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UFO Reporting Center is baffled by balls of fire

By **Bill Jarnigan**
News correspondent

FLORENCE — A national UFO Reporting Center official says he gets occasional reports of balls of light similar to those spotted by Florence residents earlier this month but has no real explanation as to their identity.

Robert Gribble, a staff member at the private research organization in Seattle, Wash., told *The Birmingham News* Wednesday the center has received few unidentified flying object reports from Alabama recently.

Speculation as to what the burning, descending object was spotted by two Florence men June 2 ranged from a crashing crop-duster airplane to a weather satellite to a meteor to a ball of lightning.

"It looked like a tumbling ball of fire. When the fire went out, a parachute appeared to come out, then there was the sound of an explosion," C.G. Stacy, of Florence, said.

According to published accounts, balls of lightning is a phenomenon that has received little credibility in the scientific community until recent years.

They are said to last for some time, "floating through the air like soap bubbles". They have been described as bluish-white or reddish globes, ranging in size from grapes to basketballs.

THE OBJECT spotted by Stacy and city sanitation driver W.C. Kilpatrick reportedly went under a high tension power line running parallel with the highway west of Florence.

Gribble said balls of lightning are not a common occurrence. They occur during a thunderstorm and occasionally explode.

The UFO spotted near Florence was seen as a thunderstorm was building. Stacy reported hearing an explosion.

After news reports of this sighting, AEA ESPO district 1 director Shirley Gean, of Waterloo, told *The News* she saw a UFO exactly one week before the June 2 report.

Mrs. Gean said the object she saw also gave the impression of being on fire.

Her sighting, unlike the afternoon sighting of the two men, was made at 11 p.m. The object the men saw was headed east. The one she saw was headed west at a 45-degree descent to below the treetops.

She also thought the "big" and "real high" object was a helicopter or airplane on fire. It appeared to be stationary over the Tennessee Valley Authority reservation in Muscle Shoals before it began moving, she said.

Her sighting was from near Bradshaw High School, on the opposite side of Florence from where Stacy and Kilpatrick made their sighting.

The UFO was "reddish pink" with a "lighter shade of red inside a cylinder area," she said.

The object seen by the men appeared to be between them. The one Mrs. Gean reported was south of her.

Lauderdale County highway department secretary Cissie Benson spotted a UFO a year ago in the general direction of Mrs. Gean's sighting.

"I sat on my porch and watched it for 30 minutes with 16-power binoculars," Mrs. Benson said.

The UFO stayed in a stationary position about 2,000 feet high in a direction from her apartment that could put it over TVA's Wilson Dam hydroelectric plant on the Tennessee River, south of Florence.

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BALL'S OF FIRE

WHEN IT MOVED, it went left, right, up and down, she said.

It was "probably 50 feet in diameter, flat on the bottom and dome shaped with a red light on the bottom that would dim. Around the edge were rectangular windows," she said.

"There was absolutely no noise. Traffic sounds did not interfere" with the night sighting, she said.

"I had the distinct feeling it was watching me too. Then it took off all of a sudden," said Mrs. Benson, who described herself as a former UFO "skeptic." Both women said they had not reported these sightings until the June 2 sightings.

Gribble said the UFO Reporting Center has had only two prior UFO reports from Alabama this year.

The first, on January 11 near Saraland, north of Mobile, was an "unknown object, with two large, bright white lights, moving across the sky at a high rate of speed," he said.

The second, on April 13, was reportedly seen traveling in "straight line flight on a horizontal plane" near Cowarts in Houston County, Gribble said.

The Southeast has traditionally had fewer reported UFO sightings than other areas of the nation, he said.

"In 1973, the Southeast had a massive surge of UFO reports, particularly between September 1 and December 31 in all the Southeastern states. That was probably the largest number reported for one area at one time in the U.S. in the 26 years we've been investigating," Gribble said.

"Right now, things are fairly quiet (all over). In January, February and March we had a lot of activity. Then it slacked off till we hit rock bottom," he said.

The center is used by scientists and laymen as a national data gathering center for research projects.

MARYSVILLE, CALIF

APPEAL-DEMOCRAT

JUNE 9 1981

UFO Seen Over Marysville Skies

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An unidentified flying object was reported over Marysville skies last night, according to Marysville police.

The red, white and blue pulsating lights followed Kevin McCormack, 1374 Val Drive, Marysville, from East 22nd Street to Hallwood and then back again, finally to disappear over a levee, McCormack told police.

The incident was logged by police at 12:11 a.m. today.

A spokesman for a UFO re-

porting center at Seattle, Wash., said the center had received no other reports of UFO sightings in the Marysville area last night.

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UFO 'flightpath' rumours grow after sighting

SPECULATION that Hayes and Keston could be on a regular "UFO flightpath" grew this week, after the latest "strange sighting" quoted by local school-girls.

The sighting — described as "weird, strange and frightening" — was shortly after nightfall on May 6 at Keston Ponds.

Joanne Baron, 16, and Caroline Johnston, 15, were walking ahead of two friends beside the lower pond when

Caroline suddenly spotted a strange object.

She told the *Kentish Times*: "It had neither animal nor human qualities and was moving slowly towards us across the water."

"It seemed to be wearing a long, pointed hat of dark material, and may have been covered by a dark cloak. Round the lower half of its body was a circle of small lights."

Joanne, from Bromley, added: "The nearest thing to compare it with would be a poltergeist that had illuminated the lower half of its body."

"The effect it gave was that of a clown walking on stilts."

As it continued to move forward, the girls ran off to find their friends but when they looked again, the object had disappeared.

Mr Timothy Good, Bromley Borough's leading expert on 'UFOs' told the *Times* the sighting was in an "interesting category" more akin to a "yeti" type of creature than to a flying saucer.

'METEOROLOGICAL'

Mr Ian Cheshire, regional manager of Seismograph, the geophysical survey company based half a mile from Keston ponds, sug-

gested a "meteorological" explanation to the sighting.

The incident comes almost exactly 14 years after the last UFO—a "sphere of light"—was seen over the ponds in May 1967, coinciding with an even more spectacular one seen by Mr Paul Devereux and others just down the road at Bromley College of Technology.

Mr Devereux has since written a book on strange phenomena.

He has a theory that UFOs are often seen near leys—ancient landmarks like standing stones or the site of old churches.

He suggests that Keston — with the hilltop earthwork known as Caesar's Camp in the grounds of Holwood House — could be "ufocal" in other words, could attract UFOs.

The village, the theory goes, could be on a veritable "UFO alley" on a much-travelled flightpath over South-East England!

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MAY 29 1981

UFO like a white ball

A BRIGHT white ball of light was seen over Tunbridge Wells on Bank Holiday Monday night — and similar UFO sightings were reported all over the South East.

Mr Ben Scott of Ashdown Close was standing in Earls Road at about 11.15pm when he saw the object descending diagonally on the horizon.

It was visible for only a few seconds before disappearing behind the rooftops of houses in Court Road.

Mr Scott told the *Courier* he had witnessed meteors and spacecraft falling to earth before, but this sighting was different. He was convinced it was not a rocket or aircraft as it was moving too slowly.

LIKE THE SUN

"It was like the sun on a bright day and about the same size. As it went down, there seemed to be a lot of colours in it."

"At first I thought it was November 5 as it was like a sort of firework rocket. But in no way could it have been because it was far too big," he said.

Mr Scott does not believe his sighting was a flying saucer and is prepared to accept any rational explanation, but he said the UFO was like nothing he had seen before and very exciting to watch.

Mrs Maureen Hall of the British UFO Research Association told the *Courier* from her home in Dartford she had received telephone calls from as far away as Hertfordshire and Middlesex reporting similar sightings of a white light at 11.15pm on Monday. She had no idea what the object could have been.

London's news radio station LBC was inundated with about 50 calls from people reporting a similar sighting at that time.

Tunbridge Wells police had no reports of other sightings in the area.

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JUNE 18 1981

UFO MYSTERY

AIRLINES were last night warned of a UFO high over Southern England. The object, first sighted at first to be a weather balloon, could not be identified.

Down-to-earth theory of UFO encounters

STUART CAMPBELL, Scotland's investigation co-ordinator of UFO sightings, believes he has found the answer to close encounters.

Bearded Mr Campbell, a 44-year-old architect now reading science at the Open University, is regarded as mad by other ufologists because he does not believe in little green men and flying saucers.

"I'm just a sceptic," he admits willingly.

There is a marked reluctance in UFO circles to dismiss extra-terrestrial objects or aliens as fantasy.

Not so with Mr Campbell, who discussed at length UFO theories in his Edinburgh home where he plans

by ANDREW McCALLUM

his probes into "other world" happenings.

After seven years of official investigations in Scotland for the British UFO Research Association he has concluded that human brushes with alleged craft from outer space can be put down to a natural phenomenon, ball lightning.

This is what he thinks forestry worker Bob Taylor encountered 19 months ago in a clearing on Dechmont Hill, Livingston, West Lothian.

However, Mr Taylor has no doubt it was a space ship from which emerged four-feet high robots with metal spikes. The robots made a sucking noise and emitted a powerful odour as they trundled up to him before he fainted.

"Bob Taylor and I disagree over interpretation of the encounter," admitted Mr Campbell who comes from Birmingham, "but it will become one of the classic cases in ufology.

"I inspected the sight the morning after and saw the marks on the ground. I ruled out a hoax or a fraud. An absolutely genuine event had occurred.

"Bob Taylor is honest, hard-working, and a phlegmatic Scot who tried to shun publicity over this as many people do because they are afraid of ridicule.

"I may be the only person in the world who believes UFOs of this kind can be completely explained by ball lightning, a natural phenomenon caused by a build-up in atmospheric electricity. It can last several minutes.

"We don't know what produces ball lightning. Science is still trying to unravel the mystery, but I think it is far more interesting than investigation into silly things such as spoon-bending."

Mr Campbell believes the ball Mr Taylor encountered could have been the "big brother" of one which

caused panic on the beach at Crail, Fife, on an August day in 1968.

It was preceded by a whirlwind which hurled deckchairs towards the sea. The copper-coloured ball went through the open door of a cafe on the beach and cracked the cooker before going out of an open window.

With a loud explosion it flew out to sea and vanished.

Mr Campbell claimed there was a reluctance by professional scientists to investigate such UFOs. "No professional has as yet investigated the Livingston event in spite of my attempts to get them to do so.

"I get little sympathy from the UFO movement, which tolerates me as a bit of an eccentric, and get little sympathy from scientists about a phenomena not very well understood by many of them."

Dr William Charman, a physicist at Manchester University, said: "Ball lightning is a fairly well-established manifestation of atmospheric electricity.

"It differs from ordinary lightning in the sense that observers report seeing illuminated balls which are relatively long-lived, minutes in some cases.

"I would be very pleased if I could tell you what causes ball lightning. No one has come up with a convincing explanation and no one has succeeded in simulating ball lightning in the laboratory.

"I think ball lightning could explain some of the UFO sightings and it is known to leave traces on the ground, perhaps scorch marks. Two or three years ago a Surrey housewife encountered ball lightning. She brushed it away with her hand and it burned a hole in her dress."

Dr Charman added: "I believe there are certain UFO sightings which are worth following up, but I certainly think extra-terrestrial intelligence is the least likely explanation."



Bob Taylor with his sketch of a UFO with which he says he had a close encounter

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SHEEP farmer Clark Stones searched over his land at Arkengarthdale, North Yorkshire, yesterday following an encounter with a strange visitor.

He saw an unidentified flying object—a silver saucer-shaped object—hovering just above the fence when he came out of the barn.

He called his wife, Greta, who also saw it along with a friend who was visiting, before the object soared into the sky and disappeared in the clouds.

Mrs Stone said yesterday, "It just lifted up into the air as if it saw us approaching. We are very commonsense folk up here, but we know we saw something very strange."

They reported the sighting to police, who said they had no other reports of U.F.O.'s in the area, although some had been reported some months earlier.

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Mysterious Fireball Puzzles Authorities

By SHEILA THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Nobody knows what it was, and some aren't even guessing.

Eyewitnesses said a "ball of fire" that looked like a burning airplane or helicopter crossed Highway 20 about 8 miles north of Florence during a thunderstorm Tuesday afternoon.

Officials turned out en masse in search for the wreckage of an airplane, but called off the search about 7:30 p.m. because nothing, other than about eight eyewitness accounts, could be found.

A civil air patrol plane and a crop-duster crisscrossed the area in search of a downed plane, while other men trampled through the brush on foot. An ambulance waited while rescue squad members and volunteers speculated on what could have happened.

W.C. Kilpatrick was headed north about 3:30 p.m. when he saw the mysterious ball of fire. "It was on fire and it was smoking and it looked like an airplane," Kilpatrick said. "It was during that first thunderstorm and it went just over the treetops," he said.

C.G. Stacy was riding south when he said he saw the ball of fire. "I don't believe in UFOs, but it was something," Stacy said. "I saw a big ball of fire and then a parachute came out. Yes sir, I saw a big parachute," he said. But Kilpatrick said he did not see a parachute.

Civil Defense Director George

Mangum said Scott Air Force Base in Illinois would be contacted about the reports. The Air Force base has a list of all missing planes in the United States, and Mangum said that list would be checked to see if it could be linked to this incident.

Florence Fire Chief Audie Hodges said he "wouldn't even attempt to make a guess" as to what the eyewitnesses saw. "I feel reasonably sure that with the amount of area we covered and the people we used, that there would have been some evidence of broken trees or wreckage," he said.

Hodges said he was certain of only one thing, and that was that the eyewitnesses did see something. "I'm sure they saw something, but I don't know what. I wouldn't even commence to make a guess, but I don't think a plane crashed."

Officials thought maybe lightning struck one of the large power poles that line the road, but Tennessee Valley Authority officials said no power lines were down anywhere in Lauderdale County. "Ball lightning" which seems to appear as balls of fire has also been mentioned as a possibility.

But as of now, nobody knows. Hodges said the local rescue officials have had their share of mysteries lately, since a cause for 17 women at a local manufacturing company becoming ill Friday has still not been determined.

"Isn't that something?" he said.

UFO reported burning as it crashed

FLORENCE — Authorities here got mystifying reports late Tuesday of an unidentified flying object that was burning during its descent west of Florence.

Speculation as to what the object was ranged from a crashing crop-duster airplane to a weather satellite to a meteor to a ball of lightning.

Two Florence men told authorities they watched the object as it passed between them on Savannah Highway around 3:30 p.m.

"It looked like a tumbling ball of fire. When the fire went out, a parachute come out, then there was the sound of an explosion," nearby Waterloo Road resident C.G. Stacy told *The Birmingham News*.

Stacy was headed south on Savannah Highway

and said he watched the object for several minutes as it made a slanting descent from the west, headed toward Florence.

"It looked like a plane or helicopter on fire. It looked like it was trying to make it to Ellie Martin's (nearby) pasture. It was just above the tree tops," city sanitation driver W.C. Kilpatrick said.

Kilpatrick said he did not see a parachute as he was driving north, back to the city landfill.

A high tension power line parallels the highway.

"There is no way it could have been lighting off a tower. It went under the power line," Stacy said.

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SPRINGFIELD MASS.
JUN 12 1981

Lights, sounds in the sky draw myriad phone calls

By RICHARD NADOLSKI

7424 Union Staff

Necks were craned, lights were flashing and telephones were ringing off the hooks at the Springfield and Agawam Police Departments Thursday night as residents reported UFOs in the night sky. A UFO is an unidentified flying object.

Several theories were put forth by police and air traffic controllers as to exactly what people were actually seeing, but a brief investigation by *The Morning Union*, which itself was the recipient of several reports, narrowed the list to two possibilities.

A spokesman for the Bradley Flight Service Station in Springfield said he believed it was a plane advertising for Bob's Surplus, an Enfield, Conn., clothing store located in the Enfield Plaza.

The advertising service is provided by Coastal Air Services Inc.

and flies out of the New London-Groton Airport in Connecticut, he said.

A plane, however, did not fit the description of some witnesses, who said their UFO was too quiet and too maneuverable to be a plane.

Enter a second theory provided by Donald Dunlop, a watch supervisor at Bowles Airport in Westfield.

The Connecticut Air National Guard out of Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, Conn., was engaged in night maneuvers in the area last night, he said.

Dunlop said the guard was flying jet helicopters, which might explain the maneuverability and lack of loud engine noises. One helicopter made several approaches to the Barnes Airport, he said.

Jet helicopters are also quieter and are more likely to make the "whooshing" sound that some witnesses described in their accounts.

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GLASGOW EVENING TIMES
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MALCOLM ROBINSON appears to be a very normal person, leading the normal life of a young husband and father.

But every second of his spare time is devoted to a subject that has gripped him for many years—the paranormal.

Things that go bump in the night, U.F.O.s, eerie myths and legends—none hold any fears for this 24-year-old from Tullibody.

For the past four years, when not at work or caring for his wife Rosemary or five-months-old daughter Karen, his every spare minute has been spent in a detailed and nationwide research into the strange world of unexplained phenomena.

Covering hundreds of miles every year, he has visited locations from the North of Scotland to the South of Wales to build up an impressive dossier from which he eventually hopes to write a book.

Heat

"It all began when I was about 13," explained Malcolm. "The mother of one of my friends was very interested in faith healing and used to go regularly to meetings.

"I was totally sceptical. One day, to try and change my mind, she took me along to a meeting. I suffered from asthma at the time. I remember the faith healer putting his hands above my head and immediately I felt a strong heat, just like an electric fire, radiating down on me from his hands.

"From that day my asthma problem began to clear. Today I don't suffer at all."

That incident sparked off a fascination for the unknown.

"I am no longer a sceptic," he maintains. "After all my years of deep study, I have come to the conclusion that there is definitely something going on out there".

"Ninety-five per cent of all happenings can be given a satisfactory explanation. But for the other five per cent, no rational explanation can possibly be found, so it definitely warrants serious research."

A bottle sorter in the United Glass plant

Man who studies strange tales of the unexpected

By MALCOLM REID

at Alloa, his company frequently gives him special leave. His wife has often accompanied him, though since the arrival of their baby daughter, she has been less in evidence.

To back up his research, Malcolm has built up a library of more than 1000 books on the paranormal.

Without doubt his favourite phenomena is the U.F.O., and his travels in connection with this have taken him to Broadhaven in South Wales.

"I met a woman who owns a hotel there," recalled Malcolm. "One night she was awakened by a tremendous pulsating glow shining through her bedroom curtains.

"When she looked out she saw in a field at the back of the hotel two tall, thin figures who were sticking glowing rods into the ground

"She screamed in fright and the two figures turned to look at her. Then they kind of floated across the field back to where their craft was waiting and took off.

"The incident was also witnessed by two other hotel guests."

He has also met Bob Taylor, a forestry worker near Livingston, who came across a craft in some woods one day. "Two protrusions from the side of the craft

reached out like robot's arms and grabbed at his trousers," relates Malcolm.

"At that he passed out and the last thing he remembers is an overpowering smell and a swishing noise. When he woke up the craft was gone, and his dog, who was with him throughout the whole thing, was barking furiously.

"There were a series of marks on the ground where the craft had been and I have seen and examined those marks."

Malcolm's day starts with a scour through the newspapers for any reports of unexplained phenomena. These are carefully filed and arrangements made, if possible, to visit the scene.

He has been to Loch Ness on countless occasions and is convinced of the legendary monster's authenticity.

His delvings into the world of the supernatural raise a few prickles at the back of the neck.

Violent

"I have spoken to a woman from Edinburgh who recently took her two children to Ireland on a holiday. They got to Dublin, but missed their train connection for their eventual destination and had to put up at an hotel for the night.

"They were shown to an attic room. The woman put her children to bed and 20 minutes later went to bed herself.

"As she was falling asleep, the covers were suddenly and violently ripped from her bed. She thought she had been hallucinating, but a few minutes later the same thing happened.

"She was terrified. She got her children up and dressed and they left the hotel immediately."

⑥ **Five per cent. of happenings
cannot be rationally explained** ⑥

Trio have close encounter with UFO

Down-to-earth Dales farmer Clark Stones is trying to keep his feet on the ground today after he'd seen a UFO.

Clark, his wife Greta and visitor Stan Watson are all convinced they saw a small flying saucer on their farm in remote Arkengarthdale.

The shiny silver disc, about two feet across and six inches deep, was hovering alongside a fence on the farm.

Greta said: "The men had just come from the cow byre and at first Clark thought it was a fertiliser sack.

"But it seemed to be looking for a way through,

going back and forward about five feet each way.

"It was a bit like the frisbees children play with, but very shiny."

Sensed

The men called Greta and approached the object — Stan got within 20 feet of it.

"Suddenly it just lifted up in the air as if it sensed Stan getting nearer," said Greta.

"It was as if it was being pulled. It went very smoothly at about 5 mph until it disappeared into the clouds.

"There was no noise, no smoke, nothing. It was all really wierd."

Nonsense

Stan Watson, a scientific officer from Stockton, managed to draw a picture of what he saw.

"But I'm still trying to

find an explanation," he said.

"I've thought of all sorts of things it could be, but none of them fit. I'm baffled."

None of the three expects the world to take them seriously.

Greta said: "I always thought things like this were a load of nonsense until I saw for myself.

"But I didn't imagine this. Three sensible adult people all saw it individually.

"And up here we have better things to do than go round dreaming up things from the sky."



UFO spotters, from left, Clark, Greta and Stan, on the farm

'UFO' riddle ³¹⁷⁸

A WILLERBY landlord claims to have seen an Unidentified Flying Object in the sky over Hull on Monday night.

Mr Ivor Camm, of the Star Inn, was looking out of his pub window at 11.19 pm when for little more than a second he saw a spherical glow in the sky, travelling westwards.

He described it as being a sixth of the size of the moon, and giving off a luminous glow similar to a good silver moon.

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It split up into three separate, similar sized objects before disappearing. "I have never seen anything like it before although I have seen many shooting stars," he said.

Police at Priory Road said no other reports of UFO sightings had been received on Monday night.

Exclusive Report From Behind the Iron Curtain

Huge UFO Sends Russians Screaming Into the Streets

The Soviet Union has been the target of an incredible blitz by UFO fleets. Reports reaching the West tell of documented cases of UFO sightings, visits by weird humanoids and other amazing phenomena. The ENQUIRER sent a reporter to Russia to investigate these

astonishing reports. He obtained documents and interviewed eyewitnesses, scientists, UFO researchers and others — and the results of his probe are startling. This first of an exclusive ENQUIRER series reports on a shocking UFO encounter in the capital city of Moscow.

A spectacular UFO “mothership” — which launched smaller manned probes — startled thousands of frightened eyewitnesses as it cruised the night sky over Moscow.

At least two observers said they experienced electrifying close encounters with the saucer-shaped probes. A woman received a mysterious burn from one of the objects. And a man reported “a human shape” in another.

Although the Soviet Air Force scrambled several jet fighters, the Communist-controlled press failed to carry a single word about the UFOs the following day.

The ENQUIRER obtained exclusive and fascinating details about the incident from Soviet astronomy professor Dr. Felix Zigel, who has been investigating UFO sightings in his homeland since 1958.

The sighting in Moscow caused a “genuine panic” among eyewitnesses — some of whom ran screaming into the streets, revealed Dr. Zigel, a lecturer at the Moscow Aviation Institute, attended by Russian astronauts. “Even the animals got scared,” he said.

The “mother ship,” as Dr. Zigel described it, was visible for about 40 minutes as it flew from west to east high above 600 miles of Russian territory. Its flight path brought it directly over Moscow at midnight June 15, 1980, “where it lingered for some five minutes,” said Dr. Zigel.

The “orange-red and ball-shaped” spaceship measured at least 300 feet across and trailed “a glowing tail,” ac-



EXPERT: Dr. Felix Zigel says sighting even scared animals in Moscow.

According to Dr. Zigel. “From time to time, it appeared to eject smaller bodies which veered off and scattered across the dark sky.” Dr. Zigel believes that these objects were probes.

In a written report to Dr. Zigel, a Soviet military officer, Lieut. Col. Oleg Karyakin, said he viewed one of the probes at a distance of

some 100 feet from his Moscow apartment building. He said the object was saucer-shaped, 12 feet in diameter:

“It gave out a pink glow and hummed ever so slightly.

“When I tried to approach it, I was stopped by something I can only define as an invisible barrier. I bumped into it and couldn’t go on.”

Lieut. Col. Karyakin said one of his neighbors got an even better look. “He reported seeing a small human shape in a space suit through the transparent dome of the vehicle.”

In a second report to Dr. Zigel, Aleksandr Koreshkov, a Moscow television program director, disclosed that light from one of the probes shining through his bedroom window “caused a sensation of burning on my wife’s arms.

“They were covered with nasty red spots that disappeared by morning.”

Soviet geophysicist Dr. Aleksei Zolotov said that the monstrous, moon-shaped mother ship and its probes flew off and disappeared “when our air force sent up a number of planes. But the following day, our newspapers reported nothing.”

— HENRY GRIS

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HUGE UFO SENDS RUSSIANS SCREAMING CON'T



300-FOOT WIDE UFO with a glowing tail is shown in photo that was taken from the roof of a Moscow building. The craft launched smaller probes with which at least two people had close encounters.

Eight people watch blazing UFO crash to Earth

By **TAMARIND NORTH**

A blazing UFO slammed to Earth with an ear-shattering explosion as eight terrified people watched in horror. Then it incredibly vanished without a trace.

Though the shocked witnesses quickly searched the area for wreckage, they didn't find so much as a scorched blade of grass to mark the crash site.

It was the second time in a week that fiery UFOs had plowed into remote areas of Alabama without leaving any evidence of impact.

The latest sighting was made by eight workers at a landfill 9 miles south of

BLAZING UFO CRASH CON'T

Florence. They were less than 100 yards away from where the blazing UFO exploded.

"All I saw was a ball of fire streaking through the sky," E.G. Stacy told The NEWS. "A little smoke was coming from it. When it got down to about 300 feet, a parachute came out of it. In about two seconds there was a tremendous blast.

"The last time I saw it, it was about six feet from the ground," he said. "The parachute passed within 200 feet of me, right under the power line. I would have bet \$100 I could go up there and pick it up. But I didn't find anything."

Georgia Civil Defense officials, be-

lieving that an airplane had crashed, launched an intensive ground and air search for the wreckage. But the searchers found nothing.

"I feel reasonably sure that with the amount of area we covered and number of people we used, there would have been some evidence," Fire Chief Audie Hodges said. "There would have been broken trees or wreckage if it had been a plane crash.

"I'm sure those people out there saw something. But I don't know what it was. It's got me baffled, that's for sure."

Civil Defense Director George Magnum said he reported the strange inci-

dent to an Illinois Air Force base that keeps track of missing aircraft.

"It was on fire and it was smoking," sanitation driver W.C. Kilpatrick said. "It looked like a plane."

Florence Police Chief Leo Bailey explored another possible explanation for the bizarre fireball. He asked the Tennessee Valley Authority if a power surge could have triggered a weird electrical phenomenon from nearby lines. TVA officials, however, said there had been none.

"Lightning can do some pretty crazy things and we did have a thunderstorm about that time," Bailey said. "I don't know what those people saw."

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Couple see 'strange objects' in the sky

A BRIERFIELD couple and three neighbours watched two strange objects in the sky for over an hour on Sunday night.

Richard Rowley and his wife, Janet, of King Street, were in their car heading for home when they spotted the two dome-shaped UFOs at tree-top height.

"One was large and the other was like a small dot and they were alongside us right down into Brierfield" said Mrs Rowley. "It was

just after midnight and when we got home we called out the neighbours and stood watching the objects hovering for ages. They were still there when we went to bed at 1.15 am.

"One was like a very bright star but they were too low down to be stars. There was no sound or flashing lights."

Mrs Rowley said she had an open mind about UFOs and would not like to guess what the objects were.

"It was very strange. I am glad other people saw them as well," she added.

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UFO

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Wirral

A UFO reported to be very large, was sighted over Thingwall in the early hours of Thursday morning.

It was spotted between 2.30 and 3.00 am by a couple who said it appeared to be as big as a football held at arm's length and was travelling towards Liverpool.

The sighting was then reported to Mr. Alan Bell, of Upton, a member of the Merseyside Investigatory Group into Aerial Phenomena, who said that the same sighting had been reported by people in Birkenhead and Liverpool.

The group has been in touch with Liverpool and Manchester airports who said that it could not have been a meteorological object and reported nothing picked up on radar.

Mr. Bell explained that the area is not a usual sighting place for UFOs, but added that this could be because many people feel too embarrassed or frightened to report one.

EVENING POST LEEDS
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LONDON

UFO mystery down on farm

A North Yorkshire farmer has reported a UFO to police after he and friends saw a mysterious metal disc floating on Pepper Hall farm at Arkengarthdale, near Richmond.

Police said three people saw the two-foot metal disc moving two feet above the ground. "One person got within 20 feet of it when it suddenly climbed and disappeared," said a spokesman.

LEVELLAND, TEXAS
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Just
Rambling...

With
Stephen Henry

A lot of folks saw what appeared to be a UFO overhead Sunday night.

Our neighbor Hirma Skillern called it to our attention first. A few minutes later Elaine Lane peddled by on her bicycle and pointed it out. A few minutes later several other people spotted it too and our phone started ringing.

It was a bright, round, shiny object almost directly overhead. As we watched it, it lazily drifted a few degrees one direction and then a few degrees another direction. It continued to intrigue area residents for nearly an hour, finally dimming as the sun sank deeper behind the horizon.

We've been told "it" was a research weather balloon. Bill Tynan at Reese Air Force Base said the traffic control tower was closed Sunday evening, referring us to Ed Upchurch at Lubbock's

Air Traffic Control Center. However Tynan did contact Holloman Air Force Base, explaining that most weather balloons were launched from that area in Eastern New Mexico. At press time he did not have confirmation that the balloon, however, was from there.

Upchurch reported sightings of a weather balloon Saturday evening rather than Sunday. He explained Lubbock is rarely advised of such balloons unless they are expected to get close to the Lubbock Airport.

He went on to explain that such balloons change shape as they ascend and descend. He also explained that such balloons normally ascend and descend at a rate of 400 feet per minute and that at 30,000 feet such balloons are as long as 430 feet, with a tear-like appearance. He added that a weather balloon can stay up for several days.

DAILY STAR
LONDON
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The ones that got away!

THREE early morning fishermen reported sighting a convoy of more than 100 unidentified flying objects over Leicester.

Mr. Paul Gamble, one of the three celebrating the start of the coarse fishing season on the River Soar near Frog Island at about 1.45 a.m. said: "We looked up and saw first one, then a stream of triangles, with lights on the side.

"They were not planes, as we saw a jet passing beneath them. I have never seen anything like it in my life."

The sightings came after a spate of UFO incidents

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UFOs Play Cat-and-Mouse With Russian Jets in Arctic

Capt. Dubstov's eyes widened in disbelief.

Far below his patrol bomber and hovering motionless over the wind-whipped waves of the frigid Arctic Ocean the Soviet pilot had spotted a gigantic UFO, circular in shape and an incredible 900 feet in diameter.

Impossible, but there it was. Capt. Vladimir Dubstov had heard about these mysterious Arctic visitors from other Russian pilots, but never before had he encountered one.

And he was going to make the most of his opportunity.

Using low-lying clouds to screen his movements, the veteran aviator changed his course, edged his lumbering jet closer to the UFO and circled it.

"It was truly immense!"

By HENRY GRIS

clared Prof. Felix Zigel, the Soviet Union's top UFO expert who investigated the case. "A cone of light protruding downward from it gave it an eerie appearance. But it showed no sign of life."

So Dubstov moved closer.

"Then," Prof. Zigel continued, "all of his instruments went haywire. He began to lose altitude."

As he struggled to regain control, Dubstov was horri-

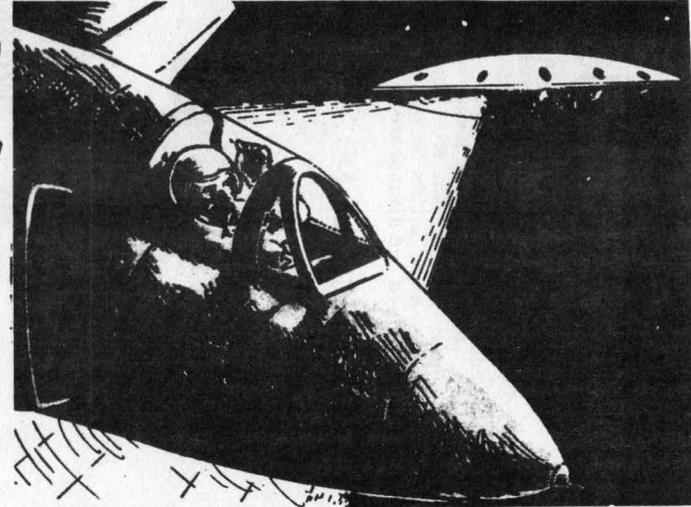
fied to see the UFO accelerate and whish by him in a vertical takeoff, leaving only a greenish-blue cloud behind.

Shaken, Dubstov nursed his crippled jet home and reported his near-disastrous encounter.

"That happened last October 22," Prof. Zigel reported. "And while it may be the latest encounter, it won't be the last. The polar region is the gate through which extraterrestrial ships enter and exit the earth's gravitational field."

In fact, the scientist's files include dozens of similar encounters by Soviet airmen.

On June 14, 1980, for example, a Soviet jet fighter attached to Moscow Air Defense "engaged an alien craft which was approximately the same size as the one Dub-



FAN-SHAPED BEAM from UFO killed the engine of one Russian jet and momentarily blinded the pilot.

stov confronted. First, the alien ship played a cat-and-mouse game. Its maneuvers were too bizarre for our jet to duplicate. Suddenly it took off at incredible speed."

Prof. Zigel, who also lectures at the famed Moscow Aviation Institute, is convinced the alien spaceships are under orders not to get involved in a battle. "When

they are about to be attacked," he explained, "they invariably break away and disappear from sight."

Only one Soviet airman has ever had a "dogfight" with a UFO, Prof. Zigel added.

"His name is Arkady Apraksin," the scientist said. "He was flying a jet fighter when he encountered a cigar-shaped UFO. Radar spotted it and he was ordered to force it to land — or open fire.

"Apraksin began his approach, but the mystery craft fired what he described as a 'fan-shaped beam' which blinded him momentarily. Then he discovered his engine was dead and he had no electrical controls. Somehow he managed to glide to a landing," he said.

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UFO Believers Will Come Here for Weekend Meeting

By **Seth W. Moskowitz**
Staff Reporter

They come in a wide variety of shapes, sizes and colors and are most frequently seen between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. during July, August and October.

Worldwide, one of them is spotted every 15 minutes; most people don't believe they exist.

UFOs.

Mention UFOs and you'll most likely be greeted with raised eyebrows, wisecracks and talk of little green men with antennae sprouting from their heads.

Mention UFOs to Gayle C. McBride, however, and you're in for some serious talk — and some surprises.

Like this one:

A UFO was spotted over downtown Winston-Salem less than two months ago.

You don't believe it?

Well, Mrs. McBride says that it's true. And Mrs. McBride ought to know. She's the assistant state director for the Mutual UFO Network Inc., an international not-for-profit organization dedicated to resolving the mysteries of UFOs.

Mrs. McBride said yesterday

that on Saturday, April 25, between 8:15 and 9 p.m., three people saw a UFO over downtown Winston-Salem.

One of the people, a woman who is a member of the Tarheel UFO Study Group in Rural Hall, was leaving the Brookstown Mill when she saw a glowing triangular-shaped object in the north-northeastern sky. The object had a red light in front of it and left a trail of light in its wake, Mrs. McBride said.

Within minutes of that sighting, a woman leaving the Zevely House saw a perfectly round, bright object with a red glow behind it, traveling toward the Brookstown area. The woman reported the sighting to the police, Mrs. McBride said.

(Mrs. McBride said that the two women reported seeing different shapes not because they saw different objects but because they saw the same object from different angles.)

A third person, a man leaving Bowman Gray School of Medicine, also saw the object, Mrs. McBride said. She did not have any details of what he saw, she said, because the sighting is still under investigation by a field investigator with the Tar Heel

UFO Study Group.

The Winston-Salem sighting was one of about 150 UFO sightings in the United States since the beginning of the year, Mrs. McBride said.

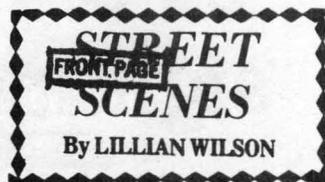
Still don't believe it?

Then wander over to the Nature Science Center this weekend, and you'll have the opportunity to talk to some 100 people who do believe in UFOs. The Tar Heel Study Group's Fifth Annual UFO Conference convenes Saturday and continues through Sunday, with 13 speakers from Maryland, Georgia and Virginia.

Speakers include Henry Morton, the state director of the Mutual UFO Network, who will speak on "UFO Propulsion"; George Fawcett, the immediate past state director of the network (who held the post for 11 years), who will speak on "UFO Odds and Ends"; Allan Hendry, a former chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Illinois, another international organization; and Willy Smith, also from the Center for UFO Studies, who will speak about an unusual UFO sighting on June 14, 1980, in South America, which he investigated.

The conference will be Saturday from 1:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is charged.

ALICE TEXAS
ECHO NEWS
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BETTY SORIANO, a teacher at Dubose Middle School, gave us a call about the unidentified flying object she had sighted in the fall of 1980.

Last Sunday, Street Scenes related a sighting by Robert Gomez, who reported a UFO sighting near Hill Farm on June 12.

Ms. Soriano read the report and said she had debated about calling and reporting what she and another teacher had sighted last fall.

The two teachers were enroute to the Hill Farm, located about six miles east of Alice on FR 665, to pick up another teacher, Connie Hill. They were attending night classes at Texas A&I University.

Ms. Soriano said it was about 6 p.m. and they were arriving at the entrance into Hill Farm when they spotted a "round object coming right at us. We thought it would hit us and the car went dead."

She recalls that there was no other traffic at the time. "The whole thing happened in a few minutes. We felt powerless to do anything. I've never seen anything move so fast," she said.

Ms. Soriano laughingly said when she finally stared the car again, she reached to turn on the car radio to check if there were any reports of a UFO, and instead of turning on the radio dial, she flipped on the windshield wipers.

For what it's worth, the teacher said they had talked about the incident with others, and some students from the area who also attend A&I classes stated they too have seen UFOs in the same area often.

How about you? Have you sighted a UFO recently?

SIMI VALLEY, CAL.
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UFO sighting **PAGE ONE** reported

A Frisbee-like flying saucer was spotted Thursday night above Simi Valley and Moorpark. It was sighted by a woman here at about the same time it was seen by a Moorpark resident.

The UFO spotters' descriptions of the object almost were identical.

Alexander Street resident Linda Aguilar spotted the flying saucer at 9:45 p.m., about five minutes before Linda Reyes of Moorpark saw it.

Reyes lives in a mobile home on Fruitvale Street and was sitting outside with her 1-year-old and 2-year-old children, Angela and Johnny, when an object with yellow and orange lights was sighted "moving up and down."

Reyes said, "I saw this round object spinning fast, with orange and yellow lights. It scared me a lot so I put the kids in the house and called the East Valley Sheriff's Station."

The sheriff's deputies laughed at her in disbelief, Reyes said, and gave her a UFO research center's telephone number in the Seattle, Wash., area.

Deputies said the sheriff's station received at least two calls about the unknown craft, which observers said appeared to be moving toward Thousand Oaks.

Aguilar said the flying saucer seemed to be over the Simi Drive-In theater.

The object was traveling in a cricle, the local resident said, and at a low altitude.

Aguilar estimated it to be about the size of an airplane and "round, like a Frisbee." She, too, said it was spinning and lighted.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Aguilar.

After calling her children outside to watch the UFO, Aguilar telephoned Simi Valley police and was given the Seattle research center's phone number.

A spokesman at the research center, where UFO sightings are investigated and evaluated, said local residents who sight a flying saucer are invited to telephone the center at 1-206-722-3000.

TRAER, IOWA
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Traer Resident Spots A UFO

An unidentified flying object was spotted by several residents in Traer on Monday evening, June 22.

According to Milo Hanousek, who lives at 310 Iowana Street in Traer, his wife spotted the UFO first. He said that it was around 9:15 p.m. when his wife said "look at that" and pointed toward the north sky.

Milo said he saw an object that had a bluish flame, "Like a natural gas flame," and it was "going quite fast."

"I was so dumbfounded, that I didn't move and the object disappeared behind the trees," said Milo.

Other residents of Traer have commented that they witnessed something similar to the Hanousek description and most of them thought it looked like a falling star or comet.

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UFO IS REPORTED

An unidentified flying object has been reported by an Aliquippa couple who were so shook up by the experience they "got the hell out of there" rather than investigate or attempt to confirm the sighting of the brilliant red and green stationary and flashing white lights.

Cheryl and Bruce Hopkins were waiting out a thunderstorm at Moraine State Park, near Butler, about 3:30 am, June 24th, when they saw the unexplained phenomenon.

"Whatever it was hovered about five feet off the ground, between where we were standing and our boat. At first we thought it might have been our boat lights, but the dock where we were moored was out of sight from where our truck was parked-and the lights were too bright.

"My husband and I stood there, speechless and frozen in our tracks, as we watched the UFO for about 20 seconds. Then there was a violent crash of thunder and lightning which seemed to envelope the entire cove-and just as quickly, the mysterious lights were gone.

"We got the hell out of there, needless to say. We left our boat at the dock and headed home," the 28-year old Mrs. Hopkins said. She said they attempted without success to locate somebody from a UFO investigating team after they got home; then they called Allegheny Observatory to see if there could have been some natural phenomenon. She said they were told there was nothing natural that throw off the amount of light they described. They then called the office at the park and the only comment was, "There was a lot of

strange things going on in that cove lately." They remembered, then, that a man had been killed just two weeks prior when it was believed lightning struck the mast of his sailboat. Two others in the boat escaped injury, however.

Mrs. Hopkins said they had learned from a friend, a subscriber to the Forest Press, that the editor had been contacted by a UFO investigator from Bradford at the time of the Bigfoot investigation.

She said that is why they called the Forest Press instead of any of the Pittsburgh papers.

"We figured you would be most likely to believe what we told you," she said.

The more they think about it, she said, the more certain they are that what they saw was extraterrestrial-both very vividly recall a very audible "buzzing" sound the entire time they observed the bright lights.

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What Space Aliens Really Look Like

A Russian surveyor walking through the woods came upon a sight that froze him to the spot — a glowing orange UFO with two weird-looking spacemen standing next to it.

The strange creatures were about three feet tall, with broad shoulders, barrel chests and bulging with muscles. They wore tight-fitting black suits that covered them from head to toe, except for slitted eye-holes to see through.

The sound of their voices resembled the high-pitched twittering of birds.

When the alien creatures spotted the man, they leaped into their mushroom-shaped UFO, which shot straight up in the air and disappeared in a flash.

The incident occurred on Sept. 2, 1979, outside the Russian village of Petushki, near Moscow. The eyewitness was Aleksandr Norin, a 58-year-old land surveyor.

The sighting is but one of some 20,000 analyzed and computerized by Prof. Felix Zigel, the Soviet Union's top UFO investigator and lecturer at the Moscow Aviation Institute, which is attended by Russian cosmonauts.

From his years of studying UFO sighting reports, Prof. Zigel has drawn several astonishing conclusions about the creatures he says are vis-

By HENRY GRIS
iting earth from outer space. Most are three feet tall, he said.

"They resemble man. They have abnormally large heads without a trace of hair, bulging, wide-set eyes; a wrinkled face that makes them look ancient, and deep nostrils in place of a nose.

"A much less frequent, taller species of alien is so close to us in appearance that they would be difficult to distinguish from us. They are just under six feet tall."

A third species, about nine feet tall, are rarely seen, he said.

Some people have also reported sighting mechanical humanoids, or robots, and even "walking" computers that are controlled by radio signals from remote space stations, Prof. Zigel said.

People have actually been

taken aboard UFOs, hypnotized, placed under observation, then released, Prof. Zigel said. In rare instances people have been abducted by UFOs and never returned — including three Soviet citizens and one from Poland.

Some UFOs are only two feet wide; others are as big as a football field.

"Capable of remaining stationary, they have also been clocked at 45,000 miles per hour," said Dr. Zigel. "They move noiselessly, and create a vacuum that protects them from being burned up in our atmosphere."

Most amazingly, he said, they can appear and disappear seemingly at will. They also somehow have the ability to shut down radio stations, combustion engines, power supply systems and electric systems, he said.

UFO activity over Russia seems to peak every 89 days, says Prof. Zigel, who has no explanation for the pattern.



HUMANOID CREATURES with abnormally large heads, bulging and wide-set eyes, and a wrinkled face are visiting earth, says Professor Felix Zigel.

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LOS ALTOS, CA.
(SANTA CLARA CO.)
TOWN CRIER APR. 81 (20)

UFO sighting reported in LA

At least one Los Altos resident living on Ben Roe Avenue sighted what he thought was an unidentified flying object (UFO) hovering some 1,000 feet away in the sky at 9:30 p.m. April 22.

Los Altos Police received a call from a man claiming he and some neighbors were seeing some unusual red lights in the sky in the direction of Venus. He was referred to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash.

According to Robert Gribble of the UFO center, a call was received from Los Altos about the object.

"He described it as a group of lights that appeared to be attached to something," Gribble said. "But the object was pretty far away so it was not seen very clearly."

Gribble added the caller — whose name was not released — said the object moved around the sky and then disappeared.

"It wasn't what we call a close encounter," Gribble said. "It was beyond 1,000 feet away."

The man reporting the phenomenon said he noticed

the hovering lights because they were so different from the types of lights usually seen in the sky, Gribble said.

Officials at the National UFO Reporting Center will now check with aviation agencies to see if they have records of an aircraft in that area at the reporting time. Gribble also hopes to hear from anybody else who may have seen the object.

"Depending upon the standard investigation procedure results, that is, if we can't find what it was it is then classified as an unknown object," Gribble said.

This is the only Los Altos sighting the reporting center has received recently but, according to Gribble, there have been other sightings in nearby areas.

"We've had heavy activity in the San Jose area recently," he said. "And another area just north of you in Sacramento has also been a heavy activity area."

The reports from those two places have been a combination of sightings, such as triangular, circular or oblong shapes of light or objects with lights attached to them, according to Gribble.

BEND, OR
BULLETIN 29 MAY 1981

UFO turns up on beach

NEWPORT (UPI) - A possible unidentified flying object that police found along the beach in the early morning darkness today has apparently disappeared.

Police Chief Larry Spencer said a citizen reported the object about 2:30 a.m. today along the beach north of the north Yaquina Bay jetty. The citizen said the object was 20-feet by six-feet long and "glowed" when kicked.

Spencer said two officers subsequently arrived at the scene, could not identify the object, but

reporting no "glowing" from it. He said officers could not determine whether the object was metal or wood.

The chief said when an officer later returned to investigate the object in daylight, it was gone. Spencer said it may have been washed out to sea.

The Oregon State University Marine Science Center in Newport was assisting the police department in the investigation, Spencer said.

Steve now convinced over UFOs

□ 5AD's night-time announcer Steve Mill is a firm believer in the existence of UFOs. Why? Because he thinks he's seen one.

Steve says he was fairly sceptical about the subject before his sighting last year but has since become very interested.

"I'd heard all the stories about UFOs and didn't believe in them," he told TV EXTRA. "But it wasn't until I saw something I couldn't explain that I started to wonder about their existence and open up my mind."

He recounted his sighting. "It happened last year in the early hours of the morning.

"I was taking my dog for a walk along the beach at Glenelg after coming home from work. It was a very quiet, still and clear night.

"I looked out to sea and saw a cluster of about four or five pale lights about 3,000 feet up.

"At first I thought it was probably a plane, but then it struck me that it wasn't making a noise. On a still night, aircraft can be heard for miles."

Steve said the cluster of lights varied in intensity as it moved up and down in a jerky motion. It slowly flew up the



STEVE MILL — scared and intrigued by mysterious lights.

coastline towards Outer Harbor before disappearing about 10 minutes after he first saw it.

"At the time I was a little scared. But I was also very intrigued.

"It annoyed me that I was the only one on the beach because I wanted someone else there to see it too, just to make sure I wasn't seeing things."

Steve said his dog remained very close to him throughout the experience. "That's unusual for her. Normally she runs ahead of me enjoying herself.

"It definitely wasn't an airplane. I live near the airport and know what the landing lights of many craft look like. And a plane or helicopter would clearly have made a noise."

TASMANIA APR. 13 1981

Sailors report huge UFO

THE CREW and passengers on an English cruise ship watched astounded as a gigantic, saucer-shaped craft hovered above the deck.

Phillip Taylor, of Jilmax Court, Nunawading, Victoria, reports: "It happened in October, 1977. I was working with a mate named Brad Maxwell on the SS Arcadia.

"We'd just sailed from Latoka, Fiji — and because it was hot we went on deck to look at the islands.

"Just before dusk, Brad said: 'Look up there — in the sky.'

"I did, and saw a really huge mass of bright red lights in the clouds. Then one immense, saucer-shaped ship descended and hovered.

"I judged it to be just under the length of two Jumbo jets.

"It was metallic, with a dome

and red lights all around it.

"We were too amazed and frightened to move. But there was no mistaking what we saw. It was as plain as we could see each other.

"Then the saucer started to move away, and headed inland. What impressed us most was its utter silence."

What fascinates me most about this acutely-observed report is that the incident occurred in October — the month when UFO activity seems to be at its most intense, worldwide.

October was the month in which two Pascagoula, Mississippi, fishermen claimed they had been "waited aboard" a strange craft.

And it was in the Octobers of 1934, 1935 and 1978 that aircraft vanished without trace over Bass Strait. ■

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RAAF seizes film to silence UFO witnesses

RAAF OFFICERS have seized film and tried to silence witnesses in an attempt to cover up a mass of UFO sightings over Broken Hill, NSW.

In the past 18 months, I have received numerous reports from residents terrified by spinning, eerily-illuminated craft buzzing their cars and landing on roads.

And Pro Hart, the world-famous Australian artist, told me this week he and friends had watched through a telescope as saucershaped, wingless craft manoeuvred at night over Wilcannia.

"I don't believe all the garbage about these things coming from outer space," Pro Hart said. "But I do know dozens of people here are seeing them. I believe they're some form of experimental military aircraft."

Pro Hart told me that, while he was painting at Wilcannia, he and friends had used a telescope to watch saucer-shaped aircraft, "lit up like Christmas trees," landing and taking off.

"I'm confident the space visitors theory is nonsense," he said. "But at the same time, I'm not blind — and neither are all the other people around here who are seeing and talking about these things."

I understand that at least two Broken Hill residents have taken pictures of the UFOs.

One man, a Telecom employee, shot colour film of three wingless craft — two bullet-shaped and the other in the form of a saucer — performing right-angled turns over the city.

When the amateur cameraman reported his sighting, RAAF officers called at his house and confiscated the film.

Pro Hart said: "One bloke here who was filling his petrol tank got the fright



Artist Pro Hart is confident that the space visitors theory is nonsense.

of his life when one of the things hovered above him.

"I have relatives and friends who have also seen these UFOs. It's my theory they're terrestrial, wingless aircraft of radically unconventional design, which are being tested in Australia with the RAAF's co-operation."

I admire Pro Hart as an artist. But I doubt whether his attempt at a down-to-earth scientific explanation holds water.

My interviews with witnesses who have described the UFO's flesh-prickling "psychic effects" and my study of such evidence as the New Zealand film, in which bell-shaped craft flash in and out of view in a single frame, convince me that forces beyond human understanding are at work.

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'Ghostly' light shines

BRISBANE: The feared Min Min Light — the curse of outback travellers — has appeared again in far north-west Queensland. The mystery light hovered over a policeman camped alone at Boulia near the Northern Territory border.

Officer in charge of the Boulia district, Sgt M. Whitney, said a Stock Squad officer saw the shimmering light twice from about 1km away on Sunday.

According to Aboriginal folklore, the Min Min Light comes from a graveyard beside the ruins of

the old Min Min Hotel, a nineteenth century way station for Cobb & Co coaches.

Witnesses claim the light follows travellers along lonely outback trails.

Some believe it to be the ghost of a murdered pioneer who explored the tracks.

Sgt Whitney said it was the first sighting of the light for 19 months. "The officer said the light appeared twice and was round and seemed controlled."

He stumbled through the darkness and suddenly was . . .

Face-to-face with a space beast!

The unworldly monster turned his hands green

Arlin Gilpin was a curious young man when he grabbed his pistol and went to investigate the mysterious orange light near his home.

Minutes later the 19-year-old youth was babbling insanely — and his hands turned green.

By RAFE KLINGER

Arlin and three other witnesses told The NEWS of one of the most chilling UFO encounters ever — the night they met a huge space alien with red-orange eyes like burning coals.

"There was a form there, but I can't describe it," said Arlin's mother, Cathy, of Casey County, Ky., who also saw the unworldly creature.

"It didn't seem to want to hurt anyone — but I would never try to follow one again."

Arlin's nerve-shattering encounter left him with green hands and a purple-colored burn mark under his right eye. Incredibly, the marks vanished by the next morning.

"I haven't any idea what I saw," Arlin told The NEWS. "It wasn't anything of human form."

The nightmare encounter occurred the night of March 11, outside the homes of the Gilpin and Wethington families in a sparsely-populated area.

Arlin and his mother were

watching TV when they heard a strange sound like an electrical pump or drill outside their house.

Looking out the window, they saw a glowing orange ball of light setting over the woods near their acreage. Thinking it was a car that had run off the road, Mrs. Gilpin got in her car and drove out after it.

As she approached, she could see a large glowing ball of light which kept dancing away from her as she approached.

Mrs. Gilpin was frightened and wanted to turn around.

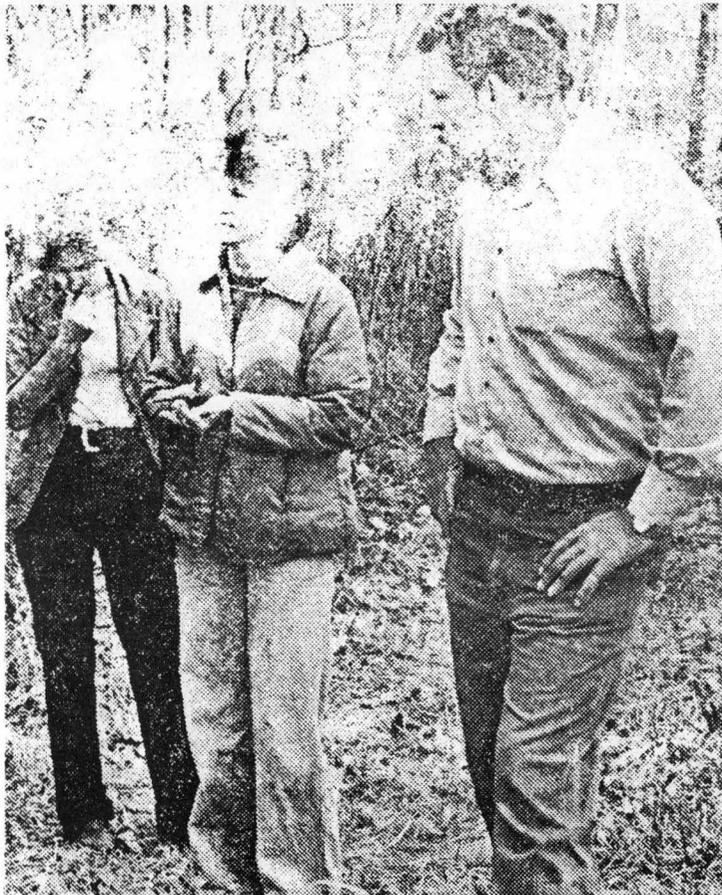
"But I got this weird feeling that it was pulling me to it," she said.

Terrified, she forced herself to turn the car around and drove away.

Meanwhile, Arlin had telephoned his nearby aunt and uncle, Candy and Carroll Wethington. Then he grabbed his pistol and went out to investigate.

As Arlin walked toward the woods, two orange dots "like eyes" suddenly appeared just a few feet in front of him.

"It was like there wasn't any-! around a table to sip coffee and



Esker and Cathy Gilpin and Candy Wethington visit the spot where the beast from outer space terrified the Gilpins' son.



Arlin Gilpin says bullets didn't harm the space alien.

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CON'T SPACE BEAST!

thing there, but there was. The eyes were above me and it wasn't a human figure. It seemed like a great big giant ape, but I couldn't tell.

"I'm 6-foot-1, and it was much bigger, more than seven feet."

Shocked by the sudden appearance, Arlin called out and then fired.

"I shot at it and it just disappeared," he said. "I'd say it was something from outer space. I don't know of anything on earth that I could shoot at from that close and it could just disappear."

Arlin started walking back toward the Wethingtons' house. When he turned, the orange eyes appeared behind him again. He turned and went up to them and raised his pistol.

"I kept trying and trying to pull the trigger — but I couldn't pull the trigger. It seemed like it wouldn't let me."

Arlin was terrified. He rushed into his aunt's house totally panic-stricken.

His aunt, uncle and two other relatives there were consoling his mother who had driven to their home.

When they saw him, they were stunned. His hands had turned green!

"It looked like a powder was covering them," said Candy Wethington. "But it wasn't a powder. It wouldn't rub or wash off."

Arlin was terrified and babbling wildly. His relatives calmed him and took away his gun. Then, they all gathered

to discuss the strange things they had seen.

Suddenly without a word Arlin stood up and walked out the door. Candy and the others looked out the window and saw him standing at the end of the walkway talking to something with glowing orange eyes.

"I got this feeling while I WAS in the house that I had to go OUT side," Arlin recalls. "It WAS waiting for me."

"It seemed like it was TRYING to talk to me, but I couldn't understand it. It was making electronic sounds."

"I still couldn't make out its shape in the dark. Then, it just touched me — on the cheek."

"It was like a shock — like when you bump into an electrified fence — only it went from my cheek down through my whole body."

"I wasn't afraid. It seemed like when it touched me, it was letting me know that it could do whatever it wanted to — and I couldn't stop it."

Arlin walked back into the house. On his cheek was the burn mark. Candy said the glowing dots stayed for a moment and then just vanished.

Arlin says that he hasn't suffered any ill effects from his encounter with the being.

"I don't know what it was," he said. "I just think it must be from another planet."

"I have this feeling that it's going to come back. It may not come back here, but it'll come somewhere."

CHELMSFORD
EVENING
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Space 3128 avoiders

UFO spotting in the night sky over Chelmsford is turning into Star Bores for closer encounter fans.

Space invaders have not materialised for researchers who spend months scanning the heavens.

Only a handful of unidentified flying objects have been seen this year — and one of them was probably a hot air balloon!

"It's so bleak it's untrue," said Dan Boring, 32, who edits 'Earthing' magazine for fellow UFO buffs.

"There's been hardly any sightings in Essex at all. It's not because people aren't looking, but probably something to do with the phenomena itself."

Bill Eden, 31, a telephone engineer from Firtrees Rise, Moulsham, researches sightings for Dan's Dagenham-based magazine.

The latest sightings are of three chevron shaped winged craft spotted by a Hatfield Peverel woman last month.

And a policeman sighted a round object which seemed to form into a teardrop as he was watching it.

"We think that they may have been a hot air balloon," said Bill, a dedicated 'Eufologist'.

"It is pretty quiet but we are carrying on and hoping the sightings increase."

ADELAIDE AUSTRALIA

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UFOs may be 'black holes'

THERE IS evidence that some UFOs are "black holes" — ships consisting of light-resistant anti-matter.

Such a craft may have been spotted by PEOPLE reader David Jarman of Calen, Queensland, who writes: "Three years ago I was a student at Thornborough College, Charters Towers.

"One hot, sleepless night I was watching the drifting clouds outside my bedroom window, when I saw something that made me spring to my feet.

"It was an enormous, circular object, moving slowly through the sky. Although the clouds above it were reflecting the streetlights, this immense disc was pitch-black, emitting no light at all.

"The five seconds this mindblowing thing stayed in view will never forget."

• Late in 1978, I published, on the front page of 'The Australian', a photograph of a JFO very similar to the disc David Jarman describes.

This circular object, also black

and emitting no light, was snapped over Bass Strait at sunset by plumber Roy Manifold. Mr Manifold photographed the disc one mile from the spot pilot Frederick Valentich vanished — and just 20 minutes before Valentich made his final broadcast, reporting that he was being buzzed by a UFO.

The object that destroyed a forest in Tunguska, Siberia, in 1908, is also thought, by some researchers, to have been a spacecraft consisting of "black hole" material.

It was a UFO—really!

SOUTH WALES ECHO CARDIFF LONDON
JULY 1 1981

A STRANGE "plane without wings" hovered over Cardiff as three boys played cricket on Greenway Park in Rumney . . .

And now Clayton Blight, aged 11, and brothers Ian and Stephen Scammell, aged 11 and 10, are convinced it was something out of the ordinary — an unidentified flying object.

"It was completely black and it was really low-flying," said Clayton, of Cemaes Crescent, Trowbridge. They saw the object at about 5pm on Monday.

"It came over with a sort of whirring noise and we thought it was a jet — but then it turned in the sky and we still saw no wings," said Clayton.

"It came over the tops of the houses and over the college. It was going very, very fast.

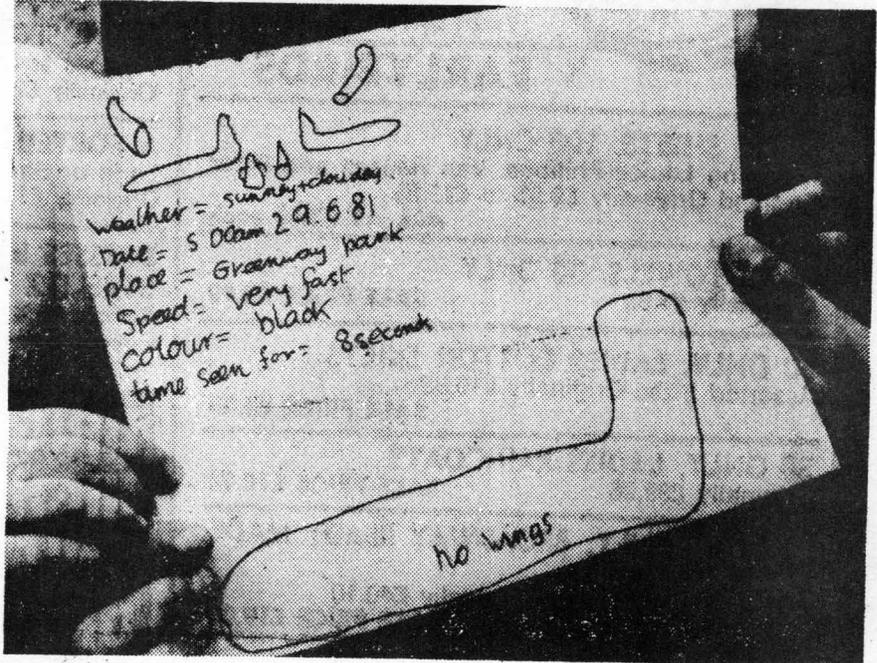
"We just looked at it and when we got back to the house we drew it and wrote about it. Later we reported it to the police."

Clayton estimated the object to be about 50 feet long and said it had hovered in the sky for six to 10 seconds before disappearing.

Ian and Stephen told their parents what they had seen.

Mrs Sandra Scammell, the boys' mother, said: "I just know they have seen something. It does seem strange

And here's how it looked . . .



because an older boy up the road was supposed to have seen a UFO a little while ago and I never mentioned it to my children.

"They have never said anything like this before. My younger two, Jonathan (aged six) and Paul (aged four), were

there, too, and they saw something."

The Scammell boys, of Harris Avenue, Rumney, said they had no special interest in science-fiction, but Clayton read "mostly about UFOs and ghosts."

South Wales Police con-

firmed that the sighting had been reported to them.

● UFO spotters, left to right in top picture, Paul, Clayton, Ian, Jonathan and Stephen with their drawing of the object. Pictured above is a close-up of the drawing.

LANCASHIRE EVENING TELEGRAPH
BLACKBURN

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UFO makes Frank see red!

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AN Accrington man's visitors provided a mystery early today.

For as he waved goodbye to relatives Mr Frank Westell spotted another set of visitors—this time from outer space.

Mr Westell, 41, of Downham Drive, Fern Gave, saw a red flashing light hovering over the moors above Darwen. He and his family watched the lights for over half an hour and Mr

Westell is convinced they were watching a UFO.

"I thought it could be a plane at first and then a helicopter but it stayed for too long and was too high to be either," said Mr Westell. "I phoned my cousin who had been visiting us and she saw the same thing. It was very clear and we had so long to observe it that we had every chance to discount the usual explanations."

WESTERN LON,
TELEGRAPH
HAVERFORDWEST
JULY 25 1981

NEW U.F.O. ALERT FOR COUNTY ³¹²⁸

A Pembroke Dock family had a breakfast-time surprise as they looked out of the windows of their home on Monday.

For there in the sky, above their home at 22 Meyrick Street, Mrs. Val Horvath and her daughters spotted what they are sure was a U.F.O.

The object first appeared at about 7.55 p.m., and at first Mrs. Horvath thought it was a speck of paper floating up from a bonfire.

But then it stayed in view, circling their house and seemed to gleam in the sunlight.

Mrs. Horvath, 17-year-old Jeanette, 18-year-old Tia and 14-year-old Caroline fetched their binoculars, and what they saw made them certain a craft from outer space was in the sky.

"It was saucer-like in shape, shiny on top and dark underneath with flashing red lights around the edge", Mrs. Horvath said this week.

"We watched it for nine minutes altogether before it disappeared in the direction of Swansea. It was absolutely fascinating, but rather frightening".

NUNEATON LON,
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JUN 27 1981

'What did ³¹²⁸ Walter see?

A Hinckley man's claim that he saw an unidentified flying object near Higham-on-the-Hill is being investigated by UFO enthusiasts.

The man, Mr Walter Brown, saw a bright light shaped like a rugby football, which travelled alongside his car, sending out beams of green light.

It stayed alongside for about five minutes, before disappearing from view.

A spokesman for Hinckley Aerial Phenomena Investigations said: "The witness states that he doesn't believe in UFOs, but would like to know if anyone else saw it.

"He is satisfied that it was no normal aircraft, and says there must be a logical explanation."

STAINES & EGHAM
NEWS LON,
MIDDS
JUNE 26 1981

Matthew spots a UFO ³¹²⁸

BULLSEYE member Matthew Higgins saw something strange when he was bird-watching.

"It was a UFO," said Matthew, 10, who goes to St. Thomas the Apostle School, Chertsey.

Matthew was bird-watching from the bedroom of his house at 76 Wheatash Road, Chertsey, when he spotted the round object in the sky.

So he got out his pocket camera and took three good pictures of it before it disappeared.

Matthew said that no one would believe him when he said he had seen the UFO, but after seeing the pictures they were not so sure.

So chums, if you have seen a UFO, why not let your old Prof know about it?

FALKIRK HERALD STIRLING

Shieldhill ³¹²⁸ girls sure they saw a 'flying saucer'

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She and the other girls described how light beams came out of the bottom of the disc before it shot into the air again.

Chair Hendry (9) of 77 Main Street, Shieldhill, said: "It was a frightening experience. It disappeared into a cloud then there was a shower of sparks as though it exploded.

Their teacher, Mrs Jean Harris, said the girls were hysterical when they came back into the classroom. They all gave a similar description of the incident.

The incident was not reported to the police. However, an RAF spokesman in London said there had been no reports of any sightings in that area.

SIX frightened primary school-children claim they had a close encounter with a flying saucer.

The girls, all from Shieldhill Primary, were playing on the football field at the school when they said the UFO appeared. Ten-year-old Ann Telfer said: "A herd of cows in an adjoining field stampeded as the black-domed saucer zoomed in and hovered above the ground.