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POLICY: DATA-NET feels sufficient evidence has been presented to prove that unidentified flying objects exist. Our ultimate purpose is to answer the following questions: What are they? Where do they come from, and how? Why are they here?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REWARD: \$25.00 for an authentic photograph of a flying saucer. The DATA-NET reward is posted by some of the members, consequently it is open to members only. The photo must be sufficiently clear to show items of value. Preferably, the film should be unprocessed, with as much pertinent data provided as possible.

Any item WANTED, FOR SALE, or FOR TRADE may be listed FREE OF CHARGE in the SHOP & SWAP section. Send us your ad and we will print it. This service applies to members only.

DATA-NET appreciates receiving all UFO related information. Please submit newspaper clippings, magazine articles, books, and sighting reports. Also, your suggestions, comments, theories, etc. We will honor confidential requests and will return material at your request.

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Apparently NICAP is beginning to recover its equilibrium. They now plan to establish a DATABANK; a master computer file of UFO sightings. The service will also be available to other organizations and individual researchers -- eventually.

This forward step by NICAP may signal the beginning of a major breakthrough in UFO research. A central UFO information center is a desperately needed service. One that could eliminate "hoarding" of private files and the eventual unearthing of an amazing number of significant events that have hitherto remained buried.

We are watching NICAP's progress and applaud their gigantic undertaking.

The UFO INVESTIGATOR, Stuart Nixon Editor, is mailed monthly to NICAP members. Annual membership dues are now \$10.00 domestic and \$12.00 foreign. For further information write The National Investigations Committee On Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), 1522 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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WB6RPL (Mike), Control, and/or alternate W6BPV (Tom), call "CQ" from California.

WNØZRG (Mark) holds a novices and beginners net on SATURDAY at 8:00 AM CDST on 21.120.

KP4CH can be contacted on 21342 KC. He will be glad to help anyone desiring information regarding Puerto Rico.

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BULLETIN!

-by Mike Jaffe, WB6RPL

The purpose of a UFO network is communication, whether it be on-the-air, by phone patch, or by radiogram.

On-the-air activities should include discussions of current events, theories, etc.; gathering additional information of sighting reports occurring in areas surrounding each station; and making each station KNOWN as a UFO information-communication center in the event any of your contacts acquire significant UFO related information.

Each Hamradio station listed on the Roster is an official DATA-NET COMMUNICATION CENTER, and each should maintain a weekly schedule in his area consistent with

times and suitable frequencies. QSOs need not be restricted to the UFO subject, but contact should be maintained.

The current Wednesday schedule with DATA-NET Control will remain in effect.

Any station who doesn't have the experience, or otherwise feels incapable of acting as a Communications Center should contact the Control Station for instructions.

Any member who wishes to contact his area Communication Center can check the station's call letters in the "Radio Amateur Callbook" which is available at any local electronics store.

The Control Station, WB6RPL, would appreciate receiving each Communication Center's local schedule as soon as it is determined. Also, please advise if you would like your schedule listed in the REPORT.

UFOIC's "Australian UFO Review" No. 10 was received by this station and found to be excellent. 58 pages of fascinating articles with excellent photos, maps, drawings and paintings. If you do not have this worthwhile book you may borrow it from the DATA-NET Library or write for a personal copy direct from UFOIC, P.O. Box E170, St. James, Sydney 2000, Australia.

I would like to note that we do not carry paid advertisements. We have not in the past and do not intend to do so in the future. We do however, review other journals and products and give our honest opinion.

The reason I am stating this is because recently we have received a rash of requests for our ad rates and requests for inserts. One came from Mr. Richard Shaver who wanted us to advertise his "pre-deluge rocks." We do not wish to pop Mr. Shaver's gold mine (or rock mine) but I must state that ALL rocks date to pre-deluge time.

We do carry free ads for our members only in the SHOP AND SWAP column. And, with that in mind, I close with the following free add:

FOR SALE - to the highest bidder - THE ALPS MOUNTAIN. Think of it, your own private ski resort. Plenty of sunshine, excitement, rich women and relaxation (?). In order not to mislead you I must mention that I can only offer the French portion as I can not speak for the Spanish, Italian or other portions of the ALPS. All bids must be sealed. Contact me in care of DATA-NET. --- Aime Michel.

I will try to work harder,  
73  
Mike, WB6RPL

"CQ" ...de WA5RON

MARGINAL NOTES FROM: "SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS"

PART II

This issue of the REPORT continues a multi-part article containing my page-by-page notes and comments on the report of the Condon Committee; "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects."

I recommend that the reader follow along by referring often to pages of the text under discussion in his own copy of the "Condon Report." I also suggest that DATA-NET members attempt to contact members of the Condon committee, and question them about one or two (or seventy!) of these entries in the Condon Report which I consider somewhat less than "unbiased and scientific." I don't suspect that you will receive any confessions of incompetence or underhanded deception, but at least they will know that some people out there were NOT convinced by the "trick," as the project coordinator so bluntly put it, and NOT satisfied with the use made of our half-million dollars.

This "scientific study" appears to be just what Frank Edwards predicted it might become when the Condon Committee was first organized. That is, a continuation of long

effect that the UFO subject be "stripped of its aura of mystery" in the eyes of the public by whatever means become available. Welcome to the land of the free!

Perhaps you, like me, have some important questions and choice comments for members of the Condon Committee. Page IV tells us: For information, address the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. They can either forward your letters or throw them away. What have you got to lose?

Page 95: Concerning magnesium fragment seen to fall from a UFO by unknown witness at Ubatuba, Brazil (discussed in a previous installment in reference to Condon Report, Page 39). The chart and text deliberately omit test results known to members of the Condon Committee. Results that convinced several members that the Ubatuba magnesium was NOT made on Earth. (See "UFOs? Yes!" page 174.)

Page 96: The Condon Report tells us that indications that the Ubatuba sample had not been worked after solidification from the liquid state makes it "doubtful that this sample had been part of a fabricated metal object." It could have been part of a casting, and shown these same indications. Saunders and Harkins ("UFOs? Yes!") report that the FBI tests indicated that the material in this fragment would form a crystal structure with "tremendous strength in two dimensions," a logical requirement for a lightweight material for the pressure containing shell of a spacecraft. Why was THIS information omitted from the Condon Report and the misleading, unfounded statement quoted above included in its place? Draw your own conclusions about this unbiased "scientific" report.

Page 98: Here we have a profound statement for the ignorant masses that "our present knowledge of physics" decrees that a material object moving through the atmosphere at supersonic speed will "necessarily" create a sonic boom. The super-scientists contradict themselves, for on Page 722 (Section VI, Chapter 6) they discuss at least one way that sonic booms could be eliminated, the method believed by many to be used by UFOs, and the method that aircraft designers on earth are feverishly working to duplicate!

Page 98: (Bottom) Strange that the Air Force could find "no evidence" of the UFO radiation events involving high-level scientific installations. What brought them there "investigating" in the first place?

Page 100: A similar but unconvincing brush-off is given to UFO reports from Antarctica in 1965. Why wasn't Mario Jahn Barrera, Commander of the Chilean Base, contacted for a statement. In 1965 he described the UFO as flashing with various colors, "maneuvering quickly," and moving with "amazing speed." He also reported electromagnetic interference at a nearby base. Was this a weather balloon? A cloud? What happened to the color photographs made of the UFO by a corporal at the base? What goes on here????

Page 101 to 108: Hundreds of reports of automobile electrical system failure are passed by without even a "Ho-Hum." Readers are diverted with several pages of inconclusive testing of spark plugs and Corvair hoods. All tests were made with DC magnetic fields. Although it would be obvious that alternating fields would have greater effect upon coils and wiring, no tests were conducted with alternating magnetic fields at various frequencies. The fact that car headlights are turned out by passing UFOs without permanent damage to the bulbs leads one to believe that these effects are totally beyond our present capacity of understanding. No amount of "spark plug testing" can disprove the hundreds of cases on record.

Page 108 to 115: Fluctuation of more than 19 megawatts that caused the massive northeast blackout remains unexplained. Can this power surge of over 5% be considered "normal?" That a UFO was seen operating over the power lines is passed off as coincidence. "Minor" power failures in NICAP's "UFO Evidence" are ignored.

Page 127: Read Radar-Visual Case 14-N from NICAP files, it is a good one. Cases from Project Blue Book, which made up the bulk of the Condon Committee's raw material, were carefully "selected" from Air Force files. (See "Flying Saucers - Here and Now" by Frank Edwards, page 100.) The Blue Book cases appear to have been selected for their poverty.

Page 140 (Bottom): Another good case. Note typical Air Force "multiple explana-

tion" as: 1) Venus, and 2) Weather balloon. Although both are admittedly at odds with the facts.

Page 143: The Chile-Whitted case. Another "goodie" from the NICAP files. Although a good multiple-witness-possible-radar unknown, William Hartman tries to discuss it (page 581) as a psychological aberration.

Page 152 (Bottom): A radar-visual UFO sighting is explained as a mirage that requires a 10 or 15 degrees C. air temperature difference in the space of about one centimeter (1/2 inch!).

Page 158: This same eventful night, Tinker AFB tracked 4 UFOs at an estimated 22,000 feet, much too high for "horizon mirage." UFOs were observed by an estimated 250,000 persons. The Air Force "neglected" to include Tinker-radar sighting in its hand-out to the Condon Committee for the obvious weight it would add to the Wichita sighting.

Page 163: A very good case for the UFO. Read detailed account beginning page 248. Condon Report admits "mechanical device of unknown origin" as the most probable explanation of this sighting. Note the attempted dilution of this amazing statement with mumblings about "fallibility of witnesses" and "conventional explanations." Similar "chicken statements" and hints of hoax appear at the end of discussion of McMinnville photo and all other sightings where reality of the UFO could not be debunked by Condon investigators. Your image is slipping!

Page 173 (Chart): Of the field cases discussed in Chapter 5, Section III, seven out of thirty-five, exactly one-fifth or 20%, remain as unknowns. This percentage is incidentally similar to that of Air Force case studies in the 1950's.

Page 176 to 209: Chapter on astronaut's observations -- mostly unrelated trivia. Only the last three pages deal with UFO sightings. NONE of the good reports and photographs could be explained. Not mentioned were confirmation of UFOs maneuvering near spacecraft from ground tracking stations, related observation of unidentified satellites in space, several instances where spacecraft-to-ground communication was cut off from radio-TV and press by NASA, and possible "hidden reports" in both the USSR and our own country. Don't the taxpayers who bought and paid for NASA have any right to know what goes on when our astronauts encounter UFOs in space?

Page 248: See Ref. page 163 - Lakenheath Case.

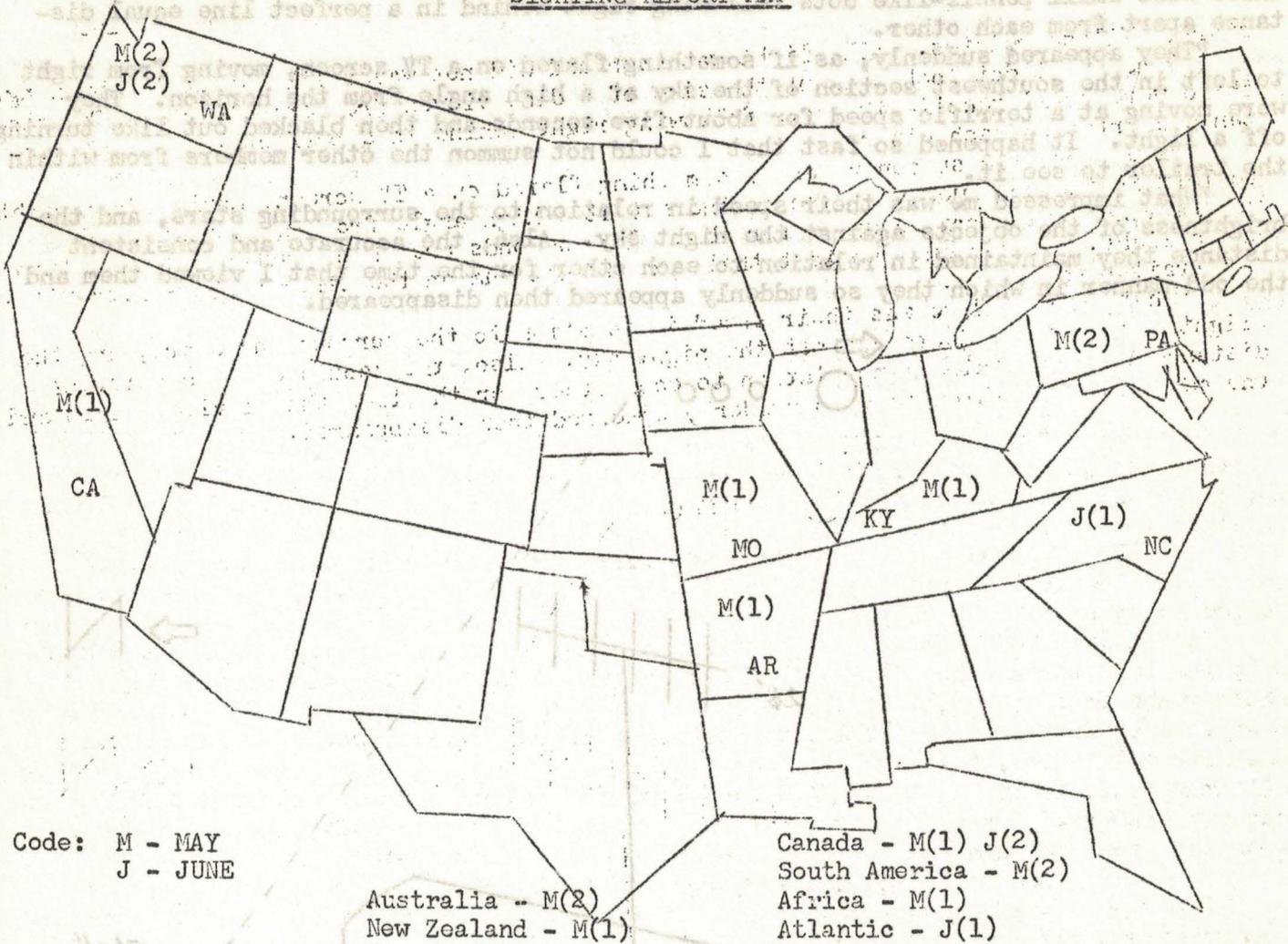
Page 259: Note absence of calcium, silicon, and mercury in UFO magnesium sample. Purifying methods used on earth will leave traces of one of these elements (Dow magnesium shows 8 PPM calcium). Note absence of above data from charts and text of the Condon Report. Omission of data tantamount to lying! In the words of one of the Condon Committee's own members, "The sample can be said to be 100.0 percent pure, because there is nothing in it by accident." If, as the Condon Report says, the Ubatuba magnesium could have been produced prior to 1957, then I challenge anyone to produce some today. See page 39, and 95 of "UFOs? Yes!"; also page 173; and "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax" and "Flying Saucers" by the Lorenzen's; and the APRO BULLETIN dated July-August 1970, etc.

Page 266: A very interesting sighting. "Some" of it remains an unknown while "some" is explained as Jupiter. A very flimsy explanation. Many astronomers will be surprised to learn that Jupiter disappeared in spring of 1966. Explain that!

Page 344: Snippy the horse. Obtain and read "UFOs Over the Americas" by the Lorenzen's, pages 148 to 158. Too long to quote, but sufficient to say that this carefully investigated account not only totally destroys the "explanation," "investigation," and "investigators" in the Condon Report, but gives undeniable evidence as to both the utterly strange event of the horse's death, and the likely involvement of UFOs. One little point, for instance, not mentioned by the "scientific investigators" is that the horse's body had been somehow carried several hundred yards through the air before being dropped! Magpies?

Page 363: (Center). A classic Condon Report paragraph. "Even experienced observers tend to over-estimate elevation angles." "Scraping the old barrel-bottom again, huh Eddie?"

MAY AND JUNE  
SIGHTING REPORT MAP



AUSTRALIAN SIGHTING

11-23-1962. Revesby, New South Wales, Australia (Fri/1930)

John Klassen of 97 Ely Street, Revesby, New South Wales reported sighting a UFO about 7:30 pm between Revesby and Padstow.

The weather was hot, the skies clear. From the southwest a shimmering green object appeared, traveling northeast. It was approximately 45 degrees above the horizon and at about 500 feet. It could have been between 1/2 to 1 mile away from Klassen's position.

The object suddenly exploded, noiselessly, and the sparks or pieces were yellow in color. The pieces disbursed quickly after the "explosion" and disappeared. (Cr: VK2SK, Sam Kaufman)

CANADIAN SIGHTING BY VE3CYW

6-28-1970. Murray Hills, Ontario, Canada (Sun/0130)

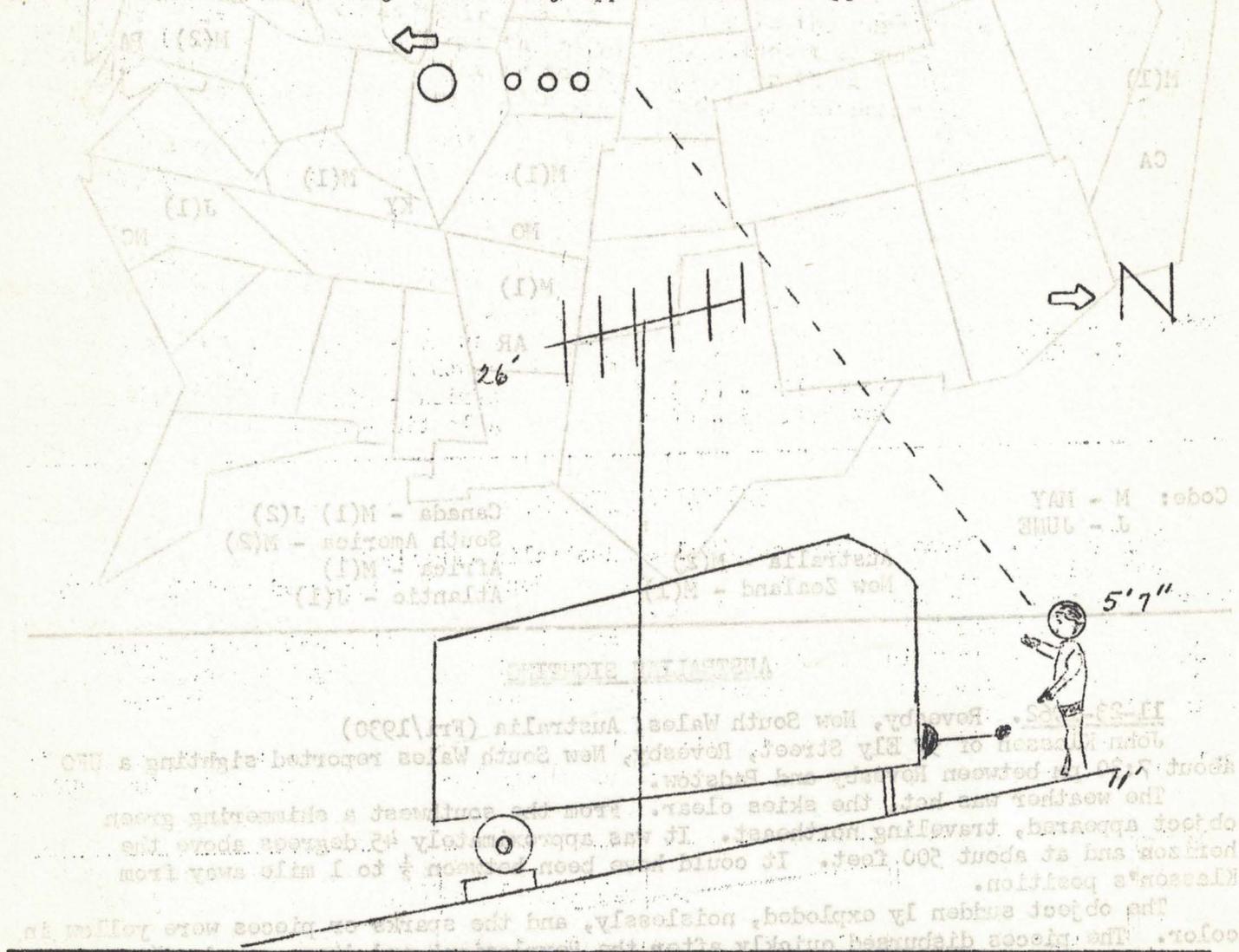
VE3CYW, Morley Wiltse, Wellington, Ontario, reported sighting a group of UFOs about 1:30 am during an annual field day operation held at Murray Hills, northwest of Trenton, Ontario. The nearest village is called Wooler. The large field is located about 800 feet above sea level.

Wiltse was adjusting a manual rotating mechanism on a 26 foot VHF 2 meter beam. He was standing 11 feet from the base of the mast and was working the ropes. "Suddenly there appeared four bright, moving, round dots, much brighter in intensity than the

stars," Wiltse relates. "The light was even and did not waver like something burning. "The first dot looked about the size of a dime viewed from arms length. The other three were small pencil-like dots following right behind in a perfect line equal distance apart from each other.

"They appeared suddenly, as if something flared on a TV screen, moving from right to left in the southwest section of the sky at a high angle from the horizon. They were moving at a terrific speed for about five seconds and then blacked out like turning off a light. It happened so fast that I could not summon the other members from within the trailer to see it.

"What impressed me was their speed in relation to the surrounding stars, and the brightness of the objects against the night sky. Also, the accurate and consistent distance they maintained in relation to each other for the time that I viewed them and the odd manner in which they so suddenly appeared then disappeared.



CLIPPING THE NEWS

UFO EVENTS:

5-2-1970. Cerro Chinito, Venezuela (Sat/Nite). STRANGE OBJECT

A strange object in the shape of a bottle on top of a box made of a strange metal resting on four legs reportedly landed near here. Inhabitants of Cerro Chinito said that the object made a violent explosion before touching the ground causing panic among the villagers who rushed hurriedly from their dwellings.

Authorities presume it to be the work of some devotee of rockets. (Lima, Peru El Comercio)

5-12-1970. District Huambo, Luanda, Angola (Tue/Eve). RED SPHERE SIGHTED

Numerous reports of UFOs have been made in the province of Angola recently.

A car was pursued by an alleged flying saucer and the three passengers were forced to stop abruptly for fear of collision with the object, described as a "very intense light." The light terminated abruptly.

Several people were interviewed regarding the "fireball" in the sky. One woman reported a "red sphere" that hovered, then was lost from sight, or disappeared.

The director of the Observatorium at Mulembra and an employee sighted a very intense light "one was white, three were red" said the scientist. The glowing object spent some time hovering and so was not confused with normal objects. It was also seen to depart. (Wallisper Bote)

5-16-1970. Bahia Blanca, Argentina (Sat/Nite). UFO FORMATION

A formation of UFOs were photographed with exceptional clarity above Bahia Blanca, 760 Km south of Buenos Aires. Equipped with telephoto lense, the photographer recorded five objects on film. The objects were described as moving through the sky emitting intense colored light in a rapid, irregular rythm.

The photographer submitted his documentation to the press specifying that the phenomenon lasted about a quarter hour, then disappeared into the night. (Tunisia L'Action & Lima El Comercio)

(Prio to) 5-27-1970. Gwynne, Albarta, Canada (x/Nite). ANOTHER FLYING SAUCERS

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hladik spotted a flying saucer recently while returning from Edmon-ton late in the evening.

Mrs. Hladik first noticed the reflection of a bright, reddish colored light in a large pond at the Carl Nygraen farm in the Gwynne area.

They stopped their car, and watched as the light, which appeared about the size of a small dinner plate, moved westward across the sky and disappeared. (Weaskiwin Times)

6-3-1970. Wedena, Saskatchewan, Canada (Wed/2300). UNUSUAL LIGHT IN SKY

North of Highway Five about 10 miles west of Wadena, five women reported seeing what appeared to be an explosion of bright blue light, from a central ball of fire. The time was about 11:00 pm.

Mrs. Jim Nygren said it lit up the sky almost like sheet lightning. The two ladies on the north side of the car said the ball of light in the center could be clearly seen. A streak of light was also visible afterwards.

With Mrs. Nygren were Rachel Carlson, Ethel Andry, Ruth Byman and Dorothy Lemko. (Wadena News)

6-11-1970. Mid-Atlantic (Thu/AM). UFO REPORTEDLY SIGHTED BY HEYERDAHL'S CREWMEN

A shortwave radio message from navigator Norman Baker, said the crew of explorer Thor Heyerdahl's papyrus boat Ra 2 watched a UFO move across the horizon for several minutes and disappear in "a bright orange flash."

One crew member, Ait Madani, spotted the UFO as he was at the helm of the vessel.

"Mandani said he watched it for several minutes as it moved from right to left about 20 to 30 degrees above the horizon to a point in the sky, then watched it descend," Baker's radio report said. "He said it was orange, much brighter than the moon, which they could observe at the same time.

"After descending to the horizon, or perhaps the other side of the horizon, he saw this flash, and then it disappeared." (Arkansas Gazette)

6-20-1970. Federal Way, Washington (Sat/2445). GIRLS REPORT FALLING STAR

Two ten year old girls were sleeping on the deck when they reported seeing a large object in the sky.

Michelle Harnish, of 4212 So. 294th, was staying all night with her friend Elizabeth Schooley at 29665 41st. Place. "At 12:25 am (Saturday morning) we saw this falling star," Michelle reported. "It turned bright orange, and then it fell someplace in the Federal Way area." (News)

6-26-1970. Olympia, Washington (Fri/0100). GREAT BALLS OF FIRE!

John L. Jones, 25, reported spotting a UFO in the vicinity of Henderson Blvd. and the Yelm Highway.

Jones, Route Two (Box 74), said he was in his car about 1:00 am when the object hovered for about 30 seconds over a nearby field. He said four ball-shaped objects, bright red in color, floated down in a diamond-shaped formation. The object left behind a trail of heavy white smoke, he said. (Daily Olympian)

(Prior to) 7-1-1970. Winston-Salem, North Carolina (x/Day). BIRDWATCHER ANSWERES FISH KILL

A letter to the editor signed by "Faithful Reader" suggests that a flying saucer may have killed all those fish in the Yadkin River recently.

A bird-watcher, Faithful Reader writes, "I usually carry my camera with me on all of my little observation hikes to photograph some of the birds that are within good camera range."

Two days before the fish kill, Faithful Reader was "hiking along the north bank of the Yadkin River between State Highway 801 and US 601. Suddenly he noticed a tree that had been stripped of all its leaves but "was starting to sprout again." Then there was "a silver, saucer-shaped aircraft of some kind, slowly rising into the air over the river. I estimate that the thing was most likely 30 feet in diameter."

He snapped a picture before "the thing somehow propelled itself straight up into the sky with a speed so great that it excelled anything I have ever observed before."

Since his sighting, "I have been so badly shaken that I have not attended to my bird-watching," he says. Also, he is "extremely nervous about this whole thing" and would like to know if anyone else saw the same thing. (Journal)

UFO EVENTS FROM THE PAST:

4-18-1952. Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. MYSTERY ORB

Dozens of spectators reported a UFO described by some as a blimp and others as saucer-like, over Hamilton and the surrounding area Wednesday evening around 7 pm.

Some 40 members of a smelt fishing party at Burlington Beach, several Hamilton women, and a Beamsville man all saw the phenomenon at approximately the same time.

Mrs. M. Woodland, of 20 Birch Avenue, travelling in a car along with four other women on Beach Boulevard said, "It appeared at first to be a dirigible. Then we noticed it wasn't moving, but simply standing stationary against the evening sky."

"As we watched it, it seemed to be circular, and a lighter color than the sky itself. Suddenly a ring of brownish vapor appeared around it and it literally vanished as it moved off at what must have been a terrific rate of speed," she said.

One of the smelt fishermen, Gordon Cordiner, of 157 MacAnulty Blvd., said, "We spotted it around seven, and it hovered around at a low altitude for what seemed like about 30 minutes. It disappeared for a short time -- then reappeared. The second time we saw it, it looked whiter, or at least a lighter color."

Cordiner explained the change in color as being like -- as the evening sky darkened, the flying saucer would appear lighter in comparison.

Others who reported the object included Howard Scott, of Barton Street East; Robert Henderson, of Aberdeen Road, Beamsville, and Lillian Mitchell, of Beach Blvd.

Only a day or two ago, four non-commissioned aircrew members claimed that they had seen what they described as a flying saucer cruising above North Bay, which is only 100 miles from the Chalk River site of Canada's atomic energy project. (Hamilton News)

7-18-1952. London, England (x/1805). GIGAR ROCKET

Several people reported to the Air Ministry a "super-fast rocket" streaking across the London sky at 7.5 pm. All agreed on the time, and described the rocket as cigar-shaped, blue in the center, merging to orange and green outside. (Paper unknown)

UFO COMMENTS AND OPINIONS:

5-22-1970. Whyalla, Souther Australia (Fri/Nite). A LOT OF HOT AIR

The object reported by about 15 people in the southern sky was a hot air balloon

made by 16-year-old Rod Waters, a Hincks Avenue schoolboy. Three of his friends helped him.

The balloons drift on the wind for 10 minutes or so. At night they give off a shimmering orange-white glow, and the sighting of flames shooting straight up from the top could be explained by the balloon turning nearly upside down. They normally fly at about 500 to 1,000 feet. (Whyalla News)

5-29-1970. Albany, Oregon. CAN'T LAUGH THEM OFF

Three weeks ago the world known and respected newspaper, The Christian Science Monitor, published a full page article of flying saucers by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the new Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center at Northwestern University.

In this report Dr. Hynek gives the number of "saucers" seen and that were reported to our Air Force over the past 22 years.

In 1947 only 79 were reported. This number steadily increased each year until 1952 when 1,501 strange ships in our sky were seen. This number dropped to 1,178 in 1957; Unable to capture any space ship and after several Air Force flyers who had chased saucers lost their lives, the Air Force suddenly early in 1969 gave up and said that the flying saucers they had seen and chased didn't exist and that they didn't want to talk or hear anymore about them. Britain, Canada, Chile, Greece, Sweden and New Zealand all maintain offices where reports of flying saucers can still be made.

Dr. Hynek states that only newspapers in small towns now continue to report flying saucers seen by their residents.

"UFOs have always been reported much more frequently in rural areas than in densely populated areas. The individual in a small town reporting a UFO sighting is often a respected member of the community whose report would not likely be motivated by a desire for publicity or gain. He may well be a personal acquaintance of the local editor. He may have children in school, perhaps attends the same church, likes to watch the same TV programs, discharges his daily responsibilities honorably, and has no record of dishonesty or mental unbalance. Such a person would have nothing to gain but ridicule in making known his experience.

"In short, it is harder to conceive, by the people who know them, that such individuals collectively "went off their trolley" than it is to conceive that they had some sort of a very unusual experience."

Letters to the editor of the Greater Oregon have been received from Toledo, Harrisburg, Lowell, Plummerville, Arkansas and many other places telling of flying saucer sightings.

Are we to believe that all of these people are crazy or that they just think they saw a saucer?

Consider these possibilities: The witnesses suffered a major delusion; an actual craft was present but answering to a higher order of physical laws than are known to our physical scientists; no material object was present, but there was something there that gave all the impressions of being physically real and that could affect people, animals, and inanimate objects.

The first and third are not equivalent because a delusion doesn't scare horses, cattle, and dogs, nor does it stop cars or interfere with radios and television sets.

Physical scientists reject the second alternative outright, conveniently forgetting that less than a hundred years ago they would also have ruled out categorically the possibility of nuclear energy, television, and space flight.

During the last 22 years, more than 12,000 UFOs were seen. In 1965 the Gallup Poll reported that more than five million Americans reported seeing a UFO that year. The Air Force only reported 12.

That means that some 4,988,000 reports possibly weren't made to the Air Force! It is entirely likely that there exists in this country, and perhaps around the world, a significant "reservoir" of unreported sightings, or "latent reports." This is supported by the long experience of Dr. Hynek in interrogation of UFO witnesses.

Thus, from the above it would appear that only by deliberate wishful thinking can it be said that the UFO problem has been settled. (Greater Oregon)

6-13-1970. Peoria, Illinois. MIDWEST UFO CONFERENCE

The Midwest UFO Conference was held at Bradley University, sponsored by the Aerial Phenomena Club of Central Illinois and the Tri-County UFO Study Group.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, one of the featured speakers, said the U.S. Air Force's discontinuance of Project Blue Book, and the University of Colorado report which was critical of "flying saucer" studies have undercut serious attempts to explain UFOs.

Project Blue Book was discontinued last year on the recommendation of the Colorado report which concluded that most sightings were such ordinary things as airplanes, satellites, weather balloons, clouds, planets and birds.

"We have a phenomena that is worthy of investigation," Hynek asserted. "We have Blue Book closed and the heavy hand of the Colorado report, but we still have UFO sighting reports. The fact is, they (UFOs) do exist."

"More and more persons are becoming intellectually bothered by the UFO problem when they take the time to look into it."

One of the difficulties of UFO research, which the former Air Force consultant characterized as "a strange, complex 'interdisciplinary problem'" is "simply data gathering and data processing.

"After 20 years of investigating, I'm still at the elementary stage of trying to get the facts," Hynek stated. "My own burning desire in each report is, did it really happen the way the report said it happened?"

He said that most UFO data are "undifferentiated anecdotal accounts of sightings," and added that future reports must be more "quantitative than qualitative.

"To say that a UFO moved up very fast is not enough," Hynek declared. "We must know how fast, what the acceleration was and at what angle it moved away. The answer can only come through data."

Gearing his talk, entitled "UFOs and the 70's -- A Positive Program," toward members of the audience as potential investigators, Hynek stressed the importance of accuracy in reports of sightings.

"Our problem is not a scarcity of data. We are submerged, but most of it is poor," he said. "I'm really concerned about what can be done in the next decade. You can't have respectable UFO cases unless you have respectable data."

He advised members of the audience to specialize in a particular area of UFO study such as "nocturnal lights, daylight sightings and physical effects on persons and animals.

"Progress in UFOs will be made by dedicated individuals in the next few years using their own funds and specializing in one area," he advised. "I'm not worried about funds. If a person's really dedicated he'll get the job done. Frustration in the field comes when you try to accomplish too much."

Hynek warned against mixing good observations with theory. "Data painstakingly put together will stand the test of time. Theories come and go down the drain."

He said his own area of specialization is credibility of witnesses. "The better you know a person, the better you can judge his credibility. I want to know as much about a witness as about what he saw," he said.

"The aspects of sincerity in an individual are what I want to study," Hynek said. "My desire is to see what made a UFO sighting an event for a witness."

In the final analysis, he said, bringing scientific recognition to the UFO problem boils down to upgrading the data about UFOs.

"The 70's will be grim, jot jolly," Hynek warned. "We must depend entirely on ourselves and other individuals around the country whose bond id dedication to the study of UFOs."

The "saucer" expert declared that in the "special field of UFO study our instruments are people," and said that during the present period of relatively little official action in studying UFOs, dedicated investigators must prepare for the day which will mark "the biggest breakthrough in human thinking ever to hit this planet."

Mrs. Coral E. Lorenzen, secretary of APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization) spoke in the afternoon session on "UFOs -- 1970, An Up-to-Date Report."

Discussing reported UFO sightings since Jan. 1, 1969, Mrs. Lorenzen said there have been 765 reported UFO sightings since then, all of which have been investigated

by APRO personnel including field representatives.

"The UFO problem is a wild subject," she said. "If we are to solve it we must examine the wild reports as well as the reliable reports."

Concentrating her talk on reports involving sightings of occupants aboard unidentified spacecraft, she related the story of two nurses in a British Columbia hospital who reportedly witnessed "two tall men" in a bubble atop a circular spacecraft hovering near the hospital.

"This sighting occurred Jan. 1, 1970," she added. "A nurse standing near the window saw the two men who were also witnessed by a second nurse. After watching the craft for a few seconds, the two nurses called four others to the window, but by that time the spacecraft had moved too far away for the figures to be seen."

Mrs. Lorenzen then briefly discussed a theory which holds, in effect, that UFOs are in some way responsible for power blackouts which have hit various parts of the nation during the past several years.

To illustrate the theory she showed a graph which depicted a remarkable similarity between the number of UFO sightings and the incidence of power blackouts in this country.

Noting that many persons consider UFOs "infallible" because they've never crashed or left any physical evidence of their presence behind, Mrs. Lorenzen reported that, in fact, her organization has collected over the years a substantial number of materials recovered at reputed UFO landing sites.

Among the evidence collected, she said, is a piece of metal covered by some unknown type of insulation which changed its color from yellow with red stripes to beige with brown stripes after its discovery.

In conclusion, Mrs. Lorenzen said that although she does not expect APRO to be able to unlock all the UFO mysteries in coming years, she hopes the organization will be able to "throw much light on" the situation.

John F. Schuessler discussed possible techniques of interplanetary space flight including here-to-fore unknown means of propulsion.

Schuessler, a life-support engineer for the Gemini space programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and obviously a firm believer in the existence of "flying saucers," said that as a primary means of power the "smoke and fire-breathing jet engine is ancient although it could be used as an auxiliary power source."

Referring to the US space program, he added, "As we look around us we see something outperforming us in every way -- the UFO. It's high time we spent the time, money and energy to find new means of powering spacecraft."

Other speakers were Dr. Allen R. Utke of Wisconsin State University, who discussed scientific evidence of UFOs; Ted Phillips Jr. of the Missouri Highway Department, who talked about alleged UFO landing sites; and Robert Smulling, a Hamilton photographer who discussed pictures of UFOs. (Journal-Star)

6-14-1970. Manhattan Beach, California. CONVINCED FLYING SAUCERS EXIST

Stanton T. Friedman, a specialist in nuclear rocketry, radiation shielding and fusion propulsion for spacecraft, was interviewed by Lee Bastajian of the Times.

Although Friedman has never sighted a flying saucer, he believes they exist. He has studied and investigated the reported phenomena for 11 years and is convinced "visitations of intelligently controlled extraterrestrial vehicles are occurring."

Friedman has testified before the House Committee on Science and Astronautics, lectured on the subject before more than 100 audiences in the U.S. and Canada, appeared on television, talked on radio and published articles.

He has served as president of the UFO Research Institute, a Pittsburgh, Pa. organization formed to conduct and support scientific inquiry and research into all aspects of flying saucers.

"We had a 24-hour answering service," he said. "Competent scientists were ready to investigate reports of sightings of UFOs at any time."

Friedman said persons who reported sightings were interrogated, asked to fill out questionnaires and provide pictures of the sightings. He said some of the pictures show UFOs as close as 50 yards.

"It was obvious the objects shown in the pictures were manufactured," he said.

"But, their shape and motion were not consistent with any terrestrial objects."

Although thousands of sightings have been reported, there is still no concrete proof to back up the sightings, he said.

"I am trying to establish the acceptability of UFOs as a field of study," he said. "I am trying to mobilize members of the technological community to use their talents to obtain hard data on UFOs -- measurements with instruments, for instance."

Friedman posed the possibility that UFOs originated in an advanced civilization in outer space.

"When you consider how far our civilization has progressed in the last 100 years just think of the advancement of other solar systems which had head starts of 100 years or a million years," he observed. "Try to imagine how much our own civilization will advance in the next 100 years."

Friedman cited the cases of airline pilots who reported the sighting of UFOs and were subjected to complete physical and psychological examinations to determine whether they were fit for duty.

"Consequently," he said, "we no longer hear reports from airline pilots. The experience of the few has had the effect of shutting up the rest of the pilots."

Deeply curious about the occupants of UFOs, Friedman said, "We would like to know where they come from, why they come here and how their vehicles operate. But there is no communication. I regard it as a snub."

"Possibly they are occupied by scientists from an advanced civilization. But they think so little of earth scientists that they don't bother to communicate with them. I'd like to find out why." (Los Angeles Times)

6-23-1970. Ashland, Oregon (Tue/2100). POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR TUESDAY'S UFOS

Smoke jumper drops coincided with reports of UFOs, it was revealed today.

The Rogue River National Forest said that jumpers were dropped on the fire in the Ashland watershed about 9:00 pm. They used orange parachutes. These could easily have caught the last rays of sunlight and given the eerie image of the "unidentifieds" in an atmosphere pregnant with lightning.

A United Air Lines' pilot who saw an object late Tuesday thought it was a missile which had been fired from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. (Medford Mil Tribune)

SIGHTING REPORT REFERENCE CHRONOLOGY

MAY 1970

DATE - LOCATION - DAY/LOCAL TIME - DESCRIPTION (ACTION) - WITNESSES - (REPORT NUMBER)

- 5-1 - Washington, Pa. - Fri/2100 - Fast flyover - x - (36)
- 5-1 - Monessen (Wash. Cty.), Pa. - Fri/Nite - Flyover - x - (37)
- 5-1 - Gettysburg, Pa. - Fri/2057 - Flyover - Whitfield - (37)
- 5-2 - Stanford, Kty. - Sun/2215 - Hovered, maneuvered, drifted - Baird - (37)
- 5-2 - Cerro Chinito, Venezuela, S.A. - Sat/Nite - Landed - x - (38)
- 5-4 - Burney, Cal. - Mon/2055 - Low flyby - Olson, Seright - (37)
- 5-6 - Bendigo, Victoria, Australia - Wed/1720 - Flydown, possible landing -  
Nickelson - (37)
- 5-6 - Haywood, Victoria, Australia - Wed/0615 - Possible landing - Partington - (37)
- 5-7 - Benton County, Ark. - Thu/2200 - Hovered - Wilson - (37)
- 5-11 - Pacific, Wash. - Mon/2200 - Hovered - Watkins - (37)
- 5-11 - Auburn, Wash. - Mon/0400 - Hovered - Porter - (37)
- 5-12 - Dist. Huanbo, Luanda, Angola, Africa - Tue/Eve - Paced car, hovered - x - (38)
- 5-16 - Bahai Blanca, Argentina - Sat/Nite - Formation flyover - x - (38)
- 5-18 - Mangere, New Zealand - Mon/Day - Hovered - Hamilton, Wallace, Sykes, Fernandez,  
Wilson, Floyd - (37)
- 5-26 - Festus (Jefferson Cty.), Missouri - Tue/0900 - A fall - Kent, Walsch - (37)
- (Prior) 5-27 - Gwynne, Alberta, Canada - x/Nite - Flyover - Hladik - (38)

THE MAIL BOX

DATA-NET:

My first reaction upon reading Mike Jaffe's vicious and wrong-headed "review" -- libel would be a better word -- of John Keel and "UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse" was to think, "Keel can certainly defend himself far better than I could."

But then, quite to my astonishment (for I had naively assumed that the UFO field is one of the very few in which truly free inquiry is still possible), I discovered that the pages of DATA-NET are not open to Mr. Keel, and that, moreover, "Many other UFO groups that cooperate with us have adopted the same attitude." My, My, what have we here? The beginnings of a Ufological Inquisition?

Since apparently Mr. Jaffe has been able to maintain over the past years a touching, child-like faith in interplanetary spaceships, he will no doubt dismiss me as some sort of harmless crack when I insist, in my rude way, that personal experience with a number of the phenomena Mr. Keel describes has convinced me that, despite occasional excesses and mistakes (actually, considerably fewer than he is given credit for, I have discovered upon checking), J.A.K. knows whereof he speaks. Yes, Michel, there are men-in-black; telephones do act up; entities do appear and disappear at will; there is a definite connection with psychic phenomena. And ufology is one hell of a lot more complex than you imagine.

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We also note that Lucius Farish reviewed John Keel's FATE article in your August issue, and comes to an interesting conclusion about it, "--John Keel's article, 'Fables of the UFO Age' appears in the August issue of FATE. Mr. Keel cites a number of 'buff fables' and then attempts to demolish each one them. Unfortunately, his own reasoning leaves a great deal to be desired and one wonders why he brought up the subject in the first place."

It appears we are not alone.

--Editor

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