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UFO LEADS COPS ON 6-HOUR CHASE

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TERRIFIED police played cat-and-mouse for six hours with a mysterious UFO that had them racing across roads, a freeway and through a huge shopping center.

Australian officials are still baffled by the drama, which began just after midnight when two cops in a patrol car spotted the UFO hovering over a freeway leading into Melbourne.

"It had two headlights like a car with high beams on and red tail lights, but it did not make any noise," says Officer Peter Ferguson, one of the policemen.

"When it turned around and headed slowly down the middle of the freeway, we thought 'what in the hell is going on?' We followed it to a big shopping center where it hovered about 100 yards off the ground.

"As we put our spotlights on, it turned its lights off and disappeared from sight."

The cigar-shaped vehicle led the police on a game of hide-and-peek for the next six hours. Another patrol car was summoned to the scene and the UFO appeared again, flashing its lights and hovering about 100 feet over them.

'It was playing with us — but we couldn't forget that we were in an area where a victim once vanished'

By **LEN STONE**

The four policemen in the two cars were both frustrated and frightened.

"I believe in God, and I must admit I was doing some heavy praying," Ferguson says. "All I could think of was the thought of being abducted by space aliens and never seeing my family again. "We all remember

what happened to Frederick Valentich."

Valentich was an experienced pilot who caused a world-wide sensation in 1978 when he mysteriously vanished after he took off from a Melbourne airport and reported seeing a bright, cigar-shaped object hovering over his plane. During his last, desperate message, a long, metallic noise was

heard on the airport radio.

"It was very hard to keep our minds on chasing the UFO because of the thought of what happened to Valentich," says Officer Ray Ellens, who was with Ferguson. "But once we calmed down, we got pretty annoyed — it was just too quick for us.

"At one stage it landed with its lights off. We got to

within 300 feet of it and thought: 'We got it this time.' But the next thing we knew it was back in the air and behind us again."

Civil Aviation authorities, who first called in the police when the UFO appeared on their radar screen, could not help in identifying the object.

And Australian military authorities claim they know of "no aerial operations carried out over Melbourne at that time."

The UFO passed over a police precinct headquarters where Police Inspector Paul Hickman spotted it early in the morning.

"The UFO was obviously playing fun and games with us," says Hickman, a 25-year police veteran. "It reminded me of a cross between a Harrier jet and a helicopter.

"When we first spotted it, we put a spotlight on this strange object in the sky, which showed it was gray, about 30 feet long and 20 feet wide shaped like a cigar. We believed at one stage that it could have been two UFOs.

"It definitely was not a helicopter or a gyrocopter," Hickman adds.

"I've never seen anything like it before. It was awesome and, I must admit, frightening."

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SEPT. 2 1983

UFO SPOTTED?

Mrs. Juanita Brown, 3318 Pennsylvania Ave., Weirton, saw something in the sky Monday evening. She wasn't sure if it was a plane, a satellite or an unidentified flying object (UFO).

"Shortly after 9:15 p.m. Monday I saw a flying object in the sky. It looked like an airplane and it was headed toward Pittsburgh. The lights were on for about 10 minutes. Then the lights went off except for a small light.

But it hovered over my home. I went inside to get field glasses and woke up my husband (Roy). He looked at it and said it looked like a satellite. I called radio station WEIR and they called the Weirton Police. An officer came and looked at it. He also said it looked like a satellite," Mrs. Brown told the Times.

She then went inside and looked out her upstairs bedroom window. "It got smaller and finally faded out of my range," she related.

This was about 10:00 p.m.

Stunned army officer witnesses... **AMAZING UFO RESCUE**

A UFO crash in Sweden forced aliens to form a search-and-rescue mission with several ships swooping in from space to collect the wreckage, according to astonished witnesses.

Huge silent 'airbus' moves in after flying saucer crash

"It was an incredible sight to see," says Army Capt. Lennart Bergstrom. He spotted a huge flying "bus" while jogging one night near his house in Malmby, Sweden, 60 miles east of Stockholm.

"I thought it might have been a military transport helicopter but there was just no noise apart from a barely imperceptible whine," he told GLOBE.

"It appeared to sink into a forest clearing about two miles from where I stood. Then two other, smaller objects came hurtling out of nowhere and seemed to settle with the bigger UFO into the clearing."

Another witness, Marie Bosund, was leaving a grocer's shop when she saw "a huge lighted shape" slowly rise from the forest about a mile away.

"I thought there must have been a crash or something," she told GLOBE. "But there was no sound. I could hear the wind. It was very puzzling."

Just then the larger UFO rose slowly to treetop level, then took off at amazing speed over the north horizon.

By LEN STONE

It was followed by three smaller UFOs, says Bosund, each darting off in different directions.

The Rev. Karl-Erik Dalsgaard, another witness, adds: "I was driving into the village and I saw bright lights at a spot in the forest a mile or so on the other side of the town.

"The thing was very large — about 100 feet long and perhaps about 12 feet high.

"The craft lifted, and hung momentarily in the air above the treetops. Its base seemed to glow redder, raising from deep, dark blood red to white-hot — and then it was off and away. Three other objects left, too, in different directions."

Swedish military author-

ities sent an army helicopter to the site, but found nothing. They report no aircraft were known to be in the area.

Swedish UFO experts believe the big UFO was a mothership brought in on a search-and-rescue mission following an unprecedented UFO crash.

"There is no way they would leave bits and pieces of a flying saucer lying around for humans to find," says Kjell Hagglund, who has studied UFOs for more than 30 years.

"I feel it must have been from one of the more distant galaxies since galactic travelers from nearer systems would almost certainly have had much more light years of navigational experience on earth than these appear to have had."

ASHTABULA, OHIO STAR BEACON

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Man claims UFOs sighted

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP — A camper at Pine Lake Camp said he saw two unidentified flying objects about 10:30 p.m. Thursday, according to an Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department report.

Brian Dixon, 1426 E. 51st St., Ashtabula, said the first UFO was diamond-shaped with white lights

around its outer edge and a large red light in the center, the report said.

Dixon went inside to tell an unidentified partner. When the two came out, they saw another object streak across the sky "like a ball of fire" with no sound, the report said.

Dixon said a few minutes later the two saw and heard a jet, the report said.

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UFO Sighted In Pike Area

The strange sight over Pikeville Monday night was not the Goodyear Blimp, Superman or the Jaycees' fireworks display.

That is what it was not but no one knows for sure what the sighting could have been.

Spectators at the Pikeville Cubs' ballgame saw it.

Fifteen customers at the Log Cabin Restaurant saw it.

Residents on Coon Creek saw it. Gene Davis was at the Cubs' game in the press box when shouts went up about an unidentified flying object.

Spectators stood to watch and the players suspended play for awhile. According to Davis, the object was in the sky about five minutes.

"It was some sort of a vehicle. There were bright lights on it and it seemed to be very low. It moved slowly, almost like it had stopped to watch the game. The lights made it look triangular."

Davis said there was bound to be a plausible explanation for the craft but said it did not resemble anything he had ever seen before.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McCoy of Coon Creek saw it.

Mr. McCoy and a friend, Hal Blake Amos were riding in a convertible, listening to the Cubs' game on WPKE radio when the announcer said, "Everyone has stopped watching the game to see the UFO."

At that point McCoy pulled into the

parking lot of the Log Cabin Restaurant to see if he could spot the UFO.

Restaurant owner Jimmy Blair and several customers were outside.

All of them sighted the craft. Descriptions of the craft matched Davis' account.

The only difference in all the accounts was from Mrs. McCoy.

She was at home when she saw the craft in the sky. She said it looked rectangular. "It had two bright yellow lights at first, but as it got closer you could actually see four lights. There were two red lights, too."

She said about 15 people were at her home at the time.

During the evening the craft circled, went up Coon Creek and came back.

According to Mrs. McCoy, the sight disappeared about 9 p.m. The excitement died down and the neighbors went home.

"About midnight Gary and I were sitting around the pool talking about the UFO or whatever, and it came back. It was 12:05. It finally just disappeared like it was going to West Virginia."

The main thing everyone mentioned in their description of the craft was the sound, or lack of sound.

"There just simply wasn't any noise at all."

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.
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Boynton Beach UFO

Q — On the night of Aug. 17, between 6 and 8 p.m., my husband and I noticed a large object in the sky above Boynton Beach. At first we thought it was a small plane, but it appeared to move only slightly. When it did move, it seemed to swoop a little like a kite. It was winged and about the size of a Piper Cub. We were called to the phone at about 8 p.m. and when we returned to watch, the "thing" had disappeared.

Any idea as to what it was? — Mary Frances Owen, Boynton Beach.

A — You've left us up in the air and we hope our faithful skywatchers in the Boynton Beach area can bring us back down to earth. The Boynton Beach police had no reports of any strange objects overhead on that day, so we have no idea what it was. If you know, let us know.

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Area UFO sightings reported

Stan Gordon, director of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, reported today that his group has had a report of a UFO sighting on Route 981 near Teledyne, Inc.

He said the report was received Monday and is asking that others who may have noted anything unusual in that area to report the sightings to him by calling 838-7768 or by writing to the group at 6 Oak Hill Ave., Greensburg, 15601. All information is held in strict confidence and no names are released.

Gordon also reported that reports of sightings between New Alexandria and Latrobe have been reported in the past month.

UFO buzzes woman's home

Defense officials are investigating a terrified housewife's account of a too-close encounter with a UFO.

The woman, Mrs. Patricia Stark of Bridgwater, England, said she went to her window after midnight and saw an enormous spaceship fly over her house.

"First one part of the object would glow and then grow dark, and then another part," she said. "It was silent with no bright lights and no exhaust, but it was just huge — the size of about three large airplanes. I was petrified."

The woman reported the sighting to the Royal Navy, who are making inquiries.

Human Loses Suit for Space Hostages

By Paul M. Barrett

If the government is concealing hostages from outer space, it will remain a secret for the time being.

A federal judge in the District yesterday dismissed an Alexandria man's demand that the Air Force turn over the occupants of crash-landed UFOs he charges the military has kidnaped in a "cosmic Watergate conspiracy."

Larry Bryant, a 45-year-old writer and head of a Washington group called Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, told U.S. District Court Judge Oliver Gasch he had filed a "writ of habeas corpus extraterrestrial" to free an undetermined number of alien space travelers he claims have been "spirited away" by the military.

"We want the bodies," Bryant said before yesterday's court appearance. "We don't know how many there are, or whether they're dead or alive, but we have government documents proving they exist."

Bryant based his case on a series of government memorandums

obtained under the Freedom of Information Act that document, he argued, systematic military investigations of UFO crash landings and sightings of extraterrestrial beings.

His petition included a photocopy of a declassified government report of March 22, 1950, that says: "An investigator for the Air Force stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico.

"Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only three feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of very fine texture . . ."

"This is a cosmic Watergate," Bryant told Gasch in front of a gallery nearly filled with other UFO aficionados, reporters and curious onlookers at the District Court building.

"We have the smoking gun, as it was in the real Watergate, and it demands attention," Bryant added.

"But do you have anything besides smoke?" Gasch asked the plaintiff.

After Bryant had completed his brief presentation, Assistant U.S. Attorney Royce Lamberth moved for dismissal on a variety of technical points, including the argument that the court had no jurisdiction over alleged alien hostages that could not be located.

"They've never talked to them, seen them or have any way of knowing they exist," Lamberth said of the people who signed the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy petition.

Gasch agreed, throwing the case out after only 20 minutes of debate.

"Regardless of court cases, there are no bodies," Capt. Johnny Whitaker, an Air Force spokesman, said before the proceedings. Whitaker said Bryant's documents may be genuine, but that the Air Force has never heard of the investigators who Bryant alleges saw the UFOs and their three-foot pilots.

Bryant promised after the hearing to "study the appeal process, if there is one."

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Beacon UFO strikes CONT PAGE

BEACON — The Thursday Syndrome strikes again! A South Davies Terrace resident reported that she and four neighbors spotted an unidentified flying object Thursday night. The woman, who did not identify herself, said that at about 10:15 p.m. she saw a "triangular shaped thing" gliding across the sky.

The "thing" had lights all over it, but suddenly the lights were all blue, then green, then as it headed east, it went completely black. There was no sound of a motor. "It was the strangest thing I've ever seen" she said.

UFO's of similar description have been reported in the past, and always on Thursday evenings. A check with local and state police revealed no reports lately, but one explanation has been that a group of pilots from Stormville Airport get together on Thursday nights and fly over the mid-Hudson area in formation.

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AMERICANS

BELIEVE IN UFOs

A MIND-BOGGLING 20 million Americans claim to have seen UFOs — and four out of five of the population are convinced they exist.

So say polltakers who insist the number of UFO witnesses and believers is growing despite efforts by the U.S. government to suppress evidence that proves aliens are extremely interested in Earth and pay us regular visits.

A Gallup survey in 1966 showed only 40 per cent of Americans thought UFOs were real. By 1974, the number had climbed to 54 per cent. By 1980, it was 60 per cent. And today, the figure is an amazing 80 per cent.

Dr. Leonard Gallaway, a psychologist at the University of Illinois in Chicago, attributes the trend to several factors, including the incredible number of scientific breakthroughs in the past 20 years.

"Things that were once considered impossible have been proven as fact," he told GLOBE. "As a result, most Americans feel virtually anything is possible — including alien spaceships and contact by extraterrestrials."

This second part of a fascinating GLOBE series gives chilling examples of close encounters that have helped to convince millions that we're not alone in this universe — encounters that have dramatically changed the lives of the unfortunate victims.

A N AMAZING encounter with a UFO on a quiet country road outside Houston, Texas, resulted in radiation poisoning for two women and a seven-year-old boy.

Their nightmare began on Dec. 29, 1980, when Betty Cash, 52, Vickie Landrum, 56, and Landrum's grandson, Colby, saw "an extremely bright, luminous object" in the night sky.

Cash stopped the car they were in and were struck by an incredible surge of heat from the light.

"The outside temperature was about 40 degrees, but I had to turn on the air conditioning inside the car — and we could still feel the heat," she says.

Both women say they felt a sudden compulsion to leave the car. Cash says she actually went several yards toward the UFO before the heat drove her back. After 15 minutes, the object drifted away. The trio drove on, but after three miles they saw it again.

"Only this time we saw what looked like helicopters circling around it," Cash says. "I counted 23 of them."

They watched for several minutes until both the UFO and the "helicopters" vanished.

"When I got home, there was a burning sensation that seemed to go right through my body," Cash recalls.

She later developed knot-like boils on her neck and head. Then, patches of her hair began falling out.

Landrum says she and Colby "felt like we had a bad sunburn around our faces and necks. I lost some hair, but most of it has grown back."

Cash began developing cataracts and spent a month in the hospital. Her doctor confirms that "she had all the signs of radiation poisoning." The women's account of their encounter convinced veteran UFO investigator Bill English, of the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization in Tucson, Arizona.

The military denied having any aircraft there that evening. English says he believes the "helicopters" were "unmanned probes," like our moon landers.

THIRTY-EIGHT people, including an Anglican priest, watched in stunned disbelief as humanoids appeared again and again from a hovering spaceship for two amazing nights.

Rev. William Booth Gill was apparently the first to spot the UFO when he walked out his front door at



BETTY CASH: "She had all the signs of radiation poisoning"

the Boainai Mission in Papua, New Guinea, at 6:45 p.m. on June 26, 1959.

"I saw this sparkling object," he reported. "It was very bright and descended toward us."

Within minutes, 30 people gathered around Gill and watched a mothership and three smaller disc-shaped UFOs hover over the quiet South Pacific Ocean.

Without warning, a shaft of blue light angled upward from a deck on the mothership. "As we watched, men came onto the deck of the huge ship," Gill later recalled. "There were four men in all."

The ship, which was about 40 feet wide, took off in a blaze of red light. The crafts appeared again the following evening and the four humanoids once again emerged from the starship.

"I stretched my arms

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The astounding close encounters that have convinced millions

GLOBE SPECIAL
by **BOB BORINO**

above my head and waved," said Gill. "To our surprise, one of the figures did the same. Others waved, and two other figures returned the waves. There seemed to be no doubt that they were answering our movements."

After the aliens left, dozens of witnesses signed their names to an account of the spaceship's movements, making it one of the most detailed UFO sightings.

SPACE ALIENS made a lasting impression when they paid a visit to Chestnut Flat Ridge in rural Kentucky — and changed the color of a man's face and hands.

Cathy Gilpin was watching TV with her 19-year-old son, Arlin, on March 11, 1981, when she suddenly heard a strange noise outside.

"I looked out the back door and saw this bright orange light in a pine thicket not far from the house," she says. Fearing it was a headlight from a car that had driven into a ditch, she hopped into her own car and drove to investigate.

"Suddenly, I felt this weird sensation, like the light was pulling me toward it," she recalls. "I managed to get the car turned around."

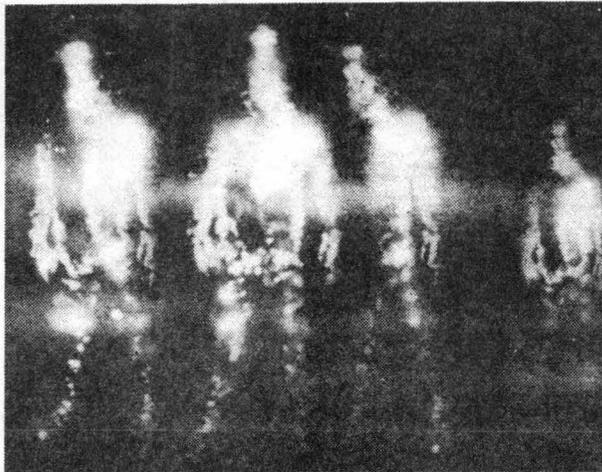
Meanwhile, Arlin armed himself with a gun and set out to find his mom.

"As soon as I got to this little path, I saw something in the brush," he says. "It looked like two glowing pairs of orange eyes. I fired — and they disappeared."

He rushed back to the house, got his mom and went to the home of his aunt and uncle.

"We were talking about what we'd seen and drinking coffee when I got this strange urge to go outside," says Arlin. Once again he saw the eerie eyes.

"I could hear something



ALIEN VISITORS: "There were four in all — I waved and one of the figures did the same"

like someone trying to talk, but I couldn't make anything from it," he says.

"The glowing eyes kept getting closer and closer. I couldn't move. All of a sudden, I felt something touch me. A shock went through my body."

Just then, someone called — and the eyes vanished. When Arlin returned to the house, the right side of his face was puffy and reddish. "And his hands had turned green," says his mom.

The youth adds: "Whatever it was, I know it wasn't something with a body like we have. And it had a power over my mind."

DAVID CROCKETT still cringes in terror whenever he recalls the night he was stalked by space aliens.

His nightmare began Dec. 31, 1978, when he and four newsmen took off in a small plane from Wellington, New Zealand.

Crockett, a photographer from Australia, remembers when the control tower alerted them that a UFO had been spotted in the area shortly after take off. "I

turned around and, about a mile behind us, was a huge light in the night sky," he says. "It just tailed us for 20 minutes. Then, without warning, there was a blur of light and it was alongside us."

"It was the most frightening experience of my life. Yet I somehow managed to grab my camera and focus on the UFO."

Another airplane had vanished a year earlier in the same area after a pilot had radioed that a UFO was on his tail. So Crockett's relief was enormous when the UFO suddenly vanished.

"A week after our experience, Quentin Fogarty, a Melbourne TV reporter who had been with us, had a complete nervous breakdown," he says.

"This is something all of us will carry with us for the rest of our lives. I truly wish it had never happened."

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MANY PEOPLE who've experienced close encounters have even been kidnapped by aliens and taken aboard their spaceship.

On Oct. 11, 1973, Calvin Parker, 19, and Charles Hickson, 42, of Pascagoula, Mississippi, were fishing in the Pascagoula River when they noticed an object in the air with a flashing blue light.

"An opening appeared, and three weird-looking creatures emerged and sort of floated to the ground," Hickson recalls.

Hickson and his pal found themselves immobilized by some mysterious force and floated upward into the craft.

Parker gave a sudden gasp and fainted. Hickson claims he was "floated" into an intensely bright room and held in a horizontal position while a large, round object moved over his body.

"After a while, the three creatures in the room with me left," he says. "I was paralyzed and could only move my eyes." Hickson says the

creatures were about five feet tall, with gray, wrinkled skin, long arms and lobster-like claws for hands. They had small, cone-shaped appendages for eyes and ears, and had a slit instead of a normal mouth.

He says they didn't appear to use their legs, but floated. And even though he didn't

hear them speak, he could "sense emotions" coming from them.

Later, he and Parker, still unconscious, were "floated" out of the craft.

Parker says he can't recall any details of the encounter. But Hickson claims the aliens are still in touch with him.

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3 weird creatures appeared and then they floated to the ground



THE Pascagoula space being: "Had long arms and lobster-like claws, cone-shaped appendages for eyes and ears and a slit instead of a normal mouth"

ORON — COP WHO LOOKED LIKE NOTHING ON EARTH

VICTIMS of alien encounters often can't clearly remember what happened to them — until hypnosis unlocks the eerie secrets hidden in their memories.

Dr. Henry Keller, a Chicago psychologist who has examined more than two dozen UFO witnesses with hypnotic regression, adds that a voice-stress analyzer and lie detector can prove beyond doubt if the truth is being told.

"It's possible to fool one — but no one has ever been known to fool all three," declares Peter Mazzola, director of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation, in Staten Island, N.Y.

Take the case of Christine Bryant.

She was tormented by an eerie five-hour blackout until she learned — under hypnosis — that she'd been kidnapped by aliens and examined aboard their starship.

Robert Morgan, a UFO investigator from San Antonio, Texas, observed Bryant while she relived the episode under hypnosis and is convinced the technique smashed the "memory lock" the aliens implanted in her mind.

For six years, Bryant couldn't account for what had happened to her after she stopped at an apparent accident scene outside Alamogordo, New Mexico. All she could recall was a "policeman" touching her hand — then she woke up at the same spot five

hours later. But now hypnosis reveals that the "policeman" was really an almond-eyed alien who took her aboard a spaceship and examined her before erasing the event from her mind and putting her back in her car.

"He said his name was Oron," she is able to recall.

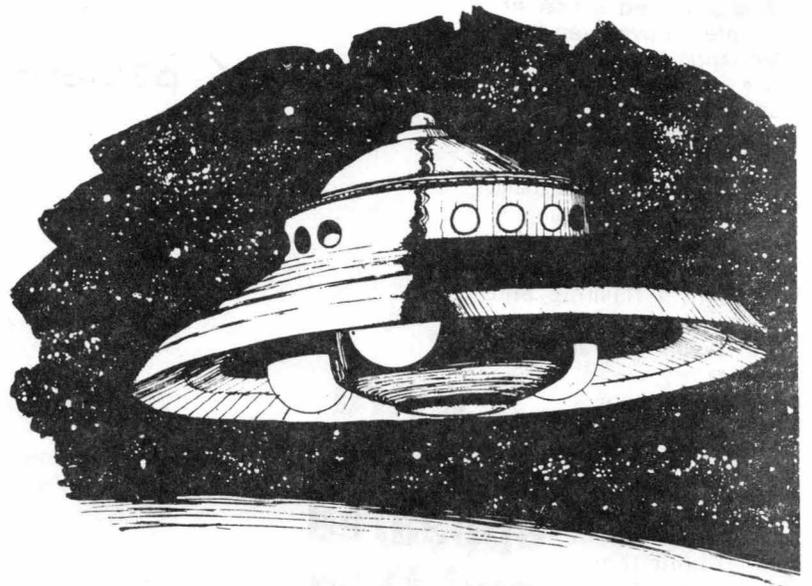
"And there were three more aliens with him. They were about four feet tall with pug noses, round mouths, sharp chins and no ears.

"They also had black, almond-shaped eyes and sharp jawbones. They didn't look like any creature on Earth. And they communicated with me through mental telepathy."

Says investigator Morgan: "I saw her relive the terror, awe and confusion of those five hours on the craft — and there's no way she could lie that convincingly.

"I'm convinced she was abducted and examined by aliens."

UFOs: Are they real or just pie in the sky?



FLYING saucers are real. Well, that's what Canadian nuclear physicist Dr. Stanton Friedman thinks anyway. And that's what he's likely to be telling the UFO Congress at High Wycombe over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Dr. Friedman, whose work has involved him in the development of nuclear aircraft and spacecraft power systems, has come to the conclusion that some — not all, but definitely some — unidentified flying objects are extraterrestrial spacecraft.

And he's convinced, after years of investigation, that there's more than a grain of truth in the story about the UFO containing alien bodies which is reputed to have crash-landed in New Mexico in July, 1947.

The theory that there really may be little men from outer space up there somewhere is one which has caught the imagination of many thousands of people, from all over the world. The British UFO Research Association, founded in 1962, is this year celebrating its coming of age, and is running its third international conference at the weekend — the first, however to be held outside London.

Fifteen speakers, from a total of eight countries, will be presenting papers to the congress, including Dr. Friedman, and Mr. Paul Norman, of the Victoria UFO Reserch Society. He will be amplifying the little-known fact that the disappearance of Frederick Valentich and his Cessna 182 in broad daylight occurred at the peak of Australia's largest UFO-flap in 1978. No body, no wreckage, no traces were ever found, after Valentich's final desperate radio message that a giant UFO was overhead . . .



by
**JANET
WALTHAM**

So far, it's all just a theory — but Mr. Charles Lockwood, a member of BUFORA, and chairman of the Midlands UFO Research Association, cautiously agrees that there could be something in it.

"I don't think it's impossible that we are being surveyed," he said. "Among all

the sightings of UFOs that are reported, the majority turn out to be 'planes or satellites or something, but there are the odd ones that can't be explained.

"Whether they're piloted, or robotic, or whatever, I don't know. But there have been a sufficient number of specific reports to make it worthwhile finding out exactly what has been seen, and I think we should put as much research and investigation into it as we can."

Although he's been fascinated by the subject ever since he read a scientific comic, way back in the 1940s, which referred to the sightings of mysterious objects in the sky, Mr. Lockwood has never actually seen a UFO himself.

"I once saw unusual red lights which hovered over a field near here," he said, "but I've never sighted anything which you could describe as having a clearly defined shape.

"I'm always in contact with other groups, though, and I follow up all reports of sightings with great interest."

A phenomenon which has been particularly noticeable over the last two or three years, in Mr. Lockwood's immediate locality around Mansfield at least, is a distinct lack of sightings.

"It has suddenly all gone remarkably quiet," he said. "I shall be most interested to find out at the Congress if the same sort of lull has occurred anywhere else."

So where have all the UFOs gone? It's just possible they've gone to Norway.

The most topical paper at the Congress will be from the UFO-Swedish group, which will reveal that in Hassdalen, a valley in Norway, some 4,000 people have seen unidentified flying objects over a period of some 20 months, no less than 600 photographs have been taken — and the "flap" is still continuing.

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A photograph taken by two North Yorkshire policemen of a stationary object in the air near Grassington is being hailed as the most conclusive evidence of a UFO taken in Britain.

The photograph, produced exclusively by the Yorkshire Evening Post today, shows three balls of bright light seen hovering on the side of a sheer cliff face at Cracoe Fell, between Grassington and Skipton.

Graham Birdsall and his brother Mark, of the Yorkshire UFO Society, have investigated the scene of the sighting and come to the conclusion that the policemen's experience could be one of the most conclusive sightings ever.

The Birdsall brothers, from Leeds, have been in contact with top American UFO photograph analysts, Ground Saucer Watch, to have the picture checked.

It was broad daylight at noon on March 16 this year when the two officers saw the object, and they watched it hovering for about 50

minutes. Two American tourists also witnessed the object.

Mark Birdsall said that the photograph, the copyright of the Yorkshire UFO Society, had already been analysed by the top British photo experts and they had been "astonished" by it.

"There was no explanation for it, and there has been no tampering," he said.

"This is the most dramatic photo we have ever had. It is the best photographic evidence in this country ever of a UFO."

During the time that the object appeared there was a very large NATO exercise going on, but police inquiries revealed that they were as oblivious to the nature of the lights as were the local authorities.

"They said it would be an impossibility to put markers on the face in any event," said Mark Birdsall.

"The object was seen at the bottom of the fell seven days earlier by the same officers."

Mr. Birdsall said that the main glowing object was about 60 feet in diameter, and was a brilliant light.

They feel that the light to the left has some connection with the main object, although they cannot explain it.

An investigation of the site showed that the rock face has a dull surface, and there is no evidence of running water which may have reflected the sun.

"There is no way of climbing the rock face unless you are experienced climbers," said Mr. Birdsall.

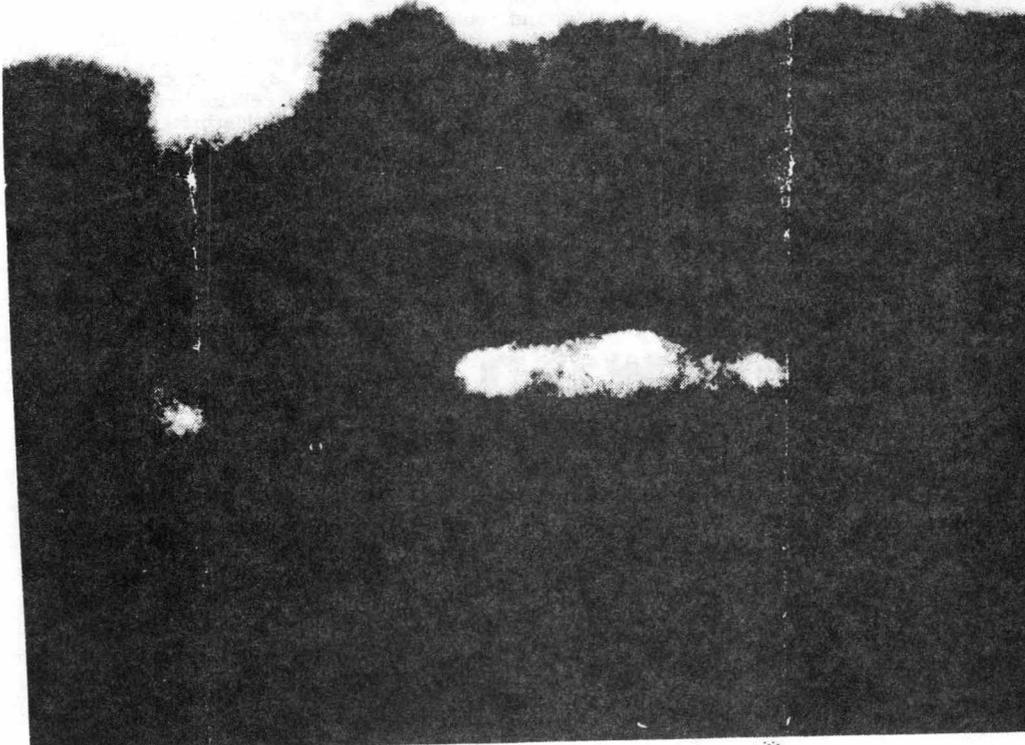
The lights were also tinged with a red glow, and were hovering about 30-40 feet below the top of the cliff.

It was because of the brilliance of the light that the officers decided to take the photograph, using a 35mm. camera.

● TOMORROW: The brothers who have researched numerous UFO sightings in Yorkshire.

YEP EXCLUSIVE

By CHRIS CHILD



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Photo sparks UFO inquiry

A POLICEMAN'S photograph of strange bright lights near a cliff face in the Yorkshire Dales has been claimed as possibly "one of the most conclusive sightings ever" of an Unidentified Flying Object.

The picture, published in the Yorkshire Evening Post, shows three points of light apparently near the face, between Grassington and Skipton.

According to the newspaper, members of the Yorkshire UFO Society have investigated and decided that the photographer's experience "could be one of the most conclusive sightings ever."

Official

North Yorkshire police said the picture was "certainly not an official police picture or report."

The spokesman directed inquiries to Police Sergeant Tony Dodd at Grassington, who has written articles about UFOs.

PS Dodd would not name the photographer. "It was taken by an off-duty policeman," he said. "It was actually seen around noon one day from the window of a policeman's home

"The policeman's wife happened to look out of the window and saw this object. Someone got a camera and took photographs of it."

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Vigil for UFO

About 100 observers of unidentified flying objects are to spend tonight on Cradle Hill, near Warminster, hoping to see a craft which is supposed to appear every other year on August 27.

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Brief encounter with space

UFO spotters, scientists and those who've yet to have a close encounter, will be homing in on Lane End this weekend for the country's third International UFO Congress.

And if the quiet Bucks village seems an unlikely venue for the extra terrestrial blockbuster, the choice of Lane End's Lorch

Foundation centre is a deliberate move by organisers from the British UFO Research Association to take the Congress out of London.

For a fee of £10.00 a day, the curious and the convinced can expect some startling evidence from top American, Canadian,

and European researchers, at least some of whom will tell their star struck audience that "flying saucers are real."

That's the conclusion of experts like Canadian nuclear physicist and Congress star speaker, Dr Stanton Friedman whose work on nuclear aircraft and spacecraft has led him to

believe that some UFOs are spaceships from other worlds.

Also on offer will be a selection of the 600 or so photographs taken in Norway in recent years of UFO sightings by no less than 4,000 people.

The three-day event will run from August 27-29.

LETTERS
TO THE
EDITOR



Anyone see this UFO?

Sir, - I wonder if you have had any reports of a UFO sighted last Wednesday night (August 10) at about 11 p.m.?

My son was driving home on his motor bike from Gosforth to Calderbridge and as he was passing the Boonwood he caught a glimpse of something in the sky. He thought it might be a shooting star, so he pulled in to have a good look. He had stopped just before a turning which leads to Wellington.

There in the sky, hovering above the two houses there, was this enormous UFO. He said it was about 150ft above the roof level, and must have been 200ft long. It had a big white light at the bottom and green flashing lights along the side. My son said he got a very good look at the object and could see its outline and everything. It didn't make a noise, he said, but there was a faint hum coming from it.

He was very frightened and just sat there watching it until it eventually swerved away and headed towards Wasdale.

Telling a friend yesterday at the golf course, she seemed very interested and asked what time this was. Apparently she was driving back from Whitehaven with her husband and as they came into Calderbridge she saw these green flashing lights in the distance towards Gosforth.

She asked her husband what he thought they were and he said: "Oh it's just a plane." She said it was far too low for a plane, but then they were in Calderbridge and lost sight of the object. She thought nothing more about it until I related my tale.

I would be interested if anyone else saw anything on that night.

Sylvia Strong
2 Pelham Drive
Calderbridge

Brothers who keep a check on UFOs

IT WAS midday on the road between Skipton and Grassington on March 16 1981 as two North Yorkshire policemen went about their business. It was a clear day but it was something unusual which suddenly attracted their attention.

Hovering below a sheer cliff face at Cracoe Fell were three large white glowing balls of light. The officers reached for their camera and snapped what could prove to be the best photographic evidence of a UFO in Britain for a long time.

The photograph which was reproduced exclusively in the Yorkshire Evening Post yesterday, is now under the copyright of the Yorkshire UFO Society whose chairman and co-ordinator is Leeds local government officer Graham Birdsall.

He and his brother Mark get to know about most of the UFO sightings in Yorkshire, and now have over 300 on their books. The sighting by the two policemen is the most dramatic photographic evidence they have ever had. They have already contacted America's top UFO photo analysts, Ground Saucer Watch, about the evidence.

Graham Birdsall was 14 when he first became interested in UFOs after seeing strange and unusually bright lights in the sky. That was 15 years ago, and since then he and his brother have records and research on most of the sightings made in Yorkshire.

And the brothers believe they are very close to pinning down the phenomena to an area of North Yorkshire which borders Skipton, Grassington and the east Pennines.

NORTH Yorkshire's east Pennines area is making a name for itself as one of Britain's best grounds for UFO sightings. More than 30 incidents have been reported since the beginning of the year. Following the YEP's exclusive UFO picture published yesterday, CHRIS CHILD talks to two Leeds brothers, GRAHAM and MARK BIRDSALL, who have been researching sightings in the area.



UFO enthusiasts Graham (left) and Mark Birdsall.

Shapes

"There is a regularity of sightings occurring up there in a very sparsely populated area," said Graham. "It is not just lights seen by the odd individual. These are definite shapes, solid objects which don't bear any similarity to flying craft."

"These things are being seen at such a close range and descriptions we are getting back from witnesses all combine and indicate that something major is happening up there."

"If we are there to meet it head on, the conclusion could be quite staggering."

Some of this year's sightings in North Yorkshire show a pattern:

February 11: Grassington, large oval with three flashing bulbs underneath;

March 23: Bolton Abbey, circular yellow object moving north west of Grassington;

March 23: Grassington, orange glow in an area of trees, one tree found badly scorched;

March 30: Rylstone Fell, yellow object seen in the sky;

March 31: Grassington, yellow light manoeuvring from stationary;

April 13: Hebden Bridge, object 300 feet above Simon's Seat;

April 13: Grassington, white light, large and stationary which moved away at a fast speed;

May 1: Halifax, woman sees white light moving from a valley towards her bedroom window. Comes to within a few feet from window, disappears, and blue object with two red arms appears. She is unable to move.

Another woman who was driving from Lancashire to her home in North Yorkshire observed coloured lights in her rear view mirror. She slowed down and let the lights overtake her because the road was narrow, but they refused to go.

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BROTHER WHO KEEP A CHECK ON U.F.O. CON'T

Suddenly, the lights were above her. Her reaction was not to stop but press hard on the accelerator and as she did so, a cone-shaped light hit her bonnet. This continued for about a mile and a half. When a wagon came towards her in the opposite direction the lights disappeared.

Graham said that the woman did not realise just what had happened to her until she reached home — mysteriously 45 minutes late. "She couldn't believe it because she could not recall stopping off anywhere," he said.

The woman reported the matter to the authorities because she was concerned it could happen to other motorists. By mutual agreement, the woman was put under hypnosis and took part in five regressions which provided a fascinating account of her missing time. A 30-page study of the results of the regression are still being analysed.

It is now hoped to put the woman into another regression and invite leading

exponents of hypnosis and psychoanalysts to be present. "Something we always maintain is that we are not out to convince everyone that these things exist," said Graham. "People will only be 100 per cent. convinced at the existence of these craft when they see one for themselves or when a colleague, friend or relative says they have seen one."

Truth

"There has been hundreds of thousands of UFO reports in the last 37 years worldwide," said Mark. "If a fraction of one per cent. of those are the truth, then there is something there."

The Yorkshire UFO Society is an opportunity for those who are interested in UFOs to get together. You don't necessarily have to believe in the phenomena to be a member.

The society meets every month in Centenary House, North Street, Leeds, and for £5 a year members get a bi-monthly journal, newsletters, social events, sky watches, use of UFO books, and the chance to participate in research.

The brothers say they could do with more field researchers in the east Pennines area, and believe that reports of sightings there would then double. It is a painstaking job following up and researching a sighting. If it is felt a person should be interviewed, this takes place, and it enables them to draw up a positive picture of what was seen.

"If we believe that something really extraordinary has occurred, then steps are taken to try and eliminate all the possible explanations," said Graham.

"We then contact the civil-

ian authorities — police, airports, electricity board, gas board, etc. The more witnesses we have to a particular incident the more credence we give to the possibility that a UFO has been sighted."

If further investigations are needed, then this is done. Expert opinion is often sought, and Leeds University come to the aid with analysis of soil samples. Photographic experts are also called in from time to time.

Mark said one of the most frustrating things for UFO researchers was that there are so many people who see things and don't know who to go to. "Only 10 per cent. of people who see these things report them," he said.

Constant

Some people often don't report their sightings until years after they have happened, like a man at Beeston, Leeds, who said he could actually see an eight-foot tall figure waving at him from a glass windowed craft. It happened in the summer of 1978.

"What we are up against is an attitude that has remained constant throughout the past four decades among the public," said Graham.

"That is that any notion that UFOs exist must be put down to cranks or head cases. In fact, the people who are seeing these things often come from the police, company directors and ordinary housewives."

● To contact Mark or Graham Birdsall, telephone Leeds 460179 or Leeds 622221. Send correspondence to the Yorkshire UFO Society, c/o Miles Hill Street, Leeds 7.

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An old UFO

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MANY years ago workers were coming out of the the Larch Mill in Bleasdale Street, Royton at 5 30 p.m. — we worked till that time then. It was a bright sunny day, so there was no excuse of car-light reflections, city lights and so on. Suddenly there appeared over the Larch Mill, about 100ft. up, a silvery disc 18in. diameter and travelling towards Shaw.

It looked like two plates joined at the edges. It banked over to the left to pass the Park Mill, then over to the right travelling over the golf course towards Shaw. It was plainly visible travelling at 30mph, and fitted the description of the disc which entered a Flying Fortress on a sightseeing tour. The crew reported that it travelled along the fuselage and back

again as if it was a television camera taking pictures.

Three days later, in the Chronicle, there was a report of a flying saucer being seen over Shaw. This disc was seen by three people near me, and although I did 5½ years Army service I never saw anything like that on my travels.

I SAW, SIR.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Up above the world so high

If it is not too late may I submit my sighting report on the UFO's seen by Mrs. Turnbull and her family.

On the night in question I was in my garden having my usual look at the stars at about 10 p.m. I had by me a copy of the star chart issued by Radio Cleveland's astronomer, Mr. J. Youdale.

I was scanning the constellation of Cygnus when I saw the objects coming out of the west. My first impression was of a huge flock of night birds but I quickly realised it was something else I was watching.

There were about ten or more objects flying in a simple V formation. For want of a better description the spectacle reminded me of a flight of low flying Delta bomber planes.

As far as I could observe all the objects were of the same size, shape and pattern and the perfect V formation was maintained through the flight from start to finish. The flight lasted for, as near as I can estimate, 30 seconds.

The flight trajectory was rather low and did not reach the zenith when passing me at its highest point.

When the objects were at their closest I looked for any markings or lights, navigational or otherwise, but saw none.

The colour of the objects was a pale reddish yellow and in size, shape and design the objects were alike. The size of the objects made observation easy. It was like watching a well drilled V flight making a fly past.

The brightness of the objects was of a low mag-

nitude — certainly not as bright as the star, Vega, which they passed. In fact, I had the impression that the objects were illuminated by some earth glow or a huge searchlight, rather than self illumination.

At no time during the flight was there any sound — i.e. engine or motor noise and there were no signs of vapour trails or exhaust glow.

When the objects vanished in the North-east I looked at the sky for any trace of their passage but there was nothing to observe.

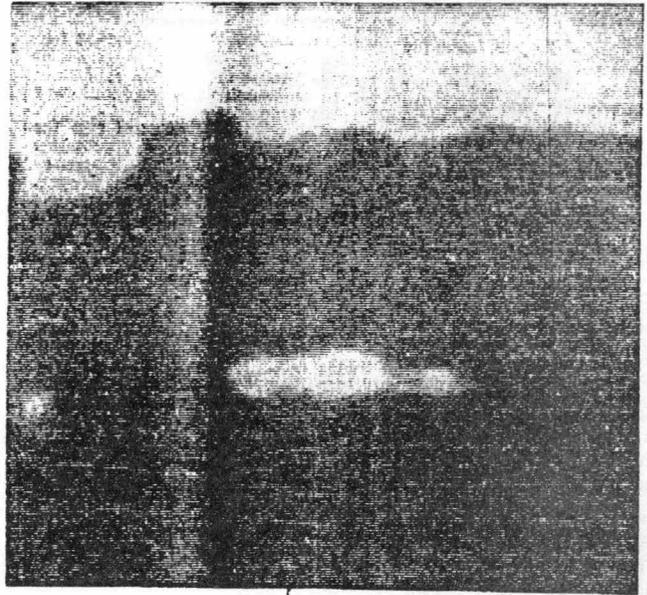
I have no desire to cross swords with your young observer Mr. Tim Baker, but the objects were certainly not satellites. In my years of sky watching I have observed many satellites and have observed the satellites of Jupiter — with binoculars and naked eye — but this was something otherwise.

I must stress that I am in no way an astronomer — merely an interested observer. It is my opinion that just as the deserts and seas have mirages so has the sky. I had the impression that I was in a planetarium watching a spectacular display projected onto the sky.

As for UFOs, remember we have a satellite, Pioneer, heading into deep space, planned to have a peep at any star it passes. Is it too much to hope that in the future some sky watcher on a distant star may spot Pioneer, homing in, and dash off to tell his local Gazette and claim — another UFO sighting!

GEO LYNN
Glamis Grove
Grove Hill
Middlesbrough

U.F.O. siting confirmed



THE PHENOMENON two Craven police officers witnessed at Cracoe on a clear morning in March two years ago was a U.F.O., experts are claiming this week. And they go so far as to say this photograph, taken by one of the policemen and first published by the Herald shortly after the sighting in 1981, is the most conclusive proof ever obtained in Britain of an alien visitor from space.

In fact, Graham and Mark Birdsall of the Yorkshire U.F.O. Society say Craven seems to be a favourite haunt of U.F.O.'s. Over the past 18 months there have been 60 reported sightings in areas around Skipton. Because of this increased activity, the brothers felt the time was ripe to publish their conclusion following their rigorous investigation into what the police officers saw, in the hope it would encourage other people having had similar experiences to contact them.

And they now state they are 100 per cent sure that the object captured on film while hovering in front of Cracoe Fell is a U.F.O.

The picture shows a long shining object with three intense white lights spaced along its underside. It was spotted by the wife of one of the policemen who immediately contacted a colleague who brought along his camera and a telephoto lens. He was able to get a number of shots during the 50 minutes the object remained suspended before the sheer cliff face.

Said Graham Birdsall: "We have kept this under wraps for two years because we wanted to be absolutely certain the photograph could not be knocked down when we released it. During that time, we have covered the area with a small toothcomb, and it has left us in no doubt that no natural phenomenon could have caused this to hover there for just under an hour."

"The object was about 60 ft. in length and the only way you can get up the fell is by making a two hour walk with mountain tackle. There would obviously be certain difficulties in getting 60 ft. of lights up there."

He added they were convinced the object was solid, and that it had been controlled. "To construct something like this requires a pretty good intelligence."

He said sightings in Craven were way above the national average, and they were appealing to people who had seen strange happenings to contact them at the Society in Miles Hill Street, Leeds 7.

"All I can say to people is to look skyward and report to us if they see anything. There are innumerable questions that need answering, and we would like to get a better idea of what is going on in that area."

He pointed out that only 10 per cent of people who saw inexplicable sights reported the fact.

"This is out of fear of ridicule or public exposure, but we are hoping that now even more people will pluck up courage and approach us. We would not be spending a vast number of hours or our own money on this if we did not think it all worthwhile."

He and his brother have been in touch with Ground Saucer Watch, the top American U.F.O. photograph analysts, to determine just how far away from the fell the object was when it was pictured in a bid to establish its exact size.

"It could be that it was even bigger than we think," he said.

Weird object 3127 reported over coast

A POOLE man had a close encounter early this morning when "a huge bright light" beamed down over the coast.

Mr Ernest Tucker, of Sandbanks Road, pulled back his kitchen curtains at about 5.30 am when he saw the strange object in the sky.

"I had never seen anything like this before," he told the Echo today.

"It was not an aircraft, and it was not a reflection and I know the difference between a star and a twinkling in the sky."

Mr Tucker, 68, who was in the RAF Volunteer Reserves during the war, said he was suspicious enough to report it to the police.

And he stressed: "I am sane, I'm not drunk and I'm not seeing pink elephants."

Mr Tucker said the light appeared to move towards Hengistbury Head until it finally went into a small spot and was shrouded by low cloud.

"I always keep a very open mind about these things — but this was not normal."

He described the light as being roughly spherical and about a quarter the size of the moon.

Dorset police revealed today that another sighting had been reported by a woman.

She described the object as "a thing with lights on with a tail-like appearance."

But when police officers went to Branksome Chine to investigate at 6 am, they saw nothing.

There were no weather bal-

loons in the area early this morning, but a worker at Hunn Airport said he had seen an aircraft with a vapour trail at about 6 am.

Mr. Colin Pither, chairman of the Wessex Astronomical Society, said the sighting could have been one of several things.

"Barring anything extra-terrestrial, it could have been a satellite, a flare or Venus."

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Spot the saucers 3128

THE annual skywatch by more than 100 UFO spotters will take place at Cradle Hill, near Warminster, on August 27.

In 1973 The British Unidentified Flying Objects Society studied local sightings and decided that August 27 was the most likely date for visits.

One of the best years for UFOs was 1981. Soldiers from nearby Battlesbury Barracks, Warminster, saw a large object shaped like a rugby ball glowing in the sky.

Mr Ken Rogers, founder and former chairman of the UFO Society, is hoping for better things on August 27 because of the strange circles which appeared in cornfields in the Westbury and Warminster areas this summer.

'Cigars' in sky start UFO mystery

Forget about E.T. — Windermere may have had its own visitors from outer space.

Families at School Knott watched shapes like "fat cigars" lit up by bright flashing lights on Monday night as they stood outside their homes.

Witness Mr Jim Palmer said: "I would stake my life it was a UFO."

His wife Janis was the first to spot the brightly lit objects, at about 8.40 p.m. from the bedroom window of their home on School Knott Drive.

He watched with binoculars as the lights moved towards Orrest Head, remained there motionless for a while, and then set off quite quickly to disappear over School Knott.

He said about 10 people saw the large object, about 8,000 feet up, with red and green lights, and a large blue-white flashing light in one corner. Through his binoculars Mr Palmer said he could make out what looked like windows when the blue light was lit.

He saw two of the objects, but his wife said there had been more which appeared to be flashing at each other.

"It was really wierd," he said. "It definitely wasn't a plane or a helicopter. There was no sound whatsoever."

He told the police about the sighting and intends to contact specialists on UFO sightings.

Inspector Mike Stephens, of Windermere Police, said Mr Palmer had been the only person to report the incident. An officer was sent to the scene but could see nothing. "As far as we are concerned we investigated and found nothing," he said.

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UFO sighted

THE UFO saga continues with yet another sighting. Mrs Linda Waterhouse of Heatherbank, Chislehurst spotted what she described as "two orange traffic lights floating in the sky" late one night last week.

Telford UFO spotter fears cover-up

A Telford man who is compiling a book on unidentified flying objects believes The Wrekin has become a focal point for mysterious aerial activity.

Mr Pat Judson (24), of Hurleybrook Way, Leegomery, claims that there have been 16 sightings of mysterious lights in the sky in the area since August 12.

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He claims that he was given the information by RAF Shawbury, and also says they have since denied to him that they released any report of any UFOs.

"It all sounds very odd to me, like a cover-up," said Mr Judson.

Mr Judson said the he contacted RAF Shawbury earlier this month to see if there had been any sightings. A controller there told him of recent sightings, including three single objects in a diamond pattern, heading north-west to south-east, and three flights of four objects.

"Over the past 18 months there have been a lot of weird things which people have not told the papers about because they don't want people to think they are cranks. It makes you wonder just what is going on," he said.

Spaceship

Mr Judson is appealing to people throughout the area who have had such experiences to contact him.

So far, unexplained incidents in the area had included three Telford women who believed they were actually taken aboard a spaceship, a Leegomery resident who thought she saw something land on The Wrekin and some people who appeared to have "lost" 20 minutes after hearing a strange sound late at night, said Mr Judson.

Mr Judson intends to investigate as many of the stories as possible and if there is a logical explanation he hopes to find it.

He believes the Wrekin is bisected by two ley-lines, which are theoretic ancient powerlines apparently often connected with UFOs.

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Getting the wind up over balloon UFOs

THREE hot air balloons flying in convoy are thought to have been responsible for one of the biggest UFO flaps in Britain in recent years.

After a three-year inquiry, Nottingham UFO Investigation Society says it has no explanation for the objects seen by 50 people in 15 different locations round the Derbyshire market town of Ashbourne.

But it adds that the balloons are the most likely reason for the night alert which prompted many

calls to the police and emergency services.

"We have failed to identify even one of these airships, never mind three, so the sightings must remain a mystery. We have to keep an open mind," said Peter Ann, the group's Derbyshire co-ordinator, after a 500-page report was released yesterday.

During the alert in August 1980, which lasted much of the night, people reported seeing a string of bright lights over about 15 miles. Others said they heard roaring noises, while animals were distressed.

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BOFFINS CRACK THE UFO RIDDLE

By ROBERT GIBSON

UFOs are O.U.T.! And there are no ETs busy shuttling through space to take a peek at us.

That's the verdict of a new report which sets out to prove flying saucers are just pie in the sky.

Scientists Paul Devereux Paul McCartney and Don Robins spent five years investigating alleged sightings in Britain and abroad.

Now they have come up with a down-to-earth answer.

All those mysterious

lights and flashes are caused by exploding rocks.

Mining research in America has shown that rocks bursting under pressure send out balls of light that spin as they move upwards.

These lightballs, say Devereux, McCartney and Robins in this week's New Scientist, are the "flying saucers" so beloved of filmmakers and Sci-Fi writers.

The three boffins

investigated dozens of sightings, dating back to 1904.

And they found that all the so-called UFO appeared over faults in the Earth's crust, where rocks are always under immense pressure.

The report does not entirely rule out the possibility that some body up there is keeping a beady eye on us.

But it claims to "make a lot more sense than all the nonsense about little green men"

Shining UFOs panic

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drive-in movie

... CROWDS FLEE AS ALIEN CRAFT SWOOP

A LATE evening crowd at a packed drive-in theater fled in panic after they were buzzed by UFOs.

Ironically, the theatergoers were watching a movie about an invasion from outer space when the mind-boggling drama unfolded.

Amazingly, an hour after the stunning display of extraterrestrial presence, people were going about their business as if nothing had happened.

Shuddered pretty Sandra

By LEWIS CLIFTON

Padgett, 17, after the terrifying experience: "We didn't know it was real flying saucers at first. We thought it was just something they were doing for a promotional

what happened. I was there and I don't ever want to go through that again."

Larry B. Casherman, 28, an off-duty fireman who was at the theater with his wife and three children, tells of a similar reaction.

"My wife and the kids don't remember a thing," he said. "It's like they were never there."

"I didn't remember at first either, but I had these crazy dreams for awhile about spaceships. Then it started to come back to me."

Fleeing

"There had to be 300 to 400 people there screaming and trying to get their cars out the exits. They just took off, and speakers were laying all over the ground."

Casherman said there appeared to be two ships, which he described as huge, luminous balls with colored lights shining from portholes or windows.

The only noise they made was a slight hum as they swooped low over the theater.

Police and military authorities reported nothing unusual that Sunday night that appears to be linked to the baffling phenomena.

Investigators point out, however, that the busy port city of Mobile, Alabama, and nearby areas, have been centers of intense UFO activity for years.

UFOs have also been frequently reported in the Huntsville area in the northern portion of the state where an important space research and development center is located.

Kidnap

One of the most famous of all UFO kidnappings — of two men named Parker and Hickson — occurred at Pascagoula, Mississippi, only 40 miles west of Mobile.

And since the days when the land belonged to Indians, people have whispered about the strange "Kali-Oka Light," which from time to time shimmers mystically along the Kali-Oka road a few miles from the port city.

Aaron Billcoxson, president of the Deep South UFO Study Society (DSUFOSS)

told the EXAMINER:

"There is no question that UFOs have kept Alabama and the Gulf Coast under close surveillance for years."

"I'm convinced that these are very sophisticated extraterrestrial intelligent beings who are keeping an eye on our progress in rocketry and space travel."

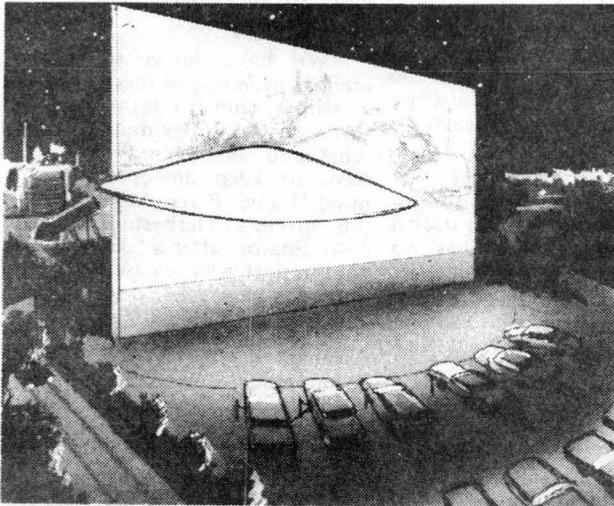
The UFO expert admittedly has no idea what prompted the intimidating appearance of the saucers at the theater.

"But I think they may have come from an underwa-

ter base in the Gulf itself," he said.

Billcoxson said he has records of scores of UFO sightings in Alabama, in nearby Mississippi — especially near the U.S. Air Force Base at Biloxi — and over the Gulf.

And so many flights have been reported over Florida's panhandle, just east of Mobile, that a few years ago an enterprising restaurant owner printed a "Welcome Saucers: Free Coffee" sign on his roof.



• DRIVE-IN THEATER was thrown into panic as UFOs buzzed the movie screen

stunt, you know.

"Then people started screaming, and all the cars started up and everything. My boyfriend and I were really scared."

Incredibly, although more than 300 people are believed to have witnessed the dramatic display of extraterrestrial technology near the Gulf Coast of Alabama early last June — the story of the terrifying ordeal has just begun to emerge.

Somehow the dreadful experience was apparently wiped from the minds of the witnesses, and only a handful are now beginning to recall dim memories of the mass sighting.

"My boyfriend still doesn't believe me. Even when he admits he can't remember the end of the show, he says he just fell asleep or something," Sandra said.

"But I remember. I know

Garrett family watching, logging UFO for 6 years

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By RICK NEIMILLER
Staff writer

From the porch of their home near Garrett, the members of one family have an uninterrupted view of the hills surrounding the small town.

From that porch they have watched and recorded on four occasions a brightly lit object hovering over one of those hills and then moving swiftly and silently out of view.

The first encounter by the family, who wants to remain

anonymous because of their son who is still in school, occurred at 8 p.m. on Sept. 16, 1977. The family is sure of the day and time because they wrote what they saw in a notebook containing family records and events.

"If we don't write it down right away, we'll change it or add to it," one family member remembers saying, "We didn't want to forget it."

In this initial sighting the family watched a brightly lit object in the sky, about 30 degrees above a

nearby hill, in the direction of Meyersdale. As it remained stationary, a small red-orange light approached, then seemed to go into the other light. The object then shot off over the northern horizon without a sound.

In the family's notebook is a drawing of what they saw - an object, oval in shape with two bright spotlights. The sighting lasted about 15 minutes.

The family thought it best to keep the incident quiet since no one else reported seeing anything.

But, in May of this year, around 8:45 p.m., the object returned.

"It's exactly what we saw before," the son says, who is now in high school, stating that it appeared in the same area of the sky as before. The family says that it hovered over the hill then moved at an angle quickly and silently across the sky, disappearing once again in the north.

With the warm summer weather the family spent many evenings sitting on the porch, glancing toward the south and hoping that the object would return. On Aug. 21 and Sept. 8, around 9 p.m., it appeared again in the same position. But they were prepared to get a better at it by using a telescope and binoculars.

What they report seeing was a delta-winged object surrounded by a green haze with two lights in the front each made up of smaller lights that moved counterclockwise. This time though it moved quickly right over them. It was then they noticed six or seven randomly arranged amber lights on its gray-green underside.

"It was enormous," they say, "about the size of a football field." Again it disappeared to the north but on the last occasion the sighting was accompanied by a sound like a "rush of air."

There have been no other sightings since Sept. 8, but the telescope and binoculars sit near

the door. "Since fair week we've really kept an eye out for our UFO," states the mother.

Even though the family does not talk openly about the sightings, they have confided in a few friends who asked if they had seen the mysterious object. "We think a lot of people have seen it but just are not saying anything," they say.

The family was unaware of the numerous sightings reported to the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained in Greensburg during the last several weeks from people all over southwestern Pennsylvania.

As to what the objects could be the family agrees that they "don't know what it is but, they know what it isn't." A neighbor, who also saw the object, states with a grin that considering the advancements made in the last 50 years, it could just be a military project, but on the other hand...

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LATROBE--Before dawn July 27, a Latrobe area man saw an unidentified flying object (UFO) on the outskirts of this city, according to reports.

He said the craft was 250 to 300 feet long, and was observed by the witness for several minutes. It was hovering above a group of trees shining a light around the area. The craft was described as elongated.

Others in the area reported hearing a high-pitched sound at about the same time and along what the man described as the craft's flight path.

Severe headaches and animal disturbances were reported from people in the area. A woman in Jeanette reported seeing a similar craft about two hours later.

There has been a rash of unexplained phenomena in southwest Pennsylvania since the end of July.

UFOs are spotted in Ulster

FLYING saucers are cruising about Ulster skies carrying bug-eyed monsters — if a Portuguese newspaper is to be believed.

The paper has claimed that saucer-shaped unidentified flying objects — known as Ovnis in Portuguese — have been spotted regularly along the Irish east coast from Dublin to Fair Head.

The newspaper, *Jornal Do Incrivel*, reports that the mystery objects come from that area to Cardigan Bay in Wales and move to the west and north.

Creature

And it quotes a number of people as having seen the Ovnis, including eyewitness Stephen Taylor, who has described a "space creature" which appeared when one of the objects landed.

The Lisbon newspaper includes a drawing in the report, based on Stephen Taylor's description.

It shows a tall creature which has a body like a man and a head like a cat. It is dressed in a Flash Gordon-style space suit and has long arms, with boney hands and long fingernails.

The paper claims most of the flying saucers operate from secret bases in a remote part of Wales. And it quotes another eyewitness, John Petts (62), as having spotted one near Carmarthen.

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It names other witnesses to the flying saucer visits as Pauline and Billy Coombs.

Earlier this year, there were claims that flying saucers had been seen over Lough Neagh, and a couple who live on the Armagh-Monaghan border said a flying saucer had landed near their home.

But experts, including Armagh Planetarium director Terence Murtagh, concluded that the strange sights in the sky had been Army surveillance devices which are on the secret list.

The Portuguese newspaper makes no mention of Army activity here, although it notes that there is a missile test range in Wales where rockets are fired up the Irish Sea.

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Pc SPOTS UFO OVER NEWPORT

An unidentified flying object trailing a long flame was spotted over Newport today by a policeman.

Pc Philip Spokes reported seeing the object over John Frost Square, Newport, just after 3am.

He described it as having a round, white light at the front with a long flame at the back. It was moving rapidly from west to east.

GRAVESEND REPORT KENT SEP 2 1983 MYSTERY OBJECT IN THE SKY

I must thank you for your co-operation on the matter I wrote to you about — Unidentified Flying Objects last month.

Can anyone remember May 14 this year, a Saturday, at about 2300, seeing something strange in the sky over towards the River Thames, Essex direction, from Gravesend.

I have a report of an orange/red object changing to a clear blue colour that night.

I am awaiting further details about this sighting, but would be grateful if anyone else who saw this object could get in contact with me at my address. — MICHAEL HUDSON, 7 Durovernum Court, Canterbury.

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Midweek mail

The mystery of the missing UFOs!

AS A UFO researcher I was most intrigued by the comments of the Lane End residents to the UFO congress held there recently (Midweek, August 30).

Their humorous and cynical comments hide, however, a most intriguing riddle.

They all echo my preliminary findings into the Chiltern area that there have been virtually no UFO sightings. So as a UFO researcher facing redundancy I now turn my mind to this fascinating problem: Why are there no UFOs in this part of Britain?

If UFOs were spaceships

from outer space I can think of no reason why they should avoid the Chilterns. If UFOs are — as one Lane End resident said — misinterpretation of aircraft there should be plenty of sightings in an area so close to civil and military air bases. Yet there are none!

I also investigate other mysteries. Ghosts seem to happily walk the streets, alien pumas prowl the countryside and the area is rich in legends.

But UFOs? Little green men? Not a whisper! — Alan Cleaver, School Close, Holmer Green.

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While sky-watchers have been gazing upwards in their search for the final solution to the UFO mystery, the answer may well have been lying in the rocks beneath their feet. Susan Thomas reports on a scientific approach to cosmic illuminations.

Why the faults must take the blame

I KNEW in my bones that those wily Dragon researchers were holding out on me. Not that you can blame them. Megaliths are one thing, the here and now, so to speak, but UFOs, well UFOs are not everybody's cup of tea.

Don Robins is the scientific adviser to the Dragon Project, the multi-disciplinary assault on the megalithic mysteries which has been investigating the Rollrights for the last five years. When I interviewed him for the Guardian earlier this year he produced enough revelations to fill Shirley MacLaine's

diary. He told me about the strange ultrasonic language of the standing stones; about the prehistoric circles' ability to act as an energy refuge, cutting out ultrasound entirely and reducing the levels of radioactivity and electromagnetism within their walls; and about the anomalies on the infra-red pictures. But further than that he refused to go, except to say that it was the site, rather than the stones, which seemed to be the crucial factor in the mystery.

It was Paul Devereux, researcher and coordinator of the project, who dropped the next clue. Had I noticed, he asked, that virtually all megaliths are situated near geophysical faults — those

places in the earth's substructure where different types of rock abut? He also mentioned UFOs, their preference for ancient sites and their association with ley lines, and left me to draw my own conclusions.

It was not until they had given the scientific establishment time to digest the results of that first piece of research that the intrepid duo—Devereux and Robins—aided by one Paul McCartney (a geochemist), published their explanation for the UFO phenomenon. And very interesting reading it makes.

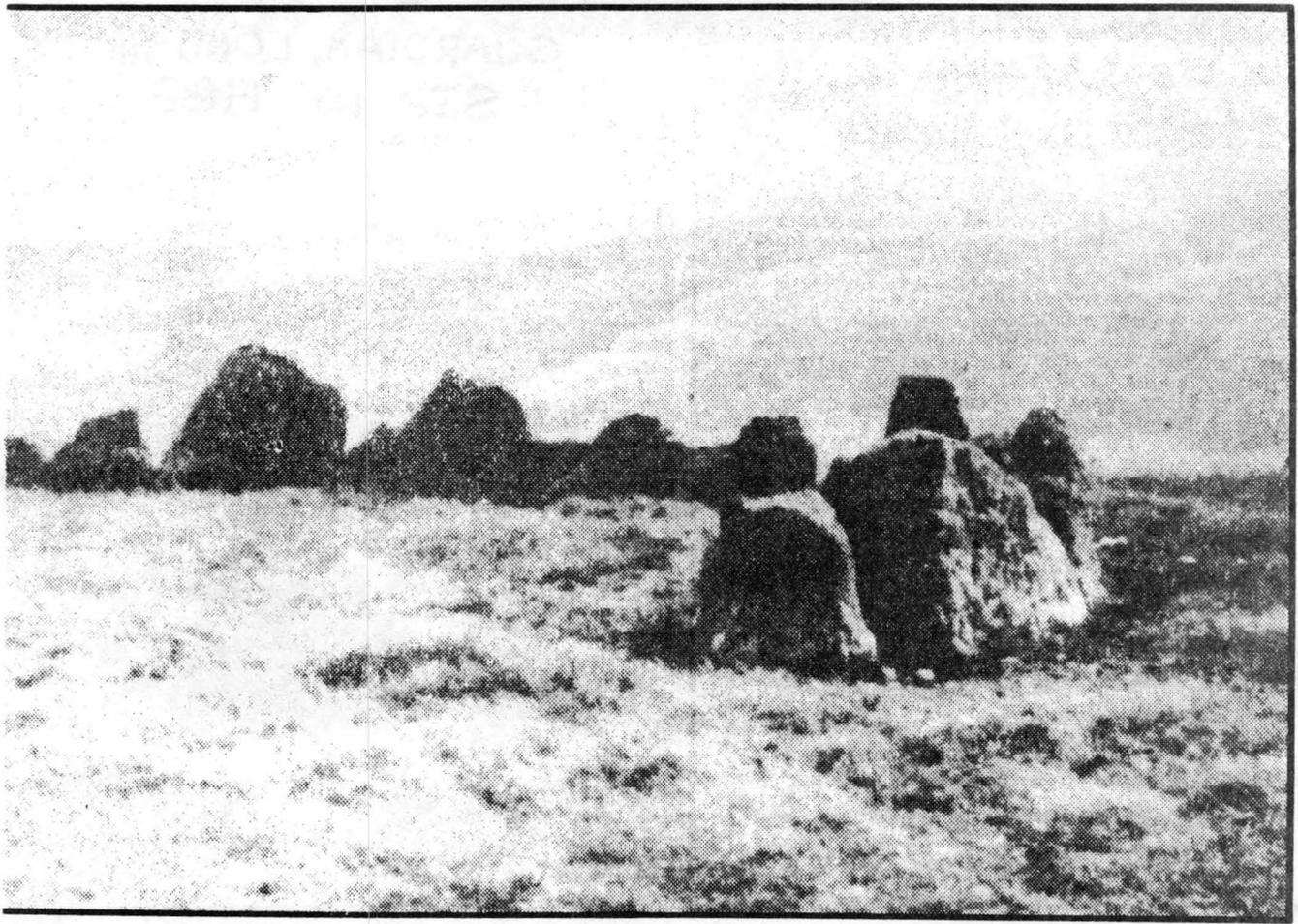
But have they left it too late? After all, the United States closed down its high powered UFO analysis bureau years ago, and I haven't seen so much as a

sniff of a sighting in the press recently. So just to make sure that UFOs are still with us, I checked with Dr John Green, Head of Atmospheric Physics at London's Imperial College, who should know about the problem, if anybody does.

Yes, he said, UFOs are still around. Although 90 per cent of sightings can be explained away as weather balloons, aircraft landing lights, bizarre cloud formations or ice crystals, that still leaves 10 per cent to account for. And yes, he had read the article in *New Scientist* and was much encouraged to see such a sensible, natural explanation.

Which is? "Earthlights," says Paul Devereux. "UFOs are natural geophysical manifestations." Electrostatic balls of light, created by the grindings and gratings of subterranean rocks, probably by a very complicated process called triboluminescence. This explains why they occur most often in the heavily faulted western half of the UK and are sometimes seen actually emerging from rock-faces and mountainsides. So much then for all those popular theories about UFO bases in hollow mountains, offshore islands and even in the basement of the Empire State building.

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Above: Moel Ty Uchaf stone circle, Gwynedd. The circle is close to the major Bala Fault and near Barmouth, scene of an outbreak of aerial lights in 1905. The circle was also at the centre of an extraordinary geophysical display in January 1974 involving tremors, underground explosions, and multiple fireball events. Left: megalith with rising sun.

Devereux, Robins et al, have been busy crushing tiny granite samples in a massive rock crusher. Sure enough, says Devereux, as the granite core comes under pressure, tiny coloured balls of light fly about inside the chamber, behaving exactly like miniature, captive UFOs.

All very satisfactory. And probably an explanation which will be more acceptable to the scientific fraternity than to a fair section of the ufomanes who relish the mystery, hanker after close encounters and hope one day to meet ET.

When Devereux put forward his theory at a recent meeting of the British UFO Research Association, a number of members were appalled. "This," said one gentleman, in the tea break, "is as bad as all that ball lightning nonsense. OK, OK. . . . I can accept that it accounts for a few fairy lights in the atmosphere but it has nothing to do with the creatures that I've seen."

"Exactly," said a pinkly irate matron, "when you've seen a real space craft, something with nuts and bolts, you know it's like nothing we have on earth and it's certainly not made of light."

The actual earthlights mechanism is something to do with the disruption of matter when rock is crushed. Free electrons remain trapped in the crystal until they are released by a boost of energy produced either by intense heat or pressure. When this happens they cascade through the rock and out into the atmosphere, where they produce photoluminescent phenomena — dazzling balls of white, red, green or yellow which can spin, pulse, hover or coalesce and disappear as silently as they came.

The beauty of it is that the phenomenon can actually be produced in the laboratory. Basing their experiments on work done by American mining scientists,

But the same meeting brought news which delighted the Earthlights group. For during the past 18 months, Hessdalen, a rocky, mountainous area of Norway, has seen a spectacular "UFO flap." There has been so much atmospheric activity that 4,000 sightings have been logged. And 600 pictures taken.

"Everything that has happened strengthens our case," said Devereux, and pored over the time lapse photographs. He saw regularly pulsing, balls of red and yellow light streaking erratically about the countryside. Looking at the same photographs, the outer space contingent saw dome-shaped saucers of light and read the intermittent pulses as rows of space windows.

Even on the ground the Norwegian witnesses observe

different things. One family sees a space craft land in its field. A close neighbour sees nothing but his cows go wild, "bellowing and rushing around in a terrible state." This, says McCartney, is a typical example of the way that animals are affected by the increased electromagnetic field created by UFOs, earthquakes or seismic movements generally. Dogs howl, cats run round in circles and birds fly away. People may hallucinate or have "visions."

Devereux, who has been researching megaliths and UFOs for 15 years now, has

WHY THE FAULTS MUST TAKE THE BLAME CONT



gone into the subject in some detail in his latest book, *Earthlights*, which looks at the history, geography and mythology of the phenomenon.

"Earthlights have always been with us," he says. "The Celts and Chinese interpreted them as fiery dragons, the early Christians saw visions of angels and twentieth century man sees space craft. They tend to occur in waves . . . flaps, during periods of seismic activity, move around the region and concentrate in the areas of natural faulting."

The book contains a

number of maps, the three most striking of which show reported UFO sightings, earthquake epicentres and the magnetic anomalies of Wales — the last of which, incidentally, looks just like a physical contour map of the country. The high spots on all three show a remarkable correlation. Live in Barmouth, Brecon or Milford Haven and it seems that your chances of suffering from electromagnetic disturbance, seeing a UFO or being shaken out of bed are disturbingly high. It is all grist to the earthlights mill.

One of the best documented accounts of the earth-

lights phenomenon is the case of Mary Jones of Egryn, says Devereux. She was a revivalist preacher at the start of the century and from 1904 to 1905 was the centre of an extraordinary bout of earthlight activity. Balls of light accompanied her on her walks, hovered over the chapel where she was preaching and escorted her congregation along the road. They were, however, also to be found in the neighbourhood when Mary Jones was not. But whether or not the fireballs were a manifestation of Mary's divine grace, as she sincerely believed they were, every one of the sightings occurred on the Mochras Fault.

"Then there was the big UFO scare at St Bride's Bay in 1977 when scores of people saw fires, distress flares and UFOs landing, flying or crashing on to the mountain. The police sent up a rescue team and a group of scientists studied the area, all without finding the least trace of disturbance . . . a classic case, lots of sightings and all the factors fit. That whole area is riddled with faults and folds."

Even Warminster, renowned in the 'Sixties as a "window area," a place where UFOs enter the earth's atmosphere and which is apparently in "tectonically passive chalk country" fills the bill. Examination of the geological maps for the area shows that it lies very close to the Longleat fault. "So far," says Devereux, "every major sighting that we have checked has occurred on or beside a fault . . . sometimes a surface fault, sometimes a deeply overlaid one."

All of which brings us full circle, UFOs, or Earthlights, a term I am sure the ancients would have preferred, occur on faults. Ley lines which link the stone circles to other "sacred sites" run along faults, often intersecting at the circles. It follows then that electromagnetic activity is likely to be stronger at those intersections and that more atmospheric phenomena will occur at the circles them-

selves than in the surrounding countryside.

This then is what Robins meant when he said that it was the site, rather than the circle, which was the crucial factor. The question remains, however: what did the ancients do with the lights, take refuge from them, worship them, use them?

Perhaps, as in the case of Mary Jones the preacher, the lights simply gave more power to the wizards' rhetoric?

Perhaps the electromagnetic field they carried with them caused the witnesses to hallucinate, have "visions," not of small leathery hominoids, but svelte blue naiads, slender green dryads?

Perhaps, and this, says Devereux, is the scariest of them all, perhaps the ancients knew that the lights were susceptible to psychokinesis. For Mary Jones is reliably reported to have been able to summon or dismiss the lights at will. During World War Two, when pilots of both sides were buzzed by strange light balls, which, incidentally, each side took to be a new secret weapon of the other, they discovered that the lights seemed to be responsive to thought power.

And during the Hessdallen "flap," countless witnesses reported that attempts to signal to the lights or take their photographs invariably resulted in their disappearance until the offending torch or camera had been put away out of reach. This has posed such a problem that the Hessdallen Skywatch is now planning to run a new monitoring system — alternate days of high technology and good, old fashioned, unaugmented eyes and minds. It is, as the Swedish team reported, as though the lights were able to perceive our intentions.

Maybe as well as using the circles to tell the seasons, predict tides and eclipses and enhance fertility, the ancients had the thought power to put on light shows to rival those of Close Encounters.

Policeman & Two Nuclear Experts See UFO Blow Up

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A policeman and two atomic energy specialists watched in shock and amazement as a bizarre UFO split in half and then apparently exploded in a blinding flash of orange light.

The astounding incident occurred in the city of Mendoza, Argentina, where UFOs have been terrorizing residents since April — chasing motorists, zooming low over houses and mysteriously leaving cars and homes without power.

While probing the eerie sightings, Mendoza Police Sgt. Antonio Pinto said he witnessed the apparent explosion of a UFO.

"When I arrived at a spot where many people had seen these objects, two other people were already there," Sgt. Pinto told The ENQUIRER.

"They introduced themselves as technicians from Argentina's Atomic Energy Commission.

"Together we saw an object, which emitted very bright light, divide in two and then the parts appeared to explode. But there was no noise!

"Afterward I was told to return to my post, that the technicians would take care of the case. As I was leaving, I saw them gathering fragments of whatever had exploded from the ground."

The Atomic Energy Commission refused to comment on the case, but UFO expert Pedro Romaniuk told The ENQUIRER that credible sources have confirmed Officer Pinto's account.

"The technicians from the Atomic Energy Commission saw the unknown object divide into millions of incandescent particles which sent forth a blinding orange light," said Romaniuk, a former air force officer who has authored 10 books on UFOs.

"Research has been concluded on this material — and the object was in fact a flying saucer."

Another UFO forced taxi driver Juan Lopez to pull off the road when it came up behind him and its blinding light made it impossible for him to see, Lopez told The ENQUIRER.



THEY SAW IT: Police Sgt. Pinto (right) and taxi driver Lopez show where UFOs flew over.



BLAZING UFO streaks over Mendoza, terrifying residents and leaving homes without power.

"It was a huge egg-shaped object, shining rays of bright orange light," he said.

"My three passengers and I panicked, and I tried to drive away — but my car was dead.

"After the UFO vanished, I was able to start the car again."

The UFOs that have been buzzing homes in Mendoza have generated such fear that in one section residents have established a curfew to make sure no one gets hurt by them.

"We're scared to death!" admitted Alonso Menezes, a market clerk in Mendoza.

"For weeks strange objects have been flying over our houses. We always know when they're coming because the dogs start whining and scratching the doors to come inside. My own dog hides as if he were being chased by a mountain lion.

"More than 60 of us have seen them. They're oval and project rays which light up the whole neighborhood in a bright orange light.

"They come from the direction of the mountains, and three or four times they have flown over our roofs at treetop level. Some men have even shot at them —

but with no effect," said Menezes.

"During the last week in April, all of the lights and appliances in everybody's homes went dead when they passed over — and they only came back on when the UFOs were out of sight.

"No one has given us any explanation. Police will say only that they're UFOs.

"We don't know how long we can go on living in this constant state of fear."

— TOM SMITH