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RESEARCH LIBRARY: UFO books are available on request. Library services are FREE to members only.

MAGNETIC UFO DETECTOR: "The Saucer Seeker" by W9AUT is available from DATA-NET FREE to members only. A brief history of flying saucers together with the plans and parts list for building a "Saucer Seeker." Permanent magnets are available for \$2.00.

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Network schedule: WEDNESDAY at 7:00 pm PDST = THURSDAY at 0200 GMT on 7.268(LSB).

NOTE: It must be the weather! I've had a series of "goofs" on this page recently. My apologies for any confusion or inconvenience they may have caused. -Ed

THE EDITOR'S DESK

On a recent visit to the San Francisco Bay area Dr. J. Allen Hynek, author of THE UFO EXPERIENCE: A Scientific Inquiry (1), told DATA-NET that one of the most frequent comments he receives on his UFO lecture tours is that people rarely see any current news items about UFOs and they therefore assume that UFO activity has more or less died out.

Of course anyone who acts as a "receiving station" for UFO reports knows that this is a totally false assumption. Unidentified flying objects continue to be sighted and are reported in large numbers from all areas of the world.

Following Dr. Hynek's suggestion, we took a survey of the DATA-NET files and learned that in the last five and one-half years we have published resumes of 1785 UFO reports. Although many of the reports were first-hand accounts of sightings, the major source has been news items clipped from newspapers throughout the world.

The local news events are transmitted to DATA-NET by its members and additional items are obtained by subscribing to a monthly newspaper clipping service directed by Rod Dyke (2).

Many of the UFO sighting reports we have published describe historical events, one of which occurred as early as the year 793. Historical items continue to come to our attention and these items aid in exploding the myth that UFOs are a modern phenomenon.

DATA-NET has also amply illustrated that the UFO phenomenon is not limited to the United States. While 969 reports originated in the United States, 816 cases covered events that occurred in foreign countries. The distribution of reports has been almost equal.

UFO research has become more sophisticated in the last five years and DATA-NET has concentrated on publishing significant cases involving multiple witnesses, Type-I landings and close encounters, occupants and physical traces. These cases provide the most relevant information for our readers who are engaged in research projects. The breakdown of cases is shown in the following chart.

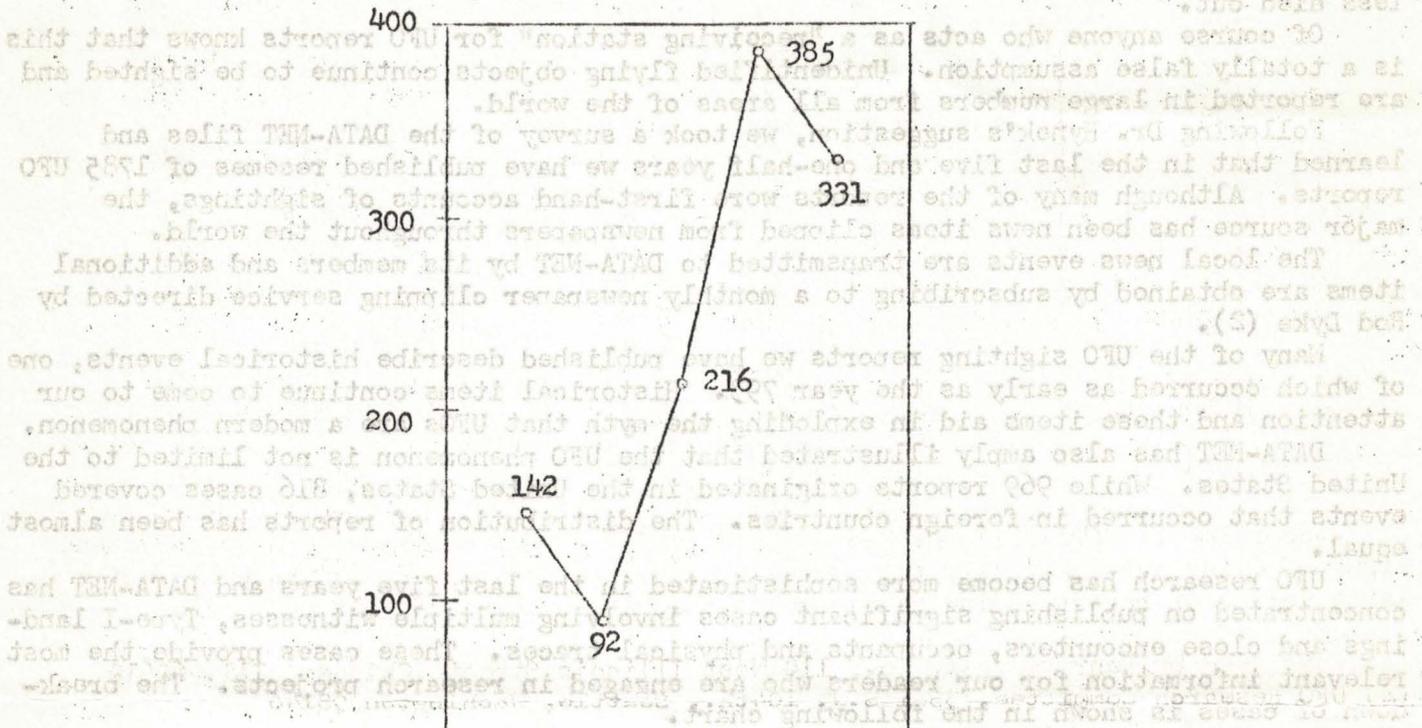
<u>Number cases</u>		<u>Type-I landings</u>	<u>Occupants seen</u>	<u>Traces</u>
United States	969	464	98	90
Foreign	<u>816</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>86</u>
Totals	1785	750	150	176

A total of 1166 cases occurred during the 5 year period since DATA-NET was established in January 1967. Since the majority of these cases were derived from newspaper clippings it appears that newspaper editors still feel that UFO sightings are significant as local news events. There is such a large amount of continuing activity that the wire services generally pick up and circulate only those events that they feel are particularly noteworthy or are in some way sensational. But at least the home-town newspaper continues to treat UFO events as news.

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Number cases	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Foreign	1	1	1	1	1
United States	9	9	9	9	9
Totals	10	10	10	10	10

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1967 - 1971**

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The graph peaks in 1970 and dips slightly in 1971. This gradual decrease does not mean that we are receiving less information, it merely reflects our selectivity due to space limitations and the desire to print the most informative cases.

The annual distribution of the 1785 UFO cases is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Cases</u>
1793	1	1929	2	1958	10
1461	1	1933	1	1959	13
1796	1	1938	1	1960	4
1800	1	1944	1	1961	5
1881	1	1945	2	1962	10
1882	1	1946	1	1963	19
1896	4	1947	10	1964	46
1897	46	1948	4	1965	74
1904	1	1949	6	1966	110
1908	2	1950	31	1967	142
1910	1	1951	12	1968	92
1914	1	1952	34	1969	216
1917	1	1953	14	1970	385
1922	1	1954	25	1971	331
1925	1	1955	13	(Jul) 1972	39
1926	1	1956	10		
1928	1	1957	56		1785

According to DATA-NET's records UFO activity has not declined, and it shows no signs of dying out. Actually the opposite situation has occurred. There is such a large volume of reports being generated that we are unable to print them all.

- (1) Published by Henry Regnery Co., 114 West Illinois Street, Chicago, Ill. 60610
- (2) UFO Research Committee, 3521 S.W. 104th., Seattle, Washington 98146

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

COMPUTER RECORD OF UFO DATA: ASSISTANCE TO RESEARCH -Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

The reduction of files in a form suitable for entry in the memory of an electronic computer, for its future treatment, makes the researcher's work simpler and more fruitful. The field of actions a computer can develop is enormous and it may be successfully applied to the UFO phenomenon, notably cooperating with the student. We shall enumerate some of its uses in UFO research*:

1. -The possibility of storing a high number of data and using them in an automatic manner.
2. -To immediately obtain partial listings aimed to those periods, geographic areas or special characteristics that can be of interest.
3. -To serve as a guide to the formulation and testing of hypotheses, by contributing those details that the human memory is unable to retain.
4. -To help detect geographic patterns, global constants, correlations, etc.
5. -To assign quantitative values to the interpretations vaguely formulated in qualitative terms.

The catalogues that result, printed by the computer itself, avoid the tedious task of manual typewriting and the data processing permits a quick comparison between old sightings and current incidents; assists the field investigator by supplying him the general information needed; obtains rapid statistics and tables; makes automatic corrections and notes new additions; removes satisfactorily the most common bias in the selection of cases by the people engaged in their evaluation, etc. In general, we can

*FSR Mail Bag, Vol. XIV, 4, July-August 1968, 16. Letter from Dr. Jacques Vallee.

say that a computer system can handle our data with a minimum waste of time and can easily program any type of analysis.

The comment that the average reader is going to make now is: "Yes, all this would be very well if we could afford it! Computer time is very expensive and the necessary expertness requires profound scientific studies." And this is just the reason for our article: to plainly demonstrate that there are in Europe and America several research projects based on computer processing of UFO cases that can benefit both the specialist and amateur. As far as I know today (July 1972), there exist eight (8) different projects of this kind and I shall mention them:

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

The world-wide catalogue of Type-I landing reports. This long listing of almost 1500 landing cases is kept up-to-date by Dr. Jacques Vallee, having determined it to be the most accurate and representative sampling of this section of the UFO phenomenon. Nobody doubts that landing sightings are a most promising field for investigation because of the large amount of objective and detailed information it brings: the object can be measured with relation to nearby familiar points of reference (trees, houses, etc.); the phenomenon is reported to be at a short distance from the ground -or just landed- and the possibilities of mistake with a variety of happenings of a common nature (conventional artifacts, etc.), is much lower. Flying Saucer Review and our own DATA-NET have published excellent surveys from this bank of data.

We seriously recommend that all readers and UFO groups that have compiled landing reports send to Dr. Vallee (c/o DATA-NET) lists and summaries of cases or complete reports. They can ask this known ufologist for a computer listing of their data or something similar that they need for their UFO work.

COLORADO

UFOCAT: catalogue of all-categories UFO observations of mundial scope. UFOCAT is maintained by Dr. David Saunders, professor Psychology at the University of Colorado at Boulder and an acknowledged UFO analyst. As he informed us in the December 1971 issue of DATA-NET, the "first draft" of UFOCAT-72 recorded 42,032 entries. This wide census of UFO data is the most comprehensive in the world and Dr. Saunders has already shown several times that very useful analyses can be made with this modern treatment of the information. Interested people can write him at this address: Department of Psychology, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado 80302.

MARYLAND

Mr. Thomas M. Olsen, nuclear engineer, head of the "UFO Information Retrieval Center, Inc." and editor of "The Reference for Outstanding UFO Sighting Reports" (UFOIRC, November 1966), has a collection of 160 selected cases in machine-readable form. He, however, does not use the rigid system of the typical 80-column punched cards but another format where he is able to store a great quantity of coded UFO characteristics. The first studies that he had developed, with the help of the computer, were released in the Proceedings of the Eastern UFO Symposium (January 23, 1971), an excellent APRO publication. Mr. Olsen's address: UFOIRC, P.O. Box 57, Riderwood, Maryland 21139.

ILLINOIS

Mr. Walter Andrus, director of the Midwest UFO Network (MUFON) is said to keep an automatic file, a master record, with all the data that arrive at the Net for the service of its investigators and researchers. This writer does not know any sample of the computer listings. MUFON address: 40 Christopher Court, Quincy, Illinois 62301.

ARIZONA

The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), is preparing what is called Project Comcat (Computerized Catalogue); an attempt to electronically process all the

UFO incident reports that have reached its offices during the years. Mr. Paul Smith, APRO consultant in Information Systems, has the mission to coordinate such an effort. Although APRO tells in its Bulletin that the work is in progress, we still have not seen any material piece or result. We hope that APRO makes public some visible example of this project as soon as possible. We believe that it can be a most fruitful research goal for an organization like that. The address of APRO is: 3910 E. Kleindale Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

It is rumored that the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) also plans to undertake an identical task. This author does not know any more information regarding the project in question. 1730 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Suite 801, Washington, D.C. 20036 is the address of NICAP.

EUROPE

FRANCE

In April 1971, the UFO journal "Lumieres Dans La Nuit" (LDLN) published an article on the creation of a "Fichier Informatique de Documentation sur les UFOs" (FIDUFO): Computer file for the documentation on UFOs. The LDLN circle No. 13 (area of Paris) had the purpose to launch such an initiative. Monsieur Jacques Derache, 29 rue Cantaquel, Paris (13^e), and his group, had the intention to reduce the files and use the obtained listings, etc. as an assistance to field investigators, researchers of LDLN and to exchange material and ideas with centers abroad. It seems that the project is continuing at the moment and we trust that LDLN will publish some "progress report" to inform its readers and investigators.

SPAIN

Our team, CEONI of Valencia (Center of studies on U.F.O.s) works also in that direction in close cooperation with CEI (Center of Interplanetary Studies) of Barcelona and Madrid. Within CEONI steps were taken in order to facilitate the program back in 1970, when we thought it would be very convenient to make conventional cards for each one of some 600 UFO sightings in Spain and Portugal that we had accumulated in our files (until 1966, included). The long, heavy and monotonous labor was finished in due course (nine months) by the second Vice president of CEONI, Mr. Carlos Orlando de Soto, a man of extreme meticulousness and energy, a magnificent co-worker and a great friend. During 1971 we began to exchange with other similar UFO societies in Spain and a number of "independent" students data on the local wave of 1950 (vid. two former research articles in DATA-NET) and an imposing work on it was made effective.

From the beginning of this year, an agreement was set up between CEI and CEONI (with the concurrence of smaller groupings): to prepare complete and reliable catalogues of the UFO activity in the Iberian Peninsula (every class of reports but separating the identified -negative- cases) and to record them in computers. CEONI has the responsibility of coordinating the redaction of preliminary lists, the checking with all the other groups and of writing the final, up-dated catalogues. They are called CATIB (Catalogo Iberico = Iberian Catalogue) and are written according to a one year period or a precise set of years period. Once the CATIB is generally accepted to be the most punctual, valid sample of UFO data, they are sent to CEI (branch of Madrid) where they are processed in a computer from the Centro de Calculo de la Universidad de Madrid (Computation Center of the University of Madrid). It has been successfully done for the 1700-1953 span, summing up 173 entries. The task is vigorously continuing and it is our hope to finish it -at least a first phase- at the end of the next course (around June 1973).

This is, we believe, a fine example of joint work among UFO investigation organizations in the same country. We are firmly convinced that this project of ours will certainly help us in the study of the problem of UFOs and, in particular, in the scientific examination of the magnitude, development and patterns of the UFO phenomenon in the Iberian Peninsula. Results will come with time, and we promise that DATA-NET readers will be promptly informed of them. Last but not least, we would be very glad

if there is some UFO researcher who finds the above information very important for him. It is obvious that here we do not solely want to present a descriptive writing on "what others are doing in the UFO field": all the mentioned investigators and centers will be most interested to receive whatever data you can offer and which -no doubt- they will give you the opportunity to see to speed up your own evaluation of these data.

CENSUS OF TECHNICAL WORKS AND DISCUSSIONS DIRECTLY RELATED TO
THE UFO PROPULSION PROBLEM

-Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

This is another bibliography article. I believe it will be of interest to DATA-NET members because it may enlarge their scope on the released material on the specific theme of UFOs and the propulsion problem. (I have not included here other items on new forms of propulsion that have been developed, but not directly applied to UFOs.) However, I am sure that not all the published papers have come to my attention, so I advise you to send to the Editor of this journal of ours new lists of references for publication, and please do not forget to indicate the title and author of the work, the source, year of print and pages that contain it. This, no doubt, will benefit everybody in our field. As I mentioned in my previous "note", I shall accept with pleasure some exchange with you on the subjects treated in these lists. To contact me, please write to: Sr. Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, President, CEONI, Paseo al Mar, 23, Valencia -10, Spain.

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Abbreviations used: LDLN: LUMIERES DANS LA NUIT

FSR: FLYING SAUCER REVIEW

PS: PHENOMENES SPATIAUX

1896 AIRSHIP SIGHTINGS

PART III

This is the final installment of the group of historical clippings submitted by Mr. Donald H. White of Oakland, California.

EITHER MARS OR VENUS - Professor Burckhalter Tells of the "Airship's" Light HE LAUGHS AT THE TALES - The Astronomers, He Said, Have Not Noted Anything Unusual WHAT THE WATCHERS SAW - He says the Present Theories Are All Pure Fakes

30 Nov 1896 - Oakland California

There is one confirmed skeptic in regard to the airship. He is Professor Burckhalter of the Chabot Observatory. His time has been taken up lately by persons who are anxious to view the aerial machine through the telescope. Many persons have advanced the theory that the airship is a clever advertising dodge of some gas company that is trying to boom a new kind of illuminating gas. Professor Burckhalter laughs at this theory as well as others.

"If there were any airship I would turn the telescope on it, you may be sure," said Prof. Burckhalter today. "What people have been taking for the brilliant electric light of an airship is nothing more or less than one of the two planets, Mars or Venus. People want to believe in the airship, and it is astonishing the way they deceive themselves. Venus is as brilliant as an arc light and does move very slowly through the heavens. Anyone who pays a little attention to the heavens might be deceived into believing it an electric light gleaming through the clouds. Last Saturday night when there was such excitement over the airship, what people were looking at was the planet Mars, which appeared very brilliant that evening.

The theories in regard to the airship are pure imagination. If there were any strange objects in the heavens, we would certainly know if it, and all these theories are, I believe, pure fakes." (Oakland Tribune, Oakland, Calif., 30 Nov 1896)

SAYS HE SAW IT - Case Gillson Gives a Graphic Description of the Airship HE WATCHED IT MOVING - It Was About 1500 Feet Above the Level Ground SIDE PROPELLERS WORKED - It Was Cigar Shaped With a Tail Like a Fish's

26 Nov 1896 - Oakland, Calif. (Thu/2000)-(4)

The airship has again been careering through Oakland atmosphere, and has even permitted a favored few to catch a glimpse of its metal sides and patent wings. Those who have seen it refuse to believe that they were misled by their imaginations or have mistaken Mars or Venus for electric light streaming from the fancied head of a mythical airship.

Now a young electrician of this city declares on his work of honor, that he has seen the airship at close range, and describes its exact appearance. The young man is Case Gillson, a son of Professor Gillson, ex-Superintendent of Schools and principal of the Normal Training School. His testimony is supported by other young men who saw the strange aerial navigator at the same time.

Gillson and his friends saw the airship twice during last Thursday evening, at 8 and 8:30 P.M. The skies were perfectly clear, and a strong northwest wind was blowing. The airship was moving rapidly from the southeast towards the north in the teeth of the wind. No light was visible, merely the weird peculiar body silhouetted against the clear skies. Case Gillson, his small brother and the Petah brothers distinctly saw the strange sight, and Gillson describes its appearance very graphically.

"The airship was moving very rapidly from the southeast towards Lorin, and not a light was visible," said Gillson. "It was about 1,000 or 1,500 feet in the air and looked like a great black cigar with a fish-like tail. If it had side propellers, they were revolving so rapidly that I could not see them. The body was at least 100 feet long and attached to it was a triangular tail, one apex being attached to the main body. The surface of the airship looked as if it were made of aluminum, which exposure to wind and weather had turned dark. I saw all this distinctly, and I am willing to take

any oath to the truth of what I say.

The airship went at a tremendous speed. As it neared Lorin it turned quickly and disappeared in the direction of San Francisco. At half past 8 we saw it again, when it took about the same direction and disappeared.

"I have studied the subject of airships to a certain extent, and I see no reason why one should not be successful. I know that I was not mistaken about the airship and took a kite for the real thing. It was an airship, of that I am convinced."

Gillson has some ideas of his own on the construction of airships, and since seeing the strange objects in the skies has become more enthusiastic than ever.

Percy Drew was another individual favored with a glimpse of the airship. He says it visited Oakland Saturday night. It then carried a red light and moved with its usual quickness. Both young men agree that the ship was of enormous size, measuring at least 100 feet in length. Gillson thinks nitrogen gas is used to lift the machine, and that Fargo electric batteries supply the propelling power.

Gillson is at present the only person who has openly declared that the machine was visible on a clear night. Its previous appearances have been on cloudy, obscure nights, when persons may have been misled by taking stars for electric lights and clouds for the shadowy form of an airship. Gillson is also an amateur astronomer, and declares that he could not mistake a star or a cloud for an airship. He believes that if the French made a partial success of an airship in 1888 it is not surprising that American enterprise has perfected plans for a machine which is now successfully navigating the atmosphere. Why the machine does not appear in the daylight no one seems to know, and until it does unbelievers will continue to scoff.

HOW ABOUT THIS? - A San Josean Declares That He Travelled on the Ship
26 Nov 1896 - San Francisco, Calif. (Thu/Day)-(I-@)

The champion airship story of the season is told by John A. Horen, an electrician in the employ of the Electric Improvement Co. of this place (San Jose).

Horen says he has a patent on an electric platinum speaking apparatus, and by appointment he went to San Francisco Thursday to see the inventor of the airship who wished to see the apparatus.

Said Horen: "We went on horseback to a point on Sandy Beach where the airship was, got aboard and rose very high.

"The height was registered by a meter on the ship.

"The inventor does not count the distance traveled by miles, but by degrees after leaving the starting point.

"Thursday afternoon we traveled westward before day, and the next morning saw lights. The inventor said they were the lights of Honolulu.

"We turned east and Saturday evening about dark landed near where we started.

"The airship arose by means of two propellers, the movement was noiseless and swift.

"The inventor is 45 years old, but I cannot now tell any news, but the motive power is not steam or electricity.

"It is a wonderful machine and can be stopped and made to stand still in the air anywhere. It comes down as lightly as a feather.

Horen lives at the New York Exchange Hotel and went to San Francisco Thursday.

Some seem to give credence to his story, and all admire his ability as an accomplished story teller, and say he has a magnificent imagination.

He sticks to his story.

He bears the name of a hard-working sober man.

ENIGMATOLOGICAL SURVEY

-Paul Braczyk

The August/72 issue of SAGA contains an article by Richard Winer titled BERMUDA TRIANGLE--UFO TWILIGHT ZONE. Mr. Winer begins the article by chastising "other authors" for "borrowing their facts" from previous works and research (Vincent Gaddis'

INVISIBLE HORIZONS is cited as a prime source). He goes on to say that "only the theories of the writers vary..." and that their facts remain essentially the same because of the lack of new research. This article, he says, is the result of "three years' researching." Unhappily I must agree with Mr. Winer concerning the re-hashing of old material in most books and articles dealing with the Bermuda Triangle. Despite Mr. Winer's build-up and promises, however, even HIS article contains no appreciable new material! Would you believe that a full three-quarters of the article is devoted to the December 1945 disappearance of Flight 19, with almost all of this material having seen print previously? Perhaps I am a bit premature in my appraisal of Mr. Winer's research since he does mention that this article is not the complete story and that he will continue with more in the next issue of SAGA. Guess we'll have to wait until then to see if Mr. Winer will put his money where his type is.

In this same issue of SAGA there is another article - IS THERE ANYONE UP THERE LIKE US? by Kenneth Gatland - which might prove interesting reading to members of UFO data-Net since it is concerned with radio signals to and from ETI. Mr. Gatland apparently doesn't put too much stock in UFO sightings as evidenced by this lone reference to them: "So unless we are visited by alien intelligence - and despite the UFOs there is no proof that this has happened yet - we must be content with signalling."

A letter from John Ecklin printed in the August SAGA brings up an interesting point which I never saw raised prior to this and one for which I do not have a logical answer or even comment. First of all, all motion is relative. This is a fact. This being the case, what happens when two beams of light are aimed directly at one another? The motion of one beam relative to the other is TWICE the speed of light! Does anyone know if relative motion is exempt from the Theory of Relativity?

Last month's ENIGMATOLOGICAL TRIVIA question: Where is the planet Clarion supposedly located?

ANSWER: According to Truman Bethurum he visited a landed flying saucer in July 1952 and the leader of the occupants, Captain Aura Rhanes (the first outer space women's lib advocate), told him that the craft was from the planet Clarion situated, invisible from Earth, on the other side of the moon.

Whenever the name New Zealand comes up the same visual impressions always cross my imagination: A rather desolate island overgrown with brushy vegetation with little or no human population to speak of, having the kiwi as its only claim to fame. I never thought of New Zealand as having any history worth mentioning and forteana would be the last thing that I would have thought of. Of course, UFO sightings have been fairly common in this area of the world but little or no forteana has been reported to my knowledge. Imagine my surprise and delight when I found that I was completely wrong (something which rarely ever happens). Robyn Jenkin in her book NEW ZEALAND MYSTERIES set me straight regarding the misconceptions I fostered; especially in the areas of history and forteana. As it turns out New Zealand has an absolutely fascinating historical past replete with controversy (as most interesting things usually do) and it is an exciting new hunting ground for enigmatological material. In relating some of the more curious tales of New Zealand's past Robyn Jenkin introduces us to some of the most colorful and absorbing characters ever to set foot on land; explorers, sailors, native islanders, royalty, etc. all with their own fascinating stories. Along the fortean line we hear about phantom canoes, lost tribes, New Zealand ghosts, and strange animals (including a 30 feet kangaroo reportedly seen in 1831). Besides the absorbing content the format of the book is excellent. Numerous photographs are included and maps numerically keyed to the text are found on the inside covers. For a most pleasurable experience obtain a copy of NEW ZEALAND MYSTERIES by Robyn Jenkin (A.H. & A.W. Reed Ltd., 182 Wakefield Street, Wellington, New Zealand, \$6.25)

The August/72 issue of FATE contains a couple of literary summer re-runs: UFOS AND THE AIRFORCE by J. Allen Hynek reprinted from THE UFO EXPERIENCE and THE LITTLE GOLD DOZER by Ivan Sanderson reprinted from INVESTIGATING THE UNEXPLAINED.

Reports that Gray Barker had been taken to the planet Lanulus are false according to the Saucerian Press NON-SCHEDULED NEWSLETTER NUMBER 40 (and to think of all those wasted sleepless nights I had worrying about him!). If you would like to get on the

newsletter mailing list send six stamped, self-addressed envelopes plus \$3.00 to Gray Barker, Box 2228, Clarksburg, W. Va. 26301. You will receive six xeroxed single-page newsletters containing such interesting information as the fact stated above, advertising dealing with planned Sauderian publications, and miscellaneous bits of ufological gossip which you may or may not take seriously.

Anyone familiar with the facts surrounding Dr. Wilhelm Reich will realize that the F.D.A. gave him a lousy deal (to put it mildly) and his imprisonment and subsequent death in a federal penitentiary in 1957 were blots on American judicial procedure. ORGONE ENERGY: THE ANSWER TO ATOMIC SUICIDE by Jerome Eden outlines the case for and against Reich and his claims regarding the discovery of a new form of energy which he called "orgone." The book is fascinating enough when it is dealing with Reich, his inventions, his ideas etc.; equally fascinating are Jerome Eden's own views on the deadly contaminated form of orgone energy which is called "oranur" and which Eden claims is a threat to all life in the world as we know it; but the section of the book which really held my attention - and I'm sure would hold yours too - is the section dealing with UFOs. Apparently Reich held a special interest in UFOs and he believed them to be powered by Orgone Energy. In 1954 Reich conducted an experiment in which he claimed to have drawn off the propulsive power of hovering UFOs by means of a machine which he had invented. This experiment is related in the book in the words of an eyewitness to the incident. I cannot vouch for the validity of any of the claims of either Wilhelm Reich or Jerome Eden, but one thing I can vouch for: the hypnotic quality of ORGONE ENERGY: THE ANSWER TO ATOMIC SUICIDE and the interest it managed to generate within me. It is available either through the author Jerome Eden, Box 34, Careywood, ID 83809 or directly through the publisher Exposition Press, 50 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, N.Y. 11753 for \$6.00.

Hugh Auchincloss Brown, 115 Prospect Avenue, Douglastown, N.Y. 11363, author of CATAclysms OF THE EARTH, is offering some exceptionally interesting research bulletins dealing with his theories of various scientific subjects. Write him - they are free for the asking. Also apparently free for the asking are some research notes pertaining to ufology prepared by Brent Raynes. Two sets are presently available covering such subjects as infrared devices, radiation detection glasses, underground radio communications, explosions of unknown origin, telephone interference, animal guidance control, and "freak" radio reception and ionized fields. Write Specialized UFO Field Investigation Network, Perkins Lane, Hallowell, Main 04347.

The July 23rd edition of the NATIONAL ENQUIRER contains a good article on THE TOWN THAT HAD 1,000 UFO SIGHTINGS IN 5 MONTHS.

THE FLITTERING FINGER OF FORTEANA - This month's rancid ringfinger goes to Ivan Marx. You may recall Ivan as the gentleman who about 12-18 months ago came up with a film of somewhat dubious authenticity of what he claimed to be a Bigfoot with a deformed big foot. Well, apparently old Ivan wasn't satisfied with just one film for he has come up with another. This one, purporting to show an all-white Bigfoot caught roving in a snowstorm, was recently debuted on the YOU ASKED FOR IT television program. This unfortunate white "Bigfoot" looks for all the world like some sorry individual trying to fight his way out of a fur sack. No, we didn't ask for it, but we got it anyway!

CLIPPING THE NEWS

Mid-1950 - Kenya, Africa (x/Night)-(3-B-ac) - FAITH HEALER & FLYING SAUCERS

A hard-headed, no-nonsense executive with the East African Railways and Harbours Administration lived in Kenya. He was an amateur astronomer, in fact, president of East Africa's Astronomical Association. In his annual report he stated that he believed in flying saucers and reporter Brian Parkes felt it was a story that deserved checking out. Parkes interviewed him over tea with his wife and his mother, a charming old lady who, a few weeks before, had been paralyzed, the result of a stroke. Doctors could do nothing for the astronomer's mother.

In Nairobi there was a South African faith healer who works for the railway's administration. He would go into a trance, lay his hands on his patient, and quite

often achieve a cure. He went to the astronomer's house. A small outbuilding in the garden housed the telescope. The faith healer entered the old lady's bedroom, went into a trance and laid his hands on her. Then he started talking. He had no message for his patient. Instead he told the astronomer to go to his telescope and look at a certain part of the night sky.

The astronomer did as he was told. And there in a spot where they had no right to be were three glowing objects. They started to move -- and flew in formation across the sky. They were not stars, they were not meteorites. Which explained why a hard-headed, no nonsense executive came to believe in flying saucers.

Strange? Very, very strange.....When the faith healer came out of his trance, the executive's little old mother sat up, free of the crippling paralysis that no doctor could cure.

Parkes said he will believe in flying saucers when he sees one. But he believes that flying saucers were over Nairobi that night. The newspaper he was working for, the Daily Express, declined to print his story. "Too far out," they said. Yet, said Parkes, it's true, every word of it. (Tribune, Durban, So. Africa, 28 or 29 Jun 72) (Cr: C. van Vlieden, AX5GZ)

18 May 1972 - Napier, New Zealand (Thu/2000)-(I-a-.) - UFO BEAMS SEARCHLIGHT

From Mrs. B.A. Collins' home on Bluff Hill her son John, a student at Victoria University, observed a UFO through a small telescope for over an hour. John described the object he and his mother saw as "two lights, one on top of the other. The one on top was slightly larger and both had beams of white light which seemed to search the bush in the hills in a zig-zag pattern. The lights seemed to move in patterns, or sometimes irregularly. It was fantastically bright," he said. "It must have been to be over the hills and still be visible from Napier." After about 10 minutes the object disappeared, but reappeared after one or two minutes over Tangoio, about 45 miles away. That meant the object had travelled about 30 miles in about two minutes. "I think that rules out any explanations of helicopters or airplanes, or even shooting stars, because the object became almost stationary while it searched near Tangoio with its lights," Mr. Collins said. A non-believer before Thursday, he now is convinced there is something to UFOs. "They behaved too peculiarly to be searchlights, aircraft, cloud inversion, the headlights of passing cars, or anything normal," he said. (Daily Telegraph, Napier, N.A., 20 May 72)

Btwn 21 & 27 May 72 - Lichfield, New Zealand (x)-(#)- THIRD BARE EARTH CIRCLE

A bare patch of earth was found on a farm near Tokoroa, the third in the last three months. The patch was found on the farm of Mr. K.S. Cox, at Lichfield, about 6 miles north of Tokoroa, by his neighbor, Mr. C.M. White who saw the patch just near his boundary fence. Like the other patches found in the area, this one has been completely ridden of all the surface grass. Mr. White said that if cattle had been there they would have trampled the grass into the ground. The patch is almost perfectly circular, some 12 paces across, and completely devoid of grass. (So. Waikato News, Tokoroa, N.Z., 30 May 72, Waikato Times, Hamilton, N.Z., 1 Jun 72)

11 Jun 1972 - Blackmill, Wales, Eng. (Sun/2345)-(I-c-.) - POLICEMAN SPOTS UFO

A cigar-shaped flying object was seen over Glynogwr mountain by Police Constable Harris of Blackmill. P.C. Harris, off duty, was out walking with his father-in-law when he saw the object about 40 feet above the mountain. The UFO was about 30 feet long, darkish colored, and had a blue light at either end, no wings and made no noise. It was in view for about half a minutes as it traveled slowly southwards. A police spokesman in Bridgend said a farmer nearby was awakened about the same time and saw the UFO which agitated sheep and birds. (Glamorgan Gazette, Bridgend & District, Wales, 16 Jun 72 & Echo, South Wales, Eng., 12 Jun 72)

13 Jun 1972 - Roehampton, Eng. (Tue/2000)-(I-B-a-@) - WITNESS SAYS 7 SAUCERS LANDED

"I was looking out over Richmond Park when I saw the first one," said Miss Shirley

Devereux of 38 Allbrook House, Danebury Ave., Roehampton. "It was a conglomeration of lights, it hovered over the park, about 30 feet above the ground, and then moved across the park until it stopped near the priory. Then it just disappeared," she said. She said she saw a number of other lights converging on the spot where the first one had disappeared at between 10 pm and 12:15am. "By this time I was watching through binoculars, the lights were so bright that my mother could see clearly with her naked eye. The lights were brilliant orange, they seemed to go duller before they landed. I could see a distinct flying saucer shape," she said. (Surry Comet, Eng., 17 Jun 72)

16 Jun 1972 - Leeds, Alabama (Fri/0900)-(I-0#) - FLYING SAUCER LANDS IN YARD

Shortly after Robert Taylor left his home on Highway 25, five miles south of Leeds, his wife heard a loud explosion and looked up over the back yard and saw the thing coming down. Two parts, apparently separated in mid-air by the explosion, landed in Taylor's yard, 20 feet from the house. About six feet in diameter, the device is constructed of a heavy-textured metallic fabric with a hard coating of what appears to be white enamel. The underside of the top half is lined with fiberglass and appears to have contained a series of concentric rings tunneling through insulation material. The saucer also contains a tail fin and an exhaust port. Taylor is attracting more attention than a new truck as he shows off the top half of the slickly-designed "saucer" in the maintenance shop in International Harvester where he works. He said the bottom half is still at home and is more heavily damaged. Bits of the insulation material were scattered over his yard. The "saucer" is surmounted by a small white dome made of the same material as the body. Taylor said the Air National Guard "didn't know anything about it--or else they weren't saying." (News, Birmingham, Ala., 22 Jun 72)

18 Jun 1972 - (near)Barstow, Calif. (Sun/2330)-(I-A-bc-.) - UFO RUNS CAR OFF ROAD

Mr. Darrell Totten of Highland, Calif. wrote to The Sun about a previously printed UFO sighting by two George AFB airmen. The airmen, Gary Corley and Randolph Wogoman, reported seeing a "bright orange object" about 1am that seemed to be 375 feet in diameter as it sank behind a building southwest of their security-police beat at George AFB. No evidence was found of the object having landed.

Mr. Totten and his two passengers had stopped at the scene of a minor accident to find about 30 people far more interested in watching a strange, circular object moving quickly about in the sky above, changing from bluish-white in color at higher altitude, then to a weird orange-yellow as it came down into the smog-filled lower atmosphere. A pickup camper and trailer belonging to a family of four had been run off of the dirt road. The two almost hysterical girls, aged 9 and 11, said that the "thing" had hovered around their campsite the night before for more than three hours, hurting their ears with its strange whirring sound each time it ascended from "almost on top of us" as "a big round orange-colored thing" which became a second later "just a big bright-blue dot high in the sky." The still-frightened girls were telling their story to Totten in between the several "dips" the "craft" made over them as people tried to move the camper out of the ditch. Each time the "thing" moved in, as though exploring the various automobile lights and flashlights trained on the repair job, the two little girls would cover their ears and throw themselves at their mother's feet, sobbing. Totten also heard a faint whirring sound when the object came near, and he was shaken. The noise he heard was not any louder than a vacuum cleaner noise though. Since the father had told his family's story to a deputy sheriff Sunday afternoon, only to be told that they were imagining things, Totten assumed that the story would be in all the papers and failed to secure the name and address of the family who believed that they were the target of the "thing." Totten exchanged cards with a lady from Inglewood since they both were the only ones to take pictures of the object. Before Totten had arrived on the scene, the lady from Inglewood said the thing has "swooped in" over the dirt road ahead of the pickup and trailer, causing the 9-year-old girl to grab her father and cause him to drive off the road. They had doubted the story until the "thing" returned with another rather loud "swoon" over them. The younger of the two girls had been quite physically ill since the first appearance of the object over their campsite Saturday, although she had heretofore been a healthy child. Totten plans to

contact the Inglewood lady again if he does not obtain a logical explanation.
(Sun, San Bernardino, Cal., 1 Jul 72)

26 Jun 1972 - Fort Beaufort, South Africa (Mon/0800)-(I-24) - UFO HIT BY RIFLE SHOTS

A flying saucer was reportedly seen over Mr. Bennie Smith's (or Smit) Braemar farm about 15km from Fort Beaufort for over four hours. A squad of specially-trained police officers, under the leadership of Brigadier A. Vosloo left Grahamstown to take photographs and make plaster casts of the more than 10 imprints left by the UFO at various points on the farmlands before it disappeared into the thick bush nearby.

The UFO was first spotted by an African worker, Boer, at about 8am and did not take off for the bush until noon, all the time in bright sunlight. In that time, at least 15 .303 rifle shots were fired at it, some by Mr. Smith, a crack shot, at a range of only 7m. Warrant Officer P.R. van Rensburg, police station commander at Fort Beaufort, who was telephoned by the farmer, also saw and fired on the UFO. The police have photographs of imprints left on the ground by the UFO.

Descriptions tally that the object was oval, gunmetal in color, about 3/4m across. It glowed and frequently changed color from green to yellow to white.

Mr. Smith (40) has a plumbing business in East London. He was spending a holiday at his farm when the UFO appeared. Smith said, "I sent a colored laborer, Boer, to inspect a reservoir, and about nine o'clock that sunny morning he came back saying he had had a big fright at some ugly thing he had seen. He took me with him to point it out. It seemed to glow red in the bush, and as I watched it turned from bright red to dark green and then to whitish yellow. I told Boer to watch it while I went back to fetch my .303 rifle and telephone the police.

"Warrant Officer P.R. van Rensburg and Sergeant P.C. Kitching arrived. My laborers tried to drive it from dense bush. We noticed a star-like protruberance at the right of the oval-shaped thing--something that seemed to grow in size as the white light it emitted grew in intensity. We couldn't shoot at it because the laborers were in our line of fire but as it disappeared downwards, I fired at the star. I'm a pretty good shot and the thing no longer changed color once the star had been hit. It stayed a darkish, gunmetal color. Boer said there were dull thuds when the bullets did connect. Altogether 15 shots were fired, but none of them seemed to affect the object's course. Only when the Africans got too close did it veer away into the trees. Finally it disappeared in the very dense Fordyce Bush and we could hear it crashing through the undergrowth--but when we followed we could see no sign of its passage." Mr. Smith said his cine camera was in the farmhouse but he was so frightened--"that I just thought of shooting at it." According to Warrant Officer van Rensburg, who also shot at it, the UFO was round, black and shiny. Twelve policemen later combed a five-square-kilometre area, collecting soil specimens and sod imprints which will be sent to the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research for photographing and analysis.

At least seven people saw the object and their estimates of its size vary from 25cm to 2 metres long.

Sketches drawn by Mr. Smith show that after the star had been hit, the object turned over and the star object appeared on the left.

The object was also seen by residents in Wellington, who claim that the shining, pulsating UFO flew over the town and disappeared in the direction of Worcester. Mr. J. Fourie of Wilson Basson Road, Wellington, said he was wakened by his wife just before 7:30am to show him "a bright orange thing" hovering over the Wellington Orphanage. After watching the object for a while, he saw it rise and move off towards Paarl. It then flew over the mountain towards Worcester. Milkman J. Basson saw the object, "smaller than an aircraft and shining with a whitish flickering light," at 7:25am. It made no sound and was too low for an aircraft.

The UFO left a trail like an elephant's toeprints on Mr. Smith's farm. The object moved like a spinning top.

On June 28 Brigadier A.P. Vosloo said the "tracks" said to have been made by the mysterious object were not spaced equally. This caused him to have doubts, but he said that the people who claimed to have seen the object were adamant about it. All descriptions of the object were virtually identical. The eye-witnesses only differed

on its size. Specimens of soil at the site of the imprints found in the bush above which the UFO was sighted, were taken and a sod carrying the clearest of the nine imprints was dug out. The specimens will be sent to the council for Scientific and Industrial Research for analysis. Rensburg said there were no other marks around the imprints. "The soil is clay and very damp and appears to be quite untouched," he said. No tracks of any kind led to or from the small clearing in the bush where the imprints were found. The circular imprints are about the width of a fist and appear to be in sets of three. Mrs. E. Verschoor of Fort Beaufort, who studied the imprints said, "Thin but clear streaks running from one imprint to the other look like pads and seem to indicate a slight sideways sliding movement. At the top, two almost round marks resembling the 'toes' in an elephant's imprint suggest pressure was greatest at that point. Opposite the 'toe' marks, there is a raised area," she said.

A similar noise to the "humming" Mr. Smith heard when he saw the UFO was heard earlier by Mr. Fraser Moss who lives on a neighboring farm. On Saturday, June 17, he got up twice to see what the noise was. It could be heard clearly in the sky but he could see nothing, Mr. Moss said. (Daily News, So. Africa, 28 Jun 72; Natal Mercury, So. Africa, 29 Jun 72) (Cr: C. van Vlierden, ZS5GZ)

5 Jul 1972 - Fort Beaufort, So. Africa - A lecturer in geology at Fort Hare University, Mr. C.S. Kingsley said, "These imprints are definitely not animal or human" after spending several hours studying an imprint thought to have been made by a UFO on the farm Braeside. (Daily News, So. Africa, 5 Jul 72) (Cr: C. van Vlierden, ZS5GZ)

8 Jul 1972 - Fort Beaufort, So. Africa - Police apparently ordered strict secrecy over reports of explosions and bright flashes near Bennie Smit's farm. Mr. Smit said, "I am under strict instructions from Captain Calitz of the South African Police, not to make any statement to the press. I have nothing more to say." He refused to say where Captain Calitz is stationed. His wife, Mrs. Alicia Smit (28) interviewed earlier, commented, "There have been explosions around the farm today which no one can explain. At this moment I can see what appears to be a ball of fire travelling westwards." Regarding the rumor that police had cordoned off their Braeside Farm, she said, "If you came here tonight you would get as far as the gate and no further." Her brother-in-law, Mr. Raymond Rudman, who is staying with the Smits, confirmed that explosions had been heard during the afternoon. (Sunday Tribune, Durban, So. Africa, 9 Jul 72) (Cr: C. van Vlierden, ZS5GZ)

July 1972 - Dighton, Kansas (Daily/2300)-(2-A) - SITE OF RECURRING UFO

For several months this western Kansas town, population about 1,050, has been the site of recurring visits of an unidentified flying object. The fiery red phenomenon has been seen by the chief of police, several members of the force and a number of citizens, but the community remains relatively unconcerned.

"We didn't think much about it at first," Police Chief M.R. Shelton said. "We thought it might be the military taking infra-red pictures of the area to check feedlot runoff." Shelton describes the UFO as "round, red-orange and white light." He said the object is "bright as a cluster of lights on a football field" and hovers at a height of about 300-500 feet usually about 10 miles west of town. That is, it hovers until police begin to investigate. Shelton says the thing will remain stationary until an investigating officer radios another car about it. It then begins to move away. "Every time we transmit it moves."

Shelton, who saw it about two months ago, said he chased the UFO with his car at speeds of up to 100 miles per hour. He said it would run parallel to his car, or slightly ahead of it.

The UFO has been sighted several times a month, usually between 11pm and the early morning hours, since late February. The pragmatic rural Kansan has taken it calmly, Shelton said, "the public really razzed the first officers to see it, asking them what they'd been drinking. Since then, some have become more serious, asking us to call them if it's spotted again."

A Forbes Air Force Base spokesman at Topeka said, after a check back as far as April, "from the period between April and the current time Forbes has had no low-level

flights--low level being from ground level to 3,500 feet." Forbes does have a plane equipped to take infra-red photos but the spokesman said it flies "well in excess" of 50,000 feet. "And it can't hover--it's a twin-engine jet." MrConnell AFB at Wichita also indicated it had no flights over the area. (Rocky Mountain News, Denver, Colo., 18 Jul 72) (Cr: K. Steinmetz)

2 Jul 1972 - Fort Beaufort, So. Africa (Sun/1900)-(I-) - FLYING SAUCER SEEN BY MANY

Fort Beaufort's municipal commanage ranger, Mr. R. L. Brown, said he saw the UFO behind some bushes in the Fordyce area on the farm Braeside, where it was reported to have been seen last Monday. "I saw it clearly at about 7pm from the farm Argyle," he said. "I was with Mrs. Eileen Mairing, of Care Town, her 14-year-old son and my stepson, Billy Tidbury. We watched it for about 20 minutes from a distance of about 700 yards. It changed, yellow, blue, white and then red. When it was white the light was blinding. I could not get over it." He described the object as "elongated, a flat triangular shape." It appeared to have a tail about 2m long. "It hovered among the bushes and bobbed up and down, lighting up the whole bush. It suddenly went off in the direction of Grahamstown, and when it goes, it goes like mad. The light is something like one a welder gives off, but much stronger," he added.

In Bedford, Warrant Officer Erasmus, station commander, and two of his men reported seeing an object fitting the descriptions of the one seen in the Fort Beaufort area.

About 8 o'clock, a group of people in Fort Beaufort watched a UFO in a blinding flash of red, blue, green and yellow lights. It was saucer-shaped, they say, and flew over the town with its points facing earthwards. It sent out a steady ray of light. It seemed to travel from northwest to southwest. One small boy reported that "it appeared to be landing." (Natal Mercury, So. Africa, 4 Jul 72) (Cr: C. van Vlierden, ZS5GZ)

2 & 4 Jul 1972 - Queenstown, So. Africa (Sun/1200 & Tue/0720)-(4-a) - UFO DETECTOR BUZZES AS UFOs SIGHTED

As people reported seeing UFOs on at least four occasions, a high-pitched buzzer sounded in the home of Mr. Joe Gerber of Queenstown. The buzzing came from a little gadget housed in the lid of a shoe box and connected to the electricity mains. Mr. Gerber said it was a UFO detector he imported from the United Kingdom six years ago. The buzzer has sounded four times this week, three of the occasions being within six minutes shortly after noon on Sunday. The fourth time the gadget buzzed was at 7:20am on Tuesday. Gerber said the device had sounded on other occasions in the past and he had later read newspaper reports of UFOs being seen in the area. He said he had noted the weather conditions each time the device had buzzed and he had also found all other electrical equipment to be working properly. Aircraft had not effected the device. (Daily News, So. Africa, 8 Jul 72) (Cr: C. van Vlierden, ZS5GZ)

5 Jul 1972 - Kimberley, So. Africa (Wed/2100)-(2-AC) - UFO HOVERS OVER TRUCKS

A UFO was sighted by three station formen at neighboring railway stations along the main Trans-Karoo line in the vicinity of the Orange River about 100 km from Kimberley. First seen by Mr. Lourens Rautenbach at Kraankuil station at about 9pm, it came from the direction of Petrusville, he said. "At first it looked like a ball of fire which changed color from blue to green and was about 25cm in diameter. It flickered along the outer edge and it looked as though it had life in it." He said "the thing" changed in size as it swung away in a semi-circle towards Orange River station. He telephoned Orange River station and alerted them. Mr. Francois van Rensburg, forman at Orange River Station said, "I saw it as it appeared over a ridge from the direction of Hopetown." It was a bright object, whitish-yellow in color, which moved at a steady height and was noiseless. "It flickered as it faded in a northerly direction towards the Orange River near Witput." Mr. Nick Basson, foreman at Witput station, said the object was unearthly. "It was hovering above the trucks in the station yard when I first saw it," he said. "It was about the size of a saucer and was yellow and amber. As I watched it, it shot off over Hopetown." He said it reappeared in about half-an-hour and shot back past the station, then moved off in the direction of the

Orange River.

Fort Beaufort has been plagued by the mysterious object for 10 days. It hovers, flashes green, red, blue and white, and appeared in a valley about 7k west of town. UFOs have also been reported over Durban several times in the last week. (Daily News, So. Africa, 6 Jul 72) (Cr: C. van Vlierden, ZS5GZ)

5 Jul 1972 - Vryburg, So. Africa (Wed/2215)-(I-.) - LOW HOVERING UFO

A UFO "as big as a house" was seen hovering at rooftop level by a group of young people in a car. Mr. Jurie Wessels (23), a Northern Cape cattle farmer, was driving relatives home from a drive-in cinema. With him was his wife Helen (22), his sister Hannie (19), a University of Pretoria student, his brother-in-law, Edward Verseput (15), of Auckland Park, Johannesburg, and a cousin, Johan Pienaar (16) of Springs. They were driving Hannie home first along the Molopo Road. Mrs. Helene Wessels said, "It is an open road with no lights to distract us. Suddenly a huge flying ball appeared right in front of us. It seemed to be hovering about 7m from the ground and at first appeared to be right over my mother-in-law's house. Jurie slowed down the car as it seemed at one stage that we would bump right into it. As we watched it turned from red to green. Then lots of sparks flew from the side. It turned yellow and in a flash was gone. I was terrified." (Sunday Times, So. Africa, 9 Jul 72) (Cr: C. van Vlierden, ZS5GZ)

6 Jul 1972 - Port Elizabeth, So. Africa (Thu/1950)-(3-b) - UFO PHOTOGRAPHED

For nearly 35 minutes editorial and staff members of a newspaper watched what appeared to be an egg-shaped light flashing and vibrating in the sky. Mr. J. Erasmus first reported seeing an object about the size of a tennis ball, changing color from yellow to white in the sky above the Post Office. A reporter and photographer, scanning the sky from the roof of their building, could not locate the object, but found a flashing object in the sky above Newton Park. The photographer using a telephoto lens, took pictures of it. Mr. Hymie Schauder and Mr. N.J. Vogt of the CSIR examined the photographs and said, "The photographs are worthy of study." They were forwarding them to Pretoria. (Natal Mercury, So. Africa, 7 Jul 72) (Cr: C. van Vlierden, Zs5GZ)

22 July 1972 - Ashburton, South Africa (Sat/0100)-(I-@) - UFO BLOCKS BRIDGE

Two motorists, Mr. C. McDuling and Mr. R. Barker, were returning to the capital when they were confronted by a giant, dazzling white light, which had apparently settled on the Moushini Bridge. They said they at first thought the light was caused by another vehicle. As they approached it, Mr. Barker flicked his car's lights, but got no response. Eventually they were blinded by it and Mr. Barker stopped the car and put off its lights. The object was sitting on the bridge, blocking the entire road and standing as high as their car. It emitted a blinding white light, "like a huge neon light." Before the two men could overcome their initial shock, the "thing" shot straight up into the sky and vanished.

Two constables, Chris Claassen and Nico Fourie were sent to investigate. They were on the scene within half an hour. When they found nothing on the bridge, they turned back towards the capital. About two kilometers from the bridge they saw a bright light among some trees on their left in a valley half way between the road and the main Durban-Pietermaritzburg railway line. They swung their patrol van around to get to a dirt road which leads in the direction of the railway line. They had to get out to open a gate. As they went through it, the strange light "went out" and no trace could be found of it, although the policemen went right to the place where they thought they had seen it. A search of the area the following day revealed nothing. (Natal Mercury, Durban, So. Africa, 24 Jul 72) (Cr: C. van Vlierden, ZS5GZ)

UFO COMMENTS AND OPINIONS:

UFOs MOST FREQUENTLY SIGHTED ON WEDNESDAYS, STUDY REVEALS

More unidentified flying objects are sighted on Wednesdays than on any other day, according to a computer study of 18,000 UFO reports.

"This finding should put to rest the idea that UFO sightings are the result of

weekend partying and hallucination," said Dr. David Saunders, who conducted the study.

Dr. Saunders is professor of psychology at the University of Colorado.

He said the notion that UFO reports are the result of drunkenness or mental unbalance "is just one example of the effect the U.S. Air Force's anti-UFO propanganda has had on popular thinking."

The study, Dr. Saunders said, also revealed that most UFOs are sighted in the daytime, and that reports tend to come from areas where the education level is high. (National Enquirer, 27 Aug 72) (Cr: J. Clark)

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