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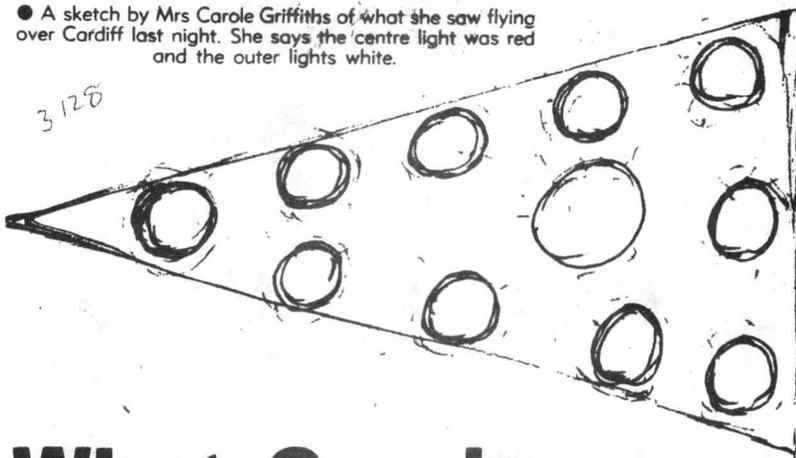
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SOUTH WALES ECHO, CARDIFF.
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● A sketch by Mrs Carole Griffiths of what she saw flying over Cardiff last night. She says the centre light was red and the outer lights white.



What Carole saw over Cardiff . . .

REPORTS of a giant triangular object hovering over South Wales are today being investigated by police.

Descriptions of a sighting in Llandaff, Cardiff, match those made by six people in Swansea, including two detectives.

All say they encountered a giant triangular-shaped object with white lights along the border of the triangle. Some reports say it was larger than a jumbo jet and had a red light in the middle.

Mother of four Mrs Carole Griffiths, of Heol Penlan, Whitchurch, Cardiff, was being driven home from work at 7pm when she saw the object over the River Taff, close to Llandaff Rowing Club.

She said today: "My husband stopped the car we were so amazed. It looked like Concorde taking off but it was stationary in the sky. I normally pooh-pooh things like that, but it had to be a UFO."

Mrs Griffiths's husband, John, who works with her at

POLICE PROMISE A SERIOUS PROBE ON GIANT UFO REPORTS



● Mrs Griffiths — pictured at work today.

the Air Call Ltd — a communications company in Cathedral Road — said he saw a similar object above Pentwyn earlier in the evening.

A passenger in the car, Dr Nribendra Deb, who prac-

tises in Caerphilly, said the object seemed fixed in the sky. "I don't know what I was looking at — I have never seen anything like it before," he added.

South Wales police say they received a number of calls reporting UFO's between 6pm and 7pm yesterday.

The first sighting reported four flashing lights in the sky. Within minutes two detectives reported watching a silent object, triangular in shape, drift west over Swansea.

They said it was flying at 1,000 feet, with three lights, two of which were pulsating. It was followed by a smaller similar object. The RAF received two similar reports.

A police spokesman said the reports would be treated seriously. "At present we have not got a clue, but inquiries will be made," he commented.

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Experts check out 'ball of fire' landing

Western Daily Press Reporter

HOME Office scientists will today examine the charred remains of a ball of fire which fell to earth at the week-end.

The fireball, a foot in diameter, plunged to the ground on Saturday night, setting an area of wet grass-land ablaze.

Police and firemen later found a burned, cylindrical object with a wire attached.

Mr Hedley Watkins, aged 62, saw the burning object from his flat in Lower Earley, Reading, Berks.

"It was bright red and about a foot across. It fell out of the sky and into a field about 500 yards from here. Within seconds, the grass was alight," Mr Watkins said.

Mrs Pamela Quelch, who lives half-a-mile away in Falcon Avenue, also saw the "extremely bright, red object" fall to the ground.

Her son David, 23, said: "What particularly concerns us is the way in which it set fire so easily to the wet grass."

"Nuclear fuel causes an intense heat, instantly and this is in keeping with what happened," he said.

P-c Don White, who took the remains away said: "The only 'alien' thing I found was a small burned out cylinder. Whether it was responsible for the fire I do not know."

BLUE UFO 'LANDS' IN SOUTH DEVON FIELD

TWO Torquay teenagers had an encounter of the frightening kind early today when a UFO flew in from the sea and "landed" in a field.

Eighteen-year-olds Bruce Cowling and Andrew Jarvis were riding on a motorcycle between Shaldon and Maidencombe beach on the main Teignmouth to Torquay road when the mysterious object was sighted.

Bruce, of Burridge Road, Chelston, Torquay, was riding pillion on the machine when he glanced towards the sky.

Lights flashed

He said: "I saw a large, blue light heading towards the ground. It was white-tipped and extremely bright.

"It was about 30 feet long and shaped like the body of a rocket firework. It was heading at 45 degrees and left a vapour trail behind it just like a jet. It was just like a blue flame.

"It seemed to land in a field on the landward side of us."

Andrew, of Thurlow Road,

Sighting by Torbay youths

Torquay, said: "I was concentrating on driving when I heard Bruce shouting. I looked up quickly and saw a glint of blue. That was enough for me. We were both frightened and did not bother to slow down."

The youths believe that a man in a red car travelling in the opposite direction might have seen the UFO as well.

Bruce said: "He started flashing his lights at us as if he wanted us to follow him."

The teenagers, who are unemployed, have open minds on UFOs.

The two CB enthusiasts spent an hour deciding whether or not to report the sighting to police.

"We thought they might think they had a couple of nutters on their hands," said Andrew.

Eventually, they reported the incident to police at Torquay who passed on the information to their colleagues at Teignmouth.

A Torquay police spokesman said: "I would have thought it was a meteorite. It is always difficult to tell how near it is. What they thought was quite close could have been several miles away.

"We have passed on the details to Teignmouth and they will have a look."

Not a flare

Bruce and Andrew thought up all sorts of theories at first. They dismissed the possibility of a ship's flare because of the size. They did not think anybody would be letting off fireworks so early in the morning — between 6.15 am and 6.30 am.

They also thought, at first, that the UFO might have been part of the Russian satellite which is due to re-enter the atmosphere soon.

■ The remains of a "ball of fire" which flew over Reading at the weekend and fell to earth nearby are to be examined by forensic experts today.

The fireball, described as "the size of a dinner plate," was seen between 9pm and 9.30 on Saturday.

Today, Pc Paul Beecroft, who has seen the remains and is leading inquiries, said: "I can state right now that it is definitely not extra terrestrial, or anything like that."

The object set alight 35 square yards of grass

Unidentified Flying Objects, with strings attached . . .

If you see a far-away look in the eyes of violinist Timothy Good as he leads the Oxford Pro Musica orchestra, it may not be simply the music that is transporting him to another world.

As a musician, he is down-to-earth enough to mix his classical playing with session work for advertising jingles, and to be a pop music fan. But it is close encounters of an extra-terrestrial kind that are taking him into another world far-removed from concert halls and recording studios.

"Yes, I've been to see the film E.T., and I enjoyed it," he says. "But I am more interested in fact. It is often stranger than fiction."

There is another reason, too, why this self-made and international expert on Unidentified Flying Objects should see E.T. as strictly for entertainment: the only prediction you can prise from him of extra-terrestrial activity likely to come in the future, is that our visitors from space are more likely to be humanoid than of the bug-eyed monster variety.

A child prodigy who has played all over the world and with the leading British orchestras, Mr Good has chosen to retreat more and more from the grandest music platforms in order to pursue his consuming passion for UFO research. In March he publishes a book — being printed in Oxford — called: George Adamski, the Untold Story (Ceti Publications, 247 High Street, Beckenham).

Leader

It tells of a man who claimed to have spoken to the pilot of a UFO that landed in the Californian desert. Mr Good has co-written the book with a Swiss colleague, Lou Zinsstag, and the foreword is by Lady Falkender, herself a UFO enthusiast.

But the loss to the great philharmonic and symphony orchestras of London has been a gain for Oxford music-lovers. For he has chosen to retain his links as leader of Oxford Pro Musica. More anonymously, he is also working hard as a session musician, and can be heard backing pop recordings or playing jingles for television ads (listen for the strings in the Braun, B.L. Birds Eye, McDonalds, Tia Maria, Heineken, Lloyds Bank or Terry's Chocolates ads).

He has also played violin for television productions like The History Man, The Young Messiah, and shows starring Chas and Dave and Marti Caine. And he has backed recording stars like Elkie Brooks, George Harrison, Elton John and Lulu.

He explains that there was never any doubt, as a child, about his choice of a musical career. How could there have been, in view of his family's own involvement?

Scholarship

His violinist father was sub-leader of the London Symphony and a founder member of the BBC Symphony. His uncle, cellist William Pleeth, taught Jaqueline du Pre. His cousin is Tony Preeth, another fine cellist; his aunt is pianist Margaret Good; and pianist Raymond Lewis is another cousin.

Timothy Good began playing the violin when he was just five years old. He gained a music and art scholarship from Dulwich College Preparatory School in 1956 to the King's School at Canterbury, and during his last year there played with the National Youth

Orchestra of Great Britain. In 1959 he was awarded a major violin scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music.

For a very brief period, while studying at the Arts Educational School, Mr Good even made a brief foray into acting — playing alongside Christopher Beeny (later to star in Upstairs, Downstairs) in a road safety film of some obscurity.

His full professional music career began in 1963, as the youngest player in the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, which the following year toured the United States and Canada. This meant that he played alongside his father.

Then began a 15-year spell with the London Symphony, and he also played and toured extensively on other occasions with leading orchestras including the Philharmonia, English Chamber, London Mozart Players, London Sinfonietta, London Virtuosi and light orchestras like that of Mantovani.

Sightings

His "career" in UFO research covers much the same period — although he was only 13 in 1955 when his appetite was whetted by a book called The Flying Saucers Are Real, by Major Donald Keyhoe.

His own research, however, began in the early 1960s, as the result of meeting a Captain Kuppell, who had been in charge of the United States Air Force "Blue Book" of UFO sightings. He was impressed not just by the sightings themselves but by the quality of the witnesses, "highly-qualified observers like pilots and air traffic controllers, people who should know what is in the sky."

Portrait

Timothy Good
by Ian SMITH

His emphasis on the integrity and experience of witnesses as an aid to establishing the accuracy of UFO sightings is a continuing one. Most of Mr Good's research these days is spent not so much on investigating the evidence for the sighting itself, but on long-term interviewing of the observers (or "contactees" as his American colleagues have it).

And, as might be expected, Mr Good quotes some sightings of his own as part of his general armoury against the unbeliever (although he is far from acting in any way like a crank, admitting rather that a healthy scepticism is vital in considering UFO claims).

His first sighting was near Beckenham, Kent, on August 1, 1963 (a very good year for UFOs apparently, as well as being a particularly foul winter). His sighting was supported by many other witnesses in London and the Home Counties according to the newspapers next day.

"It was a huge object which some pilots estimated to be 400 feet at its base. It was a tetrahedron shape, and I watched it for an hour and twenty minutes."

Claims

"Some friends of mine took photographs through their telescope. But the explanation from the Ministry of Defence was that the object was a radiosonde balloon which they claimed to be at 90,000 feet and just 30 feet in diameter. It was supposed to have been released from Gottingen in West Germany."

"But it was much too large, I believe, for that. And when I heard later that the U.S. Air Force sent up a jet from RAF Burntwaters, to in-

vestigate, that made me even more sceptical of the claim. I still have an open mind. It could possibly have been a balloon."

More recently, Mr Good was among thousands of people who saw a UFO on December 15, 1980, again over London and the Home Counties.

"I was on my way to Kent when I saw it, and it was at about 85 degrees. It looked like a bright star or even the planet Venus, but in the wrong position. Someone has a 40-minute video film, and it is undoubtedly the same object that I saw."

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CON'T "UFO'S WITH STRINGS ATTACHED"

"Heathrow and the Ministry of Defence received no reports from pilots, but the MoD said it was probably a meteorite. But meteorites move very quickly. This one made sweeping manoeuvres. And if it had been a meteorite travelling through the atmosphere one would have expected it to be spuffing flames.

"I am convinced about this one, unless it was an experimental aircraft at around 40,000 feet."

Other personal sightings were recorded by Mr Good in 1965 (Ministry of Defence claimed it was the re-entry of the Soviets' Cosmos rocket) and in 1967 in America (the sighting was shared by a lady at Silent Spring, Maryland, whom he had been interviewing about earlier sightings).

Trip

It can, explains Mr Good, take literally years to investigate one case, as he works with meticulous industry, and "getting to know the witness over a long period is the best possible evidence."

His contacts in America have included some of his favourite "professional" observers, such as the former Sabre jet pilot who told how his squadron was sent on a mission specially to look for UFOs (the film was taken away and classified immediately upon landing), and the celebrated Daniel Fry, an aero-engineer whose story is that in 1949 in Mexico he was invited on board a landed UFO (by a disembodied voice) and was taken on a 3,000-mile trip to New York and back in half-an-hour. Mr Good first met him in 1973, and spent a week with him in 1976. "I assess this case as genuine," he says. "I am convinced."

Mind you, few of Mr Good's research trips are as fruitful as this one. He spent £100 on a trip to Cumbria last year (he won't drive a car, though he is learning to fly!) only to find that his interviewee had a criminal record and was said by his family to be a pathological liar who had fooled both police and courts.

"Fifty per cent of all UFO photographs turn out to be of conventional objects taken in unfamiliar circumstances, and double exposures are common. I refer the important photographs to those with special analysis equipment." (Although Mr Good is himself a keen and skilful photographer, with several record sleeve illustrations to his credit). "But it is still possible even for an optical physi-

cist to make mistakes. You have to be entirely objective, though, to get at the truth."

Convinced

1982, unfortunately, was one of the quietest years for UFO sightings. "They have dwindled, not stopped. A lot of reports appear only in local media," says Mr Good.

"I suppose 70-75 per cent of all sightings can be explained away, and the majority are likely to be landing lights, weather balloons, stars or meteorites."

But he is convinced there will be another wave of sightings equivalent to those in the year 1973.

As he looks forward to extra-terrestrial visitors of the future, he takes pleasure in looking back over a musical past. He recalls the "receptive and critical" audiences of Moscow, a rare visit to Korea, the "wildly enthusiastic" audiences of Japan.

He remembers when the orchestra had to change the programme to include a slow, sad piece — they were playing in California on November 22, 1963, the date of President Kennedy's assassination.

He remembers the great occasions: playing the "Firebird" with Stravinsky himself conducting at The Festival Hall ("an electric atmosphere, although I found him charming and unobtrusive as a person"); playing in the grand open-air amphitheatre at Athens; playing a Beethoven symphony with Otto Klemperer ("His sheer presence and authority generated a great performance").

All the performances he best remembers were the result, he says, of the conductor showing "a combination of personality, presence and technique — almost a metaphysical factor."

Sessions

"I thoroughly enjoyed it all, and I seem to have been lucky enough to have done everything. But it becomes exhausting, and I would not want to go back to it, certainly not as a rank-and-file player of one of those or-

chestras. It can be frustrating and soul-destroying."

So he took on the leadership of the Oxford Pro Musica, and moved into session work, backing pop singers, television commercials, films and television shows. "Many classical musicians would say this was prostituting one's art, but I think it is doing so no more than is playing with a duff conductor."

He takes a similar view of popular music: "I just like music of any sort, and I like pop. I would be happier playing good pop music than bad classics." His tastes run, perhaps predictably, to groups like Genesis and Pink Floyd.

He finds the session work fascinating and spontaneous: "Sometimes the music is still fresh from the copyist's hand." He is sad that there is still a barrier between classical musicians and pop musicians, but is hopeful that they will be broken down.

But the barriers between the believers and non-believers in the world of UFOs might prove more difficult to remove. "Oh yes, I am afraid of ridicule," he admits. "But a sceptical attitude is healthy. You also need a sense of humour."

Evidence

There are enough authorities prepared to take the phenomenon seriously enough to have given Mr Good a second career as one of Britain's top experts on UFOs. He twice addressed the Oxford Union in 1981, has been invited to make submissions to the House of Lords All Parties UFO Study Group, and is a consultant to the BBC for documentaries and science fiction.

He is nervous of looking too far into the future, preferring to stick to hard evidence of observed phenomena. But when pressed he will explain his theory that the extra-terrestrials, if they exist, break down into groups with different objectives: those with a vested interest in the Earth race and its resources, those just "passing through," and those with a long-term interest based on genetic links between humanoids of different worlds.

But "E.T."? He's strictly for entertainment.

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MILKMAN SEES UFO

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28 THE unidentified flying object spotted by two Torquay teenagers yesterday was also seen by a Denbury milkman on his early morning round.

Mr A. Ellis, of 3, Down View Road, reported seeing a UFO to Teignmouth police. So far no concrete evidence of what the mysterious object was has been established.

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The 18-year-olds, Bruce Cowling and Andrew Jarvis, saw a blue light with a white tip heading for earth on the main Teignmouth to Torquay road between 6.15 am and 6.30 am. Mr Ellis reported seeing the UFO between 5.30 and 6 that morning.

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SWANSEA
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Hundreds spot mystery lights over city

HUNDREDS of sky-watchers in the Swansea area were today still puzzling over the strange ET-like happenings of last night.

Many early evening joggers and householders looked upwards in amazement at a skyline decorated with strange illuminated shapes.

Mrs. Margaret Gaskins, of Lucy Road, Skewen, said her children 14 year old Leanne and 10 year old Ceri

were watching television when they spotted strange flashing lights in the sky at about 5.45 p.m.

They came running into the kitchen full of excitement," she said. "At first I didn't believe them, but when I looked out of the window I could see a sphere of flashing lights which travelled from the Kilvey Hill area over to Baglan Bay."

The whole family were hanging out of the windows of their flat for a better view and soon neighbours were also peering out.

Meteorites say Coastguards

"It was all very exciting," said Mrs. Gaskins. "We couldn't believe what we were seeing."

Shortly after seeing the flashing lights the family spotted a large red glow in the sky over the lower Swansea Valley, heading towards Skewen.

"Later I heard that a Sea King helicopter from Brawdy had been in the area. At first I thought the

flashing lights must have been from that," she said. "But then I was told the helicopter was not over Swansea Bay until 6.20 p.m.

"I don't believe in UFOs. There has got to be a logical explanation for it, but I can't explain what it was I saw."

Another UFO spotter was Mrs. Rita Bradley of Finsbury Terrace,

Brynmill, Swansea.

"I saw two triangular objects close together with lots of white lights towards Townhill. I could hardly believe it."

And Mrs. Carol Batcup of Yr Aran, Dunvant, Swansea, said: "I saw an object bigger than a jumbo jet over Killay, but moving too slowly to be an aircraft. It had flashing lights at the front and back."

A spokesman for Swansea Coastguards said: "We get these

fairly frequently when the sky is clear as it was last night.

"They show up like flares. The glow predominantly white and green."

Coastguards had sighting reported over a wide area, stretching west as far as Milford Haven.

The spokesman said they were probably meteorites but discounting any possibility that the sighting were connected with the impending re-entry to earth of the Russia satellite.

SOUTH WALES EVENING POST SWANSEA

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Theories on mystery sighting

UFO: Cosmos or RAF Hercules?

The mystery object was the Russian satellite falling back to earth according to Dr. Frederick Jenkins, who is a member of the Swansea Astronomical Society and the British Astronomical Society.

But bank manager Mr. Michael Holliman aged 43, of Pwlldu Lane, Bishopston, Gower, maintains it was a formation of RAF Hercules planes carrying out low-level refuelling exercises.

TWO MORE theories to explain Wednesday night's sighting of a UFO over Swansea and South West Wales have been put forward.

"The noise coming from the object was similar to what I heard recently in Penarth when some Hercules planes passed overhead with other aircraft," said Mr. Hollyman.

Dr. Jenkins, a retired doctor who lives in Beechwood Road, Uplands, Swansea, said he had researched the orbit of the

descending Cosmos 1402 satellite and had discovered it had passed over the earth's surface at the same angle as the UFO.

He said: "This must be the explanation. We have been seeing an extended number of pieces of this artificial satellite

coming down to earth."

Dr. Jenkins said the explanation for observers reporting the sighting of two objects could lie with the fact that the Russians had attempted to rid the satellite of its nuclear reactor before its descent to earth.

Sky-watchers agree on mystery lights

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By Robert Lloyd

WHATEVER THE nature of the UFOs which passed over Swansea and other parts of South Wales two days ago, sky-watchers are agreed on one thing.

The objects were roughly triangular with flashing lights in each corner and moved silently and slowly across the sky.

And one Swansea woman has come up with her own artistic impression of what the UFOs which puzzled and astonished hundreds of people on Wednesday night looked like.

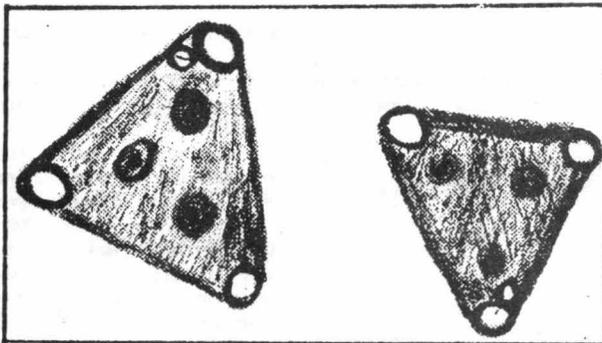
Mrs. June Thomas, of Pentrechwyth Road, Bonymaen, Swansea, had just finished work as a cleaner at the Viscose plant at South Dock when she saw the mystery objects.

Mrs. Thomas said today she discounted theories put forward by Swansea Coastguards that the lights she saw in the sky were meteorites burning up as they entered the earth's atmosphere.

"What I saw was two objects, very big objects, moving across the sky slowly and without any noise," she said.

"Call them flying saucers if

METEORS! NEVER SAY ALL THE UFO SPOTTERS



UFO SPOTTER Mrs. June Thomas's drawing of the two triangular objects. The angles of the triangle are where Mrs. Thomas saw flashing lights.

you will, but they were definitely not planes or meteorites."

Another UFO spotter Mr. Peter Trotman, of Bryncredyn Road, Newton, Mumbles, said

he was astonished to hear the claim that the sighting was meteorites.

And Mr. Kenneth Needles, of Verdi Road, Port Talbot, said he was also sure the UFOs were objects of some kind.

Mr. Needles, who was in the RAF during the war, said: "To be honest, I have no idea what the UFOs were, but they can't have been aircraft."

An RAF spokesman at the Ministry of Defence in London said he had not yet received any official reports of the sightings.

He said: "When we do get official reports through we will investigate the matter. It takes time to check flight plans, but

my initial response would be to say the sighting was of aircraft flying in formation."

This theory, however, was dismissed by yet another UFO spotter, Mr. John Owen, of St. Catherine's Road, Baglan, who saw the lights in the sky above Porthcawl.

He said: "What I saw was about 600 feet from the ground, huge in size and did not have any engine noise, not like any civil or military aircraft I know. Besides, it was only moving at about 30 m.p.h., far too slow for an aircraft.

"I cannot really say what it was ... it was certainly phenomenal."

Wednesday night's sighting, which occurred at a time when air traffic controllers at RAF Brawdy and Cardiff-Wales Airport reported no unusual aircraft flying over the area, was accompanied by one unusual event.

Electricity supplies to several hundred people in the Kittle and Bishopston area were cut off for a short while, but an electricity board spokesman said the black out was due to a temporary fault, probably caused by a branch hitting an overhead power line.

That triangle is no 'plane—expert

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THE MYSTERIOUS flying triangle that has been haunting South Wales skies this week, could not be an aircraft known to British aviation, according to a former RAF aircraft engineer.

Mr Joe Toland, aged 40, an engineer with the RAF for 15 years, was coaching Llantwit Major under 12's soccer team when he saw the object.

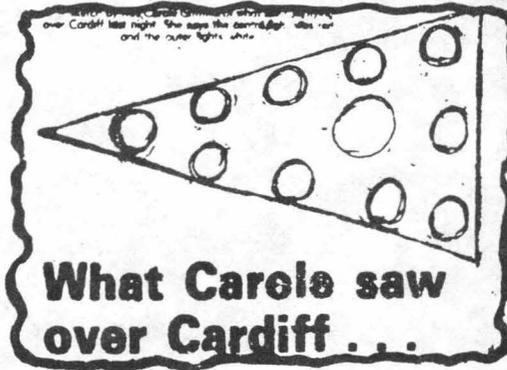
"We stopped playing to watch it," he said. "I couldn't fathom out why the lights were so far apart. It was close perhaps 600-1,000 feet up.

"It must have been 300 feet across, so it could not be an aircraft. The thing I really don't understand is that it made no noise."

Mr Toland, of Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major, has applied all his experience in aviation to solve the mystery.

Mr Toland who is now an insurance agent, at first thought that what he was seeing was an aeroplane being refuelled mid flight. But he admitted this operation was never done over built-up areas, and two aircraft would create a lot of noise.

"The lights were not



What Carole saw over Cardiff . . .

● THE sketch and headline that appeared with the report in Thursday's South Wales Echo.

making notes for about a year now. I wouldn't say I'm a UFO freak, my interest is mainly scientific."

Mr Rich, who is an artist, watched the object fly past his house last Wednesday night.

"What they are doing, who knows?" he said. "We have got to take this seriously.

"One imagines they are taking samples from a fertile earth while it is still fertile.

"There have been a lot of close encounters of the third nature in Wales. I believe they will soon make themselves known to us."

usual aircraft lights, though it was in the flight path from Rhoose Airport," he said.

UFO expert Mr Bill Rich, aged 36, of Llandough Castle Flats, Llandough, is convinced the triangle is a visitor from space.

"I have spent an awful lot of time looking at stars

ever since I spotted a very strange UFO in Australia," he said.

"It most definitely is not a meteor as some people have claimed—I saw plenty of meteoric activity in Australia, and this was nothing like it.

"I am in the process of writing a book on sightings in Wales—I've been

Looking inwards

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COVENTRY EVENING TELEGRAPH JAN 21 1983

IN trying to bring UFOs down to earth Paul Devereaux is in danger of suffering a similar fate. His theory is that unidentified flying objects emanate not from space but from beneath the surface of our own planet.

He presents a mass of evidence which, he says, shows that UFO activity is commonest where four factors coincide. These are: where there are geological faults, where the earth's surface is particularly

rich in certain minerals, where there are megalithic sites such as Stonehenge and where there is low thunderstorm activity.

In *Earth Lights* (Turnstone Press, £9.95) he explains why he finds the relationships so convincing. He believes that UFO aerofoms and their "occupants" are created from a new category of phenomena which he calls proto-entities.

These materialise in response to geological movements, and electromagnetic events beneath the earth's surface, interacting simultaneously with the psycho-kinetic abilities of the human brain.

All in the mind, so to speak.

Keith Pusey

Was there close UFO encounter?

SOUTH WALES EVENING POST SWANSEA
JAN 26 1983

By Robert Lloyd

HAVE hundreds of sky-watching people in Swansea and other parts of South Wales had a close encounter of the second kind?

It's a question which could remain unanswered. But, on the other hand, there could be a perfectly reasonable explanation for last week's reported sightings of two triangular objects with flashing lights, moving slowly and silently across the sky.

Whatever the explanation for the unidentified flying objects, UFO's, the excitement they generated in the area last week illustrates how concerned people are with the phenomenon.

Imagination

Man has always been fascinated by the idea there is life on other planets and the possibility that extra-terrestrials "buzz" the earth is one that stirs the imagination.

Films like the block-busting ET reflect our fascination with the subject and, with the enormously popular Close Encounters of the Third Kind, UFO terminology has passed into everyday use.

Evidence which suggests an extra terrestrial object has visited a place is called a close encounter of the first kind, a sighting of an alien object is a close encounter of the second kind and a meeting with something from another world an encounter of the third kind.

South Wales has been a particularly notable spot for

"I thought the house the object was behind was on fire because the object was so bright. It seemed very hot and it must have left scorch marks on the ground," another city housewife said last spring.

"There were flashing lights in a circular shape that seemed to be going down to the ground. Then it went straight up at a speed no aircraft could attain," said a Carway UFO spotter in 1980.



Strange lights in the sky ... is there a rational explanation?

UFO reports. Sightings of lights and objects are reported with some regularity.

Books with titles like the Dyfed Triangle and the Dyfed Enigma have been written about strange phenomena in that county alone and sightings vary a great deal.

"It was a great big silver object, about the size of a house," a Swansea woman said of her sighting in the city in October.

The latest UFO incident was reported by literally hundreds of people in and around Swansea.

They were baffled by lights which suggested the forms of the two objects were triangular. They were dismissive of theories that they could have been meteorites burning up on entry into the earth's atmosphere, or a number of aircraft flying in formation.

Meteorites

How could the sighting have been meteorites when the lights were flashing steadily in sequence and how could it have been aircraft when the lights were moving noiselessly and at a very slow speed, the observers argued.

The UFO reports are fascinating one member of the British UFO Research Association, BUFORA, a voluntary body which investigates UFO sightings and co-ordinates the findings.

South West regional co-ordinator Mr. Ian Mrzyglod, from Bristol, carries out part-time investigation works for BUFORA and regularly checks UFO reports in South Wales.

Polish-born Mr. Mrzyglod said: "In most cases we get

there is usually an explanation for what people have seen.

"Sometimes it's aircraft, gliders or parachutists. On clear nights people can mistake stars and planets for moving objects.

"Meteorological conditions can play some strange tricks and produce natural phenomena which people do not recognise.

"Usually, in 90 per cent of cases we can find a simple answer for the occurrence. In the remaining 10 per cent though you have to draw your own conclusions."

Mr. Mrzyglod did not expand any further, which prompts the rhetorical question: Are we alone in our universe?

Area report

Couple spots 'shining blue ball' hovering over Shawnee County

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A rural Shawnee County family watched a shining blue ball shooting arms of fire for five minutes as it hovered in the sky and then winked out.

The unidentified object was spotted in the eastern sky near the Lake Clinton area at 6:20 p.m. Thursday, January 13, by Doris Benander, Route 2, Overbrook. She was reading a newspaper and glanced out a window when she first saw the object.

"I ran quick and got my husband and daughter and we went outside to watch this thing. It was a great big blue thing and it was shining, just as blue as can be. It was round, and while we were watching it, it shot out these streaks of fire that sounded like electricity shorting out," she said.

While they watched the object, a high-flying airplane approached the area and the object "just blinked out," she said. "It never came back and we went out driving around to see if we could find it," she said.

While driving around she said all the dogs near the zone were barking and continued barking into the night. "That was real weird," she said.

Officials from the Air Force Strategic Air Command at Omaha, Neb., said they had no planes or items in the area that could have accounted for the object. Likewise, the North American Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs said nothing had been sighted in the Clinton area.

A Topeka National Weather Service spokesman said he knew of no weather phenomena that could cause the strange sighting and that weather balloons were not the culprit.—The Topeka Capital-Journal.

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Man claims to have seen UFO

A Dumas man claims he saw a UFO Thursday night, which he described as a bright light in the sky, according to a Dumas police report.

An unidentified man on Phillips Drive claimed he saw what apparently looked like other stars but was much brighter.

Police officer Jeff Lovell closed his report by stating that "no one was attacked this shift."

Just Talkin'

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According to the newspaper people over at the Coushatta Citizen, there have been some strange and inexplicable sightings, some UFOs or something, in a certain tract of woods to the northeast of town.

It all began around dusk on Dec. 30 when a number of Coushatta residents called officials reporting strange occurrences in the sky.

Some residents said it looked like an airplane; some say they saw a fiery ball hovering in the sky, or crashing to the earth.

One man said he saw a "circle of lights with a smaller circle of lights within the bigger circle. It was just hovering over the treetops and it sounded like a fan motor, nothing else, then all of a sudden, it left."

And an altogether separate eyewitness reported seeing the same lights in about the same spot and described them the same way.

"It was hovering over the tree tops, but it made no sound like a helicopter or an airplane, just a silent rushing sound, then it took off real fast and disappeared.

In the days following the reports, searchers combed the surrounding areas, and filed this report: "We went to the spot where (they) saw something. We went there and found fresh broken trees, sheared off the top, and the green branches were laying on the ground. It looked like something had come through the trees, because it left a path through the tops of trees. But we didn't find anything there."

The searchers also said there is a strange, unexplainable "acid-like" odor in a certain area.

Lately, however, the incident seems to have been solved — at least to some. Authorities now believe that a stunt pilot who was flying in the area at the time was what all the fuss was about.

But the newspaper people maintain the riddle is not solved.

"Just this week we've had several new reports: a couple reported that they had followed some kind of UFO for about a mile and a half," says Citizen staffer David Irvin. "And another man said he saw something on fire hovering, then the flames went out, just like someone turned it off. Then the craft—it was oblong shaped--disappeared. I've been out there several times, and we have something out in those woods."

"It may be a plane down, or it may be something else. But we're going to keep looking for it as long as we can," he says.

Who knows, JT can't help but wonder, maybe E.T. has finally come home?

COLLEGE SURVEY PROVES CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

SKEPTICAL students interviewed people who claimed they had close encounters with eerie extraterrestrials — and came away convinced their bizarre stories are true.

"I started out a scoffer, but now I'm a believer," declares 22-year-old Chris Flaherty, one of the undergrads involved in the program at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.

"I trust the people we talked to," agrees Professor Leland Bechtel, who taught the unusual psychology course. "I think they're honest."

One case involved a husband and wife who said they were abducted by aliens.

"Under hypnosis, the wife vividly recalls three humanoid creatures in her kitchen," Bechtel says. "They had big heads and large eyes,

Aliens kidnap woman in her own kitchen

By JOHN BLACKBURN

but no ears, just two tiny holes for a nose and an almost imperceptible mouth.

"They dragged her outside and took her aboard their spacecraft, where they probed her body with exotic equipment. And all the time, her helpless husband could do nothing but stand by and watch."

Then there's the married

couple who live on an island off the coast of Maine.

"They were watching an eclipse of the moon," says Bechtel, "when they both saw what they thought was a star.

"But then they realized it was moving closer and closer to them.

"It was a UFO — and so bright that it illuminated the whole area. It remained there until a high-speed military jet approached and started pursuing it. Then the UFO zoomed off."

Bechtel and his students feel that these encounters really happened.

"All of the people we talked to were sensible, intelligent, and reasonable," he says. "And there's some very hard scientific evidence which shows UFOs exist.

"When the class and I are presented with this kind of evidence and the testimony of rational people, I feel we have to conclude that UFOs are a verifiable phenomenon."

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UFOs HOLD NATION IN GRIP OF FEAR

NORWEGIANS are paralyzed by fear that a sudden and massive UFO blitz has signalled the beginning of an extraterrestrial invasion of their tiny country.

The brunt of the eerie UFO fleet has been spotted repeatedly near Roeros, 200 miles north of Oslo, the capital city.

Residents say the sky over their once-peaceful valley has been streaked with strange flying objects for several months.

In fact, the villagers have appealed to the nation's highest military authority, the Ministry of Defense, for help against the alien onslaught.

To quell their fears, the agency has assured residents it is doing all it can to determine what's happening and put a stop to it. Norway's state-owned radio and television stations have been put on alert to give warning when the invasion starts.

Officials are privately worried the ominous saucer blitz is linked to a top-secret NATO military maneuver scheduled to take place in Norway next month.

The Norwegian Air Force has tried — and failed — to track the aliens on radar. But the Ministry of Defense has photographed intense "points of light" over the remote valley, sources say.

By **LEN STONE**

Geir Grung of the Norwegian Foreign Office says the nation's leading experts can't explain the mysterious sightings.

Incredibly, the aliens have appeared before groups of people, including a busload of shoppers returning from a trip to Trondheim.

Bus driver Olav Peterson told GLOBE: "I was driving along about 45 mph when this gray, metallic object with red lights appeared right in front of the bus. I thought it was going to fly into us."

One passenger, Margit Olesen, adds: "I looked up and saw this strange object glide in. It hovered just in front of us — as if to take a closer look — before flying off as quickly as it had come.

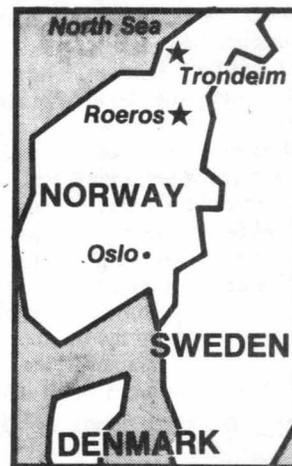
"I'd heard reports from other people in the valley who'd seen these strange flying objects, but I'd never paid any attention to them. I thought they'd been drinking and it was their vivid imaginations.

"But now I've seen it with my own eyes — and I don't drink."

Bjarne Lillvold, a woodsman, claims he saw his first

starship last September. "It was hovering 18 feet off the ground in the valley," he says. "It looked like an upside-down Christmas tree spinning in an aura of light. It bobbed up and down like a yo-yo, but was so bright I had to shield my eyes."

Leif Havik, commander of Norway's UFO-Watch force, told GLOBE the UFO blitz began last spring and has gradually increased to its present fever pitch: "I have seen 30 flying saucers, perhaps more, since my first sighting last March."



SITES of UFO sightings: "I have seen 30 at least"

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UFOs are really dragons, says prof

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS are often flying dragons, claims a university professor.

Most UFO sightings occur in spring and fall — the seasons for dragon migration.

According to Paul Johnsgard, a zoologist at the University of Nebraska, dragons, like UFOs, glow in the dark.

"It's probably because they exhale large amounts of methane, which can be ignited by lightning," he says.

Johnsgard and his daughter Karin have applied rigorous scientific methods — mingled with legend and fantasy — to the study of two mythical creatures — dragons and unicorns.

Their findings are contained in their book *A Natural History: Dragons and Unicorns*.

They say that dragons do not devour maidens and no dragon has ever been found with more than one head.

For centuries, say the father and daughter researchers, dragons have been victims of dragon slayers hoping to "hack their way into history."

Unicorns, which evolved from two-horned ancestors, have also been abused, especially by men exploiting them for their virgin-detecting abilities.

No wonder, say the authors, that dragon and unicorn populations have continued to decline precipitously in recent years.

Fortunately, they add, these wondrous creatures can still be found "anywhere that the heart and imagination are receptive."

'UFO Program Slated at College

Retired astronaut Gordon Cooper has admitted seeing UFOs piloted by intelligent beings from outer space. So have hundreds of other people.

These will be discussed in detail when the UFO Education Center of Valley Center, Calif., conducts an evening seminar on the subject Saturday, Dec. 11, at Santa Ana College. It's called "UFO Update—The Space Connection."

The 7:30 p.m. meeting will be held in Phillips Hall at SAC to accommodate the expected large audience.

Cooper has been quoted as saying that, "Intelligent beings from outer planets regularly visit our world in an effort to enter into contact with us." Other astronauts have reported sightings, too.

"I have encountered various ships during my

space voyages," Cooper declared in recent interviews.

"NASA and the American government know this and possess a great deal of evidence. Nevertheless, they remain silent in order not to alarm the people."

The program will also include slides and films of other UFO encounters, according to lecturers Catherine Reid and Thomas Heiman,

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Vapour trail a mystery still

THE Defence Department still does not know the source of vapour trails sighted off the Kimberleys coast soon after the recent Operation Sandgroper exercise in WA.

A department spokesman in Canberra said yesterday that the most likely cause of the trails was an unknown civilian aircraft.

Investigations just finished had eliminated military aircraft from any country as the source, he said.

The trails were sighted and reported by the pilots of Qantas and

Singapore Airlines jumbo jets 11,000m, above the coastline.

There was speculation that a Soviet long-range spy aircraft, monitoring communications of Operation Sandgroper ships, was responsible.

The Defence Department said that the aircraft's origin had not been established, but it was unlikely to have been military.

Not sure

In other words, the department was not sure what caused the vapour trails, the official said.

The gap in the radar cover along the North-West and Kimberley coast was highlighted by the incident.

There are no immediate plans to fill the gap between the Darwin and North-West Cape stations.

The RAAF base at Derby, due for completion in 1986, will be a "bare bones" base, with no permanent manned radar facilities.

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Farmer tells of UFO

A BRIGHT white light moving very fast in the sky and accompanied by a loud roaring noise has Boyup Brook — Tonebridge residents wondering.

Farmer Geoff Hincks said he did not know what to make of the light and sound which travelled past his house for about two seconds at about 7.30pm yesterday travelling from east to west.

Nearby farmers John and Doris Chapman also heard the roaring sound but by the time they got out of the house there was nothing to see.

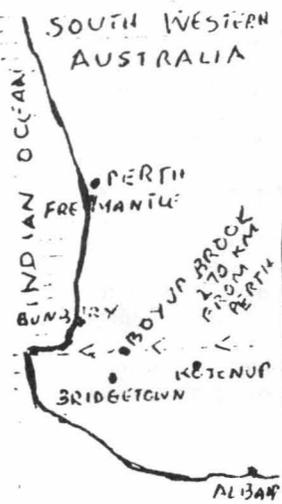
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AUSTRALIA UFO STILL A MYSTERY

RAAF and civilian authorities have said there were no aircraft in the Boyup Brook area on Monday evening when a strange light and sound were reported.

The light was described by farmers in the area as bright and white, travelling fast and followed closely by a very loud roaring noise.

The RAAF said it had no aircraft in the area at that time and a check by the Department of Aviation has found that there were no commercial flights anywhere near the area.



ARROWS SHOW
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They do agree on the frozen alien bodies...

He ain't heavy,
he's my
Reticulan

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By LENITA POWERS

The lineup of speakers for the UFO convention this weekend at the Nevada State Fairgrounds reads like characters in an Isaac Asimov science fiction novel.

One built a time machine in the backyard of his Laguna Beach home and converses with a female alien with long, strawberry-colored hair.

Another says the Reticulans went to the U.S. government and angrily demanded the return of one of their flying saucers and the dead crew aboard.

A third says documents show former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger were involved in the worldwide conspiracy to keep government knowledge of

UFOs a secret from the people of Earth.

The convention will be held Saturday and Sunday, beginning at 10 a.m. and ending sometime late in the evening each day. It will feature speakers, film and slide shows, special events and display booths with crystals, pyramids, books and other items.

The convention is open to the public. Admission is \$15 per day or \$25 for both days.

From descriptions straight out of the convention's own press release, some of the speakers at the conference include:

□ Dr. Frank Alper, a space age clairvoyant who channels various entities including a being known as "Kryon" from the Quadrille V universe;

□ Hal Wilcox, whose first contact with aliens was in 1961 when he met "Zemkla" from the planet Selu;

□ Maj. Wayne Aho, a former Intelligence Operations officer who was grilled by the CIA after meeting aliens in the Mojave Desert;

□ Dr. Frederick Bell, a NASA spacecraft checkout engineer who says he converses frequently with a slender spacewoman called Samjase from the Pleiades.

Are they crackpots? Nuts? People who have become so desperate in a world threatened by nuclear war and acid rain that they're hoping some folk in flying saucers will bail us out?

No, said several of the speakers who had gathered Friday for a press conference.

"My own feeling is it doesn't really matter too much to me what other people believe," said Timothy G. Beckley, publisher of UFO Review, the world's only flying saucer newspaper. "If they haven't had a sighting or encounter or read all the literature on the thousands of incidents which have occurred, then they're only keeping themselves in the dark."

Beckley said he used the Freedom of Information Act to obtain previously classified documents that show the military has the remains of downed UFOs and aliens.

"They have been seen flying circles around our fastest aircraft," Beckley said of UFOs. "There are notarized memorandums from Hoover and Kissinger that show they knew about the remains of UFOs and their occupants that had crashed in the late 40s and early 50s."

Beckley said governments throughout the world are keeping such proof secret because they fear it would cause chaos.

"They are withholding the information because they fear it would bring about the collapse of society. We feel the opposite; that it would open the world to invaluable new technology through information they would give us."

Dr. Bell, who said he worked with NASA during the Saturn and Apollo programs, said when he also was in the Air Force, reports of UFOs routinely were put through a shredder and destroyed.

"When I was in the Air Force's early warning radar systems section, operators would have to fill out forms and I saw many times flying saucers going at speeds up to 5,000 miles per hour," said Bell, who wears a wire pyramid on his head to detoxify his body. "The radar operators would fill out reports and after they were filled out, they would end up in the shredder."

Bell removed the wire pyramid from his head and placed it over a newspaper reporter's cup of coffee.

"That will remove the acidity," he said. "I'll give you the next cup of coffee without putting the pyramid over it and you'll notice how much more bitter it is."

The reporter sampled the second cup but couldn't tell any difference.

Bell plans to build his own flying saucer and said he already built and traveled in a time machine. But building officials in Laguna Beach made him dismantle the 2½-story, 3-ton machine he had in his yard.

Bell said he speaks with a spacewoman named Samjase from the planet Pleiades, which he credits with "seeding" Earth with people.

Bell said he has ridden in their ships and they have told him Earth might destroy itself through ecological destruction, with a majority of the population dying by the year 2060.

CON'T FROZEN BODIES

Those who look to aliens for a way out are "lost souls," said Bell.

"We have to help ourselves first," he said. "They're looking to us to see if we can work as a group. If we can, then they'll join us and help us. If we can't, then they'll let us destroy ourselves."

Some of the speakers at the convention also have companies that sell various space-related items, including pyramids that cleanse the body and help us reach a higher spiritual plane so we can communicate with aliens.

Bell, who heads Global Innovators Inc. in Cerritos, Calif., sells pyramids, vitamins, air cleaners, ionizers and other products to cleanse environmentally polluted bodies.

"In the early 70s, I used to take acid trips," said Bell. "Now it would just give me a headache. I finally learned to get my mental and physical state synthesized."

Already synthesized and cleansed?

Others at the convention are merely trying to sell people on the importance of heeding the warnings aliens have been sending us for years.

Maj. Aho, the former Intelligence Operations Officer who said he was questioned by the CIA after meeting with aliens in the Mojave Desert, said the aliens are trying to help us, but they have been ordered not to interfere with our culture or development.

He cited an interruption of a televised broadcast in England that carried a warning from them.

"There was a message purported to be from an alien being," said Aho. "The message was that we should give up our warlike activities and learn to live in peace and harmony."

Aho said the next day, officials said the message was a hoax but didn't name the perpetrator.

Robert Short, who the convention's press release hails as being widely known as "the man who talks to space beings," said UFOs have crashed with occupants aboard during the 60s and early 70s in Europe, Mexico, New Mexico and Arizona.

Short said the Reticulans came to the U.S. government and demanded the return of their space craft and dead crew

"Not only did our government refuse but they tried to capture them," he said. "Luckily, they got away. They went back to their council and discussed retribution against the U.S. After a very heated debate, they decided we were so childish they would leave us alone and we'd bring about our own retribution. And we can see how that has come about."

Hogwash! shout doubting scientists

By LENITA POWERS

The UFO convention being held at the Nevada State Fairgrounds this weekend is a "charlatan" event to bilk people out of their money, representatives for a group of scientists investigating UFOs said Friday.

Virgil Staff and Paul C. Cerny of the Mutual UFO Network and Center for UFO Studies said they came to Reno to monitor the convention.

Staff and Cerny said they represent "an organization of legitimate scientists trying to solve the UFO phenomenon. We take a very dim view of charlatan activities like this."

Staff and Cerny said their organization does believe there are UFOs and that the world governments have conspired to

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hide the remains of UFOs and aliens from the public.

"That's the only thing we agree on," Cerny said of his organization and the people who hold UFO conventions like the one in Reno. "But they're trying to sell their books, tapes and newspapers full of wild, crazy stories. They're trying to bilk people out of their hard-earned money."

Staff said such conventions and the people who hold them detract from attempts by scientists to obtain factual information about UFOs.

"One of the worst things about this type of affair is that it really turns off other scientific minds when it comes to considering the possibility of the UFO phenomenon," he said.

Scientists involved in the Mutual UFO Network and Center for UFO Studies agree that aliens have visited our planet and the governments are conspiring to keep that information secret, said Staff.

"The planet obviously is under surveillance but for reasons totally unclear," he

said. "These other people have manipulated it for various reasons. Either they're sick or for monetary reasons."

"They're out to make a fast buck," Cerny added. "They can't prove any of the stuff they claim. They have names for all these crazy planets, but it's a bunch of fictitious stuff made up in their own minds."

Cerny and Staff said their organization has documented approximately 300 instances in which people were abducted and studied by aliens.

"The excuse the government uses for keeping all this secret is that they're afraid people would panic," said Cerny. "That's baloney."

The real reason is that governments fear their political systems would be destroyed, he said.

"We've documented about 300 abductions," Cerny said. "But it's different from these people who claim they've gone to Mars and Saturn."

He cited a scientific study done on various photographs of alleged UFOs which showed they were phony."

"These other people are trying to sell naive people a bunch of garbage," he said. It does more damage to the legitimate scientific research being done than anything else."

Snowmobilers spot "saucer" over Chumstick Valley Sat.

Going out to get the Christmas tree is always a memorable experience, but for Scott and Nadine West Saturday evening, it became absolutely unforgettable.

On snowmobiles with Brad Burgess, just below Maverick Saddle at about 5:30 p.m., the Wests rounded one of the many sharp turns and there it was, over Chumstick, what they are calling a UFO "for sure, no doubt".

What the Wests describe is an inverted saucer, outlined in clear white lights, rounded on the top and flat at the bottom. They first guessed its size at about 200 feet long and 50 feet high, but revised that upwards the next day when they had a chance to better gauge placement and distances in daylight.

Now they feel it must have been twice as big as they estimated in the dusk of Saturday evening, and farther away than the five miles they had thought at that time.

The big "ship", Nadine says, was

accompanied by two smaller ones, marked by red lights, which moved about near the large object, which always appeared to be slightly tilted.

The Wests made very sure that they were not looking at lights, perhaps of snowmobiles, on another ridge. But from where they were, high above the low-hanging clouds, the only other land formation visible was Entiat Ridge, which they could easily place.

For about 40 minutes, the Wests and Burgess watched the UFO, then just froze out from the dropping temperatures and a day in the woods.

They were never scared, Nadine said, although they debated turning on the snowmobile lights, thinking it might influence the actions of the object. "It was a little eerie," Nadine said.

They also debated wondered if they should report the incident, because of its unlikely nature, but

decided "so what, let's tell somebody".

The dispatcher relayed their message to a UFO research organization in Seattle, whose members subsequently called and asked "a whole lot of questions, and seemed quite impressed."

Now the Wests are wondering if anyone else saw the object, realizing whoever that might be would have to have been above the clouds as they were.

A plane flew over the area while they were watching, they report, which also helped them be sure it was not an airplane they were seeing.

They heard no sound while watching the UFO, other than the sound of other snow machines in their area.

They'd be delighted to hear from anyone else who has seen such a phenomenon in the Chumstick area, that night or any other time.

Strange green lights seen along East

By SUSAN HAIRE
News Staff Writer

GALVESTON — Six green lights were seen "zipping" around East Beach just after sunset Saturday, Galveston police and Coast Guard officials said.

The unidentified objects were reported to Galveston Police and Coast Guard officials about 7 p.m., officials indicated.

The "strange lights" were reported to have appeared suddenly, moving slowly around the East Beach area for about five minutes.

The lights then reportedly came to a stop and remained stationary for about 30 minutes before "zipping off just before the moon rose," one witness reported.

Two other witnesses said the lights were in arranged in a straight

line and were first noticed moving along the shoreline at East Beach.

The lights became stationary for 30 minutes and suddenly took off at a "very fast" speed over the Gulf.

"I watched the lights for about 30 minutes before they disappeared," one man who called *The News* reported.

Chris Fredericksen and Deborah Stobie, who were on East Beach

when the lights appeared, said that "whatever it was made no sound. And it was pretty low."

They added that though the lights were arranged in a definite planar pattern, they did not seem to be connected.

"I got right under the lights when they were stationary and you could

see the stars between them, so they were not connected as we could see it," Fredericksen said.

"I don't know what it was," they added, "but if it was some kind of trick or hoax, it was an effective one. I would like to meet the person that was able to do that!"

Law enforcement officials said that they had received several calls on the strange lights, but that no reports from patrolling officers or the Coast Guard indicated that any officials had seen the objects.

Witnesses at the scene said that 10-15 people in the area saw the lights.

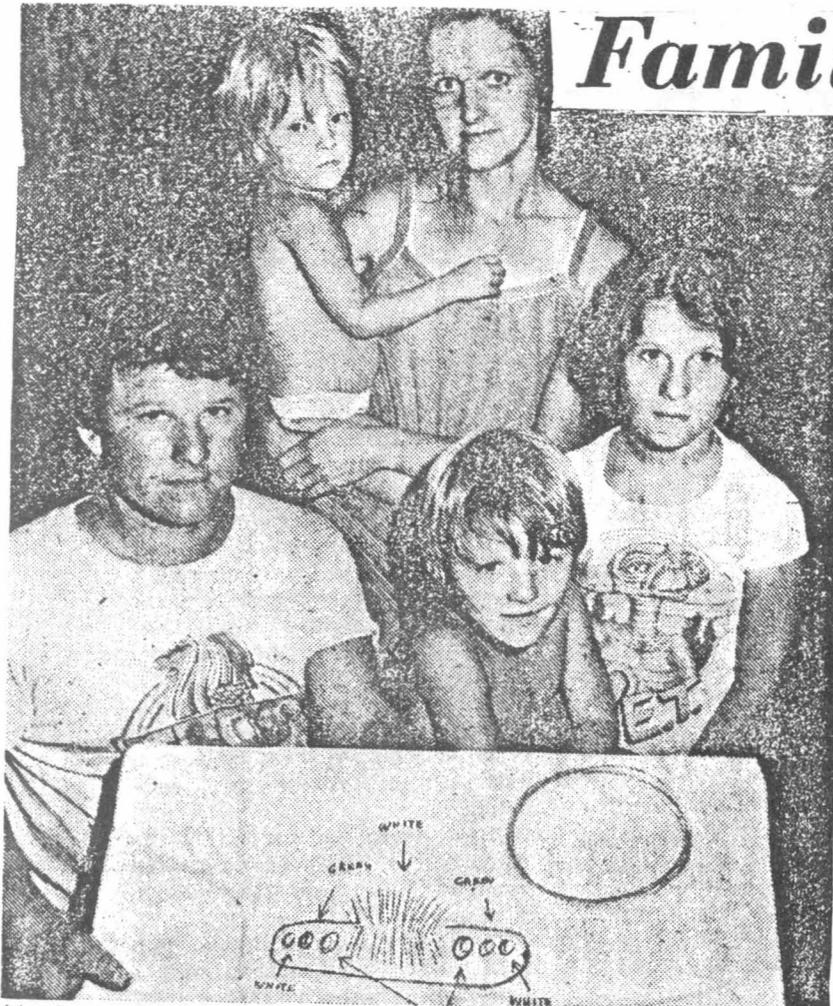
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Family tells of close encounter

By NORMAN AISBETT jun.



Mr Andy Potocznyj shows a sketch of the object. He is with his wife Glennis and children Andrea (3), Damian (6) and Michelle (9).

TWO Northam families are convinced that they have seen the same big, unexplainable flying object moving in a brilliant ball of light over a similar point on Great Eastern Highway.

Both say that the object was moving only at treetop height and was big enough to straddle the road.

They also claim that it was moving at no more than 20kmh and made no sound.

By coincidence, the families say that the sightings were made almost a year apart to the day and were both about 47km from Perth — about half way to Northam.

An Air Force spokesman confirmed yesterday that a detailed report of the latest "sighting" had been made to the RAAF base at Pearce. The report was being investigated by the "unusual aerial sightings officer."

He said that he was impressed by the manner in which the report had been detailed.

The report was made to the RAAF about 9.30pm on Monday by

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Mr Andrew Potocznyj, who had been driving his family home to Northam.

He said yesterday that he was accompanied by his wife Glennis, daughters Michelle (9) and Andrea (3) and his son Damian (6).

"It started off in the sky some distance ahead and looked like a brilliant star, then it dropped down in altitude and came slowly directly above the highway," he said.

Michelle said: "It was big and round, with a lot of light coming out. Damian was screaming and jumped in the back of the car.

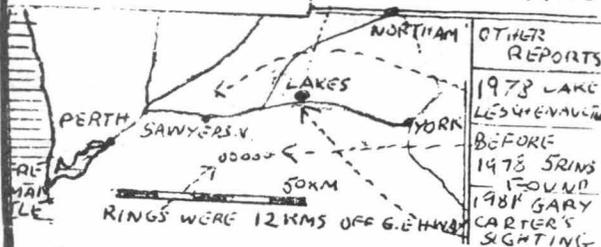
He told mum to ring the police."

The other sighting was reported by Mr

Gary Carter, a Northam Westrail worker, who was with his wife Cheryl and three children including his daughter, Donna-Anne (4).

He described the object as "like a Hercules plane . . . glowing brilliantly . . . but without wings, a tail or a nose."

SKETCH MAP OF
SAWYERS VALLEY
"UFO PRONE" AREA
LOCATION OF
ANDY'S SIGHTING



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JEFF BELL

**'I saw it
years
ago...'**

She said: "I hadn't thought about it for ages until I saw the film and I just wanted to let people know there really might be funny things around."

Beryl was 15 when the small creature stepped into the humpy in which her family lived during the Depression.

She said: "It seemed to have been attracted by the light of the hurricane lamp.

Terrified

"It was the most frightening thing I had ever seen. My father, who was religious, was terrified.

"He thought it was the work of the Devil and threw a prawning net over it to drag it outside.

"It had big ears, a wide slit mouth and glistened as though it was wet or covered in oil.

"It stood about half a metre tall, with bulging eyes covered with a film.

"It was obviously not human, yet it had perfectly-formed little hands and feet and was pink like a baby.

"It made a frightened, squeaky noise when it was caught under the net.

"Our father told us never to speak about it or tell anyone.

"But I told a friend and she reminded me about it after reading about the film.

"I don't want to make a fuss . . . just to let people know about the strange creature we saw.

"And we didn't see any flying saucers."

.T. was there . . . not quite the Hollywood creation but still Extra Terrestrial.

That's the explanation a sayswater woman has for the appearance of a small, listening, hairless creature at Mandurah 52 years ago.

Beryl Hickey, 67, says she has been reluctant to tell her story for all these years for fear of ridicule.

E.T.'s FATHER EARTH BABIES

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By DICK DONOVAN

Flame-spewing starships are hovering over remote villages scattered along the jungle-fringed reaches of the Amazon River in bizarre nightly raids that leave the menfolk speechless with terror — and their women pregnant!

The mysterious and terrifying flights from space began almost three months ago and confirmed reports from the jungle villages have shocked government officials in the Amazon's capital city of Manaus.

"From the latest word, more than 700 men of all ages have been struck dumb by some unknown force from the UFOs," interior agent Bascar Lago told The NEWS. "And there are many other men who can still talk, but they speak only the insane babble of idiots.

"What is even more shocking are the reports that more than 1,200 women have become pregnant because of the spaceships — and many of them are mere children barely in their early teens.

Starships invade remote villages and leave the women pregnant

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"It is too early for us to tell through examination if the infants the women carry in their wombs are normal. For now, we can only hope and pray that they are not to be the hideous offspring of the creatures from outer space."

Investigators who have journeyed to more than eight of the villages plagued by the

starships have ruled out the possibility that the incredible upswing in pregnancies is due to some strange, but natural cycle of primitive fertility.

"Many of the women are married to men incapable of fathering a child," Lago explained. "And most of them live in conditions which make it virtually impossible for them to be unfaithful to their husbands.

"And as for the younger girls, doctors have already determined beyond any shadow of a doubt that most of them —

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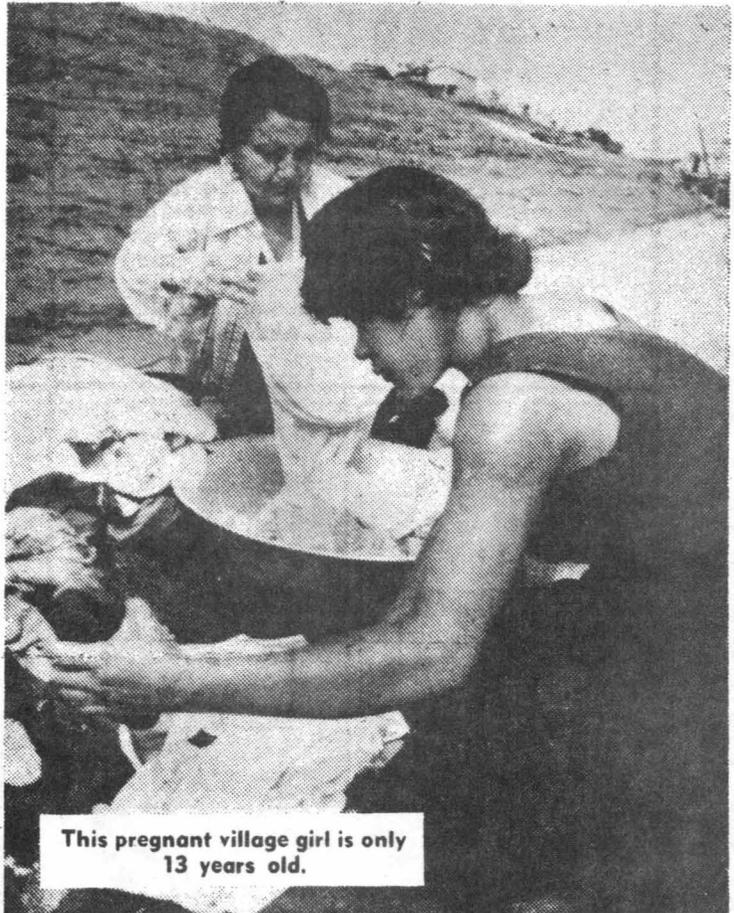
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E.T.S FATHER EARTH BABIES

though definitely with child — are still virgins."

All the bloodcurdling UFO flights began in September, in a small settlement about 40 miles northeast of Itacoatiara. Adilma Santos de Lima became the first known woman to be seeded by the beings from beyond the stars.

"My husband was in the forest collecting orchid plants," the 29-year-old mother of three recalled. "It was dark outside and I was in the house. My children were sleeping in their hammocks. Suddenly, a very



This pregnant village girl is only 13 years old.

bright light came through the window and I was almost blinded. I ran from the house in terror, but the light followed me. It was shining down from a huge silvery shape that just hung silently in the sky.

"All of a sudden, I became very dizzy and I fell to the ground. But I managed to see some shape approaching me. It was very shadowy and seemed to appear from the light.

"The shadow came to me until it just melted into my body. I felt a stab of shock and then warmth flooded through me. The next thing I knew, I was lying on the ground and it was dark."

As in every other report that followed hers, Adilma said she knew — only a few days later — that she was pregnant.

"I cannot explain how I knew," she admitted. "But I did know that I was with child. And I knew it was not because of my husband Severino. Now it is four months since that night, and I can feel the baby."

Since Adilma's horrifying

encounter with the shadowy being, about 1,200 other women and young girls have also reported identical tales of terror.

All say they know they were mated by a being from outer space — and all of them are pregnant.

In the dozen or so villages where the flaming starships have been seen by men, all have been left speechless or able only to speak words with no meaning and in a high, screeching voice.

In the Amazon village of Urucara, 80 miles northwest of Itacoatiara, 32 men have been struck dumb, totally unable to tell of the horror that struck them down from beyond the stars.

"This case is too unthinkable for sane minds to imagine," Lago said.

"Only God in heaven knows what manner of being these poor women will deliver from their bodies.

"Time will tell ..."

UFO Blitzes Town

A blinding bright UFO terrorized a tiny town, chased a police car, then landed and touched off a raging brush fire — and an official police report confirms the bizarre close encounter.

The report of the sighting in the town of Londres, Argentina, marks the first time that Argentine police have officially recognized the appearance of a UFO.



POLICE WITNESS: Patrolman Andres Soria says the UFO chased him in his squad car.

Fierce winds that accompanied the UFO sighting tore the roof off a church and knocked down power lines and utility poles, witnesses said.

"I have no doubts that this was a UFO," declared Patrolman Andres Soria, one of two policemen in the car pursued by the UFO.

"It was a blinding light that you couldn't stare at because it hurt your eyes."

Soria's partner, Patrolman Ramon Carpio, added: "It was very, very strange."

Just prior to the UFO's appearance last August 12, powerful winds ripped the town, flattening utility poles, police said. The two officers were checking the damage when they spotted an egg-shaped light in the sky, about 20 feet across. It was then about 3:50 a.m., the policemen noted. First the light flew eastward, then sharply reversed direction, Carpio said.

He and his partner followed it as it soared over the village, dipping low over an orchard. As the patrol car rounded a bend in the road, it came face to face with the UFO.

"We backed up quickly because it was very hot," Patrolman Soria said. "But the object began chasing us."

The policemen raced to the town school, where they woke up the janitor. Meanwhile, the UFO had landed on a hill. The janitor and policemen stood staring at the light, "then a tongue of fire lashed out from beneath the UFO," Soria said.

"This produced a tremendous fire all over the place. Everything was burning — the leaves and branches were all on fire. It was hell."

The janitor, Javier Navarro, recalled: "I remember looking around and seeing the church as the UFO passed right over it. There was a big blast of wind — and the roof of the church just disappeared."

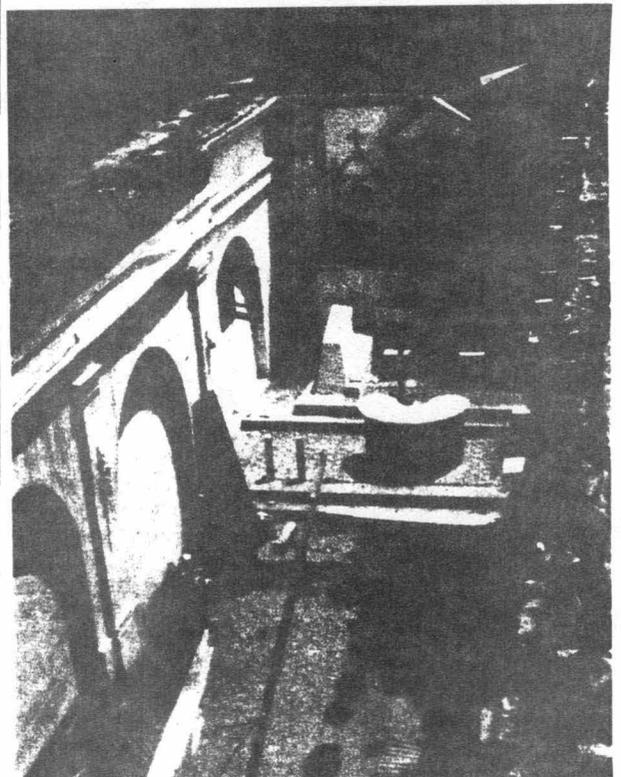
An official statement issued by Lieut. Col. Mauro Walter Piccolo, chief of police in Catamarca Province in northwest Argentina, says:

"At approximately 3:50 a.m. (August 12), a UFO was seen to go from west to east at a height of 23 feet, illuminating a circle of 165 feet with yellow light over the village.

"Later on it lowered itself in an orchard and then took off, going to the northwest. It landed again for a period of two or three minutes, and then a very strong fire was seen to start instantly in the area."

— BYRON LUTZ

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WINDS started by UFO tore roof off church.

still in sight but out of mind

By DENNIS BYRNE
Chicago Sun-Times

CHICAGO — Just because you don't see frequent reports in the media any more of unidentified flying objects, don't get the idea they are not being spotted.

"We get several a week, but no one pays any attention," says J. Allen Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies, located in suburban Evanston. "It's not considered newsworthy any more, unless it involves some prominent person. People say, 'So, what else is new?'"

Despite the skepticism and lack of interest, reports keep flowing into the centre. Recent reports generally are of higher quality, and two-thirds involve witnesses, said Hynek, professor emeritus of astronomy at

Northwestern University. "Fewer and fewer people are being fooled by the Goodyear blimp," he said.

"Just this morning, we had a report of two deer hunters in the wilds of upper Michigan. There was a completely overcast sky and this light came along. They flashed their flashlight at it and it (the light) answered back. It made manoeuvres that were obviously guided by intelligence. They were so utterly scared, they abandoned the camp."

"Good" UFO reports tend to be from isolated rural areas. "For some reason, many, many of our reports come from people driving late at night and usually with witnesses."

And no, he hasn't found any increase in sightings on Halloween. Nor on April Fool's

Day, holidays or even on weekends, when people are partying and might be expected to be somewhat more imaginative in what they see. In fact, he said, most sightings occur on weekdays.

Most sightings are "close encounters of the first kind," those that occur within a few hundred feet of the observer. Generally, the objects are tremendous concentrations of luminous energy, having a form that cannot be clearly defined and that manoeuvre as though they are "programmed."

He said he doesn't believe UFOs are visitors from some distant solar system because the huge distances involved make such a trip unlikely. "The only honest thing I can say is that we just don't have any idea, any more than the best physicist in the early 1900s could have told us why the sun shines. The sun is a nuclear energy device," he pointed out.

"You would think the scientific world would be agog" at inexplicable phenomena, he said. He is particularly nettled by the refusal in some quarters to treat his efforts as serious scientific inquiry.

Still, he encourages those who want reliable scientific information on UFOs or to file reports on sightings to contact the centre at P.O. Box 1402, Evanston, Ill. 60204.

Details Recalled Under Hypnosis

An Encounter With Aliens

(Sonoran Martha Throne is listed as an "abductee" in records of the Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network. She has retold her memories of a 1977 encounter in an interview.)

By BETSY WING

The hypnotist's voice is smooth and persuasive.

"We are going back to that day in October, 1977, and you will be able to remember... You will feel no pain and no sorrow.

"It does not matter what suggestions some other being may have given you. It is now all right for you to remember.

"Just let yourself relax now. Deeper and deeper relaxation..."

The subject's voice, hoarse from a long silence, interrupts.

"I'm being carried to the ship!" she says.

It happened nearly five years ago, but it took years before Martha Throne was able to remember. Even then, it was only the help of a Bay Area hypnotist, Jean Richards, that "opened up the flood gates" of memory.

In a recent interview, Throne told The Union Democrat that on the day before Halloween in 1977 aliens removed her from her car as she drove on Highway 108 toward Sonora and examined her brain on their space ship.

Throne, 74, was raised on an Illinois horse ranch and moved to California in 1929. She lived in Stanislaus County for many years and has worked on a turkey ranch, trained horses and dogs and worked as a waitress.

She and her husband, Ernest, moved to the Phoenix Lake area after her husband

retired in 1969.

Throne says that, when she encountered the aliens, she had no interest in UFO's. But she did (and does) believe that she has "psychic ability," and that she is more open than others to experiences which some might call just plain strange.

Throne's husband confirms part of the story.

They were driving home from Oakdale, and had just reached the four-lane portion of Highway 108 when a big cloud of bluish smoke enveloped the car.

There was a jerk. The car

going exactly the same speed as when I stopped," Throne said.

Throne says her watch and her husband's stopped at shortly past 7, "never to run again." She said she took the watches to jewelers, who could not repair them.

Throne told her story to local UFO enthusiast Mary Taylor. Following the MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) investigation process, Taylor checked weather and traffic accident reports for that night. There was no fog and there were no accidents at that spot.

It was Taylor who arranged for the Thrones to be hypnotized.

Under hypnosis, Throne told a story that filled in some of the blanks.

She regained consciousness as she was being carried to a space ship. Her husband had been left behind in their car on the highway.

The aliens placed an incredibly soft, snowy-white blanket over her, preventing her from seeing much.

She was frightened at first, but the aliens seemed to communicate without words that they would not hurt her.

They took her into a "terribly, terribly big" space craft on legs, and everything inside was shiny and bright.

"It was like going into the belly of the fish," Throne said. "It was safe.

"I remember thinking I might have died and gone to heaven."

They placed her on a shining table. One alien, who seemed to be "the doctor" stood behind her and felt all over her head. Another alien

'I Thought I Might Have Gone to Heaven'

stopped. The lights went off.

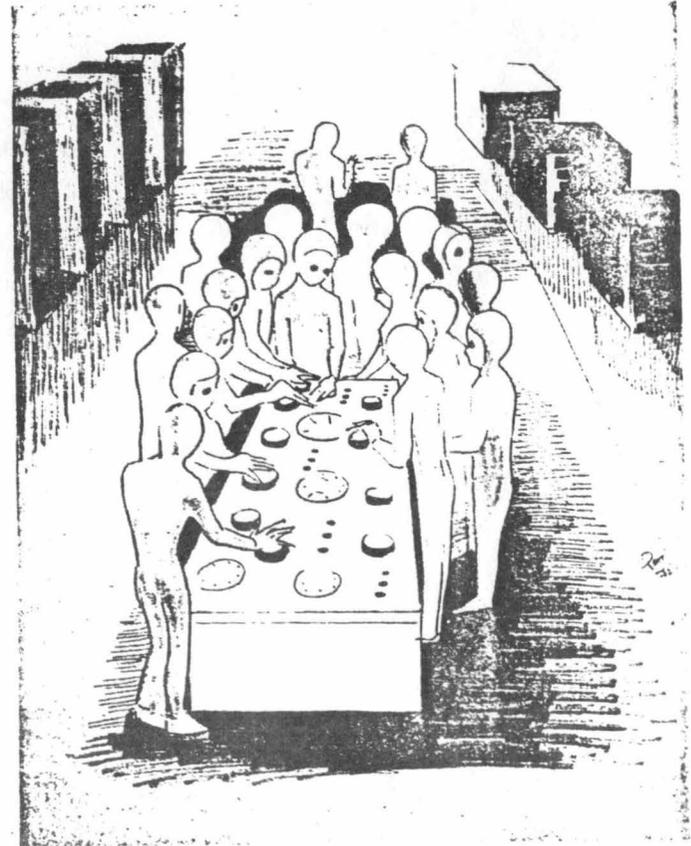
Ernest Throne, who had been dozing, woke and demanded to know what had happened.

"Oh, my God, I don't know what's happening," his wife said.

Through the blue haze, both of them said they saw an orange light in the distance.

Throne had been trying frantically to start the car. But she took her hand off the ignition key and she heard the engine start up.

"Then I looked at the speedometer and I was still



THE ALIENS — An artist captured Martha Throne's impressions of the aliens she says abducted her and the interior of the ship.

stood on each side of her.

She got only glimpses of the beings, who seemed to have bodies like humans encased in skin-tight suits that also covered their hands and most of their heads.

Their ears were covered, and their noses were flat. They had "smoky-looking" complexions and no eyebrows.

The ship seemed to be filled with the creatures, all of whom seemed to be too

busy with other things to be preoccupied with Throne.

There were also metal and white boxes that seemed to be powerful electronic equipment of a kind Throne had never seen.

Throne says she now recalls the events without being under hypnosis.

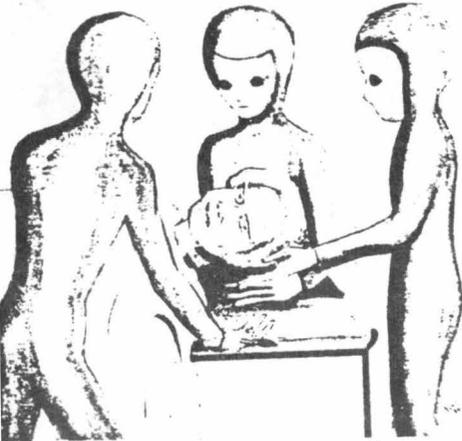
She believes the aliens shared a spiritual experience with her. She says she feels more at peace and more confident in her opinion that

there is more to life than events that can be easily sensed and explained.

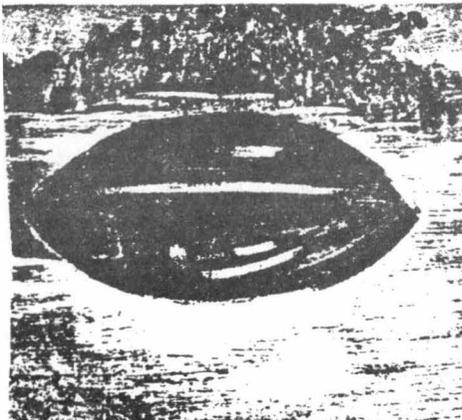
"I've always been a person who would let myself be run over and intimidated," Throne said. "They said that would not happen any more.

The aliens didn't speak to her, Throne said, but she seemed to understand them.

"I don't know how but I knew what they said. To me, after it was over, it was a wonderful experience."



ARTIST'S RENDITION of the examination table.



THE SPACE SHIP, recreated by an artist.

