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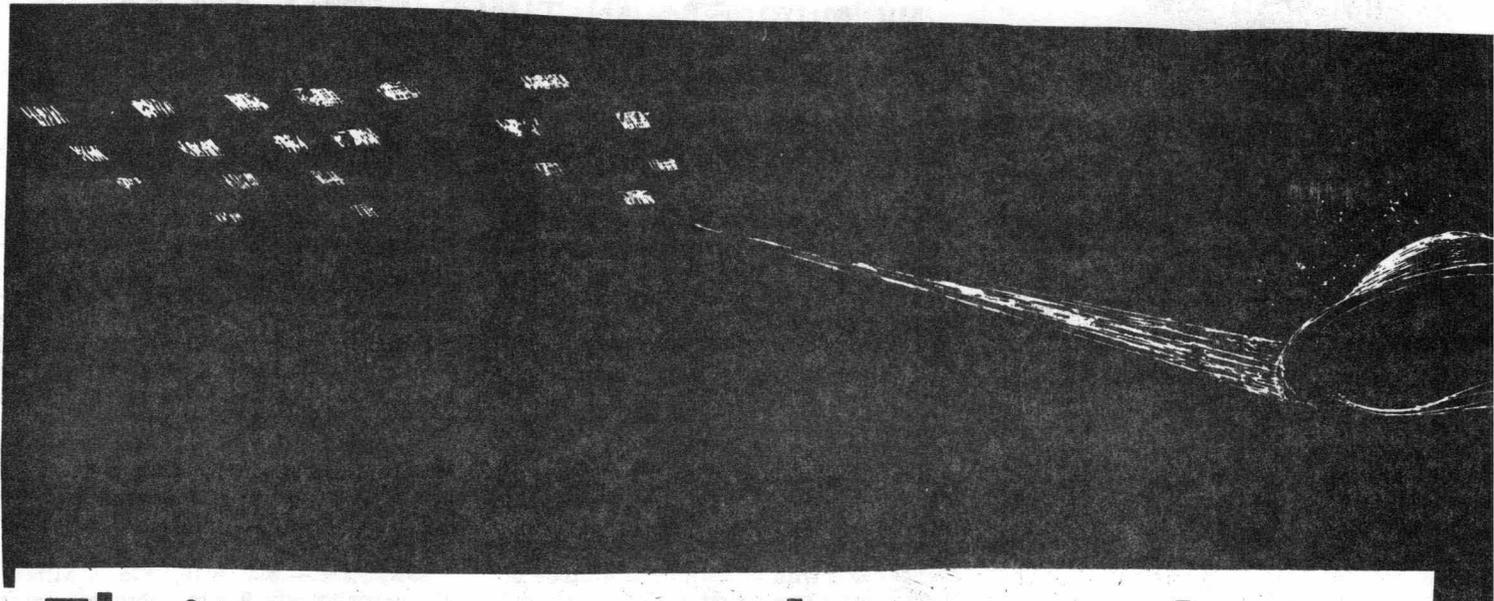
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Flying saucer theories keep taking off

By BETH MULLALLY
Staff Writer

The first flying saucer was not really a saucer at all.

It was a flying boomerang.

It was sighted 37 years ago this month in 1947. June 24 was a Tuesday that year, and Kenneth Arnold was flying his specially designed mountain plane through the Cascade Mountains in Washington state as part of a search effort. He was looking for a lost C-46 Marine transport that had gone down in the mountains.

When he was over Mineral, Wash., a tremendously bright flash lit up the surface of his craft.

"Before I had time to collect my thoughts," he later wrote, "the flash happened again. This time . . . I observed, far to my left and to the north, a formation of very bright objects . . . flying close to the mountain tops and traveling at tremendous speed."

There were nine flying objects, in formation opposite to that practiced by the Air Force, and Arnold clocked their speed in excess of 1,300 miles per hour. And their flight characteristic was unlike any he had ever seen before.

"They flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water," he later told an Oregon reporter.

Which is how the media got the idea that what Arnold had seen were flying saucers.

But Dr. Gary Levine, the New York state director of the Mutual UFO Network, a private international organization that conducts UFO (unidentified flying object) research, said the objects sighted by Arnold were shaped more like boomerangs than saucers.

"But that was the first reported sighting of a UFO," said Levine. "We don't know exactly what Arnold saw, but he saw it."

Arnold's UFOs were just that — objects in the air that were unidentified.

"That's what a UFO is," said Levine. "By

definition, we don't know what it is."

But it's something. Levine knows that from personal experience. In addition to collecting data from other people, Levine, who was a lifelong resident of Kingston until recently, has sighted a UFO of his own.

It happened in 1979 at 7:30 p.m. It was dusk, and Levine was near the Rip Van Winkle Bridge in Hudson, on foot.

"About 250 to 300 yards away, a typical, ellipsoidal object with orange-red lights was moving slowly through the trees," he said. "It was in sight for about 20 to 30 seconds, and I learned later that several other people had also seen it."

Levine, a professor of social science at Columbia-Greene Community College who has written several articles on UFOs in the

13 years he's been tracking them, said he has no idea what the object was.

"If I knew, then it would no longer be unidentified," he said.

A host of theories has been proposed to explain the existence of UFOs, says Levine. The most popular among skeptics is that they are common objects such as airplanes, blimps, satellites, meteorites or planets that are obscured or made to look different by weather or cloud conditions.

But believers scoff at these easy answers, and, instead, entertain the theoretical explanations offered by UFOlogists. These explanations, however, require the suspension of "normal" thinking. They include: UFOs are extra-terrestrial space vehicles; they are part of a biological organism that lives in the skies and is visible only under

certain conditions; they are manifestations of some unknown cosmic force that influences all life in the universe; they are a residue of a fourth dimension that the human mind is unable to comprehend; or they are projections (thought transference from another being) through which a person might experience contact with a UFO, even though the actual event is not taking place.

"They may not be from outer space," said Levine. "They may be something resident here with us, something that lives with us. That's all I can say."

In his book, "The Coming of the Saucers," Arnold, who did a great deal of investigatory work on UFO sightings subsequent to his own, wrote that he could not even theorize about what UFOs are, except to say that they are real and they represent an advance in mechanical science far beyond the ability of any nation.

But he said there are several things that UFOs are not: "They are not the product of the United States military arm . . . they are not a development of the Russian government . . . and all reports concerning disks that have crashed with little men in them have been impossible to substantiate."

Levine said reports of sightings have fallen off in recent years, but he speculates that people are merely reporting them less and that the sightings are continuing at a constant rate.

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"We've always gotten reports in waves," he said. "Several sightings are often made within a short period of time, then they drop off."

He said sightings seem to be related to psychic capabilities. People who demonstrate psychic tendencies such as extra sensory perception (ESP) are more likely to see a UFO than those who don't.

Anyone who sees a UFO should report the sighting by writing to Dr. Gary Levine, CPO Box 1485, Kingston, NY 12401.

NY MIDDLETOWN TIMES HERALD RECORD
JUN 1 1984

No scarcity of sightings in area

The mid-Hudson has always been fertile ground for UFO sightings, according to UFO watcher Gary Levine. Although it is difficult to classify a UFO according to a single set of criteria, several types have recurred and all of them have been sighted at one time or another in the mid-Hudson. These include daylight discs, cigar shapes and rockets, radar blips, nocturnal lights, fireballs and soft (cloudlike) UFOs.

The following is a summary of some of the more interesting and substantial reports:

Poughkeepsie — August 1954. A circular, orange UFO with an estimated altitude of 45,000 feet was spotted by a ground observer corps spotter and tracked by radar. Four jet aircraft interceptors were scrambled from two air bases to investigate.

Hyde Park — May 15, 1966. A typical, saucer-shaped UFO was observed in a wooded area near power lines at about 6

p.m. There were four witnesses. A later investigation revealed that the tops of several trees were disturbed.

New Paltz — April 1967. A mushroom-shaped, cloudlike UFO was spotted over a ballfield in the village at approximately 2 a.m. by two witnesses. It had blinking lights along the base and appeared "as though you could put your hand through it."

Kingston — July 8, 1974. A large, ellipsoidal UFO was spotted over a ball park at 1 a.m. It responded to a signal from the police car spotlight by shining a light on the car and the officers.

Saugerties — March 10, 1975. A witness, at approximately 9 a.m., observed seven small, star-like objects in various groupings hovering close to a used car lot about a mile away. At the same time the star-like UFOs were being observed, a burglar alarm in the used car lot office went off without apparent reason.

— BETH MULLALLY

DC USA TODAY WASHINGTON, DC
MAY 30 1984

The latest on UFOs and E.T.s

By Steven Findlay
USA TODAY

NEW YORK — Do UFOs exist? Can people bend spoons with psychic power? Is there life on distant planets?

Scientists usually don't dwell on such questions. But Tuesday at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting here, the USA's largest annual science get-together, eight experts in such matters discussed:

■ **UFOs.** Scientifically, says Houston space engineer James Oberg, most UFO sightings have been explained; many recorded in the 1960s were traced to Russian spacecraft tests.

But J. Allen Hynek, head of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., and a professor emeritus at Northwestern University, says a computer analysis of 400 well-substantiated sightings has shown that the reported properties of UFOs are "totally inconsistent with those of everyday objects and phenomena."

The consensus: There is no proof that a spaceship from another planet has visited Earth.

■ **Psychic phenomena** (telepathy, ESP, psychokinesis, clairvoyance). Most psychic reports are hoaxes, very often blown out of proportion by the media, says magician and skeptic James Randi.

But Stanley Krippner, of the Center for Consciousness Studies in San Francisco, says it's wrong to assume that psychic phenomena are "non-ordinary." They may be extensions of our senses that scientists can't yet understand, he says.

The consensus: Still no proof, but we should keep looking...

■ **Extraterrestrial intelligence.** "As best we know now, life on Earth is not unique," says Cornell University astronomer Frank Drake. In fact, scientists now think there could be as many as 10,000 civilizations in the universe.

The problem: If there are 10,000, where are they; why haven't we found them, or they us?

Our nearest neighbors could live within 100,000 light-years from us. It shouldn't have taken them this long to get in touch, says Eric Jones of the Los Alamos national laboratory, Los Alamos, N.M.

The consensus — "Keep searching," says science fiction author Isaac Asimov. "I think we all hope there will be somebody out there." //

Soviets set sights on UFOs

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Trud quoted Anatoly Logunov, a

vice president of the Academy of Sciences, as saying that most so-called UFO reports provided too little information to be of any real value.

BUT HE added that Soviet scientists took the subject seriously and accepted that there were occasional well-documented sightings for which they could find no plausible explanation.

Both he and Popovich avoided comment on the possibility that such cases might involve spaceships from another world, and said only that it was necessary to improve research methods.

UFO reports are a favorite topic of conversation among Russians and a large number of people voice the firm conviction that they are alien invaders.

Popovich appealed to people to send detailed accounts to his commission as soon as they saw anything unusual.

NY SYRACUSE POST-STANDARD

JUNE 4 1984

Scientist: UFO Observers Have Seen . . . Something

Post-Standard News Services
PEOPLE WHO report UFOs have definitely seen something, but whether it's because of a psychological condition, an unknown earthly phenomenon or alien spaceships remains to be determined, a UFO specialist said last week.

J. Allen Hynek, head of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., and a professor emeritus at Northwestern University, said thousands of unidentified flying object reports — many by credible observers — have been collected from around the world.

He said the descriptions of the objects display a "strange consistency" and cannot be explained by any ordinary means. They therefore constitute a phenomenon worth studying.

"If I were writing an encyclo-

pedia, I would replace the entry 'UFO' with 'UFO phenomenon,'" he said during a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"For we don't have any UFOs to study, but we most certainly do have a UFO phenomenon."

Hynek said a computer analysis of 400 well-substantiated cases has demonstrated that the reported properties of UFOs are "totally inconsistent with those of everyday objects and phenomena."

"For example, some of the best-investigated and well-documented UFO reports describe objects or luminous phenomena that can hover noiselessly close to the ground and then almost instantaneously take off with tremendous speed," he said.

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UFOs discussed

MAY 25 1984

Past Air Force consultant defends existence of UFOs, cites cases

By LAURIE DINGER
Staff Writer

It might have been a little like telling ethnic jokes at a session of the United Nations, but Dr. J. Allen Hynek playfully tweaked the nose of the Air Force — which has discredited most reports of unidentified flying objects — by describing cases that he says cannot be explained.

Hynek's talk Thursday evening came during the National Aerospace & Electronics Conference meeting this week in Dayton. The conference drew almost 5,000 representatives from aerospace companies all over the country to Dayton to hear technical papers on new scientific advances, examine exhibits and listen to talks on topics ranging from artificial intelligence to navigation.

And although the audience at the conference's banquet Thursday evening was sprinkled with dress military uniforms, it didn't stop Hynek — a former consultant to the Air Force during the Project Blue Book study of the reports of unidentified objects — from pushing his case for the existence of extraterrestrial life and UFOs.

SINCE HE HAS become a believer in UFOs, Hynek is embarrassed that he used the term "swamp gas" to explain a sighting of lights near a boggy area in Michigan several years ago during a press conference.

The sighting had become a widely reported media event and at the first mention of swamp gas, the media began a longterm love affair with the swamp gas theory, Hynek said.

Hynek changed his own views about UFOs after hearing hundreds of accounts from responsible people who have had close encounters. And Hynek is now convinced there is more to the story than hot air.

As the founder of the Center for UFO Studies, Hynek has monitored reports from 140 countries. And the center has 80,000 entries on UFOs in its computer system, including reports of what he describes as "absolutely frightening abduction cases."

And many of the sightings have come from people who had nothing to gain by reporting the encounters, Hynek claimed.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE WAS cornered by a pilot for an Italian airline who recounted his mid-air encounter with a UFO.

Hynek said the pilot officially reported the incident as a balloon "because airline companies don't want pilots seeing strange things."

But the pilot's story of the metallic object that paced his plane and then shot straight up into the air was verified by a pilot of another plane flying at a higher altitude that reported an object suddenly rising in front of it, Hynek said.

He has taken reports of UFO sightings from police officers, meteorologists, and pilots as well as average citizens. All of those reports can't be dismissed.

"No one can deny UFO reports exist," Hynek said. "And most importantly, we have many reports coming in from highly respectable, responsible people."



File Photo
Dr. J. Allen Hynek

TORONTO STAR
MAY 30 1984

'Flying cigar' prompts Soviets to probe UFOs

MOSCOW (Reuter) — The Soviet Union has set up a commission to investigate **UFOs** — unidentified flying objects — following an incident last year involving a "flying cigar" near Gorky, the Moscow workers daily newspaper Trud says.

The Commission on Abnormal Atmospheric Phenomena, set up in February, is headed by former cosmonaut Pavel Popovich.

On March 27 of last year, air traffic controllers at Gorky airport had located a craft flying toward them that did not respond to radio signals, he said.

The controllers, who watched the object as it approached the airfield, said it was a steel-gray "cigar" about the size of an airliner but without wings or a tailfin.

The craft was flying at about 3,000 feet and at a speed of 185 km/h (115 m.p.h.).

Popovich said the craft was visible on radar screens for about 40 minutes and then vanished after it had gone about 40 km (25 miles) north of Gorky.

EVENING POST LEEDS
JUNE 1 1984

I saw UFO, says stargazer

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A Leeds hairdresser is now convinced UFOs exist after seeing a bright object hurtling through the sky in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Mr. Julian Jay was

stargazing at his home in Sandhill Oval, off Harrogate Road, Leeds, when he saw the object shoot across the sky from south to north.

He dashed indoors to tell his wife and get his binoculars, but when he returned it had disappeared.

Minutes later, how-

ever, it returned — flashing across the sky from north to south.

"I couldn't believe what I was seeing," he said.

"It was extremely bright and was zipping in between the stars at a tremendous speed — it was like nothing I've ever seen before."

EXAMINER JUNE 26

Mother cops ticket running from a UFO

A 35-YEAR-OLD woman driver who was given a speeding ticket in Texas town swore that she was trying to escape from an unidentified flying object. She says that she and her 7-year-old son had a terror ride after their "close encounter."

Carolyn Green, who was driving her son Timothy back to her home near Cedar Creek Lake after a visit to their relatives insists that she was "intercepted" by a UFO on Highway 85, six miles west of Seven Points, Texas.

She says the object forced her car into a ditch. She explained: "I was driving along at about 55 miles an hour when all of a sudden my lights began flashing off and on."

Mrs. Green went on: "Then something pulled me off the road—literally took control of the steering wheel. The car was suddenly driving itself. I tried to turn it around, but I couldn't.

The 1979 Mercury then veered into a roadside ditch.

Mrs. Green said that neither she nor her son saw anything at first but that after the car had stopped they saw red flashing lights above them.

She stated: "The lights came into the car and lit it up. My hair stood on end and my son was frightened. I told him I didn't know what it was." After the episode, Mrs. Green got



her car back on the road and was speeding at 75 mph when she was stopped by a Seven Points patrolman.

Not unexpectedly, the police officer did not believe her excuse for speeding and wrote out the ticket. She stated: "I'll be happy to pay the ticket but what is important to me is that people believe I am telling the truth."

She said she and her son would be willing to take lie detector tests. She knows some people will think of her as crazy but she insists the alarming experience occurred.

Mrs. Green said she had not been drinking and does not mess with drugs. She plans to give a detailed account to military authorities who have been investigating reported UFO

OROVILLE, CA. MERCURY-REGISTER
APR. 30 1984
UFO Reported in Oroville Skies

What observers believe was a meteorite passing through California skies prompted reports of an unidentified flying object last night, sheriff's dispatchers said.

A bright ball of white fire with a long tail was seen about 9:28 p.m., according to a note on the sheriff's log.

Dispatchers said callers reported the object to them and they passed the information on to a UFO center in Seattle.

Others who saw it, running east to west over Oroville, said it was a typical, although spectacular meteorite that looked more like fireworks as it passed through the night skies.

DONCASTER
STAR

JUNE 5 1984

Staveley UFO claim

A NORTH Derbyshire housewife believes she may have had an encounter of the third kind

For June Skinner is baffled by her sighting of a mysterious flying object which lit up the sky near her Staveley home.

And now June, aged 53, of Overton Close, has reported her experience to the British UFO Society.

"I don't know what it was or where it came from," she said. "I don't know what it was or where it came from," she said. "I don't think it was an aircraft because I know the air lanes."

The strange object appeared in the night sky with two bright lights at the front and rear.

Double light

"It was warm and I had gone for a breath of fresh air when I looked up to the sky" said June.

"I remarked to my son, Karl that there weren't many stars. I saw a brilliant light. Wearing spectacles I thought I was having double vision. It was a double light.

"I went upstairs and these lights were coming towards us from Mastin Moor. It was a solid mass. The lights were very clear."

The next day, June reported the incident to the British UFO Society who are investigating.

She has been told that the Bawtry Meteorological Office say they had no weather balloons in the area and the RAF are being asked about their plane movements.

Elsie Lee, secretary of the Chesterfield branch of the BUFO, is looking into the incident which is the fourth separate sighting this year in the Chesterfield area.

IRISH TIMES, DUBLIN
MAY 30 1984

UFOs came under Soviet surveillance

From Richard Owen,
in Moscow 3128

THE KREMLIN once sceptical about the existence of flying saucers, has finally succumbed to the unshakable Russian belief in close encounters of a third kind. The newspaper *Trud* yesterday reported that a special commission for the investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) has been set up under Mr Pavel Popovich, the former cosmonaut.

The UFO commission is a victory for *Trud*, which has been at the forefront of the battle to prove that alien invaders are not a figment of the Russian imagination. There was a time when the Kremlin used to insist, as *Pravda* put it in the 1960s, that "all objects that fly over the territory of our country are identified either by scientists or by those who stand guard over the security of our homeland."

But the Russians are incorrigible believers in the occult, and were delighted last year when *Trud* carried a series of articles and letters reporting strange bright lights seen travelling across the sky above Byelorussia and central Russia, terrifying the inhabitants below.

The incident which has finally convinced the authorities that there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamed of in dialectical materialism occurred in Gorky in March last year. Gorky is closed to foreigners (and hence a convenient place of exile for Dr. Sakharov and his wife), but is apparently not closed to visitors from outer space. According to Mr Popovich, air traffic controllers at Gorky Airport spotted a light-grey steel object shaped like a cigar flying towards them on the evening of March 27th. It was about the size of a conventional airliner, and like the Korean Air-

lines jumbo which strayed into Soviet airspace last September failed to respond to radio contact.

However the air defences at Gorky, unlike their colleagues at Kamchatka, did not open fire, possibly because the intruder had, no wings and was flying at an altitude of 3,000 feet at a speed of up to 125 miles per hour. The object behaved erratically, flying 150 miles to the south east of Gorky before turning to head back toward the airport and finally vanishing north of the city.

Mr Popovich said his newly formed Commission for the Investigation of Abnormal Atmospheric Phenomena was taking the flying cigar of Gorky very seriously indeed. It had been sighted by reliable and well trained aviation experts who had given precise and scientific observations, and who had seen the mysterious object on their radar screens for a full 40 minutes.

Trud disappointed some readers by revealing that other phenomena witnessed by less well trained observers would not be taken up by the commission. The bright lights seen in the sky over central Russia last December, the paper said, were caused by a satellite burning up after re-entering the earth's atmosphere. To reinforce a sense of realism the paper quoted Professor Anatoly Logunov, the Rector of Moscow University, as saying that the vast majority of UFO sightings lacked professionalism and were not of any great scientific value.

On the other hand *Trud* hinted at further revelations to come, particularly from Gorky, where citizens reported in February that they had been spherical and triangular coloured lights flying through the night sky and forming themselves into the unmistakable shape of an alien spacecraft. — (Times Service)

HALIFAX EVENING COURIER, YORKS
MAR. 9 1984

UFO seen 3128

A 14-year-old Halifax girl claims to have seen an unidentified flying object in the sky over Bradshaw, Halifax.

Tracy Smith, of Green Lane, Bradshaw, says she saw the oval-shaped object hover for almost 15 minutes before disappearing on Tuesday night near her home. Tracy was with her friend Angela Lorrimer of Green Way, Bradshaw, when she saw the object.

APR. 12 1984

Police baffled by UFO sighting

York police today confessed they were baffled by a reported UFO sighting last night.

Mr John Raper, of 27 Burton Stone Lane, described them as orange in colour and flying at a considerable height. They were tracking a South, South West, to North, North East course, and were highly mobile.

UFOs in Russia are 'tests of weapons'

By ADRIAN BERRY Science Correspondent
in New York

FREQUENT reports of UFO sightings in Russia are, in fact, the result of illegal strategic weapon testing by the Soviet government said Mr James Oberg, a senior

NASA mission controller from Houston, Texas.

"Cossacks in the Ukrainian countryside and sophisticated Muscovites in city streets have stared in awe at UFO formations passing overhead," he told the American Association for the Advancement of Science, meeting in New York.

"But the government in Moscow knows where these UFOs come from, who launched them, how they are propelled, and why they are travelling through Russian skies.

"It knows all this, and refuses to admit it."

Mr Oberg told of a 1979 report by the Soviet Academy of Sciences, which had been endorsed by Prof. Nikolay Kardashev, a leading astronomer. It gave numerous specific examples of UFO sightings in Russia.

'Brazen hoax'

"But this report may one day be ranked as a hoax as brazen as the Piltown Man," Mr Oberg said. "It was a ruse, designed to divert attention from the truth about Soviet UFOs."

The "sightings" were, in fact, experiments of the Fractional Orbital Bombardment System which the Russians had been secretly building in violation of the 1963 Outer Space Treaty.

The treaty forbids the stationing of weapons of mass destruction in orbit.

Because the launches of rockets and the fiery returns to earth of dummy warheads could not be concealed from the Russian people, the Government decided to present them as a mystery, the work of alien creatures from another planet.

SOUTHEND EVENING ECHO APRIL 11 1984

George sparks UFO alert

A MYSTERY cigar-shaped object seen hovering over Basildon this week has got UFO spotters intrigued.

The sighting was made by tanker driver Mr George Ppear, 54, as he was driving in The Gore at about 5.40 pm on Monday.

He said: "It was jet black and shaped like a cigar with an angle-shaped tail and no fin. It was puffing out a blue plume of smoke.

"Suddenly the back glowed orange and it disappeared very quickly towards Southend. Until then I thought it might be

an airship, but I have seen thousands of them in my life."

Mr Ppear, of Tyefields, Pitsea, said: "I am teetotal so I had not been drinking. I don't believe in little green men, flying saucers or long-legged beasties, and have never seen a ghost."

Essex area investigator for the British UFO Research Association Mr Bob Easton said: "It sounds unusual. I have not heard of any other sightings. I will contact Mr Ppear and check the records to see if anything like it has been reported before."

'Close encounter' man at meeting

THE pensioner who claims to have been aboard an alien spacecraft in Aldershot joined a national UFO expert for a public talk on the subject.

Mr Alfred Burtoo (77), of Pegasus Avenue, Aldershot, joined Mr. Timothy Good for the talk "What on Earth is Happening?" at Leatherhead on Wednesday.

ALDERSHOT NEWS HANTS

APR. 14 1984

It is thought to be one of the first times someone who claims to have had a "close encounter of the third kind" has appeared at a meeting.

He was fishing in the Basingstoke Canal near the Government Bridge last August when, he says, a spacecraft landed and he was invited on board.

But after being tested he was told he could leave as he was "too infirm" for the visitors' purpose.

Mr. Good, a principal consultant to the House of Lords' all-party UFO study group, has investigated the case and believes it is genuine.

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UFO lights up sky

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — An object looking like "a ball of fire with streaks of blue and red" streaked across the night sky, prompting hundreds of frightened phone calls to police, radio stations, airports and the National Weather Service.

One caller told state police that the bright light at about 10 p.m. Sunday was a jet plane on fire. A nervous man in Bardstown claimed the Soviets were invading or a space ship was landing on Earth.

But a forecaster at the National Weather Service in Louisville said it probably was a meteor, based on the descriptions. No one at the weather station saw the object, said the forecaster.

Some people reported the object looked like a "ball of fire with streaks of blue and red," said state police dispatcher Jack Lewis at the Elizabethtown post.

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Bid to explain new UFO sighting

A north Derbyshire woman has had an unexplained close encounter — with a UFO.

June Skinner, a keen plane spotter and a former worker in the RAF's signals, saw something strange in the Staveley sky.

Now investigations have started to try to explain the sighting.

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Not plane

"I've never seen anything like it before," June said, "I'm very good at recognising planes after working in the RAF, but this craft was definitely not a plane, and was not on the flight path."

June added that her 12-year-old son also saw the craft travelling from Mastin Moor towards Chesterfield at about 10.20 pm.

It was semi-circular, with a pair of bright lights both at the front, and on the underside. It made a quiet hum as it passed overhead.

Interested

The Chesterfield UFO society, formed earlier this year, has set the wheels in motion to investigate June's sighting.

"The craft doesn't match descriptions of other UFOs seen in the area, and we are interested to hear from anyone else who may have seen it," said Dave Kelly, of the local UFO group.

Both the Bawtry weather station and the RAF have also been contacted about the sighting.

• The Chesterfield area is earning a reputation as a magnet for UFOs. There were a spate of sightings in March around the Wingerworth and Bole Hill areas. Two young boys spotted a craft in the sky around Mastin Moor at the same time.

LOOK COMRADE! 3128 IT'S A UFO-SKI

SIGHTINGS of a mysterious silver "flying cigar" have resulted in an official UFO probe in Russia.

The strange,

By **ANDREW GOLDEN**

wingless, object was spotted by air traffic controllers over Gorky — about 250 miles east of Moscow.

It failed to respond to

radio contact, circled the airfield, then moved off and vanished from radar screens.

In the past, reports of "flying saucers" have been shot down by the Kremlin as pie-in-the-sky.

The unexplained, airliner-sized space invader seen last year, however, has finally convinced the authorities that UFOs exist.

Former Soviet cosmonaut Pavel Popovich will head a Commission for the Investigation of Abnormal Atmospheric Phenomena.

Jenny Randles, a director of the British UFO Research Association, welcomed the action and said:

"UFOs have become a major defence problem. They suddenly appear on radar screens, and planes are scrambled to chase them."

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Did anyone else see that UFO?

SURVEYOR Chris Doble doesn't believe in flying saucers — but he's sure he saw one hovering high above his Barry home!

And when he checked out his sightings of an unidentified flying object with Cardiff Airport, they reported no aircraft anywhere near at the time.

"I've got to admit it's got me baffled," said 38-year-old Chris, whose wife, Jean, also saw the UFO at 9.35pm on Sunday, May 13 from the garden of their home in Morningside Walk, Barry.

"It's not my normal scene looking for UFO's and I hadn't been drinking Brains SA that night, but I definitely saw something very strange which, at the moment, cannot be accounted for."

The craft Chris saw was cylinder-shaped with a white light on each wing tip and the whole of the underneath was lit up with single white lights.

There were no flashing or red lights always used by aircraft flying at night. It was completely silent and travelled very

slowly before gradually disappearing.

"I'm still very sceptical," said Chris. "But I'd love to hear from anyone else who may have seen it."

THE TORONTO SUN MAY 17 84 'Monster UFO' shakes farmer

BRUNKILD, Man. (UPC-Special) — Farmer Karl Wroblewsky wonders if it was a "monster of a UFO" that left a circle of holes and compressed grass in his field.

There are 10 holes, the largest about 30 inches in diameter, and they are 18 inches deep, says a puzzled Wroblewsky, 66. The compressed grass covers 100 feet in diameter.

"According to what people are telling me, it must have been a monster of a UFO," says Wroblewsky, who wants an expert from the Manitoba Planetarium to investigate.

Wroblewsky said he didn't think too much of one large hole he found in the snow in mid-winter after his German shepherd dog howled strangely one night.

The farmer said he put his hand in the hole and found a rim around the edges. He also smelled sulphur but forgot about it.

"It was no interest to me, but when the thaw started I saw the other holes. Some of the ground is completely burned and that ground is still black today.

"I wouldn't believe it if I didn't see it."

Howard Bennett, publisher of the nearby *Carman Valley Leader* and longtime UFO researcher, said he has never seen such markings before.

"I don't know what the heck it is," said Bennett. "You have to put it down as a UFO. There were numerous UFO sightings 15 years ago in the same area."

Family on camping trip reveal...

We saw UFO on Mt. Everest

ONE TEAM OF mountain climbers got the shock of their lives recently on Mt. Everest when, while gazing skyward from their camp, they spotted the glowing lights of a stream of UFOs flying back and forth across the sky.

For Doug Scott, his wife and their three children, nothing beats the excitement of taking a week or two off from the other problems in life to go scaling some of the world's highest peaks.

On the family's recent trip to Nepal to reach the top of the world's highest, and possibly most treacherous, slope, Mt. Everest, this group of hearty explorers had the adventure of a lifetime.

They spotted a number of silver ships hovering over them for several days as they climbed and pitched their camps.

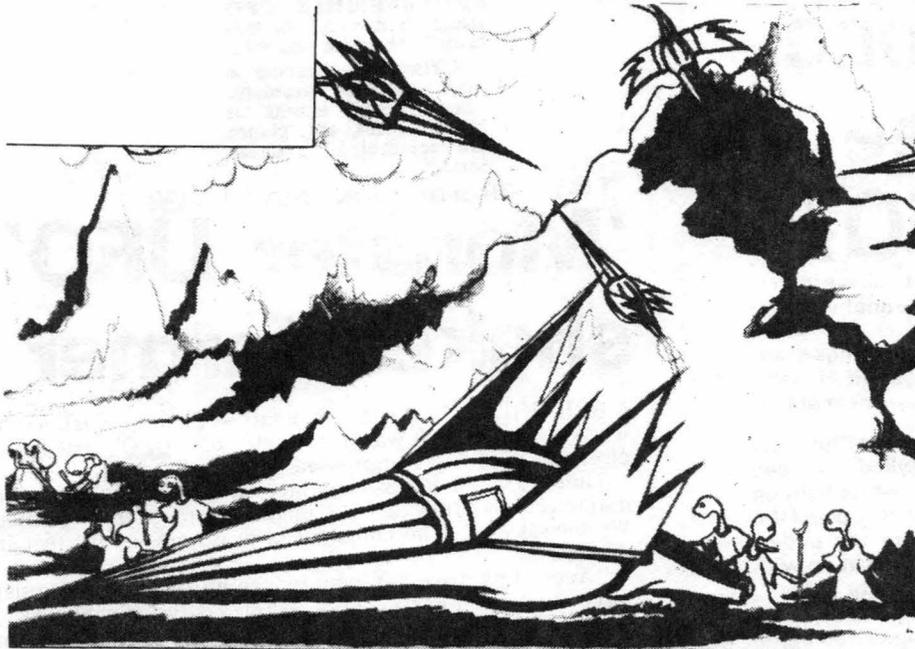
"We are certain these objects were flying saucers," says Doug.

"They were dome-shaped and silver, and at night they had blue and orange lights flashing around them."

According to Doug's wife, Jan, the group of vehicles kept close by them for several days as if they were tracking the mountaineering family up the side of the slope.

"At first we were frightened by their presence," says the woman. "But after the first day we realized that if these beings had wanted to harm us, they would have."

"In the snow we were defenseless against them, and if we never returned from our climb,



• UFO FLEET tracked courageous family up the side of Mt. Everest for five days

people in Nepal would merely think we had fallen to our death."

Jan says the vehicles tended to fly in a V-shaped formation most of the time, and that usually there were five ships flying together, but sometimes there were as many as seven or only one.

Vanished

"They never bothered us, but these alien ships frightened us a little because they were always there," she says.

"Then after five days of being followed, we woke up one morning to find the UFOs had vanished just as mysteriously as they had arrived."

According to the veteran climbers, the flight pattern of the UFOs seemed to originate from a deeply secluded ridge of mountains miles distant from Mt. Everest.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the space aliens had established a kind of beachhead

for exploration down in one of the most inaccessible valleys," says Doug.

"There's no doubt in my mind that these flying saucers were reconnoitering with a purpose and not just out 'joy riding,' so to speak."

Jan says that she also saw strange silvery beings in the windows of one of the craft that hovered particularly low.

"It was not the effects of the terrible cold and isolation," she insists, "and it wasn't snow blindness, either."

"I very definitely saw eerie, luminous creatures, almost liquid in their movements, in the windows of a silver craft that followed me when I took a short walk alone from our encampment that evening."

The family often takes trips to places all over the globe, like their recent trek to Mt. Everest, but they say this is the first time they have ever spotted anything this unusual in the sky.

— BARBARA GILBERT

Military alert as UFO aliens invade

BRITAIN is reeling under a blitz of UFOs, and trembling witnesses have even reported menacing alien creatures marauding on the ground.

Top British military officials have ordered investigators to collect eyewitness reports from terrified townsfolk in the bleak Rossendale Valley in Lancashire.

The 1,000 inhabitants of Cranshaw Booth, a town in what has become known as "UFO Valley," are now so frightened they keep their doors and windows bolted night and day.

Lord Clancarty, a British UFO expert says sightings, which number more than 30, have sent shock waves among UFO investigators all over the world.

"The victims are just ordinary people who have been suddenly besieged," he says. "It could lead to dramatic evidence that aliens really are visiting this planet."

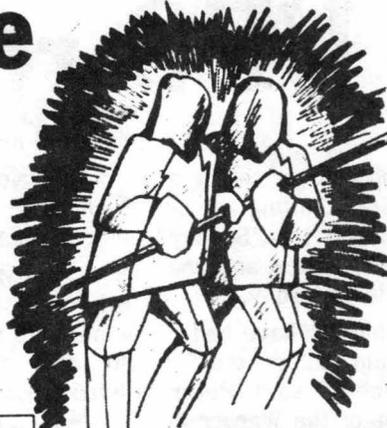
Coal deliveryman Tom Schofield, 48, was approached by two silver-suited aliens as he parked his car in his garage.

"It was still light and I was stone-cold sober — and I do not hallucinate," he says. "I sensed there was something behind me. I spun around and was shocked to see two menacing figures standing just five yards from me.

"They were about 8 ft. tall, and their suits shone like the chrome on a new car. I tried to shout for help, but the words would not come out. Then I saw they had no faces. Their heads consisted of smooth helmets with no features.

"They carried what seemed to be a metal bar. I stared at them to take in the details, but suddenly their suits gave off a brilliant light that hurt my eyes. I turned my face for a split second and when I looked again, they were gone.

"It scared me out of my



"THEY were about 8 ft. tall and had no faces. They carried a metal bar"



ONE 7 ft. alien wore black cloak: "Face was strange" Schoolboy Andrew Phillips, 14, and his friend, John Robinson, 12, were walking in a meadow when the sky went fiery red.

"There was a terrific roar, and overhead was a big, dome-shaped craft with orange and green lights hovering at roof level above us," Andrew says.

"Suddenly there was a

high-pitched ringing in my ears. I started to feel dizzy and all my thoughts got scrambled up. Everything I know about fishing and stuff like that flashed into my mind as though my brain was being scanned. It scared me half to death."

His friend John reports a similar experience. He says that the craft sped skyward when he got frightened and wished it would go away, perhaps because they "were plugged into what I was thinking."

More than 30 villagers have confirmed seeing a brilliant white light that illuminated a local mountain top called Eagles Crag.

Student Mark Ashwood, 19, was walking in nearby Bolton Wood when a sinister dark-cloaked figure blocked his path.

"I saw a bright light in the sky," he says. "I was scared and I made a run for a clearing. I got a few yards when I came face to face with a tall figure who wore a black cloak down to the ground.

"He was well over 7 ft., his face was very strange and most of his head consisted of a forehead. It scared me to death."

— PATRICK COTTER

UFO visits denied

THERE have been no official reports of alien beings landing in Lancashire, says the Government.

After a flurry of alleged sightings of UFOs in the Rossendale Valley, Tory MP Sir Patrick Wall quizzed the Ministry of Defence.

He was told that there have been no unusual radar traces of airborne objects in the area and no reports of unauthorised landings.

There have been 32 sightings of UFOs reported recently.

A Salford police inspector claimed he saw an unearthly white object in the sky and coalman Tom Schofield, aged 48, said he spotted two silver-suited aliens who loomed behind him when he was returning home from work.

Bright lights in sky spark UFO reports

By Maxine L. Lynch

Hundreds of people, upset over seeing a strange stream of bright lights sailing across the sky just as the full-moon rose Sunday night, besieged astronomers, police and the news media with phone calls yesterday.

"No one here saw it, but we have had a sufficient number of coherent callers to safely say something happened," said Peter Pesch, astronomy professor of the Warner & Swasey Observatory at Case Western Reserve University.

Hundreds of people in Ohio, central and eastern Kentucky and central Illinois who reportedly saw the "ball of fire" were convinced it was a U.F.O.

"It was glowing real bright. Like something I have never seen before," said an area farmer who reported he saw the lights about 10 p.m. as he walked to his barn.

Some people who reported the sighting to The Plain Dealer said they initially suspected a nuclear attack.

An Eastlake police dispatcher said one caller, an unidentified police chief, described the sighting as a meteor breaking up.

Pesch said the sighting might have been a boloid.

"It is the name we give to a meteor which is very bright and breaks up into fragments," he said. "We have no way of knowing. It could be some kind of spacecraft

material breaking up."

But you can't convince Fred Avalli or Nicholas P. Orlando that it was a boloid or a shooting star.

"We were driving down Country Lane Rd. (near Solon) and looking through the windshield when we saw these lights," Orlando said. "I stopped the car and I said, 'Freddie do you see that?'"

The two California men, here on a brief business trip, said the lights appeared about 3,000 to 4,000 feet above their car.

"It did not make a sound," Orlando said.

They said the lights flew in formation and some had streaks shooting from them like firecrackers.

"There were about 15 of them," Avelli said.

Pesch said he received calls from as far east as Ashtabula and as far west as Port Clinton.

Although many callers said a plane flew nearby, no pilots or passengers aboard local flights in the area reported anything unusual, a National Aviation Administration official in Cleveland said.

Earl J. Neff, director emeritus of the Cleveland Ufology Project, said Ohio is one of three states that has the most UFO sightings nationally. Neff said he is investigating the sighting.

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Streak in sky was Soviet space junk

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — An object that streaked across the sky over Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee Sunday night was a piece of junk left in space by the Soviets, the North American Aerospace Defense Command reported yesterday. Sightings of a bright light were reported just before 9 p.m. Sunday.

UFO reports to be probed

AN unidentified flying object sighting over Saltfleet on the Lincolnshire coast, is under investigation.

Several people in the area reported seeing a domed object with multi-coloured lights around it hovering and moving over the sea, said a spokesman for the British UFO Research Association.

He is appealing for anyone who saw the object, between 10.30 and 11.30 p.m. on Easter Sunday, to contact the association at 33 Green Lane, Addingham, Ilkley, Yorkshire.

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UFO pics sensation

A Yorkshire policeman's pictures have been hailed by researchers as the best evidence yet for the existence of Unidentified Flying Objects.

The three pictures, taken near Bolton Abbey by Mr. Tony Dodds, 49, at Grassington, on a November night last year, caused a sensation among UFO buffs in the United States where they were sent for authentication.

The pictures showing a disc-shaped object were taken by Mr. Dodds at 7.50 p.m. on the Skipton-Harrogate Road while driving with his wife to a meeting.

Flying saucer visit not unusual

From the editor of the Flying Saucer Review.

Dear Sir,

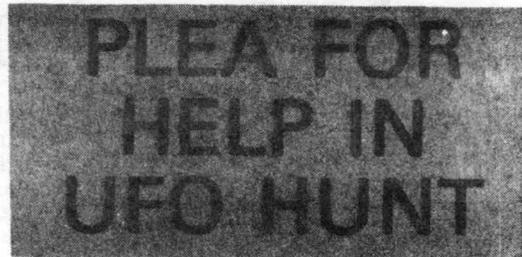
We were interested to see your account of the sighting of a UFO over Stanmore by many witnesses including police officers.

There is steady UFO activity over all parts of the world, and in our journal *Flying Saucer Review* established almost 30 years ago, we have published scores and scores of detailed accounts of close encounters with the crews of landed craft.

It was courageous of the Harrow policemen to speak out so firmly and so confidently as they did about what they had seen, but they should be warned that there is a strict Government-imposed black-out regarding UFOs, and that revealing what they have seen could be prejudicial to their chances of advancement and promotion.

Gordon Creighton,
Flying Saucer Review,
West Malling,
Kent.

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A NATIONAL UFO group is hoping to recruit investigators in Kettering to carry out research.

Alleged sightings in the area have led to the appeal from Ken Phillips, regional co-ordinator for the British UFO Research Association.

Mr Phillips said: "We have heard reports of sightings in the county in the past.

"We are looking for two or three open-minded people willing to give witnesses a fair hearing and follow up any possible explanations, and then to report back."

Mr Phillips, a Milton

Keynes maths teacher, has been involved in collecting UFO information for over 13 years.

In recent years he has investigated cases of a mysterious low flying diamond-shaped ship which hovered over two policemen and of a Northamptonshire motorist who gave chase to a cigar-shaped flying object.

There used to be an active UFO study group in the Kettering area during the 1970s but it was disbanded due to lack of support.

Mr Phillips can be contacted on 0908-679970.

THE UFO NEWS

UFO expert Stephen Brown has launched a newsletter for fellow enthusiasts.

The Odyssey is the result of many months of painstaking research into the whole subject of unidentified flying objects — from both a local and international point of view.

And his interest has also led to the formation of the Lancashire Centre for UFO Studies, based at his home in Queen Victoria Road, Burnley.

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The group now has 15 members, and the majority come from the Burnley area, but a few from elsewhere in Britain.

The purpose of the newsletter is to keep members informed about what is happening elsewhere in the world and several investigations into UFO sightings are

recorded in the publication.

Stephen, 22, a warehouse worker at Hills Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Harle Syke, formed his group after appealing on the Expressman page last year for information about local UFO sightings.

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He said: "I have had no recent reports, although several people have told me about sightings in former years.

"There seems to be quite a large number of people interested in the subject, and I'm hoping to arrange another lecture in June by a well-known speaker on UFOs."

He hopes to send Odyssey to Australia and Canada as well as other centres in Britain as part of an exchange-of-information service.

Spaced-out discussion

Space invaders returned to Bosky Dell this week. Not in person, actually, but they occupied the attention of the Bosky Dell Debating Society, in a wide-ranging discussion that ended, as many of our discussions do, in something of a fooreraw.

It was Maurice Bannerman, our sanitary engineer, who started it. Maurice is a strong believer in flying saucers, the occult, ESP, reincarnation and other unusual phenomena. I won't say he's a sucker, but he believes the Liberal party election platform, and that Queen Elizabeth I really was a virgin Queen. Which gives you an idea.

Anyway, Maurice had picked up on that story in the *Toronto Sun*, ever a reliable source, about the monster UFO that left its mark in a farm field near Brunkild, Manitoba.

Karl Wroblewsky, according to the story, found 10 holes, 18 inches deep, in an area of compressed grass on his farm.

Called in publisher

Karl had found a deep hole in the snow last winter one night after his dog howled strangely, but didn't think much of it. ("What you been doin', Karl?" "Oh, just out back checking out mystery holes in the snow after Old Blue went bonkers." "Fine, Karl. Anything interesting happens, you let us know.")

This time, however, he called in the publisher of the *Carman Valley Leader*, a "longtime UFO researcher," who said, "You have to put it down as a UFO."

Listen, when a newspaper publisher says it's a UFO, you sit up and pay attention. If Doug Creighton, after lunch at Winston's (in the days before he lunched at Mario's, or wherever the hell you lunch in Houston) came back to the *Sun* with word that he had run across beings from outer space, you think the people around here wouldn't pick up on it? They wouldn't stick the story back on Page 34, for starters.

Most of us are pretty well acclimatized to UFOs by now. We've read our Fred Hoyle and our Carl Sagan around here, and Bosky Dellers know that the mathematical chances of Other Life existing out there are high indeed.

In fact, Mundane Whittaker, our media, holds it to be self-evident that somewhere out there is a guy who plays hockey better than Wayne Gretzky. Mundane figures he's out around Alpha Centauri, practising his slapshot.

There are exceptions, of course. Cosmo Furrow, our token radical and cynic, says he doesn't swallow this UFO any more than any of the earlier sightings. In fact, he doesn't even believe there's a Brunkild. He said, "The name's too weird."

"That's rich," said Maurice Bannerman, "from a guy who lives in Bosky Dell."

Cosmo's theory is that, if there is a Brunkild, and there is a Karl Wroblewsky, and there are 10 holes in his field, there is probably a simple explanation for them.

"Oh yeah, what?" This from Maurice.

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"Maybe they're just divots," offered Cosmo, "from a really bad golfer."

Orville Threep, our discussion leader, said he doubted there was a golf course within 10 miles of Karl's field, but Cosmo said the mystery golfer maybe had a bad slice.

We ignored him, and got into theology.

Marigold Twinge, one of our battalion of widow ladies, said that what worried her about space visitors was where they stood, God-wise.

"For example," she said, "it is well understood that we are made in God's image, but what if you get some strange creatures with three heads and 13 toes and he says he's made in God's image?"

Hans Wermacht, our reeve, said she had raised an interesting point. He said we could maybe bust the stranger on the nose, and see how he liked it.

But Mundane Whittaker said that wouldn't do. "If a guy arrives in a spaceship," he pointed out, "chances are he's got nuclear bombs and all the arsenal of civilization at his disposal. Be polite, is my advice."

Huntingdon Foster, our retired stockbroker, pointed out that laying a personal claim on God was not new. He said that most religions did it, and you have the Muslims and the Christians and the Hindus and the Buddhists all putting up a claim that God was on their side.

He said it made it very embarrassing when the wrong people won a war. The Christians, he remembered, after the abortive Crusades, blushed for about six centuries.

Number of images

Maisie Frupp, the village clerk, said she didn't see any harm in a God reflected in a number of images. A God that could take Germaine Greer, Moammar Khadafy and Harold Ballard in his stride wasn't going to strain at something with three heads and 13 toes.

"In her stride," said Mildren Lumpen, chairperson of the Doris Anderson chapter of Women's Lib, Mildred holds that God is a woman.

"Oh, for pity's sake," said Orville Threep. He noted that the Church of Scotland recently ruled that God was a man, which settled the question.

Orville was ahead on points, so Mildred busted him one and the melee became general.

Actually, if you want to know how big, mysterious holes got in the ground out at Brunkild, Manitoba, they're probably traces of a local discussion on the subject of flying saucers. The holes Mildred made driving Orville into the turf were impressive indeed.

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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.

UFO expert still sees big question buzzing around

By Jan Ziegler, United Press International

NEW YORK — People who report UFOs have definitely seen something, but whether it's because of a psychological condition, an unknown earthly phenomenon or alien spaceships remains to be determined, a UFO specialist said yesterday.

J. Allen Hynek, head of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., and a professor emeritus at Northwestern University, said thousands of unidentified flying object reports — many by credible observers — have been collected from around the world.

He said the descriptions of the objects display a "strange consistency" and cannot be explained by any ordinary means. They therefore constitute a phenomenon

'The whole UFO phenomenon may tell us more about ourselves than it does outer space.'

— J. Allen Hynek, head of the Center for UFO Studies

worth studying.

"If I were writing an encyclopedia, I would replace the entry 'UFO' with 'UFO phenomenon,'" he said during a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"For we don't have any UFOs to study, but we most

certainly do have a UFO phenomenon."

Hynek said a computer analysis of 400 well-substantiated cases has demonstrated that the reported properties of UFOs are "totally inconsistent with those of everyday objects and phenomena."

"For example, some of the best-investigated and well-documented UFO reports describe objects or luminous phenomena that can hover noiselessly close to the ground and then almost instantaneously take off with tremendous speed," he said.

Hynek said it would be hard for psychologists and psychiatrists to explain how witnesses separated geographically and unaware of the others' observations could be so misled "as to imagine simultaneously, for example, that a

meteor could stop, hover, and then reverse direction."

There eventually may be such a psychological explanation, however.

"The whole UFO phenomenon may tell us more about ourselves than it does outer space," Hynek said.

Arthur Clarke, a scientist well known for his science fiction, said the whole question should be ignored until there is hard physical evidence — such as a UFO landing.

"When there really is a landing, the fact will be known a half an hour later," he said.

James E. Oberg, a Houston space engineer, said nearly all UFO sightings can be explained by ordinary means and those that cannot merely constitute a normal residue of unsolved cases.

Hundreds witness UFO fleet

HUNDREDS OF startled witnesses stood openmouthed as a fleet of UFOs sped across the skies above their nation's capital.

Incredibly, the entire event was broadcast over radio by a top reporter who was in the area reporting on another story when the flotilla of UFOs made their high speed flyover.

Gustavo Fernandez, a broadcast journalist for Radio Splendid, an Argentinian network, breathlessly described the dazzling aerial display for his listeners, reporting on the unbelievable speed of the alien craft and the rapidly changing colors they emitted in the night sky.

Two other eyewitnesses later told reporters what they'd seen over Buenos

Aires.

"We could see the objects moving across the sky at incredible speed — much faster than the aircraft which were flying in the neighborhood of the Ezziza airport at the time," one of the witnesses recalled.

"They were flying in formation, with two UFOs side-by-side in the lead, and six others behind them. They left a wake of intense yellow light.

"It took them less than a half a minute to shoot across the sky. I've never seen anything like it before."

... in the skies over their nation's capital

Reporters covering the story were astounded by the huge numbers of people who observed the event. Even firemen located in two different areas south of the city reported sighting the alien craft.

They described the UFOs as emitting brilliant green, yellow and white rays of light. They said that the objects moved from west to east at breathtaking speeds.

Among the throng of observers were Buenos Aires police officers who were on patrol in various areas of the city when the unworldly dis-

play began at approximately 2:40 a.m.

"I was on duty near the seaport when I heard someone shouting. I saw a man on the bridge of a ship pointing to the sky and I looked up," officer Antonio Guzman said.

"Suddenly I saw a group of aircraft moving silently at unimaginable rates of speed — I saw nine of them although others said there were only eight.

"They sparkled like Christmas trees — the colors were beautiful. The whole thing was over in seconds."

Reports that the radar screens at the huge Ezziza airport actually picked up the UFOs were officially denied by airport employees.

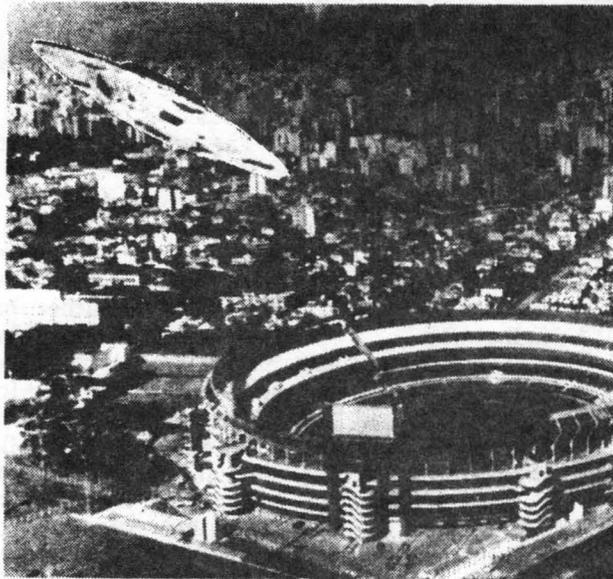
"This is undoubtedly one of the most provable sightings of UFOs in history," said Carlos Sanchez, a top South American UFO investigator.

"Hundreds upon hundreds of people saw them as they

passed over Buenos Aires. Policemen, government officials, firemen and journalists were among the witnesses.

"They described craft which flashed various colored rays of light as they crossed the sky above.

"There's no doubt in my mind that what they saw was a fleet of alien spaceships on some sort of scouting mission," Sanchez said.



ARTIST'S interpretation of UFO sighting over the city of Buenos Aires.

Following their close encounter, Coatesville men found UFO unit

By Nancy Meanix
Eagle/Times Correspondent

At about 9 p.m. one August night in 1982, John Markward and John Freeland, both of Coatesville, saw what they claim was an unidentified flying object.

"We were on the night shift then and had just finished eating on picnic benches outside," said Markward, who with Freeland works at the Philadelphia Electric Co. "All of a sudden, on the northern horizon, we saw a fiery ball speeding toward us.

"The tail turned bright orange as it flew fairly low overhead. Then the tail grew brighter as if increasing in heat. It almost seemed to boil. Then it took off incredibly fast toward the other horizon.

"Needless to say, no one got much work done that night," he added. "We were still outside an hour later when it, or possibly something else, appeared again in the sky, this time looking like a bright headlight.

"Strangely enough, it made a quick turn and zig-zagged up and down in a very controlled way. For just a while it hovered, then lowered itself behind trees on the horizon and disappeared."

MARKWARD AND FREELAND, along with co-worker Bob Moyer, have founded the Citizens Investigative Research Team, a group of 20 members investigating possible UFO sightings and encouraging people to report anything remotely resembling a so-called close encounter.

Freeland said people may be considered crackpots, but he wants UFO believers to come out of the closet and join CIRT.

Markward, who may be contacted at 1534 Waimea Drive, Downingtown, said that the group has secured legal advice, written by-laws, and printed forms for investigation reports.

He noted that all members do not have to act as investigators.

FOR MANY YEARS, he has been fascinated with the UFO concept and has done a great deal of research on the subject. He also is an investigator for another private group called the Scientific Bureau of Investigation, based in Staten Island, N.Y.

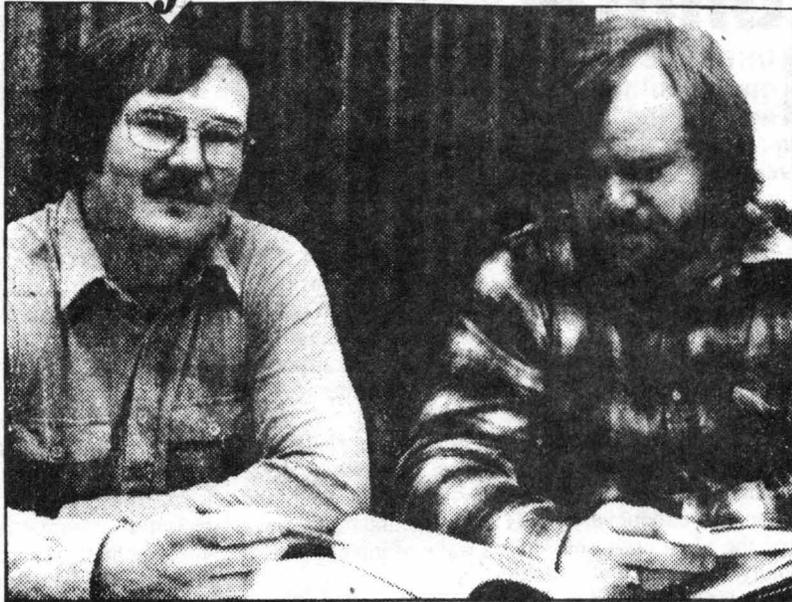


Photo by Nancy Meanix

John Markward, left, and John Freeland, both of Coatesville, are leaders of a Chester County-based group trained to investigate sightings of UFOs.

"When I saw our UFO, I called them at SBI and learned of many reported sightings up and down the eastern coastline that same night," Markward said. "The federal government later tried to explain the happening as a meteor, but I have tracked many meteors and studied the stars. That was no meteor, because they don't change directions and speed in that way."

The group is funded out of the founders' pockets now, but dues of \$10 annually will bring in enough to print a newsletter. Someday, the membership hopefully will be as high as 100, and investigators will be able to travel to gather information on all suspected sightings.

They will question all witnesses separately, examine the site for footprints or craft indentation, and contact local airport and weather-service personnel. Records of sightings will be publicized to the CIRT membership and to the press.

MARKWARD, a utility manager at Philadelphia Electric, feels the government is stonewalling citizens about UFO sightings. He says that since the government announced in 1971 that it would cease its own investigations, it instead has hidden a continuing

investigation and has withheld the real conclusions drawn from past studies "... for fear of pushing people into a panic situation just like we experienced when Orson Welles' radio program about a so-called Martian invasion scared everyone."

The government has identified many UFOs as normal aircraft, weather balloons, swamp gas, meteors, hoaxes, and even miracles, claims Markward.

"But I think the American people can take the truth," he said. "After all, we came through global wars all right. And if the UFO was manned by unfriendly creatures, they have had plenty of time to invade us by now, when you think of it.

"Perhaps they are leery of us," Markward suggested. "Maybe they think we are barbarians because we are the only species that kills its own.

"So many people don't even want to think about the possibility of contact with other planets. Many would admit it (the possibility of alien life) on a one-to-one basis but never in a large group. We encourage people to contact us without fear of being laughed at.

"For myself, I would love to see another UFO — in fact, I'd love to have a close personal encounter."

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Mysterious Lights Glow In Texas Skies

Mysterious lights are flashing across a desolate landscape in southwest Texas. The lights are observed south of Marfa, a town about 60 miles (90 kilometers) north of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Observers say that the light disks zigzag and bound across fields. Sometimes a disk may break into smaller parts.

Ever since the lights were first discovered in 1883, scientists have been trying to explain what causes the mysterious disks. Some people think that the lights are glowing methane

gas. Methane is often called swamp gas because it is found in stagnant water and swamps. However, scientists point out that there are no gas deposits or swamps in this part of Texas.

Another theory is that the lights are Saint Elmo's fire. Saint Elmo's fire is a luminous discharge of electricity that occurs when the atmosphere becomes electrically charged, like in a storm. Yet, if the lights are due to a glowing electrical discharge, why are they generated only in this area and not over similar land nearby?

One astronomer thinks that the light

disks may be light from vehicle headlights. When layers of air of sharply different densities are found in the atmosphere, light rays may be bent in unusual ways. Lights from a car may travel many miles through the atmosphere before being bent back to the Earth's surface.

Yet, how do scientists explain the sighting of light disks in 1883 before autos were invented? Starlight, answers the astronomer. Starlight may also have been bent in much the same way that light from headlights is bent. ●



Baseball Slugger: How UFO Encounter Changed My Life

Baseball star Darrell Evans says a "close encounter" with a UFO changed his life — and gave his career a big boost.

The Detroit Tigers slugger and his wife Ladonna were sitting outside their home in Pleasanton, Calif., in June 1982 when they spotted a strange light in the night sky.

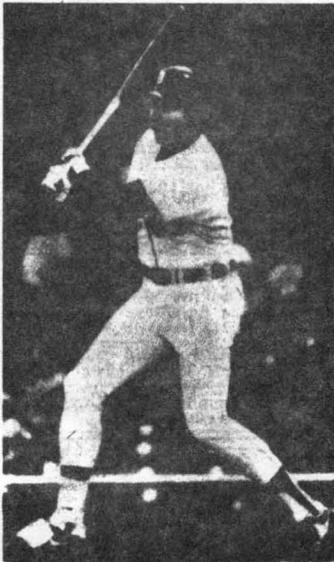
"The light seemed to be a little brighter than any others, and the closer it got, the brighter it got," recalled Evans in an exclusive interview.

"What made it so unusual was that it was moving so slowly. And there was no sound whatsoever.

"It ended up stopping about 60 yards from our house and just hovered there, almost over a neighbor's house.

"The thing was a triangular shape, with the back kind of flattened out.

"The front had a rounded nose and some sort of dome. All the light was coming from the back, more of a



SUPER SLUGGER: Evans hit five home runs in a month after seeing UFO.

glow than an actual light. It was about 20 to 30 yards wide, maybe 15 to 20 yards from the nose to the flat back end and was a dull gray

color. Ladonna and I looked at each other and didn't say a thing.

"Then, after about a minute, I decided I'd get my camera. But just as I was getting up to go inside, the thing started to leave, as if to say, 'No, we're not going to let you take a picture of us.' I felt it sensed what I was about to do.

"A minute or so later, it appeared again on the other side of our house, about a half-mile away. Then, all of a sudden, without any sound at all, it took off like a jet and was gone!

"The next day, we checked the papers to see if anyone else had seen it, and even called the nearby airport to see if they'd spotted anything unusual on the radar. There was nothing.

"At the time of the sighting, I was with the San Francisco Giants, sitting on the bench for the first time in my career. The UFO was a special part of my life."

Evans explained that his UFO sighting led him to think about the universe and made his personal problems seem less significant. He put his problems behind him and was able to concentrate on his ballplaying.

"The UFO gave me a more positive outlook," he said.

"It made me realize there are a lot of things out there that are more important.

"When I got a chance to play again, I approached things a lot more intensely than before."

Once Evans did start playing again, he hit five home runs in one month — equaling his total for the previous two months. The next season, he clouted an impressive 30 homers, and went on to join the league-leading Detroit Tigers.

— PABLO FENJVES



Physicist says extraterrestrials will likely contact us

Special from
The Star-Phoenix

SASKATOON — The likelihood of extraterrestrial beings making their presence known to "earthlings" is greater now than ever.

There are two reasons for the increasing likelihood of intergalactic contact and communication, according to Stan Friedman, 49, a nuclear physicist who has spent the last 11 years on the lecture circuit declaring the existence of UFOs.

First, the current generation — the "Star Trek" generation, as Friedman calls it — would be more receptive to such contact than its predecessors, and alien beings who have been observing Earth for however long are aware of this.

"All you have to do is watch Saturday morning cartoons: space is the place," Friedman said, adding that this is the first generation that has grown up with a notion of space travel as fact, not fiction.

The upshot of this has been ever-increasing percentage of the population who believe in the existence of UFOs. A 1978 Gallup Poll revealed that 70 per cent of the population under 30 believed UFOs to be real. Among those 50 and older, only 40 per cent believed in them.

Friedman based his second reason upon his work from 1956 to 1970 as a nuclear physicist with General Electric, Aerojet General Nucleonics, General Motors, Westinghouse and TRW Systems working, among other things, on the development of fission and fusion rockets.

"Soon we'll be going to the stars," offered Friedman, who spoke Tuesday at the University of Saskatchewan. "Within less than 100 years, we'll be going to visit them."

According to Friedman, alien beings, aware through their long-time observation of Earth that our technology is edging toward the sophistication necessary to enable us to travel outside our solar system, may soon condescend to communicate with us, for the good of the universe.

"Whatever mess we make of our planet is our business, but when we start moving out it becomes their problem too," he said of their motivation for announcing their presence, especially since, relative to them, earthlings are a primitive civilization.

In Friedman's opinion, the evidence substantiating the existence of UFOs is overwhelming. There have been more than 2,000 landing trace cases reported from 64 countries, he said, adding there has also been a myriad of believable "critter" reports and earthling abduction claims.

Although many of his contentions may be news to the public, he says the world's major governments, certainly that of the United States, are not only cognizant of the existence of UFOs, but possess documented proof which they classify in the interest of national security, resulting in what Friedman calls a "Cosmic Watergate."

To substantiate his contention, Friedman referred to Federal Court Judge Gerhard Gessell's November, 1980, ruling against the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy — of which Friedman is a member — which had challenged the National Security Agency's right to classify 100 of its documents concerning UFOs.

Judge Gessell.

In handing down his decision, the judge said: "The in-camera affidavit presents factual considerations which aided the court in determining that the public interest in disclosure is far outweighed by the sensitive nature of the materials and the obvious effect on national security their release may well entail."

Although Friedman resents governments keeping the lid on their UFO findings, he does not find it surprising.

"I think the answer is obvious," he said. "First, I think there is a technological reason. The government that can find out how they work — because they can fly circles around us — and duplicate the technology will be able to dominate Earth.

"Second, it is important to be the first to duplicate the technology, because the other side of the coin is how do you defend against it if the other side does it before you.

Finally, there is a political problem. If there was to be an announcement verifying the existence of UFOs, it would result in a whole new view of ourselves, especially by the younger generation.

"Instead of defining ourselves as Canadians or Chinese or whatever, we'd think of ourselves globally as 'earthlings.'"

Q. Have UFOs ever been seen over Winnipeg?

A. Yes. In a report released last July by Chris Rutkowski, chairman of Project UFO Canada, there had been a total of 499 sightings in Manitoba. Sightings have been made in 154 locations in the province, including Winnipeg, said Rutkowski, who has been studying the phenomena for 10 years.

U.F.O. — OFFICIAL PROBE!

By Michael Vinter, Science Correspondent

WHEN ANYONE or anything is able to penetrate the defences of a strategic NATO airbase in the front line of European defences, and moreover staffed by anti-tank bombers and alerted by one of the tightest radar networks in the world, surely questions must inevitably arise in high places?

Following The Advertiser's report last week of an officially confirmed UFO landing within half a mile of the Ipswich station, I am reliably informed that American security agencies have been forced into releasing formerly classified memoranda.

One of these states plainly that the UFO problem "transcends the level of individual responsibility and is of such importance as to merit cognisance and action by the National Security Council."

It is now admitted there were actually TWO close encounters in the Rendlesham Forest, one of which lasted three hours.

Alien pilots allegedly held a long conversation with one high ranking American officer, he then sought advice from Squadron Leader Donald Morland, Commander of RAF Woodbridge, which lies alongside the US tactical base.

While the alien craft was cordoned by a military guard, the occupants were able to

make hasty repairs and depart. Irrefutable traces of their presence were later destroyed by their authorities.

Amazingly, only one major British paper, apart from The Advertiser, appears to have published the story. But I understand that Jenny Randles, co-author of Sky Crash, and account of a UFO landing in 1980, near Ipswich, will be discussing the Rendlesham contact on the BBC Television programme Weekend, scheduled for transmission on May 25th.

While a Ministry of Defence spokesman, in conjunction with the Pentagon, confirms the details of my report, I have learned that an investigation into a further spate of over thirty sightings in Lancashire is proceeding with the utmost seriousness.

Chief Inspector Norman Collinson of CID Salford explains that many of these, occurring in the region of the Rossendale Valley between Todmorden and Burnley, may be explained by misobservation or rare meteorological phenomena.

At the same time he is compelled to report having watched a brilliantly lighted circular object that made 90-degree turns and other impossible manoeuvres in the sky over Heywood.

Pausing a moment, it accelerated from a standing start and crossed from horizon-to-horizon in under two seconds.

Sir Patrick Wall, a prominent MP and member of the Government select committee, is waiting to table a question in the House.

In a future article I shall be looking at the implications of rare meteorology, also at one startling possibility — fully supported by NASA evidence — as to the origin of those silver suited aliens!!

Spaceman heads Soviet UFO probe

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THE Soviet Union has set up a commission to investigate unidentified flying objects (UFOs) following an incident last year involving a "flying cigar" near Gorky, the Soviet trade union newspaper Trud reported in Moscow yesterday.

It said the commission had been established in February to vet all sightings of moving objects or flashing lights in the sky and was headed by Pavel Popovich, a former cosmonaut.

Mr. Popovich told the paper there were hundreds of reports each year in the Soviet Union and that most could be explained away. But scientists had been disturbed by the events which defied rational analysis in Gorky, 250 miles from Moscow.

In the evening of March 27, 1983, air traffic controllers at Gorky airport had located a craft flying toward them which did not respond to radio signals, he said.

The controllers saw the object with their own eyes as it approached the airfield and described it as a steel-grey "cigar" about the size of an airliner but without wings or a tail fin.

Trud quoted Anatoly Logunov, a vice-president of the Academy of Sciences, as saying that most so-called UFO reports provided too little information

But he added that Soviet scientists took the subject seriously and accepted there were occasional well-documented sightings