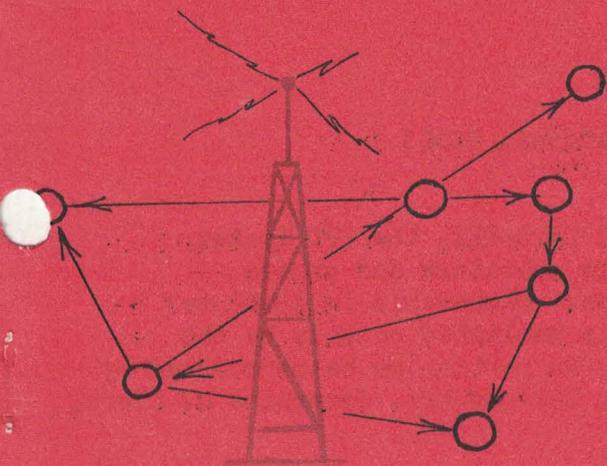


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WA0ZRG - St. Louis, Mo. is active on 10 meters on 29.00 daily.

KP4CH - Puerto Rico can be contacted daily on 21.342 Khz.

THE EDITOR'S DESK

Tommy Helmer of SWEDEN reports: "Groups of lights have been spotted from certain districts of NORWAY and SWEDEN recently. The UFO flap probably started on December 31, 1971.

"For the first time in history, UFOs were regarded as "UFOs" by mass-media. Military officials and those effected have no explanations as to the origin of the objects.

"No reports have been received from FINLAND or RUSSIA that would indicate the beginning of a UFO flap on a large scale."

Stanton T. Friedman, Nuclear Physicist-Lecturer and Director of the CALIFORNIA UFO RESEARCH INSTITUTE, P.O. Box 941, Lawndale, California 90280, will be lecturing in the San Francisco Bay Area in March and again in April. At present, lectures are booked at the West Valley College, Campbell, Ca. on March 1, 8PM, the University of California, Berkeley, Zellerbach Auditorium, April 12, 8PM, and at the Skyline College, San Bruno, April 13, 8PM. Bay Area readers are invited to look for radio and television coverage too, particularly prior to the Berkeley talk.

IMPRESSIONS PLASTIQUES, Box 31, Chatelaine 1211, Switzerland announces that they have developed the first pocket size UFO detector. Solid state. Swiss made. They have offered a special price of \$8.00 to DATA-NET members, and will air mail the detectors free within 24 hours after receipt of an order. The detector is smaller than a pack of cigarettes.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Our roving Director, Mike Jaffe, writes that he will be in New Orleans for a while as he is temporarily working on off-shore oil rigs. He only works every other week and plans to travel on his "off" weeks. He may pilot a 65' yacht to St. Louis in the near future.

Mike found living in New Orleans a hazardous affair. He was living in the heart of the French Quarter which is "like a city within a city. Very, very old, in sharp contrast with the rest of the city."

Mike reports: The French Quarter area used to be the old slave quarters of the Carver house. The Quarters have not changed and I believe the state will not allow any changes. It is about ten blocks by ten. 100 square blocks. A real sharp contrast to the rest of the bustling and modern city. I rarely leave the Quarters as I do not like the busy and smelly city. Here it is very charming with a nice french courtyard, flowers and trees and a small swimming pool.

"The crime rate here, and especially in the Quarters, is beyond belief. At night we travel in pairs and stay away from doorways. To get to my place I go through three locked doors."

While Mike was 100 miles at sea on an oil rig, someone broke in at the Quarters, in spite of the triple locks, and slashed his car top and ransacked his car. So he moved and is now living on a boat which is safely docked in the New Orleans Marina. His boat and his car are now under the protection of a night watchman.

On his second trip out to an oil rig, they hit a storm and almost went down. "I was laughing all the way," Mike says, "while everyone else was green and frightened. I wasn't being courageous, I just did not realize how serious our position was!"

Mike has not run across much UFO news yet, except that several of the men on the oil rigs told him that they had seen strange objects at sea. One was a typical dome-shaped saucer and another sighting involved two objects meeting and merging. He carries a tiny camera in his pocket at all times, just in case.

Surely the boldest and most curious attempt at solving the UFO mystery is the PROJECT STARLIGHT INTERNATIONAL, conceived and directed by noted psychic and UFO researcher Ray Stanford. The project, now being set up near Austin, Texas is an attempt to precipitate a UFO event at a time and place where trained observers and recording equipment will be ready.

How could such a convenient occurrence be arranged? Ray feels that an unusual pattern of lights set up in a remote area will attract the attention of any passing UFOs, who, hopefully will come down within camera range for a closer look. Stanford does not rule out the possibility of a landing if the UFO occupants sense telepathically that those on the ground below wish to make contact.

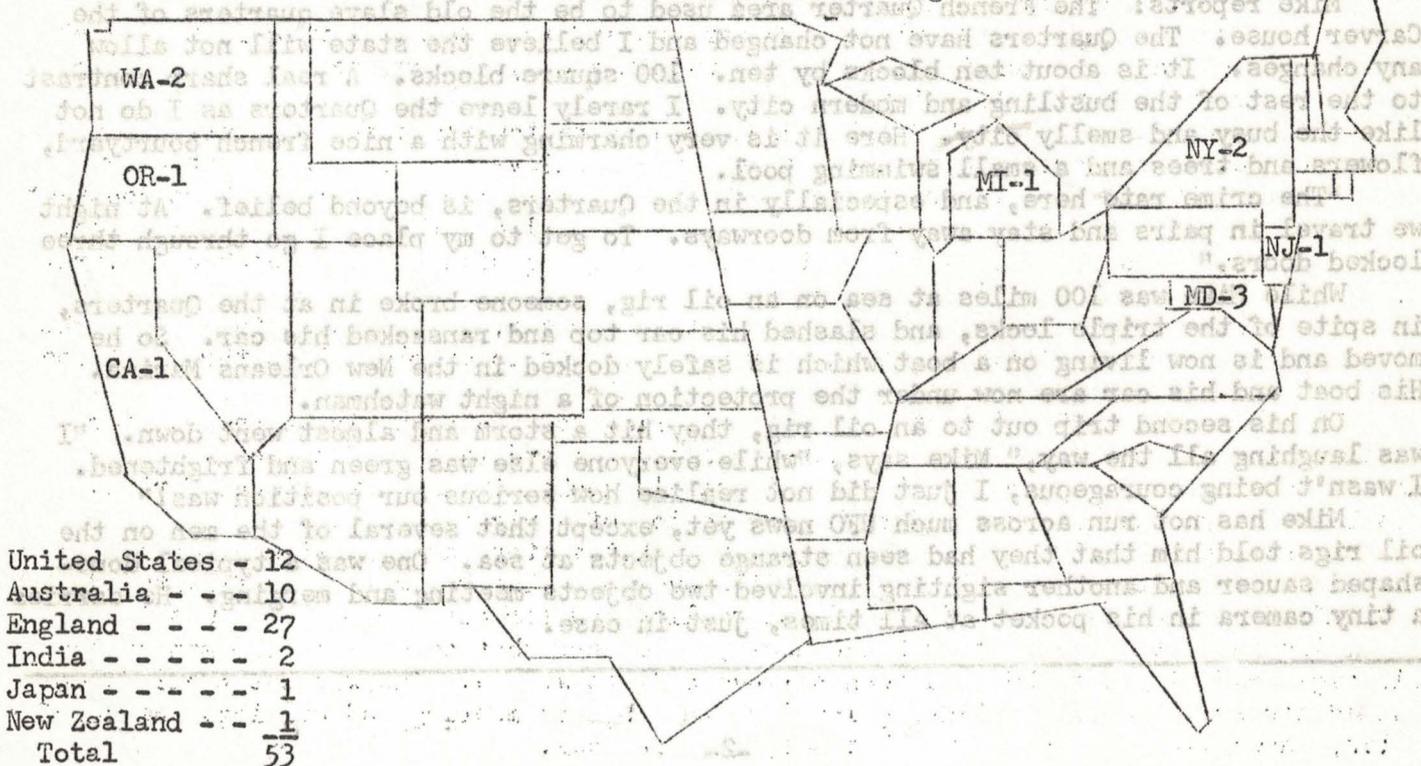
Bait for the UFO will consist of a 100 foot diameter circle of high-powered spotlights fitted with filters producing every color of the rainbow. These lights will flash in a circular pattern and should attract the eye of any space ship or aircraft passing near the desolate area in central Texas selected for the site.

PROJECT STARLIGHT has been operated before in other areas. In 1967 Ray feels that his group was responsible for sudden low-level UFO activity a few miles from their Gila Bend, Arizona location. Despite several such attempts over the years, no bona fide UFO has approached near enough to be seen at a Project Starlight installation, but Stanford, who has seen UFOs at close range on other occasions, feels confident that this signalling system will produce results.

The Texas chapter of Project Starlight International got underway after a UFO lecture was presented to nearly 300 people in Austin on October 15. Electrical equipment has been purchased and constructed and by the time you read this, the light signal should be in operation.

Stanford's group plans to operate it on clear weekends whenever observers are available. DATA-NET will keep its members informed on the progress of this endeavor in Texas, and we welcome feedback.

SIGHTING REPORT DISTRIBUTION MAP - August 1971



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Coding:

- Type 1 - LANDINGS and NEAR LANDINGS (tree height or under 100°)
 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)
 B - Multiple objects (and objects emitted or merged)
 C - Physical appearance alters
 D - Borderline objects (because of characteristics)
 a. Optical or mechanical aids (telescope, radar, etc.)
 b. Photograph
 c. Effects (human, animal, electrical, mechanical)
 ⊙ Landed (or submerged)
 . Near Landing (tree height or under 100°)
 \$ Occupant seen
 # Traces (residue, marks)

(Example: I-AC-bc-⊙#)

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CLIPPING THE NEWS

12 Jan 1971 - Oklahoma City, Okla. (Wed/2045) - MYSTERY NORAD ALERT REMAINS UNEXPLAINED

Bill Eckhardt, his wife Sherry and his in-laws Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker, maintain that by some fluke they listened to what sounded like a highly sensitive communications alert between the North American Air Defense Command Center at Cheyenne Mountain, Colo., and several other military installations.

The mysterious series of events began when Mrs. Eckhardt was talking with her mother, Mrs. Parker. The two women called their husbands to hear the unusual interference too. Mrs. Parker said their conversation was suddenly interrupted by a voice saying: "This is NORAD. Tinker line two. Red alert." The two women hung up, and about five minutes later the conversation was still in progress. Mrs. Parker claimed that the NORAD communicators apparently were in contact with Shepherd AFB in Wichita Falls, Tex., a military installation near Alamogordo, N.M., Honolulu, Hawaii, and Houston, Tex. as well as Tinker.

Recalling the dialogue from notes she took she said fighters were allegedly "scrambled" from several of these bases to intercept UFOs near Houston, Alamogordo and in the Pacific. "We heard that two F-104 fighters were shot at and downed in the desert in New Mexico," Mrs. Parker alleged. "The pilots evidently then radioed in that they were all right." She said the Houston controller apparently had put the President of the United States on the line. "Houston kept saying, 'hold the line for the President,' and then he came on and said something like, 'This may be one of the most historic phone calls I may have to make...'"

Lt. Col. Dorothy Sherber, Army public information officer at the Pentagon said, "We spent a couple of hours checking this out through the system. No one made such a transmission, there were no big red alerts or UFOs," she said.

A Tinker spokesman, Ed O'Brien, said the base had received no such transmissions Wednesday. He suggested that the Eckhardt's could have picked up some radio or TV transmission on their phones.

Telephone company spokesman Ed Terrell, head of public information for South-western Bell in Oklahoma City said that intercepting defense communications was "very highly

unlikely but not absolutely impossible."

A check of law enforcement officials in the New Mexico area where the planes were supposed to be downed was negative. Martha Julian, a dispatcher for the New Mexico State Police said, "We would know unless it would be government and they hushed up." When questioned about the possibility of two Air Force planes being downed, a spokesman at Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo said to her superior, "We're not allowed to say anything about it." She turned the phone over to Sgt. Timothy Bailey who claimed to have checked the log book and told reporters, "There's nothing here, but it might have been civilian."

Del Kindschi, public affairs spokesman for NORAD said, "We do know no such conversations emanated from the NORAD command post. He said no alert was in effect, and the term "red alert" would not have been used in conversations between NORAD and air bases, even if this country were under attack. The term then would be "Defense Redness Condition One," he said. Though there are air defense warning labeled Red, Yellow and White, they come after the attack begins. Kindschi said it was not possible winds that reached 100 miles an hour in Colorado Tuesday could have caused a communications mixup that would result in cross telephone circuits. NORAD communications go out by underground cable and microwave antennas, he said. "Besides that, we're certain no such conversation emanated from here." (Oklahoma City Times, Okla., 13 Jan 72) (Cr:H. Hewes)

Ann Grier of the President's press information staff said it wasn't President Nixon on the telephone. She said he was in his library working on his State of the Union message and he did not make any calls and did not receive any. (Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, Okla., 14 Jan 72) (Cr: J. Gurney & J. Schuessler)

Toppenish, Yakima Valley, Washington - FIRE LOOKOUTS REVEAL UFO SIGHTINGS

Beginning last summer, Bill Vogel, a fire control officer of Toppenish, began to see things which puzzled him. As he told his story, others began to tell stories of their own.

27 Aug 1971 - (Fri/0130)-(4-ab) - Vogel's interest began when he saw a "large, bright, tear-drop shaped object" in the sky. He was headed toward Satus Pass on Highway 97 checking for fires. He described the object as light tan and almost fluorescent around the edges. Through binoculars he could see a tail at the pointed end which appeared segmented in colors of red, blue and green. It moved slowly from north to south "although the prevailing upper winds were from the southwest." He determined by triangulation that the object was at about 8500'. He photographed the object.

Scientists at Grizzle Observatory in Wenatchee examined the photographs and said the object was not stellar. The National Weather Service said that it was not a weather balloon.

Before sighting the object, Vogel had stopped on the highway to talk to agency law and order officers who were looking for a vehicle whose lights they had observed off the roadway. They could not find anything. When they returned by daylight, they found no roads, only a rough boulder-strewn, impassable area where the lights had been.

3 Sep 1971 - (Fri/0130)-(4-b) - Vogel saw a similar object about over White Swan when he was returning from Yakima. Again he photographed it. It was moving from North to South toward Toppenish Ridge. This time the object appeared to have several horn-like protrusions.

Telling of these two sightings, Vogel began to hear other's stories.

28 Aug 1971 - (Sat/x)-(2) - Several fire fighters on a ridgetop in the Satus Pass area observed an object emitting a bright white light descending behind a ridge and into a canyon some distance away. The canyon was brightly lighted as it entered. There were no helicopters in the area at that time, Vogel said.

8 Oct 1971 - (Fri/x)-(2-C-b) - Fire crews saw an object over Toppenish Ridge, at about 7000 to 8000 feet or lower. "It was rapidly changing color from white to green to red to blue and back again to white," they reported. Time exposure photos of this object show it moving in a course resembling the shape of a boomerang, Vogel said.

Jul 1971 (Approx) - (x/Dusk)-(2-a) - Several witnesses reported a bright light approaching from the lower Valley which slowly descended to within several hundred feet of the

ground near the intersection of LaRue and Case Roads. It was described as cigar shaped with a bright light at each end, about the length of three railroad boxcars. It was visible on radar.

None of the objects emitted any noise or sound, Vogel said.
1967 (Apprx) - (x/Eve)-(I.B.-) - A new lookout was being built on the western end of Toppenish Ridge, within view of, but 10 to 15 miles from, three lookouts. Each noticed, without telling the other, two or three orange-colored balls approach the new lookout site after construction crews had left toward evening. The balls dropped to just above the ground, circled as if to inspect progress, then moved off and disappeared.

Jul 1970 (Apprx) - (x/Night)-(I.B.-) - Fairly late one evening, one of the lookouts observed a bright white light about 10 miles to the south. She stepped outside the cabin and could tell that the light was not on the ground and yet was below the ridge-tops. As she watched, an orange-colored object approached from the direction of the white light, passed between her and the cabin at about waist height and circled the cabin, then continued back towards the bright light. She said the object was "a glowing, fluorescent orange, about the size of a basketball and made no sound."

Jul 1971 (Apprx) - (x/Night)-(2) - Another lookout saw a round, bright white object near her cabin. After turning to get her binoculars she discovered the object no longer was visible and heard a noise completely filling the night air. Not unusually loud, the sound resembled that made by the last water going down the drain in a bathtub. There was no wind that night.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek of the Dept. of Astronomy at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois wrote that he wanted to talk with those who have seen the objects after examining Vogel's pictures of his sightings. Hynek will be in the state in April. (Review, Toppenish, Wash., 22 Dec 71)

10 Jun 1971 - Greenville, Ill. (Thu/1600)-(#) - SMOLDERING OBJECT FALLS

A smoldering object was found in Armintha Raypole's yard at her farm two miles north of Ill. Rt. 143 on Millersburg road. About a half hour later more pieces fell from the sky striking her car and landing in a cornfield. It had a definite form and consisted in part of metal. When it was turned over it fell apart and began to smoke and pop "like a firecracker." What remains is mostly light weight, porous, grey rock-like material. A portion is being examined at Greenville College, where it is known that it did not pick up an appreciable amount of radiation. On Saturday morning the material began smoking and sizzling again following a rainstorm. (Greenville Advocate, Greenville, Ill., 14 Jun 71) (Cr: P. Braczyk)

10 Aug 1971 - Wembley, Perth, W.A., Aust. (Tue/0415)-(2-C) - SECOND SIGHTING IN TWO DAYS

Michael Gottfried (69) of Salvado-rd., Wembley, saw a "large, bright object" from his bedroom. From a stationary position in the southwest it moved slowly north. It was about two or three thousand feet high and "so bright it hurt my eyes," he said. "It was circular, but took on a slightly flatter shape as it moved." After about three minutes, it suddenly belched dark, red flames and took off fast with a noise like a jet and disappeared. (News, Perth, W.A., Aust., 10 Aug 71)

12 Aug 1971 (Apprx) - Spalding, Eng. (x)-(4-b) - TWO COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS

Three 13-year-old Spalding boys were going to their den in Monks House Lane to take some photographs. Stephen Byford, 6 Carrington Road, had two shots left in his camera. Along came "something" in the sky and Stephen took one shot and gave the camera to Michael Prudden, 8 Oakley Drive, the son of the Guardian's chief photographer. It's not an ink spot on the negative, they said, "it is part of the photograph. We saw something and took a photograph of it," they maintained. (Spalding Guardian, Spalding, Eng., 13 Aug 71)

12 Aug 1971 - Pontiac, Mich. (Thu/1840)-(2-a) - WHISTLING, GLOWING UFO

Bruce McGowen (17) of 200 Hopefield, Pontiac Township, William Schultz of Pontiac and Mrs. Bonnie Geliske of Parview Drive, Independence Township were standing on a patio outside the Greens Lake Apts. on Parview. A UFO dropped out of the clouds,

whistled and glowed, hovered and zoomed before disappearing in the direction of Pontiac. They described it as round or disc-shape and red to orange in color. Mrs. Geliske said it glowed like an electric stove burner. Schultz said the saucer was visible for a little more than a minute and he watched it through binoculars until it disappeared. Mrs. Geliske and McGowen claim it made a whistling noise though Schultz said he doesn't remember hearing anything unusual. (Press, Pontiac, Mich., 12 Aug 71)

15 Aug 1971 - Rotowaro, Auck., N.Z. (Sun/0400 & 0630)-(3&2) - LIGHT BRIGHTER THAN STARS

On Saturday night flashes were seen in the sky resembling an arc-welder, and more piercing than lightning, according to one resident. About 4 am. Sunday morning a shift worker at the carbon works saw a brilliant stationary light in the sky. He said it was an unusual bright light a lot brighter than the stars. Ten minutes later it was still there, but it had seemed to disappear by 5 am. When he returned home his wife told him she had seen a light about 6:30 am. This time it had been moving, at first backwards and forwards across the sky, after which it made a down and up motion, then moved slowly away toward the coast. (Waikato Times, Hamilton, Auck., N.Z., 16 Aug 71)

15 Aug 1971 (Apprx) - Shaldon, Devon, Eng. (Sun/Aftn)-(c) - MYSTERY FLASH

One moment all was afternoon stillness and silence. The dark cloud drifting overhead seemed harmless. Then suddenly the whole village reeled under the shock of 50 million volts as a violent flash of lightning and thunder echoed down the valley. People collapsed in pain. High plumes of water were seen to spurt out of the River Teign. Two women were enveloped in shrouds of fire. Electric instruments abruptly burned out. Some people had to have medical treatment for mysterious aches and partial paralysis--and were still going to their doctor weeks after the lightning struck.

Village ironmonger, Mr. Tom Underhill said, "There was just one flash and a bang coming together. It wasn't like ordinary storm lightning with the thunder following after an interval. There was no rain and nobody saw anything drop from the skies. But some people say they saw the river spurting up as though something had fallen in it."

A village doctor said he had four patients with symptoms attributed to the flash. Market gardener Mr. Lovis Peterson, 62, visited his doctor after the lightning flash knocked him to the ground. He said, "I felt a terrible pain. When I recovered I was still shaking all over and since then I've not been able to keep my balance properly. My neck aches and I can't use my right leg normally."

Mrs. Betty Connell was one of the two women who found themselves "trapped" in a circle of brilliant light. "I didn't feel anything, but I was aware of being held in a tube of light. It took me several days to get over the shock."

Was it caused by a meteor, or something more sinister from outer space? Did it have any connection with sightings of UFOs reported from various parts of Britain the week before?

A lightning expert for the Central Electricity Generating Board said the flash was caused by electricity building up in the dark cloud and then spilling over. It could have had the force of 50 million volts or more. He said the glowing shroud that enveloped the two women was almost certainly St. Elmo's Fire caused by air in their vicinity becoming ionized--electrified--and appearing to burn. But in Shaldon they still wonder. (Sunday Express, London, Eng., 26 Sep 71)

15 Aug 1971 - Bolton, Eng. (Sun/Night)-(4-B) - SHINING WHITE SPHERES

Mr. David Stretch, a clerical officer with the NCB at Lowton, spotted four silent sphere-shaped objects moving across the sky in joined pairs. They were glowing white and round. He called his wife Sandra to the window of their home at Hulton Lane, Daubhill, Bolton. Stretch is still skeptical. He said, "Even when we both saw them I was doubtful so we went into the garden and called our next-door neighbors out. When we all saw the same thing I was convinced. We watched them for at least five minutes. They kept glowing brighter as they headed over Bolton towards Winter Hill. Other people must have seen them; they were so bright." (Evening News, Bolton, Eng., 16 Aug 71)

15 Aug 1971 - Loughborough, Eng. (Sun/2200)-(4-B) - HOVERING OBJECTS & BRIGHT SILVER DOTS

Geoffrey Cripps, 14, of 170 Hermitage Road, saw a round orange object hovering in the sky. "It was definitely not an airplane," said Geoffrey, "the glow was much bigger than the lights of an aircraft."

Later that night, Mr. Ronald Brown (20) of 166 Hermitage Road, reported to the police that he had seen a glow in the sky, brighter than the North Star, and from its direction came eight bright silver dots. "Two appeared to come down nearby and the other six flew on towards the horizon," he said. A check with East Midlands Airport revealed that there were no aircraft in the sky at that time. (Monitor, Loughborough, Eng., 20 Aug 71)

15 Aug 1971 - Launceston, Tas., Aust. (Sun/2320)-(4) - UFO SIGHTED

Dr. J. C. Marwood, St. Marys saw an object traveling fast to the SE of Hobart on a level course, quite unlike a meteorite, though it left a glowing trail. He saw the object for only 2 or 3 seconds before it was obscured by rooftops, but it appeared to be elongated; the outline was not visible, but there was a bright light at the leading end; and what appeared to be a group of small lights in the middle, and another at the tail, merging into the luminous trail. "My impression was of a large object moving like a high-speed jet, but without noise. It was impossible to guess at size, speed or altitude. Marwood holds a private pilot's license. (Examiner, Launceston, Tas., Aust., 19 Aug 71)

16 Aug 1971 - Tynemouth, Northumberland, Eng. (Mon/0015) -(2-a) - MANEUVERING UFO

A detailed account of a UFO seen "maneuvering" for nearly three hours, was prepared by mathematics teacher Mr. Wolfgang von Metz of Percy Gardens, Tynemouth and his neighbor Mr. G. R. O'Brady-Jones, an engineer. They observed the UFO with field glasses and a small telescope. They reported their sighting to North Shields police and the Ministry of Defense. The object looked like a disc seen edgewise-on. It was yellowish at the center with red tips and at times seemed to be surrounded by a bluish haze. Each man drew a sketch of the object and on comparing them found that they were almost identical. (Sunday Express, London, Eng., 22 Aug 71)

16 Aug 1971 - Loughborough, Eng. (Mon/2400)-(I-) - LOW HOVERING UFO

Catherine Woolley (18) of 151 Sharpley Road, was going to bed when she saw a light hovering over the roof of the house opposite the home of Mrs. Doreen Walsh. She woke her mother, Mrs. Christina Woolley, and they were joined by Pauline (15). All watched for about 10 minutes. Mrs. Woolley said the object appeared to be shaped like a saucer from the side. It was about a yard wide and had a pillar box red glow. It moved from side to side, rising slowly at the end of each move. (Monitor, Loughborough, Eng., 20 Aug 71)

16 Aug 1971 - Stamford, Eng. (Mon/2400)-(4-a) - A FLYING LIGHT

Stamford police received a report from RAF Wittering of a UFO moving over Stamford. It was described as an orange and gold colored light, without any definite shape or form, in the sky at about 5000 feet, moving east to west very slowly. Three hours later a police patrolman saw it over the George Hote, Stamford. One of the reports was made by Mr. P. Hodgson of 29 Cambridge Rd., Stamford, who looked at the UFO through a telescope. His wife spotted it first. "Through the telescope it appeared to give the impression of a golf ball, studded with pit marks," said Mrs. Hodgson. "But it was far too low in the sky to be a star." (Lincoln, Rutland and Stamford Mercury, Eng., 20 Aug 71)

17 Aug 1971 - Suffolk, Eng. (Tue/1930)-(4-B-b) - CAR CHASES UFO

Colchester factory worker Mr. Costas Olymbios, his wife and children, took some relatives on a sight-seeing tour of Suffolk. Mr. Olymbios spotted what he claims were two flying saucers. He followed one for three-quarters of an hour in his car. "We all saw it. I can swear it wasn't a plane. It was sparkling and golden in color," he said. "When we first saw it we thought it was a cloud. As we followed it along the road I

got out my camera and took pictures of it. It had a big flame on the back of it. It was traveling quite slowly and we could easily see it." Just before it disappeared they saw another object but some people on the road thought it was a plane.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defense in London said, "It's not a plane he has spotted and it's unlikely that a helicopter would be in that position for that time. To my mind this does suggest that he saw the planet Venus." When the films were processed there was no sign of the UFO. (Evening Gazette, Colchester, Eng., 19 Aug 71)

17 Aug 1971 - Porthcawl, So. Wales. Eng. (Tue/2100)-(3)- EMERGES FROM A CLOUD

Mr. D. H. Cooper, 88 Long St., Dordon, and his family sighted an egg-shaped object SSW in the center of a small dark cloud. The object was stationary and they stood and watched it for about 5 to 10 minutes. It was at a high altitude but was very brilliant. After about 10 minutes, it started moving NE and steadily climbing. It left in its wake not what one could call a vapor trail, but more like a brilliant white and reddish glow. The object was more circular than egg shaped and the trail or beam of light left in its wake was very powerful. After traveling at great height for quite some time it suddenly disappeared into total darkness, as though lights or whatever you would call same, were just switched off. The cloud, in which it stood was small. It was not moving and it was a clear night with only this one cloud anywhere in the vicinity. (Herald, Tamworth, Eng., 27 Aug 71)

20 Aug 1971 - Crosby, Eng. (Fri/1845)-(4-a) - SHINING CYLINDER IN SKY

A Crosby man said he was watching an airplane flying over when a white object appeared, flying at the same height. He went inside for his binoculars and when he returned it had disappeared. "It suddenly re-appeared in a different part of the sky and remained visible for about five minutes. It was a cylindrical shape, shining brightly, and appeared to have an object on top of it which looked like a conning tower," he said. The object was also seen by a neighbor and several children. (Guardian, Spalding, Eng., 13 Aug 71)

25 Aug 1971 - Hampton Lucy, Warwickshire, Eng. (Wed/x)-(2) - OSCILLATING UFO

Police cars raced to Hampton Lucy after a woman and her daughter reported a bright yellow object in the sky. They said it had three antennae sticking out from its base. It was about 500 feet up, swinging from side to side. It was the second time such an object had been seen over the village within 10 days. (Sun, London, Eng., 26 Aug 71)

25 Aug 1971 - Loughborough, Eng. (Wed/Night)-(4-B) - UFOS SPOTTED OVER RIVER

Bus driver Maurice Wakefield, an ex-RAF man, and a resident of Bulwell, was fishing at Stanford-upon-Soar, near Loughborough. He said he saw a bright disc fly over the river. He saw it twice reflected in the water, and the third time streaking across the sky. His wife Patricia also made the second sighting. Her husband said, "Suddenly three feet to the left there was this stationary bright light, absolutely brilliant. It lasted about two seconds. I looked up but saw nothing. A few minutes after it appeared again. Then I saw the same brilliance zip across the sky from south to north. (Evening Post, Nottingham, Eng., 26 Aug 71)

25 Aug 1971 - Worcester, Eng. (Wed/1830)-(4) - WINGED UFO

Mrs. Joan Sheppard and her three children saw a strange low flying white object in the sky as they were returning from a walk in Barbourne Park, Worcester. Mrs. Sheppard said, "It was whiter than anything I have ever seen, with a tiny nose and triangular wings. It was completely silent." Although similar in shape to the Concorde, Mrs. Sheppard felt certain that what she saw was not a plane. (Evening News, Worcester, Eng., 26 Aug 71)

25 Aug 1971 - Merseyside, Eng. (Wed/2100)-(2-c) - MYSTERY LIGHTS SPOTTED AGAIN

At Prestatyn three bright lights were seen turning to orange and blue, traveling in a SE to NW direction. Then calls came from Neston, West Kirby and parts of Liver-

pool and the South Lancashire coast. In the Formby area the flashing lights were accompanied by strong rumblings and dogs whining at local kennels. The lights appear to be stationary at times. Mrs. A. Bate of Prestatyn said, "They are not from planes. I know what plane lights look like and the shape of these is more of a boomerang effect." (Daily Post, Liverpool, Eng., 20 Aug 71)

25 Aug 1971 - Caddington, Eng. (Wed/2300)-(3-B-b) - WERE THERE TWO?

Evening Post photographer Keith Dobney took a picture of an object hovering in the sky. He had been called out by Mr. Christopher Robinson who lives on The Grove Caravan Site at Woodside. He had been watching it for nearly two hours.

Mr. Tony Northwood, chairman of the Bedfordshire UFO Society, has studied the photos and said they appear to show a second object on a parallel course. (Luton Evening Post, Hemel Hempstead, Eng., 27 Aug 71)

27 Aug 1971 (Apprx) - Skelmersdale, Eng. (x/Night)-(2) - UFO MAKES TWO PASSES OVER TOWN

Five men were walking and talking when, out of the black sky came a shining white something. It zoomed past them, disappeared, then reappeared aiming its two-inch wide, circular shape towards Wigan. Thomas West of Cedargrove, Skelmersdale said, "When it headed for the second time towards Wigan there was an orange colored flame shooting from it and bright white flashes were streaking out from its tail." West reported the UFO to the Skelmersdale police who said that several people had seen the UFO that night. (Evening Post & Chronicle, S.W. Lances, Eng., 27 Aug 71)

27 Aug 1971 - Norfolk, Eng. (Fri/2100)-(2) - ORANGE BALL IN SKY

Mr. Philip Arthur, of Silmanhurst, Cromer Rd., New Hainford was driving home from Norwich. "A bright orange ball, moving first across the sky, then up and down, its light changing to little red flickers and back to the orange" was sighted. He stopped his car but said he could not hear any sound. The object was not too high but seemed to move fast. Its shape resembled a flying saucer, he said. (Eastern Evening News, Norwich, Eng., 28 Aug 71)

27 Aug 1971 (Apprx) - Norfolk, Eng. (Fri/2230)-(I.-) - WAS IT A UFO?

A Spalding couple and their two children, who were asleep, were driving near Norfolk. Mrs. 'X' said, "We had lost our way about six miles from Fakenham when all of a sudden we saw this huge reddish-orange glow." The glow, which seemed to cover a diameter of about 200 yards, first appeared on their right side and then on their left but did not seem to get any nearer as they traveled on. "It almost seemed as if whatever it was, was on the ground and we were seeing its reflection. But the glow was only hedgetop level." The couple saw the glow for about 10 minutes before they stopped at a Fakenham pub to ask for directions. It was gone when they resumed their journey. (Spalding Guardian, 27 Aug 71)

29 Aug 1971 - Gloucester, Eng. (Sun/2145)-(4-B) - MORE LIGHTS IN THE SKY

Levina Anthony (15) was in the garden at 43 Hopewell-st when she saw a gold-colored light cross the sky very fast. The light also took on a bluish tinge, she said. Her cousin, Jayne Hardwick, was with her and also saw the light.

Later, Mr. Lionel Lord, of 103 Rosebery-ave., Gloucester was standing near the Railway Club in Great Western-rd. when he saw a V-formation of lights going over. He described the effect as more of a bluish reflection and not very high. Both sightings tally with those made by Lyndon Dennis at Furlong-rd. (Citizen, Gloucester, Eng., 1 Sep 71)

29 Aug 1971 - Gloucester, Eng. (Sun/2155)-(4-B) - V-FORMATION OF LIGHTS

Mr. Lyndon Dennis of 4 Furlong-rd. said he saw a single light moving in a southerly direction and a smaller one about two minutes later. Then came a V-formation of lights, of a bluish color. "They were moving very fast," said Mr. Dennis, "And as they were very high up I heard no sound." Mrs. J. Winter of 58 Coney Hill-rd. notified police that she had seen a flying object around the same time Mr. Dennis saw the lights. Mrs.

Winter could not describe it. (Citizen, Gloucester, Eng., 30 Aug 71)

25 Aug 1971 - Claydon, Eng. (Wed/Night)-(3-BC-ac) - VILLAGERS ALARMED BY LIGHTS

Flying objects and shimmering lights have alarmed residents of a new housing site in Claydon near Banbury. Their homes back on to a wide expanse of farm land. In the last week they claim to have seen "clusters of orange colored lights" across the horizon, and a "blinding cone-shaped light" above the houses, according to Geoff Smith. Explanations of car headlamp reflections and farmers working late in the fields have been dismissed by the frightened residents. Some went to investigate the sightings but say they turned back because of an eerie atmosphere.

First to spot the strange lights was Mrs. Kay Bones of Bignolds Close, Claydon. She described a shimmering white light which gradually blossomed into a cluster of orange blobs across the horizon. This happened on successive nights from dusk until the early hours of the morning. Her son Robert (10) was frightened and went to investigate with neighbor Mr. Antony Trebilcock. Mr. Trebilcock drove towards the fields thinking that the lights were coming from a combine harvester. "There was only one farmer working but the lights stretched the whole length of the horizon. The strange thing was that every time a car went along the road, the orange lights dimmed," he said.

Geoff Smith watched the fields through binoculars with the families on Tuesday night (31 Aug) and learned that a string of strange happenings had occurred since they moved into the new houses earlier in the year. Mrs. Bones daughter Margaret (25) said, "It is a very eerie place. Often I have heard a terrific whining noise and been unable to sleep. Last week we were without electricity for four hours, and the electricians could offer no explanation for it." During the vigil, Smith saw a bright white light shining continuously above the houses. It was a cone shape and gradually moved. All agreed that the light got brighter during the night and some said they could not sleep because of it. About 10 pm. we picked up a red and a white light traveling erratically through the sky. The two specks seemed to be rotating and appeared again 10 minutes later. Simultaneously there was a flash of light from a distant field. (Banbury Guardian, Bletchley, Eng., 2 Sep 71)

27 Aug 1971 (Aprx) - Bolton, Eng. (Fri/x)-(2-AB) - CAR PACED BY UFO

Blackrod Councillor Frank Isherwood and his wife Yvonne, of Latham Road, and two of their children, were driving along Crompton Way, Bolton. Mrs. Isherwood said, "We saw two silver things hovering above a low-flying aircraft. Then one of them separated and started to follow us down Crompton Way. It was cigar-shaped and flat, and looked quite far away. It followed us for a few minutes, but when we stopped the car to watch, it disappeared." (Evening News, Bolton, Eng., 27 Aug 71)

29 Aug 1971 - Inverness, Eng. (Sun/2400)-(2-C) - CHANGING UFO SEEN

Ten people watched as a UFO constantly changing shape and color, traversed the sky above Inverness. Roger Ewen (17), 2 Cottage, Home Farm, Culloden Moor spotted it as he left a neighbor's house. "I looked up at the clear sky and saw this object coming from the direction of Nairn towards the Black Isle. It was going up and down and moving back and fore. I rushed next door and got the neighbors out and they watched it too. In the distance it looked like a star, but when it got close, it had more of an arrow-head shape and there was an exhaust trail coming from underneath." It was changing color, Roger added. "It was lime green for a while, then it changed to red and when it was over Inverness a bright yellow." When his parents came home they watched it and some other neighbors did too. They alerted the police but do not know if they saw it. (Press & Journal, Aberdeen, Eng., 30 Aug 71)

8 Sep 1971 - Sheffield, Eng. (Wed/1100)-(2-C) - UFO SIGHTED BY HUNDREDS

A British Ministry of Defense spokesman said, "We have had many reports of this object. We do not know what it was. We are investigating it."

Michael Castle (32) an electrical engineer and Air Force veteran, said he looked up at the sky and a small shining object appeared. It seemed to be traveling at a fantastic speed because he had "no sooner seen it as a speck in the sky than it was overhead,

where it seemed almost to stop. It was about a couple of thousand feet above and it glowed," he said. "First it was silvery, then a fluorescent blue, then it changed to an orange-yellow and seemed to be pulsating as if it was heating and cooling every few seconds. It was oval-shaped, like an egg, and had a hazy circle around it. It moved over Sheffield for about 10 minutes just like it was photographing the scenery. Then it glowed orange, a yellow haze appeared at the back and it suddenly shot off toward the southwest. It was definitely controlled and I am sure it was not a normal flying machine."

Manchester, Eng. (Wed/1300)-(2) - Garage owner Richard Clarkson (38) said, "It was bright and egg-shaped and moving very slowly. Suddenly, orange flames seemed to come from its back. It shot across the sky at a fantastic speed and disappeared. Its movement was so definite that it appeared to be under control. I don't know what it was, but I know it was something I have never seen before."

Leeds, Eng. (Wed/2100)-(4-C) - Charles Blackwood (35) a chemist in Leeds, said, "I saw it traveling south. It was shaped like an egg and had a haze around it which glowed and changed color constantly. The color was very bright and pulsating." He flies and insists it was not an aircraft. "It appeared to be searching the ground from about 2000 ft like a helicopter hunting for a man at sea. It streaked away toward the south and "changed from an object of about 50 ft in diameter to nothing in about 3 seconds." (National Enquirer, 28 Nov 71) (Cr: J. Clark)

22 Sep 1971 - Cincinnati, Ohio (Wed/Night)-(2-B) - RED LIGHTS IN THE SKY

Mysterious red lights were reported for the second night in a row. Residents of Deer Park, Indian Hill, Kenwood, Madeira and Silverton reported two lights Tuesday night, Wednesday there were five. Callers said the lights hovered in the sky a short time, then zoomed away and vanished. Most said they heard no sound coming from the lights, but one man said they seemed to be humming. He said he didn't recognize the tune. (Kentucky Edition Enquirer, Cincinnati, Ohio, 23 Sep 71)

29 Sep 1971 - Medulin, Yugoslavia (Wed/Eve)-(4-b) - UFO PHOTOGRAPHED

Speculation about UFOs has gripped Yugoslavia after 12 sightings were reported in 11 days. Vercernje Novosti, the largest circulation newspaper in the country, published a photograph taken by a technical school teacher at Medulin on the Adriatic Coast. It showed a blurred whitish round object with a "tail" like a comm. Photographed in the evening, it was said to emit light stronger than the moon. (Arkansas Gazette, 12 Oct 71) (Cr: L. Farish)

30 Sep 1971 - Wollongong, NSW, Aust. (Thu/Night)-(I-A-.) - UFO EYES VOLKSWAGEN

Mr. Neil Hugo of Mt. Kembla, said he had just alighted from his Volkswagen at the Kembla Heights Bowling Club when he heard a jet-like sound behind him. He turned to see a grey-white hat-shaped craft floating about the height of the club's flagpole, 40 to 50 ft above him. "It sort of glowed and had these two big lights, one on the left and one on the right," he said. He said he was not worried at the sight of the strange craft but he had the feeling no one would believe him if he told them. So he called a friend who also saw it and spread the word. Soon there was a crowd of about a dozen and they all saw the same thing. According to a witness it gave his Volkswagen in the carpark a thorough "once over," turning powerful spotlights on it. The craft headed from the club towards Mt. Kembla and Mr. Hugo thought it landed near a camping area. (Illawarra Daily Mercury, Wollongong, NSW, Aust., 1 Oct 71)

5 Oct 1971 - Springfield, Illinois (x)-(-B-a) - UFOS SIGHTED AROUND SSU

Sangamon State Univ. student John Wells (21) is a clerk at the Illinois State Police district 9 headquarters south of Springfield. Wells is one of scores of police and members of the public that watched several UFOs in the skies. Wells said he watched an object west of police headquarters as it hovered between 300 and 3,000 ft above the ground. "To the naked eye," said Wells, "the object appeared to be white with red flashes, but through a 20 powered telescope the colors changed to yellow and blue/green

with red flashes. It appeared to be round, but because of the distance I couldn't estimate its size. He said the object suddenly disappeared from his hand held telescope and "when I looked up again it was gone." It returned about five minutes later, he said.

A patrol car dispatched to the Kincaid area reported seeing four small objects and one large UFO at varying altitudes. One of the objects then headed towards the Springfield area, State police patrol car 22 followed another object towards Jacksonville where other police cars continued the visual observations. Some of the objects were reported to be at tree-top level by police officials in Jacksonville. (Spectrum, Springfield, Ill., 12 Oct 71)

8 Oct 1971 - Denny, Calif. (Fri/2345)-(2-C) - CIRCLING UFO CHANGES SHAPE

Nelson E. "Sparks" Divine of Denny sighted an apparent UFO. Outside his home Divine observed a strange "mexican hat-shaped" object in the sky, with at least three bands of lights. It was slowly circling over the New River Watershed and seemed to change shape when it turned, Divine stated. (Klam-ity Kourier, Willow Creed, Cal., 27 Oct 71) (Cr: L. Farish)

11 Oct 1971 - Willow Creek, Calif. (Mon/2300)-(3)- HOVERING UFO

Mrs. Mary Ann Wagner of P.O. Box 732, Willow Creek was returning from Hawkins Bar when an extremely bright light hovering over the river drew her attention. She was stunned. "I was scared and kept on going," she said, "but I did see the large, round object with what looked like windows around the middle part of it. This was where the light was coming from. A truck loaded with hay at the Suzy Q Ranch entrance must have seen it too because he stopped. (Klam-ity Kourier, Willow Creek, 27 Oct 71)(Cr:L.Farish)

13 Oct 1971 - San Jose, Calif. (Wed/2140)-(4) - FLASHING OBJECT LIGHTS SKY

Several Santa Clara Valley residents reported a flashing object in the sky. "I was out in my backyard and it flew right over," said Tony Monteverde (21) of San Jose. Vandenberg AFB reported no rocket launches scheduled at that time. (Mercury, San Jose, Calif., 15 Oct 71)

2 Nov 1971 - Delphos, Kans - (Tue/Eve-(I-c-0#) - YOUTH "SURPRISES" UFO

Ronald Johnson (15), son of Mr. and Mrs. Dural Johnson, rural Delphos, was doing his chores in the early dark. With him was his dog, Snowball. Ronald said he heard a rumble as he approached the back side of the barn. About 50 yards away, he saw something "really bright, like a welder." The thing whistled like a jet plane and rose rapidly into the sky. Ronald ran to the house to summon his parents and they watched the "thing" in the sky.

In an area of scrub trees they found a phosphorescent ring on the ground. Ronald thinks the "thing" was about 8 feet in diameter and perhaps 10 feet tall. His estimate could be accurate since the area it reportedly left is no more than 15 feet across. As it left, a dead Chinese elm tree was toppled near the shed.

The Ottawa County Sheriff's Dept. took a picture of the ring. Sheriff Ralph Enlow said, "The ring was more than a foot wide and extended about a foot deep into the ground. The surrounding area was still muddy from recent rains, but the ring was extremely dry, as if something had sucked all the moisture from it." Soil samples taken from the dirt ring showed no trace of radioactivity, the sheriff said.

One tree still glows in spots at night, according to Ronald, but the ring on the ground almost stopped glowing five days later. At least one other tree in the area has some twigs and limbs broken off and still glows in the dark. The green tree has small limbs which can be broken off at the snap of the wrist, as if they were dead. (Journal, Salina, Kans., 5 Nov 71, 7 Nov 71; Gazette, Emporia, Kans., 29 Dec 71)

William Hurtig and Frank Shimplin visited the Johnson farm, gathered information, took photos of the area, soil samples from the dehydrated ring and inspected the blistered limbs of the trees that were damaged and effected by the UFO. Shimplin said the UFO was already landed when Ronald went to do his chores, because he did not notice it until a whirring motion suddenly attracted his attention to the area about

30 ft. away. His initial response to the noise was compared to "Mon's washing machine." He saw a large object which he believed to be composed of some metallic substance, dome shaped and in the dark, he could make out a "dark object" until it arose some 10 ft off the ground. At about 10 ft the UFO suddenly glowed with a terrifically blinding light, so intense as to temporarily blind the boy. In this frightened and terrified state the boy could tell that the object was moving at a fast rate of speed and leaving the area. When Mr. & Mrs. Johnson arrived at the scene they noticed a circularly luminescent, glowing area, about 8 ft in diameter. This luminosity also appeared on the trunk of a tree nearby. Reaching the ground the luminescent ring, about one foot in diameter, encompassing the entire circle, the two adults touched the glowing round area. Almost immediately these two persons learned a lesson that has been repeated rarely by human beings--their fingers and hands and Mrs. Johnson's arm became numb. This condition persisted during the night and much of the next morning. Mr. Johnson being relieved from the effects sooner than his wife. (Valley Falls Vindicator, Valley Falls, Kans., 23 Dec 71) (Cr: J. Schuessler)

5 Nov 1971 - Miriwnini, Qld., Aust. (Fri/x)-(-#) - "SAUCER NEST"

Mrs. Clifford, who is believed to reside near Miriwnini, related to friends in Innisfail that she had sighted the "saucer" at the same time as it was reported in the South Johnstone area. Mrs. Clifford had with her a photograph of damaged cane which had been located after the "visitation" of the "saucer." Some East Innisfail residents have a report of two men who were fishing off the coast at the same time as the reported landing at Number Two Branch, having seen a brilliant blue light surrounded with a bluish haze, come from the skies and descend to the ground on shore. (Evening Advocate, Innisfail, No. Qld., Aust., 16 Nov 71)

13 Nov 1971 - Lucerne Valley, Calif. (Sun/Night)-(I-B-@\$\$) - HUNTERS CLAIM UFO LANDED

Three Santa Ana hunters claim that they saw a flying saucer land on a rugged plateau in the Lucerne Valley and its mysterious occupant emerged to explore a portion of the Mojave Desert. NICAP's Los Angeles branch chairman, Mrs. Idabel Epperson, said they are investigating the claim.

The three men had been hunting all day and at dark began setting up their camp just below a ridge in the valley. That's when the first saucer "came out of nowhere and was hovering over the San Bernardino Mountains. It was the brightest thing I've ever seen and about the size of a car," one hunter said. All agreed that the UFO was disc-shaped and disappeared after a few moments. Then another one appeared. Mystified by the object, they climbed a ridge to get a better view of the valley. After about 10 minutes they saw a self-luminous, football-shaped object dropping from the sky. "It descended very smoothly to mountain-top level," one hunter recalled, "continued down the contour of the mountainside, across the desert floor and finally settled on a small plateau. The next thing we knew, something got out of the craft and started scanning the area. It wasn't walking on the ground like a human, but was gliding above the brush." In just a few minutes the thing was almost up to the hill they were on. They wanted to signal it with a flashlight, but were scared and began running back toward camp. They sat with guns pointed at the ridge. In a few seconds they heard branches crackling, but didn't see anything. Suddenly there were two unintelligible cries--at least they were unintelligible to them. At sunrise they hiked to where they thought the saucer had landed and found five round impressions in the ground. Three formed a triangle. The other two were together, 10 feet off to the side. The hunters have returned to the plateau twice, once with NICAP investigators. (Register, Santa Ana, Calif., 12 Dec 71) (Cr: K. Steinmetz)

2 Dec 1971 - Walker, Mich. (Thu/Eve)-(I-A-.) - NEAR LANDING

Steve Lossenort (17) of 3360 Remembrance Rd. NW and five witnesses, all passengers in his vehicle, were driving around a field behind his home when they saw "one great big bright red ball with blue and white lights following a plane." Melvin Smith saw it first and shouted, "Hey, it's a UFO." At first the rest saw only the plane then they

could see the UFO start to come back towards them. The "yo-yo-shaped" object zoomed around above the trees and some of the boys became frightened. Loosenort drove them back to the house and returned to the field with Smith. The object reportedly was hovering about six feet in the air in the middle of the field. Loosenort drove within 200 feet and got out to take a closer look. "But just as I turned off the car lights and got out, the thing started to take off. It went straight up and just disappeared," Loosenort said. He returned to the house and called the Walker police who dispatched three men to the scene. (Press, Grand Rapids, Mich., 5 Dec 71)

7 Dec 1971 - Brightwalton, Eng. (Tue/AM)-(I-@#) - UFO TAKES OFF FROM FIELD

A man reported to the newly formed South-West Aerial Phenomena Society of Newbury that he saw an object in a field as he was driving past. He described it as being about 20 ft in diameter, circular in shape, and colored dullish-grey. As he walked across the muddy field to investigate, it suddenly took off and disappeared into the clouds in the space of four seconds. He was so shaken by the experience that he fetched a friend who lived nearby and together they returned to the spot where, in the middle of a field of mud, they found a patch of completely dry ground.

Later, the man recalled a fuzzy halo above the object when it took off, which could have been moisture condensing. There was also a faint hum like a generator. The object had at least four windows, and also what looked like a hatch low down near the ground. Two "arms" on the sides of the craft retracted as it took off. The man had informed the police who investigated but offered no explanation.

Mr. Rodney Lloyds, president of the South-West Aerial Phenomena Society, said "If the cloud was 200 ft. from the ground the object must have lifted off at about 60 mph. If the cloud was 2000 ft. it must have left at 600 mph. (Newbury Weekly News, Newbury, Eng., 19 Aug 71)

7 Dec 1971 - Lachlan, Tas., Aust. (Tue/2250)-(I-B-a-.) - LANDED UFO TAKES OFF

Mr. A. De Blas, a former Army Lieutenant and university graduate of Lachlan, said he had been in his hopfield tending to irrigation. He was driving his tractor when he looked up and saw what appeared to be a light plane or a helicopter, "It seemed to have a plastic dome," about to crash-land on the next door property. He raced home and telephoned his friend Dr. R. Moulton, then noticed the object rise, and head north. He signalled the white object with a powerful torch and received three answering pulses of light.

Mr. Moulton and his two teenage sons David and Gregory were rushing toward de Blas' home when they saw two red-orange circular lights with a third light to their left that appeared elliptical in shape. The object just hovered at a little lower altitude than that which light planes fly during the daytime. Then, moving east to west they saw a bright light maintaining a straight course stop and pulse with a more intense light, three times, before it moved on and out of sight behind some hills.

Comparing the times and the pulses de Blas claimed to have received they checked out accurately with the light Moulton had seen pulsing. Mr. de Blas' wife and children also verified the story. The object disappeared into the northern sky at 12:30 am. Five minutes later it was visible as a faint light. At 12:45 am. the red orange object was strong in the sky again. The light it gave off illuminated clouds above and to the back of it as it hovered in the same place. 1:05 am: A pale orange-red light came in from the east and moved to a position at the side of the major light. 1:07 am: Both objects assumed the same high brilliance, but one was still bigger than the other. 1:15 am: Both objects appeared to be the same size. 1:32 am: The object which had come from the east moved closer and then there was just one major light. The light intensified and then started to fade. Ten minutes later the object moved in a southerly direction and using the house as a line of sight, it was seen to rise and fall. It adopted a south to north to south beat, and was still shining strongly at 3 am. when we decided to call it a night. The next day every possible avenue of inquiry was pursued to find a natural or logical explanation. There was none. The night was fine and without wind. There were no bush fires, no balloons gone astray, no nothing." Mr.

Moult learned that several other people had made similar sightings. (Mercury, Hobart, Tas., Aust., 9 Dec 71)

UFO COMMENTS AND OPINIONS

LULL IN UFO ACTIVITY DOESN'T SHAKE BELIEVERS

Its been quite a while since sightings of flying saucers have been reported in the Kansas-Missouri area. It's not like the days back in 1967 when they were sighted with great frequency.

Despite the warning reports and the fact the the Air Force has stopped studying the phenomenon of unidentified flying objects, Tom Nicholl, owner and president of Nicholl Brothers, Inc., told the Sertoma Club yesterday he could guarantee they existed.

Nicholl, who has a degree in aeronautical engineering and has taught at the University of California, said he and six other persons saw a flying saucer flying above Leawood on July 3, 1967.

The U.S. government contends that most of the sightings by reliable individuals can be easily explained. It contends what these persons saw was something other than a "flying saucer."

"We were invaded by such machines as early as 10,000 years ago," Nicholl told his audience. He noted reports of "wheels" in the skies by early Biblical figures and later by sea captain.

"They are not man-made. They have been sighted in every country, including the Iron Curtain countries," Nicholl said.

The effect of the saucers on equipment and on animals has been similar all over the world, he added. As in the experience of Edwin H. Bohl, Jr., of Logan, Kan., electrical equipment is effected by the objects.

Bohl sighted a flying object near Hill City, Kan. on April 19, 1969 and said the object killed the motor of his car.

Animals are greatly disturbed by their presence, Nicholl said.

Nicholl claimed that there have been "hundreds of examples" where UFOs have landed and "people" have come out of them.

"These sightings (of humanoids) are reported all over the world," Nicholl said. "An aborigine in Australia will tell the same story as a native of Africa." (Star, Kansas City, Missouri, 13 Oct 71)

ARE OTHER GALAXIES CALLING US? LET'S TUNE IN, SAY SCIENTISTS

Washington, D.C., by Patrick Young - The time has come, the scientists say, to listen for distant rings--the beeps and peeps from outer space, made by other living things.

No one, of course, knows whether intelligent beings actually exist elsewhere in the univers, or if they are trying to ring up earth for a cosmic conversation. But if they are, a number of scientists don't want to miss making contact. They propose a co-ordinated, international effort to scan the skies for radio signals produced by intelligent creatures in our galaxy or beyond.

The proposal, released last week, came out of the Russian-American Conference on Communication with Extraterrestrial Intelligence, held at the Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory in Soviet Armenia earlier in September.

"The promise of contact with such extraterrestrial civilizations is sufficiently high to justify initiating a variety of well-formulated search programs," the conference concluded.

"The striking discoveries in recent years in the fields of astronomy, biology, computer science, and radiophysics have transferred some of the problems of extra-terrestrial civilizations and their detection from the realm of speculation to a new realm of experiment and observation."

The conference, sponsored by the U.S. and U.S.S.R. academics of sciences, resulted from an increasing belief that intelligent life can and does exist on some planets circling other stars. The participants included astronomers, physicists, chemists, biologists, linguists, anthropologists, sociologists, and historians--scholars more

interested in science fact than fiction.

During the past decade two dozen complex molecules have been discovered in interstellar space, including methyl alcohol and formaldehyde. And in the last two years, scientists have found extraterrestrial amino acids, the building blocks of life, in three meteorites. Both findings support the idea that life may have evolved elsewhere in the universe.

The universe is bursting with radio signals, and astronomers have detected them since the 1930s. But these are natural events. "At no point have we received a signal of intelligent origin," says astronomer Frank Drake of Cornell University, a conference participant.

Not that astronomers haven't looked occasionally, Drake directed man's first hunt for intelligent signals from outer space, a three-month effort in 1960 called Project Ozma. Russian astronomers have made three attempts since 1968, with negative results.

Radio telescopes now in operation are capable of detecting radio signals that might be beamed by another people to earth. But they may not be trying to reach us. "What if everybody is listening and nobody is sending?" asks Carl Sagan, another Cornell astronomer. "Then we listen for their regular communications."

This interstellar eavesdropping probably would require larger radio telescopes than are now in use; they would be capable of receiving weak signals across trillions of miles of space. At least one such telescope is being designed in the United States.

The universe's vastness poses problems for interstellar communications. It is so great that astronomers measure distances in light years; the distance light travels in one year is about 5.7 trillion miles.

Consider an inhabited planet 300 light years away. "They say, 'Hello. How are you?' and 300 years later we say, 'Fine!'" Says Sagan. "It's not what you would call snappy dialog." (National Observer, 2 Oct 71) (Cr: G. Duplantier)

SA SYMPOSIUM WILL URGE: 'DON'T FEAR UFO RIDICULE'

Australian scientists will be urged this weekend to forget their fear of public ridicule because of their efforts to understand unidentified flying objects.

The advice will be given by Dr. B. H. Horton, of Adelaide University physics department, who will be one of the guest speakers at a symposium starting here tomorrow.

The symposium--the first of its kind ever held in Australia--is aimed at changing the attitude of Australian scientists.

Dr. Horton said no one asked scientists to believe in little green men circling the earth in space ships. "I regard the little green men as a way-out hypothesis as far as this subject is concerned," he said.

"But there is a need for Australian and New Zealand scientists to drop their unscientific attitude towards UFOs.

"Visual and radar sightings and trackings are so numerous that scientists should recognise that there is some phenomena in our atmosphere from time to time that demands an explanation.

"American scientists have taken the lead in investigating this phenomena, but even they cannot explain what is going on in terms of our present knowledge," Dr. Horton said.

He said many scientists refused to contemplate recognising the existence of UFOs because their friends would make jokes, such as asking them if they had seen any little green men lately.

"By dismissing the whole problem of UFOs we could well be neglecting investigations which could lead to significant scientific discoveries about the nature of the universe," he said.

A Sydney scientist who will attend the symposium, Dr. M. J. Duggin, a sciuro physi-cist, said today he had an open mind about UFOs. "I do not want to be classified as a believer, nor as a non-believer," Dr. Duggin said. "But I want to see a careful, scientific investigation carried out by Australian scientists into every aspect of the subject," he said.

Dr. Duggin said he felt uneasy after reading the Condon Report prepared by a

committee of scientists set up in 1966 by the University of Colorado under the chairmanship of a prominent American scientist named Dr. Condon.

"The Condon committee looked at 10,000 reported sightings and chose 91 cases for full investigation. The result was that 31 cases in their opinion had no known scientific explanation--and it is that 34 per cent, unexplained that bothers me," Dr. Duggin said. (News, Adelaide, S.A., Aust., 29 Oct 71)

MOUNT AIRY MAN KEEPS TALLY OF UFOS

A recent worldwide surge of UFO sightings is expected to come to a peak this month, according to UFO researcher George D. Fawcett of 607 N. Main Street. Fawcett said sightings are now being reported at the highest rate since the fall of 1967--a worldwide average of six an hour--and December is traditionally the month of heaviest sightings.

Fawcett, who has been collecting and analyzing UFO sightings for 25 years, said, "It's amazing the number of landings and reports of occupants that have come to my attention in the last 18 months."

Fawcett said recent sightings have been reported most frequently in Australia and New Zealand overseas and in Kansas and Ohio in the United States. He said the quality of sightings, in terms of documentation and verification by more than one source, has been "much better than a year ago. People are being extremely careful about reporting," he said, "primarily because of a fear of ridicule. But I think the climate of opinion has improved during the past year and interest in growing, among adults as well as young people."

The Midwest UFO Network based in Quincy, Ill. is expanding its reporting network and recently named Fawcett a district representative, responsible for reporting sightings in Forsyth and Surry counties. Fawcett is currently working on a magazine article on UFOs and hopes to start work soon on a book based on the sightings he has investigated over the years. (Winston-Salem Journal, Winston-Salem, No. Car., 2 Dec 71)
(Cr: G. Fawcett & W. Andrus)

PURELY PERSONAL

-by Sam Hunter - Whether you're a believer or a doubting Thomas, more than 400 flying saucer spotters gather weekly near Kineton Army camp in Banbury, Oxon, England, to hold the world's biggest skywatch. The recent rash of gatherings was brought about by the International UFO Research Assn. after what they claim is an unprecedented number of sightings in the area during the last few weeks.

The watchers are equipped with sky cameras, walkie-talkies and binoculars, as well as sophisticated equipment specially designed for the detection of UFOs.

A spokesman for the UFO group said the ministry of defense has asked to be kept informed of any sightings. (Cross Country News, 9 Dec 71) (Cr: J. Schuessler)

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