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# UFOs reported over Tahoe

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PAGE ONE

By JOHN MORRIS

Numerous South Shore residents reported seeing UFOs over the Stateline area Wednesday night and early today.

While they are being written off as optical illusions, some of the sightings don't match possible explanations.

Apparently the sightings have not been referred to the National UFO Center since the prevalent explanation for the "hovering" object was flood lights on the side of Caesars Tahoe Hotel tower reflecting off of the low-hanging and slowly-moving cloud cover, Douglas County Sheriff's officials said today.

One caller, Albert Fiori of South Lake Tahoe, said the UFOs were seen between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., but doesn't agree with the flood-light theory. He said he saw a "bright blue object" over the Caesars-Sahara Tahoe area that turned and streaked across the lake toward North Shore.

Patrick Bagwell took pictures of the UFO about 5 a.m. and also discounts the flood-light theory.

"When I first saw it, it sent chills right down my spine," Bagwell said, but he grabbed his camera and took pictures as "it's not something you'd let go by."

People told Bagwell the object was only a reflection of Caesars light, but said there was no beam from the hotel.

"If there's any source of light at the bottom, there's a beam," Bagwell said.

"But there wasn't any. I didn't see a beam and there isn't one on the photographs."

Bagwell said the object was "bizarre, triangular in shape with three points to it." He said it was sort of hazy, but clear and brilliant at times, depending on the sky, and yellowish, amberish in the dark night.

"Some people said it moved, but I couldn't say it did," Bagwell said.

Deborah Cody of South Lake Tahoe was among some 50 people who watched the object between 3 and 3:30 a.m. outside of the Sahara Tahoe.

"It was straight overhead, triangular with lights at each point," she said. "It seemed to be moving up because it was very sharp and distinct at first and then became fuzzier as if going up."

The leading point of the silver, yellowish triangle seemed to be facing west, she said.

When told of the flood-light theory, she said it would have to have been "very strange atmospheric conditions if it was a reflection because it was very sharp at first, seemed to be changing directions and getting higher."

Tahoe-Douglas firefighters think they might be responsible for some of the sightings as emergency lights on their engines on two runs, about midnight and at 4:10 a.m., could be seen reflecting off the low clouds.

"The timing was about the same at the 4 a.m. fire on Elk Point," Capt. Tim Smith said. "While we were inside on a small fire, the engineer told me he

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could see the engines red and blue lights reflecting off the clouds."

Smith said the engineer turned off the emergency lights and the objects in the clouds vanished, but reappeared when he switched the lights back on.

The Elk Point run took about 45 minutes and routinely the emergency lights and the blue rotating beacon on the engine would be switched on until firefighters cleared to return to the station, Smith said.

"From the calls, I guess it really looked like something from outer space," a Douglas deputy said, noting

an officer on patrol also officially reported a possible UFO, but at 9 p.m. Wednesday night.

The officer's report said he was patrolling southbound on Highway 50 at 2100 hours near Marla Bay when he saw a bright light crossing from his right to left directly to the east over the Zephyr Cove area.

He said the light was bluish-white in color and traveling extremely fast.

The officer thought the light might have been an emergency flare, but in checking the area was unable to locate anything further.

No sightings were reported after sunrise, deputies said.

# Witnesses observe UFOs over Payson

FRONT PAGE

PAYSON, ARIZ.  
RIM COUNTRY NEWS  
JAN 9 1981

Four unidentified flying objects flew over Payson Tuesday morning, according to Gila County Sheriff's Deputy Loyce Hamlin.

Hamlin said he and two other people observed the four round silver disks "flying in diamond formation" for "about two minutes" as they crossed the sky from the south to the northwest.

Hamlin, who was once a crop duster pilot, said the objects "moved too fast to be jet airplanes," and that there were no engine pods and definitely no wings on the flying objects.

The sighting occurred at 10:55 a.m., as Hamlin was seated in his patrol car outside the Sheriff's Office, talking to County Health Inspector Slim Anderson, who was standing beside the car.

Hamlin said he was looking up past Anderson when he first saw the objects come up over Oxbow Hill.

"I said to Slim, 'What in the world is that?' At first Slim couldn't see them, but then he managed to make them out too," Hamlin related.

Hamlin said an unidentified woman, coming out of the license office, also observed the objects and agreed that they did not look like aircraft.

Hamlin estimated that the ob-

jects were flying at approximately 15,000 feet. He said that they were "eight or 10 times further apart" than jets flying in formation, but that they kept perfect alignment as they executed three turns.

"When they made a left turn, the sun would shine on them and they'd be clearly visible. When they turned right, they seemed to disappear," Hamlin said.

When they were "at about a 45 degree angle over the Sheriff's building" two of the objects dropped down below the others and disappeared over the horizon. The other two followed shortly thereafter.

Anderson corroborated Hamlin's story by saying that by the time he was able to make out the objects, "there were two in front and two in back" and "they were really travelling."

Anderson said they looked like "round disks" and were "aluminum-colored."

What seemed really strange to Anderson was that "we couldn't hear any noise or anything" from the objects, such as a sonic boom.

Hamlin immediately called in the sighting on the UFO hotline.

Hamlin admitted that this is the fourth time that he has sighted UFO's, but "I never said anything

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about it before, because of what people might say."

Once, he said, he saw an object flying above the courier plane that leaves Payson every morning.

"I saw it come down and stay right above the plane for a while, and then it went up again," Hamlin said.

And one night two or three years ago, Hamlin said, he was called out to a woman's house on Miller Road, where they observed "four big lights" flying in the sky.

Anderson also said he was afraid people might think "we were strange for saying we saw them, but we did, and the woman coming out

of the license office said she did too."

If anyone else made the sighting Tuesday morning or has information concerning it, please contact Nick Berezenko at the "Payson Roundup/Rim Country News," 474-5251.

The UFO hotline number is 1-800-323-6556.

## Man says he saw UFO at 309 bypass

WEST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP — A West Rockhill man, while smoking a cigarette outside his home late Sunday evening, claims to have spotted a UFO.

Police in West Rockhill, Hilltown and Quakertown said they had not received any reports of the sighting.

The man, who wished to remain unidentified, alleged that at about 11:15 Sunday night he was standing outside his home when he saw an oval shaped object in the sky hovering over the 309 bypass. He

described it as being about 35 feet in diameter, blue-green in color and flying at about 25 feet above ground. The object then moved toward the spot where he was standing, coming down near the tops of the trees.

As it came closer, he observed a circle of colored lights on the center bottom about five feet in diameter. On either side of the circle was what he thought looked like a trap door.

After about 20 minutes it flew away. (ss)

QUAKERTOWN  
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# Most amazing UFO visit in history remains a mystery after 84 years

One of the most amazing UFOs in history terrorized an American city more than 80 years ago — and the astounding incident remains unexplained today!

It was in 1896, before airplanes or weather balloons roamed the skies, when an enormous spaceship flew over Sacramento, Calif.

The dazzling event was witnessed by many prominent residents of the city and reported on Page One of the respected San Francisco Call newspaper.

The newspaper said scores of reputable citizens saw the incredible thing in the nighttime sky on Nov. 17, 1896:

"Many of them lived fully a mile or two distant from each other, but their accounts agree.

"The body of the craft was oblong and egg-shaped. Midway of the vessel and suspended directly beneath it was a brilliant search light.

"Above the egg-shaped body towered a tall, indistinguishable mass whose shape it was impossible to ascertain, owing to the fact that the onlookers' eyes were blurred by the brilliancy of the search light.

"It moved slowly in a circle leaving a volume of smoke behind it. After a brief glimpse of the body of the airship it faded from view and all that was visible was the brilliant search light which moved slowly in a southwesterly direction."

A leading Sacramento citizen, Frank Ross, who headed the town's street car company, was among those quoted by the newspaper.

"All I saw was a brilliant electric search light, twice the size and power of an ordinary light, which was being propelled through the air by some mysterious force.

"From what I have learned from my employees — men of undoubted veracity — I am certain that this can by no possibility have been a fake.

"I watched the light until it passed out of sight 30 minutes later. I have no idea of its destination or purpose. I can only say that I am fully convinced that it was something out of the ordinary."

Some Sacramento citizens told the newspaper they could distinguish voices coming from — and could even see vague human-like forms scurrying around — the UFO.

The sighting has baffled experts ever since — but Dr. Tom Crouch, curator of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., says he is certain the object was a UFO.

There was nothing else in the air that it could have been, he said.



A large portion of the front page of the San Francisco Call was devoted to coverage of the remarkable UFO that terrorized residents of Sacramento, Calif., in 1896.

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Dr. Crouch, an aviation expert, said the earliest dirigible

wasn't built in America until 1902 — six years after the Sacramento UFO. The Wright brothers didn't fly until 1903, he said.

"In Europe, zeppelins, very rigid airships, were flying at the turn of the century. But no one

would have built one of those in America and not revealed it to the world," he said.

"The intriguing thing is the reports of the brilliant shining lights on the airship. This would have been very difficult to do at that time."

# Strange tribe says it came from space

An astounding village of primitive natives say they are the Earth-bound children of visitors from outer space.

They insist their ancestors came from the distant Pleiades Constellation — where space life is believed to exist.

Their homes are built in the shape of flying saucers, and they bury their dead in replicas of spaceships to speed them to their ancestral home in the stars.

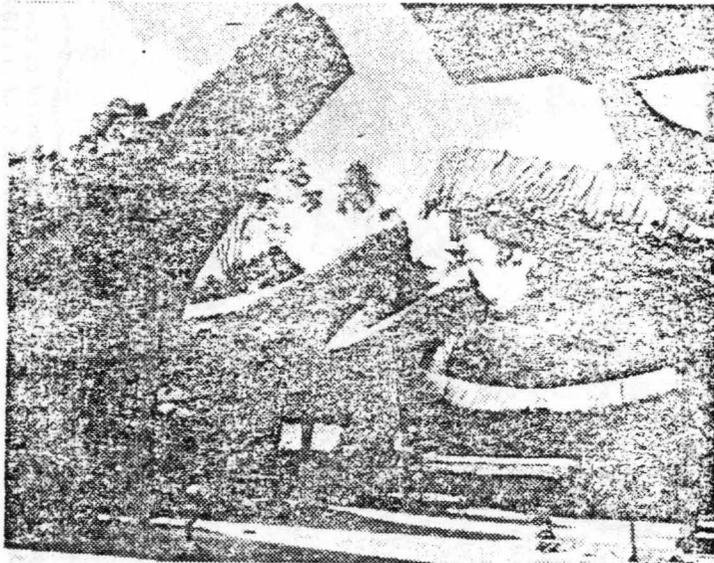
The Torajas tribe in Indonesia was discovered by British explorer Lawrence Blair who says the natives' outer space heritage is the focal point of their day-to-day lives.

In religious ceremonies, their high priest chants:

"Before the dawn of human memory our ancestors came from the skies in starships."

Dr. Blair says the incredible tribe is almost worshipped by members of other inhabitants of the area — and are respected for their wisdom and healing powers.

Most of the natives have psychic powers and their UFO-like homes are built around mysterious, ancient stone structures like those at Stonehenge — the mystical, unex-



The unusually shaped homes in the village of the Torajas tribe imitate the spaceships the natives say their ancestors used.

plained monument in England. "They truly believe that their forebears came down from the skies. This is the focal point of their lives," says Dr. Blair, an anthropologist and lecturer at the University of Southern California.

"They have a sacred site on top of one of their hills where it looks as if a meteorite hit. This is where they say their ancestors first landed. Their royal

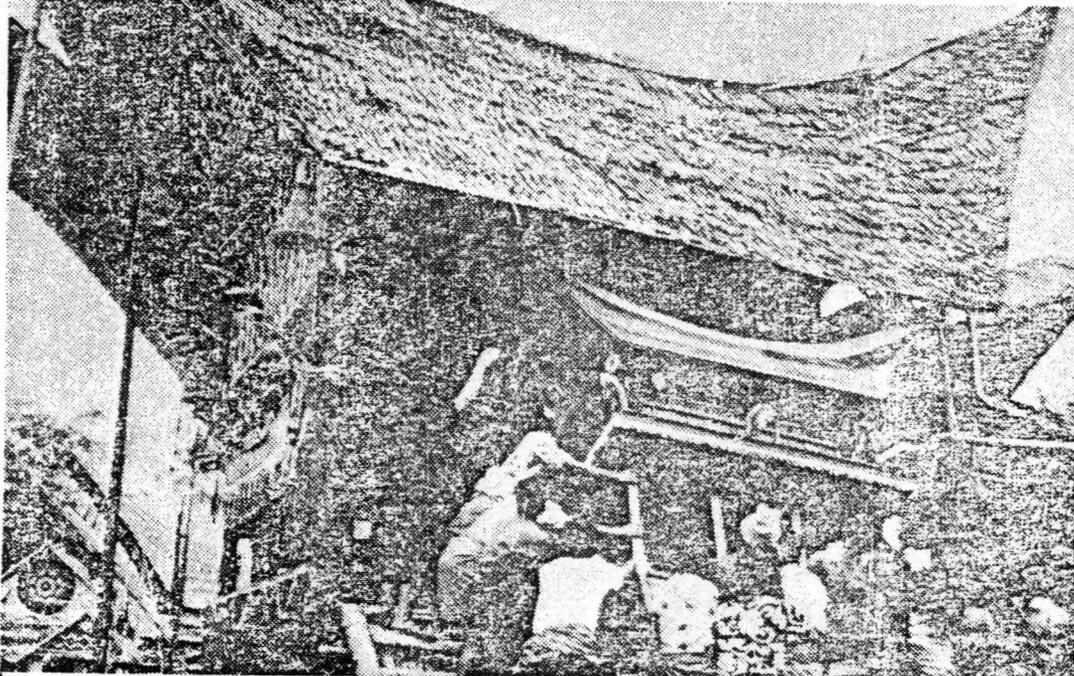
family is believed to be the purest descendants of the space people. This has been passed on from generation to generation."

Dr. Blair says the Torajas' houses are made of bamboo, wood and thatch. They contain no nails and are held together by wooden pegs.

He says the structures look exactly like many descriptions of UFOs.

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4 Torajas natives place a dead villager in a UFO-shaped coffin then enclose it in a similarly shaped hut in their strange Indonesian village.

# Flying object baffles Forest

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## River woman

By Dean Hanson PAGE ONE

Was it a bird? A plane? A meteor? A psychologically-induced "atmospheric phenomenon?"

A Forest River woman isn't sure what it was she saw Thursday speeding over her farm home.

"I was looking out of my north kitchen window and at first I thought it was a plane, but it made no noise. It left a thin white trail (vapor trail) that a jet usually leaves," recalled the woman, who asked that her name be withheld.

"I don't know how large the object was,

but from where I was it appeared to be very small. In fact it looked like it was tinier than the trail it left," she said.

What disturbed her about the object was that it appeared out of control, moving like an airplane doing a nosedive. It passed out of sight into a bank of clouds before it reached the horizon, so she couldn't tell if it in fact crashed or not. The vapor trail persisted for several minutes before disappearing.

"I didn't go outside to see where it went, but it seemed to be coming from the south and veering off to the northeast, toward Grafton," she added.

Neither the Federal Aviation Administration at the Grand Forks Airport nor the Grand Forks Air Force Base Approach Control had reports of any unusual flying objects or meteors that day.

Master Sergeant Ernest Lawrence of the Grand Forks Air Force Base public information office offered five possible explanations based on aircraft known to be in the area at the time of the incident.

A T-38 took off at 11:21 from the base, and would have arrived at Forest River at 11:30, flying at 20,000 feet. An F-106 from Minot would have been 33,000 feet overhead at 12:07.

If the object was a plane, Lawrence said the most likely prospect would have been a member of a formation consisting of a B-52 bomber and two KC135 tankers which took off from Grand Forks at intervals of just over a minute.

The last tanker would have passed over Forest River at 11:50 at 5,000 feet, just below the cloud ceiling, and Lawrence suggested that this was the object reported sighted.

Was it an airplane? The woman says no, that it made no noise, was too small and appeared to be doing a nosedive toward earth. Was it an extraterrestrial visitor? She doubts that, too.

"I have to have more proof than that to conclude that whatever I saw was a UFO," she said, but added that she will no longer scoff at those who claim to see unexplainable things in the sky. Like many of those who have, she is reluctant to speak of the incident for fear people won't believe her.

In an effort to clear up the mystery, The Record invites others who saw a similar object in the area north and east of Forest River between 11:30 and noon Thursday to write us at Box 471, Grafton, and tell what they saw.

NORTH PLATTE NEBR.  
TELEGRAPH  
JAN 17 1981  
**A UFO near Eustis?**

EUSTIS—Mrs. Steve (Carol) Frazier of Eustis was a bit shaken recently when she observed what she (and others) believed to be an unidentified flying object between Farnam and Eustis where the family lives.

According to a news story in the Eustis News, Mrs. Frazier had gotten up about 4 a.m. and looked out the window. She saw a vehicle turn into a field and turn on a spotlight.

She heard two gun blasts and then from the southwest a blue and white alternating light. At first the glowing "object" seemed cone-shaped, then flat. In fact, she said, it seemed to change shapes almost constantly. The vehicle was not seen again.

In all, there were 10 people, including deputy sheriff Frank Sanner, who observed the phenomenon which included the light hovering soundlessly for about an hour, then disappearing fast into the southern sky.

A check of the area in daylight gave no clues as to what had happened.

# Twin tales of strange sight

It is a common characteristic in a majority of parents to take lightly much of what is said by their children....especially very young children.

Bobby and Christine Williams, Hartford, learned last week that even the innocent ramblings of two six-year-old boys are worth bending an ear to.

Even so, the nature of what the youngsters were talking about would prompt the average parents to be a little less than understanding.

Jason and Jesse are the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Williams. What they saw on the evening of December 28 — strange as it may seem — apparently was seen by several other Ohio Countians.

More fiction than fact has been attached to sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) but nobody in an official capacity has been able to disclaim their actual existence.

Jason and Jesse were not capable of placing an accurate identity on what they saw in the sky near their home but whatever it (or they) was created a level of excitement in their young imaginations.

"I didn't pay too much attention," Mrs. Williams recalled. "The boys were in the front yard and came back in excited about something they saw in the sky."

It was not until after a story appeared in the Wednesday edition of an area daily newspaper did the mother attach any importance to

what her young sons attempted to say.

Reports of strange lights over the Olaton area came from several residents, including a Hartford police officer.

Officials concerned with possible UFOs have been unable to explain the reported sightings.

That, however, does not satisfy the curiosity of young Jason and Jesse Williams.

Although their stories differed slightly, the boys unmistakably believed that what they saw was not an everyday happening in a cold, winter sky.

Jesse, in a tone as authoritative as a six-year-old can muster, said he saw some "silver things" in the sky and that one of them dropped something.

"It looked like a bomb or missile but I didn't see it hit the ground,"

the youngster said.

Jesse said two of the flying machines went straight and the other two went off in other directions.

"They were flying like a plane.....about 10 feet up," Jesse recalled.

Jesse said the "silver things" did not make a noise and moved slowly.

Jason saw "little triangle things

flying through the air....two in one direction and two in another."

Unlike his twin brother, Jason did not see anything drop from one of the craft.

"I just watched for a minute and then had to go in," he said.

Regardless of what they saw or what it actually was, the sightings did not upset the Williams twins.

"We didn't know what it was so it didn't scare us," Jason said.

# Woman Says Flying Saucer Hovered Over W-G Plant

By **GEORGE B. GRIFFIN**

Of The Gazette Staff

Florence L. Dion of 6 Gold St. is having trouble finding anyone who will listen to her.

She called the police, who, she said, told her to call the airport. She called the airport, but was told that there was no radar at the airport. Airport personnel suggested that she call the newspaper, she said.

Mrs. Dion told The Evening Gazette that at exactly 7:19 a.m. Tuesday, she saw a flying saucer hovering beneath a cloud bank over the Wyman-Gordon Co. plant, 105 Madison St.

Mrs. Dion said she was alerted to the presence of the flying saucer by her dogs, who suddenly started howling and scratching at the door. She said that one of the dogs howls whenever it hears high pitched sounds. She said she saw the flying saucer when she stepped onto her porch to see what was causing the disturbance.

She said she watched the flying saucer for about three minutes before it flew off to the northwest and out of sight.

## Lights Flickered

"It was circular and had some kind of hood on top," she said. "On the outside rim, there were the most brilliant silver-white lights flickering on and off."

She said she could not estimate either the size or the color of the flying saucer because it was too high.

"It took off while I was standing on the porch and it went off to the north-

west," she said. "It just seemed to streak across the sky like a bolt of lightning. There was a crane working down there and the crane was going beep-beep-beep. But this thing had a sound of its own, sort of a wee-oh, wee-oh, wee-oh, wee-oh."

Mrs. Dion said Tuesday's flying saucer was not the first she had seen. She said she once saw a flying saucer hovering over the Mechanics Tower building. She said she saw three flying saucers hovering over Holy Cross College. She also has seen flying saucers in Winchendon, she said.

"I was told several years ago when I was in Holden that they had static on the radar," she said. "But they could get nothing else on the radar, no blips. . . . I think it's about time somebody explained why radar cannot locate those flying objects."

Donald Cherry, chief flight controller at Worcester Airport, said the airport control tower does not have radar.

"I'm not certain what she saw or reported to see," he said.

Cherry said there had been no reports to the airport about unidentified flying objects in connection with Mrs. Dion's sighting.

A U.S. Weather Service meteorologist at the airport said weather service radar did not record any objects during the time Mrs. Dion was observing the object over the Wyman-Gordon Co. plant.

"There is a UFO reporting center that is manned 24 hours a day," he said. "The

number is 1-206-722-3000. If we can get these people to call when the sightings are fresh, then maybe they will be able to verify the sightings." (This is the number for the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash. Robert Gribble, staff member, said the organization accepted information of sightings and may even arrange for investigations if the evidence warrants.)

The meteorologist suggested that persons who see strange flying objects report the sightings to the state police.

A Wyman-Gordon Co. spokesman said no one at the plant reported sighting the object. She suggested that the object could have been a reflection of some sort.

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Mrs. Dion, however, is convinced that she saw something out of the ordinary.

Mrs. Dion's sighting is only the latest in a string of sightings of flying saucers and other unidentified flying objects in Worcester County in recent years.

Last February, several persons reported seeing UFOs flying over Leominster, Fitchburg and Lunenburg. Police officials speculated that the people who reported the UFOs were actually witnessing military flight operations at nearby Fort Devens.

A Fort Devens public information officer, however, said that on the night of the sightings, there were no military operations or non-military flights at Fort Devens. The Fort Devens airport was closed that night, he said.

## Strange Machine

On Jan. 5, 1979, a woman who called the state police in Sturbridge said she saw a strange machine hovering above the woods near Interchange 9 on the Massachusetts Turnpike.

Strange flying objects also have been reported in Thompson, Conn., Marlboro, Webster and Gardner.

Local police will accept and check into reports of unidentified flying objects. But reports also may be made to several national organizations which have been formed to collect information about unidentified flying objects.

Some of those organizations are: Center for UFO Studies, 924 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill.

This organization was founded by astronomer J. Allen Hynek, a former consultant to the Air Force who quit that association when he came to believe that UFO sightings were not being considered objectively.

The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 3535 University Blvd. West, Suite 23, Kensington, Md., founded in 1956, is the oldest nationally significant group in the United States that investigates UFOs.

The Mutual UFO Network, 103 Old Towne Road, Seguin, Texas, publishes a regular bulletin on current sightings and has compiled a training manual for UFO investigators.

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# Light View Is Taken Of Tahoe UFO Reports

By Jim Sloan  
Bee Correspondent

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE — Scores of people in Lake Tahoe's glittering casino district were dazzled by mysterious lights in the night sky Thursday, but authorities say those close encounters may have been with spotlights instead of unidentified flying objects.

According to Douglas County sheriff's deputies, the hovering, amber lights that attracted a large crowd early Thursday were actually casino floodlights being reflected by moonlit clouds that shrouded the Tahoe basin.

The deputies also discounted an earlier UFO sighting, made by two patrolling officers riding in separate cars around 9 p.m. Wednesday. The officers reported that a light streaked across the sky for several hundred yards before it landed in the lake near its southeastern shoreline.

"We figured it was either a flare or a meteor," Sgt. Les Osman said. "There was a search conducted after the sighting, but no more lights were located."

However, later in the night, a crowd gathered on Highway 50 between the Sahara Tahoe and Caesars Tahoe casinos. Amber-colored lights, in what onlookers described as being in a distinct triangular pattern, floated several hundred feet in the sky.

"It was bizarre, really bizarre," performer Patrick Bagwell said. "It was hazy but you could see the lights clearly. They were just floating there."

The Douglas County sheriff's office at nearby Zephyr Cove began receiving calls around 5 a.m. Officers investigated, Osman said, and determined that the lights were reflections from Caesars' roof. Onlookers were not convinced.

"We have been getting calls all day, and most of the people I have talked to say, 'No way' — that is not what they saw," KRLT broadcaster Michael Bennett said. "They are convinced they saw something else."

"I know that is not what I saw," Bagwell said. "If those were lights from the casino, you would be able to see the beam, right? We saw no beam."

Bagwell said he fetched his camera and using a tripod, slow-speed color film and a short telephoto lens, shot several frames of the lights. They were quickly developed in a Sahara darkroom. "They came out pretty well," Bagwell said. "It looks like there is something up there."

ANSONIA CONN. SENTINEL

JAN 12 1981

# 3 youngsters sight 'UFO' in Seymour

SEYMOUR — Three Seymour youngsters are certain they spotted an unidentified flying object hovering in the sky over Great Hill while they were sliding Friday.

Eric Anderson, 13, of 198 Mountain Road, and his two companions, John Cronin, 13, and Jeffrey Cronin, 9, of 197 Mountain Road, said they were frightened for a few moments after they spotted a strange object in the sky.

Eric said the trio had been sliding in his backyard late Friday afternoon when they noticed what seemed like a "flying saucer" in the sky to the southwest. They said they could hear a "low roaring sound" coming from the object.

Eric said he and his friends watched the "flying saucer" maneuver in the sky for about half an hour.

"It kept disappearing and then re-appearing," Eric

SPOKANE WASH.

SPOKANE DAILY

CHRONICLE

JAN 22 1981

# UFO spotted in Edwall area

EPHRATA, Wash. — The Grant County Sheriff's Department received an unidentified object report last night from Arlie Eaton of Wenatchee. Eaton reported that he was driving west from Spokane on Highway 28 at about 10:15 p.m., and in the area of Edwall and Reardan he saw a very bright light.

He claims it seemed to be lighting up the ground and at first he believed it to be a jet approaching Spokane for a landing. However, he said, the light remained in one place for a while.

By this time he stopped his car, turned off the lights and got out to observe the light's behavior. He became frightened when the light continued to blaze and returned to his car. The light started moving in a northerly direction until it was out of sight, Eaton said. But as it left he saw two streams of red light trailing behind.

He told the sheriff's office that he will report the sighting to the UFO Research Center in Seattle when he arrives there.

said. "I got a pair of binoculars and we were able to get a better look at it.

"It was round and dark-colored. It had a long tail," Eric said.

"At first we thought it might be an enemy missile. We were kind of scared. But we watched it and nothing happened."

Eric said both his parents and the Cronin boys' parents were somewhat skeptical. But they boys are sure they saw "a real flying saucer."

There have been periodic reports about sightings of unidentified flying objects over Great Hill.

The Seymour police said they had not received any reports about unidentified flying objects.

Eric and John are eighth-grade students at Seymour Middle school. Jeffrey attends fourth grade at Bungay School.

# Hundreds Spot Gigantic UFO As It Cruises Over 2 States

NATIONAL ENQUIRER  
FEB 3 1981

A gigantic UFO with brilliant lights and "windows" cruised the night sky over northern Missouri and Kansas for more than four hours — while hundreds of people including several policemen looked on in awe.

One man saw what appeared to be lighted "windows to a cockpit" and actually photographed them.

People in at least 22 towns saw the UFO last November 18. It was triangular or bullet-shaped, with one red and two very bright white lights, "like head-lights."

The UFO seemed to criss-cross slowly between the two states, was tracked on radar and at one point ejected several glowing objects or "satellites."

But observers were most awed by the UFO's spectacular size.

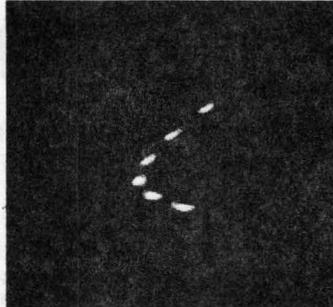
"It was at least as big as a football field," said 42-year-old welder Don Leslie of Milan, Mo.

Roger Bennett of Huntsville, Mo., said, "It was so big it would make a B-52 bomber look like a Piper Cub." He said it was bullet-shaped, "like a big fat cigar."

Bennett, 40, told The ENQUIRER:

"It was traveling very high from east to west. When it got almost directly overhead, you could hear a faint rumbling.

"Just before the object disappeared above some clouds, it ejected about six smaller objects in a burst, kind of fan-shaped. Some went straight



**NIGHTTIME** photo of UFO taken by Rick Hull reveals triangular shape. Map shows area where most sightings were made.



out, some went north and some went south."

Randy Hayes, 26, a truck driver, said the UFO "looked like it was dropping satellites. They were round and had sort of a bluish glow." The cigar-shaped object was so big, he added, "it blocked out some of the stars."

Rick Hull's photograph of the object shows a triangular-shaped arrangement of lights.

"I'm taking a photography class at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville and carry a camera in my car," he said.

He and a friend were downtown in Trenton, Mo., when they spotted the UFO, with its two big white lights, around 8:15 p.m.

"By the time I got the camera out," said Hull, "the object was moving toward us and I shot one picture with the flash. All of a sudden the two big lights went out."

Hull said the UFO seemed to make a banking maneuver,

revealing what appeared to be lights shining out of "windows to a cockpit."

He told The ENQUIRER: "I shot a picture of that, and it was the only shot (out of eight) that turned out."

Buddy Hannaford, a 36-year-old Trenton music teacher, also saw the "cockpit" with its lights: "They were like cabin lights, like lights coming out of the windows of an airplane."

Hannaford's wife, Karla, watched the UFO through binoculars: "It was delta or triangular-shaped, with two bright lights and a red beacon light on the underside. It passed right over our house."

An ENQUIRER check with military bases in the area showed no air activity that could have accounted for the sightings.

Franklin West, a technician at a Federal Aviation Administration installation north of Kirksville, Mo., saw the object on his radar scope.

"It went through the area four or five times," he said. "I estimated its speed at about 45 miles per hour. I'm not saying it was a flying saucer. I am saying it was an unidentified flying object (UFO) because I couldn't identify it."

Said a local newspaper reporter, Hank Janssen of Kirksville: "Literally hundreds of people saw the object. It was flying so slowly it was there for anybody to see."

Adair County Sheriff's Deputy Charles Cooper, one of at least a dozen policemen who saw the object, said he was amazed at its movement: "It went in the opposite direction without turning around."

Missouri Highway Patrolman Bob Lober said he thought the object was a helicopter — until it flew backwards: "I don't know of any helicopter that will fly backwards."

Added fellow Highway Patrolman Mike Leavene: "I've never seen anything like it before."

## Mountman's strange sightings over bay

THREE YEARS AFTER he first spotted what he believed to be a "UFO" over Mounts Bay, an experienced "Mountman" has seen the object again.

No one can doubt Mr. John Mathew's knowledge of the Mounts Bay scene: He knows its changing seasons and skies, colours and moods like the back of his hand. He has watched them throughout this century, for he was born and bred on the Mount.

His first sighting of the "bright, orangey yellow lights" was in July 1977. He saw it several times in August and September, and that was the last he saw of them until last month.

Mr. Mathews (81), who often watched the stars when he lived on the Mount, said: "If it had been a star it would appear to go to the west but in this case the object was going in an easterly direction."

His wife, Doris (78) has also seen the collection of lights, assembled in the shape of a round-bottomed cone. The light at the tip of the cone is larger and brighter than the rest, as is the light at the top right-hand side on the rounded bottom.

The couple set up their telescope to look at the object, but the light was very strong and hurt their eyes. "When we saw it through the telescope the light was too fierce" said Mrs. Mathews.

Mr. Mathews said that he had had no training as an observer except for necessary training he was taught in the Fifth Army in the St. Quentin Sector during the First World War.

### WAR SERVICE

While he was serving in the war, he was wounded in the right leg, and captured in March 1918 at the start of the "great offensive" in France. He was taken to Stargard prisoner-of-war camp, and later to Aldam camp.

After the war it was only natural for him to return to the Mount to recuperate and follow in the footsteps of his father and work for Lord St. Levan.

His father was postman and policeman there and Mr. Mathews

continued as postman and harbour master among several other duties, which included church warden and auxiliary coastguard. But one duty he will always be remembered for was when he regularly rang the six bells in the castle which are now electrically controlled.

Mr. Mathews commented that the community life in his day was far different. For many years the small harbour village community comprised three or four families and, he added, the Mount was only open on certain days.

The harbour welcomed more than pleasure boats as well. As a thriving port, many schooner ships docked and unloaded cargo which would then be taken to the mainland by horse and wagon when the tide was low.

Mr. Mathews retired from his duties on the Mount in 1963, and he moved with his wife to their cottage, Jon Dar, Green Lane, Marazion, and from there he still holds a strong link with his greatest interest, sailing.

Now, as a rear commodore of Mounts Bay Sailing Club, he remembers the day that he would sail across to the Isles of Scilly and race with the Mounts Bay Jolly boats.

He modestly tells of the time, when he sailed in his boat, "Mount Lily," the inter-club cup left the Scillies three times and he took it twice.

This down to earth couple now consider their sightings as "those lights again," but all the same, Mr. Mathews comments that it was strange that the same object they spotted three years ago should suddenly appear again on more than one occasion.

## UFO sighted on top of mountain

MORE than twenty workers at a Rogerstone factory last week saw a UFO rest on Twyn Barlwm mountain and glow a brilliant white.

The object was spotted first by Mr. Arthur Moore, 63, of Park Avenue, Ty-Isaf, Ponty-mister, who was on the roof for fresh air at the Avana factory, where he works as a mixer.

"A black cloud came over Twyn Barlwm, and when it cleared there was a massive, white, oblong object resting on the ground. It was like a double-decker bus," he said.

### Prominent

He saw the object at 7.15 a.m., and it was positioned just to the right of the ancient encampment which forms a prominent hump on the mountain.

It glowed a vivid white, blended into the background, then got bigger again, he said.

Mr. Moore told his work-mates, who disbelieved him at first. But they saw it too.

Mr. Les Brown, another employee, described the object as a silver, oval dome made of aluminium.

The object disappeared completely at 10.45 a.m.

Twyn Barlwm is steeped in folk-lore. Ghostly organ music is supposed to float down the mountainside in certain weather conditions.

Legend has it that one child who followed the music was never seen again.

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### Did Kirton brothers see UFO?

A BRIGHT orange light in the sky has proved a poser to Kirton brothers, John and Mark Eccles.

For they saw the light suspended in mid air as they travelled home from Scawby one night.

John, 21, a student at Liverpool Polytechnic was driving with his brother on September 13 about 10.10 pm when they saw the light as they approached the cement works crossroads outside Kirton.

"A bright orange light, similar to a sodium street light, appeared above the trees beyond the quarry on the left side of the road. By the time we'd passed the bushes beyond the crossroads it had disappeared," said John.

As they approached Kirton it reappeared about 100 feet above the centre of the last field on the left of the road before the first houses of the town.

"After switching off the engine I got out of the car. The light appeared again and seemed to swivel slightly, moving very slowly towards us," John said.

After about 20 seconds the light went out again, leaving John and Mark quite mystified. There was no noise so it was definitely not a propelled aircraft.

"We hadn't been drinking and we aren't UFO fans," said John. "I've been thinking about it a lot and the only thing it can be is a UFO."

Now he would like to hear from anyone who can suggest an explanation or who also noticed something on that night.

Contact him at Laburnum House, Northcliffe Road, Kirton.

## Ashford sightings involved

# Scientist has new UFO twist

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Editor's note:

*The following story is an exclusive to the Dispatch, and stems from the UFO sightings in the South Pierce County area last winter. Dr. M.A. Persinger, Ph. D., has developed a new theory that may be a possible explanation for last winter's sightings. Persinger is a reputable scientist and a full professor of the Neuroscience Laboratory of the Department of Psychology at Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. Laurentian University is a division of the University of Ontario. The Dispatch is reporting his theory, and does not necessarily agree or disagree with it.*

*by Nancy E. Reynolds*

Several sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) occurred last winter. Some residents of Ashford, Elbe and Lewis County said they saw some strange lights in that area. They described these UFOs as bright, multi-colored lights which moved at rapid speeds. Half a dozen other sightings were also made near Centralia and Chehalis.

One new theory to explain these UFOs comes from a professor of psychology at Laurentian University in Ontario, Canada. Dr. M.A. Persinger has suggested that the unusual lights may be caused by the forces that are associated with the earth's crustal strain that precedes earthquakes. The layman's term is earthquake lightning.

That straining of the rock structure beneath the earth's surface produces fields of electricity that are a few feet wide, and last only a few minutes. These electromagnetic fields can occur several times per week within a radius of a few miles. However, once an earth tremor has occurred, things quiet down according to Persinger's theory.

Persinger said that those electromagnetic fields show up as lights. The two different kinds of lights are those that are high in the air, are blue-white in color and are star-like. The other kind is close to the ground, is multi-colored and has varying textures.



*Earthquake lightning may be an explanation for the UFO sightings made in the Ashford area last winter. Several local residents said*

*they saw strange lights which seemed to follow them for a distance.*

He described those lights as balls of plasma — a dense, ionized combination of matter similar to the sun. During an active period of earth movement, such as the strains caused before the eruption of Mt. St. Helens, the UFO sightings may continue for a long period of time.

Besides strange lights showing up, the electromagnetic fields may have other effects. As the earth strain before the earthquake increases, the electrical surges may cause other

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phenomena such as tingling sensations and a slight loss of memory.

Other occurrences that Persinger said might be related to the electromagnetic fields include light bulb failures, people reporting greater irritability, more frequent cases of flu and general lethargy.

When Persinger learned of the sightings around the Ashford area, his assistant, Lynn Suess, visited the region with a questionnaire to discover how many people had experienced any of these happenings.

After analyzing the questionnaires, Persinger said the findings showed that during and before the frequent report of odd lights in the winter of 1979-80, people reported more flu, irritability and lethargy. A trend of more animal deformities was also noted.

He added that these events were more common in the area that was associated with the most recent episodes of UFO reports.

Describing the relationship between earthquakes and UFO sightings, Persinger said that the UFO reports become more frequent one to six months before the increase in earthquake activity. He added that the multi-colored lights usually appear along river beds, local fault lines or other sources of charge conduction. They may also appear near high tension wires, conductors on hills, edges of cliffs or mountain tops.

The movement of the lights, he said, will be along the arrangement of these local features while their color will reflect the energy involved.

At the present time, Persinger said that hundreds of different statistical analyses indicate that about 50 percent of all likely UFO reports in the country that are not hoaxes or due to routine objects are associated with increase in later earthquake activity.

He added that usually the intensity

of these earthquakes are not very noticeable, but the number of times they occur increases.

Persinger said that his "explanation is still in the theoretical stage but the same pattern keeps showing up. We're looking at a new concept a concept which is new in terms of scope."

He added that the sightings of these UFO luminosities have occurred for centuries, and have been called "odd comets", "strange meteorites" or even "angels". But the pattern of these occurrences have been "conspicuously similar," Persinger said.

"Perhaps with sufficient data and numerical analyses, the prediction and understanding of these strange events will be possible," he said.

He added that the date collected in Ashford before the Mt. St. Helens eruption has been an important contribution in his research.

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## Was this UFO from another world?

Sir — On Wednesday night, October 29/30, at about 12.30 a.m. to 12.40 a.m., I saw from my home what appeared to me to be the lights of a plane. What was surprising was that, whatever it was, also appeared to be stationary, bringing me to the conclusion that it was travelling away from me in a straight line. However, the direction — towards St. Helens — is not a regular route.

I watched the object for over half-an-hour, possibly an hour, realising that it was gradually becoming smaller until it looked like a very bright star in the sky. In fact, it occurred to me that had I not seen it at closer range, this is what I should have supposed it was.

The colour of the lights — it seemed that there were two at the bottom and one at the top of the craft — was blue, but the top light kept changing to red, rather as though it were revolving. As I watched it I marvelled at the clearness of the sky and the distance and length of time that a plane could be seen at night.

On speaking of this later, I was made to realise that I could not have seen a plane for over half-an-hour, whatever the time of day, and that it couldn't have risen higher and higher to the sky unless it were taking off from an airport.

It is possible that there is a rational explanation — I don't believe in visitations from other worlds! Nevertheless, it is something for which I should appreciate an explanation and I should also be interested to know if anyone else saw this.

Whilst I was gazing at it a large aircraft passed in front of it. It was well-lit and appeared to be ready for landing, probably at Ringway. Perhaps some of the crew or passengers saw this blue thing in the sky?

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## UFOs haunt town

UFOs ARE TERRORIZING the residents of a scenic little New Hampshire town. Over 60 sightings in just four years have turned picturesque Hillsboro into a town haunted by flying saucers.

"There are too many coincidences. There's got to be something going on here," said Ronald Ellis, publisher of the Hillsboro Messenger. "It's not someone's imagination because these people are too credible."

Another Hillsboro resident, Robert Giglio, 51, believes the saucers operate from a base near the town.

"There's a pattern to the sightings. Many are large and the same shape. And they make no noise. But the most unusual thing is that so many people have seen them so

close," Giglio said.

Mysterious red lights are one of the most common types of UFOs seen. And brightly-colored cylindrical objects have come considerably closer and even landed on lonely mountain roads late at night.

### Saucer

A young couple spotted a saucer at treetop level one night last winter.

"It was yellowish-blue and looked like a giant Contac capsule standing on end," reported Billy Gould.

The capsule hovered above them making a humming noise and, just as suddenly, accelerated and disappeared quickly.

Police officers and other Hillsboro authorities have sighted glowing lights and strangely-shaped craft on different occasions.

Giglio took photos of a strange light that experts declared were authentic.

"I think we need a federal investigation of these sightings," said Giglio. "Why would anything from outer space want to come down here? There are no mineral deposits or military bases. They can hover over more interesting areas."

# Let's have truth about UFOs

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By **STEVE DIEFFENBACHER**  
Observer Staff Writer

I've always thought of myself as a reasonably open-minded person.

After all, in my line of work, it comes with the territory. One of the abiding principles of journalism is that a reporter should be able to approach any topic without prejudice.

That means temporarily adopting that "willing suspension of disbelief" I call objectivity.

Obviously, some topics make this more difficult than others.

When you start talking about UFOs, extra-sensory perception, out-of-body experiences, human auras and faith healing, you begin treading in areas which put a strain on human credulity.

Nevertheless, I'm not so parochial that I dismiss such phenomena out of hand just because some of it defies empirical fact.

As far as I'm concerned the sheer weight of probability makes it likely that extra-terrestrial intelligences exist — somewhere. And I have experienced an admittedly small-scale example of altered consciousness myself, which makes it hard for me to deny such things are possible.

Anyone who jogs a great deal has felt it — that a sense of peace and closeness with your own body and the world, called the third wind.

In addition, some of my most enjoyable leisure time reading has involved that most open-ended of literary forms, science fiction.

I have been interested in the UFO phenomenon for years, have several books on the subject and keep a file at work labeled, "Cults, UFOs and Other Strange Phenomena."

The file contains everything from a reasonably bland article about Halley's Comet coming in

## Local focus

1986, to accounts of UFO sightings and the People's Temple Cult.

But there's a big difference between open-mindedness and gullibility.

The forum held two weekends ago at Eastern Oregon State College on UFOs, Kirlian photography, acucharge and pyramid energy was a case in point.

A good deal of the information presented there was intriguing, thought-provoking, even convincing.

But when you hear an account, like Ed Palmer's trip to the moon, you can't help but chuckle. Palmer claims to have been taken to the moon by a UFO in 1969. His pilot looked like actor Leslie Howard, one of the stars in "Gone With the Wind." Palmer claims the man greeted him with a "Hello, Ed," and then said "have a chair."

Palmer descended, to the moon through a water-filled crater, a fact which should fascinate astronomers, since they have long believed the moon has neither an atmosphere nor surface water.

While there, he took a tour of a factory which produces technological equipment, run by a man from Los Angeles called Hamilton.

He saw women, children and was told there are 85,000 people living on the moon.

Palmer claims he has occasional mental contact with the UFO people to this day. He has learned that they have ships which can break up huge chunks of space debris and have equipment to weld the earth's fault lines together.

L.A., in fact, would have fallen into the ocean years ago if it

hadn't been for their generosity in doing just that, Palmer says.

It's hard not to like people like Palmer, in spite of what they say. They seem so sincere, you feel a betrayal of trust in doubting them. The trouble is that they seem to be into everything beyond the pale of our everyday life, not just UFOs.

They see ESP, out-of-body states, faith healing, Eastern forms of meditation, fortune telling, and natural cataclysms as all part of the same thing.

Somehow, it's all connected with the eventual dawning of a new age of love and peace to be ushered in by UFOs, they say.

Unfortunately, this otherworldly attitude has a way of degrading the more believable claims they make.

Wayne Aho of Portland, for instance, comes across as a thoughtful, reasonable man.

He says he was in Army intelligence during World War II, a job which undoubtedly required a discerning mind.

And his account of a close encounter, has the ring of truth. He says he met the vehicle on the Mojave Desert, walked two miles to its landing spot and went through a mental experience he likens to an "initiation."

He was in constant mental contact with the beings running the ship, but saw no one.

Walt Leonard's account also has the aura of truth. Leonard, a La Grande man, was serving aboard a Coast Guard cutter in the northern Pacific when he and another off-duty seaman saw a cigar-shaped vehicle with a blue-white halo around it.

Leonard says he got to the bridge as fast as he could and asked the radar operator if he could see it on the screen. The man said he was tracking four jets, but also was tracking a large object he couldn't identify.

Quick calculations by the

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operator revealed that the vehicle was over 400 feet long. It hovered momentarily, then seconds later flew off the screen at a speed of about 2,000 miles an hour, Leonard says.

It was Leonard's second UFO sighting. While at a Coast Guard air station in Salem he saw three oval-shaped vehicles in a V formation. A station photographer was on hand and took photographs of the phenomenon, which were printed in a Guard publication, Leonard says.

The first incident occurred after World War II at night, the second during the war in the daytime.

Such incidents provide food for thought.

Sadly, UFO enthusiasts bring them all into question by their blind acceptance of accounts like Palmer's which are just too far-fetched to be believed.

By emphasizing the more plausible experiences and adopting a discerning attitude, such enthusiasts are far more likely to find a receptive audience for what most of us want — full disclosure about the phenomena.

I sincerely believe most Americans want to know the truth. Obviously, something has been invading our skies on a regular basis since the dawn of the atomic age and perhaps since the dawn of time itself. There have been too many sightings for the phenomena to be ignored.

But a healthy skepticism is needed to separate the true from the imagined, something an increasing number of UFO researchers are fortunately beginning to realize.

If such discernment seems unfair, let me state clearly, that I, as much as anyone else, would like to see the truth be known.

After all, it could be the biggest story of my life.

We are not alone . . . Unidentified Flying Objects have been buzzing Barnsley for years. Local folk have spotted numerous strange objects and lights floating above the Barnsley skyline. A UFO is even alleged to have landed on the fairway of Barnsley Golf Club. Trouble is though, the flying-saucer rush-hour tends to be around midnight. And that's just when us Earthlings are wending our way home from pubs and clubs. This makes alcohol and its Pink Elephant effect the stock excuse trundled out to explain lights in the sky.

This one-over-the-eight theory was used when four local men had a close encounter at the golf club 15 years ago.

Four men turned out of a local pub and were walking by the course at around 11.30 p.m. They saw an object about 20 to 30 feet across come out of the sky and gently land on the course.

On closer observation, it turned out to be of the dome shaped variety beloved of cartoonists, and after lingering for a while took off and headed for the heavens. The men went to the police, but the bemused sergeant told them they had drunk too much in the pub and said he was not going to fill in a report sheet for anything so "stupid".

Yet the men claim to have been later visited by a group of people whose identity they still don't know. They were interviewed individually and can only presume the police passed on the tip-off.

More recent sightings include:-

\*October 1977, Wortley. A bright light seen from Stockbridge heading over Wortley towards Barnsley.

\*January 1, 1979, Wath. New Year's Eve revellers out in early hours of morning spot luminous silver cigar-shaped starship hovering over Barnsley Road, Wath. The ship was a little bigger than a hand at arms length (the approved method for gauging size) and was surrounded by a battery of coloured lesser lights. After a while it picked-up the lights and moved off.

\*April 1980, 4 a.m., Darton. A bright red light is stationary in the clear night sky for five minutes before describing a circle of two to three miles diameter.

\*August 26, 1980, 3 a.m., Kendray. A man taking his alsatian for an early morning stroll to a cigarette machine is confronted by a large dusty red saucer-shaped object hovering 50 feet above houses. His alsatian, normally a fearless beast, bolted and covered in the distance.

Local sightings are logged by the Aetherius Society whose local H.Q. is in the old police station at Birdwell.

"We believe that some of the things which are seen are in fact craft intelligently-guided which are here to try and help us," said branch organiser Paul White.

"We believe, with quite good evidence, that there has been an official sitting-on of the subject in this country — a cover-up.

Some of the aerospace experts explanations for flying saucers have included:

—Earth's own satellites basking in sunlight above the Earth after the terrestrial dusk; the landing lights of jets; escaped weather balloons; car headlights on low clouds and flocks of geese reflecting the sunlight.

"One of the classic put-downs," says Mr. White, "came after a New Zealand sighting a couple of years ago, when a newsreel team captured a bright object on film. It was variously explained as Venus, Jupiter and a flock of mutton birds coming in to mate.

"Yet three independent radar sets tracked them at 10,000 miles an hour. They must have been pretty desperate in their mating!"

Watch out when you're down in the pub tonight playing on the space invaders. Glance over your shoulder now and then. We are not alone.

Have you seen a UFO? The Aetherius Society would like to hear from you. They collate sightings in the Barnsley area and will treat all reports in confidence. Contact Barnsley branch organiser Mr. Paul White, 350 Sheffield Road, Birdwell, Barnsley. Telephone Barnsley 744650. The society are also chairing a public debate on UFO's in the Central Library, Shambles Street, Barnsley, on December 9.

# UFOs are sent by God to save mankind, say experts

By CLIFF LINEDECKER

After an in-depth, four-year study experts have revealed that angels are piloting UFOs, and their mission is to save mankind from destroying itself in a horrifying nuclear war.

Respected scientist and UFO investigator John Paul Oswald told The NEWS: "There is no doubt that the final holocaust is near, and that is why angels are already spying on our doomed race.

"It is the only way to explain the UFO phenomenon . . . that they are here, preparing for the second coming of Christ."

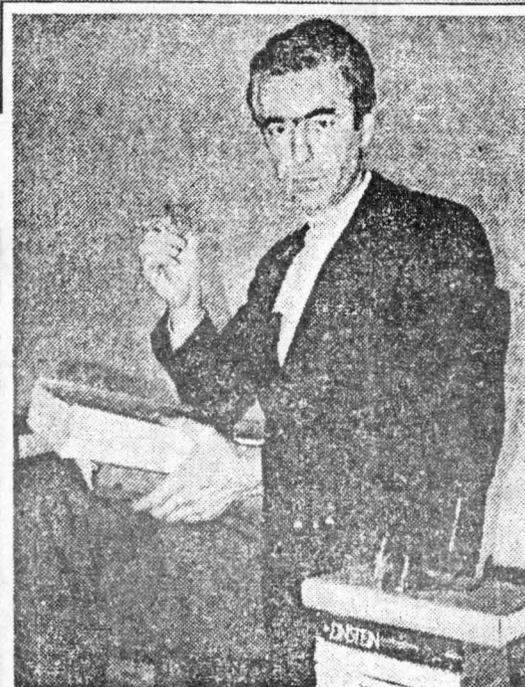
The Hampton, N.H., chemist and also former investigator with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) spent four years preparing an in-depth 525-page thesis which he claims proves the angelic nature of UFOs.

Other investigators and scientists are in total agreement with Oswald.

"I agree that UFOs are piloted by the angels of God," said Dr. Barry Downing, pastor of the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Endwell, N.Y., and author of "The Bible and Flying Saucers."

"We should all hope that God and his angels are watching over us."

But inventor-evangelist and UFO expert Thomas Norvin



John Oswald, above, says UFOs are flown by angels. At left is a 14th century wall painting, discovered in Yugoslavia, which shows UFOs piloted by what looks like angels.

Ferwerda goes further. He said that the angel-controlled UFOs will invade earth by 1982, and impose God's peace and justice.

"Man must turn away from war and bitter economic and political strife right now, or suffer the consequences of an invasion by God's army from outer space," he warned.

John Oswald said the angelic forces are keeping close watch on U.S. military installations

and missile sites. "UFO activity in my own area of the northeast United States is among the busiest in the world," he said. Pease Air Force Base, part of Strategic Air Command, is one of the most closely monitored facilities of all, since the 509th Bomber Wing — the air group that dropped the A-bombs on Japan — arrived there in 1966.

"In the years since the arrival of the 509th, there has been in-

tense UFO activity in this area, and the reason is simple — the angels are getting ready to intervene in a nuclear war."

Oswald said he is convinced humans will start the war, and the angelic army will end it.

He said references to "the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night" in the Old Testament is evidence of previous angelic intervention in human events. The pillar cloud of

fire, he said, was strikingly similar to "an aircraft carrier or UFO mother ship.

"It's obvious," he said, "that angels were here before, and will be here again, and soon.

"There is all this nuclear war machinery, the big population boom, the shortage of fuel — all these problems are coming to a head. It's coming. And it will be the ultimate event in human history."

# U.F.O. sighted in Clifton area by

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A number of responsible people in the Clifton area reported seeing an unidentified flying object Wednesday night, December 10, 1980, as was announced by the Eastern Arizona Courier.

The object in the sky on Wednesday night—whatever it was—was seen by scores of area residents. Unlike other 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, heading 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 jetlike sound, but it definitely was not a jet," she concluded.

This recent of the sighting tallied

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 a more of a distance. The configuration of lights of 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 longtime 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 they seemed to be in tandem, like a chase, but there was no variance in the distance between them. Then, at one point, the direction

with that of four 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 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 Metcalf 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

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 it 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.

## WORLD OF THE UNUSUAL

### Space creature's dazzling visit bewilders farm couple

A visitor from outer space terrified a farm couple — then disappeared in a blinding flash aboard a UFO.

The astounding incident was reported by Gail and Robert Reed who live in rural Waukomia, Okla.

Gail says the night of the strange encounter she and her husband were jarred awake after both had identical dreams — of a strange man standing over their bed.

They said their farm animals were making an awful racket and when they went outside to investigate they saw a bright light flashing in the sky. Suddenly, they said, there was a brilliant flash that lit up the interior of their home and the light in the sky shot away and vanished.

Police and Air Force officials were unable to explain the UFO.

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WORLD NEWS  
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# Residents PAGE ONE sight three more UFOs

There have been three more UFO sightings by Payson area residents since Gila County Sheriff's Deputy Loyce Hamlin reported seeing "four shiny disks" over Payson on Jan. 6.

Two of the new sightings occurred on the evening and night of the same day as Hamlin's observation, although the phenomena described seemed to be of a different nature.

The most recent sighting, reported on Wednesday, Jan. 14, had features reminiscent of Hamlin's observation.

Around 8 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 6, painting contractor Bud Farmer was sitting out on the porch of his home in Diamond Shadows east of Star Valley, when he noticed "a fireball, four times as big as the biggest falling star, and with no sparks"  
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and no tail" appear in the night sky northeast of the Diamond Point lookout.

Farmer said that he watched it for two or three seconds--during which time it appeared to be moving away from him, heading east--and then it "completely went out."

Farmer continued sitting on the porch for ten to 15 minutes, and had "practically forgot about it," when the light reappeared somewhat to the right of where he had seen it earlier.

"It looked erratic--going slow and fast--like it was on a zigzag course," said Farmer.

The object made three or four small zigzags, then suddenly made a sharp right turn, going south, and its speed "increased tremendously" as it went horizontally to the ground.

This lasted a couple of seconds, and then it went out again.

What convinced Farmer that it was not a jetliner was that final horizontal burst and the fact that "there was no noise at all."

Later, at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, Diana Iles, a student at Payson Junior High, was riding as a

passenger in a diesel on its way to Phoenix, when "somewhere in the vicinity of the Verde River Bridge on Highway 87" she saw "lights and stuff" appearing in different places of the sky.

Iles related that there were more than two or three lights, whose exact coloration she could not determine, and that they appeared two or three times, for a total observation period of about five minutes.

Iles said, "They were going pretty fast, up towards Payson."

Last Wednesday, at around 8 a.m., Tommie Woolwine, a secretary at Phil White Chevrolet, and her two sons and nephew were on their way to town on Highway 87 from Oxbow Estates when "coming from west to east" she saw "two objects flying one on top of the other."

The total observation lasted "about 30 to 40 seconds" and the objects "gave an impression that they were moving slowly, but must have been moving very fast, because we didn't see them for very long."

# AS I SEE IT

By The Editor

Residents of Mount Union in recent weeks have sighted some very strange unidentified flying objects in recent weeks-- called UFO's by some. A very extensive report of the sightings was carried in the January 14 issue of *The Valley Log* at Orbisonia, Pa.

Some people of that area have seen the UFO's as often as five times. The glowing object, which flies rapidly and is described as triangle shaped, makes no noise but moves quickly back and forth and up and down. Those seeing it have become quite excited and even the Mt. Union police no longer believe it is a prank.

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BROAD TOP BULLETIN  
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There are rumors that the same phenomenon has been seen in the Broad Top area in recent weeks. We cannot conform or deny these reports but the Bulletin would like to hear from any area residents who believe they witnessed these lights in the night sky.

Some years ago I heard a tale about a strange flying object that followed a car that was traveling between Robertsdale and Broad Top City; also a similar tale of one landing in a field where residents found the grass burned the next morning. Most of us pass these stories off as products of an active imagination.

But are they? You always wonder about their validity. When a great many people see the same thing, as they did in Mt. Union, then it is worth looking into.

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# Hundreds Spot Gigantic UFO As It Cruises Over 2 States

A gigantic UFO with brilliant lights and "windows" cruised the night sky over northern Missouri and Kansas for more than four hours — while hundreds of people including several policemen looked on in awe.

One man saw what appeared to be lighted "windows to a cockpit" and actually photographed them.

People in at least 22 towns saw the UFO last November 18. It was triangular or bullet-shaped, with one red and two very bright white lights, "like head-lights."

The UFO seemed to criss-cross slowly between the two states, was tracked on radar and at one point ejected several glowing objects or "satellites."

But observers were most awed by the UFO's spectacular size.

"It was at least as big as a football field," said 42-year-old welder Don Leslie of Milan, Mo.

Roger Bennett of Huntsville, Mo., said, "It was so big it would make a B-52 bomber look like a Piper Cub." He said it was bullet-shaped, "like a big fat cigar."

Bennett, 40, told The ENQUIRER:

"It was traveling very high from east to west. When it got almost directly overhead, you could hear a faint rumbling.

"Just before the object disappeared above some clouds, it ejected about six smaller objects in a burst, kind of fan-shaped. Some went straight

out, some went north and some went south."

Randy Hayes, 26, a truck driver, said the UFO "looked like it was dropping satellites. They were round and had sort of a bluish glow." The cigar-shaped object was so big, he added, "it blocked out some of the stars."

Rick Hull's photograph of the object shows a triangular-shaped arrangement of lights.

"I'm taking a photography class at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville and carry a camera in my car," he said.

He and a friend were downtown in Trenton, Mo., when they spotted the UFO, with its two big white lights, around 8:15 p.m.

"By the time I got the camera out," said Hull, "the object was moving toward us and I shot one picture with the flash. All of a sudden the two big lights went out."

Hull said the UFO seemed to make a banking maneuver,

revealing what appeared to be lights shining out of "windows to a cockpit."

He told The ENQUIRER: "I shot a picture of that, and it was the only shot (out of eight) that turned out."

Buddy Hannaford, a 36-year-old Trenton music teach-

er, also saw the "cockpit" with its lights: "They were like cabin lights, like lights coming out of the windows of an airplane."

Hannaford's wife, Karla, watched the UFO through binoculars: "It was delta or triangular-shaped, with two



**NIGHTTIME** photo of UFO taken by Rick Hull reveals triangular shape. Map shows area where most sightings were made.



bright lights and a red beacon light on the underside. It passed right over our house."

An ENQUIRER check with military bases in the area showed no air activity that could have accounted for the sightings.

Franklin West, a technician at a Federal Aviation Administration installation north of Kirksville, Mo., saw the object on his radar scope.

"It went through the area four or five times," he said. "I estimated its speed at about 45 miles per hour. I'm not saying it was a flying saucer. I am saying it was an unidentified flying object (UFO) because I couldn't identify it."

Said a local newspaper reporter, Hank Janssen of Kirksville: "Literally hundreds of people saw the object. It was flying so slowly it was there for anybody to see."

Adair County Sheriff's Deputy Charles Cooper, one of at least a dozen policemen who saw the object, said he was amazed at its movement: "It went in the opposite direction without turning around."

Missouri Highway Patrolman Bob Lober said he thought the object was a helicopter — until it flew backwards: "I don't know of any helicopter that will fly backwards."

Added fellow Highway Patrolman Mike Leavene: "I've never seen anything like it before."

— BOB PRATT



**THEY SAW IT:** Rick Hull shows how he photographed UFO as Jerry Holloway and Stephen Palmer (pointing) look at where the sighting happened.

# LV Airplane Downed By UFO

By CHRIS WOODYA **FRONT PAGE**  
SUN Staff Writer

A Las Vegas pilot and his teenage passenger escaped uninjured Thursday after a midair collision with an unidentified object that ripped off part of the right wing and sent their plane into an uncontrollable spin.

After his plane struck the object at an altitude of 5,000 feet, pilot Ronnie Freeman nursed his crippled single-

engine Cessna 172 back to North Las Vegas Airport where he made an emergency landing at about 3:30 p.m.

The object — striking with such force that it almost ripped off the wing — remained a mystery.

"I think it was a missile," Freeman said. The object appeared as "just a streak" as it fell past the nose of the plane.

A Nellis Air Force Base spokesman said there were no Nellis-based aircraft or missiles anywhere in the area at the time of the accident. The spokesman added that Air Force jets enroute to the test range rarely approach the area.

Air controllers at McCarran International and North Las Vegas airport controllers said they are baffled as to the cause of the collision. They said a formal investigation will be launched.

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Freeman, 34, a pilot for Omni Airlines, said he was taking a pleasure flight in his own aircraft with a 18-year-old friend who had never flown before.

Flying conditions were perfect. The accident took place two miles west of Lone Mountain, about six miles northwest of North Las Vegas Airport, Freeman explained.

As soon as the object hit, "There was a lot of disbelief, but mainly I was trying to maintain control," he said. The plane spiraled 3,000 feet downward because of wing damage before Freeman stabilized the reeling aircraft.

He said he immediately radioed North Las Vegas Airport tower, explaining he had

a midair collision and requesting emergency crews to meet him when he landed. He said other than one engine failure, he has never had a similar emergency.

"It hit so hard I was surprised the wing didn't come off. I didn't know how it stayed on," Freeman said when reached at his home after the collision.

"God just didn't want me to die."

The North Las Vegas Airport is not equipped with radar, but controller team supervisor Bud Larsen said that a call was immediately placed to Palmdale's regional facility for radar emergency response and no other aircraft were reporting any airborne incidents.

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# UFO county, USA

IN MOST rural communities, the appearance of a UFO causes gasps of amazement, but not in Anderson County in western South Carolina.

UFO reports only produce yawns from Anderson's good citizens. There have been so many sightings in the region that the area has been nicknamed "Flying Saucer County" by local folks.

Anderson County has been the target of all sorts of alien craft, according to reports — cigar-shaped, disc-type and even huge glowing balls. The mysterious objects travel slowly, quickly, up, down and even hover overhead!

Here are just a few of the eyewitness reports from Anderson County:

● October 1975, Seneca S.C. Alvin and Brenda Land spot three glowing objects flying in formation in the night sky. The three objects suddenly separate and regroup at lightning speed! The Lands are shaken

by the experience. The same three objects are later witnessed flying over Massachusetts by police.

● November 1975, Williamtown, S.C. Janice Mullnax, area resident, spots a glowing UFO which disappears into a nearby forest.

● January, 1976, the junction of Interstate 85 and S.C. Route 24. Three persons spot a zigzagging UFO, flashing with colored lights. It rises straight up in the air.

● January, 1976, Norris, S.C. Two policemen spot a rapidly moving red-colored UFO flying 150 feet above the ground.

● August, 1977, near S.C. route 287. Four residents see a "saucer" brightly lit and traveling across the night sky.



● Anderson County is a target for UFOS

## 'Never Seen Anything Like It'

# Strange Craft Sighted in Culpeper

By RICHARD PRIOR  
of The Progress Staff

RACCOON FORD — Though they can't say which kind, several inhabitants of this community in southern Culpeper County are sure they had a close encounter Tuesday night.

Well, maybe.

"There was just a bunch of damn lights that flooded down," said Ronnie Norman. "I've never seen anything like it."

"They were like big, red glowing torches," said Wanda Deese. "They glowed out there for a while, then everything went black for about 45 minutes or an hour when they came back on again.

"Then it went up, came back down once and went up again and disappeared."

"They looked like balls of floating fire," said Robert Lane. "There was no real pattern to them; but they stayed in one area as it glided down.

"You could see all the trees lighting up over there, and when it left, it didn't really take off. It just sort of disappeared."

Around 6:30 p.m. last Tuesday, as Lane was leaving the E.V. Baker Store on Rt. 522 about three-quarters of a mile from his home, he first saw the formation of lights approaching.

After he arrived at the house, he called Norman to the kitchen window and phoned his neighbor, Mrs. Deese, telling her to look out on the sprawling alfalfa field about a quarter mile away.

Although it was too dark for them to make out a definite shape, all three adamantly assert that what they saw was a spaceship.

There is some debate, however, on whether the craft left any trace when it dropped into the neighborhood.

Pointing to a symmetrical, circular patch of field that appears to have been burned, John DeVivi maintains that the 14-foot-in-diameter section of "clover" is the spot where the craft touched down.

DeVivi, a photographer from Orange, had been taken to the scene Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Deese. He also called out a representative from the Civil Air Patrol, who he said felt there was enough evidence to warrant a more complete investigation.

"He's trying to contact his superiors, so it's up in the air right now and I don't know what they're going to do," DeVivi said.

Although Lane, who said he has worked in horticulture for five years, firmly believes what he saw was a spaceship, he said the parcel of land DeVivi pointed out was not clover, but instead a stand of black-eyed susans, and the discoloration "is just the way they die."

Each of the witnesses, which also included Mrs. Deese's husband, Wayne, are not only positive they saw a spaceship touch down and take off, but the incident made a definite impact on them all.

"Wayne wanted to walk up there and see what it was, but I wouldn't let him," said Mrs. Deese. "I was scared to let him do it. Plus I was scared to stay in the house by myself."

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## 2 pilots report UFO menaced their plane

SAN JOSE, Calif. (UPI) — Two Cupertino, Calif., pilots said they had a close encounter with an unidentified flying object in the skies over San Jose Municipal Airport.

The object was about 10 feet in diameter, they said, and emitted a bright red, pulsating light.

The strange object was also seen by two controllers in the airport tower but could not be detected on the radar.

Gary Rounds, 21, who was piloting a rented Cessna 150, and his passenger, Charles Shackelford, 20, also a pilot, said the object appeared to

head straight for their plane Monday night as they were practicing landings and takeoffs.

Air controller Rich Gutterud said the object "was coming right at him. He had to extend upward (climb above) from whatever it was."

"It was really wild," Shackelford said. "First it was in front of us. The next thing we knew it was right behind us."

Gutterud and air controller Randy Blount, who both saw the UFO, said the object followed the plane briefly, hovered, "then it just took off at an extremely high rate of speed."

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## 'Nuff Sed

By Sam

Delayed reaction is not uncommon in this business, whether it be in response to advertising or something else that appeared in print.

One thing we always stressed when we were in the publishing business and sold advertising, was that with a newspaper you can read what the seller states and a week later can go back and re-read it. Advertising is like that; sometimes it takes a while to work on the prospective buyer.

This delayed reaction also takes place in other areas.

Just last week we received a letter from a rancher in the San Simon area who, after reading our story last December about a reported UFO sighting in Clifton, decided to tell us about a similar experience that occurred in 1978. (See what we mean about delayed reaction?)

According to the letter writer, he and his wife saw a craft of some type over their ranch, but never reported it to anyone.

It apparently was extremely large and the viewer even sent us a sketch of what he and his wife reportedly saw, along with permission to forward it on to proper authorities. This we did, sending the letter (after making a copy) and sketch on to the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization in Tucson.

What this writer can't understand is the seeming lack of curiosity on the part of people. If we saw something unexplained like that, it would bug us until we found out just what we were seeing.

Most such things have a logical explanation, but there never seems to be an attempt to take a picture or substantiate it in other ways. The matter just seems to be forgotten and, to us, that doesn't make sense.

By no means are we entirely discounting what people say; our curiosity doesn't allow that. But, we'd give our eye teeth for something concrete to latch onto!

We want to hear about these things and perhaps someday there will be an explanation, so please keep us informed.

WILLCOX ARIZ  
ARIZONA RANGE NEWS  
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## Plane...2...or what?

It was Friday, Dec. 19, when we saw these lights slowly moving east to west across the sky. We had gone over to my mother-in-laws on Stewart St, my husband got out and we stayed in the van.

It was my daughter who first spotted the lights, calling it an airplane. I looked up to see it, I watched it for a few seconds and heard no sounds, so I opened the window to check it out, it still had no sound, but it was slowly moving across the sky, it had as far as we could see some lights (white) in the

back in a row and a couple or so (red) lights in the front. Airplanes usually have red and white lights blinking on and off but as far as we could see these did not blink. I got out of the van to get a better look, but by then it was slowly disappearing. We told my husband about it, he said it was probably two airplanes fueling. So we dropped the idea about it being something other than planes until I read the story of the UFQ in Clifton.

It was my daughter and son and I who saw these lights. Lucy Catano

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## UFO spotted near Edwall

EPHRATA — A bright white light that stood still in the sky near Edwall, west of Reardan, and then sped away in a trail of red lights prompted Arlie Eaton, 136 Marie St., Wenatchee, to report he saw an unidentified flying object Wenesday about 11:30 p.m.

Eaton later stopped on his trip west from Spokane and called the Grant County sheriff's office with the report.

Eaton said he noticed the light as he was driving west on Highway 28 near Edwall, and thought it was probably the lights of a low-flying plane getting ready to land at the Spokane airport.

But the lights stayed still in the air and Eaton stopped his car and got out to take a look.

After observing for a few minutes, he became uneasy, got back into his car and then watched as the UFO speed away in a trail of red lights.

Eaton was advised by the sheriff's office to contact the Federal Aviation Administration about the sighting.

# Two lights 'hovered' in the sky

**MEET MAUREEN - THE WOMAN WHO HAS THE JOB  
OF FOLLOWING UP 'SIGHTINGS'**

THE important thing to remember when discussing UFOs is that we are not necessarily thinking of visitors from other worlds.

Maureen Hall told me that early on in my interview with her at her home in Dartford.

Mrs Hall is a pleasant woman with a lively sense of humour who gives the impression of calm, rather than the air of nervousness I expected to find at my first meeting with someone involved with UFOs.

## Objects

The modern trend being to categorise people, it is the lot of those who concern themselves with such phenomena to be tarred with the epithet "loony."

As long ago as the mid 16th Century, the memorably named Pole, Copernicus, was causing a stir with his theory that the Earth was not the centre of the universe and revolved with the other planets around the sun.

His followers were burned at the stake by in-igniant Popes; and purists will no doubt want to do that to me for mixing astronomy with UFOs but I do so merely to show that opinions

THE number of cuttings in newspaper libraries up and down the country which tell of odd lights in the night sky and incredulous witnesses would fill a large UFO. And for every such report there will probably be four or five different explanations accounting for it.

The nature of UFO business is such that sightings are open to all kinds of theories and it seems relatively easy to put up an argument for or against some kind of aerial phenomena.

In a series of features starting today, NEIL CLEMENTS looks at the UFO issue and talks to some of those involved — the witnesses and the investigators. The UFO Probe begins with an interview with Maureen Hall of Dartford, who has risen to the post of national investigator for a leading UFO organisation.

change as learning advances.

Mrs Hall has recently been made National Investigative Co-ordinator of the British UFO Research Association, a prominent group, and has also been elected to the board of BUFORA, which has become a limited company.

Her involvement with UFO's was forced upon her when she was in her teens.

She saw two objects, a cigar shape and pulsating lights, within two weeks but she didn't follow up the sightings.

"In those days I was only interested in boys and dances," she said.

Then four years ago, while on duty in the part-time police service at Dartford, she saw something else which could not be explained away as an aircraft or heavenly body.

Mrs Hall described how, with another police officer, she watched as two orange lights manoeuvred at treetop height — one hovering while the other caught up, and then moving off together, making no sound.

This was reported and she received a sighting form from BUFORA via the now defunct North West Kent UFO Society.

The form had a section

to be filled in by those wanting to know more, and eventually Mrs Hall became an investigator.

She is quite honest about the title and admits that many people fill in the form in the first flush of excitement after seeing something they can't explain and then, when nothing earth shattering happens, their interest wanes.

There are no actual qualifications required by BUFORA and, as yet, a period as an investigator brings with it no qualifications, just experience of how to handle cases if you stick at it.

Basic courses in subjects such as meteorology are offered as an aid.

## Gnomes

Mrs Hall progressed from local to regional investigation and now holds the brief for nationwide follow-ups.

"If anyone had told me four years ago I would be doing this I would never have believed them. UFOs have changed my life," she declared.

The workload has steadily increased until she now spends about 40 hours a week on BUFORA business.

A spare bedroom at her flat in Hall Road is to be fitted out as an office so that she can file the

reams of reports, manuals and magazines which come with the job which has involved four cases a week.

Her first husband was in the RAF and she says she became familiar with aircraft and during his various tours of duty — knowledge which now has its worth.

Michael, her second husband is not dismissive of his wife's work, as I expected. He says he has also seen a UFO — it was blacker than the night sky and had lights along its oval perimeter.

They both attend interviews with witnesses and during my interview with Mrs Hall, Michael tackled a telephone query from a north country investigator.

Before her interview with the Post, Mrs Hall had been going through a crisis of beliefs, questioning the point of her endeavours.

"I used to have some way out ideas and theories four years ago, such as UFOs under the sea but now, I don't know.

"I began to think UFOs could be inventions of the mind like werewolves or gnomes, but when I get a call like the one I had recently my doubts disappear," she said.

A few days before I

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## TWO LIGHTS HOVERED IN THE SKY

visited Mrs Hall she received a call from a man who works in television and lives in Kent who had a very close encounter of the second kind — face to face with a UFO.

He got her name from his local Citizen's Advice Bureau and telephoned because he said he wanted to record what he had seen.

An account of her interview with the television writer will be given in the next feature in the UFO Probe series.

Mrs Hall makes it clear that investigators cannot afford to have fixed ideas on the nature of the objects they are called on to catalogue.

One case, reported in the Post, involved a family who claimed to have seen a flying object regularly for several days.

They drew an elaborate outline of the mysterious "craft", but it turned out that the family had been witnessing the path of Venus across the sky.

World figures for UFO sightings suggest that 95 per cent of cases can be

attributed to either man-made objects or natural phenomena.

As for the other five per cent, which includes actual meetings with "aliens", there can be no concrete answer.

### Challenge

Mrs Hall says she was once visited by an earthling from the the Ministry of Defence after investigating a case involving dark hexagonal shapes near Chingford in Essex.

"He told me in a polite way to drop it — and I did," she said.

Tomorrow's case featuring the television writer involves a similar shape.

Mrs Hall has issued a challenge to the authorities to come clean on UFOs.

"If anybody will say these are military devices we will drop our investigations, but until then we will continue because there may be the possibility that we are being visited by someone from another place in space or time," she said.

SUNDAY MERCURY BIRMINGHAM  
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# The Janos encounter

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE family were driving home after visiting relatives in Reading on the evening of Monday, June 19, 1978, when they experienced what is known as a "close encounter of the fourth kind".

John and Gloria Mann, of Brockworth, their two daughters and John's sister, were driving into the Oxfordshire village of Stanford-in-the-Vale when a brilliant white light

loomed up ahead of them.

As it approached they began to see what looked like the underside of a massive saucer-shaped object, its undercarriage lit by a circular rim of brilliant coloured lights.

For a while they were to remember little else of the strange evening. But they were puzzled that the familiar drive home took them along a road they had never seen before, lined by tall hedges. And they were equally stunned to discover that they had arrived home an hour later than expected.

Days later they discovered odd bruise marks on their legs, and heat rashes on their skin.

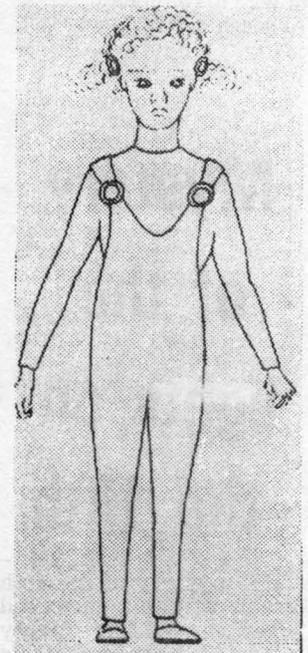
But it was not until John and his sister began to dream of being taken up into a spaceship that they began to think something peculiar had happened.

In the dreams, and later under hypnosis, they

"remembered" having been beamed into the craft, met by men in close fitting metallic silver suits with balaclava-style helmets, and then being examined on reclining chairs.

It seemed that these apparently "alien" people were from a planet called Janos. They had fled their home after an atomic disaster and were now wandering through space looking for a home.

A book has been written



A Janos child . . . a drawing published in the book "The Janos People."

recalling this strange experience by retired Birmingham lecturer Frank Johnson, who now lives in Worcester.

In "The Janos People" (Neville Spearman £5.25) he presents the story as a visitation by intergalactic refugees who are asking us for a home.

But other ufologists believe there could be a whole host of possible explanations or interpretations of the puzzling encounter.

They think it may have been a paranormal experience of some kind.

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## I saw blue 'football' in sky

I ARRIVED at work in Ladywood, Birmingham, about 7.30 one dark morning about eight years ago. The sky was clear and bright.

I was walking round the end of the building to open ground beyond when I was stopped in my tracks by the sight of what I call an "unidentified object" in the sky.

There above me was an object like a large football — it was perfectly round and a bril-

liant electric blue in colour and it seemed to be glowing.

I stood and watched it for about four minutes during which time it remained stationary. Then suddenly it shot off at terrific speed across the sky in the direction of Birmingham. As it sped away there was a long tail of yellowish colour from the end of the object. — JAMES BROMLEY, Hadley Road, Bilston.

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# Mark sees UFO over Broomhill

Yet another unidentified flying object has been sighted in Keighley.

The latest edition to Keighley's diary of the unknown came on Saturday, when 13 year old Mark Adams, of Luddenden, Halifax, spotted some strange lights in the sky over Broomhill, Keighley.

Mark, who was walking with his grandparents through Broomhill estate at 8.45 p.m., described the lights: "I spotted a so-called UFO in the form of red, green, and white lights travelling from South West to North East.

"Although it was a moonlight

night the sky was cloudy and it was very plain to see below the clouds, travelling at a great speed.

"It could not have been a plane because the lights on it did not flash and there was not a single sound in the sky. I would be grateful to know if anyone else saw the object in the sky."

Mark's is the latest in a string of UFO sightings in the Keighley district over the past three years.

Anyone seriously interested in UFO's should contact Mr. Harold Mattam of Nelson, who wants to form a club in Keighley. Mr. Mattam can be reached, after 6 p.m., on Nelson 691978.

# Mystery of the lights on the 18th

THE mystery of the 18th green remains unsolved after a golfing party 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, December 20, and 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 ten or 12 miles away, just to the right of Credenhill," he added.

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He estimates the lights were at between 2,000 and 3,000 ft and adds that they were stationary for about ten minutes before vanishing. "It wasn't the dishes at Madley — we could see them."

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

Said Mr Bird: "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."

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

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 on UFO sightings on that day.

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# UFO reports cause a stir

STRANGE lights lit up the Christmas night for some Peterborough sky-watchers.

The UFO-like shapes — which shone brightly in the clear Christmas evening — were also seen right across Northampton and reports of sightings have been flooding into police stations.

British UFO Research Association Officer Tony Pace, said: "This was almost certainly a meteor. After all, we in this country are long overdue for one to break up above us."

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# Mystery of UFO

Further confirmation of the UFO sightings comes this week from Mr Phill Williams, of 3 Bryn y Mor, Llysfaen.

On the same evening and at about the same time as other reports of a strange object in the skies over Prestatyn, Mr Williams noticed from his home, which overlooks the Prestatyn coastline, what he thought to be a large white star hovering over Prestatyn.

He watched for a moment and saw it change colour to deep orange. For several minutes he watched it hover before it turned back to a very bright white colour before disappearing very quickly in an upward arc.

ISLE OF THANET  
GAZETTE  
MARGATE KENT  
JAN 3 1981

# MYSTERY LIGHTS IN THE SKY

SEVERAL Thanet residents had a perfect view of what may have been satellites breaking up in a cloudless sky on the evening of Christmas Eve.

Amateur astronomer John Stanley, of Chestnut Drive, Broadstairs, was driving through Manston at about 9 p.m. when he saw unusual lights in the sky.

"I stopped the car and watched four objects with fairly long trails for about 15 seconds until they totally disappeared," he said.

# Riddle of lights in the sky

THE mysterious bright lights over Oxfordshire have proved a puzzling poser.

The report of the sighting of a UFO over Benson, in yesterday's Oxford Mail, has been supported by readers in Witney and Abingdon who also saw the bright flashing light.

Mr Dave Storer and his wife, Jane, saw what they thought was an aircraft, until it started flashing and changing colour.

Mr and Mrs Storer of Warwick Road, Banbury, saw the object while they were in Abingdon at 8 pm on Sunday night — the same time as Mr Stuart Pledge and his wife Denise, of Berinsfield, made their sighting.

"It seemed to be hovering in the Oxford direction," said Mr Storer. "We didn't think anything of it at the time — and we were amazed to read about it in the Oxford Mail."

A similar sighting was made by a teenage couple last week as they walked from Wootton to Abingdon.

The couple, who do not wish to be named, saw a multi-coloured object in the sky.

One of the teenagers said: "After about 20 minutes it turned sideways on, becoming an oval shape, and a sort of yellow jet came out of the back of it. I was quite convinced it was a UFO."

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## UFOs — JUST METEORITES

MOVING lights in the sky, spotted by dozens of people in Devon and Cornwall over the holiday period, were not unidentified flying objects, but a meteorite shower.

This was the conclusion of Mr. Eric Morris of Wilkinson Road, St. Budeaux. Mr. Morris, who is chairman of the Plymouth District UFO Investigation Organisation, based his findings on observations by the British Astronomical Society and the Institute of UFO Studies.

He himself received nearly 30 telephone calls from people in the area who were mystified by the bright, moving lights.

# UFO sighting from the past

BY LEN MULLINS

A former schoolteacher has defended UFOs after accusations in last week's *Western Telegraph* by Mr. Randall Pugh that they are dangerous and a threat to mankind.

Mrs. Nellie Thomas of Landshipping believes that Mr. Pugh — is wrong in his condemnation of extraterrestrials.

Her belief in the good intentions of UFOs stems from a close encounter her late husband experienced near Castlemartin in 1952 when he talked to the inhabitants of a spacecraft. He told no-one of the meeting except his wife.

"They told him they came in peace and that they were distressed to witness that Earth was set on a course of self-destruction. They were certainly friendly," said Mrs. Thomas.

Regarding Mr. Pugh's claims that UFOs are connected with the occult, Mrs. Thomas, who, until her retirement 14 years ago, taught at Albion Square C. P. School, Pembroke Dock, stressed that everyone has a certain amount of fear of the unknown.

"That accounts for the fact that people, especially those who are highly strung, have been frightened when they have witnessed UFOs," she continued.

"Could it be that inhabitants of other planets have also been frightened of the presence of our spacecraft which they also regard as evil — I wonder if we would all accept that opinion?"

"I don't think that Mr. Pugh's friend who saw a vision, or rather a Phoenix, rise from the ashes after burning his documents, can be psychic. If he were he would not have been frightened of the vision. The experience of the teenage girl which Mr. Pugh related, can also be explained, I feel, by fear of the unknown. Her two pet dogs were not affected by the same fright for they were psychic."

She claims her husband's meeting with aliens 29 years ago is "Untarnished truth." But why only divulge the experience to his wife?

"Flying saucers were almost unheard of at that time," explained Mrs. Thomas. "Any account then, especially in this part of the world, would have been termed fantasy and treated with scepticism."

"One interesting point my husband told me was that the aliens, who looked just like us, recharged their machine batteries by the sun's rays. Seven years after the war, solar power was not widely discussed. Today it is being used more and more. Maybe we have learnt something from folk on other planets."

ADUR HERALD, SUSSEX  
JAN 2 1981

# FIREBALLS IN SUSSEX NIGHT

THOUSANDS of people in Sussex spotted a brilliant fireball across the sky shortly after 9 p.m. on Christmas night.

The fireball, described as being 'brighter than the moon,' was seen over the Channel before breaking up into several pieces and burning out.

Experts from the British Astronomical Association were baffled by early sightings but were able to establish that it was a Russian rocket used to launch the satellite Cosmos 749 about four years ago.

Positive identification of the object was made by Mr John Mason, of Slindon, the assistant director of the meteor section of the British Astronomical Association.

Mr Mason said the rocket was up to 40 miles away when first visible. 'My telephone has not stopped ringing,' he said. 'I have had more than 250 calls from people who spotted it from all over the county. It was a very clear night.'

He also received reports of two shooting stars at 7.25 p.m. on Christmas Day and at 2.45 a.m. on Boxing Day.

## Mystery remains

THE Nottingham UFO Investigation Society has released an interim report about a group of sightings in the Ashbourne area of Derbyshire in August, 1980.

Although the report has gone into every detail of the witnesses' reports, no conclusions have been reached.

The first sightings were observed from a camp site at Beresford Dale by two independent groups of witnesses who described the object as large, oval shaped and moving horizontally.

Others described it as being the size of a medium-sized air-craft flying at an estimated height of 1,500 ft.

Another sighting occurred at Shirley, Derbyshire, and was described by a witness as looking like a big jumbo-jet at close quarters with about a dozen lights around it.

## Witness is sought after UFO sighting

A MOTORIST travelling along the A514 road near the Derbyshire village of Hartshorne last night, claims he saw a "red oval light" move towards his vehicle, descend from the sky to about half its original altitude and move off rapidly towards Derby.

The UFO sighting took place at about 6pm and Nottingham UFO Investigation Society is trying to trace a second witness. Mr. Syd Henley, for the society, said: "The object was in view long enough

for the car driver to stop, get out of his car and speak to a second man walking three large dogs. This man saw the strange light too and we would like him to contact us."

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## Couple's star turn

A BERINSFIELD couple's star-gazing turned to amazement last night when they spotted what they thought was a UFO flashing brightly in the sky over Benson.

The light, stationary for almost an hour, disappeared and then returned, and constantly changed colour from blue, pink, orange and then white, according to Stuart and Denise Pledge, of Wey Road, Berinsfield.

They reported the sighting to Abingdon police, whose spokesman said later: "We recorded the message and as a formality contacted RAF Benson. Although we have had no other calls, it may come to light that someone else in the area has seen it."

Mrs Pledge said her 24-year-old husband noticed the light at about 8 pm last night on his way back from a friend's house.

"He called me to the back door to take a look and at first, I just laughed," she said. "But then I noticed this bright flashing dot in the sky over towards Benson. There was no sound and it kept still, changing colour constantly.

"It disappeared, and then came back in exactly the same place. My husband was so convinced about what we saw, he went round to his brother-in-law's in Fane Drive to see if he had seen it."

## Yellow light ruled out as UFO sighting

SPECULATION that a mysterious yellow light seen travelling across the sky near Basingstoke yesterday was an Unidentified Flying Object has been discounted by nearby RAF Odiham.

A spokesman for the airbase said that the light, which travelled horizontally above the M3 motorway for an estimated quarter-of-a-mile, was most probably an ordinary aircraft.

"There is quite a bit of normal aircraft activity in this area. We have aircraft flying most of the day and into the night," said the spokesman.

He added that the motorway and other major roads are used as navigation points for aircraft.

"I would say it is most likely to be a normal aircraft."

The light was seen at about 12 noon by a man and woman standing outside a town centre estate agents.

The man, who said he had served in the RAF and asked not to be named, said: "It was about 1,000 feet up. I am convinced it was not an aircraft. The light was not flashing and I can offer no explanation for it. It was possibly a UFO."

## Man has close encounter

MRS Linda Talbot has been giving her husband, 26-year-old Howard, some funny looks recently — but it won't make him change his mind.

He emphatically insists he saw Unidentified Flying Objects in the sky above Messingham at 4.30 pm on Tuesday.

"I'm no nutter. I saw between five and ten glittering white objects, shaped like tadpoles, flying over Messingham playing field," he said.

Howard, of Aysgarth Avenue, Messingham, plays centre forward for Messingham Trinity FC and was taking down the football nets.

"I looked at the sky because it was already dark and I wondered if I'd have time left to take the other net down before it got too dark. The objects were just above broken cloud and moved rapidly towards the direction of Winterton. I blinked, wondering if I had something in my eye. But no, they were still there, fantastically beautiful, like the white lights which come from rockets," he said earnestly.

They travelled in an arc and Mr Talbot is certain they were not aircraft.

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SOUTHEND EVENING ECHO  
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# Bus stop boys spot mystery in the sky

THE bright, glowing diamond-shaped light moving fast across the morning sky looked like a real-life UFO when brothers Andrew and Gary Reeves spotted it as they waited for their school bus.

Andrew, 11, saw the mystery light first, high above a hill in Clay Hill Road, Basildon.

He said later: "I looked up while we were at the bus stop and saw this bright light in the sky. I stared at it and saw it was a glowing diamond shape, then I called Gary."

Gary said: "I looked up to where Andrew was pointing. At first I thought it might be a weather balloon, but I changed my mind because it was glowing so brightly."

"I told mum to look up because I thought it was a UFO, but she wasn't really bothered — she was looking for something in her bag."

Gary and Andrew insisted that she look up — and Mrs Reeves, of Sunnedon, Basildon, took one glance at the boys' excited faces and looked.

## Imagination

She said: "I saw a flash which dazzled me for a moment. When I looked again the sky was empty."

"At first I thought it was my imagination, but the boys said the object had suddenly disappeared with a flash."

"Whatever the object is, it certainly made an impact on Gary. He was trembling with excitement."

Gary said: "I am convinced it was a UFO. Some of my friends didn't believe me when I told them and my teacher, Miss Kingston.

"I didn't feel scared, but I was all shaken and trembly. It was a funny experience."

But the boys' dreams of having seen a UFO were shattered today by forecaster Mr Bill Giles at the Meteorological Office HQ in Bracknell, Berks.

He said: "We do send large balloons up with radar targets on them from the Shoebury weather station."

"As the targets are diamond-shaped, I would say this is definitely what the boys saw."

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## UFO fan tells of 'black spot'

Bus driver David Caines has been a lifelong believer in UFOs and now he reckons he's seen one.

Mr. Caines, 49, of Agbrigg Road, Sandal, Wakefield, was driving his bus through South Hiendley at about 4.30 p.m. when he saw a light in the sky.

"It was a white flicker, irregular at first and then regular, and I could see a black spot above it," he said. "At first I thought it was a helicopter because it was hovering, but there was no shape to it."

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JAN 2 1981

## UFO SIGHTINGS WILL BE UNDER REVIEW

A REPORT on recent UFO sightings in the East Midlands will be discussed tomorrow at a meeting of Nottingham UFO Investigation Society to be held in Quorndon.

These were reported in the Ashbourne area on August 31, and the information has now been collated into an 80-page review, to which 37 independent witnesses have contributed.

That location, says Mr. Les Hall, secretary of the society, has been particularly rich in sightings of unidentified flying objects in recent years.

GLOUCESTER CITIZEN  
JAN 7 1981

## UFO seen over Forest?

A Cinderford man believes he may have seen a UFO in the sky when he was on his way to work yesterday morning.

Mr Albert Chamberlain, of Steam Mills, was heading towards Gloucester between 6.30-6.45 am when he saw the object move towards Cinderford Hill and then descend into a wood.

"It was not a plane or helicopter and I wondered if anyone else saw something at that time," said Mr. Chamberlain.

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# Another woman also saw UFO

A HODDESDON woman claims to have seen the unidentified flying object hovering over Hertford Heath on January 5.

The mystery was described in the Mercury when a woman claimed she saw a strange object while she was on her way home from work just after 5 pm.

Now Mrs Marion Phelps, of Dorchester Avenue, Hoddesdon, has reported that she saw the same object.

Mrs Phelps was driving home from the Hertford garage where she works and was passing through Hertford Heath when she happened to glance upwards.

## CIGAR SHAPED

"I saw what I thought at first was a very big star and although it was dark I could see that it had the shape of a cigar.

"Although I was keeping an eye on the road, I could see this thing for quite some time. I saw a red light and a white light beside it and then the white light just disappeared.

"They couldn't have been tail-lights on a plane because they would have stayed the same distance apart.

"I was a bit mystified by it and I told my husband about it. It seems I'm not the only one who saw it."

Unidentified flying objects are nothing new to Mrs Phelps and her family. Some years ago her husband was calling their cats in at night when he saw a strange circular object shooting across the sky.

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# FLARE THEORY ON UFO

A UFO seen over Eastwood by two witnesses has been identified by members of the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society as a possible red distress flare.

The object, described as "a red-orange sphere", was seen by an Awsworth couple, who told investigator Mr. John Derrett that it was round and had the brightness of the sun. They saw it "dropping from view in a controlled manner."

Three other witnesses came forward following an appeal in the Evening Post and one man, who had been out walking his dog, told how he saw the object apparently land in a field at the rear of his home.

Mr. Derrett said today: "In my opinion the characteristics of the object resembled that of a flare seen in the area. A search was made but nothing was found." The police have been notified of the society's findings.

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# Riddle of the strange UFOs

STAR-gazers are still being puzzled by strange bright lights in the sky over Oxfordshire.

The latest sighting was reported last night by Mrs Nancy Burnage of 44 The Oval, Didcot, and her seventeen-year-old son, Nigel.

They were taking their dog for a walk in fields on the edge of Didcot at about 6.45 pm. When they saw a very bright dome-shaped object in the sky.

Mrs Burnage said Nigel dashed back to the house to get some binoculars while she continued to watch the object.

"It was a very, very big brilliant light and it had what looked like an old-fashioned searchlight beam coming down from it as if it was looking at the ground," said Mrs Burnage.

She said that the object was moving very fast and was visible for only a minute or two before it vanished.

STAFFORDSHIRE EVENING  
SENTINEL STOKE ON TRENT  
JAN 15 1981

# Bignall End UFO sighting

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Jim Sharples looked through his window to check the weather — and saw a U.F.O.

The close encounter happened early on Tuesday when Jim, aged 27, of Tibb-street, Bignall End, spotted a "brilliant white light" revolving in the sky.

"I looked through the window and there it was. It was like a searchlight and it kept sending flashes across the sky. It seemed to be inside a semi-circular craft," he said today.

He added: "I have no idea what it was but I don't think it could have been any kind of aeroplane. I wonder if anyone else saw it and may be able to offer an explanation."

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FIVE people in Gedling last night claimed to have seen two white, red and green "spinning top" UFOs hovering over the village. One was said to have hung over the parish church spire for half an hour before circling the weather vane cockerel and disappearing.

Both the multi-coloured objects were "twice as big as the biggest star," a caller to the Evening Post added. They had been seen in the area on three previous occasions. Carlton police said they had received a report and passed it to the Nottingham Flying Objects Research and Discussion Association, who said they were investigating.

## Strange lights seen over Tyneside

STRANGE lights in the North-East sky last night exited the region's UFO spotters . . . but they were probably meteorites.

RAF Boulmer and Metro Radio received reports of sightings of blue-white lights from Tyneside and Wearside.

Sales representative, Mr. Reg Chapman, of Bekeley Square, Gosforth, saw them at 4.40 p.m.

"this group of lights suddenly appeared from behind a big bank of black cloud," he said. "There were all moving quite fast and in a straight line south-west to north-east in an arrow head-type formation. I counted 12 or 13."

Mr. Chapman, aged 55, said his wife, Doris, 11-year-old son, Chris and sister-in-law, Mrs. Lilian Murray also spotted the lights which were in sight for about 20 seconds.

"Eventually they just faded away," he added. "The lights were moving faster than any jet fighter but I don't think they were going fast enough for a meteorite."

Another eye witness, Constable Keith Bottomley, of Hexham police, said he saw eight to ten bright lights high in the sky.

They were travelling very fast and left behind what appeared to be fluorescent trail.

There were several other sightings.

An RAF spokesman said two or three meteorites had been expected to enter the earth's atmosphere around the time the lights were seen.

# The greatest news story of the century?

The first well-publicised flying saucer "invasion" took place in America in 1947. Since then there have been countless reports of close encounters — of the first, second and third kinds — from all over the world.

Some stories have been strange, some bizarre — but the majority just plain daft. Yet the strangest and most compelling story is one from those very early days — and it is currently undergoing a remarkable revival in the United States.

The story goes like this. In July, 1947, an unknown object was seen flying east to west near Roswell, New Mexico, at very high speed and very low altitude. There was an explosion, during an electric storm, which left wreckage on the ground. Crippled, the craft flew on for some distance before crashing.

Six humanoids, between 2ft and 4ft tall, were found in the wreckage. One was reportedly still alive, but died soon afterwards.

The event made front-page news, despite a US Air Force statement that it was merely a weather balloon, and wreckage from the explosion and the crash sites was whisked off and kept under wraps until the present day. The saucer and the bodies of the occupants are said to be under high security guard at the CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia.

What has made the story unique is the amount of argument it has generated in scientific, government and legal circles.

Right now, the CIA and Air Force are fighting civil actions brought by two UFO groups in America which aim to release documents on this incident and others under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

The charges include suppression of media information, withholding of files, muzzling of witnesses and generally hiding information under the now outdated security classification.

The story of the Roswell Incident, by Charles Berlitz and William Moore (Granada Publishing, £3.95) is pieced together from many sources, including eye-witnesses — though with the lapse of 34 years many pieces of the jigsaw are lost forever.

There are signs the USAF tried to copy the saucer. Between 1954 and 1959 some ten million dollars were spent to develop the AV-9 AVRO craft. It was a monumental flop, which never got more than a few feet off the ground, and wobbled like a yo-yo when finally test-flown at the end of 1959.

### 'Intelligence'

A prestigious Washington DC law firm, anticipating a long struggle, is handling the Air Force suit at a reduced fee "in the public interest." The CIA case is in the charge of a New York law firm, which has so far managed to secure the information that the CIA has 57 secret files "to protect intelligence sources," but suspect there are at least another 200 more.

According to the Air Force, this technological disaster is as far as anyone has got to force the saucer shape to conform to the principles of aerodynamics.

SHEFFIELD  
MORNING  
TELEGRAPH

JAN 15 1981

The Roswell Incident highlights the frustration in all UFO accounts. If only one of the many people who claim to have seen the saucer crash or its subsequent recovery is telling the truth, then for 34 years we have been sitting on the greatest news story of the century.

If true, it would be at least comparable to Columbus' encounter with the startled natives on his visit to the New World.

Only this time we would be the startled natives.

Peter Blagdon

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## Lights in the sky not UFOs

STRANGE lights lit up the Christmas night for some Peterborough sky-watchers.

The UFO-like shapes — which shone brightly in the clear Christmas evening — were also seen right across Northampton, and reports of sightings flooded into police stations.

One of those who saw the 'things' from outer space — shaped like cigars or rockets — was photographer Mr David Lowndes of Eastrea Road, Whittlesey.

Mr Lowndes (27), said: "I saw it about 7.50 pm. It looked like one very long streak of light moving through the sky."

However he was convinced the object was nothing more than an ordinary shooting star.

Nevertheless, dozens of people in the Fenland area, and around Wellingborough, called their local police to report sightings.

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## More UFOs spotted

MARTIAN madness has continued to spread in Worcestershire with reports of UFOs over the Vale of Evesham.

Vale UFO spotter, Mr Gordon Gregory, told the *Evening News* he had heard of reports of strange flying objects in the district over the last five weeks.

"Judging from people's descriptions, they seem to be quite like the UFOs spotted recently in other parts of the county," he said.

Mr Gregory, who lives in Elmley Castle, said the circular silver objects had been seen hovering at between 200 and 300 feet above the ground.

"They seem to stay in one position for a while and then shoot off very fast," he said.

YORKSHIRE EVENING  
POST  
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EVENING ECHO  
NOV. 14 1980

## Did soccer boys see a real UFO?

PLAYING football with his pals, nine-year-old Anthony Rayment ran to fetch the ball—and found himself staring at a bizarre flying object, changing colour.

And he and his friends are anxious to know if they had a close encounter with a real UFO.

Anthony, of Denmark Road, Poole, said he and five friends were playing a game of soccer on The Baiter shortly before tea-time yesterday when they sighted the flying object.

"It was round with lumps on it and had a black ring round it," he said. "It was red, yellow and blue, changing colour, and what looked like a black pole with a light on the end, came out from it."

"It was only about 19 feet from me, in the air," he added.

Anthony's friends confirmed that they had seen the strange object too.

SUNDAY  
INDEPENDANT  
NOV 23 1980

## UFO sighting

ON Sunday, November 9th at dusk I happened to look out as I drew the curtains and out of the west shot a brilliant white 'blob' of light.

Its tail was halfway across the sky, dwindling but terrifically white. It had no real shape.

It was far larger than any plane and flew lower and faster than anything I've ever seen.

I've been waiting to hear or see other people's reports of that UFO.

MRS. MARY WHITE, Trewithen Parc, St. Newlyn East, Newquay.

SOUTH DEVON  
TIMES  
NOV 13 1980

## They saw a UFO...

A SUDDEN series of short, sharp, jolts shook the car, then the engine cut out.

This was the report received by Mr Eric Maurice, leader of the Plymouth U.F.O. Organisation, based at Bretonside.

Minutes before at 4.45 p.m., on Monday, he had been driving along the A381 road from Dartmouth to Totnes, when, between Halwell and Harbertonford, he saw a car which had broken down. He stopped his car and offered assistance, the occupant, a doctor and wife from Yorkshire, who wished to remain anonymous claimed that they had seen a U.F.O. They had been driving along, when suddenly a silver, glowing, pencil shaped object appeared in the sky in front of them. Their car started to malfunction for no explainable reason and then stopped.

They got out and continued watching, the U.F.O. was brightest at its centre, it seemed to be only a couple of hundred feet in the air, yet they heard no noise. Its two, blunted ends vibrated about its centre, while the object continued to hover motionless in the sky.

The couple continued to watch for a few minutes more, then as suddenly as it appeared it vanished.

The visibility that evening was excellent, but as yet there have been no reports of similar sightings.