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J. A. Hynek

## 21 YEARS ON STUDY

# Expert Asks Public To Report All UFOs

Despite the possibility of ridicule, people who see unidentified flying objects should report them, an astronomy professor from Illinois said at the University of Waterloo Thursday.

The advice came from J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, Chicago, who has studied the UFO situation for 21 years.

Voicing concern about "the problem," Prof. Hynek said despite the fact that sightings are still being made daily, nothing is being done about it.

He investigates every puzzling report he can, while urging the United States government to provide funds for a thorough study.

Another problem is the acceptance by the government of a report from Dr. Edward U. Condon at the University of Colorado. The United States Air Force commissioned the study, which reached no conclusion.

The government has closed the subject, he said.

Prof. Hynek has found that from 20 to 30 per cent of people who attend talks of UFOs have seen something which they could not explain or know someone who has, but only a small percentage were reported.

This leads him to believe that there is a "vast untapped reservoir of information in the unreported sightings."

But he is looking for just the "close encounters . . . moving lights are a dime a dozen."

Prof. Hynek said he was

"disturbed" by unexplained sightings.

He said 30 per cent of the reports in the Condon book could be blamed on natural heavenly bodies, 30 per cent were birds, balloons or other misinterpreted natural phenomena, and the rest were not explained.

"A great many UFO sightings are actually LFOs . . . that is, identifiable flying objects. Mostly they are cases of misinterpretation.

He said many assume UFOs contain extra-terrestrial beings and, in fact, "many people hope they do have little green men in them . . . it makes them feel more comfortable . . . something to believe in."

The astronomer showed a number of slides.

Most of the pictures showed classical, disc-shaped objects, silver metallic in hue and often pointed on top. All the objects were said to have moved rapidly.

Prof. Hynek said in the hundreds of reports he has investigated, most witnesses were intelligent, educated and articulate. He believed them to be relating what they saw.

Observers of UFOs include airline pilots, air control operators, reputable businessmen and scientists.

"Yet the government and the air force say that UFOs don't exist.

"UFOs cause some laughter among people when they talk about the subject, but this giggling simply shows people's anxiety about the situation."

A question period followed the professor's talk.

November 5, 1969  
Hamilton, Ontario  
Canada  
Spectator

## 'Cooked' Dead scrub mystery

AUCKLAND (CP) — New Zealand has been puzzled for the last couple of months by the mysterious appearance of circles of vegetation on widely-separated farms in various parts of the country.

Scientists claim all of them can be explained, but their explanations have not convinced a good many people who have visited the sites.

The first phenomenon appeared early in September near the township of Ngatea, where a 60-foot circle of scrub was found dead and bleached on a farm, with three V-shaped grooves inside the circle and pointing to the centre. There were no marks of a tracked vehicle anywhere near.

Members of the Auckland University Unidentified Flying Objects Research Group visited the spot and were certain the phenomenon was no hoax and rejected a plant disease as responsible.

A HORTICULTURIST claimed that the scrub was cooked from the inside out and that "no earthly source of energy" would cause such an effect.

However, government scientists who visited the site some time later gave an opinion that the cause was saprophytic fungus living in the dead tissue probably following flight. An official government statement denied that there was any radioactivity present.

Other scientists said the marks on the ground were caused by pigs rooting.

But the farmer on whose property the phenomenon appeared is far from happy with the findings. He denies that fungus attack produces an effect such as described, and says he knows perfectly well what pig rooting looks like and it does not resemble the marks on his farm.

Meanwhile, two mysterious circles of burned grass appeared on a farm at Kaharua, in another district. The owner of the farm was riding his horse when he saw the brown circles, but the horse became "specky and silly" and refused to go near the area.

A GOVERNMENT scientist who visited the sites on the other side of the country

tion. Later, a third circle was found lying across a fence line — and the fence was undamaged.

A farmer some distance away reported that he saw two bright orbs of light following each other low in the western sky one night at about the time the circles appeared.

Later, reports also claimed that disease or a spray could have been responsible for the circles, but local people again rejected the theories.

Another burned circle was found a few days later in still another area at Puketutu on a small island in the middle of a pond. A farmer was herding cattle down to the pond, but suddenly they turned about and rushed away.

A dog would not drink from the pond and further attempts to get the cattle near it were fruitless.

December 2, 1969  
Muscatine, Iowa  
Journal

## UFO sighted; thefts reported

Reports of an unidentified flying object (UFO) and thefts of items from car have been given Muscatine police.

The UFO was reported by Burdette Pettit, 318 Green St., about 10:29 p.m. Monday. Pettit said he saw a bright blue light and red flashing light over the Mississippi river bridge, according to the police "blotter."

Dan Robertson, 1520 Washington St., reported the theft of two tachometers from his stock car.

Four recapped tires (825x14) were reported stolen by Robert Ferrin, 1206 Grand Ave.

Harold Blake of Blake's TV Service, 210 Iowa Ave., reported the screen on a back door of the firm had been cut between closing hour Saturday night and Monday morning. No entry was gained to the building.

November 4, 1969  
Cedar Falls, Iowa  
Record

## Youths tell of seeing UFO

Five Cedar Falls youths claimed to have seen an unidentified flying object over the city Monday shortly after 9 p.m.

The five, Daryl Whithead, 16; Dan Tedlie, 17; Tom Neessen, 17; Steve Kerr, 16, and Jerry Sires, 17, said the object had three big red lights "bigger than street

lights," and a red glow. They said the object was sighted over South Main St., and was lost as they drove up over a hill.

Cedar Falls Police, the Iowa Highway Patrol, and the Waterloo Municipal Airport were notified of the "UFO," but were unsuccessful in tracking it down.

Note: See back issues for more info.

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I would like to take this time to wish all our subscribers a very Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Red B. Dyke  
UFOC/CS

# Physicist urges less laughter, more serious attention for UFOs

By STEVE BAILEY

The group who came to the University of California, Riverside, Tower Mall yesterday to lounge on the grass and hear about "little green men" — went away disappointed.

Instead of telling anecdotes of extraterrestrial visitors, as many seemed to expect, Stanton T. Friedman presented a rather staid argument for the theoretical existence of flying saucers.

Blasting the Air Force for "deception" in its treatment of unidentified flying objects (UFO), Friedman called for "lifting the laughter curtain" regarding UFOs.

"What we're dealing with is a philosophical problem," Friedman said, admitting "flying saucers are sort of a peculiar subject to talk about."

Friedman, who holds a master's degree in physics from Northwestern University, began his talk with the assertion, "we have been visited by intelligently controlled vehicles from outside earth."

The sparse crowd of about 200 showed its relish at this hint of what was to come.

However, Friedman relied on Senate hearings, and Air Force statistics for most of his argument, rather than popular accounts of visits by humanoids, as he termed them, and the crowd grew restless, melting to half its size by Friedman's conclusion.

If they had endured statistics, they would have heard an impressive, but theoretical argument for the existence of UFOs.

The Air Force, Friedman charged, is guilty of "dishonesty or a credibility gap — whatever you want to call it" for stating that all UFO sightings can be explained by "conventional phenomenon under unconventional circumstances."

As an example, Friedman noted a recent Air Force press release from the midwest explaining thousands of reports of a UFO sighting from competent sources as due to the atmosphere's effect on three bright stars.

"It sounded very convincing," said Friedman, until he checked the documentation.

"There was only one problem," Friedman said. "The stars that the Air Force said caused the phenomenon

were on the other side of the earth when the sightings occurred."

Friedman said the Air Force Project Bluebook Report Number 14 listed 434 unexplained sightings from reliable observers.

"That's 19.7 per cent of the total cases," according to Friedman.

Friedman commented on a list of "common misbeliefs" concerning UFOs as follows:

✓ Only UFO "buffs" report sightings — "The exact opposite is nearer the truth."

✓ UFOs are reported by unstable people — "True, but even greater numbers are reported by stable intelligent observers."

✓ UFOs are never reported by scientifically trained people — "Completely false."

✓ UFOs are never seen at close range, just at a distance — "The opposite is probably truer."

✓ UFO reports are generated by publicity — "True, but it isn't the sole cause of high incidences of sightings."

✓ UFOs have never been officially sighted on Air Force radar — "Certainly, but that's not to say that many 'oddities' haven't been sighted."

We must be willing not to use conventional standards on unconventional problems, according to Friedman. Less than a decade ago, a noted scientist proved reports of UFOs traveling 10,000 miles per hour were false because, he contended, they would have burned up in the atmosphere at such speeds.

Which was very true at that time, said Friedman. But today Project Apollo vehicles leave and re-enter the earth's atmosphere at 18,000 mph with no ill effects.

At the conclusion of Friedman's lecture, several youths came forward and asked questions about such reports as the seduction of a Brazilian farmer by humanoids in a flying saucer.

It seemed to be what the suddenly interested group had been waiting for all along.

## IN TOBACCO ROW AREA

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### Couple Reports Flying Object

A Bedford County couple has reported a large, bright, fast moving unidentified flying object that spanned the sky Thursday in a matter of minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Capron of Locust Hill off Boonsboro Road said they watched the object for "two to three minutes." Mrs. Capron said it came out of the Tobacco Row Mountain area in Amherst County and traveled southeast for "about two to three" minutes before disappearing. She said she and her husband watched the object, which she described as "too large to be an airplane", travel "lickety-split" across the sky in a line parallel to the earth's curvature.

She further described the object as "very large" and white, but added that she had no idea of its size, distance from her, or angle in relation with the earth. "It was not just a ray of light," Mrs. Capron said, and she immediately ruled out the possibility of a search beam or an airplane. She said she and her husband sighted the UFO between 7:25 and 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Mrs. Capron said the unidentified object did not vary its speed and appeared to be at a high altitude.

Observers at the Federal Aviation Agency Control Tower at the Lynchburg Municipal Airport said there were no other reports of the unidentified object and it was not seen from the

tower. One observer added that a possible explanation might be the Echo balloon transmitter which is "80 to 100" feet across, and is still spanning the skies.

Echo is one of the few communications satellites visible with the naked eye, and comes within 1,000 miles of the earth at its closest point. It is visible for about five minutes and was launched in 1960.

The Lynchburg police say they've had no calls about the mysterious object. And the Lynchburg Fire Department

adds that it hasn't heard anything about it either.

Capt. N. E. Smoot, chief of the city's fire-prevention bureau, did say though, that there was an object sighted about a year ago.

He said it burned a circular land area an acre across behind the old Odd Fellows Hall off the Lynchburg Expressway. Smoot said that object apparently was a flare, judging from particles that were discovered during subsequent investigation.

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THE TELEGRAM, Toronto, Fri., Nov. 21, 1969

## showbits

Men from Mars, who terrified a million or more American radio fans 31 years ago, couldn't raise an eyebrow in San Antonio, Tex. recently.

The Orson Welles radio drama, War of the Worlds, was replayed by a local radio station on the 31st anniversary of its broadcast over a nationwide network on Halloween Eve, 1938.

Before the broadcast, San Antonio police were warned by the station they would be receiving telephone calls from frightened people calling about the landing of the Martians.

Nobody called police, but the station received some 300 requests for tape recordings of the program for their home libraries.

Cr: Mark Herbstritt

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**Sheriff's Chase  
Flying Saucers**  
2/65

BY GENE KIECKER  
Staff Writer

Most of the wild geese have gone south for the winter; however, people are still seeing things in the night sky.

Shortly after 2 a.m. Watonwan Deputy Sheriff Ernest Tande said he spotted "a big flashing red light not very far off the ground."

"At first it didn't move," said Tande as he related the incident. "Then it began to travel over towards the TV tower at Godahl. It stopped again then started in a southwestly direction. When it was directly west of me I called Steven Benson of the St. James Police and asked if he could see it."

"He couldn't see it at first but he called back a little while later and said he had spotted the object. Then it went northeast toward New Ulm less than 100 feet off the ground. It stopped at the west edge of Hanska real close to the ground and I could see it real good from where I was sitting on the county line road near LaSalle," Tande went on.

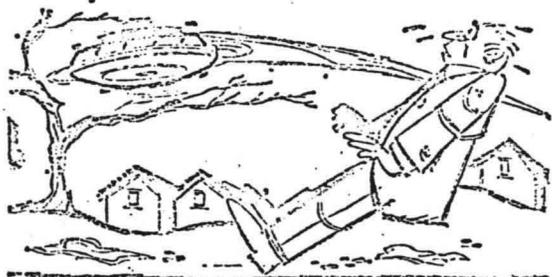
"The wind was from the northwest but I couldn't hear any motor noise or anything. At first I thought it was a lost airplane because it didn't travel in any definite direction. I got within a couple of miles of the object and I'm sure it wasn't an airplane," Tane continued.

"I just don't know what it was. It's got me buffaloed. During the chase Tande called the Blue Earth County Sheriff's office and they sent a man up to the intersection of Highways 68 and 15, at New Ulm but he didn't see anything, a Blue Earth Sheriff's officer said.

Brown County Sheriff's Dispatcher, Patrick Mathlowetz, on duty in New Ulm during the chase, said that on normal nights the Sheriff's radio is busy. Numerous transmissions are picked up from neighboring departments, but during the chase all radio traffic was at a standstill and the radio was silent, except for one transmission picked up from two departments in Iowa.

Apparently one department, unaware of what was going on, tried to reach another on some routine business but was squelched with this reply; "Shut up. I'm trying to hear what's going on up in Minnesota."

# UFOs Pop Up Here Despite Official No-Nos



By DOLORES FREDERICK  
October, 1959.

An unidentified flying object about the size of a tennis ball appeared over the City as a light, hovering, then dimming. The light suddenly went out "like a light bulb" and the birds began to chirp. But they shortly stopped to wait for daybreak.

A truck driver on his way to Murrysville from New Kensington at 4 a.m. spotted a cigar-shaped object in the sky.

It moved slowly for a few hours. The man called his wife and she watched the object as it disappeared when daylight came.

Fact? Fancy? A figment of the imagination of people who partied too much? Illusions?

### Plodding For Answer

"We will keep plodding until we find an answer," said Maj. Joseph J. Jenkins, a retired Army officer, and director of field investigations at the UFO Research Institute, Downtown.

He conceded the number of UFO sightings reported to the institute has declined since publication in January of the controversial Condon Report which called UFOs "just ordinary objects."

Maj. Jenkins explained one reason could be that people who sight UFOs are reluctant to report them.

"One woman, having written for information concerning UFOs," he said, "asked that her application for information be returned when she read that the Condon Report decided UFOs did not exist."

### Reports Still Coming

But he emphasized many of those who report UFOs insist "I know what I saw, and I don't care who says they don't exist. I saw it. That's all there is to it." Since January Maj. Jenkins said more than 100 reports have been filed at the UFO Institute.

Many of the sightings were reported from counties surrounding the City. But he pointed out "surprisingly enough" many came from within the City limits.

The reports are screened by the UFO staff. One was ex-

plained as a "sundog" -- bright spots of light passing through the sun.

### 'Hoaxes' Dismissed

Others were dismissed as "hoaxes". Some turned out to be aircraft advertising products with streamers and lights.

Mars and Venus were found to be at the root of many UFO reports, especially when the planets were at their brightest.

But the calls Maj. Jenkins says "make the field an interesting one" are those which defy explanations ... the round red discs blinking over wooded areas ... cigar shaped objects glowing in the night sky ... pulsating light beams.

Some UFO researchers believe UFOs may be life from other planets. But Maj. Jenkins said he is interested in UFOs to find out what they are.

Harry P. Kalapaca, vice president of the UFO Research Institute, says photos of UFOs -- which are relatively rare -- are put through rigid examinations.

### Metal Examined

Other work includes scientific analyses of metal fragments believed to be left behind by the UFOs, development of instruments to monitor UFOs, and educating scientists to take a hard look at UFOs to come up with a scientific explanation.

"We aren't stopping our efforts because of the Condon report," said Stanton T. Friedman, a nuclear physicist and former institute president who left the City this summer to work with TRW Systems in California.

Nevertheless, Mr. Kalapaca, a nuclear engineer, sees some hope in arousing the curiosity of more scientists in UFO research.

A two-day symposium will focus on UFOs at the prestigious American Assn. for the Advancement of Science annual meeting in Boston Dec. 25-31.

It will be under the direction of Thornton Page of the U.S.A. Naval Research Lab. in Washington.

THE EDMONTON JOURNAL, Friday, Nov. 7, 1969

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## Flying (apple) saucers

Argosy magazine is having a spot of flying saucer trouble, maybe because the saucers seem to be carrying cargoes of applesauce.

It began with an article a few months back in which writer Renato Vesco, in "The Truth About Flying Saucers" reported something like half the area of British Columbia is used for construction, housing and launching saucers; that he can prove saucers are of Canadian origin.

Which was challenged by a reader in Scarborough, Ont.

The Ontario man's letter to the Argosy editor brought this editorial footnote:

"Renato Vesco plans to include all of his proof in a book soon to be published on the subject of flying saucers.

"As for your (the Ontario reader's) criticism of his knowledge of the geography of Canada, perhaps you should consult a map yourself.

"Vesco claims that 125,000 square miles on the Alberta-British Columbia border have been relegated to saucer development. There is an oval-shaped section in this area, roughly bordered by the towns of Calgary, Edmonton, Peace River, Prince George and Jasper. The section contains very few settlements and roads and encompasses nearly 130,000 square miles—more than enough to contain the spread of which the author speaks."

City of Edmonton publicity officer Frank Hutton has advised Argosy—and not via saucer-mail—that the flying saucer development centre actually is at Pulling, Alta., on the approach to Creditability Gap through the Rockies.

2165 Term Paper On 'Flying Saucers' Merely Coincidental?

# It Being Near Halloween And All, Two Students Spot Unidentified Flying Object In Wildwood

By NATALIE CROZIER  
Register Staff Reporter  
"Flying saucers" — fact or fiction?

This was the dilemma faced Tuesday night by two Mobile College students as they reported an "unidentified flying object" (UFO) in Wildwood subdivision, off Cottage Hill Road in Mobile.

Cedric Sutherland and Jerry Talbert said they were driving along Raines Drive in the subdivision at 10:15 p.m. when they spotted what they thought was a plane flying very low. As they watched it, the object began descending at great speed.

Thinking the plane was crashing, they kept driving in that direction.

They finally realized that the "thing" was no airplane; it descended at a 45-degree angle, red lights flashing, then the lights went out and it apparently landed in a vacant lot, they reported.

The boys who admitted being "scared out of our wits," drove to a nearby store and called police.

After a long search by students, police and neighbors at the scene, the only evidence they could find was flattened grass and two small broken pine trees.

Sutherland said the object they saw was approximately 25-30 feet in diameter and 15 feet high, circular in form, with luminous raised panels encircling the exterior and lights surrounding the top and bottom of the object.

According to the witnesses,

it appeared made of a dark gray material; the panels, even with the lights out, appeared shiny. One estimated that the closest they ever came to the object was about 150 yards.

Talbert said the vehicle made no noise and there were no flames and no change in its appearance as it descended. His theory is that it possibly landed on an air cushion.

The two students, and some others who also are interested and curious, said they would be back at the scene Wednesday night, "if they could get up the courage."

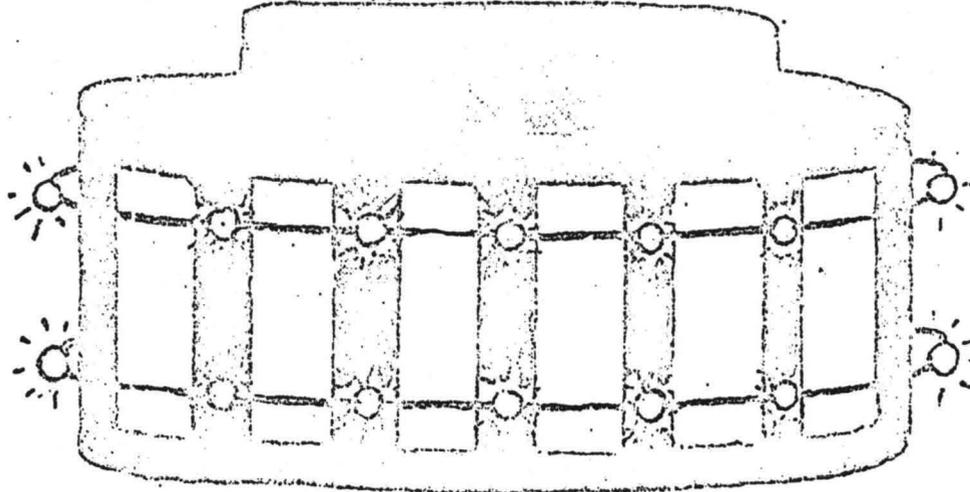
Talbert said his only thought at the time was that the "thing" was "the most unusual thing I've ever seen." Sutherland stated candidly, "Boy, was I scared!"

Truth or Halloween hoax? It is reported that last year other flying vehicles of the same description were sighted in the Wildwood section.

Police, however, remained skeptical.

Patrolman G. L. Presnell, who was called to the scene soon after the reported sighting, said there was no conclusive evidence that anything had landed in the field. Ten to fifteen-foot-high pines in the area showed no signs of being broken, he said.

Presnell also stated that Sutherland had told him he was visiting a girl friend on Raines Drive and that it was very coincidental that he was doing a paper for school on the subject of flying saucers at the time.



FLYING SAUCERS HERE? ? ? — Cedric Sutherland, a freshman at Mobile College, sketched this drawing of the unidentified flying object which he and another student, senior Jerry Talbert, said they saw Tuesday night in the Wildwood subdivision of

Mobile. They reported the object as being "dark grey, with luminous white panels circling the exterior, and two rings of red flashing lights." They said they judged it to be 35-50 feet in diameter, and about 15 feet high.

object either hovered or landed in the vacant lot on which they are standing. The vehicle, which they said had "very bright white lights and two rings of red flashing lights," apparently flared surrounding fires and landed over several trees (not background), they said.

POINTING OUT ALLEGED SITE — Two Mobile College students, Cedric Sutherland (left) and Jerry Talbert, reported seeing an unidentified flying object Tuesday night near the Wildwood subdivision in western Mobile. Sutherland holds the sketch he made of his impression of the "flying saucer." The students reported that the

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Flashing Light 2/65

# Deputy Sheriff Tande Trails Low Flying Object

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Craft Hovered,  
Made No Noise

"I was on a little township road west of Vernon Burgeson's when I first saw it - I saw this flashing red light north of me and it didn't seem to move." That's how deputy sheriff Ernest Tande described the start of his early morning experience with an unidentified flying object Wednesday.

He set the time as about 2 a.m. and the place as being about four miles south and east of LaSalle. The light traveled towards Godahl, St. James, back towards Godahl then to the northeast before disappearing from sight, Tande said.

it took off toward the northwest and when it got over by the Godahl tower it stopped again then started toward the southwest. It made a big arc and seemed to be traveling faster and closer to the ground."

Verification of the object came from St. James patrolman Steve Benson, who spotted it after being alerted by Tande via radio through the communications center.

It was then that he called the communications center thinking perhaps it was an aircraft in trouble - a helicopter, possibly. Patrolman Benson headed for the north part of St. James and while out near Sonny's Supper club he spotted it. Tande related that Benson exclaimed, "Holy smoke, that thing's just about sitting on the ground."

"I just don't know what to think about it," Tande told the Plaindealer. "I couldn't see anything other than a light and there was no noise from it. I stood outside the car and watched it and listened to it but there was no motor noise. It was low - even trees would break the view of the red light," he said.

In continuing his description of the chain of events, Tande said, "By then I had driven west and was over by Orville Madison's (about two and one-half miles south and west of LaSalle) when I spotted it again over by the Godahl tower.

The sky was clear early Wednesday morning when Tande first saw the light. "I stopped and watched it," deputy said. "It seemed to hover. A little bit later

"It was going in a northeasterly direction and I followed it east along the county line road." Tande said he notified Brown county authorities by radio as he drove east toward Hanska.

"It wasn't going very fast - it disappeared over the horizon," he said.

Did anyone else see Wednesday's "flying saucer?" Give the Plaindealer a call.

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Sleepy Eye, Minnesota  
Herald Dispatch

Flying Objects  
Mad Officers  
Page 1  
on the Alert

Flying objects had area law enforcement officers on the move early Wednesday.

It was shortly after 2 a.m. when Watonwan Deputy Sheriff Ernest Tande said he spotted a big flashing red light not very far off the ground.

"At first it didn't move," said Tande, as he related the incident to Gene Kiecker of the New Ulm Journal.

"Then it began to travel over towards the TV tower at Godahl. It stopped again then started in a southwesterly direction. When it was directly west of me I called Steven Benson of the St. James Police and asked if he could see it."

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THE EVENING REVIEW, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1969

## FROM OUR FILES

- 1929—Frank H. Taylor, 70, a long time resident and grocer of this city, was honored at a joint meeting of the Welland and Niagara Falls Rotary Club.
- 1939—Increased artillery activity was reported along the Moselle and Saar Rivers, and Luxembourg border guards who were unarmed were ordered to wear white helmets to distinguish them from the French and German soldiers.
- Dr. W. S. Mahon, graduate of the University of Toronto, 1935, became associated with Dr. S. A. Fisher, on the medical side of the clinic, on Buchanan Avenue.
- 1949—Premier Tito's Communist party newspaper reported a new purge in Bulgaria, to weed out communists who strayed from the Moscow line.
- Gordon D. Troup was named vice-chairman of the Board of Education.
- 1959—Aerial photographs were taken by Jack Judges, free lance cameraman, of a "flying saucer" being developed at the A. V. Roe Company aircraft plant near Toronto.

# Witnesses Report On UFOs In Manila

THE MANILA  
DAILY NEWS, JAPAN  
JULY 13, 1969

MANILA (UPI) — Three Filipino farmers and a construction engineer have submitted eyewitness reports on what might be the first sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) — and their mysterious passengers — in the Philippines.

At least two retired Filipino military officials, Col. Adelito de Leon (Air Force) and Col. Rufino C. Santiago (Army Corps), who were among the first to learn of the sightings, said they were inclined to believe them.

But U.S. Air Force Col. Alfred K. Patterson, air attache of the American Embassy in Manila, said he was skeptical about the reports after making an initial inquiry.

The reported sightings took place on four occasions in the past eight months — at 4 a.m., 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. last November 1 and at 10:30 p.m. on June 10. They all occurred within the vicinity of the Philippine Communications Satellite (Philcomsat) ground station, tucked inside a valley in Rizal Province 32 air miles east of Manila.

De Leon, former manager of the station, wrote a detailed report on last November's sightings based on interviews he and Santiago, assistant station manager, made with the three farmers.

The farmers' separate accounts were more or less identical about seeing a white low slung saucer-shaped vehicle landing and taking off near where they were and of two passengers inside. One of them gave a more closeup description of the passengers as being Caucasian looking with one about six feet tall, and wearing white flying suits without identification and glasslike or plastic-like headgears.

The latest sighting made last month was reported by engineer Leonardo de Luna, 25 as-

stant project superintendent at a development site near the station. Recounting his experience to United Press International, de Luna said he saw a big, yellowish "ball of fire" flashing in the sky, followed by a hovering, blinking red light for about 15 seconds.

De Leon sent his report on the November sightings to Sgt. Lonnie Zamora of the local police department in Socorro, New Mexico. De Leon said Zamora's account about a UFO, published in last September's issue of Pageant, "closely resembles what we have experienced here."

De Leon made his report available to UPI, he said, "in the interest of science." It quoted separate accounts of the three farmers who made the sightings within a span of hours in the same area about three miles due south of the communications station.

Col. Patterson, 43, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, visited the station recently after learning of the incidents from another embassy official who had been there earlier.

Asked by UPI about his impressions on the stories, Patterson said:

"As you know we (the U.S. Air Force) have an interest in this type of thing, apart from satisfying my own curiosity."

But he was openly skeptical on whether the sightings were actually on UFOs after reading de Leon's report and hearing de Luna's own account.

He was more doubtful about what De Luna saw and said it was "probably a plane flying over the area." On De Leon's report, he said he had no ready explanations about the detailed sightings and added "we just don't have enough information to make a decision or an investigation."

Patterson said the U.S. Air Force had conducted numerous investigations on reported UFO sightings in the United States and that the official findings were that "there ain't no such thing." He acknowledged this was the first such report brought to his attention in the Philippines.

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## City teacher, wife see UFO

An RCMP request for information about UFO sightings was answered Thursday when Jack Warkentin, a teacher at Green Acres School, reported to the police that he and his wife had seen a UFO Sunday, Oct. 5 between 1 and 1:30 a.m.

The RCMP interest resulted when a constable of the Melita detachment sighted a UFO Oct. 6 while on patrol.

The Warkentins were in the laneway between Madison Crescent and the Green Acres school yard, walking north of Queen's Avenue. To the east they saw a very bright white light, oval-shaped, which seemed to be stationary. It began to move steadily and quickly west, flashing rapidly and lighting a large portion of the sky.

While it was travelling, it passed directly overhead and behind a cloud. But, said Mr.

Warkentin, the clouds still didn't cover it entirely. It still lit up the sky around the clouds. It was visible for about 2½ minutes before it disappeared. Mr. Warkentin definitely ruled out the possibility of a plane. "It wasn't an air plane. I'll stake my life on that. My wife isn't frightened by airplanes." Mrs. Warkentin had gone into the house soon after first sighting the object because it had upset her to watch it.

Mr. Warkentin explained that there had been absolutely no sound and had concluded it was at a high altitude. The lights were very bright and large and travelled a great distance across the sky in a short time.

As soon as the object disappeared, Mr. Warkentin looked to the east again and saw another light, a stationary fluorescent glow in the sky. He watched it for about 1½ minutes and then went into the house. However, he says, "I'm not sure what I saw there."

Mr. Warkentin explained he had not reported the sighting immediately because he had not supposed anyone would believe him and felt that it was pointless to "create a fuss."

When he read the report of the Melita sighting, he decided to speak to the RCMP.

A similar group of lights were seen by a "Standard" reporter at the same time as he walked along Harwich Road, Colchester. The reporter said: "The lights seemed to appear over Wivenhoe and then moved across Colchester, perhaps to the south of the town. I dismissed the lights as those of an aeroplane."

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Mr. Woodward said that the object made no sound, and as it got closer to him he realised that instead of there being one bright light there were four smaller ones, with the inside two brighter than the outside ones.

Mr. P. R. Woodward, of 120 Spenser Way, Clacton, claims that he saw a brilliant white light about 4,000 feet up as he was travelling from Colchester to Clacton at 6:45 pm on October 15. He says that when he saw the object in the sky he continued driving slowly, and that when he had turned on to the secondary road to Clacton in Wivenhoe, he stopped and got out of his car to watch the object.

TWO more sightings of unidentified flying objects were made last week at Clacton and Colchester.

UFO seen at Clacton, Colchester

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Many of your readers will have read the report in your Wednesday's edition under the title "When a flying jellyfish dropped in for coffee" which incidentally described my family's sighting of a UFO at 7:45 pm on October 21. With your kind permission I would like to give you a fuller account of the incident.

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# Strange Phenomenon Witnessed By Workmen Fits Previous Descriptions Of "Flying Saucers"

Two residents of Murdochville, both employees of Gaspe Copper Mines Ltd. were exposed to a frightening experience last Saturday night when an unidentified flying object paid a visit to the area where they were working.

Both men, Donat Francis and Ronald Mullin, at the time of the incident were engaged in their normal work on the concentrator waste disposal dam located approximately three miles from the main plant and two from the town of Murdochville.

Persons who know these men well say they are not the type to scare easily, but both admit to being somewhat scared by the strange experience.

The incident occurred during the graveyard shift at approximately 12.20 A.M. while both men were patrolling and checking the dis-

charge pipelines along the top bank of the "tailings" dam.

Ronald Mullin said that when he first saw the phenomenon he thought it was a shooting star but quickly changed his mind when he saw the behaviour of the luminous object.

Donat Francis who was working in an area of the dam approximately one half mile from his partner, Ronald Mullin, said he was first of all disturbed by a noise similar to that of an outboard motor going full speed. Looking in the direction of the noise, Donat states that he witnessed a bright object approximately 200 feet in the air and it appeared to be heading directly at him. As it came closer, Donat said he threw himself down behind the pipeline, his safety cap and headlamp falling off in the process.

According to Mr. Francis account of the incident the object came very close to where he was, made a couple of turns around the dam area then headed in an easterly direction. A short distance after it left the dam area, the motor of the object appeared to discharge a long blue flame and it picked up speed extremely fast and disappeared behind the nearby mountains.

According to Mr. Francis' description the object had a half-moon shape with what appeared to be a blue windshield in front and propellers in the rear. For a time it seemed simply to float in space said the still shaken Donat - then it shot forward like a meteor.

This unusual occurrence was confirmed by other persons who claim to have witnessed the object. Mr. Vere Côté was driving in his car to Grande Vallée on the Murdochville Gaspe highway near the tailings dam area when suddenly a bright blue flash lit up the area around his car.

This strange happening

took place at about the same time as the two men reported seeing the object take-off in an easterly direction which would require it to cross over the main highway.

This is not the first time a report of an unidentified flying object has been made by residents of the Gaspe Peninsula. Several persons claim to have had a similar experience. Reports of "flying saucers"

are quite numerous in both the United States and Canada.

For the past twenty years a committee has been functioning to investigate reports of U.F.O.s and the information is tabulated and forwarded to the Research Centre of Wright-Patterson, Dayton, Ohio.

The "Voyageur" would be interested in hearing from others who have witnessed strange phenomenon on the Gaspe

November 14, 1969  
San Luis Obispo, Calif.  
Telegraph-Tribune

## Light balls in sky not ours -- Vandy

Bright orange-colored objects in the night sky over San Luis Obispo Thursday caused many residents to speculate on their origin and, indeed, their composition.

Were they flying objects, missiles, "junk in the sky" or floating particles of something having reflective qualities visible only at sunset?

Locally, there was no answer to any of the questions and Vandenberg Air Force Base could offer no help, either.

Base officials said two Bomarc missiles were fired at 5:45 and 6:20 p.m., but they doubted whether either would cause such pyrotechnics in the sky.

The missiles were intended as targets for Navy ships in the Western Missile Test Range off Ft. Mugu, and were shot in a southerly direction.

## 2 U. City Teen-Agers Frightened by Mystery Light in Sky

Two University City teen-agers reported to police of Ladue and University City they were frightened by a huge white light in the sky which followed them along Price road. Joseph Miller, 19, of 7357 Melrose ave., and Miss Barbara Knehans, 19, of 7011 Lindell ave., described the object to

University City police as "very bright and white in color, around 30 feet long, with red and pink lights." Miller, a student at Meramec Valley Community College, told the Globe-Democrat he and Miss Knehans were driving north on Price road in Ladue about 11 p.m. Tuesday when

they first noticed the object. "It was real high up and looked like a star," Miller said. "It came to about 10 feet over the car. I got scared and Barbara started crying. "We tried to get away from it. When we turned onto Delmar boulevard it took off without

any noise in a westerly direction. Both police departments received no other reports of a strange object in the sky, and officers surmised the couple may have seen the landing light on the nose wheel of a jet aircraft before it entered the flight pattern of Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport.

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Mail Tribune

## Boys Report Seeing Mysterious Object

A hovering, whirling object with red and white lights was reported seen by two boys near their home last night on Blackwell Road.

Mrs. Luther Gann, 11120 Blackwell Road, told state police last night that at 6:05 p.m. her two boys came running into the house. Ray, 14, and Alan, 12, described an object about 300 feet away. It had a bright red light on as it whirled and hovered over the trees. Then it turned toward them and showed bright white lights. After a while it disappeared behind some trees.

A spokesman at the Medford and Jackson County Airport tower said he doubted if a weather balloon would whirl and hover like that. However, a weather balloon is equipped with red and white lights.

# Youths Say UFO Sighting Is Strictly for the Birds



ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS PHOTO

Bart Rivkin, left, and Richard Farkas give their explanation of recent Denver sightings of mysterious V-shaped object.

Another chapter in the recent sightings of mysterious UFOs over the Denver area unfolded Friday when two youths offered the Rocky Mountain News their explanation for the V-shaped object with 10 to 12 lights on each arm.

According to the boys, Bart Rivkin, 14, of 480 Magnolia St. and Richard Farkas, 15, of 6800 E. Sixth Ave., the luminous formation was, well, just birds.

"We were walking along Oneida Street at about E. 12th Avenue at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday," Bart reported, "when we saw about 20 birds flying south in a V-formation about 100 feet above us.

"They glowed in the dark, but we realized it was just the white

undersiding of the birds giving a phosphorescent effect from the reflected lights of the city."

### Three Sightings

In Friday's paper, the News reported three sightings of a mysterious V-shaped luminous formation first seen Tuesday night in the vicinity of S. Elati Street and W. Sheppard Avenue.

At that time the formation traveled an east-west course for about 10 seconds before turning

sharply to the north, then disappearing in a few seconds.

A News reporter-photographer team sighted the object in the same vicinity Thursday night. They saw two passes of the silent formation, this time going in a north-south direction. On the last pass, the formation was followed at a distance by what appeared to be two jet planes.

While not sighted in the same vicinity, Bart and Richard believe that what the News team saw was what they saw—nothing but birds.

The boys said the birds were visible for about 20 to 30 seconds.

The glow produced by the birds, Bart explained, "is similar to the halo effect above the Empire State Building produced by lights reflected off the clouds."

### Visual Acumen?

Not wishing to question the visual acumen of the News' UFO sighting team, Bart nevertheless feels "too many people jump to conclusions."

Richard offered: "I could see where people would think they were lights, especially if you didn't see them as close as we did."

When confronted with the boys' theory, the News team wavered momentarily and then stubbornly insisted the formation was traveling too fast for birds.

"And why would two jet planes be following a bunch of birds?" they asked.

"If it was a flying saucer it would travel from millions of miles in space to fly three times over the same spot to observe creatures of a lower intelligence?" Bart asked.

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"Has anyone reported seeing a strange object in the sky?" Charley Roberts of Commerce asked that question in a Saturday morning call to the News-Record.

"I don't know what I saw about 6:10 this morning, but it had a very bright orange color and was moving slower than a meteor, or shooting star, from east to west. I saw it while looking out of a window to the south," Roberts said. "I rushed out into the yard, but didn't see any sign of it again. It definitely didn't have the kind of lights you see on airplanes flying in the darkness, or semi-darkness." Roberts estimated he watched the object 15 to 20 seconds.

No other reports concerning a strange object were received by the News-Record, or local officials.

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## Space pirate?

### Man sees UFO flying Jolly Roger

KAZABAZUA (Special) — The curiosity reportedly shown by unidentified flying objects in the district seems to be turning into a threat of hostility.

Sightings have so far been of peaceful objects. Humming, swinging, pulsating, rocking, buzzing and landing UFOs have been seen in at least three area towns in the past three months.

And none has displayed hostile tactics.

They have been seen fluttering around buildings, landing in fields and following police cruisers and cars.

There had never been a report of a UFO showing anything but passive conduct — until Friday.

And there it was, claims a local bushworker, flying past the village sporting the "Jolly Roger."

Ivan McConnell, 57, said he was driving on Aylwin Road, about a mile east of here, at 7 p.m. when he spotted an object above his car.

He stopped and got out.

He described the UFO as being about eight feet in diameter, cone-shaped and flying about 200 feet above ground.

"It was mostly white in color," said Mr. McConnell. "It had a sort of skeleton figure on the side and I could make out some sort of skull-and-crossbones."

It was reportedly flying east "at a terrific speed" and making no sound.

The UFO was not seen by anyone else.

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## Danti Vaghi Keeps One Eye on the Sky

Danti Vaghi is a humble man. But he knows what he sees, and what he sees are unidentified flying objects.

Like his father before him Vaghi is a woodworker. Like his father, too, or perhaps because of his father, he has always been fascinated by conventional aircraft.

In his native Italy, his father invented a helicopter long before the world was ready for the strange craft. After he immigrated to the United States he attended an aeronautical school in New York, later invented a type of corrugated propeller, again before its time.

In 1927, his father designed and built an amphibious boat, into which he triumphantly packed his growing family for trips and outings.

As a youngster, Dante frequently bicycled miles from his Bethel house to the Danbury Airport to watch air history being made. Frank Hawks, who flew the first air mail from Danbury

to New York, Clarence Chamberlain in his Curtis Condor, the huge zeppelin, the Hindenberg - they were all part of his growing-up years.

He served as a printer's apprentice when he was only 12 years old. During World II War, he was assigned for four years to the Air Force publication print shop at Los Vegas Air Field. This happened to be the shop which printed the aircraft silhouettes so familiar to service men during World War II.

Vaghi was certain that the object he was watching was completely unfamiliar to him, then, when he saw his first UFO.

On March 10, 1950, he was back in Bethel at his job in the wood-working plant when he one day heard the unaccustomed roar of planes overhead. As he ran to the alleyway behind the building, three navy planes swooped

by, going southeast toward Bridgeport.

But directly above him another object, eight or nine thousand feet up, circled for several minutes. He estimated the giant black thing to be 75 feet wide and as much as 290 feet long.

He lost it periodically behind the roof of the building, but as it circled around for the fourth time, it banked left, and Vaghi could see clearly the five in-

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## Vaghi

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dentations on the end of each wing.

In the center of the bottom of the mammoth object there appeared to be a brilliant white light behind a cross structure. A second cross structure seemed to rotate over the light.

Vaghi had had nominal exposure to the theory of UFO's. He read the newspaper account of the sighting of eight disks over Mt. Ranier in 1956 along with the rest of the world.

He still has never read a book on UFO's, but he was destined to become more familiar with the UFO concept by exposure.

He saw his second UFO on June 28, 1956 at 10:10 p.m.. On his way home from a visit with a friend, he noticed a strange green light glowing above the edge of the mountain where the WLAD radio tower perched. It was three miles away from him, but by its size, he judged it must be about 87.5 feet in diameter. It moved along the top of the mountain in a straight path, zoomed down at a 25 degree angle, then reappeared. Close by it another light showed brilliant white with a halo that Vaghi could only describe as "like the sparks made by an armature".

Less than two months later, Vaghi spotted another of these brilliant lights south of Bethel. The oblong object came out of the east at 15,000 feet and turned southeast. While he ran to get binoculars, it disappeared into fleecy clouds.

A field which was overdue for mowing provided Vaghi with some interesting speculation that fall. After a light rain-storm one evening, he and a friend discovered a circle of burned grass 18 feet in diameter in the field just off Fed-

## Fiery Object Roars Through Peninsula Sky

A yellowish ball that trailed a short train of vaporous flame and was accompanied by a roar flashed over the Peninsula last night.

Moving on a north-to-south course, it seemed to explode at the end of its path, shortly after 5 p.m., according to observers at the San Jose Municipal Airport.

A spokesman at Lick Observatory on Mt. Hamilton suggested that the object might have been a meteor.

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eral Roar. c In the center, a 3-foot circle of grass stood intact. Around the outside of the burned area, the grass still contained traces of nickel and chromium.

In 1967, Vaghi had gone to mail a letter one day when he heard a jet going over. He spotted it at about 15,000 feet, and then, several thousand feet lower, the familiar brilliant light drifting slowly from south to north, making no sound.

He and a co-worker at the shop saw the light again about 6:30 one evening in November, ten years later, this time drifting slowly from northeast to southwest. That same month he watched another light through binoculars change from red to white and back again while plummeting straight down.

Vaghi has spent a small fortune telephoning alert centers at eastern air bases after his sightings. He receives no glory, and sometimes little thanks for his trouble, but feels he can do no less.

He does not claim to be "gifted" or especially perceptive. He is religious, hard working, ordinary.

But he knows what he has seen, and he reels off facts, figures, dates and names with places with computer precision and machine-gun rapidity.

He is neither awed nor curious as to why he has seen UFO's and other have not.

He does wonder if there might be some significance in the fact that all his sightings have been over the West Redding area. West Redding is near the site of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Reservoir, and reservoirs are notorious as UFO hunting grounds.

And he thinks it might just be interesting to see what those fellows from the moon have to say about all this.



Seeing Things

Gesturing with his hands, Danti Vaghi makes an animated point as he describes how he sighted various unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in the skies over Bethel. Bethel News photo.

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November 12, 1969

### Seen Around Town

Building addition at the Blue Flame coming along nicely and looks like it will soon be finished up.

New addition to the St. Thomas school, in the round, will be finished soon. Classes are moved in, but some furnishings are yet to come.

Large crowds enjoying the fowl supper Nov. 7 put on in the Community Hall by the United Church.

Hunters report lots of deer in the country and many used up their permits on the first day of the season.

Cubs out making a success of Poppy Day on Saturday.

Natural gas lamps installed at the entrance to the Legion Hall. Look very nice.

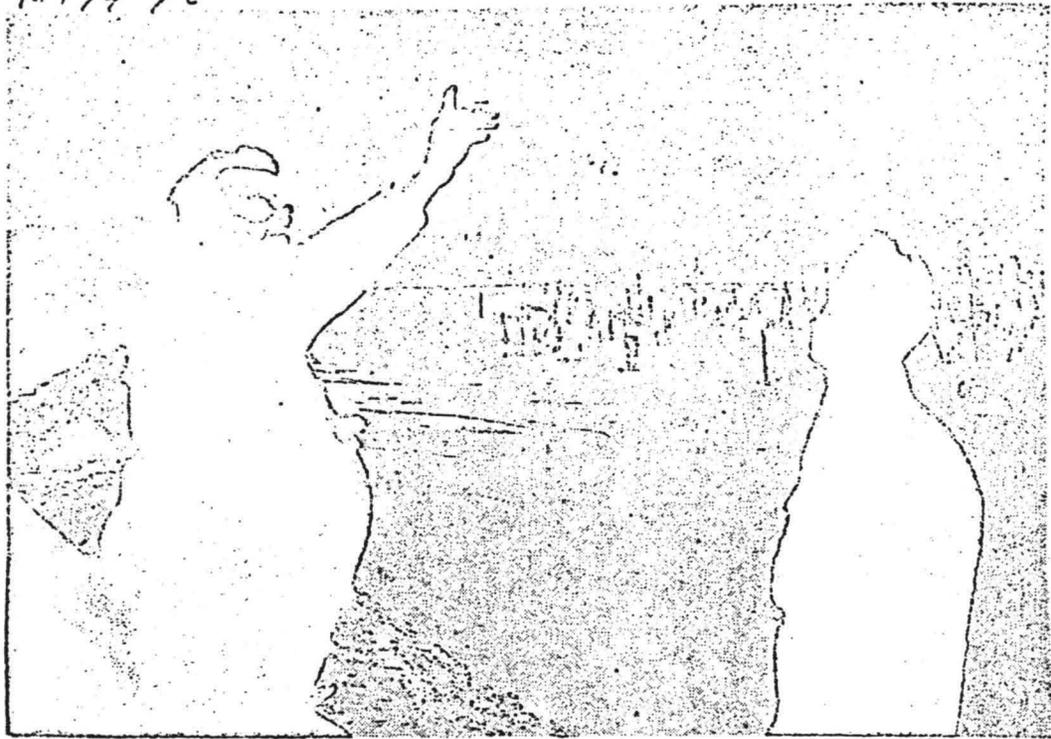
The News personnel chasing an U.F.O. Tuesday last, Nov. 4. Walking home at 6:05 p.m. Tuesday we spotted what we thought to be a conventional aircraft identified by its flashing red port-side navigation light, flying at an estimated altitude of 500 feet about over the golf course and elevators when viewed from 51st Ave and 48 St. Little attention was paid to it, until it was realized that it wasn't on any particular course, and not moving very fast, more as though it were hovering as a helicopter, but silently. We stopped then to observe more closely, and it was then apparent that the light was not flashing, and was not red, it was pulsing at irregular intervals and it was more orange than red, and there were no other navigation lights visible. It remained for a few minutes and then moved parallel to the tracks in a westerly direction. By this time we had got our car and cameras from our residence and started after it. The U.F.O. moved off more rapidly to the south-west. We headed out to Cadogan on the south road with the red light in view, and getting

dimmer, and finally lost the UFO over what we think would be about the Links Ranch, from our last sighting a few miles East of Cadogan. We went south of Cadogan but never saw the light again. We would be interested to receive any other information on this sighting. The night was very dark, with a high altitude haze through which the heavenly bodies shone dimly in contrast to the low, fairly large orange-red pulsating light that we were attempting to identify.

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Donat Francis décrit à un représentant du Voyageur la trajectoire qu'a suivie l'objet volant non-identifié qu'il a aperçu personnellement ainsi que d'autres personnes dans la nuit du 11 octobre dernier, alors qu'il était à son travail sur les haldes de résidu de Gaspé Copper.

Donat Francis describes to a Voyageur representative the path taken by a strange object which he and other persons had witnessed during the night of October 11th while they were at work on the Gaspé Copper "tailings" dam.

14 BM Sun., Dec. 7, 1969 Seattle Post-Intelligencer

## Bigger Universe

### New Data Stretches Imagination

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The space agency reported evidence yesterday that the universe may be "several times larger than previously supposed."

It also may be "open" instead of "closed" (as Albert Einstein thought), and perhaps it won't start collapsing catastrophically upon itself a few trifling scores of billions of years hence.

Grounds for at least contemplating these notions have been supplied by the Orbiting Astronomical Observatory (OAO2), launched a year ago on Dec. 7 by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

OAO2, the nation's first large space observatory and the most complex craft ever put in orbit, has been reporting visions of the universe seen in ultraviolet (UV) light which does not penetrate Earth's atmosphere.

Many distant galaxies — vast star families like the Milky Way which harbors our sun and Earth — are much brighter in ultraviolet radiation than scientists had supposed, NASA said.

Such galaxies in their own neighborhood must be "extremely bright

objects." Inasmuch as they seem to be extremely faint as viewed from Earth, "they must be very far away, perhaps several times farther than was previously assumed."

An increasingly popular theory among astronomers is that all matter in the universe once was condensed in a fantastically dense "atom" which exploded about 10 billion years ago. The outwardly flying fragments, since coagulated into galaxies, constitute the presently "expanding universe."

According to this theory, the universe can hardly be more than 20 billion light years in diameter, a light year being the distance light travels in 365 days at 186,000 miles a second. But OAO2 seems to be suggesting that the universe is "several times" that big.

In any event, if the necessary amount of intergalactic matter exists to support the "oscillating universe" idea, it is not detectable in UV.

If it doesn't exist, the universe is "open" rather than closed, and can go on expanding indefinitely without danger of dying and being reborn in a gigantic fireball every 60 billion years or so.

# What Can Lunar Garden Grow? Scientists Probe Moon Myths

From earliest times there has existed a belief that the moon exerts a definite and realistic influence, not only upon the earth (the pull of the tides), but also upon the physical welfare and serenity of man, and the growth and development of all plant life.

Up to now, the subject of planting by the moon has never been subjected to careful, scientific investigation.

But, soon, we may have an answer! There may be a hidden answer in a report by Dr. Charles H. Walkinshaw of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. He reported this and other findings of the first comprehensive botanical tests using moon dust brought to earth by the Apollo 11 astronauts.

Dr. Walkinshaw, plant pathologist, is the Forest Service leader of a team of botanical scientists working at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to evaluate effects of lunar material on more than 30 species of plants. The plants are grown under sterile conditions in quarantine facilities of the NASA Lunar Receiving Laboratory in Houston.

Seedlings of higher plants such as tomato, bean, wheat, and pine were challenged with lunar material. All seedlings survived. In

some instances, they appeared to grow healthier and better than those not receiving treatment. This unusual growth was most noticeable in liverworts (a lower form of plant life.) No microbes were detected in the pulverized moon rock used on the plants.

"Although the moon rock material is highly insoluble in water, plants excrete acids which release some minerals from it," explained Dr. Walkinshaw. These minerals can then be taken up by the plant and utilized for growth. Lunar material acts much like earth soil. "If the lunar material were totally insoluble, or inert, it is unlikely that it would cause any effects in plants test," Dr. Walkinshaw said.

For each species tested, four sets of plants were used in the tests. One set received no treatment. The second was treated with heat-sterilized earth materials; the third with sterilized lunar rock; and the fourth set with unsterilized lunar rock.

Some plant tissue cultures — tobacco, for example, grew best and were greenest when sprinkled with unsterilized lunar rock powder. Cultures treated with sterilized lunar rock uniformly did less well than those treated with unsterilized. Something goes on in the sterilization that changes the reaction of the plants to the material.

According to the report, fern was especially interesting because its spores (equivalent to seeds in higher plants) grew best on lunar material. Lettuce also germinated and grew vigorously in the presence of moon rock. However, growth of algae was inhibited initially. Most cells of longleaf pine tissue cultures which came in direct contact with lunar material showed an initial inhibition, while untouched cells continued to grow vigorously.

Further tests are being planned with Apollo 12 lunar rocks to determine the effects on seedlings.

Dr. Walkinshaw explains further, "Plants cannot grow in moon dust alone because it lacks sufficient nutrients. But if proper nutrients are added, it might serve as a good medium." He also said that the moon dust is unique both form a geological and biological standpoint. It has a high titanium content, is low in potassium and sodium, and appears to lack organic matter. "It is unlike anything else we know about. Moon is moon, that's all!"

Also, from other sources, we have learned that moon rock has considerable magnetic qualities.

It's no mere superstition to plant by the moon. Statements by ancient philosophers and belief by many gardeners attest to results. Our lunar month, or complete revolution of the moon, takes 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes and 2.8 seconds.

The belief is explained like this: The moon, in its monthly revolution around the earth, passes through 12 zones or signs of the zodiac, which is an imaginary belt in the heavens encircling the earth at right angles to its axis as related to the sun; thus the zodiac belt does not coincide with the equator which is at right angle to the north and south pole axis.

The influence of the moon varies according to the sign in which it happens to be at the time of planting or other gardening.

In general, plants which bear the harvest above the ground such as beans, tomatoes even flowers, benefit if planted during an increasing moon, that is, up to the time of full moon. Plants that yield a crop below the ground (root vegetables), do best if planted during a waning moon, that is after it is full.

Also, there is a belief by some, that one system is

better than another referring to the heliocentric, measured from the sun as center which is considered not accurate. (And the system from which most almanacs are calculated). The other system, the geocentric which takes the earth as the center of reckoning, is calculated as most advantageous for planting times.

Regardless of your belief, it is fun to calculate and study the charts of the moon planting and other advice in the almanacs for the New Year.

If you are interested in source list of the various moon books, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope . . . E-Z.

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## U.F.O. Sighted

CANTON.—Bruce Cupual, ATC student, reported sighting an unidentified flying object from his window in the East wing of his dormitory Wednesday night. He and other students sighted a U.F.O. displaying vari-colored lights. The village police sighted an object, apparently motionless just above the horizon in the east.

It was later sighted further south but still just above the horizon. Village police have sighted a similar object on other occasions. Potsdam police also received a call reporting the object.

## Lots to learn on the moon

The moon is far from being conquered. The two American landings are but tiny beachheads, pin-points of knowledge and experience.

The moon is a whole planet waiting to be developed. Right now it sounds fantastic to talk about extraterrestrial environment on another planet, but so did spaceships and moon landings sound crazy a generation ago.

We have thus far just sampled the moon's surface, its dust and its strange

rocks. We cannot trust that meagre experience to say we have yet found out all we need to know to make the moon useful to mankind.

Imagine visitors from another planet landing at the North Pole or in the midst of a dense African jungle. How foolish if they judged our world by their meagre glimpses.

The need for space science now is to develop its exploratory efforts to give man fuller knowledge of what really comprises his new lunar domain.

# Information Sought From Observers Of Flying Saucers

WASHINGTON, April 22, 1949

If you think you have seen a flying saucer, the Air Force has a standard questionnaire for you to fill out.

It is part of "project saucer," the two-year old search of the technical intelligence division into the saucers of the stories that have spread about the country as swiftly as the rumored flying disc.

The Air Force says it has found normal answers for about 60 per cent of the 270 cases it has investigated. But it has left a question mark behind the other 40 per cent.

An Air Force report says this is how the individual inquiries work:

"When an incident comes to the attention of 'project saucer' personnel, it is first investigated by existing intelligence agencies in the vicinity of the sighting.

"A standard questionnaire is filled out by the observer under the guidance of interrogators and any supplementary information available is gleaned by the investigators.

"Standard questions are stated simply and slanted so that they may be answered with reasonable accuracy by the most inexperienced observers. In each case, time, location, size and shape of object, approximate altitude, speed, maneuvers, color, length of time in sight, sound, etc., are carefully noted."

The report dismissed the possibilities of atomic powered flying saucers, visitors from other planets and space ships. The number of saucer observers is dropping off sharply. From a peak in July, 1947, the reports coming in have reached a current low level of about 12 a month.

THE CINCINNATI TIMES-STAR

# Woman Spots Flying Discs Second Time

Boise, July 5, 1949—A woman who saw a flying disc two years ago soon after they were first reported spotted another of the mysterious flying objects north of here tonight at 8:05.

Mrs. David Commons of Polk said she and six other persons watched the disc for approximately 30 minutes. They said it was speeding in a northerly direction at high speed and at a high altitude. It then began to maneuver and headed north.

She said this disc appeared to be more elongated than the one which Mrs. Commons said she saw two years ago near Horlunda. She added that what appeared to be puffs of smoke were seen coming from the object.

Boise (Ida.) Morning Tribune

# No Cause Seen For Alarming Nation

## 60% Of 270 Reports Explained, Rest Mystery; 3 Deaths Blamed On Probes; Martians Discounted

WASHINGTON, April 22, 1949—Flying saucers can't yet be stacked neatly away in the cupboard of the commonplace.

The Air Force admitted so today, although it said that reasonable explanations have been worked out for many of the "saucer" phenomena reported in the last couple of years.

It has checked 240 reports from widespread sections of the United States and 30 from overseas, with the following conclusions:

Thirty per cent were "conventional aerial objects," such as birds and balloons.

Thirty per cent were "astronomical phenomena" such as meteorites.

Forty per cent were?????????

Explanation Given

"The 'saucers' are not jokes," the Air Force said.

"Neither are they a cause for alarm to the population. Many of the incidents already have answers—meteors, balloons, falling stars, birds in flight, testing devices, etc.

The investigations, begun by intelligence officers at Wright-Patterson Field, O., is continuing.

In discounting the possibility that the earth was a slighter attraction for beings from another planet, they reasoned that it is difficult to believe that "any technically established race would come here, flaunt its ability in mysterious ways over the years, but each time simply go away without establishing contact."

Could it be that some foreign nation has sent strange missiles on sorties over the U.S.? The investigators asked. They conclude that theory is hardly tenable, and very unlikely.

A Boise, Idaho, businessman gave the world its first flying saucer report on June 24, 1947. He said that while flying his private plane he observed nine saucer-like objects playing tag along the jagged summit of Mt. Rainier in the state of Washington.

Succeeding reports came thick and fast.

Three persons investigating flying saucer reports have died in aircraft accidents. Two were killed in the crash of a plane carrying what later proved to be scraps of material used in a bomb.

The pursuit of one of the objects cost a third airman's life.

In January last year military and civilian observers sighted a strange object over Godman Air Force Base, Ft. Knox, Ky. Four National Guard planes were asked to investigate.

Then, as the Air Force told the

story:

Three of the planes closed in on the object and reported it to be metallic and of tremendous size. One pilot described it as "round like a tear drop, and at times almost fluid." The flight leader, Capt. Thomas E. Mantell, contacted the Godman tower with an initial report that the object was traveling at half his speed directly in front of him at his altitude.

Going At 300 MPH

"It's going up now and forward as fast as I am, that's 300 miles per hour," Captain Mantell recorded from his F-51. "I'm going up to 20,000 feet and if I'm no closer, I'll abandon the chase."

"That was the last radio contact made by Mantell with the Godman tower.

"Later that day his body was found in the wreckage of his plane near Fort Knox.

"Subsequent investigations revealed that Mantell had probably blacked out at 20,000 feet from lack of oxygen and had died of suffocation before the crash.

"The mysterious object which the pilot chased to his death was first identified as the planet Venus. However, further probing showed the elevation and azimuth readings of Venus and the object at specified time intervals did not coincide.

"It is still considered 'unidentified.'"

The Toledo Times, Thursday April 27, 1949

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I would like to thank Mr. James D. Wardle for the clippings reproduced here. Although some are already in our files, he has sent a few I have never seen as of now. All are copied here for the use of our subscribers.

20 YEARS AGO - 1949 UFO's

## DISCS SEEN OVER S. IDAHO

ENMETT, Idaho, June 29, 1949—"Flying disc" mystery was reopened today after a brilliant white "flying light" was reported last night.

Mrs. Raymond Knox said she saw the light at 9 p.m. and called Louis Hower, publisher of the Emmett Messenger, half an hour later. The weekly newspaper publisher said he saw the light for 15 minutes before it vanished into a low cloud.

He said it gained and lost elevation and veered both right and left. Other observers said the light appeared round, but was "elongated" when turning.

Two years ago two United Air Lines pilots reported "flying discs" over Emmett about the same time of evening. Pilots of two UAL flights over the area reported nothing unusual last night. The flights passed over Emmett while ground observers, were seeing the strange light.

Meriv hospital's Billy Hearn may have seen the long-tailed about "flying saucers" or some such article, according to his eveningness report about the sight he saw Monday night about 10:35.

If anyone can match or confirm Billy's story, he'd like to hear from them. And so would the NEWS.

"About 10:30 I was getting ready for bed when I looked out into the sky to see a bright object moving from SW to NE at an angle of about 40 degrees. It disappeared behind the trees before I could call anyone to see it," Billy said.

The object was about 50 to 100 feet in the air and had a rather flat tail.

Wonder if it could have been the Disc? NEWS, June 29, 1949

# Flying Saucer Reported Seen Over Lea

APR 8, 1949  
PAPER UNKNOWN

People peering into the heavens today were advised to keep a sharp lookout for a flying saucer spotted by two Griffith Park employes.

Roscoe Johnson, 28, and Frank Escobar, 49, said they saw a "saucer" fly over at "jet plane speed" and disappear in the northwest.

The men were not together at the time but decided they had seen "something" and reported the matter to their foreman.

One of the men said the object appeared as a "silver" disc about five feet in diameter.

## PAIRS OF FLYING SAUCERS RECOVERED

MONTROSE, Colo., April 8.—Air Force intelligence men have recovered two segments of what may have been one of the "flying discs" that caused widespread speculation during the summer of 1947, and have supposedly been seen during the past few days.

One of the segments was in the possession of Noah L. Clubb of Montrose until he was requested Tuesday to turn it over to the intelligence men. The intelligence men were reported to have spent two days scouring a mile square section of rugged country about 15 miles west of Delta, where a second and longer segment was reported found.

Clubb said the intelligence men declared the circular shaped segments were found last October by cattlemen, identified as the Culham brothers.

Joined together the segments evidently were part of a whole. The instrument about 10 feet in diameter, the rim being of aluminum construction. It was slightly less than two inches across and one inch thick.

On the inner edge of the wheel, at intervals of about three inches, were tube-like wicks about two inches long and of brass construction. Each wick, which witness said might have been fuel feed-off, bore an even number.

Clubb said the Air Force intelligence men told him they were taking the two segments, about 14 and 23 inches in length, to Lowry Field, near Denver.

## FLYING SAUCERS STILL UNEXPLAINED

WASHINGTON, April 8.—About those flying saucers—the Air Force said today it still just can't explain some of them.

Today—because of a published report that the saucers might be guided missiles fired by Russia—the Air Force announced:

"To date, there has been no tangible evidence which would support a theory that any (flying saucer) incidents are attributable to activity of a foreign nation. On the other hand, there is no evidence to deny categorically such a possibility.

"Many of the reported incidents have been definitely determined to be meteorological balloons or natural celestial phenomena.

"However, there are some incidents reported by reliable and competent observers, which are still unexplained."



NOAH CLUBB HOLDS PART OF FLYING DISC  
He found Utah portion section of western Colorado

APRIL 1949

# Mysterious 'Fire Balls' In North Utah Skies Keep Residents Alert

Paper Unknown

SALT LAKE CITY, April 6, 1949.—The mysterious "balls of fire" which excited residents of northern Utah have reported seeing in the sky probably were nothing more than meteors, a college professor said Wednesday.

There were conflicting reports on the number of "fireballs" seen, but an observer at Logan, Utah, said he counted six of them hurtling across the clear blue sky Tuesday.

Prof. Junius J. Hayes, University of Utah astronomer, said he believed the fireballs were meteors igniting as they struck the earth's atmosphere. He said there's nothing unusual about it.

## EXPLOSIONS HEARD

Most observers said the fireballs left a stream of dark, smokelike vapor behind them, and that loud explosions followed their disappearance. From all available accounts, the path of the fireballs ended near Mantua, in northern Utah.

Before the meteor theory was advanced, police and sheriffs deputies throughout the area organized search parties to look for "things." But they found nothing. Witnesses who saw the fireballs were scattered over a 100-mile path, ten miles wide, from Salt Lake City to the Idaho boundary.

The first report came from Brigham City Tuesday at mid-morning when frightened residents heard two explosions. Some said they also felt the blasts.

Ted Martin, controlman at the Salt Lake airport tower, said he saw a fireball glowing bright red and 20,000 feet up. It blazed brightly and turned white, and looked like a meteor, he said.

Mrs. Delbert Miller of Ogden, Utah, said the fireballs were "large and round" and scooted from east to west.

Residents of Hollywood, Calif., reported seeing long streaks of black vapor in the sky at about the same time the fireballs were reported.

June 12, 1948

PAPER UNKNOWN 1948

# Saucers Are No Joke

News that intelligence officers of the Air Force have spent two years carefully scrutinizing bits of evidence on "flying saucers" indicates, if nothing else, that the phenomenon is by no means a dead subject.

The air intelligence section has just released a voluminous report which tells what they have been able to find out about these celestial skimmers. It also sets a few fantastic theories to rest.

Major conclusions are that the saucers are not atomic powered, that they are not space ships, nor are they visiting air yachts from other planets.

The need for such a study was obvious. Beginning in June, 1947, hundreds of people, including many airmen and a few top level Air Force officers, had seen the saucers. Of the cases that have been investigated, careful sifting of available evidence has shown that perhaps 30 per cent can be chalked off to "aerial objects" such as weather balloons and birds. Another 30 per cent were astronomical phenomena. The other 40 per cent of the reported sightings cannot be solved.

The saucer problem is no joke to the Air Force. At least two military aviation tragedies have been the result of attempts to close with the objects. In one case the pilot, and in the other the pilot and co-pilot, died under circumstances that can logically be blamed on the weather, or mechanical failures. But there is enough of the unknown about the cases to set one's spine tingling unpleasantly.

The Air Force is now applying regimentation to the investigation. Reports of saucer sightings are followed up by investigation teams, and the observer is requested to fill out a long questionnaire. A digest of the reports, coupled with information already at hand, gives air intelligence some perspective of the problem.

Meanwhile the research goes on, and reports continue to trickle in—at the rate of approximately 12 a month. And still the saucers continue to wheel, dip and hum, to the amazement of the few and the irritation of the Air Force.

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CAA TRACES MANY "FLYING SAUCERS"  
TO ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS

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A report just issued by the Civil Aeronautics Administration on last summer's wave of "flying saucers" traces many of the "unidentified targets" to secondary reflections of the radar beam by atmospheric conditions.

Concerned with the possible detrimental effects on air traffic control, the CAA Technical Development and Evaluation Center made a study concentrating on the scores of such targets sighted by the Washington Air Route Traffic Control Center radar. It also surveyed experience of the CAA tower radars at Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Minneapolis, and New York.

Correlation of controllers' reports with Weather Bureau records indicated that a temperature inversion almost always existed when such targets appeared on the radar.

Apparently, the study says, reflections were produced by isolated refracting areas which traveled with the wind at or near the temperature inversion levels. These areas, possibly atmospheric eddies created by the shearing action of dissimilar air strata, were not of sufficient density to produce direct returns, but could bend the radar beam downward to give a ground return.

Horizontal movement of these areas would produce a movement twice as great in the image being received on the radar scope, and in a parallel direction. This ties in with the fact that when the speed of targets on the radar was divided by two, their motions corresponded closely to the reported wind directions and velocities at certain altitude levels. In nearly all cases, the temperature inversion levels were at or adjacent to these altitudes.

The fact that the radar targets always moved in one direction eliminated the possibility that they were surface vehicles, the report says, since some vehicles would have been moving in the reverse direction.

No evidence was found of hovering or of sudden increases in speed by any target. The study ascribes reports of sudden accelerations of targets to supersonic velocities to a controller's transfer of identity from a faded target to another target which was just appearing on a different section of the scope.

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Atlanta, Minneapolis, and New York International (Idlewild) reported no unidentified targets. The CAA tower at Boston's Logan Field has noticed them on rare occasions, and the tower at La Guardia had one instance. Chicago Midway and Cleveland Municipal have observed unidentified targets many times, the former particularly when temperature inversions have been in effect.

The report concludes that the presence of such targets has little effect on the control of air traffic, except that they can become a nuisance where helicopter operations are prevalent, since radar returns from small 'copters sometimes present the same characteristics. Where a collision course is involved, the controller gives traffic information, since pilots would rather be warned about a spurious target than not be warned about a legitimate one.

The report recognizes the need for securing additional evidence on the problem, through observations with more versatile equipment.

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## El Cajon Sees Disks <sup>Paper</sup> Flying in Formation <sup>Unknown</sup>

APRIL 24, 1949 By LLOYD H. WILKINS

Four "flying disks," traveling in a tight, boxlike formation, streaked across El Cajon Valley at 1:15 yesterday afternoon and opened speculation that they may be a new type aerial target for air gunners from Muroc Airbase, in the Mojave Desert.

The disks, watched for as long as 15 minutes by some residents of an El Cajon trailer court, were described as silvery, lightning fast and, in the distance, about as big as large dinner plates.

### TARGETS BEING TESTED

It is known, however, that the Air Force has been experimenting with saucer targets answering the general description of the disks. The aerial targets, designed to replace towed sleevecones, presumably are rocket powered and controlled by radio.

Among 12 persons spotting the objects from a trailer court at 460 Chambers St., El Cajon, were James R. Bennett, former Air Force fighter pilot, and Dale Griswold, retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and a flier 17 years.

"I was watching a plane take off from Gillespie Field when I spotted them," Bennett said.

### FOUR IN FORMATION

"There were four in a flat formation, coming like a bat out of Hades across the ridge." (The ridge was the east one of El Cajon Valley, about 8 miles from Bennett.)

"They flew south in the Valley at about 2000 feet," Bennett said. "They were in a perfect box formation, never varying from the formation even when they banked. I'd say they were about 3 miles away from me at the closest point."

Bennett said the objects, considering the distance, must have been 30 feet each in diameter and were of a bright, silvery color. "They flashed and the sun glistened on them like it would on a mirror when they banked," Bennett said. "Then they'd flatten out, become a thin, black line and go like a bullet."

Bennett called his wife, Barbara, when he first saw the disks, and within a few minutes a dozen residents of the court had witnessed the objects.

Griswold, commander of the California State Guard in the eastern section of the County during World War II, admitted he previously had been dubious about "flying disk" stories. But yesterday's performance convinced him.

"I watched them for about 3 minutes," he said. "They must have been connected in some way, or all controlled by the same radio wave, to stay in perfect formation through such maneuvers."

### FAIRLY EVEN COURSE

Mrs. Bennett said the disks a times darted suddenly, as a kid might do, but maintained fairly even course down the valley except for occasional banks.

Then, she said, they appeared to hang momentarily in the air before leveling and shooting off at high speed. The formation finally disappeared to the south of the Valley.

Bennett estimated top speed of the objects at "1000 miles an hour," but admitted it was only a guess. Both he and Griswold pointed out that the disks, highly reflective, would be misleading in size when seen from a distance.

### NOT SEEN BY FLIERS

Several pilots in the surrounding area at the time the disks were seen, but Gillespie Field personnel said none of the pilots had reported spotting the objects. The targets reported being tested by the Air Force at Muroc

are circular, semi-flat disks ranging up to 3 feet or more in diameter, according to reports. They are silvered and reportedly have reached up to 200 miles an hour. It is not known, however, whether radio control has been so perfected as to allow them to fly in close formation.