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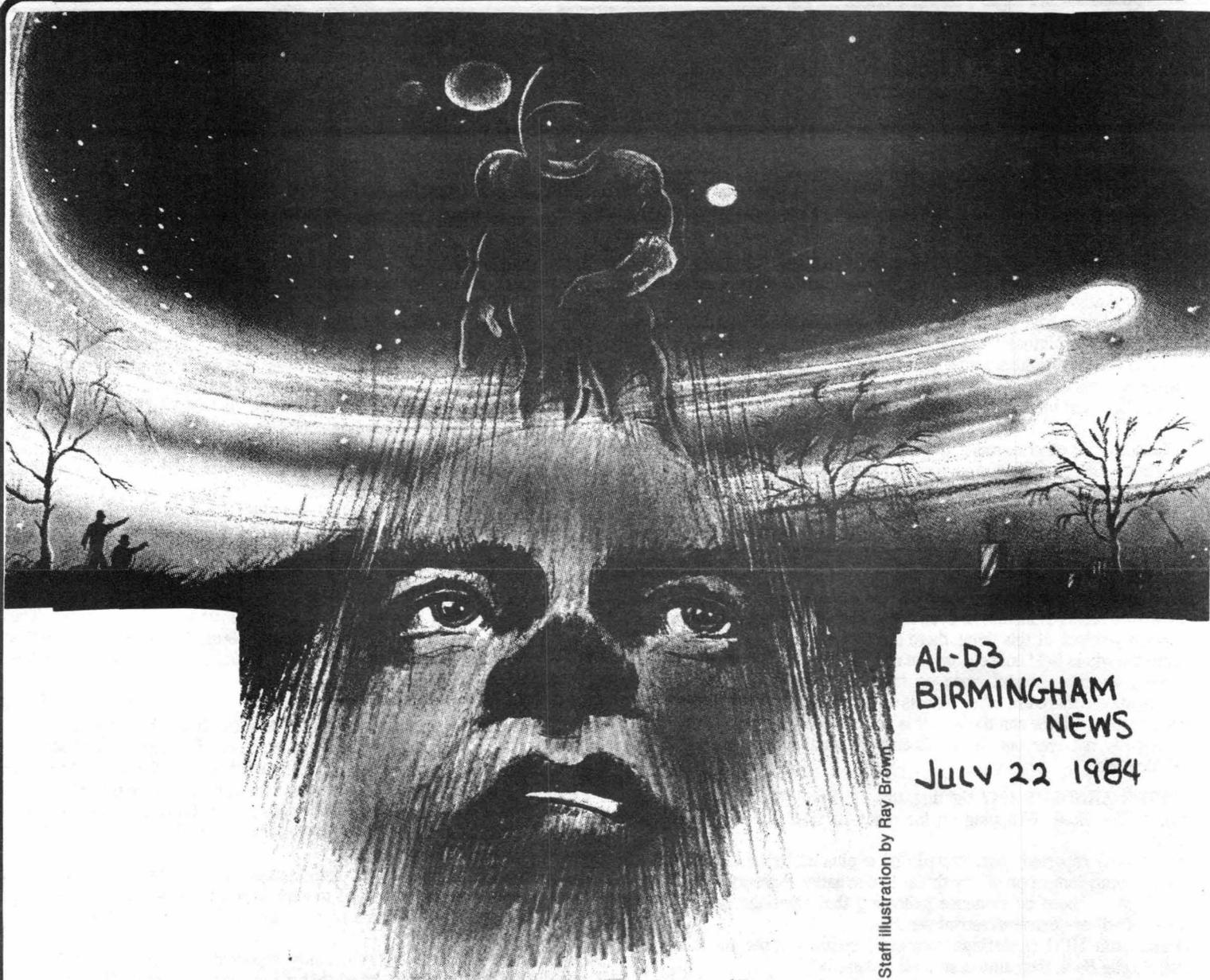


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UFO'S

Hiding in space or gone for good?

By **Mike Bolton**
News correspondent

TUSCALOOSA — Where have all the UFOs gone?
Thirty-seven years ago, the age of the unidentified flying object began for most Americans when Kenneth Arnold of Boise, Idaho, told the Air Force that nine objects which looked like "flying saucers" followed his airplane over Mount Rainer, Wash.

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LIFO'S HIDING IN SPACE? CONT

Although it was by no means the first, nor last, reported sighting of an unidentified object in the sky, Arnold's description introduced the term "flying saucer" to America.

The Air Force quit investigating UFO reports in 1969, but not before it examined about 12,600 cases in the United States following Arnold's sighting. More than 700 of the reported sightings were not explained by the Air Force.

Reports of flying saucers and space creatures continued to circulate through the country as late as 1977, but since then, reported sightings have become almost nil.

Have the UFOs returned to their home galaxy, or was UFO sighting just a fad that outlived its time?

"UFO sightings have died down considerably," said Edward J. Planz, the director for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) in Alabama. "Why? I don't know. . . . The sightings now are minute."

MUFON was established to take over the investigation of UFOs where the Air Force left off, Planz explained.

PLANZ AND others around the state, under the direction of MUFON, investigate UFO sightings and forward information to the national network.

Planz, an associate professor and counselor for undergraduate engineering students at the University of Alabama, chases the UFO reports during his spare time. He also has taught classes on the subject.

Is he is a believer?

"I've never seen a UFO," Planz said. "At times I wish I had. I do believe that we are rather reluctant to even admit such things are possible.

"When you look at this thing, there are two ways you can turn. You can negate the whole field entirely, or you can say that there is a possibility.

"We have to be careful when we talk about our galaxy and our solar system. Maybe there are other planets in our galaxy that are inhabited. It's very possible with the sun the way it is and the conditions that exist."

Obviously, not everyone shares his enthusiasm about UFOs, including the U.S. Air Force.

AFTER ARNOLD'S 1947 sighting, the Air Force began a study called *Project Blue Book*. Wrapping up the study in 1969, the Air Force concluded:

- No UFO reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of any threat to our national security.

- There has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles.

Planz said UFO reportings continued steadily after the closing of *Project Blue Book*, then almost stopped around 1977.

"There really hasn't been anything major since the Pascagoula incident," Planz said.

On the night of Oct. 11, 1973, Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin Parker, 19, said they were fishing from a pier on the Mississippi River in Pascagoula when they noticed a luminous, saucer-shaped craft approaching them.

The men said the blue-gray object, some 8 feet in diameter, made a whirring noise and landed 40 feet from the pier. They said three pale, fuzzy creatures, about 5 feet tall, floated from the craft.

Parker told authorities he fainted immediately. Hickson said he was carried in a weightless condition to the craft, examined by two creatures who treated him very gently, and released.

THEIR STORY might have been laughed at and forgotten. But the men told exact stories to a sheriff and a deputy in separate rooms and on separate tape recorders. And Pascagoula resident Larry Booth, a former Air Force pilot who did not know of the two men, had called in a report of a UFO in the area at the time the incident was said to have happened.

Dr. James Harder, a professor of engineering at the University of California and an accomplished hypnotist, and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who had headed up *Project Blue Book*, went to Mississippi to investigate.

The two men who said they had seen the UFO were hypnotized, but Hickson's terror and fear was so great, he had to be brought out immediately, Harder said.

Harder concluded both men's experiences were real and their reactions virtually impossible to simulate while they were under hypnosis.

Hynek concluded that Hickson and Parker "are not unbalanced people. They're not crackpots. I'd like to have a little more physical evidence, but I am satisfied with the reality of their experience."

UFO REPORTS in the Pascagoula area continued for years after that, but most people scoffed it off as a hoax, newspaper accounts said.

Planz said proven hoaxes involving UFOs and alien beings have given the business of UFO investigation a black eye. He noted that one of the

most elaborate hoaxes happened in Alabama.

Jeff Greenhaw, a policeman in the Falkville community near Hartselle, was dispatched to investigate a report of a glowing object on the outskirts of his town in October 1973.

Greenhaw went to the area alone. While patrolling a dirt road on foot in search for the light, he encountered a "space creature."

Remembering he had a Polaroid camera in his car, he went back for it, then reapproached the "creature" and took pictures. The pictures, showing a man-like creature in an aluminum-colored suit, hit newspapers across the state and even made *The New York Times*.

But a year later, extensive computer-testing of the photographs showed the "creature" had the exact proportions of a human, with aluminum foil covering the buttons and zippers of his suit made of fire-resistant materials. The report of the incident, in the files of MUFON, conclude that the pictures represent a humorous attempt at hoaxing a space creature.

Other Alabama incidents on file at MUFON are not easily explained. Many of those who have seen UFOs got the scare of their lives and would like their experience to be forgotten.

Lisa Campbell was 17 when a UFO allegedly visited the Hayden Mountain community the night of Sept. 11, 1977. Mrs. Campbell, who now lives in Warrior, says she will never forget it.

She and Larry Phillips were at her mother's house when they noticed a bright light shining through a window. They went outside and saw a bluish-gray object hovering over the mountains with no sound. They decided to alert their neighbors, Terry and Teresa White, who were in their front yard watching the object when Lisa and Larry arrived. The Whites had contacted police.

A state trooper who had heard the report arrived and he, too, watched.

THE GROUP saw a second craft come out from the mountains in the north and get in a vertical line with the other. The second craft stayed a few seconds, White remembers, and flew off toward the south. The group watched the remaining craft for about five minutes before it left.

"We were stunned, as you can imagine," Mrs. Campbell said. "We went home and all of a sudden we had a cousin to come flying in the door telling us he had seen a flying saucer.

"I didn't really believe in flying saucers before then, but now I know they're here. People have tried to explain what we saw as a lot of things, but I know what we saw that night. I saw it. Don't tell me it was anything but what I saw."

A Moundville resident reluctantly reported his story of a 1976 UFO sighting to MUFON, but asked that his name not be used. He says he has never even told his friends.

"This is a small town and people will think you are a kook," he said.

He said "a light kept appearing in the sky around here and just about everybody noticed it.

"I had bought me a new truck and put me a CB in it. I didn't hook the radio up for about a month, but when I did, I noticed this light would follow me whenever I turned the radio on."

One night, he said, he and his wife noticed the object pacing the truck, about 2,000 feet high. "We drove the truck down the road a bit and pulled off on the shoulder in a pine thicket so we could get a better look.

"When we did that, the object came down very rapidly. . . . It was at least 100 feet across and it was putting out a brilliant light. . . .

"We were in a state of panic. . . . It was so bright I could hardly see my wife next to me.

"We left and the craft continued to follow us. I went to my father-in-law's house and he came out and saw it. . . . We watched it awhile and it finally seemed to plunge down behind the trees in the river behind us."

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UFO'S HIDING IN SPACE? CONT

The man who saw it says he wishes he hadn't. He has suffered two heart attacks and a stroke in the seven years since the incident, he says, and he added that he felt the scare he received that night was part of the reason.

"I never believed any of that flying saucer stuff," he said. "I always just laughed it off.

"I've been down to the place where that happened that night and everything around there is dead. Everything is brown. Whatever it was killed everything."

Another sighting from the same night in Moundville is on file with MUFON.

Planz says the lack of recent UFO sightings is a mystery, but adds that his group is ready to investigate should they occur.

Some, like a special few in Warrior and Moundville, believe we haven't heard the last.

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UFOs are real— and they're killing people

NOT ALL E.T.s are cuddly little cuties capable of winning earthmen's hearts. Some of them, unfortunately, are cold-blooded killers.

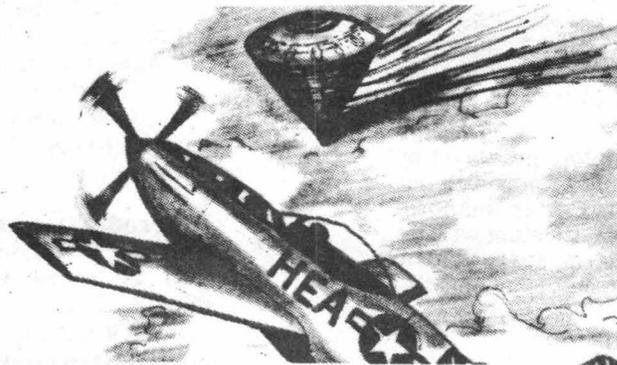
The first known evidence that hostile UFOs cruise the skies above us came in January of 1948 when an alien craft blasted a heroic Air Force fighter pilot out of the skies.

Captain Thomas Mantell was the victim in this bizarre incident and despite government attempts at a cover-up UFO investigators learned the facts of the case in which a true hero has been denied the honor due his memory.

Captain Mantell was flying his F-51 Mustang fighter on a training mission when the three fighters in his group were ordered to investigate a mysterious object.

The object had been sighted not only by a number of observers in the neighborhood of Godman Air Force Base in Kentucky, but by control tower airmen at the Air Force base itself.

Mantell, already well ahead of the two companion



ENCOUNTER: A U.S. Air Force Mustang fighter on a death course with a UFO.

By ANSON HEATH

aircraft, pointed his plane's nose skyward and went to full speed.

"I see something above and ahead of me, and I'm still climbing," Mantell told the tower.

"It looks metallic and is tremendous in size."

As baffled tower officials waited with growing nervousness they heard Mantell announce "It's above me, and I'm gaining on it. I'm going to 20,000 feet."

Then there was silence.

Later that day a shocked search party found Mantell's remains among the shattered bits and pieces of his Mus-

... experts say military is covering up

tang some 90 miles from the air base.

The official Air Force explanation was that Mantell had gone to his death chasing the planet Venus!

Those who claimed to be familiar with the case however, had a far different story. They said that Mantell's body bore burn marks caused by some mysterious death ray.

Moreover, they said that the object had been described by observers as looking like

"a huge ice cream cone topped with red," — hardly a description of the planet Venus, and that the government knew that Mantell's plane had been attacked by a UFO and was trying to cover up that fact.

They backed up their claims by pointing to the fact that Captain Mantell was a highly respected, cool-headed veteran pilot scarcely likely to mistake a heavenly body for a UFO.

Adding credibility to the skeptic's claims was the fact that a bare 15 days after Mantell's tragic encounter, the Air Force announced its now famous investigation of UFOs, a development that indicated that the government did not believe its own story about pilots chasing Venus.

Ten months later, in October of 1948, another UFO vs. Air Force pilot case occurred when an Air National Guard officer, Lt. George F. Gorman, actually engaged in a dog fight with a UFO he had been chasing. After twice di-

ving out of way of the onrushing UFO a shaken Gorman broke off his duel and returned to his base.

Gorman was chasing a balloon, the Air Force said.

"Chasing a balloon that actually attacked him? That's nonsense," a veteran UFO investigator said.

"There have been lots of reports like that but they've been covered up. The truth is that there's somebody up there that doesn't like us."

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Did ¹²⁸¹ spaceship rock Siberia?

Moscow (UPI)—An explosion that devastated 1,500 square miles of central Siberia in 1908 may have been caused by an alien spaceship crashing to Earth, according to a Soviet scientist.

About 7 a.m. on June 30, 1908, an object moved over the vast central Siberia landscape and exploded with a force that flattened trees over 830 square miles, ignited forests over a larger region and produced an earthquake.

The blast was estimated at the equivalent of a 35-megaton bomb and was felt 600 miles away.

A scientist identified only as N. Vassiliev, who headed an expedition from the University of Tomsk, said the angle and speed of impact for whatever caused the great Tunguska explosion do not support the theory it was caused by a comet or meteorite—the most common explanations through the years.

A RECENT meeting of the Siberian branch of the USSR

Academy of Sciences concluded the explosion "cannot be considered within the concepts accepted so far," Vassiliev said in an interview with the government newspaper Izvestia.

Important new data undermine earlier views that the explosion was caused by a comet or meteorite colliding with Earth, since it would have struck at a high speed and angle, he said.

There is proof that just before it exploded, the object changed from an east-to-west direction to move north, the scientist said.

"We must admit, therefore, that the object changed its height and azimuth in the atmosphere, and made a sharp turn to the west over the Angara River," Vassiliev said.

"Phenomena produced by it may testify to the existence in space of matter unknown to us or ... a meeting with an extraterrestrial space vehicle or a probe."

LAGRANDE, OR OBSERVER
MAY 29 1984

Specialist claims UFOs exist, do not resemble known objects

NEW YORK (UPI) — UFO's exist — and the evidence is that they do not resemble any known objects, like meteors or weather balloons, a UFO specialist said today.

J. Allen Hynek, head of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., and a professor emeritus at Northwestern University, 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."

In all the chosen cases, the observers were credible and unaware of each others' reports, he said.

"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.

"Known objects which hover are not silent, and those which take off

with tremendous speed are not silent," he told the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Some other findings:

— Of the 158 UFOs reported to be silent and the 69 with unusual powers of acceleration, 23 exhibited both abilities, "a paradoxical situation."

— One hundred of the cases occurred in broad daylight. Of those, 37 were silent, 41 were disc-shaped, 27

hovered, 21 accelerated unusually quickly, 11 landed, 35 were metallic, and 30 were witnessed independently.

Hynek said psychologists and psychiatrists would be hard put 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."

He said whatever the explanation, the phenomenon of UFO's warrants further study.

Hynek said the UFO center was founded in 1973 and has since collected 80,000 UFO reports from 140 countries. Not all the reports are worthy of study, he said.

"There remains, however, an impressive residue of truly baffling detailed reports...." he said.

Those bright lights over Leeds

WITH regard to the report about a UFO over Leeds on the night of Monday, July 23, both my husband and myself stood watching this object for a full five minutes. We saw it at 10 p.m. also.

It appeared to us as two large very bright stars, one slightly smaller than the other. The lights were very bright and constantly changing.

Then suddenly it wasn't there any more, the sky was empty. My first reaction was to phone the police, but on second thoughts, I thought they would think me a nutcase.

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IRISH INDEPENDENT, DUBLIN, JULY 31 1984

UFO landing outside British NATO base is claimed



INDEPENDENT researchers claim in a new book that the US government has engaged in a cover-up of UFO sightings — including one at a NATO base in England, identified as RAF Woodbridge.

The book, *Clear Intent*, by Lawrence Fawcett and Barry Greenwood, says the US air force, CIA and other government agencies are investigating UFO sightings in military or security areas, with incidents occurring at a NATO in-

stallation in England and another in the US as recently as 1980.

Say the authors, who have been involved in UFO research for 20 years: "Our main drive is to get a congressional hearing, open to the public."

And Fawcett said: "We feel the people of the US have been lied to for 30 years, and it's time for the secrecy and cover-ups to end."

A detective from Connecticut, he is a member of the National Board of

Directors of the Centre for UFO Studies.

He and colleagues have collected under the Freedom of Information Act and other sources thousands of pages of previously-classified information on UFOs.

Said Fawcett: "There have been a series of sightings in Westchester, N.Y., right now, where credible people are seeing something nightly. We understand air force planes are pursuing these things. We now have military

people coming forward who told us of a UFO incident, in England in autumn 1980 where a UFO landed right outside our NATO base."

He identified the base as RAF Woodbridge where, he said, "for four days running there were landings of what the guards described as misshaped articles within confines where there were stored nuclear materials."

"It sounded outlandish — a machine landing, surrounded, pictures taken. I filed a Freedom of Information request

and got the response that it did not happen. Our researchers found that something occurred, something landed. There were marks — some radiation, and so on. Every attempt to get tape recordings, or pictures, was met by flat denials."

The book also recounts a "unidentified aerial light" at Kirtland air force base, New Mexico in August, 1980. A seven-page air force document confirmed something had, indeed, happened.

Expert solves riddle of rings

UFO EXPERT Philip Taylor has a down-to-earth explanation for the mystery rings which have appeared on a hillside near Seaford.

"They're a hoax, a silly prank," he said.

Mr Taylor, who is the British UFO Research Association investigator for the South-East, visited the site at High and Over last night.

He said: "I would say the rings have been caused by people with chains or ropes."

Doubts

"One person stands in the middle of the ring and the other walks in a clockwise circle until all the corn is flattened.

"There have been several similar cases in Wiltshire in the last few years. These are similar in size and formation.

"I reckon it's all a set-up. It seems to be the silly season," he said.

Mr Taylor said he had his doubts about the authenticity of the rings as soon as he heard where they were.

According to the Ordnance Survey map they are on Cradle Hill. The area in Wiltshire which had become notorious for UFO sightings was also called Cradle Hill, he said.

"I would say that's certainly why this particular cornfield was chosen."

Similar

Cradle Hill, near Warminster, Wiltshire, has become a favourite spot for UFO sightings. It was one of the first places in Britain with more than one reported sighting of unidentified objects.

Similar rings have been appearing on there on and off for the last eight years and each year hundreds of hopefuls gather for a UFO watch.

HASTINGS EVENING ARGUS, SUSSEX

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The hill is also near the home of author Arthur Shuttlewood, famous for his books on UFO's.

Mr Norman Hathaway, chief sub-editor of the Wiltshire Times, said the rings had become a regular feature in his paper.

"We always seem to have them at this time of year. There are lots of theories over how they get there — the most popular one seems to be a helicopter hovering above the cornfield.

"It still remains a mystery and a jolly good laugh to us," he said.

HASTINGS EVENING ARGUS SUSSEX

Is ET fed up with home?

STRANGE markings on East Sussex downland had police and sightseers going round in circles.

The mystery rings appeared overnight in a cornfield near Seaford at the weekend.

Police have been left wondering whether it was extraterrestrials or a clever hoaxer who visited the site.

A policeman spotted the circles in the field at High And Over as he drove to work on Saturday.

"They were clearly visible from the road," a fellow officer said today.

"There was one circle about 20ft. in diameter with four evenly-spaced outer circles about 5ft. across.

Elaborate

"Where they were the corn had been flattened but there were no scorch marks or foot prints to be seen.

"We had a look at it and duly logged it as a sighting but more than that we don't know. Apparently it is similar to circles found at Salisbury a few weeks ago so UFO societies might be interested in it.

"If it was a hoax it is certainly a very good and elaborate one and many members of the public went up to have a look."

The rings were on part of Rathfinny Farm owned by Mr John Mossop, who was unavailable for comment this morning.

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Church fire blamed on aliens

Yorkshire Post Correspondent

CLAIMS that York Minster was set on fire by an alien space ship were received with scepticism by churchmen yesterday.

Two drivers said that they saw a Zeppelin-shaped object flying over the cathedral on the night of July 8.

Mr. Bill Whitehead, 44, a taxi driver, of Haxby, York, said he was at St. Sampson's Square rank at 2 a.m. when he saw what looked like a space ship sending down a flame-coloured ray of light while over the Minster.

Mr. Eddie Acaster, 55, a van driver, said he made a similar sighting from his home in North Moor Road, Huntington, York, and quickly sketched a picture of the UFO glowing brightly and leaving a white vapour trail.

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Both men said they had not come forward sooner for fear of being ridiculed.

But yesterday, a Minster official, Canon Michael Bowering, said: "Have these chaps seen opticians lately? I look forward rather more to seeing the official fire officer's report."

A senior North Yorkshire fire officer engaged in the inquiry into the blaze added: "We have certain leads about the fire which we are investigating, but a UFO attack is not one of them."

Five RAF bases and three civil aviation airfields in the area revealed that no aircraft were in the vicinity at the time of the reported sightings nor were there any official UFO sightings.

Government secrecy shrouds UFOs in deeper mystery

All over the United States, all over the world, in fact, people are continuing to see Unidentified Flying Objects. And even though the U.S. government long ago discontinued "Operation Blue Book," the formal investigation of UFO sightings, it is still looking into UFO reports — and keeping its inquiries secret.

That is the message of the book *Clear Intent*, which crossed my desk the other day. It isn't an "easy read," because it is filled with references taken from federal reports on UFO sightings, reports replete with jargon and acronyms. But those documents, obtained by authors Lawrence Fawcett and Barry Greenwood through the Freedom of Information Act, paint a fascinating picture of federal reticence to share with the public what government investigators have learned about UFOs.

Of course, a lot of what the government has learned is that many UFO sightings, most of them in fact, are the result either of natural phenomena or vivid imaginations.

But there are some instances that are chilling in their mystery.

Such as the early morning on

Nov. 7, 1975, when several independent witnesses near Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., reported seeing "a large red to orange to yellow object in the sky above them. This object 'seems to have lights (several) on it,' the report says, and 'seems to be issuing a black object from it, tubular in shape.'"

No, the object was not the sun, nor was it northern lights, as subsequent investigation confirmed. What was it? Nobody knows.

But on Nov. 8, another, similar object was sighted near

Malmstrom, and on Nov. 9, a third object.

The reports on these sightings, although nothing in them could be considered a danger to national security, were kept secret until the authors of *Clear Intent* obtained them.

All this interests me because in Tacoma we are near the cradle of modern UFO sightings, Mount Rainier. On June 24, 1947, Kenneth Arnold, a pilot businessman from Boise, saw nine, shiny, crescent-shaped objects in the daylight sky over Rainier, where he was flying as part of a Civil Air Patrol search. Arnold's "flying saucers," as they became known, were the forerunners of tens of thousands of sightings worldwide that have been reported since.

Arnold still believes he saw what he says he saw, and at least one scientist who has studied UFOs for many years believes Arnold's sighting was probably valid.

"At least," said Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies at Evanston, Ill., "I've seen nothing to indicate it was a hoax."

Hynek, an astronomy professor who has taught at Harvard, Ohio State and Northwestern universi-

ties, and who was astronomy consultant for Operation Blue Book, now spends most of his time investigating UFO sightings.

"I call it the UFO phenomenon," he told me by phone from Evanston. He said he has seen no evidence to indicate the UFOs represent visits from outer space, that they are "somebody else's NASA." But he believes many people do see what they say they see.

"I do not believe the simplistic hypothesis that they (UFOs) are nuts-and-bolts visitors from outer space. There are too many arguments against it . . . But something is going on."

The fundamental question at this point, he said, is to determine, in the case of each sighting, whether what people say they are seeing is actually based on fact.

That is what he tries to determine in his investigations, which he describes as a form of "Twenty Questions."

"Sometimes, when I talk to people who claim to have seen UFOs, I can determine with four or five questions that they are talking nonsense. After about the 15th question, though — and these are in highly selected cases — the chances grow that the sightings

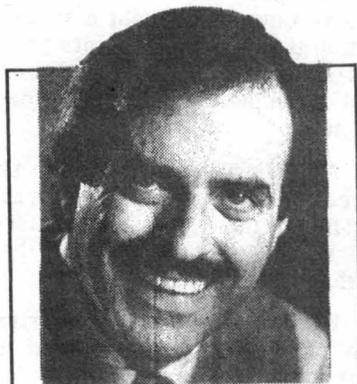
represent something real."

He said there have been so many of these cases, with multiple witnesses, witnesses who are educated — pilots, aircraft controllers, engineers — "that they can't be dismissed."

He does, however, dismiss attempts by some groups and gurus to contact extraterrestrial visitors.

"I don't think they're playing with all their marbles," he said.

Is there a government conspiracy, as some have charged, to cover up visits from outer space?



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Hynek said he didn't believe so, but he wondered why so much secrecy surrounds official investigations of UFO incidents.

"I don't understand what they are trying to hide," he said.

Hynek said the sightings are probably part of something we have no ability to explain in terms of what we presently know.

"A hundred years ago," he said, "people knew the sun was hot, but didn't know why. Only recently have we been able to explain that." Someday, he said, we may learn something which will explain valid sightings of UFOs.

Meanwhile, it is August now — the month, according to Hynek, during which UFO sightings seem to increase.

Keep your eyes open.

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UFO spotting full of hot air

UFO sightings poured in to police, the airport and the *Free Press* last night after a shiny hot-air balloon drifted over part of the city.

The duty manager at Winnipeg International Airport said the balloon, which sent some residents running for their cameras, was part of a National Research Council experiment launched from Gimli.

"Normally, you never see them (NRC balloons) but today, because of the position of the balloon and the sun, everybody's seeing it," the duty manager said.

"Right now the sun is below the horizon and it's reflecting on the balloon so it looks like a big moon," he said, laughing.

He said the scientific experiment's altitude — "well over 60,000 feet (18,300 metres)" — was too high for it to be a danger to aircraft, which normally travel at about 12,200 metres.

Because of its height and position in relation to the sun, he speculated the would-be flying saucer could be seen by anyone within an 18-kilometre radius.

SEATTLE, WA
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A flash in afternoon sky

EUREKA, Calif. (UPI) — Residents and pilots in a 200-mile corridor in Northern California and Southern Oregon yesterday reported a brilliant white flash in the afternoon sky, followed by a trail of smoke that lingered for about 10 minutes.

A fire crew from the California Department of Forestry Elk Camp Station was dispatched to check out reports that a fiery object in the sky had struck the ground in Northern California but could find no trace of the object.

Some witnesses said they heard a boom while others reported no sound in connection with the flash or the fiery object.

Fire districts and police departments in both states received many reports of the object and a sonic boom.

The Federal Aviation Administration said six pilots also reported seeing the object.

The North American Air Defense Command in Colorado said the object might have been a meteor.

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Fiery Ball in Sky Over North Coast

What was described by witnesses as a multi-colored, fiery ball lit the sky above California's North Coast yesterday before it apparently exploded and vanished from sight.

Officials are calling the mysterious object a meteor for lack of any other information.

Police and fire department offices from Ukiah, 125 miles north of San Francisco, to southern Oregon reported numerous calls from residents startled by the sight.

Some witnesses reported a loud bang, others said the object appeared to explode silently just before 3 p.m.

"I was driving downtown on patrol when I saw a large ball-like figure," said Eureka Police Officer Leonard Johnson. "It was red and white and all different kind of colors. It came straight down out of the sky and just exploded.

"It left a trail hanging in the sky. I could see the ball and all of a sudden it completely disintegrated. I thought it was a plane at first," Johnson said. "It was really bright."

Coast Guard Lieutenant (j.g.) Gilbert Sena said he was flying a

helicopter along the coast about 20 miles north of Eureka at Patrick's Point State Park when he saw it.

"I observed a puff of smoke followed by a flash," he said, "There was no sound but it left a puff of smoke that appeared to last about 10 minutes."

Sena said he did not think that any bits of the object struck the earth. Coast Guard officials said the explosion appeared to be at the 5000-foot level.

"We got a lot of calls from the Shelter Cove area," said a spokesman in the Humboldt County Sheriff's Garberville sub-station, "I guess a lot of people thought a plane had fallen."

An official at Vandenberg Air Force Base in Southern California said he was unaware of any military activity off the California coast that might explain the sighting.

Federal Aviation Administration officials in Fremont said at least a half dozen pilots reported seeing the object, described by witnesses as brilliant.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs said it was unable to fit the sighting into any predicted re-entry of a man-made space object.

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MONSTROUS 'JELLYFISH' hovered over Russian city for 14 minutes and caused panic in the streets.

the same area where a massive explosion devastated 1,500 square miles of the Tunguska forest in 1908.

March 14, 1984 — Six UFOs described as a brilliant orange "string of sausages" zipped through the skies over Sverdlovsk — then suddenly changed color simultaneously to fluorescent blue, red, and then back to orange.

Two of Russia's top scientists — Prof. Anatoly Logunov, vice president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences and head of Moscow

University, and astronomer Nikolai Yerpylev of Moscow Observatory — were appointed to assist cosmonaut Popovich on the UFO commission.

"We will have as many as 2,000 men in the field before fall," Yerpylev said. "They will be reporting to a headquarters in Moscow, staffed by 150 scientists."

Amateur astronomers are also being recruited to aid in the massive sky search aimed at solving the UFO riddle.

"We have a gigantic task cut out for us," said Popovich.

Gov't admits UFO came from space

A UFO which landed in the peaceful French hamlet of Trans has been confirmed as real by the special French government department which explains away sightings of unidentified flying objects.

by TOM TOMM

The French government has never before been unable to find a natural explanation for reported sightings of UFOs. This time they were stumped.

On January 8, 1981, a flabbergasted farmer, Renee Nicolat, came rushing into town, babbling excitedly.

Strange

When finally able to speak clearly, he told skeptical friends a bizarre tale straight out of the twilight zone: he had seen a strange spaceship in his own backyard.

According to Renee, the odd alien craft descended silently from the skies, and touched down just outside his house around 5 p.m. After about a minute, it zoomed up vertically and vanished to the east.

The unearthly vehicle appeared to be two saucers attached back-to-back like a figure eight, with four landing pods extending from its

shiny belly.

Later, Renee solemnly told his shocking tale to the respected National Center for Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, an organ of the French government which officially examines UFO sightings.

Since its founding in 1978, the remarkable agency has efficiently dealt with about 100 incredible incidents a year. Up until Renee's unusual tale, all cases had been explained normally.

Burned

No satellites fell from orbit in the heavens that day, no high altitude atmosphere balloons were in the area, and no natural phenomena such as gas clouds or swarms of bees had occurred.

Scientists found traces of burned earth and grass at Renee's farm, and view the humble farmer as a credible witness.

UFOs sighted 'as big as the moon'

STAGGERING UFO sightings are being reported throughout South America.

In Paraguay, hundreds of people have seen a round, luminous object many have described as bigger than the moon.

And the same phenomena has also been spotted in six different provinces in neighboring Argentina.

Eyewitnesses in Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay, said that before the object disappeared over the horizon they saw it had a brilliant white surface and a black core.

Gustavo Martinez, of the Santani National College, said the UFO's appearance coincided with an electricity blackout.

And Asuncion's international airport reported dozens of calls from various neighborhoods within the capital and from outlying provinces wondering about the weird sight.

"People kept calling me like crazy, saying they had seen it," said Humberto Ruben, host of a popular call-in show on Radio Nanduti. "They described it as very, very big, with a black center, but very white on the outside."

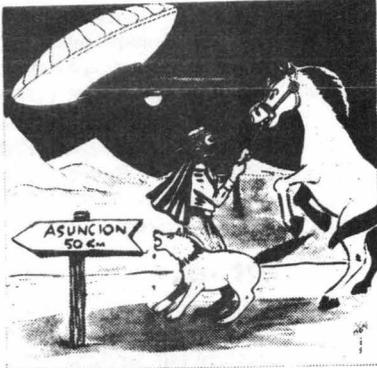
Craziness

One farmer said he couldn't believe his eyes until his animals started raising a ruckus.

The same night hundreds of people in Argentina reported seeing a circular object casting shades of light varying from silver to violet.

Witness said the object remained visible for several minutes.

The sightings prompted



MANY South Americans have seen huge craft.

the Buenos Aires newspaper Cronica to ask: "Are the UFOs invading us?"

It reported that in the province of Santiago del Estero, a UFO was seen by personnel at a local airport.

It was traveling in the direction of Tucuman, in the Andes foothills, where flying saucers are frequently reported.

In San Salvador de Jujuy, another flying saucer was spotted by local police comisaris Quintin Solaligue and one of his men, Domingo Pendero. They saw it flying from the south to the northeast.

In Bariloche, an Andean resort town, 19-year-old Patricia Medina saw the huge luminous ball slowly cross the skies to the north.

— BARRY WENT

Speaker: ETs see humans as ants

By KAREN MALKOWSKI

Extraterrestrial beings think of humans as experimental animals, not equals, an expert on unidentified flying objects believes.

"They consider us like ants or guinea pigs in the lab," said Walter H. Andrus Jr. of Seguin. "Why should they make official contact with us? They can come and observe us anytime they see fit."

Annual meeting

Andrus spoke at the annual convention of the Mutual UFO Network held over the weekend in San Antonio. Speakers from around the world met to discuss UFO sightings and theories.

Andrus, who said he became interested in the subject after seeing four UFOs more than 30 years ago, said he thinks aliens do not make official contact because there is no need to do so.

He said the Air Force covers up information about UFOs to perpetuate a lie begun decades ago.

"The Air Force has picked up alien bodies from crashes," he said. "Some of them are small, some look like animals and some even look like humans."

Countless sightings

"It all started in 1947-48, when there were literally hundreds of thousands of sightings," Andrus said. "The Air Force had to determine that it wasn't something the Russians developed. Then, they wanted to keep the sightings quiet because



WALTER H. ANDRUS JR.
... 30-year interest

they thought they could fool the Russians into thinking it was something we had developed.

"Now, of course, the Russians know better, but the big lie goes on," he said. "We have documents showing that every intelligence agency in the government has investigated UFOs."

Andrus said he sighted four silver, balloonlike UFOs in 1948 while shopping in downtown Phoenix, Ariz. He and other shoppers on the same side of the street saw the objects disappear and then reappear a few moments later, he said.

Nothing was ever reported in the local newspapers, he said, but the incident convinced him UFOs exist.

Woman reports UFO sighting by daylight

By WILLIAM COUEY
Daily Press Staff Writer

ADELANTO — Benicia Carlile isn't saying she believes in UFOs — but she'd sure like to know what that ... that *thing* was doing, hovering over her neighbor's house on Thursday.

"It looked like the tail fin of an airplane," Carlile said Friday. "It was very shiny, like chrome or polished aluminum, and it had no markings or features of any kind. As it was coming down, I thought at first it was part of a plane that had crashed and was falling out of the sky."

But instead of thudding to earth in a cloud of dust, the flying tail fin slowly descended with "a wavy motion" to soundlessly hover between Carlile and her neighbor's home — less than 100 yards away.

It all started about 11 a.m. Friday, as Carlile drove up to her residence

at Cactus and Bellflower Streets in this sparsely-populated desert area 1/2 mile south of the Adelanto city limits. The incident was to last, she said, almost half an hour.

"I was about to turn into my driveway when I saw it coming more-or-less straight down out of the sky," Carlile said. "It stopped and hung in the air between me and that other house, about 30 feet off the ground."

Carlile said the smooth and silvery object looked like a large, rounded-off airplane "tail fin" (vertical stabilizer) with a very short fuselage in front. She sketched a shape that looked sort of like a fat boomerang laid on one side.

Comparing it to trees surrounding the house, she decided it must have been about 30 feet long. "It was about the size of the Goodyear sign in front of Victor Plaza — if you

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added a high tail fin at one end," she said.

"The weirdest thing about it was it had two bright spots, like lights or eyes, on the front of it. I don't know whether they were actually lights, or just very bright spots, but they were an intense brightness or shininess."

Wondering if it was some new kind of military helicopter, Carlile pulled part way into her driveway, shut the motor off and got out.

The object was still hanging there, and there was no sound at all from it. So she got back in and drove on up to her house, got out and climbed up on the flat roof of the home.

"I watched it for about half an hour. It moved around from between me and the house, to the north in front of the house and below the tops of the trees. Then it went around to the other side, then it came back to its original point between me and the house again. Twice, it seemed to turn and look at me."

The two homes are about 125 yards apart.

Finally, it "turned towards me with its lights, like it was looking at me, and then it left." It slowly began moving straight up into the sky, she said, finally reaching an altitude where it was only visible when the sun occasionally twinkled off it.

"It went higher than any helicopter I ever saw, then it disappeared."

Whenever the object changed position, and when it came down and went up, Carlile said, it moved with a "wobbling" motion, much like a top that has lost its momentum and is about to fall over.

"It fluttered, like it was falling,

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and when it went off it was fluttering."

Just as the object was disappearing into the sky, a neighbor living about 200 yards to the north drove up.

"I rushed over there to try to show it to her, but it was too high — unless you knew just where to look."

The neighbor, Sharon Stracner, confirmed the incident. She said she tried hard, but couldn't make anything out. "She did seem very excited," Stracner said.

Carlile said that earlier, she went to get her camera to take a picture of the object, but it was out of film. "I'm keeping film in it from now on," she said firmly.

No one was home at the house where the object was hovering, Carlile said. She said she wasn't acquainted with the resident.

Approached by a reporter Saturday, the home owner, Chuck Houghtelling, seemed a bit nonplussed about the incident.

"No, nothing around here seems out of the ordinary," Houghtelling said. "Strange things do happen in life."

Carlile said she reported the incident to George AFB officials, who told her the Air Force no longer studies such reports. They gave her the phone number of a private UFO organization in Chicago to call, the Center for UFO Studies, headed by astronomer and long-time Air Force advisor J. Allen Hyneck.

Frustrated that no one seemed to share her sighting, Carlile called the Daily Press ("I feel goofy about calling you") to see if anyone else had reported it. No one had.

Does she believe in UFOs now? "Well, I never did think about it — I read about them back in the 1950s a little, but I didn't believe in outer space people. So I don't know.

"I'd just like to know what it was," she said.

UFO Sightings

Decline

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (UPI) — An expert on unidentified flying objects says the number of sightings has declined in recent years but he adds that does not mean UFOs do not exist.

"We have to be careful when we talk about our galaxy and our solar system," Edward J. Planz, director of the Mutual UFO Network, said Sunday. "Maybe there are other planets in our galaxy that are inhabited."

Planz, who is also an associate professor of engineering at the University of Alabama, said the universe is so constructed that it is possible intelligent life exists elsewhere.

"I've never seen a UFO. At times I wish I had," he said. "I do believe we are rather reluctant even to admit such things are possible, but it's very possible with the sun the way it is and the conditions that exist."

UFOs were first reported 37 years ago when Kenneth Arnold of Boise, Idaho, told the Air Force nine "flying saucers" followed his airplane over Mount Rainer, Wash. Hundreds of sightings have been reported since.

But the Air Force dropped its "Project Blue Book" investigations in 1969, concluding there was no threat to national security and no evidence the sightings were extraterrestrial vehicles.

Platz, who chases UFO reports in his spare time, said since 1977 the number of reported sightings has dropped dramatically.

"UFO sightings have died down considerably," he said. "The sightings now are minute. There hasn't been anything major since the Pascagoula incident."

On Oct. 11, 1973 two men fishing from a pier in Pascagoula, Miss., said they saw a spaceship from outer space.

Calvin Parker, 19, fainted, but Charles Hickson, 45, claimed he was examined by 5-foot creatures that came from an 8-foot diameter blue-gray craft. Sightings in Pascagoula continued for years after that.

Planz said hoaxes have also have been a problem to UFO investigations.

"When you look at this thing, there are two ways you can turn," said Plantz. You can negate the whole field entirely, or you can say that there is a possibility."

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By JERRY MOSHER
News-Press Writer

Is the government covering up information about the nature of UFOs?

That's the contention of Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood, two leading UFO researchers who have used the Freedom of Information Act and the courts to obtain thousands of pages of documents from the CIA, FBI, National Security Agency and military regarding UFO investigations.

Their new book, "Clear Intent," reprints many of these documents and provides convincing evidence that the government is not telling all that it knows about UFO phenomena. Several of the documents, in fact, conflict with official public statements released by the military.

"I believe that the government knows what the phenomena is and it's sort of like the Big Brother effect — they feel that we're not grown up enough to know, which I object to," said Fawcett in an interview in Los Angeles last week. "I feel the Constitution is very explicit that we have a right to know and they have a duty to tell us."

Fawcett, a police lieutenant in Coventry, Conn., is on the National Board of Directors for the Center for UFO Studies and is the assistant director and chief investigator for Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS). He has been researching UFOs since 1965, when he had a UFO sighting.

"I was on my way home one day and I stopped in an automobile dealership," Fawcett said. "I saw a number of people outside looking and pointing to the sky. Being a policeman, and nosy, I went out to see what they were looking at and what I saw was what looked like a small plane that was very high up and shiny.

"This thing was coming down and was getting bigger and bigger until finally it was directly across the street ... above an electrical substation. It stopped and hovered, and at this time it was equivalent in size to a 747. It was completely circular. It had no wings, no engines, and no sound came from it. The only sound I could hear was the electrical substation.

"A rod came out of the bottom and lightning jumped from the electrical substation to this thing and subsequently the whole town of Manchester went black. The rod retracted, and the thing went straight up in the air and disappeared."

Fawcett and about 25 others that evening witnessed a UFO, one of thousands of sightings that have been documented since the late 1940s.

After the incident, Fawcett reported the sighting to Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire. He was told that he would be contacted by investigators from Project Blue Book, an Air Force program for the investigation of UFOs.

Fawcett never was contacted, and Project Blue Book officially was terminated in December 1969. A statement released at the program's termination said that no evidence had been found "that sightings categorized as 'unidentified' represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present day scientific knowledge."

Having seen a large circular object without engines hover in mid-air and disappear into the sky, Fawcett found this hard to believe.

BY JERRY MOSHEK
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The statement added that no UFO "has ever given any indication of threat to our national security." Why then, Fawcett now asks, has the government withheld hundreds of documents pertaining to UFO sightings and investigations due to "national security reasons"?

"We can be pretty much assured that the Air Force knows the phenomenon is very real, and to keep the public's finger out of it, they attach National Security implications because that way you have no access to the files under the Freedom of Information Act," Fawcett said.

"We find that happening more and more now when we file requests," he said. "They keep throwing National Security status on it so we can't get our hands on excellent cases that have come to light."

One such case occurred north of Lake Houston, Texas, on the evening of Dec. 29, 1980. Two women and a child were driving down a quiet road when they spotted a bright light in the distance. Suddenly the bright light was near them in the form of a large, diamond-shaped craft that occasionally emitted a blast of flames. The temperature in the area rose dramatically and the car became hot to the touch.

The UFO rose up and disappeared to the southwest,

where a number of helicopters were spotted near the craft. The women drove off, but within five minutes they again saw the UFO with more than 20 helicopters swarming around it.

The witnesses started to get symptoms of radiation sickness almost immediately after the encounter, and one is now suing the government for damages. Investigations into these mystery helicopters and another incident in New York involving black, unmarked helicopters have turned up no answers.

"During the Eisenhower administration some information was coming out from the government that there was a strategic force, 'Force 54-12,' that was a rapid deployment force that could be put together at split-second notice and deployed anywhere in the country for retrievals of crashed UFOs," Fawcett said.

In "Clear Intent," the authors suggest that a special UFO retrieval team could still be in operation.

Evidence that UFOs have been captured by the government also turned up in the authors' investigations.

An FBI memo dated March 22, 1950 was sent to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover by agent Guy Hottel, who heard from an Air Force informant that three UFOs had crashed in New Mexico and had been recovered. In each of the 50-foot diameter saucers were three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall.

"Those bodies were removed to one of the Air Force bases in the country," Fawcett said. "All attempts to retrieve documentation on that incident were met with denials, and they wouldn't give us access to Guy Hottel, the special agent, or the Air Force informant who told Hottel about this."

Fawcett said congressmen and senators have been cooperative in helping to get documents released, but not even Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., could get information about the crashed UFOs.

"At one time we tried to get him into Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (Ohio) where supposedly one of the crashed discs were," he said. "Goldwater was a reserve general and senators have carte blanche when they show up because they pull the purse strings for the military. It just so happened that the head of Wright-Patterson at the time was Gen. Curtis Le May, who was a very good friend of Goldwater's on top of that.

"Goldwater went in and asked permission to see the UFO artifacts and was told that not even the president of the United States could see them. I have that in a letter from Goldwater himself," Fawcett said.

Another mystery discussed in "Clear Intent" deals with possible UFO involvement in more than 10,000 cattle mutilations that have occurred in the United States and other parts of the world. Cattle have been found with their blood removed and organs expertly carved out, possibly for experimental purposes, Fawcett said.

Fawcett said he has talked with law enforcement officials who have found mutilated cattle with no tracks in the snow around them, indicating that they may have been picked up and dropped by a UFO.

He said few of the lawmen believe the government explanation that predators are responsible for the mutilations.

The possible experimentation done by other life forms is one reason why the authors called the book "Clear Intent."

"These life forms are here for a purpose," the book says. "A 'clear intent' has been demonstrated numerous times."

Information about research on the technology employed by other life forms in UFOs has been difficult to obtain. Fawcett said a 1976 CIA document titled "International Congress of Space Medicine" suggests that the builders of UFOs may have discovered a link between electro-magnetic fields and gravity.

The use of electro-magnetic fields might explain the weird effect UFOs have had upon airplane instrumentation, he said.

Fawcett said the CIA document "talked about a meeting of scientists in New Mexico and talked about new means of propulsions...then the rest of the document was blank, so we couldn't read what they were talking about.

"I filed for that specific document again and I got back that it was classified 'National Security' and we couldn't get it intact. I say this: If there are no UFOs, then why all the secrecy?"

"You have to remember it is not me or my co-author talking, it's the government, and they're the authority — it's their own documents," Fawcett said.

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MYSTERY OF UFO IN NIGHT

TWO UFOs, one "chasing" the other, woke residents on a quiet Malvern estate as they flew overhead in the dead of night.

The noise from one of the objects was "terrifying," said Roger Martin, aged 35, of Elgar Avenue.

He told the Evening News today: "The loud noise woke me up and when I looked out of my window I saw a large, slow-moving spherical object pass by.

"It came from a gap in the hills and headed towards Worcester, it was only a few feet above the roofs of some of the houses.

"There was a very

bright light coming from it and it made a very loud noise like an aircraft landing," he said.

"About 40 minutes later another object, this time a bit smaller, but with a more definite shape came over and followed the path of the other one.

Neighbour Miss Rosina Marsh, also heard the noise. "It was a tremendous sound that lasted about 30 seconds," she said.

The sightings occurred at around 2 a.m. yesterday. Mr Martin, who is convinced the objects were not meteors,

phoned both the police and RSRE who confirmed there were no low flying aircraft in the area at the time.

Worcester weather expert Paul Damari told the Evening News the sighting could have a natural explanation.

"From the description, it could have been a fireball coming through the clouds as they are large luminous balls which rear," said Mr Damari.

"We get reports of fireballs and meteorites around this time of the year



UFO spotter Roger Martin.

10 greatest UFO

mysteries

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SINCE the late '40s, the U.S. Air Force and other government agencies have been accused of deliberately misleading the American people about reports of UFO sightings by experienced pilots, police officers and thousands of other reliable citizens.

For years, Air Force investigators have insisted the objects sighted were probably weather balloons, reflected auto headlights, or even the planet Venus — even when some of the sighting reports came from their own highly experienced pilots!

The weather balloon alibi was first used to explain away the so-called Roswell Incident, one of the ten greatest UFO mysteries on record. Here are the stories of that incident, and the other nine cover-ups.

Roswell incident

ACCORDING TO researchers Charles Berlitz and William L Moore, on July 2, 1947, a UFO with alien beings aboard crashed near Roswell, New Mexico.

In their book, *The Roswell Incident* (Grosset & Dunlap, N.Y., 1980) the two investigators cited dozens of eye witnesses who confirmed the crash and the government cover-up that followed.

The government insisted the object removed by army personnel from the desert was a weather balloon. Other witnesses, however, swore they saw both the UFO and the frozen bodies of the aliens at CIA installations.

UFO attack

Only seven months later, in January of 1948, a heroic Air Force fighter pilot, Captain Thomas Mantell, was flying a routine training mission in the skies over Godman Air Force Base in Kentucky when he and his group were ordered to investigate a UFO spotted by ground controllers in the tower.

Mantell found the object — which he described as being "metallic" and "huge" — and went chasing after it. After telling Godman tower he was gaining on the object, Mantell disappeared.

His charred body was found amid the wreckage of his P-51 Mustang some 90 miles away. Although his fellow airmen insisted that he'd been shot down by a UFO, the Air Force claimed that he had died chasing after the planet Venus!

Deadly duel

A scant 10 months later, in October of 1948, Lt. George F. Gorman of the Air National Guard actually engaged in a vicious dog fight with a

UFO he'd chased.

After twice diving out of the way of the onrushing alien craft, Gorman broke off his duel with the more highly maneuverable UFO and sought the safety of his base.

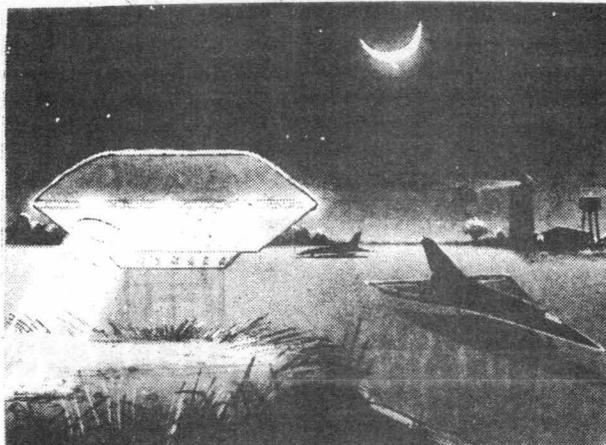
Incredibly, the Air Force blithely declared that Gorman had been fighting a duel to the death with a balloon!

Desert downing

In May of 1948, in an incident similar to the Roswell affair, two retired Air Force colonels found a downed UFO in the Mexican desert about 40 miles south of Laredo, Texas.

Stunned by their discovery, the two former Air Force officers notified the U.S. government and the Army promptly arrived.

The craft, they swore, was a 50-foot disc and contained the bodies of four-foot tall aliens. The UFO and the bodies were put aboard Army



U.S. Air Force has captured UFOs and their occupants, according to witnesses.

By PHIL BRENNAN

trucks and taken to Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

Flame-Throwers

In May of 1967 Stephen Michalak, working in the Canadian wilderness, saw two glowing objects in the sky. One landed about 400 feet from him and he walked up to it, shouting in several languages, including English and Russian. Getting no answer, he peered inside and saw a glowing computer console.

When he touched it his gloves melted and the object began to rotate and then took off. He was felled by a blast of hot gas from the UFO which set his clothes on fire and burned him badly.

Although he had to be hospitalized, government investigators claimed that he'd suffered no injuries!

UFO spies

The Air Force vainly sent fighters aloft to chase UFOs that had been picked up on radar or sighted visually by Air Force ground and air observers in 1975.

For 19 days, a fleet of low flying, brightly-lit UFOs hovered over nuclear weapon storage areas, nuclear missile launch sites and Air Force bomber bases in Montana, Michigan and Maine.

None of the planes scrambled by the Air Force in response to the threat of the hovering alien craft was able

that the U.S. Air Force tried to hide

to get close to the objects.

Arab connection

In September of 1976, two Iranian Air Force pilots in F-4 Phantom jets reported that "a brilliantly-colored object" had ejected a small craft that sped directly at them at an incredible rate of speed.

According to the CIA files, one of the pilots tried to fire an AIM-9 missile at the UFO but at that instant "his weapons control panel went off, and he lost all communications."

Helplessly, he watched transfixed as the smaller craft returned to its mother ship and easily rejoined it.

UFO MYSTERIES

Alien landing

In 1980, as incredulous airmen watched, several UFOs slowly glided in for a landing at a top secret New Mexico Air Force installation.

Unable to approach the alien craft as they sat on the runway, Air Force personnel tried to call for help, only to learn that all equipment had ceased to work.

The UFOs also knocked out radar systems at the base and at a nearby airfield.

Neither the communications systems nor the radar would operate until the UFOs suddenly soared aloft and disappeared.

Kuwait giant

In 1980, as hundreds of astonished Arabs and European and American oil field workers gaped open-mouthed, a gigantic UFO appeared in the skies over oil rich Kuwait.

Their amazement grew as the alien craft slowly descended toward the oil fields, seeming to grow larger the nearer it came.

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When it finally came to a halt above the oil fields it blotted out the sun and the sky, making it dark as night. Experts later estimated the size of the UFO as being at least ten miles in diameter.

Sword of Islam

Kuwait was the location of another UFO visitation — this one in the winter of 1978.

A fleet of brightly glowing UFOs, multi-colored lights flashing, hovered above the same air field later visited by the giant craft.

Superstitious Arab nomads leaped from their camels and prostrated themselves on the sand, shouting that the craft was a manifestation of Mohammed, and calling it the Sword of Islam.

Westerners working in the oil fields had their own less religious reason to be awed. As soon as the UFOs appeared above the oil rigs and working wells every piece of machinery for miles around stopped working.

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UFO fleet hovers over electric power station

WHILE A pair of police officials gaped open-mouthed at the sight, a UFO danced crazily in the skies up over Down Under.

The bizarre sightings began when Alan Davies went outside to clean his pool. Looking up, he saw a disc-shaped flying object silently suspended in the sky near his house in Mornington, Australia.

Brilliant blue, green and red lights flashed out of the hovering craft as Davies stared upward.

"I noticed what appeared to be something strange in the sky but didn't really pay much attention at first," Davies recalled for a reporter.

"But after cleaning the pool, it was still there

and I called my wife to come quick and have a look," he said.

The two startled homeowners peered at the object through binoculars for several minutes and then went back into the house and called police constable Darryl Reay.

The officer first dismissed the report as a joke but finally decided to go have a look for himself.

Accompanied by Constable Frank Bebernitz, Reay went to the site and saw the flashing lights above the city's power station.

Movement

"The object appeared to be round and the red lights were flashing more frequently than the blue and green. We took a drive out and noticed that the thing seemed to move sideways, from right to left and from left to right," he recalled.

"Then it began sweeping in an up and down direction like a fly."

The following morning the policemen reported their eerie experience to Australian aviation authorities and the Royal Australian Air Force and were informed that no civilian or military aircraft had been in the air during the

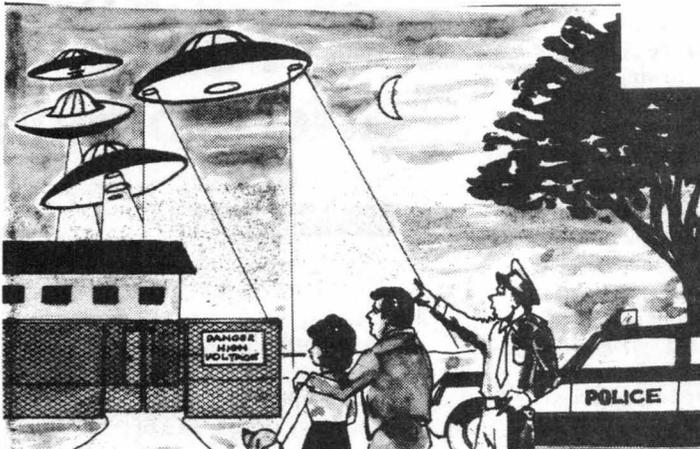
Policemen see ship maneuver

By PHIL BRENNAN

previous night.

Later, the two policemen were told by their superiors that they had seen nothing more than stars blinking in the sky.

According to Mrs. Davies, however, a total of four UFOs were seen by 12 of their friends. The aerial display continued for several days, she added, insisting that the objects stood out too clearly to have been stars.



UFOs circled the city's power station.

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UFO groups set to hover in Brewster

By Janet Higbie
 News-Times staff

BREWSTER — Two groups dedicated to the study of UFOs — unidentified flying objects — are sponsoring an Aug. 25 conference in Brewster.

Citizens Against UFO Secrecy and the Illinois-based Center for UFO Studies have scheduled an all-day series of lectures and discussions at the Henry H. Wells Middle School.

Events are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Peter Gerstin, one of the organizers of the conference, said the purpose is to gather information about sightings reported over Putnam, Westchester and Fairfield counties in the past year.

"The point is to get all the people who seen something to share their experiences and try to determine for once and for all what we are seeing," Gerstin said.

Local police departments, newspapers and airports have been flooded with calls about flying objects, usually a large circular or triangular formation of lights.

Many authorities — including the New York State Police — say people are seeing small airplanes flying in formation. An East Fishkill police officer said he saw a single engine Cessna break off from a formation of planes and land at the Stormville Airport in Dutchess County July 25.

Gerstin said his group — which uses the federal Freedom of Information Act to obtain documents on government reports of UFOs — is not convinced that a group of small planes, such as Cessnas, could have been the cause of all the sightings.

Some observers have reported seeing a object with hundreds of lights, objects that slow to hovering and then speed away, or have reported objects miles away from each other at the same time.

Gerstin contends the Cessnas might be a military surveillance team trying to search for the cause of UFOs, or an attempt to come up with an explanation for unidentified sightings.

Citizens Against UFO Secrecy maintains a hotline — (914) 739-6830 — to record calls and information about UFOs.

This is the schedule for the free conference:

- 10 a.m. — opening by Gerstin.
 - 11 a.m. — Philip Imbrogno of the Center for UFO Studies on local sightings during 1983.
 - 12 noon — Lawrence Fawcett of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy on government cover-ups of UFO sightings.
 - 2 p.m. — Imbrogno and Chris Clark on local sightings during 1984.
 - 3 p.m. — Various witnesses of "close encounters."
 - 4 p.m. — J. Allen Hynek of the Center for UFO Studies on "The UFO Experience."
 - 8 p.m. - Panel discussion.
 - 10 p.m. — finale.
- Video presentations, slides and sketches will be available throughout the day. //

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Meteor shower sparks calls of Hialeah UFO

LUISA YANEZ
 Miami News Reporter

The phone calls about the UFO hovering over Hialeah began pouring in to police around 10 o'clock last night. The thing was putting out a yellow-orange glow. It was way up there in the sky and it was moving south, the callers said.

Hialeah police dispatched a patrol officer, but he couldn't find the thing.

Then the UFO calls started coming in at Metro police. The thing was putting out blue and red flashing lights way up there in the sky around Southwest 72nd Street and 107th Avenue at around 11:30 p.m.

A Metro officer raced out there and saw nothing.

No, Hialeah is not being invaded, said Jack Horkheimer, executive director of Miami's Space Transit Planetarium. The light in the night was a mixture of planets and a meteor shower making the skies a bit more crowded than usual.

"It's mainly Venus making her reappearance," said Horkheimer, who knows about these things. "But we're also at the end of the Persid meteor shower and that explains the bright streaks across the sky."

Venus, which reappears twice a year, can seldom be seen as clearly as it is now. It makes its entrance on the western sky at dusk, Horkheimer said. "It's the most notorious UFO culprit."

But what about those red and blue lights? "Airplanes," Horkheimer said, with a chuckle.

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UFOs BUILD SECRET WESTCHESTER BASES



It's not the first time. This UFO was photographed back in 1967 hovering over Ohio.

RECENTLY there has been a rash of UFO sightings in the Westchester, Putnam county areas. A friend of mine, who lives in Brewster, said she saw one along with many of her neighbors. The next day several military helicopters were noticed flying around the area.

My theory is, that since a small part of Brewster and a neighboring village were built over some old mines, these mines are

being used by the UFOs for at least part of a base.

Either they are studying something, mining something, or setting up advance reconnaissance posts.

Of course, there is one more possible explanation. They've seen the I Love New York commercials and are vacationing here for the summer.

TOM DIROMA
 Norwalk, Conn.

To hundreds, UFO is no hallucination

By Michael Coakley

Chicago Tribune

BREWSTER, N.Y.—About 700 people were crowded into the auditorium of a junior high school, and many of them were concerned that they not appear totally crazy.

The purpose of the symposium was to discuss a phenomenon that has fascinated wide stretches of southeastern New York state and western Connecticut for two years.

It seems that thousands of people in the area have reported seeing strange objects in the night sky. Usually described as V-shaped and about the size of a football field, the colossal "Thing" is said to be absolutely noiseless and outlined in brilliant lights of white, green or amber.

There have been so many sightings by so many apparently credible witnesses that the curious often now crowd the Taconic State Parkway, a major thoroughfare and prime location for viewing, between 8 and 9 p.m., the time most of the close encounters are said to have occurred.

SWITCHBOARD operators at local police agencies complain of being constantly inundated with calls. A hot line has been set up in Westchester County, N.Y., to field inquiries. And at cocktail parties all over this affluent, picturesque region, people are asking each other whether there really is something to it, or, perhaps, have they all had one too many gin and tonics?

"At first I didn't want to say anything, because I figured everybody would think I was nuts," admitted Eugene Bauer, a technician

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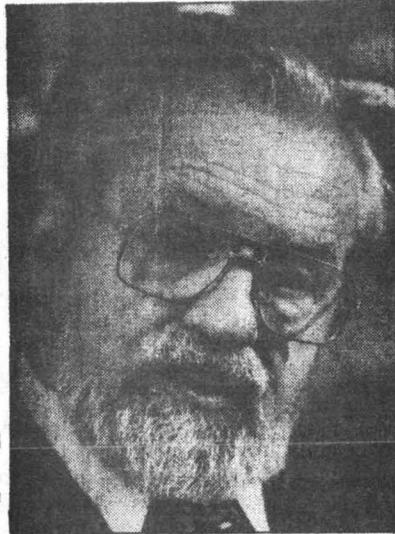
for a fiber optics firm.

Bauer says he saw the Thing one night in March, 1983, as he and a friend were driving home from a restaurant.

"It floated above our car, no more than 150 feet up, standing still," he said. "I don't know what it

was, but I know it didn't come from this Earth."

BAUER WAS among a dozen supposed witnesses who recounted their stories before an enthralled audience at Saturday's "UFO Conference," the agenda of which stretched a full 12 hours.



Dr. J. Allen Hynek: Movement split between people who claim to have "flown to Venus for lunch," and those "who can't be so easily dismissed."

A featured speaker at the seminar was Dr. J. Allen Hynek, retired chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University and now the director of a private group that is a clearinghouse for UFO reports.

"This situation is unique; we've never had a group of sightings before where there have been so many witnesses, and such believable witnesses," the still-skeptical Hynek said in an interview.

Dennis Sant, deputy clerk of Putnam County, N.Y., approached the microphone to tell of having watched "it" hover over Int. Hwy. 84 one moonlit night.

RICHARD BLASBERG, a member of the school board in the white-collar village of Brewster, N.Y., contended that he has seen the Thing twice, once in the company of about 10 of his neighbors in his backyard. "There was a kind of spiritual feeling about it," he explained.

Conclaves of UFO true believers are commonplace. But some things about this session were different.

The meeting had been preceded by a straightforward account of the enigma in Saturday's New York Times, providing at least an essence of legitimacy.

And the sizable press corps covering the conference included, besides the predictable contingent from the supermarket tabloids, a number of representatives from news organizations that consider themselves respectable.

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THE NEW YORK State Police say they believe the object is five or six small planes flying in tight formation as part of a hoax.

One officer, a police spokesman said, recently managed to track the lights and discovered that they descended at a rural airstrip near here. The acrobatic pilots were

found to be "getting a big kick out of it all."

But plenty of folks say they have seen the flying hoaxers and then swear they also have seen something else entirely different.

Those witnesses who addressed the conference insisted uniformly that what they observed could not have been a plane, because of its ability to hover motionless and shoot straight up in the sky, and because of its eerie silence.

"I THINK WE'RE beginning to see a split in the UFO movement," Hynek said. "In one corner are the people who say they've boarded a spaceship and flown to Venus for lunch; in the other corner are the people who can't be so easily dismissed."

More than a handful from the first category attended the conference Saturday. At midafternoon, a young man was standing out on the lawn, encircled by fast-scribbling supermarket sensationalists as he detailed his meeting with a group of spacemen in southern England three years ago.

"I hate to tell you that they were wearing silver suits," he said, "but the fact is, they were."

To the disappointment of the conference organizers, no one from the Air Force or the Federal Aviation Administration deigned to attend.

ADDING INSULT to injury, an FAA public relations official, Louis Achitoff, was quoted in the advance story in the New York Times as suggesting the government is quite unimpressed by the hoopla.

"If the pilot's up there with a clearance and at the right altitude," the blunt-spoken spokesman said, "then we don't care what planet he comes from."

Among the faithful who made a pilgrimage to the seminar was an elderly matron from Stamford, Conn. Although she had paid \$2 in the corridor for a button that read, "I saw the UFO," she confessed to a reporter seated next to her that, in truth, she is "still looking for it."

She was most impressed by the speakers, though. "That girl in the blue dress, I'm sure she couldn't have made up a story like that," the matron whispered.

"By the way," she asked the reporter in a cautious afterthought, "are you with the CIA?"

Investigators lend an ear to local UFO reports

By Christopher Keating
Special Correspondent

More than 30 local residents reported seeing a boomerang-shaped object the size of a football field hovering several hundred feet over the trees last month, according to a UFO field investigator.

Philip Imbrogno, a UFO field investigator and the chairman of the science department at the Windward School in White Plains, said the V-shaped flying object with multi-colored lights flashing in sequence was seen on the Greenwich-Bedford, N.Y., border.

The UFO sightings are among dozens reported since March 1983 by thousands of southwestern Connecticut and New York residents, said Imbrogno, who researches UFO sightings for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. Residents have reported seeing flying boomerangs and formations of moving lights the size of a football field, Imbrogno said.

The number of UFO sightings reported in a 1,400-square-mile area covering Connecticut and New York's Westchester, Putnam

and Dutchess counties was the highest since World War II, Imbrogno said.

"Without a doubt, it's one of the best UFO cases in the last 30 years," said Imbrogno.

Doctors, lawyers, pilots, police officers, and college professors have reported seeing the objects, he said. "If it wasn't for their credentials, this would be science fiction," said Imbrogno. "We've had very few quacks that have called. Ninety-five percent of the witnesses are credible."

Greenwich police say they received no reports of the July 19 sighting on the town's northern border.

Some witnesses will describe their sightings at an all-day public forum at the Brewster (N.Y.) Middle School on Aug. 25. Video presentations of UFO sightings and photographs, sketches and slides of objects seen in the area will be presented during the forum.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the scientist who coined the phrase "close encounters" and served as a consultant for Steven Spielberg's UFO movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," is scheduled to speak at the forum. Hynek, former chairman of the as-

tronomy department at Northwestern University, served as a consultant to the Air Force on UFOs from 1949 until 1969.

Bill Hele, a meteorologist for the National Weather Corp. at Westchester County Airport, said he saw an unidentified object last year while working at the airport. "It was a series of large multi-colored, multi-prismatic lights" that stretched "three to four aircraft carriers in length," Hele said. "The object stopped and all the lights went out."

Hele said the high number of sightings in the area with "probably the most credible audience in America" leads him to believe that pranksters may be flying airplanes and flashing the lights.

Imbrogno said that during his 15 years investigating UFO reports that 85 percent of sightings have been explained. Some pranksters have been caught recently in the area, he said, but not all the sightings have been explained.

Peter A. Gersten, a Peekskill attorney and an organizer of the public forum in Brewster, said he has received more than 600 calls to the UFO hotline at 914-739-6830 since he began the hotline in the past month. //

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Seen any Thing?

THE peace and quiet of Codicote has been disturbed by something I can only describe as out of this world.

There is nothing like a sighting of an unidentified flying object to get people talking in the bus queues.

And my old friend Bob Lawrence claims to have seen one.

He saw the object at 4.20 am over a spot south east of WGC on June 26.

"I didn't heed it at first because of the frequency of Luton-bound aircraft. But then I realised the lights of the object were not the usual navigation lights," he told me.

"I saw the thing coming towards me at unusual speed. I saw a twin set of visible lights that were very bright." He added that the UFO was cigar shaped and about twice the size in wing span of the usual Luton airliners.

"Please take it from me, Charlie, it was no illusion. Actually I am terrified of seeing it again."

Bob, of Poynders Meadow, added: "I know that a lot of people treat the matter with some scepticism but they would think otherwise if they saw The Thing."

As always in these matters I will keep an open mind on the episode and look forward to hearing from anyone else who shared Bob's experience.

High on UFOs

New center expected to rekindle research

By Michael O. Best
News Staff Writer

For the government to maintain that UFOs are nonexistent in the face of the documents already released is an insult to the American people. If there are no UFOs, why all the secrecy?

— Dr. J. Allen Hynek

A computer bank in Evanston, Ill., lists information about 123,000 people who have reported seeing unusual airborne objects. Some of the Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) have weird, blinking lights. Some hover, some are said to dash off at speeds unknown to normal pilots.

The computer is housed at the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), and the reports never stop coming.

Witnesses in more than 140 countries around the globe make about 10 reports per day to some 150 "credible, scientific" organizations dedicated to examining UFOs, says Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an internationally recognized astronomer and scientific director of CUFOS. The organization has two field investigators in Michigan.

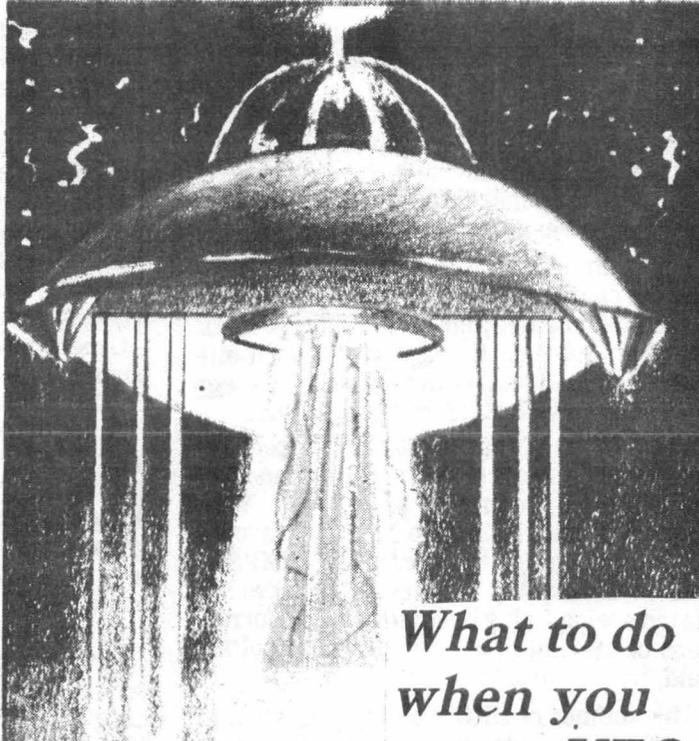
Skeptics abound, and government officials say the United States has not considered UFOs worthy of organized study since December 1979, when the Air Force closed down Project Blue Book, an official UFO probe that began in 1947.

NONETHELESS, IT has been a good year and a good week for believers.

Yesterday, for example, Dr. Hynek announced that a multimillionaire, who wished not to be identified, had agreed to bankroll the creation of an international research facility in Phoenix "for serious scientific research" into UFOs.

Hynek, a leading authority on UFOs who has taught at top universities, including Harvard, has directed some of the nation's leading observatories, including the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and has held high positions in government agencies, including NASA.

"This new facility will revolutionize the study of UFOs," he said yesterday.



NEWS SKETCH BY BARBARA BECKWITH

What to do when you spot a UFO

UFOs RECENTLY have come back into the news in mainstream East Coast publications because of the thousands of UFO sightings reported during the last six months in the four adjoining counties of Fairfield, Conn., and Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties in New York.

Tomorrow, Dr. Hynek will attend a 12-hour public forum in Brewster, N.Y., to examine the phenomenon.

Police officers, meteorologists, scientists, pilots and business executives are among the witnesses who will attest to seeing truly incredible flying objects. The witnesses will be introduced by Dr. Hynek and by Philip Imbrogno, a local CUFOS field investigator, and Peter Gersten, an attorney active in lawsuits attempting to force various government agencies to release UFO material under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

"We have more than 3,000 witnesses on record," said Imbrogno. "We've personally interviewed about 300 who, for the most part, observed large flying craft, usually boomerang in shape, sometimes circular. Their size varies between 150-400 feet in diameter, they fly at altitudes as low as 500 feet, have multicolored lights and occasionally hover soundlessly over a particular area before speeding off."

UFO sightings are only as credible as the witnesses who report them, say officials at the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS). When a sighting is reported, a psychological and educational profile of the witness is blended with a scientific evaluation of the UFO details. Then a credibility rating is assigned to the report and it is placed in the CUFOS computer data bank.

Experts advise that if you want to report a UFO sighting, you should:

- Locate and identify by names and addresses other witnesses to the sighting.
- Photograph the object from several locations, using all film available and keeping the camera as still as possible. Keep negatives for examination. Record details of camera, lens and settings and film type.
- As soon as possible write down all details of the event, including time, day, date, duration, location, area sketch, orientation, weather and details such as color, sound, shape motion and direction.
- Report the sighting by promptly calling (312) 491-6666, or write to CUFOS, P.O. Box 1402, Evanston, Ill. 60204.

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IMBROGNO SAYS a group of private pilots out of the Stormville, N.Y., airport are known to be involved in a UFO hoax. "They paint the bottoms of their wings black, string lights around their planes and fly in formation trying to look like UFOs," he said. "Some of the young and inexperienced witnesses have been duped, but on the whole our witnesses saw both the pilots and the 'real' UFOs and were able to distinguish between the two."

UFO skeptics disagree with Dr. Hynek that anything of scientific interest is taking place, claiming that all UFO reports can either be attributed to hoaxes or misinterpretations of conventional objects and natural phenomena.

James E. Oberg, a space engineer, is one of those skeptics. "No extraordinary stimuli are necessary for us to receive UFO reports. The inability to solve all cases is not proof that they are unsolvable," he says.

Dr. Hynek agrees that 95 percent of the reported sightings are really just misidentified airplanes, weather balloons, planets, stars, ball lightning, kites, meteors, satellites, parachutes and birds.

However, hundreds of sightings are reported each year, and his organization estimates that only 1 in 10 persons who sees a UFO actually reports it. Hynek claims that leaves hundreds of truly baffling sightings.

MOREOVER, EVEN the Air Force's Project Blue Book had its share of unidentified. "Out of our 12,618 UFO reports, 701 remain unidentified," says Capt. Miles C. Wiley, USAF public information officer.

Some world powers also give varying degrees of credence to UFO reports.

A French governmental body equivalent to NASA funds the *Groupe d'Etudes des Phenomenes Aerospaciaux Non Identifies* (GEPAN). In 1978, GEPAN analyzed 11 sightings and concluded that in nine of the cases, there existed flying machines whose origin and means of propulsion were beyond human knowledge.

The Observer, a prominent London newspaper, reported on March 4 that the British Ministry of Defense had just released reports to the British UFO Research Association of 16 UFO sightings over Wales. The report said the defense agency will consider providing additional reports on specific incidents to serious inquirers.

EVEN THE Soviet Union, after years of disavowing that UFO reports existed, began acknowledging them in 1969. According to the London Times and Reuters, the Russians presently have an official organization directed by former cosmonaut Pavel Popovich that investigates UFOs.

The United States once had an interest in UFOs. In 1960, Vice Adm. R.H. Hillenkoetter, a former CIA director, said, "It is imperative that we learn where UFOs come from, and what their purpose is."

But today, the U.S. Air Force says they are out of the business of investigating UFOs. And Kathy Pherson, a CIA public affairs officer, adds, "There is no organized agency effort to collect information or conduct research on UFOs."

But UFO believers are skeptical about the government's purported lack of interest.

THEY POINT to documents about UFOs released by the government, sometimes voluntarily and sometimes as a result of FOIA lawsuits. If the government has no belief and no interest, they ask, why do they keep records, and why do they try to keep the records secret?

Of course, it's also possible that their is nothing worth reporting, nothing worth studying.

BUT HYNEK doesn't think so. He says: "When the solution to the UFO puzzle comes, it will prove to be not merely a step in the march of science, but a mighty and unexpected quantum leap."

UFO hysteria

sweeps bi-state area

UFO researchers say sightings of unidentified flying objects in the York City suburbs and Connecticut have generated a "UFO hysteria," with more than 1000 people reporting such objects as flying boomerangs and giant V-shaped ships hovering in the sky.

Peekskill attorney

Peter Gersten and UFO field investigator Phillip Imbrogno said sightings from March 1983 to last month in southwestern Connecticut and in New York's Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties constituted the most frequent multiple viewings on record of UFOs.

"In one case we had 24 calls from people at the same time in different counties," said Imbrogno, a science teacher who investigates UFOs for the Center for UFO Studies of Evanston, Ill.

"They saw something," said Gersten. "It's a question of what they saw."

Since last May 31, more

than 1000 people responded to Gersten's ad in a local paper asking for reports of UFO sightings.

Gersten said many of the UFOs were seen by more than one person at the same time.

Those reporting UFOs included police officers and professionals who claim to have seen unidentified flying objects

such as V-shaped objects the size of a football field and large boomerang objects.

"There is definitely a hysteria sweeping the three [New York] counties and the Danbury, Conn. area," Gersten said.

The latest sightings were June 11, July 12, 24 and 26. Imbrogno estimated that from

June 11 to July 12 close to 7000 people may have seen UFOs in a 1400-square-mile area.

"In the entire history of UFO sightings since 1947, I've never seen a series of sightings of this magnitude," Imbrogno said.

A New Castle, Westchester, police officer, who asked that his

name not be used, confirmed that four officers saw a UFO. "There's something odd up there," he said.

"Certainly it raises the question that somebody should be looking into it."

Gersten believes that the government is secretly investigating reported UFOs. The Air Force denies it.

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Reports of UFO sightings draw organized watchers

By E.B. Walzer
 Staff Writer

The way Peter Gersten and Philip Imbrogno see it, if you want something done, you've just got to do it yourself.

"We're trying to find out exactly what the hell is going on here," says Imbrogno, a Greenwich astronomer and field investigator for the Chicago-based Center For UFO Studies. "Whatever it is, it needs to be further looked into."

"The main thing is to set up a network," says Gersten, a Peekskill attorney. "A way to really investigate this."

What Imbrogno and Gersten are investigating is the rash of unidentified flying object sightings which have occurred in the area, off and on, for the past year and a half. Unsatisfied with the lack of interest shown by government officials and realizing the limitations of their own personal investigations, the two have joined forces in an attempt to solve the mystery which has puzzled and alarmed thousands of area residents.

Imbrogno has been involved in the case since the UFOs — usually appearing as a

large V-shaped or circular group of lights — were seen by hundreds of people in northern Westchester and Putnam the night of March 24, 1983. Since then, he has interviewed more than 300 people who reported seeing the lights, which have reappeared on a semi-regular pattern in the 17 months since the initial sightings.

Gersten, a longtime UFO enthusiast who has been involved in several Freedom of Information lawsuits against the government for the release of UFO-related documents, got involved in the local case this spring, when he started placing notices in a local shopper's weekly asking people who have seen the lights to call him. He has since received more than 600 calls from people who have seen the lights this spring and summer.

As a means of focusing attention on the sightings, Gersten and Imbrogno have scheduled a public meeting for Saturday. The meeting is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Henry H. Wells

Middle School on Route 312 in Brewster.

"A lot of people are going to come simply because they have questions about it," Gersten says. "But what we also hope to do is get the authorities involved — local, state, or federal."

Gersten says he has invited many public officials, including Westchester County Executive Andrew P. O'Rourke and Putnam County Executive David Bruen.

State police Zone Sergeant Kenneth Spiro says he believes the UFOs are stunt fliers, who were followed to Stormville Airport one night by troopers from the Stormville barracks.

"They are enjoying all the publicity they're getting; in fact, that's a stimulant to them," he says. "But there's nothing illegal in what they're doing."

Stormville officials have denied any knowledge of the flights, saying the airport control office closes at night, at which point pilots can come and go as they wish.

Imbrogno and Gersten both believe that planes are involved in the sightings, but they think the reports of objects hovering right above the trees could not be explained by the aircraft theory.

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UFOs may be tricks, say experts studying them

By Barney Gallagher
 Eagle-Tribune Writer

Haverhill — The strong possibility that Unidentified Flying Objects seen at night by Haverhill residents are the result of a trick being played on the whole city was raised yesterday by a nationally-prominent expert on unidentified flying objects.

More and more reports of sightings are being made as residents realize that others have seen what they did. Some who said they were afraid of being scoffed at have now decided to speak out.

There is general agreement that glowing objects are moving across the sky at night. Almost every person seeing them, on different nights, reports that the object periodically glows more brightly, then drops what appears to be a fiery piece of material.

the trees toward the Whittier School.

He reported the steady path, west to east, which was punctuated by the periodic glow, the dropping of burning material, and then the sudden disappearance, as reported in most other sightings.

Walter Andrus, of Seguin, Texas, international director of the Mutual UFO Network, said the sightings strongly resemble the tricks played by youths several years ago, tricks he has not heard of in recent years.

"You inflate a large plastic trash bag with hot air, suspend a candle under it, and it will rise like a hot air balloon. Every once in a while pieces catch fire and drop off. I'm not saying that's what this is, but it certainly resembles the old trick," he said.

Thousands of people at a band concert and fireworks show in Newburyport Saturday night saw several examples of glowing objects sent into the night sky on balloons, when children attached green lights to helium-filled balloons and floated them out over the city.

One Haverhill resident who has been getting many telephone calls since his picture and a drawing he made were published Sunday in the Eagle-Tribune is Brian McCarthy, 14, of Edgelawn Ave.

Persons from various parts of the city have called him,

UFO probe closed — but mystery continues

By NICK LACKEOS
Journal Staff Writer

The Air Force closed its Blue Book on unidentified flying objects 15 years ago, but UFO buffs still claim officials haven't told the whole story.

This week two longstanding Air Force critics reiterated their charge that the government's investigation suppressed evidence of extraterrestrial visitation.

They referred to a 1950 memorandum they say came from the FBI and reported a crash landing of three "flying saucers" in New Mexico in 1947. Each vessel was said to contain three human-like bodies about 3 feet tall.

But in the official report on UFOs — known as Project Blue Book — the Air Force denies there were ever any UFO crashes or landings. Material crammed into case files 37 feet high and on to 94 reels of microfilm fails to show that aliens have visited the planet, officials say.

Project Blue Book, once housed at Maxwell Air Force Base, was moved about

five years ago to the Modern Military Branch of the National Archives and Record Service in Washington, D.C.. The files are now open to the public, said Edward Reese of the service.

They include descriptions of UFOs reported to the Air Force as well as the government's explanations for the sightings, said Capt. John Whitaker, a spokesman at the Pentagon.

THE UFO INVESTIGATION extended from 1947 through 1969 and included studies of photographs taken of so-called UFOs.

Such photographs have undergone "intensive photographic analyses and none have provided evidence to substantiate the presence of extraterrestrial vehicles," the Air Force report says.

Of the project's 12,618 reported sightings, 11,917 were caused by balloons, satellites, aircraft, lightning, reflections, stars, planets, the sun, the moon, weather conditions or hoaxes, the report says.

No explanations were given for the

remaining 701 sightings.

Last summer one of the project's critics — Larry Bryant, a technical writer for the government in Alexandria, Va. — sued Air Force Secretary Verne Orr in an attempt to get more information on several UFO sightings. He filed "a writ of habeas corpus extraterrestrial" in the Federal District Court in the District of Columbia, said Whitaker.

"He wanted us to turn over the bodies of the little green men," Whitaker said. The case was thrown out of court.

In a telephone interview this week, Bryant said the Air Force is not telling everything it knows about UFO sightings.

Though a member of a group called Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, Bryant said he has never seen a UFO.

He said he has researched the subject as a hobby since the early '50s and has obtained a copy of the government memorandum, dated March 22, 1950, about the

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—UPI photo

This saucer-shaped object was photographed by Gabriel Kozora in New Castle, Pa. in 1967

...Kozora said the object was about 60-foot long and hovered overhead for 15 minutes

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Man says government has custody of UFO occupants

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three UFO crash landings in New Mexico.

BRYANT SAID HE got the copy from Bruce Maccabee, a research physicist for the Navy in Silver Spring, Md.

Maccabee said he obtained the memorandum from the FBI under the Freedom of Information Act.

The memorandum quotes an unidentified Air Force investigator who described the "so-called flying saucers ... as being circular in shape with raised centers, approximately 50 feet in diameter. Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture."

Bryant says he heard of the incident from other sources.

"One of the bodies was said to be alive" at the crash site, he added. "Whether or not that creature is still alive is anybody's guess."

Bryant said he also heard that the bodies and wreckage were taken to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, the headquarters at the time for Project Blue Book.

Air Force spokesmen at Wright-Patterson have said that no space-ship fragments or frozen remains of aliens were stored there or anywhere else.

But Bryant, who introduced a copy of the memorandum in his suit, claimed the government has "secret custody over one or more occupants of crash-landed UFOs of apparent extraterrestrial origin."

Such UFO sightings make no sense to John Wolfe, program scientist at the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence at NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif.

THE ORGANIZATION is in its second year of a five-year research-and-development program in which probing equipment is being developed to receive radio signals from space, he

said.

Scientists already are receiving broad-band radio waves from deep space, but they are transmitted by natural phenomena such as stars and quasars, said Wolfe.

The probing equipment, however, will be designed to receive narrow-band radio waves, which Wolfe said can only be produced by some form of intelligence — "we think."

If a civilization from another solar system wanted to contact earth, it would probably do so by transmitting radio signals rather than sending a space ship, Wolfe said.

"Our galaxy is 100,000 light years across," said Wolfe. "And the nearest star is four light years away."

A light year is the distance light travels in one year at a velocity of 186,000 miles per second.

"To travel to the nearest star at, say, 20 percent the speed of light, would be incredibly expensive from an energy-consumption point of view," said Wolfe.

Just to go to the nearest star and back would cost the equivalent of the entire country's electrical energy consumption for 100,000 years, he said.

EXTRATERRESTRIAL BEINGS "would have to have a darn good reason to go to that expense, like survival," said Wolfe. "And if they did, I think they would land on the White House lawn.

"They wouldn't land in a Mississippi swamp and talk to a fisherman."

But Wolfe added, "We believe the possibility for extraterrestrial intelligence is pretty big."

People, according to some behavioral scientists, want to believe there is life beyond Earth. And that may be why UFO sightings continue, said Dr. Joyce Brothers, a nationally known psychologist.

Ms. Brothers said surveys indicate that 9 percent of the adult population in the United States have seen something that fits the category of a UFO.

She noted that researchers have found similarities in the accounts of people "who reported experiences of being abducted by beings from UFOs" and people who told of out-of-body, near-death experiences.

Those who were technically dead but later revived have spoken of meeting small beings similar to those described by people who said they were taken aboard flying saucers, she said.

"So maybe there is something already in our brain that is triggered by illness or death," she said.

UFO STORIES, whatever their source, sometimes come from credible sources.

Maj. Ann Crum of the Air National Guard's 187th Tactical Fighter Group at Dannelly Field tells of a aircraft commander of a B-52 bomber who came into her office back in 1968 and asked what the procedure was for reporting a UFO.

Mrs. Crum at the time was the wing executive officer at Carswell Air Force Base in Texas.

The commander was a major and a seasoned aviator, she recalled, and his crew had returned from a flight across the Pacific Ocean.

"He swore something flew with them," she said. The crew's instruments got a reading of something following the bomber for a long way after takeoff in Hawaii en route to Alaska, the B-52 commander said.

"He said it hovered over the aircraft and then underneath, but it stayed with them," Mrs. Crum said.

Despite reports like these, the Air Force maintains that "no UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security."