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Mena resident seeks UFO sighting reports

By Lamar James
GAZETTE STAFF

It has been 40 years since Kenneth Arnold, a private airplane pilot, saw an unknown object and coined the phrase "flying saucer," and it's been even longer since the prophet Ezekiel saw a "wheel within a wheel."

Since the Arnold sighting, there have been numerous sightings of those strange, pesky and sometimes playful objects that reportedly snatch up people from time to time, whiz around scaring the day-lights out of pilots, light up the night sky and radars and suck power from power plants and cars alike.

Needs volunteers

The sightings have caught the interest of Edward F. Mazur, 65, a semiretired aerospace engineer who lives at Mena. Mazur joined the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) several years ago, and now he is Arkansas director. He said in a recent interview that he needs volunteers to investigate sightings or unusual occurrences that may be related.

MUFON is an international organization of researchers who track and research UFO sightings. Mazur said a "great many PhDs and highly qualified physicists and university professors who are extremely interested" in UFO phenomena are members.

'Sole interest'

"Our sole interest is in trying to get enough scientific talent on these things to collate [information] and *** get a better handle on it. Keep an open mind and keep searching seems to be the name of the game."

Mazur, an Ohio native, moved to Arkansas several years ago from Florida, where he worked for a defense firm. He was intrigued by Arkansas because another engineer, whose hobby was geology, told him Arkansas was a unique place "with strange geological formations and plant life. I always wanted a place in the country. I made one trip to Arkansas, and I said 'This is it.'"

Mena 'fits us to a tee'

He said Mena "just fits us to a tee." His children were educated at the University of Arkansas — one is now an electronics engineer and the other raises horses.

Mazur said he does consulting work for electronics and lighting

systems, has written for technical publications and sells wood-burning stoves. He also is a ham radio operator.

Suspects unreported sightings

He suspects there may be more UFO sightings in Arkansas than are being reported, and he encouraged persons to report incidents to authorities or his organization.

Mazur said he and his wife sighted a UFO in 1981 as they were driving near Hector (Pope County) north of Russellville. They saw a bright blue circular object about 12 feet in diameter flying less than 100 feet off the ground near the road. He said when he stopped, it veered off and wobbled as it sped away.

That wobble was a "giveaway," he said, adding that UFOs often wobble or sway because they are not on "a stable flight pattern."

UFOs are "not making the news as frequently and the sightings, particularly in this part of the world, have tapered off some" in recent years, Mazur said.

The UFO field has more theories than hard facts, but getting Mazur to venture a personal theory or opinion about UFOs is difficult.

Mazur is willing to go on the record about one thing, however.

"I've been an aerospace engineer in mainstream weapons systems,

Keeping eye on sky

and I can say categorically we don't have anything approaching the capability of the performance of some of these objects. Even the stealth bomber is a kiddie car compared to what these objects are reported to do."

He said encounters with UFOs — such as reports of abductions by aliens — are "good entertainment" and may "serve to cushion any future revelation that these things are genuine."

He said alien visitors, if that is what they are, are pretty unassuming and seem content to make

themselves known to the average guy who is not high enough up "in the social structure to carry any influence."

"If these things are not earthly, they have shown no sign of being hostile," he said.

"When you contemplate the universe, it's kind of mind boggling to begin with," he said. "Maybe we're not alone in this huge universe."

More information is available from Mazur at Route 3, Postoffice Box 302, Mena 71953, or by calling 394-5724.



Edward F. Mazur and his ham radio equipment.

into Whitehall's secret dossier

UFO COVER

DEFENCE chiefs have been accused of keeping secret startling evidence of UFO sightings.

Two new books contain astonishing allegations of a Whitehall cover-up.

And the claims have been supported by a former Chief of Staff at the Defence Ministry, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton.

Jenny Randles, author of *The UFO Conspiracy*, said: "The ministry is frightened of telling the public the truth because they fear there will be panic."

"But I'm sure people would rather be told the facts than be deceived."

"We aren't talking about little green men jumping out of space ships."

Alarms

"We are talking about serious evidence which points towards a UFO phenomenon which must be investigated."

The ministry has locked away in its files, over 3,000 UFO reports, collected over the past 25 years.

In 1982, the MoD announced it was about to publish the reports, but 18 months later the decision was suddenly reversed.

The ministry claimed it was too busy and short of money.

Speaking at her home in Cheadle Heath, Greater Manchester, Jenny said: "That is complete garbage."

"The fact is that they are onto a subject which alarms them."

Ministry 'scared of panic'

By ANDREW EDWARDS and RICHARD BRECKER

A second book on the UFO mystery. Above Top Secret, by Timothy Good, has the official backing of Lord Hill-Norton — he has written the book's foreword.

Among the book's mass of evidence is the puzzling story of three people interviewed about UFO sightings by men claiming to be intelligence officers from the MoD.

Timothy said: "They were told they had seen UFOs and ordered not to speak to the press."

"Now the MoD denies anyone ever went to see them."

Senior Whitehall spokesman Mike Stewart denied any cover-up. "The sole interest of the MoD in UFO reports is whether they are of a defence interest," he said.

"There is nothing sinister and there is nothing to hide. Quite simply the MoD has more important matters to deal with."



Lord Hill-Norton

Chief kept in the dark

AS Chief of Staff between 1971-73, Lord Hill-Norton held the defence of the nation in his hands.

Yet even he did not have access to Britain's UFO secrets.

"Without a shadow of a doubt British Governments have quite deliberately concealed information about UFOs," he said.

Lord Hill-Norton, added: "We're talking about reports from people whose evidence on any other subject would be accepted without question."

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Hotline for a 'close

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encounter'

A UFO hotline has opened in Fulham Road to monitor extra terrestrial sightings nationwide.

Lines have been burning with more than 300 reported sightings since the hotline was set up by the Aetherius Society on April 7.

The closest encounter Fulham has come to a UFO was 'a shimmering white triangle with a blue base, hanging in the sky over Wimbledon Common' reported to the Aetherius Society by two different spotters.

President of the society Sir George King claims one in ten Londoners have had first hand experience of UFOs, sightings that

are not just 'hot air balloons' but extra terrestrial phenomena.

Sir George King founded the Aetherius Society in Fulham more than 30 years ago and received his knighthood from a Byzantine royal house in Europe.

After the success of the UFO hotline the society is now launching a campaign of public meetings around the country from its nerve centre at 757 Fulham Road.

The next meeting in London will on June 6 at the Royal Westminster Hotel, Westminster.

The 731 1094 hotline is open between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.

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NEXT WEEK: The UFO Conspiracy

THE UFO

THE Sunday Mirror last week revealed astonishing evidence that Whitehall has been keeping UFO sightings secret from the British public.

3128 Today we look at how this cover-up extended to investigations into a remarkable incident at a Suffolk airbase. An incident witnessed by senior military men. We examine this mystery, and below give case histories of other "close encounters" reported in Jenny Randles' book *The UFO Conspiracy*.



Jenny—"The truth is being hidden."

A WEIRD, unearthly light in the forest puzzled the security patrol at a Suffolk air base.

Three men went to investigate — and came face to face with what they are convinced was a UFO.

There, in a clearing, they found a brightly-lit object the size of a small car, apparently hovering just above the ground.

Baffled, the three patrolmen approached the strange craft and one, John Burroughs, tried to touch it.

Later, he was dragged from the forest in a state of shock.

Just what happened

By **CHRIS MOORE**

that night in December, 1980, in Rendlesham Forest has never been satisfactorily explained by the Ministry of Defence.

Author Jenny Randles claims this is part of a massive cover-up of UFO sightings in Britain.

In 1982, the MoD announced it was going to release the thousands of UFO reports collected over the last 25 years.

But 18 months later, the decision was suddenly reversed.

The Ministry wrote to Jenny Randles claiming it now had "neither the money nor the staff" to publish the reports.

At first, the MoD re-

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24 April 1984

Dear Miss Randles,

Thank you for your letter of 12 March. Since Mrs Titchmarsh, my predecessor here, last wrote to you it has been decided not to publish the reports of alleged UFO sightings we receive. As you may know, we receive hundreds of these reports each year and to prepare them for publication would involve a great deal of editorial work, for which we have neither the money nor the staff. This would, in any case, fall outside our defence responsibilities. It is also not possible for you to be allowed privileged access to these reports. Although they contain no classified papers they are, like all Ministry of Defence files, subject to the Public Records Act. Under this Act official files are, in general, to remain closed for 30 years after the last action has been taken on them.

Wall of silence — What the Ministry of Defence told author Jenny Randles

Encounter with real-life terror

MILLIONS of moviegoers thrilled to an alien landing in Steven Spielberg's *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. They thought it was great science fiction. It was really very close to being science fact.

Nothing was closer to the truth than the sequence where car engines cut out in the path of a UFO.

Jenny Randles claims there have been 1,000 UFO-related car breakdowns around the world during the past 30 years, including 60 in Britain.

One night, in Levelland, Texas, in 1957

Pedro Saucedo was driving his truck into town. Suddenly there was a flash, an object hurtled through the sky and his lights and engine died.

But once the torpedo-shaped object streaked away the engine re-started.

More reports flooded in to the police and as usual, the cover-up machinery went into action. An investigator from the Pentagon was soon on the scene, interviewing witnesses.

He decided the witnesses had only seen "streak lighting".

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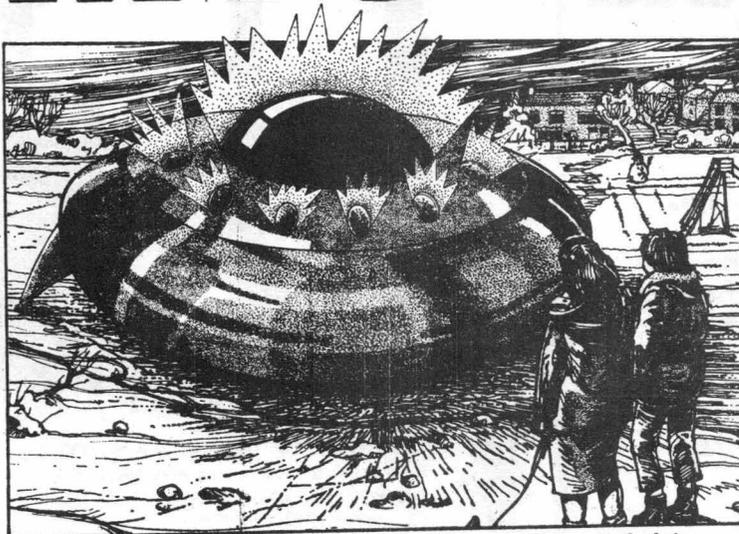
fused to admit that anything unusual happened at RAF Woodbridge near Ipswich in 1980.

That was in spite of the fact that DOZENS of US airmen stationed at the base reported seeing the mystery craft that night.

Lieut-Colonel Charles I. Halt, the Deputy Commander at neighbouring RAF Bentwaters—another American base—spotted a red sun-like object through the trees.

And USAF Wing Commander Gordon Williams

even claimed he had seen alien beings alongside the craft—small, large-eyed creatures, suspended in rays of light.



Visitor—what Lynsey and her friend saw while out sledging



Support—Lord Hill-Norton

ON the following day, the site where the object had been first seen was inspected thoroughly.

Three depressions were found in the soil—and, according to Colonel Halt's report to the US Air Force Department, these were radioactive.

The MoD would never have publicly acknowledged the incident but for America's Freedom of Information Act.

Under this legislation, Colonel Halt's memo was eventually released.

Reluctantly the MoD was forced to admit they had seen a copy at the time, but still they refused to comment. It was only when the story reached the British Press they were stung into action.

Every effort was made

to demolish the story. The flashing lights in the forest were hastily explained as beams from the Orford Ness lighthouse five miles away.

This would mean that dozens of US servicemen at the two bases had been reduced to panic by something they saw every night.

The mysterious depressions in the forest were rabbit holes. No explanation was offered on how Suffolk rabbits had suddenly become radioactive.

IT seems inconceivable that the MoD received a memo from a high-ranking USAF officer—a memo listing himself among the witnesses—yet decided no action was needed.

They could hardly have believed Colonel Halt had involved himself in a monstrous hoax.

How could they have turned their backs on tapes from radar stations tracking the arrival and departure of the unidentified intruder?

It is impossible to believe that no investigation took place.

The memo from Colo-

nel Halt *must* have resulted in inquiries being made. Any investigation *must* have produced conclusions. What were they?

For there is no doubt that the MoD DOES probe UFO sightings.

Housewife Lynsey Kent remembers being questioned by a Ministry intelligence officer after she and a friend saw a strange, egg-like object near her home when she was 10 years old.

"We were out sledging when this object suddenly landed ahead of us," said Lynsey, 22, of Bolton-Le-Sands, Lancashire.

"We went to have a closer look and it took off."

Jenny Randles, author of *The UFO Conspiracy*, says: "The truth about UFOs is being hidden—for whatever reason."

"It may be that UFOs are alien devices and the powers that be see no way to cope."

"Bluff and bluster might seem a good response when faced with a magical technology."

Jenny's call for an end to the cover-up has been backed by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton.

Following a House of

Lords debate on UFOs in 1982, the former Chief of the Defence Staff called on the Government to come clean with the public.

By this time, thanks to the US Freedom of Information Act, he was aware of UFO research by the CIA and FBI.

"What we want is for our own Government to tell us the results of an investigation which sim-

ply *must* have happened here too," he says.

But the Government steadfastly refuses to do so. The MoD continues to pretend that no such investigation has ever taken place.

"There is no unit within the Ministry of Defence for the study of UFOs," is the Ministry's standard reply.

Have you seen a UFO?

Write to: UFOs, Room 513, Sunday Mirror, Holborn Circus, London EC1P 1DQ.

Guest on a space ship

ALAN GODFREY, a police constable in West Yorkshire, was nearing the end of his shift and guided his patrol car around the outskirts of Todmorden.

Just after 5 am he saw lights ahead of him. "Too early for a bus," he thought. As he drew closer his eyes widened. The lights were coming from a dome-shaped object circled by windows. It hovered soundlessly, just above the road.

His car engine cut out, and as Godfrey stared in disbelief the UFO rose sharply and disappeared. In his report later, he found he could not account for 15 minutes of his shift.

When he submitted to hypnosis, he recalled being taken on board the craft where he encountered aliens with grey-white faces who spoke telepathically.

Godfrey was forbidden by the West Yorkshire police force to discuss these events of November 28, 1980.

'Aliens' in silver suits

IN July 1947, a young RAF officer serving in the United States was driving across the mid-west. He switched on the radio and heard excited newsmen telling the story of a spaceship crashing in New Mexico.

That RAF officer was Hughie Green, later to find TV fame. He was transfixed by news of the alien landing and waited eagerly for each bulletin.

Yet when he arrived at his destination the story had disappeared from the headlines. Already the authorities were throwing up a wall of secrecy around the incident. The wreckage, they said, was a "weather balloon".

But the man who discovered the debris talked of a shiny disc about 30 feet wide. He claimed that nearby were bodies wearing silvery suits. They were only three feet tall.

Adapted from *The UFO Conspiracy* by Jenny Randles (Blandford Press, £10.95)

When the flying saucer took off

THE skies over Washington State on America's western seaboard were crystal clear.

It was June 24, 1947, the day a new phrase joined the English language — Flying Saucers.

Kenneth Arnold was 32, a successful businessman and a skilled private pilot.

A US Army-Air Force transport plane had gone down in the mountains. Arnold, heading home to Boise, Idaho, had detoured to join the hunt.

He never did find the missing aircraft. But he sighted no

fewer than nine mysterious flying objects. Strung out in a long line, the flattened crescent-shaped discs, flew in strict formation like a flock of metallic geese.

"They skipped through the atmosphere in the same way you might cast a saucer across a pool of calm water," he reported.

The phrase stuck. Flying Saucers leapt straight into the headlines.

The Government wasn't convinced. Official US records list the Arnold incident as a "mirage."

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Eerie lights stir UFO hunt in Glenwood

By DEBORAH FRAZIER
Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

Mysterious lights sparkled briefly over Glenwood Springs this week, inspiring speculation about unidentified flying objects, northern lights and satellites.

Dozens of residents, including four police officers, spotted the bright, multicolored lights in the sky northwest of town both Monday and Wednesday night, Lt. Don Williams of the Glenwood Springs Police Department said yesterday.

"We've had a number of people calling in, including several police officers, reporting seeing strange lights about the size and brightness of a star," said Williams.

He said the lights, spotted above Storm King Mountain, varied in color from green to red to blue. They appeared about 11 p.m. and vanished within 30 minutes. "Everybody is going out at that time of night so they can see for themselves."

A police officer who studied the lights through a small telescope said the phenomenon could be solar reflections from stationary satellites, said Williams, but another officer using the same telescope said the lights looked more like headlights than stars.

Williams discounted speculations about the aurora borealis, the curtain of multicolored lights that is rarely visible in Colorado, because the lights were dots, not a sheet.

"We're not really speculating about what it is," said Williams, a UFO buff. "There's nothing I'd like more than to see a UFO, but I don't have a real strong feeling about this."

Officials at the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Boulder said they'd heard reports, but had no explanation.

"We don't have the mission or means of investigating that sort of thing, said Del Kindschi, a public affairs officer at NORAD. He said an Air Force study on UFOs ended in 1969, and there is no ongoing research.

Joe Allen, chief of the solar terrestrial physics division at NOAA, said the descriptions didn't match characteristics of the aurora borealis or solar reflections.

"I don't know of anything that could explain points of light hanging above the horizon in western Colorado," he said.



Surrounded by maps that have UFO sightings marked by pins, Dale Goudie answers a call from a person

Natalie Fobes / Seattle Times reporting an appearance.

Skeptics don't sway UFO guru

60,000 sightings can't be wrong, Seattleite insists

by Peter Lewis
Times staff reporter

In their most commonly reported form, the aliens have large heads and stand 3½ to 4 feet tall. Their enormous eyes rest under a transparent helmet.

Clad in jumpsuits adorned with insignias, the humanoids walk in sure, positive movements.

Far out?

Maybe so, but that's where they probably come from.

And Seattle resident Dale Goudie has talked to people who say they've seen them.

'The bottom line is: Don't believe me, but do read what is available.'

Dale Goudie

Goudie has spent the last 14 years researching UFOs and using the Freedom of Information Act to collect federal documents that he contends prove UFOs exist.

The official position of the U.S. Air Force, for example, is that it got out of the UFO business when Project Bluebook ended in 1969. But Goudie says the Bluebook was succeeded by Project Aquarius.

Since 1942, there have been an estimated 60,000 UFO sightings in

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the United States alone and only 5 percent of sightings are actually reported, Goudie says. Feeding characteristics of the 60,000 sightings into a computer, 250 different shapes emerged, suggesting to Goudie that there may be more than one species involved in UFOs.

"The bottom line is: Don't believe me, but do read what is available," says Goudie, who has dedicated a room in his home to countless files and papers on UFOs.

"The real problem is, no one wants to take the responsibility of telling the American public this (UFOs) is real."

Consider a series of once-classified material on Project Aquarius:

An Air Force document dated Nov. 17, 1980, from the Office of Special Investigations at Rolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., to OSI at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico refers to a "request for photo imagery interpretation."

Other papers indicate that the request stemmed from a series of "alleged sightings of unidentified aerial lights" over the Manzano Weapons Storage Area at Kirtland between Aug. 8 and Sept. 3, 1980.

An analysis of at least two pictures of the sightings concluded that the film was unaltered and that they were "legitimate negative(s) of (an) unidentified aerial object," according to the Nov. 17, 1980, document. Of the two confirmed sightings, one "contained a trilateral insignia on

the lower portion of object"

The document also states:

"The official U.S. government policy and results of Project Aquarius is still classified top secret with no dissemination outside official intelligence channels Because of a chance of public disclosure, no knowledgeable personnel with SPA (it's not clear if SPA stands for Special Project Aquarius, or something else) will be provided"

But another Air Force document dated Jan. 25, 1983, says "possible unauthorized release of classified material" cast doubt on the authenticity of the Nov. 17, 1980, document. The later document says the earlier one included nonexistent offices and officers, and several misspellings — and it sought to discredit the validity of the purported imagery interpretation.

When a Freedom of Information request letter dated Feb. 20, 1986, sought information on Project Aquarius, the National Security Agency responded, in part,

with a letter dated March 3, 1986:

"Please be advised that Project Aquarius does not deal with unidentified aerial objects. We, therefore, have no information to provide you on the subject."

But when U.S. Sen. John Glenn wrote the National Security Agency on Jan. 7 of this year on behalf of a constituent who was having trouble getting responses to Freedom of Information requests about Project Aquarius, the reply letter, dated Jan. 27, said in part:

"Apparently there is or was an Air Force project by that name which dealt with UFOs. Coincidentally, there is also an NSA project by that name. The NSA project does not deal with UFOs"

It is Goudie's contention that the responses about Project Aquarius demonstrate the government is saying one thing and doing another. He theorizes that the government is reluctant to admit the existence of even one UFO because as soon as it does, it fears opening the door to mass hysteria.

Spokesmen for the Pentagon, the Air Force and the National Security Agency either declined comment or denied that any government agency is actively investigating UFOs.

The Air Force quit studying UFOs in 1969 after a \$500,000 study conducted by the University of Colorado concluded that "UFO phenomena do not offer a fruitful field in which to look for major scientific discoveries," according to Capt. Jay DeFrank.

DeFrank noted that in 1977,

'There is also an NSA project by that name (Project Aquarius). The NSA project does not deal with UFOs.'

Letter in response to request
for information on Project Aquarius

President Carter asked the National Aeronautic and Space Administration to look into the possibility of resuming active investigation of UFOs.

This is the same man who in 1973, when he was governor of Georgia, said, "I don't laugh at people anymore when they say they have seen UFOs because I've seen one myself."

NASA spokesman Dave Garrett recalls that agency's response to the president: "We said, 'Thank you, but no thank you.' We have never been in the business."

Dennis Chadwick, chief spokesman for the National Security Agency at Fort George Meade in Maryland, an arm of the Pentagon, would not say whether NSA or any other government agency is actively investigating UFOs.

Goudie, a 45-year-old freelance ad man and former TV talk-show producer, is not deterred by the government's stance. Two years ago, he established a computerized UFO bulletin board — CUFON (for Computer UFO Network) — that has more than 1,400 members. It spits out information, free of charge, to anyone with a computer and a modem.

He also runs UFO Information Service International, a global network of UFO sightings, and Puget Sound Aerial Phenom-

ena Research Inc.

None of these enterprises, he says, is a money-making operation.

Goudie says he and others like him have been helped in their many Freedom of Information requests by military personnel who want the public to know about UFOs, but who can't afford to be named.

Many of the documents he's obtained indicate that "suspicious unknown air activity" has occurred at top-security military installations where nuclear weapons are stored.

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The documents relating to UFOs dropping in on Air Force bases have been published elsewhere — and professional skeptics such as Philip Klass, an editor with "Aviation Week & Space Technology," have written books debunking the authenticity of those and other sightings.

But Goudie notes the government itself has never volunteered any information, much less any explanations, about UFOs at military bases.

"You can explain anything away," says Goudie, referring to Klass and the other debunkers. "But these aren't solid answers."

Goudie also says he has consulted with "optical physicists" who have performed "video-negative photoanalysis" of videotapes of UFOs to substantiate that the objects are not of this earth.

Goudie also says he has interviewed about 40 people over the years who claim to have been abducted by UFOs. All occurred in rural areas, including some episodes outside Redmond, in Maple Valley and north of Seattle. He thinks about three-fourths of them are telling the truth.

In many cases, the victims have suffered physical scars that they didn't have before their encounter, Goudie says. "I've tried to get these people to come forward. They don't want anything to do with newspapers. They're scared to death of losing their jobs . . ."

Considering the threat to national security and the risk to civilians, Goudie believes the government has an obligation to be more forthcoming.

You don't have to look to far-away places for physical evidence of UFOs, according to Goudie. He has a videotape of an object flying over Tacoma in 1982, enhanced by a process known as "video negative photo analysis" which allows the viewer to see vertical and horizontal lines within what Goudie calls "the plasma" that covers the true shape within. He expects the video to air on Sunday's "Town Meeting" on KOMO.

Television, specifically a Dick Cavett show that aired in 1973, started Goudie's preoccupation with UFOs. He's since appeared on CNN's Larry King Show and CBS-TV network news shows, among others.

He has spent countless hours and dollars pursuing UFOs.

His goal, he says, is to see the subject become an area of serious scientific inquiry.

"I'm doing it because I think people deserve the facts, and no one's taking the time to do it."

CO-DR DENVER ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS

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Lights in the sky fuel UFO interest

By CAROLYN DOUGHERTY

Rocky Mountain News Aspen Bureau

ASPEN — Earthlings might not be the only tourists visiting western Colorado this summer, UFO aficionados said yesterday.

Bright, multicolored lights that appeared on the horizon northwest of Glenwood Springs last week prompted about 25 people to gather yesterday in Aspen for a talk by Bruce Maccabee, a research physicist with the Navy and chairman of the Fund for UFO Research.

"We have to rethink our position in the universe," said Maccabee, who has studied UFO sightings for about 20 years.

The colored dots of light spotted between 11 p.m. and midnight high above the Glenwood Springs Mall last Monday and Wednesday have not reappeared, said Lt. Don Williams of the Glenwood Springs Police Department.

"It's been cloudy every single night since then," Williams said. "I know, because I've been standing out there, in the buff sometimes, looking."

A military spokesman said last week it was unlikely the lights were reflections from satellites, and astronomers ruled out the aurora borealis, or northern lights.

"About half the town," including several police officers, saw the dots of light, Williams said.

Williams said he is "neither a believer or a disbeliever" in UFOs.

"I don't think we should be vain enough to think we are the only people in our universe," he said. "But one of those little creatures is going to have to come on down and talk to me and wave its finger at me and levitate to convince me for good."

Maccabee said that's not impossible.

Visitors from other parts of the universe have become increasingly daring over the past four decades, even abducting some humans, he said.

"It seems there are some sort of biological experiments going on on the people of this planet, carried out by someone else," Maccabee said.

He said a recent public opinion poll showed two-thirds of Americans believe that UFOs might or probably exist.

Remaining skeptics will be convinced, Maccabee said, when scientists from 12 countries gather at the International Symposium on Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon in Washington, D.C., June 26-28.

They will present evidence that the U.S. government has orchestrated a coverup of UFO sightings, he said.

By Neil Macdonald
Citizen staff writer

Three things happened outside Balcarres, Sask. on Nov. 27, 1973, but it was only afterwards that somebody put them together.

Remi Tucanow's truck broke down first, inexplicably, on the way past the Peepeekisis Indian reserve. When he got it back to Meikle's garage that fine Prairie winter morning, the electrical system and the fuses were melted — not burned out, melted. He said something had flown overhead and caused it.

Later that day, Milt Tyreman took a black-and-white picture of something hovering over a field six kilometres away. He was excited, but nobody took much notice at the time.

And Fred Starblanket's house burned down late that afternoon. Fred, a councillor on the reserve, said something had flown over his house and caused the fire.

Night had fallen, and it was cold and clear when Constable Jack Briscoe got the call from the reserve about the lights in a farmer's field near Starblanket's place.

He and another Mountie, Lloyd Hickman, drove out rather languidly. Const. Art Hoel and Sgt. Hap Armstrong, hearing about the excitement, followed from the nearby Fort Qu'Appelle office.

When they got there, all they could do was stare.

Whatever it was bounced and flitted, madly gambling with itself, seemingly for the benefit of the crowd.

By all accounts, the police and witness statements filed later, it was mushroom shaped, a good 50 metres in diameter, and 30 metres from the ground, although that varied.

It was orange to those closest; magenta to those further away. Its banks of lights burned red and orange.

We watched it for approximately half an hour, said Art Hoel in his statement later. The object appeared to be playing tag with itself in the farmer's field. It would raise (sic) off the ground approximately 100 feet and race back and forth in the air. All the time the bright lights became brighter and dimmer. The lights appeared to be bright red and orange.

It made no sound. To one of the Mounties who had the temerity to heft a rifle and peer at it

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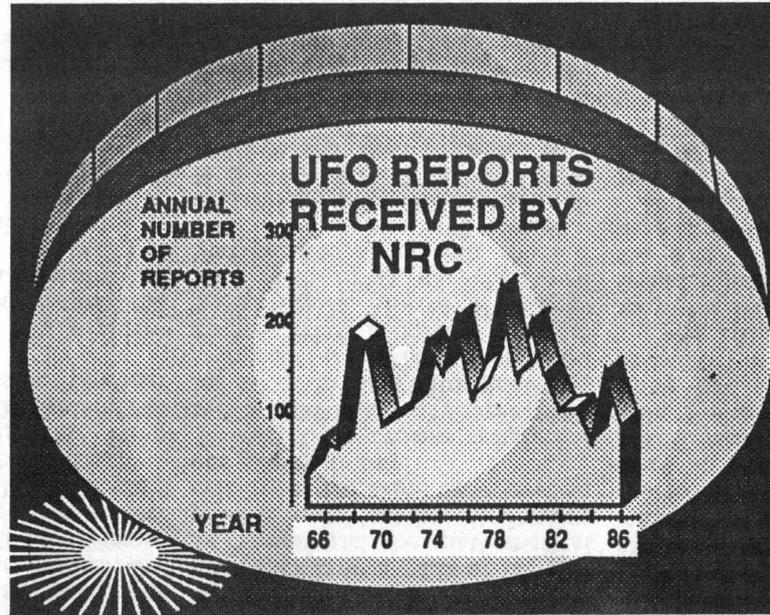
Most sightings remain unexplained

through a scope, the object had portholes. At one point, it made straight for the crowd on the road, then darted back to its hovering point over the field.

When men on snowmobiles finally arrived to get an even closer look, the thing sped away at terrific speed.

The RCMP later checked with the Air Force in Moose Jaw for radar evidence and with air traffic control in Regina. Same result. There was no instrumental record.

The next night, locals on the reserve reported a return performance, and the Mounties responded more eagerly. This time, it was obviously the light from a distant farmhouse, and the policemen left,



— Cam Cardow, Citizen

disappointed. The thing never reappeared.

"I'm not a UFO nut or anything, and I don't read about the things, but I saw something, and I guess I'll never know what it was," says Briscoe, now posted to the RCMP staff college in Ottawa. "It left us with a lot of questions. But to me, it was the three other things — the truck, the fire and the picture. And what was in the field, well, it

was strange, that's all I can say."

"It bloody well wasn't any weather balloon," says Armstrong, now an inspector in Edmonton.

"Weather balloons don't move that fast," adds Briscoe.

Their reports, like roughly 3,000 others, eventually

made its way to the National Research Council's department of planetary sciences, into the hands of scientists given the job, for lack of anyone else to do it, of collecting and examining UFO reports.

The interest was originally military; beginning in the post-war years, the Air Force collected and investigated reports across the country, but gave up in the mid-1960s, turning the job over to the NRC.

There are 100-200 reports of UFOs a year. For lack of investigative resources, the NRC looks at each one on its merits, tries to correlate it with known meteor appearances, and, if it can, explains the sighting. About a third of the reports have such annotations as "Venus," or "aircraft." But most are unexplained. The report then makes the trip to the Public Archives, where it is microfilmed and stored.

There are bursts in sightings. One such was in the post-war years, when North America's interest in the phenomenon was awakened. Another was in the mid-1970s, coincidental with such sensations as *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and Erich Von Daniken's *Chariots of the Gods*.

The UFOs are long, short, fat, skinny, cigar-shaped, egg-shaped, mushroom-shaped, saucer-shaped of course, and even snowshoe-shaped. Most of them have lights, usually red, green, blue and white. Media accounts are included in the reports, from scientific journals to magazines to the *National Enquirer*.

The official explanations, where they are attached, are less varied: swamp gas, spent fuel, weather balloons, Jupiter and Venus. Venus is a particular favorite. It's on the loose a lot.

Melanie Wandryk was 16 on Aug. 4, 1977, the night she saw the thing land behind the Banff Mineral Springs Hospital.

The way she told it later, it raced over her head and touched down in a field between the hospital and the nearby Bow River.

As the girl approached, she made out a conical outline and rows of flashing blue and white lights. Frightened, Melanie ran into the hospital and pointed it out to desk clerk Shirley Pearson, who sighted the lights through a window.

By the time police arrived, it had disappeared, leaving no trace.

Their information, as they have represented it, is genuine, read the RCMP report. Although there is (UFOs, page H12)

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no physical evidence to support it.

Melanie died a year later, but Shirley Pearson remembers the girl's excitement: "She saw something, and it had an effect on her. All I saw were the lights. Beyond that, I can't swear to anything."

There is nothing Dr. Allen McNamara would like better than some uncontrovertable physical proof.

The chief of the NRC's planetary sciences division has seen the reports, and asked himself the same questions we all have, but remains a hard cynic, at least in regard to visitations.

"There is just no evidence of anything like an extraterrestrial visit," he says. "No concrete evidence."

Not that he thinks we are the only intelligent life in the universe.

"There are 100 billion stars in our own galaxy, and billions of galaxies in the universe. Most scientists figure that with those sorts of numbers, there is bound to be intelligent life elsewhere."

SETI, the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, is a worldwide network of scientists who devote a portion of each year to monitoring incoming electromagnetic waves, searching for some kind of pattern. So far, nothing.

But, McNamara points out, we on Earth have only been emitting radiowaves in pattern for about 60 years. Because those waves travel at the speed of light, our signals are only 60 light years out. The galaxy is 100,000 light years wide. To hear us and visit us, the other civilization would

have to be capable of travelling a great deal faster than the speed of light — that is, faster than 186,300 miles a second.

And, he continues, our civilization might have a lifespan of a million years or so — if it's lucky. That's only a wink of the galaxy's eye, and the mathematical probability of another civilization existing at the same time, even in our galaxy, is tiny.

Most of the reports simply detail a light in the sky, seen from far away. Some are imagination.

In February, 1978, a young man named Brian Mosychuk reported a sighting in Alberta of a huge UFO with lights on either end that hovered above him, shone a light down at him, and melted a spot in the snow. Authorities collected and stored the snow for analysis and filed a report with the NRC.

A short follow-up filed with it notes without comment that the UFO and the incident were straight from the film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, which was showing in the local theater at the time.

Other reports are worded in a way that makes the reader's skin tighten.

Sir, wrote Rupert L. Wedgar, of Bezanson, Alta., in a 1975 letter detailing a morning sighting of a simple light near a lilac bush on his property: *A light started at the top of the bush. The light was a beautiful light, pink it was, perfectly round and never touching the bush, anywhere. It must have went up and down 20 times or more. My wife was asleep and a lad in the basement, but I did not call out to them, because I was speechless with the beauty of the light. I've kept watch many nights since, but have not seen it. You*

can bring a truckload of Bibles out here, and I'll swear on every one of them, because that's what I saw.

But over the years, even though the incidents stick in the mind with gnawing curiosity and even a little lingering fear, the story changes, the individual persuades himself his mind played a prank.

Ken Sumner and his friends were on a camping trip in 1980 near Gustafson Lake, outside 100 Mile House in British Columbia. They had the living daylightscared out of them.

Even after the trip was over, they reported nothing, until a friend called the RCMP and told the story. The Mounties investigated, and filed a report.

It was in October, and as the four men on the trip prepared for bed, they saw something streak overhead. A satellite, they figured, and turned in.

The light that appeared 45 minutes later outside their camper was so intense that it lit the inside. Shafts shone through the vents.

The men told police they felt the vehicle shake, and they felt a sensation of rising in the air. Terrified, they did not look out.

Next morning, they heard a sound like a jet taking off nearby.

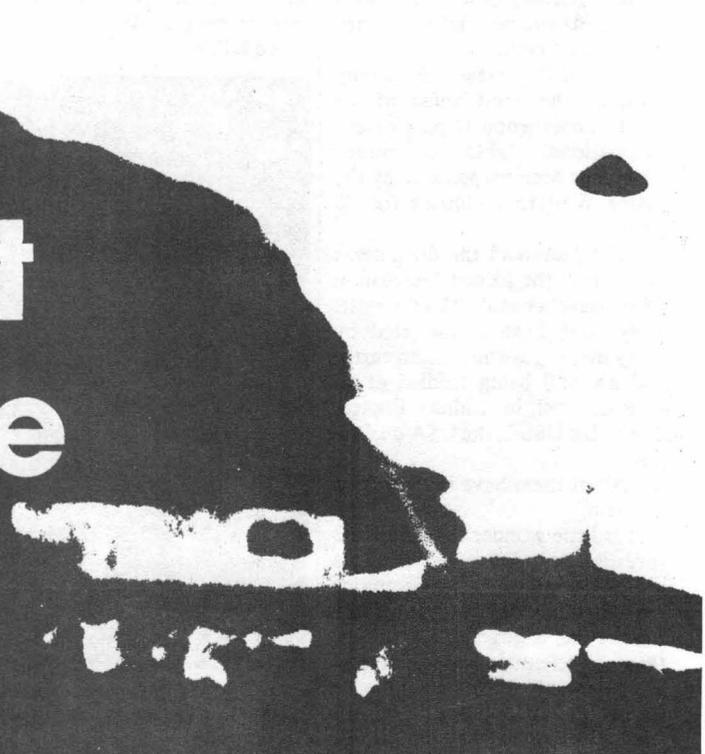
No explanation.

Sumner is no longer at his old address, but Randy Belway, one of the men on the trip, now tells a different story: "I guess it was just a satellite. We were talking about UFOs, and I guess Kenny got upset. I wouldn't make a big deal out of it."

A poll done by the Gallup organization in 1974 showed that one in 10 Canadians believe they have seen a UFO. Fifty-three per cent believed UFOs are real. //

THE UFO PHENOMENON

Why Won't They Come Clean?



A UFO photographed over the Iki Isles, Japan.

Many governments are engaged in a massive campaign to prevent us knowing the truth about UFOs. We look at some disturbing incidents.

This year, the UFO phenomenon is 40 years old and shows no signs of slowing down.

It was on July 24, 1947, when American businessman Kenneth Arnold, 32, saw a bright light in the sky while flying his own Cal-lair light aircraft. The dazzling light appeared to be sunlight reflected off nine flattened, crescent-shaped discs, bobbing up and down but travelling in formation at well over 1000 mph.

In an interview later, Arnold gave the phenomena an enduring name when he described the discs as moving "like saucers skipping across water." The flying saucer had been born.

In the 40 years since, the mystery of UFOs has gone through several phases. The late 40s and early 50s saw a wave of sightings around atomic weapons test sites and bases researching rocket technology. A crop of science fiction

movies, including the good (*The War of The Worlds*), the bad (*They Came From Mars*) and the just plain ugly (*Plan 9 From Outer Space*) packed the cinemas while

reinforcing the same message: the little green men had arrived and they were mean.

In the 60s and 70s, there were reports of actual contact with



CASE NO.1: Rendlesham Forest, RAF Woodbridge, 27/12/80

Three US Air Force men stationed at the Suffolk airbase investigated a mysterious light in the nearby woods. They found a triangular metallic object, about the size of a mini car, with a pulsating red light on top and a bank of blue lights ringed around the middle. The machine seemed suspended on a yellowish mist. As it began to recede, the men gave chase but lost it. Nearby farm animals went beserk. The next day, three depressions, giving radiation readouts higher than those recorded in Britain following the Chernobyl disaster, were found in the ground where the object had been.

OFFICIAL ACTION: Apparently very little. A report was filed by the officers and base concerned immediately. Despite the large number of witnesses, it was two-and-a-half years before the MOD admitted there had been any sort of incident — and it claimed it did nothing about it.

aliens. People claimed to have been abducted, given information and been experimented on. As the number of sightings, contacts and mid-air encounters grew, a programme of education seemed to be instigated. Films like *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and

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E.T. brought forth a new type of alien — friendly little critters with bald heads and cat-like eyes. They were almost cuddly.

For UFO researcher Jenny Randles, the latest phase of the UFO phenomenon is part of the international UFO conspiracy which has been perpetrated by the major Western countries for 40 years.

"The facts and the documents are there," the former Lancashire school-teacher said. "UFOs exist. They have been investigated by every major government on earth, and are still being studied at an official level in China, France, Spain, the USSR, the USA and the UK.

"All of them have been baffled by them.

It is little wonder that the UFO investigator in *Close Encounters* is a Frenchman. Of the six major countries mentioned above, only France has a government-funded team of scientists who behave in almost exactly the same manner as Francois Truffaut does in Spielberg's blockbuster. In the others, official secrecy, obscurity and bureaucratic hedging are what face serious researchers such as Jenny Randles.

In her latest book, *The UFO Conspiracy*, she takes a long cool look at the evidence in support of UFOs and the official measures — some ludicrously extreme — governments have taken to cover it up.

CASE NO.2: Risley, Cheshire, 17/3/78:

A Warrington service engineer Ken Edwards was passing the UK Atomic Energy Commission admin centre when a glowing white mass appeared on his right and drifted down to the centre of the road. After a short staring match between man and machine, two bright lights shone from round eyes and struck Edwards where he was holding the steering wheel. The object moved on and passed straight through the security fence before vanishing.

OFFICIAL ACTION: None known. The insides of Ken's fingers were sunburnt from exposure to the "thing's" light beams. The radio transceiver in his van had exploded from a tremendous power surge. A year later he developed cancer of the throat. He died four years later.

"What worries me is not that the Governments are keeping things quiet or that they are obscuring knowledge — though I would like to see freedom of infor-

mation on this subject — but the effect this secrecy and dismissal has on people who have encountered UFOs.

CASE NO.3: Huffman, Texas 29/12/80. Restaurant owner Betty Cash, her employee Vickie Landrum and Vickie's young son Colby were driving through a pine forest near Houston space centre when they saw a diamond shaped object on the road pouring out light and flame. The oppressive heat forced them out of the car. Suddenly a large retinue of helicopters threatened over and appeared to shepherd the object away.

OFFICIAL ACTION: No agency admitted liability for the helicopters, let alone seeing the UFO. All three witnesses became ill and lost large amounts of hair. Betty Cash has rarely been out of hospital since the incident and is suing the US Government for compensation.

"Tens of thousands of people in London have had a UFO experience. But it wouldn't do to speak about it because they would be made to appear stupid."

The Governments play a dangerous game of "double bluff," dismissing evidence of UFOs as bunk, while secretly taking them seriously.

"Perhaps" said Jenny Randles, "they don't want to display their own ignorance."

Serious UFO research is not helped by media sensationalism (e.g. The Sun's famous "Is Your Neighbour an Alien?"), religious "maniacs" who believe the phenomena is linked to the return of Jesus, and the well-intentioned but inadequate efforts of amateur investigators, who in Ms Randell's words have "turned to the sky in search of a fairy tale rather than the truth."

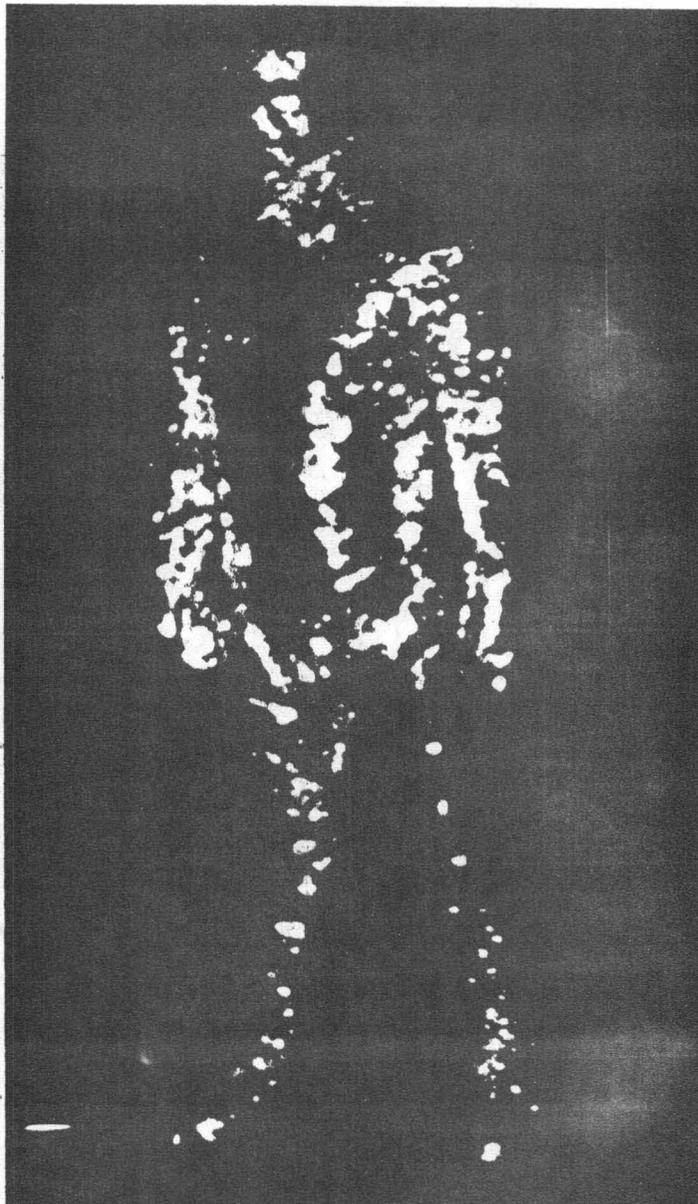
"About 90% of reported sightings aren't UFOs at all, and that is a high percentage.

"Most of the 'explained' sightings are literally just lights in the sky.

"But the other 10% are UFOs actually doing things, more than just funny observations."

The effect of seeing a UFO can be traumatic. People have lost their jobs, their marriages and their health. They have had newspaper men lay siege outside their houses. They have been driven out of their homes by religious groups.

Despite this, they are often willing to talk to serious researchers, but without any publicity.



Is this an alien? Alabama police chief Jeff Greenhaw, who took this photo, claims it is.

After years of debunking and plain obstinance, Governments around the world are starting to reveal more about UFO visits, or at least make the pretence of opening up.

In the US, the 1977 Freedom of Information Act released thousands of pages of documents proving the existence of UFOs and the high level of security interest.

In 1981, the British Government finally admitted the astonishing Rendalsham Forest affair (Case No.1).

Australia, Spain, China and Russia have all set up UFO research centres. The USSR revealed details of major close encounters.

All this, says Jenny Randles, could be a coincidence. "But it

seems very strange after years of silence these voices are beginning to cry at once.

"Whispers have a habit of turning into shouts." Its time to remove UFO from the province of Hollywood movie and the occult shelves of backstreet bookstores.

"The time has come to treat the evidence for UFOs with due respect, to debate it as we would debate any other issue subjected to a massive policy of obscurity."

The UFO Conspiracy, by Jenny Randles, is published by Blandford Press. Price £10.95. We have 9 copies of this intriguing book to give away, and you could be one of the lucky winners. Just phone 01-631 1692 on Thursday, May 28, between 3pm and 3.30pm to be in to win.

Is there anyone out there?

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REPORTS of a huge flying saucer over Alaska not long ago underline a space age paradox in the scientific community. Many scientists are sceptical about supposed sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs), but many others believe the galaxy is teeming with intelligent life.

They support projects to search for extraterrestrial intelligence, dubbed SETI.

Scientists of the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have embarked on an official mission to step up the scope of the search.

The Alaska incident was reported by Japan Air Lines pilot Kenji Terauchi. He said his plane was trailed for an hour by a walnut-shaped craft twice as big as an aircraft carrier, with a broad brim at its centre and bright running lights.

He said it stayed with him as he descended 4,000 feet and circled, and that his plane's weather radar picked it up.

The Federal Aviation Administration initially reported that it, too, had detected a craft on radar, but later said a malfunction may have created a duplicate radar image of the cargo plane itself.

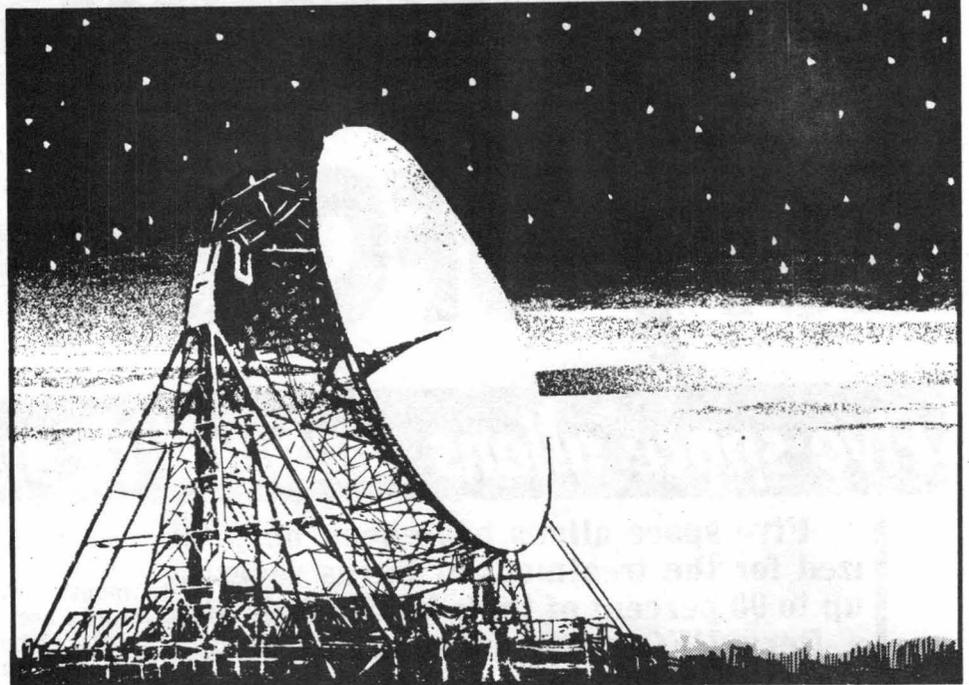
The incident was widely dismissed by space experts as just another inconclusive episode.

Thousands of people, including former President Jimmy Carter, have reported seeing UFOs.

That has not shaken the scepticism among scientists like University of Virginia physicist James Trefil, who says: "There has never been an unambiguous case in all these sightings."

Even so, Mr Trefil told a recent conference at Washington's Smithsonian Institution that conventional wisdom among scientist also holds that "we are not alone."

Given the millions of stars in the Milky Way, the probability that many of them have planets with environments suitable to life, and the billions of years in which civilisations could have



by CHRIS HANSON

evolved, these scientists say it is likely the galaxy has many advanced civilisations.

The theory behind SETI is that if advanced alien civilisations exist, they may be trying to communicate with other worlds by beaming radio signals into space — and radiotelescopes on Earth could pick up such signals.

US scientists pioneered SETI, starting in 1960 with physicist Frank Drake's "Ozma" project and using a radiotelescope in West Virginia.

Now Russia, France, West Germany, the Netherlands, Japan, and Canada are funding SETI radiotelescope projects.

No alien signals have yet been detected, scientist say.

But NASA, with an annual SETI budget of £1½ million is developing the technology for a vast expansion in the number of frequencies that could be scanned for messages — a jump from thousands of frequencies to many millions.

NASA plans to scan the entire sky and conduct closer probes of 800 stars which are similar to the sun, beginning in the 1990s.

"In one minute (with the new technology) we will accomplish more than has been carried out in the past 25 years with all previous programmes," NASA scientist Peter Backus said.

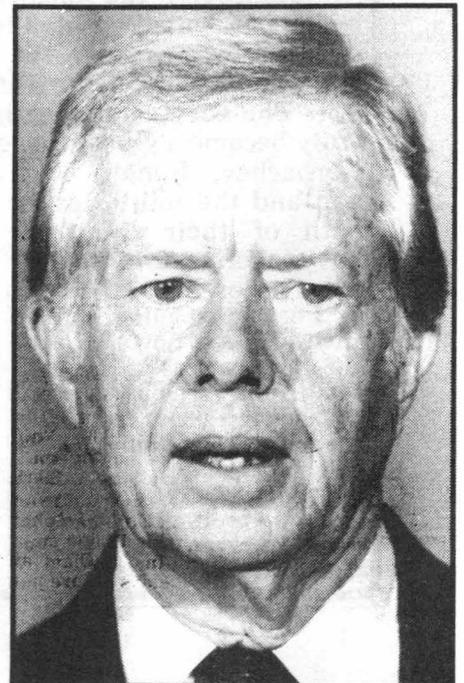
He added that NASA's search could be "tens of billions" of times more thorough than today's most advanced SETI probes.

Earthlings have sent out relatively few messages to possible aliens, although scientists says advanced civilisations could tell Earth was inhabited from military radar and television rays leaking into space.

Some scientists says receipt of an alien message would be the most important event in human history and could result in mankind learning vast amounts from a more advanced culture.

But University of Virginia physicist Robert Rood sounded a note of warning in his book, *Are We Alone?*

He wrote: "The civilisation that blurts out its existence on interstellar beacons at the first opportunity may be like some early man descending from the trees and calling: Here, Kitty! to a sabre-toothed tiger."



Ex-President Jimmy Carter is among thousands who have reported seeing UFOs

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Crew survives fiery UFO crash

Five space aliens confined to military burn unit

Five space aliens have been hospitalized for the treatment of burns covering up to 90 percent of their bodies following a fiery UFO crash in central China, a UFO research group reports.

Jacques Pretet, president of the Paris-based Citizens for Truth in UFO Reporting, said documents obtained from military sources behind the Bamboo Curtain called the survival of the aliens a priority but offered no prognosis.

Chillingly, the medical effort has reportedly been condemned by high-level Soviet and American officials, who believe the creatures are dangerous and should be killed or allowed to die.

"The survival or deaths of these five aliens has truly become a global concern," said Pretet. "Mikhail Gorbachev, Ronald Reagan and the militaries in both of their countries have taken an intense personal interest.

"I have it on authority that envoys of the Soviet Union, U.S. and at least five other countries will meet with the Chinese in Geneva to discuss the situation. The meeting will take place within the next four weeks."

In a preliminary agreement hammered out in Peking, Chinese doctors have

agreed to keep the superpowers briefed on the aliens' medical progress on a weekly basis, said Pretet.

According to the documents, the information is considered so sensitive that it will be conveyed via military couriers to prevent telephone wiretaps and satellite-signal intercepts, the UFO expert

said. If the description of the aliens in the Chinese documents is accurate, the creatures are indetical to nine others who were pulled from the wreckage of a starship in the Soviet Union in 1985, said Pretet.

A classified report smuggled into Yugoslavia at the time said the aliens looked

like human children with three shocking exceptions — they appeared to be sexless, were covered with microscopic, flesh-colored scales and had no mouths.

The fate of those injured aliens remains a mystery, although Pretet believes the Soviets kept them alive long enough to conduct studies,

then exterminated them and preserved them on ice.

The Soviets refused then and now to discuss the incident.

And the Chinese, Soviets and Americans are apparently working together to suppress information about the Chinese crash, Pretet told reporters.

Mystery object has close encounter with plane

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The National Weather Service doubts it was theirs and the Defense Department insists it wasn't theirs. About the only thing the Federal Aviation Administration can say about the object that encountered a Delta Air Lines jet at 29,500 feet is that no one is likely to find it.

The pilot of Delta Flight 1083, en route from Pittsburgh to Atlanta, told investigators an object that appeared to be a missile seemed headed straight for his Boeing 737 on Thursday morning before passing to the side and slightly below.

"The pilot described it as a rocket or a missile about 4 feet long, with fins that were each about a foot or a foot and a half in height," said Delta spokesman Bill Berry. "It went so fast that's all he saw. He didn't see it long enough to recognize any markings.

"He saw it. It was there. It was gone."

The FAA said yesterday it will probably never know what had the close encounter with the jet, carrying 60 people 31 miles northeast of Charleston.

"It may have been a blimp-shaped helium balloon," said Kathleen Bergen, a spokesman for the FAA's regional headquarters in New York. "It's unlikely we'll ever find it, for a lot of reasons."

For one reason, the prospect of finding a 4-foot-long object somewhere in the hills and woods of West Virginia isn't good.

The pilot, whose name was not released, told investigators the object was moving north at high speed.

The National Weather Service said the jet stream, a fast current of air at high altitudes, was not crossing West Virginia at the time of the encounter and

wind in the area was not strong enough to make an unpowered object like a balloon move fast.

The weather service sends up observation balloons each morning and afternoon. But the time for Thursday's launch was 25 minutes before the encounter, and the nearest launching station is Huntington, about 50 miles west of Charleston, said Jim Harrison, a weather service meteorologist at Huntington.

In summer, the balloons generally climb to 100,000 feet before exploding and lowering weather instruments to the ground by parachute, but "I can't imagine a pilot not recognizing one," if that's what it was, he said.

Maj. Larry Icenogle, a spokesman for the Pentagon, said, "The Defense Department had nothing going on yesterday that would have anything to do with that."

British jet diverted over U.S.S.R. to avoid what crew calls a UFO

LONDON (AP) — A British Airways jetliner made a diversion over the Soviet Union to avoid what the crew reported as an unidentified flying object, airline spokesman Alan Solloway said yesterday.

The incident occurred in April, but came to light yesterday in the London Times.

Solloway confirmed that the crew of the Boeing 747 jumbo jet reported seeing a UFO over the Soviet Union on April 22 while flying from London to Bangkok, Thailand.

He said it was the first such case in the airline's history. "We have had crews report seeing space debris burning, but we can't recall a UFO being sighted and being logged as a UFO," Solloway said.

"Usually, there is a scientific explanation for whatever

was seen, but there doesn't seem to be a scientific explanation for this."

The Times said all five crew members reported seeing an object with twinkling lights fly directly toward them and then vanish quickly over the Kazhakstan horizon.

"It was definitely not an aircraft," the paper quoted First Officer Anthony Colin, 42, as saying. "None of us had ever seen anything like it before. We are all bitter, cynical aviators who like a scientific explanation for everything. But this has got us foxed."

Solloway said the crew checked with Soviet air traffic control, which reported no other aircraft were in the vicinity.

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S By JOHN BLACKBURN and KEN HARRELL
STARTLING new evidence indicates that extraterrestrials have been in contact with us for years — and may even be living in our midst.

"I am convinced, by the sheer weight of evidence, that we are being visited by aliens from space," says James Deardorff, a 58-year-old professor emeritus from Oregon State University, in Corvallis.

"There are thousands of reports of airplane and automobile pacings, mysterious sightings and even close encounters," adds Deardorff, winner of the American Meteorological Society's prestigious Rossby Gold Medal for his work in atmospheric research.

"The idea that mankind is unique doesn't make sense," he says. "There could be as many as 10 million independently evolved societies in our galaxy, and many of them may be more advanced than we are."

David Jacobs, a professor at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, says there are "scores and scores of cases where people say they have become involved with aliens."

"Without any knowledge of what anyone else is saying, these people all tell the same story, down to the smallest details," he adds.

For example, in case after case those who claim they've been in contact with extraterrestrials describe them as having tiny bodies with grayish or whitish skin, large heads, no ears, slit mouths and gigantic, piercing black eyes, he says.

EXPERTS believe the vast majority of contacts occur when humans are kidnapped and taken aboard spaceships for scientific examination.

"We have more than 300 documented cases of such abductions," says Bruce Maccabee, a U.S. Navy research physicist and chairman of the Washington-based Fund for UFO Research.

But the number could be in the tens or even hundreds of thousands because humans can recall the encounters only while under hypnosis, Mac-

cabee adds. "And as bizarre as it sounds, the idea of abductions fits in with what we know about extraterrestrials," he says.

"They've been spotted on the ground taking samples of Earth's resources. Now, that sounds like they're on some sort of exploratory mission — so why not 'sample' Earth's residents?"

In fact, Professor Deardorff believes space visitors may even be living among us — in disguise, of course.

WHILE serious scholars focus greater attention on alien abductions, a new blockbuster book documents the kidnappings.

Communion (Beech Tree Books/Morrow), which is already on the best-



This silvery disc was photographed during a rare daylight sighting



A mysterious round craft beams a light on a lake in Denmark

UFO books peer into surreal tales

By **DAN R. GODDARD**
Express-News Arts Writer

For years, reports of people being abducted by UFOs were dismissed, even by most UFO investigation groups, as being not even worth considering.

But now, Whitley Strieber's "Communion," Budd Hopkins' "Intruders" and Gary Kinder's "Light Years" have brought public attention back in a big way to the phenomenon of unidentified flying objects.

The authors have been making the rounds of talks shows, and despite the strangeness of their stories, UFO abductees are getting more attention than at any time since the mid-1950s, when several "contactees" were national celebrities and most were later revealed as hoaxes.

AWOL abductees

The most puzzling and chilling aspect of Hopkins' investigations is the element of "missing time," the victims rarely have conscious recall of their experience with UFOs. Their deeply buried trauma generally only comes out through hypnosis, and none want the kind of publicity abductees received in the 1950s.

"Missing Time" is the title of Hopkins' first book about UFO abductees, and, while its findings seem surreal, it is also one of the most down-to-earth and terrifying books to be found in the mountain of UFO literature.

I first discovered this Everest of arcana last summer, after drinking a few beers with someone I had known for years, but never suspected of being so deeply immersed in the world of ufology. Like a video dungeonmaster game, I found myself in a baffling maze of flexible phantoms, ancient mysteries of the cosmos and the leading edge of the human psyche.

Trinity University has a bibliography of UFO literature that runs more than 300 pages with thousands of listings. You've seen "E.T.," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and the Miller Lite commercial with Earth being invaded by a race of Rodney Dangerfields. But the books, folks, is where the going gets really weird.

Chance meeting

A nationally known artist with works in the Whitney and Guggenheim museums, Hopkins became drawn into the UFO phenomenon through a chance conversation with an abductee, the owner of a liquor store across the street from his New York studio.

For the past 12 years, Hopkins has interviewed 135 UFO abductees, accumulating a massive pile of evidence, and many strange stories that began to fall into a frightening pattern. While former San Antonian Strieber, who received a \$1 million advance for "Communion," theorizes that the aliens represent the way to a higher plane of human evolution, Hopkins is much more skeptical.



A Swiss Air Force jet fighter flew into this scene near Schмарduel, April 14, 1976. Photo from Gary Kinder's 'Light Years.'

The abduction pattern, made famous by the Betty and Barney Hill case in 1961, generally begins with the sighting of a glowing saucer in a remote rural area. The victims are then somehow paralyzed, their thoughts controlled by the aliens, who communicate with telepathy. The humans are taken aboard the UFO ship to an operating room, where probes are implanted in their heads and a physical examination is made. The women are often examined by a needlelike device stuck through their navel. Afterwards, all memory of the event is wiped out.

Tagging humans

Hopkins has found that many members of the same family are often involved. Once caught and tagged by the aliens, the humans seem to be on the same kind of short leash wildlife managers have on animals that have been caught and marked. Abductions recur many times in a lifetime, beginning in early childhood and continuing through middle age.

Hopkins believes the "Intruders" are involved in a longterm genetic experiment with humans. Sperm samples are taken from males and ova from women. Women abductees report mysterious pregnancies that simply disappear. Some female abductees have recalled being presented by the aliens with mysterious children. Some men have reported forced sexual relations with alien women.

In the past, these kinds of claims have been ignored by even the most zealous ufologists. But Hopkins has subjected many abductees to professional psychological testing, and none have shown any sort of known mental disease. However, the abductees do reveal the effects of a devastating trauma, which they can't talk about because of the social stigmatization that comes with publicly acknowledging a UFO experience.

Clash of the authors

Strieber used Hopkins as a consultant, but the two have reportedly had a falling out over the last third of "Communion," which goes into bizarre philosophizing about the source of the 3-foot-tall characters with large eyes. Strieber thinks they may want to form a "triad" with humans, a major jump in our evolution.

Strieber, though, is a successful writer who has demonstrated his ability to do massive research on a subject and then turn out best sellers like "Warday" and "Wolfen." He also has a long association with the Gurdjieff Foundation, based on the teachings of a Russian occult teacher who believed in a parallel, spiritual universe.

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UFO BOOKS CONT

Hopkins, on the other hand, approaches the subject from a firmly skeptical point of view. He thinks any utopian messages from the aliens promising peace on earth are probably just camouflage, a lot of "noise." Instead, he's disturbed by the abductees, whose lives seem filled with fear because of their UFO experiences. While some of his interviews have revealed fantastic messages from the aliens, most of the people he has dealt with are afraid of their captors. As one woman's chilling recollection put it: "I felt like a guinea pig."

Needing help

Hopkins became drawn into his investigations because he said, "These people are suffering and they need help."

In "Intruders," Hopkins details the single case of a woman he calls Kathie Davis, who lives with her family in a suburb of Indianapolis. She, her mother and some of her friends have had abduction experiences. Physical evidence includes a mysterious bare spot in a nearby woods that remained visible for more than two years and unexplained, and identical scars on the knees of Kathie and her mother.

Hopkins interviewed several witnesses, and builds a convincing case that something physical and real happened to the Davis family. But Hopkins refuses to conjecture about what the aliens are or what exactly they are up to.

Gary Kinder's "Light Years" is the rather convoluted story of a one-armed, unemployed Swiss caretaker named Eduard "Billy" Meier, whose hundreds of color photos of UFOs have been a sensation in

Europe. The photos are remarkably clear, but Meier's stories are remarkably strange. He claims the aliens, which hail from the constellation Pleiades, have taken him to other planets and back in time to meet Jesus Christ.

Who's in charge?

So, just what the heck is going on? Frankly, no one really knows, but there is no shortage of theories. All I have to offer are the titles of some of the books I've uncovered since stumbling onto this mystery last summer.

John Fuller's "The Interrupted Journey" (1966) is the full story of the Betty and Barney Hill case. Coral and Jim Lorenzen of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization kept the abductees' stories alive with "Flying Saucer Occupants" (1967) and "Abducted" (1977). In 1979, prominent ufologist Raymond Fowler published "The Andreasson Affair" about a fundamentalist Christian woman's experiences. Others are Travis Walton's "The Walton Experience" (1978) and Ann Druffel's and D. Scott Rogo's "The Tujunga Canyon Contacts" (1980).

Although abduction stories overlap in many ways, no two ever seem exactly alike. While some physical traces have been left, the experience also seems to be firmly connected to the human subcon-

scious. Carl Jung spent 10 years studying UFOs, and his 1958 essay, "Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Sky," probably comes the closest to getting a handle on what is happening.

Jung, however, felt UFOs were so significant that "I feel myself compelled to sound a note of warning" and to help "prepare those few who will hear me for coming events which are in accord with the end of an era." Because UFOs have shown up on radar, Jung notes "that either psychic projections throw back a radar echo, or else the appearance of real objects affords an opportunity for mythological projections." He felt the UFOs may be preparing mankind for the same kinds of changes that occurred in the civilization of ancient Egypt.

Government position

Officially, the U.S. government has dismissed all UFOs as illusions since closing Project Bluebook in 1969. But some ufologists think the government is still checking out UFOs under the codename Project Aquarius. Anyone who's perused Marilyn Ferguson's "The Aquarian Conspiracy" is aware of the many New Age changes transforming our society.

The most thorough historical account of the many civilian and governmental studies of UFOs are detailed in David Jacobs' "The UFO Controversy in America," his doctoral thesis at Indiana University, and still the most respected book about UFOs. Scientists have their say in "UFO's: A Scientific Debate" edited by Carl Sagan and Thornton Page. Sagan notes that without physical evidence, it's impossible to prove UFOs have extraterrestrial origins.

Actually, the idea that earth is being visited by "ETs" no longer holds much sway in UFO circles. Among the multitude of theories are that the beings come from another dimension, or that they are the modern equivalent of angels, demons and ghosts.

Chariots of God?

There's a whole subgenre about UFOs, the Devil and God, notably Morris Jessup's "The UFOs and the Bible" and Josef Blumrich's "The Spaceships of Ezekiel." In "UFOs: What on Earth is Happening?" born-again Christians John Weldon and Zola Levitt argue that the aliens are devils preparing for Armageddon.

For me, the most astounding theories are put forth by John Keel's classic "Why UFOs" (1970). Keel thinks the beings may be the spirits the ancients call "elementals," intelligent forms of energy that draw life from the air, fire, earth and plants. Keel thinks the elementals have been fooling mankind for centuries, a cosmic conspiracy that made us believe, first, in angels and phantom armies, later in mystery inventors, ghost airplanes, and ghost rockets, and, finally, friendly "ET."

Before you venture into the realm of ufology, a few tantalizing tidbits:

1. The aliens don't really seem to know too much about humans. Most of their promises of miracle cures or the end of the world turn out to be completely bogus. Many contactees have wound up scorned, their lives ruined. Leon Festinger's "When Prophecy Fails" is an excellent case history of the demise of a UFO-appointed prophet.

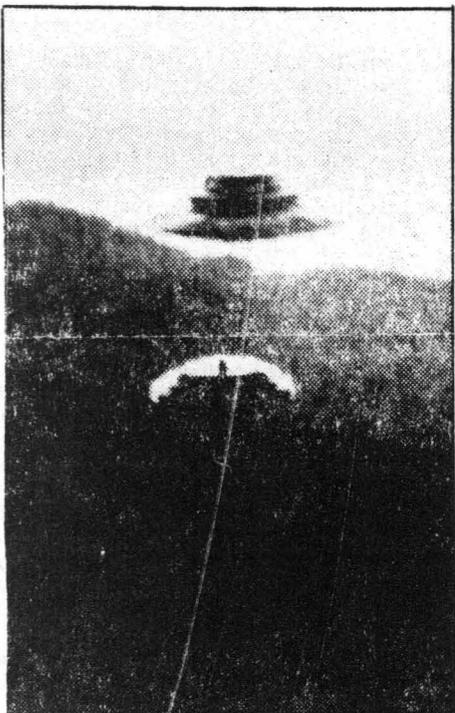
Altered states

2. Sightings generally occur in 11-year cycles, with the most reported Wednesdays-Saturdays, particularly on the 24th days of April, June, September and November. In the U.S., most sightings are in a line from Texas to Michigan.

3. Airships have been appearing for centuries, and always seem just two steps ahead of man's technology. The modern era of airship sightings began in 1897 with reports of cigar-shaped, propeller-driven airships all over the country.

4. The phenomenon may require animal or human blood in order to materialize, which may help explain the thousands of cattle mutilations that still occur. Silent, black, unmarked helicopters have often been seen in conjunction with UFOs and cattle mutilations.

5. Animal images often block memories of UFO abductions. Lately, Strieber reports that he has been seeing giant eagles flying over San Antonio and New York.



First in a series of photos taken March 3, 1975 of a beamship and accompanying remote controlled craft.

Come in ET... we are waiting

‘Attitudes to UFOs are now changing. Non-believers are a minority. The government admits nothing is impossible...’

EXTRA TERRESTRIALS are watching over us – and they are friendly. That is the conviction of Richard Lawrence, the 33 year-old Londoner sitting at the end of the country’s first UFO hotline.

He set up the service, run from an office in the Fulham Road, because “one in seven people in this country have experienced sightings and we want them to feel they can talk about it without fear of ridicule.” So far there have been 300 calls.

One concerned a manifestation over Wimbledon. Two witnesses, calling independently of each other, described a triangular-shaped craft, blue in colour and as big as a London bus. They calculated its height at 1,500ft. Motionless, it remained visible for 30 seconds, then vanished.

“Some UFOs can be explained away,” Richard, a graduate of Hull University, reasons, “but fact that this one dematerialised means it cannot have been of terrestrial origin.

By JOHN
EVANS

“Meteorites don’t stop in mid-air. Satellites stick to fixed routes. Ball lightning hardly ever happens. Attitudes towards UFOs are changing.

“Even the British Government admits nothing is impossible. The fact that something sounds unbelievable doesn’t mean it cannot happen. If that was so, we wouldn’t have electricity.

“There is something extremely arrogant about the assumption that the only sentient life in the universe is to be found on this planet; that it must be carbon-based; that it must be humanoid.

“It is this kind of egocentricity that forced Galileo to recant. He was left friendless and ill. Yet all he had said was that we are not at the centre of the universe, and he was right.

“Was the Star of Bethlehem really a star? It couldn’t have been, to do what it did. We have to expand our thinking.”

To this end, there is to be a London Symposium On UFOs at the Royal Westminster Hotel on June 6 when the issues to be debated will include:

- What is a Flying Saucer?
- Where do they come from?
- When, if ever, will they land openly amongst us?
- How long have they been coming to Earth?

The Aetherius Society, who are staging it, declare: “Recent opinion polls in Great Britain and the USA show that non-



WHO can explain this evidence of a UFO landing in a cornfield?

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believers in extra-terrestrial life are now in the minority."

The Society also asserts that "official bodies throughout the world have fallen short of all expectations in coping with this vitally important and exciting subject over the years."

Richard Lawrence is among the believers who suspect the British Ministry of Defence being party to a global cover-up also involving the Russians and the Americans.

"Andrei Gromyko once dismissed a reporting sighting by

declaring that the report must have come from an Olympic Games thrower who failed to appreciate his own strength," Richard recounts. "The Russians are less certain now."

It was in Czarist Russia on June 30, 1908, that one of the most devastating mysteries of all time occurred.

On that day, in the Tunguska region of Siberia, hundreds of square miles of forest were obliterated when, according to witnesses, a bright, pipe-shaped object exploded in the sky.

The detonation was heard 200 miles away. Tremors were experienced on distant continents and the night sky glowed so brightly over London that people could see well enough to read their papers.

Had planet Earth collided with a black hole? Or was the fiery object a doomed alien spacecraft? An answer has yet to be provided.

The reticence of our own Ministry of Defence, meanwhile, continues to exasperate believers in this country. The Ministry is said to have accumulated an enormous volume of UFO evidence over the past 40 years, but declines to release it.

There are even suggestions that some of it may have been wilfully destroyed.

One of the UFO hotline callers, hotelier Kenneth Small of Torcross, South Devon, told of what happened when he was in the RAF and based at Tangmere in Sussex.

Two pilots flying Gloucester Meteor Mark IVs claimed to have been approached by "a slightly saucer-shaped object which veered off, came back and vanished."

It was Kenneth Small, an orderly in the CO's office, who typed out their evidence. One copy was sent to Fighter Command. Later, Small says, he was instructed to burn his copy in the metal bin in the office.

That was in the 1950s, a period famous for UFO activity - and official scepticism.

"Evidence from the Fifties should have been available under the Thirty Years Rule by now," Richard Lawrence says, "but the MoD say they lack the staff and the resources to release it."

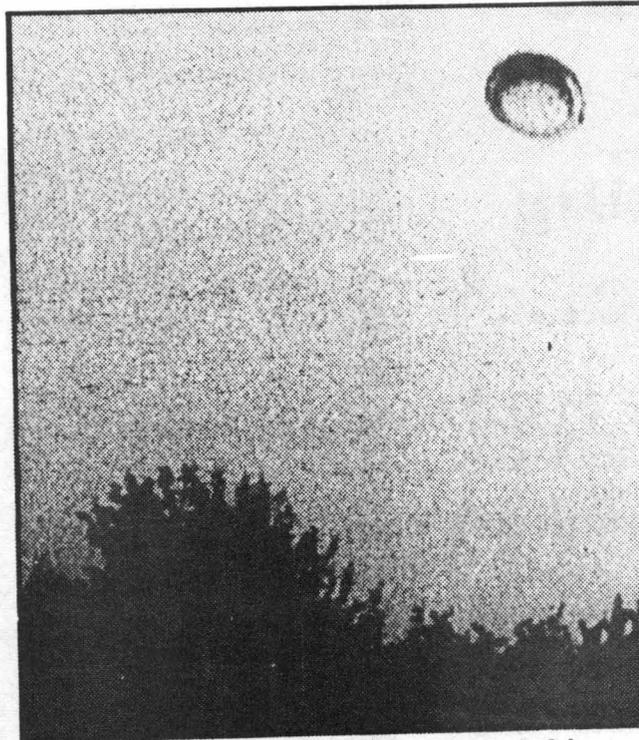
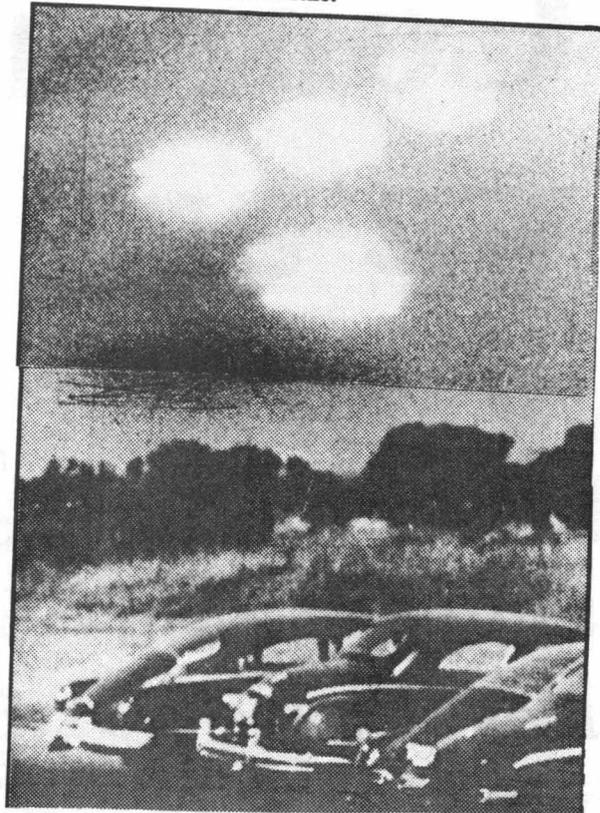
"The Americans are much more open. The Federal Aviation Office has just released 300 pages of data concerning a sighting over Alaska last November."

"A Japanese airline pilot with 27 years experience and two of his crew saw two objects the size of tankers alongside their craft. The objects were tracked on radar. USAAF jets were scrambled. The plane had to alter course."

"I paid 200 dollars for a copy of this report. There is no suggestion of drugs, alcohol or hallucinations. The three men are still flying. There is even evidence that American jets have fired at UFOs."

As long ago as 1968, on the eve of the Apollo moonshot pro-

BELOW: Four mysterious lights in the sky in America where contact with extra terrestrials is "illegal" because they are expected to be hostile.



ANOTHER unidentified flying object photographed in Rumania. In the East, even the Russians are taking the phenomena more seriously.

gramme, the physics department of the American airforce publicly acknowledged the feasibility of visitations from other worlds.

The department noted "the UFO phenomenon appears to have been global in nature for almost 50,000 years," and that "the majority of known wit-

nesses have been reliable people."

Its report concluded: "This leaves us with the unpleasant possibility of alien visitors to our planet, or at least of alien controlled UFOs."

In a remarkable, but little known ordinance drafted by the

Pentagon in 1982 and announced in Washington by Dr Brian Clifford, US citizens were advised that contact with extra terrestrials or their vehicles was "strictly illegal."

A civilian found guilty of such contact faces one year in prison and a fine of 5,000 dollars. A serviceman would be locked up for two years and fined twice as much. The USA, clearly, expects the aliens to be hostile.

Richard Lawrence and other believers insist they are wrong to do so. "If they were hostile, we'd know about it," he says. "With their superior technology they would have destroyed us by now. They would have landed."

"They haven't landed, in our opinion, because they don't want to induce panic and fear. Nor will they land in a climate in which their very existence will be denied."

"The aliens aren't imperialists. We cannot come to conclusions about them by our standards."

But if and when they land, will it be in saucers? Richard Lawrence winces at the word. It is, he says, so mundane. It doesn't do the issue justice.

"I prefer the sanscrit word - *Vimana* - which mean flying celestial chariot," he says. "Only Westerners call them flying saucers. The Tibetans call them pearls in the sky."

- **AETHERIUS:** One who travels in the ethers of space.
- **UFO HOTLINE:** (01) 731-1094. The line is manned daily from 10am until 10pm.

OUTER SPACE DOWN

TO EARTH!

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Those close encounters...

THE extra-terrestrial vote is swinging towards the Conservatives, despite successive government cover-ups over unidentified flying objects, an American expert said today.

Almost 200 earthlings had booked in for a special conference in a London Hotel.

Before it began, the European secretary of the Aetherius Society, Dr Richard Lawrence, who himself experienced a sighting while a student at Hull University, said: "This Government has been by far the best in British history in the sense that they have admitted that they don't know whether UFOs exist."

"The last Labour Government didn't admit, even when questioned in Parliament, to the existence of the files they had. They made ridiculous claims that there was no substance to a belief in UFOs."

The society aimed to establish the facts about the cover-up which had taken place, said Dr Lawrence.

"The British Government has files on thousands of

UFO sightings which they said are no threat to our defences at all and yet they are in the Ministry of Defence files.

Dr Lawrence rounded on the sceptics who dismissed the society, which believes in the existence of flying saucers, as cranks.

Those who refused to believe in the strange phenomenon from outer space would soon be seen as the eccentric minority, he said.

The conference spent this morning "proving" the existence of UFOs. Later they discussed the cosmic and religious significance of the sightings.

"The Bible is full of flying saucer stories," said Dr Lawrence. "The Star of Bethlehem certainly wasn't a star."

Two months ago, his society set up a hotline for ordinary people to phone if they were too embarrassed to tell others of extra-terrestrial experiences.

So far, they have told of 330 "serious" sightings with a credible witness.

YORKSHIRE is top of the table for the number of unidentified flying objects sightings according to a meeting of the Yorkshire UFO Society over the weekend.

The meeting in Leeds heard there have been 75 sightings in the county in the last year compared with only 13 con-

firmed reports throughout the country.

But top UFO authority, Mr Timothy Good, was unable to explain why Yorkshire is popular with UFOs. He believes there are more incidents which have not been reported because people are afraid no-one will believe them.

Mr Mark Birdsall, press liaison officer for the society, said

The existence of UFOs ranks alongside unsolved mysteries like the Loch Ness monster and the Yeti.

Yet while many people snigger at the thought of alien visitors, a group of experts are preparing to present irrefutable evidence of their existence.

They are the Aetherius Society, based at Vauxhall, who are so convinced of the existence of UFOs that a symposium on the subject is to be held at the Royal Westminster Hall in London tomorrow. But don't go along. All 170 seats were sold on Monday.

Experts on UFOs will unravel the cosmic message that aliens have been trying to pass on to a sceptical Earth for thousands of years.

They will also unmask what they believe is an international governmental cover-up that has kept evidence of extra-terrestrial visitors hidden.

According to an opinion poll conducted recently by the Society, 60 per cent of people in England believe some UFOs are extra-terrestrial spacecraft visiting Earth.

Among the guest speakers will be Dr Richard Lawrence, an acknowledged authority on UFOs, Arnold West,

A look at UFOs

chairman of the British UFO Research Association and Sir George King, the Society's founder-president.

Dr Lawrence said, "There are many people in London who have had sightings or UFO experiences."

He added UFOs could have a religious and scientific significance.

This includes the theory that the Star of Bethlehem was a flying saucer and aliens could possess the secret of invisibility.

"There is great interest from schools in this subject. I would like to see it taught in classrooms because of the possible significance."

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Yorkshire tops for UFO sightings

the group was enthusiastic about its recent successes in attracting the interest of scientists and the credulity of the public.

Unconvinced

But Professor Michael Woolfson, president of the York Astronomical Society, is not convinced of the figures.

"One needs very, very much

stronger evidence before one accepts such views," he said. "You won't find many scientists who would go out on a limb on this subject."

He was careful, however, not to exclude the possibility of UFOs saying: "There do seem to be well authenticated accounts by people whom one would not imagine to be prone to the imagination, who report things one cannot explain."

And now ... if you've read enough about the election, here's news from another world

Close encounters of an alien kind

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BODIES of four 'aliens' from a crashed UFO (unidentified flying object) were recovered and examined by a special American Government team 40 years ago, according to a top-secret 'document' obtained by a British researcher.

A bitter debate is now likely to develop among UFO experts over the existence of a mysterious committee, code-named Majestic-12, which is supposed to have examined the aliens.

The highly classified briefing paper claims that the then head of the CIA, Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter, reported that 'although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development have apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in *homo sapiens*.'

The document, which has been shown to *The Observer* by Timothy Good, Britain's leading UFO researcher, purports to be a briefing paper for President-elect Eisenhower on Operation Majestic-12, also known as MJ-12.

In his book, 'Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover-up,' to be published by Sidgwick & Jackson on 9 July, Mr Good claims that MJ-12 was a committee of senior US officials which investigated and then covered

up news of flying saucer crashes.

Other UFO experts believe the story could be a hoax involving the planting of a fake supporting White House memo in the files of Air Force Intelligence and then getting the National Archives officially to declassify a forged document.

The Eisenhower briefing paper, dated 18 November, 1952, claims the MJ-12 committee had been set up by his predecessor, President Truman, on 24 September, 1947, as a 'top secret research and development/intelligence operation responsible directly and only to the President of the United States.'

The document reports that on 24 June 1947, 'disc-shaped aircraft' were sighted in the United States.

'Little was learned about the objects until a local rancher reported that one had crashed in a remote region of New Mexico, about 75 miles north-west of Roswell Army Air Base (now Walker Field).

'On 7 July 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage of this object for scientific study. During the course of this operation, aerial reconnaissance discovered that four small human-like beings had apparently ejected from the craft at some point before it exploded. These had fallen to earth about two miles east of the wreckage site.'

by MARTIN BAILEY

According to the briefing paper: 'All four were dead and badly decomposed due to action by predators and exposure to the elements during the approximately one week of time which had elapsed before their discovery.

'A covert analytical effort resulted in a preliminary consensus (19 September 1947) that the disc was most likely a short-range reconnaissance craft ...

The Majestic-12 Group remains of the unanimous opinion that imposition of the strictest security precautions should continue without interruption into the new Administration.'

Inquiries by *The Observer* at the National Archives, the archives of former Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, and the National Security Council archives, have been unable to authenticate the briefing paper. They all say that extensive searches have failed to locate copies of the document.

There is, however, new evidence from the files of US Intelligence that a secret group called MJ-12 did exist. This is a White House memorandum to General Twining informing him about an 'MJ-12' briefing for President Eisenhower. It was declassified on 12 January 1987.

The White House memorandum was described by the National

Archives last week as 'a very strange document.'

Archivist Joanna Williamson said: 'It was found in the files of the US Air Force's Director of Intelligence and is certainly genuine, but we have found no minutes of the MJ-12 meeting, which was scheduled for just two days later. It is very surprising that there are no other papers on MJ-12, and we have no idea what it was.'

If the White House memorandum is genuine, this proves the existence of an MJ-12 group whose responsibility could have covered UFOs. This would then strengthen Mr Good's view that there was a cover-up of the discovery of dead aliens. However, US UFO writer Mr Bary Greenwood has raised an intriguing question suggesting that there could have been a very sophisticated fraud.

'There are some things that look wrong with the White House memo. For example, it is unsigned. It is just possible that it was manufactured by someone wanting to prove the existence of MJ-12 and then inserted into Air Force Intelligence records which had recently been opened up to the public.

'The hoaxer could then have ordered a copy from the National Archives which would carry the official declassification stamp. MJ-12 may well have existed but more research is needed to authenticate the documents,' he said.

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ejected from the craft at some point before it exploded. These had fallen to earth about two miles east of the wreckage site. All four were dead and badly decomposed due to action by predators and exposure to the elements during the approximately one week time period which had elapsed before their discovery. A special scientific team took charge of removing these bodies for study. (See Attachment "C".) The wreckage

Extract from the Majestic-12 'document.'

These and similar sightings may of course form but the tip of empirical knowledge, otherwise concealed by hesitancy and fear of ridicule. Dr Richard Lawrence of the UFO-investigating Aetherius Society believes so, and is urging that eyes be opened and tongues unloosed. "It is time the matter was taken seriously by everyone."

Sceptical though we are of flights of the imagination, our natural curiosity and instinct for a news story finds us supporting his call.

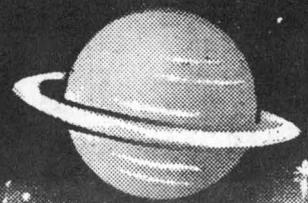
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Close encounter

A FIERY chandelier over Fundenhall in 1981, a similar object motionless above Attlebridge the following year, inexplicable lights moving through the Mundford and Thurne skies; East Anglians scarcely seem reticent about reporting unidentified flying objects. ³¹²⁸

CRAZY CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF A REAL KIND

I MET A THING FROM OUTER SPACE!



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● FANS of The Colbys will see Fallon being lured on to an alien spaceship in the final episode of this series.

● But, according to hundreds of Sun readers, her plight is not all that unusual. They claim they, too, have had close encounters with real ETs and seen alien spacecraft.

● Here are some of their stories—as told to Sun writer HENRIETTA KNIGHT—and the verdict of UFO and alien expert Richard Lawrence, secretary of the Aetherius Society.

CASE OF EDWIN WILSON KEMBERY

Gentle visitors gave diamonds

EDWIN Wilson Kembery was visited regularly for three months by two aliens who took biscuits and cheese from his fridge in return for galactic "diamonds".

The thin spacemen were five feet tall, wore grey rubber wet suits, had deep sunken eyes, flat noses, holes where their ears should be, no hair and walked as though on springs. Kembery says he met his extra-terrestrial friends in woods near his home in St Leonards, Sussex.

He came to a clearing and saw an enormous spacecraft.



SCREEN ET... but readers claim they've met real aliens

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Suddenly he found himself flanked by two strange men.

Kembery says: "They were twittering like birds. They led me back to my bungalow and I offered them a cup of tea, but they wouldn't drink it."

Food

"I wasn't frightened because they were very gentle.

"They came to see me several times after that. I offered them food and they took biscuits and cheese away with them."

In return they gave Kembery, a retired audiologist, what he thought were uncut galactic diamonds. He had them tested and found they were unidentifiable rock crystals.

■ **OUR EXPERT SAYS:** "Kembery's experience does not tally with any previous descriptions of aliens. We have had sightings of aliens in silver suits, but not wet suits."

CASE OF LINDA TAYLOR

BUSINESSWOMAN Linda Taylor thinks a blond male alien used her for a medical experiment.

Linda, 38, was driving home from Southport to Altrincham, Cheshire, when a black 1930s car appeared in front of her.

Linda says: "Then I looked up and saw a huge craft."

"It dive-bombed me three times and shot off."

"When I got home I had lost two hours and

had strange blue marks on my thighs."

Linda says that during hypnosis her subconscious revealed that she had been taken aboard the craft by a long-haired blond in a silvery suit.

"He was beside a pool containing a sick dolphin. He took my hand

CASE OF PAUL DEVINE

SIX months ago a space surgeon beamed Paul Devine aboard his ship and stuck needles in him.

Devine, who works for a publisher, was whisked away from a bench in Avery Hill Park, Eitham, by a craft he thought was a helicopter.

He says: "I nearly passed out. When I came to I was in a five-cornered room with a man who looked like a surgeon, wearing a plastic suit."

"He had an almond-shaped face, wide eyes and clear, white skin."

"I lay down and three others stuck a reflective needle in my abdomen."

"The first one said, 'until we meet again' and gave me a button which looked like an opal stone with three holes in it."

"All I remember after that was picking myself up off the grass. When I

ALIENS STUCK PINS IN PAUL

got home my wife accused me of being in the pub because it was so late. I had lost an hour."

"I telephoned the police and two men wearing tweed suits turned up in a Jaguar."

"They asked me lots of questions and took away

the button. I never heard from them again."

■ **OUR EXPERT SAYS:** "This man has gone into the realms of his unconscious mind which must be treated with scepticism. It is very unlikely that two officials would come to see him."

CASE OF JIMMY BROWN

Zoomed off in a trough

IRISHMAN Jimmy Brown had a close encounter with three spacemen walking up the middle of the A23.

Jimmy had spent the night with his girlfriend and was walking home near Caterham, Surrey, at 5am when he saw the three figures in the moonlight.

He says: "They walked very slowly and wore outfits like monks' habits made from sparkly silver material. I walked on and they passed me on the left and disappeared."

"Then I saw an aluminium trough through a hedge in a field. It zoomed up like a rocket, making no noise."

"I never saw the aliens go into the field. They must have beamed in from the road."

Jimmy, 42, now lives in Ballymena, Northern Ireland, with his wife and three children.

His "sighting" happened in 1971, but he has never told anyone about it before.

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"I thought people would laugh at me," he says.

■ **OUR EXPERT SAYS:** "There is no reason why this should not be a genuine case."

"Silver clothes are a common feature, and the trough-shaped ship sounds like the usual cigar-shaped craft."

"Brown says he did not see the aliens leave the road or enter the ship."

"That is also possible—things can appear and disappear because they go through a different frequency level."

"The old Star Trek saying 'beam me up, Scottie' is sci-fi for us, but it could happen."



JIMMY BROWN
"Aliens just disappeared"