

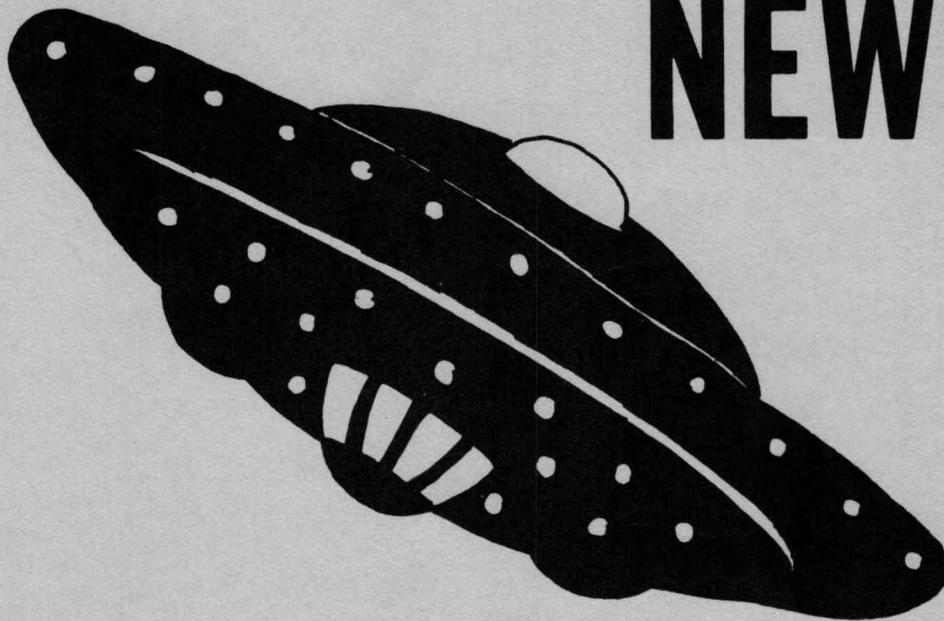
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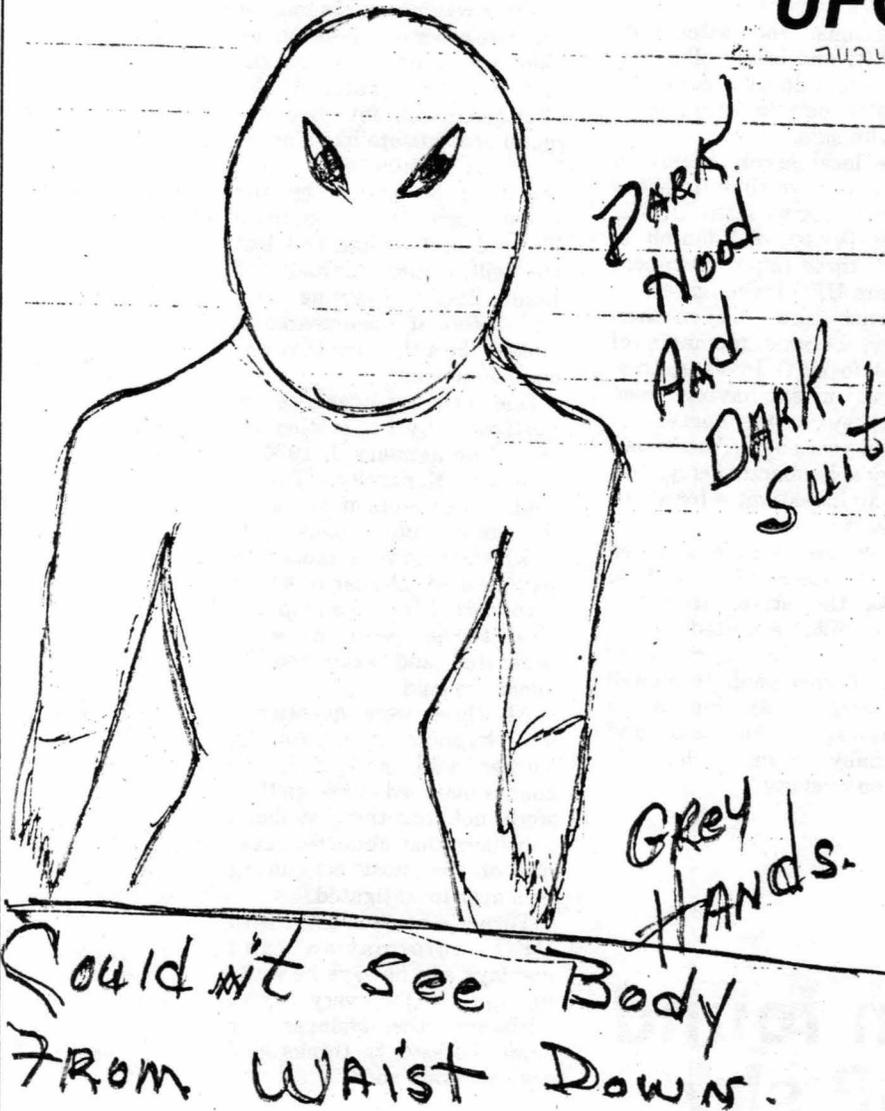
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UFO sightings - real or not



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However, proof to Wilhelm is actually seeing the item, seeing a medical report, or having a high-ranking military official either swear to it by affidavit or discuss it on national radio or television.

Most alleged sightings aren't thoroughly investigated, Wilhelm believes, because too many researchers are willing to believe green-men-and-space ship stories.

"In UFOology you're deal-

ing with speculation and theory but most won't admit it," he said. "There's no hard core information to prove or disprove (claims)."

If anyone has alien specimens or crafts it's probably the government, he said, and that information will probably "never be released" because evidence would cause culture shock.

The Loveland-Goshen area seems to have a relatively large amount of unusual sightings along Branch Hill-Guinea Pike, he said. Other unusual spots in Ohio are near Cleveland and near a nuclear power plant in Ross, he added.

About 90 percent of sightings occur near water, he said, which leads him to believe it is a type of power source.

Few UFO sightings have been reported in the southern Ohio area in the last couple years, Wilhelm said. Creature sightings are more common.

People from Dayton, Fairfield, Rome, Woodlawn and Eaton have reported seeing "Bigfoot" type creatures, he said. The Eaton case was the best, he said, because a footprint was able to be copied.

These creatures can live near cities, Wilhelm said, because they do not require a lot of space.

ALIEN- One of three women allegedly abducted by beings from UFO drew this sketch of what she saw. Charles Wilhelm, area director of the Ohio UFO Investigators' League, considers her abduction one of the best cases he's seen in his 20 years of work.

By Jean Fudge

Some of the things that flash and go bump in the night aren't just your imagination. At least that's the opinion of Charles Wilhelm, area director of the Ohio UFO Investigators' League.

Wilhelm is one of 28 people in southern Ohio and northern Kentucky who investigate claims of inexplicable occurrences. About 95 percent can be explained away after some research, he said, but others strongly suggest that phenomena such as extra-terrestrial beings, spaceships, ghosts and the "Bigfoot" creature really do exist.

No hard, undeniable evidence has come across Wilhelm's hands yet, but witnesses and a doctor's testimony make him believe there are several types of strange beings and vehicles inhabiting or visiting Earth.

The doctor said he had examined an alien body Wilhelm said. In two other situations the ground below the alleged UFO landing had definitely been chemically changed, he said.

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UFO SIGHTINGS REAL OR NOT "CON'T"

"A lot of people think Bigfoot needs a lot of area," he said, "but that's not true." Animals, such as deer, can live in a tiny area when they are overcrowded and not be seen by man, he noted.

Wilhelm says he started investigating UFO's about 20 years ago. "I had several good sightings of UFO's," he said. One occurred when he was very young and cannot be explained, he said; others occurred when he was older.

UFO investigators do field work after a sighting is reported, Wilhelm explained. Before a field card is issued older members share their experience and caveats in a training course for new members, he said. For example, they are told to call the police, airports and planetariums for helpful information and possible explanations, he said.

The Ohio Investigators will research any strange occurrences, he said, except demon

possessions, and witchcraft. The FBI and local police stations commonly lead the group to new investigations, Wilhelm said.

One local family seems to have had more than its share of encounters with UFO's. James Turner, of Edenton, is one of three family members who are UFO investigators.

Turner and his mother, Peggy, became members of the Ohio UFO Investigators' League after having seen what they consider spaceships several years ago. Turner said Peggy's husband, Jerry, has been an investigator for about 26 years.

A yellow, orange and red triangle appeared in a field across the street from his house while he waited for the school bus in February of 1975, Turner said. It glowed and looked as big as a Volkswagen, he said and originally sounded like "a million crickets."

After waking up his mother and two other relatives Turner said the four watched the said the four watched the triangular object become round and pulsate like a heart for about 15 minutes.

the road it started getting smaller...and it turned more like red and orange and lost the yellow color," he said. "If finally lost the orange color and before it disappeared it looked like a thin line that was completely red."

One of the stranger cases investigated by his mother occurred on January 6, 1976 in Liberty, Kentucky, Turner said. Three women traveling in a car were pulled backwards down the road by a saucer object, he said. The car was then transported into the ship and the three women were separated and examined by aliens, he said.

All three were questioned and hypnotised separately, Turner said, and their accounts matched although they were not together. Wilhelm considers that abduction case one of the most convincing he's ever investigated.

Turner's home is filled with UFO information and displays and he says he waits up for UFO's every night. Although the chances are small, he says he thinks he'll see one again soon.

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No explanation found for object in NP sky

There is no explanation for an airborne object that was picked up on radar by airport officials near North Platte early Monday, according to the director of the Unidentified Flying Object Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash.

A number of area residents, including weather service specialists and law enforcement officials, observed a saucer-shaped object with flashing lights early Monday.

Robert Gribble, director of the UFO center, said that many of the objects being reported in this area are bright, scintillating stars, in particular Sirius.

Gribble said the center had been receiving calls from all over the nation about the star Sirius, a star in the constellation Canis Major, the brightest star in the sky and about 8.7 light years from earth.

The UFO office had received about six calls from the North Platte area

since Monday, it was reported.

But, there is no explanation for the object sighted on radar at Lee Bird Field and observed by Robert Newland, National Weather Service radar specialist at North Platte, the Seattle official said.

Newland used a low-power scope to observe the object. Other officials also reported seeing the object.

There were no aircraft reported in the area at the time, Gribble added.

The investigation was impeded, however, by the distance of the object, Gribble said.

"They're all describing this as being quite a distance from them," Gribble said.

Don Mowers, dispatcher at the North Platte Police Department, said that the office was referring calls to the UFO center in Seattle. He added that he had received about three calls Tuesday night.

Huge UFO Keeps Returning to 2 Arizona Towns

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An immense, V-shaped UFO has paid repeated visits to two Arizona copper mining towns — once hovering over a high school football field for an hour as more than 140 people gazed at it in openmouthed awe.

Among those who've seen the UFO are businessmen, a retired engineer — and even a Superior Court judge. The visits have been going on since the fall of 1980 in the small towns of Clifton and Morenci.

One of the most spectacular sightings occurred the night of Oct. 23, 1980, at Morenci High School.

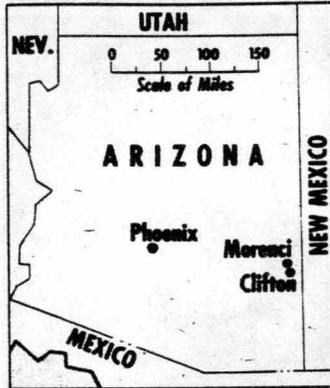
As the 110 members of the marching band practiced on the football field, the giant UFO appeared overhead, said band director Bruce Allen.

"The whole band saw it, and there must have been 30 or 40 parents in the stands who saw it, too," Allen, 34, told The ENQUIRER.

"It was shaped like a V or a boomerang, outlined in different colored lights. It looked like the entire sky was filled with this big object.

"It slowly roamed counterclockwise above the field as we were rehearsing. It stayed there for the entire

Arizona Towns



MAP shows the towns east of Phoenix where UFO is seen.

band rehearsal, almost as if it were watching us!"

Student Tim Pingleton, 18, told The ENQUIRER: "It was about 300 yards long. It wasn't frightening, but the fact that it stopped right over us was weird."

The UFO also was seen by five workmen that night over the huge Phelps Dodge copper smelting plant a mile west of the high school.

"It was sort of boomerang shaped," said Randall Lee Rogers, 22, a smelter re-

pairman. "There were about 12 red lights on it, and a big searchlight in front. It was the size of a football field.

"It stopped over one of the smelters' smokestacks. The searchlight was on, like they were looking right down the stack."

Some witnesses said the object made no noise. Others said it made a slight humming sound, like nothing they'd ever heard before. Two observers said that two smaller craft separated from the mother ship and flew away, later rejoining the larger ship.

G.J. Callicotte, a retired engineer, said he spotted the UFO two nights in a row last December. "The first night it

had lights in a broad V-shaped formation," he said. "The second night it had lights in a diamond shape."

Superior Court Judge Lloyd Fernandez of Clifton told The ENQUIRER he was out walking the second night Callicotte saw the UFO. "I saw these lights that looked sort of like a

triangle or diamond pattern moving from west to east," he said.

The UFO is still being seen around the towns. A Clifton businessman told The ENQUIRER that "at least a thousand people" have seen it over the past year.

— BOB PRATT

Startling Evidence

That Space Aliens Are Everywhere

Primitive Africans today describe UFOs that are amazingly like those reported by more civilized Westerners. And American Indians of the past told of incredibly similar sightings, say UFO experts.

"Whether the spacecraft are spotted in the dense jungles of another continent or in a U.S. suburb, the stories are often almost identical," declared Charles L. Tucker, international director of the International UFO Investigative Bureau.

Other UFO investigators agreed.

"And there are many very striking similarities in these reports from all over the world — even though people in primitive areas have no way of knowing about the encounters experienced in the

West," said UFO researcher Ulrich Dopatka, who has investigated some sightings in Africa, Australia and the South Pacific.

Cynthia Hind, a UFO investigator from Zimbabwe, Africa, said, "Obviously people in the African bush have no connection with men and women in the U.S. who report UFOs. Yet they report the same things."

Even North American Indians of the past noticed and recorded visits by UFOs, said noted author and researcher Brad Steiger, who has carried out extensive studies on Indian legends. "The connection

between many of their legends and UFO encounters is unmistakable," he said.

"Their legends tell of 'little vanishing men' who came from the skies in 'great sky baskets' and then left in

big clouds of fire and smoke.

"Their descriptions of men wearing shining suits, with no hair, pale skin and large eyes are incredibly like the classic stories we hear today. There

is very striking evidence that UFOs are really a worldwide phenomenon which have been seen at all times and by all cultures."

— PAUL F. LEVY

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Russians Run in Terror as

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UFO Blitzes Moscow

By HENRY GRIS

Russia's top secret police agency, the KGB, has launched a massive investigation into UFOs after mysterious alien spacecraft hovered over a super-secret Soviet air base — and blitzed Moscow for the second time in less than a year.

In exclusive interviews with top scientists behind the Iron Curtain, The ENQUIRER has learned that Kremlin officials are panic-stricken by the incredible penetration of sensitive Soviet airspace.

Government leaders hastily ordered Yuri Andropov, Minister of State Security and head of the KGB, to immediately investigate the eerie UFO incidents, a highly placed source disclosed to The ENQUIRER.

Thousands of Russians witnessed the UFOs' spectacular aerial display last May 15. Some ran inside, screaming in terror.

First a gigantic, ball-shaped mother ship suddenly lit up the night sky 100 miles south of Moscow, then streaked at incredible speed toward the Soviet capital, witnesses reported.

Then the brilliant blue craft — almost 2,000 feet in diameter — hovered for more than a half hour over the top secret Vnukovo Air Base just outside Moscow.

Soviet fighter planes scrambled to intercept the alien craft — but it shot away to the northern outskirts of Moscow, where it dazzled witnesses with a display of aerial fireworks.

Then the mother ship mysteriously vanished — but not before launching three smaller UFOs that proceeded to

buzz the Kremlin and other sections of Moscow, touching off panic among some residents.

A top Russian scientist declared: "The KGB has interrogated more than 2,500 eyewitnesses and interviewed dozens of space scientists in

an attempt to explain the UFO incidents.

"Vnukovo is a top secret air base used only for VIP traffic and test flights by the Soviet Air Force. It is totally off limits to foreigners and unclear to Soviet citizens.

"The Kremlin is even more

sacred," the scientist added. "No planes are ever allowed to fly within five miles of the Kremlin."

Acting independently of the KGB, a five-man team of top Soviet scientists and researchers also collected eyewitness reports of the dramatic events of May 15.

"The mother ship first appeared in the sky over Tula, a city about 100 miles south of Moscow, at 1:27 a.m.," Dr. Felix Zigel, a member of the team and Russia's foremost UFO authority, told The ENQUIRER.

"It was traveling at a very high rate of speed, because it became visible at Moscow just three minutes later, at 1:30 a.m."

Dr. Vladimir Azhazha — a space engineer and former head of the Soviet government's Committee on Extraterrestrial Civilizations — described what happened next.

"The bell-shaped craft hovered over Vnukovo Air Base for more than half an hour. Fighter planes scrambled in an attempt to intercept it, but just as they got airborne, the UFO sped away to the northern outskirts of Moscow, where it put on an eerie display of aerial fireworks."

Among the thousands who



HUGE UFO that cruised over Moscow one night last year and caused a panic in the capital city's streets.



SPECTACULAR display — here in artist's impression —

lit up the night sky over Moscow and sent people screaming into their homes.

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BLITZES MOSCOW

witnessed the dazzling sky-show was Victor Lapochkin, a mechanical engineer in Moscow. First, he said, a blinding white flash exploded from the center of the craft, then "dissolved" into a large orange ball with a white center. Then fiery red drops fell down toward the city, he said.

The mother ship then launched three small UFOs just before it vanished. The first small UFO made a slow pass over the Kremlin.

"The second small craft took up a position over a Moscow railroad station for the next two hours," said Dr. Azhazha. "Then it suddenly dived into a lake near the station. After several seconds, it surfaced and flew off."

The third small UFO hovered low over the Moscow Technological Institute for two hours, then disappeared, Dr. Azhazha reported.

In a similar UFO episode in 1980, a huge mother ship cruised the night sky over Moscow, launched several smaller UFOs — and caused a panic in the streets.

"There is speculation," said one Soviet researcher, "that this was a return visit from the same mother ship, and that something may have happened to make the alien visitors angry or bellicose."

Peter Leo

UFO devotee is not alone

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UFOs have been reported in unusual numbers in the Pittsburgh area over the past few weeks. I'm not sure what this means, but if they had any manners at all, these flying objects would identify themselves and explain why intelligent life would be visiting Pittsburgh this time of year instead of Honolulu.

Then again, IFOs are no fun compared to UFOs. That's the way Diane Enion sees it. Neither believer nor non-believer, this 34-year-old housewife and free-lance writer is simply someone who thinks UFOs deserve serious consideration on the chance they might establish proof that we're not alone in the universe.

This sensible, scientific point of view puts her ahead of closed-minded scientists who dismiss UFOs as demonstrating nothing more significant than the fallibility of human observation.

She has never seen a UFO herself. She has seen many an odd-looking thing aloft over the county airport near her home in Brentwood, but, alas, every single one has had an earthly explanation.

But she's hooked on the unexplained. Which explains her interest in magic, haunted houses, cemetery sittings. And explains why she will leave baby, husband, and home in the dead of night to investigate a UFO sighting.

Diane Enion is a member of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, a group of scientists and laymen who believe we'll never get to the bottom of all this if we don't gather information on unusual airborne sightings.

When people call the Buhl Planetarium or the police with UFO reports, they invariably are referred to the center, which sends out investigators like Diane Enion as fast as it can to interview the spotters.

Her most recent case came a couple of weeks ago when some people at the U.S. Steel Duquesne Works spotted an unusual object hanging over the Mon River about the time of a 15-minute power failure. It was probably not a Japanese spy satellite trying to steal steel-making secrets, but beyond that Diane Enion can't say what it was.

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The call was one of 30 to 35 in the last month or so. Many can be chalked up to the full moon and unusually clear skies. Several people have sworn that what turned out to be Venus was a UFO headed their way.

"Ninety percent of anything that comes in can be identified right away," she says, "but the 10 percent — this is what we're fighting for, to find out what they are. That's why we need people to call us."

The most dramatic sighting of late came a week ago last Sunday when a family in Regent Square reported a low-flying formation of strange objects heading over Frick Park.

Several days later, it came to the center's attention that a 17-year-old youth from Dorseyville had seen a similar formation about a half hour before the Regent Square sighting, crossing the Allegheny, heading in the direction of Regent Square.

The youth had had a closer encounter. He saw eight objects in line formation while driving on Route 910 and stopped for a prolonged gaze. After a few minutes, he got back in the car and drove on. A mile up the road, he saw a gigantic triangular object, white lights at each tip, hovering over his car about 500 feet up.

Underneath was a spinning red light. In the center of the red light there appeared to be a blue beam light. He said the object made a low, rumbling noise like the sound of distant thunder. He watched it for a minute, then, becoming edgy because the UFO seemed particularly interested in him, he drove home.

Anybody who saw the same thing or, for that matter, anything else interesting, should call the center (863-3874) immediately upon completing this column.

Don't a lot of crazies call? Actually, quite the opposite, says Diane Enion, who's been collecting information on UFOs since age 18. People are hesitant to come forth for fear they will be thought nutty. That was the case with the youth from Dorseyville, whose friends greeted his tale with guffaws.

"The problem is most people don't believe unless they see one themselves," says Diane Enion. "And even then they don't believe."

'UFO' Sighted Locally

FRONT PAGE

By KEVIN LAMIMAN
Star Staff Writer

A Marion County woman reported Wednesday that she saw a bright, moving pattern of lights — a "UFO" — late Tuesday evening near Big Island.

Marcia Stone, 2840 Lee Road, said the incident occurred shortly before midnight Tuesday.

She said she was driving south on Ohio 203 and was just south of the ConRail crossing when the lights were first noticed near the horizon in the east. With her was Boe Hall, a friend of one of her children, and her five-year-old son.

She said she stopped the car and they watched the lights for three or four minutes. The image slowly moved westward behind the car, and then receded more rapidly into the northwest, toward Meeker, she continued.

The brightest of the lights were red, she related, but there also blue and white ones.

Stone said another car came through while they watched the lights, but the driver did not stop. She expressed belief the occupants of the other vehicle also observed the phenomenon.

Mrs. Stone said she rolled down her window, and did not hear any sound. There was little or no wind at the time, she said.

The woman said her husband went to the scene after she

returned home, and she went to the site with one of her children, but they saw nothing unusual.

Mrs. Stone went to the Marion post of the Highway Patrol shortly after 12:30 a.m. Wednesday and reported the sighting. A patrol spokesman said she was referred to the Federal Aviation Administration. A patrol official said the post had not received any other recent reports of the same kind.

She said the lights, which roughly formed a square pattern, had no distinct outline, except that she thought she saw a smooth "ridge" along its bottom.

A spokesman for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, said no aircraft from that facility were over Marion County at the time.

However, he had no immediate information on other military aircraft movements. The spokesman noted that Ohio and adjoining states have a number of Air Force and National Guard bases.

The planet Venus often produces UFO reports. Visible in the southwest part of the sky this month, it is brighter than average. However, it had disappeared below the horizon several hours before Mrs. Stone's sighting.

She told The Star that she initially thought the lights were from radio towers in the area, but discounted the possibility because of their brightness and movement.

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Dozens report UFO

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BALLSTON SPA — An unidentified flying object was sighted Nov. 12 by "at least a dozen witnesses," according to a spokesman for the Scientific Bureau of Investigation.

David Waters, chief investigator of the bureau for upstate New York, said the UFO was first sighted near the Warren County Airport and later spotted in areas of Saratoga County. Witnesses, said Waters, said they saw a series of bright lights white in color with a greenish tint, "dancing in the sky." Waters added the UFO was at a low altitude, moving slowly and hovering at times. He said witnesses told him it was "absolutely quiet" at the time of the sighting.

"Strangely enough," said Waters, "the UFO was sighted at about the same time the phone service went out in the Saratoga area." Telephone service was cut to Saratoga Springs and outlying localities from about 5 to 8 p.m. on that day.

A spokesman from New York Telephone said the outage was due to a malfunction in two mini-computers at the switching offices on Phila Street in Saratoga Springs. Authorities at

the Sheriff's Departments of Warren and Saratoga Counties said there were no reports of UFO sightings called into their departments on that evening.

Waters said the bureau's headquarters in Staten Island received other reports of similar sightings during last week from people in Vermont, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Ohio in addition to New York State.

City Happenings

Another UFO Sighting Here

Mrs. Ron Vogtman, 1600 N. 37th St., says that she heard the family dog barking about 6:30 a.m. Tuesday and looked out a window to see a strange object in the sky. It looked like a large red star moving rapidly from the northwest to the south.

Mrs. Vogtman said she didn't mention it to anyone because she thought they'd laugh, but after she noticed Mr. and Mrs. Doug Buszkohl had seen a similar object Tuesday evening, thought she would report her sighting.

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UFOs Are Incredible

Do you believe in UFOs, unidentified flying objects?

Over in Nappanee, Charles L. Tucker heads the International UFO Investigative Bureau, an organization he says "is seeking not to approve or disapprove UFOs, but to find out the facts and bring those facts to the people, not only in the United States, but throughout the world."

Newspaper articles and television programs have been dealing with the UFO question for years, but no concrete conclusions have really been reached. People who swear they have seen UFOs have been interviewed and their sightings documented. Pictures of strange objects in the sky have been photographed and drawn. But it all seems to be a matter of belief in the entire subject.

Some people are positive that unidentified flying objects move often about the sky. Other people laugh and call the idea preposterous. UFOs are one of those subjects that do not seem to be black or white; there is room for disbelief, but then again, there are those pictures, and they say pictures do not lie.

Recently, Tucker says, he visited in South America, in Brazil, where a Brazilian Air Force expedition has been investigating UFO happenings in a mountainous area along the Amazon River. The expedition members had interviewed natives in the area and residents of a city and, according to Tucker, heard many instances of UFO sightings and seeing beams of light from supposed UFOs. The people of the city had set up volunteer patrols to keep watch in the areas where the sightings had occurred.

Among the Brazilian UFO descriptions Tucker has reported are a triangle-shaped object with glass-like windows around the center with flashing lights. In another case, a school teacher reported seeing a saucer-shaped craft come up out of the Amazon River. She said the burst of the craft from the river depths made a wave of air and water and frightened many people. There was speculation that an underwater UFO

base was deep in the waters of the huge Amazon.

Well, it all smacks of "That's Incredible," but then again it is known that some government agencies, both in the United States and other countries, have investigative groups looking into reports of unidentified flying objects. So maybe there are UFOs, and then again maybe they are a figment of the imagination of some people.

Whatever they are, fact or fiction, they certainly do make interesting reading. — By Janice Rasley

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Pilots sight UFO in Córdoba, not seen from ground

Córdoba The local daily La Voz del Interior, reporting the news yesterday, said the reported UFO could not be seen from the ground because of prevailing weather conditions.

Pedro Heslop, Reporting the incident, commanding Austral airlines flight 408, and Alberto Paracampo, on Aerolíneas Argentinas flight 510, both said that at about 9.15pm on Saturday they saw a "bright, round, huge object in the middle of which there was another, smaller bright object" flying through the sky.

Heslop said he saw the UFO as he was just about to come in for landing, adding that the object was at an approximate altitude of 180 metres.

Paracampo's report checked with that of his colleague. He said the UFO was in the vicinity of the town of Marcos Juárez. (NA)

'Flying saucers' spotted over county again!

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MAINLAND—Though no police official on the Mainland would own up to having sighted the UFOs reported Monday and Tuesday nights in Galveston; they all had a "somebody else who is not here" saw something story.

La Marque officers who had been on duty during the sightings were unavailable for comment, but one Texas City officer commented, "People always see things at this time of year.

"It's almost Halloween, you know."

While residents on the Mainland were missing the show, Islanders were besieging police with calls about an eerie white glow with red and green lights that flickered over Galveston for a second straight night. Coast Guardsmen had a possible solution to the sightings.

"Each one said the same thing," said Suzanne Northcutt, a dispatcher at the Galveston Police Department. "They keep describing red and green lights on this thing."

Ms. Northcutt decided to take a look for herself, and she told a telephone interviewer that she saw it, too.

"But when I saw it, it was white, glowing like. It could have been the evening star."

She said she and other dispatchers went out to look for the unidentified flying object after calls began pouring in about 7 p.m.

She said the department had received about 25 calls about the phenomenon by 8:30 p.m. from "people all over the island."

Deborah Brigman, another dispatcher, said Tuesday's glow was not the same as Monday's because it stayed in one place off the coast of Galveston. Another dispatcher said a patrol officer tried to follow the Monday light but it moved west and finally disappeared in a hazy sky.

A Coast Guard helicopter pilot said his curiosity tempted him to fly to the area where some viewers reported seeing the UFO Tuesday. But his counterparts aboard the UFO, if any, were shy.

"We didn't see anything unusual," said Lt. Dave Marks, who said he was aboard a helicopter training flight over the Gulf of Mexico off Galveston. "It might be some lights reflecting."

Petty Officer Martin Taylor at the Coast Guard's Galveston Operations office had a similarly prosaic explanation.

"There's a gas rig out there, and they're burning off gas," Taylor said. "The glow is reflecting off the clouds. So that's my explanation for it, anyway, since it's stationary.

"I know when I was in the Navy, we could take our 24-inch carbon search lights and signal to people maybe 40, 60, 80 miles away" by bouncing the beams off clouds, he said.

It was the second consecutive night the glow was visible on the southeast Texas coast. Officials said sightings Monday were reported in Winnie and LaPorte, more than 30 miles from Galveston.

"We started getting calls about 8 p.m. from people who said they'd seen a white flying saucer," said Coast Guard Petty Officer Matthew Walters. "The first calls we got had the thing near the airport, and then the last calls we got about 2 a.m. had it over a hotel on the seawall.

"We went up to the observation tower, and didn't see anything ..."

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UFO Sightings Reported By Indianola Residents

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INDIANOLA — Sightings of unidentified flying objects are continuing in this area, with the latest reports coming from residents of Indianola.

Since Thursday evening the family of Ken Blume of Indianola has watched what appears to be a low, bright star in the southwest sky.

The multi-colored object first appears at about 6:30 p.m., according to Blume, who said the light begins to fade from sight at about 7 p.m., and 20-30 minutes later it is completely gone.

"At first I thought it was an airplane," Blume said, but he ruled out this possibility after observing the strange phenomenon for about 30 minutes.

According to Blume, Monday night the object hovered lower than ever before, finally disappearing behind trees south of the Republican River.

He said it appeared to have a reddish cast.

Blume said his wife, Bosiljka, and his father, Harold, have also observed the twilight traveler.

Another Indianola resident, Billie Boyer, said she observed the light for the first time Monday evening. Mrs. Boyer described the object as appearing to radiate in the sky but having no definite colors, although she, too, said it took on a reddish cast as it moved lower in the sky.

She estimated that it first appeared at a 30-35 degree angle, lowering as it moved westward.

Bud Rogers, Indianola chief of police, is among those who reported seeing the object. He said it looks like a great big star. "It's light colored, and gets reddish orange the farther away it gets," he said. Discounting the possibility of an UFO, Rogers said he thinks the object is probably a satellite or some other human invention.

'UFO' sightings perplex police, weather officials

By GENE BROWNING
Telegraph Staff Writer

Flying saucers with strange lights were something found only in science fiction to a number of area residents until early Monday morning when a lighted object materialized over North Platte's eastern horizon.

"I have difficulty explaining it in my own mind," said Robert Newland, National Weather Service radar specialist at North Platte, who sighted the object on radar at Lee Bird Field.

The saucer-shaped object with rotating red, green and white lights appeared on North Platte's eastern horizon about 2:10 a.m., according to North Platte Police reports and reports from five North Platte residents. Tom Knobel, a Union Pacific Railroad employee who was working in the west general tower at Bailey Yard, called police after he spotted the object and had watched it through binoculars.

"There were a lot of colors and it looked round," he said. After police received Knobel's call, Sgt. Mike Swain and patrolman James Agler went to the railroad yard to see for themselves.

They observed the object and two other objects. The other two were farther away and less distinct but were in the same general area of the sky.

Meanwhile, at the Lee Bird Field, Newland had received a call about the object and had sighted it on radar. He also used a low-power scope to observe the object.

He said three lights appeared to be rotating on a mobile platform on the object. As the lights rotated, he was able to see the object was saucer-shaped and was hovering near the horizon.

"It was rather low," he said.

"About 6½ degrees above the horizon. It definitely was too low to be a satellite. And most of those move pretty fast."

One of the oddest aspects of the object was that it did not drift with the strong winds that were blowing at high altitudes Monday morning, according to Newland.

"It violates all laws of manmade objects," he said. "It was quite interesting that it was able to stay in one spot that close to the ground and for that duration."

Swain said he had no idea what it was but the fact that it was sighted on radar limited what it could be.

"The only thing we are certain of is that it wasn't a star and it wasn't any type of atmospheric condition," he said. "It's got everybody baffled."

Newland said the object did move occasionally but appeared to be ho-

vering and shifting with the rotation of the Earth.

After the two policemen visited Bailey Yard, they proceeded to the airport. There, Newland could only pick up one of the objects on radar but was able to watch the one object periodically. His first sighting was at about 2:10 a.m.

When Newland went to check on it at 3:05 a.m., the object had disappeared, he said. However, Knobel said he watched the object until it was obscured by the tower's eaves about 6 a.m. No one reported seeing the object actually disappear or go away, according to Swain.

Swain said that besides the sightings in North Platte, law enforcement officials in Lexington and Brady observed unidentified flying objects Monday morning.

After sighting the object, Newland

called the Federal Aviation Administration's center in Denver, where officials told him that no air traffic should have been in the area.

Newland and police then contacted a UFO research center in Seattle. Newland said he expected someone from the center eventually to investigate the sightings.

Sightings of unidentified lights and objects recently have been common in the area. The most recent sighting before Monday morning was on Sept. 24 near Lexington. Two Lexington police officers watched a bright white light with rapid movement.

Police had received several calls from persons who thought they had seen UFOs but that none of the sightings had been confirmed at 10 p.m. Monday.

Rumors fly in Galveston after tales of strange lights

Post Galveston Bureau 7424

GALVESTON — Halloween may be a few days away, but all the ingredients of a good spook story have been making the rounds here after strange lights were reported to police two nights in row.

"All it was was a white light — like a strobe light," a 23-year-old island resident said Wednesday in describing what she saw near Scholes Field airport about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The light hovered over the airport, but "took off straight across the sky" when airplanes moved near it, said the woman, who asked to remain anonymous.

Dozens of callers reported to police that they saw lights in the sky Monday and Tuesday, but officer Jerry Rodriguez said he believes the excited callers may have gotten carried away.

"I think last night all they saw was the Evening Star (Venus)," Rodriguez said of the reported sightings Tuesday night.

But there were more reports Wednesday night from Brazoria and Galveston counties, and Pre-

cinct 3 Constable Joe Scrofne said he saw the object Tuesday and again Wednesday night when it appeared to be 25,000 to 35,000 feet above Galveston.

"It's round, and you can see all kinds of colors on it," he said, describing it as bigger than a star but "not as big as the moon."

Scrofne said he never believed in UFOs. "But I saw it last night and I see it tonight. It looks like someone could find out what it is. It would settle a lot of people's curiosity."

A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter crew near Galveston said residents Tuesday night may have seen the reflection of a flare from an offshore gas well.

A National Weather Service spokesman said there were no unusual atmospheric conditions present to explain the strange lights. He speculated that the sun's reflection on a weather satellite may have been what sky watchers saw.

Nothing unusual appeared on radar at Intercontinental Airport either Tuesday or Wednesday nights, according to a spokesman.

Reports of UFO's in the skies of Southwest Nebraska on Thursday night continue to drift in to the GAZETTE, including one account of three carloads of persons seeing what appeared to be an alien spacecraft taking off from the ground.

A McCook woman who asked not be identified said that her son and two other carloads of persons saw an orange-glowing oblong object rise up out of the Republican River valley southeast of McCook and fly off into the night skies.

She said her son was returning from Indianola at about 8 p.m. Thursday on Highway 6-34 midway between McCook and Indianola when he noticed two cars on the side of the road looking at an object in the south.

He also pulled over, she said, and asked them what they were looking at.

The persons pointed to an orange glow in the valley which they thought might be a fire.

After a few minutes an

object rose up out of the valley, hovered for a few minutes and then slowly flew off into the sky.

The woman said her son estimated the craft to be about the size of three automobiles and had multi-colored lights rotating around it.

"He was really scared by what he saw and he's still scared," she said. "He came right down to the police department and reported it. He was shaking and my son is not the type of person to exaggerate things."

The occupants of the other two vehicles were not identified, although their license plates were not from Red Willow County.

The occupants of those other two cars are asked to contact the GAZETTE to verify what happened. Their names will not be used if they so request.

Three McCook police officers also saw an unusual object in the sky Thursday night.

Two officers in one car and then a third officer in another car reportedly looked at a

bright star-like object through binoculars and saw rotating colored lights.

A woman who lives about eight miles southwest of McCook also reported seeing a UFO Thursday night.

The woman, who asked not to be identified, said the object appeared to be about four or five miles straight east of her.

The object looked like a stationary red and yellow flickering light, she said, though it was too low to be a star or a planet and was not an airplane.

She said the object hovered for about 10 minutes but disappeared when a car driving on a country road came near it.

The woman said several other persons in the area also saw the object after they called each other on the telephone to look for it.

On Monday and Tuesday night, several persons reported seeing UFO's south of McCook.

Similar sightings were also reported in the North Platte area on those two days.

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Reports
of UFOs
Continue
in Area

UFOs Fill Sky

Area Gets Its Full Share Of Close Encounters

By Jack Mackey
Bee Staff Writer

For three seconds, Joe Johns, 26, stared transfixed into the darkness of the Nevada County foothills.

As he later reported to the Nevada County sheriff's office, Johns saw what he described as an elliptical shape of white light.

He thought it was going to fall straight down into the canyon, but it stopped, level with the mountaintops.

The object left a trail of light as it made the swift vertical descent, then suddenly darted back up, without a light trail, and disappeared.

It was brighter, Johns said, than any moon he ever had seen. He said he was on Highway 49, approaching the bridge over the South Yuba River, when he saw the object at 11:10 p.m. Monday.

Johns was one of five people in Nevada and Sacramento counties who have reported seeing unidentified flying objects since the weekend.

A caller who didn't identify himself reported to the Nevada County sheriff's office that he saw an object at the same time and similar to that which Johns reported.

Tim Blanchard of Sacramento, who lives near the Rancho Cordova line, phoned The Bee at 2:20 p.m. Tuesday, minutes, he said, after he saw "an extremely bright and shiny object about 1,800 to 2,000 feet" in the northwest sky.

And an East Sacramento couple who asked not to be identified told The Bee they saw an oval, translucent object trailing a kitelike tail speed across the sky from northwest to southeast about 5 p.m. Saturday. They said they would have accepted it for a weather balloon except that it moved so quickly and followed such a direct course, being in view for about 5 to 10 seconds.

"We were sitting in the back yard, gazing up at the sky, remarking on the deepness of the blue color," the Sacramentan said. "Then I saw this white, kind of silver-colored and translucent object, which appeared to be a weather balloon.

"But instead of floating slowly, it moved in a direct line. We stood up and watched it as it disappeared into the southeast, trailing the kitelike tail, which darted about behind. It was strange."

Johns' sighting in Nevada County was his first-ever of a UFO, he said, and his recounting of the event Tuesday to friends brought more than a little good-natured kidding down on him, he told a reporter, explaining that he is a partner in a Nevada City video game arcade.

But, Johns refused to back off from his story, despite the joking.

He learned, too, that another report of a UFO already had been received by the sheriff's office by

the time Johns got back into town to record his sighting. In Sacramento, Blanchard said he is familiar with all kinds of aircraft because of his interest in skydiving and general aviation, and he is certain that what he saw Tuesday "was no airplane."

"It was strange. I never saw anything like it before," Blanchard said. He was looking toward Watt Avenue, with his back toward Bradshaw, when he saw the object. He at first thought it might be a helicopter, but there was no noise.

Blanchard said he looked down for "a split second" and the object disappeared. "I never saw this strong of a light in the sky before. It shook me up," he said.

"There have been a rash of sightings in Marin County, from Petaluma, Santa Rosa and Tiburon," said Tom Gates, an astronomer at Foot-hill College and a spokesman for the Bay area's UFO hot line.

He said there have been 12 to 15 reports in October, including "some

very close encounters."

One person, he said, reported seeing a disc-shaped object about 60 feet overhead, so close that a "humming noise" could be heard.

It's not unusual to expect an increase in the numbers of UFO sightings now, Gates said. Historically, there are more reports of UFO sightings in October than any other month. April and July are the other two busiest months for sightings.

The last reports of UFOs in Nevada County were in January and February of 1980.

At that time, mysterious multicolored flying objects in the sky were reported seen by eight persons who reside on two different ridges northeast of Nevada City near the South Yuba River.

All eight described the UFOs as red and white lights, along with blue lights at times, that hovered, then moved quickly across the sky. They said the lights were from 1,000 to 2,000 feet above the ground.

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS
NEWS
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UFO chaser: 'I'm not goin' with 'em'

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By DENNY ANGELLE
Entertainment Editor

A giant spaceship, bigger than a mountain, looms on the watery horizon. It's so large it threatens to swallow the small crowd of people looking heavenward at the monstrous craft. Its nearest extremity kisses the sandy earth, and slowly, a door begins to open.

A biting, blinding light bursts from the open door. Alien feet patter gently down a ramp and they stop in the beach sand. One man steps up to greet the Visitor from Outer Space. His name is Wally Grizzard.

"A pretty picture, huh?" asked Grizzard, deer hunter, taxidermist and UFO chaser. "That's gonna happen one day, and not in no movie. 'I'm not gonna be no Richard Dreyfuss cause I'm not goin' with them.'"

Them. Those Visitors from Outer Space. Or *aliens*,

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HENDERSON, TEXAS
NEWS
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UFO sighting is reported

About 6 a.m. Wednesday a man reported an unidentified flying object, appearing to be some sort of flying saucer, flying across City Hall, out toward International Paper and then back to City Hall, a police department spokesman said.

Investigating officers did not spot anything unusual, the spokesman said.

Spaceship 'looked like a speedboat'

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as Grizzard likes to call them. He's going to meet them one day, because he says he's going to be there when they land.

Grizzard sped into Port Arthur late Tuesday afternoon from his home in the Hillister pines, after he'd heard about UFO sightings on Galveston. He stopped here long enough to pick up some supplies for a week-long campout on Crystal Beach.

"I saw on the TV that people saw the lights over Galveston, but also all over the coast from Winnie to Bolivar. I think the *aliens* want to make contact with humans, but not in a real big, populated place. They would want to meet just a few people at a time," Grizzard said.

On Monday evening, dozens of Galveston residents reported seeing a strange glow in the sky. One policeman chased a star-shaped object, and others reported eerily pulsating lights and flickering lights that illuminated entire streets of the city.

Coast Guard officials attributed the sightings to an offshore gas well that was burning waste fumes. A helicopter pilot said the fire's light was reflected off a

haze layer at about 7,000 feet and that is what Galvestonians saw, according to the Coast Guard.

"Yeah, well, when there's something goin' on, there's always somebody there with a real quick explanation," argued Grizzard.

Okay, then what are those lights?

"It could be somebody burnin' gas offshore. It could be the Air Force testin' some new planes or somethin'." "Or it could be some *aliens* tryin' to make contact with certain kinds of people," Grizzard reasoned. "Those kinds of people who won't be so ready to kill Visitors from Outer Space — *aliens*."

When he's not chasing UFOs, Grizzard works as a taxidermist. A 45-year-old toughened and darkened by the sun, Grizzard says he's just interested in all kinds of UFO sightings.

"It's kinda a hobby, I guess," said Grizzard, squinting over to his fully packed truck. "I saw a flyin' spaceship once. It wasn't no damn flyin' saucer, either. It looked kinda like a speedboat, but with no outboard motor on the back."

Grizzard wouldn't talk any more. He had his green Army tent packed, and he said if newspapermen, TV men or photographers wanted to talk to him, he'd be camped out all week on Crystal Beach,

with a Confederate flag flying from a tent pole. Grizzard hopped in his bright red pickup, popped a Halloween candy into his mouth, and roared off.

Later that evening, Galvestonians saw the strange lights once again. In one hour 25 people on the 25-mile-long island reported objects with glowing and flickering lights. The UFOs were back.

Wednesday morning was a sunny, cool day at Crystal Beach. A car rolled slowly in the sand, searching for a tent with a Confederate flag snapping in the breeze above.

The cool offshore wind kept most people away from the beach, but the car found a few fishermen and beachcombers. No trace of Wally Grizzard, no tent, no Confederate flag, no bright red pickup truck.

Did the cold wind drive Wally Grizzard back into the Hillister pines? Or did he finally achieve his dream Tuesday night?

A Halloween wind stirring from offshore might whisper the answer, to a soul willing to sit still beneath the diamond sky. Without the answer, Galvestonians might forever wonder if that was indeed a spaceship over their fair city Tuesday night, or the tail lights of a bright red pickup as it roared off into the stars.

UFOs? What UFOs? Records? What records?

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By Ward Sinclair

WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The U.S. government says it keeps no records on unidentified flying objects, because they don't exist. But 131 secret documents about UFOs in the files of the National Security Agency (NSA) have become the subject of an intense legal battle.

Would the documents disclose startling details about the flying saucers, or UFOs, that more than 10 million Americans claim to have seen? Would disclosure compromise NSA's sophisticated eavesdropping techniques? Is it all buncombe? Or is it all too frightening to contemplate?

Apparently only NSA can answer those questions and NSA isn't talking. NSA, in fact, refuses to talk and its reticence is being challenged in the federal courts.

Eleven months ago, U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell held that the documents were so sensitive that their release might endanger national security. Gesell did not review the documents. His decision was based on a 21-page top-secret affidavit given him in chambers by NSA.

The battle last week reached the U.S. Court of Appeals, where a small organization known as Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), arguing for release of the NSA documents, told a three-judge panel that the government cannot have it both ways.

If UFOs do not exist, CAUS attorney Peter A. Gersten of New York told the court, then Uncle Sam has nothing to hide. If they do exist, then we may be in big trouble — and we ought to know about it. But NSA's lip stays buttoned.

The suit brought by CAUS under the Freedom of Information Act is another in a series of challenges to the powers of spy outfits such as NSA, the CIA and the Defense Intelligence Agency to withhold virtually anything they want under the guise of national security.

"The government position is that UFOs are not a threat and that the government does not study UFOs," Gersten told the appeals panel. If the panel does not order disclosure, he said, Gesell at least should be directed to review the 131 UFO documents and decide for himself just how sensitive they really are.

Arguing for NSA, attorney Cheryl M. Long said there is no way the documents, no matter what they show, could be released without exposing and compromising the intelligence-gathering techniques of the agency, which include global electronic snooping and code-breaking.

CAUS' appetite for government documents was whetted by the 1978 release of Air Force and CIA reports on UFO sightings that were deemed to have no national security implications. Ground Saucer Watch, a Phoenix-based UFO monitoring organization, forced the release through freedom-of-information suits.

Those documents revealed that in October, November and December of 1975, reliable military personnel saw unconventional and unexplained aerial objects hovering around nuclear weapons storage sites, aircraft alert areas and missile-control complexes at installations across the northern United States.

In some instances, as radar sightings of the objects were made, Air Force fighter planes were sent aloft in unsuccessful pursuit, although the records gave no indication that the fighters fired on the intruders.

CAUS and the Fund for UFO Research, based in Mount Rainier, Md., noting the sixth anniversary two weeks ago of a celebrated series of sightings over Loring Air Force Base in Maine, brought a wit-

ness to Washington to tell his story at a news conference.

Stephen B. Eichner, a now-retired sergeant who was on duty when a strange object hovered over the Loring ammunition dump, described in some detail what he saw in 1975 and said that officials at the base tended to discount his and other witnesses' reports.

Eichner told how he and fellow airmen had seen a football-shaped reddish orange object, three or four car-lengths long, hovering over the Loring dump. He said the object suddenly vanished, then reappeared some distance away at the end of a runway.

Numerous other visual and radar sightings were made at Loring. Air Force planes were scrambled in a luckless attempt to track down the object. The Air Force generally theorized that the object was an unidentified helicopter, but Eichner said last week it made no noise and could not be mistaken for a helicopter.

Gersten said CAUS intends to file another freedom of information suit against the Air Force this month in an effort to force disclosure of more data on the series of still unexplained 1975 sightings over Strategic Air Command bases.

Mystery surrounds lights that brighten rural area

FRONT PAGE

Something has been lighting up the western sky near the Richard Reyzlik farm south of Tekamah for the past few weeks and so far no one has come up with a definite explanation for its existence.

There have been a lot of different theories about the bright light that appeared near the farm around September 14, but all Mrs. Reyzlik knows for sure is that the thing is unidentified, flying and an object of some sort. Explanations offered by the curious who have come to view the phenomenon have ranged from alien spacecraft to the planet Venus.

Mrs. Reyzlik labeled herself as "skeptical," saying that she was "really not a great believer in spaceships." She is certain, though, that there really is something out there — the question is "what?"

When the light first was sighted it was "big as a table," according to her husband, who thought someone might have been trespassing on their property. A search of the property produced nothing and the light disappeared.

The first two nights the light appeared very close to the Reyzlik home, which is located on a hill, but since that time it has been moving farther away. It follows the same pattern each

night, coming up about 8 p.m. and moving downward until about 9 p.m. when it disappears.

To the naked eye the light is "brighter than a star" and usually round. Through binoculars, the object appears to be multi-colored — ranging from silver, blue and most recently red and orange.

Many local residents have viewed the light, which also can be seen in the western sky from atop Reservoir Hill in Tekamah, Mrs. Reyzlik said.

Among the skywatchers were two "UFO experts" from Omaha, who have studied sightings across the United States. They labeled the object as some sort of ship and told the Reyzliks that more of the same can be expected in 1983.

A Tekamah-Herman school teacher suggested that the heavenly body might be Venus, but the spaceship authorities did not agree.

What ever it is, Tekamah area star gazers aren't the only ones to have reported the sightings, according to Mrs. Reyzlik. "After we'd seen it there were a couple of newspaper articles about similar sightings around Hastings," she said.

'Celebrating' Johnny's Visit?

UFO Sighting

NORFOLK NEBR.
NEWS

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Norfolk's weather seems to be celebrating the return home of TV star Johnny Carson this week with some rather unusual activity. On Tuesday night, several people sighted a UFO similar to the one noticed early Monday at North Platte, and now the weatherman is predicting an early touch of winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Busskohl, 904 N. 18th St., said they received a call from some friends about the UFO about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. They went outdoors with binoculars to get a better look at the strange object moving west through the sky northwest of their home.

The object had red flashing lights which changed to green and then to white as it moved. The Busskohls called the Norfolk office of the National Weather Service and one of the weathermen on duty, Bill Newman, went outside to take a look.

Newman couldn't identify the object, but he didn't think it was anything extraterrestrial. He thinks it was probably an airplane. He says it wasn't a weather balloon which has one small white light. "I'd have to see something more startling to believe it was a UFO," he says.

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Reported UFO sightings in area remain mystery

By LAWRENCE HUGHES
Staff Writer

A UFO apparently used a regular landing pattern as it traveled from the Lynchburg Municipal Airport over Evington and Brookneal Oct. 28 causing witnesses to call sheriff's deputies.

Federal Aviation Administration officials said the witnesses may have seen a plane taking off and a new landing light system at the Lynchburg Municipal Airport.

Larry Cole, local FAA tower chief, said, "Evington is our approach pattern. The landing lights direct that way. You can really get some weird sightings off of clouds."

Airport weather records show a low cloud cover Oct. 28 with no fog.

The UFO flight pattern was the same as Air Virginia's 7:10 p.m. flight to Roanoke. That flight may have been slightly late fitting the time of the sightings at about 7:30 p.m., an airline spokesman said.

Officials said Piedmont Airlines does not fly that late in the day. Officials also said no air military operations have been reported in the area.

Three people contacted authorities to report they had seen an unidentified flying object. The first witness spotted lights in the sky at Airport Road, the second saw lights over Evington, and the third saw lights over Brookneal.

The witnesses asked not to be identified, deputies said.

According to Campbell County Sheriff's Department, the descriptions of the UFO were similar.

The Airport Road sighting at 7:27 p.m. was described as "a large, bright light that appeared to be chan-

ging shapes."

The Evington sighting at 7:29 p.m. was described as "round in shape, five feet in diameter and it disappeared from sight through the trees."

The Brookneal sighting at 7:39 p.m. was described as "long tubular with sparkly lights on each end."

Cole couldn't say for sure what the UFO might have been, but he explained his theory:

In May, the airport installed a radio-activated landing light system that allow the pilot to turn on the approach lights as he comes in. The system is designed to save energy because the lights are only on while the pilot is landing, not all night.

The system is also designed to vary in intensity depending on the pilot's needs. The pilot can control how bright he wants the landing lights by radio. The new system has one setting that is brighter than the original fixed system was. If that setting was used by a pilot, residents might not have been used to it and thought it was unusual.

Cole had one problem with his own explanation, however. "Approach lights are used on landing, not takeoffs," he said.

The path of the object was away from the airport.

Officials that handle aircraft traffic when the Lynchburg tower is closed said there are no records available to show if any additional planes used the airport that night, officials said.

Cole said the FAA has not had a UFO research bureau for years and refers all reports to private organizations. FAA officials have had no reports of UFO activity.

KEIGHLEY NEWS
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Couple tell of UFO sighting

Two ³¹²³ more UFO sightings, which could hold the key to a death mystery, have been reported to the Keighley News.

An appeal for sightings was made by UFO experts who think the death of Tingley man Mr. Zygmunt Jan Adamski last June is linked with a "close encounter".

Keighley mother and son Mary and Andrew Roberts, of Westburn Crescent, told three weeks ago of a cigar-shaped UFO, a zig-zagging light and a veil of light over the town.

Now another Keighley woman has spoken of an experience, one afternoon last summer, which has changed her views on UFOs.

Mrs. Heather Ogden, 34, of West View Road, claims she and her chartered accountant husband James saw a silver-coloured UFO.

"It was about 1.30 p.m. I looked out of the lounge window and saw this thing coming from the Riddlesden direction.

"It was a shining silver disc. I called my husband to confirm I wasn't going mad. It glided across the valley towards Lancashire.

"I never believed in UFO's before but I do now. We are both quite sensible people, but we never mentioned the incident to anyone because of what they might think."

Another Keighley woman, who does not want to be named, spotted a bright shining UFO in the sky about 10.30 p.m. one night last June.

Mr. Adamski was found, with scorch marks on his body, on a Todmorden tip on June 11 last year — five days after he disappeared from his Tingley home.

If you made any UFO sightings during June last year, ring Moira Kerr on Keighley 606611.

STARGAZER'S OWN STORY

My close encounter with a UFO

MELVYN TROUTZ never believed in UFOs until, at age 58, he finally saw one.

"I guess I've joined the ranks of the cranks," the San Antonio resident chuckled.

Troutz, an amateur astronomer, was lying in his backyard, observing a meteor shower, when his eye caught an incredible, yet unmistakable, sight.

"I was watching the North East quadrant of the sky. Then I saw a flight of five rings," he told the Examiner.

"They were perfectly round and in a very tight V formation. There was a subdued light around them.

"They were travelling from exact north to exact south at one tremendous speed. If I'd have batted my eyes, I'd have missed the whole thing," he said.

Troutz scoffs at sugges-

tions that what he saw were weather balloons.

"If we've got weather balloons that fast we don't need rockets," he laughed.

Troutz, an ex-truck driver, long ago gave up hope of ever seeing a UFO.

Convinced

"When the big craze was on, and everybody was talking about seeing them, I went out and looked and looked and I never saw a darned thing," he said.

Even after his incredible experience, he still has doubts about the more outlandish UFO stories.

"I don't go along with these tales about beams of light coming down from out-

er space and picking people up," he said.

But Troutz is now convinced that there are other civilizations in outer space.

"God must have made other worlds out there. But he didn't tell us about them," he said.

Troutz has seen some incredible night scenes in his time.

"I was an airman in England during the blitz," he recalled. I used to watch planes being shot down. But I've never seen anything like this UFO before."

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UFO investigators study close encounter on I-5

By S. DIEFFENBACHER
Observer Staff Writer

The young man and his girl friend had stopped their truck along Interstate 5 midway between Seattle and Astoria when they saw it — a cylindrical-shaped object with two orange lights and a bright white one. The three lights were roughly arranged in the shape of a triangle.

At right is an artist's ink rendition of the UFO described in the accompanying story. The rendition is based on a sketch by the female witness. The swirling lines around the vehicle are an attempt to show the mist surrounding it.



CONT CLOSE ENCOUNTER ON I-5

The driver had noticed the lights earlier in his rear view mirror as he was driving down the dark highway. But each time he turned to look at the road behind him, he could see nothing.

It was a clear, fogless night, sometime between 1:30 and 2 a.m. The driver mentioned the lights to the woman, who noticed the two orange ones, but couldn't see the third because of her position in the truck.

After trying to dodge the mysterious beams for miles, the driver, frustrated, angry and puzzled, finally decided to confront them. He pulled over on the right hand side of the highway and opened the door.

The object was hovering about 500 feet away, across a ravine above the 30-40 foot high trees on the other side of the highway. It was shrouded in a strange mist.

The man and woman watched transfixed when suddenly a white light came on beneath the bottom two orange lights.

Just as the driver stepped down from the cab, a white flash blinded him.

"It felt like....it was something there and it was watching me...like it was scoping me out," he said later.

The object quickly approached to within 100-200 feet of the truck. Struck with fear, the man leaped into the cab, started the engine and sped away.

"I'm glad she (his girlfriend) was with me," he noted later. "Otherwise I would have been going nuts."

The story is a true account of a close encounter.

It was probed by Greg Long of Richland, Wash., one of two field investigators working in Eastern Oregon and Washington. He and Cole Cordray of Pendleton are members of MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), an organization dedicated to probing the UFO phenomenon.

After investigating the incident, Long concluded that it was a legitimate UFO sighting — meaning that it couldn't be identified as any known object or aircraft.

What it was, a craft from another planet, a psychological projection or time machine, no one knows.

The search to discover what lies behind the UFO phenomenon is rife with such cases, say Long and Cordray. Witnesses often wait days or even weeks to talk about the incidents and the physical evidence is, for the most part, nonexistent. Often, all that remains are some descriptions, perhaps a schematic drawing and a desire to forget.

Despite these drawbacks, the search has yielded valuable information hinting at a common bond behind most sightings, say the two men.

"There seems to be a strong psychic component in most encounters," Cordray says.

"For instance, there are numerous instances of people having a strong urging to go to a window. Once there, they often see a UFO near their house.

"They report that the UFO seems to be observing them. In many cases they have a telepathic experience where the craft or beings in the craft give a message to them.

"In addition, they frequently report objects

materializing and dematerializing out of nothing.

Many say they see objects lifted off the ground as if by telekinesis," Cordray adds.

"The basic problem with UFOs is that you have a non-material object which looks material and apparently interacts with the environment, a concept hard for the human mind to comprehend," says Long. "UFOs often burn the ground and stop car engines, then disappear."

All the current "theories" of UFO origin are highly speculative at best, Long says.

The most common is the extraterrestrial hypothesis, which identifies UFOs as spacecraft from a more advanced planet. Other popular explanations are that the craft come from a parallel universe or from a different time dimension.

Some theorists suggest the craft are secret American weapons, or craft from a mysterious civilization deep in the earth (the hollow earth theory) or under the sea. The most modern theory attributes the craft to psychological manifestations of a collective unconscious, based on concepts developed by psychia-

trist Carl Jung.

"There are strong indications that a person's expectations may affect what he is seeing, that personal needs may have an impact," Long says.

Studies have also shown that UFOs take shapes relevant to the times, he says. In days of the Roman Empire, scribes recorded accounts of burning shields in the sky, while in the 1890s, there were widespread reports of mysterious dirigibles.

Fortunately, computer analysis is helping eliminate some of the obvious modern hoaxes, Long says. Under scrutiny, several pictures of purported UFOs have turned out to be plates dangled by a string. Careful investigative work has also eliminated many unreliable witnesses.

Time and money dictate that only promising cases reported by responsible witnesses will be investigated by citizen organizations like MUFON, Long says.

"I believe it is some kind of phenomena, but I can't attribute it to any particular thing," says Cordray. "I do believe there will eventually be a scientific explanation for it." /

Number Two in UFO chart

"Suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared. . . and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind." 2 Kings 2, v 11.

"The star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was." Matthew 2, v 9. 3128

LIGHTS in the sky and supernatural visitations have been the warp in life's rich rapistry for a long time, as the above passages from the Bible obligingly demonstrate.

There are many, many other examples of alleged celestial interference in human affairs in our own and other faith's scriptures and they have led in recent years to much speculation and lots of exceedingly daft ideas.

Some of these daft ideas are circulating now in Calderdale as an unprecedented wave of UFO sightings hits the area.

In the past few weeks more than 30 sightings of strange lights and shapes have been recorded—usually over Queensbury, Norland, Sowerby Bridge, Wainstalls and Withens.

Almost overnight, Calderdale has shot from nowhere in the UFO popularity chart to Number Two. Warminster in Wiltshire still holds the record for airy spectacle, with free firework shows for anybody with the patience to spend a night's skywatching.

In other, less down-to-earth parts of the country the rash of unidentified flying objects has led thousands of new heights—or depths—of mysticism.

Ageing hippies clamber to the top of Glastonbury Tor. Neo-Druids gather at Stonehenge, awaiting a sign from the gods. Just about everybody with a typewriter, a thimbleful of science and a bucketful of imagination is churning out theories about lines of spiritual power, landscape zodiacs, Venusians and apocalypses.

Dismissing all this as rubbish may clear the air for most people. It leaves one sticky question, though: what are the lights over Calderdale?

The question is being tackled by Mr David Finlay, of Highroad Well Lane, Halifax. He wants to organise skywatching groups who would stake out sites at Withens, say, armed with infra-red and very fast film, high magnification telescopes and binoculars.

"I just don't know what we might discover, but this is a mystery that cries out for some proper investigation," he said.

Mr Finlay has seen one or two UFOs himself and is not satisfied with the traditional explanations for such phenomena.

"The more information we have regarding these sightings, the better chance we will have of identifying what these objects are," argued Mr Reid.

Mr Finlay is worried that if a skywatching committee is set up it will fall prey to what could be termed

"UFOlogists' disease"—too much theorising and too little observation.

The observation so far has identified a corridor stretching from Norland to Wainstalls in which the UFOs appear.

Mr Stephen Long, another curious observer who claims to have seen UFOs on several occasions, says that 8 pm-10 pm is the best sighting time.

The objects usually exhibit red or white lights. They move slowly and sometimes disappear upwards at great speeds. They are generally less than 1,000 ft up, and in rare daylight appearances they look cigar-shaped.

Why had there been so many sightings recently? Mr Finlay reckoned it

wasn't just a case of bandwagon-jumping. "I don't think people have been looking before," he said.

"You can usually identify the hoaxers and fakers very quickly," said Mr Reid. "If somebody is having a joke, it's very elaborate. And besides, if they'd gone to so much trouble to mock up UFOs, you would think they would want publicity for it."

Mr Long was worried that his interest in science fiction might disqualify his sightings. Mr Reid assured him that if he stuck exactly to what he had seen, there was no reason to discount his evidence.

The three men discussed and dismissed most of the usual explanations for UFO sightings.

What, then, did they think UFOs were? Mr Reid kept silence. Mr Long and Mr Finlay thought that perhaps they were spacecraft that were coming from our own past or future. For what purpose? No answer.

What did they hope UFOs were? "I like to believe that there is a higher intelligence in the universe," said Mr Finlay obliquely.

Mr Reid added: "I would like to see them being extraterrestrial beings." Whatever the consequences? "Whatever the consequences."

The purity of scientific research into this most sensitive subject is constantly being sullied by private theories, private hopes. By all that is scientific, UFOs should all ultimately be explicable; the ones that are not should not exist.

The UFOlogists plod on, warring, with speculation from within and with ridicule and rampant fanaticism from without.

And the strange lights still appear.

JOHN AVISON looks at the wave of local sightings

He had invited the Yorkshire area coordinator for BUFORA, the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, over from Leeds for the afternoon to discuss the setting up of a Halifax research unit.

Investigator Mr Walter Reid is not a twitchy eccentric with flyaway arms, broken National Health spectacles, a maniac stare and fantastic notions. If anything, he is too careful, too discouraging, too practical.

"BUFORA tackles these sightings completely objectively," he said. "We don't want theories, we want facts. We see our job as collecting data, assessing photographs and other evidence, and campaigning for money from the Government to do some significant research."

Clipboard and notes in hand, he has trudged round Yorkshire for seven years, a dogged, undaunted Sherlock Holmes in search of clues to a mystery

that seems to get more, not less, complex.

BUFORA, he said, would rather that all reported sightings of lights and shapes in the sky could be explained away in terms of weather balloons, satellites, helicopters, powered hang-gliders, ball lightning and unusual clouds.

Unfortunately, UFOs won't go away so easily. Mr Reid reckons that 90 per cent of all sightings have a natural explanation, and that four per cent of the remainder are elaborate pranks.

What keeps him on the UFO trail is the mysterious remaining six per cent.

"The majority of these lights are explained quite easily," he said. "But considering the number of people who have seen them, there has to be more to it than meets the eye."

He appealed for sightings to be reported to him at Leeds 498359 or to Mr Finlay at Halifax 67537. Both men have UFO sighting account forms, comprehensive and confidential questionnaires through which BUFORA hopes eventually to establish a pattern, an answer.

Simon spots UFO

By COLIN CLARK

WORTHING POLICE have notified the Royal Air Force at West Drayton about an unidentified flying object which terrified a 13-year-old Worthing schoolboy and 'put the fear of God' into his father.

Mr Derek Stenning, 36-year-old odd-job man, of 359 Tarring Road, Worthing, was driving home from Patching at 7.30 p.m. on Friday when his son Simon spotted what he described as 'a large coloured disc hovering above a clump of trees on the north of the A27.'

Simon, a Durrington High School pupil, told me, 'One half was red and the other white and the two colours kept flashing alternately.' The red and white lights also transposed their position as they flashed.

Sped away

It had two exhaust-type projections from which sparks were appearing, he said.

As he pointed out the object to his father it suddenly rose in the air and 'seemed to come towards the car' as it crossed the A27, he claimed.

Then it accelerated away towards the sea 'at an incredible speed.'

The experience which lasted under one minute, left Simon terrified. 'When I got out of the car at home my legs were all shaky,' he said.

Fear

Even Simon's father admitted, 'It put the fear of God into me. This was unlike anything I have seen.'

A Ministry of Defence spokesman told me, on Monday, 'The sighting will be investigated. If there is a whisper of something strange, we will dig a little further.'

'UFO MADE ME A TIME TRAVELLER'

By LYNNE GREENWOOD

SALESMAN Alan Cave claims he became a time traveller the day he spotted a strange orange cloud.

For as he drove under the mysterious object in the sky, Alan says his milometer, his watch and a digital pen all moved . . . **BACKWARDS.**

Yesterday he told of his close encounter on the A46 between Bat and Stroud.

It was exactly 11 o'clock when I spotted this long, flat cloud, because the news was on the radio.

"But then I glanced at my watch and it said eight o'clock. My digital pen said nine.

"Both were right when I set out.

"Then the speedo started going back — it was weird. It lost 300 miles, though a mechanic has since told me it's impossible."

Investigating

Alan, 45, of Dorchester Road, Taunton, Somerset, doesn't believe in flying saucers.

"But something very odd occurred in those few seconds — and I wouldn't like it to happen again."

The British Flying Saucer Research Bureau say they are investigating several reports of a UFO in the same area.

Checks on aircraft movements have drawn a blank, they added.

WESTERN DAILY PRESS BRISTOL

SAUCER WATCH IN THE WEST

Western Daily Press Reporter

FLYING saucer watchers are on the alert after a series of reports of strange lights in the sky over the Severn Estuary.

There have been sightings from Tytherington, Stroud, Almondsbury and Berkeley.

They are being investigated by the West branch of the British Flying Saucer Research Bureau.

"People have seen a bright fluorescent glowing object travelling at high speed from the north to the south-south west below the cloud base," said investigation officer Mr Pat O'Brien.

"The object has no sound, leaves no trail and the light is constant, unlike an aircraft's navigation light."

Mr O'Brien (Telephone 698424) has appealed for more information.

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A strange light in the sky

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On Tuesday, October 20, at 6.10 p.m., I saw a light in the sky a few miles out at sea opposite to Heene Road, Worthing, in a west-south-west direction.

Seen through binoculars it appeared to be a circle of lights like the spokes of a wheel or a clock face. Two of the spokes appeared much thicker than the others.

There were about eight spokes and all these and the outer rim were illuminated.

It remained stationary for about 20 minutes and then turned at 90 degrees when it appeared to be diamond-shaped with squares of light at the four corners.

After a few minutes it turned to face my friend and I and resumed its circular shape.

I stopped two passers-by. The first agreed with us as to what we saw. The second thought it might be a weather balloon or a satellite.

At about 6.50 p.m. it suddenly moved off at speed to the south-west

and stopped again at the same altitude about five degrees from our original sighting! Did anyone else see this very bright object and can anyone explain what it was?

K. E. Crick,
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THE exceptional number of UFO sightings in Woodside, Bradford, could herald the start of a nationwide pilgrimage by stargazers to the city.

Residents on the council estate have observed a large number of amateur astronomers stopping their cars and poking hopeful telescopes through car windows.

Some people expect Woodside to become the focus of UFO discussion in Britain.

Spectacular sightings took place this week when two white fireballs drifted over the estate from Odsal.

Keen astronomer Mr. David Roberts, 27, lives at Beweley Crescent, Woodside. He was the first person to ring the Telegraph & Argus with the news of the extraordinary sighting.

"Up to now I have been cynical about these sightings, but last night I was convinced something exciting is happening," said David.

"It was a clear night when I looked across the fields from where I live. At about 10.30 p.m. I saw these two white fireballs drifting across the sky. Suddenly they parted away from each other until they disappeared from sight. They were very bright, and certainly not aeroplane lights."

David is convinced professional astronomers should come to observe the lights and sightings.

He believes older people on the estate could get worried if scientific observations are not carried out.

Tynesiders report UFO encounter

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POLICE were today checking out a reported sighting of a UFO by three people travelling in a car near White Mare Pool, Jarrow, at about 7.30 last night.

They all reported seeing a large illuminated object moving at speed in the sky.

The three were housewife Dorothy Young, aged 40, of King George Road, South Shields, and her friends, Marilyn Roberts, of Highfield Road, South Shields, and Mr. Colin Arthur, of Horace Street, Jarrow.

Marilyn said today: "It was a big white light travelling fast. As it came directly in front of us, it was like a cone-shape. Then it went off and you could see it getting smaller and smaller."

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UFO spotted in Rotherham area

Rotherham was visited by a UFO last Friday night.

Driver David Green spotted two mysterious lights while he was heading down Wortley Road towards Masborough.

And when he got to his brother's house in Devonshire Street, the family kept a watch on the object for five minutes until it disappeared like a dot on a TV screen.

"Looking towards Millmoor from Devonshire Street — approximately due East — there appeared to be two star-like lights a short distance apart, as if a car's

headlamps were shining from the sky a great distance away," said David.

"They were too bright to be stars and they were stationary, and therefore were not aeroplane lights," he said.

"After roughly five minutes the strange lights faded, diminished and disappeared completely rather like a TV picture contracting, becoming a dot and then disappearing altogether."

David, of Beckett Crescent, Kimberworth Park, contacted the police who told him that RAF Finningley had been notified.

A spokesman for the RAF said that there had been another sighting by a man from Sheffield who had been looking from Frecheville towards Mosbrough about the same time. He had described it as a "dumb-bell shaped object" with a bright light on each end.

Initially it was rather low, but then climbed and was lost in a layer of cloud.

The spokesman said he had no idea what the object could have been. "We didn't have anything flying at the time," he said.

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UFOs mystery

THERE WERE several reports of unidentified flying objects in Calderdale last night.

Mr Paul Jones, of Fountains, Illingworth, Halifax, telephoned the "Evening Courier" at 5 pm to say he saw a bright white oval light, which had travelled from Halifax and was hovering over Mixenden.

A cone underneath changed to red and the object seemed to spin. After 75 minutes, it disappeared behind clouds.

Mr Jones said the UFO was the same as one he saw in the same area about seven years ago.

Mrs Evelyn Walker, of Moorlands Crescent, Ovenden, Halifax, said a bright white oval light appeared at about 4.45 pm. It hovered for half-an-hour and disappeared towards Halifax. She said it was too big and bright to be a plane or helicopter. Mrs Walker has seen similar UFOs before.

At about the same time, a 13-year-old Luddenden Foot girl saw a round, white object in the sky which turned red and then disappeared.

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Devon UFO enthusiasts check out sightings

DEVON UFO enthusiasts are checking out several sightings reported over Plymouth on Monday night.

Eight people in different parts of the city, including Eric Morris, regional co-ordinator of the British UFO Society, reported seeing a flying cross with a defused light in the centre.

Similar sightings were reported over South Devon a few weeks ago and have still not been explained.

"I was alerted by a telephone call at about 5.40 pm and a few minutes later saw it myself," said Mr Morris.

"It was moving very slowly and finally disappeared towards the north-west."

Some observers reported what appeared to be a smaller shining object which travelled earthwards from UFO at an angle of about 45 degrees immediately before the UFO disappeared.

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Man sees UFO shoot across sky

An unidentified flying object travelling so fast that it passed from view across the night sky in seconds has been reported to the police at Wrexham.

Mr David Crewe, a mechanic, 34, of 9 Glyndwr Road, Wrexham, contacted police after seeing a bright circular shaped object passed near his home over houses in Kenyon Avenue.

He said it was travelling extremely fast in a straight line but appeared to dip towards the Minera Mountain.

Mr Crewe, who saw the UFO at 11.30 p.m. last night said it had a light larger than that seen on aircraft travelling at night.

North Wales police have received no other reports of UFOs and the matter has now been forwarded to the Minister of Defence.

UFOs may start holocaust

Space attack could be mistaken for enemy attack

By GENE GRYGO
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

A nuclear war could break out between nations because an attack from an extraterrestrial craft could be mistaken for something of this world, a UFO investigator said during a lecture Saturday night.

Aliens have contacted mankind many times, possibly as far back as 30,000 years ago, said Clark C. McClelland, a former aerospace engineer. Many areas of the federal government are trying to hide UFO information from the public and this secrecy could have disastrous consequences, he said in the Colloquy-sponsored speech.

"Since people are being told UFOs don't exist, any retaliatory action by (UFOs) could be seen as from enemy action. This could set off a chain reaction resulting in a disastrous nuclear war. The nations of the earth owe it to themselves to communicate all UFO experiences," he said.

McClelland has been investigating UFOs for more than 33 years and said he does most of his investigating with associate Leonard Stringfield. Together, they have researched many cases of UFO encounters, including reports on physical contact with alien beings.

In the course of their investigations, McClelland said they have come across reports from many nations of a common type of alien being. Many medical experts claim to have done autopsies on these creatures, but the names of the doctors have been kept secret.

One case in Dayton, Ohio, involved a doctor who says he performed an autopsy on an alien during the early 1950s, McClelland said. After the autopsy, the being was taken to the Wright-Patterson Air Force base near Dayton. McClelland said many aliens and remnants of their spacecraft are no longer there.

This recurring creature is humanoid, McClelland said. These beings have colorless blood, a bone structure, are 3½ to 4 feet tall, and weigh only 40 pounds. They have pear-shaped heads,

long arms and hands with four slightly webbed fingers, he said. Their skin color is beige, tan, brown or bluish-grey, and scaly like a reptile, he said. Some of the skin tissues that have been collected were more than 200 years old, he said.

The brain capacity of these creatures is unknown because a neurological expert was not consulted in many cases, he said.

The faces of these creatures appear oriental or mongoloid-looking, he said. The eyes are black, almond-shaped and do not have pupils. The only openings in the beings are small slits for the nose, mouth and ears, he said.

These creatures were often discovered wearing a silvery, one-piece garment that left only the head exposed, he said. McClelland displayed a mannequin of the creature during his lecture.

McClelland's lecture also included slides of what experts say are authentic UFO photographs. He also recounted past and recent UFO experiences. During World War II, UFOs that looked like balls of light followed pilots in flight.

A Florida Air Force technician reported a more recent case where a Soviet MiG-21 jet and a Cuban pilot were destroyed by a UFO, he said. The technician watched as the Cuban pilot fired upon the craft and then was destroyed by the UFO, he said. The Air Force in one of its manuals reports its pilots have fired upon UFOs, he said.

"We better not fire on anything something that is obviously superior, especially something that could obliterate a MiG-21," he said.

McClelland referred to some famous cases that document aircraft possibly being abducted by UFOs, a siege of lights upon Washington, many sightings in New Mexico, the UFO recollections of many astronauts and some former presidents.

Former presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter had UFO experiences before becoming president, he said. Carter witnessed a UFO sighting in 1973 while he was governor of Georgia.

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Area Residents Report Close Encounter

FRONT PAGE

Meredith — On the same day that the United States launched a manned spacecraft into orbit, several people on the west side of Lake Winnepesaukee reported seeing lights in the sky that they could only describe as an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

Perhaps it was only a coincidence that the space shuttle Columbia was launched last Thursday and that the moon was just 26 hours past its full phase and that the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" would be playing to a national television audience on Sunday night, yet a number of reliable people indicate that a very unusual array of lights hovered silently over the I-93 and Route 104 areas of Meredith, New Hampton and Ashland between the hours of 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12th.

Mrs. Edna Ulm of Barnard Ridge Road, a Meredith resident whose home affords her a grand view of the village and the hills to the west, made a positive sighting on Thursday night which confirms, in part, the reports made by people at the Sunoco (formerly Tulsa) gas station on Route 104 at Exit 23 of the interstate highway.

What Mrs. Ulm saw was:
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AREA RESIDENTS REPORT CLOSE ENCOUNTER

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"A very, very bright light to the west of me over the New Hampton - Meredith area just before 7 p.m." Mrs. Ulm, a resident of this town for 13 years who says she has seen the very bright light in the same location on other occasions before November 12th, said she became "glued to her windows" when the light started moving in the direction of Meredith village.

She explains that what she saw moving was an object with a constantly flashing light that also had several other "orangish" lights connected to it. The orange lights, she said, "seemed to be attached to it like they were going off the back." All the while, Mrs. Ulm explains, the object was moving in the direction of Meredith.

Mrs. Ulm's observation confirms the report of two Ashland women who pulled off I-93 at Exit 23 and watched with five other people as the phenomenon hovered over the Sunoco station for five to eight minutes. The women then said they got back in their car and traveled east on Route 104 sometime around 7:30 p.m. and the lights appeared to them to be heading in the same direction. Mrs. Ulm also observed the lights moving in the same direction at about

the same time.

The owner of the gas station, John Davis, says the object hovered without noise about 75 to 100 feet over his station.

Mr. Davis explains: "I hadn't seen it until the two women pulled into my station. Then we all just stood there and watched it. The object was about 40 feet across and about 20 to 25 feet high. When it stood still, it looked just like a boomerang.

"We weren't seeing things," John Davis told The News. "It was as real as that tree across the street."

Over in Meredith Mrs. Ulm stepped out into the clear night air for a better look. It was then that she realized that the object was emitting no noise whatsoever. Somewhat frightened by it all, she went back into the house, where she saw the object turn and head toward the northwest.

"As it traveled, the outside lights were blinking. Then the outside lights seems to drop away from the unit one by one. The big unit was still there and the blinking lights went off to the west," Mrs. Ulm recalled.

She then drew the drapes for about 90 minutes. At 9:30 p.m. she opened them again and found the object still in the same spot as she had last seen it — just beyond Meredith village in the direction of Ashland. Then it just disappeared.

Mrs. Ulm didn't tell anyone about her experience, but she says she didn't stop thinking about it either. She first mentioned it to someone on Saturday when she calmly asked a friend if he had seen "anything strange" in the sky on Thursday night.

An observer for Precision Airlines at the Laconia Airport reports that three people pulled into the hangar

area at about 8 p.m. on Thursday night. "They were flipping out," he said. "We didn't see anything but one lady kept insisting that she saw a big, bright boomerang in the sky."

The reports regarding the UFO were clouded somewhat yesterday with an account in a Laconia newspaper about an Air Force refueling mission involving six A-10 Thunderbolt aircraft from Westover Air Force Base and one KC-135 from Pease Air Force Base which occurred at between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. in central New Hampshire on November 12th.

The director of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington, Robert Gribble, was reached by The News on Wednesday morning. He said his agency received a total of four reports from Meredith and Laconia about unexplained phenomena on November 12th. Three of the reports mention the lack of

sound coming from the object and its close proximity to the ground (anywhere from 50 to 300 feet off the surface of the earth.)

Mr. Gribble said, "If a KC-135 was holding a refueling mission 300 feet off the ground, everyone for miles around would have heard it."

Mr. Gribble adds: "It is quite possible that the Air Force was holding maneuvers in the area, but we could never accept that explanation for such a low sighting and the absence of sound."

His privately funded agency has attached an "unidentified" status to the sightings.

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UFO over Willits FRONT PAGE

By DALE MARTIN
Journal Staff Writer

An apparent unidentified flying object (UFO) lit the skies of Willits last night, according to a group of Willits residents who reported a "pared orange peel-shaped object" to the National UFO Reporting Center.

"It was kind of an odd-shaped dome. It disappeared and then came back again," said Lawrence Porter, one of the several neighbors who sighted the unidentified flying object.

Porter said the object was sighted by William Bernhart, Bonnie Porter and the next-door neighbor Dixie Southwick as well, at about 6:45 last night. The group watched the UFO for about 45 minutes before the phenomenon disappeared from the skies. The UFO was sighted about two and one-half miles east of Willits.

Bernhart had come over to the Porters to visit and told them about the object, Bonnie Porter related this morning.

Lawrence Porter said the object "kind of scared" the group.

"We didn't know if it was going to come down or not," Porter said.

Bonnie Porter said the object was "unbelievable. I've never seen anything like it in my life."

She said the group looked at the object through binoculars and she described it as "shaped like an umbrella turned upside down with prongs on it."

Robert Gribble, director of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington, said, however, "It's very difficult to investigate anything like that. We'll have to sit on it."

UFO investigations are currently conducted by three privately-funded organizations in Arizona, Texas and Illinois. The United States government officially closed its own investigation "Project Bluebook" several years ago.

UFO's - County residents say they have had Close Encounters of the First Kind

by Jennifer Graham

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"Me and a friend were driving to work one night. We had just passed the last row of houses as you leave Preston, when a round multi-colored object came up from nowhere," said a Preston County lady. "It hovered over the driver's side of the car, just above the window, and followed us to a point above Evan's Curve, then it turned off and went toward the woods. It made no sound. It flickered off and on in different colors, then it went back to a solid color, about the color of fire. The strangest

part was that it made no noise."

Have some Preston County residents been involved in Close Encounters of the First Kind?

They claim they have.

According to the Air Force Project Blue Book, a close encounter of the first kind is an encounter with an unidentified flying object (UFO), in which no interaction of the UFO with the environment or the observer is reported.

For instance:

How would you like to have been in the Bruceton Mills area on Oct. 12 when a red, white and blue object was

spotted in the south-eastern sky, revolving in a clockwise fashion?

Or been on hand when a similar object was seen in the Kanes Creek area between 6 and 6:30 p.m., on Oct. 6 and 7, 1980. The Kanes Creek UFO was said to be red, green and blue.

Could these observers have witnessed visits from outer space?

A ball of yellow-white fire was seen traveling from Arthurdale toward Reedsville. Air traffic towers reported having no planes in the area at that time.

And outside Kingwood a metallic,

nickle colored object, the length of a helicopter, but round, caused interference on an observer's T.V., but made no sound as it moved through the sky.

What did these people see?

"It's a capital mistake to theorize before you have all the evidence. It biases the judgment," said Sherlock Holmes in "A Study in Scarlet."

So for Holmes' sake consider the following before you make judgement:

In our own galaxy, astronomers estimate there are more than a billion stars similar to the sun.

As for the likelihood they possess planets similar to earth, astronomers estimate one in each two thousand or so planets orbiting these stars could be almost a duplicate of planet earth.

In fact, several astronomers have theorized if one two-thousandth of the planets in our galaxy (The Milky Way), are capable of hosting life as we know it, and if life evolved in a similar pattern, governed by the same rules as life on earth, then there is the possibility that a minimum of fifty-thousand civilizations more intelligent than ours exist in our galaxy

alone.

This doesn't sound to far fetched when you consider there are at least one hundred billion stars (suns) in our galaxy.

For the sake of argument let's assume it is late evening and you are sitting alone in your living room. Your T.V. begins to flicker, you look out your window and see a blinking light hovering above the horizon. Is it just a passing aircraft? Are you being raided by the police? Or are you about to experience a Close Encounter of the First Kind?

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OCT 30 1981

**MYSTERY
LIGHT
IN THE
SKY**

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MILL boss James Nelson had a close encounter of the mysterious kind as he drove to work this morning.

The 49-year-old father of two spotted a strange blue light streaking through the sky over Coppull, near Chorley.

The "unidentified flying object" suddenly seemed to disintegrate into a mass of tiny fragments, which disappeared.

"I am mystified and just can't explain what I saw," said Mr Nelson of Dean Close, Upholland, Wigan.

"I know it wasn't a plane or a comet but, on the other hand, I don't think it was a space ship carrying little green men. I just don't know what it was."

BRIGHT

Mr Nelson, manager of Cowling Mill, the Chorley carpet firm, made his strange sighting at around 8.30 am as he turned out of Pepper Lane, Standish, and drove towards Coppull.

"It was like a bright blue flame travelling very fast across the sky. It didn't have a clear shape, and after five or six seconds disintegrated, just like a firework," he said.

A police spokesman said there had been no other reports of UFOs over Standish and Coppull.

LENNOX HERALD DUMBARTON
OCT 30 1981

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**UFO spotted over
Dumbarton**

What's large, round, bright orange with a dazzling white streak and flies over Dumbarton at an astonishing speed . . .

That is what former town councillor Mr Jim Kerr would like to know.

For that is Jim's description of what he saw from the bedroom window of his home at 28 Dumbaie Avenue, Silverton, at 5.45am on Wednesday, October 21.

Said Jim: "I have heard a lot about unidentified flying objects and

read a lot about them but quite honestly I didn't think I would ever see one!"

Jim, who is a familiar figure on his bike around town and a popular entertainer at concerts for old folk, added: "I had just got out of bed and was looking out of the window over towards Langbank when I saw this object.

"Apart from the fact that it was travelling at an unbelievable speed over the Clyde, the thing that really struck me about it was a bright



Mr Jim Kerr

white streak on its orange circular shape.

"I could hardly believe my eyes. In fact, I still can't. It has left me wondering if anyone else in the town may have seen it."

LENNOX HERALD DUMBARTON
NOV 7 1981

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**Was it a
flying
saucer?**

It changed to a bright white colour as it passed over the Foster Wheeler works and then shot off at an unbelievable speed over the Clyde.

She said: "When it started to come towards us I panicked and I was left white with shock. It was definitely not an aircraft. It was round and completely changed colour."

Kathleen Gillespie (21) of 8 Hill Street, Brucehill, has claimed she spotted a UFO on Tuesday, October 20, at about 7.15pm.

She was taking a driving lesson in the area of McAllister's shipyard by her boyfriend, Freddie Ramage (28), 71 Glencairn Road, Brucehill.

She noticed a red light which appeared to hover over Dumbuck Hill. It moved out of a cloud and she could see that the object was circular in shape.

Kathleen said she had no previous interest in UFOs, but that since the incident she had returned to the area several times in the hope of seeing it again, without success.

KENT
EVENING
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MAIDSTONE
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A YELLOW light which moves slowly over Dover and can be seen any clear evening is baffling people in Deal. It was first spotted by Eric Bowles, sub-manager of the Natwest Bank, Walmer, who lives in the town. All 11 members of his bank have seen the light for which there is no official explanation.

GOLDSBORO N.C.
NEWS ARGUS
NOV 23 1981

UFO Sightings Reported In Stevens Mill Area

FRONT PAGE

Three Wayne County residents say they saw an unidentified flying object hovering over a field near Stevens Mill in the western section of the county Sunday.

Another said she saw the object sitting in the same field last Wednesday but did not report it for fear no one would believe her.

Seeing the object Sunday were Treva Pennington and her twin sister, Mrs. Reva Renfrow, and Linwood Jones, all of the Stevens Mill area.

Mrs. Julia Jones, who lives in the same community, says she saw the object on the ground in the field early Wednesday as she was going to work at Wayne Memorial Hospital.

Miss Pennington says she saw "something" hovering over a field near Stevens Mill as she came toward her home Sunday between 8:30 and 9 p.m. She told her sister and they and Jones went to investigate.

"We saw it over the field. It

had bright lights — real bright lights — that were yellow and red and were flashing," said Mrs. Renfrow.

She said she thought at first it might be a helicopter but there was no sound.

"It started moving away just above the trees and going toward Goldsboro," she said, adding that she and the others tried to follow it in the car. They lost sight of it but when they returned, it was again hovering over the field, she related. Miss Pennington said that when she first saw the object, it was as if a bright spotlight was aimed directly at her. "Then I saw the red lights blinking on the side," she related.

"I knew I had to get somebody else to see it or no one would believe me. I went to get Reva," she said. According to the witnesses, the last time they saw the object it was heading over the trees back toward Goldsboro. They tried to follow but lost it behind the trees.

Meanwhile, Elbert

Daughtry, of Route 4, Mount Olive, says he, his family and several members of Charismatic Church saw an unidentified object near US 13, two miles south of Goldsboro the previous Sunday at around 7 p.m. He described it as a "huge round object" with lights.

Seymour Johnson AFB was called regarding the more recent sighting and officials there said they had no aircraft in the area at the time. Officials also denied a rumor that two interceptor jets had been "scrambled" as a result of the earlier sighting.

GOLDSBORO N.C. NEWS ARGUS
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Those UFO's: What And Who's Out There?

EDITORIAL

Those of us who have had the thrill of seeing unidentified flying objects — and who have endured the embarrassment of reporting them — are convinced that something is out there.

Four credible people in a Stevens Mill neighborhood saw an object hovering over a field last week. One, on a different occasion, saw "it" sitting in the field.

For understandable concern over being laughed at, Mrs. Julia Jones, did not mention her sighting until three other people saw "something" a few days later.

Meanwhile, the Rev. Elbert Daughtry confirms that his family and members of Charismatic Church saw a similar object a week earlier a few miles from where the Stevens Mill UFO appeared.

Many pooh-pooh such reports. But there have been far too many reports by people whose credibility

is unchallenged.

Few of us are ready to insist that we have seen ships from other planets.

But we have seen things that defy explanation and what we know of conventional aircraft.

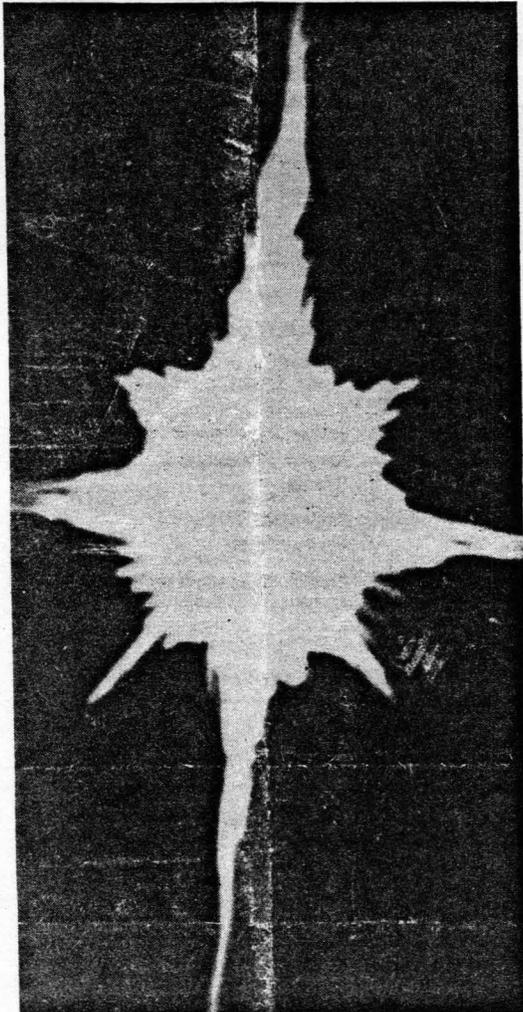
At times when UFO reports are made to authorities, one can almost feel the sneer on the face of the person taking the call. That's why many sightings go unreported.

When the Air Force stopped trying to evaluate every UFO report, it did not conclude that all the reports could be attributed to natural phenomena, although some sightings could be explained.

But there have been thousands of sightings similar to those in Wayne County this past week for which there simply have been no explanations.

What's out there? And who's out there?

THE RETURN OF THE FLYING CROSS



● An artist's impression of the Flying Cross which PCs Waycott and Willey chased in a squad car at speeds up to 90 miles an hour along the edge of Dartmoor.

THE UFO season has started in the West Country, heralded by the return of the mysterious Flying Cross seen in Devon 14 years ago. 3129

Now the experts are saying it's triggered off a new wave of UFO sightings in the South West, as it did before.

One UFO enthusiast says these crafts from other solar systems with galaxies similar to our own are invading Devon at an alarming rate.

And two of the recent spate of sightings seem to bear out the view that the Flying Cross is back in our midst. Cynics will laugh at the 'UFO lot' and put forward aircraft and atmospheric conditions as likelier explanations.

CON'T (FLYING CROSS)

With sightings on the increase you probably won't have to peer too hard before something pops up.

A UFO nicknamed the Flying Cross, chased by policemen along the edge of Dartmoor 14 years ago, has returned to the West Country.

The brilliant star — its points growing and shrinking simultaneously — sparked off the biggest wave of UFO sightings in Britain after it was seen near Exeter in 1967.

And now two South West couples, claiming to have seen UFOs, have described the Flying Cross exactly — without any knowledge of the Dartmoor incident.

Sightings

'I am certain these sightings mean the return of the Flying Cross to the West Country,' said Eric Morris, one of the South West's five British UFO research association investigators.

'What they say they've seen is incredible.

'Their sightings describe fire - red objects in the sky with long and short points. They are both describing the same thing, the Flying Cross.'

Mr. Morris believes the

return of the Cross, shaped like the Star of Bethlehem, could mean the start of another wave of UFO sightings.

Already in past weeks more than 15 detailed accounts of UFO sightings in Devon have

reached him at his home in Wilkinson Road, St. Budeaux, Plymouth.

Mr. Morris said: 'This is one hell of an increase.

'From October to March there's usually an increase of one or two sightings a month.

'But I never expected

anything like this. 'It's almost as if Devon is being invaded by them.'

The details given about the star-shaped objects seen in Teigngrace, near Newton Abbot and in Plymouth city centre have uncanny similarities.

Both couples claim to have seen a brilliant light with long and short rays coming from it.

One of the objects had a huge fire-red tail, and the other was red in colour and left a trail of vapour behind it as it moved.

'... it seemed to be covered with craters'

WALTER Coombes and his wife Joy say they

watched a strange star-shaped object moving about in the sky for more than ten minutes.

They were leaving their neighbour's bungalow on September 10 to return to their home in Teigngrace when Walter claims he saw a bright light on the horizon.

They describe it as being like 'the star above

to be covered with craters.

For Walter and Joy (left) the main feature of the sighting which made them feel the object was not natural or man-made was the unreal brightness of the light and its unnatural surface under the telescope.

The next day Walter developed a painful bloodshot eye — the one he used to look through the telescope.

'I was very frightened...'

THE Flying Cross turned up over Plymouth — circling the top of the civic centre — in October.

At first Mr. Enoch Brown thought he had seen lightning from the window of his seventh floor flat overlooking the city centre, and he took no notice.

Hours later he watched with his wife Patricia as they saw a huge brilliant light at the top of the civic centre.

'Within seconds another smaller light appeared and hovered beside it,' said 50-year-old Mrs. Brown.

'They both moved together behind the civic centre and then popped back to their original position and hovered.

'Next we saw what we thought was sheet lightning and it looked as though the top of the civic centre was engulfed in flames as large flashes of brilliant red

shot out from behind the centre.

'The red light was so bright it shone onto the clouds in the sky and lit them up.

'The flashes were long and short and came out from the object.

'Then we noticed a trail of vapour coming out of the back of whatever it was up there.

Frightened

'The whole thing was so clear I know we weren't imagining it.

'I was very frightened at first because I thought the civic centre was in flames.

'Neither of us have ever seen anything like this before.'

STROUD NEWS
AND
JOURNAL
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Mystery sightings

It was about 6.30 a.m. exactly a fortnight ago today (Thursday) that Mr. Lionel Adams looked out of the window of his home at Tattenham House, Butterrow Lane, Stroud, and saw what he described as a long 'U' shaped black object, stationary in the sky.

His wife Frances and children Peter (9) and Malcolm (7) came running downstairs and they too saw the object — seemingly hundreds of feet in the air in the direction of Thrupp.

Peter dashed to get binoculars but by the time he returned the object had straightened up and disappeared over the horizon.

Mr. Adams then states that about 15 minutes later a yellowish, quite bright light appeared in the sky.

He got in touch with the Air Force station at Little Rissington, and later when he got in touch with RAF Brize Norton they were interested in what he had to tell them.

Mr. Adams then contacted the British U.F.O. Organisation in London and told them what he had seen. They expressed a great interest in his sighting, replying that a similar sighting had happened a few times this century, the last occasion being in the 1960's.

Now the family are waiting for more information. Mr. Adams is of the opinion that what he saw in the first instance had been made by someone, but for him and the other members of his family the mystery has yet to be solved.

BRADFORD
TELEGRAPH
ARGUS YORKS
NOV 14 1981

Spiked UFO — with offspring

PAST reports of strange objects in the sky have always made Mrs. Alma Metcalfe, of Ruth House, Bradford, laugh, so it came as a bit of a shock to her when she saw one.

Mrs. Metcalfe said: "I have never taken these reports seriously, but at about 6 p.m. my husband and I were in our flat when I saw a bright light away towards Low Moor.

Vanished

"I could not tell exactly how big it was, even through binoculars, but we watched it hovering for some time before it slowly receded toward Queensbury.

"At first I thought it had something round the middle, but when we looked with the binoculars we could see at least seven large spikes radiating from the centre.

"Then, to my complete surprise, we saw a smaller version move away from it, shortly followed by another one. They moved off toward the Richard Dunn Centre, and we lost track of them. I could not believe my eyes."

BOLTON EVENING
NEWS
NOV 11 1981

It was no dream . . .

SIR — With reference to your front page story (BEN: Nov. 7) "Pinkish UFO sets a puzzle."

My son and I were sitting in our car on St Helens Road near Adelaide Street when we saw a large deep pink/red ball moving slowly over "Lantor" Mill.

It was in view for approximately 30 seconds and suddenly disappeared.

Just a line to confirm Mr Slack wasn't dreaming.
Ann Crompton.
St Helens Road,
Bolton.

BOLTON
EVENING
NEWS
NOV 12 1981
Bright rays
came
from UFO

SIR — I would like to report that my brother and I saw the UFO that was sighted by Mr Alan Slack on Friday, Nov 6.

We had been to the chip-shop about 10 p.m. and happened to look up and we saw a bright pinky red light with rays coming from it. It seemed to hover and then started to descend behind the houses. There were very bright rays coming from it, brighter than we had seen at first and they seemed to light up the houses. This lasted for about 10-15 second and then it started to move away.

It seemed to be travelling in the direction of Blackrod.

Steven Gregory (18),
Paul Gregory (10),
Old Hall Lane,
Daisy Hill.

Carpinteria police get 7 UFO calls

Carpinteria police were trying to figure out Saturday night what has three orange lights and hovers over houses. 3464

Dispatcher Linda Larette said that by 9:30 p.m. the department had received at least seven calls from residents who claimed to have seen UFOs.

"They're gone now," said Ms. Larette, "but a lot of people saw them."

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