around, they left reddish-blue trails.

When the sun began to rise, the UFOs moved away swiftly. "You know, if anyone else had told me about this, I would have laughed. But I saw it," he said.

A week earlier, Joan Fichault of Keswick spotted a glowing pink "fluorescent ball" hovering over a road near her home just after sunset.

"It was parallel to the road, quite low, and moved slowly towards Cooks Bay . . . I've never seen anything like it before. It was like a big sun."

Her description of the object closely resembles that of one sighted CKAN station manager Ron Knight, who spotted his UFO near Jackson's Point.

But Lake Simcoe's not the only place where UFO activity has been reported.

Louis and Lily Upiter of King's Cross had a harrowing experience with a UFO on Airport Rd. in the Halton Hills one evening about three weeks ago.

Mrs. Upiter was sleeping while her husband drove

when the sudden jerk from the car awakened her. The first thing she saw was a huge orange-red ball hurtling straight towards the car. It passed right overhead, without a sound, then disappeared.

Mr. Upiter told his wife that he had seen the object headed for them on their side of the road and thought at first it was another vehicle. That's why he suddenly veered away and applied the brakes.

As the "cylinder-shaped" UFO came closer, though, it was clearly not anything like a car or truck.

Shaken, Mrs. Upiter said to her husband, "No one is going to believe us."

In another incident, a shiny object that "looked like a hubcap" was spotted in broad daylight by the Van Den Thillart family in Buttonville about two weeks ago.

It moved slowly over the house from west to east, flipping end over end, soundlessly. "I don't know what it was," Mrs. Van Den Thillart said. "But it wasn't an airplane, I know that."

Thousands of people have seen strange sights in the sky. They can't all be hallucinating. Can they?

Will scientists come up with a plausible explanation for these strange objects in the sky, proving them to be a new form of energy?

Or will, as some say, UFOs indeed turn out to be spacecraft with inhabitants from other planets? If so, when will they reveal themselves?

Thomas, a spiritual entity which communicates through psychic Ruth-Ann Campbell of Mount Albert, said the visitors from outer space are here already, disguised as human beings. They're just waiting until mankind is ready before revealing themselves.

Not to worry, though, said Thomas. The aliens are friendly and have our best interests at heart.

Have you spotted a UFO? If you have, UFOlogist David Haisell would like to hear from you. Send your report to him at U.P. Investigations Research Inc., Box 455, Streetsville, Mississauga, L5M 2B9.

'Flying Saucers'— before his very eyes!

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs) are aerial objects of doubtful origin. They are often known as Flying Saucers or Flying Suckles, depending on the country from which they are seen.

They have been observed since time immemorial, and there are believed to be UFO references in the Bible. In the book of the prophet Ezekiel in the Old Testament there is mention of a wheel within a wheel with living creatures in it, which came from the sky down to earth and then returned to the sky. At ch. 1, verse 18 'the rings were full of eyes' suggests porthole type windows. At ch. 1, verse 21 'the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels' suggests the power of the craft.

UFOs were popularised when Kenneth Arnold, in the western USA, observed several disc-shaped objects in June, 1947. He suggested they moved in a similar manner to a saucer which was 'skipped across water.' From this description developed the term 'Flying Saucers' which is still apt for certain types of UFOs. There are, however, several other shapes which come under the broad description 'UFO,' e.g. bell-shaped objects, cigar-shaped objects, etc.

There have been several investigative bodies set up to ascertain the nature of UFOs. Most were of the opinion that the bulk of UFOs were meteorological or astronomical

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phenomena or terrestrial or artificial phenomena, but a small number of UFO sightings remained unexplained. Some scientists and engineers thought that a few of the unexplained sightings could possibly be extra-terrestrial spacecraft! However, E. Condon, the director of yet another study (University of Colorado) concluded that UFOs were not extra-terrestrial spacecraft. This meant that there were mixed views regarding the origin of the truly unexplained sightings.

When UFOs are sighted and mentioned in newspapers, there is a tendency for a spate of sightings to follow. In addition, it has been suggested that, over the years, sightings of UFOs have a tendency to move eastwards across the earth, starting with the western USA in the 1940s, then eastern USA, then Europe, then Australia, and back to the western USA again in the 1960s.

The most common UFOs are of the 'distant variety,' for example lights at night, various shapes in the daytime and radar sightings. Often aeroplane lights, stars and planets, and even reflections from windows have been responsible for some of the UFO sightings.

There are also 'close-up' UFO sightings, these days more popularly referred to as 'close encounters.' These are of three main types: (1) where the UFO does not affect the surrounding landscape at all; (2) where flora, fauna and man-made equipment are affected in some way, such as grass being scorched or car engines failing; (3) where people claim to have made contact with beings from (alien?) spacecraft.

For my own part, regarding the UFO problem, I have observed several objects in the sky which could be classed as UFOs

For instance, from South Shields in February 1961 in broad daylight I saw a slow-moving, silvery, apparently rotating cigar-shaped object. After being visible for two minutes, it disappeared behind nearby rooftops. In 1959 I observed a motionless, small, white, disc-shaped object, which remained visible overhead for about five minutes. Then it disappeared before my eyes!

It is not impossible, however, that these sightings have some 'normal' explanation, such as being an aeroplane and cloud, respectively, viewed in unusual circumstances.

Thus the origin of certain UFOs remains a mystery. UFOs may or may not be physical or extra-terrestrial. What is certain is that psychologically UFOs do exist.

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Did you see a UFO?

THE Nottingham UFO Investigation Society are appealing for witnesses after two reported sightings in the county. The first was made by a Nottingham woman living near the Victoria Centre late on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Syd Henley, for the society, said today: "She was looking towards West Bridgford when she saw a small cluster of red and white lights which descended vertically towards the horizon."

The second object — described as "a bright orange-red sphere" — was seen by two witnesses living in Awsworth. "It was spotted over, or near, Eastwood, between midnight on Sunday until 1am Monday morning," the spokesman added.

YORKSHIRE POST LEEDS
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Flying saucer 'was Venus'

POLICE who chased an Unidentified Flying Object for more than 12 miles have been told that their quarry was more probably the planet Venus.

This is the view of Dr. Robin Jakeways, a physics lecturer at Leeds University, who was called in to give a professional opinion.

The chase began early on Saturday, September 13, after several police officers, stationed at Wetherby, saw a bright moving light in the sky.

Four policemen gave chase — two of them ending up at Fulford, near York. The bill for the 13½-mile chase will now be footed by taxpayers.

The object was photographed subsequently by a police photographer, and recorded on radar in three separate locations.

An inquiry conducted by Contact International, a UFO study group, claims other possibly related sightings.

A co-ordinator with Contact International, Mr. Graham Birdsall, said last night he had supplied Dr. Jakeways with copies of the police photographs.

'UFO' frightens young girls

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Four Portales girls had a close encounter this morning with what they claim was an unidentified flying object.

Susan Chambliss, Christa Stephens, and Kim Ennis were having a slumber party at the house of Carrie Bowman, 912 S. Avenue A. Around 1:15 a.m., according to the girls, two lights appeared only 100 to 200 feet away.

"Christa and I were taking a

walk when I saw a big bright light and a smaller, dimmer light next to it over the trees to the southeast. They looked like stars, until they started to move," Susan said.

According to Carrie's mother, Darlene Bowman, Susan ran into the house screaming and crying. She then went into the front yard to check.

"I saw the lights, and they seemed brighter than stars. But

we went out later, and the lights were gone," Mrs. Bowman said.

Christy claimed that the lights, which had come from the south, darted southeast. Kim said it appeared to move closer and then move away.

"It came towards us a little bit, then moved away. I'd swear on a Bible that it was close to us," Susan said. The other girls disagreed on how far away the lights were.

At 2:15, Mrs. Bowman elected

to call the police because the lights wouldn't go away.

Officers Bobby Roybal and Johnny Gallegos responded to the call. Gallegos said that a pair of lights did move from the time he arrived at the house, but he wasn't sure if the lights were stars, planets, or anything else.

"None of the other stars were getting blurry like this one," Gallegos said.

The girls claimed that the lights moved back when the police arrived, but brightened again later. They said one of the policeman came to the door and said, "You won't believe this but it's back." The officer took credit for the statement.

A reporter arrived at 2:45 a.m. Gallegos said to look at a pair of lights 45 degrees above the horizon in the southeastern sky. The pair was surrounded by a light haze, and alternately brightened and dimmed. They did not move, however.

New Mexico State Police officer Leon Warren called Cannon Air Force Base but was told that nothing strange had been sighted on radar.

The planets Jupiter and Saturn appeared close to each other in this morning pre-dawn sky, according to astronomers. The two rose from the east at midnight, and would have been 15 to 20 degrees above the horizon at the time the girls spotted the lights above the trees.

According to the December issue of Star and Sky magazine, Jupiter and Saturn "will appear as a striking double star on New Year's morning." Jupiter was the brighter of the two, according to the magazine.

All the girls go Portales Junior High School and are in the 8th grade.

Mystery on the 18th green

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THE MYSTERY at the 18th green remained unsolved today after a golfing party had reported Herefordshire's latest UFO sighting.

Hereford estate agent Mr Frank Cox and three friends had just completed a round

at Kington golf club when they spotted a strange formation of lights in the sky.

The sighting occurred at 4.10 p.m. on Saturday, and it was witnessed by other golfers.

"They were like five bright car headlights — two above and three underneath," said Mr Cox. "We were looking out towards Madley and the lights were in the sky about 10 or 12 miles away, just to the right of Credenhill."

He estimates that the lights were at between 2,000 and 3,000 ft and adds that they were stationary for about 10 minutes before vanishing.

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Others who saw the mysterious lights were Hereford bank manager Mr Dennis Bird, saddler Mr Ken Bole and ambulance service motor mechanic Mr Louis Avenin.

Mr Bird said: "I don't know what it was but we definitely saw something in the sky. Two other golfers on the course also saw the lights."

He added: "I can assure you we hadn't had a drink all day."

Mr Ken Owen, manager of the Madley satellite earth station said: "This is the first I have heard of any such sighting. I can't really offer an explanation."

Hereford police said they had received no other reports of UFO sightings on Saturday.

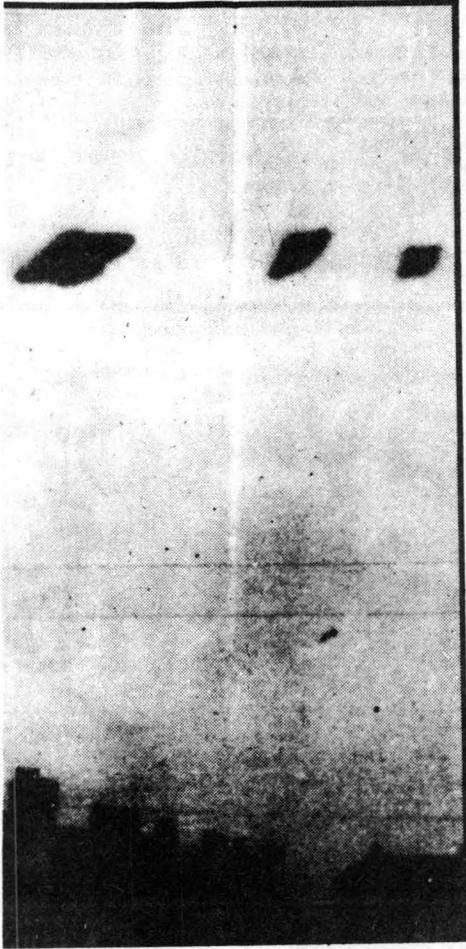
UFO thought to be meteorite

A mystery Christmas Night unidentified flying object spotted by hundreds of people all over England was almost certainly a meteorite breaking up, officers at the Royal Air Force Observer Base at West Drayton said yesterday.

The film *Airport '75* was being shown on television that night, raising public awareness to the possibility of aircraft in trouble. A similar object seen in the sky last Christmas was also said to have been a meteorite.

WESTERN MAIL CARDIFF
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 UFOS FROM SIGHTINGS
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 ABDUCTIONS



The best known saucer picture to come out of Yorkshire was taken by the then 13-year-old Stephen Pratt on March 28, 1966, at dusk. He took a picture of an "orange pulsating light" which when developed gave this impression of three "flying saucers" over the rooftops of Conisborough, South Yorkshire. Experts investigated and authenticated the photographs but the objects have never been explained. On the other hand experts who investigated the photograph below, of a "saucer", said by an Ohio barber to have been taken by him above his home the same year, concluded the picture was a hoax.



SHEFFIELD MORNING TELEGRAPH
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'UFO' sightings flood RAF switchboard

A mystery Christmas night unidentified flying object spotted by hundreds of people all over England was almost certainly a meteorite breaking up, officers at the Royal Air Force Observer Base at West Drayton said yesterday.

A flood of calls to the centre and to Heathrow caused an immediate search for any aircraft in the area. Flight Lieutenant Duncan Swift, in charge of the emergency desk at West Drayton, handled scores of reports from as far south as Cornwall and from Yorkshire.

Yesterday the observer centre said: "All the reports indicate a large meteorite breaking up or a satellite. The reports were all the same — a large, bright light followed by a mass of smaller ones."

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'UFO BUZZED ME' CLAIM

NOTTINGHAM UFO Investigation Society has been contacted by a Ruddington man following an *Evening Post* report yesterday on claimed Christmas UFO sightings.

The man claims he was "buzzed" by a cross-shaped UFO on Christmas Eve while driving on Loughborough Road towards Nottingham.

Society secretary Mr. Les Hall said: "The object appeared to be made up of a group of lights in the shape of a cross."

"It was seen by the witness in his rear view mirror and followed the car for some distance before moving into view at the front of the vehicle."

IRISH INDEPENDENT DUBLIN
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It was no UFO

Hundreds of people across England spotted a mystery object in the night sky on Thursday but RAF observers said it was probably just a meteorite or a satellite breaking up — not an Unidentified Flying Object.

'Bramley hum' is not unique

Sir. - You may be interested to learn that sounds similar to the Bramley Hum were the subject of a study last year. The mystery is by no means confined to Bramley and Bristol, nor only to recent years.

A short report has recently been published in which unexplained hums are recorded as early as 1727. Gilbert White noted it on the South Downs in 1792. A mysterious sound, for which the name "Hummadruz" was coined, was heard for many years in the Manchester area last century.

More recently, the *Sunday Mirror* received over 800 letters

in 1978 after an article had appeared about a hum. These subsequently became the basis of a scientific study at the University of London. By late last year some 2,300 people had written to the research team, and a small sample underwent extensive investigation, including for hearing defects (which are usually discounted). A report on these tests appeared in *New Scientist* on 14/12/79. However, even all of this information has failed to identify the cause.

There appear to be two forms, or at least two reactions, to the sound. One seems to

irritate the hearers, seems mechanical, and is usually heard in urban areas. The other, usually heard by writers, poets, naturalists, etc., is pleasant, and usually heard on hills and mountains. I heard it in Wales in 1978. The early reports rule out a mechanical source in at least some cases.

Possible explanations have ranged from machinery and insects, to UFO's. My own thought, regarding the original Bramley report, is that it may be the sound of some distant machine which causes a resonant vibration in certain buildings, or certain people. But, as

Charles Fort, who was the original collector of strange phenomena, pointed out, "There is no explanation that did not itself need explaining."

The only other fairly local cases I am aware of were a sound heard at Caesar's Camp, near Farnham, in 1978, and the following year the Aldershot area had a number of reports of strange sounds, including hums, claimed at the time to be caused by UFOs.

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MORE UFO SIGHTINGS

Another two people think they have seen UFOs in the sky over Teesdale. Mr Jan Hutchinson of Hill House, Langleydale reported seeing a "bright white light" in the sky to the north of his farm. Mrs Jean Hodgson, of Kalafat saw an object with red light in the middle and yellow around it, but she said she thought it was more likely that it had come from Russia than outer space.

There was also a third witness to the UFO sightings reported on page 20 of last week's issue. Mr Bellwood, a member of staff at Barclays Bank, High Row, Darlington saw what seems to have been the same objects at 7.58 p.m. as he was passing Leeming RAF station on Thursday of last week and going towards Darlington.

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Essex UFO 3128 mystery

MYSTERY lights over Essex on Christmas Day sent sky-gazers rushing to the phones. Police throughout South East Essex took dozens of calls between 9 and 11.30 pm.

They were also seen by thousands of people throughout the South of England. The RAF said the lights, described as red and white, were probably either meteorites or satellites.

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A saucer as big as a bullring

FROM OUR SPAIN CORRESPONDENT

Is it the wine, the sun or the CIA? Or are there really little green men up there? Whatever the explanation, the sky over Spain appears to be infested with unidentified flying objects. Every other shepherd has seen one, and a few Spaniards even claim to have been taken for a ride (literally) by extra-terrestrial tourists.

The list of recent sightings is impressive. The Lerida police sent out four Z-cars to watch a Ufo that hovered silently over the city centre for an hour and flashed lights when the police signalled to it. A triangular Ufo startled drivers on the Basque motorway, and five Ufo sightings were reported the same evening over eastern Spain. Last month the Spanish general staff declared the affair secret, pending an official inquiry, "since national security could be affected".

The Ufos in this latest incident are thought by airport officials to have been military aircraft on manoeuvres. Other Ufos may be weather balloons, or simply heaven-sent explanations for erratic driving. But a few politicians and military men descry something more sub-

stantial behind the story of "a Ufo twice as big as a jumbo jet", told by the pilot of a Spanish Caravelle last winter.

The Caravelle was on a night flight from Mallorca to Tenerife with 109 passengers on board when the pilot, Captain Javier Lerdo, and his crew saw the Ufo flying beside them. They informed Barcelona air traffic control and were told that no other plane was in their vicinity. After the Ufo had approached to within 500 metres of the Caravelle, Captain Lerdo landed at Valencia. For two hours after the Caravelle landed, three unexplained lights reportedly hovered over Valencia airport.

Mr Enrique Mugica, a Socialist congressman and defence spokesman, has revealed that, according to confidential defence sources, a military radar station reported an unidentifiable blip half a mile from the Caravelle before it landed, and that, soon afterwards, a Spanish air force Mirage took off from a base near Albacete and spent more than a hour hunting for a Ufo. Mr Mugica has asked the government to tell parliament all it knows about any pieces of celestial crockery in orbit over Spain.

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Officials offer no reason for apparent UFO sightings

By STEWART JENNISON

Messenger-Inquirer

HARTFORD — Airport, Army and weather service officials say they have no explanation for the mysterious display of moving lights apparently witnessed by dozens of Ohio County residents Sunday night.

More residents came forward Tuesday with reports of their sightings after realizing they were not the only ones who may have encountered unidentified flying objects that clear, cool night.

"If my neighbor hadn't mentioned it, I guarantee I'd have never said anything to anybody about it," said Charlie Jones, who watched the bright lights from his farm in Olaton, south of Fordsville.

"Several people saw a lot of different things," said Paul May, chief of Dundee's volunteer fire department. "That's all you'd hear, everywhere you'd go today."

Bobby Martin, a Hartford city policeman who was called out to verify a sighting Sunday night, said he drove along Kentucky 69 until he saw red, blue and white blinking lights. "It looked like someone had launched a Christmas tree," he said.

His wife, Betty, and children saw something, too, from the hill near their home. But Mrs. Martin said the colorful lights they saw disappeared for a while after an aircraft that sounded like a helicopter flew into the same area. The possible UFO lights reappeared later, but in a different location, she said.

Martin said the flashing lights were "tremendously high" and stationary, with lights that blinked slowly.

Martin said that in 22 years of police work, he had talked to several people who thought they had seen unidentifiable objects in the air. "This was the first time I ever really saw what people would call a UFO. What made me think

I was seeing something unusual was that it was so high and still. I looked 10 or 15 minutes, and it never moved."

The policeman said that his 17-year-old son has a strong interest in UFOs but that the experience left the boy worried to death.

"I saw something, but I don't know what," said Jones, the Olaton farmer. He described a dim light moving at a slow speed.

"I watched it about a minute. Then it turned straight up about 20 feet. Then five or six lights shot off and left a trace, like a firework. It was like a Roman candle, but the brightest light I've ever seen."

The lights arched out and down, in the shape of a mushroom, he said. "It was like nothing I've ever seen before."

Fire Chief May, who lives near the Martins and was in the Air Force, preferred a more conventional explanation for what he saw. One object was "definitely an aircraft, with red and white beacon lights," he said, but two others were hard to distinguish. They were possibly weather balloons, or high-altitude jets on a training maneuver, he speculated.

But no such explanation could be confirmed by military or aviation officials in the area.

Fort Knox sent out one helicopter on a medical mission around noon Sunday, but aside from that, the base was shut down to a holiday schedule, according to a spokesman.

Fort Campbell officials said only one or two helicopters left the post Sunday and probably didn't get as far as Ohio County.

The National Weather Service office in Evansville said weather balloons are sometimes released from Nashville and Salem, Ill., but such balloons, which carry an instrument package, do not have multi-colored lights. The Nash-

ville office could not be reached to confirm any Sunday launchings.

At the same time, airport tower officials in Owensboro and Evansville each said they received no reports from pilots on any usual air traffic.

"We seldom get UFO reports," the Evansville supervisor said, "but pilots would be reluctant to report them."

At least one organization, the privately funded Center for UFO Studies, based in Evanston, Ill., will probably investigate the sightings, according to Alan Hendry, the chief investigator, based in Stone Mountain, Ga.

The incident was reported to the UFO Center by the Ohio County sheriff's office through a special telephone message service made available only to law enforcement personnel.

The center receives thousands of UFO reports each year but investigates only those that seem to offer the most research value, Hendry said. He said he plans to make inquiries in the Ohio County encounters, chiefly because of the credibility of the witnesses, who include members of the sheriff's office and a Kentucky State Police trooper.

The most detailed report came from deputy Frank Chinn, said he saw a total of eight objects, including six that followed the same flight path in a stair-stepped pattern.

Chinn, who observed the UFOs through binoculars and a telescope, said they could hover quietly, then dart quickly to another location.

The deputy's observations began about 5:30 p.m. and continued until clouds moved in about 10 p.m.

One reason so many persons saw, or thought they saw UFOs, was that reports about the sightings over police radio were monitored over scanners, May said, and this sent people out to see for themselves.

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UFO landing described 'live' by radio newsman

In perhaps the first broadcast ever of an actual UFO sighting, a strange glowing craft landed on property owned by the Brazilian Army, scorched the soil, then shot away at blinding speed — while police and many hundreds of witnesses watched in stunned disbelief.

During the incredible sighting, which was broadcast in Belo Horizonte on Brazil's Radio Itatiaia network:

- One witness' car suddenly stopped and refused to start again.

- A policeman's radio temporarily went dead.

- Dozens of TV sets in the area mysteriously went black.

The live radio description of the historic close encounter was reminiscent of Orson Welles' famous "The War of the Worlds" radio broadcast of 1938 — only this time the spacecraft was real.

The incident was widely reported under banner headlines in Brazil. And a professor of psychology who investigated the event concluded that it was "an authentic sighting of a flying saucer by many people."

The flying saucer was first spotted on the side of a hill by Vander Campos, whose car suddenly "died" as he neared the object on a main highway. Even his headlights went out.

"I saw a strange, sphere-like object emitting very intense red and orange lights," he recalled. "It was spinning on the ground, and then rose a few feet into the air."

The UFO, it turned out, was

hovering over empty Brazilian Army land.

Just seconds later, state highway patrolman Antonio dos Santos pulled up behind Campos' disabled Volkswagen.

"I grabbed my radio and tried to report that I was observing a flying saucer — but the radio refused to work for almost a full minute," Dos Santos told The NEWS.

Shortly after the policeman had called in his startling report, radio and newspaper reporters converged on the scene. Radio Itatiaia announcer Nagib Jose Neto began reporting live from his mobile unit and the highway was soon jammed with hundreds of witnesses.

"There was a cloud-like light which was surrounded by a set of lights in oval form," Neto remembered later. "The lights

changed color and went on and off at incredible speed. The object rose to a height of about 100 yards and then disappeared at high speed.

"We went up the hill after it was gone. The grass in the area was totally burned."

Many witnesses reported that the UFO left behind a strong odor.

"There was a horrible sulfur-like smell which accompanied the object," noted Margareth Wacha.

Hulvio Brant Aleixo, a professor of psychology at Belo Horizonte's Catholic University, who investigated the hour-long sighting, said that the UFO also generated "strange winds and—temporarily blacked out many TV sets in the area . . . It was an authentic sighting of a UFO by many people."

WORLD OF THE UNUSUAL
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Glowing UFO buzzes car

A UFO — shaped like "a giant Frisbee" — buzzed a woman's car as she drove home from a shopping trip.

Mrs. Carmen Deirowec of Sumter, S.C., was driving on a lonely stretch of road about 8 p.m. when she saw "something hovering about 10 feet off the ground over a wooded area."

"I thought to myself: 'My God! It's a UFO,'" Mrs. Deirowec recalled. "It was about 10 feet long, like a giant Frisbee, and it was white with lights on the side."

The frightened woman saw the saucer-shaped UFO buzz to within 20 to 25 feet of her car. "I could see it real clear," she said, "then it flew straight up very fast and was gone."

Mrs. Deirowec said she is now a firm believer in UFOs. "It was not a plane or a helicopter," she said, "and it certainly wasn't from around here."

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Sightings of UFOs reported

By STEWART JENNISON
Messenger-Inquirer

ECHOLS — It was no fantasy, said sheriff's deputy Frank Chinn of Ohio County, adding, "and I don't drink."

Chinn, at first reluctantly, was explaining how he sighted eight brightly colored, unidentified flying objects in Ohio County Sunday night.

Among the witnesses were another sheriff's deputy and a Kentucky State Police trooper.

In addition, the Ohio County Sheriff's office received several reports of the sightings Monday after getting 14 such calls Sunday night.

Chinn said he was at his home in Echols, about 1½ miles south of Rockport, when six objects following an

identical flight path began traveling slowly out of the southeastern sky, beginning about 5:30 p.m.

The deputy called for verification from State Police, and Trooper Don Beemer said he arrived in time to see one of the objects leaving.

Chinn said he saw two more UFOs later in the evening, at times using a pair of binoculars. Chinn said he and fellow deputy Johnny Cooper also watched one UFO through a telescope set up on a tripod at a Centertown gas station.

Chinn said he saw rotating red, green and yellow lights, which through the telescope resembled lights through the facets of an upside-down diamond.

Chinn, a former Marine, said, "I

don't know any aircraft of ours that could move like that — so slow and no sound. It was definitely not a helicopter."

Beemer said that by the time he arrived, the object looked like a bright star changing colors. Beemer, a Vietnam veteran, said he couldn't be sure what it was, but he was sure what it wasn't:

"It was no airplane and it wasn't a helicopter. It took forever to move across the sky."

The Ohio County Sheriff's radio dispatcher said that she contacted a UFO reporting center and the Henderson State Police post but that there were no reports of downed aircraft, search parties or off-course weather balloons.

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Perhaps It Was Star of East?

Law enforcement officials said today no reports had been received of any bright light or unidentified flying object (UFO) which one resident told the newspaper he sighted Monday evening in the Chinks Peak area east of Pocatello.

A caller told the Journal he saw a green flash of light in the skies northeast of Chink's Peak around 9:45 p.m. Monday. The man, who asked to be unidentified, said he didn't see the origin of the light.

"It disappeared from view behind the mountains and then I saw another big green flash of light," he said. "This morning, I noticed an airplane flying kind of low in the area."

The resident said he called the Bannock County Sheriff's office following the sighting and no one there knew anything about it.

"I just wondered if there had been some kind of a plane crash or something in the area," the man said.

NAPERVILLE ILL. SUN
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UFO seen in Will County is further investigated

The unidentified flying object reported recently by Linda Berger, of Route 1, 248th ave. in Wheatland Township, was also witnessed by the Will County Sheriff's Department two nights earlier.

Mrs. Berger reported her sighting to the Will County Sheriff at 5:30 a.m. the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and was told that it had been observed by the department since Monday.

Lt. Karl Sincinski and Sgt. Jay Mau investigated a report of a UFO sighting on Monday, Nov. 24. They observed the object from 4:30 to 6 a.m. Sincinski described it as being, "one huge, huge, bright light." He said, "It had no discernible shape or size to it because of the (night's) darkness." When describing its movement, he said, "It traveled horizontally across the sky from north to south, then it arched rapidly to the east and back to the north in just a second's time and stopped suddenly." He said that it ascended very slowly after-

wards until the officers lost sight of it.

Mrs. Berger also observed the object in the early morning for approximately two hours. She didn't witness any horizontal movement, but said that it appeared to ascend slowly the entire length of time she saw it; until 7:30 a.m., when it rose so quickly that it was out of sight in a matter of minutes. Since she saw it in the day light, she was able to observe that it appeared to be about the size of a jet airliner and shaped like a saucer, with four headlights on its sides.

The Sheriff's Department sent a report to The Center for UFO Studies in Evanston. Sincinski received a call from Alan Hendry, chief investigator for the center who said that it could not have been a star or planet because of the movements Sincinski described. They also sent a report to The National UFO Center in Seattle, Wash., where the object has been given a case number.

November Reports On UFOs Differed

By NICK LACKEOS

Recent sightings of glowing pink, purple and green clouds that hovered over Montgomery brought hundreds of calls to the Police Department.

But the eerie cloud was easily explained — rays of the setting sun striking a communications satellite launched from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Other sightings of strange objects in the sky cannot be explained as easily, however.

Last In A Series

A rash of UFO sightings was reported from 13 cities in northern Missouri the evening of Nov. 18, according to Robert Gribble of the National UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) Reporting Center at Seattle, Wash.

"There were a combination of reports," Gribble said.

Some people claimed to see a "very large kite-shaped object" in the sky. Others said they saw a "diamond-shaped object," and some said they saw a UFO with the "fuselage shaped like a large cigar, with large tapering swept-back wings." It was seen "launching six smaller objects off the back of it."

The reports began at 8:30 p.m. and lasted until 11 p.m., Gribble said.

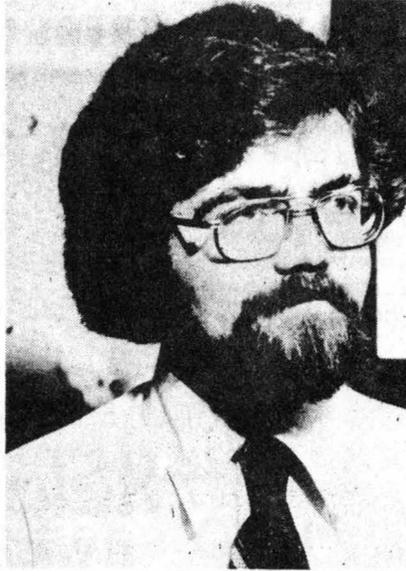
"I was filling in for a night man, playing records," said radio announcer and reporter Dave Counsell of station KTTN in Trenton, Mo.

Gribble said Trenton, a city of about 7,000, appears to be the hub of the area where the sightings were reported.

Counsell said calls to the station started coming in around 9:20 p.m. He went outside and saw something in the sky that "looked like a couple of car head lights coming at me. It was moving slowly, lower than an airplane."

Counsell watched it move across the sky for a while, then went inside to answer more calls. Some people reported the object had up to seven lights, and others said the lights were flashing.

"It was an hour and a half of straight



Allen Hendry

calls," said Counsell. "Numerous people were calling, and I just tapped them. We put some on the air."

Gribble said, "One party had taken a picture of the object." The person said it had "several lights in a boomerang pattern."

Gribble said some reports placed the objects at "low altitudes and some at high altitudes."

Gribble said the center receives an average of two or three UFO reports a day, many coming from Pennsylvania and Southern California. He said they are usually reports of "lights moving around in the sky."

Allen Hendry, chief investigator for the Center For UFO Studies at Evanston, Ill., said of UFO reports and claims of encounters with aliens, "We still have abductions accompanied by amnesia."

Hendry, author of "The UFO Handbook," published by Doubleday & Co. in 1979, said he takes notice when reports come in from "multiple witnesses" in the same area, especially when the people reporting the sightings do not know each other.

He said he is still "baffled" by two 1977 reports from Joliet, Ill. A research

chemist and his wife, who were in their car on a busy expressway, and a physician and his wife reported seeing "a large silver Saturn-shaped object."

Hendry said the couples, who did not know each other, reported seeing "a ring around a large sphere."

Hendry said he does not think the two couples imagined the UFO, adding, "I have confidence that it was a large Saturn-shaped object."

The incident remains unexplained, he said, adding he needs more evidence to be convinced it came from outer space.

However, Hendry said there have been "2,000 close encounters of the third kind," defining that as "UFOs seen in association with creatures commonly assumed to be aliens."

There is evidence that some were imagined or fabricated, Hendry said. Up through the 1950s, the alleged creatures were most always said to be "humanoid life forms, most from our solar system, and from a planet called Clarion which was supposed to be on the opposite side of the sun."

With the knowledge that it is unlikely that life forms exist on any of the other planets in this solar system, Hendry said. Beginning in the 1960s, the alleged creatures were "always from beyond our solar system."

Often, rumors circulate about aliens and UFOs.

One indicates that a large hangar at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio keeps the remains of alien bodies frozen along with fragments of a space ship.

"The rumor has been going on for a number of years," said Al Swihart, public affairs officer at Wright Patterson, the headquarters of the Air Force's Project Blue Book, a 1960s investigation of UFOs by the Air Force.

Swihart said there is no truth to the rumors. He added that Project Blue Book was discontinued in 1969 after the investigation showed there was no danger to the national defense.

UFO is reported at

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Clifton

CLIFTON: "We don't know what it was, but I've never seen anything like it before. It was absolutely eerie!"

This was the statement last Friday by a reputable resident of Clifton when asked about the sighting of an unidentified flying object—more commonly termed a UFO.

The object in the night sky on Wednesday—whatever it was—was not seen by just one person. In fact, scores of area residents saw it and, unlike most such sightings, all of the descriptions coincided, with the exception of a few small details.

A Clifton businesswoman stated, "I was a non-believer until Wednesday night! The object that I saw was triangular in shape with several rows of lights. It appeared to be reddish in color.

"It seemed to be above the Plant Site area," she continued, "and, after circling, headed off toward New Mexico. Before the lights went out of sight, however, it returned and circled an area to the south of town. This happened several times. It was very

large, very low, and very quiet. The only sound I heard was a soft, dull jet-like sound, but it definitely was not a jet," she concluded.

This recount of the sighting tallied with that of four other people contacted by the Courier Friday. Most of those who saw the object were reluctant to have their names used, fearing ridicule. However, it was not only individuals who were witnesses to the "happening," but also groups of people who actually stood on the sidewalk, or elsewhere, and watched the unknown object.

Another reputable person stated, "On Wednesday night about 7 o'clock my sister and I were just getting into our car, when she saw something in the sky. It was a low-flying something, with yellow lights and was shaped like a triangle. At that time it was near the Phelps Dodge weather station.

"It circled around the area," she continued, "and then disappeared. Then, about 7:20, it seemed to come out of the mountain area around Met-

calf and crossed the canyon. At this time, we were with a group of people and it came toward us very low and slow. I clearly saw the bottom of it and there were yellow, jet-shaped lights," the viewer said. "There was a sort of white light shining backward underneath the body, lighting it up very clearly. Then it disappeared for a while."

Again, about 8 p.m., the strange craft (for want of a better word) made another appearance, but at more of a distance. The configuration of lights on the object had changed at this sighting.

"It looked as big as the parking lot at the pit mine," said one observer who saw the object at various times that evening. "There was no noise and it just seemed to float through the air. The night was perfectly clear and there was no smelter smoke in the area."

Another man, a lifelong resident of the community and now retired, told the Courier, "Both my wife and I saw whatever it was. We're used to

airplanes overhead day and night and this didn't even move like a plane. Also, there was no sound."

At this point, his description varied somewhat from the others. "We saw four lights on the object—two white and two red—and them seemed to be in tandem, like a chase, but there was no variance in the distance between them. Then, at one point, the direction changed to where the lights were moving 'sideways,' and whatever it was seemed to be shaped like a kite, or diamond-shaped.

"One thing I'm sure of," the man continued, "whatever it was was tremendously big and the way the lights were spaced solidly there's no possibility that they were all on separate crafts. I don't know what it was, but it was definitely a flying object of some sort," the man concluded.

In contacting people on the "sighting," the Courier made it a point to talk to people who did not work together and, to the best of

anyone's knowledge, were not together that Wednesday evening. This, it was felt, provided more of an opportunity for variance in descriptions and opinions.

One lady stated, "I know that there must be some logical explanation for the whole thing, but I have not the slightest notion what it might be."

The incident was reported, by telephone, to the agency in Washington, D.C., that receives and investigates reports of such sightings.

Making a trip to Clifton to talk to people about the sighting was Jim McCoy, field investigator for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Tucson. The APRO, over many years, has gained national recognition for its research efforts on the matter of unidentified aerial phenomena.

On Monday of this week, additional reports on the incident were received by the Courier and, apparently, the object in question returned to the Clifton area Friday night but was not viewed by as many people.

It has also been reported that the sightings last week were not isolated happenings, but that similar incidents have been happening over the past months. However, none of the sightings have been as definite and descriptive as the recent ones. Also, some of the latest reports term the strange craft a "mother ship," as two accounts tell of smaller objects leaving it—one moving off toward New Mexico and the other toward Safford—and then returning to their original place.

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Chinese are shocked by sightings of UFOs

Needless to say, there are also some reports that, based on others, have been discounted as to some of the details.

The Courier talked to another area resident who reported a firsthand experience Friday night. The man and his family were inside their home when a neighbor drove up and began honking his car horn. The family went outdoors and the neighbor said, "Look at that! What is it?"

The homeowner related that it was about 6:30 p.m. and above his house was an object that "looked like a boomerang with lights" sort of floating above them. It appeared to be around 1,000 feet above them, as well as the man could guess. The object then left.

"About an hour later," the resident told the Courier, "whatever it was returned and we became aware of it because of loud noise and a feeling of vibration. Our little girl went outside and then called us, pointing upward.

There it was again," the man continued, "just seeming to float there and it had reddish-amber lights. I'm familiar with helicopters and it definitely was not a craft of that kind. I have no idea as to its size, but it was big," he concluded.

There are other people, in professional positions, who allegedly witnessed some of the sightings last week, but had not been contacted at press-time. Also, some of the witnesses are unavailable for comment.

So... the mystery, at this point, remains unsolved. However, it is definite that the people of the Clifton area did see something that was extremely out of the ordinary—something for which an explanation is unknown.

Whether this will go the way of the Air Force's Project Blue Book, or whether knowledgeable researchers will come up with some explanation remains to be seen.

In the meantime, speculation continues.

AMERICA'S leading UFO expert is to visit China to investigate what may be the world's most-witnessed appearances of flying saucers.

Dr. Allen Hynek, scientific director of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., has accepted an invitation to Peking by a special commission that is now gathering details on about 100 separate sightings.

At least one of them involved hundreds of thousands of people when whole villages and towns spread over five provinces in

south-central and east China reported seeing "saucer and cigar-shaped" objects flashing through the sky at mind-boggling speeds.

Dr. Hynek, a professor emeritus of astronomy at Northwestern University in Illinois and former Air Force UFO consultant, said: "This is something new and potentially exciting."

Meanwhile, Lu Wung of the New China News Agency's Washington, D.C., bureau said: "Our government in Peking has set up a special commission to investigate this phenomena."

Dr. David S. Bean, an expert on Eastern defense matters and a security adviser to President Johnson, added: "One of the most interesting aspects of the sightings is that they did not take place near the Chinese border.

"When I first heard about them I thought that Soviet M-25 reconnaissance planes might be responsible. But no foreign aircraft would venture that far into Chinese territory. Apparently, there's no question of the Chinese Air Force being responsible."

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UFO BEAT:

A Shelby County woman told sheriff's deputies Thursday morning that her car was "followed" Wednesday evening by a glowing disk on London Road south of Interstate 74.

The UFO "paralleled" the car, soon sped upward and quickly vanished, the woman said.

Sheriff's officers and others generally take such reports with a grain of salt, but the woman's report is remarkably similar to an incident reported Nov. 25, 1979, by a county couple.

The couple in 1979 told deputies a glowing, egg-shaped object followed their car along Brandywine Road for about six miles, hovered outside their home for a few minutes and then vanished skyward.

Perhaps, northwestern Shelby County has become a favorite haunting grounds for the macabe.

SKY AT FRIGHT OVER

By ²¹²⁸GEORGE HOLLINGBERY

BRITAIN was all lit up for Christmas . . . by strange lights racing across the sky.

The unidentified flying objects were

seen by thousands of people from Cornwall to Kent and Birmingham on Christmas night.

Police stations were flooded with calls from folk who got a nasty fright from the sky at night.

Some witnesses were convinced they had seen a fleet of flying saucers.

Mr John Simpson, of Gills Avenue, Canvey Island, Essex, reckoned it was a giant spaceship which "spurred out" smaller craft.

He said: "It was the most spectacular thing I have ever seen."

"My friend and I saw this huge fireball coming over the Thames estuary."

"Suddenly it got brighter and it seemed to

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jettison five or six smaller lights which all shot off in the same direct flight pattern at a rapid speed leaving a blue trail."

Convoy

Mrs Margaret Hopkins, of Tenacre Close, Chichester, Sussex, reported: "Four of us saw lights moving in convoy. Two in front had dim

white lights, two in the middle had bright light and the two at the rear also had dim lights."

News of the sighting excited the British UFO Research Association.

But officials at the RAF's Observer base at West Drayton, Middlesex, were unmoved: Their verdict: "Almost certainly meteorite breaking up."

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Printer claims a new comet

WHILE MOST of Britain spent Christmas night watching television or sleeping off the effects of too much Christmas cheer, Mr Roy Panther was in his back garden star-gazing.

His enthusiasm was rewarded when he claimed discovery of a new comet — the first from Britain for 15 years.

But 54-year-old Mr Panther, a printer, of Walgrave St Peter, near Northampton, narrowly missed out on a handsome reward for his efforts.

A Fleet Street-based group of astronomical enthusiasts is offering a prize of £2,500 to anyone who discovers a new comet from Britain during National Astronomy Week next April.

Mr Panther, using a modest home-made telescope, has been scanning the skies in search of new comets for 33 years without success. The newly claimed comet is in the constellation of Lyra and is estimated to be within 100 million miles of earth.

Mr Panther said yesterday: "I was out looking for comets on Christmas night because the sky was so clear. In Britain we usually have only a couple of clear days a week so you have to make the most of it."

Mr Robin Scagell, vice-president of the Junior Astronomical Society, said yesterday: "As the latest comet discovery is the first from Britain for 15 years, I can only describe them as astronomical."

Mr Panther was yesterday awaiting official confirmation from the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory at Cambridge, Massachusetts, which collates comet

sightings, that he was the first person in the world to discover the new comet.

● The new comet discovery was not connected with Christmas night's mystery UFO sightings — said to have almost certainly been a meteorite breaking up in space. — (PA).

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UFOs blaze a trail across the sky

By BARRY LEIGHTON

STAR-STRUCK housewife Frankie Cooper got an extra Christmas present.

She saw the sky lit-up as UFOs soared spectacularly over Wiltshire.

The strange lights glowed in the sky for more than a minute on Christmas evening.

Said Frankie, of Chelworth Road, Cricklade: "It was incredible. It was the most amazing sight I've ever seen."

Alerted

She was among many people in the West who were stunned by the mystery objects.

Police stations and RAF bases were alerted by callers convinced they'd seen a fleet of flying saucers.

But Frankie kept her feet on the ground. "I don't believe in little green men hopping out of spaceships."

She was driving through Cricklade at about 9 p.m. on Christmas Day when she spotted the spectacle.

Flames

"A group of lights travelling slowly across the sky. They were like orange footballs of varying sizes. There were about six or seven of them."

"They had trails like flames trailing behind them."

She slowed down to get a better look. Then, one by one, they fizzed out.

Frankie's a teetotaler — so she couldn't be accused of having one too many. But her sighting was confirmed later on the radio.

The British UFO Research Association is now collating reports on the objects. But experts believe it was a meteorite breaking-up.

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