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Data-Net prefers to stand clear of the feud between APRO and NICAP. However, we must acknowledge that it appears that NICAP does indeed start the action.

The Data-Net reward for an authentic UFO photograph is \$21.00. The film must be sent unprocessed, along with all pertinent data. I would like to verify that the film remains the property of the photographer. It will not be sold or sent to anyone. It will be analyzed and printed in the report for the members' benefit. The originals will be returned, together with the reward money if found valid.

Articles pertaining to UFO's written by members are solicited and welcomed. This is your report; don't make me write the whole damned thing.

All members are encouraged to conduct personal investigations and research for Data-Net. Data-Net has no subscribers.

Through the initiative of VE2AUJ, we have now joined forces with the new Quebec Research group (members will remember the Canadian newspaper clippings concerning this group).

Again, our policy is an open mind on all aspects until thoroughly investigated. At this date we have no valid contactee case. This does not necessarily mean that it has not happened.

Because we have confidential informers and because we are not interested in "impressing the public with our knowledge" we wish no publicity. Data-Net information is aimed at its membership only.

We recently received a letter from Dr. Condon, head of the Colorado project. He thanked us for our good work (?) as early warning coordinators and confirmed the dismissal of Dr. Saunders and Dr. Levine.

We were also informed of the following:

"Second, I would like to make sure that you know of the short extension of the time of this project which has been arranged with the Air Force. This has been reported in many newspapers, but you may not have heard of it. Originally our project was to have terminated by February 1, 1968. Now we expect to continue field studies until June 1 of this year, but perhaps until June 30 for a few reports of exceptional importance. Therefore we hope very much that you can continue your cooperation with us through that

period.

We expect to devote the summer months to the preparation of our final report with a view to delivering it to the National Academy of Sciences review committee by September 30. We do not know how long that review process will require, perhaps two months, nor how long will be needed after that to print the final report for public release, but it will be released as soon as possible after the review is completed. It is not known at this time just what form of publication will be adopted."

Should any station have important UFO information such as a landing, crash landing, low-level flight with several witnesses, etc. (please, no fly-overs), you are to call the project collect at (303) 443-2211, at any time day or night. Identify yourself as a Data-Net member and ask the operator to put you in touch with whoever is receiving UFO reports at that time. It is requested that you write down all pertinent data along with the names of witnesses (if any) and send your complete report to this Data-Net control station.

Added to the Data-Net library from WA5RON: "Flying Saucers: Hoax or Reality?", by L. Jerome Stanton; "Why Are They Watching Us?", by Allen Louis Erskine.

WA4VUG reports on his program on UFO's given recently at a ham club:

"The program came off very well despite ribbing by some of the members. In two parts the program presented first, a brief resume' of UFO activities from history to current theories. The second part dealt with the specifics from one case. Myself and a friend, WB4EKK (who was coerced into assisting me) gave the significant parts of the Exeter incident. These details came mainly from "Incident at Exeter". Other cases were briefly discussed as to patterns, especially those patterns which involve any significant theories.

The members of the club showed a great interest. I loaned out several past bulletins and have not re-collected them yet."

Please note that we have once again switched frequency. Recent tests on 3.970 MC showed excellent results. Please try to make it. WA4VUG feels that perhaps we should hold only a once a month net, Saturday or Sunday, 10 or 15 meters. Let's have some comments.

The following thought provoking article was received from WA5PKO (XYL to WA5OXU):

THOUGHTS ON THE NATURE OF REALITY

The question that the University of Colorado researchers are reported to ask, "Why do you think flying saucers are real?" is a much more perceptive question than it seems at first. This is a fundamental question and an honest answer to it demands some searching thought.

The operational word here is "real". If we assume "reality" we naturally also assume "unreality". But this may not be a sound assumption. What exactly would unreality be? I have a desk lamp burning. I turn the switch. Where does the light go when it goes out? Is it now an unreal light?

Suppose we have a real aeroplane. We take a photograph of it. We all know how this works; the film reacts to the light reflected from the surface of the aeroplane. Is our photograph then an "unreal" aeroplane? No, it is a real photograph. It is no more a real aeroplane or an unreal aeroplane or aeroplane of any sort than if it were a photograph of a tree. What would an unreal aeroplane be? A mirage? Again, not an aeroplane of any kind, simply a real mirage. What would an unreal mirage be? An hallucination? How can you have an unreal hallucination? Obviously you can't. Either you have an hallucination or you do not, and if you do not, the one you do not have can not be an unreal hallucination. Therefore, if I see an aeroplane it is either a real aeroplane or a real hallucination or a real something else. It is not an unreal anything.

What about the silence that a deaf man, or the darkness that a blind man lives in; is this a real silence, a real darkness? These people do not perceive what other people perceive. Does a silent dog whistle make a real sound? Is the TV signal real during the micro-second between transmission by the station and reception in your set? Were sub-atomic particles unreal during the millennia before man learned to detect them?

Were they real during the time of the dinosaurs before mankind was here?

For that matter we can ask the question from the opposite direction. Was mankind unreal in the time of the dinosaurs? Is something which does not yet exist, unreal? We have seen that there are now no unreal aeroplanes. But before the first aeroplane was invented, were there any unreal ones? There were ideas about aeroplanes, but these ideas were real ideas. Did you ever have an unreal idea? It is certainly possible to have superficial, incomplete, inaccurate and even completely mistaken ideas. But an unreal idea? Even a mistake is a real mistake. Try it on your income tax form if you think you can make an unreal mistake. It is possible to have ideas relating to situations, objects not in existence. This is what every inventor has. And the ideas are real ideas whether or not the invention works or even if they are never carried into action.

Astronomers tell us that some times a star undergoes a process in which it stops radiating. When this happens, can we then call the star involved an unreal star? What about the light and other energy it radiated previously, does that now become unreal light, unreal energy?

In fact if U. Colorado can find out what "reality" really is they will have made the biggest discovery of all times. But that will be only a fraction as hard as discovering unreality.

Note APRO membership at 3000. Received from APRO headquarters. Dr. Fontes has been operated on for lung cancer. The surgery has been described as successful.

Concerning the recent firing of Dr. Saunders and Dr. Levine from the C.U. project staff, we received the following information from one of our confidential informers:

"Condon has fired Saunders and Levine from his staff. The firing was over a dispute which arose when James Mac Donald of the University of Arizona wrote an extremely critical letter to Low (Project Coordinator) which contained information furnished by Saunders and Levine which Condon considered confidential. In a sense Condon acted in self-defense."

There is more trouble within the Colorado Project; Mary Lou Armstrong has resigned because of dissatisfaction with the project. Jim Wadsworth has been arrested for the possession of marijuana and peyote. He also may be dropped from the project.

From the Denver Post 2-18-68 (VE7BHN/WØ): UFO STUDY ASSAILED AS "INADEQUATE" - by Dan Partner, Denver Post Staff Writer. "A University of Arizona scientist charged Saturday that a University of Colorado group "is doing an entirely inadequate job" in the study of unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

James E. McDonald, a senior physicist at the university's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, directed what he described as "very serious" criticisms at Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of the group studying the UFO problem under a \$496,155 contract to the Air Force.

Condon, McDonald believes, is ignoring scientific reports and instead is concerned with the "crackpot and cultist aspects."

In a telephone interview, McDonald said, "I am troubled by his whimsical preoccupation with the crackpot and cultist aspects of the UFO problem and his evident lack of attention to the scientific side.

"I find it difficult to justify his interest in the crackpot aspects to exclusion of consideration of reports of pilots, scientists, engineers, law enforcement officers and all the other credible witnesses whose testimony has been so impressive to most who have been willing to examine it at firsthand."

Now he is convinced that Condon "never had a serious interest in the UFO problem and doesn't appear to have put any appreciable part of his energies into the project."

He said establishment of the CU project by the Air Force in October 1966 was the result of "public relations difficulties, not scientific considerations."

He said he was "indeed disturbed" by the recent firing of two members of the CU group but declined to discuss why. Condon dismissed David R. Saunders and Norman E. Levine on Feb. 8 "because of incompetence."

Levine came from the University of Arizona when he joined the CU project last June.

McDonald believes the extraterrestrial hypothesis is the "most probable hypothesis to explain the UFO evidence." This hypothesis, he told the East Hartford meeting, is that UFOs are "some kind of extraterrestrial probes or vehicles, products of some technology other than our own."

Dan Fry has recently written a book called "The White Sands Incident". A re-hash of his article which appeared several years ago in Fate magazine. On the back cover, it states that Dan Fry is a charter member of NICAP. We fired an inquiry to Gordon Lore of NICAP. He answered immediately: "Fry is not a NICAP member. A NICAP secretary mistakenly sent him a charter membership certificate. He has been formally notified of the mistake."

Recently had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. Wooten, Assistant Manager of Manufacturing, Engineering, Lockheed, Sunnyvale. The interview was by phone. Mr. Wooten is a retired Navy pilot. One night, sometime in 1954, he was flying a P2. Total persons aboard was 10. Flying at an altitude of 9000', he suddenly noticed a bright object about 14 miles at his port bow. He immediately alerted all personnel and received verification from his radar operator. Radar range computed 14 miles. When first sighted, the object was at a 45° angle to the plane's heading. It continued its course and when it disappeared was 7 miles to the plane's port quarter. The captain (Mr. Wooten) told all persons aboard to write down what they saw, but not to discuss the object among themselves. Upon landing they found that they more or less agreed on what they saw.

The estimated size of the object was between 75 and 100 feet. Two rows of lights were seen. Six lights to a row. Estimated size of each light was one foot. The object was circular, pancake shaped.

The complete report was turned over to Navy personnel upon landing.

I asked pilot Wooten if he had any comments concerning the AF statements that UFOs were never spotted on radar. His voice rose, "I completely disagree," he said. His personal opinion was that the thing "was obviously solid!"

Mr. Wooten was most cooperative and gave his information freely. Although there was a trace of nervousness in his voice, he was not hesitant in his answers; giving me the impression that the sighting was still imprinted on his mind.

We received the following clippings from WA5RON concerning a "Hoax" with so many contradictions that we are now thoroughly confused:

The Dallas Morning News, Feb. 26, 1968. SPACEMEN CONTACT HOAX, YOUNG TEXAN CONFESSES Amarillo, Texas (AP) - A soft-spoken young farmer, regarded as a pillar of his tiny community, crumbled after a lie detector test Sunday and said his story and photographs of contact with alien spacemen were a Svengali-like hoax.

Carroll Wayne Watts told the Associated Press his intricate tale of dealing with small grey men who said they were from Mars was implanted under hypnosis in four sessions with a Pandhandle artist who provided the photographs which the 29-year-old farmer from Loco, Texas had challenged to disprove.

"I still don't know how he got those pictures," Watts said after flunking a polygraph test commissioned by the Houston Post.

"I didn't know how to stop it. The damn thing just got out of hand."

Watts said he could understand no motive for himself and expected no financial gain. The farmer said when he told the artist two weeks ago by telephone a lie test was near, the artist replied, "You're holding the bag. They'll never get me."

He said the artist knocked at his door last spring during a rash of UFO sightings in the area and encouraged the farmer to consider art lessons, a conversation which led eventually to the hoax.

The polygraph examiner who conducted the test was L.R. Wynne, owner of the Amarillo Security Control Co., and a member of the state board which licensed all "lie detector" operators in Texas.

"The whole story is just one big lie," Wynne said after a four-hour session with Watts. "I haven't found a word of truth in it from beginning to end."

Wynne added, "I've been in police work 17 years and never saw a story as solid as

this one, or persons so eager and willing to undergo the polygraph challenge."

Watts said the story of contact with grey, cylindrical spacecraft and grey, squatty Martians who ordered him to strip and undergo physical examination by machine was scripted by the artist and memorized in four sessions of hypnosis.

Aside from the chubby artist, who carries a minor but unsavory police record, a man Watts describes as a San Antonio hypnotist and a third man, also from San Antonio, were present.

The farmer said his wife, Rosemary, and his cousin, Donald Nunnelly, chief of police at Wellington, nearest town to Loco of any size, were unaware of what really was happening.

Nunnelly, Collingsworth County Sheriff John Rainey and neighbors had told the AP and Houston Post newsmen who began to investigate a month ago, that Watts had no possible motive for participating in a deception.

Nunnelly said he felt as many as 50 other area residents would be willing to swear to government investigators they had seen unexplained lights or craft.

The lie test was the idea of Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University and adviser to the Air Force Blue Book, which handles sightings of unidentified flying objects.

After examining some of Watts pictures, Hynek concluded, "If this is a hoax, it is a very, very clever one. In fact, it would be such a clever hoax it would be almost as interesting as what this farmer claimed has happened to him."

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Dallas Times Herald, Feb. 26, 1968-LOCO MARTIAN CLAIM FAILS UNDER LIE TEST-LoCo, Texas, (UPI)- The man who put this tiny West Texas community on the map with his tale of flying saucers and Martians, 29-year-old Carroll Watts, failed a polygraph test Sunday, indicating his story was all a hoax.

Al R. Wynn, who performed the lie detector test on Watts, said, "He failed it. You can pass a polygraph test on purpose, but you can't fail one on purpose."

Watts however, claimed Sunday night he failed the test purposely because his life was threatened.

"I got a telephone call Saturday night warning me not to pass the test." Watts said.

Then, as he was on his way to take the test Sunday, he said he was flagged down by a woman standing beside her car next to the road. When he stopped to help the woman, Watts said, he was knocked to the ground by two men carrying "automatic weapons."

He said, "They told me if I passed the polygraph test I would never make it home. So I failed it. I tried my best to fail it."

Watts said Sunday night he "emptied an M-1 rifle" at a car which fired shots at his house.

From the San Jose News, Mon. Feb. 26, 1968 - (WB6RPL) - SPACE VISITORS HOAX-LoCo, Texas (AP)- Carroll Wayne Watts, 29-year-old farmer, has admitted his story of contacting alien spacemen and taking pictures of them was a hoax.

Watts' admission came Sunday after he failed a lie detector test, which was given him at his own request.

L.R. Wynne, the polygraph examiner and a member of the state board which licenses all "lie detector" operators in Texas, announced after the test with Watts: "The whole story is just one big lie. I haven't found a word of truth in it from beginning to end."

In oral statements to newsmen, Watts, father of three children said his account of dealing with armed, gray Martians and their giant spaceships was implanted under hypnosis by an unnamed artist who offered painting lessons in exchange for his cooperation.

Watts said the artist furnished him with pictures of spaceships and spacemen last June after making a solo excursion with camera across Watts' farmland, which appeared to be the setting for the supposed spacemen photographs.

Watts denied seeking any profit in his attempt with the artist last summer to sell the pictures and story to a national magazine.

Watts had told newsmen about attempts by an Air Force officer and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University, to gain his help in negotiating with Martians for return of an airman they abducted in Oklahoma. "They gave me that under hypnosis, too," he said later.

Are we beating a dead horse? (WB6RPL):

San Jose Mercury, Feb. 11, 1968, SCIENTISTS AGREE BOLT KILLED HORSE- Reno, Nev., (AP)
Analysis of hair, flesh and other material from Snippy, a Colorado horse, shows nothing unnatural about the death, scientists said Saturday.

The materials were examined by six scientists at the Desert Research Institute of the University of Nevada. They said the horse might have been hit in the neck by lightning.

Snippy, an Appaloose horse, was found dead on the prairie near Alamosa, Colo. last October. His owner, Mrs. Berle Lewis, said it looked like he was killed by men from outer space.

"The condition of the horse and the immediate area surrounding the horse cast some reasonable supposition toward an unnatural death," the scientists said in a report.

"According to newspaper accounts...the horse was found completely denuded of flesh from the neck forward. The brain and spinal fluids had been drained and the entrals were absent.

"Several marked areas termed "exhaust marks" were found around the area and the remains of a "tool" or "bottle" that allegedly contained a green fluid was discovered in the field near the horse."

Soil samples from the area were tested by Dr. Robert Morris, a biochemist, who said he discovered nothing "That would lead directly to hydrocarbons or fuels."

Flesh from the horse's neck was analyzed by Dr. Anthony Lesperance, associated professor of nutrition and animal science, and Dr. Howard J. Weeth, associate professor of physiology and animal science.

"No evidence of excessive burning was found around the neck or the sample studied," they said. "This sample may have been a sample remote from the suggested burned area near the neck."

The tool or container was investigated by Dr. Robert Morris, professor of biochemistry, Dr. Donald Tibbitts, associate professor of biology, and Dr. Howard Cords, professor of plant and soil science.

They said it looked "like a twisted piece of dry seaweed...an analysis showed the material to be of plant origin." All the items were placed in a radioactivity counter and the scientists said "the material was not radioactive."

Dr. O. Richard Norton, who drafted the final report on their findings, concluded:

"Since the death of the horse took place during the thunderstorm season and in an area where thunderstorms are common, it is possible that the horse could have been struck in the neck by lightning and killed."

Joliet Herald-News, Dec. 31, 1967 - MYSTERIOUS BERMUDA TRIANGLE STILL CLAIMS ITS VICTIMS OF SHIPS AND AIRPLANES- By Lester Bell - Washington - Off the Southeastern United States lies one of the most baffling regions of the seven seas, the Bermuda Triangle where over the years ships and planes and all aboard have disappeared mysteriously.

Reviving the perennial legend of an oceanic twilight zone, the National Geographic Society last week defined the boundaries of the Bermuda Triangle. It is some 440,000 square miles of open sea within imaginary lines connecting Florida, Bermuda and Puerto Rico.

"Though many ships and planes travel the triangle each day without mishap, an unusual number of craft have vanished there without a trace," the National Geographic points out. "Neither wreckage nor victims were ever found."

The U.S. Navy, which has experienced some of the wierdest of these disappearances in the Bermuda Triangle, attributes the losses to a "strange coincidence," the National Geographic observes.

"It does not believe that any twilight zone exists where supernatural forces gobble up ships and planes."

No common natural cause could seem to account for the losses.

The Bermuda Triangle began claiming ships in the 18th century. Four American naval ships vanished in it between 1781 and 1812.

The air age has since made its sacrifices to the triangle, one entire flight of five Navy bombers disappearing, to be followed in an equally eerie climax by a huge search plane.

Columbus experienced the unusual in the triangle during his voyage to the new world. He sailed through the Sargasso Sea, part of the Bernuda Triangle. On Sept. 15, 1492, Columbus logged a "bolt of fire" falling into the sea. Two days later his men were "terrified" by the erratic behavior of the ship's compass.

Terror also undoubtedly gripped the crews of the five Navy bombers out of the naval air station at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. on Dec. 5, 1945.

Flight 19 was routine enough, an overwater navigational training hop. Except for showers, says a Navy report, the weather in general was considered average for Flight 19's mission.

Less than two hours out from base, radio messages indicated the flight was lost. The messages apparently were between Flight 19's leader and another pilot on the mission.

"Everything is wrong...strange," the flight leader radioed in alarm, "we can't be sure of any direction. Even the sea doesn't look as it should."

National Geographic recalls that a big flying boat was sent to look for the silent bombers. The Martin PBM Patrol plane vanished within 20 minutes.

It took the loss of a 10,000 ton Navy collier with 290 persons aboard to create the aura of mystery that hangs over the Bermuda Triangle, a name that apparently came some years after the World War I disappearance of the big coal-hauling Cyclops.

Cyclops loaded a cargo of manganese ore at Rio de Janeiro on Jan. 22, 1918, and sailed Feb. 16 for Barbados for bunker coal. She left that British West Indies port March 4 bound - through the triangle - for Baltimore where she was due March 13.

For all that has since been seen of Cyclops, she could have sailed over the edge of the world feared in Columbus' time. A massive sea search and intensive investigation by naval intelligence and the Federal Bureau of Investigation disclosed nothing. Germany disavowed any connection with the mystery which is unsolved to this day.

In the relatively short period since World War II, 20 ships and planes, besides the mass Navy flight, have slipped into oblivion in or near the triangle. National Geographic notes that their case histories are given in Vincent Gaddis book, "Invisible Horizons."

As recently as 1963, two Air Force tanker jets, a fishing boat and the American merchant ship marine Sulphur Queen vanished in the triangle.

When Navy Public Information officers at the Pentagon are asked for information on planes lost in the triangle, an observer learns, they go to a folder labeled "Spooky File."
(WA9THB)

(WB6RPL) B52 BOMBER MISSING IN FLIGHT OVER GULF - Fort Worth, Tex. (AP) - A B52 bomber with eight persons aboard was missing today after flying over a bombing range in the Gulf of Mexico just off the Texas Coast. No bombs were aboard, an Air Force commander said.

Carswell Air Force Base here said its plane should have returned to Fort Worth by 3:30 am. Last contact was 11:12 pm, Wednesday, eight miles south of Matagorda Island.

Col. Carlton L. Lee, commander of the 75th Bomb Wing here, said three helicopters, three fixed wing aircraft and a Coast Guard vessel entered the search for the bomber.

The plane normally carries a crew of six and the extra men presumably were along for evaluation.

From South Dakota, Jan. 1968, Minneapolis Tribune. UFOs GAIN SCIENTIFIC RESPECTABILITY, by Lewis Cope, Staff Writer. - UFO used to be a "dirty three-letter word," but the subject has achieved "scientific respectability" during the past two years, a noted astronomer said Friday.

The comment came from J. Allen Hynek, who for the past 20 years has been a consultant to UFOs - unidentified flying objects.

"No theory that can be generalized has yet developed" to explain the phenomenon of UFOs, he said.

"A mystery is an itch that ought to be scratched," and thus open-minded scientific investigation is needed, he added.

Hynek is chairman of the Astronomy Department and director of Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

His UFO comments came in an interview after he spoke at the Edison Foundation's education conference being held at Macalester College, St. Paul. The conference is for secondary-school science teachers.

Hynek has played a key role in developing the scientific respectability flying saucers have achieved. He has not only investigated the subject, but has been a leader

in calling for more attention to the subject.

In October 1966 the Air Force gave a \$313,000 contract to the University of Colorado to conduct a major UFO study.

Hynek said the Colorado study group is doing a good scientific investigation job, "within the limits of their funds."

He added, however, that the cost of the study is no more than one airfield put down in Vietnam - and much more money could well be utilized in the effort.

Hynek is not involved in this study, although he has briefed the group on his work. He is a consultant to the Air Force's Project Blue Book study of UFOs at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Hynek said he has recently spoken on UFOs to scientific sessions at such places as Princeton University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and two space agency centers.

He cited this as an example of the subject's new respectability, which he said didn't exist a few years ago.

When Hynek speaks of UFOs he means mysterious sightings that cannot be traced to known natural things such as balloons, satellites or meteors.

In the past two years "there have been dozens of most interesting reports" of UFOs, he said - enough in just this time to warrant serious scientific study of the subject.

But he said very few photos are made of UFOs and it is virtually "impossible" to prove that what is captured on film is or is not some known natural object.

He said it is "possible" that extraterrestrial beings are involved, "although highly improbable in the light of present scientific knowledge."

But he said this doesn't mean such scientific knowledge won't ever come. And until some good explanation for UFOs is found, Hynek urged scientists to keep scratching the itch.

Policemen continue to spot UFOs - from WA3FCM 1-28-68. SIX REPORT SKY-FLYING OBJECTS SOUNDING LIKE BROKEN FAN BELTS - A sound "like a broken fan belt" and a strange light in the sky completely baffled six people near Havre de Grace Sunday before dawn.

Three of the spectators were Havre de Grace police officers, who said they received a call from James Barker of Lapidum road concerning a strange sound and lights in the sky over Kennedy Highway.

Officer R. W. Deaner Jr., said as he pulled into the driveway he heard a noise and thought his police cruiser had snapped a fan belt. "I got out and opened the hood. As I did, I saw this light in the sky. I didn't know what the heck was going on."

Two other officers and a police clerk also saw the glow and were unable to say exactly what it was. "There were three lights on it and they were spaced about ten feet apart," one officer said, "then suddenly it was gone." It happened to be two or three miles away.

Mr. Barker's son, David, 19, spotted the lights as he was driving home. He then went into the house and awoke his father, James Barker.

"It stayed right there in one spot, not moving, for about a half an hour," Mr. Barker said, "then it just disappeared in the clouds." Officer William Pruitt and Corporal Warner Taylor were at the scene and were similarly baffled about the occurrence.

A sighting was reported by Mrs. Betty Bowman of Hemlock road in Edgewood almost two weeks ago. She reported that on Sunday night, Jan. 21, she was closing her dining room curtains when she spotted a red-glowing dome traveling very rapidly that was "green around the edges."

Stating that she attempted to wake her son in time for him to see it, but to no avail, Mrs. Bowman said, "I just didn't believe my eyes." (Havre de Grace, Maryland)

From WAOKOM, Feb. 1968, - FLYING SAUCER EXPERT AT U.N.I.- (The Register's Iowa News Service) Cedar Falls, Iowa - Flying saucer expert James Moseley will speak in the men's gymnasium at the University of Northern Iowa here at 10 am Monday.

Moseley is the founder of SAUCERS (The Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society) and the editor of "Saucer News."

His appearance is sponsored by the Controversial Speakers Program, established by the U.N.I. Student Senate "to acquaint students with problems facing Twentieth-Century American."

Again from most active WA5RON: 2-5-68 The Dallas Morning News - BRIGHT OBJECT SEEN IN SKIES - A bright red object that appeared to be shooting off firecrackers kept North Dallas residents skywatching Sunday night.

The object was sighted in the North Dallas and Park Cities area about 8 pm. It disappeared about 10 minutes later.

"There's this bright red thing that was moving slow and now is standing absolutely still. Noises and sparks are coming from it that sound and look like firecrackers," was the report that flooded the Dallas News, radio, television, and police switchboards.

The control tower at Dallas Love Field said the object appeared to be an airplane from which someone was throwing firecrackers.

We only got reports from people who saw it, not from any pilots who might have been near it," said a control tower employee.

Dr. John Allen, head of the "Moonwatch" satellite sighting program in Dallas, said the object could not have been a satellite.

"There were two satellites passing over Dallas around 8 pm Sunday, but they would have appeared white in color and would have not made any noise," he said.

The object remained unidentified late Sunday night.

(WA5RON) Dallas Times Herald, Feb. 5, 1968 - UFO SPARKS FIREWORKS - A Love Field control tower spokesman said the unidentified flying object which mystified scores of North Dallasites Sunday night appeared to be an airplane from which someone was throwing firecrackers.

The object, described by North Dallas residents as red and bright, was seen about 8 pm and disappeared about 10 minutes later.

Several observers said the object appeared to be throwing off fireworks.

Prediction from Jean Dixon: "Russia is on the verge of a breakthrough in propellants for spacecraft, using magnetism for space travel. Whoever gets there first will control space." (!?)

NEW, BRAND NEW....NEW UFO GROUP - GUARANTEED: "Scientific institute of UNICHOTO-METRICS INC." Cost \$12.00 a year. It is guaranteed! (Data relayed by KP4CH) The paper we received states, "A new way of life!" "Fight back the silencers,...Do not be controlled!...Send us your money and we'll teach you how" - they say!

If any member has further data concerning this group, please forward it immediately.

From Paul Cerny, local bay area NICAP subcommittee chairman; San Jose Mercury, 2-17-68-MOSCOW JOINS A HUNT, by Roscoe Drummond - Two new and significant developments bear directly on the puzzle of UFOs, whether they are real or whether they can be explained away as natural phenomena:

1 - The Soviet Union has about-faced on flying saucers. After long dismissing them as "fairy tales" and an "American hoax," it has created a government commission to investigate the many sightings over Russian territory and to find out what they are.

2 - The special team of American scientists, headed by Dr. Edward U. Condon of the University of Colorado under contract with the Pentagon to investigate UFOs, is aiming to pool both information and techniques with the Soviets.

The head of the new Soviet commission, retired air force General Porfiri A. Stolyarov, will be invited to the U.S. as a guest of the American group and offered access to everything on the UFOs the U.S. scientists have gathered. Dr. Condon and his project manager, Robert J. Low, would like to develop a full exchange of data and a close working relationship with the Soviet investigators.

This radical switch in the Soviet approach to the question of "flying plates," as Moscow calls them, gives new support to those in the U.S. and elsewhere who are convinced that the sightings of recent years prove that things are appearing which are not mythical, not illusion. At the very least the new Soviet view strengthens those who believe that the evidence demands continued study, that there is far too much which is unexplained to be dismissed.

In creating a government commission to study the reported sightings, they are now saying almost exactly the same things which objective scientists have been saying in the U.S. for some time. They do not reject the possibility that all UFOs can still be explained away, but they warn against such outright dismissal, arguing that it is "too convenient since it demands no intellectual effort and kills off the problem at birth."

One member of the Soviet commission said he believes "UFOs should be studied carefully" and "approached scientifically."

Surely neither the war in Vietnam nor the breach between Peking and Moscow should prevent the United States and the Soviet Union from investigating UFOs jointly and scientifically.

From Paul Cerny; San Jose Mercury, 1-27-68 - UFOs NOT JOKE, SAYS SCIENTIST, East Hartford, Conn. (UPI)-A noted physicist charged Friday federal authorities have "badly mishandled" investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFO) and advised fellow scientists to "stop laughing smugly" at UFO reports.

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McDonald said his research into the subject over the past 18 months had led him "even farther" toward the conclusion that some form of extraterrestrial survey does exist.

The physicist and atmospheric expert spoke at a seminar held at the United Aircraft Corp. Research laboratories here.

"Current scientific attitudes towards the UFO problem must be radically alerted," he said. "We must stop laughing smugly at 'all those nuts' who see UFOs, stop accepting hollow assurances from the official agency that has so long and so incredibly mishandled the UFO problem, and stop musing that the very idea of our being under extra-terrestrial survey is so amusingly absurd."

From Paul Cerny: New Britain (Conn.) Herald, Jan. 26, 1968. - STOP LAUGHING AT UFO REPORTS, THEY MAY EXIST, SCIENTIST SAYS - East Hartford, Conn. (UPI) - A University of Arizona physicist today asked fellow scientists to "stop laughing smugly" at reports of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) and charged that official Air Force investigations of the subject have been "badly mishandled."

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Dr. McDonald said the Air Force Project Bluebook, an organization set up several years ago to study and evaluate all UFO reports, "badly mishandled" the whole problem for "many years" and he added that the official attitude apparently remains the same, "zero-point-zero."

Discussing books dealing with UFO sightings, Dr. McDonald said he disagreed with the theory that there was "a grand conspiracy" to hush up details but said a number of official reports do "constitute a form of coverup."

There is no "grand conspiracy," the physicist said, but there are "a lot of little coverups of the type that can become all too common in a military milieu, especially when a highly visible official position would be embarrassed by a policy of candor."

Dr. McDonald said he regarded the "grand foulup" as being more likely than the "grand conspiracy."

One of the reasons that UFO reports are so often written off as absurd, Dr. McDonald said, is because of "cultist and crackpot ideas (which) abound in a garish literature of paperbacks and magazine articles mainly aimed at the suggestion that the

"space brothers" from Venus, Mars and Saturn are here to save us from such hazards as "unbalancing the atomic state of the upper atmosphere."

Skeptical scientists with limited exposure to UFO records generally assume sighting reports to be either hoaxes, hallucinations or misinterpretation by laymen of atmospheric phenomena," Dr. McDonald said.

The scientist conceded that "there may still be poorly-understood atmospheric or even astronomical phenomena" which are being misinterpreted by experts.

However, he argued that the weight of evidence definitely does indicate that there is a basis of fact for supposing that this world is under observation from elsewhere.

As an example, Dr. McDonald asked his audience to "imagine the consternation, the sheer disbelief of a Solomon Islander who, with only the most shadowy prior contact with 20th Century industrial-scientific technology, suddenly found himself witness to a 1942 amphibious invasion."

The Solomon Islander would be entirely unable to comprehend huge ships, aerial dog-fights, bombing runs and artillery fire, the physicist said.

In the same way, Dr. McDonald continued, even the most expert scientist living in this world at this time could be completely unaware of advanced extra-terrestrial technologies and might regard evidence of them with disbelief.

Dr. McDonald concluded that he wished UFO reports could be proven absolutely unfounded.

"Then I could forget the whole thing and get back to what I was working on when I decided to take my first close look at the full history of the UFO problem," he said.

"That hope, I know, is futile," he added. "The evidence is just not that weak and vulnerable. Quite the opposite."

San Jose News (WB6RPL) Feb. 19, 1968 - RED SAYS SAUCERS U.S. PLOT - Moscow (UPI) - Flying saucers are just a capitalist plot to keep the minds of workers off the hard lives they lead, according to a Soviet science expert.

"When it becomes necessary to distract the reader from tough problems, western leaders have three ready sensations which never fail; flying saucers, the Loch Ness monster and the abominable snowman," said science columnist V. Lyustiberg in the daily Moskovski Komsomlets.

"It is more interesting to read of mysterious shapes from Venus than think of tomorrow's pay freeze, price rise or unemployment."

As proof of this capitalist plot, he said saucer "sightings" increased during American election years and during the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Lyustiberg's article was the latest salvo in a running battle between Soviets who favor a serious study of saucer sighting claims and those who insist the alleged sightings are not worth investigating. For years Russia laughed off western saucer sighting reports as "mass hysteria." Then late last year the Soviets appointed an unofficial commission to investigate what are known in the West as "unidentified flying objects."

Soviet astronomers in Kazan, the North Caucasus Mountains and the Soviet Republic of Latvia as well as Soviet pilots have reported sighting and tracking saucers.

Lyustiberg wrote that "flying saucers never appear before air observation posts, meteorological stations and serious-minded astronomers."

"Flying saucers are like the Virgin Mary, they only show up before those who believe in them," he said.

Lyustiberg dismissed alleged saucer photographs taken by single lens cameras as "leaving grounds for doubt" and pointed out that the world doesn't have a single stereoscopic photograph of a flying saucer.

San Jose News (WB6RPL) Mar. 2, 1968 - MYSTERY SIGNALS IN SPACE - By William C. Sexton, World Book Science Service-Houston - An electrifying report reached U.S. astronomers last week that one of the world's newest radio-telescopes had detected signals that sound like the work of intelligent creatures on another planet.

The report turned out to be at least half true.

Scientists at the Mullard Observatory of Cambridge, England, are receiving significant signals from a point in the Milky Way, perhaps 200 light years from earth.

But they now believe the signals have a natural origin and may in fact represent

an entirely new type of body called a neutron star, existing in our own galaxy.

The signals, received since last fall, consist of "beep...beep...beep," heard every 1.33 seconds, much like an airways beacon. They come in on a frequency of 81.5 megacycles, close to the 88-106 band used on earth for standard FM broadcasting.

An unofficial report of the discovery set off excitement in some astronomical circles. No previously known mechanism would explain such a radio source in space.

In fact, scientists long have felt just this sort of repetitive transmission might be the first indication of an intelligent civilization elsewhere.

"Once it had been established the signals weren't from a deep space probe or some planetary radar or moon reflection," Mullard director Martin Ryle said, "our immediate reaction was that this might be the output of intelligent beings.

"But we now have strong arguments against this. Three other similar sources have been located. And we detect none of the change in period which would be evident if the source was a planet rotating about some other star."

Instead, the Mullard team attributes the radiation to a form of dying star. This type of radio signal was conjectured in 1966.

From KP4CH: National Enquirer, 2-14-68 - FLYING SAUCER CUTS RADIO, DIMS LIGHTS ON AIRLINER - The voice of pilot Oswaldo Sanvitti crackled out over the plane's loudspeaker: "Everybody! Look out the windows to our right. There's a strange object there and it's watching us. It's a UFO!"

The 52 passengers and 6 other crew members stared out into the skies over Chiclayo, Peru - and saw a sight that stunned them.

A luminous, cone-shaped object - like nothing they had ever seen before - was skimming along beside them.

The plane's radio suddenly went dead and its cabin lights dimmed.

And for the next hour, the passengers and crew watched in fear and wonder as the UFO danced around their plane.

Flashing a variety of brilliant colors - red, orange, blue, white - it bobbed up and down and shot over the top of the plane from one side to the other.

When it got close, the awed passengers and crew saw that it had a funnel-shaped bottom. Sanvitti, a veteran pilot with 22,000 hours flying time, estimated the UFO measured about 230 feet in diameter at its top.

After an hour's weird maneuvering the UFO suddenly vanished with an incredible flash of speed.

The plane's radio immediately came back on and its lights got bright again.

Sanvitti contacted the control tower at Lima airport and was just reporting what had happened - when the UFO suddenly reappeared out of nowhere.

And this time there was a second UFO with it.

The two hovered around the plane a few moments and then disappeared for good with another blinding burst of speed.

When the plane landed at Lima airport a few minutes later, the shaken, frightened passengers all agreed on the details of what they had seen - and that it was something strange and terrifying that they could not understand.

Captain Sanvitti thinks that when the two UFOs returned together, they quickly flew out of sight again because his radio message was intercepted.

He explained: "It seemed to me that they became aware I was giving a message to the control tower and they immediately disappeared again. I think that's why the radio didn't go out the second time, because I had already alerted the tower."

The spine-tingling experience of the 59 passengers and crewmen took place on a 6pm flight from Piura to Lima last February 2.

The plane was a DC-4, owned by Faucett Peruvian Airlines, and was a half-hour out of Piura when the UFO was spotted.

Captain Sanvitti, 40, related: "We were at an altitude of 7,000 feet when I suddenly saw a luminous object to the right of the plane. It was just getting dark and the object, which shone brightly, was shaped like an upside-down cone. It was about 8 miles from the plane and flying at the same speed and altitude and in the same direction."

"Then suddenly it came shooting toward us - and passed over the top of the plane. As it did so, it flashed bright colors. As it closed in on the plane, there was a bluish light at its top and a red light on the underside. But as it climbed and passed over the plane, the blue light changed to red and the red light changed to orange."

"When the UFO passed over us, I saw that the bottom was shaped like a funnel. I estimated that its diameter at the broad topside was 230 feet."

Edwin Boris, radio officer at the Lima control tower, said: "I was very worried because Capt. Sanvitti had not contacted us. I could get no communication with him and his plane.

"Suddenly, his voice came over, telling us what was occurring. He said, 'A UFO has been flying around us, watching us. The passengers are frightened.'

"I told him we were ready to receive him at the airport and had emergency equipment, doctors and nurses on hand. A few minutes after 7:30 the plane landed and none of the passengers needed medical treatment, although many were shaken up and still trembling. They all told of seeing the strange UFO."

For Capt. Sanvitti, it was a repeat performance - for he had reported a UFO sighting in 1953.

He recalled: "It was 6 am, and I was flying a small plane about 10 miles from the airport at Barcelona, Venezuela. Suddenly I saw an object resembling a silver plate looming over the control tower.

"I radioed the tower and told them about it. They all dashed out onto the field to observe it, but about all they saw was a streak as it suddenly vanished with incredible speed."

From KP4CH: National Enquirer, Feb. 25, 1968 - 2,000 UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED IN PENNSYLVANIA. By Kenneth Dorn - Soundlessly, the rotating, egg-shaped object hovered overhead, bathing the house and lawn in an eerie glow.

Caught in the glare, Donald (Butch) Purdue Jr., 23, tried to get up from the grass where he was relaxing and discovered he couldn't move.

A few yards away, his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Purdue, sat on the front porch, her hands frozen to the rail.

The strange glow coming down from the UFO seemingly had paralyzed the limbs of both mother and son at their home in Summerdale, Pa.

Then, as suddenly as it had come, the UFO zoomed up into the starry night sky and disappeared like a streak.

As its glow receded and winked out, strength and mobility poured back into the Purdues.

For the Purdue family, the terrifying episode last June 13, was but one of three they experienced during the week of June 11-17, a week that heralded a fantastic summer-long explosion of UFO sightings in central and south-central Pennsylvania.

The UFO reports in the area for 1967 amounted to an incredible total of 2,000. Some members of the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) put the number of unreported sightings much higher - perhaps as high as 6,000.

Most significant of all was that one sighting was followed by the first verified high radiation reading ever obtained after a UFO report.

This took place in Harrisburg, after witnesses said a UFO was seen to lower itself behind a patch of woods, east of the Cameron Park Lawns area.

NICAP investigators checking the area 36 hours later found a flattened area in the grass about 16 by 5 feet with three holes set 12 feet apart in a triangle, as if they had been made by a giant tripod.

George Cook, Chief NICAP investigator, said the flattened area was found moderately "hot" with radioactivity while the three holes, each about 1-3/4 inches deep were exceedingly hot. "The radioactivity was the maximum the Geiger counter could record," he said.

The staggering frequency of the sightings, all in a narrow area extending northeast from Newville, through the Susquehanna Valley to Berwick, brought wonder and fear to the normally peaceful region.

On the night of Jan. 18, 1967, which was clear and cold, Mrs. Krebs glanced out the living-room window of her home and spotted a bright light above the nearby mountain. She called to her husband.

Mrs. Krebs related: "At first, Jim thought it was an airplane." "But when he viewed it in his binoculars, it appeared to be about 50 feet wide. It certainly wasn't a helicopter but it hovered right above the mountain."

For 10 minutes, the Krebs watched in wonderment as the object began to maneuver

and then came within 500 yards of their house.

"It seemed to have two pinkish lights slanting downward at a 45-degree angle," said Mrs. Krebs. "It made no sound at all and it seemed to have no windows. We could see an antenna on it with a bright red light on top." Finally, she said, the object raced straight up and "seemed to merge with another bright light before both of them dashed away."

After a series of isolated spottings through the winter and early spring, the area got a June 2 preview of the summer rash of UFOs as witnessed by two police officers.

At 3:35 am that day, Corporal Charles Robsock of the Berwick force was on routine patrol headed east on Route 11. Through the windshield of his car, Robsock saw what he first took to be an unusually bright star. When he realized it was moving, he radioed officer Jack Heckman.

Heckman saw it too, and they both observed it for fully 20 minutes. Then it changed direction and headed South. Then it disappeared, as if someone had turned its light out.

Two Berwick hotel employees, Paul Hicks and Tito Barbosa confirmed the officers' sighting. At the time the policemen lost sight of the object, they saw it 25 miles to the southwest.

Probably one of the largest audiences for a UFO was gathered on the night of June 14 at the Hall Manor apartment project in Harrisburg. At 9:45 pm a bright object appeared over the buildings. Moving south, it settled behind the trees of Cameron Park Lawns. Ten minutes later it rose and moved slowly off the the east.

Marilyn Fisher described the object as about 20 feet long, peanut-shaped and appearing to have a white glow in the center. Others noted a red light on the front and a green light near the rear.

The wave of sightings continued through June with no let up, with an unusual one cropping up in Sundbury, a town about 50 miles north of Harrisburg on the Susquehanna River.

Greg Wilt, 14, was on a playground with Wanda Shipe and Cathy Bloom and he saw some puzzling shapes in the sky. They said the objects were domed and had blinking lights on them.

Greg's parents also saw the objects. Mr. William F. Wilt said. "Along with a dozen other grown-ups and children, my wife and I observed the objects for at least half an hour. They were circling and had red lights in the center."

Greg succeeded in snapping four pictures of one particularly bright UFO.

From KP4CH: NATIONAL ENQUIRER, 2-25-68-EXCELLENT UFO PHOTOS, BUT CAN'T EXPLAIN OBJECT, SAYS CANADIAN DEFENSE DEPT. OFFICIAL, by Thomas Porter - A whirling sivler UFO streaked over the heads of three prospectors who were hunting a mysterious gold mine in the rugged Canadian backwoods. One of the men, an amateur photographer, managed to snap two quick pictures of the UFO.

Just before it darted out of sight, a large darkish object fell from the craft. One of the prospectors, Lorne Grovue, 29, of Calgary, Alberta explained, "It was silver, shaped like a disc, and absolutely silent when it traveled. It was extremely fast. But it had a spinning motion and could hover."

The unique photos, taken by Warren Smith, 27, also of Calgary, were put through detailed analysis by the Canadian Department of the National Defense.

In a letter to Smith dated last November 27, Colonel W.W. Turner of the department called the photos: "Two excellent photographs of an unidentified object." Col. Turner admitted, "It has not been possible to explain the object shown in the photographs."

The Defense Department made these findings about the UFO: A. The object had a diameter of some 40 to 50 feet and a depth of 11.5 to 14 feet. B. The shadow detail in the photograph is suggestive of a torus (doughnut shape). The outside surface appears to lack protrusions and suggests a shiny, bright surface.

The sighting took place last July 3. Grovue, Smith and Craig Dunn, 15, were deep in the wooded hills south of Calgary, about 35 miles due west of the town of Nanton, Alberta. They came out of heavy timber into a small clearing when the sighting took place.

Craig Dunn got the first glimpse. Grovue plucked the camera from Smith's knapsack and put it into Smith's hands. Smith snapped the shutter immediately. It was a

single fram 35 mm. camera, set for 1/125th of a second, and using color film rated at a speed of 64.

Grovue described it: "I could see an unusual craft, possibly two miles distant at a height of not more than 2,000 feet, coming toward us from the southeast. It was losing altitude rapidly in a controlled approach.

"As Warren Smith snapped the first picture, it was possibly half a mile away. Then it disappeared. It came into sight again, moving slowly at treetop level, heading in an easterly direction. For a few moments it hovered, and Warren snapped the second picture. Then at an extremely high rate of speed, it shot back in the direction it had come from, eastward and upward, out of sight."

"Just before it disappeared, we saw a darkish object fall from the craft."

"We searched for the object, but we were so excited and so bone-weary our search was not enough."

What struck Grovue as strangest of all was the absence of sound.

From Jo Clark: San Jose Mercury, 3-1-68-B52 BOMBER JUST VANISHES-Fort Worth, Texas. (AP) - A B52 - largest bomber in the U.S. arsenal - mysteriously vanished presumably in the Gulf of Mexico, the 7th Bomb Wing reported Thursday. It carried no bombs. Eight fliers were aboard.

The bomber was about eight miles off the radar station-bombing range and not more than 15 miles from the Texas mainland when it suddenly disappeared from the radar screen at 11:12 pm Wednesday.

The disappearance created a mystery along the Texas coast. Fleets of airplanes and surface ships could find no debris.

No flash which could indicate an explosion in the air was seen.

From Jo Clark: San Jose Mercury, 3-1-68, RUSS RIDICULE FLYING SAUCERS, Moscow - The Soviet Unions' top-ranking Academy of Sciences acted Thursday to quash a recent flurry of interest here in unidentified flying objects.

The academy's leading astronomers and physicists scorned recurring reports of UFOs as "unscientific sensationalism."

"All objects flying over the territory of our country are identified either by scientists or by (military) men standing guard over the security of our motherland."

From Jo Clark: San Jose Mercury, 2-24-68, DURYEA CO-STARS, Hollywood (UPI), Dan Duryea will co-star in "Project Saucer," a new science fiction thriller.

From Jo Clark: San Jose Mercury, 2-24-68, U.S. SAUCER HUNTERS SEEK SOVIET HELP, Washington (AP) - Dr. Edward Condon, director of an Air Force-financed investigation of unidentified flying objects, said Friday that he had appealed to scientists of the Soviet Union to cooperate in a study of flying saucers.

The appeal, in the form of a letter from Condon, was relayed three weeks ago by the prestigious National Academy of Sciences to the Soviet Academy, Condon said in a telephone interview from Boulder, Colo.

"We haven't received any answer yet," he said, "but I guess it's too soon to expect one."

"Condon, an internationally known physicist now on the faculty of the University of Colorado is a former chief of the U.S. National Bureau of Standards.

Fifteen months ago Condon was chosen to head an independent investigation by non-government scientists to determine whether flying saucers are natural phenomena, or whether they are spaceships, possibly from distant planets. The Air Force put up almost \$500,000 for the study.

Discussing his appeal for a cooperative effort on UFO research by American and Russian scientists, Condon said his letter was prompted by news reports from Moscow quoting informed sources as saying the Soviet government had set up a special commission to investigate reports of flyingsaucers.

"The letter said, in essence, that we are doing a job for the American Air Force, and we have an interest in any similar research you may be doing, and we'll be glad to exchange information with you. So, the letter said, 'how shall we get together?'"

From W6BPV: Press Democrat, Santa Rosa, Calif., Sun. 3-10-68, SPARKLING FEET IN GROO-LOO HAUNT, by Patricia Rideout, Sebastopol - Three members of the Roseland Fire Department have found a "down-to-earth" clue in the origin of the Groo-Loo in the orchard at Coleman Valley.

Or it may be an entirely separate mystery.

Tom Kathgassner, Jim Piccinini and Robin Smith, all of Santa Rosa; were Groo-Loo hunting last night in the orchard owned by members of the Beedle family.

Mr. Kathgassner walked across an area toward a large rock with the other two following. They saw sparks rise from his footprints. They all walked through the 10 by 14-ft muddy area with the same results.

"It looked like sparklers," said Mr. Kathgassner. They described the phenomena as a "glowing" which after being brought to the surface by the contact of their shoes, "seemed to hesitate, as though to get dried out by contact with the air, and shoot out as sparks." They also said that it appeared phosphorescent, but did not "rise" into the air. The color was yellowish white, according to the men.

This reporter went with the group to the spot where two other witnesses also made the sparks fly as they stepped across the area.

Dennis Wolford, who has seen the Groo-Loo at close range, was there and saw the first sparks set off by the men, said, "it's not at all the same."

The area was quickly "discharged" by many feet. It is apparently a pocket below the level of the orchard, where topsoil has washed down and is held by the large rock.

The firemen thought the odd occurrence is "at least a definite place to start an investigation." Three of the Analy boys who made the first sightings of the Groo-Loo and who are forming a study group will take soil samples and would welcome any light, preferably not green, which can be shed on the phenomena.

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COULD THAT GROO-LOO BE A UFO DEFECTOR? - Did a dazzling UFO leave something behind on Coleman Valley Road in June 1966?

Is that "something" the luminous green phantom recently sighted in the John Morrison apple orchard?

Is it waiting there for its mother ship to come back?

That's one speculation about the object, which has stirred imaginations and varying degrees of panic among the area's high school students during the last 10 days.

They've decided to call it a Groo-Loo (ey. unk. "gruesome looking").

But Mrs. Morrison says that she and her husband's family, who live nearby, are wondering about a possible relationship between the current mystery object and the sighting she reported two years ago.

Mrs. Morrison is a teacher in the Harmony Elementary School in Occidental.

She says the present phenomenon - a green light from an unknown source that travels around the orchard, passes through fences, then disappears - projects a feeling of "hiding, and fear, and loneliness."

She connects it with her earlier sighting of a "huge UFO" on her property "soon after school was out in June" two years ago.

Mrs. Morrison tells this story, "It was a beautiful, clear, moonlit night. Our family was spending the evening with my mother-in-law. My husband was with us."

"The elder Mrs. Morrison went to the kitchen to make coffee and saw this object through the window which looks out over the pasture - the same pasture over which the Groo-Loo traveled before the Morrison's astonished eyes last Wednesday night.

We all went outside and saw at the far end of the two-acre pasture, in a V in the treeline a huge orange-yellow, round, object about half again the size of a large harvest moon.

"It looked as though it was near the ground. As we watched, it rose straight up, soundlessly, at great speed."

Mrs. Morrison said the UFO "went to great altitude" but also appeared to stay the same size.

"I'm not very good at judging distances," she said.

"Before our eyes, the UFO stopped and proceeded to change both color and shape - from orange-yellow through a bright, bright blue to a final dark blue-green.

"While the color change was going on, it changed from round to elliptical shape. It appeared smaller in its new form, but longer."

Mrs. Morrison said it began to move dus North.

"We saw what appeared to be running lights, four or more, near the lower edge. As it picked up speed, it emitted a high whinning noise. It hurt my ears, and our dog howled as though in pain."

Mrs. Morrison said when they called the sheriffs' office they were laughed at and never told the story again. Now speculation about the luminous green object on their property leads them to try to determine as scientifically as possible, what it is.

They are not alone.

Friday night about 60 cars parked on Coleman Valley Road, the occupants quietly watching.

More than 200 more sat in the orchard, according to Dennis Wolford, an Analy High school student who lives on Coleman Valley Rd. and says he has sighted the Groo-Loo several times.

Dennis says he stayed down in the orchard until after 10 pm Friday.

"About 200 people were charging about," he said, "lots of them saying they caught a glimpse of the Groo-Loo. I don't think any of them really saw it. It only appears when everyone is quiet."

Dennis is sure about the need for quiet for those who wish to see the mysterious inhabitant of the orchard and pasture.

His own first confrontation came just before midnight March 1 as he was pushing his out-of-gas motorcycle up the hill on the way home.

"It looked about as big as a basketball and it seemed to be just sitting there in the middle of the pasture" - the same pasture where the UFO was sighted by the Morrisons in 1966.

Dennis went on to describe another sighting, the one by about 50 Analy students last Wednesday night.

"After all the noisy ones left, the rest sat quietly in the orchard and I went down by the road and didn't see the first part of it, but the others said it appeared on the ground in front of them."

Steve Tumbra, Chuck Williams, Ike Corwell and Dennis Walker have all verified the story.

Dennis said, "I heard the kids yelling and ran back in time to see it rising up and blinking. As it blinked, it got bigger and bigger, about three feet in diameter.

Then it disappeared and re-appeared about 20 yards away, in the trees. We chased it and it zoomed away from us. We could follow its path, and then it disappeared again. Chasing just makes it disappear."

A deputy sheriff stationed on the Morrison property Friday night, according to Mrs. Morrison, took a machete away from one overly-enthusiastic Groo-Loo hunter.

She says aggressiveness will not be tolerated among any who are planning to form a "scientific study group."

A friend is planning to go over the property with a Gieger counter for any traces of radiation.

Another "scientist" has advanced the theory that the Groo-Loo is an electro-magnetic force, which is why the advance of charging bodies repells it.

But Mrs. Morrison's favorite theory is that the gentle, Groo-Loo, in fear of loneliness, haunts the pasture and orchard awaiting the return of that mother ship it left on that moonlit night in June two years ago.

It should be obvious that the UFO problem is going to stay with us. It will not be solved by the Colorado Project, APRO, NICAP, or Data-Net...not in the immediate future anyway. In our 16 months of existence, what have we discovered beyond the fact that they are indeed real? What have we really accomplished? What have we solved?

Should we continue? Or should we leave it to the "authority"? Perhaps the authority is doing what is best! I need your comments. Tell me what to do. I need your HELP!

Thank you for your help and your support.

73 Mike Jaffe