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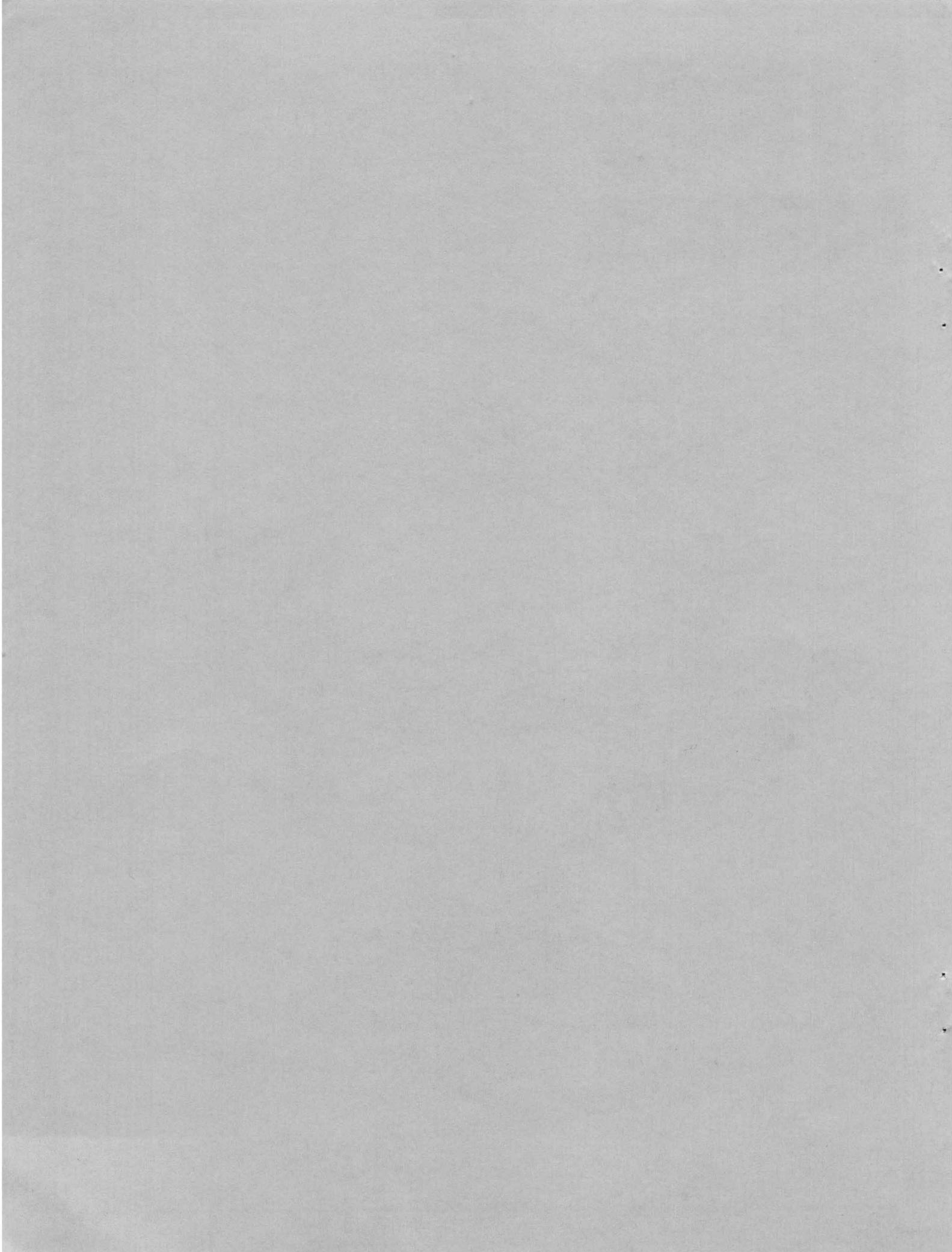
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Site Center president asks Reagan to release documents

By Jim Daly
Regional editor

President Reagan left for Moscow this week without saying whether he will grant a request, submitted by the developer of a proposed Elmwood landing site for unidentified flying objects, to release secret government documents about UFOs.

Tom Weber of Chippewa Falls made the request in a May 19 letter addressed to Reagan. Weber is president of UFO Site Center Corp., a firm that wants to build a UFO research center and facility for communicating with extraterrestrial beings. The center would be in the Elmwood area, the site of numerous UFO reports.

"We probably would not have responded to it yet," White House spokeswoman Betsy Hart said Wednesday. It usually takes a couple of weeks to track it (a letter) out of the mill."

Weber isn't overly optimistic that the president will respond, much less grant the request.

"It's a long shot, to be sure, but I felt it was something that I was obligated to do," Weber said in a telephone interview Thurs-

"... at one time (government secrecy) was justified. . . . We feel that that time has passed."

— Tom Weber,
president UFO Site Center Corp.

day.

Weber's letter to Reagan asks "that you will appear before the American public, which has twice elected you as their president, and make a full and open statement that UFOs are real. Also, that all documents previously classified will be declassified and made available to the Site Center Corp. and the public in general."

Another part of the letter reads, "Perhaps at one time it was right and proper that this matter be classified as a national security item, however, that time has now passed and the world as well as all Americans now deserve and have the right to know that the

phenomena of UFOs are real and present."

In the interview, Weber said "there's no question" that the government is covering up information about the existence of UFOs. He said every president since Dwight Eisenhower has been advised "that it is real."

Weber isn't the only one with that opinion. Last month, UFO researcher Robert Hastings of Stockton, Calif., told a University of Wisconsin-Stout audience in Menomonie that the government started withholding information about UFOs decades ago because of fears of mass panic and American vulnerability to air attack.

Hastings and a colleague use the Freedom of Information Act to probe intelligence and military reports about UFOs because they believe those reports are more credible than accounts submitted by private citizens. Hastings now has 980 CIA documents.

"We know that's a small percentage of the documents they're holding back," Hastings said.

The CIA and National Security Agency take UFOs seriously, he said.

"It's black and white from what the pub-

lic has been told," he said.

Hastings called the government's policy "short-sighted and potentially dangerous." He believes the public should be prepared for possible contact with aliens.

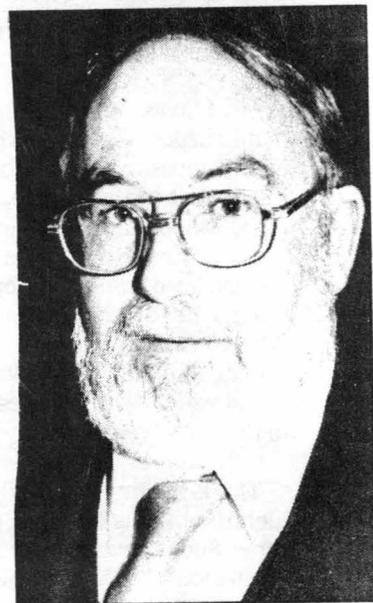
Donald Schmitt, co-director and investigator with the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago, told a UW-River Falls audience at a UFO seminar April 16 that he believes the military may have withheld physical evidence of an alien spacecraft believed to have crashed in New Mexico in 1947.

"Our opinion is that at one time (government secrecy) was justified. . . . We feel that that time has passed," Weber said.

In related developments, Weber said the Site Center Corp. has not completed a land acquisition in the Elmwood area, "but we're getting very close."

The proposed complex, which will consist of the landing-communication area, research facilities and housing, might be in three or four separate parcels rather than one large tract, Weber said.

The corporation has not yet divulged detailed plans of the project or how much money it has raised.



Tom Weber
Government withholds information

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE EVENING
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IRCHESTER: A mother-of-two thinks she spotted a UFO as she was hanging out her washing. The 33-year-old woman, who has asked not to be named, says she spotted the UFO hovering above Irchester's St Katherine's Church for almost an hour just after midnight on Tuesday, May 31.

SOUTH BUCKS STAR
JUNE 10 1988

UFO ahoy

A MYSTERY object was seen flying over Walters Ash on Monday night. This sighting follows hot on the heel of other UFO sightings in Thame and Aylesbury Vale over the past month.

CREWE CHRONICLE CHESHIRE
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Conference on 3122 U.F.O. 'flap'

IT HAS come to our attention that Cheshire - Shropshire is currently going through a 'U.F.O. flap', an increase of Unidentified Flying Objects in the area.

The 'flap' has been occurring for about three weeks and the Cheshire U.F.O. Studies Centre have received dozens of reports of these sightings and we are still receiving the. Naturally we are delighted to receive these reports and it is obviously a good time to ask the people of

Crewe to report anything they observe which they believe to be unusual.

We have been staggered at the sheer volume of sightings reported to us, some of which even the Ministry of Defence have contacted us about. This in itself is quite unprecedented.

CUFOSC are planning to hold a conference in Crewe about the current U.F.O. 'flap' and would be interested in the response from the public if they would like to attend such a meeting.

Not only promoting Cheshire U.F.O. Studies Centre, we are also endorsing the British U.F.O. Research Association (BUFORA) of which I am Midlands area co-ordinator.

Perhaps readers would like to learn of this current spate of sightings. We would be delighted to hear from them.

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Keeping the UFO mystery alive

MR. Coy Luna of Lawrence County has reported seeing a strange flying object take off from a field on a farm where he lives.

Mr. Luna said that while he was working in his garden Monday, his dog began to bark on the opposite side of the house. When Mr. Luna went to investigate, he saw a bright, globe-shaped object sitting in the field near a power line. He said the object was large enough to contain four or five people, although he did not report seeing anyone. When the dog ran toward the object, it lifted off the ground and flew away, making a sound which Mr. Luna described as similar to that of a Weedeater.

This is the first reported sighting of an unidentified flying object in this area in some time. Such sightings used to be common throughout the United States, beginning at a period after World War II when public interest in space exploration began to stimulate people's imagination.

The Air Force and several private scientific organizations became interested in UFOs and began to investigate them. Many reports were found to be hoaxes or the products of over-active imaginations. Others were explained as being natural phenomena which had been viewed in a distorting way. But a few sightings, such as Mr. Luna's, remain unexplained.

Apparently the flying object reported by Mr. Luna was not seen by anyone but him and his dog. Mr. Luna says he was not imagining things and that he had not been drinking — and the Lawrence County sheriff's office confirmed that he was sober.

Thus, until it can be confirmed or confuted, it seems that Mr. Luna's "sighting" will remain in the unexplained category. That is not satisfying. But it is what keeps alive the mystery of UFOs and keeps people wondering if earth is being visited by creatures from other worlds. ■

SPACE ALIENS

By JACK CANT

ALIENS from outer space turned a distraught family's young son into a green olive and then drowned him . . . in a Martini glass.

The horror cocktail hour claims have left locals both stirred and shaken after little Pepe Fanchez, six, ended up as an alien's aperitif.

In a frantic attempt to explain Pepe's disappearance, the boy's family have been trying to convince police that a flying saucer settled over their home before the evening meal.

"The child's parents were on the varanda having a drink, when a bright object whirled over the horizon," explained Pepe's uncle, Juan, 58, from their home town outside Rio Bueno, Chile.

Hovered

"It hovered outside before sending a beam of energy. The power seemed to pick Pepe up and, suddenly, he was gone."

In the boy's place was a tiny green object the size of the

TURNED OUR SON INTO AN OLIVE

olives the family had been using in their drinks, said Juan.

"For all the world it seemed Pepe had become an olive.

"And, when we hunted for it, his father picked the olive out of his Martini glass. The poor man had drowned his own son in his Martini."

Authorities in the remote part of South America have taken Pepe's parents, Dansio and Marcia, into custody, charged with murder.

Amazing

But their amazing claims about the UFO's landing have been confirmed by dozens of reports.

Farmers up to a hundred miles away saw the space ship's glow on the horizon.

Described by Pepe's nearer neighbours as a bottle-shaped object of silver, the UFO had an underbelly of twinkling lights and jet-like propellers that thrust power into the clouds above.

"All the heavens were swirling as if a tornado was coming in from the coast," said shop owner Miguel Sontell.

However, a police chief, who didn't believe the story, may have given the family a perfect alibi . . . he ate the body, it is alleged.

SUNDAY
EXPRESS
LONDON
JUNE 19 1988

The visitors?

THE mysterious, geometrically precise circles (*Sunday Express last week*) that have appeared in crop fields in recent years are not the result of natural phenomena, whirlwinds, helicopters or hoaxes.

We maintain the circles are "UFO nests" or landing sites made by visiting extraterrestrial spacecraft. Scientists have so far been unable to disprove this.

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UFO watchers set for encounter of first kind

By PHILIP WIDDOWS

LANCASHIRE is flying into its first encounter with UFOs — at Blackpool. The resort is the setting for the county's first conference on the subject.

And organisers are expecting plenty of "visitors."

The Blackpool and Fylde UFO Society has issued an open invitation to people from throughout the county.

Starting at 2 pm on Saturday, June 18, at the Station Hotel, Dickson Road, the conference will examine allegations of an international conspiracy which has kept the proof about UFOs away from the public.

Guest speakers include one of the world's leading experts on the subject, Mr Timothy Good, who is the author of Above Top Secret — the worldwide UFO cover-up.

He will be giving an illustrated talk on the "cover-up" and discussing the Majestic Twelve, top military figures who allegedly set up a covert operation in 1947 to study the UFO phenomenon.

Covert

Hazel Shanley, president of the Blackpool society, said: "This is the first conference of its kind to be held in Lancashire, and is open to all members of the public.

"Graham and Mark Birdsall, founders of the Yorkshire UFO Society, will talk on the covert developments regarding un-

conventional aircraft and man-made UFOs. That will include a remarkable photograph which depicts a craft developed by the Nazis in 1943.

"Brian Leech, a well respected and valued researcher, will inform the public of events which have occurred in and around the Lancashire area."

BOLTON EVENING NEWS JUNE 6 1988

Grandmother's UFO mystery

BY GAYLE McBAIN

A grandmother is still baffled by a bright object she watched in the sky for three weeks.

Each night Mrs Edna Tudge watched a bright light in the sky which de-

scended and waivered for a while.

Eventually it headed in the direction of Horwich Moors.

Mrs Tudge, who lives in Hillside Avenue, Blackrod, was fascinated by the object she first discovered from her kitchen window.

"I have never seen anything like it before. It was

the shape of an eagle and would turn around. It seemed to come closer and then eventually it would disappear from my view," she said.

"We took some photographs with my daughter's camera but these did not come out very well. But my son, who has a zoom lense, has taken

some and we just hope those will come out," she said.

Edna said friends and family had witnessed the fascinating sight.

Local UFO expert Steve Balon said he had been investigating the sighting but had been unable to find an explanation.

Could it have been a UFO?

Mystery of noisy lights

MYSTERIOUS objects seen over West Norfolk this week are being investigated.

Two separate sightings of glowing unexplained lights in the sky occurred at exactly the same time on Monday night when thousands of people all over East Anglia heard strange rumblings.

Norfolk police were inundated with calls for the, as yet, unexplained phenomena. British and American air bases denied their planes were responsible.

But details of an air disturbance lasting about half a minute — detected by seismic equipment operated by the University of East Anglia — have been handed over to the British Geological Survey Unit in Edinburgh and the International Seismological Centre near Reading.

People from the Lynn area and as far away as Suffolk reported hearing the noise which some have described as sounding initially like

Story: SARAH SCARBOROUGH

thunder but changing to an aircraft noise.

And others claim they saw mysterious objects in the clear sky at about 10.15pm when all the other disturbances occurred.

Heacham man Laurie Marshall was settling down to watch television when he spotted a large, pulsating, brilliant orange object hovering in the air.

He called his wife June, who dashed to the window in time to see the cottage-loaf-shaped body shoot off at great speed in an easterly direction. The family, who live at 31 Kenwood Road, rushed outside but there was no trace of the strange object.

While Mr Marshall remains sceptical, his wife is convinced that what she saw was an unidentified flying object — a claim which is being

investigated.

She told me: "It was larger than any star you see in the sky. It was stationary, then it shot off."

Mrs Marshall, who runs Heacham Tackle fishing business with her husband, is convinced she saw a UFO: "I have got a very open mind. We must accept that there must be other life forms out there."

John Davies and daughter Victoria (17), of Archdale Street, Lynn, were walking down Loke Road, when they spotted a horizontal line of light in the sky over North Lynn. A former RAF man, Mr Davies did not recognise it as under carriage lights of an aircraft.

"It was a yellow-goldy light, going across," said Mr Davies, a process operator at Master Foods. "It was flying slowly to the right, slightly descending, and then became very bright. Then it just vanished — we couldn't believe the speed at which it disappeared."

CHINA'S official news agency Xinhua has reported with all seriousness that a

football size UFO visited a 10-year-old boy's house, shrunk him to the size of a thimble, beamed him up and flew off.

The boy was having a meal with his parents when it happened. One minute he was eating his rice and the next a shaft of bright light enveloped him and he shrank, according to his parents.

The startled parents saw the light was coming from a flying machine about the size of a football hovering in the doorway. Suddenly their son was whisked into it and the machine vanished.

The agency says the story is being investigated with all seriousness as a UFO event.

UFOs: Sad to see such bigotry

I HAVE JUST received a copy of the extremely old-fashioned and highly inaccurate article written by Dan O'Neill in your newspaper of May 6, headlined We have contact — with E.T.

Although extensive reference was made in this article to the Aetherius Society, it is clear that no satisfactory research was conducted by this author.

On the contrary, it seems that his main reference was the book Cults of Unreason, by Dr Christopher Evans, which was published in the early 1970s. I personally received an apology from Christopher Evans over

ten years ago for the inaccuracy of this book.

I can only conclude that the quality of investigative journalism performed by Dan O'Neill in preparing this article was appallingly low.

He attacks the 'uncritical acceptance' of flying saucers — yet his uncritical acceptance of uninformed debunkers like

Christopher Evans and Patrick Moore is abysmal.

The Aetherius Society is represented in all five continents of the world by a growing number of intelligent, open-minded supporters who have carefully investigated our claims.

Most people in this country, according to an opinion poll last year, believe in life on other planets. Many people to-

day accept the strong evidence for parapsychology and mediumship, and are not satisfied with well-worn and inadequate religious dogmas, which do not satisfactorily explain the cosmos we are now starting to discover.

Come on, South Wales Echo! Thousands of people in this country have seen flying saucers. It is sad to come across such bigotry in an area where so many sightings have been reported. It does you no credit and your readers no service.

For those who are open-minded about UFOs, we can be contacted on our UFO Hotline number: 01-731 1094 from 10am to 10pm.

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'No birds sing there — to some it's unnatural'

Eerie tales of the Ring

THERE IS a place in West Sussex where ghosts are said to roam, where fairies are said to dance, where people have seen UFOs and experienced strange phenomena. It's claimed the Devil even lurks there sometimes and the infamous Satanist Aleister Crowley saw the possibilities of the place.

It is of course the Chanctonbury Ring.

There were graphic words used by a correspondent to The Times on September 23, 1959, to describe feelings about Chanctonbury Ring, which crowns the famous 783ft hill.

Deeply silent

'When there is no wind it is deeply silent. No birds sing there. Not everybody can appreciate such silence. A wood without the whisper of leaves, without the song of thrush or blackbird, without even the rustle of small creatures among last year's dead leaves — that to some is unnatural and induces a sense of eeriness and unease for which the larks in the distant summer sky are no recompense.

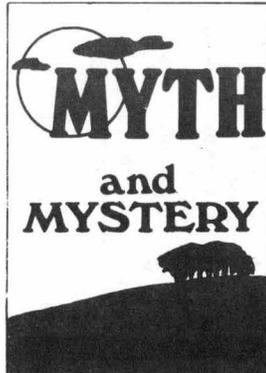
By Andrew Knight

'Perhaps it was similar feelings which led R. D. Blackmore to inhabit Chanctonbury with a ghost in his novel, *Alice Lorraine*. Or was he simply retelling a story already familiar with local people?

'The folklore ghost took the form of a white-headed and wealthy Saxon, killed at Hastings, who spent his spirit life wandering the countryside searching for treasure he had buried.

'The story of this haunting carried on until 1866 when, strangely, fact came to the aid of fantasy in the form of a discovery of a large hoard of Anglo-Saxon silver coins in a crock under the hill. The mercenary shade was laid.'

The Ring is expected to yield more of its ancient



CHANCTONBURY RING where it is said ghosts, fairies and the Devil visit.

secrets in the October hurricane's aftermath. Already Roman remains have been exposed by the uprooting of so many large trees.

Eeriness

Adding to the air of eeriness are the sudden mists which are prone to form near the summit.

A very popular legend involving the Ring is that to

walk around it seven, some say 12, times causes the Devil, or fairies, to appear.

Another fascinating legend is the belief that the sound of ghostly horses can be heard and that phantom riders can sometimes be seen.

A highly descriptive account of a visit by one couple to the Ring was first published in 1935 in *Go To The Country*, by P. Gosse,

and retold in Jacqueline Simpson's *Legends of Chanctonbury Ring*.

Haunted

'Naturally the Ring is haunted. Even on a bright summer's day there is an uncanny presence that seems to follow you about.

'If you enter the dark wood alone, you are conscious of something behind you. When you stop, it

stops; when you go on, it follows.'

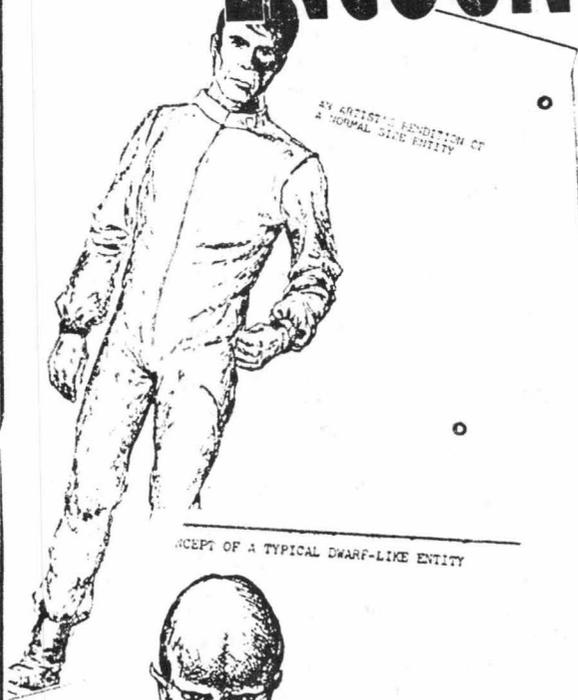
Newspaper reports told of UFO sightings over Chanctonbury in 1968.

Do you have a strange story to tell? If so please contact Andrew Knight on Worthing 30051 ext 55 or write to Myth And Mystery, Worthing Herald, 21 Chatsworth Road, Worthing.

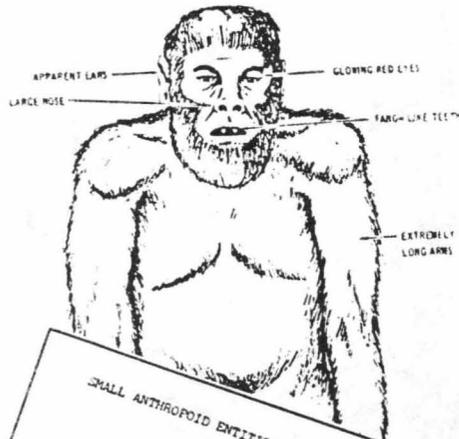
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ENCOUNTERS OF THE MUFON

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LARGE ANTHROPOID CREATURES SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS BIGFOOT, YETI, OR SASQUATCH
PENNSYLVANIA CREATURE (TYPICAL)



RECEPT OF A TYPICAL DWARF-LIKE ENTITY



SMALL ANTHROPOID ENTITIES REPORTED IN SOUTH AMERICA



Figure 42

MUFON's depictions of the four most commonly reported aliens include (from top to bottom): Type 1, a dwarf-like being with a large, bald skull; Type 2, which resembles "Star Trek's" Mr. Spock; Type 3, an apelike creature with glowing eyes, a large nose and fang-like teeth; and Type 4, a small hairy being with long arms and claws on hands and feet.

By Lynn Howard
News Journal

In a way, it was a career counseling encounter of the third kind.

A handful of men and women sat on the edge of their wooden seats as they listened to the speaker discuss the role of a UFO field investigator.

Gary Watson, a broker of commercial and investment properties and member of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), was recruiting people who would, for no financial reward, interview, inspect and research reports of sightings of unidentified flying

objects.

"There are only two investigators in this area, myself and another guy, Charles Flannigan, and there is more work than we can handle on our own," said Watson, who became an investigator in November. A few other investigators work from Fort Walton Beach. "We need more people who are willing to go out at any time, gather information and investigate possible sightings."

His Stillwaters Centre audience consisted of a secretary, a musician, a teacher and others, all with more than a passing interest in UFOs. Each had paid at least \$25

to participate in the session. Some said they had seen UFOs. Others said they had read every book they could find on UFOs and visitors from other planets.

Watson nodded after polling the audience on their interest in the field. "You want to believe, don't you?" he asked. "Well, I have to tell you that you have to bury that when you go into someone's home to interview them about a sighting. You have to shove aside your preconceived ideas. If you don't, you could contaminate the evidence you gather with your enthusiasm."

Watson, who has had a lifelong interest in the subject, became a MUFON field investigator after meeting MUFON representative Don Ware of Fort Walton Beach at a civic club. About the same time, a Gulf Breeze businessman, identified in press reports only as "Ed" or "Jim," reported and allegedly photographed a UFO.

That much-publicized event has been followed by reports of other sightings in the Gulf Breeze area. Watson said he took part in the investigation of that and 20 subsequent sightings through March, an unusual situation in that UFO sightings are, for the most part, solitary.

The plethora of reports has stretched Watson and Flannigan, a local Realtor, to their limits, he said. "But we're making history here if it's real. And, so far, we haven't been able to identify the objects, and the photos appear to be the real thing."

The job of a field investigator is not easy, Watson said. "A lot of times, people don't want to talk about it. You might hear about it from their friends or the media or what have you. But by the time you get to them, they won't say a word."

See INVESTIGATORS, 2D



Jim Bryant/News Journal

Mutual UFO Network investigators Charles Flannigan, left, and Gary Watson say they've got more work than they can handle with the recent flood of UFO sightings in the Gulf Breeze area.

Investigators seek evidence of UFOs

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Or, a witness could be afraid of public exposure and ridicule. "There, we can help by offering absolute confidentiality," he said. "And it is our job to guarantee that, to protect them."

For instance, "Jim" or "Ed" has never been publicly identified, "because investigators and the media follow the same code of ethics in revealing the name of a source when he requests confidentiality," Watson said.

The field investigators' code of ethics, as outlined in the MUFON Field Investigator's Manual, states that the investigator must employ scientific detachment and not let his or her personal views or perceptions color the research. The investigator must be honest and protect witnesses from unwelcome attention by the public, and must obtain informed consent from the witnesses for medical or psychological tests.

MUFON HAS definite ideas on who would make good investigators: Ideal candidates are scientists or science teachers, engineers, detectives, insurance investigators, newspaper reporters and "others who have first-hand experience in working directly with people and/or investigating incidents."

On the other hand, the manual notes, "there are some good UFO investigators who have had little formal technical or scientific training. Their broad knowledge of the subject of UFOs, plus years of actual field investigations experience, have trained them well."

"The main thing is you have to be a people person," Watson said. "You have to enjoy talking to people."

To become an investigator, a candidate must provide a resume of academic and job-related experience, a recommendation from a MUFON state or section director and proof of dues-paying membership (\$25 a year). If approved, the investigator will receive an identification card and a subscription to MUFON UFO Journal. They also receive a copy of the 160-page "MUFON Field Investigator's Manual" for \$7.50, issued through MUFON's national headquarters in Sequin, Texas.

ONCE ACCEPTED, investigators are offered bi-monthly training meetings and discussions to share experiences and use of research techniques. They must have at least 12 hours of training and pass a 100-question exam to become certified MUFON investigators, Watson said.

They are also coached on the finer points of UFO investigations, such as eyewitness interviews, documentation, publicity and assembling an investigator's kit, which should be close at hand at all times.

To help investigators gather information, MUFON offers questionnaires, designed to help detail the reported sighting/encounter, electrical/magnetic effects, animal effects, psychological and physiological effects, landings with or without physical traces or arti-

facts, photographs, radar and aerial sightings.

When talking with a witness, the investigator is coached to ask the size of the object, its color, distance, altitude and direction the witness was facing. The investigator should make sure the object is not identifiable (such as a bright light in the western sky, which would be Venus).

INVESTIGATORS ARE advised to dress according to the means of the person to be interviewed. "If you're a farmer and a guy walks up in a silk suit and Gucci shoes, you're not going to trust him. You aren't going to be comfortable," Watson said. "On the other hand, if you're a businessman and some guy comes up in cut-off shorts and a T-shirt, you're going to wonder how reliable he is, too."

The investigator should encourage the witness to draw a picture of the craft or being, and then write a description of the sighting.

The witness' personality and background should come under the investigator's scrutiny during the interview, according to the manual. Investigators should watch the witness' behavior and mannerisms and query into club affiliations, religious beliefs and interest in UFOs.

After that, the investigator and the witness will likely go to the site of the sighting, where traces can be examined and reference points documented.

After the interview, the investigator may want to further check the witness' background, especially "cases containing a high element of 'strangeness,'" according to the manual, through questioning of friends and associates, spot-checking of academic or job information, and observations of any fanatic or adamant philosophical beliefs.

THE MANUAL also covers the how-tos of investigating entity encounters, radar sightings, and "extraordinary cases," such as a crashed UFO or the physical remains of alien entities.

The incidents that could create the most intensive questioning are alien or entity encounters, and about 12 percent of those reported cases involve witness "abduction," according to the MUFON manual.

If an abduction occurs, "the information content of abduction reports is high and must be carefully documented despite its often bizarre or ridiculous nature," states the manual.

The investigator should check to be sure sightings cannot be explained as stars, planets, meteors, comets, aircraft or other identifiable objects.

"Some of these can be very complicated and can take a lot of time and attention," said Watson. "But it's fascinating, too."

During a break in the workshop, two participants shook their heads. "I don't think I'll be a very good investigator," said one.

"Why is that?" the other asked.

The first one shrugged. "I'm not a people person."

Alien types run gamut, from Spock to Bigfoot

By Lynn Howard

News Journal

Sometimes, UFO field investigators will come across a case where a witness says he or she has seen, communicated with or been abducted by an alien being, according to the MUFON Field Investigators Manual.

MUFON provides descriptions and drawings of the four most commonly reported entities.

Type 1: (shown top left) The most frequently reported entity is human-like or humanoid, according to the manual; dwarf-like, with a large, bald skull, slanted eyes, pointed ears and may carry a baton-like object.

Type 2: (second from top) Man-sized and human-like in appearance; the manual sketch looks similar to Mr. Spock on "Star Trek," without the pointed ears.

Type 3: (second from bottom) Also called Bigfoot, Yeti or Sasquatch; large, Neanderthal or apelike, with glowing red eyes, a large nose and fang-like teeth. (Neither type 3 nor 4 is usually associated with UFOs.)

Type 4: (bottom left) Anthropoids, reported in South America; small, covered with dark hair, with arms that dangle past their knees and claws on hands and feet.

Entities may either be encountered by accident, usually a person comes upon an alien or aliens when "UFO crews are engaged in either sample gathering or in apparently repairing their craft," the manual says.

Keep UFO kit stocked with compass, camera

By Lynn Howard
News Journal

A MUFON field investigator is advised to keep an investigation kit at the ready and close at hand, according to Gary Watson, MUFON field investigator and local commercial Realtor.

Recognizing that investigators may have financial constraints, MUFON breaks down supplies into three categories: necessary, desired and optional.

- **Necessary:** Identification card, MUFON questionnaire forms and manual, compass, clipboard or three-ring notebook, area maps, paper, pencils and pen, star finders, camera with film, sample containers (plastic sandwich bags), tape measure or ruler, flashlight with extra batteries, Farmers Almanac, magnifying glass, string, stakes, knife and tweezers.

- **Desirable:** Tape recorder, color chart, elevation and area indicators, binoculars, 100-foot steel tape, chalk lines, camera flash, paraffin or plaster of Paris, tent stakes, trowel, shovel, boots, gloves, insect repellent, first-aid kit, calling cards and detailed almanac.

- **Optional:** Geiger counter, pocket spectroscope, simulation spectrometer, magnetometer UFO radiometer, camera with diffraction grating, police monitor, video camera and film, light meter, camera tripod, topographical maps, aerial maps and rangefinder.

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Girl's UFO 'sighting' backed-up

FIVE independent sightings of a UFO matching the report of a 14-year-old Cambridgeshire schoolgirl's "close encounter" have been logged by the British UFO Research Association.

Since Pauline Emerson, of Bridge Place, Godmanchester, saw a shiny, black UFO pass within yards of her on the evening of March 2, BUFORA has received further reports of sightings of an identical object.

Appealed

Mr Ron West, one of BUFORA's eastern region investigators revealed that two sightings were in Huntingdon, two in West Suffolk, and one in Cambridge.

After a national newspaper reported Pauline's experience Mr West visited her to question her about her sighting.

"I have spoken to her at length and I believe, absolutely, what she says. Her description ties in with the other

reports we have received," said Mr West.

He appealed for anyone else who saw a strange object in the skies during the evening of March 2 in the Cambridgeshire, Suffolk or Northamptonshire area to contact BUFORA.

Mr West said that reports which can be passed on by phoning BUFORA on 0255 474427 anytime -- would be treated in confidence.

Pauline has not fully recovered from the shock of seeing the UFO at such close quarters. She has been prescribed tranquillisers and been off school for a number of weeks since the incident.

Mrs Barbara Emerson, Pauline's mother, said: "She has suffered because of this. She says she wishes she had never seen it or mentioned it. Now we may have some more people speaking out," she said.

At Hinchbrook School, Huntingdon, Pauline has been subjected to bullying and abuse by fellow pupils since she revealed her UFO sighting, claimed her mother.

After several minutes in view, the object vanished in the south-west to reappear silently in the sky to the north-east, only a matter of seconds later.

It was certainly no conventional craft or air balloon, unlike Mrs Ballard and her friends we judged it to be a single object not two, but we were unable to determine any shape to it.

I reported our sighting to the local PC at 10.10pm and he confirmed just having seen 'something strange.' The following day RAF Cosford denied any knowledge of the subject - none of their craft was in the air. But later that day a newspaper admitted receiving a detailed sighting from a Wolverhampton resident.

In view of all this, I think that even the sceptics must have food for thought. Perhaps it was something else!

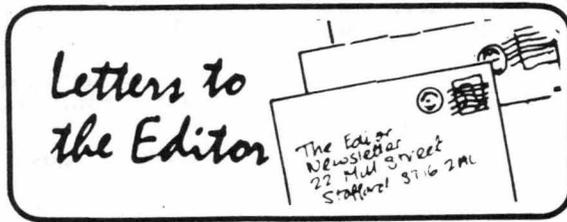
Anyhow, we may never know

for 'There are many things in Heaven and Earth,' etc.

P M JONES
The Saplings
Penkridge

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Lights puzzler theory



I WAS interested to read your news story last week concerning the lights seen in the sky over Stafford on May 16 at approximately 9.30pm. I was travelling from Abbots Bromley to Rugeley at that time and first saw two lights moving slowly westwards over Cannock Chase. They then turned through 180 degrees over Stafford and headed east passing directly overhead just north of Rugeley.

Like your correspondent, I was puzzled by this unusual sight as whatever it was it appeared to be moving very slowly and without making any audible sound. However, as the lights passed overhead and with the aid of binoculars, I was able to make out the shape of two identical aircraft and at the same time the sound of jet engines could be heard.

I am of the opinion that what intrigued us all were two RAF VC-10 tanker aircraft carrying out a night in-flight refuelling exercise. To successfully execute this difficult task, they would need all the lighting available to them and to be flying at comparatively low speed whilst remaining on station in relation to one another.

101 Squadron at RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire operates these aircraft and an enquiry to them would no doubt confirm whether or not my explanation is correct.

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Sighting for the sceptics

I WAS interested to read your article in last week's Newsletter and the observations of Mrs Ballard of Fernwood, on objects in the Stafford night sky.

On the night in question, Monday May 16, there was certainly something up there. Just after 9.50pm my wife and I both saw two orangey-red clusters of lights widely spaced apart apparently hovering south-west of Penkridge.

Space creatures use us as guinea pigs, he says

By WALT SHOTWELL

Register Staff Writer

Creatures from outer space frequently visit Earth to implant listening devices in heads of Earthlings, much as Earthbound scientists tag wild animals to learn their habits.

A United States Air Force physician did an autopsy on the body of a humanoid who arrived in a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object), and the doctor says about 30 such bodies have been recovered.

The U.S. government has a substantial number of crashed UFOs on hand, but won't let anyone see them.

So says Walter Andrus, 67, a graduate of Roosevelt High School in Des Moines. He now is international director of MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), formed in 1969 because the U.S. Air Force stopped investigating reports of UFO sightings.

"Someone's got to take the ball and run with it," Andrus says. "We're dealing with something big here, not just stamp collecting or coin collecting."

Andrus contends the U.S. government has withheld UFO information because the U.S. hoped to monopolize UFO technology and get a head start on other nations, especially the Soviet Union, as the space age began. But the censorship didn't work, Andrus says, because UFOs have been sighted in every nation on Earth.

While the U.S. government now denies the existence of UFOs, Andrus says every U.S. military branch and intelligence agency has on file a combined total of about 8,000 documents recognizing UFO visits.

Andrus says MUFON hopes to resolve questions that cast doubt on UFOs. He says MUFON membership includes many respected professional people and scientists. Key members, including himself, are unpaid.

Andrus is a graduate of the Central Technical Institute of Kansas City and the U.S. Navy Electronics Technician Program, where he taught electronics during World War II. He later was a radio operator and station manager for Mid-Continent Airlines. In 1949 he joined Motorola Inc., where he spent 34 years in several middle management positions before retiring in late 1982 to spend full time with MUFON.

Andrus, who lives in Seguin, Texas, became interested in UFOs in 1948 when he, his wife and son reported seeing four UFOs flying over Phoenix, Ariz., in broad daylight. He since has given lectures in several countries and has received lots of publicity. In an interview and lecture in Des Moines, he described "the most fantastic" UFO sighting ever — repeated UFO appearances at a home in Gulf Breeze, Fla., starting last November.

The case received worldwide publicity. Photos of the UFOs were widely distributed. A picture showing a circle of dead grass, where one UFO was said to hover, is familiar to anyone who follows UFO news.

Still, the Gulf Breeze homeowner never has been officially identified, and Andrus says this is to protect him and his family from harassment and ridicule. Besides,

says Andrus, "Everyone knows who he is because it's such a small town."

Andrus denies that reluctance to step forward publicly detracts from credibility, and he argues that the evidence clearly establishes the presence of UFOs. It is said "Mr. Ed" (as the homeowner is called), even detected a humanoid peering at him through a window, went outdoors and chased "it" until Mr. Ed fell and hurt his leg.

Andrus says in his lecture that Mr. Ed is alerted to UFO appearances by a humming in his right forehead. Mr. Ed has agreed to undergo a computer-scan X-ray examination to see whether a listening device has been implanted in his head, Andrus says, but the devices are so tiny they are difficult to detect.

Asked how beings from a UFO could implant anything in an Earthling, Andrus says that the visitors must have a technique, perhaps resembling hypnosis, for creating "missing time" in which a device could be implanted.

Andrus told his lecture audience of eight persons at Drake University's Meredith Hall that visitors from outer space are believed to be planting listening devices in the sinus cavities, ears and necks of children, ages 6 or 7, then tracking them as they grow older.

"They are using us as guinea pigs," Andrus says.

Andrus also says the U.S. government has recovered many "crashed craft and small bodies" after UFO sightings. For a time these were taken to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, Andrus says, but the government removed them from there and won't tell where they are.

Andrus says an Air Force doctor, now retired, performed an autopsy on one body and reported seeing about 30 others. He is said to have described the bodies as having large heads, but elongated arms and legs, much like Earth dwellers who suffer from malnutrition. Asked for the doctor's name, Andrus replied, "I don't know."

Lt. Col. Bud Rothgeb in the Air Force media relations office in Washington, D. C., declined comment on Andrus' remarks, said the Air Force no longer is involved in UFO matters and added that he knows of no government agency that is.

Edward Reese, an archivist at the Military Reference Branch, National Archives and Records, Washington, D. C., said the Air Force's entire UFO investigation results, "Project Blue Book," is on file there, but contains nothing to substantiate Andrus' claims about listening devices or bodies of creatures from outer space.

Reese quoted an Air Force document denying that any space vehicles or bodies were ever taken to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He's never seen any reference to a specific doctor or an autopsy, Reese added.

Andrus insists the U.S. government censors UFO information, and it's a scandal.

"It makes Watergate and Iran-gate look like penny ante," Andrus says. "The government has been lying to us for 40 years."

Farmer says UFO flew near home

Lawrence deputy hears of 'close encounter'

JOE BAXTER

Staff Writer

WEST POINT, Tenn. — A reported UFO sighting yesterday morning had Lawrence County investigators seeking to verify a farmer's claim of seeing a bright, globe-shaped object near TVA power lines behind his home.

Coy Luna, 59, said he was "bugging my potatoes in the garden" when his barking dog called his attention to a shiny, round object "that had lit in the bottom behind the house."

"I'm not seeing or imagining things, and I haven't had a drink or nothing," said Luna, whose sobriety was confirmed by a sheriff's deputy investigator, Tim Jackson.

Luna described the object as "big enough to hold four or five people" and said "it looked kind of like one of those water tanks you see around here and was covered with something that looked like tinfoil."

"When I first saw it, it was just sitting there. It was so bright it would put your eyes out to look at it. I really don't know if it was the sun reflecting off of it or if it was some kind of lights."

He said he left his garden to take a look because his dog was "raising so much hell."

"He just took off running and barking toward it. When he got about 30 feet away, it went straight up... and took off real fast. The dog like to went nuts and I did, too."

Despite the brightness, Luna said he could see a small door but "no kind of propeller, landing gear or nothing."

"The door was so small a person would have to bend over to go through it. It went out of here like a jet plane, but it was quiet. You could hear that it had some kind of engine, but I don't know what. It sounded kind of like a Weedeater," said Luna.

Jackson said he was unable to find any ground markings at the scene.

"I made him go over the story seven or eight times and he had the same story each time. He never varied and he wasn't — and hadn't been — drinking," he said. "I'm going to call the air traffic controller to see if TVA or anyone else has had any planes or helicopters flying around these power lines."

Luna said he wishes someone could determine what he saw.

"I'd give a good piece of money to find out what it was," he said. "I didn't call the Sheriff's Department to report it. The only reason I called was to see if anyone else had seen it too."

"I've never believed in UFOs or anything like that, but this sure scared me to death." ■

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Experts in alien territory

WORCESTER UFO experts are looking forward to sifting through a report about a new batch of strange sightings in the skies above Britain.

The city's six-strong Skyscan team, based in Tudor Way, Dines Green, is being sent results of a major meeting of observers at the world-famous Jodrell Bank radio telescope in Cheshire.

Eye-witnesses from all over the country turned up at the meeting organised by the Manchester UFO Research Association to give details of their alleged close encounters with alien craft.

Tony Green, one of Skyscan's co-ordinators, said: "We had a number of people linked to the group at the meeting. A report is being sent down to us and we will be examining it closely."

'Unbelievable'

To the Editor:

I don't often find fault with the news as reported by The Virginian-Pilot and The Ledger-Star, but coverage given to Oliver North's speech at Liberty University in Lynchburg went too far. To give him front-page coverage on that occasion would have been beyond good reasoning, but to give him full-color, quarter-page exposure was unbelievable.

We should be greatly concerned that our government is full of people like North who feel that they know what is best for the American people and who

UFO studies

To the Editor:

I'm sure that many people read with great interest your newspaper accounts of recent UFO sightings in Chesapeake. Many of them probably thought, as I used to, that only "kooks" reported UFOs. Obviously this is not the case.

A great deal of serious UFO research is being done by competent scientists worldwide. Though our government does not like to admit it, it too records credible UFO sightings. Much of this information in the past was highly classified: 75 percent-95 percent of all UFOs reported are IFOs (identified flying objects). It is the other 5 percent-25 percent from responsible people, including professionals and police officers, that merit serious investigation.

The public in general remains ignorant of the compelling research in this field. I urge them to do some investigating of their own. Three good sources are the MUFON UFO Journal, the Center for UFO Studies and the book *Night Siege*, currently available at Norfolk's public library.

GRACE P. TAZEWELL
Norfolk

Close encounters of the New Mexico kind

25 years ago, 'flying saucer' put on film

By **BART RIPP**
Staff reporter

Twenty-five years ago today, the biggest event in Peralta may or may not have happened.

When United Press International ran the photos, Peralta was in newspapers all over America.

Today, nobody in Peralta apparently remembers this tremendous occurrence. Ditto for the rest of Valencia County, for New Mexico and all America, except a few folks who keep their eyes on the skies.

The photos, depending on who was looking at them, showed either a hubcap or a flying

saucer whizzing past Peralta.

Unidentified flying object followers and Paul Villa, who took the photos, believed they showed a spaceship from a land even stranger than New Mexico hovering over this drowsy village some 20 miles south of Albuquerque.

The tightest close-up, showing the saucer skimming above some cottonwoods, was later reprinted into post cards used by Gabriel Green, former presi-

dential candidate and founder of Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America.

In this month's Postcard Collector magazine, an article titled "Greetings from Outer Space" by a Chicago librarian named George Eberhart calls the Peralta post card the most common UFO post card available. The card reads "See ... FLYING SAUCERS Are Real!"

Apolinar A. "Paul" Villa Jr. believed that.

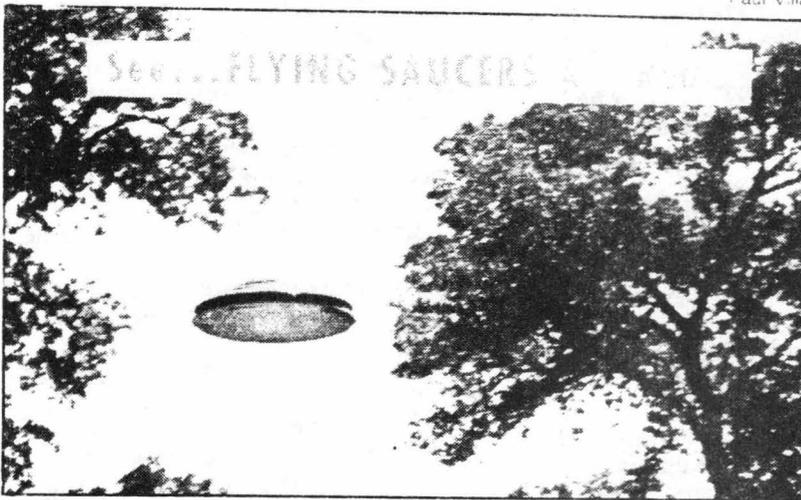
When the photos were taken June 16, 1963, Villa was 46, a Tijeras native, a high school dropout, an Air Force veteran, an auto mechanic and a man regularly contacted by space ships.

"I don't know why they picked me," Villa said in a 1964 interview. "I'm just an ordinary working man — just a mechanic."

Five times in five years, Villa saw spaceships in New Mexico.

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Paul Villa



Post card from photo taken at Peralta

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Twice, they hovered over his house at 4187 Edith Blvd. N.E. in Albuquerque. The second time, Villa's home was burned down for disciplinary reasons, he said.

From 2:30 to 4 in the afternoon of June 16, 1963, Villa said he took photos of the spaceship and talked to the occupants, who Villa said were men and women from the distant galaxy of Coma Berenices.

"They seemed to have known me for a long time," Villa said.

While Villa claimed the ship was from 70 to 160 feet across, the Air Force offered another opinion.

A report from the Photo Analysis Division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio said the craft was 7 to 20 inches long, making its occupants small enough to fit in Villa's pocket.

A scientific staff member of Eastman Kodak Co. examined Villa's photos and told UFO expert Dr. J. Allen Hynek: "I would not bet even Confederate money on these pictures having any validity except being Kodachrome."

In "The UFO Encyclopedia," Villa described himself as "far from being an intellectual giant, or a self-proclaimed UFO expert."

He did offer his UFO photos free to "prime ministers, presidents, governors, mayors and plain ordinary folks" so that they may be used to "help prisoners, orphans, the sick, the poor and the elderly."

Villa said one day he would be able to prove what UFOs are and who he really is. But that great

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'Extraterrestrial hypothesis' still unproved

day never arrived; he died in Los Lunas in 1980.

"Paul is flying through the heavens," said Green, who is 63 and watching the skies at Yucca Valley, Calif.

"Paul's photos were the first clear photos ever of space-ships," Green said by telephone. "The ETs (extraterrestrials) actually posed for him.

"He said there were nine beautiful beings, between 7 and 9 feet tall. Redheads, blondes and brunettes.

"Paul took their pictures by the ship, even though they told him not to. They took his film and removed the exposures with their images. They told Paul it would have been too much evidence for our civilization to have at the time."

Green claims more than 100 meetings with ETs. In 1960, a visitor from Alpha Centauri told Green to run for president.

Green ran as a write-in candidate, advocating economic reform and advertising that America needs a space-age president. But he withdrew to support John F. Kennedy.

In 1962, Green ran for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate from California, campaigning against nuclear testing. He received 171,000 votes — the most ever by somebody whose campaign advisers were from Saturn.

In 1965, Green published 200,000 post cards of Villa's best photo.

"You know, people write to me all the time and ask for those cards," Green said. "I'm all out.

"You'll never get a better picture than that, even if a ship lands in your back yard." //

By JOHN SHERWOOD
Staff Writer

I began probing UFOs in 1966, just before the Michigan "flap" that helped bring to fame the late J. Allen Hynek.

Hynek, then prime skeptic for Project Blue Book (the U.S. Air Force's UFO investigation unit), eventually softened his anti-UFO stand.

He put UFO reports in a variety of classifications, including the now-famous "close encounters." Hynek later served as a consultant for Steven Spielberg's movie, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

I asked Hynek in 1977 whether he thought *Close Encounters* leaned too far in favor of the "extraterrestrial hypothesis."

There are others, after all: Irrational ones such as time-travelers, hollow-Earth

dwellers, ultradimensional entities, etc.; and rational ones ranging from misperceived aerial phenomena to misconstruction of Jungian archetypal psychological symbols (a mouthful, that one).

Hynek said yes, he was uncomfortable with it, as he hadn't made up his mind about what UFOs really are. However, he said, aliens made good entertainment.

Still, Hynek seemed inclined before his death to focus on the extraterrestrial notion, perhaps because it kept alive interest in his Center for UFO Studies. Similarly, its stepsister group, the Mutual UFO Network, has grown in influence, largely thanks to public fascination with the bizarre and the boom in the irrational New Age movement.

I left MUFON as a state section director some 10 years ago after I realized it was less interested in pursuing a scientific

ic solution to the UFO puzzle than it was in promoting the popular extraterrestrial myth. No investigator with preconceptions can call his approach scientific; that's why you hear a lot of irrational talk from purported UFO "experts."

I've talked with people who have claimed to have met space aliens, and I have read many accounts of alleged visitations and physical encounters. In every instance, physical proof is missing.

Often we're asked to interpret the "abducted" person's memory of dream-like perceptions.

In every case, the perceiver demands we take the account at face value. Oddly, we often are persuaded to do so because the perceiver obviously believes his or her account.

This is pretty fascinating. "Contacted" persons — like Whitley Strieber, author

of the best-selling *Communion*, and Barney and Betty Hill, the subjects of John Fuller's *The Interrupted Journey* — sometimes pass lie-detector tests. As anyone who has studied the world's religions knows, the mind has the ability to convince itself of the unbelievable.

And such stories have been told and trusted for millenia, from Ezekiel's encounter with four-faced creatures who took him flying over Jerusalem in "a wheel within a wheel," to Betty Andreasson, a housewife whose recitation of ancient symbols has become a major chapter in UFO manifestation; again, no hard proof has been offered.

Perhaps the Pleiadians are here. If so, I presume they're evolved enough not to resent my refusal to believe in them until they knock on my own door. //

Lawrence farmer reports flying object

By David Logsdon
Banner Staff Writer

WEST POINT — Coy Luna hasn't gotten much sleep since something spooky shot up from a field Monday morning on the farm he oversees in rural Lawrence County.

"I was up and down all night," he said this morning.

"I ain't never seen anything like it before, and I hope I don't see it again.

"It can stay gone, far as I'm concerned."

Luna called the Lawrence County Sheriff's office to ask if anyone else had reported a strange flying object. Though a deputy came out to investigate, no other UFO re-

ports have been called in, a dispatcher said this morning.

Sheriff's departments in neighboring counties had no report of a mysterious sighting Monday.

Luna said being the only person to see the object is disappointing. "I'd give a thousand bucks to know what was in it," he added.

Unsettling as the sighting has been, Luna plans to stay on the farm he looks after for Bob Kelly, an engineer who lives in Mansfield, Ohio.

A sister who lives about six miles away, on Rocky Lane Road, said the sighting is the first she's ever heard about in the area.

It has her worried about Luna being alone on the 600-acre farm on Knob Creek Road.

"It's the prettiest place you've ever seen," continued Mrs. Carnell Clayton.

"But there's not enough money for me to stay there at night.

"It's down in a hollow, and the frogs start a-hollering and the owls start a-hollering."

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But it was broad daylight Monday, Luna said, when he was working in his potato patch and his big, black dog, Scotty, started barking excitedly.

"When I turned around, I froze," Luna said. "I dropped my bucket.

"I thought, 'Lord, have mercy! What is that thing?'"

In the 25-acre field below, Luna saw a glittering object about 7 feet high and 12 to 15 feet around.

"It looked like it was covered with aluminum foil, and the sun was shining on it and it looked like it was on fire," the caretaker continued.

"It had an engine in it, but you couldn't hardly hear it run.

"There was a door on the side. About half as long as an ordinary house door. It had a glass window in it."

Luna said he has ridden in hot air balloons, but this strange object didn't have a balloon's tapered bottom.

Scotty got within 30 feet of the glittering ball before it shot straight up and disappeared.

LBS Communications ready to launch 'live' UFO special

By STEVE SANDERS

LBS Communications is prepping its next pair of two-hour live event syndicated specials, the first debating the existence of UFOs and the second designed to snare America's most dangerous serial killer.

"UFO Cover-Up . . . Live" is set to air Oct. 14 and, according to LBS Entertainment president Paul Siegel, will feature material obtained under the Freedom of Information Act suggesting a "government cover-up" regarding the existence of aliens on board unidentified flying objects. "We are uncovering up enough new information that we expect to open up a congressional investigation," stated Siegel.

The show, budgeted between \$1 million and \$2 million, will present arguments for both sides allowing viewers to draw their own conclusions; Siegel, however, acknowledged that he, along with the production staff, believe that a "cover-up" has occurred. "Confidential documents have been given to us," said Siegel, "and we wanted to make use of them before they were lost or destroyed."

He said also that he expects to have on the show a government official, or former official, who for the first time will speak out on the government's role in the alleged cover-up. Accordingly, the show will originate in Washington, D.C.

Michael Seligman has been set to be executive producer, having produced the 1980 and 1984 "Presidential Inaugural Galas," and LBS' "Return to the Titanic . . . Live," which is the second highest-rated syndicated special in television history. Curtis Brubaker has been named supervising producer.

"Manhunt . . . Live," to air Dec. 7, will explore the largest murder investigation in U.S. history. The program is produced in association with New Screen Concepts Inc. of New York as well as law enforcement groups — including the Crime Stoppers international organization.

According to Siegel, viewers will be given a toll-free 800 phone number to call in tips to help locate the killer, still unidentified and still on the loose. Siegel noted that the criminal has been linked with more than 100 murders — all runaway women and prostitutes from all areas of the country — with victims numbering more than "Jack the Ripper, Ted Bundy, Son of Sam and the Boston Strangler combined."

Siegel noted that a reward (with an amount to be determined) will be offered to the viewer or viewers leading to the capture of the killer.

As with "UFO," Siegel said "Manhunt's" budget also is within the \$1 million to \$2 million range. Both shows are now in the early stages of

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production.

Charles Bangert and Louis Gorfain are set to be executive producers of "Manhunt," with Beth Broday and Grant Fredericks signed to produce. Bangert and Gorfain's credits include "The Body Human," "Oceanquest" and the forthcoming "Inside the Sexes" and "Bodywatching" specials for CBS.

According to Siegel, LBS will distribute both shows nationally and internationally. LBS' first two live-event specials were "Titanic" and "Mysteries of the Pyramids."

"Both of these shows have plenty of sizzle and should do very well both here and overseas, particularly the 'UFO' special," predicted Siegel.

LBS Communications, in addition to distributing, will handle ad sales for the telecasts through their TV Horizons division.

Test backs up tale of UFO sighting

JOE BAXTER
State Writer

WEST POINT, Tenn. — More reported UFO sightings and a radiation reading taken at the scene have further convinced a man here that he saw something out of the ordinary June 6.

Coy Luna, 59, called the Lawrenceburg County Sheriff's Department around 9 a.m. last Monday after seeing a bright, globed-shaped object streak towards the sky from a clearing behind his residence on Knob Creek Road.

After the story was first reported in *The Tennessean* Tuesday, Luna said he received hundreds of phone calls and several visits from persons interested in the UFO phenomenon.

"I didn't call to report this," said Luna. "I just wanted to know if anyone else had seen it. I probably wouldn't have called if I'd known it was going to be get blown up so big. I haven't had a moment's peace for the phone a'ringing."

Luna was not the only person to see unidentified flying objects during the same time period. Among them, six members of the nearby Leoma Church of Christ said they witnessed such an object while heading home from Sunday church service one day previous to Luna's encounter.

Since his own experience, Luna said he has recounted the story to visitors many times, walking "a hundred times out there in the field to show them where it landed."

"People are real interested in hearing about it, but it's getting kind of old to me," he said.

Besides the visits of several television news crews, Luna also has hosted George Parker Ford, a Lexington, Ky., physicist, and John Feurbacher, a junior high school science teacher who took the first radiation reading at the scene Friday.

"In that one area where Mr. Luna said the object was, the radiation jumped to two or three times the normal level of background radiation," said Feurbacher.

Feurbacher's findings were confirmed by Lawrenceburg resident Joe Douglass, who is a certified radiation monitoring officer for the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and the Tennessee Army National Guard.

Douglass was not shown the exact spot where the object was seen until after he took his reading. After doing a sweep of the entire field, Douglass pinpointed the spot which had the highest radiation reading and that was the location of Luna's sighting.

"There wasn't a lot of radiation, but it was definitely higher at this one spot. It would have been better to have checked it right after the sighting than a week later," Douglass said.

Several other persons in the state reported seeing an object the night of June 6.

One anonymous caller to *The Tennessean* after Luna's story appeared said she and her husband had seen a "bright, greenish-blue light" in the sky that she first

thought was a comet or a meteorite.

"It was very beautiful and took forever to fall," said the caller, who saw the object while driving on Interstate 65 near the Peytonsville Road exit near Franklin.

"It was so bright I worried that it might set a fire when it hit. I've never seen anything like it."

Another report from the same night came from four Whites Creek High School graduates who had spent the weekend camping at Center Hill Lake in Smithville in DeKalb County.

Paul Douglas, Terrance England, Todd Hurst and Todd Chapman said they saw a bright greenish-blue light streak across the night sky covering the entire evening horizon in less than 10 seconds.

"We were on the lake around 10 p.m. baiting trot-llnes," said Douglas. "Todd Hurst and Todd Chapman both saw a falling star so we both looked up in the sky. Then we all saw this light that looked like a bright star. It moved from one corner of the sky to the other corner of the sky. We were facing south and it moved from west to east."

Luna said he was glad to learn of the other sightings.

"I don't care if anybody believes me or not. I didn't make this story up," he said. "And if this thing ever comes back I won't call anybody. I'm just going to run over the hill." ■

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JUSTIN'S PICTURE HAS UFO SPOT-ON

ANOTHER UFO sighting has been reported in Oldham.

The glowing red object was snapped by Justin Grundy (13) over the Limeside Road area of Hollinwood. 3128

But Justin, of near-by Durban Street, did not even know of its presence until he had the film developed.

He said: "I was trying to take a picture of my friend, Ian Jones, but it did not come out because it was too dark. When I got the film back, I saw the red spot above the houses, and tried to work out what it was."

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Then Justin read the flying saucer story in last night's *Evening Chronicle*, and realised it might be the same thing.

But the Kaskenmoor School pupil does not expect to see little green men running along Chamber Road.

He said: "It could be a space probe — something like the spacecraft that we sent to Mars."

Frank spots UFOs on a city fly-past

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WHILE the good citizens of Winchester were asleep in their beds last week creatures from outer space were flying overhead in yellow flying saucers.

"There they were flying over and there was a hissing sound," says UFO enthusiast Frank Barnes.

Frank (59) of Vale Road, Highcliff claims to have seen the two UFOs flying over the Broadway towards Eastleigh at about 6.30am on Thursday, while out delivering papers.

"They were about the size of two houses and going quite slowly, about 30mph I should think," he added.

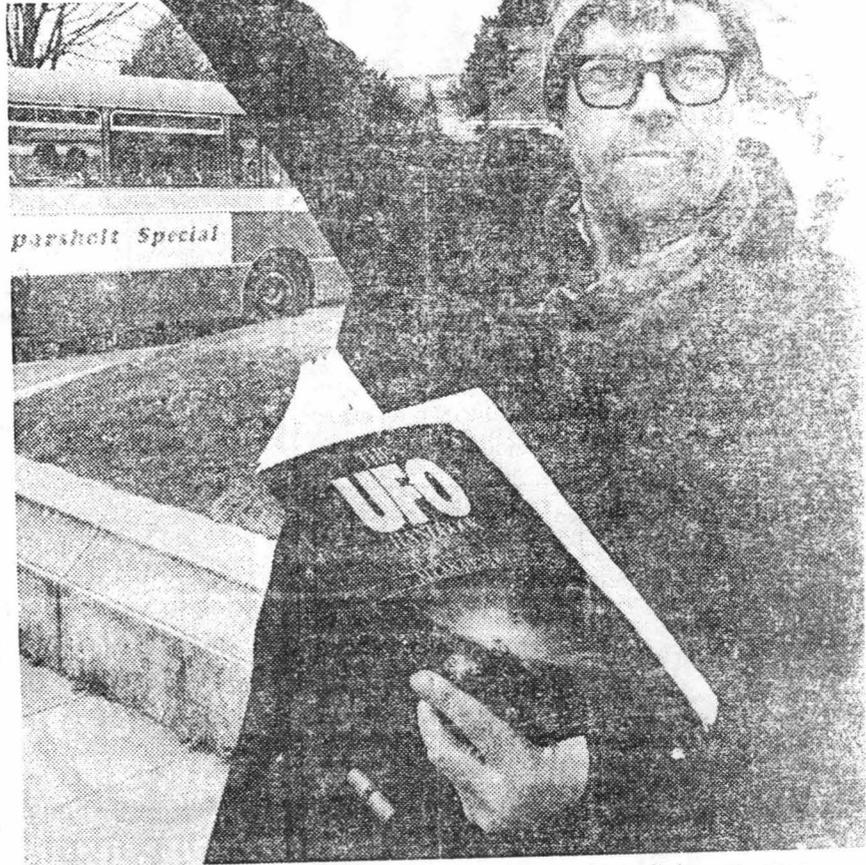
And he claims others witnessed the extraterrestrial phenomenon—including two policemen out on patrol.

But a mystified police spokesman said nothing had been reported to him.

Frank, a member of the Romsey UFO Research Society, said he was surprised to see them so early in the year.

"They generally appear round about June or July."

He claimed the mystery rings of flattened corn which appeared last August at Cheesefoot Head were caused by a giant grey 'spaceship-like' object, which he saw while walking his dog.



● Frank Barnes points to where he spotted two flying saucers

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UFO spotters flock to town

Rotherham will become the UFO centre of Britain next Saturday when it hosts Conference '88.

Hundreds of UFO investigators are expected to flock from all over the country to attend the meeting, titled "UFOs - Above, Ton Secret."

Recent photographs, slides and drawings of UFOs will be shown including some of the recent spate of sightings over the Rotherham area.

Speakers at the conference - which is open to the public and starts at 1pm in the Assembly Rooms, will include Timothy Good, one of the world's foremost authorities on UFO research.

He will reveal how 30 years of investigations have led him to believe that UFO sightings and information have been "covered up" by officialdom.

In January, local UFO-spotters claimed to have seen air force jets chasing objects across Rotherham's night-sky.

But officials at RAF Finningley told the Advertiser that there had been "no increase in activity" and denied receiving reports of sightings.

LICHFIELD MERCURY, STAFFORDSHIRE
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Sightings endorse reports of UFO's

A SECOND Lichfield man has come forward to back up claims of a UFO sighting over the city recently.

The Mercury reported last week that Mr. George Edwards spotted a long, silvery, cigar-shaped object hovering over the Cherry Orchard area at around 8 am on February 29.

Now a reader - who gave his name and address but does not wish to be identified - has said he saw a similar sight at around the same time.

The man was working at an industrial unit off Eastern Avenue.

"I looked up into the sky and saw this

silver object shaped, I thought, like a miniature submarine", he said.

"It could not have been a balloon as it was only there for about five seconds or so and went so fast it was a little dot in the distance in not time at all, heading towards Handsacre and Rugeley", he added.

"I thought I also saw some object on Thursday, March 3, at around 9 pm, but being dark I'm not sure.

"That was over Friary Grange School. There were blue, red, orange, green lights and it was too fast for a plane", he said.

Couple in UFO mystery



● Close encounter . . . Mr and Mrs Owers with photographer Martyn Annetts' impression of the UFO. MA 1793/26

By ELAINE COOPER

A THERFIELD couple believe they had a close encounter of the most extraordinary kind when they spotted an unidentified flying object from their home.

Eddie and Molly Owers were baffled by the sighting of a glowing yellow shape in the sky at the break of dawn on Monday.

They watched transfixed for several minutes as the huge object hovered motionless over the Bunt-

ingford area before disappearing from view.

Eddie, 56, said this is not the first time he has seen an inexplicable object in the sky from his home at 1 Meadow Way, Therfield.

And although he has always been sceptical about stories of flying saucers and aliens from outer space, Monday's uncanny experience may have changed his mind.

"I can only believe what I see with my own eyes, and I

know I was not mistaken. This cannot be explained away", he said.

Eddie was leaving home just after 5am to go to work in Royston when he stepped out of the front door to see the mysterious glowing shape in the sky.

"The dawn was just starting to break, and there was this bright light in a definite casserole shape and a most unusual yellow colour.

"I called my wife out and we watched it for several minutes. It did not move in

any direction, it was static, and it certainly wasn't an aeroplane."

When Eddie reported his extraordinary sighting to police at Stevenage, he was told that other people believed they had seen UFO's in the area that morning.

And three weeks before that, Eddie says he saw a dark grey object in the sky towards Barkway.

"I know it must all sound very strange, but I know I am not mistaken. It was uncanny but it's true."

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Roy logs the evidence for aliens alert

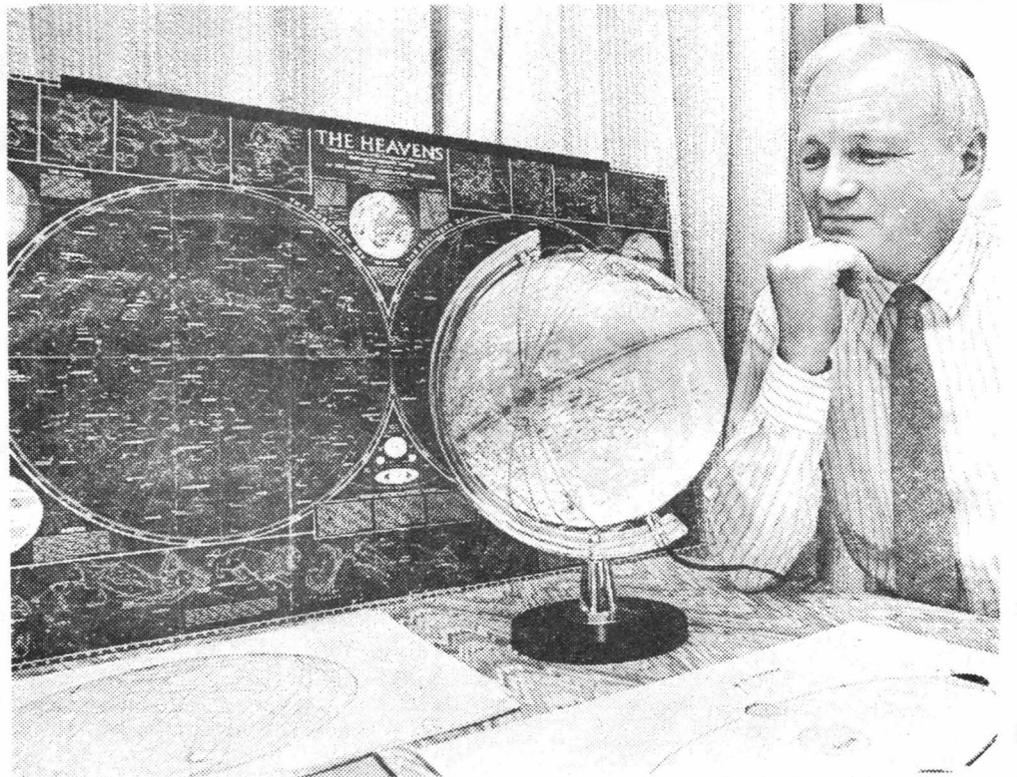
ALIEN BEINGS may soon be visiting the North West, claims aeronautical engineer Roy Dutton, who says recent reports of sightings of UFOs confirm his research over the last 21 years.

And he believes he can predict the most likely places where extra-terrestrial activity will occur.

Mr Dutton, of Carleton Road, Poynton, has been seeking a scientific explanation for close encounters since a spate of sightings in the Stockport area in 1967.

In a lecture at Stockport Central Library, he said: "This year there have been a number of reports where people have seen unidentifiable objects in the region and these can be confirmed by my own predictions."

He added: "Unfortunately, most scientists refuse to take the issue of UFOs seriously, but I'm sure if someone were to look at my findings they would have to agree the evidence is overwhelming."



Roy Dutton examines a globe which, he says, shows typical UFO orbits.

HERTS AND CAMBS REPORTER, ROYSTON APR 22 1988

A close encounter

READING the front page story concerning an unidentified flying object in last week's Crow, reminded me of a similar experience I encountered some years ago.

I was driving home in the early hours of the morning through Bassingbourn, when I noticed what I thought at first to be a speeding aircraft.

As the object got closer, it took the form of a glowing yellow saucer shape in the sky, similar to the sighting by Mr and Mrs Owers recently.

I must confess that the experience terrified me and has had a lasting effect on me. It is an experience I shall never forget, but is one which, up until now, I have been too frightened to talk about.

The few people who I have confided in have dismissed my mystery sighting as my imagination or a low flying aircraft.

I can only say, as Mr Owers, that I can only believe what I saw and that I know I was not mistaken.

Up until my sighting, I had always been sceptical of UFO reports. Now I'm convinced.

I wonder if any of your other readers have had such an inexplicable experience. I would like to hear from them.

Name and address supplied

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UFOs the size of basketballs were seen sending out searchlight beams by passengers in two planes flying across north-west China. Crews sent light signals... but got no replies.

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UFOs OVER CHASE: RAF CALLED IN

by LYNETTE LLOYD

It was this week confirmed that RAF Strike Command - the nerve centre of the RAF - is 'extremely interested' in a huge number of unexplained UFO sightings over the Chase area.

In the last month there have been no less than 38 unexplained sightings - 26 of them over Rugeley, and others over Burntwood, Boney Hay, Lichfield, Brownhills, Willenhall and Walsall.

The normal monthly average is four. Of these two may well be explained away.

The figures were confirmed by John Hurley of the Unidentified Flying Objects Studies and Investigations, who is in the process of submitting a report to Strike Command.

"Something very strange is going on," said John.

"These people are quite definitely seeing something extraordinary."

"They are the unexplained sightings which can't be pinned down to being aircraft or air balloons or constellations in the sky."

"In just two hours over Rugeley we had 16 sightings. One of them was from a very frightened 12 year old girl who was with two friends when they saw a huge oval shaped craft hovering at around 600 feet. The bottom of the craft was covered in green, blue and white lights and had a small blue light which moved in and out of the object. It made no noise as it hovered, only when it moved off at a fast pace" said John.

"Whatever she was, it terrified her and she's been too frightened to leave her home since" said John.

"We had similar sightings from four police officers."

Many of the people who've spotted the craft give descriptions that are amazingly similar... and as they have received little media attention they can't be dismissed as hysteria.

Most of the sightings occur at night, after 10.30pm.

A Lichfield man spotted a 'cigar-shaped' object hovering over a Lichfield church one morning recently, just before 8am.

Mr Edwards, of Friday Acre, said: "It was huge and had a mushroom shaped top which came down to a long cigar shape underneath. In a split second the object whirred off at a fast pace."

The latest incident came on Saturday when two men spotted a 'cigar shaped' object near Rugeley Road, the Hazel Slade area.

The two men, Paul Brought and Andrew... ions, say the object came from behind...

BY GEOFF COX

UFO sleuth to probe town's 'bright lights'!

ONE of Britain's top UFO experts is to travel to Luton to probe sightings of a mysterious object in the night sky over the town.

Mr Ken Phillips, an investigator with the British UFO Research Association, wants to interview a woman whose observations have been reported in the Luton News.

In the March 31 edition, the paper told how Irene Armstrong, of Manton Drive, Luton, had spotted a strange object, which looked like a diamond ring, in the sky.

She and her husband Maurice, viewed the object through their binoculars on two consecutive nights and said it appeared to be hovering over Dunstable.

Mrs Armstrong added: "It was too large to be a star and wasn't yellow. It was a long shape, like a disjointed arrow, and had orange lights on it. It looked just like a cluster of diamonds."

Another member of the BUFORA, who lives in Luton, read the story and contacted Mr Phillips, who lives in London, with the details.

Mr Phillips said this week: "I hope to come to Luton to interview Mr and Mrs Armstrong about their sightings, which sound extremely interesting."

Mr Phillips made three reports for his records in Luton last year after another report in the Luton News was brought to his notice.

Several local residents had spotted an unusual object in the night sky in August and were later interviewed by Mr Phillips.

One of the witnesses, Mrs Win Crawley, 72, of Cowper Street, Luton, described it as being whitish silver, with a black hole in the middle and what looked like wires running through it.

There was also a BBC TV news report about the UFO, which was seen over north London around the time the sightings took place in Luton.

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Probe into 'aliens in backyard claims'

Walter Andrus, who spends his time co-ordinating UFO sightings, is at present collating information on the case of a Florida man who claims to have chased aliens across his backyard.

Andrus, 67, is international director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). His task is to determine if the encounters are legitimate or just another hoax. So far, he says, nothing in the Florida case has pointed to the latter.

"This is one of the most amazing cases I've ever seen," said Andrus, who works out of an office next to his home here.

The Florida man, known as Mr Ed (only the editor of a local paper knows his full name), says he has pursued small alien creatures across his backyard in Gulf Breeze several times since November. Despite bilingual telepathic warnings (English and

Spanish) that "photographs are prohibited", he says he took a number of pictures and even a videotape.

The excitement has taken MUFON investigators to Gulf Breeze for stakeouts with walkie talkies and cameras.

So far, they have turned up nothing.

On the other hand, they have not been able to disprove what they consider convincing evidence.

Mr Ed says he has seen a circular UFO with portholes and a large light on its underside. His most striking picture, according to Andrus, is of one flying across a country road.

A secretary at Gulf Breeze city hall said other people in the small town had now reported their own otherworldly encounters.

None of the local police, however, has seen any flying saucers "or if they have, they haven't told me about it," police Captain

Ken Hicks said.

Andrus's enthusiasm for the case is clear, but he stops short of declaring it a positive sighting.

It is not that he has any doubt about the existence of UFOs.

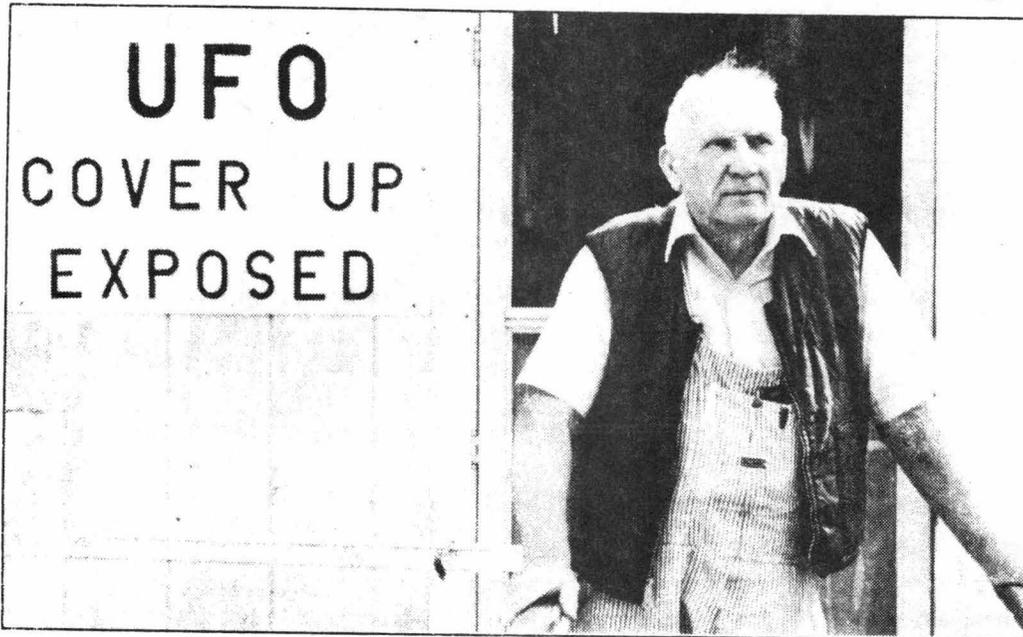
It is that MUFON, which with 1,500 members claims to be the largest group of people studying Unidentified Flying Objects in the world, prides itself on its professionalism and thoroughness.

Having uncovered more than a few hoaxes, the group has learned that just because somebody says they have seen a UFO doesn't mean it's so.

"We want facts," Andrus said. "We don't want anything else." Too many UFO sightings have been produced by fertile imaginations using fancy model spaceships, he believes.

MUFON gives a lengthy test to its investigators, based on a 161-page handbook written by MUFON officials, who include lawyers, aerospace engineers and former Air Force officers.

UFO crusader flies high on his theories



staff photo by Dan Root

The meeting room behind Leo Bartsch's house, intended for UFO discussions, is rarely used

Leo Bartsch on a mission

By MIKE THOELE
The Register-Guard

COOS BAY — He's never seen one, but he's a true believer.

Meet Leo Bartsch, publisher of the UFO News. At 74, Bartsch is a bulky, solid man, with vitality that belies his age and the zeal of a missionary when he talks about his crusade to make the world understand his "supernatural" interpretation of unidentified flying objects.

His mission — he's been at it for 29 years now — hangs in large part on his rambling biblical explanation for strange sights in the sky. Much of his theory is an attack on organized religion. It's serious business for Bartsch, a pursuit that's dominated the last third of his life.

Still, he can manage a chuckle at parts of it, like the furor he created among some Coos Bay clergymen years ago.

"I had a Baptist minister and a Pentecostal in my home one

time to talk to me about my UFO stuff," he says. "They got to arguing so much they weren't even talking to me. Then there was a knock on the door and it was a Seventh-day Adventist. Pretty soon all of them got into one big hell of an argument. I never had such a wonderful time as I did listening to the three of them cut each other up."

Bartsch is nothing if not a zealot. Wind him up on the subject of UFOs and he'll talk for hours, leaping in mid-sentence from one topic to another and spinning together stories of bizarre sightings, alleged federal cover-ups, biblical verses, hints that he's under government surveillance and rejections of almost everybody else's UFO theories.

Over the years he's done it for hundreds of people, including writers from most of the nation's supermarket tabloids. He still has the clippings, with lurid headlines like "I Was Exorcised by a UFO" and "Demon Left His Body When Flying Saucer Passed Overhead."

Bartsch is retired now and not as active as he once was in Coos Bay's business community. Though he's been preaching his UFO doctrine since 1959, other business types in the coastal city never wrote him off.

"I've always liked Leo, and I think other people did, too," says veteran real estate agent Ron Woods. "He has this fascination for flying saucers, but it never made people shy away from him. It never hurt him in his business."

A Missouri native, Bartsch had 1 the south coast in 1937 and settled in Coquille as a shoe repairman. Then 1 wife, Lela, got her real estate licen and began doing very well. In the tr 1940s they moved to Coos Bay a jumped into the real estate busine there.

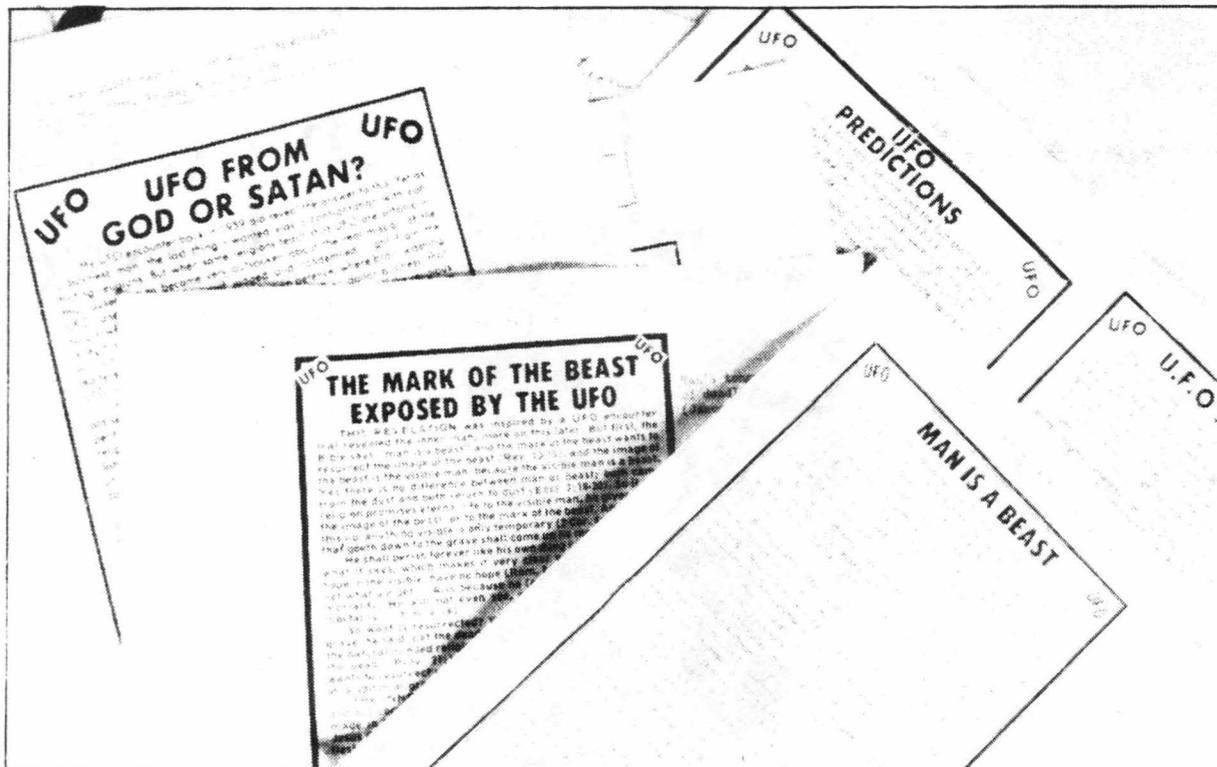
Lela did most of the sales wo while Leo handled management a maintenance of the string of ren homes they acquired. On those fac Bartsch and his Coos Bay acqua tances agree. But Lela died in 19 and, from that point on, the story Bartsch's. He tells it this way:

"When she died I was holding t head in my left arm. And it felt li something just crawled in that ar Afterwards, I had to go to the doct The hand had the shakes and it v like the blood didn't want to go i that arm. For two years it got wo and worse."

Bartsch remarried during that ti and continued to battle with his me cal problem. Even though news s ries, magazine articles and bo about unidentified flying objects w common in the 1950s, Bartsch seld paid attention. But his life changed the night of Sept. 27, 1959.



LIFO CRUSADER



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Bartsch is a prolific writer of newsletters, using them to proclaim his theories that UFOs are angel messengers

"I was at home in bed and about three o'clock in the morning I woke up," he says. "And I was weightless. I was floating. It was the greatest sensation I ever experienced. When it stopped I woke my wife up and asked her if she'd been weightless, too. She thought I'd been drinking. But my arm, it was healed.

"I hadn't seen nothing, but I told her right then that it was a UFO that had come low over the house and done that to me. I told her we'd hear about it."

Bartsch still displays a Coos Bay newspaper clipping that reports that a woman and her daughter in nearby Empire had seen a brightly colored flying object about the same time he experienced the sensation of weightlessness.

His arm problem, he maintains, never recurred. For three years he read and talked about UFOs, often attending the sessions of groups that met to discuss the phenomena. By 1962, he'd become convinced that UFOs were supernatural manifestations sent by God to fulfill biblical prophecies and show the fallacies of organized religions.

Years of Bible study and letter-writing to the editors of UFO magazines followed. Some of his letters were fired off to government officials, including President Richard Nixon. That letter was passed on to the Air Force, and the noncommittal three-paragraph reply that Bartsch received

from a colonel is a prized trophy in his collection of correspondence.

Bartsch never had another UFO experience after 1959 and has never actually seen the lights in the sky or the odd-shaped flying objects that are commonly part of UFO reports. For years, Bartsch regularly communicated with J. Allen Hynek, a former Air Force officer who was considered among the nation's most credible UFO researchers until his death in the mid-1980s. But Bartsch never accepted the views of Hynek and others.

"I kept saying, 'Let's start with the word supernatural and everything would fall into place,'" he says. "Figure it out. You can't shoot 'em down. You can't capture 'em. They've got to be supernatural.

"But all those other people wanted to talk about our space brothers. They wanted to talk about ships from Mars and Venus — cigar-shaped ones and round ones and small ones and big ones. They'd talk about everything but the supernatural. They want 'em to be made out of nuts and bolts and iron. If that was true, the junkyards would be full of 'em by now."

Behind his home, Bartsch built a meeting room with discussion tables and a movie projection setup. He had hoped that it would become a center where groups interested in UFOs would meet and talk. The room has gone unused.

"Some people say they'd come if I'd just stop talking about the Bible and

how UFOs are supernatural," he says.

Through the 1970s, Bartsch would select a state and blanket every newspaper there with his writings. Inevitably, a few of the letters were printed and Bartsch picked up some regular "subscribers" for his broadsides, although he never charged them.

Later, he began placing large paid ads regularly in the Coos Bay World. He also posted a sign declaring his home as headquarters of the UFO News, the name he's given the periodic collections of his writings that he publishes and mails. His essays generally are rambling collections of Scripture, running heavily to citations of chariots of fire and Ezekiel's wheel, tied together with observations that relate them to UFO sightings.

"The UFOs are the angels sent to expose false religions," he says. "And I'm writing these letters to help them.

Occasionally Bartsch is invited to speak to a high school class or a local radio talk-show audience. He's aware that many of the listeners are snickering, but it doesn't deter him.

"I'm still pretty well fixed," he says. "This costs money, but I intend to go on doing it even if I wind up on welfare. I'll keep it up if it takes every dime I've got."

(As the Register-Guard's "Northwest Journal" writer, reporter Mike Thoele roams the newspaper's circulation area and other parts of Oregon, writing stories about interesting people, places and events.)

Lady of Light or a spaceship?

FOR hundreds of millions of Catholics the Portuguese village of Fatima is one of most revered Marian shrines in the world.

Here, they say, on May 13, 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared to 10-year-old Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta.

Fifty years later nearly two million pilgrims would gather in Fatima to

By DAN
O'NEILL

hear Pope Paul VI say mass, illustrating the significance of its place in Catholic affections.

On that day 50 years earlier, the children said, they saw a "Lady of Light" who appeared above an oak tree. She carried a glowing globe and promised to return on the same day of each month. The last appearance was on October 13 that same year when some 70,000 people turned out in hope of witnessing a miracle.

DANCING IN THE SKY

Many of them claimed they did. In the sky they saw a brilliant, luminous pearly disc taken by many, writes Jenny Randles in *Abduction*, to be "the sun spinning round." Well, in 1917 no one had ever heard of UFOs ...

But they had by 1986.

Which is why a Mrs. Cantrell, her daughter Sharon and two neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, all of Rhyl, reported a flying saucer sighting when

Nearly all odd events in history are now attributed to UFOs

May 1967 and Pope Paul VI is on his way to speak to pilgrims at Fatima. UFOlogists say the 'miracle' was caused by a flying saucer.

they saw a dancing light in the sky. Photographs of the object show that it is, in fact, the sun.

Which suggests that since 1947 we have entered a period of "saucer consciousness," labelling any and every inexplicable sighting a UFO manifestation.

But more than that, thousands of books now attribute practically every odd happening in history to UFOs — the only arguments, perhaps, over whether Moses, say, was actually a visitor from space or simply took a ride in a space ship from the top of Mount Sinai.

The ride, incidentally, lasted 40 days.

Exodus xxiv: 12-18 tells us that Moses went up into "the midst of the cloud" before disappearing. Clouds have a habit of popping up in UFO literature but while we might doubt the objectivity of a Bronze Age scribe it's less easy to dismiss what happened in Gallipoli in August 1915, an event described below.

However, back to 1947 and the reason it's so important to the UFOlogists.

On June 24 that year businessman Kenneth Arnold was piloting his



plane over Washington State when he saw a chain of nine "peculiar" aircraft approaching Mount Rainier. "They were flat, like a pie can and so shiny they reflected the sun like a mirror." Then came the crucial phrase, embedding itself in our language: "A chain of saucer-like things."

TOP OF A CLEANER

Flying saucers had — well, not quite. They didn't actually land until 1953 when a gent named George Adamski wrote a book about his meeting with a Venusian in the Mojave desert. The book, with its photographs of a "flying saucer" was a

world-wide best seller even though one sceptic pronounced that such a craft would be unsuitable for extended space travel — he reckoned the photograph was of "the top of a canister-type vacuum cleaner made in 1937."

But no UFOlogist ever let the facts get in the way of a visitor from Venus or Jupiter or from somewhere south of Sirius and the Adamski revelations triggered a positive flood of contactees.

They also paved the way for books like *Abduction*. But why, we wonder, didn't we have hundreds of accounts of abductions and contacts before Kenneth Arnold spotted his saucers.

And the answer, of course, is that we did — ask any UFOlogist. Ask Moses. Or Joan of Arc. (Whose voices do you think she heard?) Ask Desmond Leslie.

Mr. Leslie wrote half of *Flying Saucers Have Landed* with George Adamski and calculates that the first space ship from Venus landed on our planet in the year 18,617, 841 B.C. His accuracy stems from an under-

standing of "the ancient Brahmin tables."

Well, as any reader of Erich von Daniken knows, this arrival was fortuitous, indeed. Without flying saucers and their incredibly advanced occupants men would never have got Stonehenge built, for instance.

THE HEAVENS OPENED

They gave us a knowledge of sonics enabling our ancestors to lift 15-ton blocks by using sound waves. They built the pyramids like this, too, and no doubt the Easter Island statues. And yet ... it's true that scientists are even now working along such lines.

Sodom and Gomorrha? Destroyed by the explosion of a nuclear fuel dump. Now we might read the Bible and see only a poetic religious epic. But for your UFOlogist the Good Book's positively stuffed with flying saucer phenomena.

Those angels, for example, who warned Lot of Sodom's imminent end and all the other angels

bobbing through the pages of the Bible were — well, spacemen, of course.

And spacemen? Wake up, say the UFOlogists, what do you think that apparition over Fatima was? The smart thing now, it seems, is to slap an extra-terrestrial label on just about everything, a habit which reached its peak, perhaps, in a book called *The Spaceships of Ezekiel*.

Ezekiel, as any Bible student is aware, introduces himself to us with the words: "The heavens were opened and I saw visions of God." And what visions!

For centuries Bible-readers have agreed that Ezekiel saw a cloud (that cloud again) with a fire inside and out of that cloud "came four living creatures." And so it goes: a description of what might seem, to sceptics, the result of a too-enthusiastic approach to something along the lines of LSD.

LIVING ON VENUS

But here comes J.L. Blumrich, an engineer with NASA (North American Space Agency). And J.L., after approaching the Bible with a view to demolishing von Daniken's theories, is abruptly converted.

Ezekiel's description of the "cloud" with the fire within and the adornments exactly fits, says Blumrich, the description of — yes, you're right again, a space craft, UFO, flying saucer. Right down to mechanical arms, landing gear and protective suits.

The Old Testament is filled with such examples: and the New Testament, too, hasn't been ignored by the UFOlogists. The Star of Bethlehem? You're right. And it goes on from there.

But an entirely new set of religions, or cults, has been spawned by the UFO phenomenon. Chief among them, the Aetherius Society which not only claims that Jesus is Alive and Well and Living on Venus but has His voice on tape to prove it. That's the sort of claim to bring in the demolition experts — and demolish they do.

Riddle of clouds on Hill 60

"CLOUDS" have a habit of popping up in UFO literature but one that appeared during World War 1 during the fighting in Gallipoli is intriguing, indeed.

Witnesses testified they saw six or eight "loaf of bread-shaped" clouds hovering over Hill 60, Suvla Bay.

The odd thing was, they didn't move, nor did they alter shape. Odder still was the sight of another cloud resting on the ground beneath the soldiers' lookout position. They estimated it at 800ft long, 200ft wide and 200ft high.

"This cloud was absolutely dense, almost solid looking in structure," and was seen by 22 men of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

These witnesses saw men of the First Fourth Norfolk Regiment marching to-

wards it. "They marched straight into it with no hesitation but no one ever came out to deploy and fight at Hill 60."

After an hour, when the last of the men disappeared into it, the cloud "very unobtrusively" rose and rejoined the others, still hovering in the same place. "Then they all moved away towards Thrace (Bulgaria)." Another fairy story?

Except that the regiment mentioned, according to Jaques Vallee, was posted as missing or wiped out.

After the war Turkey denied either capturing the regiment or even making contact with it. The men simply disappeared.

Now that's a *real* UFO mystery!

'Alien abduction' in the park

A FORMER special constable's story of how he was abducted by aliens in a purple light at Roundhay Park, Leeds, could remain one of the world's great mysteries, say UFO experts.

The British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Committee has launched a team investigation into the night-time phenomena, reported to have occurred on June 30.

They say it could take months to find out if the experience, witnessed by several independent callers to the YEP, can be put down to freak weather conditions.

If it cannot, it will become one of the five per cent of unexplained anomalies in the world.

At 10.30 pm on the Thursday in question, 21-year-old Mr Martin Cohen, of Clarendon Road, Headingley, Leeds, was walking through Roundhay Park to meet a friend for a drink at the

Mansion House. Mr Cohen, a former special constable at Chapeltown police station, said: "Suddenly I saw a purple glow. The next thing I knew I was lifted up and carried off the ground. My body went numb and my eyes felt dizzy.

"I then saw some figures of what looked to be women. They were like humans except they were furry. Then I just blacked out with the shock."

Later several anonymous people telephoned the YEP newsdesk to say they had seen a purple light in the park with a man in the centre of it.

On Friday, July 1, Leeds rock band member Mr Michael Cotran, 23, of Woodlands Drive, Rawdon, was jogging in Roundhay Park at 6.30 am when he says he saw a purple glow 30 yards in front of him on

the pathway near the Mansion House.

"At first I thought I was seeing things and then I noticed the body of a man in a grey suit lying on the ground. There was no body on the ground before the light appeared.

"My first impression was that it was a dead body. I was quite frightened and in a state of shock. When the man, who I now know to be Martin, woke up, he was very weak, in a cold sweat and was rambling on, saying, 'I have had this weird experience. I have been somewhere else.'"

He added: "I don't blame anyone for not taking us seriously. Neither of us has believed in UFOs before, either. But we are not mad and we do know what we saw. Something happened in Roundhay Park which is very frightening and I think people should be told about it."

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