

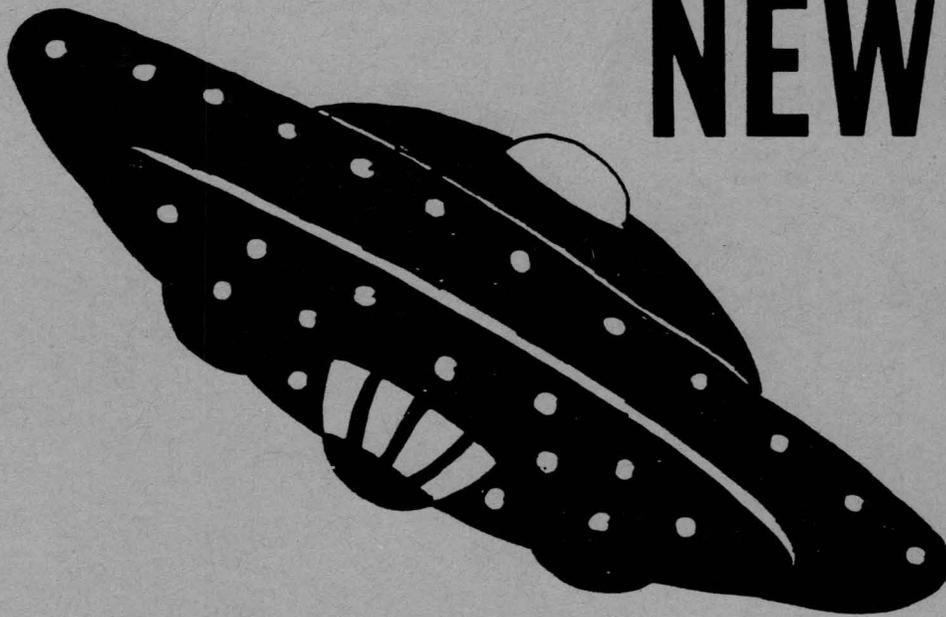
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Some folks are seeing more than just stars in the sky

by Dennis Stacy

UFOs. You might expect to hear about them over the Bermuda Triangle or a Louisiana swamp. But how about one flying over your car on U.S. Highway 90 East, just outside Loop 1604?

Joe Estes wasn't expecting it when "a bright blue light about the size of a star" started pacing his car as he drove toward downtown San Antonio.

"I guess it was about 800 feet high or so," says Estes. "But the strange thing was that when I would stop, it would stop, and when I would speed up, it would speed up."

And speed up Estes did, at one point topping 100 mph. The light kept pace. He stopped again and sat staring from his parked car.

"It stopped, too, then shot straight up," Estes remembers. "In four or five seconds, it was gone."

In UFO parlance, Estes had just witnessed a nocturnal light. It's the most common UFO report. The second most common UFOs reported are daylight discs — saucer-shaped objects seen in the daytime sky and usually at a great distance.



Occasionally, a UFO-sighter is fortunate enough, if that's the right word for an encounter with an unknown quantity, to see the flying object close up.

In August of 1980, San Antonian Herb van Gundy, then 19, was camping with his wife, Karen, his teen-age sister, Tina, and another

female companion at Hamilton Pool, a popular swimming hole about 30 miles west of Austin. By midnight, tired from a day's swimming and hiking, the campers were fast asleep in their 6-man tent.

Van Gundy woke up to a loud thumping noise and what sounded like a car motor trying to start up. He opened his eyes to see the roof of the tent overhead glowing reddish-orange. Thinking a log in the fire might have rolled against the tent, Van Gundy opened the front flap and peered out.

The fire was a dead pile of ashes. At the same time, Van Gundy could hear a pulsing, humming noise coming out of the night air, but he couldn't determine from which direction it came. Then he looked up.

"It was between 100 and 150 feet above us, just sitting there," Van Gundy says. "I didn't know what I wanted to do, whether I wanted to jump back in the tent, or what. I didn't know what it was."

"I thought it was a plane at first, but then I said, 'It can't be a plane — it's just sitting there.' It had red, white and other colored lights on it, and was triangular-shaped, like a piece of pie. I was looking at the bottom of it and could see that it was metal . . . I mean, 100 feet is not that high, you know?"

By now, the rest of the people in the tent were wide awake, too. Tina pushed her head through the flap and was able to get a good view; Karen and her girlfriend looked out through a screen window. Van Gundy could now hear other people talking among themselves in other parts of the campsite.

"After a minute or two, it began to move away," Van Gundy says. At a distance of about 40 yards, the

rear of the object, which Van Gundy took to be from five to 10 feet thick, came into view. Set in it were what appeared to be two jet engine portholes. "They were glowing like rockets. Then it got about 200 yards away and then, man, I mean it was gone."

There is little doubt in Van Gundy's mind that what he and the others had seen was a solid, physical object. He estimated it to be about 60 feet long and 30 feet across at its tail or widest point. There, three round protuberances on the bottom and rivets were plainly visible.

Van Gundy says he has seen nothing remotely like it before or since. "No way, not even close. If I had, I'd probably be relieved. I couldn't even go back to sleep."

The next morning, Van Gundy fully expected the UFO to be the talk of the campground. But when no one else mentioned it, neither did he or the others in his group. "I didn't want anyone to think we were weird," he said. "And I think everyone else was thinking that way, too."

Even after returning to San Antonio, Van Gundy kept silent about the incident for the next couple of days. Finally, he told his father, a retired Army captain, of the sighting and his father urged him to report it, thinking he might have seen a Russian spy ship. That's when Van Gundy got in touch with Bob Morgan, field investigator for the San Antonio chapter of MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network.



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Morgan, a civil service employee at Brooks Air Force Base School of Aerospace Medicine, is one of a handful of San Antonians who take their UFO hobby seriously. The local chapter, MUFONSA, meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Isom Road and McAllister Expressway offices of MACAR, a private air services and training company.

"I just love it," says Morgan of UFO field investigation, which entails meeting and interviewing people who claim to have seen UFOs. "I've always been interested in anything in the sky. As a boy, I wanted to be an astronomer, but I never could quite scrape the money together."

A Freudian analyst and UFO skeptic might make light of Morgan's part-time profession, but Morgan is convinced there is more than enough scientific evidence to indicate something strange and unusual is going on in the skies over San Antonio.

A Gallup Poll taken in 1974 revealed 11 percent of the nation's adult population, more than 15 million Americans, claimed to have seen a UFO at one time in their lives. And 54 percent of those who were aware of the subject believed flying saucers were real and not just the product of hallucination or an overactive imagination. An amazing 94 percent of the population said they had either heard or read about UFOs, one of the highest awareness levels of any subject matter in the Gallup Poll's 40-year history.

Extrapolating those figures to a city the size of San Antonio reveals some interesting statistics. In the 35 years since 1947, when flying saucers first landed in the public eye, as many as 35,000 San Antonians may have seen one, on an average of about 1,500 individual sightings a year.

More than 90 percent of these, however, would be what Morgan and other ufologists call IFOs — *identified* flying objects, including everything from weather balloons to mis-identified aircraft to the planet Venus. And, of course, some of these would be multiple sightings, i.e., more than person would sight and report the same object.

Even so, the disparity between expected sightings — 1,500 a year — and reports actually received by Morgan — about 10 to 15 a year — is startling, and indicates that only

one out of every 100 UFO experiences is ever made public. This may be an exaggerated example, but even the most optimistic ufologists agree that the national average is little better than 20 sightings to one report.

What keeps the great majority of Americans — and San Antonians — silent? In a word, says Morgan, it is fear. Fear of ridicule by peers and public alike. The same kind of fear was echoed by both Estes and Van Gundy: "I didn't want anyone to think I was weird."



Ramon Martinez agreed to talk about his experience only if his real name would not be used. A former college instructor and writer, Martinez now works for one of the larger, better-known national insurance companies.

"When I was a writer and teacher in college, the atmosphere was a little more liberal, and if I had seen an UFO at the time, I would have said so," Martinez explains. "In business, it's a bit different. If I were retired, with plenty of money, I wouldn't care. But I just can't take the chance."

Martinez says he had tentatively tried to broach the subject with co-workers, but they "were noncommittal at best, and openly skeptical at worst."

His UFO experience began in the middle of an afternoon while his car was stopped for a red light at the intersection of Babcock and Callaghan Roads. He is not likely to forget the date, April 27, 1979, because it was the same day a sniper opened fire on the Fiesta Parade. Martinez remembers that it was about 1:30

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p.m., and that he had been listening to the Alan Dale Show on the radio, which had just been interrupted because of the sniper attack.

"I just happened to look up, and drifting across the intersection, about 100, 150 feet up, was this UFO, I guess you'd call it, sort of bell-shaped."

The intersection was crowded with traffic. Martinez turned right, then moved over into the left lane for a better view.

"It was only moving about 10 to 15 mph and slowly gaining in altitude," Martinez says. "Then it began slowly turning, or tumbling."

One side of the UFO seemed to be shiny and highly reflective; the other side appeared pitch black. The UFO began climbing, picked up a little speed, and then dipped, disappearing behind some trees and momentarily becoming lost to view. "Then it took an 80 degree turn and shot practically straight up," says Martinez. "It was about one-half to two-thirds the size of my car."

In all, Martinez had watched the object for nearly two minutes as it floated above one of San Antonio's most congested intersections in broad daylight, yet his report was the only one received by officials.

And it is this peculiar elusiveness of the phenomena — the great majority of sightings take place, like Martinez's, in less than two minutes — coupled with the reluctance of eyewitnesses to report their experiences, that make UFOs a subject of orthodox scientific scorn and ridicule.



Even a sympathetic skeptic, like NASA Mission Control engineer James Oberg of Houston, former "UFO Update" columnist for OMNI magazine and the author of several UFO-related books, is hard pressed to believe that flying saucers are extraterrestrial spacecraft.

"The fact of the matter is we live in a world of imperfect perception and memory, so there will always be a small residue of UFO cases that go unexplained," says Oberg. "But there are murders, robberies, missing persons and any number of other human activities that also go unresolved and don't call for extraterrestrial kidnapers or whatever."

Oberg, who works on the rocket control guidance system for the Space Shuttle program, has had his best successes in solving American and Russian astronaut sightings, and in those cases involving space hardware — usually booster firings and incoming satellites whose orbits have decayed. His newest book, *Outer Space Mysteries*, has just been published by Stackpole Press.

Still, there is that nagging residue of "unknowns" — UFO sightings for which there have been no satisfactory aeronautical, astronomical or meteorological solutions. From the summer of 1947 until December of 1969, the U.S. Air Force investigated more than 13,000 reported UFOs, first as Project Grudge, then Project Sign and finally, the more widely known Project Blue Book. Of these sightings, more than 600, or almost one in 20, were class-

fied as bona fide unknowns, including the case that began it all.

On June 24, 1947, an Idaho businessman, Kenneth Arnold, had been flying his private plane near Mt. Rainier, in Washington state, when he saw nine silvery, crescent-shaped discs weaving in and out of the peaks of the Cascade Mountains.

Upon landing, he described their motion as like that of "a saucer skipping over water." The Associated Press reporter who covered the story coined the phrase "flying saucers" and, along with "atom bomb" and "Cold War," the phrase lodged itself in an anxious, post-World War II national consciousness, never to be removed.

What are UFOs? That's the more-than-64-dollar question, according to most students of the phenomena. "I don't know. I honestly don't," says Bob Morgan. "But if I had to pick among the theories, I'd say they're probably extraterrestrial. I don't think we're the only people in the universe got it made."

The late psychologist Carl G. Jung, Freud's foremost student, thought they might be projections of what he called the collective unconsciousness, a reservoir of psychic images and symbols. Rather than extraterrestrial space shuttles, Jung suggested the typical sighting of a glowing disc, combining a brilliant light and the form of a circle, could represent the psyche's longing for wholeness and perfection.

But then, what of the bell-shaped object reported by Martinez and the triangular aircraft seen at close range by Van Gundy? They hardly seem like mental projections, weather balloons, the planet Venus, swamp gas or any of the other psychological or technological cliches used to explain the greatest mystery of the 20th century.

Who really knows? The only thing that seems certain is that San Antonians, as they have done in the past, will continue to see and report unidentified flying objects. One day, they may even help find the solution. ■

Light puts Perry on map

7424 ICW UFO SIGHTINGS
By MARLA FOX
Suburban Editor

FRONT PAGE

PERRY TOWNSHIP—A mysterious red light in the sky has put Perry Township on the map.

The Perry Township Police Department has been besieged with telephone calls from as far away as Guam about reported sightings Saturday night of the mysterious red light.

Newspaper, radio and television reporters from across the nation and the Area Phenomenal Research Organization from

Phoenix, Ariz., have called for details. The story was carried on both the United Press International and Associated Press wire services.

The Evening Independent news staff also received calls from New York City and a San Francisco, Calif., radio station about the sightings.

The only problem is that Perry police have very little information to relay, even though they received 100 calls about the sighting in a half-hour period.

The department has no record of the identities of the callers. The only witness to come forward so far is a Massillon man, Otto Maier. He watched the light from his residence at 1651 11th St. N.E.

Police Chief Addison Woods asks that Perry residents who saw the mysterious light contact him immediately.

"We'd be really interested in talking to someone who actually saw it," Woods said. "At first the dispatcher thought they were cranks calls and didn't take any names. Then she got so busy answering the calls (she didn't record any names)."

Woods said three Perry officers were sent out in cruisers to verify the sighting. None of them saw it, he said.

According to reports police received, the light traveled from the northwest section of the township to the southeast section and passed over Perry High School. The police station is located next door to the high school.

Mark Candusso, a member of the UFO Flying Saucer Investigating Committee in Akron, spent about four hours in Perry Monday walking the streets and knocking on doors trying to find someone who saw the red light.

"No one owned up to seeing it," he said. "Half of them said they didn't even see it. I can't understand why they would clam up about it."

"It's starting to sound like a big hoax," he said jokingly, "but there's no telling what it was."

He said he learned about the sighting from an Akron radio station reporter.

He also asks that persons who saw the light call him at 923-9542 or write him at 748 Alameda Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, 44221.

Candusso said the UFO Investigating Committee has about 15 core members. Any information they receive about the sighting in Perry Township will be fed into a computer operated by the Mutual UFO Network.

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'Lighted oil derrick' spotted flying nearby

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An unidentified flying object described as being twice as large as a jumbo jet was sighted early this morning heading east off the Rainier Road.

Dennis Bailey, 29, and his step-brother, Tracy Schey, 24, both of 5628 Etude Loop, said this morning they saw the large object as they were traveling on Rainier Road in their car near Stedman Road.

"I noticed some lights in front and above us," Bailey said. "I told my brother, 'UFO at 10 o'clock.' It was cruising along, going due east."

A resident of Tempo Lake, who wished to remain anonymous, said she saw a bright object "darting back and forth" at about 3 a.m.

Bailey said the object had two large lights, one on top, the other on the bottom, but there were many more smaller flashing lights. The men stopped their car and turned off their headlights to watch the phenomenon. "It was about twice the size of a jumbo jet, wing tip to wing tip. That's what made me think of a UFO, it was kind of big for a jet." He could not precisely describe the noise it made, but it closely resembled a hum.

The craft, which was described as square, flew about 1,000 to 2,000 feet up, Bailey said. It reminded him of a "lighted oil derrick." Bailey said this is not the first time he has seen what he believed to be a UFO.

"I saw one once a long time ago, but it wasn't this one," he said.

The Tempo Lake woman said the object was too far away to discern separate lights but she explained it "kind of flipped" and shot four or five times across the sky.

The woman said this morning's sighting was the third time she has seen the "exact same" object. Fifteen years ago she said she saw the same darting light above the old St. Peter Hospital. Forty years ago, she said, she saw the light flash across Budd Inlet.

'Biggest object we've ever seen'

Eugene-area couples report UFOs

EUGENE, ORE.
REGISTER GUARD JUNE 10 1982

By TERESA BARKER
Of the Register-Guard

At least 130,000 Eugene-Springfield area people, including local police and night crews at the National Weather Service and Mahlon Sweet Airport control tower, didn't see any unidentified flying objects Wednesday night.

But they weren't in the car with

Wanda Johnson and her husband on their late-night drive home to Crow, from Eugene. And they weren't on the top of Skinner Butte with Dave Lauinger and his friend, watching the twinkling of stars in the southwest skies. They saw something.

"We've never seen anything like it before," said Johnson, who wanted to make it clear she and her husband

aren't the type who go around seeing UFOs all the time. But they were driving home at about 10:15 p.m., when there in the sky, about as high as small airplane flies, "the biggest object we've ever seen" shot out of the heavens and disappeared behind some hills in the distance.

"It was all colors, like red and blue and kind of yellow, and it had a tail,

like a shooting star might have."

At about 11 p.m., Lauinger and his friend, both from Eugene, were perched atop Skinner Butte, not drunk and not deranged, he says. They saw two "really brilliant bright orange lights" about small-plane level, "just hanging there in the sky, like they were tied together."

"There was no sound or anything," Lauinger says, "and they just floated off toward the south. They got dimmer and dimmer, and then they were just gone," he said. He isn't acquainted with the Johnsons.

Lauinger, 18, said he told his father about it this morning "because he's the only one who would believe me. And he told me to call the paper."

Johnson called the newspaper "because I didn't know who else to call."

The newspaper called around, but officials reported no sightings, and said the polite kind of things officials usually say about such things.

The operator on the national toll-free hotline for UFO sightings (1-800-323-6556) said she couldn't release information regarding any other calls received Wednesday night, and that all calls are reported in confidence to the national UFO Center in Washington, D.C.

The newspaper called there and got a recording that said everyone was out at the moment, but that the caller should leave a message at the sound of the tone. The newspaper left the message.

-Sportsmen Say— What was that fiery object?

By GENE LETOURNEAU

Picking up loose ends in the den: The majority of 15 persons who sighted a fiery object traveling at low altitude in the Allagash region May 29 believe it was a comet.

The unusual object appeared at 9:45 p.m. west of the Allagash River, traveling from north to south. We watched it for several seconds and reported the sighting. It was following the same course of a somewhat similar object seen in the fall of 1978 by traveling in an opposite direction. Some 20 other persons also sighted that object, leaned toward a UFO identification.

Ralph Marshall of Winslow and his party of 14 were at Pleasant Lake, east of the Allagash, when they sighted what he feels was a comet. He said it had the fiery tail and a silver-like front. It was "skimming" the atmosphere, he added, and was visible for about 15 seconds.

Alice Pomelow of Madison phoned and reported she also saw the object and leaned toward the comet explanation.

The 1978 object which also had a silver front and a trailing red slipstream never was officially identified and chances are the latest "what-was-it" also will remain a mystery.

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WEST YORKSHIRE JUNE 22 1982

Signs in ^{LON.} the sky — a UFO

ANCIENT legends have it that a Royal birth is heralded by strange sightings in the sky.

A report is being passed to the Ministry of Defence today over the sighting by four Britons of an unidentified flying object while on a flight from Gatwick to Corfu yesterday.

The Dan-Air Boeing 737 with 130 passengers was near Brindisi, Italy, when the captain, his co-pilot and two passengers, who were visiting the flight deck at the time, saw "the object" about two miles away.

Capt. Len Schwaiger, 52, said: "We noticed a black shining object about the size of a car in the opposite direction about two miles away.

"It was rather doughnut shaped and appeared to be flat bottomed. We all watched it for about a minute."

The co-pilot, First Officer David Robertson, said: "The object appeared to have no aerodynamic shape and it may have had a small window on top."

Dan-Air said today that the pilots filed their report on their return to London last night. It will be passed on to the Ministry for analysis in the normal way.

"We get sightings from our pilots from time to time but not recently and to get one seen by four people at the same time is pretty unusual."

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The flying doughnut

Two British pilots yesterday reported seeing an unidentified flying object while on a holiday flight to Corfu in a Dan Air Boeing 737.

Captain Len Schwaiger said: "It appeared to be black, doughnut shaped and about the size of a car."

GUARDIAN, LONDON JUNE 23 1982

Legendary herald for the royal birth

By Dennis Barker

ANCIENT superstitions that royal births are heralded by strange objects in the sky may be borne out by the experience of the crew and passengers on a Dan-Air jet flying from Gatwick to Corfu.

While the Princess of Wales was in labour at St

Mary's Hospital, Paddington, they saw a doughnut shaped object in the sky over Italy.

"It was a black shining object, about the size of a car," said Captain Len Swaiger, aged 52, of Tickerage Castle, Framfield, near Uckfield, East Sussex. "It was rather doughnut shaped and appeared to be flat bot-

tommed. We all watched it for about a minute."

"In ancient times," a Dan-Air spokesman said yesterday, "legend had it that a royal birth was heralded by strange sightings in the sky. Even in this age of more sophisticated radar, some things still go unexplained."

The British UFO Research Association will investigate the sighting, but its national investigations coordinator, Miss Jenny Randles, said cautiously: "There is nothing inconsistent with this having been a weather balloon. At 23,000 feet it could well have been distorted because of the atmospheric pressure."

DAILY MAIL, LONDON
JUNE 25 1982

Still up in the air

YESTERDAY was the 35th anniversary of the birth of that now ubiquitous exclamation: 'What's that?'

It is customarily delivered from the ground with head upturned and arm extended, pointing, but back then on June 24, 1947, an Idaho businessman was sitting at the controls of his plane and cruising near Mount Rainier in Washington State when he made the first recorded sighting of an unidentified flying something.

There were nine disc-shaped objects moving in formation. They made undulations in the sky that he described as 'like a saucer skipping over water' and thus begat the mythology of the flying saucer.

Since then there have been thousands of reported sightings, and those who claim to have seen UFO's have been generally dismissed as genuinely mistaken, drunk or nutty. (Detractors have been abetted by the likes of the woman who said she knew it was a flying saucer because it had 'UFO' painted on the side.) But there has been a nagging residue of sightings that could not be explained by known natural or man-made objects and now on their 35th anniversary UFO-spotters have gained a new credibility.

Formerly classified files forced out of the archives under the Freedom of Information Act established that the Government, while publicly debunking UFOs, denying their existence and ridiculing those who claimed to have seen them, has actually been taking them very seriously and been concerned about them almost to the point of obsession. For more than 30 years steady fellows in the CIA, FBI and the Forces have earnestly monitored all reported UFO activity and continue to do so.

It seems that no close encounter has ever represented any threat and now—when the summer's hottest film is E.T., about a UFO-naut that gets left behind on Earth—those who feel we may be being inspected by benevolent aliens anxiously wait for a clinching piece of evidence from the great out-there.

Says Fred Whiting of the Fund For UFO Research in Washington: "There is considerable evidence to support the theory that some of these unidentified flying objects are extra-terrestrial spacecraft, but there isn't any proof of it."

Second report of mystery lights

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There has been another report of mysterious lights seen over Petersfield on Saturday, May 29.

Mrs. Kathleen Koughan, of Broadway Caravan Park, Petersfield, was shopping in The Square when she noticed four round

silver lights, very high up in the north-west sky.

She said they were set in a square but one, slightly apart from the rest, sent out a red light which gradually disappeared. The others continued to travel across the sky.

Mrs. Koughan said: "I had my sunglasses on — when I raised them, the lights were indistinguishable."

She added: "I just happened to look up and was studying them for about five minutes."

But Mrs. Koughan decided to contact the Post when she read about the mysterious orange flaming object spotted over Hawkley that same day — which sparked off a police search for a crashed light aircraft.

A spokesman for Petersfield police said they were now quite satisfied there had been no aircraft, and ruled out any connection between the two sightings on Saturday because of the nine-hour time gap.

Quiet town is UFO hot spot

A QUIET Stirlingshire town has become Britain's newest UFO "hot spot". So many people have reported sightings of strange objects above the town of Denny that a special investigation has been launched.

The British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association (BUFORA) have despatched investigator Malcolm Robinson, to look into the reports which have been flooding in.

Star witness is local resident Mrs Elsie Beveridge who claims to have seen dozens of strange craft in the skies.

Very fast

"They range from dome or cigar-shaped ones to what most people would generally call a flying saucer," Elsie told The Weekly News.

"The craft I've seen have varied in size and some have had coloured lights on them. They can move very fast or else just hover completely stationary as if they were watching or listening."

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"I really can't explain why Denny has become such a centre for UFO sightings," said investigator Malcolm Robinson. "There are a few places throughout Britain where there seems to be more activity and a greater number of sightings. We call them UFO hot spots and Denny has become the latest."

"Although my work isn't finished and it's too early to draw conclusions, it is very interesting indeed."

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MAY 25 1982

One explanation for some UFOs

UFO's (unidentified flying objects) have not been in the news much lately, as they were a

few years back.

Perhaps that is because people have learned to recognise many of the "odd" things they see in the sky as natural things, easily explained.

Many of the sightings which used to be reported turned out to be the planet Venus. You can see Venus glittering in the west after sunset. The reason it looks so bright is that it is entirely covered in clouds, which reflect the sun's light.

Beautiful though it looks, it would be hell for human beings on Venus. Its atmosphere is carbon dioxide gas — which is poisonous to us.

Pressure is 90 times that of earth's atmosphere, so anyone landing on Venus would be crushed by the weight of the carbon dioxide atmosphere pressing down on them.

The gas also traps heat from the sun. The clouds covering the planet are made not of water vapour, like earth's clouds, but of sulphuric acid, which produces a rain which eats away at anything on which it falls.

An oddity about this unpleasant planet is that it takes over eight months to spin once — longer than the time it takes to orbit the sun (7½ months).

The earth, in contrast, spins on its axis once every 24 hours, and takes just over 365 days to complete its orbit around the sun. So on Venus, a day would last more than eight months, followed by a night of equal length!

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UFOs ABOUND IN DENNY!

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"SPACE Invaders" isn't just another electronic game in the local pub for people in Denny.

For several residents have been reporting "close encounters" with strange unidentified flying objects.

Now sightings have become so frequent that a special survey has been carried out by a national scientific research organisation.

BUFORA — the British UFO Research Association — has sent investigator Malcolm Robinson to the area to interview a number of local people who have witnessed strange objects in the sky on numerous occasions.

"Some people generally tend to think that UFOs are reported by cranks and nut-cases," Mr Robinson told the Herald, "but this, in fact, is not the case. UFOs have been reported by doctors, lawyers, policemen, pilots, radar-men, and a host of other respectable people."

And Mr Robinson is certain he can spot cranks immediately and

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identify genuine information. ALL the Denny cases which follow ARE genuine, says Mr Robinson.

Mrs Elsie Beveridge of 224 Braes View is Denny's most celebrated UFO-spotter, and many of her sightings have been witnessed by second or third parties.

Her first sighting was way back in 1971 when she lived in Glasgow, but, when she moved to Denny, the sightings became more and more frequent until, on one occasion, she saw 10 all at one time.

"Sometimes the sky in front of my house is like Argyle Street with flying objects," she told the Herald, "and they have also been seen by

my husband, daughter and even the milk girl." Mrs Beveridge has now started up a diary and has become a valuable witness for BUFORA.

Unemployed HGV driver Terence Dempsey (30) of 48 Godfrey Avenue spotted a round light travelling over the sky as he took his dog for a walk on Sandy Hill behind Carrongrove Paper Mill — the same light he had spotted on an earlier occasion.

John Walls (27) of 75 Herbertshire Street was travelling with his wife home to Denny by car when both of them spotted an intense light in the sky.

Linda Beveridge, a 27-year-old shop assistant, was coming home from work when she spotted a round shape in the sky with six white lights and a large orange light in the middle.

She and her mother also spotted a large yellow object which appeared to be very close and swinging from side to side. Both got a very bad fright on this occasion. Mrs Beveridge has also reported seeing three very large lights which became a triangle with a red and green light on it.

Shieldhill has also been popular for UFO sightings, and BUFORA has received information on one sighting from James Currie (41) of Cross Brae. At midnight his wife spotted what she believed to be a shooting star which was green in colour. Mr Currie looked out and — through binoculars — watched the strange object, which remained stationary for eight minutes, during which time an appendage rose from a horizontal to vertical position.

All these sightings are now being thoroughly investigated by BUFORA.

Mr Robinson believes he can tell a "crank" by the supposed information they give him, and believes the local people he has interviewed and are mentioned above are genuine and, he added, "not prone to making up tall stories."

So what makes some people see these objects and not others?

Mr Robinson believes that some people are more "in tune with psychic abilities which allows them to see things that are lost to our own viewing spectrum."

"Many credible people who are pillars of the community have witnessed strange aerial objects in the sky," added Mr Robinson.

Only 10 out of every 100 sightings cannot be explained after intense investigation.

Denny has proved valuable gathering ground for information. Sightings in the town go as far back as 1980.

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'Spies' theory as UFO men meet

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Spies from outer space may have been dropping in to take a peek at what British UFO investigators were up to over the weekend.

For while the national UFO society was holding its annual meeting in Digbeth, Birmingham — a space-spotter reported a mystifying, oval-shaped object flying over Dudley towards Oldbury.

Mr John Deeley, of 15 Comber Drive, Pensnett, said he saw the object at 10.00 on Sunday morning.

"It was behaving very strangely, hovering about, stopping, starting, flying in and out of cloud," he said.

"Some of the time it was throwing off a metallic light and at other times it was black. Through the binoculars I could see it was ovoid.

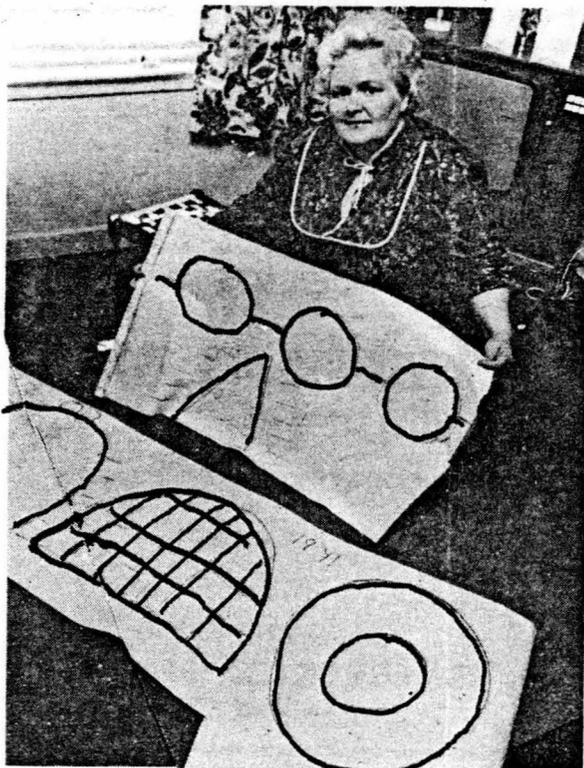
Mr Deeley said the craft, which was in view for about 20 minutes, did not appear to be a glider or a balloon of any kind.

He said he checked with the Birmingham meteorological office, which said they had no knowledge of any weather balloons flying in that area.

Mr Deeley said he often sat out late at night looking for things in the sky, but this was the first time he had seen anything as clear as this. He is hoping photographs taken with a telefoto lens will prove his story.

He reckoned that the craft was travelling in the direction of Oldbury — pretty well on course for Digbeth.

Other recent UFO sightings have been recorded in the Pensnett area, including something apparently hovering a mere six feet above Fens Pool.



DENNY woman Mrs Elsie Beveridge with pictures of the strange objects she has seen in the sky. Her experiences have convinced her that there is life on other planets.

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Tracking down those UFO's

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By CHUCK STEVICK
Texas City Sun Reporter

FRONT PAGE

FRIENDSWOOD—"If you want to see a UFO, go build yourself a nuclear plant, and you'll see one," says Don Tucker, commercial artist and UFO investigator.

Tucker made the statement at a recent meeting of VISIT, the Vehicle Internal Systems Investigative Team, which is based in Friendswood.

VISIT acts as a clearinghouse for UFO incidents involving medical injury or a reported entry into an unidentified flying object by a human.

VISIT's membership includes aerospace engineers, scientists, medical specialists, and other professionals. While several of its members are employed by NASA, it is a nonprofit corporation unaffiliated with any government agency.

John Schuessler, a former space agency employee, and a recognized UFO expert, said

VISIT is interested in abduction cases, particularly those in which people are injured due to contact with a UFO.

"Nobody else happened to be doing those things," said Schuessler, who has been involved in UFO research for over 20 years.

Such cases are not new, according to Schuessler. Or uncommon.

In 1887, the Scientific American reported an incident in Venezuela in which a family was awakened by a brightly lit unidentified flying object. As a result of the encounter, the family members suffered burns, hair loss, and vomiting.

On Oct. 3, 1973, a Missouri truck driver was blinded for days and was visually impaired for a year after he met an extremely bright object flying above the road.

On Dec. 29, 1980, three Texans had a close encounter with a UFO just north of Houston, which resulted in severe medical problems which are still present.

Locally, there were three nights of extensive sightings over Galveston last October which received national attention.

Schuessler says in February of this year there was a big flap—VISIT jargon for a lot of UFO activity—in Michigan, with sightings every day, sometimes two or three times a day.

In March, Germany had a lot of sightings, many of them involving multiple witnesses.

Argentina had a UFO flap about six months ago, before all the hubbub in the Falkland Islands. There were reports of humanoid encounters, electromagnetic effects, and more.

"A lot of things that come out of Argentina, you take with a grain of salt," warned Schuessler.

Schuessler and the other VISIT investigators seem to take everything with a grain of salt, asking many questions, and analyzing and re-analyzing answers before

coming to any conclusions.

Often, incidents can be explained away by natural causes. "People don't like to hear it's not that mysterious," says Schuessler.

VISIT has set up a 24-hour hotline where people can report UFO sightings any time of the day or night by calling 482-6702.

Schuessler said the purpose of the number is to get an investigator to the scene of a sighting as quickly as possible.

A problem with the hotline is that once in a while, late-night disc jockeys would call the number at three or four in the morning to see if anyone would talk to them.

There have also been a few crank calls, according to Schuessler.

But there seems to be no shortage of "legitimate" sightings by the public.

Don Tucker said, "If you want to see a UFO, go build yourself a nuclear plant."

But you don't have to go to all that trouble.

UFO'S OVER GALVESTON?

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By **CHUCK STEVICK**

Texas City Sun Reporter 7424

FRIENDSWOOD—For a three-day period last October, authorities in Galveston were swamped with dozens of calls from citizens reporting mysterious, pulsating lights flying over the Island.

A policeman, who watched one of the lights hovering for about 10 minutes, described it as "a big orange star."

Others said the lights looked red and green. The objects were described as "weird-shaped."

The weather was clear, with no haze, clouds, or weather inversions in the area to disrupt the vision.

What was going on?

VISIT, the Vehicle Internal Systems Investigative Team, looked into the events of Oct. 26-28 in Galveston County, and reported its results at a recent public meeting.

VISIT, a nonprofit corporation based in Friendswood, is made up of aerospace engineers, scientists, and other experts who investigate reports of unidentified flying objects.

Don Tucker, one of the principal investigators of the Galveston incidents, says the "nights of the Galveston lights" really

began in the morning of Monday, Oct. 26.

It was a clear morning, and visibility on I-45 was unlimited. Two men in a 1972 Jeep traveled north, towards Houston. Somewhere around 11 a.m., just south of Dickinson, they noticed a silver object in the air, off to their left. It seemed to be pacing them.

Both men assumed it was an aircraft of some sort. Eventually they realized it had no wings, no markings, no protrusions.

Then, as the Jeep approached an overpass, the object suddenly made a 90 degree turn, and accelerated. By the time the men got to the other side of the overpass, the object had disappeared.

The entire incident had lasted between six and seven minutes.

VISIT investigators interviewed both men separately, and eventually concluded from their statements that they were reliable witnesses.

Tucker says the men were hesitant to even speak about the matter, and were skeptical about UFOs in general.

VISIT telephoned the Goodyear people and determined that the sighted object had not been a Goodyear blimp. It was also determined that NASA's Guppy aircraft—which

slightly resembled what the men saw—was not flying at the time of the sighting.

Tucker says the object is somewhat similar to one that was sighted in Alberta, Canada on Sept. 6, 1981.

The VISIT report of the morning sighting called it "puzzling." It said that while the object "is possibly explained as an aircraft . . . no traffic of that nature was identified."

That evening, the reports of strange lights began pouring into the Galveston police. The first report, which came in at 7:54 p.m., positioned the light overhead at 32nd and E St. Later calls reported the light west of 34th and Ave. H, then at the airport, and then that it had disappeared off to the west.

The following two nights, Oct. 27 and 28, there were numerous reports of flying lights, most of them a bright white, others red, and some shimmering.

VISIT concluded that there is a very good chance that most of the white lights spotted to the west southwest were the planet Venus. According to VISIT investigator Granvill Pennington, who is a physicist and hardware expert, "Venus has been the cause for more UFO sightings than any other object."

The VISIT report found that most of the sightings to be of "lights in the sky" variety,

"puzzling, but not astounding. A great many of the sightings probably had quite normal explanations."

It also concluded: "It appears that most sightings on the 27th and 28th of October were a result of people wanting to see something. The extreme clear, crisp weather allowed Venus, Sirius, and other astronomical bodies to put on quite a show."

Tucker says many of the Galveston sightings were looked upon as "confirmed unknowns."

John Schuessler, a former NASA engineer who now works in McDonald Douglas Corp.'s space flight division, explains, "It's called having a lot of good evidence, but not being able to do anything with it."

However, he adds, the information garnered from the Galveston lights sighting "could pay off way downstream."

"We are looking for something we can put our hands on," says Granvill Pennington. "We're looking for secondary effects."

By looking at the effect, a trained scientist can often determine the cause he says.

On Dec. 29, 1980, three two women and a little boy came into contact with a UFO, and gave VISIT plenty of effect to study.

Offbeat

with
Don Pieper



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Up in the air, it's . . .

Among those interested in a report by two Lincolmites that they saw a strange light in the Lincoln area skies last week was Ray Boeche.

Ray is state section director of the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON, an international organization that investigates such things as strange lights in the sky and sightings of bizarre animals.

It's a sidelight with Ray, who makes his living in the printing trades. But he is fascinated with reports of weird events, and has been since he read a book about strange phenomena when he was 10 or 12 years old.

He moved here recently from Pennsylvania. When he left, he and his MUFON colleagues were investigating persisting reports that cougars were prowling the forests. Impossible, insisted Pennsylvania wildlife officials. But Ray says there were just too many "phantom cat" sightings. That many people couldn't be seeing things.

He says he has been pleased to learn that, since he left, a television crew was interviewing someone in the area when, lo and behold, a cougar strode out of the woods and got his picture taken. Ray says the wildlife officials have reconsidered.

MUFON has consultants from many scientific disciplines to evaluate evidence such as hair or oil samples, castings of footprints and out-of-focus

photographs. In the Pittsburgh area, where he used to live, scientists from some of the large industries (such as U.S. Steel and Westinghouse) did consulting work.

OK, Ray, from all you've learned, do you think there are extra-terrestrial saucers flying about?

"There are more theories than researchers," he said, slipping away as nimbly as any saucer ever did.

Yeah, but how about Ray Boeche?

"I tend to think that one of the important elements is the effect of the sightings on the witnesses, most of whom are reluctant to discuss what they have seen. There is such a lack of tangible evidence and usually we can find some natural or normal explanation for phenomena."

Sure, but are there space saucers buzzing Earth?

"It's a possibility."

He says most MUFON members have become convinced that "something is going on, but it may not be spacecraft." The National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena, he says, is convinced extra-terrestrial objects have been sighted.

The Big Foot mystery is just as puzzling.

If you are interested in working with the dozen or so area people Ray is organizing for MUFON, give me a call and I'll get him in touch with you.

150 call in UFO sighting

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UFO's again?

FRONT PAGE

cops say no

BY RICHARD SHEA

BEACON — UFO yes, helicopter no.

Area residents who saw an unusual object with strange lights hovering over the Mt. Beacon Park area of the city Thursday night say no one is going to convince them what they saw was a plane, helicopter or the like.

It was the third time this year that similar sightings were reported by large groups of people. Strangely enough, all the incidents came on Thursday nights between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.

State police told callers and the Evening News after the last sighting that they had tracked the lights to Stormville Airport, where a group of professional pilots who were using small planes to practice close formation flying at night. Authorities said the pilots usually practice Thursday nights and were seen by a trooper landing at Stormville shortly after state police received numerous calls wondering about the lights.

A similar explanation was offered last night. City police told callers the lights belonged to a group of four planes flying in close formation.

Mt. Beacon Park, Glenham and other area residents retorted, "no way." Mary McCarthy, a Crescent Drive resident, said she's convinced what she saw was not planes or helicopters. "It made absolutely no noise," she said, adding that she is familiar with the sounds of planes and helicopters.

Mt. Beacon Park is a quiet residential area with a clear view of the sky toward Mt. Beacon and there would normally be no other noise to drown out sounds of a plane or helicopter.

Miss McCarthy described the object as being in the shape of a V and one object, not three or four. She said it had bright red lights, with some green lights "and it stopped in mid-air. When it stopped, it turned on really bright white lights," she said. When a neighbor turned on a porch light, however, the bright white lights went out.

There were several airplanes in the area at the time and Miss McCarthy said when one of the planes came toward the strange object, it disappeared over Mt. Beacon to the east. But it came back and circled the Mt. Beacon Park area again before leaving.

Even when it moved, the object's pace was slow and Miss McCarthy said she was certain it couldn't be a plane. She said it hovered for 30 to 40 seconds at one point, and the hovering was witnessed by numerous Mt. Beacon Park residents. As it stood still, it appeared to be about 200 feet above ground, she and others said.

Another Mt. Beacon Park resident who didn't want his name used because of the kidding he might receive, said when he called police and was told it was just planes, he hung up. "Planes aren't silent. They don't stop in mid-air. This thing stopped a couple of hundred feet in the air and there was no sound at all," he said. "It circled around twice and big white lights came on." When the white lights went out, only red lights could be seen. The man

said the neighborhood was quiet Thursday night and the sounds of other planes and even a high flying jet could be heard in the distance, but the strange object emitted no sound.

"It looked like a V," he said, "but not a sharp V, more like a boomerang." He said because the white lights were so bright at one point, his wife came out with a camera hoping to get a picture, but when she turned the porch light on, the lights on the object went out.

The man said he had spent seven years in the service and was also a member of the Civil Air Patrol and at one point served as a ground observer. "I know planes," he said. "This was no plane."

Those who saw the object insist what made it really strange to them was that the object was able to hover, that there was no noise whatsoever and the fact the bright white lights were so unusual.

One man told the Evening News: "If they are planes practicing tight formation flying, those guys are sure doing some job of imitating a UFO. I sure would like to see a plane hover like this. . ."

A similar object was spotted hovering over the area near St. John's Church April 29.

April 16, the night of the rock slide which blocked Interstate Route 84 atop Stormville Mountain for nearly a month, similar sightings were made near the Dutchess-Putnam County line.

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UFOs hoax?

200 Ohio residents
see large, red UFO

BEACON — The UFO sightings over Beacon and the southern Dutchess area this spring and summer could be just a hoax, according to Dennis Kip, a former Westchester County resident who now resides in Beacon.

"It just may be one explanation," Kip said as he described how he and a group of friends caused sightings of UFOs in Westchester County back in 1974.

He said the first step in creating the home made UFO was to go to a dry cleaning establishment and obtain the clear plastic bags used to protect freshly-cleaned clothing. "We did a lot of research and found that lightweight straws could be used to shape the object," Kip said.

Next was to find a power source, something that could get the "UFO" off the ground and keep it in the air. In some similar instances in the past, candles were used to heat the air in the plastic bag, causing it to rise similar to a hot air balloon.

But Kip said he and his friends wanted something better so they did more research and came up with a source of power that he would not divulge, saying only "it was a lot more effective than a candle."

Kip said once the "UFO" was constructed and the power source added and ignited, the object would rise into the air and the power source would give off a bright glow. He said the object would either hover, or move about, depending on the wind.

"For a while it could stay stable and in one position, or if a breeze came up, it would move." He said the power source used would not be affected by the wind. He and his friends took

considerable time to develop their UFO, Kip said, and had to make sure the power source would not ignite the plastic or straws.

He said once he and his friends developed their "UFO" to the point they wanted, they would synchronize their watches and break up into groups. One would go to New Castle, another to Briarcliff, two points in Ossining and on some occasions to Pleasantville and at a designated time, several of the UFO's would be launched.

"We used to drive the residents there absolutely crazy," Kip laughed. "They would see UFO's all over the place." He said quite frequently, Westchester residents and even police would check with the Westchester County Airport to see if anything showed up on radar, "but the radar was not capable of picking these objects up," Kip said. The "UFOs" were usually launched from high places, clear of trees and away from homes.

He said on windy nights, the objects would be spotted in different places. In some instances, sparks would fly from the power source, but Kip said they were harmless and wouldn't ignite fires.

He thought of launching a UFO or two after seeing the new movie "E.T.," but didn't. Kip said the UFOs he and the others launched would usually stay in the air for 35 to 40 minutes and those spotting the objects would really feel they were seeing something from outer space. "We had a lot of trial flights... it got to be very effective."

He doesn't rule out something from outer space, "but this may be one explanation of what's been happening."

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object skimmed slowly over treetops in the area, hovering over it for about 25 minutes. However, they said when police arrived the object picked up speed and shot off to the southeast.

"So far we have no idea what it was," Johnson said. "We contacted the Akron-Canton Airport and nothing had been picked up on their radar."

He said by the time police arrived at the scene, the object was gone. "None of our officers saw it," Johnson said.

"I don't know if it was a hoax or not," he said. "All I can tell you is that the people who were calling lived along the roads where (the object) was sighted."

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JUST BEFORE
COPS ARRIVE

CANTON, Ohio — Almost 200 residents of nearby Perry Township phoned authorities Saturday night, claiming a UFO was hovering over their neighborhood.

Residents said the object skimmed slowly over treetops in the area, hovering for about 25 minutes, but vanished just before the cops arrived.

"It was described as a large, red, luminous object flying low," said Patrolman Mark Johnson.

Some saw meteor, others saw . . . ?

By TERESA BARKER
Of the Register-Guard

Speaking of meteors, and other things that glow bright in the night . . .

"I was coming home from downtown when I saw it," says Al Cole, a retiree who lives in Eugene. "That fireball was the most beautiful thing I've ever seen in my life, and I've seen a lot of them."

A fiery object that seared the darkened Eugene skies at about 10 p.m. Wednesday fits the description of meteor — or fireball — say people who saw it, and also people who know things about meteors. Still unexplained, however, were two bright orange lights seen at about 11 p.m. that night by Dave Lauinger and a friend, who were atop Skinner Butte, and by another couple in downtown Eugene.

It was at 11 p.m. Wednesday when Twyla Sauers, director of the Eugene School District's native American program, finished year-end tasks at the administrative building on Monroe Street. She and her husband walked out to their car and first noticed a "bright star — like the picture postcards of the star of Bethlehem," Sauers says. They were driving away when they saw two "bright, vivid orange lights" moving slowly and steadily across the sky, about as high as a small plane might fly. "But you could tell they weren't from an airplane," she says.

"I work for the Eugene district and my husband works for Bethel, and we regard ourselves as really steady individuals,"

Sauers says. "If I'd have known at the time I might have been seeing an unidentified object, I'd have been thrilled."

Well, those who saw the 10 p.m. fireball were thrilled, even if it was identifiable.

"They're usually brilliant, bright green like this one," says Cole, who used to build "perfect mirrors" for telescopes, "but the size was the thing that caught me this time. It was big. And then there was this long tail that stretched out behind it — it must have been 100 miles long. A long yellowish deal and it looked like you could see little particles drop out of it. It was so big and bright that after it went out of sight, I almost expected to hear the boom."

Bill Suggs, director of the Lane Education Service District Planetarium at 2300 Centennial Blvd., didn't see the alleged fireball, but says it sounds like "a very large meteor."

As it happens, a special meteor program is in progress at the planetarium, with shows at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"By 'very large,' I mean in comparison with other meteors. Most you see in the night sky are really not much larger than the tip of your finger. What you're seeing is very, very hot ionized gas around it."

A meteoroid the size of driveway gravel will get an 18- to 20-foot ball of glowing gas around it, Suggs says. A larger one easily could have a tail that stretched 60 to 80 miles long. The large ones also tend to be seen much lower on the horizon, just as this one was.

The colors are caused in part by the chemical composition of the meteoroid, and in part by its speed, and angle of entry. A slow meteoroid will create a reddish meteor trail. Extremely fast ones will be yellow or white. Green is caused by chemicals, blue is a product of speed.

The largest meteorite ever found in Oregon was discovered in Oregon City in 1902. Although the meteorite itself was shipped off to the American Museum of Natural History in New York, a "full-size copy" rests on the porch of the planetarium here.

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Tallmadge man sights sky object

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Marc Candusso, co-chairman of the Flying Saucer Investigating Committee in the Akron area, said an unusual sighting in the Tallmadge sky about 2 a.m. Friday is the first time for a long time that such an event has been reported.

He said it is similar to the numerous red luminous appearances in the sky reported Saturday night to Perry Township police in Stark County.

Candusso said a 21-year-old Tallmadge man, in his second year at college at Akron University, was coming home when he saw a bright object with two very bright lights in the sky.

At first he thought it was an airplane coming in for a landing with two flood lights on it, said Candusso.

Candusso said when the man turned into his driveway he watched the object come toward him and he got out of his car and stood there.

When the object was almost over him, the lights went out.

Candusso said the Tallmadge man said the object was completely silent and about 500 feet from him in the air. The Tallmadge man watched the rectangular-shaped object for another minute and a half and then it went away.

According to Candusso, the Tallmadge man said that from the rear of the object, it looked like any ordinary conventional object.

Candusso said the Tallmadge man said when this object was over him, two brilliant lights went out and there were three horizontal lights underneath the craft that were lit.

Candusso said the man believed them to be red and green lights.

Candusso said horizontal lights on UFOs have been heard of but it's been a long time since anything like this has been reported.

The Tallmadge man did not want to be identified, Candusso said.

Perry Township police have despaired of figuring out exactly what gave off the luminous red glow in the sky that prompted almost 200 residents to phone Stark County authorities Saturday night with UFO reports.

"It's just one of those strange happenings. Where do we go from here," said Lt. Lloyd Pilla late Sunday. "You know, we got lots of calls and the stories were all the same. They did not vary."

"The calls came in a pattern," he added. "They did not jump around from one side of town to another. They followed right down a line."

'Biggest object we've ever seen'

Eugene-area couples

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report UFOs

By TERESA BARKER
Of the Register-Guard

At least 130,000 Eugene-Springfield area people, including local police and night crews at the National Weather Service and Mahlon Sweet Airport control tower, didn't see any unidentified flying objects Wednesday night.

But they weren't in the car with Wanda Johnson and her husband on their late-night drive home to Crow, from Eugene. And they weren't on the top of Skinner Butte with Dave Lauinger and his friend, watching the twinkling of stars in the southwest skies. They saw something.

"We've never seen anything like it before," said Johnson, who wanted to make it clear she and her husband

aren't the type who go around seeing UFOs all the time. But they were driving home at about 10:15 p.m., when there in the sky, about as high as small airplane flies, "the biggest object we've ever seen" shot out of the heavens and disappeared behind some hills in the distance.

"It was all colors, like red and blue and kind of yellow, and it had a tail,

like a shooting star might have."

At about 11 p.m., Lauinger and his friend, both from Eugene, were perched atop Skinner Butte, not drunk and not deranged, he says. They saw two "really brilliant bright orange lights" about small-plane level, "just hanging there in the sky, like they were tied together."

"There was no sound or anything," Lauinger says, "and they just floated off toward the south. They got dimmer and dimmer, and then they were just gone," he said. He isn't acquainted with the Johnsons.

Lauinger, 18, said he told his father about it this morning "because he's the only one who would believe me. And he told me to call the paper."

Johnson called the newspaper "because I didn't know who else to call."

The newspaper called around, but officials reported no sightings, and said the polite kind of things officials usually say about such things.

The operator on the national toll-free hotline for UFO sightings (1-800-323-6556) said she couldn't release information regarding any other calls received Wednesday night, and that all calls are reported in confidence to the national UFO Center in Washington, D.C.

The newspaper called there and got a recording that said everyone was out at the moment, but that the caller should leave a message at the sound of the tone. The newspaper left the message.

UFO 'pioneer' recalls 1935 sightings

by Patrick Connolly
Associated Press Writer

Thirty-five years after he reported seeing the first modern-day "flying saucers," Kenneth Arnold continues to be visited by new theories of what he saw and where it was coming from.

Arnold, 67, speculates that the nine shiny, pulsating objects he saw bounding through the daylight sky on June 24, 1947, might have been life forms from another planet paying a call to Earth. Another possibility, he says, is that the visitors are links between the world of the living and the world of the dead.

It was near Mount Rainier that Arnold says he sighted the pulsating objects 35 years ago.

His report to the Civil Aeronautics Board on the crescent-shaped,

100-foot-wide objects launched the modern era of flying-saucer sightings.

"They were all individual but they were following each other and the formation had a funny diagonal line, like geese or the tail of a Chinese kite," Arnold said yesterday in a telephone interview from the Meridian, Idaho, home he shares with his wife. "Some would gain on the others, some would lose a bit. But they were going someplace. They weren't interested in me."

Formerly of Minot, N.D., Arnold is a retired private pilot and runs his own engineering business.

"It was no optical illusion," he said. "I'm positive any pilot in the same place at the same time would have observed the same thing. As far as I'm concerned, I just told things the way they

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were."

A year later, he saw a group of about 24 UFOs when landing his plane at LaGrande, Ore., "clustered together like a bunch of blackbirds, going fast, little ones only 3 feet in diameter."

He said he doesn't know what the objects were.

"We've gone to the moon and that's just a stepping-stone to other planets," he said. "If there is life out there, maybe there are people or life as we recognize it and maybe they'd make the journey here.

UFO PIONEER CON'T

"Then there might be two worlds connecting the living and the dead. Maybe you continue living when you die. I can't envision myself on the steps of God, playing a harp with 10 million other souls ... Maybe it has something to do with that."

Arnold has reported seeing UFOs at least eight times, the last in 1952 when he was over the Nevada desert and "they were below me at treetop level."

Arnold has been grilled by hundreds of reporters and military officers. Airline pilots and others have seen dozens of similar shapes fleeting through the sky. All of Arnold's sightings have been in daylight.

"There is one thing I'd like to straighten out," he said.

"I didn't create the word 'flying saucer.' This young reporter from Pendleton, Ore., asked me how they flew and I said they flew very erratically, they flipped and flashed, like if you took a saucer and threw it across the water. So from that, everybody wrongly assumed they were round instead of crescent-shaped."

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7424 What was that strange, red glare?

CANTON, Ohio — Perry Township police have despaired of figuring out exactly what gave off the luminous red glow in the sky that prompted almost 200 residents to phone Stark County authorities Saturday night with UFO reports.

"It's just one of those strange happenings. Where do we go from here," said Lt. Lloyd Pilla late Sunday. "You know, we got lots of calls and the stories were all the same. They did not vary."

"The calls came in a pattern," he added. "They did not jump around from one side of town to another. They followed right down a line."

Patrolman Mark Johnson estimated that 150 people called the station between 10:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. A total of 50 similar calls were logged by the Stark County Sheriff's office and the state Highway Patrol post in nearby Massillon.

"It was described as a large, red, luminous object flying low," Johnson said.

Residents told authorities that the object skimmed slowly over treetops in the area, hovering over it for about 25 minutes. However, they said that when three cars of police arrived the object picked up speed and shot off to the southeast.

"So far we have no idea what it was," Johnson said. "We contacted the Akron-Canton Airport and nothing had been picked up on their radar."

He said that by the time police arrived at the scene, the object was gone. "None of our officers saw nothing," said Pilla. "I didn't see anything. I was lying on the couch and I have a big picture window. But I didn't see a thing."

BRIGHTON EVENING ARGUS EAST SUSSEX JUNE 22 1982 LON.

3128 The UFO riddle at 23,000ft.

TWO SUSSEX airline pilots told today of a close encounter with a UFO.

They spotted the mystery object on a Dan Air flight from Gatwick to Corfu yesterday.

The Boeing 737 was cruising at 23,000ft. over Southern Italy when the UFO appeared in the sky about two miles away from the plane.

Capt. Len Schwaiger, 52, of Tickerage Castle, Framfield, near Uckfield, said: "It look-

ed black and shiny and about the size of a car. We were pretty surprised."

Reported

The Boeing 737 was on its way to Corfu when they encountered the UFO. They reported the sighting when the plane arrived back at Gatwick.

Copilot David Robinson, 28, of Blackboys, near Uckfield, said: "We had just been in touch with Brindisi

control, Southern Italy, and were not expecting anything at that height."

He added: "It didn't appear to have any aerodynamic shape and seemed to have one window."

The pilots and two passengers who were being shown the flight deck watched the mysterious black object for about a minute before it disappeared from view.

A spokesman for Dan Air said the sighting has been reported to the Ministry of Defence.

Disbeliever

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**Western
Ways**
by DEXON

who may have seen the light

A COLLEAGUE of mine, normally a character who would view a UFO spotter with some disbelief, thinks he may have been converted to the ranks of the semi-believers.

hurried visit to the optician, or whether anybody else also saw it.

He tells me he could have had a distant encounter of the first kind with a strange object in the sky over Exeter on the afternoon of June 24.

For all too short a time, he glimpsed a bright, shiny light in the sky over the north-east of Exeter at about 2.20 pm.

He tells me: "I was driving along College Road towards Exeter police station when this object appeared in a position at about 10 o'clock high in the sky to the left of the police station. It was impossible to tell how far it was away, but the light was remarkably intense."

He first thought it was an aircraft exploding or a flare, but by the time he was able to stop the car and take a closer look it had disappeared.

Now he is wondering whether he should pay a

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New Town residents mystified by 'UFO'

RESIDENTS are still puzzled over the identity of the mysterious object seen over Cumbernauld last Sunday.

Described as "a bright pink flashing light", the silent visitor had local people scratching their heads and turning to the News for explanation.

The first phone call came from Mrs Vera Dolier, of 22 Pine Court, Abrohill, who spotted the UFO hovering above her house.

"I looked up into a very clear sky and there was this very big pink light. I have never seen anything like it before," she said.

"I thought it might be a firework of some kind, but it wasn't. It was sort of glittering and it went away to the right towards the railway.

"It seemed to glide along the sky until it went into a circle of white light and then it disappeared."

Mrs Dolier said some of her neighbours had also seen the strange light at about 11.30 p.m. that night.

Another surprised UFO spotter was Mrs Joyce Younger, whose son Kevin (14) first saw the UFO outside his bedroom window.

"There was this terrific bright pinky coloured light just over the window," remembered Mrs Younger, 28a Meadow View, Kildrum. "It was stationary and flashing on and off. When I ran to the back door, it had started to move.

"There was a trail of smoke behind it. It was going at a terrific speed and zig-zagging from side to side. It must have been pretty low — it went right over Cumbernauld House!"

When she heard she was not the only person who had had a "close encounter of the first kind", Mrs Younger was quite relieved.

"I'm glad someone else has seen it to," she continued. "At least my son was with me, so I know I wasn't imagining things!"

A police spokesman said one or two people had phoned them saying someone had lit a flare, but they could not pinpoint the area.

And the New Town's own UFO expert, Mr Tom O'Neill, 73 Toebrex Road, Carbrain, missed seeing the unexpected visitor for himself but wanted to get in touch with all those who had seen it.

Mr O'Neill is a local research officer with ISTRA, the Interplanetary Space Travel Research Association. Any reports of UFOs in the area are followed up by filling out a questionnaire, which is then passed on to the investigation co-ordinator, who decides whether or not further interviews are necessary.

U.F.O. keeps Lochee folk awake . . .

The U.F.O.s are back! Several people phoned "The Courier" late last night from the Lochee and surrounding area, to report an object in the sky.

It remained visible for some time, complete with flashing lights, before disappearing.

"I was looking out of the window and saw a saucer-shaped object," said Mr George Fairfield, 16e Cawdor Court.

"It had orange and yellow flashing lights and flew from the Downfield area across to the other side of the city.

"It was about the size of a large plane, but its shape was round."

"Moving fast"

Mr Fairfield said the object appeared to be moving too fast to be an ordinary aircraft.

Kevin Grant, of Foggylea Gardens, said he had been watching the light, sometimes bright orange, sometimes fading, for about 15 minutes.

"A lot of neighbours were out on the veranda watching it," he said.

The mystery object was also seen by Harry Johnston, 7c Harefield Court, who said it

followed an irregular course to the north of the city.

Mrs Helen Burke, 142 Strathmartine Road, also saw the object.

"She first noticed it when she was in the kitchen," said her husband Thomas last night.

"It was visible for about four or five minutes, heading towards the Camperdown area."

The object was orange and moving fast.

Satellite

R.A.F. Leuchars said last night that they had no aircraft in the area that could account for the object and commented that it could be a communications satellite.

The satellite apparently goes overhead regularly, but is usually only visible in relatively freak conditions.

However, it normally flashed green or red, so its description doesn't match that of the object seen by Dundee folk.

Strange object seen in sky over Townsend

Can we believe his own eyesight or must he think he has gone bananas when he sees on the old R.R. right of way a "thing" the like of which he has never beheld previously? And what if several other persons saw the same object? Are they all gone barmy too?

On Friday afternoon, May 14, Tom Powers from the service station, his son Tony, Guy Lindstrom and Barry Thomas attendants at the Pond E gas station all happened to be outside when suddenly there appeared a bright object hovering three to four feet above the farmer track area and moving northward. A few people in cars at the station saw the object too so it was not just an apparition.

The four men nearly lost their lower jaws and their eyes popped as they gazed in frozen amazement. Asked what he thought it was, Tom Powers, looking a bit abashed, quipped "Don't ask me what I saw, it was unlike anything I have ever seen."

Thinking, momentarily that it might be a helium filled balloon he told Tony to run across the highway and "catch that thing," but by the time the young man crossed 32 the object had zoomed on north.

All four men agreed that the round shiny thing was shaped like two pie pans or two bowls glued together. Tony figured it to be about two and a half feet across. Barry Thomas said "It looked about the size of a fairly big tire. It was extremely bright and metallic, like chrome. A couple times it raised a foot or so and then back to the three foot level."

Guy had the impression that it suddenly crossed the highway and back. Each man was in a state of semi-shock and disbelief but all agreed that it was flying on its own power. As it got just beyond the town garage, the "saucer" rose to about tree top level and suddenly zoomed out of sight.

The thing couldn't possibly have been a balloon because balloons do not travel horizontally, so there you are with a nice little mystery item which to all intent must have been a UFO from outer space—a big first for Townsend.

The men all knew they had seen it and yes they feel a bit embarrassed about it, but naturally proud to have been witnesses to such a startling event which all happened in a few minutes time in Townsend.

UFO group to fight secrecy

British believers in unidentified flying objects have switched their annual "close encounter" to the Midlands.

The national UFO Society holds its annual meeting at Digbeth Civic Hall in Birmingham tomorrow to discuss latest developments in the para-normal.

Researchers will discuss a campaign to open up Defence Ministry files on UFO's and other new developments.

New chairman Mr Brian Everton, of 85, Chelford Crescent, Kingswinford, said

that in the past the society, which was established in 1967, has met in London.

"The previous chairman, Mr Ken Rogers, became too ill to continue last November and I've taken over," he said.

"We have about 350 members and would appeal to anyone interested to attend the afternoon meeting.

During the meeting Lord Clancarty is to speak on the recent House of Lords debate on UFOs. He is chairman of the all-party House of Lord UFO committee which is

pressing for defence files on the subject to be opened up.

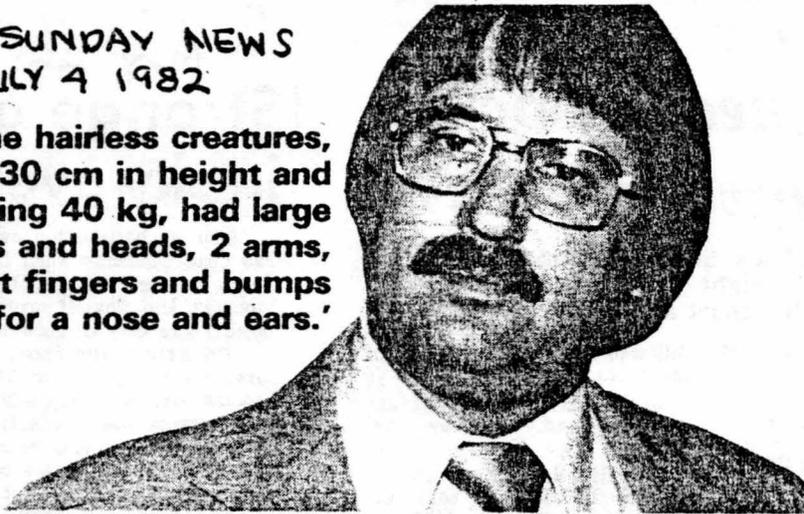
Other speakers will be Mr Norman Oliver, director of investigations for the society, who will speak about possible origins of UFOs, and Mr Tony Pace, director of the Organisation for Scientific Evaluation of Aerial Phenomena.

Films and slides showing sightings are to be featured.

"There have been a number of developments and research is being undertaken very seriously," Mr Everton added.

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'The hairless creatures, 130 cm in height and weighing 40 kg, had large eyes and heads, 2 arms, eight fingers and bumps for a nose and ears.'



WILLIAM MOORE

WRITER CLAIMS PROOF: 'Coverup of alien landing'

By SHARON STEEVES
Staff Writer

Flying saucers and chalky grey, hairless aliens exist and the U.S. government is covering it up, says author William L. Moore.

Moore, of Yavapai County, Arizona, told about 100 people at a Mutual UFO Network seminar at the Westbury Hotel yesterday, the U.S. government knows a 30-foot circular craft crashed near Roswell, N.M., in 1947, but is hiding the evidence.

"I have rather compelling evidence there is a cover-up of national policy on UFOs. It's something that has been rumored for a long time but I suspect this is the first time anyone has had any concrete evidence."

Moore, author of *The Roswell Incident*, said a lot of his findings relate to a violent aerial explosion and the discovery of debris in Roswell in July, 1947.

Witnesses testified the craft "looked like an old-fashioned crumpled dish pan and debris was scattered all around the area."

Six to eight hairless creatures, 130 cm (4 feet 3 inches) in height and weighing 40 kg (88 lbs.), with large eyes and heads were thrown from the craft.

Witnesses said they had two arms with four fingers at the end of each and bumps for a nose and ears.

"A source of high intelligence which conducted an internal study said it had a single heart and lung and a single kidney and bladder. The digestive tract looked like it ate soft or mushy food."

And these creatures could have been writers: Scattered around the wreckage were sheets of paper with pink and purple scribbling on them.

Since discovery of the debris, the government has investigated the situation, but refuses to release any details.

Moore said he has interviewed 85 people who witnessed the incident — 28 were eye-witnesses.

But the whereabouts of the debris is unknown.

"In my opinion it might be in New Mexico. After the crash, it was flown to Dayton, Ohio."

Moore recently got two anonymous letters saying a doctor performed an autopsy on an alien type body in 1947.

"I found the doctor and after reading the allegations to him he asked me if I was aware he was still getting a monthly cheque from the U.S. department of justice."

In December, 1980, U.S. District Court Judge Gerhard Gessell said 131 top secret UFO reports held by the National Security Agency should remain classified. Gessell did not review the documents. His decision was based on a 21-page, top-secret affidavit given to him in his chambers.

So why the big cover-up?

The discovery of aliens could jeopardize national security or set off a national panic, Moore said.

"We don't know anything about these aliens, their powers, motivation or if they are dangerous, which is enough to start a national panic."

WORLD GOV'TS ADMIT

GOVERNMENTS on both sides of the Atlantic have made the startling admission that UFOs exist — but they're engaged in a massive cover-up of the evidence.

The Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., recently upheld the decision of the National Security Agency (NSA) to refuse to release documents on close encounter reports in America.

And in London, England, the British House of Lords heard incredible testimony from defense officials that many UFO sightings cannot be explained scientifically.

• NSA officials admit they possess top-secret documents on 135 UFO sightings, but insist that making them public would create a serious threat to national security.

Eugene Yates, the agency's policy chief, told GLOBE: "If we opened our files, foreign governments would know what we're doing and how we're doing it."

But Peter Gersten, the lawyer for Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, claims the government refuses to release the evidence because it would prove that officials have been lying to the public for years about the UFO menace.

Despite the cover-up, the government has been unable to suppress all the astonishing proof of alien encounters, says Colman Von Keviczky, a former military photo expert and researcher for the United Nations.

He claims secret government UFO files reveal that:

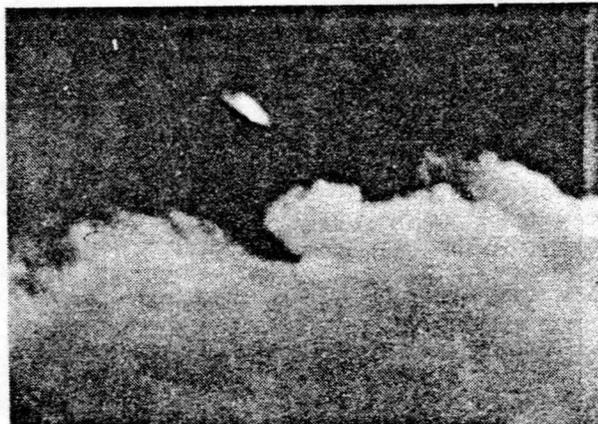
• In 1942, government planes fired more than 1,400 rounds of ammunition at mysterious objects hovering over Los Angeles — without scoring a single hit.

UFOs EXIST



FINDINGS on this UFO near Hamburg, Germany, were kept top-secret.

Massive cover-up of the evidence



AUSTRIAN officials refused to investigate this UFO in '71.

• In 1944, General Dwight Eisenhower ordered Allied pilots to shoot down strange fireballs in the sky over Germany. They were first believed to be a new Nazi weapon, but no such weapons were ever developed by the Germans.

• In 1952, an Air Force jet was shot down by a ray gun from a flying saucer over up-

state New York. Both men inside the plane were killed.

• In 1971, Austrian authorities refused to officially investigate a photographed UFO near Deutschlandberg. Military authorities did a photo analysis, but never released their findings.

• In 1972, American soldiers fired three high-powered SAM missiles at a bright orange object over Hanoi, Vietnam, but none of the missiles even touched it.

• In 1974, a disc-shaped craft with bright lights was photographed over Silkeborg, Denmark. Air Force Major Hans C. Peterson made an initial investigation, but the government refused to undertake a full inquiry.

• In 1977, a clear photograph was taken of a UFO near Hamburg, Germany, but again government authorities refused to release results of its secret investigations.

"I have thousands of documents from the Pentagon, the State Department and many foreign governments showing that UFOs are indeed carrying aliens from outer space," Von Keviczky told GLOBE.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a professor of astronomy at Northwestern University of Illinois, feels the government cover-up could trigger a cataclysmic alien invasion.

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"UFOs are treated by the military as illegal intruders," he told GLOBE. "That attitude may well cause an intergalactic confrontation."

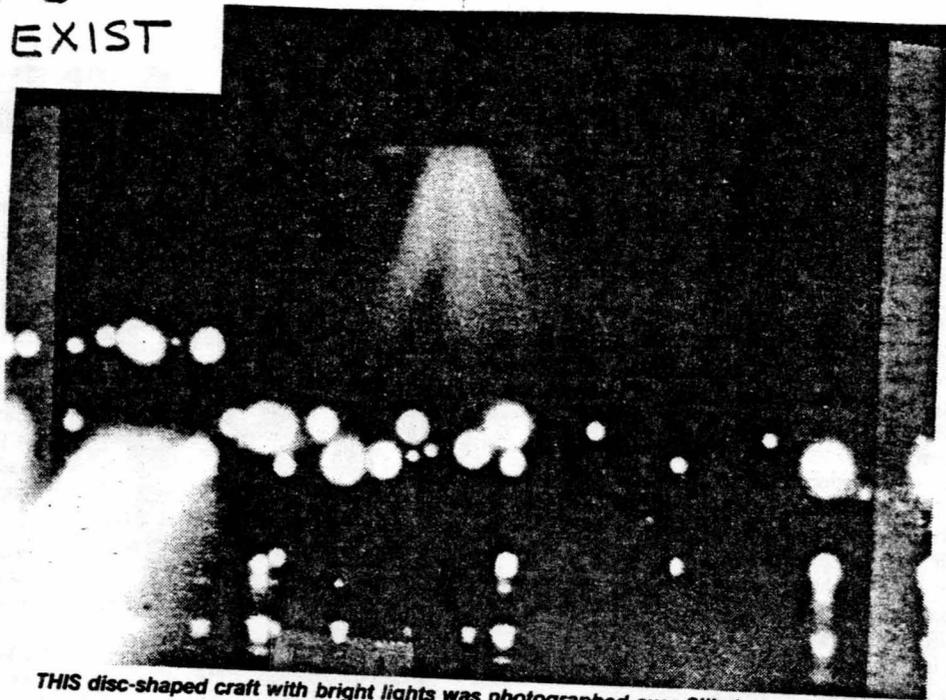
This fear is also growing among UFO experts in Britain. Lord Clancarty, a member of the House of Lords, has introduced a new law that would force Britain's Defense Ministry to release its secret UFO files.

Government officials admit they have confidential reports on 1,500 sightings over the past three years — 300 of which defy scientific explanation, they say.

Clancarty says a mysterious alien craft even buzzed Big Ben, the huge clock atop the Parliament Buildings in London, a few months ago.

"Some members of Parliament were out on the terrace having an early evening chat," he told GLOBE.

"Suddenly, a cigar-shaped object flashed through the sky at a terrific speed. It had bright red lights and was going so fast it looked like streaks of lightning.



THIS disc-shaped craft with bright lights was photographed over Silkeborg, Denmark.

"The object circled for about 10 minutes and then disappeared into the night."

Clancarty also tells of a policeman in Yorkshire who saw a saucer hovering over a field. He heard an explosion and the craft sped off at in-

credible speed. When the officer ran to the field to investigate, he found a man's body burned almost beyond recognition — but the ground around him hadn't even been scorched.

"There must be hundreds

of mysterious cases such as this," says Clancarty.

"The whole subject should be more open to discussion. UFO reports must be fully investigated so we can get to the bottom of this phenomenon."

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It's a Living

Blann decries UFO cover-up

By ROBIN ENGEL
Staff Writer

LEWISVILLE—Shortly after dark in October 1969, a brightly glowing object hovered near the horizon. A dozen men watched for about 10 minutes as the object came closer, moved away, came closer, moved away, and finally disappeared.

One of the observers reported his observations to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. His name was Jimmy Carter, then governor of Georgia.

Literally thousands of Americans have reported similar sightings, according to Tommy Roy Blann, research scientist specializing in the investigation of UFO sightings.

A resident of Lewisville for four years, Blann first became fascinated with objects in the sky when, as a child of 10, he built his own telescope and studied astronomy.

Blann said he has personally investigated thousands of UFO reports and said the majority of sightings can be explained.

"The majority of UFO reports are the misidentification of natural phenomenon," he said. Meteors, aircraft landings, navigation lights, planets, clouds—even outright hoaxes—explain about 92 percent of the reports, he said.

Less than 8 percent of the reports are actual UFO sightings, said Blann. Most bonafide UFO sightings, however, suggest the existence of an unfamiliar disc-like flying object, he said.

He describes the disc as "a highly sophisticated, non-conventional craft powered by advanced nuclear techniques, capable of both atmospheric and under-water propulsion."

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UFO COVER UP

Many of the reports indicate the disc glowed with multi-colored lights, said Blann. He said the phenomena is similar to that of the aurora borealis, when particles in the atmosphere become ionized as energy is released.

While Blann does not rule out the possibility that more than one disc has come to Earth from outer space, he said he thinks the majority of discs are manufactured right here on Earth.

"Everything that's basically been found is within our present technology, even though that technology has not been made public," he said. "The public is probably about 75 years behind the technology that exists.

"Physical evidence obtained over the last 30 years indicates that discs are not extraterrestrial," he said.

Techniques used by Blann and other scientists to investigate UFO reports include the analysis of vegetation, soil, and water from sites showing physical evidence of a disc-landing, he said.

"I'm not trying to convince people UFOs are real," he said. "I've spoon-fed the public for quite a number of years. There are always going to be disbelievers," said Blann.

Blann has lectured throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico, made more than 1,000 radio and television guest appearances on talk shows, and had articles published in national magazines.

In Blann's view, the alleged cover-up of the existence of the disc is the most serious issue facing the nation today.

"This is much more serious than just a UFO flying around," he said. "The government has never been truthful to the American public about UFOs. The public does not have access to everything that's going on," he said.

"Various deceptive and corrupt practices are going on at this time, and I'm not going to sit by and watch."

Revealing the existence of the disc is "hard to do," he said, "because of various political pressures from the intelligence communities."

The extent to which the CIA and other agencies have stifled information about the disc indicates "a tremendous amount of power and corruption," said Blann.

In his opinion, the covert activities of certain groups within the military-industrial community extend beyond the boundaries of a single nation and affect the well-being of the entire world.

The executive branch of government has been powerless to break the seal of silence on the issue of UFOs, he said.

For instance, President Carter was unsuccessful in trying to get the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to reopen the government's probe of unidentified flying objects in 1977.

"We're not anxious to do it," said Dave Williamson, NASA assistant for special projects, in a Associated Press newspaper story in November 1977.

"Give me one little green man—not a

theory or memory of one—and we can have a multimillion dollar program," Williamson said.

Williamson headed the group of technical experts who recommended to the White House that the project was unwarranted.

In 1969, the U.S. Air Force terminated Project Blue Book—two decades of investigations of UFO sightings.

According to studies directed by Dr. Edward U. Condon at the University of Colorado, the subject of UFOs lacked sufficient scientific evidence to warrant continued research on the topic.

According to Blann, "a number of project scientists discovered that the probe was a 'cover-up' of the real facts, but Condon's credentials kept the truth from the public and the rest of the scientific community.

"The Condon Report is responsible for the lack of credibility of this subject and a lack of scientific inquiry as a whole by the scientific community into the UFO phenomenon, from January 9, 1969, when it was released, to the present," he said.

Presidents Johnson and Ford were also interested in probing the issue of UFOs, said Blann. He said he has personally discussed the issue with both men, as well as with United Nations officials.

"If we (civilian UFO researchers) could have obtained a scientific study through

U.N. or government-sponsored civilian study, we could have collected enough data to assure the American public something significant about UFOs. In the process, the study would reveal the cover-up," he said. "If we could ever have obtained funding, it would have insured complete investigative capabilities.

"We have been having to utilize various university equipment, and our own equipment out of our own back pocket, trying to pool our resources," he said. "It has been very critical. In a lot of cases we haven't had access to instruments or access to certain phenomenon."

Friday, Blann flies to Toronto where 'ufologists' from all over the world are gathering for a UFO summit meeting. Ac-

ording to Blann, the object of the meeting is to hammer out a unified approach for coding UFO information.

Independent groups like the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago, directed by Dr. J.A. Hyneck, have been struggling to solve the mystery of the disc, he said.

In the meantime, the government has been researching the subject at the taxpayers expense—while denying that such activities exist, said Blann.

In 1980-81, for instance, a group known as Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) waged an intense battle in the Washington, D.C., District Court against the National Security Agency in an effort to obtain 131 secret documents about UFOs.

CAUS attorney Peter A. Gersten of New York told the court that if UFOs do not exist, then the government had nothing to hide. If UFOs do exist, the American public had the right to know about it, said Gersten.

The attorney for NSA argued that, no matter what the documents contained, they could not be released without exposing and compromising the intelligence-gathering techniques of the agency.

After reviewing excerpts from the documents, the court ruled in favor of NSA, stating that national security would be threatened if the documents were released. The Supreme Court upheld the ruling.

Blann contends that the secret documents are merely the "tip of the iceberg" of UFO information held by intelligence agencies.

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