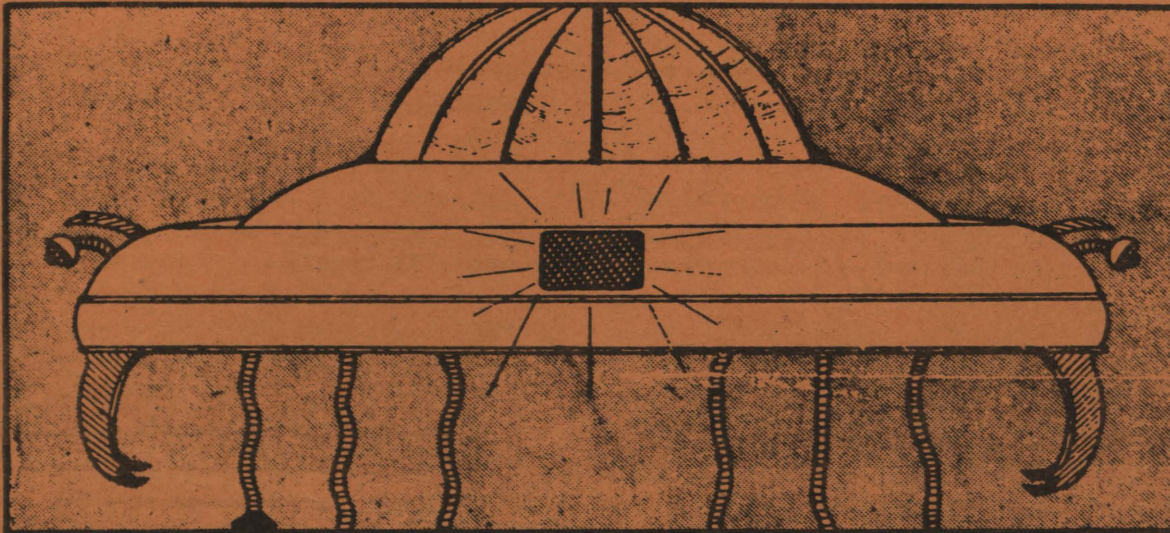


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## 'WE FLED FOR OUR LIVES'



A man, his wife and their children recently fled their home in Colusa, California, when one of two UFOs hovering near their home on the outskirts of town started to act in a threatening manner.

Bill Pecha, 39, mechanic and his wife Lenda, 34, both saw the unidentified flying object, as did their children and another couple to whom the Pechas fled for refuge. Before the terrifying UFO attack, Pecha said he had always been sceptical about the existence of UFOs.

"But I believe now," he said after his shattering experience. "There's got to be something." His wife added: "It was something I have never seen before and I have a feeling it was not something our people have made."

A local policeman, Bill Wheeler, spoke to Pecha while investigating the incident. He said: "Pecha is a very reliable person I would say. He was quite convinced of what he had seen. I don't think he is an excitable type. I would say he was very sane and could be relied on."

Pecha would never have seen the alien spacecraft if his TV set had not suddenly gone off due to a power failure. The air conditioner went off at the same time, and he decided to check outside to see if a power line was down. But when he went outside he saw a flying saucer hovering above his home. He described the object as being about 140 feet wide. Said Pecha: "At first I couldn't believe what I was seeing. Then I felt all my hair standing on end."

"It was a crystal clear night, about 12:45 a.m., and I could see it had a ribbed dome that was a dull silvery color. The edge of the saucer area looked like stainless steel and was rotating. But there was no sound."



Then, Pecha says, the saucer started moving away, retracting six dangling objects that looked like metallic cables along with two long hooks. It then switched on two white lights and a shaft of white light that ended in mid-air.

Terrified, Pecha ran back inside his house and he and his wife saw the UFO speeding towards a ridge of hills about 20 miles away. It reached them in a few second and flooded them with light. Then it turned around and headed back for Pecha's home. Now thoroughly terrified, he decided to get his family to safety. In explaining his actions, Pecha said: "It was more horrifying the more I saw of it."

Pecha piled his family into his pickup truck and drove off towards the home of friends at 90 miles per hour. When he reached the home of Les and Gayle Arant he pounded on their front door.

Said Gayle Arant later: "He was yelling at me to look up in the sky. This very large object was going across the sky from east to west. I was dumb-founded. I really believe it was from outer space."

Whatever it was, the mysterious object cannot be pooh-poohed away by those who claim flying saucers don't exist. It was the UFO that chased Pecha and another smaller one which caused the power failure in his home. When he first went out he saw them hovering over the 500,000 volt power lines not far from his home. The lines, he said, were glowing red.

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#### UFOs TRACKED IN SPANISH PROVINCE OF BISCAYE

According to some witnesses, more than over eighty tracks made by numerous UFOs landings, have been discovered on a raised strip of ground close to Ballarta, In the Spanish province of Biscaye.

Indeed, several inhabitants are claiming that they have heard some noises and have seen some strange lights, particularly in the night above this terrace located in a wild, lonely spot, near a mine. The tracks which have been discovered are in circular shapes with different radius. A witness, who is a technical manager in one of the most important dockyards of Bilbao has claimed that he had seen in full daylight, "a queer object shaped like a mushroom" which rose up with high speed, above this earth platform.

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#### UFO OVER LAKE BODENSEE SEEN BY EIGHT PEOPLE

Unless Rudi Grutsch and Herr Zirn drank too much the other night, they claim they saw two UFOs.

It was last week Thursday at 2:00 a.m. that Herr Schaffler came out of his bar in Langenargen (Germany). Immediately he heard a shrill sound and about 50 meters high he saw two objects making a ringing noise. He says, I cried, "Help! Help!" and ran away. Herr Schaffler jumped from fright -- right through a glass window. His friend stated, "the parkplace was lit with a green light". Five other friends all claim they saw and heard the two UFOs above them.



1977 NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE

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Dear Diehard Saucerite:

The 14th Annual National UFO Conference will be held Saturday, August 6, 1977, at the Hotel San Franciscan in -- you guessed it -- San Francisco, California.

Since 1964 the Con has been primarily a gathering of so-called "Middle Ufologists" - those who are other than hard-line supporters of NICAP, APRO, MUFON or contactees - although no group or individual has ever been excluded from participation. The Con, like UFO reports, has had a cyclical presence over the years ranging from pomp and spectacle in New York City to "smoke filled rooms" in an Ohio YMCA. This is the first time the event has been held west of the Mississippi, which is anomalous, since the West has always been a region with a high concentration of UFO activity. Interest is especially high among Californians and many will be attending. Not only do we expect the "closed sessions" to be well attended, but also the projected "public session."

A gathering of ufologists inevitably leads to an *éclaireissement* for all who attend. I look forward to sharing this with you in August.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dale Rettig

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SPELLBINDING UFOs - Des Moines Register - April 4, 1977

Enthusiasm for stories about unidentified flying objects (UFOs) continues in the tabloid press and, according to sampling polls, belief in their significance is widespread among the general public, eight years after the official Condon report concluded that "further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified".

Eleven months after the Condon report on its two year, \$539,740 study, the Air Force discontinued its Project Bluebook. In 20 years Project Bluebook had investigated 12,618 reports of observations on UFOs and found natural explanations for all but 701 of them. Whatever those 701 were, they did not present a military danger to the United States, the Air Force investigators concluded.

Sightings and private studies have continued. Some studies are by passionate believers, which makes the results suspect, but others are by respected scientists working on reports screened by police forces.

After the Condon report, many scientists were content to leave the question to enthusiasts. But a recent questionnaire addressed to 2,611 members of the American Astronomical Society showed that 80 per cent of the 1,356 answering thought that UFOs deserve further study.



The subject will not die. Condon and the Air Force killed in vain. UFOs are important if real; tantalizing whether real or not.

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UFOs OVER HANNIBAL - Quincy Herald, Whig, Illinois - April 13, 1977

Two UFOs spotted hovering over the Burlington Northern railroad yards about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday weren't UFOs after all. They proved to be only two chemical flares suspended from a kite, police said.

Police, investigating numerous reports of the sighting, discovered the brightly glowing green lights were actually two flares attached to a single kite string but separated from each other so as to give the appearance of the lights chasing each other.

The end of the kite string was attached to an area near the base of "Lovers Leap" south of Hannibal.

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