

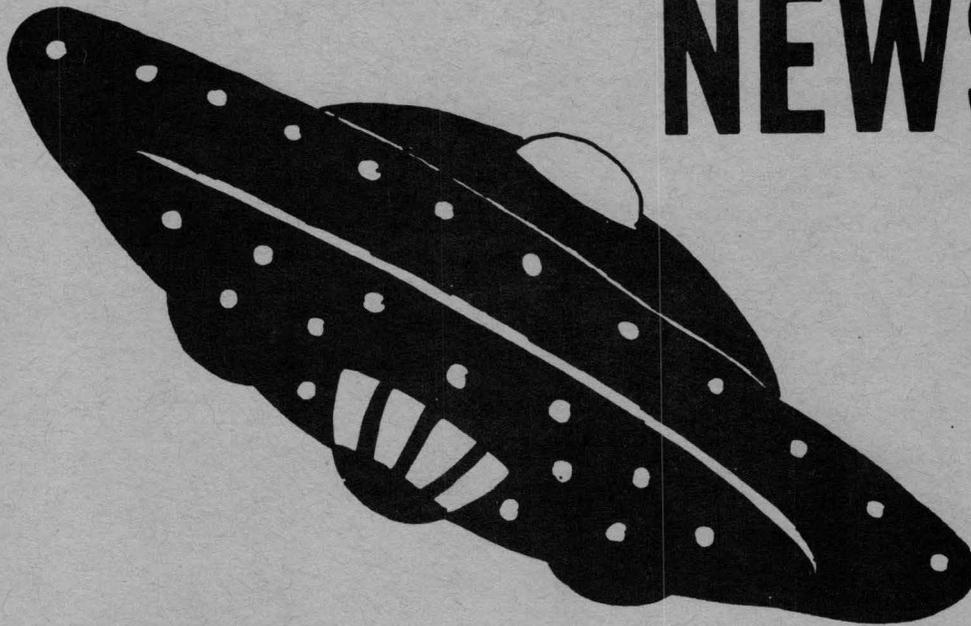
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UFO shakes woman's car as she drives on Route 220

By Marsha Heim
Staff Writer

It was a very dark night as Catherine Burk of Bellwood drove home on Route 220 after a visit with family in Altoona.

She had slowed down as she approached the Country Garden Market as a precaution against turning motorists. But then she heard a sound — a fast whirling sound.

The next thing she knew, her car was lifted onto two wheels. She saw a silver flying object, a UFO, pass overhead. As she fought to regain control of her vehicle, the object swooped away.

"I'm trying to forget it," the Bell Tower resident said. "Nobody knows what it's like until you see it."

And two days after the event, Mrs. Burk still couldn't hear out of her right ear. She was still shaken.

It happened between 8:30 and 8:45 p.m. Saturday. Mrs. Burk said she was traveling north on Route 220 in her Chevrolet Malibu. She didn't see the UFO coming, but she heard it.

"All I heard was this weird noise. It was a weird sound. You could hear it. It was real fast. It was like a real fast hum, and it was sharp," she said as she dotted the tears in her eyes with a tissue.

The object came past her on the right, she said. "When he went over

me, he took the right side of my car up," she added.

As she was struggling with the vehicle, she said she got a glimpse of the silver object flying by.

"It was bright silver with a pocket underneath it. It was really bright," Mrs. Burk said. "It was big, it was really big."

As she described it, the UFO was bright silver and flat on top. It had a round, silver bottom that wasn't as bright. It was circular and on a tilt. But her car was "wobbly," and she was concerned about an accident.

"I couldn't get control of the car. I was sliding over in the seat," she said. The car eventually righted itself. She added: "It came down with such a thud."



Mirror photo by Walter Mong

CATHERINE BURK of Bellwood points to what she says is the only visible evidence of her UFO sighting Saturday night on Route 220 — a loosened rubber strip on her car.

Because she was fighting the vehicle, she didn't get a good look at the object. "I didn't see it all. I got

a glimpse of it," the 67-year-old woman explained.

After the car was righted, Mrs. Burk pulled to the side of the highway. Her vehicle wouldn't start again for 20 to 25 minutes. But even after she reached her home, she said, she still saw a silver streak in the sky.

There were no other people around, Mrs. Burk said, except for an older couple who she saw in front of the Minuet Manor. They were looking toward the sky, but she thought they may have been trying to read the hotel vacancy sign.

Their car later passed her vehicle as she returned home.

Mrs. Burk, though upset, decided not to tell people of her experience. "People think you're crazy, so I didn't tell anybody," she explained.

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But her daughter called to see if her mother had arrived home safely, and realized that Mrs. Burk was upset. With that, she called Bellwood police.

Reading from the police report, Bellwood chief Gregory Ciaccio said the object was about 25 feet wide and about three stories high. "She was visibly shaking," he said of Mrs. Burk. "She was not drinking."

He said she reported driving between 30 and 40 miles an hour. When her car was lifted, it remained on two wheels for two to three seconds. Ciaccio said he checked her car, but there was no damage. He reported the incident on the "UFO hotline" (see related story).

Mrs. Burk said she doesn't watch movies or read books about UFOs and doesn't believe reports of aliens visiting Earth.

She added that she doubts that the object was alien, and is more inclined to put the blame on the government. With a son who is a retired Air Force security officer, she believes what she saw.

"I always say the government was trying out stuff, but I never saw

anything," she said. "I never want to see nothing like that again."

And now Mrs. Burk said she is experiencing an emotion that is uncommon to her — fear.

"I am not afraid (normally) because I had worked as a security guard at houses at Sylvan Hills. It was just the idea that it was something I never saw. I never was afraid to be by myself. I wouldn't have been scared if it hadn't raised the car up," she said.

"If it had lit on the otherside of the road, I would have gone over to see it," Mrs. Burk said. "I just don't know what it was."

She said her fear will probably fade with time: "I've got to pick up. If you make yourself afraid, you're going to be afraid," she said.

While she considers herself "one in a million" who were able to see such an object, she wouldn't wish it on anyone else.

Mrs. Burk explained: "I kind of hope people see it so they believe me, but I don't want anyone else to have to go through that, especially if they can't stand it. I never want to see it again."

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Where to report a sighting

FRONT PAGE

Anyone spotting an unidentified flying object should first call the local police — not the U.S. Air Force.

Maj. Phil Ratliff of the Pentagon's public affairs office said the government won't investigate UFO complaints; instead, it refers calls to private organizations.

"We quit (investigating) when we closed 'Project Blue Book' in 1969," he said.

Ratliff said he does feel people who call have seen something. "They will say 'Yes, I did see something. I don't know what it was. It was something I've never seen before,'" he said.

Bellwood police chief Gregory Ciaccio said the recent UFO report by Catherine Burk of Bellwood wasn't his first. When he receives a UFO sighting, he files a report and calls the "UFO Hotline."

The hotline, (312) 491-6666, answered by the Center for UFO Studies, takes the caller's name, address and phone number on an answering machine.

Sometimes the object can be explained, Ratliff said, citing missile launches in California as an example. Ciaccio said that in Blair County UFOs could be Air Force and Navy jets that fly low to practice getting under radar, but the maneuvers are always from 11 a.m. to noon.

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Limestone Deputy 'Chased' By Strange Bright Light

Times Limestone County Bureau

ATHENS — Limestone County Deputy Jimmy Harrison said he was pursued by a strange bright light as he drove his patrol car towards Athens before dawn Wednesday.

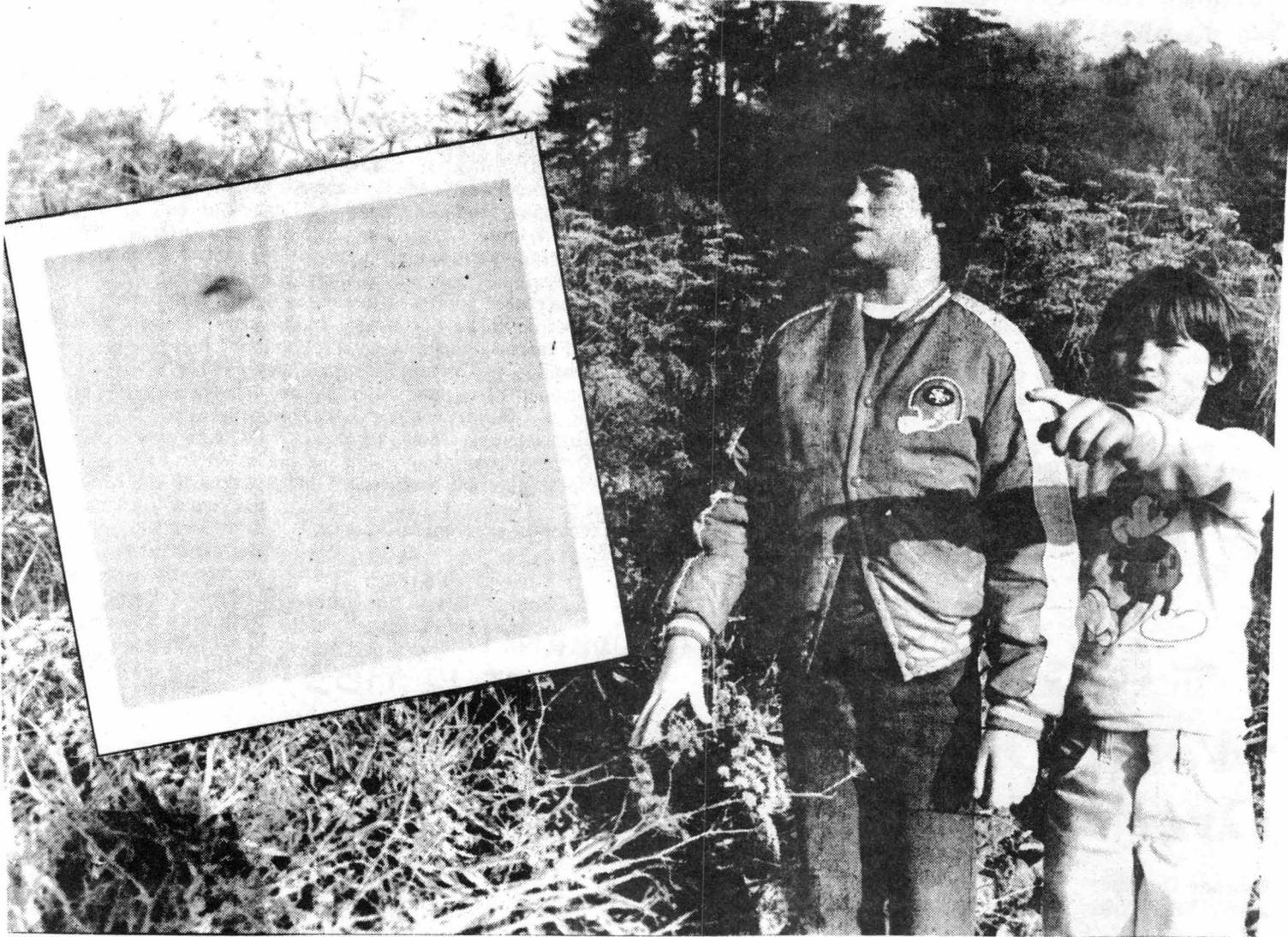
"I would speed up a little and it would seem to speed up a little," he said. "I don't know if it was chasing me but it was following behind."

He said that as he approached the city limits the lights "veered off."

Harrison said he told police in Athens, Ardmore and Huntsville about the lights and was told that other law enforcement officers had also seen them.

Limestone Sheriff Mike Blakely said three orange and translucent garbage bags, filled with helium and with flashlights attached, were found Monday night in a field. That discovery came after several nights of reported UFO sightings near the Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant.

A TVA spokesman said plant officials were investigating whether the large, 45-gallon industrial-type garbage bags came from the plant.



Patrick O'Hagan points to the place where he and brother, Michael, and friend, Aaron Couch, sighted their UFO,

Brothers and friend see Klamath

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By Karl Cates
Of The Triplicate

Once upon a foggy, gray day ... Well, the picture may not look very convincing, but, hey, UFO pictures aren't known for their believability.

And besides, the guys that say they saw an unidentified flying object over Klamath Oct. 15 are fairly reputable sorts.

The O'Hagen brothers, Michael and Patrick, cross their hearts and hope to die that they did indeed see a glowing, oval blob in the sky on that eery, foggy Saturday afternoon. Michael is 12, Patrick is 8.

So far, though, their testimony has been hard to corroborate. Nobody else saw the flying phenomenon, or, if they did, they're not talking. Radio and TV reception around Klamath wasn't interrupted at the time the boys saw their blob.

There have been no reports of little E.T.-types tipping over garbage cans in the night. Not yet, anyway.

But the O'Hagens stand by their story.

Michael says he wasn't scared when the UFO materialized out of the fog.

"But my brother was kind of surprised," he recalls. "We're still very excited."

At 3 p.m. sharp, Michael, Patrick and their friend Aaron Couch, 11, were walking along the bank of the Klamath River, just a few hundred yards from their home on U.S. Highway 101.

Aaron was conveniently armed with a Polaroid camera.

Suddenly, out of the fog came the Unidentified Flying Object, "moving slowly," say the boys, not making a sound. Aaron had just enough time to make one exposure as the UFO "came down slowly" before leaving for parts unknown.

inset photo.

Karl Cates

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SEE KLAMATH UFO
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"It was there maybe thirty seconds," says Patrick. "Then it moved off toward the Pacific Ocean."

Out there over the Pacific is presumably where it is now, since no one has seen it since.

The boys were hesitant to tell anybody about the sighting because "people don't usually believe stories like this," says Michael.

Not even Patrick's teacher could be convinced.

"When I told her," says the 8-year-old, "she said, 'Oh, come ON, Patrick.'"

But the O'Hagens only shun their detractors. They hope and expect to see another UFO someday.

As for ridicule from nonbelievers, well, they just take solace in the fact that their account has been published in the TriPLICATE.

"When they see it in the paper," says Michael, "they'll have to believe it."

**DANVILLE, PA. NEWS
OCT. 24 1983**

Suspected UFO sighted

WASHINGTONVILLE — A Washingtonville family spotted an unusual light in the sky early Saturday morning, which one of the family members, Edgar Miller, described as 40 times the size of any visible star.

The Miller family called the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., about their sighting, and although the center said the source of the light is still unidentified, it could have been the planet Venus.

Edgar Miller, his father and mother, Edgar and Betty Miller, and his sister, Ann Reed, said they watched the glowing light for hours and claimed it moved across the sky. Reed's husband Donald said he was also able to see the light from Turbotville.

A UFO Center spokesman said the planet Venus would appear different from other stars to someone who had never seen it before, adding that the planet moves across the sky from east to west.

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**'Weird' Objects Seen
Over Kimmswick Skies**

FRONT PAGE

By Anne Dunning
Journal Staff Writer

7424 UFOs
Something caught Susan Burr's attention in the skies above her Kimmswick home Sunday night. She watched a brightly lighted object skip erratically across the horizon. It suddenly stopped.

"I would not have noticed it, but I saw it come into view and then it stopped right there," she said.

Curious, she called her daughter, Keena.

"It was weird," Keena said. "My mom was just sitting in the living room and saw a flash. We watched what she saw for a half hour; then we noticed another one."

As Keena and some friends observed the first object and then the second, they noticed others in the skies as well.

"There were three main ones," Keena said. "They were bigger and were closer than the others. They were silver and green."

IN THE BACKGROUND, Keena said, were three other smaller objects.

"The ones that were in the background were littler and were flashing red. And then we saw four bright flashes which were yellow.

"They were all moving all different kinds of ways and different speeds," Keena said. She said the objects appeared to be six inches above the horizon from her perspective.

"They moved, danced, to the right for an inch, then they'd zigzag real fast, then real slow. They'd move, then sit for a second, move and go back and forth, move forward and go backward.

"We didn't know who to call," Keena said, "we wanted someone to come down because we didn't have telescopes. We didn't have binoculars either."

Just the same, the Burrs were convinced that they were watching something unusual.

"They moved awfully fast to be planes. It was kind of scary, yet it was exciting to watch," Susan said. Despite the excitement, the nine who watched remained calm.

"THEY WERE CLOSER than any star or planet," Keena said.

The Burrs called a television station and the Planetarium, but it was now past midnight and a recording told them to call again in the morning. They contacted the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and a deputy responded.

Reports indicate the deputy was convinced he was watching something unusual.

The Burrs watched the objects from 10 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. Susan said she wished she had watched them until daylight, and only went to sleep because she had to awaken early Monday morning for work.

"I really wish now I had stayed up all night and called in sick," she said.

3 1 2 8 'It was a UFO'

AN official report spelling out how a spaceship landed in Suffolk IS genuine, the Americans confirmed today.

But they poured scorn on another, even more astonishing claim... that the craft was manned by little silvery creatures. That part of the Great Suffolk UFO mystery was Unlikely, Fanciful and Outlandish, they said.

By PAUL DURRANT

Even so, admission by USAF authorities that the previously secret report is genuine adds weight to a story the Star ran as long ago as May about the out-of-this-world allegations... but still left some people unconvinced today.

The report was written by deputy base commander at RAF Woodbridge, Lt. Col. Charles Halt, about how a "strange glowing object" came to earth in a remote part of Rendlesham Forest near the airbase in December, 1980.

The document was released when an American citizen requested it under their Freedom of Information Act.

It gives the official stamp of approval to claims first made by two Suffolk women UFO investigators over two years ago.

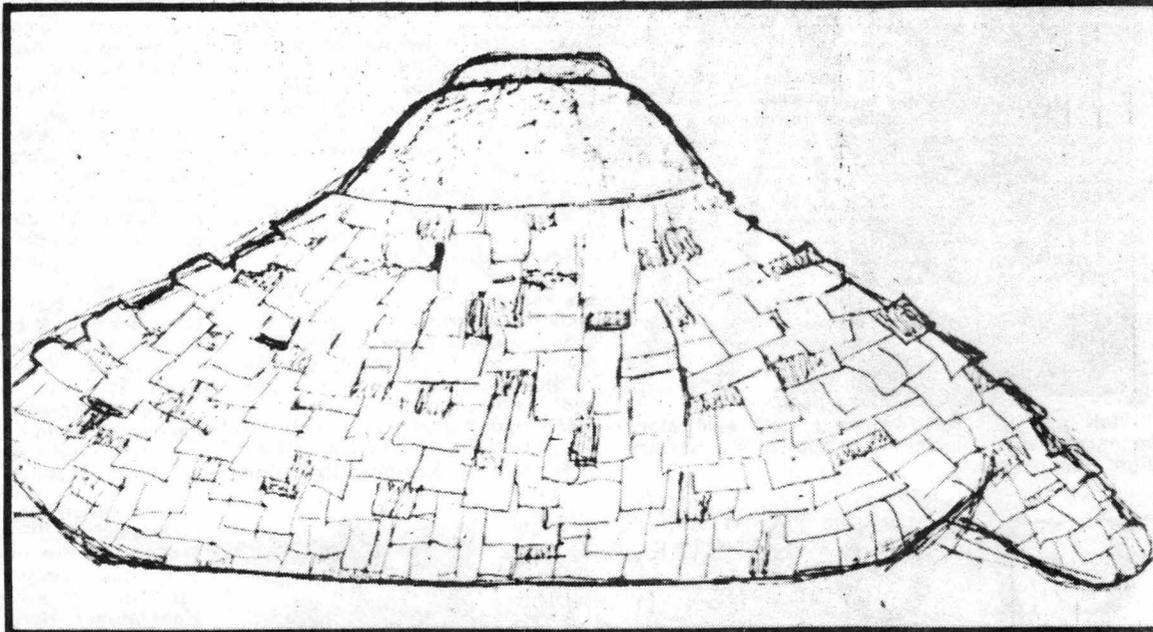
Lt. Col. Halt's report tells how USAF security patrols from the base were sent out to check on unusual lights in the forest and discovered a "strange glowing object" which "illuminated the entire forest with a white light".

Wrote Lt. Col. Halt, "The object was hovering on legs. As patrolmen approached it it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared.

"At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The next day three depressions one and a half inches deep and seven inches in diameter were found where the object had been sited on the ground."

Lt. Col. Halt refused to talk to the Star today. "He would rather our public affairs department handle this one," said a spokesman for his office at Woodbridge.

At the public affairs department, Capt. Kathy McCollom told the Star, "Yes,



● The airman's sketch of the craft which he said was carrying "little silver men". — NoW picture

it is a genuine report. But it doesn't explain what these lights were.

"All we did was a memo as a courtesy for the Ministry of Defence. We have never investigated it, and we aren't interested in things that happen off base."

But Capt. McCollom described as "fanciful" other reports said to come from an anonymous airman on the patrol that night.

He claims other members of the patrol saw "little silver men" inside the spaceship and ever since had been sworn to secrecy by the Americans.

One of the Suffolk women who have been probing the strange case for two years, Mrs. Dot Street, of Oulton Broad, welcomed the publication of the Lt. Col. Halt report.

"It's what we wanted because I am sick to death of cover-up," she said.

She hoped the report would

"make people realise what is going on and that these things do exist."

Now she hopes more witnesses will come forward to her or colleague Brenda Butler, from Leiston, both members of the British UFO Research Association, as they did in May following news of the women's investigation in the Star.

Promising to treat information and names confidentially Dot says that "this is not the first time it has happened in that area".

Other witnesses have talked of sightings in November, 1980, and she now believes that there were two incidents spread over three days in that December.

Suffolk's official UFO investigator is "keeping an open mind" on the reports.

"I feel that if there were a number of people around who saw this someone would have come forward and said something by now," said Mr. Paul Hermon, of Felixstowe, who is area investigator for the British UFO Society.

"I would very much like to meet Lt. Col. Halt and to read the full version of his report," he said today.

But forester Vince Thurkettle, 27, who lives a few hundred yards from the supposed landing site, told the



● Brenda Butler, left and Dot Street on the site of the alleged landing of the spaceship.

Star, "I saw nothing at the time, but the next day a chap came round asking questions about a UFO, but wouldn't say who he was.

"A few weeks later I discovered three oval depressions in the ground making an equilateral triangle as though something had landed. But they could just as easily have been rabbit scrapes.

"There's hundreds of rumours about this; but I have never met anyone who actually saw it. It's all a bit odd."

Last night Suffolk Police said their records revealed that in the early hours of December 26 the law enforcement desk at Bentwaters reported seeing unusual lights in the sky and said they had sent troops to investigate.

A routine check with Air Traffic Control to see if their

radar had picked anything up revealed they had received reports of aerial phenomena over southern England that night.

A traffic car and local beat car were sent to investigate but found nothing untoward, said the policeman and the only lights were those of the Orford light house.

The next day the Americans asked them to examine the indentations in the forest and the officers concluded they were probably made by an animal.

A USAF spokeswoman confirmed that Col. Halt was still deputy base commander.

She said the base had not investigated UFO sightings for years and the report was not something that was required but was probably done out of courtesy for the Ministry of Defence.

Couple tell of UFO encounter

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"I felt the UFO was watching me", said store manager Nathan Sinclair who spotted the mystery light from his car.

UFOs are back in the local skies again - and one couple's weird encounter near Throop lasted over 20 minutes.

Health food store manager Nathan Sinclair, 38, of Coronation Avenue, Moordown, was driving with 37-year-old Sue Smith from Somerset between Throop and Holdenhurst around 9.30 pm on Wednesday the 21st when she spotted the mystery object through the car window.

It was so unusual that the couple stopped, got out and pointed it out to an old man passing by who was as baffled as they were.

Explained Sue: "I was looking at the moon when to its left I saw something with flashing lights I thought was a plane. But unlike a plane it was stationary, and the lights, which had tinges of orange and green, seemed to be either revolving or flashing round a circular or cylindrical rim. Nathan saw it too.

For nine or 10 minutes the couple

stood watching the object - and the elderly passer-by also agreed it wasn't a plane or helicopter.

Suddenly the UFO streaked across the sky "faster than any plane", said the couple.

Said Sue: "It had been way to the left of the moon and it moved very fast to a position to the right."

Said Nathan: "It covered the distance in a few seconds - much faster than it takes a plane. Then it stopped - it didn't slow down, it just stopped dead and hovered again for another 10 minutes. I saw it as a crystal white light also with lights rather like a rainbow.

Sue added: "It eventually disappeared but that might have been because it became obscured with clouds. I've never seen anything like it before in my life - I knew it was something very different. I'm pretty certain we're not the only being in the universe."

Nathan, who runs Healthy Habits in Wimborne Road, Winton, added:

"I've never been particularly interested in UFOs but I had the feeling that this object was looking at me even though it was probably far enough away to be over Hengistbury Head. I felt it was watching something or taking pictures."

The couple's experience follows another UFO report from former RAF special branch officer Ernest Tucker of Sandbanks Road, Poole, who from his home early Monday morning spotted a spherical light moving towards Hengistbury Head.

Because he was certain it wasn't anything ordinary he called police who also investigated a report from a woman at Branksome Chine about the same time who saw "a thing with lights on with a tail-like appearance".

Local astronomer Colin Pither has surmised the sightings may have been the Planet Venus - a suggestion all the witnesses dismiss.

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debate an answer

A FORMER RAF man has joined the debate on the mystery object seen in the night sky over Northumberland.

Many people have described the brightly lit, slow moving body since a sighting was reported in the Gazette two weeks ago. But last week RAF Boulmer denied all knowledge of the object which was seen passing over the air base on its way north.

A Boulmer farmer believed it was two aircraft refuelling and his theory has been backed by former RAF Regiment member Mr Jim Turnbull, of St. Lawrence Avenue, Amble.

He was on his way to work as a night patrolman at Acklington Prison when he saw the lights.

At first he thought it was Venus but then recognised it as a KC 135 in a refuelling operation with a huge aircraft - probably a Galaxy, or possibly a Starlifter or B52. He has seen the same thing a number

of times in recent years.

The aircraft would be flying relatively slowly at between 10,000 and 12,000 feet, he estimates. He could not hear the engines because of noisy machinery on the nearby opencast site.

Mr Turnbull says the bright white lights are used in night refuelling and there would be red lights on the wings.



Sue Smith, who saw the UFO on her way to Holdenhurst to walk the dog.

He wishes it had been a "close encounter," says Mr Turnbull, who is convinced of the existence of extra-terrestrial visitors.

He says he has seen unexplained objects in the past and spoken to two pilots shaken by sightings. "I would have loved to believe it was a UFO - there are definitely things up there."

UFO and close encounters of the Essex kind

UFOs were seen in the skies over South East Essex at the same time as a spacecraft was claimed to have landed in Suffolk.

The alien craft was said to have been met by crowds of US air force personnel.

Now the air force claims the Sunday newspaper report about the UFO incident was far-fetched.

But a spokesman admitted that a report by Lt Col Charles Halt, deputy commander of the USAF 81st Tactical Fighter Wing, saying that he had seen UFOs and that one had landed was genuine.

Three mystery lights that Halt spoke of were also seen in the skies above Great Wakering by Anthony Pickering and his daughter Deborah, on the same

day, December 27, 1980.

They were among dozens of people who flooded police and coastguards with calls. At the time the RAF said the lights were a satellite re-entering or meteorites.

Mr Pickering, 39, a plasterer, of Conway Avenue, Great Wakering, said he saw three white glowing objects in the sky as he drove Deborah, then 15, home from baby-sitting in Little Wakering.

He said: "Deborah asked, 'what is that dad?' and we looked up. There was exactly the same space between each light. It was a perfect formation.

"It was not an aircraft or wing lights from an aircraft. They were quite fast and low enough to recognise if it had been an aircraft. There was no way it could have been."

Mr Pickering stopped the car to watch the lights travel north and he said: "It shook me up a little bit."

Far-fetched

Capt Kathleen McCollom, public affairs officer at the Woodbridge air base, said: "The report is more an informal memo that Lt Col Halt did to the Defence Ministry. I personally could not verify it. I am not an eye witness."

"The lights were seen all over the country. I have even had a call from Manchester."

She said the air force had no official interest in the incident and that the airman who told of the landing by the spacecraft in woods was no longer in the service.

She said: "Some extremely far-fetched things have been said about this incident."

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County man spots a 'silent' U.F.O

A MAN claims he saw a U.F.O. in the county last night.

He was in his garden at Rowston, near Digby, at 9.15 p.m. when he saw bright lights in the sky three or four miles north of the village, he said today.

"It seemed to be round," said Mr. Benjamin Franklin, of the Council Houses, "and the bottom half of it was brilliantly lit and flashing on and off."

It stayed for about 10 minutes before flying away

said Mr. Franklin, who followed the lights with his binoculars until the U.F.O. disappeared.

Faster

"There was no noise and you could have heard a pin drop," he said.

Mr. Franklin, a 36-year-old pump attendant, added that he was used to seeing planes from nearby RAF stations, but the U.F.O. was nothing like any of them and moved

much faster.

The stars were out, he said, and there were no clouds. His wife Marie, who went inside the house to fetch the binoculars also saw the U.F.O. he said.

Flt. Lt. Mike Fogarty, community relations officer at RAF Waddington, said today that the sighting was nothing to do with "Winged Victory," the Nato exercise currently involving Lincolnshire bases.

He had no explanation, he said.

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UFOs can lead you up the forest path . . .

Flight 328 over town — in 1910!

The possibility of a UFO winging its way over Halesowen and disappearing over the Clent Hills as early as 1910 is being investigated by an enthusiastic local historian.

Norman Jones of South Road, Stourbridge, who is chairman of the Halesowen local history group, has been pouring over the files of the

County Express during the last few months, preparing a book on Halesowen.

This week as he watched a television programme Norman heard the curator of the aircraft museum at St Athan talking about an old airplane built by a Welsh aviator in 1910.

This is believed to have flown at night using illuminated instruments and

weights suspended on cords from the machine, used as navigational aids to indicate height from the ground.

But this has not been confirmed, and the curator doubted if the aircraft had ever been flown at night.

Now Norman has sent the curator a cutting from the County Express of 1910 which indicates that somebody did

see something flying in Halesowen at that time.

The cutting reports that on September 11, around 7 pm "several prominent residents who had a good view declare it was a large aeroplane and that it travelled at a rapid pace in the direction of Clent."

Their attention was attracted by its "brilliant lights."

"What's so unusual about a UFO landing in Rendlesham Forest?" asked the man in an Ipswich bus on Monday.

He then went on to tell his friend all about the RPVs which are being tested in many parts of the world.

Perhaps he's right. The military of the U.S. and Canada are developing these Remotely Piloted Vehicles, office colleague Ken Blowers tells me.

Some of them have quiet engines and low radar reflectivity, and their illumination systems may well radiate strange lights.

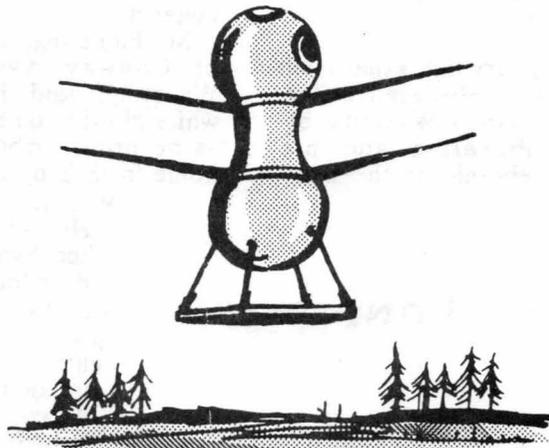
There are RPVs which can hover or land vertically and this applies particularly to the "sky-spy" type.

Once in a while the UFO comes to the fore again though.

The biggest UFO scare in Ipswich was on September 25, 1981, when hundreds of residents ran outside to watch an object crossing the night sky.

It resembled two immensely bright stars with a smaller red lights dancing and flashing around them. It gave off an odd metallic whine.

What was it? Investigations revealed it was a



• A sketch of a Remotely Piloted Vehicle (RPV) capable of vertical take-off and landing.

Lockheed C5A Galaxy of the U.S. airforce on final approach to Mildenhall. Its main landing lights and flashing strobe lights were responsible for the UFO scare.

The Ministry of Defence has a UFO sightings section and a random check revealed that of 1,500 observations, 203 were satellites, 108 were balloons, 121 unusual cloud formations, 750 were aircraft and 106 were flares. The rest remained unidentified.

There's a picnic site on the left-hand side of the road leading from Bromeswell to Butley. Directly opposite is a footpath leading through Rendlesham Forest to a point almost alongside the USAF runway at Woodbridge.

If anyone walks down this path at dusk when flying is in progress there are so many flashing lights and illuminated runway markers that it's like a scene from Star Wars. It's possible to imagine almost anything — particularly at the end of the path!

OCT 2 1983

I saw UFO land — American officer

A SENIOR American Air Force officer reported sighting a UFO landing in Suffolk during Christmas 1980, the Ministry of Defence confirmed last night.

Lieut-Colonel Charles I. Halt, deputy commander of the USAF 81st Tactical Wing at RAF Woodbridge, told of seeing a "red, sun-like light" near the air base in the early hours of December 27.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said: "There was a 'sighting' by an officer in the USAF. He was off-duty and off the base. He made a report and submitted it via the RAF commander at

Woodbridge to the Ministry of Defence."

Sir John Nott, who became Minister of Defence within a fortnight of the reported sighting, said last night: "I know nothing about it. Certainly I never saw any report about a UFO landing. I don't believe in UFO's, anyway."

Another former Minister of Defence, Sir Ian Gilmour, said: "I should think this is absolute rubbish."

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But we saw little silver men first . . .

By Sally Mays

AN AMERICAN colonel's report of the landing of a mystery spacecraft came as no surprise to UFO watcher Mr Ken Rogers of Warminster.

The reported landing in Suffolk is identical to many in the UFO spotters' paradise of Warminster.

"The detail of the craft and the landing are just the same — even down to the silver suits of the beings from the craft," Mr Rogers said.

Ancient Ley lines which cross the country and which are thought to make Warminster a target for space visitors, go straight through the Suffolk site where the craft was seen in 1980.

"I am not surprised at the landing. I expect it has been given the publicity because of the American air force witness," said Mr Rogers, chairman of Warminster UFO Society.

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It described how a mysterious craft came to earth in a red ball of light at 3 am on December 27, 1980.

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WOMAN TELLS OF UFO RIDDLE

HARDEN has been pinpointed by a mysterious bright light on two successive nights, claims an Oakworth woman.

She says the "yellow" glow hovered over the village, accompanied by a low humming noise.

The woman, who wishes to remain anonymous, said the light was first seen by her mother.

"She gets up in the night and on Wednesday about 3.30 a.m. she saw a light in the sky. The next night she woke me up. The light was hovering over the Harden area low down near the horizon."

No similar sightings have been reported to Keighley police.

Saw UFO Over Common

Is there life in outer space? A Burbage man has good reason to believe so.

A Mr Bowlsworth of Woodgate Road, claims he spotted a UFO from his bedroom window at 1.30am on Monday 5th September as he lay in bed.

Bright yellow lights dominated the dark evening sky and the object descended slowly on Burbage Common.

The lights grew brighter as the UFO neared earth. It skipped along the ground, then rose again and circled mysteriously over the woods.

There was a sudden flash of light . . . and it was gone forever.

Only three-and-a-half hours earlier, a Barwell woman said she had sighted a similar object in the same area.

A team of investigators from the Midlands UFO Research Centre visited the site and scanned the ground for traces.

A spokesman said: "As yet we haven't been able to find a natural explanation for this particular occurrence."

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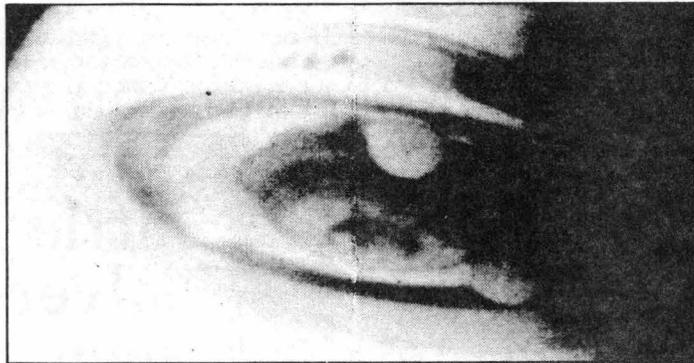
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When is a UFO not a UFO?

UFOs: the public deceived

by Philip Klass, *Prometheus**, pp 310, £13.45

Ian Ridpath



Unidentified flying object certainly; but a spacecraft from Venus?

George Adamaki Foundation

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IF YOU ASKED believers in unidentified flying objects (UFOs) to name their *bête noir*, there's no doubt that the author Philip Klass, would top the poll. Klass is a senior editor with the world's leading aerospace magazine, *Aviation Week*. As the world's leading UFO sceptic he has assiduously tracked down the hidden truth behind celebrated UFO cases, exposing the distortions, cover-ups and downright lies perpetrated by credulous UFO believers and by the press which has for too long shirked its responsibility to investigate these extraordinary claims. Klass has shown that a little investigation can spoil a good story.

In New Zealand, glowing UFOs are filmed from a cargo aircraft; in Iran, a UFO apparently attacks an air force jet; in the United States, the CIA is forced to release its secret files on UFOs. All these acclaimed events from the annals of ufology, and more, get the Klass treatment. For me, the highlight of this book is Klass's investigation of the alleged abduction by a UFO of an American forestry worker, Travis Walton, which is still

regarded as a classic in some UFO quarters.

Klass reveals that Walton failed a lie-detector test on his reappearance; that there was a strong motive for Walton and associates to have staged the whole abduction; and that UFO researchers combined with the *National Enquirer* newspaper to suppress these inconvenient facts while publicising the case

as one of the best ever. Most alarming is Klass's blow-by-blow account of the subsequent campaign by ufologists to discredit him after he made his findings public.

Klass notes that until the Walton incident, ufologists generally rejected sightings of alien beings or contact with them. Since the Walton case, there has been a rapid slide into

hypercredulity by the leaders of the UFO movement. Alleged sightings of UFO occupants and claimed abductions by them have become commonplace; ufologists are prepared to endorse the tales after only superficial investigation. Has there been a change in the *modus operandi* of UFOs themselves—or only of the UFO movement?

Whether you believe there is something to UFOs or not, it is difficult to deny Klass's conclusion: "If ufologists and some journalists deceived only themselves, it would be simply their personal problem. But for much too long, they have deceived the public as well."

UFOs: The Public Deceived is a scathing indictment of a field of belief that assumes the mantle of scientific inquiry but which so often falls woefully short of scientific standards. Along with Klass's previous book *UFOs Explained*, Robert Sheaffer's *The UFO Verdict*, and Allan Hendry's *The UFO Handbook*, this book belongs on the shelf of anyone seriously interested in UFOs. □

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Ministry duck
riddle of
'UFO landing'

THE Ministry of Defence has confirmed that details of a UFO landing were reported by an American airman.

News of the World reporters claimed yesterday to have seen a secret document written by Lt. Col. Charles Halt, the deputy commander of a USAF base in Bentwaters, Suffolk.

In it, the newspaper said, Lt. Col. Halt described how a mysterious 'craft' came to earth in a red ball of light at 3 a.m. on December 27, 1980.

The newspaper claimed about 200 military and civilian personnel — British and American — witnessed the events around a pine forest called Tangham Wood, half a mile from the USAF base and RAF Woodbridge, in Suffolk.

The News of the World described Lt. Col. Halt as a

"key witness," who said farm cattle and forest animals ran beserk as the "spacecraft" landed in a blinding explosion of lights.

His report allegedly said: "The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape. It was hovering, or on legs. As the patrolmen approached, it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared."

The News of the World also had an account from a USAF security policeman, now back in America, who said he was an eye witness, and saw beings — "three, wearing silver suits" — inside the craft.

USAF captain Kathleen McCollom, chief of the public affairs division at the base, said last night: "There were some lights, though there were no little green men, as far as I'm aware."

SOVIETS GRAB CRASHED UFO AND TAKE CREW TO SECRET BASE

RUSSIAN military forces may have captured a downed UFO on a remote island 500 miles northwest of where they blasted Korean Airlines Flight 007 from the sky.

U.S. intelligence sources and UFO experts say the alien craft and its crew were shot down

Espionage experts tell of drama near site of air disaster

By BOB BORINO

by Soviet forces when it attempted to take off after crash-landing on deserted Shantar Island in the Sea of Okhotsk.

Top American security experts fear the Russians may have shipped the starship and its crew alive to the regional center of Khabarovsk to be sent on to a secret research center near Yakutsk, in eastern Siberia.

"This is a very serious situation," says Mark Stanley, a former CIA agent based in Washington, D.C. "There's no telling what that spacecraft contains in the way of engines, various equipment and weapons."

Stanley told GLOBE that U.S. officials are worried by alarming reports from Red Chinese and Japanese spies working in the area. And those reports are supported by independent eyewitness accounts, says Jan Klashnov, a former Soviet intelligence officer who is now a Pentagon adviser.

"There have been eyewitnesses to the Soviet capture of the alien craft, and huge railroad flatcars, normally used to transport heavy equipment, went in and out of the area for 10 days," says Klashnov, who lives in Southern California and uses an assumed name.

Barry Meeks, a member of Pacific SkyWatch, a UFO group based in San Francisco, says the captured UFO is the main topic of conversation among experts in Japan.

"A Japanese friend told me he had talked with two Siberian Eskimos who claim to have witnessed the assault on the UFO," he told GLOBE.

In late summer, a UFO was seen landing on Shantar Island, a few miles from the Siberian fishing village of Chumikan. "The natives

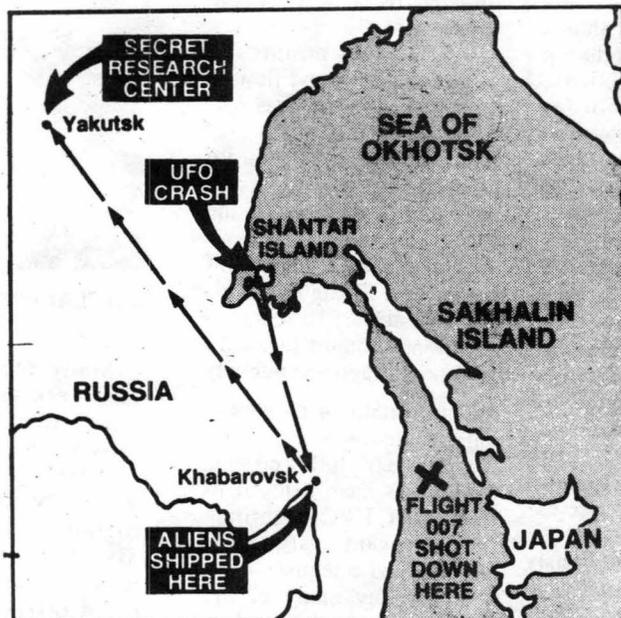
didn't give the landing much thought because they were more concerned with Russian troops that had moved into the area a week earlier," says Stanley.

But when the glowing disc dropped from sight amid the pine trees, the night suddenly came alive. Small, powerful

boats and helicopter gunships, jammed with troops and glaring searchlights, shattered the quiet.

Meeks, who confirms Stanley's report, adds: "The boats and helicopters went straight for the island. Before they were halfway there, jets from Sakhalin and mainland bases came roaring out of the sky.

The jets swarmed low to prevent the UFO from lifting off until the boats and helicopters could arrive with troops. As they made their first pass over the island, witnesses saw a glow at the site where the vessel had gone down.



"The UFO must have made an attempt to power-up and get away but the jets were back for a second pass," says Stanley. "This time they unleashed a barrage of rockets and it seemed as though the entire island had exploded."

After that second pass, the UFO's glow faded. By then, the Russian troops had landed.

"But there must have been some life still on the UFO, because two jets and four helicopters suddenly just disintegrated," Stanley adds.

The area was cordoned off by thousands of troops. No one was permitted to enter or leave.

A railroad engine pulling dozens of huge flatcars set off for Khabarovsk.

"Some observers claimed several crates loaded aboard looked more like cages containing living creatures than anything else," says Klashnov.

UFOs invade Red China

RED CHINA has been invaded by UFOs and thousands of citizens are being called on to act as spotters and investigators.

Their war-making ways are being monitored

By LEWIS CLIFTON

Incredibly, the Chinese mainland has been under close surveillance by extraterrestrials for more than 20 years — but until recently citizens were afraid to report sightings.

Said Dr. Keiji Nakamura, a scientist with the Imperial Institute of Astronomy in Tokyo:

"We've known for years that there was a tremendous amount of UFO activity over China.

"Our studies have shown that UFO flights peak during periods of military activity, such as China's border clashes with the Soviet Union, and the later troubles with North Vietnam.

"The Chinese are definitely being closely monitored by some alien intelligences concerned about their war-making capabilities."

Experienced China-watchers credit the spate of UFO reports there to the end of the repressive Cultural Revolution, with its fanatic Red Guards and restrictions on free thought and free expression.

Chinese who previously saw UFOs, or had first-hand



experiences with extraterrestrials, were simply afraid to say anything about it.

Experts advise that many of the reports being filed today date to the 1960s and 1970s. An astonishing experience by a member of the highly respected People's Liberation Army, Zhang De-

ngzhou is a good example.

Zhang was on sentry duty in remote Gansu province when, he says, he saw, "an entire village enveloped in blue.

"I looked toward the source of light and saw a flat, oval shaped object, its center golden yellow and surrounded by a deep orange cloud.

"After two minutes it picked up speed and flew to the east. The place was restored to darkness."

In China one could hardly ask for a more believable witness than a member of the PLA.

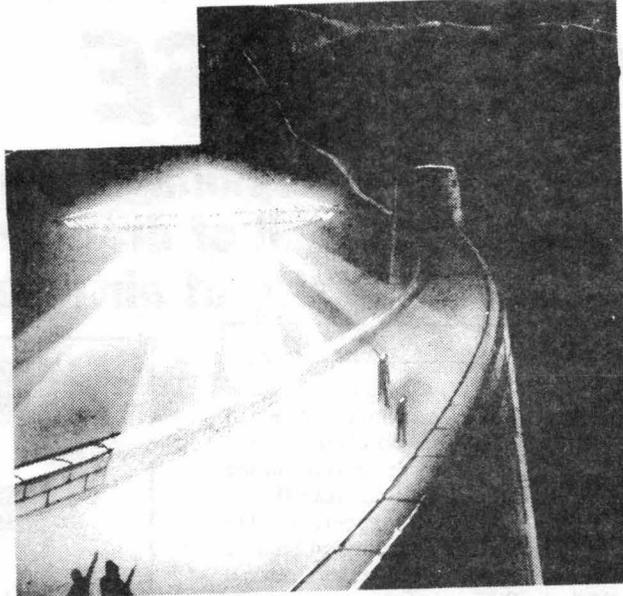
But because of his fear of authorities, Zhang set on his story for at least 10 years before finally coming forward a few months ago and publicly relating details of the amazing experience.

Others have followed suit. Authorities have listened to stories of UFO sightings from peasants, students, teachers and scientists.

And today many of the sightings are fresher — like that of Wang Ting-yie, a member of a commune in Yunan province.

Wang reported that he saw a golden, cylinder-shaped object streaking through the skies over his commune on April 12, 1981.

According to airport workers Wang Jian-jai and Han Feng-hsiang, a few months later, on December 21, they watched in bewilderment as "a white disc suspended in the sky" above the Peking airport.



• A FLAT oval shaped object flooded the countryside in an intense blue light.

Many recent sightings have been reported in Xinjiang province over the Gobi Desert and the Soviet border.

A UFO group was formed especially to keep track of sightings and activities of flying saucers in the province.

Additional officially-sanctioned UFO organizations have been formed throughout China, and members keep in contact with clubs in other areas through the new Journal of UFO Research.

Despite the official support, UFO research in Red China is still basically left to spare time activities.

"The elite in the university departments of astronomy won't help us," one UFO researcher complained.

"They dismiss any discussion of extraterrestrial life as escapist Western thinking,



and they have answers to explain just about every UFO sighting."

Nakamura, who is in unofficial contact with some of The People's Republic's leading UFO buffs, is convinced that the scientific bias against research into the baffling phenomena will be relaxed.

"The Chinese have always had a deep interest in the heavens," he said.

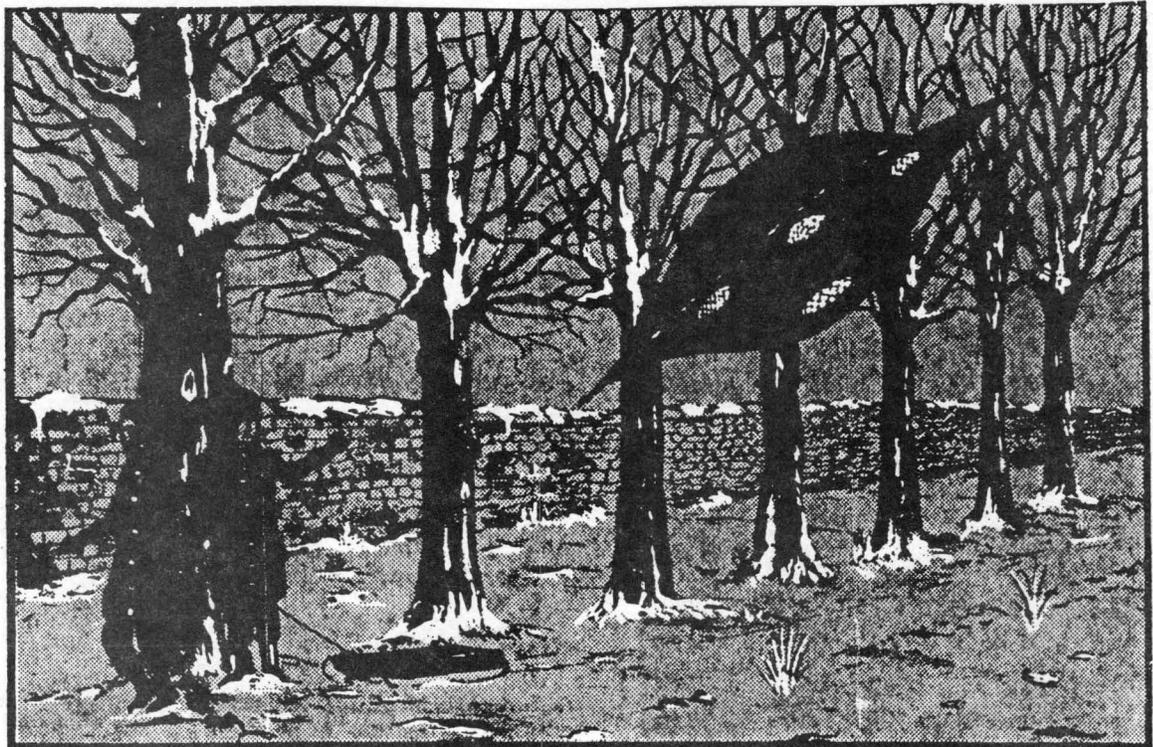
"After all they invented rockets, discovered many of the stars and planets, and developed their own sophisticated system of astrology."

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THIS week, the British UFO Research Association holds its 21st anniversary conference. The YEP begins today an intriguing series which details some of the many UFO sightings in Yorkshire. In this first article, GRAHAM W. BIRDSALL, Chairman of the Yorkshire UFO Society, tells the story of the "Meanwood Landing" in Leeds.

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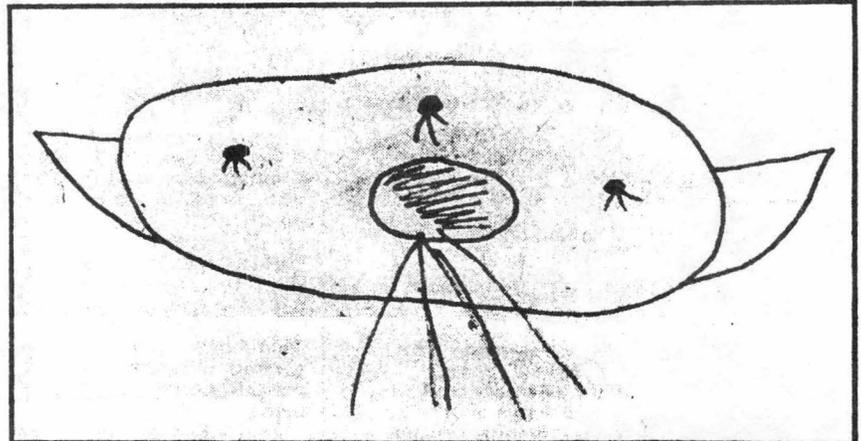


The 'Meanwood Landing' mystery

 **UFOs**
in Yorks
The full story

YORKSHIRE is the largest county in England, and whilst most of its native inhabitants go about their everyday business, a dedicated team of individuals seek out an enigma that has baffled mankind for decades. They are members of the Yorkshire UFO Society, an organisation that investigates sightings whenever, and wherever they

occur within the county, and beyond. During the last several years, they have unearthed some 300 sightings, and beginning tonight, we take a closer look at some of the most mysterious and unusual cases from our files, starting with THE MEANWOOD LANDING.



Lynsey Tebbs's drawing of the mysterious object.

On February 22nd 1979, Leeds like much of the North of England, was under several inches of snow. That evening two 14-year-old girls were sledging happily atop the Meanwood Valley. Lynsey Tebbs and Susan Pearson had just finished another "run" down a steep slope when both were suddenly aware of a large cluster of lights directly above them. It was 6.45 p.m. An object, displaying three green lights, and in its centre a red light, was hovering some 200 feet above them.

Without warning, it gave off a high piercing whine, and began to descend. It spiralled down, but some 100 feet above the ground its speed dropped, and the object straightened up. The whining noise became a low hum as it slowly descended to the snowy footpath, some 30

feet from the bemused girls. The humming sound then ceased, and the lights from the object glowed against the soft snow.

Fear of coming face to face with the unknown then caused both girls to turn and run, but having put a distance of some 50 yards between them and the object, human curiosity prompted them to stop, turn around, and gaze long and hard at the object. They later described it as being grey in colour, approximately the length of a car, and about four feet in height.

Skyward

Some three to four minutes later, the object suddenly began to rise, and it hummed softly as it rose to a height of 100 feet. It hovered a short while then moved in a direction that was to take it right over the girls, but then it veered away to the girls' right and descended once more, further down the valley bottom. It was now resting awkwardly on a steep bank, some 80 feet from the girls. There it remained for some two minutes, and just as before, the lights could clearly be seen.

The girls watched with baited breath, and they did not have too long to wait for it suddenly began to wobble, then quickly rose skyward, straight up, to become no bigger than one of the thousands of tiny specks that filled the starlit sky. Both girls hurried home to tell their parents of the incident.

Quickly realising that they had both witnessed something strange, their parents separated them and got them to describe their encounter, and draw the object. The girls des-



THE MEANWOOD LANDING CONT

cribed the incident, and drew pictures of the object, and when the parents compared each other's notes, they were left in no doubt that a remarkable encounter had taken place.

Once we had learned of the incident, a detailed and exhaustive investigation then ensued. The characters of both girls was important to us, and both sets of parents convinced us that they were not prone to making up elaborate stories. Neither girl was interested in UFO's, or similar mysteries.

Trips

Importantly, neither girl showed any enthusiasm at suddenly finding themselves the centre of attention, but both later agreed to accompany us to the scene, and point out both landing areas. Once these had been located, we then began the task of combing both areas to determine if any unusual marks had been left by the object.

Having made several trips back and forth to each site, we discovered a curious depression in the snow which was now fairly hard ice. This took the form of an "E" shape, and in its centre was a circular hollow, six inches in diameter. This shape could be found at both landing sites. The landing area further down the steep slopes offered us more mysterious shapes, and these were measured.

Lying a few inches from another "E" shape was a circular piece of

ice which was again six inches in diameter. This was placed within the hollow that could be found inches away, and it fitted perfectly. We scoured the surrounding area to see if similar marks could be found, but they could not.

Analysis by Leeds University failed to explain the marks, nor was anything unusual found in the samples that were given them from both landing areas. It should be noted that the landing area further down the valley bank where the object came down is very steep, and no footprints could be found at all, not even the pawmarks of animals could be seen.

The encounter was featured in the Yorkshire Evening Post, and its morning sister paper, the Yorkshire Post, also included a drawing made by one of the girls. This was seen by two ambulance drivers at Pontefract, who later wrote to the Yorkshire Post stating that they had seen the very same object later that same evening fly directly overhead of their station. They too had drawn a picture of the object to show to colleagues, when compared with the girls' they were identical!

Circular

Lynsey Tebbs is now 19, and recalls the incident as though it were yesterday. "I still keep looking" she said, "but have seen nothing as dramatic." Does she think the object she and Susan saw that night

was a UFO? she simply replied "I believe."

One of the first recorded landings of a UFO in the post-war era came in the Spring of 1952, when at Meiningen, East Germany, a 60-foot long circular object was observed in the grounds of a large forest. This caused "concern in high places." There are no accurate figures for United Kingdom landing reports, but in 1974 the American based Mutual UFO Network reported that it had 570 landing reports on its files, all of which had physical traces found in the immediate areas. MUFON is one of 70 major UFO groups in the United States, and it is estimated that landings world wide run into many thousands.

Only recently at Melbourne, Australia, the airport authorities contacted the police over a suspected crash landing of an unknown aircraft which they had plotted on radar. The police were directed to the crash site, only to discover not an aircraft, but a UFO, down in some fields.

The police managed to approach the craft to within 100 feet when it suddenly shot straight up into the air. It proceeded to play "cat and mouse" with the radar networks for some five hours. One of the officers at the scene said later, "That has got to be the weirdest "aircraft" I've ever seen."

TOMORROW: A close encounter on the A65.

Railwayman's weird sighting

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IN the fourth of his five-part series GRAHAM W. BIRDSALL, Chairman of the Yorkshire UFO Society, relates the weird tale of the frightened railwayman and the Headingley sighting.

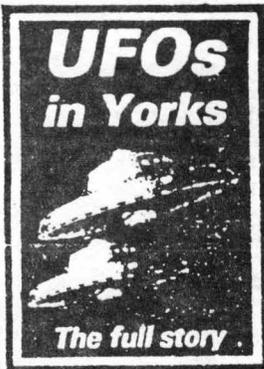


Illustration by MARK BIRDSALL

WHILE attention of late has been focused on North Yorkshire, where reports of Unidentified Flying Objects continue to stream in West Yorkshire has had its fair share of sightings in recent years.

Bradford in particular has had its own mini UFO "wave", but analysis has shown most sightings reported in the area can be put down to aircraft. Three reports were given to the police within minutes on March 13, 1978, and a police spokesman said: "It is unusual for so many people to report sightings in such a short time," such was their reaction to an everyday occurrence. A Beeston, Leeds, man, reported that during the summer of that same year, he observed a very long oblong object which was rectangular on each corner. He noticed a glass frontage, lit on the inside, and there were "people" leaning over something looking down at him.

The object was so low he made out their dress, which was uniformed. Detailed descriptions were given by the witness, although the sighting lasted a mere 15 seconds. Had the man been party to an extraordinary encounter, and glimpsed at a vision of the future? Some would say he had, particularly as reports like this have come in from around the globe. Whole communities have stopped and stared at stationary objects in the sky, and noticed figures looking down at them, often waving, yet on this occasion no other witnesses came forward to back up the man's testimony.

Had the whole population of Beeston witnessed this sighting, or merely several independent witnesses, the sighting would be hailed as a dramatic Close Encounter, as it is, the case simply adds to the mystery that is the UFO.

1978 ended with one last reported UFO sighting, this time from Otley, where several people observed three cigar shaped objects arch over the town

centre, the day was New Year's Eve, but I hasten to add that the time was 9 p.m.!

Worried

Following a live phone-in programme I participated in for Radio Leeds, a letter arrived at my home from a worried man who had experienced UFO phenomenon at close quarters. Such was his concern, we only managed to speak with him at a secret rendezvous held at a Leeds hotel. The man in question is a senior employee of British Rail. He had left the station at Headingley on the evening of February 12, 1979 to walk about one mile down the track which was a short cut to his home.

Shortly after setting off, he noticed a bright green glow to his left beyond some bushes. Snow lay thickly on the ground. The man stood perfectly still, not eager to approach the glow. He then continued to walk towards his home, but was unnerved to see that the glow was pacing alongside him. Just then, the Harrogate to Leeds train appeared in the distance, and to avoid it meant crossing to the next railway line, which would take him within yards of the strange light.

As the train passed, the glow suddenly rose right above the man, and he could see a solid triangular shaped object. The man was now extremely frightened, and recalled walking on, in an effort to put as much distance between him and the object as possible.

However, when he looked back, the object was in the distance, but a remarkable sight greeted his eyes. He noticed that his footsteps in the snow ended a couple of feet away, and did not appear in the snow for some 15 feet, where he had been walking moments before. He had been raised above the snow by the object, and gently lowered back to the ground.

Incredible? The man

himself was adamant that his experience did take place, and added that he had not told a soul, not even his wife. He requested absolute confidentiality and then hastened away. To this day, the man has never set foot back on that stretch of line.

On December 18, 1979, an engineering manager at the ICI works at Huddersfield saw a team of men looking skyward. It was about 11.5 a.m. He saw an elliptical shaped UFO that appeared at first like a large smoke ring, but closer observation revealed it had a definite solid grey middle. The size was incredible, some 100 feet diameter and it moved in a constant speed toward the southeast. The man remarked: "We

observed the object for about five minutes, before I reported the incident to the police. The object moved away from us to, say a mile, and began to disappear. There were no flashing lights or anything like that, but the object was definitely solid."

Astronomers are quick to point out that many UFO sightings, if not all, can be explained. People like myself are also quick to point out that many astronomers have witnessed UFO's, and are lost for an explanation. Indeed, the Yorkshire UFO Society has established strong links with local astronomical bodies to avoid needless time and effort being spent on reports that are obviously linked with meteorite showers, for example.

In Bradford, on January 14 and 16, 1983 two objects were seen. The first, appeared as a small ball, coloured green, travelling north to south. It then fell straight to earth changing colour to white. The second sighting was of an orange coloured ball of light which arched across the city. Both sightings were referred to as UFO's the following day in the Telegraph and Argus.

Tomorrow: How other countries react to the many world-wide sightings.

The Pennine UFO Mystery
by Jenny Randles/Granada
£1.50.

THOSE of us living in the North of England have long known of the area's many attractions. But news of the beauty of our moors and valleys might have gone farther afield than we may have imagined.

For the Pennines, it seems, have become a magnet for Unidentified Flying Objects.

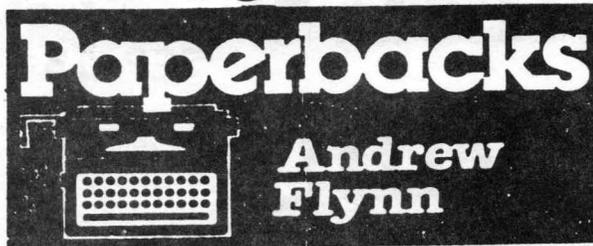
One chapter in this book, written by the director of investigations for the British UFO Research Association, is even titled "Close Encounters of the Pennine Kind."

Holmfirth, Ilkley Moor, Elland, Hebden Bridge—all these places and many more have been the venue for what have come to be described as UFO sightings.

Take the one near Holmfirth for example. It came during August, 1975, on the desolate A635 between Holmfirth and Uppermill. The witness to this UFO experience was returning to his home in Greater Manchester after a day long business trip in Wakefield.

The author takes up his story:

"It was growing dark and hill mist descended suddenly as he climbed up out of Holmfirth, drastically reducing visibility. This is far from uncommon in this kind of terrain and so Arthur was quite able to cope, as he edged his mini-



van through the eerie blanket of whiteness.

"Suddenly Arthur spotted a white light beside the road some way ahead. At first, unsure of the direction the road took in the mist, he thought it was perhaps the headlamps of a lorry that was approaching. The road was narrow and to him it looked 'as big as a farmhouse' so he decided it was wise to stop . . ."

Fear, then near panic gripped the driver as the mysterious "egg" passed within 20ft of him and practically on the ground. He described it as oval (about 20ft long, 20ft wide and 12ft high at the front, although tapering to 17ft wide and 10ft high at the rear). The base was black, with just one black circular mark breaking the smoothness at one point. It seemed to be made of translucent plastic and the light it radiated was sufficient to leave a slight after-image on the retina, although it did not illuminate the road surface beneath.

The immediate impression of the sceptical reader might be to scoff. But the author goes on to describe many more close encount-

ers in the Pennines, quoting many other witnesses.

Here, as the author says, lies the big misconception about UFOs. She stresses that the acceptance of the existence of a UFO mystery does not mean a person is admitting a belief in little green men, although she does admit later that "I have little doubt that we are not alone . . . there are maybe billions of inhabited worlds out there."

What cannot be denied as a mystery is the death of 56-year-old Zigmund Jan Adamski, whose body was found in Todmorden on June 11, 1980, 25 miles from his Tingley home. Mr Adamski had disappeared

from home five days earlier and his death, how he came to be in Todmorden and certain marks on his body, in particular a strange burn mark, have never been explained.

The author draws the reader's attention to a series of coincidences—including the sighting of a huge ball of light in Bradford the day after his disappearance—that explains why the rumour initiated that this could be "a death by UFO."

If such a conclusion sounds fantastically far fetched then so do many of the other theories put forward. What is also impressive, however, is the determination of the small group of enthusiasts who make up the Manchester UFO Research Association to get to the bottom of the Pennine UFO Mystery.

But the blurb is misleading, talking as it does of the "startling facts" of their investigation. There are precious few "facts" to prove anything conclusively.

Nuns abducted by aliens

CRACK INVESTIGATIVE teams from two nations have learned that three nuns who disappeared in the jungles of Central America were kidnapped by a UFO.

A tight lid of secrecy was immediately clamped shut on the chilling incident after the mind-boggling discovery pointed the finger of guilt at aliens from outer space.

Confessed a private investigator hired by the parents of one of the young missionaries to probe the disappearance in a mist-shrouded swampy area near the border of El Salvador and Nicaragua:

"I have to admit we were taken in at first by Communist propaganda blaming the government of El Salvador for plotting the murder or kidnap of the women.

"Then we found ironclad evidence that they were spirited away by some kind of weird beings in a flying saucer."

Agreeing to talk only after exacting a promise of anonymity, the experienced investigator — an Hungarian expatriot — said the trio of naive young West German missionaries began to get in trouble almost as soon as they arrived in Central America.

"They were easily taken in by Communist propaganda and began to meddle in political affairs, openly supporting Red guerrillas," he said.

"So when they disappeared, stories that they were assassinated by anti-Communist forces were immediately circulated and — based on the activities of the women — appeared believable.

"We learned differently." He said the anti-Communists were anxious to defend themselves from the vicious charges circulated by their enemies and sent out several patrols to search the area where the women disappeared.

The missionary's jeep was found abandoned in the center of a dirt road. The vehicle was in perfect condition, with the key in the ignition.

By LEWIS CLIFTON



• **THREE NUNS** walked single file up the ramp and disappeared into the UFO

A curiously denuded area of jungle was discovered about a quarter of a mile ahead of the abandoned jeep. The platoon leader, a wiry jungle fighter named Pepe, later reported that the lush foliage was crushed and "appeared scorched" in a circular area about 50 yards in diameter.

The swamp has been known since the early 1950s for strange lights and reports by Indians of curious flying objects hovering over the area — usually at about twilight or during the final minutes before dawn.

"Pepe said his men began to mutter about UFOs as soon as they saw the burned off jungle," the EXAMINER's source advised.

"Then they found a rosary half-hidden in some leaves at the edge of the circle.

"But the thing that really sealed the case was the testimony of a couple of Indians who were eyewitnesses to the abduction," he said.

Woodcutters told the patrol leaders they were gathering up their equipment and preparing to leave for home at about dusk when they heard the jeep approaching — and suddenly the sky was illuminated with a brilliant blue light.

Simultaneously, the engine of the jeep died.

"The Indians apparently blacked out for a few minutes, because the next thing they remembered — and they were both insistent on it — they were peering through the brush several yards from where they had been working," at a "curious metallic,

saucer-shaped object," the source said.

The UFO was suspended on huge tripod-like legs, and a pulsating blue light was shining from a row of windows.

As the terrified woodcutters watched, three nuns emerged from the jungle, walked single file up a ramp and disappeared into the flying machine.

"The Indians described the women as having their eyes open and moving zombie-like.

"A moment later the whole thing just lifted into the air, then made a sharp right angle and moved away at incredible speed."

MYSTERY OF 'SIGHTINGS'

Sir Patrick ³¹²⁸ in search for UFOs

OVER a three-year period, 1,400 reports of UFO sightings have been received by the Defence Department, a Government minister told a North Humber-side MP.

Beverley MP Sir Patrick Wall had asked how many unexplained sightings or radar intercepts had taken place since 1980.

The MP, a leading Conservative defence expert, had raised the matter following the release of a US Air Force memo, dated January 13, 1981, concerning unexplained lights near RAF Woodbridge, in Suffolk.

In a Commons question, he asked whether in view of publication of the memo under the US Freedom of Information Act, reports of documents concerning similar unexplained incidents in Britain would now be released.

Mr John Stanley, the Armed Forces Minister, said that over the three-year period, there had been no corresponding unexplained radar contacts.

But he added that, subject to normal security constraints, he was ready to disclose any reported sightings that were found to be a matter of concern from a defence standpoint.



Sir Patrick Wall

"But there has been none to date," he added.

Sir Patrick later surmised that many of the sightings reported since 1980 could probably be explained as natural phenomena. "If not, it would appear to be a large number of sightings," he added.

Sir Patrick is an attender of a House of Lords committee that investigates unexplained UFO sightings and receives a publication called "Flying Saucer Review."

'OPEN MIND'

"I keep an open mind on the subject," he said. "But there is evidence that something is going on and the Government is remarkably hesitant to make any response."

Sir Patrick conceded that the Government had been more responsive with the Parliamentary reply by Mr Stanley. But it usually clammed up when such questions were submitted, he said.

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He pointed out that the Woodbridge incident had only been revealed by the operation of the Freedom of Information Act in Washington.

The memo, submitted by Lt. Col Charles Halt, deputy based commander to the US Airforce Department, related to "unusual lights" spotted outside the back gates at RAF Woodbridge.

USAF security patrolmen reported a "strange glowing" object, described as

metallic in appearance, which disappeared, throwing nearby farm animals "into a frenzy."

Next day three depressions, one and a half inches deep and seven inches in diameter were found where the object had been sighted. The memo reported that peak beta gamma readings were recorded in the three depressions.

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'Oyster ³¹¹⁸ in the sky' seen as U.F.O.

AN OYSTER-shaped object which cruised over Bedhampton has sparked off UFO claims.

Two men contacted Havant police after the object passed directly over their house on Monday at about 6.50 a.m.

Engineer Mr. Roger Woods, of Winkton Close, said he and Mr. Frank Waters saw the object for a full five minutes before it swept overhead from Langstone and on to Waterlooville.

Design

"It was travelling very slowly just above the dawn. It was very bright with five separate lights attached to it and it was coming head-on towards us," said Mr. Woods (51).

"It was about 2,000 ft. up and, being an engineer, I was interested in its design. In the end, it passed right over our heads."

"If you can picture two straight lines curved at the ends, that was it. It was like a cigar or an oyster shape; but it didn't make any noise." Mr. Woods said: "I was intrigued. I'm sure someone else must have seen it — maybe a milkman or someone else."

Looking for a close

STOCKPORT TIMES
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encounter

THE initials U.F.O. probably conjure up in many people's minds visions of little green men descending from space ships in a vivid flash of light.

So they would no doubt expect someone who calls himself a "Ufologist" to be a fanatic who has frequently experienced close encounters of the most extreme kinds.

But this is certainly not the case with David Oliver who believes he is one of only two "Ufologists" in Stockport.

SPACE

David, 29, an electrical craftsman, who lives in Reddish, is a self-confessed "sceptic" about U.F.O.s and admits he believes 90 per cent of sightings are either natural phenomena or practical jokes.

But he and David Frost, of

By Eileen Payne

Edgeley, are the only local members of BUFORA — the British UFO Research Association. And he is one of only about 70 of its 3,000 members who take the trouble to make a monthly journey to London to attend all its regular meetings.

Now he would like to get together with the other David to become investigators of sightings of U.F.O.s by interviewing the people who have reported seeing them.

David Oliver joined BUFORA — and one of its umbrella organisations, the Direct Investigation Group of Aerial Phenomena, which meets in Manchester — in 1979 "because I have always been interested in everything to do with space exploration."

BUFORA lectures range wide and varied. During the next few months, meetings at its new venue at the London Business School will hear about a British Fireball Survey, the Loch Ness monster, religion and U.F.O.s.

David believes most of the really dramatic U.F.O. sightings — encounters of the second and third kind — are by complete sceptics.

He, however, has had just one of what are called close encounters of the first kind — seeing a bright, unexplained light in the sky.

'WEIRD'

"I was with two friends up at Winter Hill, looking through binoculars when I saw an object coming towards us," said David. "Manchester Airport was closed at the time so it couldn't have been a plane.

"I took out a friend's torch and shone it towards the object, but he panicked and snatched it out of my hand and it flew off into the distance," he added.

David said the experience, in 1980, was "weird". He explained: "There was a white light that gave the illusion it was rolling. It seemed to be coming towards us and was probably about a mile away. My friend took the torch out of my hand because he was frightened and I must admit it frightened me too."

David says Stockport is not a particularly productive place for the sighting of U.F.O.s. The last major report he can remember was when two little green men were alleged to have been seen in Reddish Vale about 15 years ago — but he is extremely sceptical about this.

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group probe 'strange lights' reports

CITY skywatchers are on the UFO trail after a series of sightings over the Belvoir Castle area.

Members of the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society are currently looking into reports of "strange lights in the sky" from the district.

RECORDER

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A society spokesman told the RECORDER: "A number of sighting reports are just beginning to reach us and I don't have very much information at the moment, but we would like to hear from anyone who has either passed through, or is living in the area around Belvoir Castle, and has seen something unusual."

The sightings follow weekend stories said to prove that a UFO landed in Suffolk in 1980.

The sightings co-ordinator for the Nottingham society is Mr Syd Henley.

No UFO reports say police

CHIEF Inspector Robin Finmore of Seaton Police told Pulman's Weekly News last week: "We had no reports of a UFO going over here."

He was commenting on an amazing broadcast the previous Sunday by the BBC's David Jacobs on Radio 2.

Mr Jacobs said he and Mrs Shirley Williams of the SDP were driving back to London along the M1 in Leicestershire after the 35th anniversary Radio 4 programme of Any Questions? from Mansfield.

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Suddenly, said Mr Jacobs, a brilliant white light shot across the road in front of them at a height of about 250ft. He said it was too low and too bright to be a shooting star.

Callers jammed BBC switchboards reporting similar sightings, and the object apparently passed over Yorkshire, Leicestershire, Birmingham and eventually Devon before heading out over the Channel.

A Ministry of Defence official said no reports of an unidentified flying object had been logged.

Was suicide a space alien?

THE MYSTERIOUS body of a man found deep in the heart of Florida's eerie Everglades has police and FBI agents wondering if they've stumbled across the first case ever of space alien suicide.

"The incredibly weird cir-

... Cops are baffled about identity of mystery man

cumstances presented in this case certainly lead one to wonder if this body was that of a creature from another world," a respected UFO investigator told the EXAMINER.

"To begin with, the methods he chose to kill himself indicate that he wasn't capable of dying as easily as humans are.

"He shot himself twice — once in the head and once in the right side with a pellet gun.

"Then he stabbed himself nine times, slashed his throat, wrists and forearms with a surgical scalpel and, finally, threw himself into

the swampy lake to drown.

"It was the most extraordinary suicide effort I've ever encountered," the UFO investigator maintains.

Authorities admit they're stymied in their attempts to identify the mysterious corpse.

"I've never seen anyone go to the extent that this man did to conceal his identity and kill himself. I'm baffled," says Paul McCreary, an investigator attached to the office of the Dade County medical examiner.

Incredibly, investigators can't discover how the man managed to get so deep into the remote area of Everglades National Park where his body was found.

An extensive air and ground search failed to turn up a car — the only possible way to reach the area, police believe.

Adding to the mystery is the fact that the suicide victim was wearing "completely worn out," second-hand shoes that didn't fit him. Yet his teeth were filled with very



• ALIEN: He looked like this

expensive gold crowns.

The man carried a suitcase. But he destroyed the paper contents by burning them and scattering the ashes.

Most baffling, police say, is the fact that there are no missing persons reports on a young man, age 30 to 40, that fit the description of the corpse.

"I think that what we have here is an E.T. in a scouting mission who was left behind by a space craft by mistake," the UFO investigator says.

"Unable to work his way out of the Glades, he apparently panicked and did away with himself."

UFOs?

6 Of Whatever They Were

Reported Sighted In Kimmswick

Residents of Kimmswick in Jefferson County spotted what they believed to be six unidentified foreign objects Sunday night.

Keena Burr, 19, said that her mother, Susan, 39, first saw the glowing shapes about 10 p.m. while Keena and some friends were in the barn. The family lives on Montebello Road at Kimmswick, which is about 25 miles south of St. Louis.

The objects were silver-colored and oval-shaped and had two protruding lights at the top, Keena Burr said. Each of the objects glowed alternately

red and green. The group of objects moved in precise formation in an up-and-down motion and then in a zigzag pattern, she said.

About nine friends and family members confirmed that they saw the objects. Ms. Burr observed the objects until she retired for the night, about 1:30 a.m.

Local law enforcement authorities confirmed that they also saw the glowing foreign objects in the skies, but one said of the matter, "It's out of our jurisdiction."

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ST LOUIS, MO.

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MYSTERY OUT OF THIS

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WORLD!

TELEVISION and radio personality David Jacobs was reported in the national press at the weekend as saying he had seen a flying saucer. Thousands of other people telephoned the BBC to say they, too, had seen a UFO. I saw it as well! (writes Trevor Buckley, Editor-in-Chief of Cheshire County Newspapers).

With my wife I had been visiting relatives at St Annes on Friday evening. We were driving home along the M6 at about 10.30pm and were on the downward slope of the motorway in the Wigan area. What I saw did not register as a Flying Saucer. I presumed it was a meteorite. It was not a shooting star. I have seen those before and they

appear much smaller and slower.

This sighting was as big as a football when compared to the stars. In fact, it was about 10 times bigger than a star. It flashed as a white ball from east to west leaving a trail of white light behind it and then disappeared. It took about two seconds to cross the sky.

I was excited at seeing what I thought was a meteorite and I can recall thinking that it must have exploded, although there was no flash to signify explosion. It crossed my mind that if it had exploded, the particles had to land somewhere and I was glad that was not where I was driving!

Like the other occupants of Mr Jacobs' car, my wife said she saw nothing when I inquired if she had seen the bright light.

Did I see a Flying Saucer? I don't know but I did see something and nobody will convince me that it was anything of this world!

Couple's new UFO

CAMBERLEY NEWS & MAIL
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sighting

A CARGO supervisor who has worked with aeroplanes for 25 years spotted a "weird" unidentified flying object hovering over him.

The sighting was reported by Mr. Peter New (52) and his wife Patricia (53).

Mr. Omar Fowler, of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena, has issued an appeal for anyone

who saw anything strange in the sky last Wednesday to get in touch with him.

Mr. New and his wife, of Lower Newport Road, Aldershot, were travelling home from Guildford along the Aldershot Road when they had their close encounter at Normandy.

He said: "It must have been about 9.10 p.m. when we

came off the dual carriageway section of the road and rounded the bend. I saw this light in the sky and jokingly said to my wife look there's a UFO."

Frightened

But as they got nearer, the couple realised it was no joke.

Mr. New said: "As we got

closer I saw banks of light underneath and the thing was not moving at all.

"It was completely stationary and looked as though it was suspended about 200 feet up."

Mrs. New said: "My husband wanted to stop to get a closer look but I was frightened and would not let him. I could see it very clearly."

Both said it was a large dark

mass with round porthole-type lights.

Mr. New, who works at Heathrow Airport, said: "I have been working with aeroplanes for 25 years and I have come across nothing in my work that could explain this. It stayed completely stationary and did not hover like a helicopter. It was weird."

The couple saw the object

again during the early hours of Thursday as they looked out of their bedroom window.

Mrs. New said: "The whole thing was a bit uncanny and frightening.

"I wish we had never seen it. Even members of our own family have laughed at us. We are ordinary people and did not want to sound daft. We just thought we ought to report it."

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Cycles in UFO sighting³¹²⁸

THE unexplained and unpredictable arouse our curiosity. The cynics with their buckets of cold water do their best to damp it down. Yet the unexplained remains. Part of the mystery of the U.F.O. phenomenon lies in the apparent cycles or frequency with which a build-up of U.F.O. reporting occurs. From the peak of 24 provincial newspaper reports focussed on just one day — October 26, 1967 — to a similar but much smaller peak in the latter part of October 1971 (see Oxford Times & Banbury Guardian) the four yearly cycle would appear to have continued up to October 1975.

In 1979 the scene moved north to Scotland and the time interval changed a little, so '79 was far from being a peak year of reporting in England. It would be interesting to discover whether October 1983 has produced anything at all in the way of an authentic sighting, since little or nothing of note has been reported for a very long time.

If readers send their reports to this paper, would they also be kind enough to send a short card with details of what was seen, to the writer of this letter, saying what, when, and where — i.e. giving time, date and place. — THE REV. H. D. L. THOMAS, The Rectory, Long Hanborough, Oxford OX7 2BT.

SHEFFIELD MORNING
TELEGRAPH
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UFO zooms³¹²⁸ to Treeton

RAF Finningley and the Morning Telegraph both received sightings of a UFO over Handsworth, Sheffield, last night.

All callers said it had a green light at the front and three red lights to the rear and moved swiftly towards Treeton where it disappeared.

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³¹²⁸ Suffolk sensation

SIR—The Editor of the NEWS OF THE WORLD, Mr Derek Jameson (Oct. 25), says I am "less than fair" in pouring scorn on his sensational front-page story alleging that a flying saucer landed in Suffolk three years ago.

There were, Mr Jameson says, quoting the American colonel's report, "three depressions, one and a half inches deep and seven inches in diameter, found where the object had been sighted on the ground."

It is a pity that Mr Jameson does not add that Mr Vincent Thurkettle, a Forestry Commission official who examined the site, has attributed these depressions to rabbits.

The local police agreed, saying they were "probably made by an animal."

ADRIAN BERRY
Science Correspondent.
London, E.C.4.

SHAMOKIN, PA. NEWS ITEM OCT. 26 1983

Suspected UFO is sighted⁷⁴²⁴

WASHINGTONVILLE — The Miller family of Washingtonville spotted an unusual light in the sky early Saturday morning, which one of the family members, Edgar Miller, described as 40 times the size of any visible star.

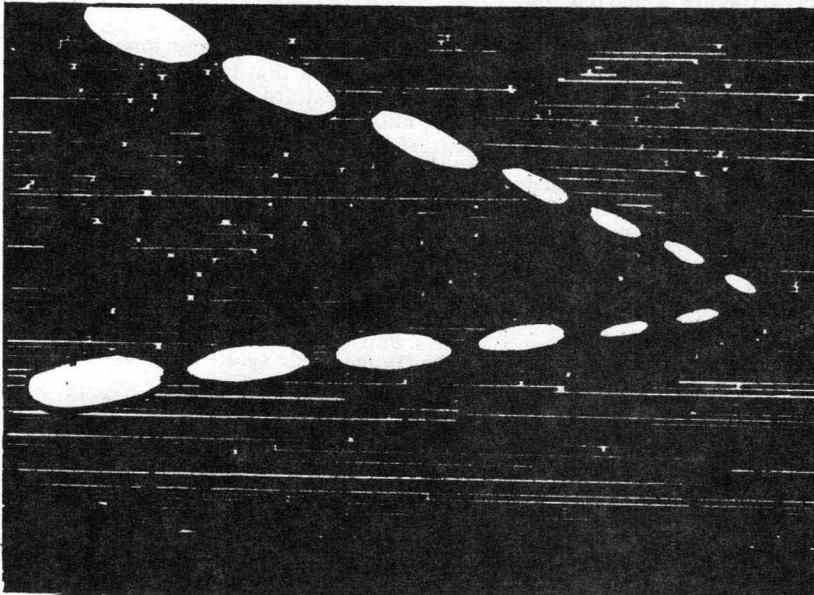
The Miller family called the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., about their sighting, and although the center said the source of the light is still unidentified, it could have been the planet Venus.

Several members of the Miller family said they watched the glowing light for hours and claimed it moved across the sky.

A UFO Center spokesman said the planet Venus would appear different from other stars to someone who never seen it before, adding that the planet moves across the sky from east to west.

What was that brightly colored object reported in area skies Thursday?

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A UFO?

Drawing by Antonia Leavitt

By SETH BENGELSDORF
and STEVE FRAIOLI

IN THE SKY — "I would never have believed in a million years that I would say to someone that I saw a UFO," said a New Castle resident who is now a believer.

Something unexplainable in the spring sky was viewed as far north as Yorktown and as far south as White Plains shortly before 9 p.m. Thursday. Police in Yorktown and New Castle, as well as residents in Mount Kisco and Chappaqua, reported seeing it — unexplainable lights in the cosmos. Observers said the arrowhead or V-shaped array containing "green and white lights" made no noise and "hovered." It moved very slowly." The woman, who claimed three others joined her while watching the object outside

Horace Greeley High School, said the sighting lasted about five minutes.

Alternating colors between white and green, it moved from the south, halfway across the sky, returned to its original position, then moved completely across the sky, zig-zagging toward the north, she said. "We looked back and it was gone."

Mount Kisco Sgt. Robert Cercena said one call to the desk stated that the unidentified flying object appeared "like a whitish owl" and was "heading toward the police station."

John Tower, supervisor for the Westchester County Airport, said calls began coming in at about 9 p.m. "I really don't know what it is, but I believe there is a logical explanation," he said. Tower offered two theories.

He suggested that it could have been several aircraft flying in formation. That, he said, is what the

Yorktown police suggested.

Or, it could have been an aircraft with advertising mounted on the underside of the wing. He said that at other times, when airplanes with advertising have been in flight at night, he has received similar calls. Tower said that if the viewer is not directly underneath the plane, the lights look like "a mess."

One viewer remarked, "It was not an airplane."

Tower did verify that something was in the sky. Although he said the airborne mystery did not make contact with the tower, "I saw what (other viewers) thought they saw. I don't know what it was, but I don't think it's a UFO." He said that if a pilot was flying under the visual flight rules, especially if outside the airport's range, no radio contact could be made.

A number of New Castle officers reported sighting lights in the sky. Ten residents called the New Castle police desk to report similar sightings.

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A massive object lights up the Southern California sky.

Authorities in Los Angeles said yesterday that they could not pin down the origin of a flaming white object that streaked across the sky, sparking dozens of calls to law enforcement agencies in at least five counties. The object, which was spotted about 8:30 p.m. Saturday, may have been a meteorite or space debris, one official said. Police in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties received calls about the object, as did the Los Angeles office of the Federal Aviation Administration. The object crossed the sky from southeast to north and disappeared over the Pacific, witnesses said.

UFO alert as mystery light passes over Berks

THE Thames Valley was on UFO red alert last night.

Air force bases throughout the region scanned the skies after a glowing white object was spotted west of Reading.

Battle radar at a US Air Force base tracked the mystery object in the night sky.

"We are picking up a primary target", said a USAF air traffic controller.

But the UFO disappeared from the sky above Reading at about 9.15pm.

"I thought I was going mad," said a Hungerford woman who reported the slowly-moving bright white light to the

Evening Post earlier in the evening.

But NATO air traffic control staff at the US air strike base at Upper Heyford confirmed they had had reports of a sighting earlier in the day.

Berkshire villagers reported the object, which was moving slowly west.

Astronomers at the Royal Greenwich Observatory at Herstmonceux in Sussex confirmed there should be nothing in the western sky except for Venus.

USAF Upper Heyford air traffic controller Sergeant Byrd Cormier said: "A primary target means that the light is bouncing back off something out there.

"This is a primary target but we have not been able to identify it, and do not

have radio contact with it."

Other key airbases in the Thames Valley scanned the sky for the object.

RAF Brize Norton air traffic controller Corporal Candellin said they were unable to pick up the object.

Sightings

He said the Oxfordshire base knew of a barrage balloon that had slipped its moorings at Stratford and was heading south, but the timing of the balloon's progress did not tie in with the Reading sightings.

Squadron Leader Hayes at RAF Benson in South Oxfordshire said: "There is nothing on the radar. Our almanacs indicate that Venus would be in the

western sky tonight, but that may well not be what was spotted."

Mrs Patricia Horrigan, of Tarrants Hill, Hungerford, said: "I thought I was going mad.

"We were going to watch a science fiction programme on the television and I was going to hang the washing out. I saw a brilliant light in the sky. It was very, very bright and at about 9pm I saw it moving, growing yellow and dimmer."

USAF Upper Heyford said they received several telephone calls from people claiming to have seen the UFO, but despite the sighting on their battle radar were unable to say what the object was.

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UFO 'like a bowler hat'

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By KEVIN CONNOLLY

THERE have been more reported sightings of the UFO which sparked off a red alert in the Thames Valley on Tuesday night.

Sophisticated radar at the massive Upper Heyford US Air Force base in Oxfordshire pinpointed the mystery light in the sky over Berkshire from about 5pm to 9.30pm on Tuesday.

Now anxious callers to local airbases and to the Evening Post have reported that the UFO shaped like a bowler hat was seen again later that night, and also spotted exactly one week earlier.

A Yattendon garage proprietor told today how the sky was suddenly flooded with light as he drove home late on Tuesday night.

"I was on the outskirts of Yattendon, when the light suddenly appeared in the sky," said Mr Patrick Holder, who lives at the Yattendon Garage.

Balloon

"It was shaped like a bowler hat, with a definite flat base at the bottom, and it was a brilliant light like a magnesium flare. As soon as I saw it I got out of the car, but it disappeared.

"I've never seen anything that I couldn't explain before, and I'm not given to

seeing things.

"I've read the report that it could be a barrage balloon, but that's not what I saw."

That sighting was at nearly midnight on Tuesday and the Royal Greenwich Observatory at Herstmonceux, Sussex, has confirmed that there should have been nothing unusual in the eastern sky that night.

"This has got me stumped," said a spokesman. "It certainly wasn't a satellite, and from the descriptions we've had it wasn't Venus, which is visible from earth now."

Excited

A whole series of reports of the mystery light throughout Berkshire showed the light travelling slowly and silently across the sky, quite low to the ground.

But a nine-year-old Pangbourne girl has revealed that she saw the brilliant, glowing ball exactly a week before.

"We dismissed it when she first said that she'd seen it," said the girl's mother, who asked us not to name her daughter.

"But when we picked up the Evening Post and read the description to her, she said 'That's it!'"

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STRANGE ENCOUNTER

GEORGE Adamski astounded the world 30 years ago when he claimed to have met and spoken with the pilot of a UFO in the Californian desert. He produced witnesses and later film to support his viewpoint of his encounter of the strangest kind but was subject to fierce ridicule. When he went on a European tour, one of his lectures was broken up when hundreds of students threw cardboard flying saucers in the conference hall.

But now UFO researcher Timothy Good and Lou Zinsstag, who knew Adamski for ten years combine forces to re-appraise the man in, George Adamski — The Untold Story (Ceti Publications £6.95).

The result is a painstaking study of the man, his background and a technical analysis of photographs used and a fuller picture of the man whose claims probably caused more controversy in UFO circles than any other in the 20th century. M.S.

Hundreds claim to have seen UFO

THE DAILY ITEM
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MAR 26 1983

By E.B. Walzer
Staff Writer

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In Yorktown, people don't usually call the police when visitors arrive from out of town. As long as they aren't from outer space.

Thursday night, Yorktown police and neighboring departments were flooded with calls from people who said they had

seen strange lights in the sky, an Unidentified Flying Object.

The descriptions of the object matched those given exactly a week earlier by people in Putnam County who had reported seeing lights over Interstate 84. The lights, callers said, were arranged in a V-shape, and appeared to be placed along the edges of a large triangular flying craft.

More than 100 calls were received

Thursday night, mostly by police in Yorktown, but also in New Castle, Mount Kisco, Carmel and Putnam Valley.

Yorktown Patrolman Kevin Soravilla saw the lights twice within a 45-minute period Thursday night.

"The first was when I was on Route 118," Soravilla said. "The craft was traveling south. At first I thought it was a large transport aircraft. It had six or eight lights on it, and the thing was huge.

"Then it looked like it stopped, and it turned and looked like it went perpendicular to the ground. I then saw red, blue and green lights on it. Then it swerved and went in the other direction. At first I thought it was a dirigible because it seemed to be floating, but a dirigible couldn't have moved like that."

Soravilla's description of the phenomenon — "An equilateral triangle with one side missing, a V," — was almost identical to that given by other people who observed the sight, first reported at 8:45 p.m.

Soravilla saw the lights again 45 minutes later as he stood outside police headquarters with dispatcher James Wolf.

Some people thought the lights resembled slow-moving, propeller-driven aircraft flying in formation, but according to the Federal Aviation Administration, there were no aircraft in the area at that time.

Radar stations operated by the FAA on Long Island did not record any planes or helicopters flying within 100 miles of Yorktown. Airports in Westchester, Dutchess County and Connecticut were handling no air traffic at the time, and the Air National Guard — which usually gets blamed for this sort of commotion — said no Guard aircraft was in the air then.

"At first we thought it might be a flight of choppers, because the Air National Guard is moving to Stewart Airport later this year," said FAA spokesman Robert Fulton. "But they had nothing flying whatsoever."

Opinion was mixed about what it was that floated slowly over Yorktown, but whatever it was nearly caused accidents when motorists stopped in the streets to gawk.

"We don't know for sure what it was," said Yorktown Police Sgt. Anthony Masi, who added, "This is not a case of kooks calling — police officers saw it, too."

To one eyewitness, Bonnie O'Brien of the Croton Heights section of Yorktown, the lights initially looked like one object, but then became differentiated.

"My son yelled to come outside," Mrs. O'Brien said. "He thought at first that it was a UFO."

Sgt. Vincent Puma of Carmel police, where police officers in patrol cars once followed a slow-moving, luminous object as it moved across the town's airspace, said police received reports Thursday "of this huge thing in the sky. Peo-

ple just went wild over it."

And one week ago, almost to the minute, residents of Kent called police to report a similar phenomenon over I-84. The calls came in at about 8:40 p.m. March 17.

Again, airport officials said no planes were in the air at that time.

One man who definitely didn't think the lights last week were from planes was a truck driver heading down Interstate 684 in Brewster.

Sgt. Joseph Andrew of the Air National Guard security detachment at Westchester County Airport said the truck driver came into the security office that night and reported a UFO sighting.

"He was really shook," Andrew said. "He said he was driving along when he saw these lights, 10 or 15 feet off the ground, right in front of him. He said when he stopped near it, he got static on his radio. Then, all of a sudden, zoom — it disappeared."

The truck driver told Andrew that, "It looked as big as one of the hangars we have here," and that lights were ranged along the edges of the craft.

A Brewster resident who lives near I-84 corroborated the truck driver's account.

The man, who asked that his name not be used because he is a Putnam County official, said he got a close-up view of the craft at about 8:40 p.m.

One neighbor, Linda Nicoletti of Tonetta Lake Road, said she was sitting in her living room when she saw the lights.

"I told my husband it looks like an airplane, but it's so low," Mrs. Nicoletti said. "I didn't hear any noise until it went over the house, and then I heard a muffled engine noise."

Andrew, who said Air National Guard aircraft would not be mistaken for this week's or last week's phenomena — "the lights on our O-2's are different" — said he envied the people who had reported the sightings.

"I want to see one of those myself," he said.

Man kidnapped by aliens is living in a nightmare

Courageous Bill Herrmann lived through two spectacular close encounters with space aliens but he regrets the day the brown, frog-like beings chose him as a human contact.

By DAWN HUNT

Those who don't believe he was abducted by weird beings from outer space and his sightings of 15 unidentified flying objects, are taunting him with the name UFO Bill — meaning Unreliable Fantasy Observer.

"It's haunting my life," said Bill, 30, of Charleston, S.C. "Just because I had the guts to speak up about my phenomenal cosmic experiences, I have been ridiculed and threatened. It's changed my life. I'm not even allowed to teach children at Sunday School until I shut up about it.

"It's been a worrying and frustrating time since I was taken into the first UFO in 1978."

The first time he was abducted, Herrmann woke up 12 miles from where he had been standing when he first spotted the silver circular disc, bathed in green light.

"The beings on board were 4½ feet tall and weighed around 50 to 60 pounds. They looked like human fetuses, all fluidy looking with completely brown, frog-like eyes, no hair and webbing between their toes and fingers. They wore

velvety looking suits without buttons, zippers or belts.

"They spoke English without moving their lips. I was petrified, but what scared me most was that 2½ hours went by as though it was an instant."

The second flight in 1980, he said, lasted 3½ hours and took him over the Florida orange groves and the Kennedy Space Center.

Bill says he has proof of his close encounters — a four-inch

metal bar inscribed with the letters "MAN" and some undecipherable symbols. But that, he says, has been put away "in a very safe place."

But the harassed Herrmann's advice to anyone else who has a close encounter of a weird kind is: "Keep your mouth shut unless you have definite proof. It'll save you a lot of embarrassment.

"Even my own 7-year-old daughter told me one night: 'Daddy, you know there are no UFOs.' That's hard to take.

"Some people fear the unknown. They think I am some kind of threat to them. But all I'm doing is telling the truth as it happened."



Bill Herrmann shows an artist's rendition of his description of the UFO in which he was flown to Kennedy Space Center.

CRASHED UFO ALIENS CHAT WITH HUMANS

Air Force trying to hush up eerie meeting in forest

A GIANT UFO crash-landed near a U.S. Air Force/NATO base in southeastern England — and, incredibly, three silver-suited aliens chatted amiably with a top American officer for four hours while they repaired the spacecraft.

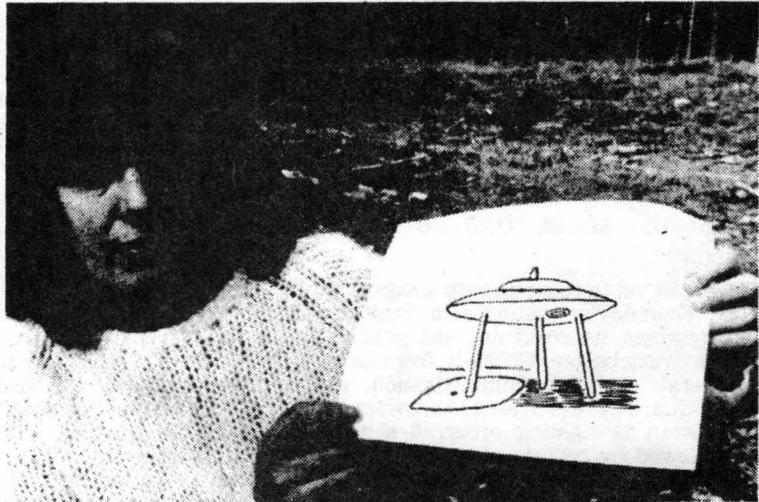
"It's one of the most bizarre encounters ever recorded," declares British UFO expert Brenda Butler. "And we have the firmest possible evidence that this phenomenon did happen."

Butler told GLOBE the incident — which is being hushed up by both the American and British governments — occurred in a forest on the edge of the Bentwaters air base at Woodbridge in 1980.

She adds: "We still wouldn't know about it, except that an eyewitness to the event recently tipped us off. He's a security sergeant at the base who actually saw the aliens beam down from the dome-shaped UFO and converse with the officer."

"We've had to guarantee him that we'll never reveal his identity."

Butler says that another airman, a technician, was sent to the crash site to repair some damaged approach lights on the runway after the spacecraft had zoomed off, and he swears he saw in the soft earth the distinctive,



By JOHN BLACKBURN

triangular landing marks associated with UFOs.

The investigator says the control tower at Bentwaters observed a bright object come down in the trees just the other side of the base's fence.

"A five-man security team was sent to investigate," Butler reports, "and when they reached a clearing in the woods they couldn't believe their eyes."

"A large, tripod-mounted UFO was just sitting there on the ground. It had no windows — but was studded with brilliant red and blue lights that gave off a blinding glow."

"As they approached, the

most remarkable thing happened — three aliens, each about three feet tall and wearing silver spacesuits, beamed down from the craft and started examining its underside. Apparently, the UFO had been damaged and the extraterrestrials were repairing it.

"The Americans were mesmerized by what they were witnessing, but they still had enough presence of mind to radio back to the base."

"A senior officer, Col. Richard Pascoe, arrived, approached the aliens and began conversing with them. The security men were too far back to hear what was said, though."

"Eventually, Col. Pascoe ordered the five airmen to leave the area — but not before he confiscated the pictures they had taken and swore them to secrecy."

"Hours later, the five security guards, still bewildered by the bizarre experience, saw the spacecraft suddenly roar off in the sky at tremendous speed."

BUTLER at crash site with witnesses' sketch of UFO: "The five-man security team couldn't believe their eyes"

Pascoe, now a brigadier general commanding the 25th Air Division at McChord AFB near Tacoma, Washington, denies all knowledge of the mysterious landing.

However, U.S. Air Force Col. Ted Conrad, who was then base commander at Bentwaters, admits that he, too, saw the UFO's triangular landing marks in the clearing the next morning.

And, he adds, he interviewed several of the startled eyewitnesses. "Those lads saw something," he says, "but I don't know what it was."

Lord Clancarty, a member of Parliament and a British UFO expert who has written several books on the subject, told GLOBE: "I've seen official reports of this incident — and they're very impressive. But both governments are trying to hush it up."

"They're afraid that the general public will become alarmed. I think that's scandalous."

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It wasn't the first time for UFO's close encounter

By STEVE FRAIOLI
and ERIC GROSS

STILL IN THE SKY — Whatever it was, that mysterious object in the night sky was seen at the same time on two separate Thursdays.

No one has yet to come up with a logical explanation for last Thursday's sighting of a unidentified flying object by about 100 residents, and police officers, in Northern Westchester. Officials from area airports, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Air National Guard have provided no answers.

The March 24 sighting occurred shortly before 9 p.m., followed by reports of a V-shaped object with green and white lights zig-zagging, stopping completely, and eventually disappearing to the north — with no sound heard the whole time.

"It was very very similar," said a Somers woman, to what she and her husband claimed to have seen a week earlier — just before 9 p.m. — while driving along Route 22 just north of Brewster. Judging by what they read in Patent Trader about last Thursday's sighting, "It's a very similar description" to what the couple saw, said her husband.

Both asked not to be identified, saying they feared prank phone calls as a result. "I got a terribly eerie feeling about the whole thing," and their two teenage children "thought we were crazy" when they came home that night, he said.

Though last week's UFO was described as V-shaped, he said it was "a boomerang shape with a cluster of lights underneath. A massive object. I would say the size of a 747. Definitely very big."

At least one airport official has speculated the UFO was several airplanes flying in formation, giving the impression of one object. No way, the Somers man said — he saw the thing silhouetted against the moon and it was definitely one solid mass.

The couple said the craft made absolutely no sound as it flew 700 feet off the ground about 1,500 feet in front of their car. "It travelled no faster than we were going (55 mph and southbound) and then it came to a complete stop, was hovering," with its lights going from green to red and white as it headed north and directly over high-voltage power lines, he said.

The boomerang-shaped object traveled unlike a airplane's wingspan — it was as if an airplane traveled with its wingtips in front and rear positions, he said. "If it was a helicopter, you'd hear the noise."

They, and other motorists, pulled off the road to watch in awe, he said, comforted that he and his wife apparently were not hallucinating.

Several people contacted over the weekend said they also saw the green and white and red lighted object. Betty Iacovone of Mahopac said the object passed over her home at Kirk Lake. "It made an angle. One plane suddenly dragged back. A second one also dropped off. I saw an exhaust flare pop out of the rear of the last plane, but I didn't hear anything. That was the mystery of it," she said.

Sgt. Vincent Puma of the Carmel Police Department said over the weekend that several of his patrol cars followed the object. "One of the guys was giving me a blow-by-blow over the radio, and it sounded very eerie," he said.

Authorities at Stewart Airport in Newburgh, Westchester County Airport at Rye Lake, Stormville Airport in East Fishkill, and the Mahopac Airport in Mahopac, all reported being inundated with phone calls about a V-shaped object in the sky late Thursday.

A spokesman at Stewart Airport in Orange County said that the object might have been stunt planes or "formation planes." He added that the aircraft were "outside of our traffic pattern, so I really can't add much more."

A spokesman at Stormville Airport had a similar explanation for the strange occurrence. "They might have been small planes that fly from Westchester to our facility." But, Steven Ferguson, the operations coordinator at Westchester County Airport, who was on duty last Thursday night when the sightings were reported, didn't agree. "I figured that it was some sort of an airplane with an electric sign underneath. The type of plane that flies over a stadium with a message."

Police officer Donald Little of the Kent police told another tale. "I saw them. They fly very slowly. I don't know if people are doing this intentionally to mess with the people, because if they are, it sure is working. One gal walked into our police station, shaking and trembling. She said, 'You're not going to believe this. I haven't had a drink in six days. But a UFO followed me all the way from Westchester, and its now hovering over your office right now.'"

Little said he went outside, and sure enough, there it was. "We waved goodbye to it, gave the frightened motorist a cup of coffee, and sent her on her way."

Whatever it is, folks in these parts will certainly be looking skyward for it just before 9 p.m. this coming Thursday.

Space age fears

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BOYS' UFO TALE TO GO ON TV

AN evening walk for three Bo'ness boys was interrupted by strange flashing lights in the sky.

And when Colin Rowley, Derek Grant and Norman Hogg looked more closely they were sure the dome-shaped object which gave a yellow-orange glow was a UFO.

After running excitedly back to Colin's house at 2 Howieson Avenue, and recalling the incident to Colin's parents, who listened in disbelief, they decided to write a letter to a TV programme on mysterious happenings.

And now a film crew from the TV-AM programme Data Run are coming to Bo'ness to interview the boys about their experience and talk to pupils from a local school.

TERRIFIED

Colin (10), told the Journal and Gazette what happened: "We were going swimming at the Recreation Centre when Derek and I spotted



Reflecting on their UFO sighting are Colin Rowley and Norman Hogg.

something in the sky just above the houses at Shafto Place.

"We thought it must have been an airplane but it didn't make any noise. It must have been about 20 m. long and was quite low in the sky. One light at the front of the object flashed and then one at the back went on. It gave a kind of orange-yellow glow.

"We were all terrified. I've never seen anything like it before. We ran back and I told my Dad but he didn't believe us."

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By KEVIN CONNOLLY

THERE have been more reported sightings of the UFO which sparked a red alert in the Thames Valley last month.

And an investigation has today been launched into the latest spate of sightings of the mystery lights.

"I'll be looking into the reports sent to the Evening Post and gathering together all the information that I can," said Mr Stephen Chetwynd, the Berkshire investigator for the British Unidentified Flying Objects Association.

A Maidenhead jogger who watched the eerie light as it moved slowly across the western sky last night, said that it was the same light which triggered the first alert in March.

"I saw it then as well," said the

sighting

man, who is area manager of a major merchandising firm in Berkshire.

"I tried to reason it out, but it wasn't a plane, or a planet or a star.

"When I saw it before it didn't move, but this time I watched it as it faded away as though it was moving off. It was a yellowish light which looked as though it was quite high up."

Stars

The sighting, which happened just after nine o'clock, was confirmed by another jogger, who was also in Sheep Hills Road, Maidenhead, when the lights appeared.

A spokesman for the Royal Observa-

tory at Herstmonceaux, Sussex, said that the planet Venus should be visible in the western sky at the moment, but he admitted that it may have been obscured by cloud.

And one of the men who reported the sighting said the night had been so cloudy that he could not see any stars.

"Anyway, what I saw was not a star," he said.

Now the Evening Post is appealing for any readers with more information to write in. Do you know what has caused the mystery lights? Have you seen them yourself?

If you have then please write to: UFO, The Evening Post Newsdesk, 8 Tessa Road, Reading RG1 8NS.

And in Friday's Evening Post, you can learn more about how Berkshire's own UFO man works when Ray Bryant's star interview looks at Stephen Chetwynd.

A night for Unseen Flying Objects

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By E.B. Walzer
Staff Writer

There is never an extra-terrestrial around when you need one.

At least that was the case Thursday night, when many people in northern Westchester and Putnam turned their eyes skyward in unsuccessful attempts to catch sight of the strange lights that have visited the area three times in the past two weeks, including appearances on two successive Thursdays.

Police departments, which were flooded with reports of a large, slow-moving, V-shaped set of lights on the nights of March 17, 24, and 26, reported no such sightings Thursday night.

Two field investigators from the Center for UFO Studies, a research group based in Evanston, Ill., were also frustrated in their attempts to see if the lights would reappear. Philip Imbrogno and Fred Dennis, who sported binoculars and set up a camera at a site off Interstate 684, headed home for Greenwich, Conn., late Thursday when it seemed that the lights

were not going to appear.

But according to Dennis, who has investigated UFO reports since the 1960s, the investigators really had not counted on the lights making a third straight Thursday appearance.

"I'd be utterly astounded if we see something," Dennis said as he and Imbrogno drove north on I-684 at 7:30 p.m. "If you're looking for it, it never shows. The odds are astronomical."

After reaching a near-empty commuter lot off Exit 5, Dennis parked the car and stepped out into the cold night air. The sky — unlike the other nights the lights had been seen — was overcast, and no stars could be seen.

As the investigators checked their equipment and flicked on a CB radio, they were joined by Leon Davidson, a White Plains resident who has studied UFOs for 30 years and believes the objects are secret government craft. Nearby, newspaper photographer Vince Antolini set up two tripods upon which he mounted heavy, long-lensed cameras. A police-band radio in Antolini's car crackled in the background.

With the exception of several airplanes, nothing was visible in the sky for more than an hour. As the minutes ticked past the magic deadline of 8:45 p.m. — the time the lights had appeared on two previous Thursdays — it began to seem as if there would be no close encounters this night.

A waste of time? Not really, the experts said, because the sightings of the past weeks were unlike other cases they have investigated. For one thing, the lights moved much more slowly than most UFOs, and they lingered in one area — primarily Yorktown, but also Brewster and surrounding areas — for a longer time than is common.

"Here you have this low-flying thing skimming over housetops," Dennis said. "The apparent brazenness of the appearances this time is unusual."

Most importantly, the investigators said, the lights were seen by hundreds of people.

"I've never seen an outbreak like this," said Imbrogno, who has been an investigator since 1974.

"It's very unusual that they were seen by so many people," Davidson said. "It's almost like they're saying they want to be seen."

Dennis said that because of the number of people who reported seeing the lights "we've gotten some very good witnesses. The quality of the witnesses is very unusual, it's a real upgrading in this instance."

The experts discounted a common theory — one accepted by some police departments — that the lights were from a flight of planes flying in formation at slow speed.

Imbrogno said he has spoken to 17 people who saw the lights and that some people said they were within 50 feet of the UFO, which reportedly hovered and moved in a way unlike any airplane.

One man, Imbrogno said, told him that he drove directly underneath the object as it hovered 100 feet above I-684. Other people have reported similarly close sightings and some have said the lights were going so slowly that they caught up to them in cars. Some people, Imbrogno said, said they could distinguish a disc-like shape to the phenomenon, with a V of lights assembled on the bottom.

As the investigators prepared to go home Thursday, they said they would continue to interview people who had seen the lights, although Imbrogno said he wanted to concentrate on people who had seen the lights at close range.

"We have enough documentation to establish that something was there," he said. "Now we want to isolate people who got within 50 feet of it."

Although the lights did not appear Thursday, they said they would not be surprised if there were future appearances.

"This kind of story never ends," said Dennis. "And I don't think we've seen the last of them in this general area."

"It boggles the mind," Dennis said of the sightings. "But it's fascinating because it's real, and it's so mysterious."

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Theories abound for lights in sky

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In the week since hundreds of people reported seeing strange lights in the night sky over Westchester and Putnam, officials investigating the sightings have come up with a number of theories, but no firm explanation for the phenomena.

It has been speculated that the lights — invariably described as being in a V-shape — were from planes flying slowly and close together or from a dirigible, or

that they were caused by atmospheric disturbances. But so far, none of the theories has been confirmed.

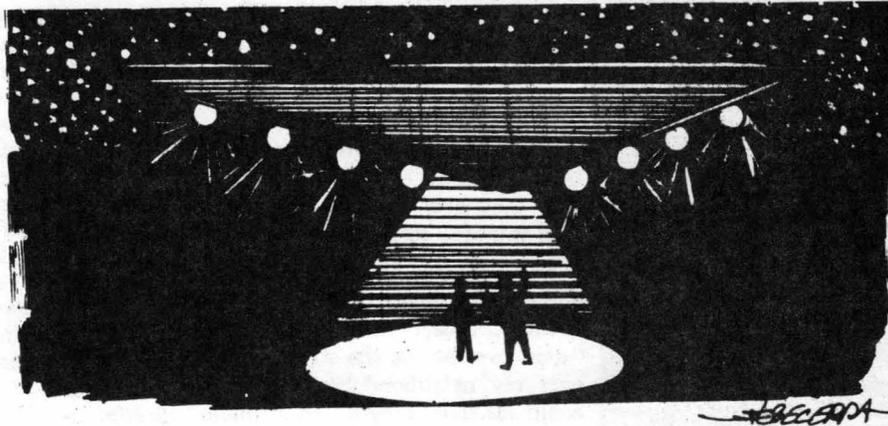
"We've come up with nothing at all," said Robert Fulton, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration. "We learned that some Air Force aircraft went through there the following morning, but for the time frame in question there is no rational or reasonable explanation."

Fulton said checks with the military and the FAA's long-range radar center showed no aircraft were in the Putnam-

northern Westchester vicinity at the time of the sightings. He could only speculate that the lights, which stopped many motorists in their tracks and resulted in a flood of calls to police, were the result of "occlusions," in which different layers of the atmosphere interact violently and cause disturbances.

The sightings — on the nights of March

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17, 24, and 26 — have also drawn the attention of the Center for UFO Studies, a research group based in Evanston, Ill. Phillip Imbrogno, an astronomer and science teacher from Greenwich, Conn., has been assigned by the center to investigate the sightings. He said Wednesday that he intends to interview several people who witnessed the strange lights.

Imbrogno said the lights closely resemble a number of sightings reported in the area in 1976, 1977 and 1980. He said the V-shaped description "falls into one of the major types of UFO shape that has been reported over the years."

One explanation, which has quickly gained a following, is that the lights were from the wingtip and landing lights of a flight of Cessna 150 single-engine propeller planes from Stormville and Sky Acres airports in Dutchess County.

This explanation would satisfy people like Saul Wolff of Yorktown, who saw the lights a week ago from his Beaver Drive home.

"It was definitely five airplanes," said Wolff, who

has a private pilot's license. "I could very definitely see them, and I could hear the engines and the propellers. But depending on the angle, they could seem to be hovering."

Many people who spotted the lights last week said they seemed to ring the edges of a large, wedge-shaped object that hovered above the ground and shifted direction quickly.

Ed Rose, director of airport operations at Dutchess County Airport, said that one night last summer he saw a slow-moving, V-shaped configuration of lights approaching the airport.

"I said, 'Gee, that looks strange,'" Rose recalled Wednesday. "And then they landed." Rose said two planes landed for a short period, while another circled the airport. He did not know the names of the pilots.

"It's a couple of guys, usually three, sometimes more, who like flying in formation," he said. "And it just so happens that they look like a UFO."

Rose's explanation was supported by Ted Miracco, an employee at Sky Acres, a small airport in La-Grangeville.

"It's four or five guys," Miracco said. "They fly out of Stormville every Wednesday or Thursday, and a couple of guys fly on weekends."

Mystery grows over UFO

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sighting in Hurley

By R.J. KELLY
Freeman staff

KINGSTON — It seems clear that something strange happened in the night sky last week.

First reported by children in the Hurley area, their straightforward account of strange, silent lights last Thursday have now released a surge of support from adult

observers who came out of the closet after reading the children's story in Sunday's *Freeman*.

Reports of similar sightings have now been received from a wide range of respected local residents, including Kingston Alderman William Paulus, a civil engineer, employees of IBM, city employees and various other men, women and children.

A possible answer to the puzzle surfaced today — with Federal Aviation Administration reporting that a precision team of night-flying, single-engine prop airplanes was believed to have been in the area that night.

Both an FAA controller and a spokeswoman at the Dutchess County Airport said they believed the sightings were probably the precision flyers operating out of Stormville Airport about 40 miles south of Kingston.

Stormville Airport officials could not be reached for further details today.

Yet the reports of most observers who have contacted the *Freeman* do not seem to conclusively fit that explanation.

And Robert Gribble, a staff member of Phenomena Research, a Seattle, Washington-based, private JIEQ research organization, said Monday his group has received "close to a dozen" similar reports from the Hudson Valley region over the past two weeks.

"We're getting spotty reports throughout that area," Gribble said. But since the reports have only been of lights and not a specific shape, he said it was not yet sufficient to send a field investigator. He said the group, in existence since 1959, is currently checking to see if any night-flying advertising aircraft had been in the region.

The reports received by the *Freeman* are generally consistent, though differing slightly.

Nearly all stress that whatever was in the sky that night seemed very large, made sharp turns and moved slow — before leaving sight quickly after being observed for 5 to 15 minutes.

Except for one report, observers reported hearing either no sound at all, or a low humming sound. And most were convinced what they saw was not a plane.

Like several of those reporting the lights, Jeanne Johnston, 64, and her husband John, 67, were just returning from Holy Thursday church services when they spotted something about 8:45 p.m. Mrs. Johnston said what they saw "was really wierd when you stop to think about it."

Near their Lincoln Park Place home in the town of Ulster, she said a large, object with many lights "went over across the street .. right over my neighbors' houses ... you could see that it wasn't an airplane.

"My husband John also saw it. He said to me 'that's not an airplane' ... it made no noise," she said. "it was very scary, it only made a sshh noise ... when it made the turn to go, you could see an outline between the lights ... it was a round thing, it was wierd."

Alderman Paulus said he was driving on Route 9W near the Hudson Valley Mall when he saw "the biggest thing I ever saw in the air."

"I thought it was the Goodyear Blimp, it was very low (with) no noise. Paulus estimated the object with many lights was about 1,000 feet off the ground and moving west to east before turning south.

Nancy Liese of Port Ewen was in the same area about the same time. In a letter, Mrs. Liese's account is the only one differing from others in that she reports hearing "the whirr of propellers.

She believes it was a group of helicopters.

Kingston police Sgt. Patrick Colbert says reports of the lights swamped police headquarters — but he saw only a series of lights "that seemed to conform with FAA (aircraft) regulations.) Colbert said police were told about the possible night-flying stunt team when they called Dutchess County Airport.

About 9 p.m. Joseph Naccarato,

62, of 10 Hook St., Hurley, said he saw "a whole mess of differently colored lights — white, red, green ... at least three in a straight line.

Naccarato said, "It looked close, about the same height as a small plane ... I saw this thing coming slow, then it started to turn north, towards Saugerties, then it was gone. It went so very fast, but was gone." "I didn't say anything, my impression was it was a military training mission until I read that thing in the paper, he said."

Ray Schelling, an IBM quality assurance inspector was leaving the Zena firehouse with fellow volunteer firefighter and IBM employee Bob Klein just before nine when he saw what he thought was "a plane coming in to crash (in) just a very slow, gradual motion, just skimming over the trees" from southeast to northwest.

It made "no noise whatsoever," he said, but several people in cars stopped to watch for about 10 minutes as the silent object "changed direction three times." "I believe in UFO's, I really do," Schelling said.

Klein, 51, also of Zena, was more skeptical. "I can't say I believe in UFOs," he said. "I don't believe and I don't disbelieve ... but it did have an awful lot of lights" Klein said of what he called "a monstrous (sized) thing."

Marilyn Osterhoudt, 43 and her husband Harry 45, a civil engineer for state highway department said they thought a plane was going to crash into their house in the Elmen-dorf Heights section of Hurley.

UFO sightings nothing new

By E.B. Walzer
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The unidentified flying objects sighted in Westchester and Putnam during the past two weeks may have been novel experiences for the hundreds who saw them, but such sightings are nothing new in the annals of UFO research.

Even for the Westchester-Putnam area, the sightings are only the latest in a string of such reports over the past few years. Strange lights — sometimes single, large, glowing objects, sometimes groups of lights — have been reported in northern Westchester and in the Carmel-Mahopac-Brewster area several times since 1976.

Philip Imbrogno, a field investigator for the Center for UFO Studies, an Evanston, Ill., research group, has fol-

lowed UFO sightings in the New York-Connecticut metropolitan area since 1974. Last week, he began investigating the reports of a large V-shaped set of lights seen in the area the nights of March 17, 24 and 26.

The V shape, Imbrogno said, is a common form of night UFO sighting.

"UFOs take on several different shapes," Imbrogno said. "Disc shapes, cigar shapes, V shapes, and you can have a disc with V-shaped lights on the bottom."

The night of March 24, such a shape was common indeed in the sky over Yorktown. Police switchboards were flooded with more than 100 calls from nearby residents reporting the strange lights. No firm explanation has been given for the sightings, although police believe they came from propeller airplanes flying in formation.

That explanation has been disputed not only by many of the witnesses, but also by Imbrogno and another CUFOS investigator, Fred Dennis.

"I've interviewed 17 people, and they basically all report the same thing," Imbrogno said. "The majority of the sightings indicated the object was 500 to 1,000 feet up, and most people say it was so slow they could catch up to it. A number reported seeing a structure, some kind of gray shape."

Although several witnesses said they could make out the forms of five separate planes and hear the sound of propellers, other witnesses adamantly claim they saw one wedge-shaped object close up and that it hovered and darted in a manner unlike any airplane.

Such dispute has characterized most UFO sightings, ever since the 1947 sighting of nine disc-like objects near Mount Rainier, Wash., by pilot Kenneth Arnold. Arnold said the objects flew erratically, "like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water."

The term "flying saucer" was born. Over the years thousands of people across the nation reported seeing — you name it — darting lights, hovering lights, big lights, tiny lights, discs, bowls, flying wings, egg-shaped masses, V-shaped craft, craft alone, craft in pairs, craft in formations. Not to mention the many times objects were tracked on radar, but never seen.

And then came the experiences which were eventually termed "close encounters" by J. Allen Hynek, an astronomy professor at Ohio State University. Hynek became the chief consultant for Project Blue Book, the Air Force study of UFOs which took place from 1952 to 1969, before it was dropped.

The most famous such encounter allegedly occurred to Betty and Barney Hill, who were driving back from vacation to their New Hampshire home in 1961, when they saw a bright star which they later became convinced was a spacecraft.

After experiencing a number of unsettling dreams, Mrs. Hill was hypnotized and related a story of how she and her husband were taken aboard the spacecraft and given physical examinations by the human-like occupants of the craft and released.

Other accounts abound of so-called "take-aways," where people describe encounters with a variety of humanoid, robot-like or other intelligent life forms.

Although no such adventures have been reported in connection with the recent sightings, a few people have reported getting within 50 feet of the V-shaped lights.

There has been much debunking of UFOs, from Air Force reports to the much-cited University of Colorado "Condon Report" — which said there was insufficient evidence to believe UFOs were ships from outer space and to justify further scientific study of them.

Leon Davidson of White Plains has his own theory about UFOs. He became intrigued in 1949 when he observed green fireballs in the sky above Los Alamos, N.M., where he was employed by the government in atomic-bomb research.

Davidson has spent years obtaining government documents and publishing articles in books and magazines. He is convinced UFOs are craft used by the Central Intelligence Agency for a number of reasons — to overshadow other news in the media, to worry the Soviets into thinking the United States is developing advanced weaponry, and for intelligence gathering.

"It could be to divert Soviet intelligence, to get them to send agents to check it out," Davidson said. "Then these agents could be identified and eliminated. That's more likely than that these guys are from outer space — E.T.'s or anything like that."

But such theories are not accepted by people such as Imbrogno and Dennis, who have never seen a UFO but believe the objects are craft from outer space.

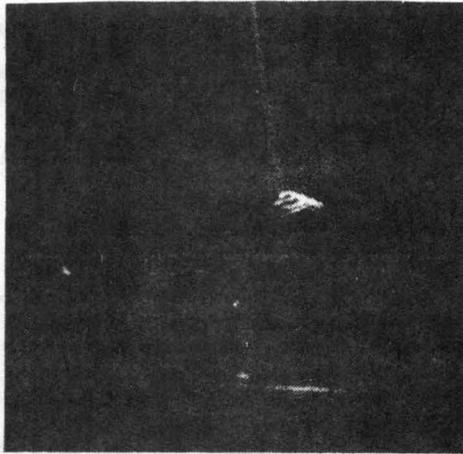
"There's no question of that, the evidence is overwhelming," Dennis said. "The problem is our technology isn't advanced enough to figure it out. It

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seems fantastic to us only because we can't grasp it.

"Man likes, to think he's top dog, and when something else comes along he can't handle it," he said. "We have to wait for them — we can't chase them, we can't catch them. It's just a matter of being in the right place at the right time."



UFO SIGHTING — Jeffrey Salmonese, a 17-year-old Mahopac High senior, said he took a picture (left) of what he described as a large V-shaped set of lights in the sky over Mahopac at 8:45 p.m. on March 24. The Mahopac High photography club president said he took the picture from the front lawn of his Butterfly Lane, Putnam Valley, home. Salmonese said the object — which looked like a humongous boomerang with lights, gave off no engine sound, but emitted a humming noise — was moving south (left to right in the photograph) and had red lights that changed to green and white by the time he snapped this picture. Hundreds of people reported that night seeing the lights in the sky over northern Westchester and Putnam.

Is UFO a hoax by top pilots?

By STEVE FRAIOLI

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UP ABOVE — Aviation officials strongly suspect that UFO is really four or five single-engine planes flown in precise formation by top-notch pilots seeking star-gazers' awe and media attention. But they still have no official explanation for the unidentified flying object seen on several consecutive Thursday and occasionally Saturday nights.

"We're not talking about a couple of high school kids out joy-riding," said Malcolm Sheahan, flight service official for the Federal Aviation Administration. "They're no dummies. From the reports, these guys are good. They know exactly what they're doing."

So good, he said, they create the illusion of what has been reported: one huge craft with multi-colored lights that stops on a dime with no sound heard. "They're not UFOs. We're not being invaded. If we were, I certainly wouldn't be hanging around here."

Sheahan works out of Dutchess County Airport, and said he has been hit by a barrage of phone calls from that county's residents reporting the same "UFO" seen in Westchester and Putnam counties on the same nights, shortly before 9 p.m.

Asked if he knew who the hot-shot flyers are, Sheahan said, "Officially, no," because the planes' identification numbers can not be seen in the night sky. Without proof, he said, "we suspect it's a group of people flying out of Stormville," a tiny, unpaved airport in Dutchess.

A Stormville spokesman, contacted last weekend, denied that charge. Subsequent calls by Patent Trader went unanswered.

FAA Investigator Tom Slocum said, "It's a couple of guys flying in formation at night," but, "they fly out of Westchester." He said he can't prove either point, a task which is on the bottom of his list of priorities.

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Aircraft must fly at least 1,000 feet above the highest object over residential areas, 500 feet above sparsely populated areas, and make contact with flight towers when within a five-mile radius of an airport, Slocum said. "We have no indication of a regulation being violated."

If really a squad of precision aircraft, just how do they do it? Aside from distorted perceptions of viewers with imaginations fueled by fear, excitement, and particular vantage points on the ground, Sheahan offered the following speculation for what he said are illusions:

—Stopping in mid-air can be achieved by a sudden climb of the formation performed directly over viewers who may not notice the lights are moving higher.

—The size, described as being as big as a 747 jet, results from several planes flying in precise formation, their lights, and silhouettes against the moon, appearing as of one mass.

—Soundlessness results from temporarily cutting engines, reducing them to very low rpms, wind currents, extreme distances, or distracting noise from other sources.

—Air speeds as slow as 50 mph are possible by single-engine planes.

Weather permitting, Sheahan said he won't be surprised if it reappears Thursday night. Though he's never seen it himself, he suggests viewers consider his theory and see how it affects their perceptions of the "UFO."

UFO's in Clay?



Witnesses

JOE RAY JONES, Zelma Jones, Dannette Jones and John McCongile. Photo by Mell Lee Head. +

On Friday night, March 25, 1983, John McCongile of Turkey Creek noticed two strange lights in the eight o'clock sky.

They hovered about, below the level of the hills. He and Danette Jones drove from Mr. McCongile's home to the home of Danette's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ray Jones.

The thing followed them all the way. There the four people observed the thing hovering above them. It made no noise and there was no color to it in the darkness. Danette took two pictures of the object. At this, the thing drifted away. Joe Ray was not impressed by whatever it was. He said, "I want to see the rest of Dallas."

Several others in the community are reported to have witnessed the thing. Sheriff's deputies were called but when they arrived, there was nothing to see. Mr. McCongile called authorities in Nashville to see if anything was showing up on the radar, there wasn't. +

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Red Baron flies again

BEACON — A number of southern Dutchess residents saw what they believed to be a UFO Saturday night, but police agencies said what they saw once again was a group of small single-engine planes flying in formation.

Police agencies throughout the southern portion of the county received calls concerning the "UFO" between 9 and 9:45 p.m.

A trooper at the state police station in Fishkill said they checked with officials at Stormville Airport and found there were a group of single-engine planes flying in the area in close formation.

In one pass over Beacon, the planes came from the west and had assorted red and green lights flashing. At one point several white lights, probably landing lights, flashed on and off for a few seconds. They turned to the northeast and moved slowly out of sight.

Those who saw the lights Saturday night said they could not hear the sound of engines and disagreed with authorities over what they saw.

Questions fly over Putnam

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By Janet Higbie
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What's triangular, big as a football field, has red, white and green lights, and swoops over the tree tops at night?

Nobody knows exactly what it is, but researchers are looking into several hundred reported sightings of an unidentified flying object in Putnam and Westchester counties over the past several weeks.

"As far as I'm concerned, we have a great mystery here," said Philip Imbrogno, a high school science teacher from Greenwich who is gathering information on the sightings for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

Imbrogno and a team of five researchers began studying the sightings a week and a half ago after reading newspaper accounts of the phenomenon.

The first of the most recent series of reports on the object began trickling in on March 17 — St. Patrick's Day — when the Kent Police Department received about a dozen calls about a low-flying object.

The calls poured in again the following week — March 24, 25 and 26 — when more than a hundred calls came into police stations in Carmel, Brewster, Putnam Valley, Yorktown, Mount Kisco and other towns.

Since he invited people who saw the object to call him last week, Imbrogno said he himself has received more than 300 calls.

"Very seldom have I seen such a great mass of reports from a single area," he said. "It's highly unusual."

Most of the people have described a massive, V-shaped object lined with multi-colored lights that flies at tree-top level, Imbrogno said. The object is often reported as about 100 to 150 feet across and made of gray or other dark-colored metal.

Many of the callers have said the objects makes a humming noise and that it flies slowly and maneuvers easily, unlike a conventional airplane or helicopter.

Callers come from all walks of life, including doctors, lawyers, police officers, housewives and truck drivers, Imbrogno said. He added that he thinks most are reliable witnesses, though he said a handful were apparently young children or adults who were "not all there."

One of the people who saw the object, Linda Nicoletti of Tonetta Lake Park in Brewster, said she was sitting in her living room on St. Patrick's Day at about 8:30 p.m. when she saw some red and white lights over the roof of a neighbor's house.

Mrs. Nicoletti, her husband, father-in-law and two of her three children ran outside and found what appeared to be a V-shaped aircraft flying silently at tree-top level.

Mrs. Nicoletti, who said she felt more curiosity than fright, said she

thinks the object may have been some kind of military or experimental aircraft.

"Who knows what they have now?" she said.

Another witness, 17-year-old Jeffrey Salmonese, a Mahopac High School senior, said he took photographs of the object when he and his father spotted it from the yard of their Putnam Valley home on March 24.

Salmonese, who estimated that the large V-shaped object was about 10 miles away over Mahopac, said it was flying toward him lit with red lights when he first saw it at about 8:45 p.m. After abruptly turning south, the object's lights switched to alternating green and white, he said.

One of Salmonese's photographs, published in Gannett-Westchester's Reporter Dispatch newspaper this week, shows an indistinct white light against a gray background.

Researcher Imbrogno said another man, a government official who asked that his name not be made public, said the large craft hovered overhead and projected a beam of light toward the ground.

Several callers who said they saw the object from their automobiles said it interfered with their radio reception as it passed overhead, Imbrogno said.

Police officials interviewed yesterday said they are skeptical of the reports.

Carmel Police Chief Charles Lewis, like several of the police officials, said he believes residents may be seeing a group of small airplanes flying in formation or a hoax designed to resemble a UFO.

Lewis said calls about UFOs are referred to Imbrogno, and that his main concern about the sightings is that the calls may tie up the department's emergency lines.

Trooper S.J. Riley of the Brewster state police barracks said that whenever possible, officers are sent to investigate UFO sightings, but so far have been unable to confirm any of the reports.

Captain Philip Prinz of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department said the department receives reports of UFO sightings, usually a run of several over a short period of time, three or four times a year.

"I don't put much credence in it," he said.

But Imbrogno said he doesn't believe the phenomenon described by the local residents could be airplanes. The research team has checked all nearby airports and can find no records of flights that would resemble the sightings.

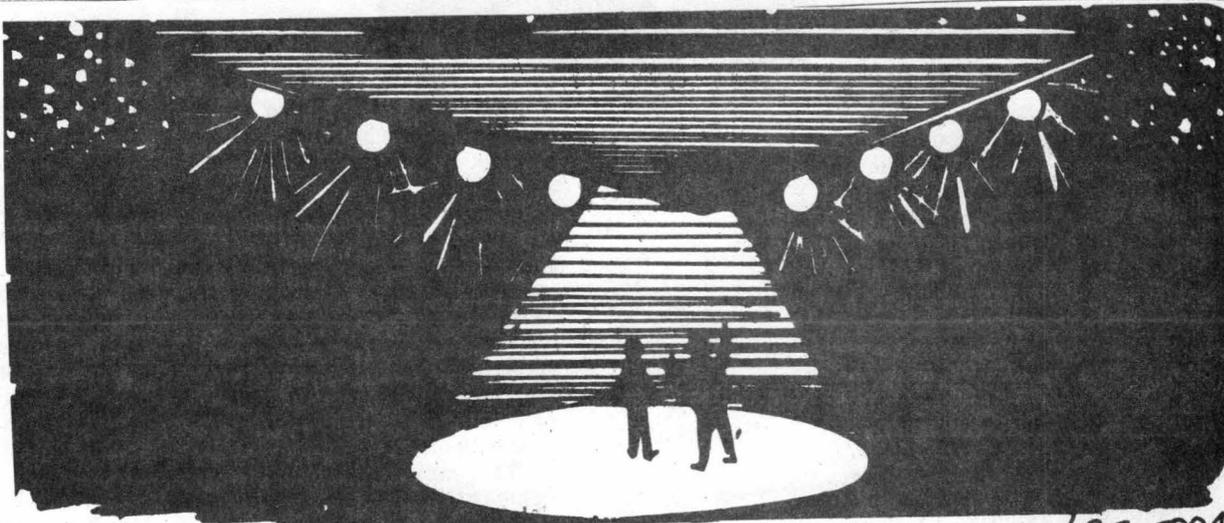
He said that the team's report on the sightings will be compiled and sent to the research organization's Illinois headquarters, where it will be entered into a computer data base.

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Local UFOs called

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'historical' and 'interesting'



ville," Imbrogno said. "They said they could never get them up with that much luminosity, the things wouldn't carry the weight. And they said they only fly in the day or in the evening, they wouldn't fly at night because it's dangerous."

Both Imbrogno and Hynek theorized that the lights could come from a secret government craft, which was allowed to be seen so that authorities could study the reactions of the populace.

"The only other explanation," Imbrogno said, "is that it's an unconventional vehicle from who knows where."

Because of several cases in which different witnesses reported seeing the lights at the same time at different places, and because descriptions of the UFOs seem to indicate differing objects, Imbrogno now believes at least two separate UFOs may have been in the area.

"One object is described as triangular-shaped," Imbrogno said. "A wide V about 300 feet long. The other is described as boomerang-shaped, almost like one of those smiles from the 'Have a nice day' buttons, about 150 feet long, end-to-end."

One piece of evidence that particularly baffles Imbrogno is "the most fantastic thing — many witnesses said the lights blinked out and they saw stars where the object was, then the lights appeared there again or somewhere else."

Another enigma, Imbrogno said, is that a number of witnesses said they tried to take close-up pictures of the object, but that when the film was developed it came out blank, or would show background details but no UFO.

Imbrogno said he will now begin to search for physical evidence of the craft.

"I'm sure physical traces are there," he said. "Broken branches, burn marks, depressions in the ground."

In a related development, police are investigating mysterious explosions that occurred in an isolated area in Easton, Conn., near where the UFOs have been spotted.

"They found a burned spot in a desolate wooded area," Imbrogno said. "They're trying to determine what caused it."

Imbrogno asked people who have seen the lights to call him at (203) 531-5267 or (203) 384-9656. He said he will continue to interview new witnesses, a task he feels will take some time.

"I finish with one witness, and I get five more," he said. "I went to Putnam Valley last Saturday, and interviewed an entire block of people about a sighting on March 24. It took four hours, but it was worth it. It was utterly fantastic what they witnessed."

"They reported this enormous thing, silent, hovering over their homes for 45 minutes. It was 70 feet in the air, hovering, and made right-angle turns. They were shocked — how could this thing hover for 45 minutes and no authorities come? They didn't know that the police were racing all over the place that night answering reports of UFOs."

"Many people in the Westchester area have changed their minds about UFOs," Imbrogno said. "And most think it was a positive experience. A lot of witnesses keep reporting sensing some kind of intelligence. They say, 'You'll think this is crazy, but I felt I was being watched, that some intelligence was behind it.'"

The surprising thing, Imbrogno said, "is that I have not met one kook yet. They're all good, stable people who just had this incredible encounter."

Those weren't just any UFOs

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By E.B. Walzer
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The unidentified flying objects that recently lit up the night skies of Westchester and Putnam may be gone, but they're not forgotten.

The UFOs, which were spotted by hundreds of residents over a monthlong period in March and April, have not been seen in more than a month. But the sightings, which occurred on a half-dozen nights, are still being investigated by

UFO experts, and residents are still coming forward with detailed reports of their encounters with the strange lights in the sky.

Philip Imbrogno, a local field investigator for the Center For UFO Studies in Illinois, has been working on the case

since the lights were reported by more than 100 people in Putnam and northern Westchester the night of March 24. He believes the lights have now been seen by at least 3,500 people.

"I have 350 reports," Imbrogno said. "And it's been my experience that about 10 percent of all people who see a particular UFO report it. So I'd estimate 3,500 people, possibly more.

"This is, I feel, one of the most important cases in UFO history," Imbrogno said, "because of the number of witnesses."

J. Allen Hynek, director of CUFOS and the former head of the U.S. Air Force "Project Blue Book" study of UFOs, agreed with Imbrogno.

"I think we do have a very interesting case here," said Hynek, who has interviewed a number of the witnesses by telephone from the center's Evanston, Ill., headquarters. "One of the things that is unusual is the number of people who have sighted it. Usually there are just a handful, two or three, who see it.

"From past experience, where a UFO is seen by a great number of people it frequently turns out to have a natural explanation," Hynek said. "But no one has yet been able to provide a viable natural explanation in this case."

Most people who saw the UFO described a massive V-shaped object with multi-colored lights ranged along it. The object was said to hover as low as 30 feet from the ground, to make sudden right-angle turns, and to emit a low humming noise.

According to Imbrogno, the lights had been spotted by a few people in the area as long ago as the summer of 1979. But on the night of March 24, the lights were seen again, and not by just a few people. Police department switchboards were flooded with calls from people who saw the UFOs in Yorktown, New Castle, Mount Kisco, Putnam Valley and Carmel.

Multiple sightings in the area were also reported March 26, April 13 and April 17, and isolated sightings were reported other times in March. In addition to Westchester and Putnam, the lights were reported seen in Dutchess and Orange counties, in Manhattan, and in the Danbury and Sandy Hook sections of Connecticut.

The explanation most frequently given for the lights is that they emanate from a flight of low-flying aircraft. But so far, attempts to find such a flight of planes has failed.

"It's easy for skeptics to say, 'It must be planes,'" Hynek said. "But you've got to show which planes and where."

In one sighting in Danbury, the V of lights was immediately identified as Cessna 150 aircraft in

formation, Imbrogno said. The sighting, which differed from most other reports in that the engines were very loud and that the objects were easily identified as aircraft, did not surprise him.

"This has happened with UFO cases before," Imbrogno said. "Where a rational explanation crops up which just doesn't fit. There's one or two possibilities — it's people trying to imitate the sightings and create a hoax, or it's some kind of coverup, where they're trying to convince people that that's what they saw."

But Imbrogno and most witnesses are convinced that the Westchester lights did not come from aircraft.

"The more I get into it, the more a conventional explanation is unlikely," he said. "The low altitude — one witness said if he climbed on his roof he could have hit it with a stick — the humming, the maneuvers, I can't see anything explaining the appearance of this object."

Some people feel the lights were from a flight of ultralight aircraft (a sort of motorized glider) out of Stormville Airport in Dutchess County. The theory was checked out by Imbrogno.

"I tracked down the ultralight guys from Storm-

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Planes behind part of UFO sightings

By E.B. Walzer
Staff Writer

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With the darkness came the lights.

First there were only two, but they circled above us as we watched from the Taconic Parkway, and soon they were joined by a third.

The lights — which we saw came from small, single-engine planes — aligned

themselves into a V-shape formation, and we knew we had solved part of the mystery of the strange lights in the sky — the UFOs that have been seen by hundreds of people since March.

But only part of the mystery could be explained by these planes, which circled Stormville Airport in Dutchess County, said Philip Imbrogno, an investigator for the Illinois-based Center for UFO Studies.

Imbrogno, along with myself and freelance writer Chris Clark of Rye, had decided to stake out Stormville Airport Thursday night.

"This clears up 75 percent of my paperwork," said Imbrogno, who has been investigating the UFO sightings since March 24, when strange V-shaped lights startled hundreds of people in northern Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties.

"But if I told some of the people who saw a huge, silent, hovering object that they were seeing airplanes, they would be very upset," Imbrogno said.

Imbrogno, who had suspected all along that the multiple sightings over the past four months have actually been of two separate objects, now had his proof.

These lights, Imbrogno said, undoubtedly

were what some people have been seeing, especially for the past month or so. They, he said, were probably the small, triangular-shaped object that most witnesses had said they saw flying about 1,000 feet above them.

But that offered no explanation for the

massive boomerang that some people said had hovered above the treetops, emitting a low, humming noise.

In their tight V-formation, the planes were odd-looking, but hardly the imposing sight some witnesses had described seeing. And the planes did give off an audible engine noise.

We watched as the lights disappeared to the south. But within a half hour, they were back, heading for Stormville. After photographing the planes, we abandoned our lookout post at a rest area on Interstate 84 and headed for the airport.

We were too late: One plane had already landed by the time we arrived. About eight people stood around on the floodlit runway. The plane was already parked somewhere in the darkness.

The people fell silent and stared at us as we approached.

No, they said, no one had seen any formation of planes. Why were so many people out there on the runway? Oh, just out for a walk in the nice night air.

A man dressed in dark clothes walked out from the darkened row of parked planes. He was met by one of the others, who turned him away from us, talking softly and gesturing at us over his shoulder.

Then there came a ruffling noise from nearby. Suddenly, out of the darkness came a canopy. A parachutist. With a soft thud, he landed on his feet a few yards from us. He was quickly followed by another.

The others surrounded them. As the parachutists rolled up their chutes, a plane came out of the east and landed. We walked down the runway toward where it would taxi to a parking spot. The plane, however, parked somewhere down in the darkness. The pilot never emerged.

But we heard a car engine start up behind us. Then another. About a half dozen of the people still watched us

warily. Another plane flew by high above.

"What's that, a UFO?" one of the men said loudly. The others laughed.

Suddenly the floodlights went out. In the darkness, people were scattering to their cars, some to a nearby plane. The plane taxied quickly down the runway and took off.

After a minute, we walked to our car and started the 45-minute drive back to Westchester.

We were perplexed by the odd, defensive behavior of the people at the airport, but we were glad we had seen the formation of planes.

Imbrogno, sitting in the darkness of the back seat, spoke aloud of the theories running through his head.

The pilots were good, he noted. Their formation had been very tight. Could this be part of a government coverup of another, more secret kind of craft?

Or had we just stumbled onto something else, totally unrelated to the UFO sightings?

Somehow, we felt sure these planes were tied in to the whole mystery of the sightings, but they were not of themselves a solution.

"I'd just like to believe that this is what everybody saw," I said.

"So would I," Imbrogno said softly.

But the key to solving the mystery, Imbrogno said, lay with the other object, the massive, hovering boomerang.

"I'm going to concentrate now only on those people who got very close to the object," he said.

That UFO, Imbrogno said, "probably hasn't been back since April — it's very unusual to have continuing sightings of such a UFO. It might come back — after all, it's been seen around here, off and on, for years — but probably not for a while."

UFO sightings reported in Maple Valley

By CATHY STONE
Staff Reporter

Maple Valley seems to be the focus of "some pretty strange activity" involving unidentified flying objects, according to a UFO research group.

Dale Goudie, director of Puget Sound Aerial Phenomena Research, says that reports on sightings of unidentified flying objects from the Maple Valley area seem to indicate that the activity is fairly constant.

"It's not once a month or once every two months. It's there all the time," he says. "You have to remember that out of every 100 sightings, we're only getting about 5 percent."

Numerous sightings

The researchers recently started

working with radar equipment and a mobile radar unit in the Maple Valley area and also have been flying over the area using optical and ultraviolet observations to look for natural or unnatural phenomena. Goudie says the results of their research will be released within three months.

Meanwhile, the organization has received numerous reports of sightings during April and May, including two in Tukwila.

The first Tukwila sighting occurred Sunday, April 24, about 5 p.m. The witness said he was traveling west on Highway 405 near Longacres when he spotted an object coming from the north. At first he thought it was a reflection, but then it looked like neon, according to the PSAPR report. The object assumed the

form of a tube four to five feet long and went directly over his car at an altitude of 20 to 25 feet.

Matching description

The second sighting, which came three days later, occurred at the same general location at about 5:45 p.m. The witness gave a description matching that of the earlier report. She said it zoomed past her, then came from the north over power lines, traveled over her car and sped away.

Goudie says it is not unusual to see objects in the daytime, though he notes that often people are more reluctant to say what they've seen. "I haven't figured that out," he said, "but it seems like that is the case."

PSAPR also has received numerous reports of triangular objects over Puget

Sound, flying singly or in formation with up to four others. At least two separate sets of witnesses saw five of the objects flying in formation on different days in April and May.

Triangular objects

In one of the incidents May 9, a couple was looking into the sky about 10 p.m. in hopes of catching sight of the comet IRAS-ARAKI-ALCOCK. At first, they saw two triangular objects coming from the west. About five minutes later, they saw three more objects coming from the west, which then made a 90 degree turn north, according to the PSAPR report.

Goudie says it's unusual for there to be repeated sightings over a number of days "because then it's hard to put a name on it, like a meteor or a sort of natural phenomena that we don't understand."

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But what was that huge, silent, hovering object?

Police switchboards in northern Westchester and Putnam have been buzzing since March with reports of sightings of strange lights in the night skies. As the sightings continued and UFO investigators conducted interviews and offered theories, some police agencies thought they had the answer all along: airplanes.

The widely held belief was that the UFOs — usually described as a wedge-shaped series of lights — were really tight formations of low-flying aircraft coming from Stormville Airport in Dutchess County.

One of the people on the track of the UFOs has been reporter E.B.

Walzer, and last week he was able to elevate that airplane theory into fact. Walzer and UFO investigator Philip Imbrogno spotted lights over the Taconic State Parkway Thursday night. They fit many of the UFO descriptions, but were readily identifiable as airplanes. Dashing to the Stormville Airport, Walzer confronted a group of surprised and defensive people on the runway, greeting several planes and parachutists as they landed.

But Imbrogno said the planes wouldn't account for reports of "a huge, silent, hovering object" that he has also been looking into. His search will continue.

AMERICA'S PRESIDENTS have conducted clandestine meetings with aliens from outer space since at least the 1940s.

"Most of this information is still kept in secret files and in sealed laboratories," says Charles Berlitz, the author of 'The Bermuda Triangle' (Doubleday).

These are the secrets that Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson carried with them to their graves, and it is a secret which Nixon, Ford, Carter, and Reagan will have to live with.

But in the name of national security, they refuse to admit to these meetings or to even discuss them with anybody outside of a small select circle of official investigators.

Berlitz says these elaborate UFO meetings first started on July 2, 1947, when an apparent UFO crashed near Roswell, New Mexico.

But it is also logical to assume that the meetings may have taken place even earlier with President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, since it was during his administration that man first cracked the atom.

by DIANE AMERY

"There are two reasons why this crash has remained a closely guarded secret," claims Berlitz. "One is the obvious military advantage the United States has gained by learning as much as possible about aerodynamics and inter-planetary travel from this craft.

"The other is at the time of the crash there might have been a mass panic if the public had been made officially aware that strange beings from other worlds were visiting us."

The secret of this remarkable crash has been shared by succeeding presidents starting with Eisenhower.

Ike viewed the bodies of the humanoids taken from the crash after they were moved to Edwards Air Force base in California.

Visiting

According to Berlitz, the president was visiting some friends in California when the bodies were taken there, so he asked to see them. Ike managed to elude the press entourage following him by saying he had gone to visit the dentist.

"If that were true, the President would have spent 28 hours in the dentist's chair," says Berlitz.

The best selling author has interviewed more than 100 people who were somehow involved in the Roswell incident, and he has uncovered some remarkable insights into the government's dealings with extraterrestrial visitations.

One thing he managed to do was trace the manner in which the bodies of inter-planetary visitors who crashed at Roswell were routed and shipped to various scientific laboratories around the country.

When the crash first happened, the Army information officer assigned to report on it sent out an official press release that a UFO had crashed.

Because the area was the hub of American atomic research, the news triggered national concern. The report was almost immediately retracted, and the military revised its earlier report, calling the craft a downed weather balloon.

Barney Barnett, a civil engineer working for the government at that time, says he was among the first witnesses on the scene of the wreck.

"The vehicle was a disc shaped object about 25 or 30 feet across. While I looked at it, some other people came and told me they were part of an archeological research team.

Explosion

"They were looking at some dead bodies on the ground, and I think there were other bodies in the machine that had been split open either by an explosion or by an impact.

"I tried to get close to see what the bodies looked like — they had round heads and small eyes. They were small by our standards, and their heads were larger in proportion to their bodies than ours are."

It is believed the wreckage from this and other UFO crashes is kept at Wright-Patterson Air Force base in Dayton, Ohio, in a room called the Blue Room. There secret UFO reports, photographs, and artifacts are stored.

"The only people who have access to this room are presidents and a small number of closely guarded UFO investigators," says Berlitz.

"In fact, when Sen. Barry Goldwater was running for president, he asked permission to view the contents of the Blue Room, and he was turned down."

Berlitz says this clearly indicates the important proof about the existence of beings from other planets is being hidden from the American public.

When Jimmy Carter was running for president, he said he would make all government held UFO data public — providing the information could be released without compromising the nation's security interest.

Shortly after he took office, Carter was briefed on UFOs, and he probably even had a real-life encounter with a visitor from beyond our solar system.

When Berlitz contacted him for information about UFOs, the President said the absence of new information on the subject meant reopening UFO investigations was not warranted.

Berlitz points out that Carter had gone on record that he firmly believed in the existence of UFOs, and the president had even reported seeing an alien space craft at one time.

"It seems strange that a man with that background would refuse to reopen UFO investigations," says Berlitz.

The author points out that American security agencies look on UFO investigations as unsolved cases, so they are reluctant to publically open the books on any information.

Briefing

"All presidents since the Second World War have been given a thorough briefing on UFOs, and many have even met these space travelers when they come to visit our planet."

Tentacles from UFO try to capture girls on horseback

THREE terrified young women on horseback thwarted a kidnap try by space creatures when they whirled on their horses and broke away from grasping "tentacles" that suddenly appeared from the underside of the aliens' starship.

"It was so unreal, it was incredible," says Pia Andersson, 17, of Kvilla, Sweden. "The flying saucer just hung in the air 20 feet overhead. The horses were scared. We were terrified.

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"We were paralyzed with fright," she adds, "or, we would have run for our lives in a second."

The frightening encounter is only the most recent in a series of sightings that have created a wave of panic in Scandinavia.

The latest encounter began shortly after Andersson and two of her pals, Anna-Karen

Lindhahl, 11, and Carina Sjoström, 14, decided to exercise their horses on the outskirts of the village before going to bed.

"It was an unusually bright evening," Sjoström told GLOBE, "yet the horses appeared to be uneasy, as if there was some kind of a 'presence' around us."

The girls shrugged off the horses' strange behavior and prodded them to gallop across an open field.

"Suddenly, we all stopped in our tracks," says Lindahl. "A flying saucer appeared out of nowhere and began to hover over us. The horses went wild, and I was almost thrown to the dirt. But somehow I stayed on. Then, just



LINDAHL & Sjoström: "I didn't believe what I saw — the flying saucer was as big as a car"

as suddenly, the horses became quiet again.

"I was frightened, but I looked up anyway, and then I didn't want to believe what I saw. The flying saucer was shimmering — and it appeared to be about the size of a large car."

Incredibly, Lindahl says the saucer didn't make a sound as it hovered overhead, although it made an earsplitting "whining noise" when it first appeared.

Andersson adds: "It had lights in a myriad of colors on the edge, like a rainbow, and it looked like it was burning in the center. The whole craft was pulsing, first bright red, then pink, and it had tentacles that were several feet long dangling from all around the circumference."

She says the tentacles seemed to have "eyes" that peered right through them. "They were piercing," she recalls, "and made me feel like I was on needles and pins

as they hung over us."

Andersson says she and her pals remained under the UFO about six minutes before bolting for safety — but she can't be sure because her electronic watch stopped during the encounter and hasn't worked since.

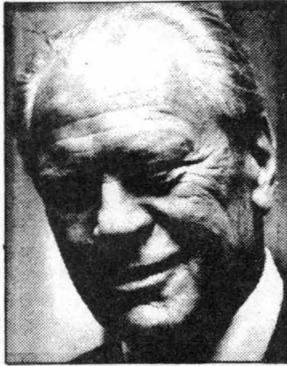
Officials at the Swedish Defense Department say the spaceship mysteriously escaped detection by radar. But investigators who have talked with the girls believe their story — and the case is now being investigated by the Swedish Air Force.

Anita Sjostrand manages the stable where the girls keep their horses and spoke with them immediately after the incident. She told GLOBE: "They raced in like all hell had broken loose.

"It took me an hour to get them coherent enough to tell me what had happened. It's an incredible story, weird and fascinating, but I don't doubt the girls for a minute. They're telling the truth."

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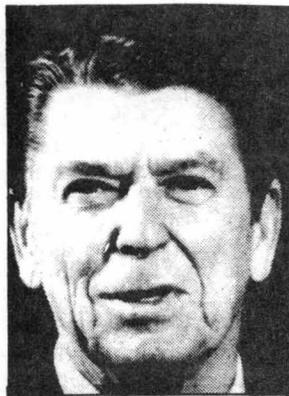
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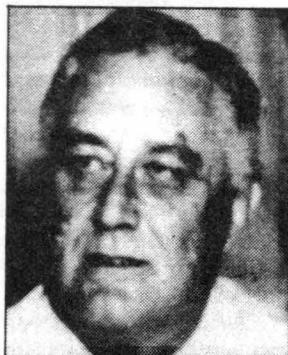
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