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The Data-Net report is the official newsletter of Data-Net, published monthly by the control station. Data-Net is comprised of radio amateurs seriously interested in the UFO (flying saucer) problem. Dues are \$3.00 a year.

All members are encouraged to conduct personal investigations and research for Data-Net. We have no subscribers. The Data-Net reward for an authentic UFO photograph is \$21.00. The film must be sent unprocessed, along with all pertinent data. The film remains the property of the photographer.

New members this month:

WN9WPO - Larry - Illinois

WA3GFW - Ken - Pennsylvania

Total funds in Data-Net treasury at this date: \$32.25 including reward money.

W7PFE - Earl reports that he now is ZD80FE on Devils Ash Pit, Ascension Island. He operates daily on 28.7333 and 21.4333 depending on conditions. 1800 ZULU (11:00 am MST) Give him a shout!.....KP4CH is on 21.442 daily. Give Tom a shout too.....

Wayne Green, publisher of "73" wants to organize hams and "get the ball rolling" on a ham UFO watch.....Wayne has written this station requesting our cooperation and we have already agreed to help. It should be interesting to note how he makes out..... Recently received an offer of cooperation from U.F.O.I.C. in Australia. We may possibly join forces soon.....It appears that our reports travel the globe, and in some cases are reproduced and redistributed.....6,000 sheep killed at one whack in UTAH!.....

About a year ago Data-Net attempted to log air crashes in the U.S. Because the reports were so numerous, we had to give up after 18 days! (Over 200 crashes!!)

The following information concerning the "inner earth" was submitted by Carol Adamski. Although Data-Net does not necessarily accept the alleged statements attributed to Rear Admiral Byrd, it is reproduced here for your possible interest and comments.

"Landmarks in the History of Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd's Great Geographical discovery of new unknown land areas within the polar concavities beyond North and South Poles.

December, 1929: "The memorable December 12th discovery of heretofore unknown land beyond the South Pole by Capt. Sir George Hubert Wilkins, demands that science change the concept it has had for the past four hundred years concerning the southern contour of the earth."
-Dumbrova, Russian Explorer

February, 1947 "I'd like to see that land beyond the (North) Pole. That area beyond the Pole is the center of the Great Unknown." - Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd (United States Navy), before his seven-hour flight of 1,700 miles beyond the North Pole.

(Author's note: Admiral Byrd did not fly 1,700 miles across the North Pole to the other side of the earth, a frozen icy waste, like the region from which he came - but flew beyond the Pole into the polar opening leading to the hollow interior of the earth, traversing an iceless region of mountains, lakes, rivers, green vegetation and animal life.)

November, 1955: "This is the most important expedition in the history of the world." - Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, before departing to explore land beyond the South Pole.

January, 1956: "On January 13th, members of the United States expedition accomplished a flight of 2,700 miles from the base at McMurdo Sound, which is 400 miles west of

Radio announcement from Byrd's Antarctic expedition, confirmed by the American Press of February 5, 1956.

March, 1956: "The present expedition has opened up a vast new territory." -Rear Admiral Byrd, on March 13, 1956, when he returned from his South Polar expedition. "that enchanted continent in the sky, land of everlasting mystery!" -Rear Admiral Byrd, before his death."

This warning to husbands was received from Mrs. WA3FCM:

"My husband has asked me to describe a UFO that I saw two years ago. Had he been listening and paying some attention to his wife he wouldn't have to ask me for a description as he would have been able to get a good look at the UFO himself. I guess that'll teach him. I find this a rather difficult task as it was not easy to describe the night I saw it and after two years I find my memory isn't too good. However, I will do my best.

When I first saw the object it was just a reddish-orange glow in the sky and looked to be just slightly above the treetops. It seemed to be moving toward us. I say this because it got larger. It looked round and flat, I guess I really mean oval, in shape. It seemed to be observing us as it hovered for a time until I yelled so loud my husband finally stopped the car. When he stopped, the UFO moved out and seemed to circle in back of our car. This is when my husband saw it and he has never forgiven himself for not having seen more of it.

This should be a lesson to all husbands - Pay attention to your wives!"

Further details of this sighting were provided by Ted (WA3FCM) via tape letter:

"Sighted about 2 years ago. It appeared about 200 yards distant....double convex shape. Red in color, but not too bright. Possibly half the brightness of the full moon. It was clearly outlined and appeared to be an intelligently controlled phenomena. He received the impression that it was not a material object, unless some tremendous force field was acting on it.... It was seen to wobble as though without inertia...The object had a definite outline and exhibited the color of electrical discharge; such as plasma....Size was roughly 30' in diameter."

KP4CH submitted the following clipping:

San Juan Star, Monday, March 18, 1968 - THE LITTLE GREEN MEN by Ursula Von Eckardt
"The most thrilling event of the week concerned the regular pulsating radio signals from space which have been picked up during the last few months by British and American astronomers (see STAR, March 10).

The signals occurred with absolute regularity, every 1,337 seconds, and this led some astronomers to comment hopefully that "this was another intelligence trying to contact us." The strange radio sources were even dubbed LGM's - little green men - until the more plausible theory, that the signals were natural oscillations of dying stars, was worked out. Yet, according to one astronomer, "if you want to attribute anything to a civilization, then this is the best case we have had so far."

Certainly, more and more data about the marvellous complexity of our universe is being accumulated, and the odds that if there are LGM's we will sooner or later have genuine evidence of their existence are becoming more favorable. If the basic assumptions of science are correct: (1) that the order and connection of events is such that what is known to happen once can, and therefore does, happen whenever equivalent conditions exist, and (2) that in an indefinite space-time, conditions are equivalent an indefinite number of times, then somewhere at some time the little green men do exist.

We'd have to know much more about the size and the age of the universe to calculate accurately, how many civilizations of little green men there are likely to be. Harlow Shapley, emeritus professor of astronomy, thinks there are, by conservative estimate, about one hundred thousand million billion solar systems with planets on which life, and hence intelligence, could develop. Yet the problems of finding one of them are enormous. If you compare the time-span of the earth's existence to a 24 hour day, homo sapiens has existed for about four seconds. Our earth's, even our solar system's life span may be a brief moment in the life of the universe. Thus, human existence measures an infinitesimal fraction of cosmic time, and the probability that another civilization is close enough to ours to communicate with us at just the right moment requires a fantastic coincidence.

There are other problems. What kind of an intelligence could we communicate with and about what? It would have to be a civilization at more or less the same stage of technological development as ours, otherwise we would not be able to receive their signals or send back answers. Little green men just a couple of hundred light years away might right now be sending us information about themselves, hoping for a reply. But unless they use instruments which structure signals the way our receiving devices do, we would be as unaware of this as a deaf man is of being shouted at behind his back.

And what about the language? Isaac Asimov, scientist and science speculator at large, with whom I used to correspond about these things, insists that mathematical statements about a shared reality such as a physical process or a chemical compound would have to be equivalent. The Periodic Table of Elements, he says, could serve as the basis for constructing an alphabet we could share. Therefore, he thinks, messages consisting of such mathematical statements could be sent and received.

I tend to doubt this. I think intelligence is a function of an organism's adaptation to the specific environment, and hence, in my view of them, the laws of mathematics are a product of the human nervous system rather than absolute truths derived from the physical structure of the world. There would then be as many "correct" mathematical systems as you would have intelligent races. In that case, even if the physical environment of little green men were similar to ours, the intelligence through which they cope with it could still be so different from ours, that what is orderly for us would be chaotic for them and vice versa. In that case, we would be unable to intuit enough about each other's logic to build a common language.

Nevertheless, it's thrilling to think about. Are you there, little green man? Won't you please talk to me?"

Also from KP4CH:

San Juan Star, March 20, 1968. NATURAL SOURCE BELIEVED CAUSE OF SPACE SIGNALS AT ARECIBO by David Ahlers - Arecibo - "The radio pulses from outer space recently received at the Arecibo Ionospheric Observatory are probably not signals from intelligent beings, according to one of the project's leading scientists.

F.D. Drake, who is studying the pulses, told the STAR that "I just don't see a communication signal in these emissions.

"There are two major pieces of evidence against it," he added. The first, Drake said, is that the transmission power behind the pulses is extremely high—anywhere from 100 to 100 million times the total electrical generating capacity of the earth.

The 2nd reason, the scientist explained, is that the radio frequency is too broad, "from 60 megacycles to 150 megacycles."

Referring to the transmission power, Drake said that "it seems unreasonable that any intelligent being would use so much power just to send a beep."

Drake added that the spectrum of pulses is very typical of a natural source, as opposed to a conscious radio transmission.

As to what the pulses, which occur with precise regularity every 1.337 of a second, may be, Drake suggested four possibilities:

(1) A pulsating neutron star. This is a star at the end of its life which has collapsed by its own gravity to reach a mass of up to a million tons per cubic inch. Their "pulsations" are rhythmic electronic radiations. A pulsating white dwarf star which still emanates some light and has a density up to 10 tons per cubic inch.

(2) A rotating neutron star. By their extreme density neutron stars can rotate rapidly, or about once a second. This rotation could generate electron radiation of great strength.

(3) Two neutron stars rotating around each other. The electron radiation generated in this way would be extremely high. Also, the regular eclipsing of one by another could be an explanation of the precise "beep" effect.

(4) Intelligent civilization. "I don't rule this out," said Drake, "because I would like to find it. But I do not want to cry 'ho!'" he added.

"We are going to study this pulsation sufficiently long to find out what it is," Drake explained, "from several weeks to several months." He said he and his associates want to find out what is really happening and perhaps find another comparable pulsation for comparison.

Associated with Drake in his studies are David Jauncey, of Australia, and Ellen Gundersmann, both of whom have come to Arecibo from Cornell University. Also doing research are graduate students John Comella and Harold Craft Jr. "

From Moskow via KP4CH: Lowell Sunday Sun, Lowell, Mass. Sunday, March 3, 1968 - RUSSIANS NOW FOCUS SCIENCE PROBES ON UFO'S - (Editor's Note: Unidentified Flying Objects have been buzzing Russia, and the Soviet government is becoming concerned about it. Some Russian scientists, including the author, believe UFOs come from other planets and their crews are investigating Earth. In this article, adapted from the Soviet government's English language magazine Soviet Life, he calls for a serious international study of the mysterious objects in our skies.) By Felix Zigel, Doctor of Science and Assistant Professor Moscow Aviation Institute - "The place of observation is Kazakhstan, field camp of geophysical expedition from a Leningrad research institute. Time of observation is August 16, 1960 about 11 pm local time.

According to Master of Geology and Mineralogy Nikolai Scchevanov, camp chief, a strange, luminous body suddenly appeared over mountains on the eastern slope of the valley. It was moving from north to south, and its visible diameter was one and an half times longer than the Moon's.

A few seconds later the body disappeared behind the mountain top, reappeared and headed southeast, keeping constant speed and height. The mysterious object was lens-shaped and bright, the edges being somewhat less luminous than the center.

The body described an arc in the sky and disappeared behind the mountains, leaving no trace.

The unidentified flying object (UFO) was observed by eight scientific workers, members of the expedition.

Not one, but several reports come from astronomers at the Mountain Astrophysical Station, USSR Academy of Sciences, 12 miles from Kislovoksk, Causasus.

In the early morning of July 18, 1967, astronomer H.I. Potter, who was observing the Moon at the mountain station, noticed a strange formation against a clear, starry sky at 2:50 am Moscow time. A white cloud appeared in the northeast at an elevation of about 20 degrees. Its diameter was twice as long as that of the Moon, but its nose was several times less bright.

The cloud itself had a dense, milky-white color, with a rosy-red nucleus clearly discernible near its northern end. The cloud expanded and grew paler. A few minutes later the white cloud dispersed completely, but the reddish nucleus remained. Toward daybreak it lost its outlines and then disappeared. Photographs showing its changes were taken.

We could give many more accounts of such sightings, but let us stop here and draw some conclusions. Even if all the UFO evidence amounted to no more than these two accounts, it is clear that the evidence exists. The fact of the matter is, however, that many thousands of such observations have been documented in the past 20 years. They come from dozens of countries and virtually every corner of our planet, including the Arctic and Antarctic. The UFO phenomenon is too widespread and popularly accepted to be dismissed lightly.

A growing number of serious scientists are not satisfied with explanations characterizing the sightings as visual aberrations. It goes without saying that the phenomenon attracts, and unfortunately will continue to, all sorts of publicity-seekers, but we do not stop using money because there are counterfeiters. The task of science is, precisely, the obligation to distinguish between the false and the true.

To find a clue to the nature of UFOs, we must study all the reports on these surprising and, to my mind, real objects. Only a scientific analysis will reveal the truth.

Until recently no scientific study of UFOs has been made in the Soviet Union. The prevailing view was that UFOs are common optical phenomena and the general impression was that flying saucers are fantasies. The situation now is changing.

In May, 1967, a sponsoring group of scientists, the military, writers and public figures met to form an unofficial body whose purpose it would be to conduct a preliminary scientific investigation of UFOs. The organization, set up October, 1967, is called the UFO Section of the All-Union Cosmonautics Committee, with headquarters at the Central

House of Aviation and Cosmonautics in Moscow.

Those of us who are participating in this new and exciting undertaking have an ambitious program of work ahead.

UFO movements are peculiar. Sometimes they hover over the Earth for tens of minutes. In flight, they can develop incredible speeds and accelerations. Depending on the viewing angle, flying discs look flattened or cigar-shaped or spherical. In some cases, a UFO appears as a crescent, turning into a disc before your eyes.

The belief that UFOs are real also is borne out by the fact that these objects not only are visible to the naked eye, but leave distinct images on photographic plates and are recorded by such impartial "witnesses" as radar screens.

Observations show that UFOs behave "sensible." In a group formation flight, they maintain a pattern. They most often are spotted over airfields, atomic stations and other very new engineering installations. On encountering aircraft, they always maneuver so as to avoid direct contact. A considerable list of these seemingly intelligent actions gives the impression that UFOs are investigating, perhaps even reconnoitering.

Curiously enough, the number of UFO observations increases as Mars approaches the Earth. Is that pure coincidence?

The most remarkable UFO phenomenon is the famous "Tungusky meteorite" of 1908. In recent years Soviet scientists have established that the Tungusky explosion had every parameter of an air nuclear blast. Studies prove that the Tungusky body could not be a meteorite nor a comet.

In the summer of 1967 the Joint Institute of Nuclear Research at Dubna published a study which concludes that the Tungusky blast left considerable residual radioactivity. As recently as 1966, this writer showed that before the blast the Tungusky body described in the atmosphere a tremendous arc of about 375 miles (in azimuth), that is, carried out a maneuver.

All these new results warrant the conclusion that the Tungusky body seems to have been an artificial flying craft from some other planet.

The important thing now is for us to discard any preconceived notions about UFOs and to organize on a global scale a calm, sensation-free and strictly scientific study of this strange phenomenon. The subject and aims of the investigation are so serious that they justify any efforts. It goes without saying that international cooperation is vital."

San Juan Star - SOVIET TIE-UP ASKED IN UFO STUDY - Washington (AP) March, 1968 - Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of an Air Force-financed investigation of unidentified flying objects, said Friday that he has 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 Denver.

"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 Denver, 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.

Condon said the investigation will not be completed until sometime in June, and his report will not be made public until November or December.

The 65-year-old scientist refused to discuss even preliminary findings. Nor would he speculate on whether the report will resolve controversies surrounding reports of UFOs.

Has the project made him a believer or a nonbeliever in flying saucers?

"I'm now getting to be more one way than the other, but I'm not going to tell you what that way is," Condon replied.

Condon said project scientists had spent considerable time "answering false alarms," but he refused to answer when asked whether he or any of his colleagues had seen any

evidence of UFOs.

The Air Force's commissioning of Condon's independent probe apparently was prompted by persistent criticism-mostly from non-scientists-of its investigation, begun 20 years ago and still continuing.

The criticism, vigorously denied by the Air Force, has been that its studies are biased against the possibility that UFOs might be manned surveillance craft from outer space. The Air Force has even been accused of withholding information that critics say might prove that contention.

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 flying saucers.

"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 doing - and we'll be glad to exchange information with you. So, the letter says, 'how shall we get together?'"

More on the "Loco" Texan. March, 1968. REPORT ON ALIEN SPACEMEN ADMITTED LEG-PULLING JOB, Loco, Tex. (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.

"Loco" Texan. March, 1968. LOCO IS LOCALE AS FARMER REPORTS SPACE CREATURES - Amarillo, Tex., (AP) - A 29-year-old farmer from the Texas Panhandle community of Loco Sunday underwent a voluntary polygraph test intended to help confirm or deny his story of contact with humanoid creatures from space.

The farmer, Carroll Wayne Watts, was interrogated by L.R. Wynne, owner of the Amarillo Security Control Co. and a member of a six-man state board which licenses all of the lie detector operators in Texas.

While Wynne charted his reactions, Watts displayed and examined the series of black-and-white and color polaroid photographs which the farmer said confirms his experiences.

The truth examination was the idea of Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University and civilian adviser to the Foreign Technology Division of Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

The FTD office is the Air Force clearing house for reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and is known to the public as Project Blue Book.

Hynek told the Associated Press his preliminary examination of some of Watts' pictures showed no sign of obvious fraud.

"If this is a hoax, it is a very, very clever one," Hynek said. "In fact, it would be such a clever hoax that it would be almost as interesting as what this farmer claims has happened to him."

We received a clipping from a Columbian newspaper. The photograph shows 4 policemen studying what appears to be a 200 gallon oil drum. The caption reads: "FLYING SAUCER IN COLUMBIA?" Under that: (my Columbian translation may not be perfect) "Officers of National police examine an unidentified object which fell in the oriental region of Columbia. They feel that possibly it is a piece of a flying saucer."
-Radiophote UPI-

From WB6RPL. San Jose News, 3-26-68. STATE OF UFORIA - The study of unidentified flying objects, more commonly known as flying saucers, has been firmly established as a national pastime in the United States of America.

Now it seems the fever has caught the Soviet Union which usually seems to be more concerned with such pedestrian studies as five-year plans, performances of tractors and the borsch cabbage crop.

It was perhaps inevitable that somebody should suggest that the two nations combine studies. Why not go a step farther and call a Geneva convention on unidentified flying objects reported inaccurately, accurately? (UFOria)

Euphoria, after all, is not unknown at Geneva conventions. And they have sometimes been called for far less reasons. "Sacramento Union."

From WA5RON. The Dallas Morning News, Tues. March 5, 1968. More on the Bermuda triangle: "WINDS DELAY DIVER'S HUNT FOR LOST B52. Corpus Christi (UPI) - High winds and choppy waves for the second straight day Monday stopped an Air Force diving team from determining if an unidentified submerged object in the Gulf of Mexico is a missing B52 bomber.

An air search, however, resumed for the missing bomber which left Wednesday with eight persons aboard from Carswell Air Force Base at Fort Worth.

A rescue team from Selfridge AFB in Michigan traveled to near the site of the unidentified object aboard the Cutter Commanche Monday. But the team did not investigate because of winds gusting to about 40 mph and high waves.

The bomber was flying bombing runs over a practice target at the island Wednesday when radar at Matagorda lost contact with the plane.

The survey ship Georgia, operated by the Ray Geophysical Division of Mandrel Industries of Houston, reported finding the object Saturday some 80 miles south of Galveston and 150 miles east of Corpus Christi. It was in about 120 feet of water."

The following is not UFO oriented, but may be of interest to radio amateurs. From KP4CH, 1968. "E.N. PICKERILL, EARLY FLIER, DIES: HAD U.S. WIRELESS LICENSE NO. 1, Mineola, L.I., Jan. 14, 1968 - Elmo N. Pickerill, who learned to fly from the Wright brothers and studied radio with Guglielmo Marconi, died, apparently of a heart attack, in the waiting room of the Long Island Rail Road station here shortly before noon today. He was 82 years old, and lived at 4 Weybridge Road.

Mr. Pickerill, or "Pick," as his friends called him, was the first man to make a radio transmission from an airplane, in 1910, and the following year, when the Government began licensing wireless operators, he received license No. 1.

He was one of the early barnstormers, flying in exhibitions all over this country, and in much of South America. He was a ship's radio operator for many years, served in the aviation section of the Army Signal Corps during World War I, and then joined the Radio Corporation of America in 1920.

He retired from RCA in 1950, but remained active in many aviation organizations.

Mr. Pickerill, who was born in Greenridge, Mo., on May 24, 1885, was the son of Worthington W. Pickerill, a musician, and his wife, Ida. He attended Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

After working as a railroad telegrapher and station agent, he became fascinated with the potential of wireless telegraphy.

He did some work with Dr. Lee De Forest and Marconi in 1904 and 1905, both then experimenting with radio.

After a few years as a ship's radio operator, Mr. Pickerill turned to aviation. He wanted to experiment with wireless telegraphy from aircraft, but because planes then could carry only one man, he had to learn to fly.

With seven hours of instruction from Wilbur Wright, and after building a compact radio telegraph transmitter and receiver, Mr. Pickerill made the first air-to-ground radio communication on a flight from Mineola to Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, and back on Aug. 4, 1910.

The one-hour flight, in a Wright Model B biplane, was a record for distance and time aloft, but Mr. Pickerill dismissed the significance of this later, saying, "There

was hardly anything you could do in those days without breaking or making some record."

After the war, he became RCA's chief pilot, and continued to experiment with air-to-ground radio communication, Mr. Pickerill long foresaw the role radio would play in aviation, and he told an interviewer in 1925: "The time is rapidly approaching when radio equipment will be as much a part of an airplane as it is now of a ship. All successful airlines will develop with radio."

He was president of the Veteran Wireless Operators Association and of the New York wing of the OX-5 Club (for early aviators), and was a former officer of the Long Island Early Flyers' Club and the Early Birds of Aviation.

Mr. Pickerill leaves no immediate survivors. The funeral will be held Tuesday at 8 pm at the Fairchild Chapels, 1201 Franklin Avenue, Garden City."

Humor section, forwarded by Carol Adamski. Readers Digest, March 1968. "SETBACK FOR FLYING SAUCERS - There was great excitement of Venus last week - scientists landed a satellite on Earth, and its sending back signals as well as photos. The satellite is in an area known as Manhattan (named for the Venusian astronomer who discovered it 200,000 light years ago). Because of good weather conditions scientists were able to get valuable data as to the feasibility of a manned flying saucer landing on Earth. A press conference was held at the Venus Institute of Technology.

"We have come to the conclusion," said Professor Zog, "that there is no life on Earth."

"How do you know?" asked a reporter for the Venus "Evening Star."

"For one thing, the Earth's surface in the Manhattan area is solid concrete; nothing can grow there. For another, the atmosphere is filled with carbon monoxide and other deadly gases; no one could possibly breathe this air and survive."

"What does this mean as far as our flying saucer program is concerned?"

"We'll have to take our own oxygen with us, which means a much heavier flying saucer than planned."

"Are there any other hazards?"

"In this photo you'll notice what seems to be a river, but satellite findings indicate the water's unfit to drink. We'll have to carry our own."

"Sir, what are those tiny black spots on the photograph?"

"We're not certain. They seem to be metal particles that move along certain paths. They emit gases, make noise and keep crashing into each other. There are so many of them that it's impossible to land a saucer without being smashed by one."

"If all you say is true, won't this set back the flying saucer program several years?"

"Yes, but we'll proceed as soon as Grubstart gives us added funds."

"Professor Zog, why are we spending billions and billions of jilches to land a flying saucer on Earth?"

"Because if we Venusians can learn to breathe in an Earth atmosphere, then we can live anywhere." -Art Buchwald, The Washington Post Co."

From Paul Cerny, NICAP, Mountain View. Press Democrat, Santa Rosa, Calif., March 8, 1968. "IS THERE A GROO-LOO IN COLEMAN VALLEY? - Patricia Rideout, Sebastopol - What is it, out on Coleman Valley Rd., that makes normally belligerent watchdogs run for cover, and cats streak for the safety of the house, and high school students, nearly 200 of them, gather at night in a cold orchard - to wait, and watch, and scme, when they've seen "it" to flee for home, not wanting another look?

What is it that presses down woven cattle fences, somehow passing between the small space between the woven wire and the two top strands of barbed wire - that makes a sound as though the wire was being ripped and the posts pulled out, but on inspection has left only a slight deflection of the wire?

What is it that shows itself as a luminous green light at the same instant as the noise of the wire rings out in the night air at the very top of Coleman Valley rd. - that followed a boy home in his car - that shows itself hanging motionless in the orchard?

Is it an animal that passed through the wire and left a small circular area of flattened grass near the doghouse at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison? What is it that passes by and leaves no foot prints?

The Analy Union High School students who are keeping watch out there have a name

for it, if not an explanation. They call it the "Groo-Loo!"

"All I know is - we saw it, we heard it and we were scared. Something we don't understand travelled across our pasture Wednesday night, and each time, at the same instant, when the loud noise of the fence twanged, a bright green light - a little larger than a large flashlight, appeared."

John Morrision, 15791 Coleman Valley Rd. and his wife arrived home a little after 9 pm on Wednesday night and when in the house heard voices and running in the adjacent orchard. They called the sheriff and went out on the porch to find their frightened animals diving for cover.

"Our dog, a Border Collie, normally barks at any disturbance - a good watchdog," said Mr. Morrision.

"We heard kids running through the orchard yelling, "there it is, there it is," and then we saw it, as though it had been chased out of the orchard toward our pasture." Mr. and Mrs. Morrision went on to describe the little there was to tell.

"There are three fences and the light appeared three times," they said. "But we only found two of the fences damaged."

Mr. Morrision said that the light appeared to be about the height of a man's head, but if it had been attached to a person or animal, it would have bobbed as it went across the pasture, but it didn't, "and there is not a single footstep in that pasture!"

Mrs. Morrision said that it was a bright, luminous green. "It could not have been hostile for it had plenty of opportunity to harm us or the youngsters."

Both said that "it" was not like anything they had ever seen or experienced. Mr. Morrision is a Greyhound bus driver and Mrs. Morrision teaches at Harmony Elementary School.

Wednesday night, at about the same time, Russell Beach, American Democracy teacher at Analy High School, and his wife and "a prominent business man from Santa Rosa" caught glimpses of "something," described as "bright green, about the size of a large flashlight, out away from the house and what appeared to be half the height of the house from where we stood. It just came and went."

Mr. Beach first heard of it in class Wednesday when some of his students told him of seeing it, first Friday night, March 1, and again Tuesday night, March 5.

"I'm a real skeptic. I wouldn't believe it unless it came up and tapped me on the shoulder. I saw something, we don't know what it was, but I went out to look because I was impressed by one of the students who was so scared he said he'd never go back, and he didn't," Mr. Beach said.

The Beaches returned to Sebastopol after their "sighting," only to be regaled yesterday with stories of the Groo-loo by excited students who had stayed on later. He didn't believe them and they told him to call the sheriff's office as a deputy was on the scene after Beach left. He did, and was told by the sheriff's office, according to Mr. Beach "the deputy went out there and saw a green light about the size of a large flashlight. The light went into the bushes. The deputy went after it, but couldn't find it. The thing went through the fence. The deputy went through the fence but couldn't find it."

As far as Mr. Beach was concerned, the sheriff's office had confirmed the students stories. He made plans for another visit last night.

When this reporter called the sheriff's office on Thursday evening, trying to track down the Groo-Loo, she was told a different story.

The report given was the Mr. Morrision called and when the deputy arrived at the scene Mr. Morrision said that he had seen lights but they were probably the eyes of an animal shining in the lights of his car and that in fact, he heard the animal run into the fence! Mr. Morrision disclaimed this version when contacted by the Press Democrat later Thursday night.

The spokesman at the sheriff's office went on to say, "the first we heard of any excitement over there today (Thursday) was when a mother called in and asked if we thought it was safe for her daughter to go to Occidental tonight!"

Last night, about 9:40 pm, Mr. and Mrs. Morrision said everything was quiet with the only ripple the watchdog barking normally at kids over in the orchard. Then they heard a shot.

Mr. Morrision, after returning from a running investigation, had this to say. "Everybody said the boy with the rifle had left. but there was another boy running through the

orchard with a big bowie knife. Tell the kids we don't mind them coming out here to look. We know its interesting, and we may all learn something. We want them to remember that people live out here and there are animals here too, and leave the guns and knives home!...and no running through peoples property, or someone is going to get mad, or I'm afraid the kids will wind up shooting each other. Whatever this is out here, it isn't hostile...leave the guns home," he said.

"Our eyes were just drawn to the orchard. We 'felt' something there," said Steve Lumbra and Dennis Wolford, both of whom saw what has been dubbed the Green Groo-Loo, a luminous green object, apparently inhabiting an orchard on Coleman Valley Rd.

Both boys saw it on Saturday night, March 2, around 12 midnight. Steve, driving home alone after work at Negri's restaurant in Occidental, to his home on Fitzpatrick Lane, said he felt his eyes drawn to the orchard adjacent to the John Morrison property on Coleman Valley Rd. "I saw a green light...it was just there. I thought -(the balance of the article was not submitted to Data-Net---Ed.)"

We are somewhat amused at the constant articles dealing with the alleged MIB's (men in black). Supposedly they are a super-duper secret group of men who know everything and everyone connected with UFO research. They appear and disappear mysteriously; dress in black clothing and are somber looking. In one instance, a MIB (Meebee? Mib?) was described as floating a few inches above the ground. These people, we are told, go around warning and threatening UFO witnesses and researchers. Threats of bodily injury and even death have been reported. UFO researchers have alleged that they have burned their files and ceased their investigations as a direct consequence of MIB's contact. Neither this station nor (to the best of my knowledge) any member of Data-Net has had any contact, any harm, threats, or misfortune due to the MIB. We are therefore very curious about the charges. We acknowledge that Data-Net does not advertize or publicize and it is therefore unknown to the general public. However, authors John Keel, et al, write that these MIB's know all about the UFO witnesses and research groups even before there is any publicity. Of course it is always easy to blame the UFO's or the high cost of living, or for that matter, the price of moth balls for our misfortune.

For instance: About a month ago I thought that I had lost my wife in a freak incident (I hit her too hard!) but with the help of the fire rescue, police, ambulance and hospital she was fine within 2 hours. In 12 hours she was back to her old self, nagging as strong as ever (the XYL doesn't read the report thoroughly). I could have very well then thought "Ah Ha!...Men in Bikinis!..." and then proceeded to destroy my files and give up. (Personally I think it was a put-up job by the XYL in order to get me to agree to the new carpet...which I did the next day, Hi!)

We agree that there is a high possibility of a silence group, however, let us not panic and get carried away with the theme. Example: Because we are a small close knit group, seeking no publicity, we were recently accused of being THE sinister group!!!.. It's sock-it-to-me time!!

WA5RON reports: "Famous writers on the subject of UFOs who have passed away include: Edward Ruppelt - THE REPORT ON THE UFO's
C. G. Jung - FLYING SAUCERS
Frank Scully - BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS
Frank Edwards - FLYING SAUCERS - SERIOUS BUSINESS, etc.
Morris K. Jessup - THE CASE FOR THE UFO, etc.
Wilbert B. Smith - Head of Canada's "Project Magnet"
Waveney Girvan - Editor of British FLYING SAUCER REVIEW.

Flying saucers have been big news for over 20 years now, and some of these men were "old timers" even then. Most knowledgeable persons attribute their deaths to natural causes rather than some conspiracy to get rid of those who "knew too much about flying saucers".

From Carol Adamski we have the following observations concerning Sanderson's new book: "Ivan I. Sanderson, author of UNINVITED VISITORS was a guest on the Dick Cavett show. He was a former British Naval Intelligence Officer, with degrees in Biology, Zoology, Geography. Sanderson has studied the UFO phenomenon for thirty years. He

believes that some of the objects themselves (the machine) are an animal like life form. He believes that other civilizations have discovered a way to project the D.N.A. molecule into machines thereby making them alive unto themselves. They could be useful for research and study of the universe.

He has seen several objects himself, no two of which were alike. After studying and discarding the ones that could have been caused by any natural explainable reason, such as meteors, etc., he found that the remaining ones had one thing in common; they acted as if they were controlled by an intelligent force. All of them seemed to have purposeful direct movement.

One specific object he described was in the shape of a nickel, grey in color with grooves on the side. It was round and flat, and Sanderson judged it to be one third of a mile in diameter. (He claimed to have an absolute fix). It was daytime and he saw the object very clearly. It hovered over a TV tower for a few seconds then flew away in a straight line towards Scranton.

From WA5RON. Dallas Times Herald, Wed. March 27, 1968. PROFESSOR CONVINCED UFOs REAL - Los Angeles (UPI) - A meteorology professor says he believes in flying saucers and cites a case when 38 persons in New Guinea saw a UFO on a beach in 1959.

Dr. James E. McDonald of the University of Arizona told a news conference Tuesday the fact mankind can't explain flying saucers doesn't mean they are not possible.

"I have no bright ideas where they come from" he said. "It does not seem very likely that they come from other planets within our solar system."

He said of the number of UFO sightings he has investigated, one remained outstanding.

"There is a case on record in New Guinea, where I had an excellent chance to check the facts and witnesses. It was June 26, 1959, along a stretch of beach.

"This saucer appeared and witnesses could see a number of figures on top of the UFO. First, one person on the beach waved, and one figure waved back. Then two people on the beach waved, and two on the vehicle waved. Finally, all 38 witnesses were waving and the four figures were waving back."

McDonald said the figures looked somewhat similar to humans, but witnesses had difficulty in describing their exact shape because the craft was surrounded by a golden glow."

From WA5RON. The Dallas Times Herald, March 27, 1968. 'SAUCERS' BUSY IN COLORADO AREA - Alamosa, Colo. (UPI) - A reporter for a southern Colorado newspaper said Tuesday that she and several friends had sighted unidentified flying objects on eight nights over the past few weeks.

Mrs. Pearl Mallon Nicholas, an employee of the Alamosa Valley Courier, said the sightings occurred over a 40-day period ending March 21.

"These objects made no sound whatsoever," Mrs. Nicholas said. "To the best of my knowledge, they were not planes or shooting stars."

The reporter said the most spectacular of the sightings occurred March 21.

She and three friends-Mrs. and Mrs. K.P. Wilson and Mrs. Margaret Heiman-spotted a bright yellow light very low near the foot of 14,317-foot snow-capped Mount Blanca.

The light flashed on and off for about a minute and then reappeared within two or three city blocks of their car, Mrs. Nicholas said. She said the light was so bright that it caused an after-image.

Mrs. Nicholas said she thought it was impossible that anyone was playing a hoax on them because "we were the only ones who know where we were going, and then, only at the last moment."

The interest in UFO's reached a highpoint here earlier after an Appaloosa horse was discovered dead in a field. (the conclusion of the article was not submitted.)

Data-Net will continue operations with your help. Not to "keep the subject alive," constant UFO sightings appear to do that very well, but hopefully for some possible solution. Data-Net is growing, not in members, but in cooperating research groups. Perhaps someday we may be responsible for organizing a world-wide organization. At least that will be a step forward.

This is it for this month. I'm still backlogged with mail, but answer each one in due time. To the stations participating I say thank you for your help. To the others, let's get a move on!

We need information, reports, research, stamps AND money --Lots of it!!

In closing I wish to state that there is absolutely no truth to the rumor that I am running for President in '68 on the "Flying Saucer platform". If I am elected, etc..etc!!

73 to the OM's and 88 to the YL's,

Michel M. Jaffe