

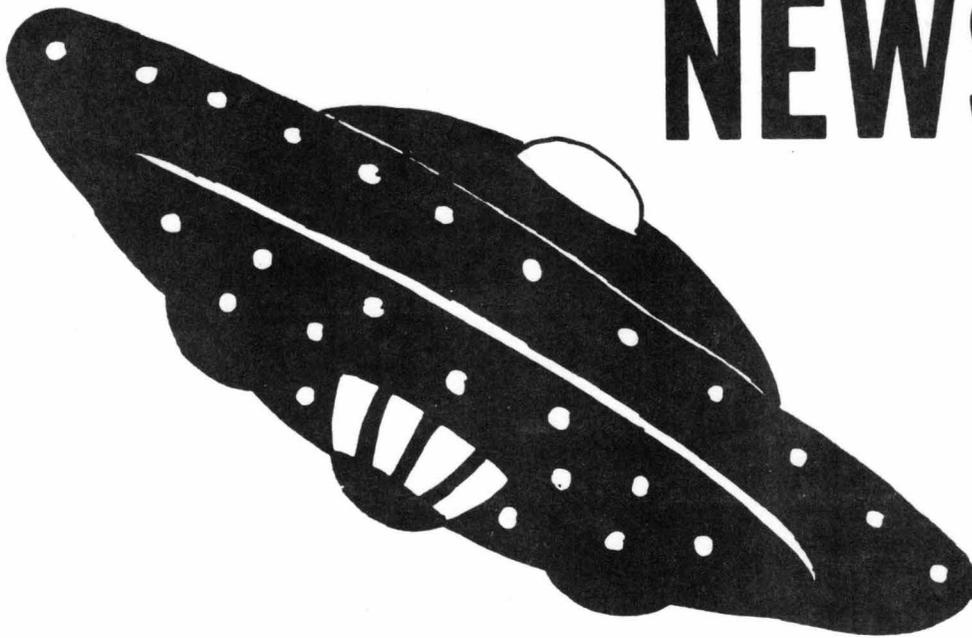
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OUT WEST

NO ONE KNOWS where they come from, but more than once they've flown their elusive craft through the fathomless Western skies. Denied officially yet witnessed by many, alleged extraterrestrial visitations have provided classic fodder for believer and skeptic alike. We've grown accustomed to unidentified flying objects, perhaps because they've been around a long, long time.

Newspaper reports of the late 1890s trace an odd, rambling journey of a dazzling "airship" from California to Chicago. "Claim They Saw a Flying Airship" screamed a November 1896 *San Francisco Call* headline, followed by: "Strange Tale of Sacramento Men Not Addicted to Prevarication Viewed an Aerial Courser as it Passes Over the City at Night." Similar reports whetted the public appetite, prompting lawyer George D. "Airship" Collins to come forward with the statement that he was the sole attorney for the inventor of the magnificent flying machine.

Collins received such notoriety that a former California attorney general, William Henry Harrison Hart, made a similar claim, hinting that the machine would be used to carry four men and a thousand pounds of dynamite. "I am quite convinced that two or three men could destroy the city of Havana in forty-eight hours," he quipped. Meanwhile, the airship moved on.

In early February 1897, an Omaha, Nebraska, newspaper reported sightings over Hastings of a cone-shaped airship, forty feet in length with seven flashing lights, circling 500 feet in the air. The following April a Table Rock, Nebraska, tabloid described a similar ship with windows and visible passengers, including a beautiful woman held at gunpoint. The article claimed that "those who vouch for this story are among the most reliable citizens, and are not given to imbibing bug juice . . ."

Less than a week later, the *Pueblo*

Chieftain told of Cripple Creek's James Graham receiving a message tossed from a flying contraption in a sardine can: "To whoever finds the note — There are three of us lost in an airship . . ." It went on to give names, addresses, and a mournful "we are out of water and have given up hope."

Around the same time, *The Dallas Morning News* reported a cigar-shaped ship crashing into a windmill in Aurora, forty-five miles northwest of Big D. Of the sole passenger, who was killed, the account reported: "while his remains are badly disfigured, enough of the original has been picked up to show that he was not an inhabitant of this world." The tale has been the source of Texas controversy since, including a robbery of the "spaceman's grave" in 1973.

The first wave of UFO sightings came seven years before the Wright brothers left the ground. A second wave occurred after World War II, at the dawn of the Space Age.

On the evening of September 21, 1950, a series of blazing fireball UFOs were seen from Laramie, Wyoming, to Pueblo, Colorado. A Fort Collins woman saw "one big object and several smaller ones" flying in formation at 10:45. Seven minutes later, an Arvada man watched them zoom over his house. Spewing red flames, the tear-shaped objects bisected the Mile High City. They were spotted at West 46th Avenue and Tejon by two police officers and were viewed at Lowry Air Force Base by a young corporal, who

estimated they were cruising at 2,000 feet at "a faster pace than any airplane." Personnel in the Pueblo airport tower estimated their speeds "in excess of 1,000 miles per hour."

The first week of August 1965 was filled with nightly reports from Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas. Thirty people filed identical reports at *The Denver Post* switchboard one evening, all of speedy, glowing objects. This unworldly marathon would be topped two years later with the strange fate of Snippy the horse.

UFOs were spotted in southern Colorado in May 1967, when a Sand Dunes National Monument employee said he was followed by an incandescent, football-shaped specimen 150 feet in the air. A college student reported that all four tires on his car had gone flat as he approached a "cigar-shaped" object that had landed.

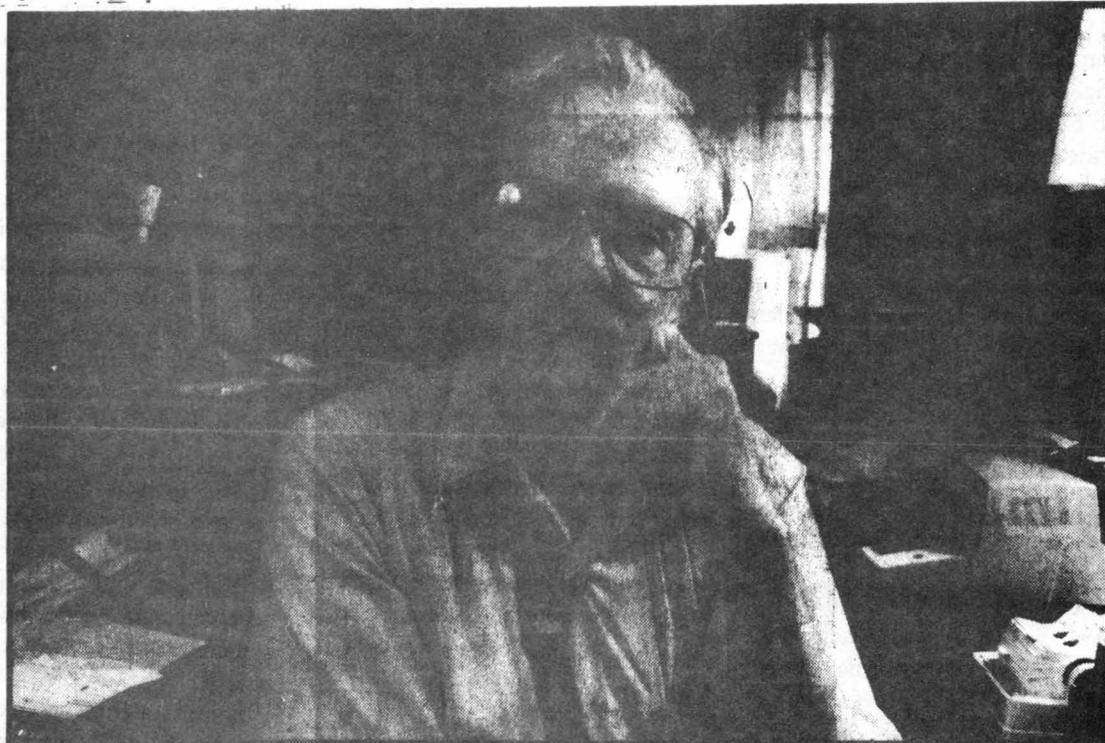
Snippy, a three-year-old Alamosa Appaloosa, was found after another flurry of sightings on September 9. All the flesh from his head and neck had been mysteriously stripped away, and his carcass had been drained of its blood. No footprints were found, but high levels of radiation were reported at the scene. Theories blossomed, some speculating that Snippy had met, not an alien, but a lightning bolt. Others still watched the sky, dreading a close encounter with horse-hating humanoids.

Space does not provide for every account of UFOs at home on the range, but as of this writing no one has managed to capture a flying saucer. A half-million dollar study in the late sixties at the University of Colorado (labeled a "boondoggle" by *Look*) showed no evidence of a visitation, blaming sightings and "evidence" of visitations on everything from squawking geese to mosquito bites. Others were not so quick to accept the group's findings, convinced that some tourists Out West have come from outer space. ▀

We ¹³⁸¹are not alone:

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UFO expert



UFO expert J. Allen Hynek, an astronomer who is not afraid to wonder. (Staff photo by Rich Hein)

By RICK ASA
Staff Reporter

The millions of people who saw "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and were fascinated by its depiction of extra-terrestrials also saw the spiritual leader in the scientific quest for knowledge of UFOs.

J. Allen Hynek, a professor at Northwestern University and the director of the Center for UFO Studies, was the technical consultant for the project and appeared in the film as a scientist.

He coined the term used as the title for the film and is recognized as the world's leading authority on UFO phenomena.

Hynek toured Consolidated High School District 230 Thursday in a series of lectures sponsored by the district's gifted program.

The professor took the students through the history of modern UFO phenomena, augmenting his points with slides of reported sightings.

Hynek was careful to emphasize that a large number of sightings turn out to be IFOs, or identified flying objects, which can be traced to atmospheric conditions and other sources.

But he added, "It is highly improbable we are the only intelligence in space.

"Most scientists accept the idea that we are not alone," Hynek told the students. "It is a vast universe."

Adding credibility to the many sightings which remain bona fide, he said, are the types of people who report them: military pilots, engineers, scientists and other professionals not normally given to over-active imagination.

Some sightings also have been corroborated by independent reports as in the case of an airline pilot who reported an object which kept pace with his plane for three minutes, then shot straight into the stratosphere.

Another pilot from another airline and another country almost simultaneously reported seeing an object shoot by his plane at incredible speed, straight into the sky. The second pilot was 30,000 feet above the first pilot.

To put the possibility of other life and our lack of knowledge about it into context, Hynek used the thickness of a playing card to illustrate the distance between the Earth and the Moon.

To illustrate the distance to the closest star outside our Sun, playing cards would have to be stacked for 19 miles.

"It would be difficult to call them all nuts," Hynek said of the many credible witnesses who have experienced a close encounter of the first, second or third kind.

Those familiar with the film know the third-kind encounter involves contact with beings. The second kind involves some type of evidence, such as scorched earth, while the first kind is a simple sighting in which there is no interaction with the environment.

WE ARE NOT ALONE CON'T

There have been about 100,000 reports from 140 countries received by the Center for UFO Studies, Hynek said. A recent journal describes 441 cases where a close encounter resulted in car interference of some kind.

"One thing you can say about UFO experiences is that to the people who have them, they are absolutely real," Hynek said. Many identified sightings are the result of an honest mistake rather than a hoax, he noted.

Hynek also pointed out that UFOs don't necessarily mean visitors from outer space. What of the possibility of parallel dimensions or simultaneous reality elsewhere, he asked?

"We must be humble and not too cocky in what we know," Hynek said. People who flatly dismiss the existence of UFOs and other forms of intelligent life are "arrogant" in presuming they are the highest form of life in the vastness of the universe, Hynek added.

Hynek described himself and his journey through UFO phenomena as a scientist and astronomer who never ceases to explore and is not afraid to wonder.

"I'm a little like an explorer who has visited exotic lands and has come back to tell you about the natives and their customs," he said. WY

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The Bottom Line

Edited by Don Mayhew

Evans needed a little space

Baseball players sometimes credit some unusual things for breaking out of batting slumps. But Darrell Evans, late of the San Francisco Giants and now with the Detroit Tigers, has one that's out of this world.

During the summer of 1982, Evans was riding the Giants bench. One night at his home in Pleasanton, he says he and his wife saw an object 30 feet wide, triangular in shape, with no wings, green and red lights on each side and white lights in back.

"There was no sound," Evans said. "It was 100 yards away, right over my neighbor's house. It was there maybe a minute, a minute and a half.

"My wife said, 'Why don't you take a picture of it, so we'll be able to see it?'" Evans said. "But as soon as I got up it sort of tilted.

"It was like, 'Yeah, you do see us. But you're not going to take a picture of us.'"

By the time Evans, who said one of his favorite movies was Close Encounters (of the Third Kind), retrieved his camera, the object was out of camera range. Then it was gone.

"Soon after that, things turned around," he said. "It definitely helped my career. It gave me something to think about besides myself. It sparked things for me."

LANCASHIRE EVENING TELEGRAPH, BLACKBURN MAY 3 1984

US interest in night sky 'UFOs'

By JOHN HARGREAVES

DESPIITE a formal denial from Government ministers of reports of UFO sightings in Rossendale and the suggestion they should not be taken seriously, there is little doubt in the Valley and the towns that surround it, that "something" is certainly going on late at night in the sky.

Only a few days ago, there was another mystery sighting. Mr Muncaster of Highfield Road, Norden, saw a UFO heading over Edenfield village.

He reported to Bacup police that "white balls" with tapering streams passed over his house travelling south to north.

There has even been interest

from American reporters in the UFO Valley. Rawtenstall police had an inquiry from a Los Angeles newspaper, asking for "the Captain" of police and requesting information about a number of incidents over the last few years.

While Rossendale people are sceptical about "beings from space" actually dropping in for a visit, many have now seen objects

in the sky that cannot be explained by such things as aircrafts or satellites.

Like the Sharneyford man who would not leave his name with the police after reporting a "red cigar shaped object" over his village, most people prefer not to talk about their experience for fear of ridicule.

EXAMINER MAY 15 1984

UFO chases deputy sheriff

A STRANGE bright light followed an Athens, Georgia, deputy sheriff as he drove his patrol car — mysteriously speeding up and slowing down whenever he did.

"I don't know if it was chasing me, but it was following behind," reports a shaken Jimmy Harrison.

As Harrison drew closer to the city limits, the light veered off and eventually disappeared on the horizon.

Harrison spoke with fellow officers about the light. Much to his surprise and relief, he found that other members of the force had also seen the strange object in the sky.

1381 Huge UFO Destroys Half a Mile of Siberian Forest

A gigantic UFO — wider than a football field — cut a vast path of destruction through a remote Siberian forest, say Russian scientists.

Forest

The alien craft, which nearly crashed in the forest last May 31, snapped huge trees like matchsticks — and a mysterious force field left in its wake sent the scientists' blood pressure soaring when they visited the scene three months later.

... Say Russian Scientists Who Felt The Aftereffect of Its Cosmic Force

"This damage could only have been done by a UFO, a ship from outer space," declared Prof. Viktor Inyushin, a member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

"There's no other scientific explanation for it."

Prof. Inyushin came upon the awesome devastation last August 28, while he and another scientist were exploring a forest in the Altai Mountains of Siberia.

"Trees were snapped off at a height of about four feet, and had collapsed like wooden soldiers in perfect rows," he recalled.

"The length of the path of destruction through the dense forest was about a half-mile. But there was no trace of fire.

"It looked as though a flatiron 360 feet wide had come crashing down through the trees with tremendous force."

Said Dr. Irina Lybov, a biologist who accompanied Inyushin: "It was incredible to see those massive tree trunks, each twisted like a corkscrew and then snapped off like a matchstick."

And as the two scientists approached the devastated area, Dr. Lybov added, "almost immediately we were both overcome by a sudden headache. Our temples were throbbing, our foreheads bursting."

Prof. Inyushin disclosed: "We experienced the same symptoms — first a growing anxiety, then headache, followed by nausea. Our cheeks grew red and our hearts pounded faster. We both rec-

'... A Chilling Example of the Awesome Powers Possessed By Beings From Beyond Earth'

ognized the same increased blood pressure.

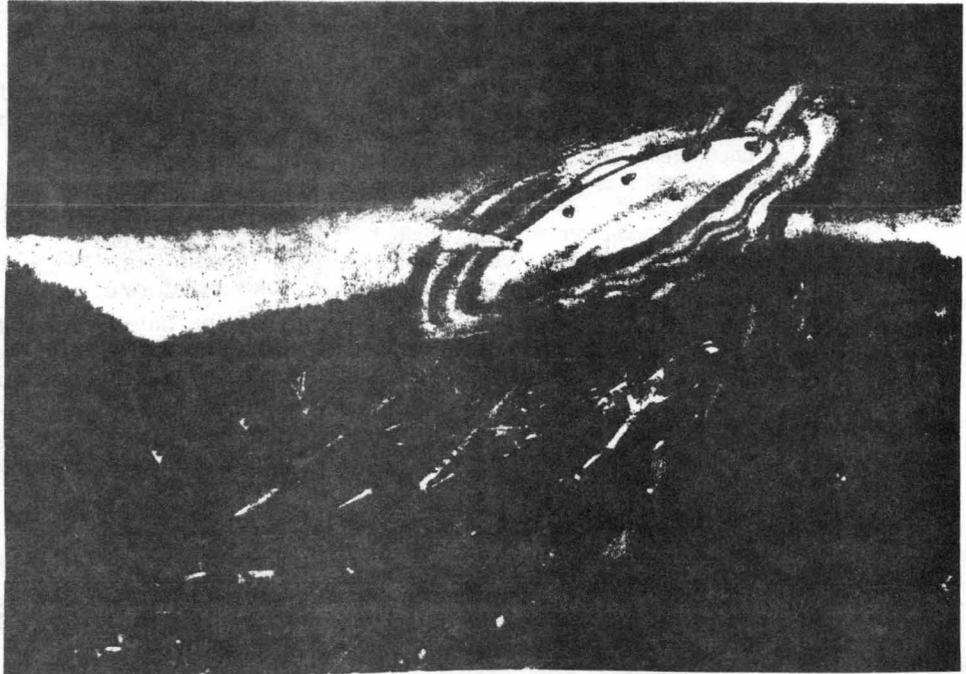
"I instantly felt that we had come into contact with an aftereffect of a cosmic force."

The scientists later spoke with people in a tiny village

about 23 miles away from the devastated area.

"They told us that May 31 was marked by a horrible storm — lightning and thunder followed by a tremendous downpour," said Prof. Inyushin, director of the Scientific Research Center of Biophysics in Alma-Ata.

"Then shortly before midnight, they heard three bursts of a very different, grinding thunder, followed by the appearance of an orange-colored luminous pillar in the sky.



"It's my scientific opinion that an extraterrestrial ship about 360 feet in diameter found itself in trouble.

"Forced downward into the forest, it cut a huge swath of destruction before its pilot could regain control.

"I believe the devastation was actually caused by some sort of force shield that protected the ship from damage. And a residue of that force shield is what caused the nausea and headaches that Dr. Lybov and I experienced."

Said Dr. Lybov: "I too can only conclude that a ship from outer space was responsible — and that we have here a chilling example of the awesome powers possessed by beings from beyond Earth."

— HENRY GRIS

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UFOs

NEWS OF THE WORLD

3128 INVESTIGATES

IT was dusk when coalman Tom Schofield's day suddenly turned to terror . . . as two silver-suited aliens loomed up behind him.

He had just arrived home from work in the village of Crawshaw Booth — overlooking the eight-mile Rossendale Valley running between Burnley and Todmorden.

He told me: "I was closing the garage door when I saw something from the corner of my eye. I looked over my shoulder and they were there."

Tom, 48, leaned forward, his hands tightening their grip on a mug of tea.

"I can still see them clearly," he said. "There were two figures in silver suits—like the chrome of a car bumper, brilliantly polished and without a crease.

"I just kept looking at them. Then suddenly I realised they didn't have any features. They didn't have faces.

Probed

"Their heads seemed to be covered with helmets. One of them turned towards me and I heard their clothing rustle.

"They were carrying something between them. It looked like a metal bar."

Tom looked away for just a second. When he turned back, the visitors had gone.

The case of the silver aliens is one of 32 hair-raising sightings from UFO Valley being probed by the Defence Ministry.

"Other people had seen things, too," said Tom, who joined friends in setting up a flying-saucer spotting group.

Faceless men

and flying

saucers—32

reports so far

By KEITH BEABEY

"But she was so scared that she just threw herself to the ground."

As mysteriously as it arrived, the UFO vanished.

● *THE CASE of Terror on Eagle's Crag.*

Some villagers revealing their experiences refuse to be named through fear of the unknown.

One of them is an engineer in the mill-town of Todmorden who looked out of his window and got the fright of his life.

For there lit up in the sky over Eagle's Crag he says he saw a UFO.

He told me: "It was a piercing bright white light hovering over the trees.

"I took a second look and there were bright blue lights. Then I saw the outline of the craft, shaped like a helmet."

● *THE CASE of the Roadhog from Space.*

Fishmonger Arthur Shelton was driving over the moors above the valley from his shop in Union Street, Bacup.

He told me: "Suddenly a bright light appeared in the middle of the road. It was coming towards me.

"I pulled up. It was such a strange light. It didn't seem to dazzle me but came nearer and nearer.

"Suddenly, right in front of the van, it shot up into the sky.

"I jumped out but there was nothing. No light and not a sound."

● *THE CASE of the Shimmering Skydiver.*

Bacup tailor Mike Stacks was intrigued by talk of "things in the sky."

So Mike, of Miles Avenue, Stacksteads, went up into the hills with his

● *THE CASE of the Eerie Egghead.*

Teenagers Mark Ashworth and Simon Heyworth, were shooting magpies and crows in Bolton Wood, Newchurch. But what Mark, 19, saw was no bird.

He said: "There was a bright light in the sky between the branches.

"We ran. There was no doubt about it—we were frightened."

And as they dodged between the trees Mark and Simon came face to face with a dark-cloaked figure.

Said Mark: "It was like a tall man. A shining black gown covered him from head to foot but the thing I most remember is his large forehead.

Dodged

"We stood for only a second. The figure didn't move. It was blocking our path through the woods so we just turned and ran."

● *THE CASE of the UFO Hedgehopper.*

Sandra Phillips, 16, and her 12-year-old friend Tracey Brown were out in the meadows at Bacup leading their ponies back to their stable.

Suddenly a bright light appeared in the sky.

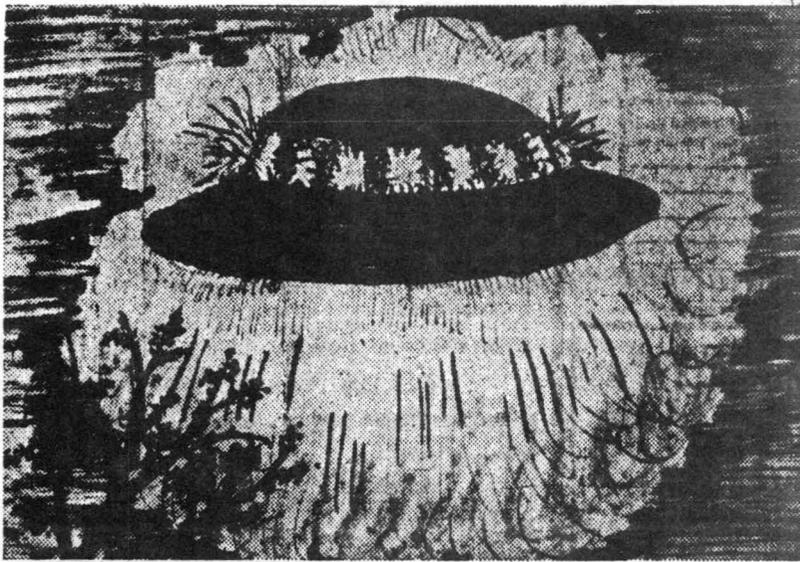
Said Sandra: "It came lower and I could see other lights — blue red and green. It was only about 30 ft above us.

"The horses were so frightened that they bolted to the stables.

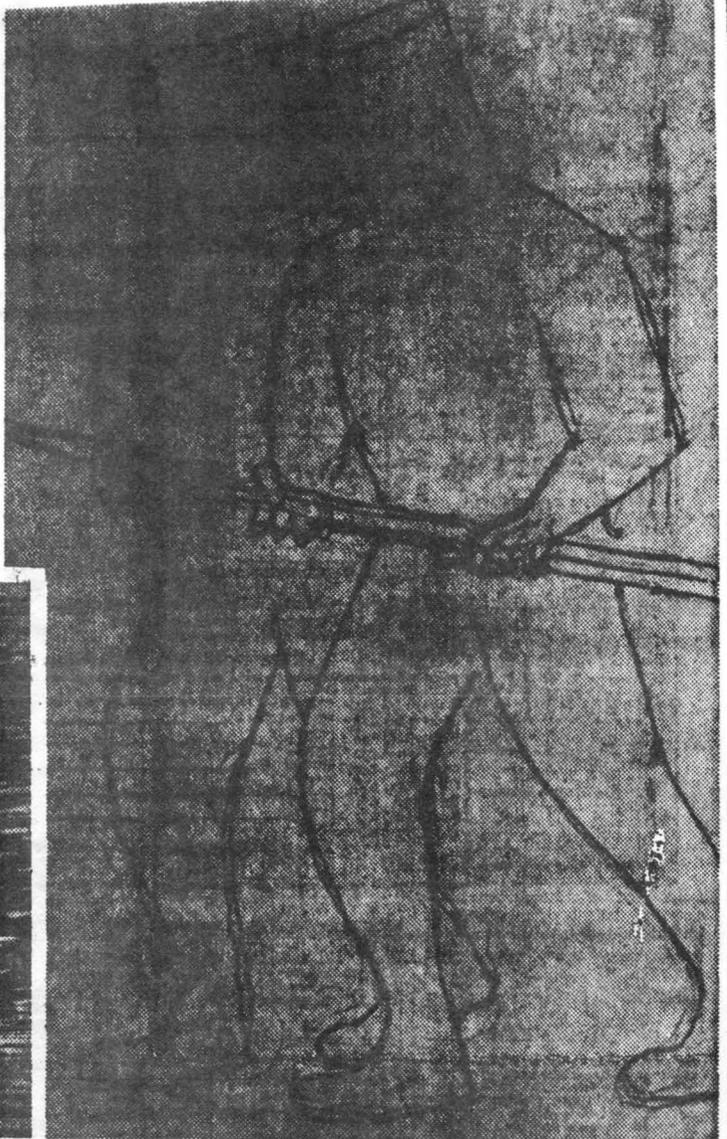
"We ran after them. But the faster we ran the faster the lights came after us.

"I've never been so frightened. I shouted 'Come on, Tracey, run.'

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FLYING SAUCER: Impression of the invaders on Eagle's Crag



SILVER ALIENS from 25 yards: Sketched by Tom Schofield



TRACEY and SANDRA: "Lights came after us"

brother Raymond and friend John Hargreaves, determined to get to the bottom of things.

Raymond heard a soft humming overhead.

Said Mike: "There was a big light falling rapidly towards us. It went out and a mass of other lights appeared, revolving in a circle.

"Above us was a circular craft. As it came lower and slower, the high-pitched

hum dropped. It got to 300 feet and just hovered there. It had stopped dead and there wasn't a sound.

"Underneath it were triangular pads and orange shimmering lights.

"A bright blue light shone into the sky from the domed roof of the strange craft."

Raymond said: "I didn't believe the things I was hearing in the valley. Now I'm completely bewildered."

A CID MAN'S CAR RIDE TO TERROR

DOWN - TO - EARTH policemen like Chief Inspector Norman Collinson are used to sifting fact from fiction.

But there was nothing in the police manual to explain his experience as he drove home early one morning from the CID HQ Salford, Manchester.

The detective says that as he headed for Heywood in the direction of the Rossendale Valley he saw a brilliant white circular object speed across the sky—and heading toward the valley. Suddenly it turned at 90 degrees.

In his report the officer says: "Never had I seen any aircraft make such a movement.

"Suddenly, without



NORMAN: "Unearthly"

warning the craft stopped. And from a standing start it flashed across the sky to the horizon in less than two seconds.

"That convinced me that whatever it was, it was never made by man. No earthly craft could disappear at such a speed."

He added: "Many sightings in the valley have been explained."

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32 UFO sightings probed by Defence bosses

3128
By KEITH BEABEY

AN astonishing dossier revealing 32 sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects is being probed by Whitehall bosses.

All the incidents have been reported from one area—Lancashire's Rossendale Valley—and they include detailed accounts of silver-suited aliens and flying saucers.

Now the Defence Ministry has launched an investigation. An official said: "We're treating this with the utmost seriousness."

And MP Sir Patrick Wall plans to raise the UFO Valley Mystery in Parliament.

"This is amazing," said Sir Patrick, who is one of the Government's select committee on defence. "There must be no cover-up."

"There have been too many sightings and reports for this to remain unexplained."

A police inspector is among those who claim to have spotted a spaceship. He is convinced he saw "an unearthly craft."

COALVILLE
TIMES
MAR. 9 1984

Looking for UFO info

REFERENCE the report concerning the UFO seen near Smisby (Times, March 2). This sighting is being investigated by the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society (NUFOIS) and while all the evidence we have gathered to date shows the object to display all the characteristics associated with a descending meteorite, we need to hear from further witnesses of the sighting, and invite them to contact us either by telephone (0602 874615) or in writing to the address given.

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WINSFORD
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Mystery sightings

STARGAZERS in Winsford thought the town was set for an alien invasion on Sunday night. 3128

For several people reported seeing a strange unidentified flying object hovering across the town at 11.00pm.

Most descriptions of the mysterious UFO refer to the strong beam of light omitted from the front, and lack of similarity to a helicopter or aeroplane.

"It just seemed to drift slowly over the town with various strange lights going on and off. I've never seen anything like it," a Grange estate resident said.

Another resident claimed the UFO was preceded five minutes earlier by another similar craft which disappeared from sight in the Whitegate area.

And Winsford was not the only town to apparently experience close encounters. There were a total of 45 sightings reported throughout the North West on Sunday evening.

HANSARD
(HOUSE OF COMMONS REPORT)
LONDON
MAR 14 1948

Unidentified Flying Objects

Sir Patrick Wall asked the Secretary of State for Defence (1) how many alleged landings by unidentified flying objects have been made in 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983, respectively; and how many have been investigated by his Department's personnel;

(2) how many unexplained sightings there have been in 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983, respectively; and which of these had been traced by radar and with what result.

Mr. Lee [pursuant to his reply, 9 March 1984, c. 728]: For the years in question, the Ministry of Defence received the following numbers of reports of sightings of flying objects which the observer could not identify: 350, 600, 250, and 390. Reports of alleged landings are not separately identified. The Department was satisfied that none of these reports was of any defence significance and, in such cases, does not maintain records of the extent of its investigations.

THE PENDLE CITIZEN
BURNLEY
Housewife
believes
in UFOs
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Carol Halsall has had more flying saucer scares than the average person, but with a David Bellamy-like glee she takes her tangles with the terrestrials in her stride.

The 52-year-old housewife from Pinfold Place, Nelson, believes in flying saucers, because she's seen three!

Her life was transformed one Sunday six years ago.

"I saw out of my kitchen window four craft hovering over Pendle Hill. They began to move slowly. They were grey and saucer shaped. They stopped and then they were away, travelling fast."

After the first sighting Carol and her husband Roy were plagued one night with strange noises.

"My hair tingled, it was a horrible feeling. We both put our heads under the covers. The following Wednesday we had a meeting and were found there had been UFO sightings over Colne and right down the valley to Todmorden.

"We believe they have contacted the US government. President Eisenhower was taken off the golf course, and President Carter said he'd seen one.

There is no doubting the dedication and disarming sincerity of UFO buffs like Carol Halsall.

Do you believe her? Have you had any unusual experiences? Write to us at Citizen Mysteries Search, Newsdesk, Stephen House, Bethesda Street, Burnley or ring 52138 52139.

Awakened by noise

5128 Saw flying saucer sail across sky

BANSTEAD
HERALD
SURREY

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SCHOOLGIRL Amanda Holmes believes she's seen a flying saucer! It hurtled across the Sutton skies at around 3.20 last Monday morning, she claims.

So loud was the noise it was making that it shook her out of slumbers and she dashed to the window to see what was happening.

Imagine her astonishment when she saw in the moonlight an alien craft, shaped like conventional science fiction saucers but without lights, sailing through the skies towards Croydon.

"I have always believed that there were things like flying saucers," she said. "But never that I would see one. I don't believe that it was a plane because they don't make the same noise. They're smaller and have lights on."

Amanda, 13, of Benhill Road, Sutton, was so thrilled by what she saw that she immediately called her mother into her room.

Mrs Elizabeth Holmes said: "I heard the noise it was making which was very strange, but didn't actually see it. Amanda was so excited by it that I can only assume she saw something really odd."

Next morning Amanda was straight on the phone to the Ministry of Defence to report her rare sighting.

And she's certainly got a good story to tell her fellow pupils at Wallington High School for Girls next term.

Did anyone else witness the bizarre occurrence on Monday of last week?



Amanda and her mother

Did you see this UFO?

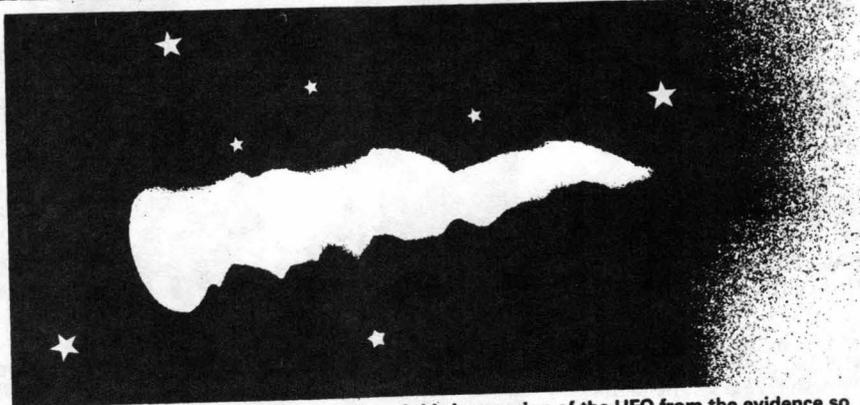
Two more ^{3,26}sightings highlight mystery . . .

An unidentified flying object hung over Adlington for several minutes sometime between 8.40 p.m. and 8.55 p.m. on Monday, March 26.

Last week's Guardian ran a story on the UFO after Adlington villager Mr. Joseph Mackay told us of a "golden ball with a light shining all round."

CURIOUS

Mr. Mackay, who had been watching the sky for air traffic over his Huyton Terrace home said the object was about a quarter of a mile up and about 100 feet across.



Graphic artist Jeff Warwick has produced this impression of the UFO from the evidence so far provided.

I'm just curious to know if anybody else saw it," he said.

At least two other people did see it — whatever it was . . .

One of them was Mr. Barry Halliwell, a 35-year-old personnel officer for British Telecom.

Mr. Halliwell, who lives on Highfield Road, Adlington, prompted by last week's Guardian exclusive by GRAEME FRASER describes what he saw:

"It was about five to nine. I was in the garden having

just put the car away when I saw, moving across the sky from north-west to south-east, a sort of fire-work trail.

"It flared up and then died down and began to glow at the end.

ZIG ZAG

"It just hung there for a few minutes and then moved off in a south-west direction.

"Then it moved off in a jerky, zig-zag pattern.

"It must have been in view for about three or four minutes."

Mr. Halliwell also said that shortly after the UFO disappeared there was a flash of light which he would normally have put down to lightning had it not been for the unusual sight he had just witnessed.

"In fact, the next night there was a thunderstorm," said Mr. Halliwell.

LYNN, TOO

Like Mr. Mackay he is not claiming to have seen a spacecraft from another solar system — just something he can't explain.

"I called my wife out towards the end," he added.

"It was something we didn't understand. It didn't fit into any pattern."

Twenty-two-year old Lynn Sharrock of Ridge Road,

Adlington, also saw the UFO at about the same time on the same night.

She was sitting in her car waiting for her boyfriend when she saw a flashing light which lit up the whole sky.

She said that it was like a ball and it moved across the skyline.

Can anyone solve the mystery? If you think you can, ring the Guardian's special UFO hotline — Chorley 64911 extension 12.

Object lesson



Graham Birdsall, right, president of the Yorkshire UFO Society, with Tony Dodd, North Yorkshire investigator.

EVEN the organisers of Saturday's conference on Unidentified Flying Objects in Leeds were surprised that 150 or more people turned up to hear the truth about the Things out there.

But everyone, even the most sceptical, likes a UFO story especially backed up with numerous slides of sightings down the years. The believers can thrill to the thought of all manner of hyper-intelligent beings behind the blurred glows, the almost too saucer-like flying saucers and the weird atmospheric goings-on.

The less easily convinced can look for the bits of wire holding the UFO's up or learnedly detail the names of cloud formations which give the same effect, especially when the instamatic taking the shot is held in the quivering hands of a UFO enthusiast. So there was plenty for everyone at the Yorkshire UFO Society's conference.

Sensibly the organisers ran through the slides without comment or defence of their authenticity. The chairman, Graham Birdsall, did mention, rather optimistically perhaps, that one of the slides was a fake and challenged the audience to spot it. Indeed he was not one to make too much of a sighting and on several occasions went into great detail on a particular anecdote only to disappoint as all.

One such was the Adel, Leeds UFO of September last year, a marvellous display of aerobatics from several mysterious light sources. There are pictures of that one and a recording of an excited amily watching it through the window. It made front page headlines, but on balance Mr. Birdsall

tends to think it was some sort of natural phenomenon rather than a close encounter.

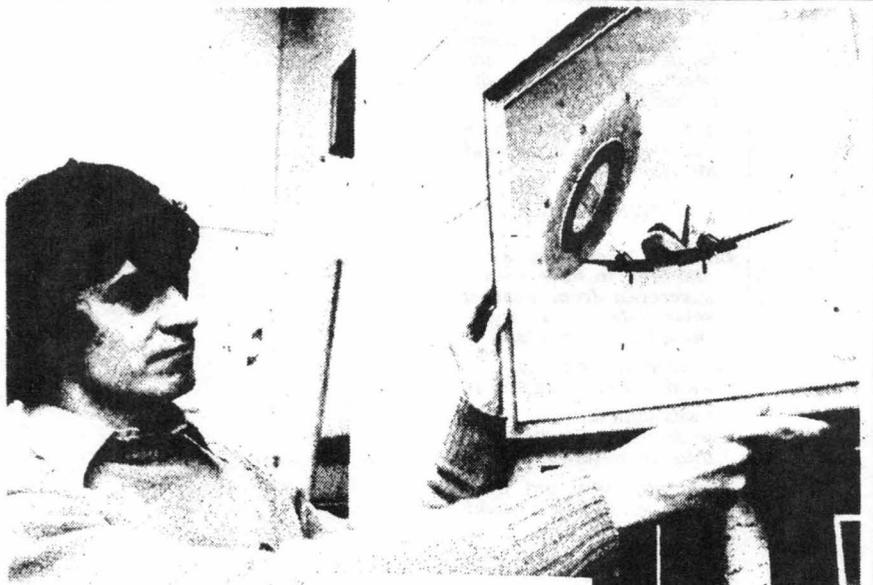
Then there was the case of the Halifax woman in May last year who was among residents who heard a mysterious noise in the air for months on end. Eventually one night she was approached through her bedroom window by a mysterious but friendly light and whisked off for a flying tour of the area.

When UFOlogists went to the scene they found she was into meditation and parapsychology. Whether or not that lessened the impact of her story in their eyes we were not told, but the average UFO watcher prefers the Things to be far more palpable in their nature.

Tony Dodd, the North Yorkshire investigator for the society, is convinced that at least some of the sightings are real, solid flying machines intelligently controlled. As evidence he points out that many have been seen heading for aircraft then veering away at the last moment. Also most seem to be seen after people have gone to bed. "Whether they appear then so they cannot be seen we don't know," he said.

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RICHARD ALCOCK
on a close encounter
with Yorkshire UFO
enthusiasts in Leeds
at the weekend.
Pictures by **GRAHAM LINDLEY.**



Above right: Robert Cherry, a Leeds postman, with one of his UFO paintings.

Mr. Dodd has himself been within 100 yards of one of the Things. "They are out there all right," he said. "We are here to tell you they are flying around. They are solid craft. If they are military vehicles they are so advanced they are frightening. Huge machines that don't make a sound."

Yorkshire can proudly say it has one of the best pieces of evidence for UFOs in the country in the shape of a photograph of a strange set of eerie lights on Cracoe Fell, near Grassington. The picture was taken by two off-duty policemen.

This was fantastic news for UFOlogists, said Mr. Birdsall, and only an hour's drive from Leeds. Indeed, he could recommend the area to the north of Skipton as the one place in Britain most likely to turn up a UFO.

In his slides he was very concerned to point out the beauty of the area. "We in Yorkshire," he said, "are very proud of our county and heritage." Perhaps he has hit on the idea to attract more tourists to North Yorkshire. A walking tour of the top UFO sites with, for the very lucky ones, the chance of a flying saucer trip to Alpha Centauri.

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Green kids from UFOs baffle top scientists

MYSTERIOUS GREEN CHILDREN from outer space with piercing almond eyes that can see easily in the dark are baffling leading UFO researchers.

They're appearing out of nowhere throughout a continent — and their strange appearance and behavior make them seem like characters from a TV episode of *The Twilight Zone*.

Warp

Some exasperated researchers are convinced that the parentless, wandering UFO orphans are victims of a freaky time or space warp that's accidentally brought them to our civilization from another dimension.

Others claim that the strange children have brought to this planet in UFOs — and somehow abandoned.

The latest manifestation of green children occurred recently near Candelo, a small village in northern Italy — an event confirmed by Dr. Pietro Petrucci, director of the Association for Extraterrestrial and Paranormal Research in Turin.

Dr. Petrucci told an EXAMINER correspondent: "This is one of the most perplexing mysteries of our modern-day world. But there is no doubt in my mind that the green children who came to Candelo were not of this earth.

"They were discovered — a young boy and girl, aged about seven, perhaps twins — by an illiterate shepherd huddled together in a crude mountainside shelter in the foothills of the Italian Alps in the dead of winter. How they got there no one knows.

"The shepherd carried both kids — suffering badly from exposure — to his farm outside Candelo. He notified the local militia who were stunned when they saw the

Are wandering orphans victim of a time warp?

By CLIFF LINEDECKER



MYSTERIOUS TWINS have been appearing out of nowhere for hundreds of years.

strange mute children with bright green skin.

"I was eventually notified," the expert says. "But by the time I got to Candelo three days later, the unfortunate children were dead.

"As is the custom in that part of the country, burial took place immediately after death. Again, unfortunately, in unmarked graves.

"So there was no opportunity to perform autopsies that would have cleared up the 'UFO orphans' mystery to a great extent."

As researchers are still secretly conferring about the mysterious appearances of the kids, historians have now revealed that green children have been making spontaneous appearances to earthly civilizations for hundreds of years.

Brothers and sisters, they wandered out of caves in Spain and in England.

Peasants working in a field

near the small village of Banjos, Spain, in 1887 were astonished when the youngsters emerged from the darkness a few yards away, according to one historical researcher.

The children's skin was described as being as "green as grass," their eyes had an Oriental almond shape, and they wore curious clothing made of material never before glimpsed in 19th-century Spain.

The astonishing tots, who appeared to be about four or five years old, possibly twins, spoke an unknown language. And for five days, they refused all the food that was brought to them by the villagers.

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Finally, they began to eat beans. But the little boy was so weakened by his long fast by that time that he died.

The girl survived for five years. The green color of her skin gradually faded, and she learned to speak fluent Spanish.

Her description of the place she came from only deepened the mystery, however.

She explained that her homeland had no sun, but that light existed somewhere beyond a river. She and her brother were playing one day, she said, when they were suddenly lifted by a whirlwind and deposited in the cave.

Two similar toddlers walked out of a cave at Woolpit, in Suffolk County, England, 900 years ago. Like the children who appeared in Spain centuries later, their eyes had an Oriental slant and their skin was green.

Wrote Abbot Ralph of Coggeshall, who saw the pair:

"They had all their members like those of other men. But in the color of their skin, they differed from all other mortals of our earth."

And like the green children of Banjos, the little boy soon sickened and died, but the girl lived several years, gradually learning the language of those around her.

She and her former companion came from a place where there was no sunlight, she said, and one day wandered into a cave while looking for lost sheep.

They emerged into sunlight, in 11th-century England!

Nine hundred years later researchers are still struggling to explain the mystery of the green children.

UFOs are hiding in our forests

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Jacques Bergier, a famous French writer in the field of the occult, has an astounding theory that some people believe may explain the enigma of the mystery children.

Extraterrestrial intelligences have been studying Earth and its inhabitants for centuries. And as part of their scientific inquiry, they sometimes manipulate us like laboratory animals, trying out various experiments, he believes.

"These experiments consist of introducing beings capable of arousing the most diverse reactions into our midst and then studying the way we react," he says, "in much the same way we study the behavior of rats in artificial labyrinths."

F O R E S T S
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the country are
the hiding places for a
fleet of alien UFOs.

That's the startling conclusion of a group of expert investigators who have examined a number of densely wooded sites after puzzling discoveries by locals.

In Georgia and South Carolina, for instance, pine trees are reported to be growing much more slowly than they once did.

In New Jersey, patches of pitch pines have stopped growing altogether.

Said UFO expert Dr. Lana Lowfroat: "There are some pretty big holes in the forest,

particularly on Camels Hump, a major peak in Vermont's Green Mountain range.

"On Mount Mitchell in North Carolina, the highest peak in the East, red spruce are losing their foliage and dying and leaving barren patches on the slopes."

Worried scientists were at first at a loss to offer an explanation for the blight, which they believe could engulf the entire Eastern region.

But then flying saucer experts investigated the stricken areas and staggeringly discovered that they are the hiding places for UFOs.

"There is little doubt that fleets of alien craft are using the forests for concealment and that they are responsible for the damage that is ravaging the land," said Dr. Lowfroat.

"What we do not know is the purpose of their missions to Earth or why their craft should be causing the dramatic holes in the forest that they do.

"Some members of our team have speculated that it is the result of an energy force or radiation with which, at this moment in

... and wreaking havoc
all across the country

time, we are totally unfamiliar. But even though we have taken sophisticated instruments to the forest sites, we have not been able to confirm that this is a fact."

The mystery holes in the forest are beginning to rack up staggering economic losses.

Sugar maple harvester David Marvin, for example, has lost all the maple trees on 10 acres of his spread in Vermont. A reduction in maple trees could spell disaster for the state's \$10 million-a-year sugar industry.

And other areas could be hard hit as well.

A survey of Southern Piedmont woodlands shows that in the past 10 years the growth rate of loblolly pine, a coniferous evergreen, has been a quarter less than expected.

Camels Hump has shown a rapid decline in nine species of trees on the 4,083-foot peak.

Experts say the decline can be pinpointed to the early 1960s, when a rash of flying saucer sightings were reported throughout America.

Significantly, the most severe forest damage has occurred at high altitudes to such trees as the red spruce and balsam fir.

The summits of Camels Hump and Mount Mitchell are enshrouded for much of the year in clouds, an ideal natural smokescreen for the operation of UFOs.

UFO investigator Doug Spalding says he is aware of similarly stricken forests in West Germany.

"It's beyond the bounds of comprehension that this country should be the only one selected for flying saucer activity," he said.

"And it's very likely that the same devastation exists in many other forests in other parts of the world but has not been reported because of their remote location."

Now investigators are mounting remotely-controlled cameras in strategic spots in the forests in the hope of capturing evidence of the UFOs.

"This could pave the way to the most incredible encounter man has ever had," said Spalding.

— FRANK KENDAL

Are flying saucers old hat?

By Stan Morrison

Jerome Clark, a longtime UFO writer-researcher and Associate Editor of *Fate* magazine, wrote an interesting and timely commentary in the October 1983 issue on the present status of the UFO phenomenon in which he basically pointed out a fact that truly needed to be announced — mass UFO sightings (flaps and waves) have evidently ceased.

The last fairly major UFO flap occurred, according to UFO experts, five years ago, in 1979. Since that time, UFO invasions, such as the year-long flap that hit Hartshorne, Okla., in 1965 and the major October 1973 wave that hit the entire nation, have been extremely sparse, with mostly singly reported sightings of a non-sensational nature.

When "flying saucers" first became known to the public in June of 1947 when pilot Kenneth Arnold sighted nine metallic objects near Mt. Rainier, Washington, it was generally believed that his published narrative coining the now well known Americanism, "flying saucers," was a description of the physical shape or construction of the objects.

The fact of the matter is that they, according to Arnold, looked like "tadpoles" rather than "saucers." His description "flying saucers" was denoting the way in which they flew: "Like saucers skipping over water." Yet, interestingly, since Arnold's sighting 37 years ago, millions of

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people around the world have observed flying "saucers," or discs.

Although the true core of the truly "unidentified" flying objects does, indeed, appear to be technological or mechanical, it is also evident that the phenomenon — at times — appears chameleon-like and corresponds with people's frames of reference. It is, indeed, a complex enigma; and this interesting "saucer"-tadpole discrepancy has never been made note of before, as far as I'm aware.

I recently investigated some recent Bigfoot activity in northeastern Oklahoma, and, when I was considering various explanations and theories, I started receiving reports that — chameleon-like — corresponded or molded to my beliefs and hunches of that period. Just as some UFOs evidently have done in the past.

But there are always exceptions to rules and new ideas. For instance, saucers and discs had been observed before Arnold. In fact, on January 24, 1878 — exactly 69½ years before Arnold's sighting — a Dennison, Tex., man reported to a newspaper a fast-moving object that flew over his farm as looking like a "saucer." (This documented account was only recently discovered.)

And in ancient Greek and Roman records, there are accounts of "flying shields." So, flying saucers — though not known by the very apt and accurate term "flying saucers" — were

indeed witnessed long before the world knew them as such.

Not long ago, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who was the astronomer who investigated UFOs for the Air Force during the '60s (and who formed the Center for UFO Studies after he recognized that UFOs were real), said on a popular television show that the reason that UFOs have mostly vanished from the popular press is because the phenomena are no longer newsworthy:

"They are seeing the same thing over and over again." In other words, UFOs have become "old hat."

I think it is very interesting that since more and more scientists (and some very good ones at that) have become involved in UFO research, the major flaps and waves of yesteryear have not repeated themselves ...

Perhaps the days where you could find rows of cars lined up on the sides of highways around the country with whole families staring up into the blue watching strange discs and peculiar cigar-shaped objects cavorting and hovering, are now the stuff of esoteric history.

But certainly someone somewhere — perhaps you — will see something tomorrow night in the sky that catches your eye and that you, and perhaps no one, can identify.

So maybe the UFO phenomenon hasn't died — maybe it's just gone to sleep for a while. //

Morrison lives in Morris, Okla.

Trying to unravel the perplexing mystery: UFOs

By CHARLENE FU
Citizen Staff Writer

"I love a mystery, always have," said Coral Lorenzen. And she's chosen one of the biggest mysteries of all to try to solve: unidentified flying objects.

What got her interested in UFOs?

"I saw one," she said matter-of-factly. Actually, she says she has seen UFOs on five separate occasions.

Lorenzen and her husband Jim are founders of the oldest and largest UFO research organization in the world. Aerial Phenomena Research Organization Inc. was founded in 1952 in Sturgeon Bay, Wis. and is now based in the couple's home in Tucson. The organization has 1,200 members worldwide.

The Lorenzens also have authored seven books dealing with aerial phenomena. The books are now considered classics in the field of UFO-ology, Coral said.

APRO conducts serious, scientific research into the UFO "problem," Jim said.

Why do they call it a problem?

"When something which obviously is a physical object is able to fly through our atmosphere at tremendous speeds and execute maneuvers which are outside our laws of physics and can out-distance and out-maneuver the best aircraft we have, and when the government doesn't know what they are, then I think we've got a problem," Coral said.

APRO's team includes 350 to 400 field investigators who conduct the initial probes when a UFO sighting is reported.

The investigators weed out the hoaxes and explainable sightings

and send the unexplained ones to APRO headquarters.

In addition, APRO has 30 consulting panels in the biological sciences, medical sciences, physical sciences and social sciences whose members are called upon to aid in the investigations.

In addition to investigating UFO sightings, the organization puts out a monthly newsletter and operates a 24-hour UFO sighting report hotline.

"People do call in. I have been wakened from a dead sleep at 2 a.m. to answer a call from someone who has had an experience (with a UFO)," Coral said.

"A few people have called in and they are petrified. They have always thought before that these things don't exist and all of a sudden they are confronted with this on a dark road, late at night. It takes 10 to 15 minutes to calm them."

Most of the reports of UFO sightings are explained.

"If you take all the reports we hear about, then I'd say probably 80 percent to 85 percent of those are explained," Coral said.

Often the sighting turns out to be someone seeing a planet for the first time, or the object is identified as some kind of aircraft, based on the arrangement of the lights, apparent size, frequency of the sightings and the path it takes through the sky.

But of the 15 percent to 20 percent that field investigators label unexplained and send to the Lorenzens for further investigation, 80 percent to 90 percent remain unexplained and are labeled true UFOs, she said.

APRO currently is investigating its most recent sighting, which took place March 22 near Rucker Canyon in the Chiricahua Mountains,

about 30 miles northeast of Douglas.

According to Coral, two surveyors were working on the side of a cliff when they saw a bright object bobbing toward them against the wind. The object dropped into the canyon very close to them, and a few minutes later three deer came running out of the canyon "like a bat out of hell," one of the men is reported to have said.

About a half-hour to 45 minutes after the object descended into the canyon, the men reported seeing an A-10 fighter jet fly through the canyon below the rim.

"It was as if they were looking for something," Coral said. She thinks the jet may have come from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, but they have not been able to confirm that with the base.

The men described the object as a huge bright light that kept changing colors from white to blue to scarlet to purple, Coral said.

Investigations can drag on for months, even years, Coral said. But she and her husband have built their life around UFO research.

Jim works in the electronics lab of the chemistry department at the University of Arizona, but he says his professional work has revolved around APRO and UFOs.

"We have kind of patterned our lives and work so we could have the organization," Jim said. "I have even chosen jobs that would help."

Through his professional work, Jim has acquired knowledge about testing techniques and has learned about remote sensing and instrumentation and about photogrammetry. All of these have helped him to analyze UFO cases, he said.

Managing APRO and investigating UFOs is a full-time endeavor for Coral. Her interest in UFOs began in 1934 when she was 9 years old. She and two playmates were in their school playground in Barron, Wis., when she saw her first UFO.

"It stuck with me," she said, "and got me interested in astronomy."

Her next sighting took place in Douglas on June 10, 1947. She was

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alone when she saw "a little light that started on the ground and went straight up into the sky."

It would have made sense if the

object had come down instead of going up, she said, because then it would have been a meteor.

On May 21, 1952, Coral saw what she calls her most impressive UFO sighting.

"It was impressive in terms of what I saw, how long I saw it and how many people saw it with me," she said.

She said she had just come out of a drugstore in Sturgeon Bay when a lady ran up to her and told her that there was a UFO. She looked up toward the northeast and saw a silver cigar-shaped object.

"People were all up and down the street looking into the northeast sky," she said. The object was in sight for more than 40 minutes and more than 300 people saw it.

Coral and the local police estimated that the object was about 640 feet in diameter and was hovering 25 miles above the earth.

In earlier years, Coral had written to many people who had reported seeing UFOs. Someone suggested that she start a newsletter and, using her correspondence list as a beginning, Coral did just that.

"We started out with a mimeographed newsletter and cranked it out on the kitchen table," Jim said.

From there, the organization grew to more than 4,000 members in the 1960s. The group had a public office on North Country Club Road from 1969 to 1981.

It was at that office that Coral sighted her fourth UFO. The Lorenzens and six or seven APRO members were in the office one summer night in 1973 when they received a phone call about a UFO. They went outside and watched a

red object for 10 to 12 seconds before "it just blinked out," Coral said.

Jim also saw the object that night, but does not think it was a UFO.

"It moved in a circle several times," he said. "I thought it could have been a remote-controlled device that someone was operating."

Coral's last sighting took place in March 1981 in the parking lot of Fry's Food Store at 290 W. Fort Lowell Road while she was waiting for Jim to come out of the store. She saw a small white ball that "almost looked like a pearl in the sky," Coral said.

It moved from the north and disappeared into the southeast, penetrating the clouds. Based on the type of clouds in the sky, Coral said, the object was about four miles above the ground.

"For me to see something four miles away, it had to have been a good-sized object," she said.

Each of these sightings was accidental, she said.

Her husband, on the other hand, has not had any such encounters with UFOs. He said his interest in UFOs and involvement in APRO are both a result of his wife's initial interest.

"I mainly got involved because I was married to her," Jim said. "I think there are a lot of unknown things in the universe and I'm curious."

He and his wife both believe that UFOs are extraterrestrial in origin and that the beings are here to research and investigate the earth.

"We are largely convinced that they are extraterrestrials and they have been around for thousands of years, at the very least 50,000

years," Coral said.

She thinks that the 1945 explosion of the atomic bomb prompted these beings to come and check up on us.

Their visits have followed a pattern, she said.

"It started with what appears to be a mapping expedition," Coral said. The beings then seemed to be checking military and power installations and conducting resource studies.

Coral said UFO sightings are frequent in Arizona and New Mexico and she speculated that this is because of the number of military bases in the two states.

She believes beings aboard the UFOs are rational and are conducting some kind of scientific exploration.

"They are after something," Coral said. "I think in terms of an objective, scientific project, possibly a record-taking."

"Possibly they have not taken a look at us in a couple thousand years and now they are taking a look."

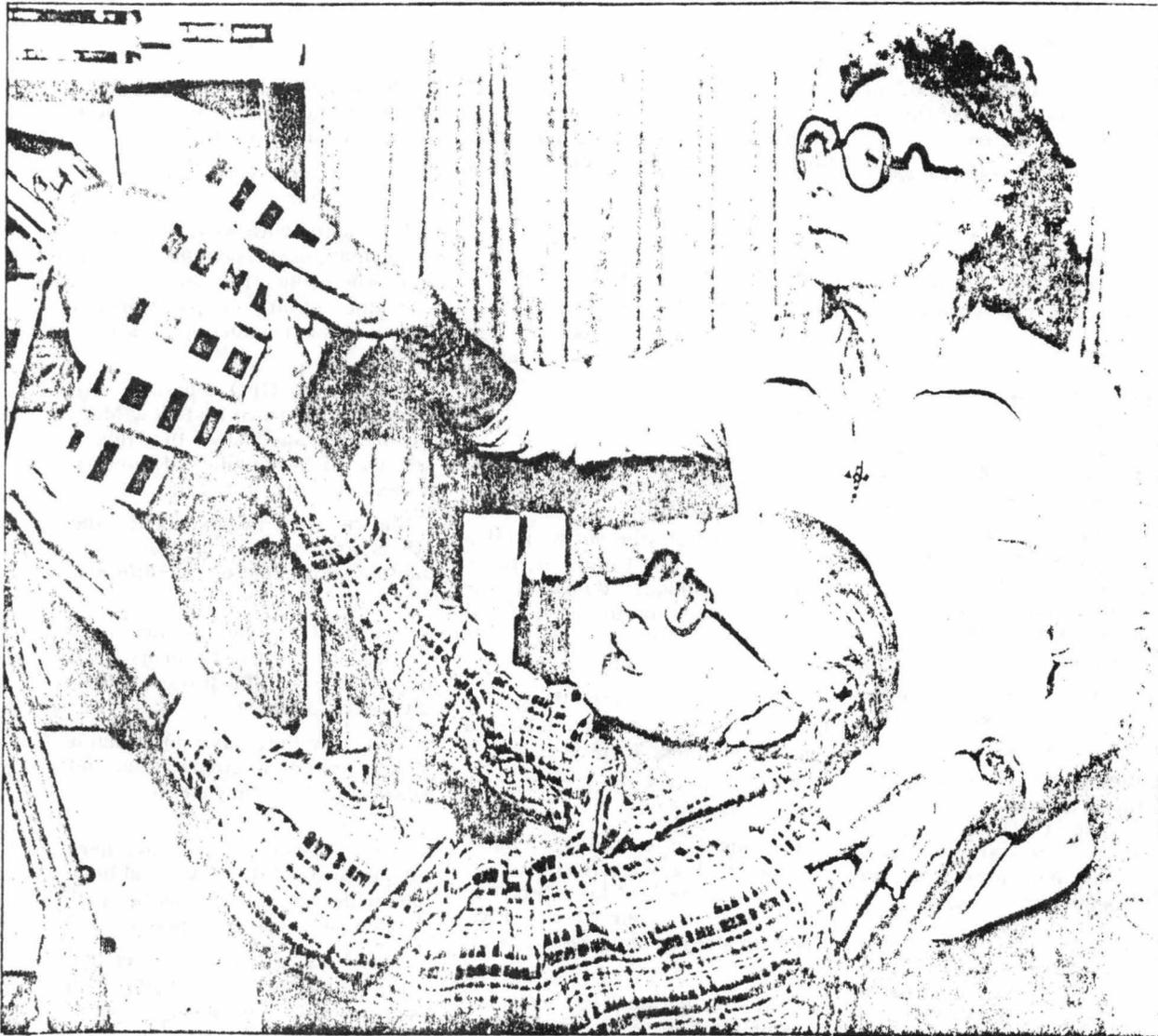
Jim believes that they are here for purposes of their own and have not made contact with us because they do not consider us peers.

"Real explorers and investigators, unless they are dealing with peers, don't try to make contact," Jim said.

"If they did make contact with us, it would be a big cultural shock for us," he said. "Avoiding contact may be the kindest thing they can do for us."

There have been reports of people being abducted by extraterrestrials who conducted scientific experiments on the captives, but Coral thinks the abduction phase is over.

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Citizen photo by Glenn Capers

APRO founders Jim and Coral Lorenzen working in their office at home.

"I don't think we have had a legitimate abduction case in two or three years," she said.

The first abduction report was made in 1955 and in the years following, such reports increased.

"I think the large number of abductions were in the 1950s and '60s," Coral said. "A lot of abductions came to light, but a lot were hoaxes."

The abductions have tapered off since the 1960s because "they have finished their job," she said. "That

would be logical from a human standpoint.

"I think they are on a time limit. When they complete a project, that's it," Coral said.

Interest in UFOs has waned in the last few years, and this was one of the reasons APRO closed its public office in 1981. The Lorenzens attribute this decrease in interest to the rash of UFO-related productions like "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "E.T."

"It seemed to give all the an-

swers," Coral said. "When you answer a question, whether it's right or wrong, people tend to accept it."

"(The movies) were not very factual," Jim said, "but it was emotionally satisfying and soothing to many people and they lost interest in the subject."

But the Lorenzens have not lost interest.

"The research on this subject is not over," Coral said. "We still don't know their motives."

Arizonan 'beamed aboard' UFO is bitter about the experience

"I'm writing a book," Travis Walton said, "and I'll tell you what it's not about — it's not about UFOs."

It has been nearly a decade since Walton shocked the state with his account of being abducted and held captive in a UFO for five days. Today, Walton is trying to put that behind him and live a normal life with his wife Dana and three children.

"It was a pretty rough time in my life," he recently recalled.

Walton still lives in Snowflake, a small town of 3,510 people about 160 miles north of Tucson.

No one talks about the UFO incident anymore, but "I don't think they have forgotten about it," he said.

They have not forgotten the story that began the evening of Nov. 5, 1977. Walton and six other loggers were in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest near Heber when they saw a glowing object.

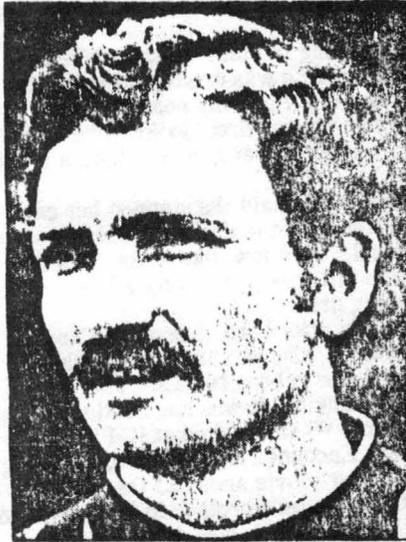
According to news accounts, Walton jumped out of the truck they were in and started walking toward the object. As he approached, a shaft of light lifted Walton from the ground and apparently "beamed" him aboard.

The loggers fled and reported the incident to skeptical authorities. U.S. Forest Service personnel, members of the Navajo County Sheriff's posse, and friends and relatives searched the area of Walton's disappearance, but nothing turned up.

Five days later, Walton's brother and brother-in-law found him at a gas station in Heber, about 50 miles west of Snowflake, from where he had telephoned his family. Walton told them he had been held captive aboard the UFO by hairless beings, about five feet tall, with large eyes and small noses, mouths and ears, and dressed in loose-fitting coveralls.

Walton wrote a book about the incident "to set the record straight," he said. "The Walton Experience" was published in 1976.

He now thinks he might pursue a writing career, but says he will



TRAVIS WALTON 1977 photo

take it one step at a time.

Walton was more close-mouthed about his new book than about the UFO incident.

"It is kind of like a painting," he said. "An artist doesn't want you to look at a painting until it is finished. That's why I don't want to talk about it."

But he did talk about wanting to move out of Snowflake. He said he would pick up and leave right now but cannot because of financial reasons.

A hint of anger crept into his voice as he talked about the people of Snowflake.

"They think they know me, but they really don't. They have a concept of me but they don't have any idea what I'm really like," he said. He remembers a man who told reporters that if the beings in the UFO were looking for a perfect specimen to study then they would surely bring Walton back. But Walton said this man had never lived in the town and did not know Walton.

"He doesn't know what he's talking about," he said.

The townspeople also do not understand what happened to him, Walton said.

"They just haven't experienced it. They are not in a position to know what I know. I know what happened. They can draw conclusions and come up with theories,

but they are just shooting in the dark," he said.

"There is a general consensus of opinion, but they don't know the truth," Walton said.

Walton worries about his children growing up in Snowflake. He has two sons, aged 5 and 1, and a 3-year-old daughter.

Walton has tried to shelter his children, especially his older son, from the stories about the UFO incident.

"It's just not the kind of thing a kid can know and not cause a problem later. When he gets older I'll explain it to him," he said.

"I can't break it to them gently. It is best left until they have a certain degree of maturity."

Walton said that people have already said things to his older son.

"It doesn't seem to bother him," he said. "He's not old enough yet."

The effect of the abduction on his life has not been entirely negative, though. It helped to bring Walton and the woman who now is his wife together.

She is a long-time resident of Snowflake and Walton had dated her before the UFO incident.

"The possibility of losing me made her realize what I meant to her," Walton said.

He said that friends reacted negatively to her decision to marry him.

"Her faith in me was considered naive," Walton said. They have been married for six years.

His UFO encounter also has made him more open-minded and insightful, Walton said.

"It has broadened my perspective. I'm not quite so narrow in my scope.

"Probably the most important thing is that I have gained a tremendous amount of insight into people and the world and the way people act."

Even so, Walton does not think the UFO experience was worth it.

"A lot of people think it is a great opportunity," he said. "No way. Not me."

The UFOs are back — and they're right on schedule

By E.B. Walzer
Staff Writer

With a flair for the dramatic that seemed otherworldly, mysterious V-shaped lights appeared in the northern Westchester sky Sunday night, almost a year to the day that some area residents were mesmerized by what they thought were UFOs.

Even the time — between 8:30-8:45 p.m. — corresponded almost exactly to last year, when people in Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Dutchess counties and Connecticut were captivated by the slow-moving lights.

Although many of last year's sightings remain officially unexplained, investigators from unidentified flying object organizations and police have ruled out such explanations as aircraft flying in formation.

As for Sunday night, most people

contacted reported seeing green, white and red lights flying in a V- or boomerang shape.

According to Mary Anne Kamke of Yorktown, who was driving north on the Taconic State Parkway near Millwood at 8:30, the lights at first "looked like a big oversized plane, very, very bright, a lot of lights."

Ms. Kamke said she stopped her car and watched as the lights flew slowly overhead, "very low, like if you took two or three tall trees," emitting a low humming noise.

Shortly afterward, Josephine Canelosi of Peekskill, also driving north on the Taconic, saw "about 10 lights, and they weren't blinking. It was huge and very low-flying. When I looked at it, I thought of 'Close Encounters,'" she said, referring to a popular movie about UFOs.

Mrs. Canelosi's brother-in-law, Armand Favilla of Mahopac, was driving a few

miles ahead of her on the Taconic.

"All of a sudden we saw cars stopping, pulling over to the side," Favilla said. "I looked up and saw what we thought was a strange object, a series of lights in the shape of a V. It was hovering right above us at about 300 to 600 feet. We couldn't hear anything coming from the engines — or whatever it was. Then it started gliding off, not a propelled motion, but almost as if it were floating."

The lights were reported soon afterward in Mount Kisco, where they were seen by Michael Piazza as he was stopped at the intersection of Moore and Lexington avenues.

"It was a delta shape, with six white lights and two green lights in between," Piazza said. "It made a pretty sharp turn and headed north. It couldn't have been

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UFO evidence to support pleas for action

EVIDENCE of UFO activity in Rossendale and district will soon be sent to the Government and Ministry of Defence with an urgent plea for action.

Last week Pendle MP and Defence Minister John Lee denied anything was going on in the night sky over the Valley and he said he had not seen any documentary evidence.

"It's not surprising," said

local tailor Mike Sacks, "we haven't sent any yet. They jumped the gun by mentioning it in Parliament, but they should have documentary proof in about three weeks."

Mr Sacks, of Miles Avenue, Stacksteads, is the main investigator of UFO activity in Rossendale and part of the team from Manchester UFO Research As-

sociation that covers the whole area.

"He said: 'We have been collecting evidence for seven years now. We want the Government involved — it is time the subject was taken seriously and a proper investigation started.'"

He said an isolated sighting could be dismissed

easily, but not when a number of responsible people saw an object within minutes though miles apart. A flight path could be worked out.

For instance, an object was spotted at Blackpool. Minutes later police at Leyland logged the same object, two minutes later it past over a field in Stacksteads and was spotted by

a farmer and then within minutes by Mike himself.

"These are not just lights in the sky," he said, "somehow, something is manifesting itself and passing regularly over the Valley."

"I think many people in Rossendale have seen something and when the subject gets credibility, with a proper investigation, more people will come forward."

doing more than 25 or 30 miles per hour. The thing that caught my attention was the sharp turn. At first I had thought it was a plane coming in for a landing at Westchester Airport. But I knew at that point that the turn was too sharp for any plane I know."

Local police departments reported receiving calls from residents who said they saw the lights, with Bedford police receiving 35-40 calls. Some Bedford callers reported seeing the shapes of

four airplanes flying in formation, police said.

But some witnesses said Monday the lights didn't resemble airplanes.

"I've seen stunt planes in formation, and there is usually some kind of wavering, they can't stay in line," Ms. Kamke said. "These were glued together if it was a bunch of planes. It was like one big thing."

He said a 15-year-old girl Collette Addy, of Rawtenstall, had watched an object only a few days ago over Rawtenstall. As she watched with a relative she saw a red/orange glow in the sky. It then produced different coloured lights underneath and disappeared behind Torr View behind the Hall Car estate.

UFOs Linked to New Wave of Cattle Mutilations



POINTING TO where they saw weird lights are Jerry Grass & his wife Charlene.

Police are investigating an incredible new wave of UFO sightings and bizarre cattle mutilations in the South Dakota hills.

Eerie, bright lights of UFOs appeared five times between February 8 and March 6, according to stunned policemen and ranchers who spotted them near Norris, S. Dak.

What's more, two of the strange sightings coincided with mysterious, surgically precise mutilations of three cows in the same area, the sources said.

Rancher Clayton Merchen and his wife Sheila saw the weird lights four separate times.

Merchen — who made the first sighting on February 8 — recalled, "The lights hovered, then turned quickly to the south. My wife and I saw them for 20 minutes.

"We were more fascinated than worried by the UFO. We didn't think too much more about it until the next day when a neighbor's wife called and said a cow had been strangely mutilated overnight on their ranch."

The startled neighbor, rancher Jerry Grass, revealed, "The eyes, ears and udder had been cut off — almost surgically — with some sharp object. The carcass wasn't hacked up.

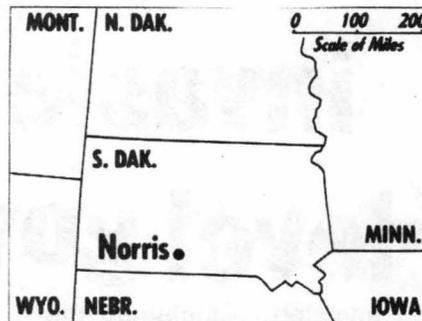
"No tire tracks, footprints or other clues could be found. We didn't know what killed the cow. There was no evidence of human activity."

Merchen saw the lights again on February 27 — and Grass found two more slaughtered and mutilated cows on his ranch the next morning.

After talking to Merchen about the strange lights, Grass began his own vigil watching the evening sky.

"My wife and I saw big reddish lights with an orange fringe the next two nights," he said.

"We sat for a total of four hours watching them. They were more



MAP SHOWS where baffling incidents have occurred near Norris, S. Dakota.

powerful than any light I can recall seeing that size.

"We'd shine a spotlight on them and they'd come toward us, then go away. It was spooky, but for some reason we had no fear. The lights just seemed as nosy about us as we were about them."

Grass reported the sightings to the Civil Defense office, which passed word on to the local police. On March 6, Sheriff's Chief Deputy Tom Jensen and Patrolman Gary Myers went into the hill country to investigate.

"We parked on a hill overlooking the area. We'd only been there a few minutes when we saw some lights in the air, hovering about 100 to 150 feet off the ground," said Jensen,

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STRANGE sightings were investigated by police officers Tom Jensen and Gary Myers.

"We didn't see the craft, just its red and white lights. They were hovering above the ground, three to five miles away. We watched them for about five minutes.

"Then they approached us at a slow rate of speed, coming within

200 yards of the car before flying off to the southeast.

"The UFO made no sound until it started away, then I heard a muffled noise like a jet engine. But this was no aircraft of any kind I know.

"It was cold out, not the sort of night someone would be out trying to pull a practical joke, and there were no airports or other facilities that the lights could be traced to.

"I was scared. You hear stories about alien ships, and when it comes at you and gets that close, you begin to wonder.

"I don't know whether it was something alien, but I'm not ruling anything out," Jensen said.

Paul Rooks, a local police chief, confirmed another animal mutilation in the same area.

"We're still investigating," Rooks said. "The strange way in which the cattle were cut up is a mystery."

— KEN POTTER

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UFO invasion sparks top-level gov't investigation

A MASSIVE UFO invasion — including the sighting of silver-suited aliens — has sparked a top-level government investigation.

By ERIC FAUCHER

That's the shocking revelation from experts who are busily examining evidence from a recent rash of 32 UFO encounters in Rosendale Valley near Lancashire, England.

"This is amazing," declares Sir Patrick Wall, a member of Parliament, who is heading up a select committee to study the incredible UFO phenomenon.

"There must be no cover-up. There have been too many sightings and reports for this to remain unexplained."

Encounters

Valley residents report that encounters with the UFOs include: sightings of fast-moving spacecraft streaking across the sky, incidents where stunned residents were chased by UFOs and even reports of actual encounters with space-suited aliens.

Tom Schofield, a valley resident, told scientists he actually saw two aliens in front of his home:

"I was closing the garage door when I saw something from the corner of my eye. I looked over my shoulder, and they were there. There were two figures in silver suits — like the chrome of a car bumper, brilliantly polished without a crease.

"They didn't have faces. Their heads seemed to be covered with helmets. One of them turned toward me, and I

heard his clothing rustle."

But when Tom looked away for just a moment, the aliens vanished.

Meanwhile, just a few miles away, two teenagers hiking in the woods suddenly saw lights in the sky above their heads:

"There was a bright light in the sky between the branches," recalls Mark Ashworth, 19. "We were frightened."

Mark's companion, Simon Heyworth, says that as the two were dodging between the trees trying to escape the UFO, they suddenly came face to face with a dark-cloaked figure.

"It was like a tall man. A shining black gown covered him from head to foot. The figure didn't move. It was blocking our path through the woods, so we just turned the other way and ran."

Chief Inspector Norman Collinson — a policeman who works near the strange valley — was racing to the scene of a UFO sighting the morning after Mark and Simon's incredible experience.

Suddenly, he saw a white circular object speeding across the sky toward the valley. Abruptly, the craft made a 90-degree turn toward him.

"Never had I seen an air-

craft make such a movement," reports Collinson. "Suddenly, the craft stopped. And from a standing start, it flashed across the sky to the horizon in less than two seconds.

"That convinced me that whatever it was, it was never made by man. No earthly craft could disappear at such a speed. Many sightings in this valley need to be explained."

Awakened by noise Saw flying saucer sail across sky



Amanda and her mother

SCHOOLGIRL Amanda Holmes believes she's seen a flying saucer! It hurtled across the Sutton skies at around 3.20 last Monday morning, she claims.

So loud was the noise it was making that it shook her out of slumbers and she dashed to the window to see what was happening.

Imagine her astonishment when she saw in the moonlight an alien craft, shaped like conventional science fiction saucers but without lights, sailing through the skies towards Croydon.

"I have always believed that there were things like flying saucers," she said. "But never that I would see one. I don't believe that it was a plane because they don't make the same noise. They're smaller and have lights on."

Amanda, 13, of Benhill Road, Sutton, was so thrilled by what she saw that she immediately called her mother into her room.

Mrs Elizabeth Holmes said: "I heard the noise it was making which was very strange, but didn't actually see it. Amanda was so excited by it that I can only assume she saw something really odd."

Next morning Amanda was straight on the phone to the Ministry of Defence to report her rare sighting.

And she's certainly got a good story to tell her fellow pupils at Wallington High School for Girls next term.

Did anyone else witness this bizarre occurrence on Monday of last week?

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P-c: The flashing blue light I saw in the sky

A POLICEMAN told today how he watched a domed UFO flash its lights for an hour over North-West London.

P-c Richard Milthorpe said: "I watched it through a pair of binoculars. It seems to be circular in the middle with a dome on top. The people in the neighbourhood were convinced it was a UFO."

The sighting came after 22-year-old P-c Milthorpe and P-c Paul Isles were called to a house in Stanmore by a woman who had spotted a strange object flying over her house.

P-c Milthorpe said: "She took us into her back garden and we saw an object which I estimated to be about a mile away—over Mill Hill or Elstree. The object appeared to be flashing."

Neighbours and five other police officers from a patrol car joined the two policemen from Wealdstone station in the back garden of Mrs Teri West's house and the object continued flashing.

"The middle section of the object had blue lights and there were red lights on the right hand side," P-c Milthorpe said. "It was moving erratically, up and down and to and

fro. The dome on top seemed to have blue flashing lights and underneath there was another dome flashing blue, green and red."

Police chased the object to nearby Brockley Hill as it disappeared eastwards. P-c Milthorpe said: "You can say I was astonished."

"Air traffic control have told us there were no aircraft in the area. And as the prevailing wind was easterly and the object disappeared flashing into the east, it's unlikely that it was a balloon."

Wealdstone police have passed P-c Milthorpe's report on the sighting to Scotland Yard who will in turn forward it to the Civil Aviation Authority. Photographs and a sketch made by police officers are not being released.

On Wednesday, April 25, Mrs Muriel Woodcock, of Princes Avenue, Acton, was walking with a friend across Hungerford Bridge from Festival Hall when they saw people looking down river. The two women joined the crowd and saw an elliptical glowing light zig-zagging across the Thames towards Greenwich.

The CAA will pass the police report to the Ministry of Defence.

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'We saw UFO' — police

POLICE Officers have officially backed claims about a UFO which was spotted by residents of Stanmore, near Harrow.

P-c Richard Milthorpe and P-c Paul Isles have both filed reports on the incident, which is to be investigated by the Ministry of Defence.

Chief Supt. Ronald Poole of Harrow Police Station said he was quite satisfied about the validity of their reports. "They are two normal sensible men who are confident they saw a UFO," he said.

They were called to Belmont Lane, Stanmore, by Miss Terri West, who spotted a mysterious object in the sky above her home last Thursday night. Up to 20 police officers also witnessed the UFO at various stages.

Neighbours Bruno and Ruth Novelli and Gerrie Ashworth stood with policemen observing the UFO for about two hours. They described it as a spinning multi-coloured object which gave off little balls of light.

Miss West said that at one stage, a huge great white ball with a long flame behind it shot out of the sky from the object.

She said it was glowing red, white and blue with little white flashes shooting off it. "It was zapping about all over the place," she added.

Mrs Novelli, 37, said that at first she thought the object was a star. "But it was changing colour and moving up and down and from side to side. It was quite scary. I felt very strange. I've never seen anything like it."

Mrs Novelli, who watched through binoculars, said the UFO was round shaped and was a long way off.

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UFOs: THE MYSTERY DEEPENS

ADLINGTON'S UFO mystery took another bizarre twist this week. Local baker Mr. Alfred Glover (33), of Bolton Road, Duxbury, told the

Guardian that he saw the same sight as was reported in last week's Guardian — five years ago!

Our latest report on the UFO told the tale of Mrs. Joan Lawrenson of Coppull who said that she saw "a line of light in the sky" from her car whilst travelling home from Manchester on the M61.

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Valley UFOs brought down to earth

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By DAVID PERRY

THE Government has issued a formal denial of a report of UFOs over Rossendale and of a claim that aliens have landed.

Junior Defence Minister and Pendle MP John Lee's early predecessors may have had trouble with witches — but he is determined to give nothing to do with beings from outer space.

He delivered a blunt "No, Sir!" in a written response to a question in the Commons from Beverley Tory MP Sir Patrick Wall asking "whether there have been any unusual radar traces of airborne objects in the area of the Rossendale Valley."

Junior Transport Minister David Mitchell was even more abrupt.

He answered a mere "No!" to Sir Patrick's written request for information on "whether he has received any reports of unauthorised landings from the air in the area of the Rossendale Valley."

Clearly Transport Ministers at least have no time for little green men.

Indeed Sir Patrick hedged his bets a little asking about landings "from the air" not "from outer space."

The MP was not available for comment when the answers came up to his questions — no doubt hoping that all will have been forgotten by the time he returns from a month's visit to South Africa.

But his curiosity may have been sparked by a "sighting" early in March from a witness who refused to give his name to police (for fear he would be thought mad) who claimed to have seen a "bright red cigar-shaped object" hovering over the village of Sharneyford, near Bacup, before suddenly flying off at speed.

Now Mr. Glover has added his story to the ever-growing dossier on this latest close encounter.

"When I picked up this week's Guardian I realised that the lady in the paper described exactly what I saw about five years ago", said Mr. Glover.

It was midnight sometime in November 1978 when Mr. Glover saw his UFO. He had driven back from a night out in Eccles and was getting out of his car when he saw the object.

"I saw this thing gliding along from north to south. It was a beautiful moonlit night", said Mr. Glover, who added that the object was quite clearly defined against the background of the Anglezarke and Rivington moors.

Mr. Glover reckons that the object was in sight for about 10 minutes because he had time to wake up his wife and ask the question: "Am I seeing things?" Mr. Glover's wife confirmed his sighting.

Mr. Glover added: "It was completely silent and it didn't seem to fly so much as glide. I worked for some time in South Manchester quite near to the airport so I know a plane when I see one. It definitely wasn't a plane or a helicopter."

As to what it was that Mr. Glover saw, he says: "It was something totally alien to anything I had seen before."

The Guardian's special UFO line is open on 64911, extension 12.