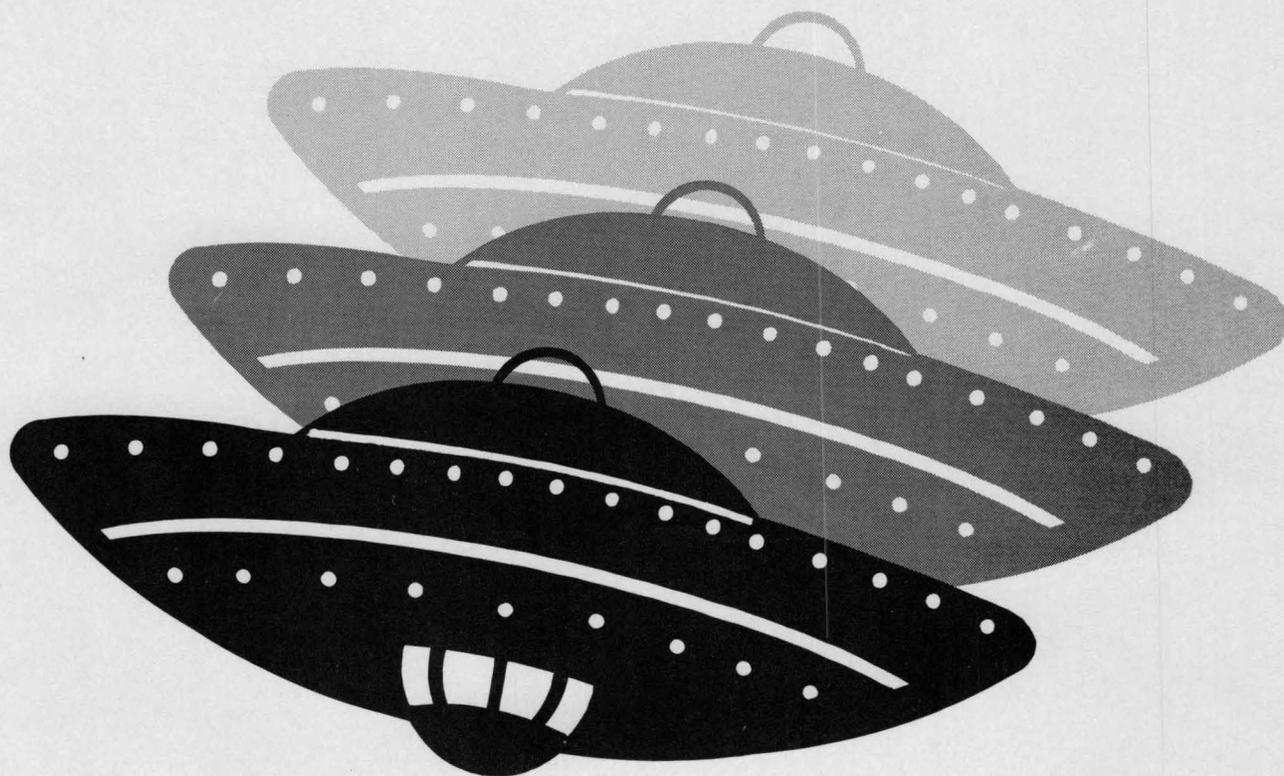


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The UFOs are back, just in the nick of time

Great! Just in time, too. An absolutely marvelous UFO story finally has shown up, just in time to get the warm weather months started right.

Frankly, we UFO addicts had been a little worried for the past several months.

It's been a long time since a good UFOer hit the wires. And even we true believers — and I take a back seat to nobody in being a true believer in UFOs — need a decent UFO report from time to time, to shore up our faith.



Keasler

And this is a good one, as you may have seen in the papers. (Although newspaper editors still bury most UFO stories in the back pages, assuming they use them at all: This shows how cynical and hard-boiled they are. Aren't realists cute, the little devils?)

The right elements are here. The story is from far off (Brazil, in this case). It's always easier to believe UFOs in Brazil than when they are over, say, Yeehaw Junction. Or even exotic Jacksonville.

There is a good description of these UFOs. (Balls of multicolored light!) High-ranking people are quoted (the Brazilian air force minister himself, along with the air force press office.)

What happened is that tiny balls of multicolored light going 900 mph raced through Brazilian skies and, said the air force, saturated radar and interfered with air traffic one night this week.

The air force sent up three Mirage fighters and two U.S.-made F-5E jets to chase the objects, but instead the multicolored balls of light chased the planes. Brazil now has "ordered a probe" of this sighting.

Wonderful! Now *that* is a fine UFO story ... it gives me the strength to go on, gives all us believers new hope, and I should like to take this opportunity to thank the pilots of the multicolored balls of light.

I have been a UFO believer for 40 years this year, and it takes a story like that to start the summer off right. It will add zest to my midnight beach-walking, spring to my stride and a glow to the tired old eyes of this intergalactic scout here. (My dog also gives thanks, as we will be going to the beach more nights, now that we again have something to look up for.)

Sometimes I have wondered how people get along who don't believe in UFOs. What do they hope to see when they look up? Do they look up?

UFOs added a lot to my life the minute I heard about them. The reports started coming in around the world in 1946, which happens to be the first year I was in the newspaper business. They were called "Flying Saucers" back then, and you were supposed to be crazy if you "believed" in them.

(That feeling would still exist widely if we didn't keep sending our own UFOs into space. In fact, and despite this, that feeling does still exist widely ... the world is full of people who secretly think you are flaky if you give any credence to UFO reports, despite our own space probes. To each his own.)

Over the years I've talked to hundreds of people — and interviewed dozens in detail — who saw UFOs. I believed most all of them. Why not? They saw something ... a flying object they couldn't identify. (Isn't that a UFO?) Also, except for a few shuck-and-jive artists trying to peddle a book or pull a publicity stunt, these people had nothing to gain. They were sincere.

Anyway, UFOs are so important to us humans that if there were no such thing as UFOs it would be necessary to invent them.

What, Virginia? No UFOs? That's as bad as no Santa Claus. (Assuming it is different at all.) And, anyhow, there are all sorts of advantages to believing in UFOs.

We believers aren't as bored as cynics. We can always go outside and look up to see if the space aliens are up there. That means a lot to me, particularly on my beach walks ... there's only so much you can do looking at stars and trying, unsuccessfully, to see a bear or whatever.

But when you look up in the hope of noting an incoming spacecraft from Out There, it adds zest to your life. Also, there is usually something up there to make you wonder if it *isn't* a by-damn spacecraft! (No, more to the left, Nancy; flickering orange and green and just sort of hovering there. *This may be it, kiddo ...*)

People who know I have been scanning the sky for 40 years in the hope of breaking the space alien story often ask me if I have ever actually seen a UFO. Yes. I have seen hundreds of UFOs in my time. I have never seen one I could actually prove was full of space creatures, or which in fact held up to my own doubts the following day ... but who cares? In the cold light of tomorrow I may decide it was a cloud, Venus, or an airliner ... but the thrill was there every seeking night!

That's hundreds of very interesting experiences the non-believers didn't have ... and on the basis of the story out of Brazil I can assure you I will see at least one UFO tonight from the beach on Key Bis-

cayne. So will Nancy, my dog. (She has a good grasp of astronomy and she thinks UFOs are from the Dog Star.)

Looking for UFOs is deeply satisfying. *You might see one.* Nancy and I are unlikely to see God, as we walk this Big Riddle mudball looking up at the enigmatic stars; we are not going to get a handle on infinity, nor figure out the human condition, or the dog condition either, for that matter. Cosmic mysteries will remain cosmic mysteries as we stroll the dark and lovely beach ... but, by golly, we *might* see a flying saucer! Hell, they saw 'em in Brazil!

This is called logic, and I like it.

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I have been all over this country talking to UFO-seers, and written lots of their stories, and hope to do some more, and one thing is starkly evident. People who look for UFOs have more fun than people who don't. It's been a long arid spell for us true believers. Good UFO stories have been scarce to the point of non-existence. Even the supermarket tabloids have been running short, and, with summer coming up, I had been secretly worried. Had the UFOs gone back where they came from?

That is the secret terror of the UFO believer ... that all the stories will dry up, and UFOs will be relegated to a historical limbo of forgotten curiosities. (Then what would we be looking up for when we looked up?)

Ah, but they're back, they're back. Thank you, Multicolored Balls of Light! Thank you, Brazilian air force minister, radar stations, the wire service press and everybody else involved! It looks like a great UFO summer coming up, and I thank you. My dog thanks you, also.

Painter inspired by light he saw on Hutch in '64

By Noam Eshkar
Staff Writer

The Hutchinson River Parkway, known for its accidents and construction delays, can be recognized as the site where a Mamaroneck town man says he received the inspiration for painting a picture of a mottled and wavering blue light that he says represents the "grandeur of eternity."

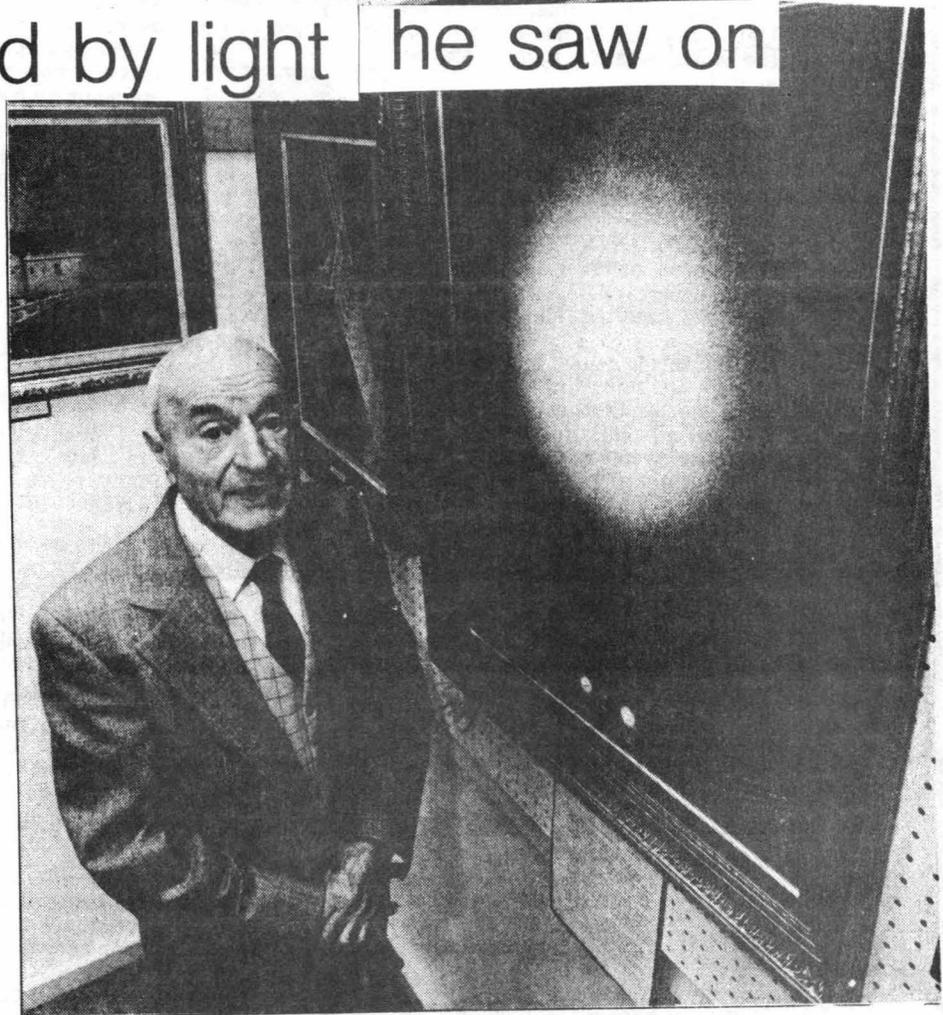
The story goes back to November 1964. Paul Jenisch, a graphic artist, was driving down the southbound Hutch when a car suddenly appeared in his lane at an overpass.

Blinded by fear and the headlights in his eyes, Jenisch swerved and accelerated past the oncoming car at more than 60 mph; he thought he was going to crash. During a recent interview, Jenisch said that while he struggled to regain the road, a large, blue orb nearly filled the sky.

"I felt like a gate had opened into eternity, a dimension you enter when you die. And it was so beautiful, I was no longer afraid of death," he said, adding that there were no other witnesses or newspaper accounts corroborating his observation.

An accomplished graphic designer, Jenisch promised himself that he would paint a record of his observation because, he said, "It was something I wanted to share. I felt it was my duty as an artist."

He fulfilled that promise 20 years later in an oil painting titled "Awesome Revelation," which is hanging at the Larchmont Public Library as part of an exhibit of his work. He says he used the technique of pointillism, applying dots of paint without blending the colors, to recreate the mottled depth he saw in the light.



Gannett/Kathy Kmonicek

Paul Jenisch poses next to his oil painting 'Awesome Revelation'

The 20-year delay arose because Jenisch had given up painting in the 1930s to further his career as a graphic artist. He once again took up the brush and palette when he retired in 1984.

"Awesome Revelation," his first work in retirement, was completed in two months.

Jenisch said he thought he experienced something similar to a near-death revelation, a phenomenon reported by some who have nearly died.

Dr. Michael Sabom, an Atlanta physician and researcher who has interviewed hundreds of near-death victims, said in a 1983 interview that many of these victims contended they saw a bright light and experienced warm, uplifting feelings during the time their vital body functions had stopped.

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1381 Out of Old Nebraska

Mysterious lights in the sky over Alliance were reported earlier this year, but investigators declined to say it was a UFO. In 1984, a farmer living in the same area said that an unidentified flying object hovered over his farm and beamed a bright white light on his driveway for half an hour.

Reports of similar sightings in almost every section of Nebraska have circulated for many years. In fact, Rudolph Umland writing in the 1930's said that "phantom airship parties" were held in many Nebraska communities as early as the 1890's so that people might watch the strange phenomenon.

But probably the most unusual tale of all surfaced on June 8, 1884 when the *Daily State Journal* at Lincoln printed the following:

"Benkelman, June 7 — A most remarkable phenomenon occurred about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon at a point thirty-five miles northwest of this place. John W. Ellis, a well-known ranchman, was going out to his herd in company with three of his herders and several other cowboys engaged in the annual roundup. While riding along a draw they heard a terrific rushing, roaring noise overhead, and looking up, saw what appeared a blazing meteor of immense size falling at an angle to the earth. A moment later it struck the ground out of sight over the bank. Scrambling up the steep hill they saw the object bounding along half a mile away and disappear in another draw. Galloping towards it with all their speed, they were astounded to see several fragments of cog-wheels and other pieces of machinery lying on the ground, scattered in the path made by the aerial visitor, glowing with heat so intense as to scorch the grass for a long distance around each fragment and make it impossible for one to approach it. Coming to the edge of the deep ravine into which the strange object had fallen, they undertook to see what it was. But the heat was so great that the air about it was fairly ablaze and it emitted a light so dazzling that the eye could not rest upon it more than a moment. An idea of the heat may be gained from the fact that one of the party, a cowboy named Alf Williamson, stood with his head incautiously exposed over the bank, and in less than half a minute he fell senseless. His face was desperately blistered and his hair singed to a crisp. His condition is said to be

Nebraska Oil Jobber, May, 1986

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dangerous. The distance from the aerolite, or whatever it is, was nearly 200 feet. The burned man was taken to Mr. Ellis' house, cared for as well as circumstances would allow and a doctor sent for. His brother, who lives in Denver, has just been telegraphed for.

"Finding it impossible to approach the mysterious visitor, the party turned back on its trail. Where it first touched the earth the ground was sandy and bare of grass. The sand was fused to an unknown depth over a space about twenty feet wide by eighty feet long, and the melted stuff was still bubbling and hissing. Between this and the final resting place there were several other like spots where it had come in contact with the ground, but none so well marked.

"This morning another visit was made to the spot. In the party was E.W. Rawlings, brand inspector for this district, who came into Benkelman tonight, and from whom a full verification of particulars is obtained. The smaller portions of the scattered machinery had cooled so that they could be approached, but not handled. One piece that looked like the blade of a propeller screw, of a metal in appearance like brass, about sixteen inches wide, three inches thick and three and a half foot long, was picked up on a spade. It would not weigh more than five pounds, but appeared as strong and compact as any known metal. A fragment of a wheel with a milled rim, apparently having had a diameter of seven or eight feet, was also picked up. It seemed to be of the same material and had the same remarkable lightness.

"The aerolite, or whatever it is, seems to be about fifty or sixty feet long, cylindrical, and about ten or twelve feet in diameter. Great excitement exists in the vicinity and the round-up is suspended while the cowboys wait for the wonderful find to cool off so they can examine it.

"Mr. Ellis is here and will take the first train to the land office with the intention of securing the land on which the strange thing lies, so that his claim to it cannot be disputed.

"A party left here for the scene an hour ago, and will travel all night. The country in the vicinity is rather wild and rough, and the roads are hardly more than trails. Will telegraph all particulars as fast as obtained." — *Betty Loudon, Nebraska State Historical Society.*

Alison Jenkins investigates one man's strange hobby

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MALCOLM ROBINSON from Sauchie runs the risk of being ridiculed when people hear what his hobby is. For he spends most of his spare time investigating the para-normal and, in particular, "ufology".

He investigates reported sightings on UFOs and believes that the more information gathered on possible sightings of unidentified flying objects can only help solve the many unanswered questions.

He accepts that most people are sceptical, and admits that he was too until he started investigating the subject, but challenges anyone who is unbelieving to read some of the better authenticated reports of UFOs then give their opinion.

He is a member of SUFON, the Scottish UFO Network which collects, analyses and publishes information or reports on UFOs.

"Their aim is to make people more aware that there is indeed something unusual being witnessed in the skies throughout the world, but whether this can be attributed to extraterrestrials entering our air-space is as yet debatable.

"I believe that there is something highly unusual going on and being witnessed throughout the skies on a global scale, but what this represents is another matter", he explained.

"We may wish it to be extraterrestrials entering our air-space in flying saucers but we should not seek to use this avenue of thought as the bottom line".

Malcolm said that people had to remember that 95 out of 100 sightings of what are termed UFOs are, after research, found to have had natural explanations.

"This of course leaves us with a remaining five per cent and, even although this would appear to be a small and insignificant amount, we nevertheless should not ignore it.

"We certainly at this point cannot account for the remaining percentage but we should continue to strive to resolve this. Only through research and dedication can we ever hope to do this".

That is why Malcolm believes it is important for anyone who witnesses something strange in the skies to report what they have seen so it can be investigated and the information kept on file.

There have been a number of reported sightings of UFOs in the Denny area which Malcolm explained is known as a 'window' area.

These 'window' areas are places where a higher than average number of sightings are recorded, but he could give no explanation as to why Denny should be one of them.

Malcolm says he always keeps an open mind when going to investigate a reported sighting and says it is up to the person who claimed to have witnessed something to convince him.

He was involved in the investigation of the reported sighting of a landing of a UFO in 1979 in West Lothian. Forestry worker Bob Taylor reported seeing an object in a field and two small spherical shapes coming towards him.

Marks were found in the field where he said the object had landed and it was estimated that whatever had been there must have weighed several tons. There were no other marks leading to the spot.

Malcolm said he found Mr Taylor to be very reliable and sincere.

"I do not think he would be the type to have made up the story", he said.

He said it was wrong of people to assume that people who say they have witnessed a UFO must be unsound.

"I think that if the man or woman in the street stopped for a moment and just read the data, their views would be drastically changed".

If anyone has anything to tell Malcolm about their interest in UFOs or if they think they may have witnessed one, they can contact him at 4 Woodlea Park, Sauchie, telephone 215929.

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Mystery sighting inquiry

UFO investigations have appealed for witnesses to a mystery sighting over Derbyshire.

A bright object has been seen by several people on a number of occasions since the end of April — over Drakelow Power Station, Burton, Ashbourne and Fenny Bentley.

It has been described as cigar-shaped, with a red light and a white beam of light.

National UFO Investigation Society officials say the sightings are of "great interest" to them, and Derby spokesman Mr Denis Harriman wants other people who have seen the object to contact him on Nottingham 730919.

DRIVER IS CERTAIN HE SAW UFO

READING pensioner Peter Littlewood is convinced he saw an unidentified flying object hovering above the town yesterday.

Mr Littlewood, aged 62, is so sure the jumbo jet-sized object was a UFO he wants to get in touch with experts and have his sighting recorded.

He said: "I was driving up Peppard Road when I noticed an object in the sky, in between the two rows of lime trees.

"It was stationary and remained in the air until the leaves of the trees obscured it from my view.

"I parked in Moss Close and scanned the sky but all I could see was a thin vapour trail which I think came from an aeroplane.

"I am positive it was not a hot air balloon or an airship. It was silver coloured, shaped like a hamburger.

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ACTUAL PHOTO of a UFO was taken on Oct. 16, 1957, by a government worker in Alamogordo, N. Mex. The object is similar to that seen by Dennis Weaver.

Dennis Weaver: I Know UFOs Are Real Because I've Seen One

"I believe in UFOs — I've seen one with my own eyes!" reveals former "McCloud" star Dennis Weaver.

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"Many of the unexplained flying objects and unexplainable happenings are the result of other forms of life making visits to our planet," Weaver declared in an exclusive ENQUIRER interview.

"I've seen enough evidence to make me a believer. I've read documents and met with authorities — and I've seen a UFO.

"About four months ago a close friend and neighbor of mine came running down the street shouting, 'I want you to verify this. Look at that!' He was pointing up to the sky.

"My wife Gerry and I were standing in the front garden. We looked up — and there was this strange-looking object. It was sort of cigar-shaped, tubular shaped, and it just hung up there for the longest period of time. It had

no lights or any type of cloud around it. We just stood there and stared at it.

"It hovered — and then it simply disappeared!

"It was certainly something that was totally unidentified — something I'd never seen before. I couldn't find any reasonable explanation for it."

The actor said he's abso-

lutely convinced that "we are not the only life forms in the universe. We are not alone.

"I know UFOs exist and I believe they are manned.

"I personally feel that the chances of there being intelligent life someplace else in this universe, which has billions of stars and planets, is absolutely astronomical.

"We are being observed in much the same way that we might observe bees or ants."

Dennis' 27-year-old son Rusty, along with UFO investigator Paul Shepherd, recently set up a phone hot line in Los Angeles that gives daily reports on UFO sightings around the world.

Shepherd explained: "In the past, very little information has been available to the public. Since Dennis is a strong believer in UFOs, he wanted to be a part of helping distribute the documentation I've been collecting since 1980."

Added Rusty: "My father and I have talked with scien-

tists and UFO researchers who have documented case histories.

"By telephoning 1-213-976-UFOS — a \$2 toll call — callers will hear daily news reports on UFO sightings and scientific data.

And by calling an additional number given on the message, they can leave their name and address and receive

documented evidence and a written report on the case history they've just heard about."

Said Weaver:

"What I hope will come out of the UFO hot line is a better understanding of the so-called aliens that have made contact with various people around the earth."

— DIANE ALBRIGHT

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UFO STICKER gives number of hot line that offers daily reports on UFO sightings.

Winston Churchill's UFO secret

FORMER PRIME Minister Sir Winston Churchill demanded information on UFOs from Britain's Air Ministry back in 1955.

"What does all this stuff about flying saucers amount to?" Churchill said in a memo. "What can it all mean? What is the truth?"

Churchill apparently dropped the matter after receiving a memo from Air Secretary Lord de L'Isle which said the UFOs "didn't amount to much."

Flying saucers, de L'Isle said, were weather balloons, optical illusions, wrongly-identified planes or hoaxes.

Churchill did not follow up the report, although, according to People Magazine, high-ranking officers in the Royal Air Force disagreed with that analysis.

Churchill's memo was included in information released under Britain's 30-year confidentiality rule.

British and German files from World War II reveal that RAF and Luftwaffe pilots logged hundreds of reports of unidentified objects that followed their planes.

The pilots of both sides believed the sightings were secret enemy weapons.

— FRED DOWN



WINSTON CHURCHILL didn't bother to follow up on reports of UFO sightings in World War II.

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'WHAT WAS THAT UFO?'

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Mr Dennis Harriman, who is now the sighting co-ordinator for the Nottingham Unidentified Flying Object Information Society has been in touch regarding reports which have been reaching him since the end of April of an object, seen in the area of the Drakelow Power Station, which then moved off in the Ashbourne direction.

Knowing Ashbourne's interest in UFOs he wonders if there are any readers who may have anything to link with these reports.

The object seems to hover and then to move very slowly, and has usually been spotted between 9 pm and 10 pm.

The reports to Mr Harriman have varied in description, the object sometimes having a vapour trail and other times without. Some have seen it with a red light at the front and some with a white beam at the back.

Should anyone have seen any such an object or can throw light on the sightings Mr Harriman would be pleased to hear from them on Nottingham 730919.

The National Investigations Committee on UFOs, 14617 Victory Blvd., Suite 4, Van Nuys, California 91411; 818-989-5942. Meets the first Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Van Nuys Town Hall, 14526 Haynes St., Van Nuys. "I would say at least 50 percent of our members have experienced seeing a UFO," says Denise F. Winter, past secretary for the several-hundred-member-strong club and ex-wife of Dr. Frank Stranges, who formed the organization back in 1967.

The purpose of this group, she points out, "is to investigate and educate people. We are here to promote the truth, and we believe that having an open forum that allows people to express their opinions is a positive experience."

Topics cover a wide range of areas—everything from UFO sightings to the hollow-earth theory, from purported contacts with extraterrestrials to the occult. "I would imagine some people think we're a bit strange. But there are plenty of credible scientists doing research in this field," says Winter.

And just how believable are the reports the committee receives? Says Winter,

"You have to take each one on a case-by-case basis. Some of the people who report UFOs and experiences with aliens—police officers, pilots and others—are not people prone to excessive imagination." That, she says, includes her former husband, who claims he's had a number of experiences, his first in 1945. All of which has prompted him to write several books on the topic.

Much of his energy, however, is devoted to writing and editing the *UFO Journal*—a quarterly publication filled with such fascinating stories as "What Do UFOs Look Like?" and "The New Solar System" and "What About Outer Space Creatures?"

Back on Earth, members spend a good deal of their free time either staring into the heavens or studying the UFO phenomenon and discussing their experiences at regular monthly meetings. As Winter puts it, "We're a very nonjudgmental group of people."

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Soviet space junk lights up sky

By Gary Kane

Staff Writer

Floridians from Jacksonville to Key West who thought they caught a glimpse of a comet or UFO Sunday night actually witnessed the return to Earth of some space junk — Soviet space junk.

An official at the U.S. Space Command in Colorado Springs,

Colo., said yesterday that the fireball was a spent Soviet rocket falling to Earth.

"It was the rocket body from a May 28 Soviet launch that placed a satellite into orbit," Lt. Cmdr. Doug Schamp said in a telephone interview. "The satellite is doing fine. The rocket decayed as it fell to

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Earth."

The Soviet news agency Tass identified the satellite as Kosmos 1746 and said its mission is to assist in the study of the Earth's natural resources, Schamp said.

Prior to leaving its orbit and burning through the Earth's atmosphere, the rocket body was only some 8.5 meters long and 2.6 meters in diameter, Schamp said. It's possible that a fragment from the burning rocket fell into the ocean, he said.

"It put on quite a light show, I understand," Schamp said.

The space command center has cataloged about 6,000 objects in space. The center doesn't keep track of how often space debris falls to Earth.

"This was just one of the 6,000," Schamp said.

People all across the 500-mile Florida peninsula wondered what the sky show was.

"We got a lot of calls from Jupiter to the south," said Tom Wharton, a supervisor at the Federal Aviation Administration control tower at Palm Beach International Airport. //

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ARGUS E. SUSSEX

JUNE 18 1986

GATWICK may have been "buzzed" by a UFO, it was claimed today. 3128

A security guard called police to report seeing a flying object just before 3 a.m.

A spokesman for Gatwick police said: "He reported seeing a very bright light at cloud base level above the airport."

He said no other sightings have been reported

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81 NH UFO 'Sightings'

Topic at Tech

CONCORD — UFO Sightings in New Hampshire" will be an evening's entertainment on June 17 at the New Hampshire Technical Institute.

During this "Tuesday Night at the Tech" lecture and slide presentation, cases covered will include reopened UFO cases, dangerous UFOs, and the New Hampshire UFO update.

Expertise will be provided by Peter R. Geremia, director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) and a member of the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization and Center for UFO studies.

All one-night sessions in this series are on Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 in the lecture hall of the new Tech Center at New Hampshire Technical Institute. //

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Air Force Jets Play Mind-Boggling Cat-and-Mouse Game With Fleet of UFOs

Brazilian Air Force jets scrambled to intercept about three dozen UFOs streaking through the night skies over Rio de Janeiro — but all of the fighter planes were left behind by the incredibly fast-moving objects.

“Radar detected all of the UFOs in an area between Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo — so many that radar was saturated with as many as 36 objects,” said Air Force Minister Otavio Moreira Lima.

“There were approximately three dozen of them,

so we decided to scramble some of our aircraft and identify the UFOs,” said



AIR FORCE
MINISTER



the Air Force minister. Four of the heavily armed fighter planes leaped into the clear, starry skies — and two pilots actually came face-to-face with UFOs.

Lieut. Kleber Caldas Marinho was the first to make visual contact.

“I spotted a point of light and determined that it was then headed in my direction,” he recalled.

“I focused on the object



“... 13 of them were tailing one of the jets — six on one side and seven on the other.”

and tried to intercept it, dropping down from 20,000 feet to where it was flying at

17,000 feet. Then at this instant, it changed direction and then headed out toward the sea. The object had three colors — red, green and white. It was not an aircraft or anything known.

“I flew 200 miles out over the ocean following it. It got so far ahead of me — about 12 miles — that I had to track it on radar. Finally, I had to return to base because of low fuel.”

Another pilot, Capt. Marcio Brisolla Jordao, said:

“I saw a bright red light. I observed it for 10 minutes.”

Lieut. Francisco Freitas, chief air controller at the military operations control tower, revealed that at one point, a group of the UFOs appeared to be stalking one of the Brazilian jets.

“We were tracking the objects on radar and suddenly saw that 13 of them were tailing one of the jets — six on one side and seven on the other.”

“I have worked for 13 years in aeronautical radar and I have never seen anything like this.”

Added Air Force Minister Lima:

“As yet, we have no explanation for what happened. But our investigation is continuing.”

— GARY RICHMAN

EXTRACT FROM SHE, LONDON JULY 1986

ONE August night in 1983 Mr Alfred Burtoo, then aged 77, was sitting quietly fishing on the banks of the Basingstoke Canal in Aldershot when, he says, two beings approached and beckoned him to follow them. They were about four-and-a-half feet tall, and dressed in one-piece pale green suits with visors covering their faces. He went with them.

He followed them until they reached a strange craft, about 40' wide. They motioned him to climb aboard, and he did. Inside he saw two other people. Their genders weren't conspicuous, but as the creatures had "no bumps", he assumes they were male. They spoke to him in English, and asked him to stand under an amber light. Then they asked him his age. He said, "78 next birthday" and they said, "You can go. You are too old and too infirm for our purpose." Then they escorted him off the ship.

I heard this story from the mouth of a sincere, articulate young man called Timothy Good; a highly respected professional violinist who is also Britain's top ufologist. His speciality is talking to "contactees" – people who claim to have met extra-terrestrials in the flesh (or its equivalent) – and Mr Burtoo's story is just one of hundreds he has collected over the years.

"The funny thing about Mr Burtoo," he says, "is that *he* doesn't believe in flying saucers or little green men. His theory is that they were Chinese or Russian midgets on a spying mission."

Timothy Good does believe in little green men – and women – from other galaxies. For him, the mystery of the UFOs has become a passionate quest for the truth, which he is convinced is being covered up.

It's the kind of conviction that can get you regarded as a prize-winning fruitcake. By now, Timothy Good is resigned to that. "It's always been the same, even when I was a schoolboy in the 50s and first got interested in UFOs. I came to it naturally because I was crazy about anything that flew. I used to design spaceships when I was a child and on one occasion I even submitted them to an Air Ministry building. The official on the door kindly explained that it was unlikely they'd be taken seriously."

Thirty years on, the MoD still claims not to take Mr Good, or his spaceships (of extra-terrestrial design this time) – seriously.

There are more UFO sightings per head of population in Britain than in many other countries, though most of them, Timothy quickly concedes, are no more extra-terrestrial than he is.

"Aircraft with their landing lights on, weather balloons, the planet Venus. Most reports are quite easily explained. But I've seen a few myself that I'm convinced are genuine."

All over the world there are sane, sensible people, many of them highly trained observers such as pilots and air traffic controllers, who say they have seen UFOs. A major part of Timothy Good's work is sifting these people from the nutters.

Timothy interviews on average one person a month about sightings, and investigates all accounts very carefully. "Before I make a report of a sighting – to the Ministry of Defence for instance – I have to be certain that it can be verified. Cross-questioning is important. I need to eliminate the possibility of someone reporting a UFO when all they've seen is a flock of birds."

One sighting which Timothy considers particularly convincing is that reported by Denise Bishop, a 23-year-old accounts clerk who lives in Plymouth. Late on the night of September 10, 1981 Denise was about to open her front door when she saw an enormous UFO hovering above. Suddenly a pencil-thin beam of green light struck her on the back of her hand. She rushed back in and called the police, who reported the incident to a local UFO investigator. When he arrived, he found that Denise had a painful burn mark on her hand. A London surgeon who examined her later said that this mark had the characteristics of a laser burn.

"I found Denise to be completely convincing and level-headed," says Timothy. "Although no one else saw the incident, local people were contacted whose pets had behaved in a peculiar manner at the precise time and place where the object was seen."

Timothy has had more opportunity than most to travel in search of contactees because his other work – music – has taken him all over the world. At the age of five a violin was put in his hand, and by the age of 12 he had decided that he was going to become a professional musician.

Given Timothy's family background, this was hardly surprising. "My father is retired now, but he was a professional violinist. My auntie is Margaret Good, the concert pianist. She used to play duets with her husband, the cellist William Pleeth. Their son, my cousin Tony, is a cellist and my other cousin Raymond Lewis is a pianist."

Timothy was with the London Symphony Orchestra for 14 years, and is now a freelance. "I do a lot of session work with pop musicians. Recently I've been working with Sade, Elton John, and

played on Paul McCartney's new single, *Only Love Remains*. I also perform jingles for TV commercials, film music, that type of thing. It's a bit precarious because you only get a couple of days' notice of a job, as a rule, but it suits me."

Music and UFOs don't leave much room for other things, it seems. He lives alone in his Beckenham flat. "Let's just say I haven't met anyone tempting enough to make me change my way of life."

Certainly anyone sharing Timothy Good's life would probably have to be a ufologist too. When he's not chasing up contactees or badgering governments to release UFO documents he's lecturing, broadcasting or writing about UFOs.

"What my researches have led me to believe is that there are several different groups of aliens, most of them either benevolent or neutral, some less so. I am convinced they have bases in the solar system, some on earth itself, either underwater, or in very remote spots. What they're here for, I don't know but I can guess.

"I think, from what many contactees have said, that some are engaged in genetic experiments with humans. That might explain why they said Mr Burtoo was 'too old and infirm'."

He is equally sure that governments know what is going on.

The start, in UFO terms, was the end of the Second World War. There are, of course, UFO stories dating back long before that, but it was after the war that a succession of what UFO buffs call "flaps" took place. There were a lot of sightings which stimulated a great deal of interest in the subject.

Timothy showed me photocopies of a classified Canadian government document, dated 1950, which claimed: "The matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States government, rating higher even than the H-bomb". And others, released under the the US Freedom of Information Act, so heavily censored that only the classification "Top Secret" was legible.

The same Canadian document made reference to the "retrieval" of a crashed UFO.

"A former US Air Force Intelligence Officer, Leonard Stringfield, has interviewed dozens of witnesses in scientific and military intelligence circles who have been able to inspect crashed craft and the remains of their humanoid occupants. Another researcher, Dr Berthold Schwarz, a psychiatrist, has spoken at length to a military intelligence officer who examined a crashed craft. It's there, all right, in some hangar somewhere in America. Here in Britain I know that a small, highly classified team is working full-time on UFO research, though the MoD denies it. I also know that in 1978 alone £11m was spent on UFO research. And Lord Hill-Norton, a former Chief of the Defence Staff with whom I liaise, is convinced that some sort of cover-up is going on."

But why?

"Well, at a military level, obviously, having things zipping in and out of your air space that you can't intercept or counter is a major embarrassment."

On July 22 1985, two Zimbabwe Air Force jets were scrambled to intercept a UFO picked up on radar and observed hovering 7,000 feet above Bulawayo. The UFO then accelerated vertically. When the fighters levelled out at 31,000', the UFO stopped. The jets returned to base, from where the UFO could still be seen by the two pilots and several other officers. After a few moments it flew away. "These details were confirmed by Air Commodore David Thorne, the Zimbabwe Air Force's Director of Operations," says Timothy.

"And in America, in 1953, the then head of the US Continental Air Defence, General Benjamin Chidlaw, said, 'We have lost many men and planes trying to intercept them.'"

There's evidence that not all sightings are friendly. "In 1978, a young pilot called Frederick Valentich was flying from Melbourne to Tasmania when he reported being buzzed by an unidentified aerial object. He radioed base and said: 'It's not an aircraft, it seems to be playing some kind of a game with me.' Then there was a metallic noise, and neither he, nor his plane, nor any wreckage, has ever been found."

There are many people today who have a vague picture of kind, super-intelligent beings who will defuse nuclear weapons with one beam from their X-ray eyes and teach us to cure cancer.

"I'm afraid, from what little I know about them, that's not on," says Timothy Good. "Many wish us no harm, but my most impressive contactee tells me that she was told: 'We are not here for entirely philanthropic purposes.'"

"The future? I don't predict, obviously, but watch the Russians. They've set up a very high level commission to look at this, and they have more or less officially admitted that UFOs exist. I wouldn't be at all surprised if the Russians come out with a very dramatic statement within the next ten years." ♦

MI-D15 DETROIT NEWS

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UFO parley finds a skeptic at MSU

By Tom Wickham
News Lansing Bureau

LANSING — When Jack MacConnell peers into the night sky, he doesn't expect a flying saucer to swoop down and whisk him away to exotic planets.

On the contrary, the Michigan State University associate professor of astronomy is angry that so-called UFO (unidentified flying objects) experts insist Earth is visited by extraterrestrials.

His ire is raised even more because these specialists will converge on MSU Saturday for the two-day, 17th annual UFO Symposium.

"THE POSSIBILITY of extraterrestrial life is being taken seriously," MacConnell said. "But astronomers do not take seriously that UFOs are extraterrestrial. Maybe within several hundred light years ... I don't think it's impossible there's a planet with life, but the distances are too enormous. I just can't imagine we're being visited."

As many as 300 members of the Mutual UFO Network Inc., including specialists in the fields of astronautics, physics, natural science and aerospace technology, will discuss the existence of UFOs, alleged abductions by aliens and purported cover-ups by the federal government. This is the first time the international symposium will be conducted at MSU.

"UFO reports are basically treated by science as garbage," said Ron Westrum, an Eastern Michigan University professor of sociology and consultant to the network. "Science has a great deal of difficulty accepting that (UFOs) don't fall within the model scientists expect things to happen." The network, with 1,500 members, is one of the largest UFO proponent groups in the nation.

Debate has raged for years. UFO proponents contend the scientific world is "close-minded." Scientists counter that UFO believers dabble in the occult or science fiction fancy.

MacCONNELL FORMED PRISM (Proponents of Rational Inquiry and the Scientific Method), a group with 15 MSU and Lansing Community College faculty and students, last October as his attempt to debunk claims that UFOs and astrology have scientific roots. He contends they are "a throwback to beliefs and superstitions."

Evidence supporting extraterrestrial visitation is based primarily on photographs, sightings and reported abductions. No aliens have made verified contact with Earth.

Both Westrum and MacConnell agree that about 90 percent of all reported UFO sightings can be explained as ordinary items such as balloons and airplanes.

MacConnell claims UFO proponents play upon the remaining 10 percent as extraterrestrial visitations, when in fact they are natural phenomena that cannot be recreated in the laboratory.

"These cases could be explained as normal if we had enough data," he said.

Expert wants facts on UFOs

Publicity would force government to tell all, lawyer says

By ALEX WOOD

Journal Inquirer Staff Writer

Imagine you were thumbing through a magazine and you ran across an advertisement like this:

"... behind the overall (UFO) phenomena, there is a flying machine whose modes of propulsion and sustenance are beyond our knowledge. If you want to know more about why prestigious French scientists have reached this startling conclusion about UFOs and why our leaders are grimly silent, send your tax exempt contribution ..."

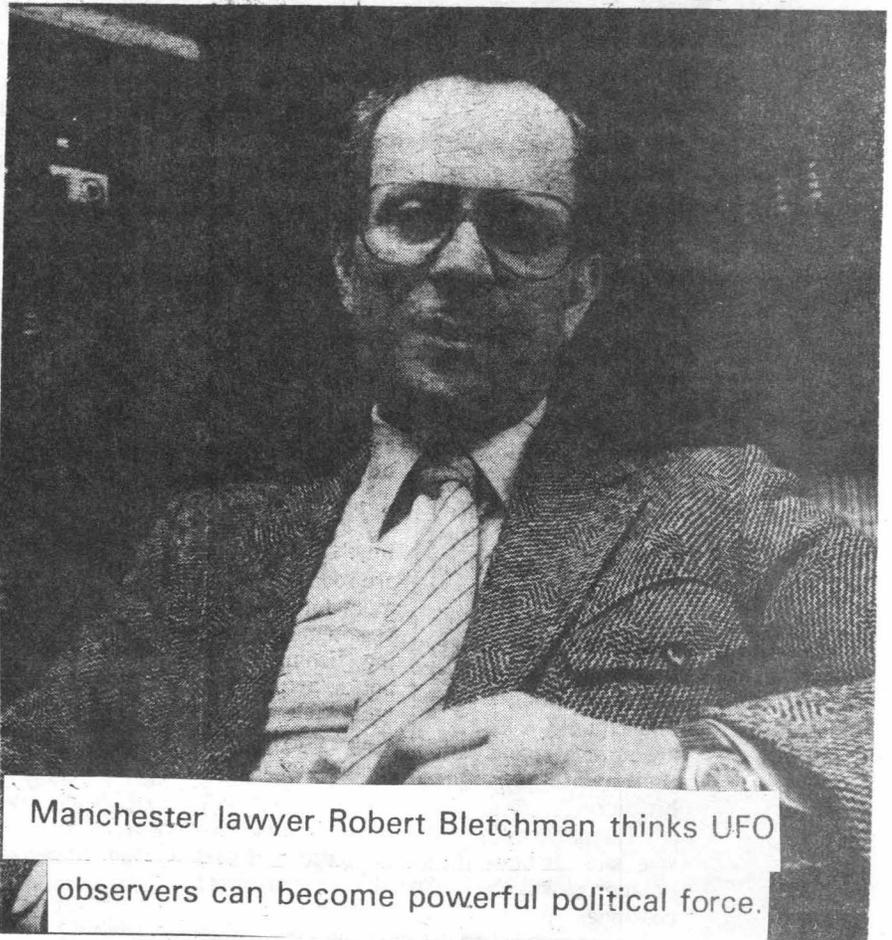
Would you send money, write to your congressman, try to find out more about UFOs? Would you give a little bit more money if you could get a pair of binoculars — for better UFO watching — in return?

If you would do any or all of those things, you're one of the people Manchester lawyer Robert Bletchman is looking for. He believes there are a sizable number of people like you out there, and he thinks you can become a powerful political force if someone takes the first step and publishes that ad or one like it.

Bletchman has been fascinated with UFOs for 20 years, and he believes the government has been doing more than just withholding information on them. He thinks it has been actively attempting to discredit those who believe UFOs may be alien spacecraft, labeling them as kooks.

Bletchman has gone beyond dreaming about an advertising campaign. He has paid Charnas Inc., a Manchester advertising agency, a few hundred dollars to develop a plan for it. And he will give a lecture on his idea at the Mutual UFO Network's 17th annual symposium at Michigan State University on June 29.

Bletchman's fundamental idea is to use advertisements as a tool for raising public awareness and money at the same time. Each ad, he hopes, will bring in enough donations to pay for more extensive future ads, until the issue is so emblazoned on the public consciousness that politicians will take notice and the national media will start devoting its investigative resources to the subject.



Manchester lawyer Robert Bletchman thinks UFO observers can become powerful political force.

"What the media talks about is what we talk about," he said, citing the example of the African famine, which was talked and written about for more than a year without capturing much attention — until network television covered the story.

Bletchman finds it depressing that the National Enquirer gives good play to information that students of UFOs get from the government through Freedom of Information requests, while the New York Times often ignores or gives short shrift to such stories.

Documents are prized sources

Formerly secret government documents are prized resources among Ufologists, as Bletchman and his fellows call themselves.

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Bletchman has copies of some 60 pages of FBI, CIA and Air Force reports — some so blurred by multiple reproduction on 1950s-vintage photocopiers as to be virtually unreadable — on reports by the late Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia, a military aide and an interpreter that they saw two flying saucers taking off in the Soviet Union in 1955.

While a reporter was interviewing Bletchman recently, Coventry Police Lt. Lawrence Fawcett, the co-author of a book called "Clear Intent: The Government Cover-up of the UFO Experience," dropped by with a new find.

It was a Defense Department document reporting that a Peruvian Air Force plane fired on a UFO "at very close range" in May 1980 without causing any apparent damage. The vehicle appeared again, with lights, during the night, but this time it outran the Peruvians, the document reports.

Neither the 1980 nor the 1955 documents suggest that the government believes the vehicles are alien spacecraft — only that they are unidentified aircraft.

Still, Bletchman thinks the lack of publicity about such UFO information allows the government to keep dismissing the ideas of those who think the mysterious craft may have origins beyond the earth's limits.

"If everybody knew what I know, this nonsense would not be going on," he said angrily. "The public would not allow it."

Step one: mail campaign

The Charnas agency's plan for breaking the secrecy starts with a "sophisticated and highly targeted direct mail campaign." Using mailing lists — possibly purchased from magazines like Omni that cover UFOs — the advertising agency would distribute 100,000 copies of a "strong and highly motivating brochure."

"Thematic gifts for donations of a certain size, such as binoculars for donations of \$500 or more, will be included," the proposal continues.

The agency estimates that the direct mail campaign will cost \$27,500.

Bletchman's plan for raising that money is to solicit it from celebrities like Sammy Davis Jr., William Shatner, Eva Gabor and Stephen Spielberg who say they have had UFO experiences. He has paid Charnas to draft a letter to them and about 15 other celebrities.

The ad agency says even a "poor return" would bring in 1,000 donations averaging \$50. That \$50,000 could be used for more market research — and to purchase advertisements in regional editions of national magazines.

Bletchman hopes the effort will snowball from there until it reaches the level of public service announcements on television, where he believes the right presentation of the right ideas can start having a major influence on the public consciousness.

Government hiding facts

Bletchman has several theories about why the government would hide the facts about UFOs.

One is that UFOs raise questions in the public's mind about the government's control. "Implicitly, when UFOs come in, the government is not doing its job," he said.

Another of Bletchman's theories is that the government may have a crashed UFO that it is studying and not want to tip off the Soviet Union, which might try to shoot down one of its own or to have spies penetrate the "crack team of scientists" trying to unlock the UFOs secrets.

He says reports of UFO sightings suggest that UFOs may be "the best thing going to get from here to there." The reports, he says, suggest accelerations, turns and other maneuvers that would seem impossible to humans.

"It's almost as if it were an infinite war machine," he said.

But the War of the Worlds hasn't started, which raises another set of questions for UFO believers: What are "somebody else's spaceships" doing here, and why are they so elusive?

Bletchman has some ideas on that score as well. Alien anthropologists may be studying mankind, he suggests. Or they may be collecting "exotic materials" or samples of some of the thousands of species that are threatened with extinction.

"Maybe they go to Disney World," he added. "They dress up. They could dress up, and you'd never know them in Disney World."

But Bletchman acknowledged that such speculation is unscientific.

Unlike Fawcett, who says he saw a UFO hover over an electrical substation at Olcott and West Center streets in Manchester in 1965, Bletchman isn't sure he has ever seen a UFO. He says he has seen some "highly odd lights appearing in the sky," but adds, "I'm not terribly impressed with my own experiences."

What Bletchman has done is talk with numerous people who say they have seen UFOs. Some come up to him after he gives lectures on the subject or call him after reading about him in the newspapers, he said.

He said he questions such people in an "aggressive, cross-examining manner," checking their stories for internal consistency. But he acknowledged that he doesn't press for names, dates and places or attempt to seek corroborating information on the accounts.

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He said he leaves that work for others.

Bletchman, 54, is a New Haven native, who graduated from New Haven State Teachers College in 1957 and taught elementary school for several years before entering the University of Connecticut Law School in 1965.

His wife Adrienne is a food stamp supervisor for the state Department of Income Maintenance and has shared some of his possible UFO experiences, he said. They have no children.

Bletchman has a one-man law practice in Manchester and is active in politics. He once ran for the Democratic nomination for state representative. But he has been a leader of the opposition to Democratic attempts to abolish the 8th Utilities District, which runs a volunteer fire department and a sewer system in northern Manchester.

Has his interest in UFOs ever hurt him in business or politics?

Bletchman doesn't think so although he acknowledges that there is a "risk from the conservative end of the business spectrum."

"If it's hurt my business, I don't know. But Number 2, I don't care," he said.

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1381 UFO center official seeks information

An official of the Center for UFO Studies is seeking information from anyone who might have seen a phenomenon similar to one reported Tuesday by a Lima man.

Arley Taylor said he was making deliveries to Scof Lad Foods Inc., 1100 Prosperity Road, at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday when he saw an orange light in the sky, "that was the size of a grapefruit and darted about like a hummingbird for about 10 to 15 seconds, then disappeared."

Taylor, 55, of 1030 Cornell Drive, reported the sighting to Lima's John Timmerman, vice president of the Center for UFO Studies in Glenview, Ill. Taylor said he studied the sky as he continued on

his delivery route, but didn't see the object again. Taylor works for Service American Corp., 1251 N. Cole St.

The light was in the northwest, apparently some 200 feet above the ground, and could be seen against the overcast sky, said Taylor.

Timmerman asked that anyone who might have seen a similar phenomenon Tuesday contact him in writing at P.O. Box 1621, Lima.

"It's important that if similar sightings occurred, it be documented," Timmerman said. "It could help (the Center for UFO Studies) in determining if such occurrences could be something caused by the earth's geophysics." //

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1381 Astronomers look to skies

The Stockton Record

It's UFO time again.

The more imaginative members of Stockton Astronomical Society digest their annual helping of unidentified flying object lore at a public UFO session at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the Stockton Hilton.

After the meeting, they could head into the open spaces to watch for these elusive fact or fiction objects. But that will probably wait until Saturday, when the society plans a star party on Peatland Road off Highway 12 west of Interstate 5.

The principal UFO watcher who will speak tonight is Tom Gates, a

Bay Area radio personality and UFO expert. With him will be Paul Cerny, director of the Mutual UFO Network, which monitors sightings worldwide.

There also will be discussion on principal planetary and deep space objects to be targeted for Saturday's star party, which begins at about 9 p.m.

The society also will be inspecting its 12½-inch Newtonian telescope acquired recently from an Antioch man. That instrument, with its attached camera equipment, will give Stockton amateur skywatchers their best yet look at the planets and deep space objects. //

On UFOs, 'we're all skeptics'

By ANN COSTA
Lansing State Journal

UFOs represent knowledge about the universe that this world is just beginning to explore and understand, says Alan Holt, an aerospace technical manager in the U.S. Space State Project.

"They're just part of our growing up in the universe," said Holt, who owns a consulting firm in Houston. He was part of a panel of engineers and scientists who answered audience questions at Sunday's closing session of the Mutual UFO Network's (MUFON) 17th annual symposium held over the weekend at Michigan State University.

Network members say what the public doesn't know about UFOs is overwhelming and disgraceful, and the network is trying to change things. Combined UFO organizations plan to mount a national advertising campaign to bring the truth to the public.

Vocal scientist UFO debunkers who have drawn conclusions without looking at data or interviewing witnesses have driven a wedge between the scientific community and the public, said Lansing's Dan Wright, symposium director.

The meeting, held for the first time in Michigan, showed the public that a number of highly placed scientists and those involved in the country's space and defense programs are seriously engaged in UFO research, he said.

"We're not a bunch of know-nothing crackpots. We're not UFO buffs. We take it very seriously. It's like a second job to me," said Wright, a state policy analyst who sees a difference between skeptics and debunkers. "We're all skeptics," he said.

A major obstacle confronting members of UFO organizations is prodding the scientific community and government to admit there always have been UFO sightings, and government has been investigating them since 1947, he said.



Dan Wright: "We're not a bunch of know-nothing crackpots... We take it very seriously."

For the past 16 years the government has given the impression that they aren't addressing the subject and "we don't believe this," Wright said.

"Scientists at the pinnacles of their careers who have conducted serious research have concluded that some UFO reports out of 100,000 that are on computerized records and investigated are very real," he said.

In answer to the audience question of whether governmental secrecy about UFOs is a result of a belief that freedom of information jeopardizes national and world security, Robert H. Bletchman, MUFON legal adviser from Connecticut, answered, "No one

disrespects that the federal government must protect the populace, but the paramount right is that of a person to inquire of government."

MUFON members believe open involvement by the government would result in more involvement by the scientific community to secure the money necessary for analyses, he said.

While some scientists argue the issue, Wright said a 1979 Gallup Poll showed 57 percent of the American public responding said they believe UFOs are real.

He said a Stanford University survey of the country's astronomers showed a majority of them said the subject of UFOs should be pursued to a resolution.

Currently there are 600 reports of abductions by aliens and 2,500 cases of close encounters with entities that need investigating, he said.

Wright joined MUFON eight years ago after an experience his father, a bakery truck driver, had with a UFO along old M-31 in Oceana County. "I saw the dramatic change in his behavior. He was transformed from a total skeptic to a true believer," he says of his father.

He criticized the media for focusing on close encounters, which he says is a tiny aspect of a complex phenomenon.

"Over 80 percent of all reports by the public to private UFO researchers are mistakes. A fraction of a percent are hoaxes - we can spot 'em in a minute. Only the remaining 10-20 percent are genuine."

Skeptic insists UFOs exist

Worley's 'failures' alienated him from old beliefs

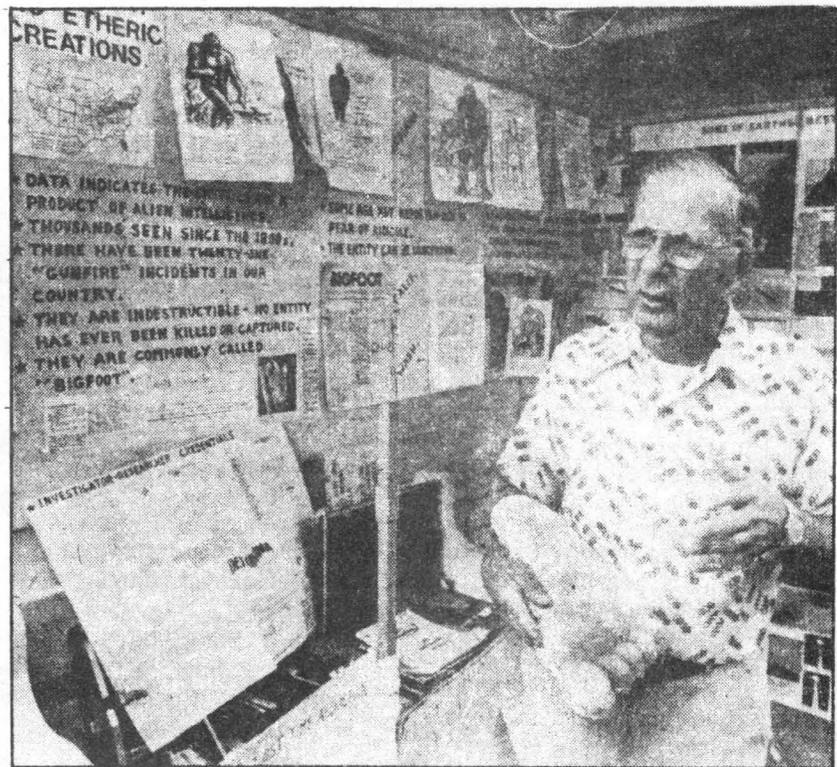
BY JANET C. WETZEL
The Cincinnati Enquirer

CONNERSVILLE, Ind. — Don Worley scoffed at reports of sightings of Big Foot and UFOs, and set out to prove the events could be discounted.

He failed. His research made him a believer. That was more than 20 years ago. Since then, Worley, 64, has been scorned and ridiculed for his beliefs, and called everything from loony and weird to insane.

"I was a real skeptic, and I was determined to explain it all away," Worley said. "But I found way too many factors beyond explanation in the context of the environment we live in. . . . I have a tremendous scientific curiosity, and I love a mystery."

He doesn't believe every UFO report, nor has he personally met an alien, but he is convinced that beings from other worlds have left a mark on this planet.



The Cincinnati Enquirer/Fred Straub
Don Worley of Connersville, Ind., was a skeptic but became a believer in unexplained phenomena, which he has investigated for 20 years.

"Aliens have landed, they've abducted people, they've followed cars, and they can fly in and out of water," Worley said. "They are transitory, can appear and disappear instantly, and they're beyond (Please see UFO, Page A-12)

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comprehension of our idea of physics. They've deeply infiltrated the human race."

Worley has written for magazines in this country, Canada and England, and he has been contacted by people all over the world for information on unexplained phenomena.

He's interviewed hundreds of witnesses on 85 cases, primarily UFO sightings in eastern Indiana, and five reports of ape entities — Big Foot.

"I never got there in time to see a UFO or a Big Foot myself, but I've seen them through the eyes of over 350 other people," he said.

"In 1966 and 1967 a huge wave of UFO activity was over most of the United States and especially in this area. In the fall of 1966, one UFO landed two straight nights 1½ blocks from the Connersville State Police Post. There were cone-shaped holes in a tripod design left in the ground."

Worley's employer is Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), a Tucson-based organization that says it has 400 investigators throughout the world.

Worley said there are reasons we don't know more about UFOs.

"All of this is covered up by the government. In this area we're under Wright Patterson Air Force Base radar, and it's shocking what went on under that radar."

He said 1966-1967 were peak years for UFO sightings. In 1966 alone he recorded 162 sightings in Fayette County, 69 in Rush, 19 in Franklin, nine in Union and 61 in nearby areas.

Worley said few UFOS have been sighted since 1973, but he thinks some sightings are often not reported for fear of ridicule.

"The aerial part is only the more visible tip of the iceberg. Ground level phenomena, such as: occupants, lost-time abduction (humans taken aboard space craft, or their minds taken over temporarily) . . . ape entities and men in black . . . are more important."

- Worley said he has found that:
 - Most UFOs are domed, disc-shaped craft.
 - UFO occupants are generally one of three types: short and stocky, robot types, or similar to humans.
 - There are thousands of lost-time abductees. A Madison woman's entire body was red and swollen after her encounter with an alien. Another woman near Connersville said an alien took control of her mind and ruined her life.
 - Aliens are very intelligent, and most are "devilish types, but some try to do good."

UFO Symposium will be at Michigan State

By JAMES A. HARRIS
Lansing State Journal

If you're in search of E.T., Starman or just what goes on "out there," you can walk with head high this weekend when the 17th annual UFO Symposium comes to Michigan State University for the first time.

The international event, promising to attract as many as 250 to 300 members of the Mutual UFO Network Inc. (MUFON) across North America, runs Saturday and Sunday.

It will offer lectures from some of the country's top experts in astronautics, physics, natural sciences, aerospace research and UFO history as well as MUFON officials.

The two-day symposium at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center promises to be a one-of-a-kind opportunity for local residents to learn something of UFO lore without worrying about skeptics, said Lansing's Dan Wright, Michigan's premier UFO hunter and symposium director.

Wright said the Central State division, which he directs, is sponsoring this year's event once conducted in Toronto, St. Louis and other large cities.

"For those of us in the business, this is a chance to talk UFOs non-stop all weekend without the skeptics rolling their eyes or smirking," he said. "It is fair to say this is the greatest aggregation of speakers on the UFO subject ever assembled."

Speakers include Dr. Richard F. Haines, research scientist involved in the U.S. Space Station program who has written two books on UFOs; John F. Schuessler, astronautics engineer involved with the U.S. Space Shuttle program and a MUFON deputy director; Alan C. Holt, a physicist for the U.S. Space Station Program.

Michael D. Swords, a natural science professor at Western Michigan University and the only Michigan representative on the guest list, also will join the roster of speakers and lecture on "The Case for E.T. . . . Within the Mainstream of Science."



Lansing State Journal/GREG DeRUITER

Dan Wright shows some of the material he has accumulated about UFO phenomena.

While some of the other topics may not be usual dinner-table conversation, they will interest the person with even a casual interest in UFOs, Wright said. They include interstellar spaceports and transportation systems, an

analysis of an alleged UFO photograph, government responsibility and UFOs, investigative methods and alleged abductions by UFOs.

"This symposium will air the latest research efforts of the best minds in the business," promised Wright.

"This will not be over the heads of the lay person although the speakers include astrophysicists and astronautics engineers," Wright said. "They will be speaking about these topics at a level

for everyone."

Beyond the lectures, Wright said, the symposium will offer documentary films throughout the weekend and also videotaped interviews of other experts in the field. A major UFO exhibit will be provided by the Center for UFO Studies, a sister agency of MUFON, he said.

Tickets are available at the door at \$30 per person for the four-day session and \$7.50 per person for single sessions.

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Letter from the Editor — by Art Drake

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Do you believe in UFOs?

I used to read a lot about them when I was a kid. I collected maybe half a dozen books which described supposedly true sightings in pretty elaborate detail. It was fascinating summertime reading, and it kept me off the streets.

Then when I was writing for my college newspaper, I was sent to interview J. Allen Hynek, who is the only academic UFO expert I ever heard of. An astronomy professor at Northwestern University, he founded the Center for UFO Studies at Evanston, Ill. I read last week that he died, and that revived my old interest in his specialty.

You probably have never heard of Hynek. But what little notoriety he had peaked when a phrase he coined became the title of the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." That's how he described a physical contact with a UFO or an alien being.

Anyway, Hynek believed in UFOs, although he wasn't sure exactly what they were. Most of the books I had read before simply assumed that they came from another world and went from there.

Hynek pointed out that belief in UFOs was not necessarily so exotic.

The term "UFO," he noted, means "unidentified flying object." UFOs are reported frequently, almost daily, Hynek wrote in his book, "The Edge of Reality." The reports are too common to be ignored, he claimed. But since nobody knows exactly what the flying objects are, they are by definition unidentified. If someone can prove that the object was a plane, a

meteorite, a drunk's hallucination, or an object from space, then the object is no longer unidentified and no longer a mystery.

So a UFO is simply something that someone sees in the air, but nobody knows what it is. Get it?

At the time I interviewed him, Hynek had not found proof that UFOs were alien spaceships, although he kept open that possibility.

Hynek was a credible expert on UFOs, in my eyes, because he had spent several years investigating sightings for the Air Force. At the time, he was a skeptic. His job was to find a conventional explanation for unconventional events. He managed to track down a solid explanation for most of the reports that crossed his desk.

But in that job, there were some reports that could not be explained away. Under pressure from his superiors, he admitted later, he sometimes wrote off those incidents with explanations that would not hold up under closer scrutiny.

Anyway, the questions raised by the study of UFOs are intriguing. Some sightings have involved crowds of people. Were the people hallucinating? If so, why did they all see the same thing at the same time?

Are all UFO reports hoaxes? If so, the motives escaped Hynek, especially when the UFO witnesses insisted on anonymity.

Some suggested that UFOs are secret devices being tested by the Pentagon or the Soviets. But if that were true, why hasn't someone like Jack Anderson found out about it and told the world?

Some write off UFO reports because the objects seemed to flout laws of physics, flying without wings, flying faster than people can imagine. But Hynek reminded us that the explanations for the heat and light of the sun are based on concepts which were beyond imagination a century ago. Would you have conceived of microwave cooking 30 years ago?

Hynek challenged us to stretch our imaginations and to consider all the possibilities.

Try it sometime. Go to a quiet place and try to imagine what we might know in a hundred years that we don't know now. Regardless of what you think of UFOs, it's quite an exercise.

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Searchlights send many on futile Dade UFO hunt

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Some thought the Martians were landing. Others thought it might be a prelude to a nuclear strike. Some people were afraid they were going to be carried away by invading aliens.

Each of the more than 150 callers who flooded the lines of local police departments, the National Weather Service and Miami International Airport for about four hours last night saw the same thing — four lights dancing in the night sky.

"We were going nuts for a while," said Hialeah policewoman Maria Gonzalez. "People were calling and asking why those lights were dancing in the sky. One man said the UFOs were going to land and they had shone a light on him. He was frightened."

Alas, there is an earthly explanation — a trailer with four small but high-intensity white searchlights in the lot of Colonial Pontiac at 8345 N.W. Seventh Ave. The lights were left on during the night, and the rotating beams danced across the clouds over South Florida.

Because of the ceiling of clouds at 12,000 feet, the searchlights and their unusual pattern were visible across the county, said Dennis Henize, a public service supervisor at the National Weather Service.

The calls started coming in to Hialeah police at about 10 p.m., police said. About 30 people gathered in the parking lot of the Sedano's Supermarket at Palm Avenue and West 39th Street, watching the lights with growing concern and repeatedly calling police from pay phones outside the store.

Metro police communications Sgt. George Johnson said his office received "over 20" calls from residents in Homestead to North Miami.

Miami police dispatchers reported getting 15 to 20 calls about the beams last night. An air-traffic

controller at Miami International said she also had gotten several calls about the lights.

It is unknown whether the searchlights, called alpha sky trackers and set on a trailer with a California license tag, were supposed to be left on through the night. The dealership was closed and nobody attended the lights, which moved back and forth while rotating clockwise on their stands.

Some people resorted to conducting their own search for the source of the beams. Luis Ricard, 20, drove with two of his friends from his home in Hialeah and followed the lights to the car dealer.

"No one could tell us what they were, so we tracked them down to here," Ricard said, standing in front of the dealership and watching the beams paint the sky. "It was disappointing. We thought we would see aliens but it ended up being just cars."

City and country of incident: Łódź / (LODZ) Poland
Date of incident: 29 01 1985
Name of paper / date of clipp: "KURIER POLSKI" / 8 02 1985
Translation from the Polish language.

City/country
of newspaper

"ŁÓDŹ" FAVOURED BY UFO (Łódź -city in Poland)
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Warsaw / Poland

x The same seen from top and bottom.

x Noticed where disappeared.

x Was this seen also by the airmen?

UFO was again seen above Łódź. The informations about the next observation we received from our regular reader who had already seen twice the unidentified objects. At the first occasion, the airplane crew about which we wrote before, observed UFO in front of them, while the Lady in question, observed the UFO through the window of her room. Few days later at the end of January, she noted similiar object at the same spot. So, we have some more details.

First of all, we obtained support to the opinion of plane crew that, the spotted object was not a star. From the earth, the stars were seen like fog-coated, while the UFO was shining brightly. It was pulsating and changing position but retaining certain regularity. It was moving to right and left, up and down according to certain pattern and not disorderly. The same regularity was also noted by the airmen.

Our reader did not send to us the information directly after the observation, but shortly later, she found the information in newspaper. However, when UFO appeared again, she decided to disclose her observations.

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After she noted UFO for the first time, she subconsciously but frequently has been looking at that region of the sky, hoping that the object shall come back. And so, she was very surprised when during one of such impulsive lookings, at exactly seven o'clock in the evening, she was dazzled by very strong light,

She was struck-dumb. UFO was there, where appeared and disappeared some several days ago. This time, the observation lasted nearly 25 minutes. The object was behaving in the same maner as before, pulsating, vibrating....

The silence was disrupted for a moment by near-by flying airplane, lights of which were seen very clearly.

Perhaps the crew of the airplane also noted the object? We shall try to meet them.

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Reds' rocket rumbled

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PAT HILLS investigates

AN unidentified flying object over Stockport which caused world-wide alarm on New Year's Eve in 1978 when the sky burst into flames, has been finally explained.

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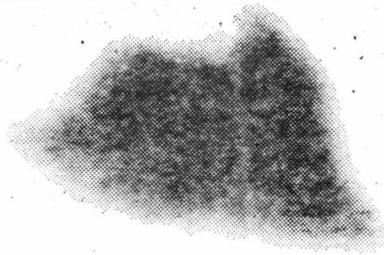
Your TIMES can exclusively reveal the pyrotechnic spectacular was not an invasion by aliens from another planet but a Russian spaceship re-entering the atmosphere.

And the British UFO Association who received thousands of calls from the Stockport people who watched open-mouthed as a five-minute display shot across the darkness at 7.05 p.m. this week confirmed the sighting was part of a rocket exploding.

Local investigator Mr. Roy Sandbach, from Offerton said: "We were inundated by calls. We have now discovered it was a Cosmos breaking up in the earth's atmosphere. But at the time people thought earth was being invaded.

"Mostly burning debris lasts only seconds but this sky fire lasted for several minutes."

A BLOW-UP of the mysterious object.



AS one mystery is solved, another remains unanswered. This picture was snapped by a local policeman as he cleaned his camera.

It was sighted over Stockport and other parts of Greater Manchester and has not been explained. It is on the files of the Manchester UFO Association who claim they are able to clear up most reported cases.

UFO expert and authoress Jenny Randles said: "Genuine sightings are very rare. There have been dozens of reports in Stockport but only a few are not explained after full investigations."

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Flying circles around saucers

MONDAY is a big day for flying saucer buffs like myself. The British UFO Research Association is to reveal the result of a lengthy investigation into the Mystery of the Circles.

For six years now, large symmetric circles have appeared at night in cornfields in the West Country and Home counties. There was a new crop in the Winchester area last week, one of them 68ft across.

Could they be formed by flying saucers, electro-magnetic impulses, or simply a freak of the weather? My tip is that the investigators will put it down to mini-whirlwinds descending like a vacuum cleaner.