

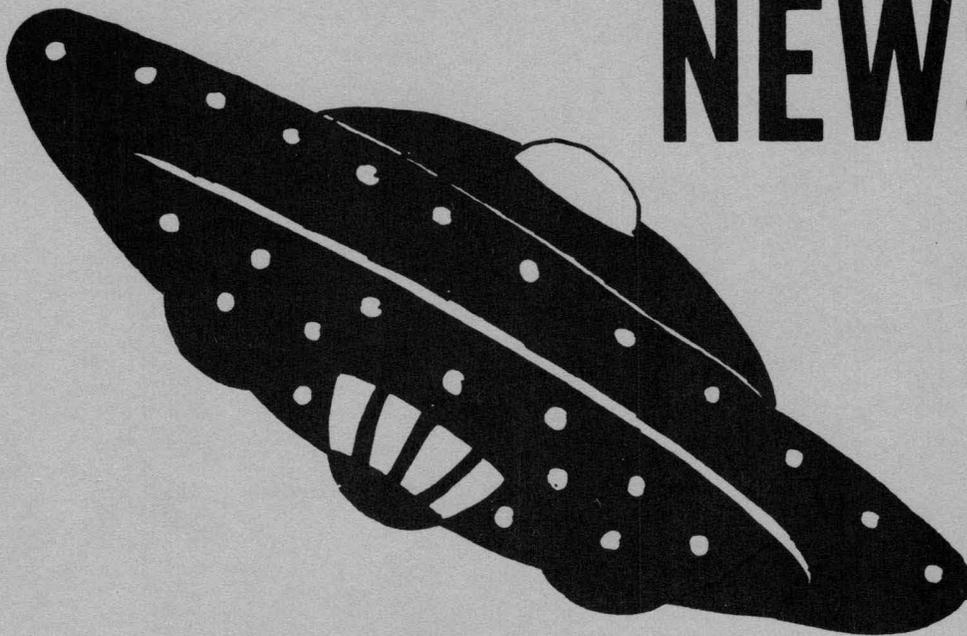
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Phenomena buffs have a ball

By Dick Grogan ³¹²⁶

STRANGE manifestations in the Dublin skies in the past few days have prompted the more imaginative citizens to conclude that ET is trying to beam down his friends, and the more sober to conclude that we have encountered a spate of that most unusual meteorological phenomenon known as ball lightning.

Since last Thursday, a rash of extraordinary sightings — several of them corroborated by independent witnesses — have been reported to Dunsink Observatory. All of them involved balls of light descending from the sky and in one or two cases, the astonished observers either saw or heard these "objects" touch the ground.

Dunsink, at the request of the Government, has been on the alert for reports from the public about unusual sky sightings for over a week, because of the well-

highlighted warnings that part of a Soviet satellite was about to fall to earth.

But it was several days after the satellite had been safely tracked to its destruction in the Indian Ocean that the observatory began logging calls about strange events over Dublin.

The strangest was probably that described by a man who was driving along the North Circular Road at 10.50 a.m. on the morning of last Thursday, January 27th.

He noticed a pinkish, glowing line descending very fast from the sky, and then actually saw it hit the pavement near O'Connell Schools. He described it — and his report is authenticated by others — as forming a glowing ball of light on the pavement, about the size "of a washing machine", as he put it.

It burned out in a couple of seconds and left no residue, no

crater or burn marks — a fact which leads astronomers to rule out that it was a meteorite.

At 7 p.m. on Saturday, the 29th, a man in Hardwicke Street saw a "red dot" come down from the sky, getting bigger as it approached, until it vanished behind a building.

At 2.30 a.m. on Sunday, the 30th, a woman in Artane awoke to see a "bright flame" pass her window — so bright that it lit up the room. It went down behind trees nearby and the woman reported hearing a distinct "pop" at the time it appeared to reach the ground. A neighbour also observed this. About ten minutes later, another "bright ball" came down from the sky.

Three separate reports on Monday, the 31st, described a "flash of bluish light and a slight trail" descending over the city.

The scientists at Dunsink believe that some, at least, of

these accounts fit in with the obscure phenomenon called globular, or ball, lightning. Although there have been many hundreds of accounts of such a phenomenon down the years, its existence has not been incontrovertibly established and some scientists remain sceptical about it.

In any case, no reliable explanation for such "ball lightning" has been developed and it is a source of considerable scientific curiosity. Dunsink Observatory would be interested in receiving any further genuine reports of such sightings — particularly when these can be authenticated by third-party witnesses.

One tentative theory is that the phenomena may have been related to recent climatic conditions, as previous reports of ball lightning have associated it with stormy weather and extremes of temperature, hot and cold.

EVENING POST
LEEDS

JAN 31 1983 LONDON

'Light in the sky' puzzle in Leeds

³¹²⁸
Two motorists were today asking whether a flash of light across Leeds last night was the work of something Extra Terrestrial.

The two men were travelling into the city from opposite directions when they say there was a flash of light. One said it was between 8-8.30 p.m. and the other between 8.30-9 p.m.

At about the same time at the ABC cinema in the city, where they were showing the hit film "E.T.", the lights in the auditorium mysteriously came on for 30 seconds.

A spokesman at the Bawtry weather centre said lightning was very unlikely at that time of the night. "We must blame it on to something else," he said.

The Yorkshire Electricity Board said they had had nothing unusual in their systems which would have caused last night's flash and there was no major fault reported by the Central Electricity Generating Board. The police also said they had had no reports about the flash.

Motorist Mr. Gerard Richards, of Churwell, Morley, Leeds, was travelling along the M1 between Barnsley and Wakefield when he said he saw a flash which lit up the sky. "I have never seen lightning like that before," he said.

The other motorist, Mr. David Wilson, of Alwoodley, Leeds, said he was travelling into the city along Harehills Lane and had stopped to let someone out of the car when he saw a low flash which went across the city.

DORSET EVENING ECHO
WEYMOUTH

FEB 2 1983

U.F.O. sighting?

³¹²⁸
REPORTS of mysterious lights in the sky over Salway Ash, near Bridport, have come from 16-year-old schoolboy Andrew Robinson. He was playing a space video game in his caravan home at Higher Kershay Farm, Salway Ash, when his brother Daren (18) pointed out a circle of five bright lights hovering overhead in the evening sky.

Andrew, who thought the lights could have been a U.F.O., said the illumination could not have come from helicopters because there was a complete absence of noise. "They stayed for a few minutes until, one by one, they went out very slowly," he added.

SOUTH WALES ECHO
CARDIFF FEB 3 1983

Flying triangle ³

I READ with interest the reports of UFOs. I am an ambulant driver for South Glamorgan and I was taking a patient home on January 18 and we both saw the mysterious flying triangle over the Barry-Gabbardown area and

watched it until it disappeared.

I think the sketch in the paper is a true picture of it.

When I told my husband about it he smiled in disbelief, but when he saw the Echo next day he said it must be true.

M C WILLIAMS (Mrs),
Bwlch Road,
Fairwater, Cardiff.

SOUTH WALES
ECHO, CARDIFF
JAN 27 1983

Support for UFO spotters

ON the evening that the large triangular object was seen in the sky over Cardiff my son and I also observed it from home, passing in a westerly direction towards the channel.

Furthermore, a little later we observed other lights which were pulsating but stationary.

In view of the many Gwent sightings reported in the Echo between March and November of last year one imagines a large part of Wales yet again to be in the grip of a UFO flap.

With due respect to the police, there is very little they can do, apart from pass on all information to voluntary investigative groups such as the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association.

These organisations, log, file and thoroughly investigate all details of the phenomena of which they are informed. Given the facts relating to the validity of the UFO, the Government must show a more positive interest in the subject and perhaps help finance these dedicated groups, who all operate (in this country) by donations and subscriptions only.

WILLIAM RICH.

East Wing,
Llandough Castle,
Cowbridge.

HERALD EXPRESS, TORQUAY, DEVON

FEB 2 1983

BULBS BLEW ON UFO NIGHT

³¹⁷⁸
TWO Torquay teenagers who claimed to have seen an unidentified flying object over Teignmouth have had their story confirmed by a member of the Exeter UFO Research Group.

Mr James Jeffrey was with a colleague, Mr John Perrett, on Haytor, Dartmoor, conducting a UFO skywatch when a series of bizarre events happened. This was at 6.15 am — the same time the teenagers reported seeing the UFO.

"We did not see anything, but some strange things happened to our car," explained Mr Jeffrey. "Five bulbs blew and there was a strange drumming sound and lot of static on the car radio."

James, 34, has been in-

vestigating UFO sightings for 16 years and has records of between 15 and 20 cases which he cannot explain. He is compiling a log-book which has special reference to Dartmoor.

"We have made many sightings on Dartmoor including objects shooting skywards," he said. "Things have been seen by the police, but they do not like to say anything.

He refutes some people's suggestions that UFOs are merely the invention of cranks.

"We have been doing it long enough to distinguish

between the ordinary and unexplained phenomena. I like to keep an open mind and I do not make wild claims," said Mr Jeffrey.

As reported in the Herald Express, two eighteen-year-olds, Bruce Cowling and Andrew Jarvis, were riding on a motorcycle between Shaldon and Maidencombe when they sighted a large, blue light heading towards the ground.

Bruce said: "It was about 30 feet long and shaped like the body of a 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."

SOUTH WALES EVENING POST SWANSEA JAN 27 1983 Lights on Wednesday

³¹²⁸
SIR.—Re U.F.O. sightings. On Wednesday, January 19 at 6.30 p.m. I was observing through binoculars the star groups of Pleiades, The Bull and Orion.

At this time I saw three sets of bright lights in triangular formation travelling slowly in an easterly direction. I assumed at the time that the lights belonged to aircraft as some of the lights flashed on and off at regular intervals.

The only unusual thing that struck me at the time was the absence of any noise.

Incidentally, as the lights were going over a shooting star travelling from North East to South West passed immediately behind the lights.

Quite an eventful evening.

Richard Gravelle

Baglan Road,
Port Talbot.

BECKENHAM JOURNAL, KENT.
JAN 27 1983

Tim's book is out



³¹²⁸
BECKENHAM UFO expert, Timothy Good (above), has his first book published today.

"George Adamski, The Untold Story," is the result of five years research in which Mr Good, aged 40, has travelled from Africa to

California investigating Adamski's remarkable claims. He stands to come in for ridicule and lose up to £10,000 if the book, which he has published himself, fails to sell.

Mr Good and co-author, Lou Zinsstag, have evaluated the remarkable claims of American UFO watcher George Adamski who died in notoriety in 1965 as the biggest UFO charlatan ever.

But Mr Good says he is convinced that some of Adamski's claims were genuine including his claim to have met aliens in the Californian desert in 1952 and to have travelled in their space ships.

Mr Good has lived in Beckenham since 1944 but despite a UFO detector in his bedroom he has only seen two UFO's over Beckenham.

He's been interested in UFO's since he was a child but began researching in earnest in 1981.

He was then studying at the Royal Academy of Music and played for 15 years with the Royal Philharmonic and London Symphony Orchestra.

He gave this up to spend more time UFO researching and now plays as a session musician. He can be heard on the present Phil Collins hit.

The violinist and those Things from outer space



Timothy Good at work.

By
Jayne Gilman

MISSION control:
"What's there? Mission
Control calling Apollo
11."

Apollo 11: "These babies
were huge, sir . . . enormous
. . . Oh, God, you wouldn't
believe it! I'm telling you
there were other spacecraft
here, lined up on the far side
of the crater edge . . . they're
on the Moon, watching us!"

Science fiction? Not accord-
ing to Timothy Good and thou-
sands of UFO buffs all over the
world who are convinced that
conversation between Neil
Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and
Mission Control took place on
the first moon landing, and was
blacked out by NASA.

The 'UFO transcript' is supposed-
ly in the hands of radio hams whose
VHF equipment by-passed NASA's
broadcast transmissions.

Timothy Good quotes it in his
new book as an example of what he
claims is known to most of the
Government intelligence networks
in the world — that UFOs exist, that
they come from "an extra-terrestrial
source" and, moreover, that the
occupants have made contact with
human beings.

Mr Good is one of Britain's fore-
most UFO researchers, with a pas-
sionate interest especially in the
men and women who claim to have
met and talked with extra-ter-
restrials.

But in Oxford he's probably bet-
ter known to music lovers as the
leader of Oxford Pro Musica, a
violinist with almost 20 years ex-
perience with the London Sym-
phony Orchestra and the Royal
Philharmonic.

He's worked with Leonard Berns-
tein, Benjamin Britten, Stravinsky
and Otto Klemperer, and also quite
happily does session work for pop
musicians like Chas and Dave and
Phil Collins. At 40, he's obviously
set for a long and highly respectable
career in music.

And yet he's prepared to stick his
neck out and say, and write, things
that could make a lot of people
think he's an outright loony.

His latest book, written in co-
operation with Lou Zinsstag, is a re-
examination of one of the wildest
and most controversial UFO stories
of all time, the case of George
Adamski.

On November 20, 1952 Adamski
claimed to have met and spoken
with the pilot of a landed UFO in
the Californian desert. Six other

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THE VIOLINIST AND THOSE THINGS (CONT)



Illustrations from Oxford violinist Timothy Good's new book, written in collaboration with



Lou Zinsstag — and with a foreword by Lady Falkender.

people were prepared to swear he was telling the truth, because they said they saw it too.

For the next 20 years, Adamski was the UFO contactee, and his claims grew more and more remarkable — or more outrageous, depending on who was interpreting them.

Kept quiet

He claimed to have been taken for trips in space craft, to meet, regularly, extra-terrestrials who had infiltrated the human race, and, in a mystical period in which many of his closest followers abandoned him, to have been taken on a trip to Saturn.

So wild were Adamski's later

claims that serious UFO investigators tried to forget he had ever existed, he was an embarrassment, not to be touched with a barge pole.

But Timothy Good believes that Adamski, despite inconsistencies, oddities and mind-boggling claims, was basically telling the truth about his contacts with extra terrestrials.

"I don't believe the current idea that UFOs are images fed into peoples' minds, I do believe they are solidly real, they're extra-terrestrial but probably operating from bases on Earth or within the solar system, and that many people have been contacted.

Probably many thousands of people, but a lot choose to keep quiet for fear of ridicule, and a great

many — especially Government officials — are forced to stay silent if they want to keep their jobs."

Uphill task

The trouble with statements like that is that they can very easily sound like the paranoia of a conspiracy freak, the kind of person who buttonholes you in a pub to tell you that the Kennedys were murdered by international Jewish freemasons, or some such all powerful body.

Timothy Good, who is cheerful, pleasant and apparently eminently sane, acknowledges he has an uphill task convincing people.

"Unfortunately people are terribly willing to believe any official pronouncement, no matter how ludicrous, rather than open their minds a little to other possibilities."

In a field where a notoriously large number of obsessives, deluded people and wishful thinkers operate he does at least have his feet fairly firmly on the ground.

"Ever since I was a child I've been crazy about things that fly — planes, rockets, missiles. It means I've got a pretty good idea what ought to be in the sky and what ought not.

"I know perfectly well that the vast majority of "UFOs" sighted aren't UFOs at all, but aircraft coming in to land with their landing lights flashing.

"I've been rung up too many times at 2 a.m. by excited people saying that if I look out of the window I'll see a UFO, a big, brilliant object in the western sky which happens to be the planet Venus.

"But it doesn't alter the fact that among all the false sightings and false claims are those which are absolutely authentic."

He specialises in what are now known as "close encounters" — contact.

"I've talked to people all over the world who have convinced me that they have seen and spoken to extra-terrestrials.

No crank

One extraordinary man is a Dr Leopold Diaz, the executive director of the second largest hospital in Mexico, who in 1976 was visited by a man who asked him for a full physical examination.

"The doctor said the man's skin was remarkably pale, like milk, but that he was apparently perfectly healthy. When he came to examine him he found he was in nearly every respect a perfect human specimen — too perfect, actually, for his age — but there were certain anomalies.

"He had no body hair at all, and his eyes were an extraordinary violet colour, with the iris much wider than normal. He was, in fact, an extra-terrestrial.

"He told the doctor he had wanted to give him proof of their existence, and he gave him an enormous amount of information of a technical and scientific nature.

"The doctor was obviously terribly taken aback and did nothing about it for several years, then he went to a delegate at the UN and told him the story.

"Nothing came of it, but I'm convinced he was telling the truth. He has a lot to lose, he's no crank."

"It's my conviction that there are several different groups operating around the Earth, some of whom

have long-term interests here and who work from established bases.

"Most of them I would guess have neither the need nor the wish to make contact with us, because we've very little to offer them that they couldn't take for themselves. They might be after water, or minerals, or something we don't even know the existence of.

"Then it's conceivable that some of them are simply holiday makers who regard us with tremendous amusement. Some are probably scientists, anthropologists and psychologists.

THE VIOLINIST AND THINGS (CONT)

Not friendly?

"We do take ourselves so terribly seriously, but I'm sure we'd be fascinating to a far more advanced society. I believe the majority of them are either benevolent or neutral, though there are indications that some aren't.

"That doesn't mean they're likely to invade us on a War of the Worlds level, because they could almost certainly meddle in our affairs using mind manipulation and techniques we can't even guess at.

"On the other hand some may well be helping us, and have infiltrated our society. They certainly have genetic links with us and they could well have been instrumental in providing information for what we think of as our major scientific breakthroughs."

Timothy Good is also absolutely convinced that Governments have "irrefutable proof" of the extra-terrestrial nature of UFOs, and are party to a huge cover-up.

"There are about eight intelligence agencies in the USA alone collecting data on UFOs, and recently the CIA released 1,200 pages of fascinating information about sightings, most of them by highly reputable witnesses like military pilots, missile trackers and air traffic controllers.

Panic fear

"But they won't release another 135 documents also relating to UFOs 'in the interests of national security.'

"UFO groups in the States have fought this right up to the Supreme Court but they can't get them released. Fascinating, isn't it? What could be in those documents?

"The ridiculous thing is that they're expecting us to panic at the thought of extra-terrestrial spacecraft, and yet we live from day to day with the unspeakable prospect of a nuclear holocaust, and manage to stop getting hysterical — and what could possible be worse than that?"

HARTLEPOOL MAIL FEB 3 1983

The word is now IDENTIFIED



MR TERENCE KELLY (above) pictured in 1979 after having witnessed two "fireballs." Science is still reluctant to believe in ball lightning and this is undoubtedly what Mr Kelly witnessed. He was painting a house in Brierton Lane, Hartlepool, when he saw something shoot past his arm and hit the pavement, disintegrating in a shower of sparks. He told his disbelieving foreman but five minutes later his colleague had the same experience as a fireball narrowly missed him and disappeared into a bush. Mr Kelly described the object as being slightly larger than a fist, orange in colour, and flaming with sparks coming from it. A close encounter indeed with earth lights.

IF Paul Devereux's interpretation of flying saucers is correct we can change unidentified flying objects to IDENTIFIED flying objects.

We can forget about E.T. and his cosmic extra terrestrial buddies, bug-eyed monsters, little green men, and other nebulous alleged beings of the nebulae.

We can also throw out the psychological and visionary theories.

Suddenly the romance of flying saucers is raped. The folklore of beings from outer space is demythologized. We must fretfully face the reality we are alone. No inter-planetary super civilization is going to intercede to solve all our earthly problems. For those flying saucers are just earth lights.

So argues Paul Devereux in a persuasive Turnstone Press book entitled "Earth Lights" which since its recent publication has caused a stir throughout the ranks of ufologists.

Cherished beliefs have been challenged and the book is arguably the most important ever written on the subject.



HELEN FERGUSON (above) has been seen plenty of times in the Sun and Star, but her stargazing one night led to her spotting an earth light. In 1974 she was living in The Oval, Hartlepool, and saw a red, ball-shaped object in the sky which hovered over trees and seemed to be turning slightly before suddenly disappearing.

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Is this the truth about

those lights?

Devereux argues that the "objective component of the total U.F.O. event is a form of natural phenomenon currently not identified as such by natural science."

Arguing this theory of U.F.O.'s being an earth phenomenon, he propounds the notion that "discharges" caused by instability in the earth's crust release the material at the core of the U.F.O. mystery.



In other words seismic activity and electromagnetic events create U.F.O.'s which appear from the ground or within the atmosphere close to the surface.

"We know where U.F.O.'s come from — it has been witnessed," states Devereux.

Many witnesses' testimonies are given in the book to consolidate the arguments for a physical, earth lights explanation. Much of the remainder of this article will examine Hartlepool and North-East cases in the light of this revolutionary theory.

However, firstly I will synthesize elements of the wider argument proposed by Devereux. He breaks down the various theories to explain U.F.O.'s; treats geological and meteorological material in a studious yet refreshingly attractive way; argues that ancient man built his monuments with reference to geological fault lines and would seem to have been aware of the lights phenomenon and perhaps had an element of control over it; proposes a novel explanation for "U.F.O. entities"; challenges the psychological school of thought by claiming the U.F.O. itself changes — not the observer's perception.

Alleged U.F.O. abductions are left for others to analyse. However, the remainder of the problem is well tied up as a new paradigm.

From Devereux's model, ufologists and anyone even vaguely interested in flying saucers have a new aspect from which to consider case histories and new sightings. So let's try it out.

● April 25, 1969. Police searched the area between Hart and West View during the evening after a man reported seeing something crash in a field. Was it an elusive earth light earthing itself?

● January 23, 1974. This day there was a mystery explosion in North Wales which rocked a 60-mile radius area. No meteorite was found and Devereux argued it to be a seismic event. Lights were seen before the tremors and that day Michael Barnes saw four lights in the sky when returning from Thornhill School, Sunderland. Later that day he and his mother saw another weird light in the sky over Barnes School. It hovered, changed colour, then disappeared.



● February 10, 1976. There are fault lines running west-east up the North-East coast and schoolmaster Mr Les Best and a party of pupils on the sandbanks by Hartlepool Golf course spotted a bright light in the sky. He was adamant it was not a satellite or shooting star. It distinctly hovered before they lost sight of the light.

● July 9, 1977. Interference to electric circuitry of vehicles is common in ufolore and Devereux argues that the earth lights can produce an electromagnetic effect which will explain this aspect. Farmworker Mark Henshall was travelling home to Barnard Castle when his motor-cycle lost power. As he stopped a car conked out alongside. They were both able to restart their engines when a strange purple light which they observed for a minute disappeared.



● Around July, 1977. A case where we seem to have a rare sighting of a "discharge" actually emerging from the ground is told by Michael Dickinson, of Seaton Carew. He and a friend had stopped by Greatham Quarry. "I was fiddling with my bike when I saw a silver dome in the grass," Michael told me. "It was just on the quarry side. It was about four feet high and two feet wide. It looked metallic to start off and then went blurred. It was only visible for a few seconds. Then it

jumped about 30yds, high and would have landed in the quarry. It shot off at a terrific speed and the grass wavered about where it had been but was smooth all the way around."

Since then there have been many straightforward lights-in-the-sky reports, most recently a spate of reports in Hartlepool during last December.

The theory that these lights are a harmless geological and meteorological phenomenon is

plausible and probably correct. It may take all the mystery out of flying saucer spotting but at least it is reassuring that an interplanetary invasion no longer seems to be on the cards or that one's children may be harbouring an ugly alien in the broom cupboard.

Sleep easy tonight.

— By Paul
Screeton

Bell-shaped objects spotted in sky

By Mrs. J.W. Norred
Hargis Correspondent

7424 USO
I received a call early Monday morning from my friend, Mrs. Verna Lowe of Iatt Community saying that she and several others had witnessed an unusual and spectacular sight in the sky around 5:30 p.m. Sunday when they saw two flying ball-shaped objects and one exploded into small pieces which looked like stainless steel, the other kept on flying and left them wondering -- We didn't see it but would liked to have.

M.B. McIlwain of Los Angeles, Calif. flew in Monday morning for a visit here with his cousin, Charles Bryant and family and other relatives. Plans are to bird and rabbit hunt some while here. Their uncle, Carl McIlwain of Columbia is here visiting also.

Hargis Baptist Church will host the fifth Sunday night singing this coming Sunday, Jan. 30 beginning at 6 p.m. with neighboring Verda Baptist Church participating. Everyone is invited.

Bob Lafoon and son, Butch and Mr. Chandler of Rock Hill Community visited the Luther Carr family Sunday morning. In the afternoon the Carrs drove up to Olla to visit Luke's sister, Mrs. Gladys Cruse and family and found her still suffering with her arm she had broken in a fall December 2. Her son-in-law, Jess Bethard was home

home from the hospital also and her daughter, Mattie McCarroll was home, although confined to bed. Both are from Jena and were hospitalized at Rapides General in Alexandria. Get well prayers go out to them.

Nell Fletcher came home last Tuesday after undergoing surgery at Cabrini and is slowly improving. Also J. M. Simmons is home from a Shreveport hospital. A.J. Lewis is home from Rapides General and Mrs. Eula Lee Lewis is still hospitalized at Doctor's Hospital, Tioga.

Dub Norred continues to have a bout with a virus. Mrs. Tressie Fletcher suffered a set back last Monday and had to see her doctor in Alexandria and is now taking daily radium treatments at Rapides General Hospital as an out-patient, scheduled to take 21 treatments. We hope all goes well.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Dixon were Marie McManus and Fannie, Harold Dixon, Barbara Crosse, Regina Rousseaux, David Dagepont, Danny Hale, Lee and Travis, Mr. and Mrs. Leon LeBarron, Rev. Steve Richardson, Louise Purvis, Neal Box and Pee Wee,

Police news

UFO reported over

7424
FRONT PAGE
GALVESTON — Six bright-green lights stopped and hovered in formation over East Beach Saturday evening, then departed at "a speed faster than an airplane could possibly go," a UFO witness reported to the Coast Guard.

The lights, in rows of three, allegedly hovered for 20 minutes at a 45 degree angle over the horizon, Coast Guard officials said, and then fled the scene at a high rate of speed.

The call was forwarded to the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., Coast Guard officials said. Several people reportedly phoned about the sighting shortly thereafter, they added.

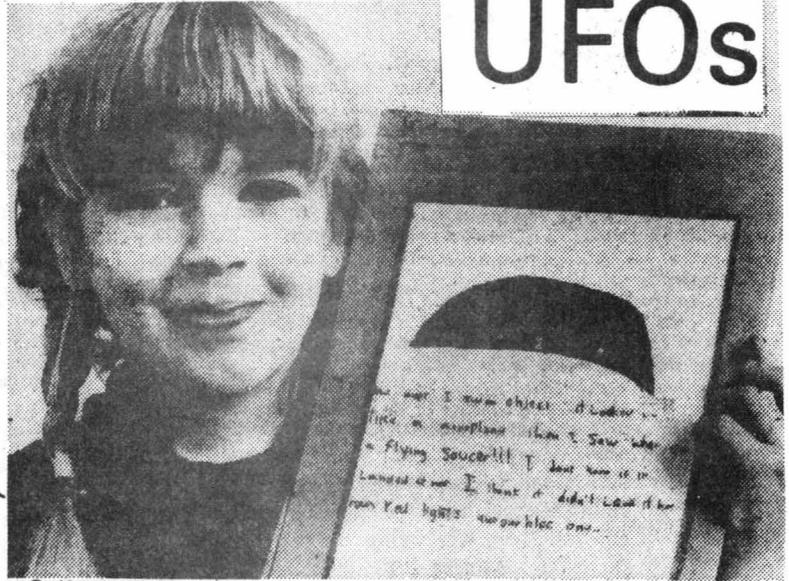
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TEXAS CITY, TEXAS SUN
JAN 30 1983

The Eglwys Wen file on UFOs



● Beth Mort



● Kristen Jones

SPACE SHIPS and monsters aren't just kids stuff to one group of Cardiff schoolchildren. With a little bit of imagination, they have transformed the UFO they saw in the night sky to a colourful class project.

Eglwys Wen Primary School in Whitchurch, Cardiff, took great interest in the mysterious flying object that haunted the South Wales coastline last month.

"So many children (some of whom are pictured here) had seen the UFO with their parents, that I did a little census around the school," said teacher, Mrs Helen Williams, whose class of six and seven-year-olds were most active in the project.

"We found that 22 children and 29 parents had spotted the UFO, and so we decided to make a frieze with a picture of what they saw, and compile a folder with drawings and descriptions by the children."

The frieze, which took the children three days to complete, also contains a picture of the Cosmos spacecraft, which was in the news

at the same time as our UFO in South Wales.

"It was an unusual and topical subject for a project," said Mrs Williams, "and I am interested in it myself."

The child's eye view of the flying triangle ranged from a verdict that it was really the Millennium Falcon spaceship from the film Star Wars, to the down-to-earth opinion it was a plane.

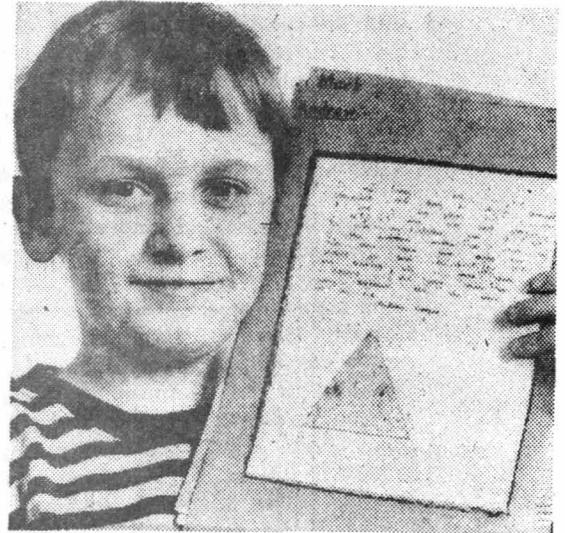
"It was like a flying saucer, moving round and round," said Jonathan Hutchinson, aged seven. "It was shadowy like a snake."

Mark Powell aged six, saw the object with his father from the bedroom window. "My Dad was scared and he went out," said Mark. "I was more brave than him, because I stayed and watched it, even though it frightened me."

Headmistress Mrs Betty Thomas said: "They have all been terribly interested in the project."

"It's a great idea for the class to follow it up, and children from other classes have joined in."

Let's hope those model monsters on display aren't out to threaten planet earth — but then, who knows what UFOs may bring?



● Andrew Hooper

SOUTH WALES
ECHO
CARDIFF
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● Jonathan Hutchinson

Seeking explanation of earth's great mysteries

Castlerigg Stone Circle has stood in mysterious isolation on the fells near Keswick for hundreds of years.

It is regularly visited by tourists and locals alike, but no one has unlocked its secret past.

Who were the men who built it, and why did they? What is its purpose?

The enigma of the stone circles are known to a group of people as earth mysteries, and one of their aims is to solve that mystery.

Lesley Park, a former journalist, from Glenridding Walk, Richmond, has been fascinated by these and other unexplained phenomena for many years.

But it wasn't until she moved to Portsmouth for a while that she realised it was becoming a more and more popular interest for people.

When she returned to Cumbria she determined to set up a local Psychical Research Group.

"Its aim would be to research, investigate and study alleged paranormal events or any event that defy a natural explanation," she explained.

These include cases

of UFO sightings, ghosts, poltergeists, instances of telepathy, stone circles and ley-lines.

"The trouble is,

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people tend to regard us as a bunch of cranks," said Lesley.

"It is partly because of the publicity we get in the national papers, who of course sensationalise everything."

It is true, of course, our attitude to things like UFO's and ghosts tends to be a mixture

of fascination and ridicule.

The reaction of many to such a sighting is to dismiss it with: "Well it's bound to have a "scientific" explanation.

"That is just the point," explained Lesley. "Quite simply, all we are interested in doing is finding out just what that explanation is."

Lesley is a member of ASSAP, the Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomenon.

It has a widely varied membership, which includes, physicists, chemists, biologists, philosophers and doctors, among others.

Their attitude to any phenomenon will be fairly sceptical at first.

"If someone goes round to investigate a

reported poltergeist, their initial task would be to check that it wasn't a case of mice, or something wrong with the water pipes or even someone playing a practical joke."

"For example, the latest theory on UFO's is that they are linked to geological faults in the earth's crust," she said.

I also think that if we are frightened of something we will tend to ridicule it in an effort to abolish that fear.

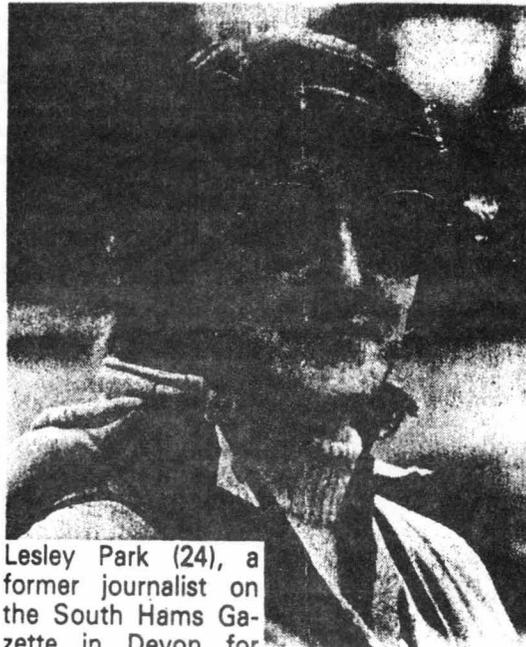
We hope there is a rational explanation for the appearance of poltergeists, but are rather afraid to probe in case we find there isn't!

INTERESTED?

Lesley is hoping to contact enough people to form a West Cumbrian Psychical Research Group.

It will be informal and people can discuss and study whatever aspect of the subject appeals to them most.

If you are interested in joining, you can contact Lesley, telephone 4438.



Lesley Park (24), a former journalist on the South Hams Gazette in Devon for two years. She is now working on a more unusual project.

Couple spot UFO Unidentifiable object described

³¹²⁸
A UFO sighting over the Tyne Valley has baffled a Greenside couple who spotted the mystery object pulsating low in the sky.

"I never believed in UFO's until this happened," said Mr. Larry Wilkie, a process worker at the Dunlop factory at Gateshead.

No one else has so far reported seeing the UFO which his wife first spotted at 5 p.m. yesterday from a window of their home in Woodside Lane, Low Greenside, near Ryton.

"It was a very bright white light in the shape of a rectangle

hovering and pulsating below cloud level over the Tyne Valley in the western sky," he said.

Amazing

"I went into the garden to get a better look and seeing it against trees I could tell as it began to move from side to side. This went on for about one-and-a-half minutes when it suddenly divided into two perfectly round balls of white light and then just as suddenly vanished altogether in a flash of light. It was an amazing sight."

He added: "We often see air-

craft approaching Newcastle Airport along the Tyne Valley, but this was far too big to be mistaken for a plane. We reported it to the police but they could give no explanation for it."

Neither could anyone at Newcastle Airport or the Newcastle Met office. A spokesman at the Weather Centre said cloud level was quite low yesterday between 2,500 and 3,000 feet and their observer was on duty at the time, but did not report seeing anything in the sky, even though their office looks across the Tyne Valley.

Stapleton
by Maxine Byrd

BAY MINETTE, AL
BALDWIN TIMES
FEB 16 1983

EVENING COURIER
(HALIFAX ENGLAND)
FEB 23 1983

Five see UFO

FIVE people say they saw a UFO over Calderdale at about 8 pm yesterday.

Mr Jimmy Carter, aged 26, of Tennyson Street, Bradshaw, Halifax, said he and three friends saw a rectangular object in the sky above Bradshaw at 7.50 pm.

"It had a scarlet light and it was there for about five minutes," he said.

"It went behind a cloud and disappeared."

He said it was travelling towards Mytholmroyd.

Eleven-year-old Sam Holroyd, of Melrose Avenue, Lee Mount, Halifax, watched it for about eight minutes at 8 pm.

Sam, a pupil of Lee Mount Junior School, said the object hovered up and down in the sky.

"I'm fairly sure it was a UFO. I don't think I'm mistaken," he said.

Halifax Police Community Affairs Office Inspector Michael Danskin said he had received no reports of UFO sightings.

A spokesman in the operations office at Leeds/Bradford Airport said he had not heard of any UFO sightings yesterday.

"I've been in the business for 30 years and in my experience it is usually an aeroplane or helicopter," he said.

Wednesday night between 7 and 7:30, Vivian White and her family were cleaning the school. She and her daughter were standing on the sidewalk in front of the school when Mrs. White heard the boys that were having a Royal Ambassadors meeting at the near by Baptist Church, they were screaming "look at the UFO."

Mrs. White looked up and saw it, and she described it this way, "It looked like a cloud or a star, with a big bright light and lots of little blue lights on it. We watched it as it hovered over the tree tops in front of the school. About a minute later it started moving toward the school. It had a sound like a motor humming. It moved real slow then it disappeared. It was the size of a television.

Vivian's father, I.B. Byrd, lives about a mile in back of the school with pine trees in between. His son went outside for something and looked up and saw it, and he called all the family out. It came from over the trees in front of the house, stopped and hovered for a few seconds, had all of its lights on, and then it turned out the big bright one and left a panel of little blue lights on the bottom, then it moved off

in a north easterly direction. They watched until it disappeared.

Authorities have not verified what the craft was. Could it have been an unidentified flying object?

EVENING POST
LEEDS
FEB 7 1983

Flashes in the night

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I am writing regarding the report in the YEP (January 31): "Lights in the sky puzzle in Leeds."

My house overlooks Pudsey ring road and my husband and myself saw two flashes of light in the sky. We sit facing the window to watch television and, about 4.30 p.m., there was a flash which we thought was lightning, then, about 8.30 p.m. there was another more vivid flash, which was nearer.

It had us very puzzled for the rest of the night and we kept watching for more flashes but none came. We would very much like to know just what they were.

IRENE BOGG (Mrs.),
Gamble Hill Drive,
Bramley, Leeds.

Mysterious craft sighted here

Three describe UFO

by David Oakes
Associate Editor

FRONT PAGE

It made a low humming noise.

Three people have confirmed that.

It had a series of blue lights towards the top of its structure, and one brilliant, piercing white light at its very top pointed to the heavens.

Again, three people have confirmed that.

But what is not certain, is what "it"

was.

What occurred Wednesday night in Stapleton will probably remain a mystery forever to the people who witnessed the unusual event.

"We were out in the school yard about 7-7:30 p.m. when over in the west we saw a brilliant light that looked like it was stationary, a little above the trees," said Vivian White of Stapleton. Children near the Methodist church

saw the saucer-like craft too and were shouting that it was a spaceship, she added.

Mrs. White said that she stood with her husband Nolan and daughters JoAnn and Susan, and watched the light for about 10 minutes as it drew closer to the school yard.

The craft had blue lights around it, she said, with one bright white spotlight that angled up toward the sky.

"It had a low humming noise like a jet way up in the atmosphere," she said, adding that when she first saw the lights she thought the craft was a helicopter. "When it got over us I knew it wasn't a helicopter."

She said she was scared when she first saw the object. "The first thing I thought about was a star that fell down from heaven," she recalled. "It looked kind of awesome."

Mrs. White's father, I.B. Byrd, said it was "something I couldn't explain. It was definitely not an airplane...but I thought maybe later it was."

He explained that his son Clayton went out to his car to get something when he called him outside.

Both the father and son recalled that the object came from the west over the tree tops, and it had a circle of rotating

blue lights around the top with a bright light on top.

When it got about 150 yards away from the house and was about 50-60 feet above the ground, both Byrds said the object appeared to become stationary for several minutes before the lights on top went out and a light that illuminated a panel beneath the craft came on.

Clayton said the object then went straight up into the air about 2,000 feet and continued on slowly and horizontally toward the northeast.

"I never saw nothing like that before," he said. "If it had been me that saw it I wouldn't say nothing to nobody. But my sister came up the next day and said she saw it."

He said the object's noise did not sound like an aircraft or helicopter

engine.

Clayton says he has received "digs" from people after describing the experience. "I had not been drinking anything," he said.

Charles Beard, the flight clearance supervisor at Pensacola Naval Air Station, said that there were U.S. Navy aircraft flying on Wednesday night.

"But we don't have anything that wouldn't make a lot of noise," Beard said.

He explained that Navy aircraft would not have blue lights, but do have white sequence flashing lights on top, a red sequence beacon on the left wing, and a green sequence beacon on the right wing.

A spokeswoman inside the Mobile Municipal Airport control tower said that she did not know of any radar log entries regarding a craft described by the Stapleton residents.

BROCKTON, MASS. FEB 10 1983
ENTERPRISE AND TIMES

Rockland residents report UFO sightings

ROCKLAND — A number of residents independently reported sightings of what appeared to be unidentified flying objects Wednesday night, police report.

A police spokeswoman said the department received four separate calls during the course of the evening from residents who told of seeing bright red and yellow objects in the sky.

She said patrolmen sent out to observe the phenomenon saw the objects and concluded they were from airplanes.

Charles Reed, a flight dispatcher at the South Weymouth Naval Air Station said that "any metallic object should have reflected back on the radar screen," but none had done so during the time residents said they saw the objects.

Gail and Wayne Leander of 55 Turner St. saw what they described as four objects brilliantly illuminated with red and yellow in the sky from about 8 p.m. to approximately 10:40 p.m.

They saw the lights from their home. Mrs. Leander said that the lights appeared to hover then would disappear and return. "There were always four of them. They kept coming. We're not wackos," she added. "We just want to know what's flying over us."

The couple also reported having seen the same lights Jan 29 and said they notified the naval air station at that time.

OLYMPIA, WASH.
OLYMPIAN
FEB 7 1983
Unusual sighting

7494 UEDS
A Mason County man early Saturday morning told deputies he saw what appeared to be a disabled tractor-trailer rig along the Cloqualum Road near Star Lake, about 15 miles southwest of Shelton. When he approached the vehicle, he said it went straight up into the sky — without any lights.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.
DEMOCRAT
FEB 21 1983



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inside insights

UFO Look, up in the sky

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Has E.T. come home to Tallahassee? Brenda Poston, 22, of Tallahassee, may think so. Poston and her sister were driving near Mission and Fred George roads Sunday night when they spotted an unusual object in the night sky. Poston described the object as large, with three red, blue and yellow lights, and, yes folks, round like a saucer. "I know it sounds crazy," she said. But she didn't feel quite so crazy after calling the control tower of the Tallahassee Municipal Airport. An employee there had received another call describing the same object just moments before. The employee told the Democrat that although he had received two calls about the object, his screens told him there was nothing there. Perhaps E.T. had to hurry home.

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA NEWS-MINER FEB 14 1983



7424
UFO, ANYONE?—It happened Thursday night, a caller told the Insider—seems the caller and a friend saw bright orange lights hovering about 200 feet over the Tanana Flats. We couldn't explain why—can anyone else?

HERALD EXPRESS TORQUAY, DEVON
FEB 7 1983

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Night terror when spaceship landed

I TAKE a great interest in the recent story of two youths seeing a UFO over Torbay. No doubt the scoffers and doubters will say the boys imagined it, or faked it to get a story, especially as this area has been subjected to "Aliens" and space-ship fever with the long showing at the cinema of the film E.T.

It is all too easy for the authorities to say that the sightings were nothing more than weather balloons, flares, or even the planet, Venus. However, it is my firm belief

that there is a deliberate Government policy to suppress any story of this kind, such as the mystery of the dead ponies on Dartmoor some time ago.

Until 1966, I also thought reports of sightings were imagination, bearing in mind that many sightings were hoaxes, as also were the supposed photographs of UFOs. A typical example was the famous George Adamski hoax in America.

However, my doubts were dispelled in a spectacular way in 1966. On a route between

Stratford and Reading I had a terrifying experience when I actually saw a space craft that had landed. I also saw two of the space men and believe that I have suffered ill health ever since that night.

I have seen at least four separate craft during the last 18 months between Paignton and Stoke Gabriel.

DERRY WEBSTER

Oaken,
Flood Street,
Stoke Gabriel,
Totnes.

SOUTHERN EVENING ECHO, SOUTHAMPTON
FEB 9 1983

I saw the aircraft

I SAW this triangular aircraft myself — and yes, I use the word aircraft deliberately. 3128

It flew right above me at 2.10am in the early hours of Saturday morning. I live in the centre part of the flats at Pentrebane, and I happened to be on the balcony, calling my cat in from the courtyard.

Mr Joe Yoland informs you that this object was silent, I can assure you that it was not. There was

the loud unmistakable sound of a conventional big bomber engine. It did not whistle or whine like a modern jet engine.

It flew overhead at a mere 300 feet at I should say a speed of between 600 and 650mph.

It certainly appeared triangular and I drew a sketch immediately afterwards. It looked exactly like the sketch in your paper, except that the centre hole was bigger,

green in colour and revolved around and around.

In fact, the whole undercarriage was ablaze with lights — reds, blues, yellows, greens and white. It flew from the direction of Caerphilly Mountain, over my head in Fairwater and shot off in the direction of Leckwith and the Bristol Channel.

D C KENNY

Pentrebane Road,
Cardiff

LIVERPOOL ECHO
FEB 3 1983

MOD in firing line

A RUNCORN U.F.O. investigator has called on Britain's defence chiefs to take "close encounter" sightings seriously. 3128

Alan Bramhill (25), of Boston Avenue, Runcorn, made the plea after writing to the Ministry of Defence for details of a U.F.O. sighting in the North West.

After studying a reply from the ministry, to-day, Alan said: "It seems that unless the letters U.S.S.R.

are stamped on a U.F.O. the ministry does not want to know. This country certainly lags behind the U.S.A. and France where U.F.O. sightings are officially investigated."

In the letter from the M.O.D., Alan is told: "The sole intent of the Ministry of Defence with regard to U.F.O. reports is to establish whether they have any bearing on the defence of this country."

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UFO is spotted over Danes Moss

Report: JO HARTLEY

AFTER a quiet few months comes news of another reported UFO sighting in the night skies above Macclesfield at the weekend.

A 55-year-old engineer, Maurice Wilbraham, was enjoying an evening at home watching TV on Sunday.

The curtains were closed, but Mr. Wilbraham went to the window when he heard a gang of youngsters making a

rumpus outside his home in Thornton Avenue.

His attention was drawn to a bright light which appeared from behind the house on the opposite side of the road, right in front of his lounge window.

STANDARD

"It was like an illuminated, inverted white basin — the standard UFO shape," says Mr. Wilbraham.

"It appeared to have flashing lights on its perimeter and was travelling from east to west across the sky — it seemed to be about the size of a football."

Mr. Wilbraham went on to say: "I'm

a pretty normal, sensible, well regulated person. I've never scoffed at anyone who claims to have seen a UFO. I've kept an open mind on the subject. But I definitely saw it.

"I knew it's a dark quarter. There was no moon. It's hard to say how high it was but I suppose about 500 to 1,000 feet from the ground. But it was travelling across Danes Moss.

FIVE SECONDS

"No planes fly that way. If it had been a jet it would have been a lot higher; I couldn't hear any sound."

Mr. Wilbraham says it stayed for only about five seconds—"no time to get my camera or my binoculars."

NATIONAL EXAMINER MAR 15 1983

UFOs sighted by police & stargazer

A SERIES of UFO sightings left authorities baffled after dozens of people, including two policemen and an amateur astronomer, reported strange lights and what they believed to be spacecraft streaking through the sky.

The policemen were so certain they had seen a space ship break away from a mothership or squadron and land that they filed an official report — and they were supported by their immediate superior.

The amazing encounters all occurred within an 11-day period, in a triangle of South Wales in Britain, about five miles from a huge U.S. Army arms depot.

Constables Simon Holder, 24, and Tim Banks, 25, said they were on a night patrol near the city of Monmouth when they saw a brilliant white object surrounded by red and blue flashing lights.

By CLIFF LINEDECKER

"One of the red lights moved away from the rest of the object and appeared to land," Holder said.

"We got out of our van and just stood watching it for half an hour — it was quite scary."

Earlier, a printer, David Mason, and his wife, Angela, reported seeing a UFO from the bedroom of their home in Gwent.

"It was about the size of the moon. Jets of air came from it. At

first it hovered, then it shot off at incredible speed."

Six nights later, Paul and Beryl Spreadbury were driving to their home in Ponthir when they saw another of the curious craft moving through the sky.

Beryl described it as moving slowly at first, then suddenly shooting away.

A few days after the two policemen reported their puzzling experience, amateur astronomer Roy Tredree of Whitchurch near Monmouth, watched lights similar to those seen by the others — through powerful binoculars.

Crazy theories

"We are all agreed that your theory is crazy. The question which divides us is whether it is crazy enough to have a chance of being correct."

Niels Bohr

HERE is the latest speculation: Jesus was an American astronaut, or rather temperonaut who, when time travel is invented, will go backwards in time to the Roman epoch to preach and be crucified. This journey must take place; for if it does not, then all vestiges of our religion will cease ever to have existed.

This idea, although unlikely and unsupported by evidence, is in the strictest sense irrefutable. The time journey either takes place or it does not. In neither case would anything extraordinary be seen to have occurred. In the first case, the world remains as it is; and in the second, it changes but with no possibility of our detecting the change.

This notion would have made a fine short story, but unfortunately its author, a certain Mr Ronald Pokatiloff has chosen to present it as scientific fact. "My theory is radically different, like Darwin's was," he says complacently of his book "Was God a Future American Astronaut?" But in fact, unlike Darwin's, his work is a classic example of "pseudoscience," the product of the charlatan and the crank.

This is one of many examples from an excellent new book, "Science and Unreason," which goes further than the usual exposures of bogus scientific theories.* It is an essay on the nature of intellectual rubbish and it does much to explain how such rubbish comes to be written.

DAILY TELEGRAPH, LONDON

FEB 21 1983

Here are more "theories" which the authors have unearthed. According to the International Flat Earth Research Society, the earth is not spherical, but flat and disc-shaped, like a gramophone record. This, says the society's journal FLAT EARTH NEWS, accounts for its circular appearance when seen from space.

But how could mariners circumnavigate a flat earth? That's easily answered, says the Society's founder, Mr Wilbur Voliva, who has constructed an elaborated "alternative geography." They simply sail round the edge of the disc. Ships do not vanish over the horizon. They just shrink with distance until they are invisible. And the earth itself is motionless. It must be so! For if it moved, would not the winds blow with continuous violence in the opposite direction to its motion?

Is this your day? According to believers in some "biorhythm theories" there are predestined "good days" and "bad days" in everyone's life to determine good or ill fortune, sickness and health. One such theory describes a 23-day physical cycle, a 28-day emotional cycle and a 33-day intellectual cycle.

Birthdate and sex alone determine these cycles, which are said to be as dependable as the sunrise. Millions of pounds have been spent on biorhythm charts, guidebooks, clocks and computer programmes. Many businessmen swear by them. Unfortunately, every penny of these millions has been thrown away. The cycles are a mystical invention. In the words of one biologist: "This is a silly numerological scheme that contradicts everything we know. There are cycles, but they vary in dozens of ways from person to person."

ASHTON UNDER LYNE REPORTER
JAN 7 1983

DENTON youngsters Caroline Williams and Natalie Lincoln are so convinced they saw a UFO that they have spent several days looking for clues and have drawn a picture of what they saw. They claim the lights were white, red, yellow and green and that the object flashed off at high speed. 3128

People who produce this kind of nonsense, ignoring criticism of their work, rely on quotations which they often deliberately misinterpret.

A certain Ray Palmer decided that another civilisation lived inside the earth, emerging in their UFOs from holes in the Antarctic ice. He took his "evidence" from statements by Admiral Richard Byrd, of the United States Navy, before and after his famous flights over the South Pole in the 'forties and 'fifties. "I'd like to see that land beyond the South Pole," Byrd told reporters. "It is the centre of the great unknown." Later he called Antarctica "that enchanted continent in the sky, that land of everlasting mystery." His flight was "the most important expedition in the history of the world."

Palmer saw these statements as "proof" of the hollow-earth theory. The "unknown land beyond the pole" could not mean merely the land on the far side of the pole, since there was nothing "unknown" about its existence. Byrd must have meant an area inside the polar regions. And the "enchanted continent in the sky" was the face of the earth as seen from inside the hole.

From such "evidence," cranks and crackpots construct their beliefs, often attracting millions of adherents. They love the quotation from the great physicist Niels Bohr, which I have given above, to show that the crazier a theory is, the more likely it is to be true. But Bohr did not mean this at all. By "crazy" he meant extreme or unusual. It may have been a mistranslation from the original Danish. But whatever the truth of this, it has encouraged interminable folly.

THE earth could indeed be as flat as Mr Voliva says it is—if its rotation were accelerated to approximately a thousand revolutions per second. The equatorial bulge, even now created by centrifugal force, would become immensely greater, and the poles would flatten until they could flatten no more. The world would literally be a disc. Certain fast-spinning objects in the universe probably have this shape.

* "Science and Unreason," by Daisy and Michael Radner, (Wadsworth International Group, 52 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3QT, £6.50).

UFOs' star needs close encounters with money

By Howard Witt

THE WHITE House called J. Allen Hynek a few weeks ago to tell him about three space creatures in Indiana hovering a few feet off the ground.

It seems a Michigan City man and his two sons were out walking one evening when they came upon three aliens with large heads and carp-like eyes, bearing a remarkable resemblance to the E.T. family. Realizing they had been discovered, the extra-terrestrial trio promptly grabbed onto a glowing rod not unlike some cosmic nine-iron and zipped into the clouds, presumably toward a waiting spaceship.

Not knowing whom else to call, the bewildered father phoned the White House to report his close encounter. The White House, checking the national index under "unidentified flying objects," called Hynek.

Dr. Josef Allen Hynek—noted astronomer, Northwestern University professor emeritus and once a household name as the nation's leading UFO guru. You don't hear much about him these days, a decade after he founded the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston after a wave of UFO sightings in the southwestern United States.

"STAR WARS," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "E.T.," even video games and satellite TV—they've all conspired to bump UFOs out of the realm of the mysterious, the unknown, the romantic.

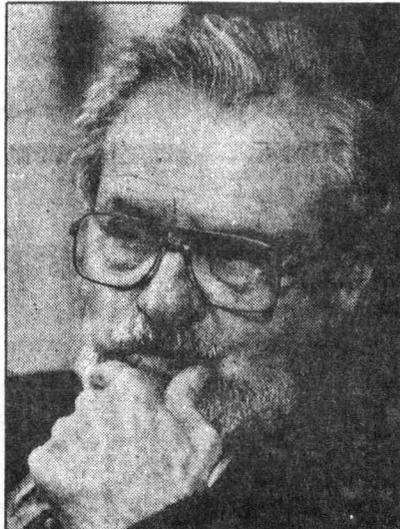
But for Hynek, who actually coined the term "close encounter" and served as scientific adviser to director Steven Spielberg for the blockbuster movie, the mystery never has faded.

"Maybe these UFOs are telling us something," Hynek philosophizes, ever-present pipe clenched between

his teeth. "Maybe we can't solve the mystery now. Maybe we'll have to wait for a few more centuries of science to develop. But we've got to keep the embers of interest burning."

At 72, Hynek still works tirelessly to collect, analyze and catalogue the 80 reports of UFO sightings that come into his master-bedroom-turned-UFO-nerve-center each month. In fact, he's the only scientist studying UFOs in the country today, the Air Force having lost official interest years ago.

BUT HARD times have hit the UFO business. Two years ago, high rents forced Hynek to close his Evanston office and move a spaceship's



Tribune photo by Michael Budrys.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek: "The greatest problem is that people think 'UFO' is synonymous with little green men from outer space."

worth of documents into his two-story Evanston home. Last year he was forced to disconnect a toll-free UFO hotline, but at least the White House still has his home number on file.

Piles of UFO reports from Finland, Japan and Portugal lie unread on his desk for lack of funds to translate them.

What Hynek needs more than ever right now is money. An annual budget of \$40,000 collected from the UFO center's 2,000 die-hard members around the world won't buy much credibility in today's scientific world.

"SCIENTISTS will say to me, 'Where's your hard evidence?' I say, if we had the hard cash, it would not be difficult to get the hard evidence. We could respond to UFO sightings immediately, we could interview witnesses scientifically."

Hynek has sought research grants from the National Science Foundation, from NASA, from private foundations, each time drawing polite smiles but no cash. So a legion of 100 volunteer investigators continues to work part-time on a shoestring budget.

Hynek's academic credentials are impeccable—an asset he considers crucial to maintaining credibility for the infant science of "ufology." He worked on top-secret missile guidance systems during World War II; he headed the U.S. optical satellite tracking program in the late 1950s. Most important, he was asked by the Air Force in 1948 to sort through a growing number of postwar UFO sightings.

"I'D GO through the Air Force reports and I enjoyed knocking down the stories—this one was clearly an aircraft, that one an atmospheric

reflection. I'd always operated on the idea that it can't be, therefore it isn't. But one day I thought, how can I justify calling all of these people lunatics?"

There are a lot of lunatics out there, of course, and Hynek has grown adept at weeding out the pink elephant stories from the truly inexplicable phenonema.

"The greatest problem is that people think 'UFO' is synonymous with little green men from outer space," Hynek says. "In fact, only 5 percent of the 70,000 reports in our files are 'close encounters of the third kind' (actual encounters with alien beings)."

Hynek smiles at the recent Indiana report, conceding it may well have had its origins in an overly fertile imagination fed by a trip to the local movie theater. But other sightings, like the one in northwest suburban Palatine, aren't so easy to discount.

EARLY ON the morning of Nov. 27, 1982, three Palatine police officers in separate cars saw a strange, high-intensity light that appeared to be flying low in the sky. Low-flying lights are not particularly unusual in a suburb lying on the flight path to O'Hare Airport. But the officers checked with air traffic controllers at both O'Hare and the Glenview Naval Air Station, all of whom assured them there were no aircraft of any type in the area.

They followed the hovering light for a full 12 minutes before it disappeared behind the tree line of the Busse Woods Forest Preserve.

Enigmatic stories like that, virtually in his own backyard, are what drive this astronomer, who has never seen a UFO himself, to press on with his work.

FEB. 26 1983

Family who were

'adopted' by aliens!

A BRITISH family claim they were taken over by space aliens long before ET was heard of.

The Sunderland family — mum, dad and four children — claim regular visits from extra terrestrials to their semi-detached on the North Wales Border in an astounding book called "Alien Contact — a True Story" (Coronet, £1.75).

It is easy to dismiss this book as the workings of over imaginative minds — were it not for the incredible amount of detail pouring out of a very ordinary family.

CAPSULE

They say the takeover began one day in 1976 when their nine-year-old daughter Gaynor spotted a strange, silver capsule in a remote field she was cycling past.

Gaynor hid in the bushes as a male figure emerged from the capsule and began

scouting out the land.

She recalls: "He didn't look human. His joints were peculiar, with pointed elbows and a knee that was three quarters of the way up the leg.

"He was dressed in a silvery suit without sign of seams or zippers."

Gaynor felt a strange dizzy sensation in her head as the being turned and spotted her.

But he did not harm her and the child fled, frightened to tell her parents in case they thought she was fibbing.

But that was only the beginning.

The aliens began to close in on the whole family and soon parents as well as children were seeing them.



THE alien ship arrives in the movie "E.T."

TRIPS

They felt their house was invaded — not in a hostile way but in an inquiring manner.

Gaynor, now 15, has detailed all her experiences to writers Jenny Randles and Paul Whetnall.

It's at the point where the children claim that the aliens regularly whisk them off for space trips that I begin to suspend belief.

However, so many strange sightings have been made in recent years by so many seemingly sane and sincere people, that who am I to mock?

GREAT UFO RIDDLE

Mystery sighting reports grow

THE case of the Tyneside UFO is becoming "curiouser and curiouser".

More reports of sightings have come in since the story in Monday night's Evening Chronicle about a Greenside couple who spotted a mystery object in the sky at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Mother of four, Mrs. Audrey Siddiquee of Shafto Street, Scotswood, Newcastle, said she rang Mr. Larry Wilkie of Woodside Lane, Low Greenside, near Ryton, to reassure him and his wife they were not the only ones to have seen something unusual.

"At about 5.30 p.m. on Sunday I saw through my window which faces towards Newcastle what I thought was a small aircraft in trouble", she said.

Crashing

"There were two very bright, silvery white lights and a green flare on the left hand side of them.

"They went down and I thought whatever it was crashing, then they levelled off and I couldn't see any more because of the house".

Schoolboys, Jonathan Brown and Steven Kent of Hebburn claim they saw a UFO on Saturday at about 5 p.m.

Jonathan, 10, and Steven, seven, both of Skegness Parade, Luke's Lane Estate, were star spotting with binoculars when they saw a green ball with spikes around it and a ring around the spikes.

"We just laughed at them when they came and told us what they had seen but when we read the story in the Evening Chronicle we thought there might have been something in it after all", said Steven's mother, Mrs. Susan Kent.

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BUSINESS WOMEN GET AN INSIGHT INTO UFOs

UNIDENTIFIED Flying Objects was the subject of Mr W. Campbell, guest speaker at the recent Business and Professional Women's Club meeting in the Skegness Methodist Church Parlour.

Mr Campbell described UFOs as being comparable to the wonders of the world and said that some people saw them as being psychic phenomena, others saw them as extra-terrestrial and others saw them as coming from caves miles down inside the Earth under the Himalayas.

The first sightings of UFOs occurred in the war when pilots from all nationalities reported lights following them in the sky but never attacking.

Men in the space flights of Gemini and Apollo saw UFOs but the USA seemed to actively discourage any publicity on this subject.

Reliable reports said that the USA had a crashed UFO and many pictures of them and that in one particular case there were four humanoid figures 2-4ft high.

Mr Campbell said there was a Flying Saucer Review publication of very good quality available to those interested and a reference library on the subject in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

There was a clear and well-reported sighting of a UFO over Chapel St Leonards and Skegness about three months ago though Warminster was generally regarded as a place where many sightings occurred.

ROME: Italian flying saucer addicts are worried. There has not been a single UFO sighting reported for more than a year. "It's a mystery," said Roberto Pinnotti, President of the UFO Society of Italy. In 1978 there were 700 reported sightings. By 1981

the number had dwindled to a mere 60 and absolutely nothing for 1982 or so far this year. "They seem to have stopped all activity over Italy," said Mr Pinnotti. "and we are worried about what the cause could be. All we can say is that something strange is happening."

Hundreds see fleet over California

ALIEN spaceships are moving closer to American cities and are now mysteriously spying on major metropolitan areas, experts fear.

A fleet of light-blinking UFOs spotted near Los Angeles is the latest evidence that large urban centers may be coming under a strange and possibly sinister surveillance.

Hundreds of San Fernando Valley residents saw flashing lights west of Los Angeles last month. Police in Encino, Reseda and Northridge say their switchboards were swamped with calls.

"Some people described it as a flotilla of UFOs," a spokesman for the Northridge police department told GLOBE.

"Some said the lights were white and relatively stationary," he explains. "Others said they flashed a variety of colors and appeared to move slowly in the sky over the San Gabriel Mountains and the Los Angeles National Forest."

The officer says that many agitated callers insisted that police do something about

UFO SPIES ENCIRCLE AMERICA'S BIG CITIES

By **BOB BORINO**

the lights. He adds that one woman was almost hysterical and had to be reassured by the officer taking the call.

Captain Douglas Marshall at nearby Vandenberg Air Force Base says worried police and residents inquired whether the Air Force had planes in the sky during the late evening hours.

"A few planes were in the air during that period," Mar-

shall says, "but nothing that could match the number and descriptions they were giving to us."

UFO expert Sam Denning says observers are concerned because most UFOs in the past were sighted over remote sections of the country.

"But now we are getting more and more reports of such sightings near dense population areas," he told GLOBE.

"During the past 12 months, UFOs and flashing lights have been spotted over or near New York City, Buffalo, Chicago, St. Louis, Dallas and Houston."

The expert says it's as though the UFOs are spying on America's major cities. But he admits he can't explain why.

"All I can come up with is that most electrical power plants are near large cities, and UFOs have been partial to electrical power sources in the past," says Denning, who is deputy director of Pacific Sky Watch, in Los Angeles.

"Fireballs" have been seen over the World Trade Center in New York City and in the Niagara Falls area north of Buffalo, New York, says Pete Mazzola, a UFO investigator from New York.

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Yvette Brown (18) of Mt Lawley and her boyfriend Neil Bezani (21) of Hamilton Hill with an illustration of the UFO they observed on the way home.

A close shave with a uni UFO

By **LESTER GLENISTER**

A Hamilton Hill man claims he had a close encounter with a UFO on Friday night.

Neil Bezani, of Annie St. Hamilton Hill, with his friend Yvette Brown, were driving along South St. near Murdoch University, when they saw the object at about 3 am.

It was hovering just above the pine trees near the university.

Mr Bezani described it as two bright lights at one end of an elliptical ring of flashing lights.

There was also an orange glow around two wing shapes on the tail of the object, with blue green and red flashing lights around the shape.

Mr Bezani said the wing shapes looked like motors, or some sort of steering mechanism.

He said the object hovered for 30 secs and then flew off at high speed.

The flight operations staff at Perth Airport say there were no aircraft in the vicinity of Murdoch University at the time.

In Victoria on Friday night, hundreds of people reported sighting what they described as a glowing, colored object, speeding low over the State shortly after 6 am.

Meanwhile, a Mt Lawley couple claim they are in daily contact with

Nebraska UFO dumbfounds witnesses

RESIDENTS AND law enforcement officers around Nebraska City, Nebraska were absolutely dumbfounded at the appearance of an incredibly strange object hovering in the sky

above their peaceful town.

Tauni and Joe Murnan said that whatever it was spooked the horses on their farm and sent them stampeding through croplands.

Mrs. Murnan described the object to reporters as

By **KEN MATTHEWS**

"round, glowing and purplish-pink in color." She said it seemed to hang silently in the evening sky.

When the horses began to thunder toward them, Tauni and Joe raced into their

house. When they looked out again there were two of the objects a few hundred feet above them.

"One of them was about half the size of a Volkswagen beetle," Tauni recounted. "It came down close to the earth. The other one went

south. The closer object looked like it sat down in our neighbor's garden. Then, it looked like it bounced across the highway," she said.

The Murnans called County Sheriff Rich Tilson and their neighbors.

When Tilson and his deputy arrived, Joe and Tauni and the neighbors were staring intently into the clear sky.

Tilson said it may be possible that the object was a helicopter being used to rustle cattle as had been the case in the past.

Tilson said later that police officers in three other counties of Nebraska had also spotted a flash of light in the

sky about the same time he was conducting an investigation of the incident at the Murnan's property.

Phyllis Lyons, the neighbor, confirmed the Murnans' description of the strange objects they had seen.

Tauni Murnan said she at first thought the object was a plane, but that it had made no noise as a plane would do. Nor did it have the kind of flashing lights that planes or helicopters have.

One of the neighbors added that the object that left the scene initially traveled at an amazing speed which seemed impossible for even the most modern and sophisticated jet aircraft.