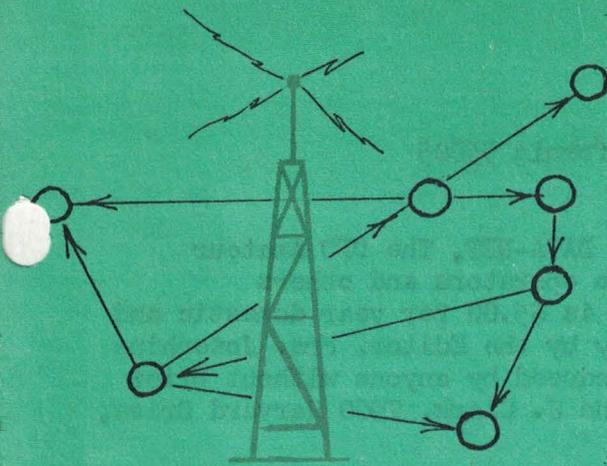


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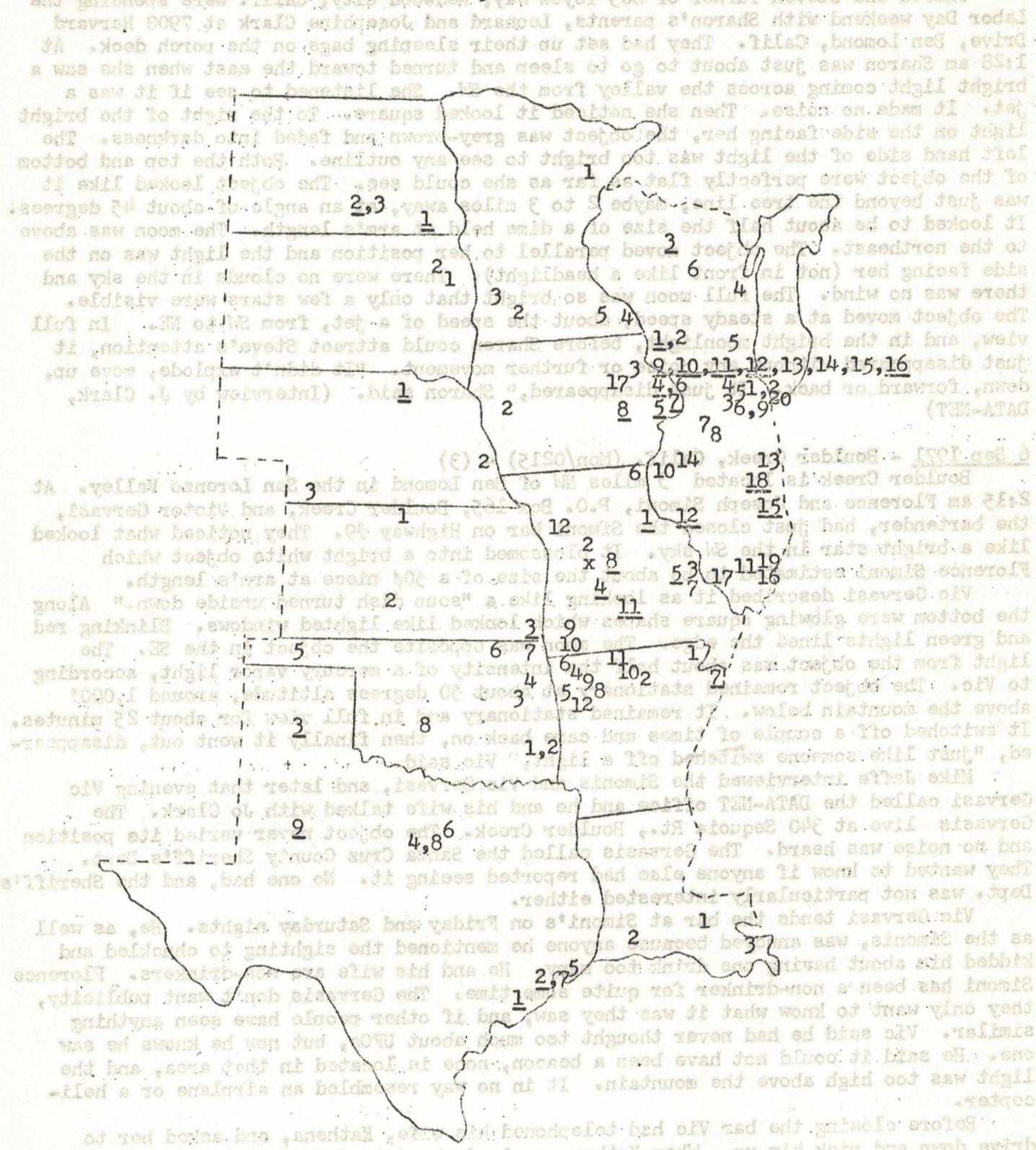
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GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF 322 UNITED STATES UFO REPORTS



CENTRAL SECTION

(Underlined numbers indicate TYPE 1 - Landings)

CALIFORNIA

6 Sep 1971 - Ben Lomond, Calif. (Mon/0128) - (4)

Sharon and Steven Turner of 805 Toyon Way, Redwood City, Calif. were spending the Labor Day weekend with Sharon's parents, Leonard and Josephine Clark at 7900 Harvard Drive, Ben Lomond, Calif. They had set up their sleeping bags on the porch deck. At 1:28 am Sharon was just about to go to sleep and turned toward the east when she saw a bright light coming across the valley from the SW. She listened to see if it was a jet. It made no noise. Then she noticed it looked square. To the right of the bright light on the side facing her, the object was grey-brown and faded into darkness. The left hand side of the light was too bright to see any outline. Both the top and bottom of the object were perfectly flat as far as she could see. The object looked like it was just beyond the tree line, maybe 2 to 3 miles away, at an angle of about 45 degrees. It looked to be about half the size of a dime held at arm's length. The moon was above to the northeast. The object moved parallel to her position and the light was on the side facing her (not in front like a headlight). There were no clouds in the sky and there was no wind. The full moon was so bright that only a few stars were visible. The object moved at a steady speed, about the speed of a jet, from SW to NE. In full view, and in the bright moonlight, before Sharon could attract Steve's attention, it just disappeared without any noise or further movement. "It didn't explode, move up, down, forward or back. It just disappeared," Sharon said. (Interview by J. Clark, DATA-NET)

6 Sep 1971 - Boulder Creek, Calif. (Mon/0215) - (3)

Boulder Creek is located 3 miles NW of Ben Lomond in the San Lorenzo Valley. At 2:15 am Florence and Joseph Simoni, P.O. Box 165, Boulder Creek, and Victor Gervasi, the bartender, had just closed the Simoni bar on Highway #9. They noticed what looked like a bright star in the SW sky. It blossomed into a bright white object which Florence Simoni estimated to be about the size of a 50¢ piece at arm's length.

Vic Gervasi described it as looking like a "soup dish turned upside down." Along the bottom were glowing square shapes which looked like lighted windows. Blinking red and green lights lined the edge. The moon was opposite the object in the SE. The light from the object was about half the intensity of a mercury vapor light, according to Vic. The object remained stationary at about 30 degrees altitude, around 1,000' above the mountain below. It remained stationary and in full view for about 25 minutes. It switched off a couple of times and came back on, then finally it went out, disappeared, "just like someone switched off a light," Vic said.

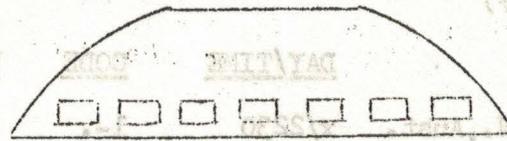
Mike Jaffe interviewed the Simonis and Vic Gervasi, and later that evening Vic Gervasi called the DATA-NET office and he and his wife talked with Jo Clark. The Gervasis live at 340 Sequoia Rt., Boulder Creek. The object never varied its position and no noise was heard. The Gervasis called the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Dept. They wanted to know if anyone else had reported seeing it. No one had, and the Sheriff's Dept. was not particularly interested either.

Vic Gervasi tends the bar at Simoni's on Friday and Saturday nights. He, as well as the Simonis, was annoyed because anyone he mentioned the sighting to chuckled and kidded him about having one drink too many. He and his wife are non-drinkers. Florence Simoni has been a non-drinker for quite some time. The Gervasis don't want publicity, they only want to know what it was they saw, and if other people have seen anything similar. Vic said he had never thought too much about UFOs, but now he knows he saw one. He said it could not have been a beacon, none is located in that area, and the light was too high above the mountain. It in no way resembled an airplane or a helicopter.

Before closing the bar Vic had telephoned his wife, Kathena, and asked her to drive down and pick him up. When Kathena arrived she joined the others and watched the object. She saw it fade out and disappear and reappear, glowing intensely.

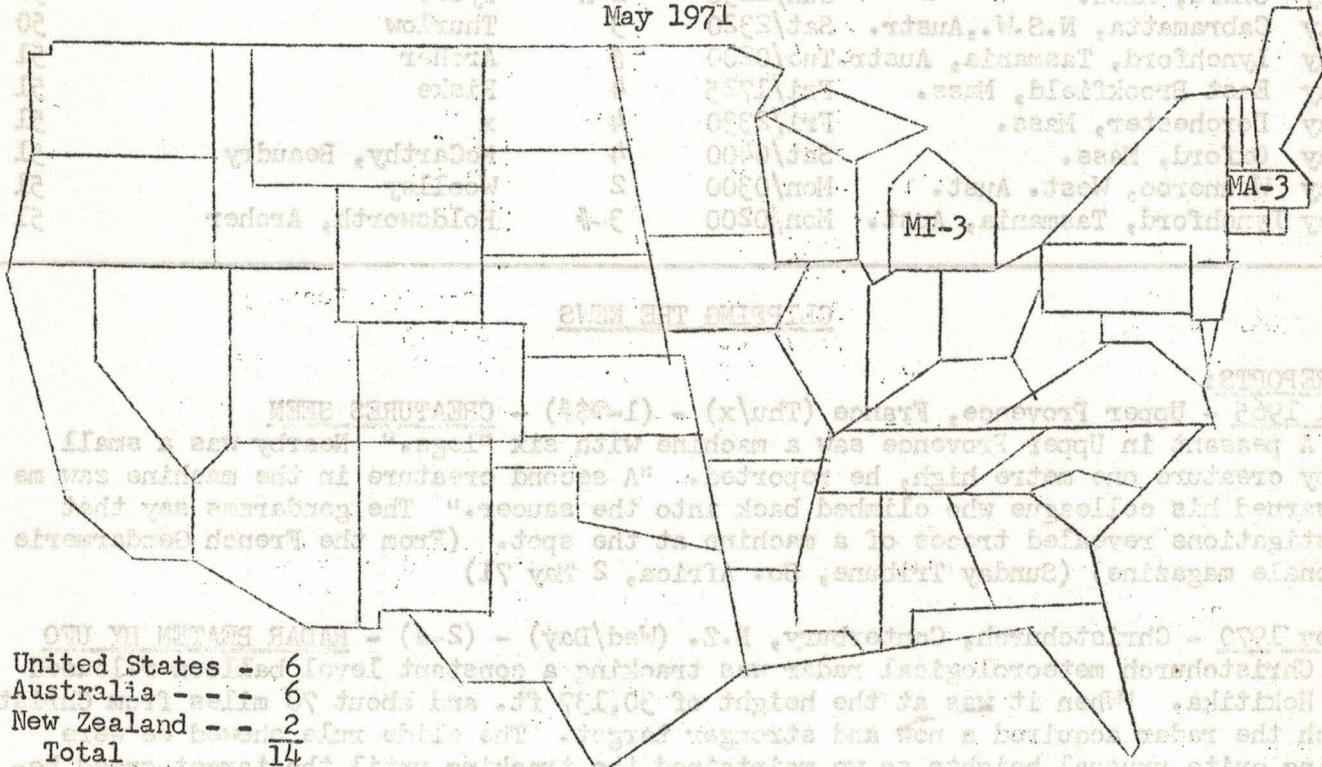
Vic said that although the light was so bright it was hard to watch, the glow from the square areas outlined the dome-shaped top. He said it looked like one-half of a

dime held at arm's length. The square lighted windows, 12 to 14 of them, were along the flat bottom. Kathena said the object was so bright that she could not discern it's shape. (Interview by M. Jaffe & J. Clark, DATA-NET)



6 Sep 1971
Ben Lomond & Boulder Creek, Calif.

SIGHTING REPORT DISTRIBUTION MAP
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Coding:

- Type 1 - LANDINGS and NEAR LANDINGS (tree height or under 100' maximum)
 - 2 - UNUSUAL or ERRATIC FLIGHT PATTERN
 - 3 - STATIONARY or HOVERING IN THE SKY
 - 4 - CONTINUOUS FLIGHT
 - 5 - INDEFINITE OBJECTS
- Class A - Pacing or investigating vehicles (land, sea, air)
- Class B - Multiple objects (and objects emitted or merged)
- Class C - Physical appearance alters
- Class D - Borderline objects (because of characteristics)
- a. Optical or mechanical aids (telescope, radar, etc.)
 - b. Effects (human, animal, electrical, mechanical)

@ Landed (or submerged)
 . Near landing (tree height or under 100' maximum)
 \$ Occupant seen
 # Traces (residue, marks)
 (Example: 1-AC-bc-@#)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DAY/TIME</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>WITNESSES</u>	<u>D-NR NO.</u>
Prior May	Temagog, N.S.W., Aust.	x/2230	1--	Bonner	51
Prior May	Colombatti Rail, N.S.W., Aust.	x	1--	x	51
00 May	Taupo, Auck., N.Z.	x/2230	2-B	Barling	51
01 May	Clare, Mich.	Sat/2230	2-A	Reid	50
01 May	Opotiki, N.Z.	Sat/2330	2	x	51
02 May	Clare, Mich.	Sun/0200	1-AC	Smith	51
02 May	Clare, Mich.	Sun/2230	2-A	Tyler	50
08 May	Cabramatta, N.S.W., Austr.	Sat/2320	3	Thurlow	50
25 May	Lynchford, Tasmania, Austr.	Tue/0200	#	Archer	51
28 May	East Brookfield, Mass.	Fri/1725	4	Fiske	51
28 May	Dorchester, Mass.	Fri/2330	4	x	51
29 May	Oxford, Mass.	Sat/0400	4	McCarthy, Beaudry	51
31 May	Wanneroo, West. Aust.	Mon/0300	2	Woolley	51
31 May	Lynchford, Tasmania, Aust.	Mon/0200	3-#	Holdsworth, Archer	51

CLIPPING THE NEWS

UFO REPORTS:

1 Jul 1965 - Upper Provence, France (Thu/x) - (1-@#) - CREATURES SEEN

A peasant in Upper Provence saw a machine with six "legs." Nearby was a small chubby creature one metre high, he reported. "A second creature in the machine saw me and warned his colleague who climbed back into the saucer." The gendarmes say that investigations revealed traces of a machine at the spot. (From the French Gendarmerie Nationale magazine) (Sunday Tribune, So. Africa, 2 May 71)

18 Nov 1970 - Christchurch, Canterbury, N.Z. (Wed/Day) - (2-a) - RADAR BEATEN BY UFO

Christchurch meteorological radar was tracking a constant level balloon released from Hokitika. "When it was at the height of 30,137 ft. and about 70 miles from Christchurch the radar acquired a new and stronger target. The slide rule showed we were getting quite unusual heights so we maintained the tracking until the target speed became so great that the radar would not hold in lock. Tracking was then abandoned," the radar officer said. A desk computer showed that the object had the capacity to climb 63,274 feet with a rate of climb of up to 7,000 ft per minute at 60,000 ft and maintain an average ground speed of 80 to 100 knots. The object was on the scope for several minutes before disappearing. "One interesting point," the officer said, "was that at the moment of acquiring the target it appeared as though it had seen the constant level balloon and had turned off its predominantly northwest heading to examine it." All RNZAF aircraft were ruled out, and the officer said there was far too much pattern in the readings for it to have been a radar phenomenon. (Truth, Auckland, N.Z., 1 Jun 71)

8 Dec 1970 - Nr. Meekatharra, West. Aust. (Tue/0430) - (2-b-#) - 'NEST' FOUND NEAR COPPER MINE

Australian government investigators are examining evidence of a UFO sighted by 20 copper miners. A photograph of a field showing reeds flattened in a circular pattern, and statements from the miners are being studied by the Australian Dept. of Civil Aviation.

One eyewitness, Jim Howard, 44, said, "It was a flying saucer and I'll swear to it. It was a large, silvery disc about 40 feet in diameter. At one stage I saw two pulsating green lights and portholes. Others saw it too, and we have discussed what we saw

in the cold light of day. Nothing has happened to shake our belief."

Wayne Thomas, 50, a bulldozer operator, was the first to see the UFO. "I was working the night shift and moving along the western edge of the open mine when I saw this object appear faintly in the sky, not far from the ground," he said. "I flicked the dozer's headlights at the object and it shot off quickly, but it soon reappeared again. Later, in the clear light of dawn, I could make out its shape quite distinctly."

Ted Murphy, a supervisor at the mine, said one man took some flash photographs but only one was any good. He said the object made a slight, regular hissing noise as it hovered over the camp. "My guess is it could have carried four men," he said.

Miner Ronald Dowd, 19, said, "There's genuine proof that some strange object was at the camp that night. The next day I found a nest of flattened reeds near the camp. The flattened area -- about 30 feet in diameter -- certainly seemed to correspond with my estimate of the size of the object. It seems obvious that the object had rested on this spot for some time before taking off and hovering over the camp. (William Dick, National Enquirer, 8 Aug 71) (Cr: M. Jaffe)

24 Mar 1971 - Walthamstow, England (Wed/AM) - (2-A) - SHAKEN BY SIGHT OF UFO

Roger Cruickshank, 22, Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow, was driving home from Tottenham. As he waited at the traffic lights on Forest Road he said a glowing saucer shaped object with a dome on the top and underneath, about "the size of three buses" swooped low over his car. It was traveling at great speed, came from the direction of Leyton and took about five seconds to pass overhead. It appeared to slow down and swoop over his car, then disappeared towards Tottenham. He reported the sighting to the Walthamstow police, adding that he had not been drinking. A police spokesman said that he appeared "visibly shaken." (Walthamstow Independent, Walthamstow, Engl., 26 Mar 71)

9 Apr 1971 - Nr. Leeston, New Zealand (Fri/1600) - (1-C-.) - OBJECT LIKE A KITE

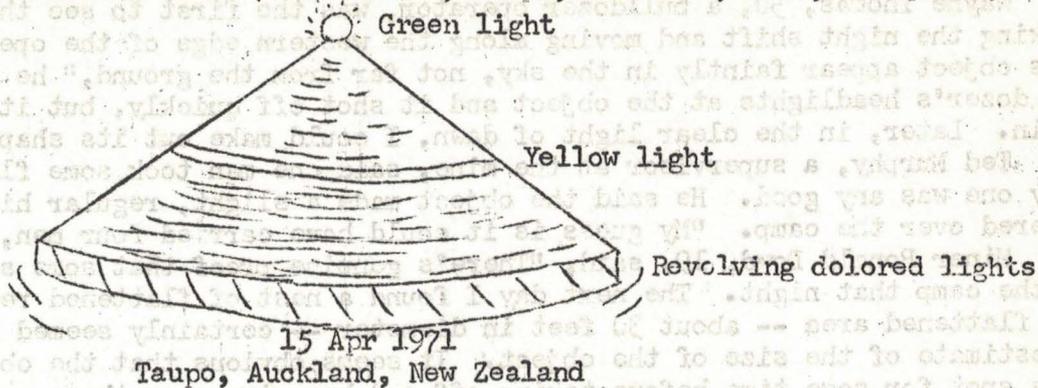
Charlie Haffenden, 32, and Bob Thompson, 45, were hunting for rabbits in the Rakaia riverbed near Leeston. At first they saw a glowing light in the bush ahead. It looked just like someone was standing in the bush having a smoke. As they neared, it lifted just above the bush and changed color from red to white. It looked "just like a kite with lights on," they said. "The lights weren't flashing. They would be bright one moment and dim the next. It climbed reasonably high and was zig-zagging all the time. We first saw it about four o'clock and watched it until just after six o'clock when it went higher and higher, and through the clouds."

They returned to the area on April 18 in an attempt to photograph it, but the object was not sighted again. (Christchurch Star, Christchurch, Canterbury, N.Z., 17 & 19 Apr 71)

15 Apr 1971 - Taupo, Auckland, New Zealand (Thu/2100) - (3-A-c) - INVERTED ICE CREAM CONE

Roger Morel of Kaimahawa St., and Robin Duncan Hay of Terrence St. left their back two miles from the Napier-Taupo highway and five miles from Taupo to return home from their forestry duties. They had noticed that their pig dog seemed agitated, even terrified. They left it behind and travelled to the main road. Mr. Morel stopped to check the tail light of the the car. He looked back towards the caravan, parked on the highest point thereabouts, and called Mr. Hay to witness an amazing sight. Hovering above their camp site, almost directly south, was an object shaped like an inverted ice cream cone or Mexican hat. The sharp end of the cone was uppermost and marked by dullish green lights. The base, about the length of a Friendship airliner across, was flickering with orange and yellow lights as if it were revolving. A band of yellow lights showed up half-way to the top and the body itself was a hazy green with a metallic sheen. No protuberances were noted, due to the darkness and distance. The object was in the sky at an angle of about 10 o'clock. There was no noise. The weather was calm and clear, the sky was broken. There was no fog or mist, or low cloud, or other aircraft in the sky. They watched for about 10 minutes with the car's motor switched off, and then drove on to Taupo. The object followed slowly keeping about the same distance as when first viewed. They lost sight of it after passing through the cutting

west of the DeBrett Thermal Hotel. (Taupo Times, Taupo, Auckland, N.Z., 22 Apr 71)



18 Apr 1971 - Taupo, Auckland, New Zealand (Sun/Night) - (3-a) - HOVERING OBJECT

Mr. J. C. Hall, a market gardener, was watching television with his wife at their home on the corner of Centennial Drive and Rotokawa Streets, Taupo. Mr. Hall's attention was drawn to a bright star seen through a glass door looking north. It appeared to get larger. Mr. Hall called his wife and focused his binoculars on the object, which was about the size of a full moon. It was about 10 miles away and at approximately 10 o'clock in the sky. It was stationary, but the bottom seemed to be revolving. A brilliant orange light from one area lighted up the object with a greenish tinge. There was no noise. No protuberances were seen, because of darkness and distance; but orange, green and red lights were visible, none more prominently than orange. The Halls watched intermittently for an hour and the object remained stationary. It was gone by morning. Mr. Hall notified police of his sighting. (Taupo Times, Auckland, N.Z., 22 Apr 71)

22 Apr 1971 (Approx) - Mr. Rangitaiki, Taupo County, Auckland, New Zealand - (#) - FIVE RINGS DISCOVERED

A helicopter pilot, Mr. R. D. Nairn, discovered five more Ngatea-like circles in the Taupo area. The circles were found on the 12,600-acre Lilburn estate in an area east of the Rangitaiki River, on the edge of the Kalngaroa Forest and near the Taupo-Napier highway. Truth's helicopter, piloted by Mr. Nairn, flew over the area and took aerial photographs and landed on one of the circles. Four of them were in a straight line and just over a mile apart. The fifth was about a mile to the west but lined up with the last of the other four. The circles range from between 200 and 300 feet in diameter and each covers up to 6,000 square feet. A fungus-like growth, only about three or four inches high, covers the circles like a carpet. There is no other vegetation. None of the Lilburn estate cattle or sheep were in the area where the circles were found.

Capt. Bruce Cathie landed on one of the circles in a helicopter and collected specimens of the weird plant growth. He said he would send the moss, which was growing about 3" to 4" deep inside the circles to New York to be analysed because unless he knew who was doing the analysis he could not believe it.

Mr. Nairn, who first drew Capt. Cathie's attention to the circles said they are quite old. (Truth, Auckland, N.Z., 4 May 71 & Auckland Star, Auckland, N.Z., 5 May 71)

22 Apr 1971 - Basingstoke, England (?Thu/2205) - (4-B) - FORMATION OF LIGHTS

Mr. Alan Andrews of Kingsclere Road, Basingstoke was in his garden watching the sky when he saw about six or eight bright lights in formation. He couldn't count them because they went across the sky so fast. They looked as high as the stars but they were brighter and more yellow, he said. He said they were not like a satellite which moves slowly, and were not as fast as shooting stars. The whole thing was over in seconds, he said. (Basingstoke Gazette, Basingstoke, Engl., 23 Apr 71)

22 Apr 1971 - Mosgiel, New Zealand (Thu/2330) - (4-B-a) - BAR OF LIGHT WITH SMALL OBJECTS

Mrs. K. L. Round of 53 Stirling Crescent, Mosgiel, sighted an object similar to the one seen north of Patea on Saturday night. Mrs. Round said she saw an object like "a flame of fire" above her television aerial between 11:30 and midnight. It moved slowly towards Murray Street. She estimated the object to be two or three yards long and about two inches wide and bar-shaped. Surrounding it were "a dozen or more small objects." She examined the object through a small telescope but could not see any more significant detail. She did not watch the object until it disappeared, but now she wishes she had.

The chairman of the Beverly Begg Observatory in Dunedin, Mr. A. J. Doig, said the observatory had received a couple of reports of UFOs in the last two or three weeks. A Pine Hill woman reported a slow moving golden object the size of a full moon, but not quite circular in shape. It was east of her house and moved slowly across the sky and disappeared quite suddenly after the woman had turned away to say something to her husband.

Later the observatory received another report of apparently the same object from a couple who were motoring just north of the city. (The Evening Star, Dunedin, Otago, N.Z., 27 Apr 71)

24 Apr 1971 - Wairakei, N.Z. (Sat/Btwn 1900-2400) - (3) - UFO OVER POWER STATION

A number of people including 2 men working at the N.Z. Electricity Dept., reported seeing an object hang motionless over the bore field at Wairakei near the geothermal power station. The object was said to resemble closely one seen on the Napier-Taupo Highway recently. One of the workmen saw it again Sunday night. (Waikato Times, Hamilton, Auckland, N.Z. & Daily Telegraph, Hawkes Bay, N.Z., 26 Apr 71)

25 Apr 1971 - Taupo, Auckland, N.Z. (Sun/2014) - (3-B-a) - GROUP SPOTS SIX UFOs

A group of people, four of them Taupo residents, saw an object between Huka Mill and Acacia Bay. It appeared as a reddish glow at first, but through high powered binoculars a green light was seen on top, a flashing red light like those on police vehicles and a row of yellow lights.

A little while later the party went to the De Brett baths and from there they saw five objects. Looking east towards Napier, two were south of Mount Tauhara, one over Opepe, one over the centre of Taupo Lake and the fifth in the same area as the one they had sighted earlier in the evening. One member of the group said he would have taken them for aircraft had they not been stationary. The group preferred to remain anonymous because of public reaction to the reports. (Daily Telegraph, Napier, Hawkes Bay, N.Z., 26 Apr 71)

25 & 26 Apr 1971 - Ngaruawahia, N.Z. (Sun & Mon/Night) - (2-B-a) - CIRCLING LIGHTS

Mr. L. G. Thickpenny, of Whatawhata Road, Ngaruawahia, reported that he and his family watched several groups of red, green, and gold lights which appeared to circle a motionless "star" on Sunday and Monday nights. Thickpenny's daughter said they have been in the sky since before Easter. He said the lights do not appear in the same place each night. "There was one very bright one I could see from the bedroom window on Sunday night, but it wasn't there on Monday. Through binoculars Thickpenny saw seven objects in the sky. One over Pirongia and another near Te Aroha had stronger lights than the others, he said. (Evening Star, Dunedin, Otago, N.Z., 27 Apr 71 & Manawatu Evening Standard, Palmerston North, Wellington, N.Z., 27 Apr 71)

26 Apr 1971 - Taupo, Auckland, N.Z. (Mon/1900-2330) - (2-B-a) - SEVERAL UFOs SEEN

Another series of UFOs were reported by several residents. In Kaka Street neighbors were out near their gates calling excitedly to one another and pointing out the various positions of different UFOs. Toward Turangi, three objects were over Acacia Bay, two toward Tihoi and one over Tauhara. One resident said they would stay stationary for a while, then move down until they disappeared below the horizon. "They

are visible to the naked eye but it is hard to make out their actual shape even with binoculars," he said. (Daily Telegraph, Napier, Hawkes Bay, N.Z., 27 Apr 71)

26 Apr 1971 - Taupo, Auckland, N.Z. (Mon/2300) - (3-B-a) - RED & GREEN FLASHING LIGHTS

Many people in Taupo reported seeing a UFO in the southwestern sky. The object was described as red and green flashing lights circling a star. Six men at the fire station viewed it through binoculars. According to one observer several other objects had been sighted in various parts of the sky. (Taupo Times, Taupo, Auckland, N.Z., 27 Apr 71)

27 Apr 1971 - Whangamata, Auckland, N.Z. (Tue/2100) - (3-B-a) - RED AND GREEN OBJECTS

Mr. L. C. Bell who lives on the Whangamata side of Whikitoa first noticed two objects in the sky and telephoned Mr. & Mrs. I. Adams of Whangamata who went outside and also saw them. One was in the direction of Martyn Road and the second in a northerly direction. Both were observed for some time. They showed red and green color. The Adams used binoculars to make sure their eyesight was not at fault.

Later in the evening they observed three UFOs stationed practically all round the compass still showing the same green and red color. (Waihi Gazette, Waihi, Auckland, N.Z., 29 Apr 71)

30 Apr 1971 - Colusa, Calif. (Fri/2330) - (4-c) - BLUE LIGHT EMITTING SPARKS

Ronald Tistoresi and his girl friend were driving from Yuba City to Colusa, where Tistoresi lives. About 11:30 he spotted a blue light - so bright it illuminated everything in his range of vision.

He was on Highway 20, about six miles east of Meridian. The light was descending and showering sparks back of him. It looked to be 50 to 100 yards away. Ron said he felt very cold, began shivering and had a "strange impulse" to stop the car, but his girl friend had the opposite impulse. She yelled "Don't stop!" So they kept going. About 10 seconds after the sighting the light blinked out.

The next day, Lt. Robert Young of Beale AFB, a field investigator for APRO, investigated but found no burned areas. PGE said there was an auto accident in Colusa about 11:30 that night, and wires on a power pole were crossed as a result of the collision, but that it was unlikely that could have created the effect described. (Sun-Herald, Colusa, Calif., 12 May 71)

Prior May 1971 - Temagog, N.S.W., Austr. (x/2230) - (1-.) - TWO NEAR LANDINGS

Mrs. Bonner of Temagog got up to investigate when the dogs were barking as if disturbed. She saw a huge, brilliant orange light, traveling northwest, hanging from something which looked like a parachute. It slowly dropped behind some trees, lighting them up brightly, and after a few minutes moved away and gradually disappeared.

Colombatti Rail - Later, three schoolboys at Colombatti Rail were very shaken when they saw a silvery egg-shaped object, with large windows all round, descend incredibly fast from a great height, trailing flames which disappeared as it slowed about 200 ft overhead, started to let down legs with landing pads, then banked around and disappeared over a hill. The frightened boys refused to be shaken from their story, saying the object, which they had seen very clearly, was like nothing they had seen or read about.

There had also been reports from fishermen and others of odd lights and silvery objects. (Bellingen Courier-Sun, N.S.W., Austr., 4 May 71)

May 1971 - Taupo, Auckland, N.Z. (x/2230) - (2-B) - OBJECTS MERGE

Mr. E. Barling, UFO Investigator for Auckland University, found his own observations to be fruitful. Southwest of his position and over Lake Taupo he noted a large, very brilliant, object with a smaller one nearby. The smaller one approached the larger and appeared to connect with it at the bottom. It then broke away and moved to the right. It made another attempt and eventually the whole thing looked like a sack of spuds. Barling's wife shared views of it. They left this sight to view another part of the sky and when they returned to it, it had disappeared. (Taupo Times, Taupo,

Auckland, N.Z., 13 Apr 71)

1 May 1971 - Opotiki, New Zealand (Sat/2330) - (2) - CIRCLING SAUCER

A borough resident watched a UFO for about half an hour. It approached from the east and gradually circled round eventually disappearing in the direction whence it came. Although apparently flying fairly high it appeared to be huge and completely saucer-shaped. There was a blinking light in front and round the sides lights appeared to be "shooting out." (Opotiki News, N.Z., 4 May 71)

2 May 1971 - Clare, Mich. (Sun/0200) - (1-AC) - MYSTERY LIGHT HAUNTS THE SWAMPS

A mysterious something-or-other hanging around swamps in the darkness on E. Herrick and N. Chippewa roads, has been held to be one of the following by the true believers:
-A mysterious night light that chases cars. -A flying saucer that can go from 0 to 120 mph in six seconds, goes "beep-beep" and handles well in the turns. -A ghost.
-The return of the "deer man."

Skeptics and the science-minded tend to view the mysterious glowing object as:
-Good old-fashioned glowing swamp gas, the universal antidote for such "foolishness."
-The work of prankish motorcyclists. -The reflection of a high intensity light by mirrors. -The doings of a harmless, 73-year-old hermit who keeps his coffin next to the refrigerator.

Police Chief Elry C. Tice is among those baffled. The chief called on Sue Smith, an 18-year-old cook at a Clare restaurant, who related her story.

We were standing by our parked car at Chippewa and Herrick. There were five of us. It was about 2 am. Then this light just started coming down the road at us (Herrick road). It would dim and then get brighter. It floated from the ditch to the road. It looked like it was about the size of a basketball. I was scared to death. There were about 10 people out there altogether and everybody just froze. Somebody said to put the car lights on because they scare it away. It started to turn and the white light got red. It was like a white light in front and a red one in back. The white light went out and then the red one went back down the road and disappeared. It had been about five feet in the air and kind of wobbled as it came toward us."

The most bizarre figure in the recent hubbub is 73-year-old Floyd Soper, an eccentric widower who lives alone on an odd farm on Chippewa, a dead-end road. Because his farm is ringed by 200 strung-up milk cartons and 365 kinds of bells -- "one for each day" -- the teenagers have come to think of Soper as a weirdo who may be causing the lights. The rumors are easy to believe until you stop and chat with Soper. He has been watching but hasn't seen any flying saucers. As for the watchers claim that when the light is seen the milk cartons, which twirl in the breeze, stop, the windmills stand still, the whirligigs freeze and the bells stop clanging, Soper laughs. "The bells stop when the animals go to sleep and nothing in the yard will turn unless there is a four-mile breeze," he said. (News, Detroit, Mich., 6 May 71 & Free Press, Detroit, Mich., 9 May 71)

25 May 1971 - Lynchford, nr Queenstown, Tasmania, Austr. (Tue/0200) - (#) - FLATTENED CIRCLE FOUND

Mr. Clifford Archer lives at Lynchford in one of the two houses in the deserted mining town about two miles south of Queenstown. He was awakened at 2 am by a loud humming noise which sounded like "one of those big power generators." He could see nothing outside his window, so he went back to bed. On Wednesday afternoon he found a flattened area about 150 yards from his house in an area of grass and blackberry bushes. The area is about 25 yards in diameter and the shape of a three-leaf clover. The surrounding grass stands about 15 in. high. It looks like a giant force had pushed the grass and bushes over, but did not damage them in any way. No strong winds, machinery or animals have been in the area. (Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania, Aust., 28 May 71)

28 May 1971 - East Brookfield, Mass. (Fri/1725) - (4) - SAUCER REPORT

After Warren L. McCarthy reported his sighting of May 29, he received a telephone call from Ted Fiske of East Brookfield who said he saw an extremely bright oval-shaped

light over Howe Pond. (Telegram, Worcester, Mass., 1 Jun 71)

28 May 1971 - Dorchester, Mass. (Fri/2330) - (4) - ANOTHER SIGHTING ON FRIDAY NIGHT
Stephen F. Putnam who interviewed Warren L. McCarthy about his 29 May UFO sighting said there was also a sighting in Dorchester. The object was described as bright orange in color and was kite-shaped with a tail.

Putnam said he first learned of McCarthy's sighting when he received a telephone call from Paul Braczyk of 20 Cody Street, Webster. (Telegram, Worcester, Mass., 1 Jun 71)

29 May 1971 - Oxford, Mass. (Sat/0400) - (4) - FISHERMAN SEES UFO
Warren L. McCarthy of 1 Bell Street, Spencer reported seeing an object while fishing at the Buffumville flood control project in Oxford. Other witnesses to the 30-minute sighting were his two sons, Michael, 16, and Mark, 15, and their companion Ray Beaudry, 16, of Oxford. Mc Carthy is employed in the maintenance department at the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology.

Stephen F. Putnam of Scituate, who has been studying UFOs since 1950, talked with McCarthy and said he believes McCarthy saw a UFO. (Gazette, Worcester, Mass., 1 Jun 71)

31 May 1971 - Wanneroo, West. Austr. (Mon/0300) - (2) - MANEUVERING LIGHT IN SKY
Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Woolley of Thompson Drive, Wanneroo are puzzled by a UFO. Mr. Woolley woke at 3 am. Through his bedroom window he saw a big, reddish-yellow light about three miles to the east. The light was pulsating, but stationary. Then it traveled rapidly northwards, stopped again and zig-zagged away into the clouds. He was convinced that it was not a plane. His wife also saw it. (West Australian, Perth, W.A., 1 Jun 71)

31 May 1971 - Lynchford, Tasmania, Austr. (Mon/0200) - (3-#) - SECOND UFO CIRCLE
Mr. S. Holdsworth, who lives with Mr. Archer at Lynchford where a flattened area of grass and blackberry bushes was found last week, found another flattened area similar to the first one. Both areas are about 150 yards from Mr. Archer's house and are about 100 yards apart. The grass in both areas is flattened in a swirling pattern. There has been little or no wind in the area in the past two weeks. Archer and Holdsworth said they have seen strange lights in the sky about 2 am during the past three nights. (Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania, 1 Jun 71)

25 June 1971 - Stewart, Minn. (Fri/0030) - (c-#) - MYSTERY AT WINDSCHITL FARM
A strange phenomenon occurred at the Arnold Windschitl farm, northwest of Stewart, which has the family puzzled. Arnold was awakened by a strange wind, the quacking of duck and the interruption in electric power about 12:30 am. Later he and his sons, Paul and Leo, discovered a spot in their cornfield where green corn was burned in a 10-ft. circle. (Tribune, Stewart, Minn., 1 Jul 71)

UFO COMMENTS:

SIGHTINGS FALL SHARPLY - BUT DWINDLING GROUPS MAINTAIN THE FAITH IN FLYING SAUCERS -- Thoughtful, soft-spoken Mr. John Acuff, head of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), is one of a dwindling band of saucer enthusiasts who still keep the faith. It isn't easy. Since 1968 there has been a sharp drop-off in saucer sighting reports, accompanied by growing public apathy on the whole subject.

Where have all the saucers gone? The phenomenon, and its disappearance, can be traced to deep-rooted factors in the human personality, avers Carl Sagan, director of Cornell University's Laboratory for Planetary Studies.

Ex-UFO believers have gone into astrology, astroprojection, scientology and other off-beat cults because, "the human desire to believe in something mystical is very strong," says Ernest R. Hilgard, a Stanford University psychologist. "The saucer phenomenon simply wore itself out. People just weren't able to keep up their excitement in these things indefinitely."

But hard-core enthusiasts insist it's just a matter of time before the saucers make a dramatic return. A few believe reports could pick up as early as August when Mars will be closer to the earth than at any time since 1956.

Gabriel Green, president of the hard-pressed Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America Inc., whose membership has plunged nearly 50% to about 2,500 since 1968, thinks, "They'll manifest themselves at least by next year." Mr. Green expects the extraterrestrial creatures to make initial contact with U.S. astronauts on a future moon trip.

Then again, the buffs expect UFOs to be around for a long time, one outgrowth of a theory that asserts the existence of another universe located very close to earth's. "Only it's invisible because it's on another space-time continuum," explains Ivan Sanderson, director of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained (SITU). "However, beings from this other universe sometimes choose to appear here physically, which they can do by manipulating various time warps."

NICAP derides all this as bunk, but nevertheless refuses to accept the validity of the Condon report's conclusions. To prove that UFOs are real, the group plans to transfer data from some 10,000 saucer sightings onto punch cards and run them through computers. Hopefully, this system will yield "telltale subtleties or relationships that could give some clue" as to the real nature of UFOs, G. Stuart Nixon, NICAP's secretary-treasurer says.

NICAP tries to investigate as best it can the 500 UFO reports it still averages annually. Its shrinking membership is down to 6,000 from 14,000 in 1966.

"Right now, our biggest problem is overcoming the negative social climate created by the Condon report," says Mr. Nixon. "People are afraid to talk about the objects they've seen and the press is ignoring the subject." What's more, he frets, the public has been distracted away from the UFO puzzle by a whole new set of concerns, such as the Vietnam war, the economy and the environment.

J. Allen Hynek, chairman of Northwestern University's astronomy department, which is now acting as an unofficial collection agency for UFO reports, recently made a puzzling visit to an Iowa soybean patch.

"I still don't know what the hell this thing is all about," he says, describing what he found there: a 40-foot circle where plants had been scorched. "It looked almost as though a big heater had been held six feet above the ground," he says. Mr. Hynek frets that there is no official agency where people can report such strange happenings.

Yet most experts seem relieved the phenomenon appears over. "Good riddance!" snorts Donald H. Menzel, Harvard University astrophysicist. "The whole thing was a great waste of time."

Says an Air Force spokesman, "There just never was any evidence these things were from outer space, or represented technological developments beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge."

No one denies that people today are still seeing weird things in the sky they can't explain. "Once the alert person seeing something funny would have turned in a UFO report," says Ronald Bracewell, a Stanford electrical engineer. "But people have gotten more sophisticated. Now they attribute such a sighting to some natural cause, which it no doubt was." (Elliot Carlson, Wall Street Journal, 14 Jun 71) (Cr: V. Freso)

The July issue of PURSUIT, published by SITU, Columbia, New Jersey, carried a commentary on the above article by Elliot Carlson. PURSUIT feels that NICAP is committing professional suicide by taking exception to the parallel universe theory. A theory which Sanderson feels provides a practical explanation for UFO phenomena.

'THEY'LL BE BACK SOON....' -- England is not the best country to see them, but the best place in England to see them is Warminster, in Wiltshire, according to Capt. Ivan Mackay, chairman of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA).

Capt. Mackay believes that ultimately the validity of the saucers will be scientifically established.

"The scientists are among those who are currently the most interested in UFOs," he said, concluding cynically, "and no doubt when their existence becomes accepted they will get all the credit."

Capt. Mackay has been interested in UFOs ever since they began claiming public attention just after the Second World War.

The latest theory on UFOs which Capt. Mackay explained to the Fifty-nine Society of Kensington, is that they may be visitors, not just from other planets, but from a "parallel universe" whose existence, say some scientists, accords perfectly with Einstein's famous Laws of relativity.

This latest theory has to do with matter suddenly appearing in our Universe before dematerializing through a "black hole" in space, back into its own "parallel" universe.

One believer in the "second universe" is Prof. Yuval Ne'eman of Tel Aviv University. Capt. Mackay accepts his posit of this second universe as a possible explanation of the UFO phenomenon.

But, even if one day it were established beyond doubt that UFOs never existed, Capt. Mackay will not be disappointed. "I am not a fanatic," he stressed. "And I hope that people who scoff at the idea can say the same." (Kensington Post, Hammersmith, England, 23 Apr 71)

Referring to the increasing tendency to assign UFO events to subjective or hallucinatory experiences, Luis Schonherr says in his article, "The Question of Reality" (FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, London, England, Mar/Apr 1971), "It remains to be seen whether this hypothesis -- especially in extreme forms, which will strip the UFO phenomenon of every objective aspect -- proves to be fruitful.

"The history of science shows that there has always been a peculiar psychological readiness to refer anything that defies explanation within the established knowledge and rigour of an exact science, to other, less exact, disciplines. It could well be that future historians of UFO research will regard the above-mentioned trend as just another example of an attitude that has often turned out to be unjustified."

One scientist interested in UFOs used a novel approach for technical information gathering when he conducted a UFO course at the University of California, Davis Campus, during the winter quarter 1967-68.

Dr. P.S. Moller, Asst. Prof. Mechanical Engineering, Davis, reported on his experiences in the "American Engineer," May 1968. The article was reprinted in the July/August 1971 issue of ROUND ROBIN published by BSRF, Vista, Calif.

Dr. Moller attempted to bypass the usual negative interpretations by science in connection with the technical implications of flying saucers. He presented his questions as being part of studies "related to the physiological effects surrounding a state-of-the-art propulsion system to be designed."

At the conclusion of the discussions he revealed that the questions were about UFOs. Dr. Moller says: "The reaction was always the same, shock at the amount of correlation between the reported environmental effects of magnetic fields, plasmas, etc. It was a very effective way of insuring objectivity on the subject and at the same time convincing the scientist to look further into the subject."

"If such courses," Dr. Moller concluded, "can just help to bring the scientific world closer to objective investigation, the vicious cycle of superstition could be stopped -- a cycle that enables scientists to excuse UFOs as too ridiculous for thought, which in turn allows the clutter of superstition and fear to feed on itself with little denial. More disciplined thought and exploration is needed to correlate the large amount of relevant technical information."

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR CLAIMS OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE SHOWS UFOs ARE INTELLIGENTLY GUIDED

"I sincerely wish flying saucers and other unidentified flying objects didn't exist because they worry me, but there is overwhelming evidence that forces me to believe in them," says Canadian university professor.

Dr. P.M.H. Edwards is also adviser to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) of Tucson, Arizona.

"My fears center on the thousands of unexplained disappearances of people each year. Are we being used for dissection or other biological purposes? Are we being put

in a zoo somewhere? Are we being used for meat?"

Dr. Edwards, professor of linguistics and modern languages at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, said he cannot ignore UFOs because as a student, he was warned by a professor not to laugh at an idea until he knew something about it.

Dr. Edwards began investigating, and, becoming convinced that UFOs exist, continued his studies and today considers himself an authority on the subject.

"How can we foolishly keep attributing UFO sightings to mistaken identification of aircraft, satellites or natural phenomena when we know that UFOs perform feats that no man-made objects or natural phenomena ever perform? Optical illusions? Then why don't we suffer from optical illusions when we're looking at other objects?"

"We all have a feeling that we are the highest creatures in the universe," Dr. Edwards said. "We don't want to believe there are any beings smarter than we are. It's this attitude that's responsible for our not solving the UFO enigma.

"Of course, this field is a happy hunting ground for kooks and opportunists, but we mustn't let kooks obscure the facts."

Dr. Edwards admitted he has never seen a UFO. "But then I've never seen a murder committed either. A large and reliable number of people have seen both. Why should I accept their evidence that murders are committed but reject that of having seen a UFO?"

"We know a great deal about their maneuvers and this evidence is enough to convince even the most hardened skeptic that they are intelligently guided," Dr. Edwards maintained. "For a number of years they have been seen to follow trains, planes, and cars, and to hover over airfields. Then it was cross-country power lines and radio and TV installations.

"Recently they became very interested in our children, their schools and playgrounds, and in hospitals, including the children's wards. We don't know the reasons behind all this -- and that worries me," said Dr. Edwards. (David Klein, National Enquirer, 12 Sep 1971) (Cr: J. Clark)

OUT OF THE SAUCER AND INTO THE FRY -- Over a nightcap after a recent lecture in San Jose, Daniel William Fry (Ph.D by virtue of an honorary degree in cosmology from St. Andrews University in London) reminisced with enthusiasm about his trip to New York, at 8,000 mph in a flying saucer controlled by creatures from outer space. The trip, he revealed on this particular night, actually took place on July 4, 1949 -- not 1950 as he had reported in his book, THE WHITE SANDS INCIDENT, five years ago.

The doctor was full of UFO technical data which none of the others understood. They did understand his contact with A-Lan, a man from outer space who now lives on planet earth, disguised as an ordinary earthling. Dr. Fry assured one and all that A-Lan is now posing as an import-export buyer in the Near East. His mission is to save earth people from destroying themselves by nuclear holocaust. He achieves this by projecting visions of the future into the minds of world leaders who might be entertaining such ideas. The obvious proof of A-Lan's success, Dr. Fry explained patiently, "is that we are all still alive."

Daniel Fry says he was selected as the contact man on planet earth to make all the arrangements for the space-man's "cover." Financed by three platinum bars brought by A-Lan, Dr. Fry confided that he used the proceeds to "arrange" a fictitious birth certificate (under the less conspicuous name "Alan") for the space man and also the necessary passports and visas.

"Teaching him to drive was the hardest part," smiled the doctor, "because A-Lan kept wanting to pull the steering wheel back and fly over traffic."

Understanding smiles were reflected by all in the group except one, who started to say something, but decided against it.

Understanding Inc., a loose-knit organization of 10,000 members dedicated to cooperation among earthlings, was partially inspired by A-Lan himself, and is headed by Dr. Fry in his home town of Merlin, Oregon.

As Dr. Fry left in a man made car for a speaking engagement in Phoenix the next day, an innocent college girl who couldn't believe her ears said, with a wary smile, "Gee, meeting your friends sure beats watching television!" and quickly left. (H.P., "Valley Voice" column, California Today, San Jose Mercury, 29 Aug 71) (Cr: J. Clark)

FEAR OF RIDICULE CURTAILS UFO RESEARCH -- A speaker at a UFO symposium held at Saddleback High School, Santa Ana, California on June 12 said that UFOs are spotted daily throughout the U.S., but most sightings go unreported.

"People who see strange objects in the sky are usually afraid to tell anybody what they've seen," said Ray Sanders, consultant for the Tucson-based Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO). They're afraid they'll be called nuts if they tell anyone they've seen a flying saucer. But if other people will admit they saw something strange, well, then the reports come flooding in."

He added that loss of data because of the fear factor was hampering research into the existence of extraterrestrial spacecraft.

The sparse information on the aerodynamic capabilities of the so-called flying saucers is particularly perplexing to Sanders. "Some sort of gyroscopic principle must be involved in the way they can hover," he said. "But we'll have to catalog more technical information before we can figure out basic flight characteristics."

Paul Smith, an APRO field investigator, said that preliminary steps are being taken to computerize information on UFOs so researchers can instantly scan vast quantities of technical data.

The cost of the computer project will top \$150,000, said L. J. Lorenzen, Director of APRO. He said the tax-exempt organization will soon launch a two-year program to finance the project. (Register, Santa Ana, Calif., 13 Jun 71)

UFO TRUE BELIEVERS -- Where have all the flying saucers gone? The answer is that they haven't gone anywhere, provided they were actually here.

The end came with the Condon Report. For a time there was much discussion about the Condon Report, pro and con, but generally speaking the public and the media accepted it. The True Believers rejected it.

Among the True Believers was Dr. J. Allen Hynek. An astronomer and an Air Force scientific consultant, Dr. Hynek was in charge of the Air Force's Project Blue Book to receive and investigate the reports that were pouring in from all over the country. For most of about 20 years Hynek did what he knew was expected of him, to provide simple explanations of what, even to him, sometimes seemed the unexplainable. He reached, as he himself realized, the heights of absurdity when he attributed a sighting by many people as being nothing but swamp gas.

Dr. Hynek left the Air Force project and is now head of the department of astronomy and director of the Lindheimer Research Center at Northwestern University. He continues to argue the case for "true scientific curiosity."

In a talk with Dr. Hynek after an address before the Aero Club in St. Louis, the most important thing we learned is that flying saucers are still flying -- just as many and just as often as ever. The reason you don't hear about them is that since the Condon Report, the case for flying saucers is closed so far as the Pentagon is concerned. Today there is no official government agency to which people can report what they see.

But what has happened is that today there is a large network of True Believers, from coast to coast, in big cities and little towns, carrying on the work. They are well-organized and busy listening, investigating and tabulating UFO sightings. Records are kept, and members are regularly in communication with each other.

"It is the contention of Dr. Condon, and evidently of the Air Force, that such unusual experiences exist only in the mind of the beholder," Hynek said. "It becomes more difficult to defend this viewpoint when several people say they witnessed the same thing.

"For instance," he continued, "to accuse people of mental unbalance when they all say they saw the same thing is scarcely a scientific approach. Especially when the phenomenon was said to produce various types of electrical interference, such as dimming car lights and killing engines."

One person's delusions, Hynek pointed out, do not scare horses, cattle and dogs, nor do they stop cars, radios and television sets.

Twice Hynek appealed to Washington to set up a new investigative agency with an open mind and an urge for truth, but with no luck. "So now, he said, "it's up to the

amateurs."

One such amateur group, the only one in St. Louis, is the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis Inc. Director of the local group is John Schuessler, an aerospace engineer at McDonnell Douglas Corp.

"Why am I interested in UFOs?" he says. "I'm in the space program. All around you hear about things that are doing things that we are trying very hard to do. Ask questions and you get no answers. I wanted to find out all I could about UFO reports and what they might be. If they are extraterrestrial, where do they come from and why and how? If there is a technology behind them, I wanted to know what it is. We're struggling with the space program and if there's an easier way to travel in space I want to find it."

"Since there is no longer any official agency," Schuessler pointed out, "people have no one to report sightings to except to organizations like ours. In this connection there seems to have been quite a change of attitude, particularly among teachers."

So, even if you don't hear much about them these days, flying saucers, or at least the belief in flying saucers, is far from dead. (Dickson Terry, St. Louis Post-Dispatch St. Louis, Mo., 30 May 71)

UFO PROBLEM JUST WON'T GO AWAY -- Despite last year's government-sponsored vanishing act, that old UFO problem just won't go away.

The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), admits that UFO-sighting nationwide has been in a spring lull, although January and February were "good" months for sightings.

"We feel that this period may be the 'lull before the storm' if the predicted fall 1971 and winter 1972 flap materializes," APRO editorializes.

APRO has in part worked on the theory--shared by many "ufologists"--that credible UFO sightings tend to come in statistically and geographically traceable waves.

Major groupings of sightings ("flaps") were noticeable in 1947-1949, 1952, 1954 and 1966. A major one--that in 1952--involving multiple sightings over Washington, D.C., apparently stimulated direct CIA involvement in the UFO mystery. Earlier investigative efforts by the U.S. Air Force (Project Sign, Project Grudge, Project Blue Book) had been accompanied by official statements alternately denying or simply downplaying a gathering mass of circumstantial UFO evidence.

Those of us watching the intriguing governmental-response mechanism concerning UFOs over the years have also noted parallel switches in mid-field by the Soviet Union, whose capacity to think things away and rewrite history is far greater and more effective than Washington's.

Both the U.S.S.R. and U.S.A. decided in December 1969, and January, 1970, in their umpteenth attitude shift, to de-materialize the UFO problem. Only time will tell how long this unthink approach will prosper. (Mike Culbert, Gazette, Berkeley, Calif., 27 May 71)

EXTRAORDINARY REALITY IN AERIAL PHENOMENA -- Mr. Harold H. Fulton, foreign adviser to the National Investigations Committee of Aerial Phenomena, (NICAP), Washington, says in a Letter to the Editor that he, personally, has felt for some time that the year 1971 could produce the greatest yet manifestation of appearances in our skies and/or earthly environment of intelligently directed ingenious constructions of extraterrestrial nature.

"Long term investigators in the field researching this phenomenon, of which I am one, have learned that major appearances or "flurries" have manifested during the approaching and passing alignment period of the planets earth and Mars -- on the same side of the sun. This is known, astronomically speaking as an 'opposition'.

"The closest approaches of earth and Mars occur at 15 or 17-year intervals. These are known as 'most favorable' oppositions--most favorable for astronomical study. During a notable number of such favorable or near approaches, major appearances of UFOs have been widely reported.

"In 1909 there were global reports, including many from Australia and New Zealand

citizens. During a particularly close approach of the two planets in 1924, Marconi, with elaborate experimental radio equipment, claimed receiving intense and mysterious radio signals from the direction of the planet Mars.

"A number of prominent major appearances of UFOs from 1947 through 1956 occurred during such close approaches of the two planets in space. Oppositions between the two planets occur every 26 months. The last most favorable opposition occurred in 1956. Some 15 years later, this year on August 10, another very favorable opposition occurs.

"The possible connection here between UFOs and the Red Planet is not 'little men from Mars', but as to whether a superior civilization or civilizations in the Universe are using our neighboring planet as a convenient stepping stone through our solar system, just as earthman is using the moon as our first stepping stone out into solar space." (Taupo Times, Taupo, Auckland, New Zealand, 11 May 71)

TAUPO CAN EXPECT VISITS FROM UFOs PREDICTS PILOT -- Auckland NAC Pilot Bruce L. Cathie has written a book on UFOs and he can predict fairly accurately where they are likely to appear by using a mathematical equation he has worked out.

"I am not surprised to hear of sightings in the Taupo area," he told the Times in Auckland. "In fact, I expect there will be many more."

While he was in the town two weeks ago to address the Taupo Rotary Club on UFOs, he flew over areas near the Napier-Taupo highway where five circular markings had been reported in the scrub. "They were clearly visible in the low scrub and the five were in a straight line. The area inside the circles seemed to contain a type of fungus growth while the scrub around it was unaffected," he said.

"The people of Taupo are in no danger from the UFOs -- they've probably got more worries with the skeptical people on the ground." (Dannevirke Evening News, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, 27 Apr 71)

STRANGER THAN FACT DEPT: FARMER AMOS--WHO WAS HE? -- Just a hoax story -- and a poor one at that! It's part of an article in the American magazine SAGA called "UFOs, The Future of Civilization Is At Stake!"

The story says that on February 2, 1968, Auckland police found 39-year-old Amos Miller dead on his farm. He had apparently been killed by some force which had emanated from a flying saucer. The article also said the incident had been hushed up by the New Zealand authorities.

The story appeared in the July issue of SAGA last year. Truth has checked it out and has found it has no basis in fact whatsoever. Auckland's coroner, Mr. A.D. Copeland, said he had never heard of the incident. Auckland records were searched, but nothing came to light about any such event happening on February 2, 1968. Auckland police were also mystified.

Inquiries were made in Waikato. Nothing turned up.

Truth then searched the births, deaths and marriage records in Wellington and went back well before 1968. There was no record of the death of a Mr. Amos Miller, farmer, aged 39.

So much for the SAGA story -- it was merely the figment of somebody's imagination! (Truth, Auckland, New Zealand, 4 May 71)

LIFE IN DISTANT GALAXIES? -- A French astronomer has reported the first direct evidence that a chemical process believed necessary for the evolution of life is going on outside the Milky Way galaxy.

L.M. Weliachew, 34, a California Institute of Technology research fellow on leave from the Meudon Observatory in France, announced the discovery of the oxygen-hydrogen molecule OH, or hydroxyl, in the interstellar dust between the stars of two galaxies 10 million light years from earth.

The finding that atoms combine to form molecules in the far reaches of the universe suggests that chemical evolution essential for life may be an on-going process there just as it is on earth.

His discovery suggests that water may exist in distant galaxies. Water is also a combination of hydrogen and oxygen, although with two hydrogen atoms instead of the one in hydroxyl.

"This work means that the laws of physics and chemistry are the same everywhere in the universe and that molecular-formation processes in other galaxies are not different from those in our own galaxy," Weliachew said. (Seattle Times, Seattle, Wash., 15 Jul 71) (Cr: E. Wright)

'I SPY' PASS -- Captain Bruce Cathie has a Government document approving his activities and he also has a letter of support carrying the signature of an Auckland MP, according to Neil Anderson. Reporting in the "8 O'clock," a New Zealand newspaper, Anderson says he has seen the letters and both seem genuine.

The government document comes from the office of a top political figure, whose name Anderson can not reveal. Cathie said on television, "I don't want to involve this man. I'm prepared to show the letters to anyone who wants to see them, but I won't let them be published."

On the "Gallery" television program Capt. Cathie said he had evidence of land-based activity related to UFO sightings. This activity involved scientists and was controlled from outside the country by groups keen to develop anti-gravity power.

Cathie told Anderson that the evidence comprised the location of electronic transmitting and receiving gear at "somewhere between 35 and 44" points in New Zealand. He said he was sure many of those working in the group "do not know what they are handling" and he wants to protect them. "Anyway, I have enough evidence without naming people. I've kept the Government informed of every move I've made."

Cathie says that, because of their position, they can't do anything, but since he is an individual, the Government is happy for him to continue his investigation. (Neil Anderson, 8 O'Clock, Auckland, New Zealand, 1 May 71)

FLYING SAUCER ALERT FOR FRENCH POLICE -- Paris: Detailed instructions on what to do in the event of a landing by flying saucers have gone out to the 65,000 gendarmes who patrol France's rural towns and villages. The gendarmes are adjured in an article in the French Gendarmerie Nationale, to keep a sharp eye open for evidence of landings of flying saucers or other objects from outer space. Should such happenings occur they must take careful notes and if possible photographs; infra-red photographs would be of particular value to record any radio-activity. Any debris left behind should be carefully collected and other local anomalies recorded. Along with the instructions were two accounts of hitherto unreported landings by saucers which appear in gendarme records and which are believed to be substantiated by police evidence. One occurred on 1 Jul 1965. (Sunday Tribune, So. Africa, 2 May 71 & Statesman, Calcutta, India, 6 May 71)

FORTEAN MYSTERIES

FOUR MYSTERY SPHERES FOUND IN SOUTHEASTERN NORTH DAKOTA -- The first of four mystery spheres was found April 20 by Ronald Brummond on his farm near Crete. The second was found four days later east of Oakes by farmer Melvin Mishol. Both were 53 inches in circumference, about 21 pounds. One has a five-inch diameter hole burned in one end. Farmer Bernard Anderson brought one out of the Englevale area that he found April 15. This one, the smallest of the four, was 25 inches in circumference, 3 3/4 pounds. The last sphere to be discovered was in a field on the farm of Gordon Broadwell about 10 miles northeast of Litchville. This was about 22 miles from the ball found near Englevale in an almost north-south line. Broadwell's ball, gray-black, 38 1/2 inches in circumference, weighs 9 pounds and has threaded fittings on both ends,

A nut and the threaded fittings on one of the spheres, along with English alphabet letters imprinted on several parts, seem to indicate the metal balls are American made. Harry Timm, parts man for the Sornsin Co., a Fargo plumbing and heating contractor, interchanged with ease the special ball's fittings and those from his shop supply.

At least one of the four balls found is scheduled for the office of Rep. Mark Andrews, R. North Dakota, in Washington where both civilian and military officials have indicated considerable interest in looking at the objects. A NASA official in Washington, Richard Schluhler, an electrical engineer, said that he likely would be involved in making a determination if the sphere is from a NASA space shot. He also

indicated that the Air Force has a recovery and investigation team working on this. Schluhler said, "If it turns out to be foreign or part of a classified Department of Defense activity, the likelihood of any kind of information is doubtful." (Forum, Fargo, North Dakota, 9 & 14 May 71)

AFRICAN BEANS RAINED ON BRAZIL -- It rained beans, a Brazilian rancher Salvador Targino of Joao Pessoa, Brazil insisted as he showed newsmen and local officials the small vegetables that fell suddenly on his property. Delmiro Maia, a federal agriculture official assigned to Paraiba State speculated that a recent storm swooped up a pile of beans from Western Africa and dumped them over Northeastern Brazil.

Targino boiled some of the beans and said they were too tough to eat. (Seattle Times, Seattle, Wash., 29 Jun 71) (Cr: J. Herbert)

A UNIQUE ROCK FOUND -- Robert Bonar, who resides on Highway 150 between Concord and Mt. Auburn, Kentucky, came out of his home last week and found a large rock in his driveway. It is very porous and gold in color. Mr. Bonar believes it fell from the heavens and is some meteorite. (Outlook, Flamouth, Kentucky, 28 May 71)

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