

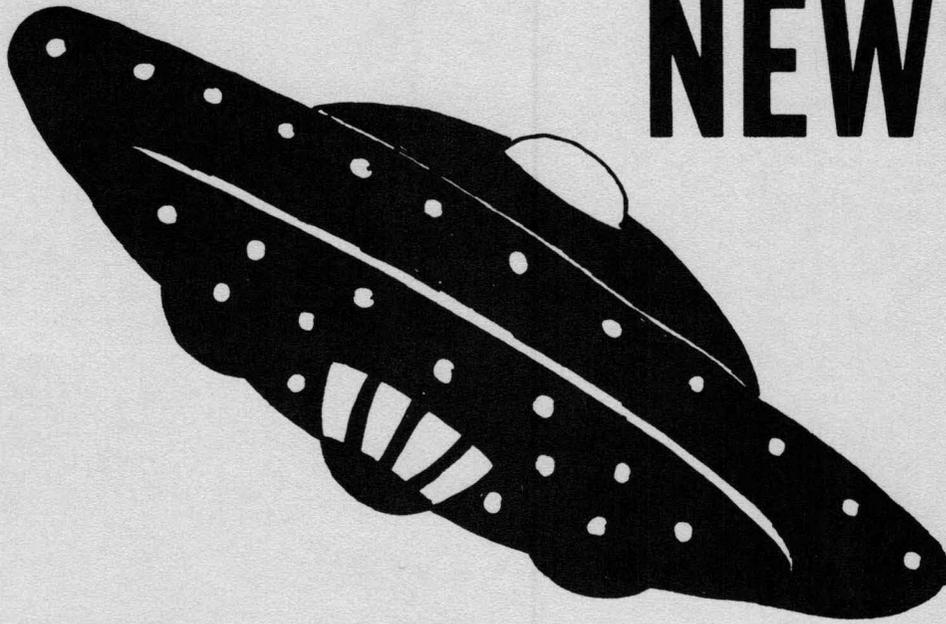
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Reports of UFOs hover after 3 Muscatine sightings

By WILLIAM RYBERG

Of The Register's Davenport Bureau

FRONT PAGE

Alan Wagner, a toll-taker on the Norbert F. Beckey Bridge in Muscatine, was getting ready to feed wild rabbits early one morning in July when he noticed something strange.

The rabbits, who usually ran away when humans come around, were stretched out flat on the cement pavement.

That's when he noticed a strange object hovering over the treetops on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River.

Wagner is one of three persons who reported seeing unidentified flying objects in Muscatine on three consecutive nights in July.

Barbara Schutte, 29, of Wever, a volunteer field investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., a privately funded center that investigates UFO sightings nationwide, said, "It's the best [sighting] the center has had for quite a while. The UFO scene has been rather quiet lately."

Schutte said Wagner described the UFO as an egg-shaped object that

Investigator says she saw UFOs in 1978

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gave off an orange glow and had a yellow interior light.

The object moved to within about 250 yards of Wagner, and he estimated that it was about 30 feet wide and about 25 feet tall, Schutte said. The object flew at an altitude of about 350 feet, but shot straight up to about 500 feet to cross the top of the bridge. Then it descended toward the water, veering off toward the west before it disappeared from view, Schutte said.

Wagner reported the sighting to police, but a policeman reported no sign of the object. Later, however, the officer reported hearing a whizzing sound as he patrolled about a block from the station, according to his written report.

Shortly before the sighting, said Schutte, a power outage was reported on Muscatine's south side and she planned to check to see if there could be any connection. Electrical outages sometimes are associated with UFO sightings, she said.

Clyde Bowen, manager of the Muscatine Power and Water Co., said an outage of less than one minute occurred in an area south of Muscatine at 2:04 a.m. July 22. But, said Bowen, the cause is known: A raccoon got into some electrical equipment, temporarily shorting out a circuit. The animal was killed.

Toll-taker Wagner could not be reached for comment about the sighting, and Schutte said he has asked that his name not be used in accounts of the sighting.

"He's been pretty well harassed today with phone calls from various newspapers, television stations and what not," she said.

The sighting was mentioned on

national television earlier this week on the NBC television program, "Tomorrow Coast to Coast." Host Tom Snyder interviewed Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies, who mentioned the Muscatine sighting.

Schutte said the first Muscatine sighting occurred at 12:07 a.m. July 21, when two young men were riding in a car near the river. A police report showed that the sighting was reported by Randy Reynolds of Muscatine.

The third sighting occurred about 1 a.m. July 23, but the caller refused to give his name.

"This person described it as an orange object, round in the front [and] tapered toward the back," Schutte said, adding that the caller reported seeing it on the east side of town not far from the river.

The object in the July 21 sighting was described as a "large orange disc that changed shapes." The object was seen over the riverfront and "disappeared from their sight at one time and reappeared close to the bridge," Schutte said.

Schutte, a licensed practical nurse, became involved with the Center for UFO studies after she had a sighting of her own in 1978 at her home near Wever.

The objects she saw were "three huge red lights at approximately 1,000 feet away in a cornfield."

CENTRALIA, WASH.
CHRONICLE

AUG 11 1981

Strange lights observed

Bright lights in the sky over Rochester resembling, perhaps, a Martian invasion were observed Sunday evening by several Rochester-area residents.

Mary Ann Bamber, who lives a few miles from Rochester, said Monday she noticed the lights at about 9:30 p.m. Sunday after arriving home from church. The lights, she said, included one large light, which appeared oval, and seven smaller ones.

The one large "something," she

says, was flashing different colors — red, blue, white and another color, possibly green.

As she, her husband and a neighbor couple watched the lights, she said, one of them suddenly started moving. "It went across the horizon 'til it was out of sight," she says, moving rapidly.

She watched the lights until past 11 p.m. and later, when she got up at 1 a.m. Monday, they were still there, visible to the southwest.

PAMPA, TEXAS NEWS
AUG 6 1981

Pampan seeks to unravel possible sighting of UFO

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A Pampa man, with a latent curiosity, is seeking people who may have seen a burning object drop from the sky south of Pampa in 1976 or 1977.

Grover Willoughby, 901 S. Barnes, recalls seeing the object and being curious enough to check with both the Air Force and the Federal Aviation Administration. Both agencies reported they had no flights over the area at that particular time.

He has forgotten the exact time of the sighting, but Willoughby feels that if as many people saw the burning object in the sky as he thinks — it won't take long to get the stories together and make some sense of what happened.

"I spoke to the the Pampa Police Department officials at the time of the sighting, but they assumed the burning object to be a meteorite," Willoughby said.

"But just recently I met a man who had also seen the burning object as he was driving from Amarillo to Pampa. He saw the bright object in the sky near Panhandle, so it was no small happening," Willoughby said.

"Another man said he remembers seeing the object and then remembered that he had to put out some ground fires caused, he said, by the object," Willoughby said.

"I am trying to find out just what it was, or just what it means," he said.

"From new information and memory, I have gathered so far that the object had a flame, and the flame was above the object, unlike a meteorite which is all flame," he said.

Anyone with information about the burning object that fell from the sky can call Willoughby at 665-1131.

ASHLAND, OHIO
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Flashing lights spotted

FRONT PAGE

A Mifflin man's report of an unidentified flying object was confirmed this morning by a sheriff's deputy who witnessed the phenomenon, but Federal Aviation Administration officials say they have no record of the event.

Ray Irving, 49 N. Carolina St., Mifflin, reported sighting "flashing red, blue and green lights," which he observed for approximately an hour, starting shortly before midnight.

Irving said the lights proceeded slowly from west to north, moving rapidly only twice, in brief bursts downward and to the right.

He said the sighting was definitely not an airplane.

"Whatever it was, it looked like a long way off," Irving said.

Deputy Bobbie Deaton, who responded to Irving's call, said he observed the lights for approximately 15 minutes in the northwest sky, about 30 degrees above the horizon.

Deaton said the alternating red, blue and green lights looked "like an

airplane or a distant star."

FAA spokesmen at Mansfield Lahm Airport and the air traffic control center in Oberlin said their offices were not notified of any UFO sightings overnight, and a National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman at Lewis Research Center in Parma said there are no satellites in orbit currently low enough to be observed with the naked eye.

Earl Neff, director of the Cleveland UFology Project and a former instructor in the scientific study of UFOs at Kent State University in North Canton and Cuyahoga Community College in Parma, said Irving's sighting was the first reported to him overnight.

Neff said since it was a reported long-distance viewing, he did not expect any written report of the sighting to be made, but he said closeup sightings had been reported in the last two weeks from Parma and Macedonia.

WEST SUSSEX
GAZETTE
ARUNDEL
AUG 6 1981

I saw the 'thing'

I, too, saw "The thing that passed in the night" (W.S.G. July 30).

As I was going to bed it was passing my south-facing bedroom window, not much higher than the houses, and was about half to three-quarter mile inland. The bright green light was much too big for a navigation light. I do not think it was the airship.

Having lived through two wars, I have seen airships travelling fast(ish), slowly, and hovering; this green light was going fast(ish) as was evidenced by the backward "wind-swept" appearance of the light, and this also showed that it was some flare, i.e. not an enclosed light.

The sky was bright enough to have been able to see the shape had it been an airship. Also, there would have been a hum, but it was dead silent. There was not even any noticeable wind displacement sound.

This "thing" was travelling west to east, level and straight and silently, and I checked the time as 11.8 p.m. When it appeared to be about over the Ferring / Goring boundary, i.e. about 500 yards from this address, the light began to go out from the front, back, and, without wavering at all, and without a sound it was no longer there! I again checked the time as 11.11 p.m. (No pink elephants — I don't drink). So do please tell us what it was.

Barbara B. Stock (Mrs.)
10, St Andrews Close,
Ferring.

Mystery object in the sky

A MYSTERIOUS silver and orange object that was spotted floating in the sky by a Wallisdown couple has completely baffled air traffic controllers and police.

The only explanation that they can give is that the pear-shaped object, witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. George Longden, of Daws Avenue, was a hot air balloon.

A puzzled Mr. Longden, who says he is not a science fiction fan and has always been sceptical about UFOs, said it was the most amazing thing he had ever seen in his 63 years.

The couple, who have lived in Wallisdown for over 40 years were in their quiet garden at 5 p.m. on Sunday when they watched the mystery object gently floating in the sky.

"The wife was out in the garden sitting in a chair shelling peas when she called out to me. She was looking up into the sky at something that was hovering overhead.

"It was like a gigantic air balloon, but it couldn't have been because of the rate at

which it moved off," said Mr. Longden.

He said that it was floating between 1,500 and 2,000 feet and stayed within sight for about three minutes before heading off towards Wimborne at about the speed of a light aircraft.

After witnessing the strange

sight, Mr. Longden made inquiries with his neighbours but no-one else reports seeing anything, and the police and air traffic controllers have drawn a blank.

"People probably wouldn't have noticed it because it didn't make a noise, therefore no-one would be looking

up into the sky," said Mr. Longden.

Although he is himself convinced it was not a balloon, despite the suggestion from air traffic control, Mr. Longden is still hoping that someone will come up with a logical explanation to solve the mystery.

BOURNEMOUTH EVENING ECHO
DORSET
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Couple saw silver UFO hovering

A POLICE controller and his wife claim to have seen a UFO hovering for five minutes above Westbourne in the early hours of today.

A silvery, oval-shaped object was travelling low from the Charminster direction and disappeared towards Poole, said Mrs. Anne Robertson.

Mrs. Robertson (27), and her husband John (29), a civilian controller at Bournemouth police station, watched from their home in Alum Chine Road, Westbourne.

"I am convinced it wasn't an aircraft or any natural phenomenon," she said.

"We're sure it was a UFO." The object appeared at about 2 am and was spotted by her husband after he had come home from a late shift at the police station.

It made a low noise like rumbling thunder and a light was emitted from the top. The object travelled below the night mist, said Mrs. Robertson.

It appeared to hover for five minutes over the Grand Cinema area of Poole Road,

Westbourne, before travelling towards Poole.

This week the Bournemouth area has been passing through a meteor shower — the Perseids — and shooting stars have been seen high in the North Eastern sky.

"But there is no way we confused that with a UFO," asserted Mrs. Robertson.

A spokesman for Hurn Airport traffic control said that no low-flying aircraft were in the area at the time of the sighting.

"There would have been none for at least 40 minutes," he said.

TULARE, CALIF.
ADVANCE REGISTER
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Tibet reports UFO sighting

PEKING — An unidentified flying object swooped through the sky above Tibet, its Saturn-like rings alternately brightening and dimming, the official Chinese news agency Xinhua reports. Xinhua Wednesday quoted a meteorological official in Lhasa, capital of Tibet, who said the incident took place July 24, in northeastern Tibet. The official said the same UFO was sighted on other occasions. The bright object was surrounded by a ring of blue-white light and moved at an estimated speed of more than 70 mph for seven minutes before disappearing, the Xinhua report said.

Experts probe UFO sighting over Purfleet

A FLYING saucer may have buzzed the little town of Purfleet. People living on the Garrison Estate saw a huge grey oval object soar over their homes towards Kent.

And now investigators from Essex Unidentified Flying Object Society plan to interview witnesses.

Paul Scott, 18, of Chieftain Drive, said: "My brother came into the house on Thursday night and said there was a flying saucer outside.

"I didn't believe him. I went outside and there it was — huge, grey, and oval. I have never seen anything like it before.

"It was pretty high in the sky, and covered huge distances in a matter of seconds. It couldn't have been an aeroplane or anything like that.

"It was difficult to see because it was moving so fast. It seemed to change shape. It vanished towards Kent after about 20 minutes.

"I have always been sceptical about flying saucers. About four other people saw it, too."

U.F.O. investigator Maximilian Ware-Lane said: "We are going to investigate this and have a chat with the boys.

"The oval shape is quite a popular one. It has been very quiet for sightings at the moment.

"It sounds like a good sighting. If we can plot its trajectory we might be able to find other people who have seen it in Kent.

"I hope the boys who have seen it will be able to give us a lot more information."

WESTER DAILY
PRESS BRISTOL
AUG 15 1981
LONDON

Festival for UFO

LORD Christopher Thynne, son of the Marquess of Bath, could be among the hundreds of UFO fans who will assemble near Warminster later this month hoping for a glimpse of the Warminster Thing.

About 800 people are expected to gather on Cradle Hill and Cley Hill near Warminster. The town used to have its own UFO club and Lord Christopher was a keen member.

This UFO was first spotted 16 years ago on August 27, 1965, and since then seems to have turned up every two years at the end of August.

Now the British UFO Society has organised a three-day Thing festival beginning on August 27. Reports of the Thing have varied from droning and whining noises to sightings of cigar or saucer shaped objects in the sky.

Who can shed light on lights?

BEDS & BUCKS
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BEDS
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SIR, — On the night of August 2 I was with three friends at one of their houses, when I told them that for the next few weeks on any clear night it should be possible to see some "shooting stars" as the earth is going through an asteroid belt, and sure enough, after only a minute or so the first of many was seen.

However, this was only the beginning of what was to be a strange hour or so.

After about 10 minutes a small point of light was observed travelling in a south-westerly direction at very high speed. At the time it was about 10.45 pm and very, very quiet and no sound seemed to be coming from the object.

In the next half hour we sighted another five similar objects travelling in the same direction but in different parts of the sky.

They were as bright as some of the stars of average brightness and showed no sign of colour.

Suddenly we all saw one coming in exactly the opposite direction going much faster and as bright as the pole star. I tracked this with binoculars and found it to be a single spot of light with no flickering of any sort. This travelled through an arc of about 90 degrees of space in approximately 60 to 70 seconds. Again no sound was heard.

All during this time we saw many "shooting stars" and aircraft at differing heights all of which were audible to some degree.

After about three-quarters of an hour, there seemed to be no sign of any more when we noticed one low on the horizon which was seen to stop suddenly and then shoot forwards twice and then shoot away at incredible speed and disappeared.

We all discounted the idea of aircraft, because of the sheer speed; "shooting stars", because we tracked them for so long; satellites seemed unlikely, for no-one had heard of being able to track satellites with the naked eye, and anyway surely they don't suddenly stop and go.

I hope this account proves interesting and perhaps others saw these things, too, and could offer some explanation.

L M BUNYAN

Clarence Road,
Leighton.

UFO details requested

Sir, — The mystery object seen on Thursday 30 July at 10.45 pm can certainly be classed as an unidentified flying object (WG, 7 August).

Two people saw it from this house on Uggiebarnby Moor. They agree that it was travelling horizontally. This means that it was not a meteor or meteorite. It was a bright fluorescent green similar to a firework colour, very large and

appeared to be apple shaped with a tail, it took the path up the Little Beck valley, taking about three seconds to cross the window frame, its speed was approximately that of a plane.

I intend to write to the British Astronomical Society about this sighting. Would anyone else who saw it please let me have details. — Yours, etc.,

Alice M. Tulley

Thornhill,
Littlebeck,
Sneaton.

WHITBY
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Artists capture UFO sighting in paintings

MINOCQUA, WIS.
LAKE LAND TIMES
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BY VICKI MIAZGA

Whether or not you believe in Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), the account of an alleged eye witness always makes one take notice. Why do some people see them, and others don't? A photograph is often taken as evidence of a sighting, but how many have painted a picture of what they saw?

Chrystal Jackson and her son Chris reportedly saw a UFO Sunday evening, July 20. Both Chrystal and Chris are watercolor artists, and they each painted a picture of what they saw that night.

Chrystal, her mother and her son, Chris were returning that night to where they were staying in the Sayner area from a demonstration at Nicolet College in

Rhineland. It was about 11:30 at night, and Chrystal was tired after a particularly draining demonstration. There had seemed to be a special magnetism in the workshop that night. She and her students were drawn together, and Chrystal had worked feverishly to correct something in her painting that wasn't quite right. Now she was exhausted and rested in the back seat as her son drove.

Chris spotted the UFO first. They were just outside of Sugar Camp on Hwy. 17 North, when he spotted a red orange object over a potato field on the left side of the road. "We were about 300 feet away from it," he recalled. "The bottom side was tilted up towards us, and I could see three orange



Both Chrystal and Chris painted their impressions of what the UFO looked like. In Chrystal's, the object hovers just behind the trees, and looks decidedly elliptical in shape.



Chris's painting is more detailed, showing three lights and stripes on the underside of the object. Both said the UFO was tilted up so they could see the bottom.

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"ARTISTS CAPTURE UFO" CONT

lights on the bottom, and stripes. There were two bars hanging down from it that joined to form a triangle. It glowed, and it didn't make a sound."

He turned to his mother and said, "I think you'd better look through the back window. There's a UFO out there." Chris was a skeptic about UFOs and science fiction in general. Hearing that from her son, Chrystal turned around and looked out the back window.

"I saw a red orange object just over the trees. It was elliptical in shape and slightly tipped up," she recalls. "It couldn't have been a sign because we were in a wooded area. It was too big to be a helicopter."

It seemed to be following the car. "I saw it again, low over the trees," Chrystal said. "It didn't get smaller as we went away from it. As we went around curves, it was always on the right as I looked out the back window." She thought it was going at the same speed as the car.

Meanwhile, the cars ahead of them had disappeared. Wanting to catch up with them, Chris pressed on the accelerator. "But the car wouldn't gain power," he said. "We had been going 55, now we were going 25 or 30. We have an Olds 98, and it had just been tuned up."

The object followed them for about 10 minutes, until they got to the Hwy. 70 turnoff between St. Germain and Eagle River. Then it disappeared, and their car regained speed.

The next day they discovered the dash and tail lights had gone out. They still had head lights, but Chris didn't think their brake lights worked. They found this out when a car pulled up alongside them

and said they almost hit the Jacksons, because the tail lights were out.

"We hadn't used the car since the night before, so it must have happened the night we sighted the UFO," Chrystal says.

The next day they took the car to Woodland Auto in St. Germain, where it was discovered that a fuse had blown. "The man at the garage was puzzled because only one fuse had blown," Chrystal said. "Usually they go together."

"What I saw that night was what I saw physically, with my eyes," Chrystal emphasizes. Her mentor, Marie Larsen, a summer art instructor at Nicolet College, has another theory about the UFO sighting.

"When an individual becomes engrossed in what they are doing, especially in

painting, the thought or intellectual process seems not to exist," Marie explains.

That night, at the workshop, Chrystal was giving a water color demonstration. Marie recalled that the other people at the workshop seemed to be especially in tune with Chrystal. "You give your all when you do this," Marie said. "There is a secret place within yourself, and when you reach it, it touches the secret place of other people. It's intangible, who can define it?"

Chrystal was very worked up about something in the painting that didn't look right. She pressed on to continue the workshop long after the allotted time was over, to perfect the painting. "I couldn't stop, I wouldn't

let them go. We were all held together forming a huge pressure of energy. There have been heat sensitive photographs taken showing an aura surrounding people. I think that together with the workshop students, we sent out an aura, a vibration, there in the middle of the woods, that touched or attracted whatever was out there."

"Or it attracted you," Marie adds.

Whatever they saw, or thought they saw, the controversy about UFOs continues. According to the Oneida County Sheriff's Department, no other UFO sightings were reported that night. It seemed to turn the Jacksons into believers, but until hard, tangible evidence is presented, much of the world remains to be convinced.

Huge, Glowing UFO Showers Balls of Fire Over City

By BOB PRATT

More than 1,000 people watched in stunned amazement as a giant, glowing UFO drifted lazily across the Portland, Oreg., night sky.

The huge craft — as large as a commercial jetliner — dropped thousands of eerie reddish balls of fire that vanished mysteriously into thin air.

Oregon State Trooper Dick Stein — one of two policemen who saw the fiery craft hover April 3 in a dazzling light display — told *The ENQUIRER*:

"It was about the size of an airliner and was drifting east at about 7,000 feet elevation. There appeared to be fiery debris falling from it and as the debris fell, it looked like it was burning itself out.

"We watched it for 10 minutes and it never lost altitude in all that time. Then it turned to the north and just vanished. I don't know what it was — but it wasn't anything I had ever seen before."

The police switchboard was jammed with calls as the strange craft dropped its streaking balls of fire. Some callers reported that a second UFO — moving faster — blazed through the sky.

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"There were more than 1,000 sightings in one area," said police and fire dispatcher Linda O'Neal of the Washington County Communications Center.

"Everyone that called in said the same thing — that the saucers

dropped these red balls of fire that were tiny, just thousands of them."

Incredibly, the glowing craft could not be detected by radar at the local airport.

Experienced pilot Arnold Soloff, 37, stared in astonishment as the UFO hovered.

"It seemed to be rotating counterclockwise. I said to my wife and another couple, 'That's no airplane. I don't know what the hell it is.'

"That was the first sighting and we actually had two that night. My friends were outside and they said, 'My God, here comes another one!'

"My wife and I ran outside and we saw another one coming from the same direction with exactly the same color lights as the first.

"We watched it there for about 10 minutes and then it appeared to go through the cloud and disappear."

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MYSTERY

WE ALL

SAW IT

By ALAN JOHNSON and JENNY TAYLOR

THE GREAT UFO mystery in the skies above Swindon, deepened today.

The Adver has received dozens of calls from startled people over a wide area of the town.

The mysterious object was first spotted on Sunday night over the Lawns Estate.

Lab technician Richard Krol, of Lennox Drive, who was with his girlfriend, described it as soundless and shapeless, bathed in a red cloud.

That was 10 p.m. on Sunday. "It was visible for around four minutes — and I've never seen anything like it," he added.

John Kirton, of nearby Cardigan Close, saw the same thing.

John, 49, who works for Normans, was in his garden with his wife, two sons and other relatives.

He said today: "It was shaped like the canopy of a parachute, with what appeared to be red and yellow strip lights attached."

There were fresh reports of more objects in the sky last night. This time several people also said they heard explosions at the same time.

Loud bang

Mrs Marlene Telling, of Wickdown Avenue, Moredon, said she and her neighbour saw it in the sky at midnight.

"We saw all these lights coming over, and we heard a loud bang like a shotgun," said Mrs Telling.

"We watched for about 15 minutes. It had an orange light, bigger than an aeroplane light. You could see it going dim, go red and come back again. We were expecting little green men to jump out," she added.

The object was also seen at Pinehurst by unemployed David Warman, 57, and daughter, Judy, 16, of Linden Avenue.

David said: "It was 12.15. At first I thought it was a plane near a star. We saw something moving and we watched it. It moved again, then it stopped, then the lights started to disappear.

Closer

Back at Moredon were startled Mrs Jackie Johnson, 23, and husband, Richard, 24.

Jackie said: "The closer the object came the more orange it was.

"As it got directly above us something seemed to hit it like a shooting star and that's when the big bang happened. The orange light seemed to get bigger, like a firework and we presumed it would just disappear.

"But it carried on going.

A spokesman at RAF Lyneham who said he was "very sceptical" about the object, added: "All reports we receive, giving time, location and description, will be correlated by the Ministry of Defence."

And at nearby RAF Hullavington, a spokesman said there had been no night parachuting in the area recently.

Crown-shaped, fire-belching UFO attacks and destroys small town

By DICK DONOVAN

A terrifying, crown-shaped UFO streaked out of a cloudless sky and destroyed dozens of homes while hundreds of terrified villagers prayed frantically for divine mercy.

The monstrous craft belched smoke and screamed like a banshee while it ravaged the village of Baridiame in Senegal, on the northwest coast of Africa.

"It made a noise like a

mighty herd of elephants and I was almost suffocated by all the scorching heat when it flew over my home," survivor Mbaye Khouma said.

"The strange craft had a long shaft and it was of a blue color. At first, I thought it was a rocket

that had gone wild and was flying over our village."

Khouma and the other villagers were about to attend evening prayer services when the horrifying UFO soared over the rooftops of their tiny rural village.

"I ran into my house and was deafened by the noise and choked by the intense heat," Khouma said. "Then, before

my very eyes, the roof exploded into the air and the walls caved in around me.

"I was certain I was doomed.

"I fell on my knees and prayed that a miracle would spare my life. I was in a stupor from my fear."

Although the UFO's overflight lasted only a minute or two, it left in its wake a path of shocking destruction. Dozens of

villagers screamed in agony from the injuries they received in the brief encounter with the roaring UFO, which vanished just as quickly as it appeared.

Witnesses told government investigators that the UFO was "shaped like a king's crown" and it belched smoke and fire. They said the UFO radiated heat "like a blast furnace" and had a red light which flashed continually.

"I saw many houses explode into the air when the object flew by very close to the ground," Khouma said. "Several huge water tanks were destroyed, but several others were not. Yet, the water in the spared tanks became so hot it boiled.

"Trees were ripped up by their roots and laid over facing east. All of the branches were pointed to the east as though they had been carefully combed in that direction.

"It was a brief glimpse of hell. I thought my turn to die. I never before have seen anything as terrible as that craft. But I am very happy I am still alive."

A research team, headed by Professor Djbril Fall, director of the Senegal Center of Studies and Research for Renewable Energies, went to the devastated village to collect samples for laboratory tests.

"The destruction was very widespread and can't be attributed to an atmospheric phenomenon," he said.



Mbaye Khouma inspects the damage to his home. The roof was blown off and a wall demolished when the UFO passed overhead. Khouma said the massive craft was shaped like a king's crown and belched flame and smoke. A red light flashed constantly.

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★ UFO: Two anglers on Thursday evening, while reminising over the parapet of the North Ugie bridge at Mill of Rora, rubbed their eyes as they looked towards Peterhead. There, south of the town seemingly, and perhaps over RAF Buchan, a strong luminous slightly greenish light, fixed for a time, then moving towards two other fixed positions in the sky, before disappearing. It was also spotted in Perth and Dundee.

FRANKFORT, IND
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UFO spotted near county line

An unidentified object flying northeast of Frankfort along the Clinton-Howard County line was reported seen at 11:36 p.m. yesterday.

The flying object was described by an unidentified person who called the sheriff's department as red, white and bluish-green with flashing lights all over it. The object reportedly looked like a "building standing upright."

Sheriff's Deputy Tom Catron responded to the UFO sighting and reported watching it move slowly in the sky from northwest to northeast for about three hours.

Major Max Reed at Grissom Air Force Base, Bunker Hill, said today the UFO sighting could not be confirmed

when it was reported to radar controllers last night due to ground clutter. He said the best guess by officials on duty at the time of the report was that the object seen was a balloon.

Annette Kinderman, radio operator in the sheriff's office, said today she took four calls regarding the UFO. City Police reported one call, while state police in Lafayette and Howard County Sheriff's department personnel said they received no calls.

Catron reported he had no opinion on the sighting and police who viewed the object could not be reached for comment.

93 calls in 2 hours

FRONT PAGE

Hamilton UFO same as one at Frankfort?

STAR METRO REPORT

Noblesville, Ind. — An unidentified flying object spotted glowing eerily in the skies above Frankfort earlier this week may have made a reappearance early Friday morning over Hamilton County.

Dispatchers for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department reported they received 93 calls about the object between 11:30 p.m. Thursday and 1:30 a.m. Friday.

Most of the sightings, many made by

law enforcement officers, described the object as covered with flashing brightly colored lights. Viewers said it hovered motionless in the sky for long periods.

THE DESCRIPTIONS were quite similar to those given of the object seen near Frankfort early Thursday, which reportedly had red, green and white lights and did not seem to move.

Two Carmel paramedics, who asked not to be identified, described the Hamilton County object as a cigar shape that was perhaps as long as two city blocks and covered with bright lights.

Sheriff's deputy Tom Castor, who was on patrol at 241st Street near Ind. 19 at about midnight, also saw the UFO. He said he saw bright lights flashing red, green, orange and yellow, lights that hung nearly stationary in the sky for about 40 minutes.

"One guy said it was the North Star, but I've worked a lot of nights and I've never seen the North Star change colors," said Castor.

Maj. Robert Allen of Grissom Air Force Base near Peru said the base had not picked up anything on its radar or received any calls about the Hamilton County object.

HOWEVER, THE base's radar operators had tracked the object reported over Frankfort early Thursday morning for more than two hours.

Officials said they believed that object was a hot-air balloon.

It is possible, Allen said, that the Hamilton County object also was one of the balloons. But he added it would be unusual for a balloon to be flying late at night.

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BRADFORD
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Flashing lights in sky riddle

FLASHING red, green and silver lights sighted over Bradford have mystified a family of four.

UFO enthusiast Mr. Gary Pearson noticed the bright pulsating body at about 11 p.m. on Friday from his home in Thornton Road, near Four Lane Ends.

His wife, Beatrice, and two daughters were called to watch the slow-moving light and its vapour trail.

They thought at first it might be an aircraft or star.

But Mr. Pearson said: "I watched it for two hours and it definitely wasn't a plane or helicopter. It kept vanishing and reappearing. Then two more joined it and it disappeared.

"It has been my life-long ambition to see a UFO and I would be really interested to know if anyone else saw it, too."

BOURNEMOUTH
EVENING
ECHO DORSET
AUG 18 1981

It was no balloon

SIR — I saw the silver oval-shaped object which other people have reported. I was in bed and about 11 o'clock as I lay on my bed, it lit my room so I had to get up to see it. As it was going to Wallisdown, going very slow, it looked as though it had wings and a long silver stream and a mist all around it. I saw it for half an hour and then fell asleep. It was no balloon.

I would like to hear more about it as I have seen a lot of things in the sky, but not like this. —
MRS. V. A. DEAN, 36
Wycliffe Road, Winton,
Bournemouth.

SPACE ALIENS ARE READY TO INVADE EARTH — says a bishop

By JIM BARNARD

EARTH will soon be visited by aliens from distant planets — and we had better watch out or they'll make us their slaves, warns a top churchman.

At a meeting of educators in Three Rivers, Canada, controversial Bishop Helder Camara urged the nations of the world to begin preparing for "dialogues with the civilizations of tomorrow."

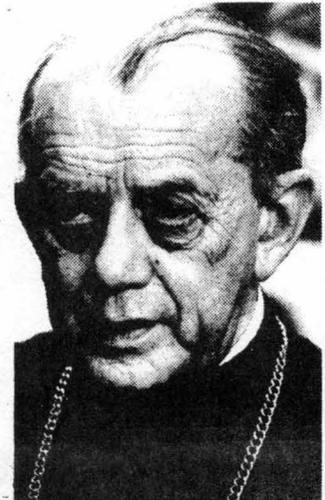
"Educators must prepare our children and our grandchildren for the future discoveries of man," he says.

Camara, 72, firmly believes in the existence of intelligent beings on other planets, and feels we are not far from establishing contact with them.

However, he warns, unless we educate ourselves for these historic inter-spatial relationships, the consequences could be disastrous.

If the beings we discover are inferior to ourselves, we will be strongly tempted to turn them into slaves, says Camara, who won worldwide recognition for his work among the poor in Recife, Brazil.

However, if the aliens are superior to us, they may well make us their unwilling



BISHOP CAMARA: "Educators must prepare children."

servants. And either way, he adds, the future of the entire universe may be threatened.

"It is an enormous pretension of man to believe that he is alone in the universe," says Camara.

"How could it be that the Creator gave life only to Earth, when hundreds of millions of other planets are also able to support it? Do the billions of stars shine only for the pleasure of our human eyes?"

Camara feels it is up to educators and the news media to begin preparing people for that inevitable first "close encounter."

"I have a very strong intuition that man will undertake interplanetary trips in the decades to come," he says.

"It seems very likely to me that he will then meet intelligent life."

WHITBY GAZETTE
NORTH YORKSHIRE
AUG 7 1981

Mystery object

An object, believed to be a shooting star, meteorite, or possibly even a comet, was seen in the sky over the Whitby area on Thursday evening.

Mr Eric Doran, of Holmstead Avenue, reports that he saw a brilliant green ball of fire with a tail going over above Aislaby

from the direction of the sea, at 10.45 pm.

It was also seen, at the same time, by Mrs C. Jeffs, of Muncaster Way, who described it as "icy green".

Earlier in the evening, at 10 pm, another woman saw a similar object, this time red, pass over.

Alien UFO pilots are held prisoner by the U.S. Army



●Robert P. Barry

custody somewhere."
The Polish Incident: "On February 21, 1959," said Barry, "dockworkers in Gdynia, Poland, saw a circular UFO smash down into the local harbor.
"A few days later guards saw a small, strange being drag itself out of the water.
"They attempted to speak with the creature but it spoke no known language. It was taken to a local military hospital.

"At the hospital doctors

REVEALS FLYING SAUCER EXPERT

noticed its suit of metallic cloth had no seams, buttons or zippers. They had to cut it off — it was very tough indeed.

"The creature had neither genitals nor gender. It had four fingers but no thumb. When a band was removed from its arm, it promptly died, but that may be coincidence — the alien was badly wounded," said Barry.

Survived

"The remains were sent to the Soviet Union for further study. There may be more creatures in Russia," said Barry. "There have been several UFO crashes there — it's possible a few aliens survived."

The New Mexico Incident: "A UFO crashed 80 miles south of Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., in 1962," said Barry.

"Two creatures were recovered, one dead and one injured.

The dead one was dissected.

Researchers attempted to communicate with the other. They tape recorded its language before the poor little guy died.

"Computer analysis has been unable to decipher that tape," said Barry.

"We spoke to a doctor who performed an autopsy



●UFO hovers over lonely countryside before disappearing

on one of the creatures, and that's how we know what they look like.

"It's only a matter of speculation," said Barry. "just how much information has been passed on to either our government or the Russians by these captured aliens.

"We're not even sure where they're being held.

Research

"A likely place, however, would be Edwards Air Force Base in Southern California — it's involved in the forefront of jet-propulsion and rocketry research and has the security facilities to handle something like this.

"As well, the craft recovered in the 1962 New Mexico incident was repaired and indeed flown a few months later by Air Force personnel. That was almost 20 years ago. Southern California, especially the area around Edwards AFB, has more UFO sightings than any area in the U.S. Perhaps

some of those are our own ships — built using information gathered from the aliens — we just don't know.

"But I know who you can ask.

"Try asking President Reagan — he's certainly been briefed on this whole thing," said Barry.

— by HAROLD FISKE

Secret captives

ALIENS from distant planets are possibly being held prisoner in America today, a prominent UFO investigator has revealed.

The aliens are survivors from several UFO crashes and, according to Robert P. Barry of the Twentieth Century UFO Bureau, were pulled from the flaming wreckage and taken into custody for scientific study.

What's more, says Barry, evidence indicates the Russians also have at least one alien in custody.

"We have several reports of survivors from crashed UFOs," Barry, of Yoe, Pa., told the Examiner. "They come from very reliable government intelligence sources, and also from military and medical personnel who were present at the times in question. There's no doubt these reports are authentic."

All the aliens retrieved from the crashed UFOs were humanoid, says Barry. According to him they:

- are between three and four feet tall, with hairless bodies and slightly-enlarged heads

- have four fingers but no thumb

- have large, "slightly oriental" eyes that "wrap around" to the side of their heads

- have small mouths but no digestive tracts or reproductive organs

- have lungs similar to ours, and colorless "blood".

The Hawaii Incident: "In the closing years of the second world war a circular flying saucer type craft crashed on one of the islands."

Spaceship

"A Navy CB unit managed to retrieve it, and it seems there were about four survivors," said Barry.

"We have a report from a military man present when the aliens were removed from the spaceship.

"They were probably taken to a Navy Hospital and attempts were made to

communicate with them," said Barry.

"Some survivors of that 1944 crash may still be living — there are certainly stories circulating in the intelligence community about aliens detained somewhere in the U.S."

The Louisiana Incident:

"Back in 1953 a UFO crashed in a military reservation in Louisiana," began Barry.

"Army troops on maneuvers actually witnessed the crash.

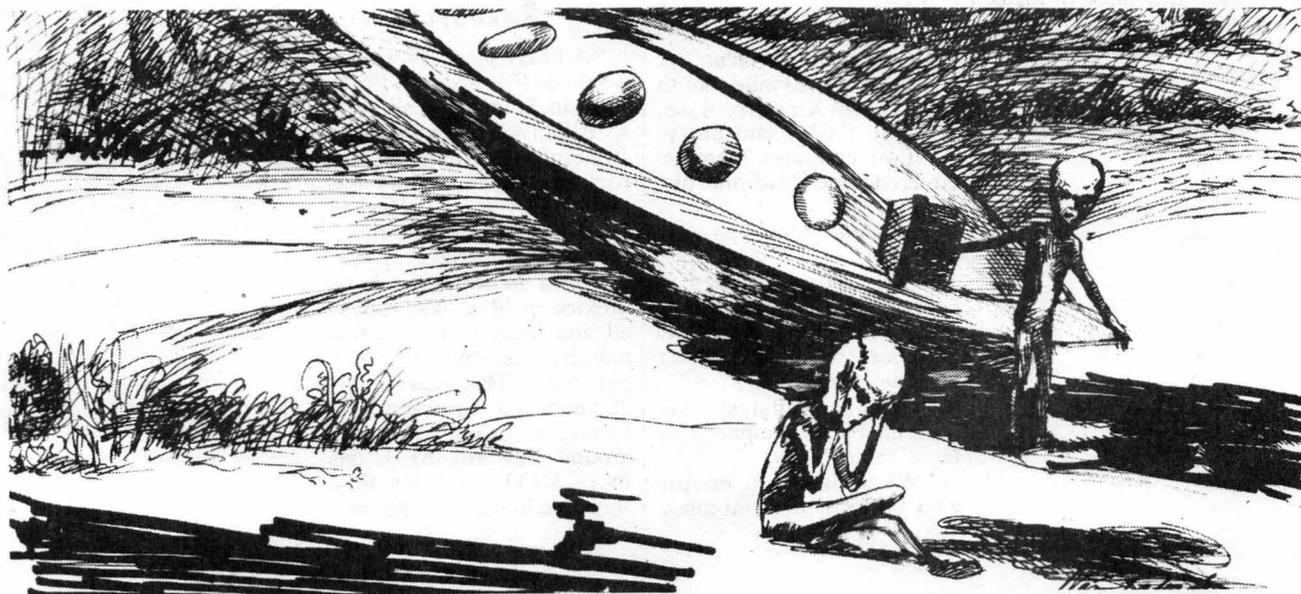
Wreckage

"The object was encircled, the area cordoned off, and a number of aliens were cut out of the wreckage," said Barry.

"Some were dead but three were well enough to walk to a second ambulance and were driven off, presumably to a military hospital. After that they completely disappeared.

"The Army denies all knowledge of the incident ever happening. It's not known what happened to the aliens — if they're still alive, we presume that they're in

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● Artist's conception of the humanoid creatures reportedly taken from wrecked airships and held by the military

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Matson saw something — UFO?

BY STEVE VIAL

FRONT PAGE

It was 3:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10, when Russel Matson of Northfield jumped into his 1977 Oldsmobile Cutlass and began his daily drive to his place of employment, Northstar Concrete at Apple Valley.

Matson anticipated the day to be a usual Monday for he's driven County Road 42 many times during his six years of employment at the Apple Valley firm.

But this trip was different. This trip he saw what he believes was an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

Matson said he noticed the object a ways away but thought it was a satellite. As he drove closer, he knew it wasn't. "There were two lights about 1,000 feet away," Matson said.

Matson kept driving closer to the object. "It seemed like a helicopter," he said.

But Matson, who had been a helicop-

ter mechanic in the Army, said he couldn't hear any noise from the object.

To make sure he wasn't dreaming, he turned off the car radio, stopped the car and listened.

He still heard nothing. By that time, the object was about 400 to 500 feet away and about 1,000 feet in the air, he said.

Perplexed and intrigued by the object, Matson said he stepped out of his car to have a better look.

At that time the object turned perpendicular to the road and came right over him, he stated.

"It was a perfect image..." he said, "it was nothing I've ever seen before."

Matson described the object as having a hexagon shape with a span of 60 to 90 feet and about 15 feet thick. What little sound there was, was a "whooshing" noise similar to air escaping LP gas tanks, Matson said. The object also had two green lights on one side and two red lights on the other. It had white lights close together in the back as well as the front. The speed of the craft was approximately 10 to 15 mph, he said.

Matson said he had a 40 to 50 second view of the craft before a truck drove up from behind and the driver honked his horn at him. Matson, who was stopped in the road because there was no shoulder, beckoned to the driver and pointed up at the object. After looking out once and not seeing anything, the driver stepped out on his running board and took a second look, Matson said, adding that the trucker seemed as shocked as he was.

Matson said he then became scared of the craft and sped to work.

After arriving at work, the Northfielder told his boss about the incident and

pointed to the craft still in the sky. Although the object was further away by that time, Matson said his boss, Bruce Nygen of Minneapolis, was able to catch a glimpse of it.

Nygen said he saw the lights and thought it was a helicopter also.

But like Matson, he couldn't hear any noise coming from the craft.

Nygen said whatever he had seen was heading toward the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport. He added that he could not confirm the size, shape or color of the hovering craft.

After the incident, Matson said he did not call the police because he felt they couldn't do anything about it and would just be amused by it.

However, Matson said he called WCCO-radio and talked to Joe McFarlin, weekend overnight host. McFarlin, in turn, reported Matson's siting on the air.

Matson said he doesn't believe in "little green men" and added that he was not drinking or smoking before or during the siting.

Despite the fact that many of his friends don't believe his story, he insists that he saw the hexagon-shaped object and plans on reporting the incident to UFO organizations in the near future.

To gain more evidence about what he saw, Matson said he will try to locate the truck driver who drives the same route almost every day. He is also taking his 35 mm camera with him to and from work in case he gets a view of the visual display again.

Even if he doesn't see the object again, Matson said he will always remember and wonder what it was that he saw that early morning.

STOKE-ON-TRENT
EVENING SENTINEL
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(LONDON)

Star theory over U.F.O.

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Sky watchers who claimed to have seen a U.F.O. at Newcastle could have been tracking a star.

That was the verdict of amateur astronomer Mr. Michael Pace today following the sighting of a bizarre "spinning" object.

Mr. Pace said atmospheric conditions could have made the star appear to spin and change colours low on the horizon.

But he was baffled by reports that the object vanished after shooting vertically into the sky.

Mr. Pace, secretary of the Stoke-on-Trent Astronomical Society, said: "The star Ark Turus is particularly bright at the moment and weather conditions can cause strange effects.

"It is likely that witnesses were seeing nothing more than a natural celestial body. But reports that it moved vertically are curious."

At least two men from the Newcastle area claimed to have seen a red and orange "craft" performing aerial aerobatics in the sky late on Tuesday night.

UFO fans on watch

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Hundreds of people are expected to gather on hills in Wiltshire next week in the hope of spotting a UFO.

The British UFO Society is organising a "Thing" festival for three days to look for a phenomenon reputed to have turned up on the site every two years at the end of August.

It was first spotted on August 27, 1965, at Warminster and since then it is said to have manifested itself as droning or whining noises or as a cigar or saucer-shaped object in the sky.

SHROPSHIRE
STAR
WELLINGTON
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(LONDON)

County wondering about UFO

By DENNIS SHELTON
Times staff writer

If it's a hot-air balloon that people around Frankfort have been reporting as a UFO, it's a mighty suspicious balloon.

The object, described as large, rectangular-shaped, and carrying flashing red, blue and green lights, was reported in the skies northeast of Forest Wednesday night and again last night.

Last night, the sheriff's department received two calls reporting a UFO and Frankfort police took four or five calls.

Sgt. Randy Naylor at the Grissom Air Force Base, Bunker Hill, said today a hot-air balloon has been seen flying in the area the past few days.

But Phil Thompson, 501 E. Clinton St., who is president of the Indiana balloon organization and pilots his own hot-air balloon, said today it's not likely the UFO is a balloon.

"There's not much chance," he said, "considering the times of day and how long (witnesses) saw it. I only know of four or five balloons in the country

rigged and rated for night flying."

The nearest night-flying balloon is in Illinois, Thompson said, "but I don't know why he'd be in Frankfort at night."

Thompson also said the length of time the object was reported in the air would be unlikely for a balloon. Wednesday night reports said the object was aloft for about five hours. Last night, Sheriff's Department Radio Dispatcher Ron Guenther said it was sighted from about 10 p.m. until almost 3 a.m.

Thompson said he knows of only one balloon in the country that can fly at night and stay in the air that long, and it is from South Carolina.

"I'm not agruing with Grissom," Thompson said. "It is possible There are balloons that fly at night and they are required to carry lights. But my guess is that it wasn't a balloon. Grissom either doesn't know, or does know and isn't saying."

Naylor said two of his co-workers have seen the balloon before dusk, but he declined to give their names.

He said a balloon could very well give the appearance of a strange object. "They travel at whatever speed the

wind is, at whatever altitude they're at. If they're in the upper range and the wind is strong, they can move very fast."

According to Guenther and five or six other county sheriff's deputies who saw the object, it was moving northeast the past two nights.

But according to weather information from the county wastewater treatment plant, the wind was blowing southwest Wednesday night and was calm last night when the sightings were reported.

Thompson said there's no way a balloon can move against the wind.

Guenther said last night's first sighting came around 10 p.m., reported by a deputy southwest of town in the Antioch area. He and several other deputies went out to watch it.

"It was moving northeast very fast," Guenther said. "If it's a weather balloon it has lights, is huge and three-sided.

"It had some size in the sky. It was a hell of a lot bigger than any commercial aircraft. It moved around in circles and then back and forth. And when it was done playing games, it just went straight up in the air and out of sight.

"It took about 40 or 45 seconds. We watched the lights get smaller and smaller. If it's a balloon, it's a quick one," he concluded.

The deputies observed the object through a binocular and a telescope.

Frankfort Police Radio Operator Wayne Staley took some photographs of the object but doubts they'll turn out. He said he doesn't believe it's a weather balloon.

"It stayed in a stable position for too long a time," he said. "A balloon would float. I'm sure it can be explained, but I don't have the foggiest idea of what it is. I'm going to take a look again this evening. A lot of people have been staying up and watching it."

Randy Arnold, 852 Myrtle Ave., stayed up to almost 3 a.m. watching the object. He said he saw the same spinning motion and the flashing lights.

"It's (UFO) pretty crazy. It sounds pretty crazy, too. But I don't know. It makes you wonder. You get to wondering if somebody is pulling a joke."

Arnold said he will look for the unidentified object in the skies again tonight.

DAILY RECORD MORRISTOWN
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UFO Report Probed

CHATHAM — UFO sighting reports kept police busy last night.

More than 15 callers in the borough and another two or three in Madison reported a strange "pulsating red glow" in the eastern portion of the sky that "dipped down suddenly and then rose again."

Starting at 9:49 p.m. yesterday and lasting for the next half hour or so, local police said the switchboard was aglow with incoming calls.

When an officer left his desk and went to see for himself, however, he said it looked more like heat lightning. An investigation is continuing.

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MARYSVILLE, CA
JUNE 9 1981

UFO Seen Over Marysville Skies

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 reporting 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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JULY 22 1981

UFO sighted here

The quiet of the Muscatine riverfront early this morning was broken by an unidentified object apparently flying over the river.

At least three people noted the object and called the police, but no explanation what the object was, or what it was doing over the river has been put forward.

Shortly after midnight, Randy Reynolds, 809 Poplar St., told police that he had seen a "large orange disc" which changed shape as it flew: disappearing and reappearing in a cone shape.

About three hours after Reynolds' report, a toll taker at

the Norbert F. Beckey Bridge over the river — also saw an object, and called the police.

Police records say that the toll taker's description of the object matched that of Reynolds, adding only that the object "made a whizzing sound" as it flew.

The "whizzing" sound reportedly was heard by police officers patrolling in the area.

One other unidentified person told police the disc was seen over the river.

Material on the sightings has been referred to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

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UFO in Banstead

AN UNIDENTIFIED flying object was sighted over rooftops in Banstead on Sunday evening.

The mystery UFO was said to two feet in diameter, balloon-shaped and burning furiously as it travelled from the Epsom Downs area towards Sutton. It was about 60 feet up in the sky when seen.

The sighting was reported to Banstead Police by Mr Philip Keeler, a Surbiton company journalist, of Salisbury Road, Banstead.

"We were sitting watching a review of the Royal Wedding on TV with the curtains open. This ball of fire came towards the house. We thought it was part of an aircraft or a meteorite.

"It was coming down in flames and appeared to burn itself out. It was burning very furiously."

Mr Keeler went to Banstead Police Station and told what he had seen. Then, while driving down Banstead High Street towards The Horseshoe, he saw it again.

Mr Keeler's wife, Hazel, said: "All I saw was a very bright light which appeared in the sky. It appeared there was a smoke trail behind it. Then it disappeared. It seemed close to the houses."

A spokesman for the London Weather Centre said on Tuesday that a reasonable explanation would be a meteorite. But meteorite's normally burn out before reaching earth.

BROMLEY TIMES
KENT LON.
AUG 6 1981

'Giant maggot'

A UFO that resembled a "giant black maggot" was spotted in the sky over Rofford Way, Bromley, on Tuesday, before floating away towards London. The sighting was claimed by 24-year-old musician, Mr Mike Sexton, of The Chase, Bromley, and several other pedestrians and motorists.

Mystery UFO seen over city

A MYSTERIOUS UFO was spotted over Hereford during the early hours of yesterday morning.

Mr Bruce Fisher spotted the unidentified object while visiting relatives in the city's Ingestre Street.

His attention was drawn to a formation of bright white lights moving across the sky at around 1.15 a.m.

TRIANGLE

"It was something made up of three white lights in triangle formation with another bright central light," he said.

"There was no noise and I am certain it was not an aircraft and there was no wind so it couldn't have been a balloon."

Mr Fisher said he watched as the lights took about five minutes to travel from a point directly overhead to the horizon. He reported the sighting to city police.

"I had not been drinking and I have no idea what sort of craft could have been responsible," added Mr Fisher.

Herefordshire has been a popular area for UFO sighting in recent years.

SAUCER

They have ranged from straight rows of bright lights, a spinning saucer with three red lights on it, and a single bright light with a fiery red tail.

Almost exactly a year ago a mysterious blazing ball was spotted in the sky near Dinmore. Just a week later a similar blazing light was seen over Pembridge.

2,500 m.p.h. or more

I missed earlier correspondence, but the "thing" referred to by Mrs. Stock in the W.S.G. (August 6) was clearly the phenomenon which a friend and I saw from a south facing bay window of this address, some 42 miles north-north-west of Ferring, where Mrs. Stock observed it.

My friend drew my attention to it just as it came into my field of vision, and we watched the very bright, greenish light travel in an easterly direction through some 20 degrees of azimuth in about eight seconds before suddenly disappearing. It was about 12 degrees above the horizon, and its path appeared almost horizontal. Its brilliance and its level flight gave the impression that it was something to do with an aircraft not very far away.

As it is now clear that it was south of Ferring it must have travelled at least five miles while I observed it — that is, it was travelling at 2,500 m.p.h. or more.

Since Mrs. Stock and I had the same general impression of it, however, it seems probable that it was, in fact, very distant from both of us, high in the atmosphere, and travelling at enormous speed — in other words it was almost certainly a large meteor.

An object in space which is hit a glancing blow by the edge of the atmosphere will neither "fall" nor burn up so quickly as one that is hit more directly; but such circumstances are, of course, uncommon.

By the time this is printed a spectacular shower of meteors should have occurred early on Wednesday morning owing to the earth's encounter with the cometary debris known as Perseids. The object seen a fortnight ago, however, can hardly have been even a very erratic Perseid.

C. P. C. de Wesselow

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From Space Or The Devil?

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Bill Herrmann Believes Close Encounters Satanic Delusions

By DAVID TOMLIN
Associated Press

CHARLESTON — People who know Bill Herrmann swear he's neither a lunatic nor a liar. So what are we to make of the bizarre stories he tells?

On March 18, 1978, Herrmann says he was carried on a tubular beam of blue-green light into a flying saucer, examined by aliens from another star system and then dropped off, terrified, in a field several miles from his home.

More than a year later, he says he obeyed a telepathic summons from the same humanoid creatures and met the saucer for another trip up the blue-green beam and into space.

In fact, much of the past four years of Herrmann's life has been a crazy quilt of UFO sightings, telepathic writings in a mysterious script, strange phone calls and, he says, even a visit by the aliens to his home.

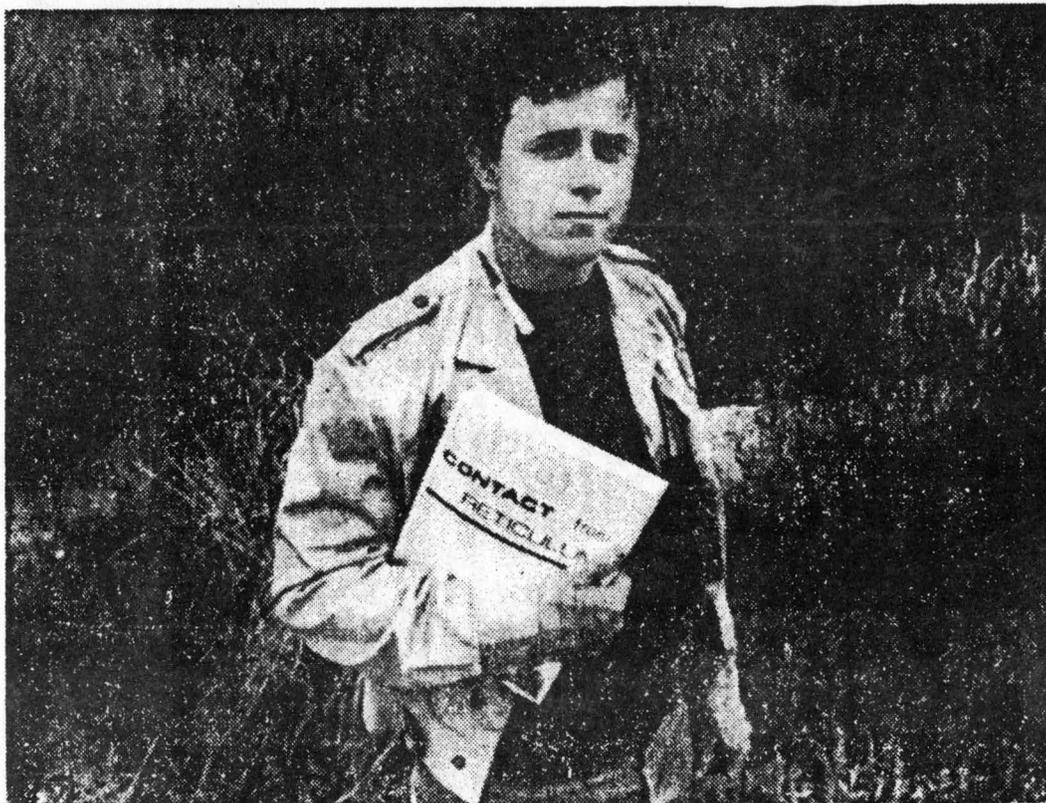
UFO chroniclers have interviewed Herrmann repeatedly and examined his evidence, which includes drawings of the inside of a flying saucer and many photographs of purported UFOs.

Herrmann has even been hypnotized several times to help him remember details of his story and to confirm that he believes it himself.

One private UFO researcher is about to print a book at his own expense with Herrmann's accounts of all these weird happenings and the researcher's assessments of them. Another investigator calls it "one of the best UFO cases we have."

Herrmann, 30, is a quiet, boyish diesel technician and truck driver who professes to have believed until 1977 that UFOs were "hogwash."

"To this day, I've never heard him offer unusual ideas in any other field," says Jody Willis, Herrmann's employer and long-time friend and fellow churchman. "He's just a good member of



Associated Press

Bill Herrmann stands in field where he claims he had an encounter with a UFO.

the church, his family and the community, very responsible."

But Herrmann says he has had to struggle through the past few years to hang onto his marriage and his emotional stability.

"My wife put up with more than anyone would put up with," he says. "It's hard to live with

someone whose idea of 'good night' is to go out and sit in the car with a pair of binoculars and wait for something to arrive."

The arrivals began in late 1977 with a widely reported rash of UFO sightings and media reports which Herrmann says he believed at the time were really secret military exercises.

FROM SPACE OR THE DEVIL?

CUN'T

But on March 18, 1978, Herrmann says he was watching a slick metal disc, about 60 feet in diameter, as it maneuvered near his home northwest of Charleston. It dropped abruptly from the sky.

"Suddenly it was right in front of me," he says. "I fell backward. The next thing I knew, there was light all around me, green and blue, and I felt myself being tugged upward."

In what seemed only a moment, Herrmann found himself sitting miles away in an open field in a diminishing circle of orange light, as the spacecraft skittered away in the triangular pattern Herrmann was told later was designed to avoid damage from earth radar.

"I couldn't remember anything," he says. "I didn't know where I was. A terrible fear came over me, and I stood there weeping for what seemed like a long time. I felt dirty. I felt like ... I can't describe it. I felt like I had been around something I shouldn't have been around."

But later under hypnosis, Herrmann recalled an examining table, flashing lights and creatures who looked like human fetuses, with enlarged heads and eyes, spongy white skin and who wore rust colored jumpsuits. They stood about 4.5 feet high.

"I really don't think he's knowingly making these things up," says James Lorenzen of Aerial Phenomena Research Organization of Tucson, Ariz., which has been collecting such tales for nearly 30 years.

"During one of the hypnosis sessions, he really broke up, just from the fear and terror of the experience he was reliving," Lorenzen says. "It didn't look like acting to me."

Herrmann, a fundamentalist Baptist, now is persuaded that all UFO experiences are Satanic delusions.

"Bill has had a real experience," Lorenzen says. "I'm afraid that when he couldn't get any real help from us in understanding it, his minister was there with some answers he was comfortable with."

Herrmann says the last UFO he saw following him several months ago whizzed straight up out of sight when he renounced it in God's name. He says he hopes the aliens are out of his life for good.

But they were part of it at one time.

On April 21, 1979, he says a pair of aliens materialized briefly in his home in a blue-green haze and left behind a metal bar with peculiar markings on it. They told him it was a gift of "understanding and respect."

And on May 16, he says he saw the spacecraft again from his home and received a telepathic message that he was to meet it at a nearby industrial site.

On this trip, Herrmann says he was dropped off in the same place he was taken aboard.

Group chasing UFO report

A STRANGE light which rocketed across the Tauranga skyline last Monday could have been travelling faster than 2100 kilometres an hour.

The object's speed was estimated by members of the Tauranga UFO investigation group after discussions with people who saw the light.

The object is now being regarded as a unidentified flying object by the group

according to a group spokesman Mr Harvey Cooke.

Information gathered by the group also suggests that the lighted object descended slightly while flying near Te Puke.

Mr Cooke said the drop indicated the object was being "intelligently controlled".

Sighted for periods varying between five and nine seconds, the light appeared to have travelled

over Tauranga between 6.05 a.m. and 6.06 a.m.

Mr Cooke said the object flew over Mt Te Aroha before travelling across Pahoia, Omokoroa; the Tauranga Harbour and

Matakana Island.

The route had been compiled from reported sightings which had been investigated by the group.

The group would continue investigating the object and hoped to receive more information from the public, Mr Cooke said.

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Family sees flying object

By Cynthia Swirko
Staff Writer

FRONT PAGE

There have been sightings of some strange things in the air and it appears some residents have been having close encounters of the Suwannee County kind.

Near Newburn Road, on a cloudy night last Tuesday, a huge mass blacked out the sky by the home of Al and Sandy Rogers.

With red lights at both ends and perhaps emitting tractor-like

noises, the object hovered several minutes outside the house causing dogs to bark and people to become frightened.

It was big, about 60 feet long, and it just floated nearly 30 feet above the ground making the sky non-existent, according to Mrs. Rogers.

"I was excited," Al Rogers said. "I'd always thought about what I'd do if I saw one."

While his wife felt a bit uneasy with the object outside and ran back into the house, Rogers did what he always wanted to do: he chased it when it started gliding away.

The sighting, which was not the first reported in Suwannee County, started about 10 p.m. when the Rogers' 16-year-old daughter saw the lights outside and heard

sounds similar to those made by a tractor.

She had seen them the night before, but didn't pay too much attention to them, believing they might be cigarettes, Mrs. Rogers said.

This night was different though. She called her mother and together they viewed the object, which was hovering near the home.

"I got frightened a whole bunch and went back in the house," Mrs. Rogers said. "It was at tree level with red lights at each end. The rest was dark."

Al Rogers though, got in his truck and tore up the quarter mile road from their house to Newburn Road at about 70 mph chasing the object, which was slowly moving away.

"By the time I got out there, it was still moving slowly but had already crossed the road," he said. "It was heading out toward Rocky Sink Church."

That was the last time the Rogers' saw it.

A little questioning showed the Rogers family aren't the only ones who see floating objects in the night-time sky near Newburn Road.

Rogers said he talked with neighbors who said they also saw things on occasion. He said they told him that when they reported the sighting, they got laughed at by such organizations as the Suwannee County Sheriff's Department.

Objects similar to the one spied by the Rogers family, as well as red disks, have been spotted in cloudy skies in the area for as long as three years.

And while no one is quite sure what the mysterious flying things are, Rogers said he is sure the one he saw was not the plane or blimp he originally thought it might be.

"I could throw a ball and hit it, it was that close," he said. "At first I thought it might be a blimp, but it wasn't."

In between the red lights of the object was nothing, total blackness.

"We couldn't make anything out," Mrs. Rogers said. "We couldn't even see the sky like we usually can."

The object has not returned, but the Rogers say they are keeping an eye cocked in the sky when night falls in case it decides to pay another visit.

Martians?

FRONT PAGE

If you've been seeing strange objects or lights in the sky the past two nights, you're not alone.

A rural Portland woman who called Jay County police Tuesday night and Portland police Wednesday night to report seeing oblong objects with pale flashing lights on them will be happy to hear that several police officers also saw the objects.

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A Jay County policeman, who asked not to be identified, said he saw the object hover over his car near Boundary Pike and Jay County road 120 Tuesday night. "It had a green light on one end and a red light on the other end, and a white landing light underneath. It looked like an airplane, but it stopped dead above us — about 600 feet high, and didn't make a noise like an airplane," the officer said.

Jay County police said they received a report from Mrs. W. Veigh DeBolt of "funny flashing lights" near her house at 8:40 p.m., Tuesday. She also called city police with the same report at 8:37 p.m., Wednesday.

Jay County police also said they had received radio traffic Wednesday night that Grissom Air Force Base near Kokomo had tracked several unidentified objects on radar about 1 a.m. Thursday.

"We have had several reports, but I have no knowledge of it whatsoever," said Maj. Bob Allen of the Grissom public information office. "The Air Force no longer investigates these reports. We turn them over to local or state police."

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UFO fireball theory

Mrs Christine Potts of Earl Shilton was not alone in spotting a mysterious green object in the sky late on July 30.

Many other people had similar sightings, the Hinckley aerial phenomena investigations group report.

The group say they have received dozens of calls over the past two weeks from people living in the Midlands area, claiming to have seen a similar object to the one seen by Mrs Potts.

The object, described as round, green and with a bright yellow cone-shaped tail, was spotted travelling slowly over the Midlands area, heading west at about 10.45 pm on July 30.

It was seen from as far away as Birmingham before it finally vanished.

A Bedworth policeman, who thought the object looked strange, logged the sighting with his desk sergeant who later contacted the Hinckley investigators.

Mr Graham Hall, the group's spokesman said: "We have discussed the sightings with a member of the Leicester Astronomical Society and are now working on the theory that the object could have been a large fireball meteor that entered the earth's atmosphere over eastern Britain and then finally broke up over the West Midlands.

"We are interested in finding as many witnesses as possible in order that the object's trajectory could be plotted more accurately.

"If it was a fireball, it may be possible that the object finally disintegrated, scattering particles over a wide area.

"If we can pinpoint exactly over where this occurred, it is possible that landed fragments could be found, especially in open areas such as farmland."

Information on the UFO should reach Mr Hall at 70, Burleigh Road, Hinckley. (Telephone 614013).

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UFO SPOTTED AT STROUD

Residents of Stroud were baffled by a mystery object which was spotted flying over the town yesterday evening.

Several people saw the saucer-shaped craft moving north just after 8 pm and they are wondering if anyone else spotted it too.

Retired bus inspector, Mr Jack Ireland said he had a good look at the object from his home in Slad-rd.

"I was watching the geese flying over to Slimbridge when I saw the object in the distance.

"I watched it through binoculars for several minutes. I had seen nothing like it before;

it was certainly not an aeroplane or balloon," he said.

Mr Ireland said it was saucer-shaped, grey underneath, dark blue on top and appeared to revolve as it moved.

"Several neighbours came out and watched it as well and none of us could explain it," he said.

A Stroud police spokesman said no reports of anything unusual had been received, but he added that there had been a balloon in the Stroud area at about the same time.

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Orange craft in sky — claim

U.F.O. EXPERTS issued a dramatic message to sky-watchers today after a strange object was spotted at Newcastle.

Officials of a flying saucer research group warned: "Watch the skies — we could be in for a spate of sightings."

The message came after 26-year-old insurance worker Mr. Tom Forsyth claimed to have seen an orange dome-shaped craft in the sky over Newcastle.

Mr. Forsyth, of Morning-side, Madeley, said he was walking home with his brother late last night when he had the "encounter."

He said: "As far as I could make out it was shaped like a spinning top and coloured red and orange.

"It moved horizontally for about 20 seconds before shooting vertically upwards and out of sight. I have never had an interest in U.F.O.s but this has made me think twice."

Aerobatics

Another man, who lives in the Westlands, also claimed to have spotted a similar object at the same time performing "unusual aerobatics" in the night sky over Newcastle.

And today a spokesman for the British U.F.O. Research Association said: "It is impossible to say at this stage what these men saw — but we are in the middle of so-called U.F.O. flap.

"I wouldn't want anyone to jump to unwarranted conclusions at the sight of an unusual object but it could be that more strange sightings are on the way."

UFO CLAIM SCORNEA AFTER CROP DAMAGE

AN IRATE Hampshire farmer yesterday ridiculed an expert's claim that three mystery circles which appeared on his land could have been caused by a UFO. ³¹²⁸

"People who grow up in fairy tales always believe them. I would not even contemplate UFOs, it is just plain vandal-

ism," stormed Lt.-Cmdr. Henry Bruce, of Matterley Farm, near Alresford.

Lt.-Cmdr Bruce was more concerned at the damage caused by the trio of circles measuring up to 4-5ft in diameter in one of his corn fields. "It caused the total loss of the crop, it was absolutely flattened."

Similar circles appeared on his 1,200-acre farm last year and a couple of neighbouring farmers claim they have also been affected this year. Lt.-Cmdr. Bruce is convinced it is the work of "grown-up children" seeking publicity for their beliefs. "They know perfectly well it is not true," he

said. Mr. Ken Rogers, chairman of the British UFO Society said the circles possessed all the hallmarks of "UFO nests". Villagers living near to the remote farm are sceptical of the UFO claim and the general belief is that the circles were caused by a "whirlwind".

Skywatch with great care

I DEARLY wish I could object/objects observed night of Sunday, August 3128 been in a position to t phenomena.

Most of the data published so far has been rather vague, to say the least, but Mr Stevens' report (EA August 12) is an exception. But even without first-hand evidence, one can detect several obvious errors.

First, the object was described as being "about the size of a tennis ball." Presumably what he meant was that the object appeared to have the diameter of a tennis ball held at arm's length. The calculated size of 350 feet at eight miles is wildly inaccurate.

The angular size of the full moon is approximately half of a degree,

have seen for myself the over Swindon on the t 9, as I may then have row some light on the

and a halfpenny held at arm's length will just cover two moon diameters and therefore subtends an angle of about one degree.

Using simple mathematics it can be determined that an object 100 feet long subtends an angle of one degree at a range of one mile. Therefore, Mr Stevens' object would be about 4,000 feet to 5,000 feet long!

It is not possible to calculate the actual range of an object without triangulation or similar techniques, so to say the object was eight miles up is misleading.

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Space Eyeball—or blinking illusion?

IT was to be the highlight of the UFO spotters' calendar. The return of The Thing — the 'human eyeball' in the sky spotted 16 years ago from the peaks of a couple of Wiltshire hills, a few miles from Stonehenge.

Every two years since, people have reported seeing everything from cigar and saucer-shaped crafts to humanoids wearing gold sashes. So why not the return of the original Thing during the four-day festival of UFO spotting?

By CORINNA HONAN

Keith Pearce, a 43-year-old welder, was among the local enthusiasts — and sceptics — who left Warminster to climb the two miles to the top of Cley Hill.

He said he was really there to protect his daughters Sharon, 16, and 18-year-old Lorna from the attentions of the local lads who were out spotting earthly bodies.

By 11 p.m. bottles were clinking, a bonfire was blazing and young lovers were kissing under the stars.

Before the 'witching hour Mr Pearce had had enough. 'I've lived here for 16 years and never seen anything,' he said. 'No sooner were the

words out of his mouth than he saw it... a deep orange-coloured light in the South Eastern sky.

It started to weave erratic patterns across the sky. The smooching turned to shrieking. The light vanished, only to reappear in another part of the sky. Two smaller ones joined it and hovered.

By now everyone was spotting strange lights. A red ball emerged over the Eastern horizon.

'It's amazing!' shouted Mr Pearce, peering through his binoculars. 'There's a small yellow light heading for it. Now

they've flared up into a bright orange ball.

Attempts were made to record the official sighting with the British UFO Society. The only member present was snoozing in a sleeping bag.

When roused he mumbled: 'You've seen one, you've seen them all'—and went back to sleep.

At 2 a.m. Corporal Robert Kirk, 25, from nearby Battlebury Barracks climbed the hill to put the remaining 20-odd skywatchers right. Lights? 'They're usually flares, helicopters or planes. And anyway when we're out here at night watching for the "enemy", even the bushes start moving after two hours.'

Besides, if Mr Stevens' suggested that it "clipped" the earth's atmosphere only eight miles up is correct, many air travellers to the United States and other far-flung places could call themselves space-travellers!

As for details like portholes, this is extremely dubious especially since the object was supposed to be eight miles away! Besides, it is also well known that visual perception at night is very poor.

Mr Stevens' report is a step (albeit a small one) towards the scientific study of UFOs, but bigger steps are needed if we are ever to advance our knowledge of this weird phenomenon. P. THURGOOD, High Street, Highworth.

An ex-bobby spots flying object

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We're not cranks say UFO couple

A COUPLE who saw flashing lights in the sky at the weekend are having a hard time convincing friends they are not cranks.

Mr Terry Myers (44) and his wife Sue (26) of 86 Medworth, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, called the police when they saw the UFO in the sky at about 10 pm on Saturday.

"I have had a terrible time at work since people have heard about the thing we saw," said Mrs Myers.

"They have been asking whether we had been drinking and making all sorts of rude comments."

Mr and Mrs Myers say they and their two children saw the object through the windows of their home.

"We watched it for about two hours and it seemed to be slowly revolving, with a sequence of flashing lights.

"The lights went green, blue, red, yellow and white and then repeated the sequence," said Mrs Myers.

"They were very bright and could be seen clearly with the naked eye, but through binoculars they were very clear."

Pc Alec Riddell, who went to investigate the call, also saw the strange object, said Mrs Myers.

"He told us he had never seen anything like it in 25 years in the force."

Air bases at Wittering and Alconbury failed to explain the lights, which were also seen by the meteorological office at Huntingdon.

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Odd lights in the sky

An unidentified flying object was reported over Taunton last night, by Mr. David Thomas, 20, of Duke Street, Taunton.

He saw two orange lights in the sky above Duke Street at about 9.5 p.m.

Mr. Thomas, a U.F.O.

watcher for eight years, added: "They were making the characteristic U.F.O. movements of banking and zig-zagging."

A spokesman for air traffic control at Bristol said no aircraft was in the area at that time.

PETERBOROUGH EVENING TELEGRAPH
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Night light mystery

POLICE were called to the Orton Malborne area of Peterborough over the weekend to investigate a UFO sighting.

The unidentified light was first seen by Mr Terence Myers, of 86 Medworth, Orton Goldhay, at 10.30 am on Saturday.

A RETIRED policeman has sighted a UFO similar to the one spotted recently hovering over Harlow.

Mr Ken Ettle of Alconbury, Bishop's Stortford, wrote to the Gazette after reading about the mystery square-shaped spaceship in our issue

two weeks ago. A motorist saw it on his way home to Harlow.

Mr Ettle says he spotted "exactly the described flying object" on the A120 road between Braintree and Dunmow.

He saw it moving eastwards at about 1,500 feet. And Mr Ettle, who also served in the Royal Naval Air Service, has never seen anything quite like it in his life.

He is convinced the flying object was neither an aircraft nor a satellite. He says it made no noise and had various coloured lights.

He spotted the UFO on Christmas Day, and can think of no logical explanation.

He adds that although it was the festive season when he sited the flying spaceship, it certainly wasn't alcohol that prompted the vision!

Pc Alec Riddell, who answered the call, also saw the blue and red light in the sky to the south of Peterborough. A police spokesman said the light hovered in the air for some time. Inquiries to Wittering and Alconbury air bases failed to solve the mystery.