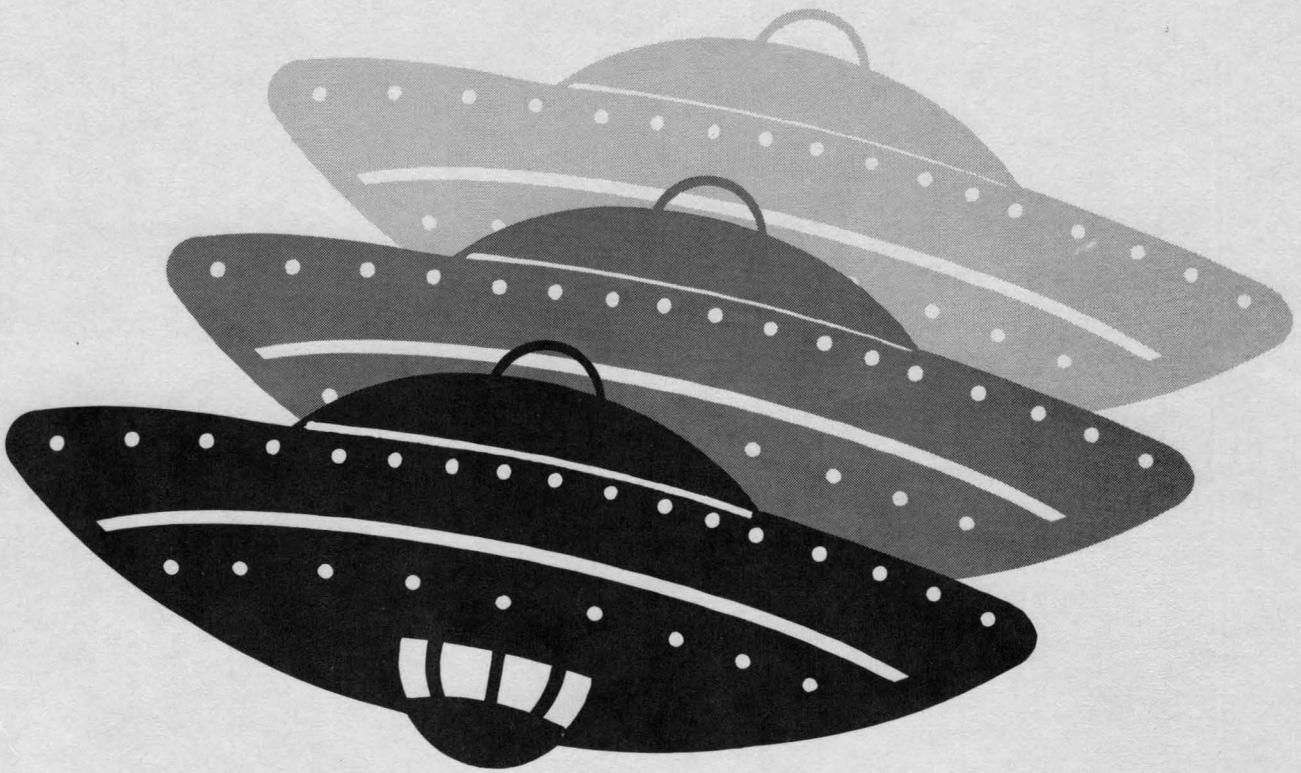


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AMYSTERY IN THE SKY

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'Flying saucer' storm in a Welsh tea cup

UFO-SPOTTERS flooded police and airport switchboards last night to warn of a mystery array of bright lights hovering over South Wales.

But although official sources today described the "alien space-craft" as night-lights on RAF aircraft on a mid-air military re-fuelling exercise, that wasn't enough to satisfy some "flying-saucer" watchers.

South Wales police were "inundated" with calls from as far as Bridgend

and the Rhymney Valley.

A spokesman for Cardiff Airport explained telephones were "red-hot" for an hour as the curious callers rang in.

"It was a military exercise with one aircraft approaching a larger one to re-fuel. They were travelling quite slowly and had an unusual display of lights — that is why so many people were baffled," said a police spokesman.

But Mrs Marina Davies of Rudry Common, near Caerphilly who spent 15 minutes watching last night, said: "A military exercise? Absolutely no way.

"I'm convinced it was a UFO although I would like to think it was on our side," she said.

Mrs Davies, her 10-year-old daughter Julia, a friend and another child were travelling up a lane to their cottage when they stopped.

"We saw two bright head-lights and started reversing back. I thought it was another car — but then the lights shot up in the air," she said.

"Then suddenly the lights shot off in different directions before flying away. I'd never seen anything like it before even though we often have aircraft over here," she said.

SOUTH WALES Police were inundated with calls from the public last night reporting unidentified flying objects in the area.

Throughout the evening scores of people saw strange lights that didn't appear to resemble aircraft lights.

A police spokesman said calls came in from Caerphilly, Bargoed, Rhondda and the Ogwr district while Swansea Coastguards received numerous calls as well.

But the mystery lights belonged to the Royal Air Force which was carrying out a mid-air refuelling exercise, police said.

A Cardiff-Wales Airport spokesman confirmed that it was a refuelling exercise involving DC-10's.

Balloon

But many baffled observers said the lights couldn't have belonged to aircraft.

"I have never seen anything like it before in my life," said Mr. Howell Willcock, of Pellau Road, Margam.

"I saw six huge lights and then there was a gap of 300 yards before there was another three.

"There was no sound and they were travelling at the speed of a balloon. I had a good look and saw a faint crooked shape".

That sighting was at about 6.45 p.m. and half-an-hour later there was another sighting

by Tony Willimer, at Landor postal office, Swansea.

"I saw them coming in from Baglan", he said. "There were two lights and then they appeared to be two double lights."

"They were moving very slowly and there was no sound. There was no way it was a plane".

Mrs. Allison Grove, of Gable House, Horton, Gower, also saw the lights.

"There were about four or five of us who saw them and we have never seen anything like them before," she said.

"There was no noise anywhere and they were flying a bit lower than an aeroplane".

The lights were still in the area at 9.50 a.m. when they were seen moving out over Swansea Bay in the direction of Port Talbot.

One Pencoed motorist travelling between Ewenny and Waterton near Bridgend reported seeing three bright lights followed by an inverted triangle travelling at about 10,000 feet, with another very bright object going at a very fast speed even higher in the sky.

A woman standing in Blaengarw Square in the Garw Valley said she saw a cigar-shaped object followed by a further two lights.

Swansea Astronomical Society secretary, Mr. Gerry Lacey said the late sightings could have been an aeroplane bound for Heathrow Airport from America, that was a few miles south of its flightpath.

Earlier sightings could have been a satellite breaking up, he said.

"The mystery is that as far as I am aware, there are no reports of any satellites breaking up since the Russian one three or four weeks ago," he added.

Tale of UFO crash stays alive in town

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IT WAS APRIL 19, 1897, when S.E. Hayden, an Aurora cotton buyer and free-lance writer, filed this breathless account for Dallas newspapers: "About 6 o'clock this morning, the early risers of Aurora were astonished at the sudden appearance of the airship which had been sailing throughout the country.

"It sailed directly over the public square and when it reached the north part of the town, collided with the tower of Judge Proctor's windmill and went to pieces with a terrific explosion, scattering debris over several acres of ground, wrecking the windmill and water tank and destroying the
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judges' flower bed.

"The pilot of the ship is supposed to have been the only one on board, and while his remains are badly disfigured, enough of the original has been picked up to show that he was not an inhabitant of this world.

"T.J. Weems, the U.S. Signal Service Officer at this place and an authority on the astronomy gave it as his opinion that he [the pilot] was a native of Mars.

"Papers found on this person — evidently the records of his travels — are written in some unknown hieroglyphics, and cannot be deciphered. The ship was too badly wrecked to form conclusions as to the construction or motive powers."

The tale of the Aurora crash has managed to stay alive for nearly 89 years now, and became the basis of the movie, "Aurora Encounter." And though several investigations have taken place over the years, none has decisively proven the legend. Many investigators have suggested that the story is the product of the remarkably advanced imagination of writer S.E. Hayden; they note that the Signal Service officer and astronomy authority he referred to was really the local blacksmith, and that Judge Proctor never even had a windmill for a flying

saucer to crash into.

But Tom Bland, a resident of Grapevine and an instigator of a comprehensive 1973 investigation of the Aurora incident, isn't so easily convinced. "The evidence is all circumstantial," Bland says, "but I'm convinced something happened there." Bland, who was working with a group called the International UFO Bureau, says that although Judge Proctor had no windmill, he did have an apparatus above his well to raise and lower the bucket. And in and around that well, searchers found an unusually large amount of metal that appeared to have been melted by intense heat. Analysis of the metal was inconclusive, "but if it was a hoax, someone went to an awful lot of trouble to scatter that much metal around there."

Investigators also located a handful of elderly residents who claimed to have seen or been told of the crash. They also found a lot of residents who insisted the whole thing was a hoax. So many people attempted to locate the grave of the spaceman that the Aurora Cemetery Association, unnerved by investigators poking around the local graveyards, insisted on an end to the search.

The movie doesn't seem to have stirred up a whole lot of interest among Aurora's residents.

Sally Pegues, daughter-in-law of the late Etta Bearden Pegues who wrote a book on the incident, says she hasn't seen it, but that people in the area who have watched "Aurora Encounter" consider it laughable.

"They say it's a cute little story, but it's just not true," Pegues said. "We hate it when the legend gets publicity because people chip off gravestones and dig around in the cemetery."

O.W. McCarty, who resigned as Aurora mayor this week after 11 years in the job, says, "People don't think too much for or against it. It's come up so many times it's not anything new to us."

UFO investigator Bland hasn't seen "Aurora Encounter," but he's read about it and watched the previews. He calls it "Hollywood sensationalism at its highest."

S.E. Hayden would be proud.

— Steve Smith and Toni Giovanetti

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UFO still a mystery

Not even the most advanced technology can shed light on what crashed or exploded in rural Washington County three weeks ago.

The latest question mark is from the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences, as its investigation revealed no answers in the case of the mysterious Washington County UFO.

Jim Small, a trace evidence examiner with the Forensic Science lab, said the examination of weed and dirt samples from the UFO crash site failed to turn up any new leads as to what crashed or exploded in a rural area in Northern Washington County three weeks ago, causing destruction of plants and small trees.

"I have no idea," Small said, when asked what he thought might have fallen into or caused an explosion in the backyard of the Jesse Wallace Henson family in Frankville March 5.

"I haven't found anything. We checked for radiation with a Geiger counter and we examined particles for explosive residue. We didn't find anything that shouldn't have been there," said Small, who specializes in examining evidence from arson and explosions.

Washington County Sheriff William J. Wheat also said that his investigation of the incident came up empty.

Small said he also does not know of anything else that can be done.

"Unless somebody gives me some new information, I have done my thing," Small said.

Family terrorized by V-shaped UFO

A S A TERROR-STRICKEN family watched, a gigantic V-shaped UFO silently glided overhead and put on a spectacular light show.

"It looked like a UFO. It had green lights and a red light and it formed a V-shape, it made no noise whatever and it was as big as a bunch of houses," said awestruck Daniel Wolf, 10.

The youngster was seated in a car with his grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Myers, her ex-husband, John McLean, his mother, Caryl and his sister Christina, when the UFO suddenly appeared over Bible Baptist Church in Chiefland, Florida, last June.

"I just stopped at the stop sign and I saw these lights staring me in the face," Mrs. Myers recalled.

"I said 'Good God, what is this?' and everybody started looking. It wasn't very far up but it was above the trees.

"It was pitch dark and close enough to be scary but it was pretty.

To Mrs. Myers' dismay, several family members climbed out of the car to get a better look at the strange craft.

"I was screaming 'Get back in the car,' because I didn't know what the thing was," she said.

Her daughter, Caryl Wolf, was one of those who got out of the car to get a better look at the hovering UFO.

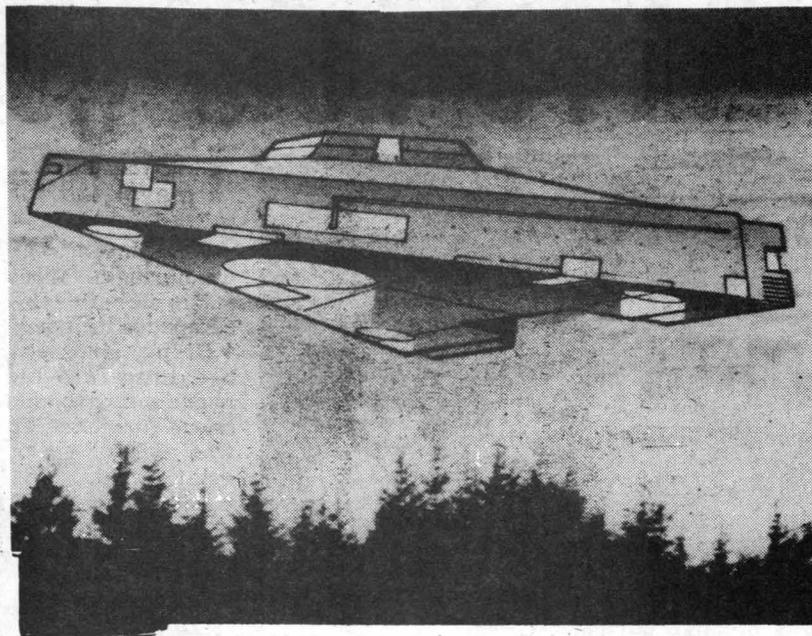
"There was no sound at all and the lights on it were beautiful. I've never seen anything like it before," Mrs. Wolf said.

The family's bizarre experience came on the heels of a UFO sighting in the same area two nights earlier, according to press reports.

— ANSON HEATH



CHARLOTTE MYERS and (left to right) Christina, Caryl and Daniel Wolf.



V-SHAPED UFO that was seen over Chiefland, Florida.

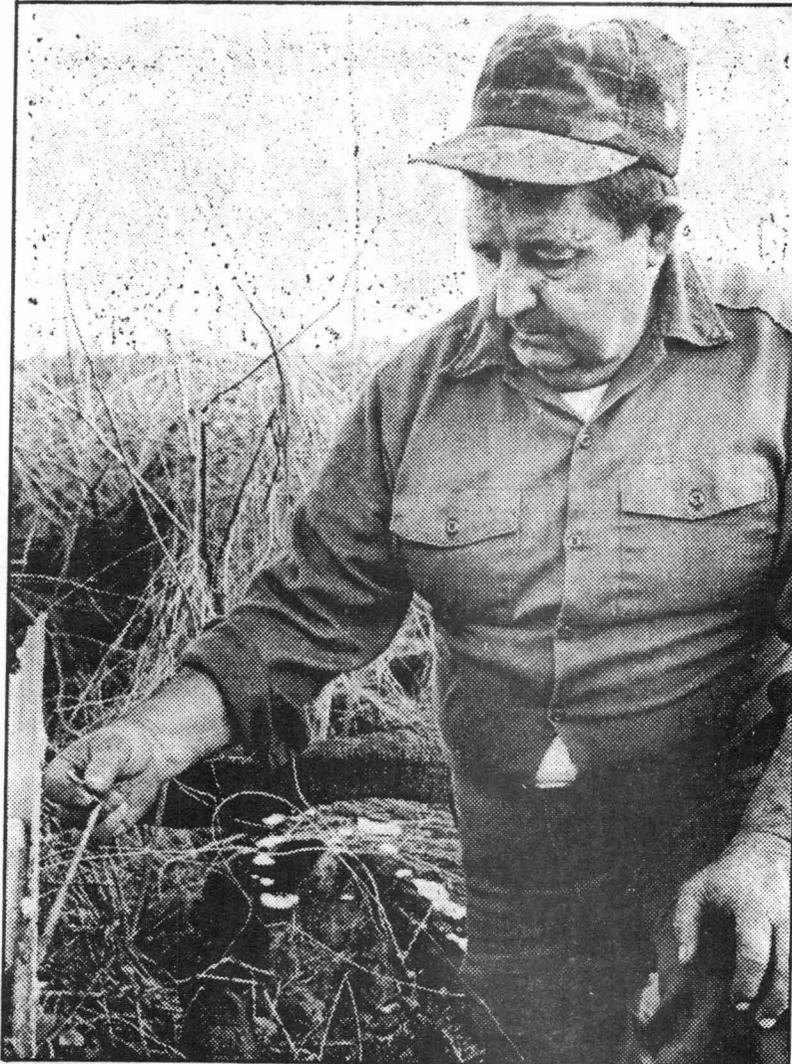
Forensics testing UFO evidence

Examiners at the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences will be testing the only evidence of a UFO which fell in Washington County in an effort to unravel the origin of the object which apparently exploded before it crashed into a backyard. It left trees and plants broken and damaged, but no clues as to what it was or what caused it.

Jim Small, a trace evidence examiner with the Forensic Science lab who specializes in examining evidence from arson and explosions, said the lab received samples of damaged plants and trees from the Washington County Sheriff's Department Wednesday.

"The first thing that we will look for is some type of explosive residue. Beyond that, I don't know," Small said.

The explosion, which occurred March 5 in the backyard of the Jesse Wallace Henson family in Frankville, was investigated by Washington County Sheriff William J. Wheat. Wheat said he had no idea what caused it, whether it was a land explosion or caused by something that fell from the sky.



CHECKING IT OUT — Jesse Wallace Henson of Frankville, Ala., seems to be conducting his own investigation after an UFO apparently exploded and crashed into his back yard last week. The Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences is testing evidence to determine the origin of the object. (Press Register photo by Ron Colquitt)

UFOs 'common over Batley,

Close encounters of several different kinds will be under discussion when the Yorkshire UFO Society meets on Saturday.

One of the organisers of the conference is 28-year-old Philip Mantle, of Lady Ann Road, Batley. Philip is the Batley Area Investigator and Overseas Liaison Officer with the YUFOS. He said sightings

of UFOs in the Batley area were by no mean uncommon.

"I have had numerous reports of large circular objects over Batley and Spen. They've been seen on several occasions but I cannot figure out what they are," he said.

He added: "In September last year about half-a-dozen people telephoned me to say there

was a large red glowing object in the night sky over Dewsbury."

The conference is being held at Centenary House, North Street, Leeds, between 12 noon and 5 p.m.

At the meeting, the only one of its kind to be held in Britain this year, Philip will hand over the title of Young Investigator of the year to his successor.

Philip won the award last year as a result of his work for the YUFOS.

He is particularly proud to have arranged for leading Norwegian UFO expert, Mr. Odd Gunnar Roed, to speak at the meeting.

Other "leading lights" in the UFO world to be present will be Timothy Good, adviser to the House of Lords all-party UFO study group, and Jenny Randles, Britain's only full-time ufologist.



Batley's own UFO expert, Philip Mantle. — (N.S.).

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Muhammad Ali's UFO encounters

It was enormous with glowing portholes

Buzzed

"I looked up and saw this thing — this UFO — doing acrobatics up among the stars. The sighting changed my previous opinion."

Another of Ali's better sightings took place in the mid-1960s.

He was driving along the New Jersey Turnpike when an enormous UFO with glowing portholes buzzed his car.

"The thing was so huge that I could see its shadow on the highway — it covered both lanes," Ali explains.

In 1971, his long-time manager, Angelo Dundee, confirmed another sighting. He was with Ali as he jogged through Central Park in New York City just before sunrise.

"It was a real big sucker," says Dundee of the silent, brilliantly-glowing light that passed overhead.

Ali sees a practical as well as a religious significance to the appearance of UFOs in our skies.

"I think they come into our atmosphere to replenish their oxygen," he says.

"The late Elijah Muhammad, my religious leader, said the first reference ever made about UFOs

was Ezekiel's Biblical description of a wheel within a wheel.

"He also says there is a ship known as the Mother of Planes that is one-half-mile long. I think this is what I observed over my training camp."

FORMER BOXING champ Muhammad Ali has seen UFOs 18 times — and says he is convinced they "are of tremendous importance to the whole world."

In fact, the sightings have made the ex-king of the ring a serious flying saucer buff — despite his otherwise skeptical attitude toward phenomena for which there is no scientific explanation.

"I always speak my mind since I found out that so many other people have had similar sightings," he says. "I hope I can convince a few people that they exist."

One of Ali's most sensational sightings occurred in the summer of 1974 at his mountain-top training camp in Pennsylvania as he prepared for a bout with George Foreman.

"I had been training for three hours that afternoon," explains Ali. "After a light supper, I decided to take a stroll. The sun had been down for only a short while and so the sky was still quite light."

Suddenly Ali spotted a brightly-glowing orb in the distance.

Light

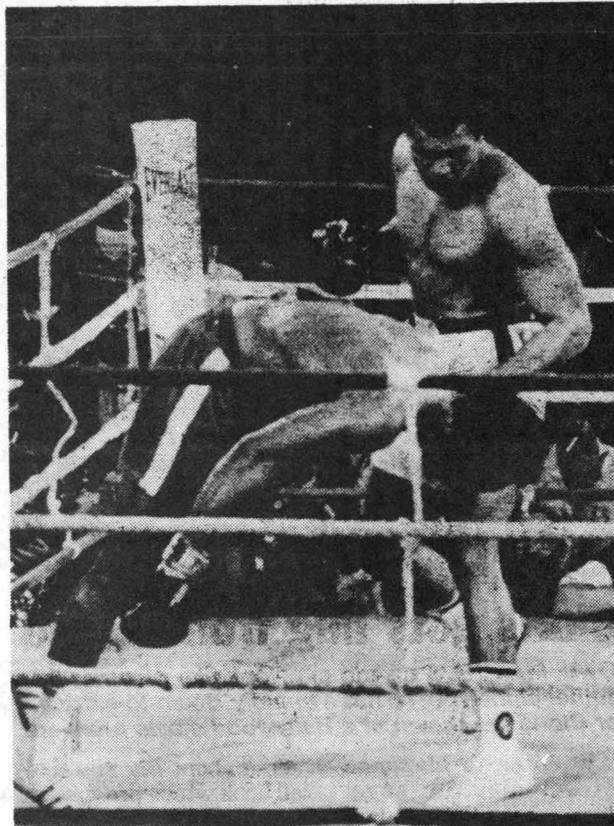
"At first I thought this flicker was the North Star rising in the heavens. However, within moments, I could tell I was watching something out of the ordinary.

"Before I could blink my eyes, this 'light' had come down toward the mountains, until it hovered right above the valley."

The UFO's movements convinced him it was not an aircraft guided by human hands.

Say Ali, "From time to time it would speed away, up to the far reaches of the heavens. Minutes later, it would come down toward us again. It did this numerous times in the two hours I watched it."

By TIMOTHY GREEN BECKLEY



FIGHT WITH FOREMAN came shortly after Ali saw a UFO at his training camp.

"The UFO was streamlined and shaped like a cigar, but blunt at both ends," he explains. "I'm certain there must have been people on board."

Ali likes to have his sightings confirmed by another witness before talking about them, so the next night his business manager, Gene Kilroy, scanned the sky with him. Sure enough, the UFO returned.

"I never paid too much attention to Muhammad when he talked about these things," says Kilroy. "But I knew there was something mighty peculiar happening over the camp that night."

Encounters with the unknown

CONTRARY to public opinion, UFOs are regularly seen over major cities and Bradford is by no means an exception.

The Yorkshire UFO Society has on record many startling encounters over Bradford and its surrounding satellite towns and villages.

Reports of strange incidents is nothing new to this area, yet how real is the phenomenon and can it all be placed in categories which support a more down to earth explanation? The evidence suggests not, and we must point out that the following documentation has been analysed by some of the leading UFO researchers in this country and much of the data suggests an unknown intelligence.

Reports of UFOs continue to build up in our files relating to the Bradford area, but we must go all the way back to 1960 to find a classic example of how the subject displayed itself to a couple of innocent witnesses. This report, compared with recent encounters, will amply show how little the UFO has changed in the eyes of the un-knowing witness.

Froze

Two women had left a house in the Low Moor area and were heading on foot towards High Fernley. Suddenly they became aware of a dark grey saucer shape just above a nearby hillside. Around the centre of the object a series of brightly lit 'portholes' were very evident. No sound could be heard even though the object was just two hundred feet away, hovering motionless just above some advertisement boards. The couple froze for a moment, and watched the very large craft move silently towards the Pennines.

There is nothing in the report to suggest a hoax or mis-identification of any known airborne object.

How physical is the phenomena and do UFOs constitute a threat to the public? A

MARK BIRDSALL, Research Director of the Yorkshire UFO Society, describes recent sightings, and concludes that Bradford is on a major UFO flightpath. Mark, a 28-year-old computer operative, formed the YUFOS with his brother in 1981. It now has some 200 members, 40 of them in Bradford.

terrified witness living in the King's Road recalls: "The year was 1967 and I was aware of a loud, pulsating, whirling sound outside my bedroom. The time was 2.30 a.m. I turned my bedroom light on and the sound grew louder. At this point my bedroom light started to flicker. I looked outside the window and couldn't believe my eyes! An enormous domed saucer was moving slowly across the street. It sent shivers down my back. It was bright silver and had a series of flashing lights around a raised dome. I would estimate its size to be no smaller than 150 ft. It was incredible."

The modern era of UFO sightings and the lengthy investigative methods and procedures YUFOS undertake to solve such mysteries are today 'dogged' by man's own advanced technological achievements in aviation. Today there are so many unusual objects to be seen in the skies. But could anything explain the object which hurtled towards Bradford on November 7, 1981?

Many witnesses as far afield as Huddersfield spotted a strange sphere cruising at tree top level and spinning rapidly. As it approached south Bradford, people observed a smaller sphere entering the large windowed ball.

1981 was perhaps Bradford's year in so far as UFO sightings are concerned. But few of the witnesses to the following daylight

experience will ever forget the month of June. We had received calls relating to the sighting of a large saucer shaped craft hovering over the West of the city. Quite quickly our Bradford investigators hurried to the scene.

Perhaps as is always the case with UFO investigation, the object had departed! The story does not end there however. For at 7.30 p.m. the same evening further reports were made of the identical object.

Seven statements taken by our investigators related heavily towards each other, all the observers offered similar descriptions — a silver craft with a purportedly 'glass' dome being illuminated from inside.

Yorkshire has a great reputation in

relation to such encounters with the unknown and perhaps one of the most disturbing occurred near Haworth. We have tried to solve this mystery for nearly four years, but still we remain totally baffled by the strange incident at Cullingworth Moor.

On September 17, 1982 at 10.30 p.m., two women were driving over Cullingworth Moor towards their home in Haworth. The road was deserted when suddenly a cluster of multi-coloured lights took up a position directly in front of the vehicle and around 30 ft. off the ground.

The women, absolutely terrified, slowed down immediately to around 5 mph. As the vehicle passed under the lights they could clearly see a large dark structure which

emitted a brilliant white beam at the car. The driver was flooded by an intense white light, she lost control of the car. Just seconds before they plunged down an embankment, she managed to regain control. The vehicle stopped. The glowing object moved off slowly towards the Skipton area, and quite silently left the women.

Both extremely upset they raced for home. When they arrived home they noticed the clock. A journey which usually takes less than thirty minutes had seemingly taken nearly two hours.

Some four days later the women decided to re-trace the journey at exactly the same time. Both very frightened they started to travel on the same stretch of road. Their fears were to

be realised when at exactly the same locality they had encountered the UFO, a red mist appeared from thin air and engulfed the vehicle.

The driver pressed hard on the accelerator and cleared the thick red glowing mist. When they arrived home they realised they had lost some thirty minutes again.

Mystery

UFO sightings continue in the Bradford area and reports are still well above the national average. Even now, as we endeavour to evaluate the masses of information, people still come forward to relate strange encounters and observations. Such was the case just before Christmas when two astronomers claimed they saw a UFO glowing brilliant yellow in the sky over Shipley. Why Bradford is witness to so many UFO overflights remains a bigger mystery than perhaps the phenomena themselves. Perhaps the key lies with the city's locality. Bradford backs on to the vast, open areas of Yorkshire and just a short distance away the Pennines, scene of the most intense UFO activity in the United Kingdom. Is that why we are on the UFO flightpath? Time will tell.

Tomorrow the Yorkshire UFO Society will be staging a major conference with leading figures from all over Europe attending. The meeting is being staged at Centenary House, North Street, Leeds, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (doors open at noon).

International speakers will be relating substantial evidence which will dismiss the sceptics claims of 'no material evidence'. The Society will be presenting some of the strangest incidents this country has ever seen, making Yorkshire the key in the vast jigsaw so aptly termed The UFO Paradox.

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Subcelestial close and distant encounters

Mr. Tadeusz Figiel of Ryczywół in Piła province, the member of Astronomic Polish Association, made in 1979 the very interesting observation and consequently in his diary under the date of October 24. he recorded the following:

"19.00 hr. Sky free of clouding, stars visibility limited. Through the sight-glasses 8 x 30 I was observing the south-eastern part of sky and at about 30 grades above horizon I noted three orange-coloured objects (azimuth 115 grades) of the brightness near to the average of Saturn. The round objects was situated in straight line under the angle of 75 grades to horizontal line and remained at equal spaces to each other at about two grades. After about 10 secondes from appearance, the middle object (2) after covering the apparent distance of 2 grades, approached the object (1) situated above, and the last one rapidly extinguished. After few secondes the lowest object (3) covered the distance of 4 grades, approaching the object (2) and thenafter the last one also extinguished. After several secondes extinguished also the object (3). The all observation lasted about 20 secondes."

After such brief recording on the unusual observation, Tadeusz Figiel supplemented with brief remark: "The above cited appearance did not remaind any astronomic so far known astronomic appearance, and it is the first of its kind, which I can not explain.

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I was convinced that the three objects were at the relatively small distance from the earth.

Such brief phenomenon at the evening sky is not contributing much, but must be taken into consideration when observing it with the Night Lights.

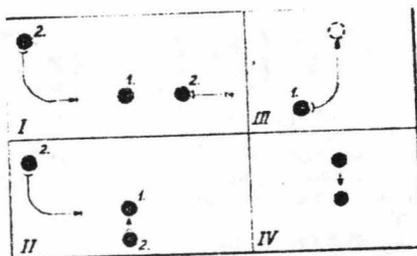
On April 18. 1984, Barbara Skawińska with her daughter Alicja were returning home. They resided in Koszalin. At 20.35 hr. going in M.Kobernik Promenade, after passing Rolna Street, they noted at north-western part of the bright sky curious and shining object.

- We were highly surprised stated Barbara Skawińska - this, what we saw, was light, dark orange ball, three times larger than Venus, seen in closest approach to the Earth. At the same time, contrary to Venus, the object was perfectly round and in cycling was changing its colour from dark to light orange, yellow to blue. At certain moment, the object shifted slightly towards the left. From this side, from the south-western direction, was approaching another dark orange object which was heading directly towards the first one. After certain length covered in space, this object approached the first ball at the distance of about 10 dias of the single object and this appeared. After few secundes appeared at the same distance from the other side. Again disappeared after covering short distance. The sky was relatively bright, without clouds and there was nothing to be seen at the places where the ball disappeared. Purposely I am specifying that the ball disappeared and not switched off. Flight lasted about 5 - 7 minutes.

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After several minutes - the ⁽³⁾ first pulsating ball was seen at the same place as before. Again, illuminated probably the same orange ball and at the previous speed was approaching the first ball. All this occurred as before, but the second ball did not approached from the opposite side of the first ball, but appeared just under it and seemingly was absorbed by it. Such was my impression that one object absorbed the second one. At the joining moment, both balls were orange and after joining, the single ball appeared as very light blue colour and disappeared after few seconds. Few minutes later, at the same place, where disappeared, the ball brighted again and perhaps that was the same orange ball, but without changing the colour, smoothly climbed and disappeared.

This time we thought that this is the fin of it because nothing occurred ~~from~~ for some considerable time. We just wanted to move, but at the same place as previously, appeared again the dark-red ball which was suspended without motion. After about 2 minutes separated from it the second orange ball and suspended above the first one. Few minutes later, both the balls, being imobile in respect to each other, disappeared without any trace. The flight of the balls was very characteristic for the lightness in moving, it was very fluent without any accelerations or slowings. All this lasted about 30 - 35 minutes and took place in complete silence.



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MacLaine confidant in town

By Kris Kodrich
Of The State Journal

UFOs and extraterrestrial creatures do exist and are watching earthlings to make sure they do not blow up the planet.

That's the message of Charles Silva, an author and lecturer who says he has been inside UFOs and has talked with people from other planets.

Silva, 41, who lives in Lima, Peru, is in Madison this week to present workshops and lectures Friday through Sunday sponsored by the

Aloha Herb Center. He is the confidant and guide to Shirley MacLaine mentioned in her best-selling book, "Out on a Limb," which describes her experiences with psychic phenomena.

Wednesday, Silva, a former movie promoter, said he became convinced that UFOs exist in 1974. He was in Peru promoting the movie "The Sting" when he saw UFOs, which he described as multicolored, metallic objects that were in the shape of two cereal bowls placed against each other.

He later met a young woman who claimed she was from another world. Naturally, Silva laughed and told the woman: "Nice meeting you — I'm Napoleon Bonaparte."

But after talking with the woman more, Silva realized she was telling the truth. He became convinced of the existence of extraterrestrials, he said, "when they finally got me inside the spaceship for a ride."

Silva said he stayed in contact with the extraterrestrials for about 14 months. They came from several parts of the universe, he said, including one of the moons of Jupiter.

The reason UFOs come to earth is

"to see that we don't blow our planet apart," he said. "The balance of the universe is at stake here."

Ms. MacLaine first met Silva after reading his book, "Date with the Gods." Eventually they went to Peru to talk with people with UFO experiences and visit ancient ruins like Machu Picchu, the walled Inca city. Ms. MacLaine believes she once was an Inca princess, Silva said.

In Ms. MacLaine's book, Silva is referred to as "David."

Silva will present a lecture at 8 p.m. Friday at the Ramada Inn, 3841 E. Washington Ave. Admission is \$12. Workshops focusing on revelations, astral projection, spirituality and parapsychology will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Ramada. Admission is \$55 for each.

Information is available by calling the Aloha Herb Center at 251-6706. //

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UFOs set
to invade
Derby

FLYING saucer fanatics are set to invade Derby with conclusive proof that UFOs really do exist.

The International Aetherius Society claims to have contacted life from outer space which told them almost 30 years ago about the recent nuclear accidents at Sellafield.

Now the group is planning a special meeting — Flying Saucers Their Message To Earth — in Derby on April 15 at the Friends' Meeting House, St Helen's Street.

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And finally . . .

WAS it a UFO that was seen hovering above Bromley on Saturday evening?

A graphic designer from Thornton Heath rang to say he spotted a strange glowing red light moving slowly across the horizon above the North Eastern part of the borough at about 9.30

He had no explanation for the eerie sign,

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Letters

INTRIGUED BY UFO REPORT

I WAS most intrigued to read the page and article in the Evening News on Thursday, March 13, about the UFO sighting at Wymondham.

At 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, I switched on my TV and discovered that the set was completely dead on all channels. The same socket was capable of

operating a lamp, so I replaced the fuse in the TV plug, but the TV still would not operate. After a few hours had elapsed, I tried again and the set operated perfectly.

Personal experiences in the past with UFO sightings in this area have sparked off my interest in the subject sufficiently to read

more about such things.

My own conclusion is that the UFO sighting may have some bearing on my set malfunction. I would be interested to hear through your columns whether other readers experienced similar blackouts on the night in question.

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Maple Close, Wymondham.

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The mystery of

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Carleton Moor.

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● A 14-year-old boy ran home screaming in terror after being temporarily blinded by a strange object.

● U.S. military officials spent three days combing Carleton Moor, near Skipton, after "something" nearly hit a radar station there.

There were just two mysterious incidents that brought UFO investigators to a Leeds conference from all over the world at the weekend.

These, and other baffling incidents around the Carleton area last summer

had brought a "wall of silence" from the authorities, the conference was told.

Mr. Mark Birdsall, director of research for the Yorkshire UFO Society, outlined four incidents between August 18 and September 8 which he said were not just coincidental.

The UFO conference heard how a bright shape was seen over Carleton Moor on August 18, and how a red glowing spinning top structure terrified a family in a farmhouse just north of Skipton on August 21.

On August 31, Mr. Birdsall said a 14-year-old boy ran home crying hysterically and was temporarily blinded after seeing bright lights in Carleton, and a doctor had to be called.

Mr. Birdsall said UFO investigators had interviewed an eight-year-old boy who came home staggering into his house, his eyes glazed, screaming and crying, after playing in a field near Carleton Moor.

Several locals at Carleton also reported that a UFO had almost struck a radar station on the moor, and United States officials were seen asking for directions to the radar

tower in the early hours of the morning.

"There is little doubt that something hit or very nearly hit the radar tower at Carleton Moor, probably on August 14," said Mr. Birdsall.

"The Americans were in the area for at least three days looking for something on Carleton Moor".

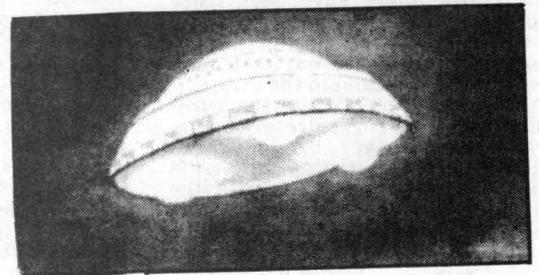
One of the main speakers, Mr. Odd Gunnar-Roed, Norway's top UFO investigator, also highlighted a series of sightings in the Hessdalen area in central Norway.

He said he had decided to make the trip to Leeds specially to share some of the information



Mr. Odd Gunnar-Roed, UFO expert from Norway.

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Philip Mantle (centre with radio) and fellow Yorkshire Ufologists on Carleton Moor, and (above) an artist's impression of the flying object most commonly reported in those parts.

Anybody out there?

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ANYBODY OUT THERE CON'T

HANGING as we do on every word that issues forth from the two joint chairmen of Planet Earth Inc., it is perhaps surprising that a tiny snippet should have slipped through almost unnoticed recently.

Following their fireside chat in cuckoo-clock land last year Messrs. Reagan and Gorbachev appeared to make a number of promises to each other, one of which was the Great Communicator's offer to share some of his Star Wars secrets with the Russians so that one day they could combine forces to "fight off alien attack."

If you are reading this over your muesli and *fromage blanc* in, say Skipton, or even your fried bread and *boudin noir* in Normanton, then try not to snigger. Particularly if you live in Skipton or Normanton.

For it would certainly seem that if we have had visitors from other worlds — and a recent survey in Britain suggested many people not only believe that we have but also expect invaders from outer space within the next five years — then they are probably from a galaxy not yet familiar with the niceties of social divisions.

Yorkshire is now the most active UFO-spotting area of Britain, possibly even the world, and much of that activity centres on the area around Skipton. The regularly-reported saucer-shaped objects often have three lights on the underside, definitely fly, and remain totally unidentified by all the official Government agencies.

Threshold, Grassington, Addingham, Carleton Moor. For some reason there have been more sightings of UFOs in these areas than anywhere else. Even local policemen have joined in the fun but have been warned to say nothing to the media.

And Normanton? While the rural idylls of North Yorkshire are being given the once-over by something similar to the artist's impression (above), at least one family in the mining town of Normanton, near Wakefield, appears to have gone a stage further.

What follows is in the nature of a

cosmic scoop and people of a nervous disposition are advised to turn to the sports pages, where cricket news from the West Indies is marginally less frightening. In July, 1981, a miner's wife in her mid-fifties was washing up in the kitchen of her council semi-detached overlooking some fields. Her children and grandchildren were trying to knock over three sticks propped up against the kerb outside.

As the ball flew in the air and as the children looked up they saw something very odd. They rushed inside and excitedly announced that "an aeroplane has come down in the field." Their mother went outside and saw a dull silver-grey coloured vehicle, which resembled a tank with no gun turret or windows, the shape of a Mexican hat.

Three tall men in silver suits, with visors on their helmets, mittens,

boots and carrying snor... were examining the ground. When they saw the woman and children, who were aged between five and 13 and all told the same story, they returned to the craft which left the way it had arrived. Vertically and noiselessly.

Cynics may dismiss this as the work of DHSS snoopers, or NCB outriders searching for pits to close, but there are those who don't.

Indeed visitors from another planet who bumped into Philip Mantle might go away slightly puzzled themselves. He is one of a rapidly growing breed of earthlings who spend hours in their back bedrooms studying charts, photographs, and documents. They communicate in a strange language about "UFO abductions", "RPVs" (remotely piloted vehicles), "energy pods" and more, much more.

And all in a Yorkshire accent. For Mr. Mantle and a handful of like-minded colleagues are the zealous backbone of the five-year-old Yorkshire UFO Society which now has almost 300 members here and abroad.

Yorkshire is now very big in the world of Ufology. ROGER CROSS has a close encounter of the worrying kind discovering why

Its bi-monthly magazine goes all over the world; their data relating to some 1,000 encounters of varying kinds is stored on floppy discs at their headquarters somewhere in Leeds, with duplicates elsewhere. You can't be too careful when you are dealing with the unknown.

So what is it all about? Philip Mantle, a 28-year-old engineer whose small bedroom at his terrace home in Batley is the nerve-centre of his part of the Yorkshire UFO Society's operation (overseas liaison, investigation, membership secretary etc.), is quite frank. He doesn't know.

But 90 per cent. of his spare time is spent on hilltops. Indeed, he met his wife, Elaine, a fellow Ufologist, on a hill at Carleton Moor, Skipton. Locals joke about sheep drowning themselves deliberately in that area, and not driving across the moor after dark. But not Mr. Mantle. His annual

holiday was spent there last summer and in nine days the grand total of sightings was — one. A very identifiable aeroplane.

"It is terribly frustrating. There is something and the answer to all these happenings may be there right under our noses, but we just can't see it for the time being. I'd stop investing so much time in it if I didn't think the riddle could be solved. But it will be."

In the meantime his telephone rings constantly (a call from Norway, as we speak) but the majority are more mundane sightings in the Yorkshire areas. There was something funny hovering over Morley last week. As it is, only about 10 per cent. of such sightings and encounters remain unexplained as Mr. Mantle and his fellow Ufologists investigate as thoroughly as is possible within the combined restraints of the basic apathy of Government departments and the Yorkshire UFO Society's bank balance, which rarely tops £100.

They spend hours discussing and analysing such as the Normanton encounter (the woman insisted on

anonymity but Mr. Mantle offered an introduction); "July 23, 1984" — almost 100 separate reports in one night of two large glowing light orbs moving from Hull to Leeds and then back to the east coast and still totally unexplained.

And the "Cracoe UFO", claimed to be the best daylight colour-photo of a UFO taken in the UK, and the work of an off-duty policeman in North Yorkshire. What looks to the untrained eye like a processing flaw on the negative is food and drink and terribly significant to Ufologists.

Philip Mantle is articulate and knowledgeable about a subject which wasn't really invented until 1947, when a commercial pilot combing a mountain for wreckage in Washington State reported seeing discs flying in formation like saucers on water. Ufologists really hate such terms as

"flying saucers" and "little green men", and are terribly sensitive about being taken seriously, being readily aware that many people's perception of their particular obsession is mocking and sceptical.

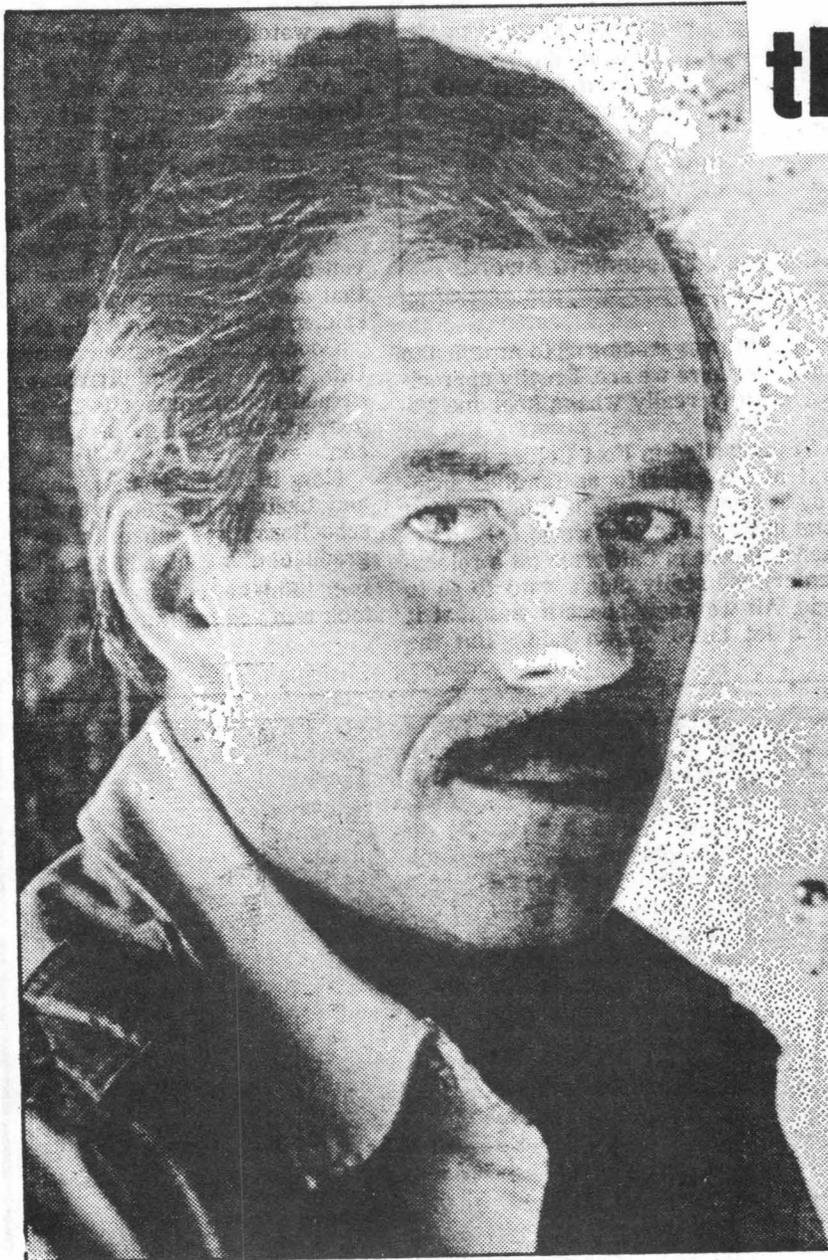
The Achilles heel of the movement are the fellow travellers only too ready to explain, and exploit, the simply unexplainable. Many Ufologists believe there is a worldwide conspiracy at government levels to conceal startling knowledge of extra-terrestrial visitations. Indeed, in a small back bedroom in Batley are files stuffed with photocopies of photocopies of official-looking documents from around the world which seem to confirm that theory.

In fact the next time Reagan and Gorbachev swap pleasantries they would do well to remember that the Yorkshire UFO Society are well and truly on to them. A throwaway paragraph at the end of a recent information sheet, "The Military in Yorkshire" gives us all something to ponder, Skipton and Normanton notwithstanding:

"The research team have discovered through sources that there exists in Yorkshire a secret military base where, currently, astronauts are being trained for a manned mission to Mars...."

Watch this space (no pun intended).

'Phantom surgeons of the plains'



FRANK MURRAY/Rocky Mountain News

Dave Perkins has spent 10 years trying to unravel the cause of cattle mutilations, represented by the pins that dot a map on his wall.

Grotesque cattle mutilations continue,

By JANE HULSE
Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

but ranchers tend to stay mum

The grotesque cattle mutilations that terrorized Colorado ranchers 10 years ago have never really stopped.

The "phantom surgeons of the plains," as they've been called, have quietly — though much less frequently — continued their inexplicable slaughter.

Just two months ago, on a biting cold February day, ranchhand Jeff Fellhauer drove his pickup truck over rutted pasture roads to feed the cattle roaming the 40,000-acre Bow and Arrow Ranch southeast of Walsenburg.

As he approached the herd on the treeless plain, he saw crows circling and knew something was dead.

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The 4-year-old Limousin bull was more than just dead. His testicles had been removed with a clean slice. One ear was neatly cut off. And his tongue had been severed.

Last fall five cattle were found apparently mutilated in Elbert County, southeast of Denver, according to *Ranchland News*, a weekly that covers the Pikes Peak region. Another was found mysteriously dead last July in Elbert County. Many more are suspected, but ranchers usually keep quiet about the bizarre livestock deaths these days.

NEAR-HYSTERIA broke out in Colorado in 1975 when some 200 cattle mutilations — most of them in Elbert County — were reported by frantic ranchers. The mysterious deaths went unsolved.

Theories about the culprits flourished, though. At first, Satanic cults were suspected of using the cattle's body parts and blood for rituals. There was talk that the government was performing clandestine experiments on the cattle. Some even thought extra-terrestrials aboard unidentified flying objects were swooping down to snatch specimens for research.

None of it made sense. Ten years later, it's still a senseless mystery to Dave Perkins, who has spent the intervening years trying to solve the strange killings. While the excitement over the mutilations all but disappeared by 1980, Perkins is still on the trail, tracking the less frequent cattle deaths.

The map on the wall of his remote mountaintop home some 30 miles west of Walsenburg tells the story. Hundreds of pins mark the sites of cattle mutilations across the country. A mass of pins covers the midwest, and especially hardhit is Colorado.

"I keep thinking something will break," said Perkins, lighting a cigarette. "But I've been dealing with it all this time and I still have no idea what it is I'm dealing with."

FOR WHATEVER reason, the "classic" cattle mutilations follow something of a pattern, said Perkins. The animals' sex organs are removed. The rectum is cored out. In females, the udder is taken out. Eyes, ears, tongue, portions of the face, and patches of skin also might be gone. Often, though not always, the blood has been drained from the animal.

In the 1970s, government investigators were quick to blame the slaughter on predators. Perkins and most seasoned ranchers have nothing but disdain for that conclusion, calling it an "insult."

The cuts are made with surgical precision, making it doubtful that predators are the culprits, Perkins noted. And the meat is left untouched. Often there is no trace of blood and no evidence the animal struggled for its life. And usually a search of the area produces no footprints or tireprints.

Perkins became intrigued with the cattle mutilation mystery in 1975 when two cows were found mutilated a couple of miles from his house overlooking the Sangre De Cristo Mountains. He began collecting information and building a huge file on mutilations. He became a correspondent for a Paris, Texas, newsletter that has tracked cattle mutilations nationwide during the past 10 years.

"I thought if anyone could solve this it would be an amazing feat of investigative work," he said, piloting his 4-wheel-drive up 9 miles of gut-jarring terrain to his mountaintop house. "It's got to be solvable."

PERKINS, 40, isn't a likely sort to pursue the cattle slaughter mystery. A Yale graduate, his heart was in radical politics during the 1960s. He retreated to southern Colorado in 1969 to live in the mountain commune *Libre* where a dozen or so artists, writers and other freethinkers built their own homes on 360 acres bordering the San Isabel National Forest.

Over the years Perkins has been a freelance writer, a stonemason and a bricklayer. He occasionally sets up satellite dishes. He plays in a local rock 'n' roll band. Articulate and thoughtful when he speaks, he also serves on the Huerfano County planning and

zoning commission and the county's economic development commission. He is chairman of the Democratic Party in nearby Gardner.

In pursuing the mutilation mystery, Perkins relies on tips from ranchers, sheriff's department deputies, state patrol officers and others who know he's the state's leading private "mutologist" on the gory subject.

"People call me all the time," he said. If the mutilation is "fresh," he and his associate, Carie Seawell, drive to the scene and view the animal. He's personally examined about two dozen mutilated cattle. As part of his investigation, he interviews the animal's owner, talks with veterinarians and scans police reports.

He estimates about 600 cattle have been mutilated in Colorado since 1975. The number declined steadily until 1980 and has remained constant since then. The "hottest zone" in Colorado is in south Elbert County, he said.

"THEY'RE NOT getting reported (by the ranchers)," Perkins said. "They don't think there's any good that will come of it." They fear they'll be ridiculed as flying saucer nuts.

Perkins doesn't have any easy explanations for the strange phenomenon. "I can't rule out anything — I wouldn't rule out extra-terrestrials," he said.

"What this looks like on its face is some sort of scientific test being performed on animals because of the delicate surgery to take specific tissue," he said.

Maybe it's some sort of environmental test involving our food chain, or someone

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testing the effects of radiation on animals rather than humans, he speculated. His map with its pins marking mutilation sites also includes pins of a different color marking nuclear sites and uranium mines.

The theory the government is behind the mutilations has holes in it. If the government wanted to test for nuclear contamination, why would its agents secretly slaughter privately owned cattle when they could perform surgery on a herd of their own?

As for the cult theory, cult followers might have killed a few head of cattle, but they couldn't have masterminded the deaths of thousands all over the world, Perkins believes.

After 10 years, Perkins doesn't believe the solution can simply be attributed to UFOs, the government or cults.

"I'm getting into metaphysical thinking," he said, tossing out names like Carl Jung, an

early psychologist who held that humans share a collective unconsciousness.

"Maybe we're part of the process to make (mutilations) happen," he mused. Another theory along those lines is that the cattle mutilations are a stigmata, or a present-day "miracle," representing the arrival of a new religion for those "space brothers" disillusioned by current theology.

Whatever the solution to the mutilations, Perkins said, "I've never had the intuitive feeling that it was anything negative. If it is extra-terrestrials, we're seeing an effort at communication."

To ranchhand Fellhauser, the sight of the \$1,500 mutilated bull 2 months ago communicated only rage. A no-nonsense cowboy, he believes someone using the state wildlife area near the Bow and Arrow Ranch probably shot the bull, although he couldn't find a bullet hole.

"I just can't force myself to believe some

Martian is doing this," he said. "But I ain't going to say they don't exist."

Billie Trembly is convinced it was not vandals who mutilated a 5-year-old cow last September on a south Elbert County ranch where she and her husband are caretakers. The cow's rectum had been cored out in a circular cut about 8 inches in diameter. A rectangular piece of hide was neatly cut from the udder area. The uterus was taken. There was no sign of blood, no footprints, and the meat was untouched.

She quickly dismisses predators and cults as the culprits. She's convinced the government is doing something "sleazy." The cuts are so precise she believes they could have been made with a laser.

"It's frightening," she said. "Our dog wouldn't go near the dead cow. The birds left the area for a long time."

Since the mutilation, she and her husband check on the cattle two or three times a day.

They watch at night for strange traffic and unusual lights in the sky.

Back in 1975 during the height of the mutilations, Billie Trembly and many other ranchers frequently spotted strange lights and heard helicopters hovering overhead at night. In 1978 a neighbor's cow was mutilated about one mile down the road from the Tremblys.

"I think people don't report (cattle mutilations) any more," she said, mentioning a rancher she knew who kept quiet about a recent one. "Nobody takes them seriously. They think (investigators will conclude) they've flipped their lid."

Elbert County Sheriff George Yarnell downplayed the recent cattle mutilations, insisting they seldom happen these days.

"I'll tell you this," he said. "When the mutilations stopped, we never got any more reports of choppers hovering around. That's the exact truth."

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J. Allen Hynek, headed Air Force probe of UFOs

PHOENIX (AP) — J. Allen Hynek, a leading authority on unidentified flying objects and former director of the Air Force's Project Blue Book that investigated UFOs, has died at age 75.

Mr. Hynek, a professor of astronomy who directed Project Blue Book at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio from 1948 to 1969, died Sunday at Scottsdale Memorial Hospital.

He eventually became disenchanted with the Air Force's approach to the study, contending the service was not conducting a scientific experiment. The Air Force concluded there was no evidence of extraterrestrial craft.

In a 1974 interview, Mr. Hynek said he stayed with the program so he would have access to Air Force data and to avoid being marked a "UFO nut."

He founded the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., in 1973, and moved to Scottsdale a year ago, taking the center with him.

Mr. Hynek coined the phrase "close encounters of the third kind," in his 1972 book, "The UFO Experience." The phrase, meaning encounters with alien beings, became the title of the 1977 Steven Spielberg movie.

Mr. Hynek, who was born in Chicago, did undergraduate and graduate work at the University of Chicago from which he received his doctorate. He was head of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University for 18 years until retiring in 1978.

Survivors include his wife, Miriam; a daughter; four sons; and five grandchildren.

Orbits are over for UFO finder

By ERIC KINKOPF
Free Press Staff Writer

If there is life beyond our universe, the inhabitants of those far-flung galaxies are probably still in mourning over the loss of a kindred spirit.

For if UFOs are manned by creatures swooping down to take a look at us, in J. Allen Hynek they had someone who was willing to give a long stare back.

That is the legacy of the friendly and energetic astrophysicist, whose scientific approach to research of unidentified flying objects gave legitimacy to UFOs, phenomena uneasily tolerated by non-believers — or simply laughed at.



J. Allen Hynek

Hynek died of a brain tumor Sunday in Scottsdale, Ariz. He was 75.

John Bahng, an associate professor of physics at Northwestern University, where Hynek had been professor and chairman of the department of astronomy for 18 years, said: "He wasn't sure that these UFOs really had anything to do with extra-

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terrestrial life. But he was open-minded about it."

As well as serving on the Northwestern faculty until 1978, Hynek was involved in the Air Force UFO research effort from 1948 to 1969. He was founder of the Center for UFO Studies, coiner of the phrase "close encounters of the third kind" and technical consultant on, and bit player in, the 1977 Steven Spielberg movie of the same name.

"Scientists in the year 2066 may think us very naive in our denials" of the extraterrestrial, Hynek said in an interview in 1966. He also said he wouldn't mind if he were remembered not as an astronomer, but as the man who made UFOs respectable.

"I think that would be a real contribution," he said.

THAT GOAL became a reality, said

Dan Wright, 39, a policy analyst for the Michigan Department of Social Services in Lansing, who, in his spare time, is regional director of the Mutual UFO Network, which gathers information about reported UFO sightings.

He gave others "an impetus" to come out of the closet, Wright said.

The most commonly cited reason for not reporting a suspected UFO sighting is fear of ridicule, according to Wright.

Some among the astrophysics community "almost ridiculed him for getting involved," said Bahng. "But his driving motivation was to make rigorous investigations of UFO phenomena, instead of taking the reports at face value; to apply scientific methods to see if there was something to it.

He long asserted that UFOs should be taken seriously, and he eventually became displeased with the Air Force approach. He said that its methods

were slipshod and that it was not conducting a scientific study.

The Air Force, in turn, concluded that there was no evidence of extraterrestrial craft, and the UFO project was abandoned.

IN AN INTERVIEW in 1974, Hynek said that he had remained with the program as long as he did to retain access to Air Force data and to avoid being marked a "UFO nut."

In 1966, he was dispatched to Michigan after a rash of reported sightings near Dexter and Hillsdale.

Wright said that in a 1982 conversation about the case, Hynek told him that he had been "dispatched with marching orders to debunk the case, to bring about an immediate conclusion.

He speculated on the possibility of swamp gas creating the illusion, said Wright. Wright described swamp gas as "a chemical reaction of methane and

other gases caused by decaying vegetable matter that can, under proper heat and humidity conditions, ignite into small, candle-like flames that hug the ground."

"But the media picked up on the speculation and exaggerated it as the one and only possibility," said Wright.

A few years later, according to Wright, Hynek was excluded from an Air Force UFO committee that was made up of scientists who were extremely skeptical of the existence of UFOs — debunkers.

Hynek founded the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston in 1973 and took it with him when he moved to Scottsdale.

He had been scheduled to be the featured speaker at a UFO symposium at the Kellogg Center at Michigan State University June 27-29.

The New York Times also contributed to this report.

UFO¹³⁸¹ expert uncovers U.S. deceit

By Pat Hampton
Dispatch Staff Reporter

Once-secret documents prove the U.S. government has tried to discredit UFO sightings to "minimize concern and potential panic," a UFO expert said yesterday.

"I'm not condemning the powers-that-be, but I am challenging their right to continue this deception," Robert Hastings, 36, said.

"My specialty is getting military reports of UFO sightings from 1947 to the present day."

Hastings' 90-minute slide show, "UFOs: The Hidden History," can be seen at 8 p.m. Monday in the West Ballroom of the Ohio State University Student Union. He has lectured since 1981 about a government cover-up of UFOs. Hastings shares once-classified CIA, FBI and Air Force documents about sightings obtained under the Freedom of Information Act.

UFOS CAUGHT his attention when he was involved in a sighting in late 1967.

"My father was in the Air Force stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base near Great Falls, Mont.," Hastings said. "I was there visiting in the control tower when five UFOs showed up on multiple radar scopes.

"They were doing things essentially that helicopters and jets can't do, both accelerating at extremely high rates of speed, then hovering in the air. It lasted for about half an hour."

Two jets were sent to investigate, Hastings said, but the objects "went straight up at plus or minus 4,800 mph" when the jets approached.

"Later I learned that they were hovering over nuclear silos in the southeast portion of the base."

"Virtually all nuclear facilities have at one time or another been visited by crafts and have been observed."

SINCE 1973, Hastings has devoted himself to pulling off the shroud of secrecy the government placed over UFO sightings. Documents he has acquired show sightings in 1966, 1967 and 1975 over nuclear facilities were common, he said.

"Virtually all nuclear facilities have at one time or another been visited by crafts and have been observed."

"For a 10-day period in 1975, they were both seen by security personnel and tracked by radar near Strategic Air Command bases over nuclear-related facilities," he said.

CIA memos dated 1950 and 1952 explain motives for discrediting UFO sightings, Hastings said. If such unexplained craft were admitted to exist, for example, U.S. citizens would consider the country vulnerable.

THE CIA document suggests assembling a secret research committee to investigate UFO sightings and planning a misinformation campaign to make the public believe there was nothing to the phenomena.

Other documents show that in 1953 the CIA "did just that, using the mass media to plant the official line to minimize concern and potential panic," he said.

Other governments have admitted sightings, Hastings said.

"In 1979, France reversed a

longstanding policy of secrecy and announced to the French public that it had had a secret group studying UFOs since the early 1950s, and that it took them seriously."

IN THE LATE 1950s, the governments of Brazil and Argentina released several photos and reports of flying, disc-shaped objects, he said.

"The Soviet Union has been very tight-lipped with the exception of 1967 when several scientists from the Soviet Academy of Sciences published papers on UFOs, saying the consensus was

they were real and the least objectionable explanation was they were extraterrestrial.

"The Western media, including the *New York Times*, picked right up on it, and the lid went back on."

Public UFO sightings and access to government reports about them are in a lull, Hastings said. "By executive order, (President) Reagan has exempted the CIA from Freedom of Information requests," he said.

"And the sightings come in waves, with the last wave in late 1978 and early 1979."

UFOs return and you read it here first

They're among us again. UFOs are back in the news.

Well, not exactly in the news. UFOs are back in the tabloids, which, of course, are to news what professional wrestling is to sports.

The April 29 issue of *Weekly World News*, on sale at your supermarket right beside the Snickers bars, was especially exciting. In addition to headlines such as "Amazing mom lives a normal life with half a brain!" and "Indian mystic hasn't eaten a bite of food in 37 years" was this one: "Ancient UFO found on ocean floor." And for skeptics, *Weekly World News* had indisputable proof: a sketch of the alien craft drawn by a staff artist.

So this might be a good time to review the whole subject of UFOs: Where are they from, what is it they want, and why can't they just order it by mail? We are at once intimidated and fascinated by the possibility of visitors from space, recognizing, as we do, that space is infinity and that infinity is even farther away than Amarillo but has more nightlife.



Mike Nichols

The subject of UFOs has long been shrouded in rumor and half-truths. For example, for years, UFO buffs have claimed that the Air Force has actually recovered a 60-foot-long alien craft and hidden it in a top-secret hangar. Air Force officials have always denied this, insisting: "We know nothing about such craft and besides, it's only 40 feet long."

UFO sightings, of course, are nothing new. Theoric, king of the Ostrogoths, while conquering Italy in A.D. 490 wrote of "a sphere, most bright and earsome, which did pursue me across the plains even as I did cry out for mercy. The sphere hovered over mine prostrate self and then. . ." Here the writing is unclear and has been translated as either "sped back into the firmament whence it did come" or "emptied its ashtray on mine head."

But only in our lifetime have UFO sightings been studied so thoroughly. The Air Force receives so many inquiries about UFOs that it has established a response rating: One call is a kook; two calls are a coincidence; three calls are cause for concern; and 10 calls or more are a darned nuisance, at which point the Air Force takes the phone off the hook and goes back to posing for recruiting commercials.

Some theories about UFOs:

- Professor Luther Leakley of Cal Tech theorizes that Earth is regularly visited by scouts from a civilization that is so advanced that it long ago eliminated war, poverty, sickness and visible panty line.

(I just can't get over that: That mystic guy hasn't eaten in 37 years. Just think of how much he has saved on after-dinner mints.)

- Dr. Jergens Chardle of the Jet Propulsion Lab believes that certain regions of Earth are being monitored by members of an alien race that has futuristic means of transportation but primitive home appliances. Like voyeurs, these aliens hover over homes in our suburbs, peering through the windows and ogling our toaster-ovens.

- Some UFO cases can be explained: In 1974 Jess Blodgett of Tyro, Miss., claimed that he was checking his trotlines when a metallic starship ringed with pulsating lights landed nearby. Blodgett said: "I went ashore to investigate and was confronted by a creature that looked just like Bert Convy, only with an oscilloscope where his face should be."

Blodgett said the creature then fired a ray gun at him, causing his body to disintegrate and rematerialize just outside Las Vegas, hundreds of miles away. Blodgett said he fully recovered from the encounter but lost \$54 at roulette.

Authorities questioned Blodgett closely and believed his story until, under hypnosis, he recalled that the "starship" had an Herbalife bumper sticker.

- And some UFO cases can't be explained: Miss Winona Nibbs claims that on the night of May 18, 1958, as she was reading *House Beautiful* magazine on her patio, she was abducted by a being who beamed her aboard a craft that Miss Nibbs later described as "well-decorated and spacious, making excellent use of mirrors and indirect lighting."

The alien, she says, was suave, knowing how to say "More wine?" in 129 languages. He had his way with her, and she later gave birth to a child who had her

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eyes and his antennae. Ever since, the alien father has sent Miss Nibbs generous child-support payments. But the checks are written on a bank that is 4.7 million light-years away, and no one on Earth will cash them.

- In 1964 Air Force Capt. J.A. Yeppel was flying a routine mission over Nevada when his jet suddenly was

enveloped by an eerie orange glow. His plane nose-dived 32,000 feet in four seconds, causing selected highlights of Yeppel's life to pass before his eyes. Less than 100 feet from the ground, his jet just as suddenly leveled out. Yeppel landed safely, although he was never again able to sleep without a night light.

- Enough about UFOs. Of more con-

cern to sensitive readers will be what can be done to help that poor mystic guy who has not eaten a bite since 1949, existing on only rainwater and goat's milk for 37 years. Surely we here in the land of plenty can do something to ease his ordeal.

Hmmm. Let's each mail him a straw.//

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Sightings of UFOs drop significantly , but debate continues

By MARJIE LUNDSTROM
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DENVER, Colo. — Sometime between 8 and 9 p.m. on a cloudy autumn night, newspaper reporter Bill Jackson turned his car onto a deserted Colorado road.

He stared at the northern skies in disbelief. It was 1975, and Bill Jackson was about to have a close encounter of the first kind.

Emerging from the blackness was an enormous airborne craft — "as big or bigger than a football field, with rows upon rows upon rows of lights." The craft drifted slowly and silently over his stopped car, then vanished into the night.

"I really hesitate to use the term UFO," said Jackson, now the agriculture editor of the Greeley Tribune.

"But you stand out there on that kind of country night when there's no moon — and all those stars out there — and you just have to wonder, 'Who are we to say we're the only intelligent beings in that massive amount of space?'"

His is that knotty cosmic question that's been asked since Unidentified Flying Objects first swooshed onto the scene with the Air Force's Project Blue Book in 1947. Since then, the citizenry has seen whirling disks and flying platters. They've told of flying sausages. Winged cigars. Flying yoyos.

Then, a few years ago, it stopped.

Where once the nation seemed under siege by objects that hovered and hissed and zipped and zoomed, the skies suddenly look dismally empty.

UFOs, it seems, have all but vanished from the celestial landscape.

"These things go in significant waves, but I would say that interest in UFOs is at a fairly low ebb right now — probably the lowest ebb in 10 years," said Kendrick Frazier, a freelance science writer living in Albuquerque, N.M. Frazier is editor of "The Skeptical Inquirer," a quarterly journal of scholarly scientific research.

Some might say that this earth-bound skepticism was born in Boulder, Colo., more typically known for its love of the ethereal. In 1966, the University of Colorado was awarded a prestigious Air Force contract to investigate and evaluate UFO sightings.

The historic and controversial University of Colorado

study came to a hard-boiled conclusion: because of a lack of concrete evidence, further scientific investigation of flying saucers was unnecessary. Case closed.

Since then, several major UFO groups — determined to document the phenomenon — have disbanded. One group that remains intact, the Center for UFO Studies in Glenview, Ill., acknowledges that it has received about a third fewer reports of UFO sightings.

So what's the deal, anyway? Have extra-terrestrial visitors taken a break from buzzing Earth? Or, have people finally accepted what University of Colorado scientists asserted 20 years ago — that UFOs were not worth pursuing?

"It used to be, 10 or 12 years ago, if you called the National Enquirer and said, 'Hey, I was abducted by a flying saucer,' then they would send somebody to interview you and you'd be featured on the front page," said Philip J. Klass, a journalist and author of three books debunking UFO claims.

Not so anymore, says Klass, who believes the UFO movement is running out of gas. Two reasons, he suggests, are sophistication of the news media and the fading mystique of space travel.

"In the late '40s, it was much more reasonable and rational for a Denver Post managing editor to say, 'Yeah, you know; gee, they could be extraterrestrial,'" said Klass.

"But nearly 40 years have gone by, and there's not a single physical artifact. There's not a single, incontestible photo showing a craftlike object that can stand up under scrutiny," he said.

UFO buffs, of course, vehemently disagree with Klass and other spoilsports, who would deign to rain on the astral parade.

Richard Sigismond of Boulder has investigated the UFO phenomenon for more than 30 years, interviewing witnesses throughout the world, often under hypnosis.

His exhaustive research, says Sigismond, makes one thing perfectly clear: there is something out there.

"My conclusion, on the strength of the evidence, is that this country and planet have been under surveillance by a highly advanced society of unknown origin — presumably extra-terrestrial," said Sigismond.

"I don't care who says otherwise. There is enough evidence."

For scientists, 1966 was a turning point in the UFO debate. Throughout the country, there was a scent of rebellion, of

impending change, that hung in the air.

And there was something else: widespread UFO reports.

For a nation hooked on *The Twilight Zone* and *Lost in Space*, the notion of outer-space visitors was enticing. To scientists, it was a challenge.

In October, the Air Force announced its selection of University of Colorado for an exhaustive probe of UFOs. Already, the Air Force had devoted nearly two decades to investigating more than 10,000 UFO reports in its Project Blue Book.

University of Colorado was given the conclusive mission: To find out whether these sightings warranted additional scientific investigation.

Named to head the University of Colorado project was Edward U. Condon, an internationally known physicist and former director of the National Bureau of Standards. Little did Condon and university officials realize that their prestigious, two-year project would be tarnished by a bitter and vitriolic debate that continues even today.

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"From the perspective of hindsight, it's perfectly clear that the investigation never was intended to be serious," said David Saunders, a former University of Colorado psychology professor who worked on the project for 15 months before being fired by Condon.

The project was fraught with bad blood; another staff member also was fired, while others resigned. After his firing, Saunders, who now lives in Princeton, N.J., fired off his own version of the investigation in his book, titled *UFOs? Yes*.

"The whole point of the Condon Commission was to give the Air Force an excuse to close the doors on Project Blue Book," said Saunders. "It was costing them money; it was costing them their reputation. It was an embarrassment to them."

Condon was an avowed skeptic, something his harshest critics interpreted as outright bias. But it was Condon's findings that most infuriated the pro-UFO faction.

Released in January 1969, Condon concluded in a 1,465-page report that further study of UFOs wasn't worth it. The \$539,740 study uncovered no evidence that "flying saucers" were being flown by beings from outer space.

Not long later, the Air Force snapped shut Project Blue Book; the government was out of the flying saucer business.

To this day, Sigismund and many other UFO buffs insist that the Condon commission was wrong.

Betty Ricigliano, 52, of Golden, Colo., still recalls vividly the spring morning in 1960 when she witnessed what looked like "a submarine floating in the treetops" outside her home in Union City, N.J.

Mrs. Ricigliano rushed to the window for a closer look at the noiseless, cigar-shaped mystery descending on her neighborhood.

"It was a wonderful sight, and it was there," she said. "I know what the Goodyear blimp looks like, and this wasn't it. This is something I've never been able to explain."

Carol Del Duca, formerly of Fort Collins, Colo., still maintains that she, her husband and 4-month-old baby were abducted by aliens in western Kansas and examined by humanoids aboard a spacecraft. The couple had been returning to Fort Collins from Ohio in June 1976 when, about 1 a.m., they were confronted by "balls of light," said Mrs. Del Duca, who was 18 at the time.

Later, she said, she and her husband discovered rashes on their bodies. And, she noted, they had "lost" hours of time since they first witnessed the bizarre lights.

"Still, to this day, I know it happened," said the woman, who since has divorced her husband and returned to Ohio.

Mrs. Del Duca claimed she was able to recall details of the close encounter while under hypnosis with Sigismund. She acknowledges that her artistic rendering of the alien looks remarkably like the "Michelin Man."

Sigismund has interviewed yet another Colorado couple, who claimed to have been brought aboard a spacecraft and medically examined.

In 1980, a Longmont, Colo., couple said they were abducted by aliens 24 miles north of Denver. Under hypnosis, Sigismund said, the Longmont man sketched a series of pictures, including a saucer-shaped craft and the face of a bald humanoid with a high forehead and hollow eyes.

That all this might sound a trifle daffy is precisely the problem, say Sigismund and other UFO supporters, who believe the UFO phenomenon is vastly under-reported.

"People still have that fear of reporting because they're afraid of being laughed at," said Sherman Larsen, a co-founder of the Center for UFO Studies in Illinois. "You might be crazy as a bed bug, but we don't laugh at you here."

UFO mystery still lives

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MAYBE real-life space adventures have dulled our sense of mystery, or maybe people just don't bother to look at the sky anymore. For whatever reason, unidentified flying objects — UFOs — aren't the rage they used to be.

In the years following World War I, however, thousands of UFOs were sighted in the skies over Europe, America and the rest of the world. One theory developed that beings from other planets had heard the noise (or maybe felt the souls departing from Dresden, from Hiroshima) and came by to take a look. Before long, everybody was seeing "flying saucers," books were being written by those who claimed to have been taken aboard alien craft, and we had to sit through those mostly awful movies with their plastic invaders and their tinfoil space ships.

Through it all, however, there were sober, dedicated people who believed that, yes, maybe other star systems are populated and maybe those beings have visited Earth. And they sought proof amid the hysteria. One of the most legitimate of these researchers died Sunday at age 75: Al-

len Hynek, a University of Chicago-trained scientist who headed the astronomy department at Northwestern until his retirement in 1978.

Dr. Hynek was better known for heading Project Blue Book, the official Air Force study of UFOs, from 1948 to 1969. In his own book, *The UFO Experience*, Dr. Hynek coined the term "close encounters of the third kind," to describe personal contact with alien beings. The term later became the title of one of the best UFO movies.

After leaving Project Blue Book, he said that he had become disenchanted with the Air Force study because he thought the government was shunning scientific study. He stayed on, he said, to have access to Air Force information and to keep from being seen as a "UFO nut."

Still, after all the study, UFOs remain an enduring mystery. No concrete evidence of their existence has surfaced, yet many sightings cannot be explained. And Dr. Hynek's death this week is a reminder that some mysteries survive even a lifetime of inspection.



High over Hutch

Large planes may explain recent rash of UFO reports

By Doug Ward
The Hutchinson News

Connie Albright was horseback riding near her home northeast of Hutchinson about 8:30 p.m. Thursday when she saw it.

The dim white lights in the eastern sky looked like an airplane. But the object didn't seem to be moving. It must be some sort of tower in the distance, she thought.

But as she and four others she was riding with headed home, the huge object floated southwest, "right over the top of us," and toward the Hutchinson Municipal Airport.

She said there appeared to be two pieces to the diamond-shaped object, with intense white lights on the front and dim red lights around it. But she could see no connection between the two parts.

"It was spooky," she said, mainly because she and the others couldn't hear any engine noise and the object had appeared to hover before it moved.

Not knowing what to think of the strange object, Mrs. Albright and her companions raced toward home.

"We were frightened."

A woman in northwest Hutchinson was sitting on her front porch when she saw the object about 8:15 p.m.

She and her husband first thought it was a star.

But as it came closer, the couple could see it was cigar-shaped and had red and white lights. It moved, almost silently, "due west."

Upon closer examination through a pair of binoculars, the woman said she was sure it had to be a huge dirigible of some type.

"You know, like the Goodyear blimp," she said.

Larry Augustine left his home in the Blue Spruce addition north of Hutchinson about 9:50 p.m. Friday with his son and another boy.

They also saw red and white lights. Augustine said he thought it was unusually silent. He could hear only a muffled sound of an engine.

He said the large object flew over them and moved east.

"The boys got all excited. They didn't feel like it was an airplane," Augustine said.

The three sightings were similar to several reports called into The News Friday and Saturday.

And while Federal Aviation Administration officials earlier this week could give no explanation of the sightings, a spokesman at the Hutchinson airport Saturday night said he was "100 percent sure" of what had happened Thursday night.

He said he had talked to a flight controller at the Kansas City Air Route Traffic Control Center in Olathe, who said the descriptions would fit military refueling flights that had been taking place over Kansas "all week long."

The Hutchinson official said a KC-135 tanker from McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita had met up with F-4 fighters from Lincoln, Neb.

"There's not much doubt about that," he said. "There were no UFOs."

Officials at McConnell denied Saturday that there were any refueling flights taking place

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Thursday night. A spokeswoman said there had been a mission Thursday morning, but that there were no such flights that night.

A spokesman at Airport Traffic Control at Lincoln Municipal Airport said F-4s frequently fly from the Lincoln airport.

"It happens all the time," he said.

The spokesman said there "probably" were F-4s from the 155th Tactical Operations Group, which is based in Lincoln, over central Kansas Thursday, but he referred specific questions to the guard unit's base in Lincoln. Calls there were unanswered.

Another person in the Hutchinson tower said he was at home Thursday and had seen the slow-moving object. He said he had been on a military refueling missions before and admitted that from the ground it would be "weird looking."

He said the planes are dark and against a dark sky, little could be made out except for the lights, which are used by fliers to see the booms and fueling slots on the planes.

He said that the planes were flying at 14,000 to 17,000 feet, and with the "quiet" engines being muffled further by wind, "you're not going to hear much."

From the ground, he said, the planes would appear to be moving very slowly.

"There's not much doubt in our minds" that the objects people saw were the military refueling flights.

Mrs. Albright said she was relieved when she heard the explanation given by the FAA officials.

"I can go ride my horse again," she said. //

Star Wars? A load of

I don't believe in radioactive giant rabbits

IT IS there in black and white, an official report signed by a US Air Force Colonel saying that unidentified flying objects had been sighted by his men in Suffolk in late December 1980.

Needless to say, people wondered whether I had gone barmy three years later when I published the report by Lt Col Charles Halt, deputy commander of the USAF base at RAF Woodbridge.

The authorities today are still saying nowt or denying all, but they cannot magic away that official report by Lt Col Halt — later promoted to full Colonel and made commander of the East Anglia base. So he wasn't barmy!

It was unearthed under America's Freedom of Information Act as part of a remarkable investigation carried out for the past five years by three British women who refuse to be put down by officialdom.

Jenny Randles, director of investigations for the British UFO Research Association, and her two helpers, housewives Brenda Butler and Dot Street, tell their story in a paperback called *Sky Crash* to be published on May 22 (Grafton £2.95).

It was their early investigations that got me excited in October 1983, particularly the report Lt Col Halt filed to his superiors about the strange events in Rendlesham Forest. He wrote on 13 January 1981:

1. Early in the morning of 27 December 1980 (approximately 0300) two USAF security patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate... the individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest.

Glowing lights

The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three metres (8 feet) across the base and two metres high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsating red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared...

2. The next day, three depressions 1.5ins deep and 7ins in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 December) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions...

Sun-like

3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared. Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south...

The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical... turned to full circles and... remained in the sky for

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by DEREK JAMESON

an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous individuals, including the undersigned [*ie Lt Col Charles Halt himself*] witnessed the activities in paragraphs 2 and 3.

You might have thought that this sensational report would have set the rafters alight. Not a bit of it. The Ministry of Defence admitted unusual lights had been sighted, but said there was no explanation.

Naturally the scoffers had a field day. Most reckoned those strange lights came from Orford Ness lighthouse, five miles away, and that the indentations in the ground were made by rabbits.

Nobody has yet explained

to my satisfaction how light-houses manage to fly in a blaze of lights nor how rabbits give off radiation.

The three authors have also produced some fascinating supplementary evidence and Ralph Noyes, former head of the MoD department responsible for RAF intelligence, said in a statement: "We now have evidence — I blush to say about my own Ministry — that they have lied about this case. They have covered it up."

Conspiracy

And so the conspiracy of silence continues, though these determined ladies have no intention of giving up their pursuit of the truth.

Their book raises some awkward questions about the USAF bases in East Anglia in view of Mrs Thatcher's decision to allow them to be used by F-111 bombers for the attack on Libya.

Quite clearly we have little control over the bases and, when something untoward occurs, lose no time in helping the US cover it up.

I do not believe that the UFO which disturbed the Suffolk woodland on that wintry night carried some spooky visitors from a distant planet.

No, the explanation is much simpler. A UFO it was — an American military spacecraft which had been on an illegal mission in outer space years ahead of President Reagan's beloved Star Wars programme.



CHATTING with Ken Livingstone, the ex-GLC leader tells me how his thumbnail-size frogs breed: upside-down. I want more, but you can't keep Ken off politics. Tomorrow's poll will be "Labour's biggest win for 15 years".