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# 'SPRING into the unknown

By Scott Fisher

## City group on the trail of things that go bump in the night

**IF you hear something go bump in the night, don't call us — call SPRING!**

Because the Strange Phenomena Research, Investigation, and Notation Group specialise in things which most of us would steer well clear of.

Founder member of the Nottingham-based group is Peter Jackson, of Newfield Road, Sherwood, who told the **RECORDER** about some of the more vivid and frightening things that have happened to him during his 11 years with SPRING.

"The closest I have ever come to a UFO, was at a 'skywatch' in Oxtun in the early 1980s.

"A group of us were planning to study the sky on a clear night, looking for the position of satellites and other phenomena, which would allow us to eliminate these when we get a report of a 'sighting'.

"There was a thin, quite eerie mist on the ground, and unfortunately the group that I was to meet, had congregated in the wrong part of the site, which left my companion and I alone on the main watch site.

"As we looked around, I suddenly saw some lights in one of the fields nearby.



● Peter Jackson

"These moved around, some at about hedge height, unlike anything I have ever seen. They moved along so smoothly that they could not have been headlights on any kind of vehicle or bike.

"The whole atmosphere was very strange, and at that point we thought it

wise to leave, so we did."

But Peter is also involved with ghosts and spirits, and he has had several unusual experiences with them too.

"I had an interesting case at a bungalow off Aspley Lane. The house had only been built for about 15 years, but apparently there was a blonde woman walking around, carrying a baby.

"I did not actually see the spirit, but on one occasion I was standing alone in the lounge, and there was a waft of perfume across the room.

"And on another occasion, another member of

the group took a clairvoyant along, who said that the blonde had tried to give him the baby.

"In the end we simply used the clairvoyant to clear the house of spirits, because that was what the family wanted."

But often though, Peter says that people are quite happy to live with their ghostly acquaintances, and are afraid that they might be scared away by too much attention.

Anyone interested by these experiences can go along to a meeting of SPRING any Monday evening, 7 pm, at the Federation House Club, Claremont Road, Carrington.

### It happened tomorrow

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**WAS a U.S. Air Force jet fighter, fitted with the latest armament, destroyed by a flying saucer 40 years ago tomorrow?**

**That's the question that, despite two official inquiries, no-one has yet satisfactorily answered.**

**The out-of-this-world drama began when Kentucky Highway**

## Out of this world

Patrol was inundated with hundreds of calls, all claiming that a huge metallic saucer 300 feet in diameter, had been seen hovering near Maysville.

Police notified Goodman Air Base and three F-51 fighters, led by ex-world War II ace Captain Thomas Mantell, took off to investigate.

When the chase reached 15,000 feet the two other pilots turned away — they were not carrying oxygen — but 25-year-old Mantell continued upwards. Excitedly, he radioed to base that he had a clear

view of the enormous saucer and was closing on it.

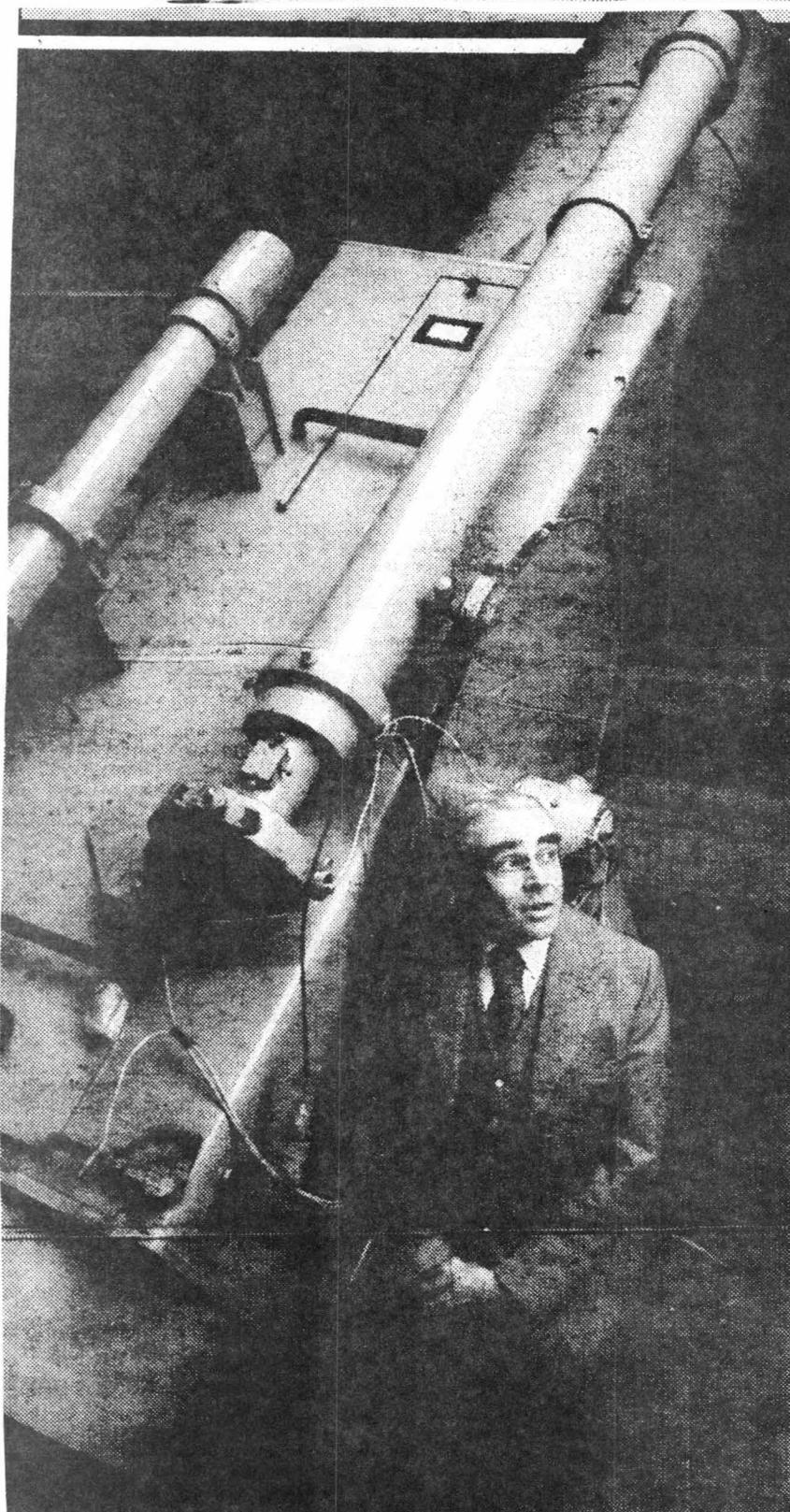
His last message was: "I am going up to 20,000 feet. If I'm no closer, I'll abandon the chase."

Then to the horror of watchers on the ground, the plane suddenly exploded. Some people even claimed they saw "green rays" passing from the mystery object to the plane. Freed of its pursuer, the saucer quickly disappeared.

The official Air Force explanation was that the plane crashed as a result of mechanical malfunction. No mention was made of the UFO.

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# Mysterious UFOs



After a six year gap unidentified flying objects have been seen over the Fens again. Over Christmas and the New Year a bright green glowing 'Polo mint' startled a lorry driver near Welney and a bright orange object lit up the fields and houses nearer Cambridge. RODNEY TIBBS talked to witnesses.

## Sighting of a brilliant aerial body

ONE of the first recorded sightings of a UFO in this area was on December 14 1861 on the road between Gazeley and Higham near Newmarket.

Mr John Holland, a builder from Gazeley, was walking along the road on a Sunday evening when he saw "a brilliant aerial body." It came closer and closer and "glided through the air like a bird."

Eventually it reached the fence on the other side of the road where it remained for about one minute. Mr Holland recorded that it looked like "candlelight in a transparent cup". It then rose up into the sky only to return again and stop a few yards from him.

### Darting about

It repeated this procedure about four times and eventually he met a Mr Lisle of Higham and drew his attention to it. He considered it to be a star until the object came and settled close to them again after darting about through some trees.

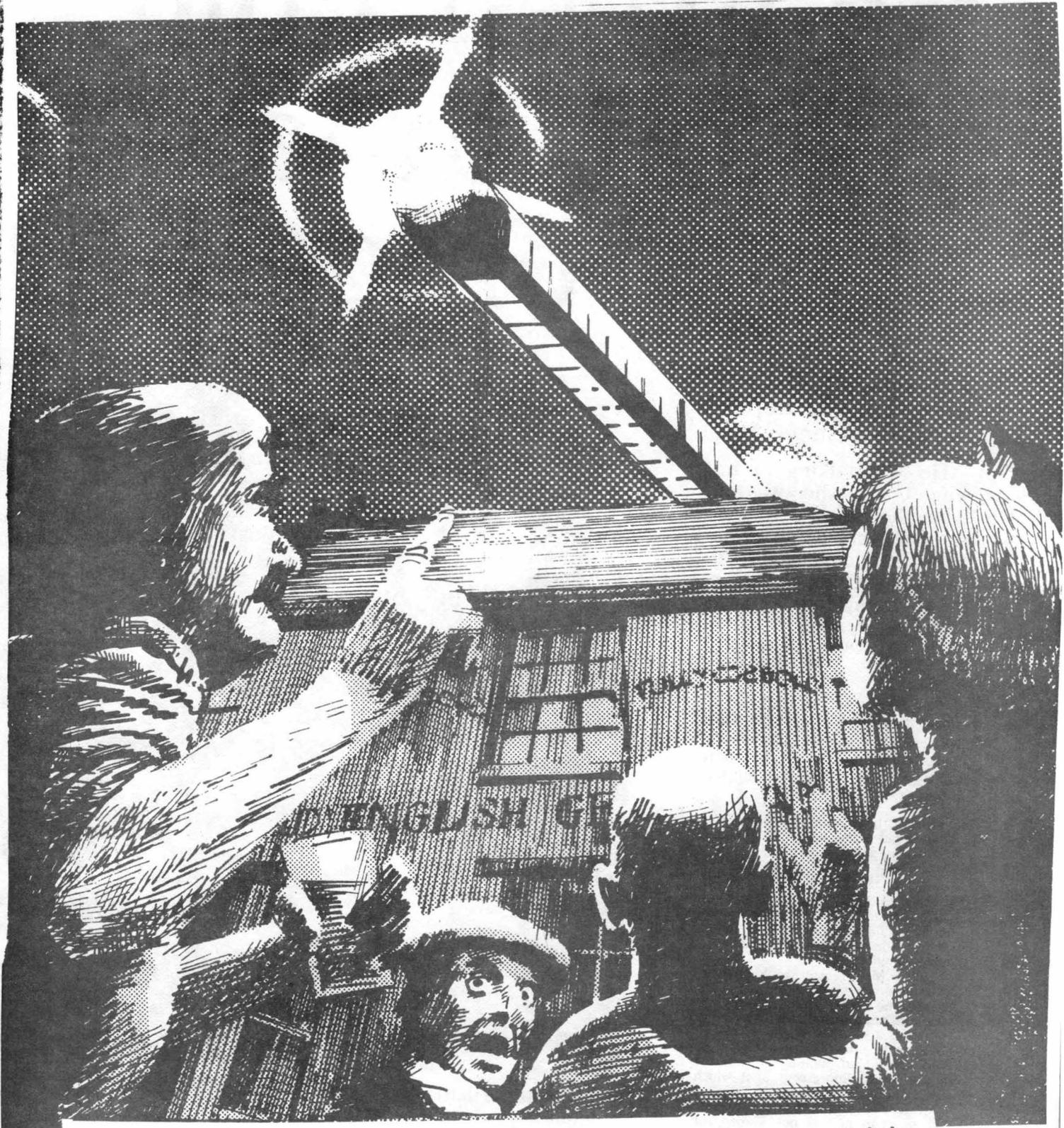
Other people were called to watch it before the object eventually went away.

This early sighting predated aircraft and satellites. The darting movement is a characteristic noted by modern observers of UFOs.

Dr David Dewhirst: 'There may be a scientific explanation.'

MYSTERIOUS CON'T

# light up Fens



An artist's impression of the UFOs at Harston which gave a three-hour display of pyrotechnics.

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# Big orange domes and green 'Polo mint' amaze onlookers

IT WAS 3am and pitch dark one Saturday morning as Newmarket lorry driver Ian Webster was making his way north of Littleport towards Welney.

He was talking to his wife Gail, who was at their home in Norfolk Avenue, on his CB radio when suddenly a bright green light appeared in the sky to his left.

"It was heading down to earth at a tremendous speed," he told me, "and frankly I

thought there was going to be a tremendous crash. Then very abruptly and at high speed it changed direction and zipped across the road.

"It must have been about a mile or more ahead of me and it disappeared to the right, still dropping.

## Disappeared

"At the point where it must have hit the earth there was no sign of an impact or anything like that and then it suddenly disappeared as if it had gone behind a building."

At first Mrs Webster would not take her husband's sighting seriously and thought he was joking. But his descriptions are difficult to laugh away.

"It was a spherical object with a jet black centre, just like a football-sized Polo mint. Surrounding it was an intense green fluorescent light which was about ten times bigger."

Mr Webster is a very down to earth sort of chap and is not known for flights of fancy.



Karen Suttle (left) and Violet Hills, both of Burwell, hold an artist's impression of the UFO they saw.

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"I am not a gullible sort of person but I know what I saw. It was flying a very true though fast course and was not erratic in the slightest. It could not have been an aircraft, not travelling at that sort of speed and that low."

Mr Webster's experience followed that of Karen Suttle, of Silver Street, Burwell, and Violet Hills, of the Causeway, Burwell, who saw a huge orange light just above the fields between Swaffham Prior and Swaffham Bulbeck before Christmas.

The two sightings combined represent the first time unidentified flying objects have been reported in the Cambridgeshire skies for six years.

### Huge semi-circle

The last major sighting was on January 24, 1980 when a gigantic UFO shaped like a semi-circle and glowing bright orange was seen over Cambridge airport for a considerable length of time by a bus driver and his conductor.

Prior to that the entire village of Harston was entertained for nearly three hours by a display of celestial pyrotechnics as UFOs came and went. The significant thing about the sighting by the two women is that their UFO was bright orange as well.

It was shortly before Christmas when they were driving home from work in Cambridge. The time was about 6.20pm and the sky was pitch dark. As they approached Swaffham Prior they could see a bright orange glow in the sky.

Karen Suttle, who was the passenger, thought a hay rick was on fire.

"We were between the two villages, just at the point where the new section of road starts, when we fully expected to see a fire in the field to our right.

"Instead a big bright orange dome came into view. It looked as though it was on the ground and was just like a sunset that was totally in the wrong place.

"If you have ever seen one of those table lamps which have bright blobs floating around in a liquid, it was as bright and as well defined as that,"

says Karen.

As they drove towards the light it began to rise and move off. It got smaller and then moved into low cloud.

### Glow in the cloud

"We could see the cloud around it and then it finally disappeared as a sort of glow in the cloud."

The object had been in view for many minutes while they drove the few miles between Swaffham Prior and Swaffham Burwell.

There were other cars on the road. "They must have seen it," says Karen, who is no doubt about it herself.

"We saw it. That is all there is to it," she says.

A third sighting was made by a motorist coming out of Linton at 10pm on New Year's Day. He reported a bright orange glow high in the sky moving along at what he termed "satellite speed".

"It was definitely not an aircraft, nothing like that," he told me. "There were no flashing lights or navigation

lights or anything like that. It was just bright orange, high up and very strange."

Is there a scientific explanation?

Maybe, says Dr David Dewhurst, senior observer at the Cambridge Institute of Astronomy.

"We are passing through a meteor shower at the moment called the Quadrantids and these are always at their peak around January 1-6 each year. There is always an increase of UFO sightings around about then."

A second possibility is the appearance of Venus low in the morning sky at the moment. At least one member of the public called the Institute to ask about a bright light in the morning sky and was told that most likely he had seen this particularly bright planet.

Scientific explanations apart, if little green men have decided to visit the Fens again, the name Quadrantids should suit them perfectly.

• Have you seen a UFO? We would like to hear about your experiences. Write to: UFO, Newsdesk, "Cambridge Evening News", 51 Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8EJ.

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## Sky watchers are asked about UFOs

AN APPEAL has been issued to Bolton sky watchers after a spectacular UFO sighting.

A group of bright objects were seen flying in formation and leaving a faint vapour trail.

Ten separate witnesses reported spotting the fast-moving objects high in the sky over the Leeds and Bradford area between 7

and 7.30 a.m. on Dec 23.

Five days later a similar sighting was reported to police at Grassington in the Yorkshire Dales.

Mr Rod Howarth of the Yorkshire UFO Society said: "In the first sighting seven objects were seen flying close together. In the second it was five objects which were said to have been 'whizzing about'

erratically."

Mr Howarth added that it is thought the objects may have passed over the North-west before reaching Yorkshire.

"We would like to hear from anyone who saw a similar sighting," he said.

Anyone with information should telephone Mr Howarth on 0282-51315.

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## UFO's over the High Peak?

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If you saw any bright lights in the sky two days before Christmas then there is an organisation that wants to hear from you.

The Yorkshire UFO Society are investigating a series of sightings of a formation of bright lights over Yorkshire and South Lancashire on December 23, and they believe the

unidentified flying objects were heading into the High Peak.

Mrs Elsa Lee, who is the society's assistant director of research, told the Advertiser: "We have had several reports of these sightings, and if anybody else saw anything I would like them to contact me."

She added that the society get reports like this all the time, but particularly at this time of year.

"We identify 90 per cent as aircraft,

airships, satellites, and often planets such as Jupiter, but the remaining 10 per cent remain unidentified flying objects."

The society's investigators talk to the weather men, airports and even the Ministry of Defence, to try and pin down just what a particular sighting may have been.

Mrs Lee added: "There are some that are still very, very strange, and they may not be spacecraft or aliens..."

# Riddle of doomed jet buzzed by a UFO

By ALAN CLEAVER

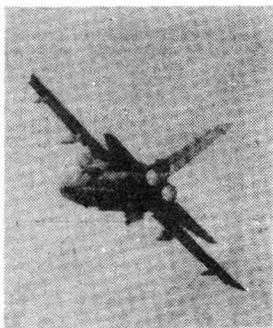
**AUTHOR** Jenny Randles is investigating a theory that a fighter plane crashed because of a UFO.

The F-111 crashed in Oxfordshire and a strange orange ball of light was filmed the same morning by a building surveyor travelling from Thame to Aylesbury.

At first it was believed the surveyor, Peter Day, had simply filmed the last minutes of the F-111 but subsequent investigations proved the film was shot more than half an hour before the crash.

UFO author and investigator Jenny Randles of the British UFO Research Association has said the film is "the hardest evidence in the world that UFO's do exist."

In this month's *The Unknown* magazine she re-evaluates the 1973 sighting and rules out other theories



● Did a jet crash because of a UFO?

of ball lightning and lights on top of a helicopter.

Peter Day told Jenny: "I did not waste time getting out of the car when I saw the light but wound down the window for a perfect view of this strange thing. I rested my arm on the door and started filming."

Jenny concludes: "If the F-111 had crashed because of the UFO then a great many questions would be answered."

## Hunt is on

UFO experts are investigating a strange light seen over Beaconsfield. Ken Phillips, investigations co-ordinator of the Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena is leading the probe into the light watched for over an hour by a man walking his dog. It was seen in the early hours one morning before Christmas. Ken is searching for other witnesses to the light.

# Pilot "shadowed by huge UFO"

A Japan Airlines pilot, who said his cargo jet was shadowed by a huge unidentified flying object over Alaska in November, has reported another sighting.

JAL said they were studying the report and refused further comment.

Captain Kenjyu Terauchi and his co-pilot reported the sighting of lights on Sunday morning on a flight from London.

"His statement to the controller was 'irregular lights, looks like a spaceship'," said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Paul Steucke. But Mr. Steucke said there may be an easy explanation for Sunday's sighting: light reflecting off ice crystals in the atmosphere.

Capt. Terauchi, a veteran pilot, said he

saw the lights twice on Sunday, once for about 20 minutes and again for about 10 minutes as his plane flew at 37,000 feet.

The plane's co-pilot reported seeing the lights too, but the flight engineer, who sits farther back in the cockpit, "indicated he was uncertain whether he saw any lights".

Both the November sighting and the Sunday sighting were near Fort Yukon, but there were few other similarities, Mr. Steucke said.

On November 17, Captain Terauchi reported that two bright lights and an object as wide as two aircraft carriers placed end-to-end followed his JAL Boeing 747 cargo plane for more than 300 miles

as it flew through Anchorage from Iceland. The lights stayed with the plane even when they changed altitude and took other evasive action, he said.

The pilot said that both in November and on Sunday the lights approached from the front of the Boeing 747, went beneath the aircraft and reappeared to the rear.

In November, the object showed up on the plane's weather radar, but there was nothing shown on radar on Sunday, Mr. Steucke said.

At the time of the November incident, Anchorage air traffic controllers spotted what they believed was a split image of the JAL aircraft caused by a minor problem with the plane's radar transponder.

Mr. Steucke said earlier, but admitted it was a coincidence that the split image was located where Captain Terauchi reported seeing the objects.

Mr. Steucke said experienced pilots speculated that Sunday's sighting could have been caused by light bouncing off ice crystals in an inversion layer. In a temperature inversion, a layer of warmer air traps a layer of colder air closer to the earth's surface.

But the same theory couldn't explain the November sighting, Mr. Steucke said, because at that time the weather was clear and there was no temperature inversion.

# Bloodthirsty aliens feast on animals

**THE BIBLE PROVIDES proof that UFO aliens are responsible for the worldwide wave of horrible animal mutilations, claims an expert.**

An article in the magazine *Stigmata* details the startling explanation, found in the works of Salvador Freixedo, a former Jesuit priest from Spain.

By PETER BEMIDJI

Freixedo writes that Jehovah, the Hebrew name for God, was actually an alien being who "adopted" the Hebrew tribes for his own purposes.

This alien constantly demanded offerings of great quantities of blood and certain entrails of animals.

But since this alien and his companions are no longer able to compel people to offer sacrifices, they come down in UFOs and get blood and entrails by mutilating thousands of animals and totally draining their blood.

Furthermore, these aliens appear to benefit from certain high-frequency vibrations given

off by animal brains when the creatures are in pain.

Freixedo quotes a passage from the first chapter of the Old Testament book of Leviticus to prove his point: "The priest shall burn his animal on the altar as a ... food offering of soothing odor to the Lord."

Freixedo adds: "It seems that 'god' asks for that kind of sacrifice, becomes appeased in some way, or calms himself through the pain caused to the animal or the shedding of blood."

And the Biblical story of God's rejecting of Cain's



offering of grain while accepting Abel's offering of sacrificial sheep also illustrates the aliens' bloodlust, he notes.

A careful reading of the first five books of the Old Testament reveals the amazing importance given by Jehovah to entrails and blood, which people are strictly forbidden to drink, notes Freixedo.

"Nowadays, when it is impossible to persuade people to continue sacrificing animals to the gods as they did in olden times, the gods are providing themselves with animal viscera and blood," he adds.

The nature of modern-day animal mutilation also

**GRUESOME REMAINS:** Bizarre wounds to one horse included removal of brain and certain vital organs, and the skin stripped cleanly from head and neck.

supports Freixedo's argument that it is the work of aliens and not other animals, as some have claimed.

Investigations of thousands of mutilations reveal the same standard procedure: The animal's internal, and sometimes sexual, organs are removed with surgical precision and the blood is often drained completely from the carcass.

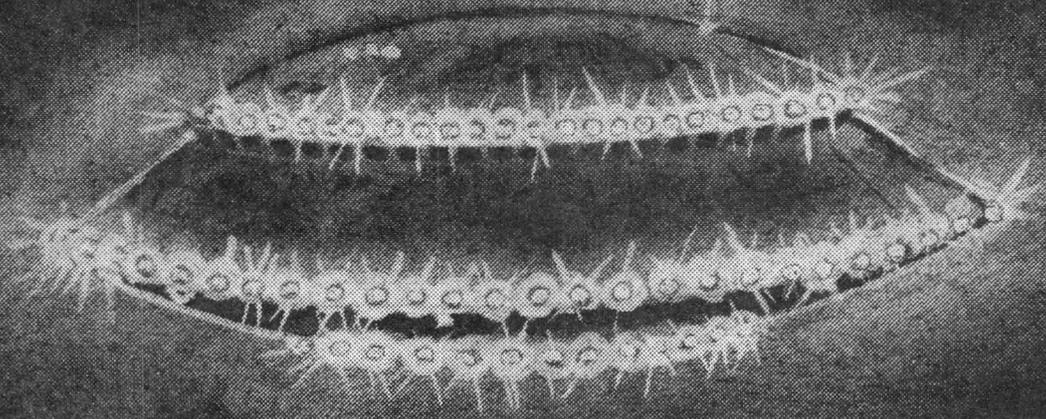
Furthermore, tracks and ground markings are usually absent, even though ground conditions

should have called for the presence of tracks.

"The Ufonauts are killing growing numbers of animals with less and less secrecy," he writes.

"The aliens have killed many animals with the sole aim of taking away a portion of the kidneys or other internal organs, leaving the rest of the animal intact.

"It seems they are seeking some specific in the animals. There is a common denominator: the lack of blood, leaving little or no blood in evidence."



***THEY'RE***

**‘Our radar scopes have become saturated with an enormous number of targets characterizing an invasion of Brazilian air space!’**

*Gen. Octavio Julio Moreira Lima, Minister of Aeronautics, Brazilian Air Defense Command*

The second wave of UFOs to streak through Brazilian skies in less than a year suggests that an alien invasion of earth has already begun, a prominent physicist warns.

As reported in last week's edition of *The NEWS*, American and Soviet scientists recently intercepted a radio transmission from space

indicating that the warriors from an alien society plan to attack our planet on July 6, 1993.

But the sighting of dozens of glowing starships over Brazil on Dec. 21 — following an identical blitz last spring — has prompted them to revise the aliens' estimated time of arrival.

Dr. Gerhard Schultz worked closely with the team that translated the space radio message. He says the alien invaders are here — now.

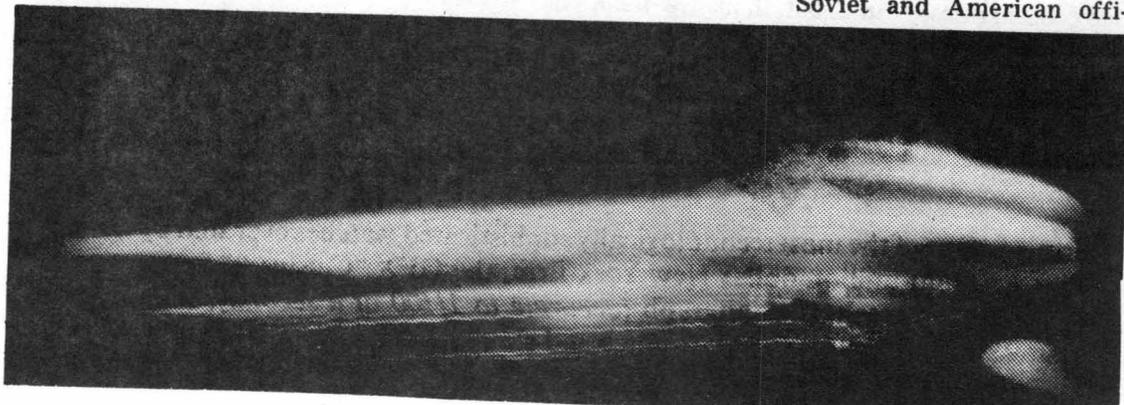
"It appears that we made a grievous error in the translation of the message," the physicist told reporters at a hastily called press conference in Bonn, West Germany.

"There is no other explanation for the wave of starships that have been encountered in Brazil. I firmly believe that the war of the worlds is on the verge of beginning, if it hasn't already begun."

Soviet and American offi-

**HERE!**

**Scientists admit they were wrong! Expected space war of 1993 is happening now!**



## THEY'RE HERE CON'T

cials refused to comment on Dr. Schultz's assessment of the situation. But Brazilian authorities spoke openly about the alarming invasion of their country's air space.

"We are trying to present the whole truth to the press," said ministry spokesman Adalberto de Rezende Rocha. "We have registered a phenomenon of luminous flashing lights and persistent radar screen blips that we cannot explain."

Gen. Moreira Lima, who characterized the phenomenon as an invasion, said: "Dozens of contacts were made along our coastline."

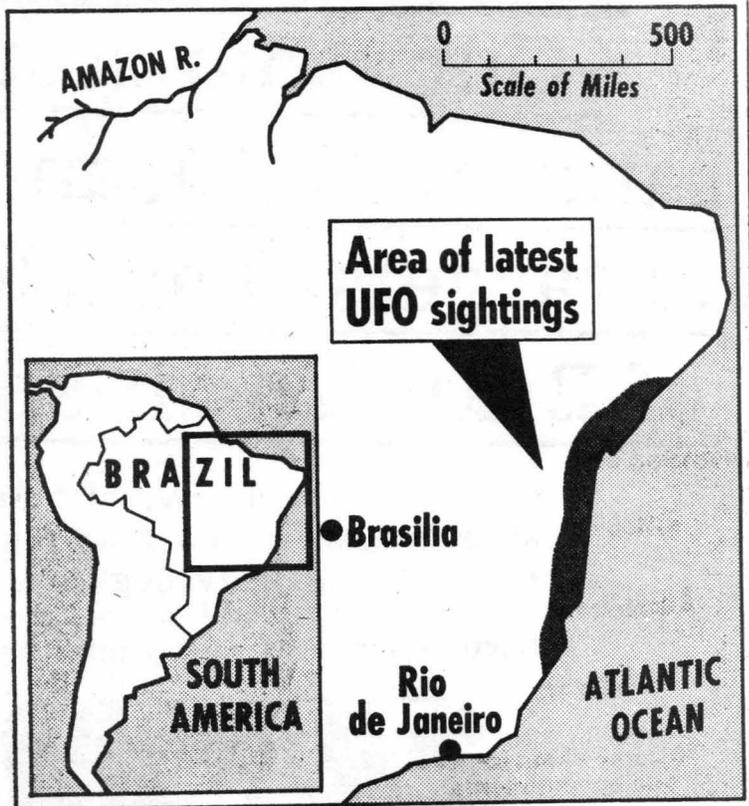
"It's not a matter of believing or not. We have no expla-

nation for it, but this is what happened."

The official said Air Force fighter pilots pursued "several dozen saucer-shaped UFOs" after they were picked up on radar Dec. 21.

The pilots reportedly drew near the starships several times. But they were unable to make radio contact or engage them in battle during the 12 minute cat-and-mouse encounter, Gen. Moreira Lima said.

"It was very much like the situation we had last spring," he said. "The UFOs would slow down and let our pilots see them. But when our planes got too close they would shoot out of range."



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## 'Seeing what we wish were true

Dear Editor:

The mystery of the UFOs remains.

I've arrived at an explanation! People have dreamt of UFO encounters and then awake to realize the experience was just a dream. Suppose an airline pilot was relaxing on the shore of a remote lake and lost in reverie or in fantasy: daydreaming. At that moment the pilot "sees" a UFO and it does impossible things. The pilot's friend approaches and the UFO vanishes. The pilot would regard the experience as very real.

While daydreaming, consciousness is not fully aware of reality and in such a state the dream mechanism in the brain could provide consciousness with a dream; in Freud's terms, the fulfillment of a wish to see a UFO. Since the pilot would not realize he had been more unconscious than conscious and does not awake to remember having been in a dream the pilot would swear the incident to have been real.

The pilot's account is published as news. Others' accounts

are given to give authenticity to the event. As the pilot has many hours of flying experience and a respectable reputation, his story tends to be believed by many because they too have a wish for UFOs to be true! They, similar to Star Trek fans and their obsession with science fictions.

Perhaps the dreamers are "seeing" humanity's future; our voyage into space and we will provide others out there somewhere with "encounters of the third kind." If we would wish to have a religious future, or an atomic holocaust, their realizations would be dreamt first, then sought after. In the seeking they would be created by the most sensitive dreamers. If we dream but think we think that money will solve our problems we'll create that kind of economy and as we're actually dreaming we would assume it is the only way we can survive. Whatever resists our efforts would be considered wrong, even evil and be just reason for a nuclear war.

Jack E. Hughes

Anchorage Pioneers Home



FLYING VISITS: A UFO photographed over southern Iran by a student and, above, a flying saucer pictured over Rumania in 1968.

# Strangers in the sky

**FORTY** years after they first hit the world's headlines, flying saucers are back in the news.

It was in 1947 that American businessman Kenneth Arnold, piloting his light aircraft near the Cascade Mountain Range in the State of Washington, spotted nine huge gleaming objects flying at an estimated 1,200 mph — an unheard-of speed for any aircraft in those days.

Upon landing, Arnold described the motion of the objects as similar to saucers skimming over water. The Press headlined them as flying saucers, and the name has stuck ever since.

The latest sighting occurred early in January, when the crew of a Japan Airlines Boeing 747 freighter, flying from Iceland to Japan via Alaska, was shadowed by a mystery object for 30 minutes.

The 747's captain, Kenju Terauchi, described the object as huge and walnut-shaped — "very big, about twice the size of an aircraft carrier". He said that it closed to within five miles of the aircraft, and he asked U.S. air traffic control for permission to take evasive action if necessary.

The controllers confirmed the existence of a large 'blip' on their radar screens, and said that it might have been composed of three separate objects flying close together. The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration has launched an investigation, so far without result.

Flying saucers — or Unidentified Flying Objects, to give them a more scientific title — have intrigued and sometimes terrified mankind for centuries.

In the 1950s, when the dawning space age gave impetus to the notion that other intelligent beings might have the technology to cross light-years of space, flying saucer fever reached its peak — with the result that serious investigators have since found it difficult to sort out hard, documented facts from the mass of nonsense and trickery surrounding the subject.

Books were published, claiming that the far side of the moon — which nobody had then seen — was a base for the UFOs. Then Soviet and American probes photo-mapped the far side and showed that it was pretty much like the Earth side, except with more mountains — and never a UFO base to be seen. At that point the authors of the "authentic" flying saucer books quietly disappeared from the scene.

Nevertheless, there have been many well-documented sightings of UFOs throughout recorded history.

In recent years, there have been many UFO sightings by pilots and air traffic controllers — people not given to flights of fancy. Unexplained objects are treated very seriously by the staff of RAF Fylingdales and other ballistic missile early warning stations around the world — but most of them have a rational explanation.

# A UFO sighting that's baffling experts

Falling satellite or rocket-booster debris, for example, can produce a brilliant display as it burns up on re-entering the atmosphere, and rocket launches can produce the same effect.

Some time ago, a series of glowing lights in the night sky caused near-panic in some parts of South America — until it was realised that they were caused by expended boosters from Russian space launches.

In England, a USAF colonel at Woodbridge, in Suffolk, was convinced that he had spotted a UFO in nearby woods. The local papers picked up the story and made headlines out of it. Then it dawned on the colonel that all he had seen was the rotating beam of Orford Ness lighthouse, flickering eerily through the trees.

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## Close encounters!

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## Mystery of the Sussex UFOs

SUSSEX has long been a favourite spot for close encounters with "flying saucers."

It reached a peak in the mid and late 1970s when hardly a week went by without someone reporting seeing something strange in the sky.

Many, of course, turned out to be legitimate aircraft. Others were the result of elaborate hoaxes. However, a lot defied intensive investigation by experts and still remain a puzzling mystery.

In March, 1976, thousands of residents spotted flashing balls of light in the sky over Horsham. A few months later a Crawley mother reported seeing a star-shaped object flying over her roof.

At about the same time a "white light" was seen floating over Peacehaven Golf Course. In March 1977, low-flying stars surrounded by red and silver flames were spotted hovering low over Withdean, Brighton. The same month, a UFO like a "big white football" was sighted near Hastings.

### Objects

In April 1978 "objects in the sky" were reported shortly before a number of undergrowth blazes in Ashdown Forest. In November, 1980 a "red and orange glow" was seen hovering over Bognor Regis.

Since then Sussex sightings seem to have fizzled out.



● Picture of a thing from outer space or just an elaborate hoax?

# Flying saucery!

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## Terrified

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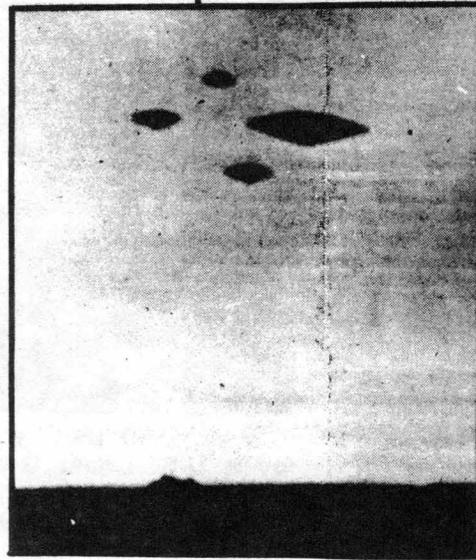
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## ROBERT JACKSON delves into the UFO phenomenon, 40 years old this year

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**Truth or trickery ... UFO pictures like these are hard to explain away.**

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## Diamonds in the sky

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I WONDER if any readers of the Maldon and Burnham Standard saw the following. Last Saturday night around about 12 to 12.30am I heard a plane which kept going in circles, as if it was in some kind of trouble.

I got out of bed and had a look out of the window and was amazed at what I saw. I could see the flashing of the plane's radar, but could not see the plane; instead I saw a most wonderful object.

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It's hard to relate exactly what it was like but it was very brilliant to look at, and made me think of hundreds of diamonds it was so bright.

I had not had one over the eight as I do not drink, and I was not suffering from hallucinations. The radiance from the object lit up my bedroom as it passed by my window. Eventually I saw the plane minus its object. — R. E. Franklin (Mrs), King Street, Maldon.

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Falling satellite or rocket booster



**A flying saucer, pictured in Shiraz, South Iran in June 1978, by a 16-year-old student.**

debris, for example, can produce a brilliant display as it burns up on re-entering the atmosphere and rocket launches can produce the same effect. Some time ago, a series of glowing lights in the night sky caused near-panic in some parts of South America — until it was realised that they were caused by expended boosters from Russian space launches.

In England, a USAF colonel at Woodbridge, in Suffolk, was convinced that he has spotted a UFO in nearby woods. The local papers picked up the story and made headlines out of it. Then it dawned on the colonel that all he had seen was the rotating beam of Orford Ness lighthouse, flickering eerily through the trees.

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'Spaceship' could just be search flare — claim

# City UFO mystery sparks a big scare

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THE SIGHTING of a suspected UFO in the area sparked a wave of calls to the Citizen offices.

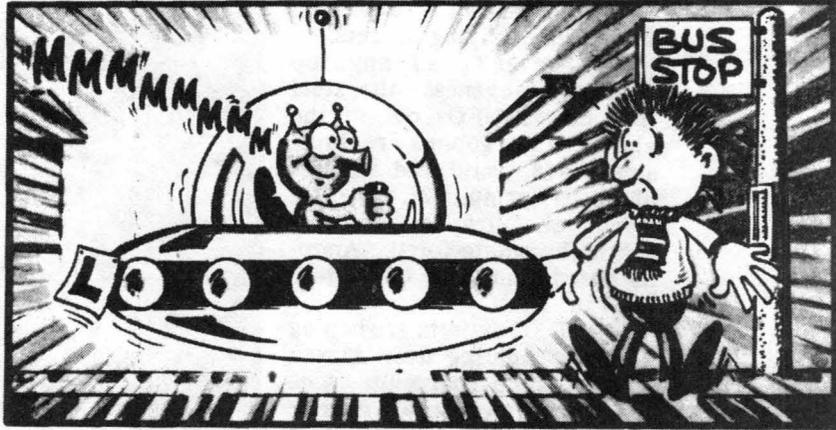
For the mystery spaceship has been spotted by at least half-a-dozen people at different locations during the last week.

The unidentified flying object was first seen on Friday night last week by Mrs Penny Priestman near her home in Two Mile Ash.

And on Sunday Sharon Walduck of Furzton claims to have seen a similar object in the sky when she was driving home from Newton Longville.

'The mystery spaceship lurked again over Two Mile Ash on Tuesday when Mrs Wendy Brown saw it light up the sky near her home in Church Hill.

Then on Wednesday at



● Citizen artist Leigh Parry sees his own UFO!

7pm teenager Susan Hilliery, of Crispin Road, Bradville, had the fright of her life when the spaceship suddenly appeared while she was walking her dog.

'Susan was shaking from head to toe. Whatever was in the sky really frightened

her," said her mother Mavis.

Susan, aged 16, described the spaceship as being oval-shaped with light around it making a humming noise.

'I was really scared. When I saw it I didn't stop running until I got home,'

said the teenager.

But another Citizen reader had a different explanation for the mysterious object.

He declares the so-called UFO is a search flare used to light up the sky when a search is going on at night!

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## Kenians see a UFO

A Kenyan newspaper vendor was walking home after visiting a bar at around 8pm in the evening feeling on top of the world, when he suddenly saw an object in the sky which "looked like a round ball of light with a tail." He said it was flying low towards the east and "I must admit I was scared stiff."

Just a late night boozier, who had drunk too much at the bar? That was the automatic reaction, but then it was discovered that literally hundreds of other Kenians had seen a ball of light, followed by a tail of fire, scudding across the night sky on that very same evening.

The observation tower at Nairobi International Airport had its switchboard jammed with callers claiming they had seen the phenomenon. There must have been over 100 calls from people wanting to know what the ball of fire was.

The observation tower had picked up nothing on its radar but that was probably because the object was flying too low to be detected. Nor did the Kenyan army pick up anything on its radar screens, nor any of the Meteorological Department's observation stations dotted around the country.

So what was the object? It could hardly have been a simple figment of the popular imagination because hundreds of people saw it at the same time without any prior warning. These people then alerted the authorities who could detect nothing physical.

Some Kenians thought that it was Halley's comet (somewhat off course and late). Others thought that it was a low flying aircraft, which was moving without making any sound. Still others thought it was a spaceship from Mars.

None of these theories holds water, but Kenya has definitely identified its own UFO - Unidentified Flying Object. Perhaps a visitor from outer space was having a look at the game parks?

# City UFOs alert

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UNIDENTIFIED flying objects over Lincoln were the subject of numerous reports to the police early yesterday morning.

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## RIDDLE IN THE SKY

□ IT'S time there was a government investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

For nearly two years I have been trying to attract official interest in a sighting which involved a UFO passing through an air force base and was followed for

about three miles by a car driver.

If anyone has any information about this incident, which happened in south-west England, we will be pleased to hear from them.—Eric Morris, Cheshire UFO Studies Centre, Winsford, Cheshire.

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The first report was of a light plane, which appeared to be in trouble, flying over Carholme Road towards Ruston Gas Turbines.

Then a series of calls were received reporting a formation of lights, apparently travelling north.

One observer rang the Echo to say he saw three objects with reddish lights flying slowly towards Waddington, but making no sound. These were followed about 40 minutes later by seven similar objects.

# UFO 'scares' decline in U.S.

By Matthew Schofield

staff writer

In the mid-1970s it seemed Missourians could hardly step outside without spying space aliens winging by the front porch or scaring the cattle.

One decade later, however, times have changed, according to area and national experts on Unidentified Flying Objects.

"We haven't had any top quality strangeness—the stuff that brings UFOs out of the ghosts and goblins realm—since 1978," said Ted Phillips of Reeds Spring, Mo., a professional photographer and research associate for the Arizona-based Center for UFO Studies.

Still, UFO experts are hoping a recent sighting over Alaska of a possible spaceship twice the size of an aircraft carrier will scare up new enthusiasm for alien visitors among the general population and the press.

They said enthusiasm, even among many of the faithful, reached low tide during this decade. And as enthusiasm ebbed, so did the number of sightings, they added.

"People don't look up at the sky anymore," said Thomas H. Nicholl, a Leawood aeronautical engineer and "ufologist," trying to explain why there haven't been as many sightings recently as there were 10 years ago. "Really, there's a lot of them around."

Missouri attracted worldwide attention in 1973 and 1974 for hundreds of UFO sightings in the state. Reported sightings, however, declined toward the close of the decade.

Since 1985, only four UFO sightings have been reported in Missouri and 218 reported nationwide, according to records at the Computer UFO Network in Seattle.

The sightings include one



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Oct. 22, 1985, in Mayville, Mo., one each last April 22 in Lawson, Mo., and Farmington, Mo., and one last Sept. 15 in Florissant, Mo. Experts estimate that only about 3 percent of sightings are reported.

Harley Rutledge, physics professor at Southeast Missouri State University, said law enforcement agencies and media outlets are not as receptive to UFO reports as they once were and can even scare away reported sightings.

As many persons become shy of reporting UFOs for fear of

being mocked or verbally abused, fewer others become interested in looking for them, he added. But, he said, he wasn't afraid of talking about UFOs.

"I'm a physicist, and this is difficult to deal with, but I've seen 161 UFOs in my life," he said. "I've seen seven vehicles, two in the daylight. I'm convinced."

Phillips said, "I hate to say these things are the results of aliens from outer space, but that's what I'm saying."

TH UFO IN ARMADALE  
ROAD

Shelley McLenaghan was a

normal, easy-going teenager.

A chance encounter on the

way home from the bus stop changed her personality and her

life. PETER HOUGH reports her brush with the beyond

**S**HELLEY McLenaghan's teeth look OK today, but anyone studying her dental work – new top and bottom fillings – would think she must have been in an accident a few years back. She wasn't, although something happened which not only made her fillings crumble, it gave her a new, more frightening, world-view. This change came when Shelley encountered an Unidentified Flying Object 100 yards from home. It was 5.15pm on January 23, 1976, and Shelley had just got off the bus. She was 17.

"Before that, I would have thought anybody who said they'd seen a UFO was crazy." Shelley was a typical teenager: in her first job (as a receptionist), clothes-and-boy-mad, "had drinks in the pub – it was marvellous when we got away with it", normal. Now married to Arthur McLenaghan, a parcels packager, she is a pessimist. And although she wants children, she feels it's not a particularly safe or long-term world she'd be bringing them into. "I think the Government know far more than they let on."

What made Shelley believe in other worlds was something which might make Spielberg pause. "I saw a red and green light in the sky, thought 'what's that?' – it was a bit weird. The lights were about four or five times the size of a star. Then, as if they'd said, 'we'll catch your eye with the space ship', the lights merged and the semblance of a real nuts-and-bolts craft zoomed in. It was the size of a small house, flat on top, with sloping sides and sloping underneath, with a trap door, tripod legs. It was spinning on an axis, then righted itself, I could see portholes with light shining through.

"Suddenly, it tilted towards me, then there was a terrible pressure on my head and shoulders, an 'off' taste in my mouth. My teeth seemed to vibrate. When I tried to run it was like being in a nightmare. My arms and legs moved, but in slow motion. I tried to scream, nothing came out. Then everything went hazy until I remember bursting through the side door at home.

"Mother was cooking tea. She gave one look at me then said 'What on earth's happened?' She thought I'd been raped. I grabbed her arm, dragged her outside and pointed at the sky, but whatever it was had gone. We went back into the kitchen and I started to calm down. Then I noticed the time – ten minutes past six. A ten-minute walk had taken me 45 minutes."

When Shelley saw the fictional *Close Encounters*, for the third time, she didn't recognise the sort of craft shown, but Richard Dreyfus' character's anxious reaction seemed familiar. "It's how I still feel today. But the reason for seeing what I did is buried very deep."

Not surprisingly, when the original experience was followed by something even stranger.

As soon as her father, a local businessman, got home, the family phoned the police. The sceptical officers on duty at Bolton police station suggested Shelley had misidentified a low-flying aircraft. They didn't believe her story.

That weekend, Shelley became ill. A purple rash covered her neck, chest, shoulders and upper back. Her eyes and joints ached, and Shelley had problems in her mouth. Dr Grace, whom she consulted, told Mrs Barnes her daughter was suffering from hysteria. He thought the symptoms were a bid to gain attention.

The dentist at the Co-op building thought differently. The condition of her teeth puzzled him. Shelley's top fillings had come out, the bottom fillings had crumbled into powder. The scale of injury indicated a serious head accident, the sort of thing you find after car crashes. But Shelley was otherwise quite healthy.

Eleven days after the sighting, at 7pm, in the middle of a downpour, two men knocked on the Barnes' front door.

"Father answered the door, and I could hear them all taking from the top of the stairs. They wanted to interview me and I could hear my father telling them no, as we'd already been pestered enough by the press. Then one of the men said, 'If you don't let us speak to her this time, we'll return later and make sure she talks!' My dad is normally quite assertive, but he just stood there taking it. I went down then and told him to let them in."

They were an odd couple: one claimed to be an RAF commander (no such rank exists, commander being a Navy title), did most of the talking, was tall, 40-ish, and had fair hair combed across his head. His most noticeable feature was the fact he only had one arm; he said he'd lost an arm in an air crash. The other man was small, had dark skin and sat silently in the Barnes' sitting room with a black box on his knee. He described the box as a tape recorder, but never once changed a tape in a four-hour conversation. Mrs Barnes later said she didn't like the way he stared at Shelley.

Shelley can remember quite clearly what happened: "The 'commander' gave me a grilling. He told me I was a liar, that I was stupid enough to identify wrongly a weather balloon, and that I was out for publicity. He seemed placated when we told him that I hadn't co-operated with the *Bolton Evening News* and Granada TV, who must have heard about the sighting from the police. He said that was good, and was insistent that I should not mention it to anyone – especially UFO organisations."

"I was almost reduced to tears. If I looked like breaking down, the 'commander' would chat to my parents about something trivial - I remember he admired a plaque of Sir Winston Churchill which belonged to my mother. These two men had a strange effect on all of us. My father is normally protective, yet he sat by while this man was tearing me to pieces. He seemed to know about my rash too, even though we hadn't mentioned it."

Shelley's father asked the men for identification, but they remained evasive. "We investigate these sort of things," said the 'commander' before driving off with his companion in a black car.

In 1984, Shelley agreed to help me and colleague Jenny Randles reopen the case. Under hypnosis, Shelley described finding herself lying on a table in an unfamiliar room. A figure with long blond hair started examining her feet. Suddenly she was running home. When Shelley was regressed by Dr Kellar, a Manchester psychiatrist, she said the 'commander' talked to her twice. "But I can't say anything about the hypnosis, because I wasn't conscious. Maybe it was something like a nightmare."

Shelley has become a Catholic since marrying Arthur, but although she goes to church, she hasn't mentioned UFOs to the priest. Her husband was quite frightened by her experience. "Arthur must have thought the whole family was mad. The other night we went out for dinner and began discussing it. He believes that I believe it happened, and although initially reticent, wants me to pursue the matter."

Shelley works as a plastic surgery counsellor, doesn't dream about her UFOs, and feels its main effect has been an added uncertainty in her life: "If anyone has an experience they can't put in a box, file away and take out as a normal memory, they're bound to ask just what happened."

"Why did they choose me?" ♦

*Have you ever had a "close encounter"? Why not write and tell us about it . . .*

## UFOLOGY

Shelley's experience is unusually detailed in UFO terms. Jenny Randles, Director of the British UFO Research Organisation, who re-investigated Shelley's case in '84, explained why: "Because the information is verifiable via other people, for example Shelley's parents, and also because of the associated effects of the sighting - Shelley's rash and crumbled fillings. One odd aspect is the medical silence over these; we have asked in vain to look at Shelley's medical records of the time." Annually, hundreds of cases are reported to the BURO, more to the Ministry of Defence, which gathers reported sightings from airports, military bases, etc. Since the organisation began in 1967, 25,000 case histories have been compiled. Oddly, the trend is for less sightings to be reported now than in the 60s and 70s. This is partly explained by Spielberg's *Close Encounters* which suggests, as Jenny puts it, that "the people who used to fantasise, who had a psychological need to see something, had that need fulfilled by the movie". Also, knowledge has increased of the astral things which go bump, so sightings of odd white lights aren't coming in, because people know they're seeing artificial satellites. But the mystery remains. What did Shelley see? Why did no one else see the craft? What caused her symptoms?

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# VIRGIN BIRTH?

On a ranch somewhere in Brazil, Juan Ojeda and his neighbors noticed a UFO hovering over their land. "It was shaped like a saucer with a dome on top," said Ojeda. The ship descended and three very tall aliens disembarked. One was carrying an egg the size of a beach ball. After depositing it, the aliens returned to the ship and departed. The ranchers decided to hatch the egg, but had no idea how long the incubation period should be. The egg was kept under lamps and the ranchers just waited. Finally, after three months, the egg shattered as a six-pound, five-ounce baby boy punched his fist through the shell. "I could hardly believe my eyes," Ojeda said. A doctor was summoned to examine the infant, finding him a perfectly healthy, normal human being. (*The Sun*)

*We always thought that babies were brought by storks.—Editor*

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## Silent as a cottage- loaf

THE letter with regard to a recent UFO should not be lightly disregarded. I, too, have experienced similar.

Some 11 years ago in a mid-Essex lane but with a clear vista to the SE over common land, an object - a vehicle - went overhead from SE to NW skirting Chelmsford town on the south.

It was of an olive green colour, and was shaped as a cottage-loaf. It made no noise.

The front of the "top" of the cottage-loaf was obviously glazed as a person from waist high, looking out to the front could be plainly seen.

Maybe for fear of the proverbial "two men in white coats" I kept my own counsel, excepting to a man of account in the village. He too had seen UFOs but said nothing for fear of ridicule. Which is a great pity.

I would be prepared to swear on oath on what I either saw, or assumed so.

Rather differently, but a sighting of which I sought a vicar's opinion, which I accept as logic, and for which I am eternally grateful, involved a deceased son who I now accept lies at rest in the heart of Africa among a people whom he had got to love and respect.

Entering my then home from the garden door, I had a clear view of my living room. Seated on the sofa was my son in an immaculate suit which radiated light. His features were angelic, he arose from the sofa with outstretched hand, coming to me. I shouted his name and approached to greet him, then he was gone. Rather than upset my kin, I kept my peace. - William Kirk, Farnbridge Road, Maldon.

## Readers' letters pour in telling us about their close encounters with UFOs

Little green men looping-the-loop over mid Anglia? Optical illusions? Or genuine visitors from outer space? We asked for readers' experiences of UFOs and the replies came in post haste. Today we publish some of the best.

# Barrels of beer, cigars and saucers in the sky

AMATEUR photographer Barry Marshall was more excited than most to get his snapshots developed after a holiday in the Lake District.

On his film, alongside the usual pictures of hostels and hiking boots, was a photograph of what could be a spaceship from another world.

Like many other readers who have written to us, Barry has had a close encounter with an unidentified flying object, and the nagging question of whether it was indeed an alien visitor will plague him for the rest of his life.



Tom Freeman ... two UFO encounters by the age of nine.

Barry, of Howard Road, Cambridge, says: "It happened while my wife Elizabeth and I were on holiday last September with my wife's sister and her husband, Alan and Barbara Bettridge, from Teversham.

"The four of us were walking in the Lake District, when the two women suddenly spotted this object in the sky. I just snapped away with my camera.

"Then suddenly two jet aircraft went by overhead, flying pretty low and distracting us.

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By Chris Elliott

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### Vanished

"When we looked again for the object, it had completely vanished."

Barry said none of them was sure that what they had seen was something from outer space.

He admits that, looking at the picture, the object might simply be an odd-shaped cloud. But in close-up it does resemble everyone's favourite image of what a flying saucer looks like.

## BARRELS CONT

He has not had the picture looked at by experts, and this is the first time it has been published.

"I just don't know what it is. It could be anything.

"All I know is that it was pretty eerie at the time," says Barry.

Letters have flooded in since we asked readers to recall their UFO experiences.

They describe seeing everything from dazzling coloured lights to mystery objects shaped like cigars, saucers, railway carriages and even beer barrels!

Ex-RAF crewman Fred Yarham, of Ivel View, Sandy, well remembers his

"close encounter" 20 years ago.

He says: "I was out walking in Hertfordshire one clear autumn night in 1967. I paused for a moment to look at the stars when suddenly two luminous discs glided across my field of view and disappeared in a southerly direction.

### Luminous

"They appeared to be about the size of tennis balls, separated by an apparent distance of about 18 inches. Of course, I could not tell the exact dimensions or height of these objects."

Being a former RAF man, Mr Yarham was certain the objects were not planes. He heard no engine noise and there were no navigation lights. "I can state categorically that they were not aircraft," he says.

He adds: "I was rooted to the spot. There was something eerie about the sighting, owing to the silence, I think. Although I have no idea what it was I saw, I felt that they were not of earthly origin."

### Triangle

Then there are the strange crafts spotted by Shirley Camps, of St Thomas's Square, Cambridge.

The first was two years ago when she was returning home by bus one night in January. Getting off the bus, she noticed three red lights in the shape of a triangle hovering in the sky.

"At first I thought it was a plane, but there was no noise, and the position of the lights made that impossible," she says.

As she moved, the lights seemed to follow her. "I felt quite alarmed, and so I ran the last few yards to get my father to come out and see it. By the time we got outside the lights had disappeared."

Her second sighting was last winter, when she was

coming home by bike. "I saw what looked like a railway carriage in the sky. There were white lights rotating around the bottom of it. Within seconds it was out of sight, and I've no idea the speed of it," she says.

### Huge glow

Weird lights on the road have been driving "News" reader Mrs Veronica Osborne to distraction.

One night she and her husband were motoring along near their home at Gazeley, near Newmarket, when they saw what seemed to be the lights of a bus heading towards them.

"It was a huge glow on the Gazeley to Kentford Road," Mrs Osborne says. "But when the road straightened out, there was absolutely nothing ahead of us!"

Rum doings on the road also remain strong in the memory of Mr P. S. Hunter, of Lode Way, Haddenham.

He says: "I was travelling with two companions to a business function in Peterborough at about 7pm. We had taken a short cut through the Fens via Yaxley when, turning a bend in the road, we saw what appeared to be a large orange-coloured ball in the sky that seemed to be pulsating with red colours."

### Motionless

The ball, Mr Hunter says, hung motionless in the sky, and then "disappeared as if it had been switched off like a light, followed by a flash like lightning across the sky".

He says: "Having lived in the north Cambridgeshire area all my life and being used to low-flying aircraft, I could not have mistaken it for one of them. I just could not explain it."

Younger readers reckon they have seen UFOs too. Tom Freeman, of Hope Street, Cambridge, writes: "I am only a nine-year-old boy, yet I have had two UFO encounters.

"The first was in November 1984. I was coming home at about 7.30pm and I noticed a moon-size bright orange sphere floating, making no noise at all. I

thought it was Mars, and rushed to where I could see it best, with a pair of binoculars.

"I watched it for about six minutes. At that point it faded and in its place appeared two smaller, circular lights, red and green, one on top of the other. Then, still making no noise, it started moving around the sky, before disappearing."

### Barrel

A year later, Tom says he saw another UFO, near St Philips School in Cambridge. This one was "the size and shape of a beer barrel," he says.

Young Jake Willers, 15, of Ditton Lane, Cambridge, saw a bright orange light too one evening about three months ago while working at Shepreth.

"I was emptying a wheelbarrow at around 9pm when I saw it. I looked at it for about 10 minutes trying to work out what it was. I then went to take the wheelbarrow back and when

I turned round to close the gate, it had gone."

The recent sighting of a UFO near Littleport, reported in the "News", prompted a down-to-earth explanation from reader Keith Edkins, of Gwydir Street, Cambridge.

### Lasers

He reckons the green lights seen could have been ground-based lasers, used as a Christmas illumination by a Cambridge store.

"It is much more likely than little green men!", he says.

Little green men or not, if you do see something that looks as if it has come from another planet, be warned — it may not be quite what it seems.

One elderly woman, amazed to see a "flying saucer" shoot past her kitchen window, rang the police.

When the bobbies arrived they found the "flying saucer" was exactly that — a saucer. The young couple next door had been arguing violently — and the crockery had ended up in the garden!



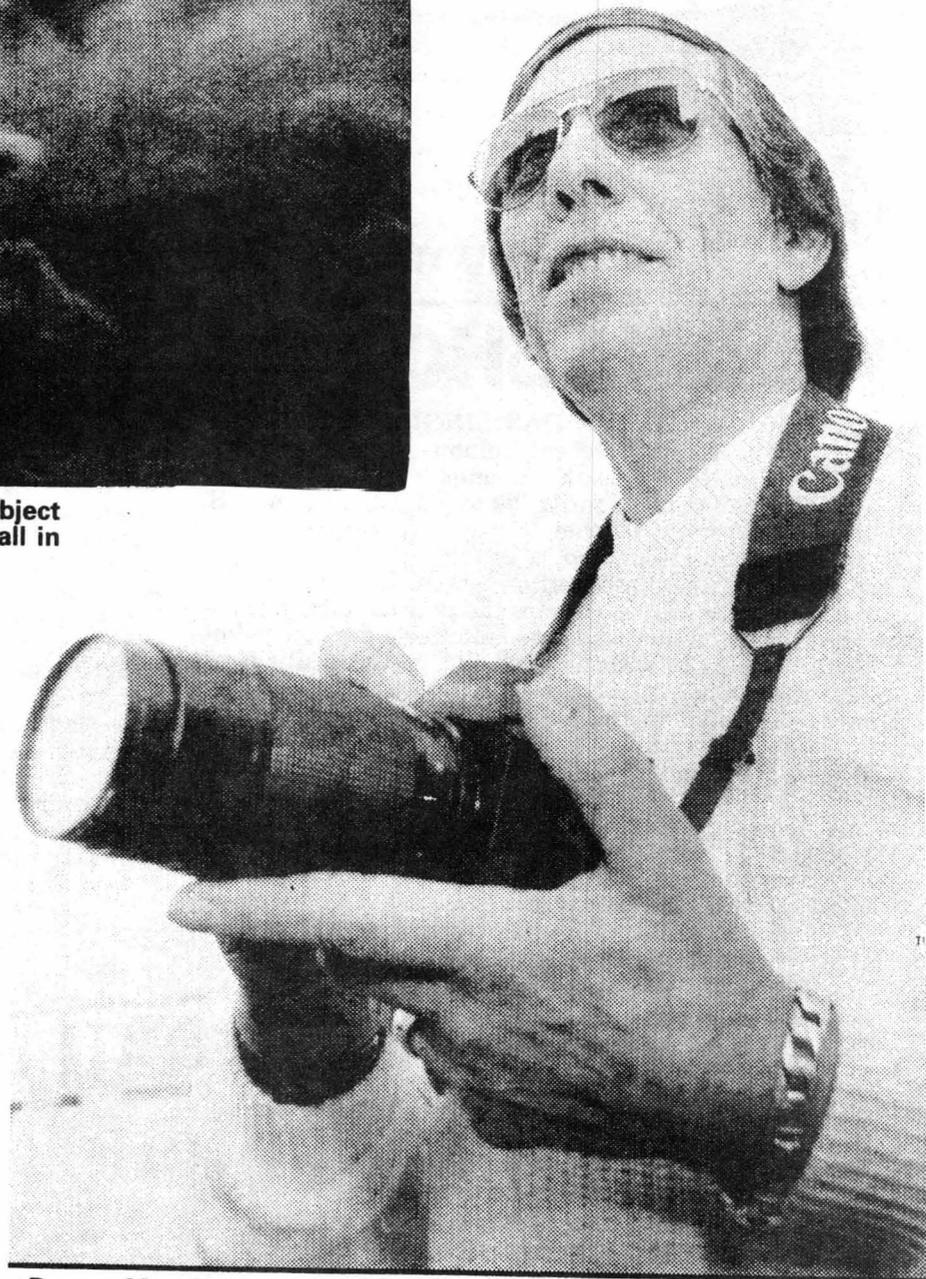
Jake Willers . . . saw a bright orange light in the evening sky. Picture: Dave Parfitt.

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Could this be a UFO? The strange object spotted by "News" reader Barry Marshall in the Lake District.



Barry Marshall ... waiting for the next mystery object to appear.

Picture: Eddie Collinson. 40087

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### Perhaps expert is hiding truth

Well the same old game has begun again. How easy it is to call in some "expert" that knows everything, and call his words the truth — period! And for the very newspapers that cover the original story to suddenly cop-out, though they were ready to sensationalize front page for that very same news cover.

That is exactly why those that have had any experience with the UFO goings on will continue to keep it to themselves, or in the most private times, among very close friends, share the happening.

Because of the Mr. Klass' in our world, the silence continues. Interesting how no one will question the logic of Mr. Klass — he's an "expert"! Could he be another of those paid to knock out and discredit any UFO information? One of the men in the black suits? One of the men that kept the blue book??

I commend Capt. Kenju Terauchi for reporting his sighting, and holding to it. I hope he will not feel offended with the newspapers coverage in favor of Mr. Klass' explanation, anyone can dig up a good explanation if he searches hard enough. Let the UFO "expert" knock holes in the sighting, if only he knew how many people are witness to UFOs in the most innocent of times, places, day and or night events.

Capt. Terauchi, you are not alone

— Nancy D. Kroon

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## TROUBLESHOOTER

□ **VANISHING PAINTER HAS SINGULAR HISTORY:** Readers may recall a recent column about a couple's tribulations with James S. Bounds of Tri-J Services. These folks had paid Bounds \$600 to paint their house. He didn't do the work; neither did he return their money. After the column appeared, a couple of readers stepped forward with new information about Bounds and his partner, John Smith. It appears the pair have been active on the fringes of the business community for some time. Of late, they have been advertising in the Daily News under the name of Alaska Cleaning & Maintenance. Despite the claim in the ad, the concern is not licensed and bonded, according to the Division of Occupational Licensing. Research by the paper's advertising staff showed the pair has purchased ads under different names, including Sherman Bounds, Jack Ansley and Jack Hansley; they have used three different addresses and two phone numbers. Today is the last day the ad will run, according to the ad department.

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# Seguin man, group search for close encounters of the 3rd kind

By John MacCormack  
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SEGUIN — On Nov. 17, the crew of a Japan Air Lines jet traveling from Iceland to Alaska reported that the plane was being shadowed by three unidentified flying objects, one several times larger than an aircraft carrier.

Activity on radar screens of ground controllers seemed to confirm the report, and federal officials who later interviewed the pilot and two crew members found them to be "professional and rational."

When news of the sighting leaked out Dec. 28, it created quite a stir on the host planet, particularly at the home of Walter Andrus.

Andrus, who lives near Seguin, is international director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), an

organization that claims 1,200 members who study and document hundreds of UFO reports each year.

"For about two weeks it was wild," Andrus said of the period after the Japanese sighting. "We were running one to five talk shows a day and our mail jumped about three times."

Andrus, 66, is taking the latest flurry of activity in stride. It has happened before and will no doubt happen again.

When UFOs were reported in Brazil last May, the phone rang in Seguin. When there was a sighting shortly afterward in Petaluma, Calif., Andrus soon dispatched MUFON investigators to the site.

As head of the largest UFO organization in the world, and professed witness to one UFO visitation, Andrus lives in anticipation of such episodes, buoyed by a

At the number listed in the ad for Alaska Cleaning & Maintenance, I reached a man who identified himself as Jack Hansley. He said he didn't know anything about John Smith. He said he and Sherman Bounds own the cleaning business. He hung up the phone when I asked him about the lack of licensing and bonding.

Intriguingly, Bounds and Smith also emerged as the source of an unusual photograph printed in the Daily News on Nov. 12, 1985. The subject of the photo was an object that resembled a van's side panel, complete with the characteristic narrow window. It was photographed from above and appeared to be falling through clouds. Accompanying copy said Bounds claimed the picture was a weather satellite photo. He said the photograph proved there are UFOs; he also said he was not asserting the object was from another planet. Bounds said Smith had kept the photograph after leaving a job as a civilian staff communications officer at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage. Bounds gave the picture to the Daily News and told the paper Smith was out of town at the time, according to copy that accompanied the photograph.

Sabra McCracken, a local photographer, said Bounds had tried three weeks earlier to sell the photograph to Star Magazine for \$50,000. The publication asked her to examine the photo and make a recommendation about purchasing it, McCracken said. She said she found it "interesting but unexplainable" and that she recommended against paying for it. This caper, so far as I know, is nothing but an oddity. I'm including it so you'll know this duo may pop up just about anywhere.

cheerful confidence that eventually some extra-terrestrial navigator will linger long enough to eliminate doubts.

"This is UFO education we're doing now. We're preparing people because we think a visit is inevitable. We're trying to force the government to admit there are UFOs; come out and say it," he said.

The association has been on the watch since 1969, when the federal government officially shelved its own UFO investigative project. Andrus describes himself as "an objective skeptic," and said the group is dedicated to scientific investigation. Membership is by invitation only and annual dues have just been raised to \$25.

He has been the organization's director since 1970, a long time to be so closely associated with a subject that receives its most enthusiastic support from supermarket tabloids.

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"You have to have a sense of humor to get involved in such a controversial subject," he said.

His resume, however, belies his other-worldly fascination: born in

Des Moines, graduate of a technical institute, a Navy electronics technician during World War II, and from 1949 to 1975, an employee of Motorola, Inc., retiring as production manager of the company's Seguin plant. Andrus is a practicing Presbyterian, twice a grandfather and maintains an interest in stamp collecting, ham radios and public speaking.

Andrus became interested in UFOs after he and his family saw four metallic spheres in the sky over downtown Phoenix in August 1948. Andrus said the objects disappeared one by one and moments later reappeared in a different part of the sky.

When a sighting is reported, MUFON is quick to interview witnesses and compile information. About 90 percent of the UFO reports it investigates turn out to be airplanes or natural phenomena.

In the case of the recent Alaskan report, it was Andrus who did some of the early legwork.

"The first thing we always do is to find out who our closest investigator is. So, I called a fellow who

lives in Fairbanks, but he was in the states. Next, I tried Anchorage, but had no luck. So I elected to call Paul Steucke, the FAA spokesman in Anchorage," for information, he said.

Steucke, who said he received at least 200 media inquiries following disclosure of the sighting, referred calls to Andrus' group. After all, he said, the subject is a little outside the FAA's expertise.

"We can't prove anything or disprove anything," Steucke said.

Which to Andrus suggests the Japanese crew saw the real thing.

## SEGUIN MAN CONT

However, UFO investigator Philip Klass, an editor for the magazine *Aviation Week and Space Technology*, looked into the sighting and has concluded that what the crew saw was an unusually bright image of the planet Jupiter and possibly Mars.

Nevertheless, Andrus is convinced that the government has systematically suppressed evidence about UFOs for almost four decades and would quickly repudiate the Alaskan episode if it had any means to do so.

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### UFO spotted

A WOMAN claims she saw a UFO flying low over High Wycombe on New Year's Day. Ann Culley, 58, stepped outside her home in Underwood Road, High Wycombe, just after midnight and saw an oval-shaped object in the sky. It lit up the street and roof tops.

## Air force head admits proof of UFO

**A**N AIR FORCE chief has admitted he has rock-solid proof his men spotted and tracked a UFO.

Only after an exhaustive two-year investigation by aeronautical experts did Zimbabwe Air Commodore David Thorne see fit to reveal the findings relating to the mind-boggling sighting.

Dozens of people witnessed a round object topped by a cone streak over southern Zimbabwe, according to a report in a magazine.

"We have not been able to identify the object," Thorne said. "We have had to classify it as a UFO. Our estimates indicate that the UFO was traveling at twice the speed of sound."

After the mysterious spacecraft was spotted, air traffic controllers tracked it on radar.



**MYSTERY OBJECT** was incredibly shiny.

"Two air force jets went after the object," adds Thorne. "The pilots described the object as incredibly shiny, reflecting

the colors of the sunset." But as night fell, the team tracking the UFO realized it was giving off its own light.



**Jim Heffernan**

## Flying saucers, serious business

The recent reported sighting of an unidentified flying object — flying saucer — by a Japanese airline pilot over Alaska has renewed my interest in flying saucers.

I had about given up on flying saucers when this came up, but the Japanese pilot seemed like a credible witness because I tend to respect and trust people who can fly objects as big as the Duluth Arena. The pilot told officials he saw an object the size of a battleship cruising alongside his plane as he nonchalantly flew over arctic regions.

He said it had blinking lights and kept up with his plane going several hundred miles an hour before it zoomed away at incredible speed.

The sighting raised considerable interest in aviation circles because it was made by an actual pilot instead of a person on the ground who had a long record of seeing different things like grandma after she had passed away and various ghosts of Christmas.

Here was an actual aviator, a man trained to be skeptical, a man with great technical abilities, a man with excellent depth perception, a man who loves his children, a man who takes baths in public, a man who eats with two sticks made in Minnesota while sitting on the floor with no shoes on, a man who in an earlier era would have bombed Pearl Harbor.

So what did the Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (this is an actual group) say happened? "The pilot saw Jupiter and Mars."

Come on! People who have difficulty shifting lanes in their own cars can tell the difference between a couple of ordinary solar system planets like Jupiter and Mars and a battleship.

Personally, I believe the pilot and think the Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal should stick to investigating seances featuring grandma after she has passed away or the killing of innocent chickens to purge the guilt and bank accounts of gullible housewives by people called Madame

somebody.

This pilot is onto something, and it's being covered up by the government. He *did* see a battleship but our government, which, through the CIA, is actually funding the Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, doesn't want anyone to know that it was actually a Star Wars experiment in which the recently reconditioned battleship Missouri was lofted into space.

The battleship Missouri is being used to fly arms to Iran and money to Honduras to supply contras rebelling against Nicaraguan Sandinistas. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who was frozen when he died and recently brought back, is in charge of the operation. He was seen wearing argyle socks.

Actually, all flying saucer sightings are covered up by our government for fluoridation purposes. Concern in Washington that space is going to "go commie" has prompted all kinds of secret goings on which only Mr. and Mrs. Hill, who went aboard a flying saucer in 1956, know about but nobody believes them. I believe them. I read all about it in True magazine, so it must be true.

There's stuff going on all the time that the average citizen would be shocked to find out — any thinking person knows that. Wrestling, for example. It's real. How about that circle with the line drawn through it (0)? Everybody thinks it's supposed to mean "No." What a laugh. It's an international symbol used by various worldwide bankers who are conspiring to take over all of the good parking places for the rich while the rest of us go around the block.

I could go on, but why bother? Henry Kissinger is responsible — we all know that. Ever notice how Kissinger never looks Ted Koppel in the eye on "Nightline?" That's because he's not really there. The whole thing is staged in a secret studio on the Nevada desert to dupe stupid Americans into thinking the Titanic was actually found. I know that.

Pass the oregano. //

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## -UFO book sequel-

BURNLEY'S own self-styled UFO expert, **Stephen Brown**, has printed a sequel to his book, "UFOs over Lancashire."

Called "UFOs Hit

the Press," this second offering sheds on more light on alleged visitors from outer space but, to anyone with even the slightest interest in things that go streaking across the sky, it makes fascinating reading.

Stephen, of Queen Victoria Road, has had a lifelong interest in the subject and he has compiled the book from Press cuttings from all over the world, including several from this area.

The book also contains reports of sightings not included in his first book, and sections of a manual for air traffic services on how UFO sightings should be reported and handled by aircraft personnel.

The book is published on behalf of the Lancashire Centre for UFO Spotters, where Stephen is a leading figure. Copies are available from him at 23 Queen Victoria Road, Burnley, price 99p and 20p postage.