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'Little Foot' Sighting Draws Widespread Reaction

By TOM JOYCE
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A letter and drawing in last Friday's issue describing a Westfield man's sighting of a strange creature on his farm has since generated widespread interest and speculation—ranging on the local level from ponderings about whether the letter was a hoax to accounts of recent UFO sightings in the Mount Airy area.

Furthermore, the article has drawn an inquiry from the international Mutual UFO Network which indicates that the man's description of a "humanoid"—whether real or contrived—has all the earmarks of a classic "close encounter."

The incident began last week when the News received an anonymous letter from a Westfield man, claiming that he had seen the creature about two weeks before.

The man wrote that he had gone to milk his cows one evening and that his dog began chasing something in a nearby woods. The man followed, and discovered his dog fighting the creature, which he described as being about five feet tall, with pink skin, a very large head and "small frog-like hands and feet." The man became terrified and spent the night in a Mount Airy motel, returning the next day to find his dog dead, two of his cows missing and no sign of the being.

The man declined to give his name, saying that people might think he were crazy. However, he did agree, in his words, to "come out in the open" if anyone else who may have seen the creature would report the incident as well.

Since that report was published, at least one other person has reported two sightings of UFOs in the Mount Airy in the last two weeks.

Also on Monday, the News was contacted by an interested member of the

Mutual UFO Network, a worldwide organization with about 60 representatives in North Carolina.

The group investigates UFO and creature sightings and compiles data for future reference related to UFO activity.

According to Gail McBride, of the network's Winston-Salem branch, said the Westfield man's account, while seemingly far-fetched, is similar to other creature sightings in the past. In addition, the Mount Airy area has a history of such sightings, she said, adding that the UFO network is very interested in the latest account as it represents "hot evidence".

McBride said the state ranks fourth among the 50 states in UFO sightings—and third when sightings of humanoids and other close encounters are included.

According to reports from the network, three accounts of creature sightings have been documented in Surry by the organization in recent years.

On one night in 1973, a Copeland couple and their son peered out a window in their trailer and reportedly saw an oval-shaped object near their home. While viewing the object, the husband was startled by his wife's scream—he looked in the direction of her eyes toward the front yard and saw a three-foot tall creature apparently garbed in a metallic suit. The family's pet dogs left the premises and would not return until the next day.

Also in 1973, a Surry Community College student experienced a close encounter while driving on U.S. 601. The youth reported seeing an oval-shaped object near the highway about 12 feet wide and 8 feet tall. Simultaneously, his car engine died and his headlights went out. The youth fainted after he then saw a creature "with eyes like balls of fire" peering through his car window. While he regained

consciousness, the car's engine started again and the headlights lit up on their own accord.

In 1968, a Mount Airy housewife was awakened by her dog's frantic barking outside her home, and she opened the door to investigate. The dog was trembling and the woman heard what sounded like a swarm of bees. She went back inside the home and observed a domed UFO from her bedroom window. She reported seeing a creature resembling a small child through the craft's windows. The creature, about 3 or 4 feet tall, wore a silvery helmet. A power failure was also reported in the woman's neighborhood that night.

While these sightings represent encounters of years ago, they are similar to the apparent creature sighting of the Westfield man, McBride notes, particularly the physical description. She added that in general, creature sightings have been those of a small (usually around three feet tall) being, with gray or white skin and head proportionately larger than the rest of the body. The creatures also often wear a type of "coverall" garment, she said.

Meanwhile, Odell Harold of Mount Airy told the News of his and several other persons' sighting of what he thinks was a UFO on a cloudy night last Monday in an area near the Industrial Park.

Harold said the craft appearing to be either stopped in mid-air or slow-moving, apparently ruling out the presence of a jet or airplane.

"It looked like nothing I had ever seen at night," Harold said. He said although he did not get a good look at the shape of the craft, he indicated that it contained three rows of lights and was closer to the ground than regular aircraft.

Harold said the craft made no noise at

first, but later emitted a low-pitched roaring noise and headed in the direction of Dobson.

Harold, who says he constantly watches the skies in search of UFOs, said he saw another UFO some time before which hovered over Mount Airy. Although he said he thought the craft was an airplane, he changed his mind when it plunged down at a fast speed of which an airplane is incapable. Harold said the vehicle flashed its lights and disappeared behind some trees.

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Although the News respects the right of the Westfield man who reported seeing the creature to remain anonymous to the public, we, like other people, feel the need to ask additional questions about his ordeal. It must also be pointed out that the Mutual UFO Network is extremely interested in investigating the incident, since they consider his experience a classic close encounter—one which could provide valuable information in the further study of UFOs.

To help the News and the Mutual UFO Network arrive at the truth, we are now appealing to the man to contact us and discuss the incident further. We will guarantee his further anonymity.

The News staff can be reached by calling 786-4141. To reach representatives of the Mutual UFO Network in the Winston-Salem area, he may call Gail McBride at (919) 969-6476 and Ray Rheine at (919) 924-4994.

PROGRESS, Dothan, AL - March 4, 1981

'I thought my wife was going to faint...'

UFOs reported sighted over the Wiregrass

By RICK THOMASON

Editor's Note: This is a composite of stories from several Houston County residents who claim they have seen a UFO. Each of the witnesses asked not to be identified for fear of the teasing they might receive from friends and associates due to disputed opinions concerning the existence of UFOs.

The nights are not always hot and muggy when these objects appear, but often this is the case. They are usually seen at night in this part of the world, but not always. They are often accompanied by a loud whirring sound, but exceptions do exist. UFOs follow no rules.

The afternoon this sighting occurred was calm and cool with a slight breeze blowing from the south. The countryside was quiet but for the sounds of water in the small pond lapping at the bank. The sun glowed brightly above the earth in a brilliant cloudless sky.

The young married couple had gathered a picnic lunch and headed for their favorite spot to get away from all their problems and to just relax together for a few hours. Other than a few annoying ants that invariably invade a picnic site, the afternoon had gone wonderfully.

CAUGHT HIS EYE

As the day wore on and the reality that they had to go back and face the world set in, the two collected their belongings and began to pack them into the car when something at tree top level caught his eye. By the time he looked around the object had gone and it was dismissed as being just a bird.

As their small car wound down the narrow dirt road, something appeared just off the passenger side of the car. The dark object drew the glance of the young woman and she sat mystified and stared. Her husband noticed her trance-like state and gave her a gentle nudge to snap her out of it. She quickly turned her head and looked at him with a distant, horrified look in her eye. He questioned her about her obvious fright but received no answers. She only stared out the window.

Finally he stopped the car to find out just what the problem was. When he leaned over to speak to his wife he saw the object hovering a few yards from the car.

"I was stunned," he said as he remembered the day. "It was like nothing I had ever seen. I remember saying to my wife 'It's really a UFO.' Suddenly I was as shocked as she was."

He put the car back in gear and sped down the road much faster than was safe. The UFO kept up with the car seemingly

effortlessly. "The faster we went, the faster it went," said the young woman. "But the most amazing thing to me was that the thing didn't make any noise at all. It just kind of hovered there without any sound."

When the car was still about one mile from the end of the road, the UFO sped ahead and disappeared around the bend.

The couple sighed a collective sigh of relief, but when they rounded the last curve before reaching the main road there sat the UFO hovering no more than two feet off the ground.

"We thought that thing had finally decided to leave us alone," explained the man, "but when we rounded that turn there it sat. I thought my wife was going to faint. She just turned so pale."

The couple sat and stared at the UFO for about three or four minutes before it slowly lifted to treetop level and shot off directly over the car and vanished.

"I'd always heard tales about so-called UFOs, but I never really believed any of them," the woman said as she shook her head, still not quite believing it had happened.

DIDN'T MAKE NOISE

"The thing that really amazed me was the fact that this thing didn't glow; it didn't have any red or green lights, and, like my wife said, it didn't make any noise," he said. "People are always telling these stories and they always sound the same. But the only resemblance this UFO had to others I've heard stories about was the shape. It was kind of saucer shaped with a little dome on top."

When the couple returned to town they decided not to tell anyone about what they had seen for fear of the remarks people might make.

However, the next day at work the young man overheard some of his co-workers talking about seeing a UFO on their way back from a fishing trip. Their sighting occurred less than two miles from the site of the first sighting.

Stories from all those who saw this Unidentified Flying Object are fairly consistent, with only a couple of minute differences. Perhaps the most amazing consistency is the feeling each witness experienced while the UFO was in close proximity to their vehicle. Each felt as though he were being carefully examined and watched.

Were they being watched? Are we ALL being watched?

Maybe this fell out of Mork's pocket

I held it. I examined it. I thought about it.

From some remote studio in my mind, the theme from the Twilight Zone was playing. I wished Rod Serling would explain it.

Even if someone does identify this ... this "rock" as something earthly, it was fascinating to think of it as something from outer space.

For now, it just might be.

I believe that even more than Alida Carboneau of Poway does.

"The story is so incredible, I know," says Carboneau, a retired bailiff with the San Diego Sheriff's Department and an artist known as "Dutchess" because she was born in Holland.

She's cautious about naming names or places concerning an event that took place Feb. 7 of this year.

She was at the VFW hall in Poway when a man, a nonmember she'd never seen before, struck up a conversation.

"He said, 'Look what I've got,' and showed me this rock," Carboneau recalls. "I said, 'yeah, sure,' and he said, 'I'll tell you a story.'

"He said he was a prospector on the Mojave Desert and that he had seen this UFO landing. He said he watched it from a distance and when it suddenly took off, it left a glowing mass behind.

"He said the mass glowed for two days and when it cooled he went close enough to see a bunch of silvery stones.

"He said he wanted to fill his pockets with them, but he was afraid they might be radioactive. But he took a chance and put one of the rocks in a leather pouch. He showed it to me.

"The man said he went back later to get more of the rocks and searched for days and couldn't find them. He thought the wind had

blown sand over them."

Carboneau asked the man to let her have the rock for testing purposes and the man obliged, saying she could have half the rock and he'd return in two weeks and take his half.

"I haven't seen him since," Carboneau says. "But I took the rock to a laboratory — I can't say where — and scientists there examined it.

"It was checked for the 15 trace elements known to man and they said it was none of them. They broke a \$300 diamond saw trying to cut it.

"The rock doesn't conduct electricity and they said it was like nothing they'd ever seen before."

Carboneau stores the rock in the safe of a friend and wants to show it to other scientists in hopes it can be identified.

"I'm skeptical," Carboneau says. "I don't believe in UFOs and men from outer space, not really. I'm almost afraid to talk about it. They might haul me off to the loony bin."

The rock looked to me like a metallic piece of coal, except that it had pores, unlike coal.

"The scientists put it in an oven at extreme temperatures," Carboneau says. "It glowed, but it didn't burn."

To demonstrate how hard it was, she ran the rock along the side of a 7-Up bottle. It left a deep gash. "Even a diamond won't cut like that," she said. Alida Carboneau may be looking for an answer that will never come. At least not from anyone on earth. For the sake of mystery, I hope not.

As I left, I glanced up to the sky and pointed. "Litterbugs!" I charged. I hope they heard me.

Mysterious orange lights common sight in Yoncalla

By ED BEARDSLEY
News-Review Staff Writer

YONCALLA — Most folks around here are familiar with the stories Grandma Taylor has to tell. Chances are, if you have ever walked into her Rainbow Trading Post on Highway 99 just north of town you will have heard one or two of them.

"Most people around here tell me I'm crazy," Grandma Taylor says. "But if I am, I plan to stay that way, kid."

Grandma Taylor is 74 years old. She said she came to Yoncalla 17 years ago from Sun Valley, Idaho, but is originally from Nevada.

She has owned several other businesses — selling odds and ends — and two auction companies. Soon, Grandma Taylor said, she will be leaving Yoncalla to open another business on the Oregon coast at Newport.

But what sort of stories earn Grandma "Mickey" Taylor her reputation?

"Take the business of the orange lights," she said, "the balls of light those policemen saw."

On March 17 various news sources reported the sighting by several law enforcement officials, crew members of a Coast Guard vessel and a CB operator of a "bright orange ball" hovering over the Columbia River near Portland. The sighting was photographed and the sounds recorded.

One Coast Guard crewman who saw the phenomenon speculated it might have been an amphibious aircraft in-



GRANDMA TAYLOR

involved in a drug run.

"I've seen them around here for the last three years. I saw nine of them right over the valley floor," Grandma Taylor said, pointing out the door toward the east. "That was last fall. At first there was only three. They come in from the coast."

She has seen the lights many times and claims they have been seen by friends and members of her family.

Grandma Taylor describes the lights as being "about 20 times the size of a star" and resembling wheels. "They are the colors of the rainbow. One of them will turn. It will stop and another one will start turning.

"It has to be clear. They come in about an hour before the stars come out."

She said the strange lights will be around for several

hours, one of them leaving the formation at times to move toward the city. She said one once hovered over the train tracks running through the valley and followed the train for several minutes.

An odd element of Grandma Taylor's story is that she claims to have been burned by rays from the lights.

Showing a spot on her hand, she said, "See here. That's where they burned me. You never know they hit you until the spot comes out."

According to Grandma Taylor, she has been hit by the rays a number of times and has spots over her body. She claims she was even knocked off the porch on one occasion.

"Listen kid, I'm black half way to my knees," Grandma Taylor said, showing the black marks on legs.

"It's got me tattooed.

"What are they, kid? That's what I want to know. I don't believe there is life on other planets except animal life."

Grandma Taylor said anyone is likely to see them if they look for them over Yoncalla on a clear night. She said they are difficult to see without the aid of a telescope or binoculars.

Grandma Taylor has a treasure chest of such stories. If you like to talk and want to visit, Grandma Taylor is generally on tap at the trading post — ready to talk and share some of her experiences.

NEWS-REVIEW, Roseburg, OR

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VALLEY TIMES, Beaverton, OR
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It's a bird Or a plane? It's a UFO

Up in the sky ... It's a bird, it's a plane ... well, maybe not ...

Several police agencies in Washington County received calls from people concerned about an unidentified flying object spotted near SW 185th Avenue and the Sunset Highway at about 9 p.m. Friday.

"I was sitting inside Sambo's when this guy came in and told me something strange was going on up in the sky," state police officer Dick Stein told the Times.

Stein and another officer, Steve Hebner, went outside and saw a bright yellowish-orange object about the size of a commercial airliner. Stein said the object was between 4,000 and 7,000 feet in the air two miles north of the restaurant.

The object "looked like it was on fire," Stein said. Burning debris could also be spotted falling from the UFO, the trooper added.

The officers and about 15 people watched the object for about five minutes before "it began to drift to the east and then just vanished ..."

"It was really strange, I was in Vietnam, and I saw all kinds of parachute flares and burning planes — I even flew for a living, and I never saw anything like this," Stein said.

The object had no real shape, made no noise, and maintained altitude for the entire time he watched it. After the object vanished, Stein said he left the scene and headed to Beaverton. Not long after, Hebner radioed that he had spotted another, similar object in the same area.

Stein, a former commercial charter pilot, ruled out weather balloons, marsh gas, inversion reflection and other common explanations for UFOs. He said what he saw sounded like the same description of an object recently spotted by another state trooper near St. Helens. Stein said two objects were spotted by that trooper as well

UFO is seen

Strange object frightens Chestnut Flat Ridge folks



Charles Pearl

No, I can't honestly say I've ever seen anything that resembled an unidentified flying object. But, yes, I do believe in UFOs.

Recently, a good friend, Steve Lowery, managing editor of The Lebanon Enterprise in neighboring Marion County, told me of a frightening experience which happened to him when he was a teenager.

(I taped what he said, so I would have his exact words.)

At age 14, Steve lived near Detroit and was a newspaper carrier for the Detroit Free Press, an early morning paper. He picked up his papers—about 175—each morning between 4:30 and 5:30 since they had to be delivered by 7.

"After picking up my papers at my drop one morning, I started walking my bicycle toward the subdivision where I

delivered the papers," he said. "I got to the intersection of two main roads, and from the east I could see a large bright light moving in the sky. It got closer and closer. I was wishing a car would come by, but at that time in the morning, there wasn't much going on.

"It definitely stopped me in my tracks. I didn't know what to think of it. It finally got to the point where it was right overhead. But I still couldn't hear anything.

"Then it started dropping. It dropped to about the height of the largest trees which were probably three or four stories high. The lights inside the thing pulsed—bright and dim, bright and dim. When it dropped, I could hear a little noise, a slight hum. When the lights brightened, the hum got a little louder.

"It seemed like it stayed over

me forever, but it was probably more like five minutes. I was really afraid something was going to come down to get me, but nothing ever happened.

"Finally, it took off to the south and circled what looked like a subdivision, then headed east."

When the circular object was directly overhead, Steve said it would have been as big as five cars put together. "It was big enough to make one heck of an impression on me. I was scared to death. There's no doubt in my mind that it was real. And it was not a helicopter. It was a UFO, something from another planet.

"When it headed east, it got to the point where it looked about the size of a baseball. There it met with four or five other objects which looked like baseballs from where I was. They joined together and flew

By CHARLES PEARL

What was it?

The folks who live on Chestnut Flat Ridge near the Rocky Ford area of Casey County aren't sure. But five people—Kathy and Arlin Gilpin, Roy and Judy Kirkland and Candy Wethington—are positively certain they saw something, around midnight last Wednesday, which they had never seen before.

Cathy Kilpin says she never goes to bed early. Her husband, Esker, works the second shift at a factory in Danville and she always waits up for him.

Last Wednesday night, Mrs. Gilpin and her 19-year-old son, Arlin, who was just recently discharged from the Army, were

watching television when they heard a noise outside.

"It wasn't real loud at first," Arlin recalled last Friday. "But it kept getting louder and louder."

"It sounded sort of like an electric drill or sump pump running," Mrs. Gilpin added.

"I went and opened the back door," said Arlin. "And around the ridge, by the farm, I could see this big bright orange light."

Mrs. Gilpin, at first, thought it was a reflection from the lights of a truck. Thinking that possibly someone had driven off the road and had gotten hung up, she got in the car and started driving toward the orange light. Driving slowly with only her parking lights on, she said in a few minutes she realized

that the lights were not from a truck or car.

"Just the light was all that was there," recalled Mrs. Gilpin. "Then, all of a sudden, I felt this real weird sensation, like the light was pulling me toward it.

"I thought, there ain't no way I'm going any further. I managed to get the car turned around and said Lord, please let me get back home without wrapping this car around a tree. I was moving on."

Meanwhile, at the Gilpin house, Arlin had telephoned his aunt and uncle, Candy and Carroll Wethington, who live nearby, to tell them about the strange sound and light outside.

After that, Arlin got a gun and walked outside. "As soon as I got to

this little path, I saw something, but I can't really say what it was. It was like two pairs of orange eyes glowing. I shot at it and then it was gone."

When Mrs. Gilpin returned to the house, she and Arlin went to the Wethingtons' house, where Roy and Judy Kirkland (relatives) are also residing temporarily until they get their log cabin completed (on the same ridge).

"We were inside drinking coffee when I got this strange urge to go outside," said Arlin. He went out, looked behind the house, and saw the light, again, in a pine tree thicket.

"This time when I saw it, it didn't

scare me as much as it did the first time. I could hear something, like it was trying to talk, but I couldn't make nothing out of it."

"It kept getting closer," Arlin continued. "I tried to pull the trigger, but couldn't. I couldn't move. Then, all of a sudden, I felt like it touched me. It was like a shock went all the way through my body, but I didn't see anything touch me. That really freaked me out. I was really torn up."

Arlin said he heard someone inside the house yell at him. "I turned around to look toward the house. Then when I looked back toward the pine thicket the light was gone."

As he returned to the house, the others noticed that the right side of his face was "puffed out and reddish."

"And his hands were green," said his mother. "You know how it looks when blue jean material fades on you? That's what it looked like, except the color was green rather than blue."

"His hands didn't look green," said Mr. Gilpin, who arrived shortly after the orange glow vanished the second and final time. "They were green. And Arlin was wild when I got there. He was scared to death, absolutely terrified."

They said it was 3:30 or 4 a.m. before everyone finally calmed down. And the next morning, Arlin's hands and face looked normal again.

"Now, what I saw doesn't actually scare me," said Arlin, Friday. "But it doesn't make me feel too good, either. I don't think I want to get that close to it again. I haven't the slightest idea what it was I saw. It wasn't anything of bodily form."

"I know one thing, I'm not going to be as brave and go follow it the next time, if there is a next time," said Mrs. Gilpin. "I do know it had a sensation over my mind and body. Something was trying to pull me to that light."

"I heard some racket outside, and about five or 10 minutes later I heard it again," said Carroll Wethington. "But I didn't think too much about it. I had to get up and go to work early the next morning. I figured that if something wanted me, it could come in the bedroom and get me. There was something out there, but I don't like to dwell on things like that."

"I do," said Mr. Gilpin. "I'm interested in it. I don't think it's over. I think it'll be back. I think it was something from the U.S. government or something from outer space."

Good friend has close encounter with unidentified flying object

away."

Lowery said there have been many UFO sightings in Michigan but often they turn out to be just swamp gas. "Swamp gas always happens in the middle of summer," Lowery said, "when there's a lot of heat. Gas rises up, and the friction in the air sets it off like electricity, and lights it up."

"This happened in the middle of winter, in January," he continued. "It was a really clear night. What I saw was not swamp gas. I'm absolutely certain it was some kind of flying vehicle.

"And whatever it was definitely saw me. I honestly thought something bad was going to happen to me. When it started circling over that subdivision, I thought it was going to come back. I took off on my bike as fast as I could."

Was it a UFO? Some think so

by CAROL MASON
of The Outlook staff

It's a bird... it's a plane... it's Superman? Or perhaps a weather balloon or that notorious "swamp gas"?

No, none of the above, according to authorities.

But at least one person is willing to venture what eerily hovered in the sky near Orient and then vanished Wednesday night.

"I thought it was a UFO," says Terry Kohlstrand, a Gresham realtor.

Kohlstrand, his fiancée Cindi Barrett and her three children had just arrived at her Orient home about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday when they saw two glowing lights rapidly coming out of the west.

"At first I thought it was a plane with its lights not blinking," said Kohlstrand. That thought was dispelled when the two lights stopped in mid-flight and hovered over Barrett's house while the five watched in amazement.

They could see no ship, he said, only the solid orange lights about three or four times the size of the largest star in the sky.

They listened for the sound of helicopters — but heard nothing, he said.

"After about five or seven minutes one just disappeared — like a light being turned out," he said. "Or it could have gone straight up. The other one stayed another two minutes, moving back and forth slightly. Then it disappeared the same way."

Kohlstrand said he was not frightened by the experience, although he felt "eerie."

The children "were kind of shook up," however. Both Kohlstrand and Barrett believe UFO's, or unidentified flying objects, come from other civilizations in far distant universes and that they mean no harm, he said. And so they watched. Unlike some UFO witnesses, Kohlstrand talks openly about the experience.

"Almost everybody teases me about it but eventually they admit they believe there are other things out there that are not explained. Most believe I saw what I saw," he said.

Local authorities are not speculating about what he saw. But the National

Weather Bureau doesn't have any weather balloons in the air after about 4 p.m., said meteorologist Jim Wakefield. And the Federal Aviation Administration knows of no special equipment or helicopters that could have been in the area, said deputy chief Ken Spencer at the Portland International Airport.

The FAA office has received several inquiries in recent weeks, Spencer said. Those are referred to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington. That agency has received no reports from individuals, but several agencies have contacted the center, saying they are receiving numerous UFO sighting calls since a sighting about two weeks ago over the Columbia River, said center staff member Robert Gribble.

Kohlstrand reported his sighting to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. The Gresham Police Department also referred a second unidentified caller to that number, said records clerk Julie Beemer.

Were those lights really UFO's? No officials will speculate because the sightings were not reported soon enough to investigate. But perhaps this week's word of advice for UFO aficionados should be "heads up" and carry a camera.

VALLEY NEWS, White River Junction, VT - April 17, 1981

UFO Cruises Windsor

By DAVE COBURN
Valley News Staff Writer

WINDSOR — Walking through the parking lot of the P&C grocery store, Linda Kingsbury and Lucy Slothower looked to the dark, star-studded sky and saw something that looked like nothing they'd ever seen in their lives.

Just a few blocks away, Jane Libby and her son were driving home when they, too, saw a strange, light-filled object moving slowly across the sky.

Others saw the same mysterious lights over Windsor at about 7:30 Wednesday night. But nobody knows what it was, and there's a one-in-10 chance they will never find out.

Kingsbury, 33, business manager at Vermont Public Radio (VPR) in Windsor, said she and Slothower were on their way back to the radio station at 7:23 when Slothower, assistant development director at VPR, noticed "two bright lights" far off in the distance.

One of the lights, Kingsbury said, was "very white, very bright and luminous, almost blue-white." The other light was dimmer and "not nearly so big" or as bright.

Kingsbury said she thought the lights were too bright to be stars and "not moving fast enough to be a satellite."

As the slow-moving object came closer, she said, it took on a triangular shape and the women could see more lights on the underside of the apparently metallic craft.

"As it went over the top of us, this slow thing, there was a very heavy humming, droning

yellow and bluish lights filling in underneath." Red lights on the sides of the object became visible as the craft approached.

Kingsbury described her reaction to the sighting as "far out."

"I mean, you know, it wasn't like anything I'd ever seen in my lifetime," she said. "It was like being part of 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' when Mother Ship comes over the mountain the first time."

Kingsbury said the Vermont State Police referred them to the Plattsburgh Air Force Base in Plattsburgh, N.Y. The air force, in turn, turned their queries over to the UFO Sighting Center in Seattle, Wash.

All they got there was a tape recording, said Kingsbury so the women called the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., north of Chicago.

The center has already begun investigation of the sighting, said Mark Rodeghier, a center director, Thursday.

Another witness, Jane Libby of Windsor, was returning from the P&C store around 7:30 p.m. when her son, 14-year-old Andrew Briggs, pointed to the lit object in the sky.

Libby, who was on State Street at the time, described the object as "very large" with a "bright light about like a star, and six or eight red lights on the side."

Her son, Andrew, an eight-grader at the Windsor Junior High School, said the object looked "like a cylinder, turning over very slow."

NEWS, Newburgh, NY

March 16, 1981

UFOs cross Hudson

NEWBURGH — Beacon area residents have been seeing UFO's during the past several days, and now the elusive objects have been spotted by a city resident.

Henry Schipp, of 282 First St. here, said he had a close encounter at about 5 a.m. Saturday when an object which he described as round, about 20 feet wide and with flashing blue lights appeared over his house.

Schipp said the object "flew by and disappeared very fast" and that he felt weakness immediately thereafter although the sensation passed "within a few moments." He said he was taking out garbage cans when he saw the UFO.

Numerous persons in the Beacon and Cold Spring area have called The Evening News with similar sightings in the past two weeks.

Schipp said he called Stewart Airport after spotting the UFO and was told by officials there that nothing unexpected appeared on their radar screens. But Schipp is unconvinced. "They're not going to tell you anything they don't want you to know about," he observed.

POST, West Palm Beach, FL - April 20, 1981

Meteor Shower

Observers Mystified By Flash in the Sky

MIAMI (AP) — Veteran airline pilot Richard Houghton said the flash of brilliant light that lit up the sky over Miami yesterday morning appeared to be "a Saturn rocket lifting off — except pointing down at the Earth."

A pilot flying over Naples said it looked like a flare, while another pilot flying 35 miles northeast of Palm Beach reported a blue flash "that completely surrounded" his airplane.

But the sudden flash of light that startled pilots and observers from the Florida Keys to Panama City actually was a spectacular meteor shower, according to the Coast Guard.

After receiving reports of the mysterious light, Petty Officer Chris Nettles called the Civil Defense National Warning Center in Olney, Md., and was told it was called "Lyrid's Meteor Phenomenon."

"It's fairly common for this time of year," Nettles said.

The Miami Coast Guard station said yesterday it had no further information about the brilliant display of light. Gerald Mays of the Civil Defense warning center said the official explanation was a meteor shower, which he said was reported to the center at 12:59 a.m. yesterday.

"I have in my log that the Coast Guard reported a meteor shower or possible space debris that almost hit an aircraft," Mays said.

But according to Houghton, a Delta Airlines captain who was looking up from his swimming pool, "This was no natural phenomena. I don't believe it. If it was, it was the biggest thing in history."

Houghton's son, Hunter, described it as a "giant bright orange and yellow flame. It shone like a welding arc."

The elder Houghton added, "This was the damndest thing I've ever seen

in my whole life, and I've been flying for 30 years.

"First of all, it was like a large, bluish green reentry-type vehicle, but gigantic, and as it neared the lower eastern horizon it burst into flames.

"I have seen many, many meteors, everything from at 37,000 feet to sea level. This thing, if it was a meteor, it's the biggest one that ever passed through the atmosphere around here for a hell of a long time," the veteran pilot said.

Hugh Harris, spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, said yesterday he was unaware of any man-made space debris having reentered the atmosphere.

"There are some fairly good size things up there, like second stages of rockets, which are pretty big, but I don't know what they'd look like coming in," he said.

An Eastern Airlines pilot flying over Miami Beach said the light streaked west to east, and another pilot flying in the same area said an object appeared to have just missed the tail of his aircraft. The brightness lit up his cockpit, that pilot said.

Miami resident Sam Stone, was outside getting something from his car, he said. He said he saw "this extremely bright object... blue or white, traveling very fast straight down. The tip of it seemed to streak back into orange flame-like color behind it."

Stone said the object made no sound as it fell to treetop level and vanished.

Employees at the Federal Aviation Administration's control tower at Miami International Airport who also saw the flash described it as "bright enough to light up the whole sky."

CR: W. Laporte

PRESS, Ipsilanti, MI - April 2, 1981

2 deputies see a UFO

What's large, round, dull red, pulsating and slow-flying?

Don't know? Neither do the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, but two of its road officers spotted it at 2 and 4:30 a.m. today.

"I spotted it about 2 this morning at about 15,000 feet going slow (and) southerly at Geddes and Superior," said Sgt. Ronald Ritter. "But I kept my mouth shut until (Danny) McLaughlin said he saw it."

Area airports and the National Weather Service reported nothing in the area.

UFO probbers claim sightings

If you took a weird trip, you were on spaceship, they say

By JACK PYLE

Sightings of unidentified flying objects over Puyallup, Fife, Interstate 5 and the Highland Hill shopping center all are part of the record being compiled by a Seattle couple who have been investigating UFOs.

When you are driving along, and the broken white lines of the highway begin to run together, and you don't remember passing cars or landmarks, and sometime later you wake up at some place where you hadn't intended to drive, scientists would say you might be suffering from "road hypnosis."

Not so, say UFO investigators Dan and Aileen Edwards. They said it is more likely you have been aboard a space ship.

Many of what the Edwardses term "abductions" have taken place along major highways, like I-5, they said.

Dan says he is a skilled hypnotist, and when he puts a person with such an experience under hypnosis, that person usually comes up with a story of being captured by alien beings and spirited away aboard a space ship, according to his wife, Aileen, 45.

Dan, 36, is a manager at Red Dot Corp., which manufactures air conditioners for large trucks. UFO investigations are done in his spare time, Aileen said.

"You have to know the crucial questions to ask these people," Mrs. Edwards said. "That is why Dan had to learn hypnosis. He knows how to handle people who really are in trauma over what happened to them."

They work with the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, which is operated by a retired Seattle firefighter.

She said some of the financing to support the UFO Contact Center in Burien, operated by the Edwardses, comes from people who claim to be taken aboard UFOs.

"These people don't have anybody to talk to who understands them," Aileen said. "They're very traumatic."

In 1978, she said, a Puyallup man was abducted in his home town and was put back on the highway at Fife 25 minutes later.

The car usually goes with them when they are abducted, Aileen explained. A tractor beam, she explained ("though I hate to use those Buck Rogers terms") comes down from the space ship and takes them, car and all.

When *The News Tribune* asked if the Puyallup man would consent to an interview, Aileen said, "He was scared after being abducted. He was so scared he disappeared. He was petrified."

Aileen said the researchers "don't get many calls from around Tacoma. Mostly they are in the Seattle area."

She said she and her husband have investigated more than 50 cases they believe were persons who had been kidnapped by space creatures.

She said there was one case where six flying saucers were sighted over

store at the Highland Hill Shopping Center at Sixth Avenue and North Pearl Street.

"The craft came up from the trees behind a supermarket and went over the top of the store before disappearing."

"It was very bizarre. The people who saw them could see beings inside the craft. These creatures looked like Sasquatches. They could be seen from the waist up, only, though we could only guess it was the waist. They were hairy and gray."

This sighting also occurred about 1978, she said.

Other cases she told about include:

- A Seattle man picked up at the Mercer Street entrance to I-5 and deposited on a stretch of sand near Edmonds 45 minutes later. His car was stuck in the sand.

- A Seattle woman was abducted while passing the Rainier Brewery and deposited at Federal Way 35 minutes later — a place she hadn't intended to go.

- A Seattle man was an abducted on Stevens Pass and the next thing he knew he was on Military Road south of Seattle.

Others are really bizarre, with octopus tentacles on their heads with big suction-cups on the ends of them and some sort of a strainer on the suction cups.

—Aileen Edwards

But Aileen said people who have been abducted don't want to be contacted. They're afraid their names will be made public and people, including friends and associates, will ridicule them.

She said some hear a loud boom when they are hoisted, car and all, into the spaceship. Sometimes there is a bright light.

"The aliens have larger eyes than ours. They have a grayish-white skin. They stand 4 feet tall. They have no ears and two holes for a nose, with a slit for a mouth that they don't use for talking.

"Some look like us — and that makes

you wonder where we came from.

"Others are really bizarre, with octopus tentacles on their heads with big suction-cups on the ends of them and some sort of a strainer on the suction cups. They may be aquatic. I think they all talk through telepathy."

They all wear one-piece suits with helmets, she said.

"Some were little light-green skinned beings with fingers with webs between them. They didn't wear anything. The abduction of a man by these beings came below Olympia.

"Abductions have picked up in the past three or four years — very rapidly," she added.

Usually, she said, people don't know they've been taken by aliens but some sure symptoms are:

- Missing time. Did the subject arrive at a destination in a much longer time than usual?

- Unusual skin abnormalities, such as marks, puncture wounds, bruises, rashes, suntan without sun, or warts.

- Any unusual dreams involving UFOs, geometric symbols, alien beings.

- Sudden development of extrasensory perception abilities.

- Appearance of aliens in one's home at night while in bed or sleeping.

Most people don't realize their contact until after taken through regression by hypnosis, she said.

A person who claimed to be one of those abducted — Gayle, 44 — told *The News Tribune* of four times she had been taken by aliens.

She said the first time was 1967 when she was in a car with her daughters, Dee, 11 and Jeri, 3½, near Dallas. She was missing for two hours at the time.

She said she was abducted twice in 1977, once in June at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and again at the same city in December of that year.

The third encounter was in Seattle last October, she said.

They were always the same aliens, she said.

"They stood 4 feet 8 inches; their heads were big in proportion to their bodies. They had no hair, really big eyes about the size of eggs, almost no nose and a slit for a mouth.

"They told me and showed me a lot of things that were incomprehensible to me. I don't know what they were talking about telepathically. They showed me symbols I didn't understand. I saw lots of machinery, but I didn't know how to operate it or what it did.

"In 1977, they gave me a physical exam. I bear a scar on my left shoulder from it. It is a round scar about the size of a dime, with marks in the center that look like a star or spokes in a wheel.

"I was on a table. I had my clothes off. They gave me a complete physical examination with some type of equipment that looked like a tube or a steel bar. It was very warm, but not hot."

Once, she said, she was hypnotized and until that time she had not realized she had been kidnapped.

Encounter With UFO Reported

Advocate News Service
PORT LAVACA - Mrs. Carroll Hartzog Thursday night reported an encounter with a UFO on her recent trip to Atlanta.

She said she and her daughter, Paula Materanek, were leaving Lufkin en route to Atlanta last Friday about 9:30 p.m. when they saw "a very large, brightly lighted object approaching."

"As it passed over us, I leaned against the glass and had a very good look at it," Mrs. Hartzog said. "It was below the tops of the pines and passed over the car, and continued to follow the highway, passing from our view in making the curve.

"It had bright red lights, alternating with white light, coming out of openings. The bottom surface visible to us was round and a larger object than the length of the car. There were no wings nor extensions, just the round object, with sort of a loud humming noise, unlike anything we had ever seen."

ADVOCATE, Victoria, TX - March 13, 1981

NEWS-EXAMINER, Connersville, IN - April 29, 1981

Evening Chat

Compiled By The Editorial Staff

THE AREA around Shelbyville and Columbus seems to be a favorite for UFO reports.

Several instances of sightings have been noted in Shelby County in recent months and now comes another from just over the Shelby County line in Bartholomew County, at the intersection of Ind. 9 and Ind. 44.

It was a Shelby County couple who witnessed the event, according to *The Shelbyville News*, in the dark hours of early morning one day last week. As the couple's car neared the stop sign at the intersection, the object — described as "blinding in its brilliancy" — suddenly sped off in a graceful and rapid path to the northwest. It had all but disappeared when the thing reversed direction and headed back towards the couple's auto. It hovered in midair over a nearby woods, near Hauser High School, and the couple watched as its fading lights suddenly intensified and flashed intermittently in a circular movement.

It wasn't a helicopter because the gentleman making the report is a former military flier and is acquainted with copters. He doesn't know what it was and neither does his wife.

UFOs Said Seen In Lindale Area

HIDE-AWAY LAKE -- Sighting of five unidentified flying objects (UFOs) near Hide-A-Way Lake was reported Thursday night by several residents of the area.

Mrs. C.G. Pace said the round, "bright-like" objects were observed for about 20 minutes to the east of the Hide-A-Way Lake community, moving in a southerly direction.

"My husband and I watched them for some time and a friend of ours across the lake saw them as well," Mrs. Pace said.

She said three of the objects finally faded in a southerly direction while two continued visible for some minutes.

Department of Public Safety radio dispatchers said they had received no calls about the UFOs nor had Smith County Sheriff's Department.

ERA, Bradford, PA
March 16, 1981

Large 'red ball' is cited on West Corydon

A local field investigator for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO research is seeking more information about a UFO sighting on West Corydon Street during the weekend.

Joan Jeffers said a resident reported seeing what appeared to be a "large red ball" in the sky above West Corydon Street about 1 a.m. Saturday. The person watched the ball for about five minutes and then went inside.

Ms. Jeffers said she would like to know if anyone else had seen the UFO or could identify it.

She can be contacted at her home in Bradford.

NEWS-SUN, Waukegan, IL - March 24, 1981

Two report UFO sightings in Zion

A UFO citing was reported to Zion police Saturday. Two motorists, Nancy Bryson, 41, and Myrtle Fulcher, both of 3216 Gideon Ave., told police they were driving south on Lewis Avenue at 8:45 a.m. Saturday when they saw five bright, large red lights flying tree-top level over 33rd Street and Galille Ave.

The woman said the lights were "too big and bright" to be an airplane's and did not go on and off. She said the lights went in a southeast direction over the lake.

The report was put on file with Zion police. A copy was given to the detective bureau, but no one was assigned to the case.

CORRECTION: The item identified as "ARGUS, Waushara, WI" (UFONS #139, page 4) should be WAUSHARA ARGUS, Wautoma, WI.

TELEGRAPH, Tyler, TX - March 20, 1981

CR: P. Bartholomew via W. Thompson

Is Air Force covering up UFO information?

"There are not now, nor ever have been, any extraterrestrial visitors or equipment on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base."

-- Air Force press release, July 1980.

By STEVE WILSON
Gannett News Service
WRIGHT-PATTEKSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Like the plot of the movie it apparently inspired, the rumor of Wright-Patterson's aliens on ice is far-fetched enough to make it almost believable.

And, based on the number of letters that keep flowing in here every month demanding that the Air Force come clean about its extraterrestrial cover-up, more than a few people believe every word of it.

The rumor is that in 1947 a saucer-shaped spaceship, manned by aliens, crashed in an isolated area of New Mexico. The alien crew and their craft, the rumor says, were then taken to Wright-Patterson, where they were deep frozen for safekeeping.

Earlier this year, a movie called "Hangar 18" was released bearing strong similarities to the "little green men" rumor, and the information office here is bracing for another onslaught of calls.

Although Wright-Patterson doesn't even have a Hangar 18, its association with UFOs over the years is enough to make even the hardened skeptic wonder about the reports for at least a few minutes.

From 1947 through 1969, Wright-Patterson was the home of "Operation Blue Book," an official Air Force pamphlet on unidentified flying objects. When Blue Book was discontinued in 1969 it had investigated 12,618 sightings, of which 701 remained unidentified to the end.

When it was all over, the Air Force concluded that none of the investi-

gated sightings gave any indication of being a threat to the national security, that none represented technological developments beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge, and that there was no evidence that sightings categorized as "unidentified" were extraterrestrial vehicles.

Since 1969, the Air Force says, nothing has happened to persuade it to resume its investigation.

But, despite the official reports and the press releases, Wright-Patterson still gets a steady flow of letters from people all over the world wanting to know the truth about "the cover-up of the three humanoids you found in the New Mexico desert," says Lt. Col. Leonard M. Kacher, base public affairs officer.

Kacher gets so many letters that he

now has adopted a standard reply, but admits that "not everyone appreciates the form letter."

One woman wrote back, "I did not ask for a sheet with a bunch of malarkey. I just don't see the sense of hiding this stuff..."

When two UFO investigators collaborated on a book about Wright-Patterson's cover-up last year, they identified the location of the frozen aliens as Hangar 18-A. While the base doesn't have a hangar numbered that high, there is an office building with the 18-A tag.

But a more likely location for putting Martians on ice, says the Air Force, is Building 18-F. Used during the 1950s by the Aero Propulsion Laboratory for testing engines, the building has several refrigerated cells capable of bringing temperatures

down to 65 degrees below zero.

The cells are not only large enough for a flying saucer, but at one time accommodated a complete fire engine.

But Air Force officials point out that the building has never been off limits, and that reporters have toured it at least three times in the past year without finding any aliens.

Don Ritter, who worked on tests in 18-F during the '50s and has been at Wright-Patterson since 1942, says the rumors of aliens on ice have gone on for years. "I'd like to see one of those UFOs," he says.

Kacher himself doesn't dismiss the possibility of creatures from outer space, despite Blue Book's conclusions. "It seems to me to be awful egotistical to say that we would be the only intelligent beings in this

galaxy," he says.

But, he adds, if they're out there, they haven't identified themselves. "I want proof and we haven't seen that," he says.

He also says he seriously doubts the Air Force is capable of covering up the existence of alien beings for 34 years: "It would probably be the best-kept secret we've ever had in this country."

Meanwhile, the closest the Air Force comes to documenting the existence of UFOs at Wright-Patterson is a small display case in an out-of-the-way hall at the Air Force Museum. There it gives its official response to the reports of UFOs and shows some of the paraphernalia investigated by Blue Book — including a chunk of plastic and a broken brake drum from a Mack truck.

UFO 'Identified'; Questions Remain

By B.I. GOLDBERG
Windsor County Bureau

WEST WOODSTOCK — What his family first thought was a planet and others viewed as a UFO was obviously a refueling operation between an aircraft tanker and four jets, local resident Phillip Camp says.

However, the region's four strategic airbases all denied sending aircraft this way at the time in question.

"My wife and three sons and I watched the formation from our hilltop backyard last Wednesday night," Camp said of the April 15 sighting. "The formation was spotted at approximately 7:30 p.m."

"We were lucky enough to have a bright moon and a clear night," he said. "When the formation passed between the moon and us we had a vivid outline of the object."

"It was obviously a large mother ship refueling other aircraft. Once the formation passed you could hear the jet engines and see their exhaust with a bit of flame. I suppose that flame could look like another colored light to other people."

Last Wednesday two Vermont Public Radio employees, who were outside on an evening coffee break, sighted an object described as "Y-shaped with a big white light in front." The object was said to have "definite dimensions and red side lights."

"The object moved slowly; there was no way it could be an airplane," said Lucy Stohower, assistant development director of the radio station. "It was a spacecraft... As the object approached I could hear what sounded like an engine, a big heavy hum."

"I'm not a doubting Thomas," Camp said. "I'm sure there are UFO's but last week's sighting wasn't one of them."

"The light on the nose of the main ship was very, very bright," he agreed. "It could have been a location light so that the other jets could find the refueler."

"The bright light is located on a refueler so that the aircraft personnel can see what they're doing from one plane to the next," Lebanon Municipal Airport Chief Controller Carl Grey said.

"Light is needed to see the refueling nozzle so that it can be positioned into place."

Lt. Judith Bradshaw at Griffiths Air Force Base in Rome, N.Y. agreed with Grey.

"The light described was probably a bright whitish light that is located about 13 feet out on the boom of the refueler so that the air tanker can see the receptical," she said.

"These operations like to fly at night so that they get the practice of doing it. So the idea that the reported UFO was actually a refueling operation is not inconceivable," she added.

"This is an area that has a lot of refueling operations at all times of the night and day," Grey said. Air force bases direct the operations and only notify municipal airports when planes plan to fly under 3,000 feet he noted.

"Refuelers fly at about 18,000 to 22,000 feet," Lt. Jeffrey Rich at Plattsburgh (N.Y.) Air Force Base said.

"We didn't have anything flying in the Windsor area from our base last Wednesday night but we are only one of four strategic aircraft bases in the area," Rich said. Besides Plattsburgh and Griffiths, the other New England bases are Loring Air Force Base in Maine's Aroostook County and Pease Air Force Base in Lebanon, N.H.

"We didn't have any flight activity from here at 7:30 p.m. last Wednesday," Lt. Deborah Hendricks at Pease said.

"All of our aircraft had landed by 6 p.m. last Wednesday," Bradshaw stated.

"I've checked our schedules and we had nothing flying in the vicinity at that time," Lt. Virgil Thorpe at Loring reported.

"Besides, refuelers usually fly so high you can't even see them," he added.

Rich said a refueler's high flying altitude could account for the formation's slow traveling speed that Camp said "puzzled us at first."

"Though aircraft refuel at a normal ground speed, they are flying at up to 22,000 feet elevation, which could account for their apparent slow movement," Rich concurred.

Two Women Report UFO In Windsor

The Associated Press

WINDSOR — What's biggest and wider than a 747, is v-shaped and full of lights, emits a steady hum that sounds like a train and flies at about 4,000 feet?

Linda Kingsbury, 33, and Lucy Stohower, 29, would love to find out.

They saw such an object for more than five minutes starting at 7:23 Wednesday night after they walked out of a grocery store.

"I noticed one star that seemed to be moving and it kept coming right at us," said Ms. Stohower.

She said the object flew right over their heads.

"It was an enormous craft, shaped like a triangle with a grid system in between, and lights outlining the structure," she said.

The two women, both employees at Vermont Public Radio, reported the sightings to UFO centers around the country. They said one of the centers, in Seattle, Wash., said there had been other reports of the sighting.

Ms. Stohower said the craft was so quiet and "subtle" she doubts it would have been seen "by anyone driving down the road."

The two women drew pictures of their sighting and said officials from the UFO sighting center plan to view them.

FREE PRESS, Burlington, VT - April 17, 1981

CR: P. Bartholomew via W. Thompson

Oakland Post-Enquirer
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Claim Space Ship Raids Air Corps Doubts Theory

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP). — A sensational claim that so-called "flying saucers" are space vehicles from another planet kindled new controversy on the subject today.

The Air Force promptly discounted the claim. A spokesman said:

"Air Force studies of 'flying saucers' lend no support to the view that they come from another planet."

FORMER AIR OFFICIAL

The assertion that the flying discs are real and that they are used by visitors from another planet was made by True magazine in an article it calls the "most important true story we have ever published."

It was written for the January issue by Donald E. Keyhoe, a former information chief for the Aeronautics Branch of the United States Commerce Department.

The magazine, saying its conclusions were based on an eight-month investigation, stated:

"For the past 175 years, the planet earth has been under systematic close-range examination

by living, intelligent observers from another planet.

"The intensity of this observation, and the frequency of the visits to the earth's atmosphere, by which it is being conducted, have increased markedly in the past two years."

SOME OTHER RACE

The flying discs, Keyhoe writes, vary "in no important particular from well-developed American plans for the exploration of space expected to come to fruition within the next 50 years. There is reason to believe, however, that some other race of thinking beings is a matter of two and a quarter centuries ahead of us."

The article says that "Project Saucer," operated by United States Army and Air Force investigators and charged with solving the mystery, "are receiving and evaluating" reports of sighted flying discs at the rate of 2 a month.

True learned, Keyhoe says, that a "rocket authority stationed at Wright Field has told 'Project Saucer' personnel flatly that the saucers are interplanetary and that no other conclusion is possible."

AF Reports 'Saucers' On Radars

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—The Air Force contributed to the rash of "flying saucer" speculation today by disclosing that strange aerial "objects" had been picked up on radar near the capital area.

The Air Force said radar operators at National Airport reported tracing eight unidentified "objects" on their screens about midnight last Saturday.

The Air Force, which officially has maintained a skeptical attitude toward "flying saucers," refused to make any attempt to identify the strange "objects." A spokesman said he had no comment when asked whether the "objects" were "flying saucers."

The Air Force said only that the "objects" had been picked up on the radar screen, moving at speeds ranging from 100 to 130 miles an hour. It said it is "investigating" the report.

Two pilots — one civilian and one military — added to the mystery of the strange flights by reporting separately that they had seen strange objects resembling "shooting stars without tails"

streaking across the sky in the Washington area during the past 10 days.

A special Air Force investigating body concluded last year after looking into nearly 400 separate "sightings," that there are no such things as "flying saucers." It said the "visions" were due either to mass hysteria, hoaxes or mistaken identification of such things as balloons or meteors.

Berkeley Daily Gazette - July 22, 1952

Lots of People See Saucers Flying High Near Sacramento

SACRAMENTO, July 29. — (AP)—The Sacramento Air Defense Filter Center is receiving two or three reports a day about unidentified flying objects, and radar contact was made in at least one case, a source at the center disclosed today.

The radar sighting, he said, was made near Red Bluff Monday. He said the flight patterns of two objects—going fast at an altitude of more than 20,000 feet—checked with a report by two ground observers.

A 16 year old boy gave a detailed description of an object he said he saw while he was riding horseback Sunday.

Jerry Speer of nearby Lincoln said he spotted two "somethings," one of which came close to the ground.

The youth told a reporter the objects were about twenty feet high and forty feet long and had three sets of two windows.

He declared:

"The thing looked like two tops that had been flattened out against each other. The windows were square and their frames stuck out. The whole thing was covered with shiny metal.

"There were three exhausts and the thing could fly up, down and sideways. A short vapor came out of each exhaust and the sound of it traveled about a mile and a half behind."

He said he watched the low flying object for about three minutes.

EXAMINER, San Francisco, CA - July 30, 1952

Berkeley Daily Gazette - July 28, 1952 UC Scientist Admits He's Baffled by Saucer Reports

By United Press

Several scientists, still stumped for an explanation of "flying saucers," were convinced today that the mysterious objects really exist.

One expert said they may be space ships from another planet. Reports of fast-travelling, extremely light objects over Washington during the week end gave weight to the theory that the "saucers" are real, according to some experts.

Otto Struve, director of the Leuschner observatory and chairman of the Department of Astronomy of the University of California here, was baffled by the mounting reports of "saucers."

"I have no idea what flying saucers could possibly be. I have no knowledge on the subject whatsoever," he said.

An official of Mt. Wilson Observatory at Los Angeles, who asked that his name be withheld, said the objects reportedly sighted near Washington apparently were not a form of meteor or "other natural phenomena."

DECLINED COMMENT

He declined to comment, however, on the possibility that the objects came from a neighbor planet.

"I definitely believe the objects sighted over Washington were not a figment of someone's imagination," said R. L. Farnsworth, president of the US Rocket Society, a reputable organization devoted to the study of rocket travel.

Farnsworth said "there is a possibility" they are interplanetary space ships. He added that there was no way for him to know, with certainty, what the objects were.

"Interplanetary space travel is definitely possible," he said, "we know there is vegetation on the planet of Mars, and this could be an indication there is life on that planet."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astronomer at Ohio State University, said he thinks the persons who have reported seeing the "saucers" were not just letting their imaginations get the best of them.

He said he was convinced these persons saw something—"some type of object or phenomena."

But Hynek said it is "highly improbable" that the "saucers" come from another planet.

"There would be too vast a distance and too much of an engineering problem involved," he said.

One scientist, who asked that his name be withheld, speculated

that the "saucers" might be experimental aircraft developed by the US.

If this is the case, he said, "it's time the Government quit playing jokes on the people."

The same scientist said he thought it was "slightly fishy" that many reports of the weird objects "come from the general area of Washington and atomic proving grounds in New Mexico.

Other scientists were keeping their hands off the mystery, waiting for more clues to the identity of the objects.

Meanwhile, Capt. Irving Van Brunt, head of the Long Beach Air Force Weather Station, had a simple explanation for some California saucers.

Three San Pedro policemen said they saw a "saucer" zoom up into space Saturday and explode into smaller pieces. Van Brunt said that at the time and place the policemen reported the incident his weather balloon was released and burst, dropping a radio transmitter on a parachute.

12—Monday, June 12, 1950 RICHMOND INDEPENDENT

Farmer's Pictures Reveal Details of Flying Saucer

McMINNVILLE, Ore., June 12 (INS)—A "saucer-weary" public got the needle again today as interest picked up in two pictures taken by Paul Trent, McMinnville farmer, of a flying saucer that had indications of authenticity.

Sold citizens of McMinnville, including the town banker, sturdily backed the 34-year-old farmer as "a man of integrity," hard-working, sincere and not the type to stage a hoax.

One of the shots revealed some of the saucer's detail.

Outlined against an overcast sky, the saucer appeared like an inverted soup dish with a thin rim and a dome like super-structure centered by a short straight upright.

The other picture, taken from a different angle, emphasized the disc appearance and absence of wings.

Trent was interviewed at the Alderberry and vegetable farm near Dayton where he drives a truck. He denied emphatically any suggestion of fakery.

When asked why he had waited so long—the pictures were taken May 11—before telling anyone about them, Trent admitted he was "kinda scared of it."

He said: "You know, you hear so much talk about those things . . . I didn't believe all that talk about flying saucers before, but now I have an idea the Army knows what they are."

According to Trent, he was in the kitchen when his wife sighted the flying disc first about 7:30 p.m. She was in the back yard and called to him. He immediately ran for his folding camera, dashed outside and took the pictures.

He estimated the "thing" was about 20 or 30 feet in diameter and it "seemed both dark and silver."

Trent elaborated, "there wasn't any flame and it was moving fairly slow. Then I snapped the first picture. It moved a little to the right. I moved to the right to take another picture."

Neither Trent nor his wife heard any sound.

Photographs first came to public attention Wednesday when

Trent showed them to Frank Wortman, president of the First National Bank in McMinnville while there on routine business.

Wortman asked to keep the pictures and Trent returned to his farm.

The pictures were shown to Bill Powell, telephone register staff member, who went out to interview the Trents.

Powell said the Trents were unconcerned about the pictures and at first could not find the negatives. They were finally located under the davenport where their two children had been playing with them.

Trent's brother, Clayton, who lives near Paul, said he was as mystified as anyone over the disc pictures. But he is sure of one thing:

"Paul doesn't know enough about photography to fake something like that."

The film was developed through regular commercial channels.

DAILY GAZETTE, Berkeley, CA - April 13, 1952

Odd Objects Seen in Sky

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 12 (AP)—A balloon construction expert said today he has seen "strange unidentified aerial objects" over Minnesota and Wisconsin and "I'm not going to say what they were because I haven't the slightest idea."

"I can't say they were space ships," J. J. Kaliszewski said. "I can't say they were flying saucers. All I can say is that they were strange. I had never seen them before and, so far as I know, they have never been identified."

Kaliszewski, supervisor of balloon manufacture for the General Mills Aeronautical Research Laboratories, said he saw the "objects between 10:10 a.m. Oct. 10, 1951 and 8:30 a.m. Oct. 11, 1951."

"I was flying a plane over this area," he said, "tracing a balloon we had just sent up. There were two different flights."

With him one of the flights was Jack Donaghy, member of the General Mills flight operation crew. With him on a second flight was Richard Reilly, another crew member. Douglas Smith and Richard Dorian, ground crew members, viewed the strange objects through theodolites at the University of Minnesota Airport.

Theodolites are telescope-like measuring instruments installed at the airport, where all of the General Mills balloon flights are launched.

CHRONICLE, San Francisco, CA - Aug. 11, 1952

The Saucers---Newsmen Report Few Seen Abroad

Exclusive to The Chronicle From the Chicago Daily News

CHICAGO, Aug. 10—Flying saucers are sighted only sporadically abroad with few people taking them seriously, a roundup of reports from Chicago Daily News foreign correspondents shows.

David M. Nichol in Bonn points out German people have been looking skyward since 1939 and have some familiarity with atmospheric phenomena.

They know, for example, the weird and erratic ellipses sometimes seen on low-flying clouds are traceable to the distant searchlight beams of Soviet army installations.

William McGaffin in London says the official British attitude is to discount the whole idea. Saucers have been reported occasionally since 1947.

Paul Ghall in Paris says France's No. 1 astronomer, Professor Ernest Esclangon, dismisses the whole

idea as "puerile."

The reports in France have been limited to the Central and Western part.

"It is curious," Ghall adds, "that they are never spotted in Alsace or Eastern France where they should pass if they came from Russia."

Frank Flaherty in Ottawa says the Royal Canadian Air Force has investigated about 30 reports and found several to be meteorites and weather balloons.

Dr. O. M. Solandt, chairman of the Canadian Defense Research Board, declares: "We are as much mystified as anyone else but we are keeping our minds open."

There is no word on flying saucers from behind the Iron Curtain, leading Nichols to observe:

"It is the first time in 150 years for which Russia hasn't claimed the invention."

A BOOKMAN'S NOTEBOOK Those Flying Saucers

By JOSEPH HENRY JACKSON

For some time there have been advance notices to the effect that Mr. Frank Scully, long a writer of humor and the like, was about to publish a book on the subject of flying saucers.

It is out under the title, "Behind the Flying Saucers" (Holt; \$2.75), and unless Mr. Scully is disguising humor in the most involved fashion of any humorist yet, it is not intended as a funny book. Its publisher is clearly not being cute about it, either; in a "Publisher's Note" he writes: "We are publishing the book because we believe it to be an exciting, timely, and straightforward interpretation of one of the strangest phenomena (sic) in modern times."

Employing somewhat better grammar for the rest of his brief statement, the publisher goes on to note that he has never seen a flying saucer (Mr. Scully notes that he hasn't either), and that the reader will find Mr. Scully's answers both fascinating and provocative.

As to that, the reader will have to make up his own mind. Indeed, he will have to come to his own conclusions about whether any "answers" are to be found in this book to begin with. There are few direct statements put forward as fact. There is a great deal of semi-fact, not actually claimed as fact by the author, but written in such a manner that most readers are likely to accept it all as fact. The technique is one used by all sorts of people these days. If you handle it ably, you can "answer" all kinds of questions—as witness the Baconians when they want to prove that Bacon wrote Shakespeare. You might even "prove," if you like, something quite mystical about Scully himself; the fact is that his initials, "F. S." are also the initials of the words "flying saucers." And if you count the letters of Scully's name backward for both these words, you come out with just one letter left, in each case—and those letters are "F. S." Clearly Frank Scully and Flying Saucers are closely linked. Maybe by those lines of "magnetic force" about which Mr. Scully writes so much in this book.

Are There Really 'Saucers'?

Mr. Scully, to boil his book down, says (or as good as says, because he doesn't say much directly, as of himself), that there are flying saucers. At least he says that a "scientist" identified only as "Dr. Gee," told him so.

Of course, the reader is not told who "Dr. Gee" may be. But there is a good technique here; Mr. Scully writes that he met "Dr. Gee" through a Mr. S. M. Newton, who does exist; he's a businessman, oil executive, etc. By a well-known human association-habit, you are therefore expected not only to believe in "Dr. Gee," but to believe him, as he is here quoted. Maybe there is a "Dr. Gee." I don't know. Until he is identified, I have no ground on which to base either belief or disbelief.

At any rate, the story at this point becomes "Dr. Gee's" story.

According to Scully, "Dr. Gee" saw grounded flying saucers. Four of them have come to earth, and been spirited away (Mr. Scully

suggests) by the military for further examination. "Dr. Gee" was there, Scully says, and made some observations, including a few on the "little men" (all dead) that occupied the saucers. There are other details, reading a good deal like science-fiction, and that's about it.

For the rest, Mr. Scully discusses the Air Force handling of the subject (which he doesn't like), the article that appeared in True Magazine, and other articles, including his own "Twenty Questions" which he put to the Air Force and which they didn't answer. (The questions were asked in print by Mr. Scully, in the show-business magazine, Variety.) He also goes into considerable detail on the subject of magnetism (the saucers, he implies, fly on "lines of magnetic force"), and manages to get into the discussion a large number of names of scientists, past and present, from Faraday to Einstein. And he closes with a record of newspaper and magazine stories, etc., on the whole subject, as these have appeared in print from the beginning of the flying saucer phenomenon.

Does Scully Believe It All?

Now of course no one but Mr. Scully himself knows just how much of all this he believes to be true.

No one can evaluate the testimony of "Dr. Gee" when he remains unidentified. Perhaps a reputable scientist, reliable in all ways, did see one or several flying saucers, complete with little men from 36 to 42 inches in height, the vehicles made of metal or alloy not known to us. Perhaps such a man told Scully he examined these saucers; one of the few things Scully says directly is that he met and talked with "Dr. Gee" who told him these things, and one can only assume that Scully is telling the truth about that. He says he asked "Dr. Gee" questions directly and that "Dr. Gee" gave the answers he quotes. All depends, then, on who "Dr. Gee" is, and Mr. Scully doesn't tell us.

For me, I'm afraid, this is not evidence. Maybe, as Mr. Scully says, the Air Force is concealing something. Maybe, as "Dr. Gee" guesses, the saucers flew to the earth—if they did—from the planet Venus. But without knowing of the identity of the man who is quoted as making the statement, the evidence has no value for me.

As for Mr. Scully's discussion—ranging far afield—of the "magnetic lines of force" by means of which the saucers are supposed to have flown—well, when Mr. Scully says, as he repeatedly does, that these lines, which "never cross each other," run "1257 to the square centimeter," it just doesn't make sense to me. A group of non-crossing lines will run so many to the centimeter, or yard or mile or whatever, which measures them. Why "square centimeter" then? Why "square" anything? As used here, the term is a solemn-sounding bit of nonsense, that's all. And as far as I'm concerned, I reserve the right to suspect, throughout, any "scientific" discussion whose author falls into as elementary an error as that.

Nazis Pioneered 'Saucers'

Scientist Says They're Real

By Frank Brutto

ROME, March 24 (AP).—An Italian scientist said today that types of flying discs were designed and studied in Germany and Italy as early as 1942.

Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, he added, were interested in the instruments, the idea of which was developed concurrently both in Italy and Germany.

Flying discs or saucers have been reported sighted recently in many parts of the world. There has been no scientific confirmation of the existence of such things, nor any universally accepted explanation of what their purpose might be.

The Italian scientist, Giuseppe Belluzzo, noted Italian authority on projectiles and cannons and builder in 1905 of the first steam turbine in Italy, made his declarations in Rome's independent Giornale D'Italia.

"There is nothing supernatural or Martian about flying discs," he said, "but they are simply rational application of recent technique."

Professor Belluzzo, a former deputy and Senator and Minister of National Economy under Mussolini, expressed the opinion that "some great power is launching discs to study them."

Reports of flying discs in Italian skies have been frequent. The latest report came last night from northern Turin, where several persons said they saw a saucer speeding across the moonlit sky, leaving a fiery trail.

Professor Bulluzzo's article was accompanied by a sketch showing the possible construction for a

disc, using nafta and air for propelling force. Belluzzo did not further identify "nafta," but it might mean naphtha.

"The truth is," wrote Professor Belluzzo, "that these instruments of destruction can be built and operated. The principle of the flying disc is simple, and construction with light metal very easy."

Launching of the discs, he said, can be done by rapid combustion of a cartridge similar to that with which torpedoes are launched.

Radar Crews Keep Watch For Saucers

By ARTHUR J. SNIDER

Chicago Daily News Science Writer

WILLIAMS BAY, Wis., Aug. 10—

On a few remote acres of brush-cleared Wisconsin land is the first line of defense against flying saucers and other unidentified aerial objects.

Here electronic beams of radar scan the skies day and night, Sundays and holidays.

Below, in a window, darkened and heavily-guarded operations rooms, Air Force experts never take eyes off a screen throwing a purplish glow in their faces.

They know the schedules each day of every commercial, private and military craft that flies within this station's zone.

Anything else that records a blob of light on the radarscope is challenged. No chance is taken.

A MINUTE CHECK

The identification man has one minute to check CAA and military flight loss. If no plane is slated for that area at that time, he flashes the controller.

The controller is linked by direct telephone with air bases.

Protecting saucer-anxious Chicago around the clock is the 4706th Defense Wing at O'Hare airport under the command of Colonel Fred T. Crimmins Jr.

F-86 Sabrejets, holders of the official world speed record of 670 miles an hour, are poised with 50-caliber guns loaded.

They are piloted by such aces as Lieutenant Colonel Bruce H. Hinton, who shot down the first Russian-built MIG-15 in the Korean war, and Colonel Benjamin S. Preston Jr., who has 102 Korean combat missions with four MIG kills.

Any pilot, from lieutenant on up, is empowered without further instructions to shoot down anything he cannot identify by sighting or code exchange.

"We have yet to fire at anything—and that includes flying saucers," declared Colonel Crimmins. "We have seen no saucers."

At the sound of the "scramble" siren pilots race from the ready room to their planes. They are airborne in seconds.

They switch to the radio frequency of the radar control officer to get direction, altitude and course for their rendezvous with the mystery.

The object and the interceptors are followed by radar and courses plotted on a map in the operations room.

At night or in bad weather the planes can thereby be maneuvered into the best possible position to attack.

While the watchdog of radar is the most advanced system of aerial detection yet devised, it has a limitation.

STRAIGHT WAVES

Radar waves, like television waves, will not "bend" over high hills.

Thus it is ineffective at low altitudes where the line-of-sight is cut off by terrain obstruction.

One way of minimizing this weakness is to locate the Nation's network of radar stations so that one beam will cover the dead spots of the other.

Another is to use the eyes and ears of the new nationwide corps of volunteer ground observers who report to filter center.

In Chicago the filter center is located at the Museum of Science and Industry.

"A suburban housewife may draw little glory or acclaim for her hours of watching or waiting," Colonel Crimmins said, "but she has the knowledge that she may be the one to save an entire city from atomic devastation."

Flying Fire Balls Seen by 3 Cops

Two more mysterious balls of fire were reported seen in Richmond early yesterday. Three Richmond police officers said they observed "orange balls of fire" while they were on patrol in the western part of the city.

Patrolmen Jack Fickes, Jack Estes and T. J. Walsh declared the balls hovered over Point Richmond and then disappeared in a northerly direction.

Weather Observer Spots Mysterious Flashes in SF Skies

What Harold Groger of San Francisco saw flash across the sky didn't resemble a flying saucer—it looked more like a rocket plane.

Groger, a chart plotter for the weather bureau at San Francisco Air Port said he spotted a mysterious object flying at a tremendous speed yesterday. He described it as a sort of rocket plane or blimp.

Two spotters of the Civil Air Defense also reported sighting strange objects yesterday in the

Berkeley Daily Gazette Aug. 11, 1952

More 'Saucers' Seen

A "saucer" has been seen over El Cerrito.

Mrs. S. E. Nauman, 2650 Monte Vista Way, today reported to El Cerrito police seeing a string of objects flying very high and fast pass over El Cerrito. They appeared to come from San Francisco, police quoted her as saying.

Santa Cruz area. They said the objects were "like big stars and all at once would move and go very fast."

'Saucer' Rumors Collapse

Air Force Says Study Proves 'No Such an Animal'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—After checking up on 375 rumors of weird and wondrous sights in the sky, the Air Force has concluded that there aren't any "flying saucers."

It took two years, a special team from the USAF's science staff, and help from university consultants to track down the rumors of strange discs whizzing through the air.

Last night the Air Force said "project flying saucer"—the investigation started by the Air Materiel Command at Wright Base, Dayton, (Ohio) Jan. 22, 1948—has been ordered ended because there is nothing to show that the reports were "not the results of natural phenomena."

All evidence, it added, points to three factors—"misinterpretation of various conventional objects; a mild form of mass hysteria; or hoaxes"—as the origin of the flying saucer reports.

Under Air Force definition, "various conventional objects" include such things as meteors, balloons, birds in flight or just ordinary optical illusions.

The effect of last night's Air Force announcement was to deny a story appearing in the current edition of the magazine "True." The magazine said it had learned that "a rocket authority stationed at Wright Field has told 'Project Saucer' personnel flatly that the saucers are interplanetary and that no other conclusion is possible."

Flying Saucers Are Real Space Ships, Navy Rocket Aide Says

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (INS).—A United States Navy rocket missile research expert declared his belief today that "flying saucers" he has investigated actually were space ships operated by "animate, intelligent beings," possibly from Mars.

Comdr. Robert B. McLaughlin, writing in the current issue of True Magazine, said that questioning Navy observers who spotted and tracked an object in April, 1949, "produced almost unani-

mous judgment" it was a "flying saucer."

Analyzing the data turned in by five Navy researchers and scientists who spotted the object near the White Sands, N. M., proving grounds, McLaughlin wrote the object was elliptical in shape and about 105 feet in diameter. He declared it was speeding at about four miles per second at an altitude of approximately 56 miles, and added:

"I am convinced that it was a flying saucer and, further, that these discs are space ships from another planet, operated by animate, intelligent beings."

"Hallucination? Optical illusion? I think it is reasonable to say that illusions do not appear simultaneously and identically to five different trained weather observers. I cannot think of any other possibilities. Reliable observers saw the object."

McLaughlin asserted that the

design, construction and operations of the saucer indicated to him that a "very superior intelligence is at work; not only at work, but present within the discs."

Explorers Sight Antarctic Discs

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 23 (U.P.).—A Chilean naval officer said today that a group of Antarctic explorers under his command obtained photographs of flying saucers at the Chilean Antarctic base.



Maj. Gen. John A. Samford—director of Air Force Intelligence, points as he emphasizes that recent saucer sightings over Washington, DC, are derived from natural causes.

Saucer 'Cure' Taking Hold

WASHINGTON, July 31 (U.P.)—The Air Force detected faint to moderate indications today that its cure for the "flying saucer" mania was taking hold.

If the weather bureau now can dispel the heat wave that causes optical and radar illusions, Air Force officers reflected hopefully, the whirling discs may go away entirely—at least for another season.

Air Force information officers reported that inquiries have taken a more "reasonable" turn since Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, Air Force intelligence director, described the "saucers" as physical phenomena and outlined scientific studies now in progress to determine the origin of the mirages.

Instead of posing such questions as what planet do the "things" come from, are they secret weapons, or how come they have not been fully explained, inquirers now have been seeking information on the technical equipment and processes being used in the scientific investigation.

There seems to be growing acceptance of the theory expounded at Samford's "saucerian" seminar with the press that the flurry of Washington sightings were optical and radar illusions caused by heat wave effects, officers said.

Not so certain, however, was a wag in the Air Route Traffic Control Center at Washington National airport—scene of three "saucer" sightings in 10 days.

Chances are, said this radar man, that "the objects have just gone away for a couple' days' to fuel up."

San Francisco News - Aug. 2, 1952

'Flying Saucers? Now I Believe!'

By Doyle Kline
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer
ALBUQUERQUE, Aug. 2.—I saw a flight of luminous objects—at least 10—pass over Albuquerque. The time was 9:50 p. m.

Whatever they were, they made a "flying saucers" believer out of me. They resembled nothing I had seen before.

Their flight was soundless and graceful. At first they appeared overhead. They were clustered together in no apparent pattern, heading north.

Then they shifted to a perfect V. The shift was done with precision. The formation resembled a flight of geese.

Within a few seconds they formed a new pattern—two rows with the objects in front spaced

at exact intervals. The "saucers" in the second row were spaced evenly between those in the first row.

If the objects were about 2500 feet over the city, as they first appeared, they moved only about as fast as an F-86 Sabrejet. Going on this assumption, their shifts in position were incredibly swift and fantastically violent—in terms of our experience.

But if their nearness to the ground was an illusion—and the Air Force has said it believes such phenomena may be tricks of the atmosphere—their performance takes on even more incredible aspects.

If they were at a great height, their speed must be beyond comprehension.

I was a witness on several oc-

casions when fireballs, both green and blue-white, flashed through the skies at various points in the southwest. On one occasion I reported in detail what I saw to Dr. Lincoln La Paz, director of the University of New Mexico Institute of Meteoritics and a nationally known authority on such things.

Dr. La Paz told me today that the objects I saw last night "definitely are not associated with the Perseid meteor shower." He said the Perseid meteors are coming from the northeast and that they do not change formation or exhibit "intelligence or co-ordination."

I have witnessed both day and night rocket flights at White Sands Proving Ground, N. M. The saucers were something different altogether.

San Francisco Examiner April 18, 1952 'SAUCERS' SEEN AT ATOM SITE

Five Report Flying Discs Near Nevada Test Region

LAS VEGAS (Nev.), April 17. —(INS)—Flying saucers in the area of the Nevada test site, where important new atomic tests are in progress, were reported today.

An Air Force technical sergeant and four civilian workers at the Nellis Air Force Base, near Las Vegas, said they saw eighteen circular objects flying an easterly course which carried them over or very close to the test site.

REPORTED BY FIVE.

Tose who reported seeing the objects were T/Sgt. Orville Lewson, Rudy Toncer, Sheet metal shop foreman, and sheet metal shop workers R. K. Van Houtin, Edward Gregory and Chrales Ruliffson.

The objects went by at 12:05 p. m.

Van Houtin saw them first and called the attention of the others to them.

STREAK EAST.

The men watched the saucers for about 30 seconds while they streaked across the sky in an easterly course north of Las Vegas and disappeared.

The men estimated that the craft were 40,000 feet up and flying at a speed of at least 1,200 miles an hour.

The objects flew an irregular formation with one of them off to the right, moving with a zigzag motion. They left no smoke or vapor.

S. F. News—Tuesday, July 8, 1947

A Whole Flock of Disks Starts Discussion Here

A whole horde of flying disks descended on San Francisco today and many and varied were the reports from the citizenry.

For example:

MRS. HELEN ANDERSON, 255 Guerrero-st: "A whole crowd of us saw lots and lots of the disks about noon today. They traveled in a huge circle, very high. They twinkled like stars and it was hard to tell how many there were."

LAORRAINE RAZZINI, 14, 761 San Bruno-av: "My friend and I saw a lot of disks over the Potrero District and more near the Bay Bridge. They were flying very high and in a very straight line."

MRS. HAZEL EDWARDS, 2263A 22nd-st: "I saw two batches of 50 disks going East. They were flat and round, maybe two feet in diameter, going about as fast as the wind. They seemed to tumble in the air." Mrs. Edwards appears to be the city's prize observer.

For there WERE disks over San Francisco today. They were those round, cardboard gadgets that bakeries place in the bottom of cake boxes. Inscribed on them was:

"This is NOT a flying disk. For latest news on the flying disks, read: 'THE SAN FRANCISCO NEWS.'"

Roger Williams, aviation editor for The News, flew the plane from which the disks were dropped at noontime.

Flying Saucers Baffle Senators Just Like They Do People

WASHINGTON, April 6 (INS).—Saucers as anyone else but most lawmakers declined to take the celestial discs seriously.

Senator Russell (Democrat), Georgia, a member of the Armed Services committee, declared:

"I am completely baffled by Flying Saucer stories. It seems inconceivable that so many pilots would have hallucinations or be fooled by cloud or atmospheric formations.

"From their testimony, it seems they do exist. But our Air Force says they do not. I just can't understand it. No, I don't think it is in the stage for a Senatorial investigation as yet."

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Senator Magnuson (Democrat), Washington, suggested it would be somewhat conceited of Americans to write off the possibility that saucers flew from Mars.

Magnuson said:

"After all, we have been talking of flying to Mars—or to the moon. It does not seem illogical for us to think that with all the planets in the universe, ours is the only one inhabited or the only one that has reached a high scientific development."

Senate G. O. P. Floor Leader Wherry (Nebraska), scoffed:

"There are so many claims made. It is like our foreign policy—it is in a state of confusion and no one seems to know what it is all about."

Senator Ferguson (Republican),

Michigan, commented that he knew as much about Flying Saucers as he did of the comics, which he said he gave up reading several years ago.

"There are so many promises of pie in the sky here in Washington that I'm afraid to look up into the sky. The Flying Saucers may be 'Fair Deal' pie in the sky."

Senate Armed Services Chairman Tydings (Democrat), Maryland, said his committee has not discussed the discs with anyone, let alone defense officials. Tydings said:

"I have not taken the matter seriously. If there is anything to it, I would assume it was our own experiments in embryo stage rather than men from Mars."

NEWS, San Francisco, CA
July 8, 1947

BULLETIN

By United Press
BOSWELL, N. M., July 8.—Possession of a "flying disk" was disclosed today by the intelligence office of the 509th Bomb Group of the Roswell Army Air Base.

Officers at the base say the "disk" was flown in a Super-Fortress to "higher headquarters" undisclosed.

The intelligence office reported that it gained possession of the "disk" through the co-operation of a Roswell rancher and George Wilson, sheriff at Roswell.

The disk landed on a ranch near Roswell sometime last week. Not having phone facilities, the rancher, whose name has not yet been obtained, stored the disk until such time as he was able to reach the Roswell sheriff's office.

The air base refused to give details of construction of the disk or its appearance.

Residents near the ranch on which the disk was found reported seeing a strange blue light several days ago about 3 a. m.

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MORE 'THINGS' IN SKY REPORTED SEEN ACROSS NATION

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 26 (U.P.)—New reports of "flying saucers" or some other mysterious objects in the night sky came yesterday from both ends of the Nation. But as reports of disc-like objects continued to mount, scientists remained skeptical. Ogdensburg, N. Y., residents re-

ported two or three jet planes circled three silver objects high in the sky about 20 minutes today. Harold Frank, a radio newsmen, reported the objects appeared to be round, silvery and in three sections. He said his station—WSLB—had been swamped with telephone inquiries. It was not known im-

mediately where the planes were from. Members of the U. S. Immigration Office at Ogdensburg watched the aerial chase through high-powered field glasses. They said it looked like "three balloons being chased by two jets." Civil Defense spotters said the

planes in pursuit of the objects were American interceptors, but they had no further information. Reports of similar objects seen also came from New York's Herkimer and Hamilton counties. "Flying saucer" watchers in Southern California have reported seeing something flitting over the

Hawthorne and Inglewood areas this week. Mrs. Vern Margolis said that last night she saw an object in the northwestern sky after midnight. "It appeared elongated at first and then seemed to form into a ball and disappeared real fast," she said. At Wilmington, N. C., a large number of persons telephoned police last night to say they saw a bright object flashing overhead at "terrific speed."

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English Scientist Backed— Berkeley Daily Gazette 1952. Noted Astronomer Admits He Was 'Flying Disc' Viewer

WHITE SANDS, NM, July 8 (U.P.)—Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, who discovered the planet Pluto, today agreed that he is the scientist who was quoted as being "certain" he saw a flying saucer.

But Tombaugh was not nearly so positive about the identity of the object he saw scot across the sky above this secret military base as was the British authority on space travel who quoted him. Arthur C. Clarke, a leading British expert on rocket travel, told newsmen in Los Angeles recently that he believed flying saucers were more than myths or mirages.

Clarke said he based his opinion on new data supplied by the scientists at the rocket testing base at White Sands. He also said, "A noted American scientist told me at White Sands that he is certain he has seen one (a flying saucer)."

Tombaugh revealed that he was the scientist Clarke mentioned but added cautiously that he had not seen "anything like saucers."

The American scholar did say, though, that he saw an object in the sky above Las Cruces, NM, in the summer of 1948. He said the object whizzed silently overhead, from south to north, too fast for a plane and too slow for a meteor.

"I take a very humble attitude about it all," Tombaugh said he told Clarke. "We may know something some day but we have no idea yet as to what these objects are, if they are material objects." Clarke was careful to point out to reporters that he was still not prepared to say for certain that flying saucers were real.

Richmond Independent
Sept. 11, 1951

Strange Craft Sighted in Air By Richmonders

A number of Richmond people reported seeing a strange type of aircraft shortly after 6 o'clock last night, but none compared it to the flying saucers of last year.

The object was described as silver-colored by all who observed it. However, descriptions of the shape of the object varied, possibly because it appeared in the vision of Richmond residents almost in line with the setting sun.

Some said the craft appeared to be globular in shape, while others described it as cigar or pencil-shaped. It left a misty trail which at intervals became fiery, they said.

Its speed was reported as comparatively slow.

The observers said the mystery craft came into view over the bay directly west of the city. A jet plane passed beneath it, and some of the witnesses said the jet pursued the silver-colored craft, while others said the jet rose to a higher altitude and continued on its way toward the northeast, ignoring the intruder.

All who watched the sight agreed that the silver mystery object flew off to the north and slightly to the east.

Telephone calls of the incident were made by the dozens to the Independent office and some called the police department. Radio dispatchers requested cruiser cars in the western part of the city to make a checkup, but no reports of seeing the craft were received from them.

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More Flying Saucers
Air Force Boys Saw 'Em

LOS ANGELES, March 23 (INS).—Two sober Air Force sergeants with 20-20 vision and a trained aircraft observer today joined that fraternity of persons who "positively" have seen flying saucers.

Sgts. Bob O'Hara, 21, and Bill Elder, 25, said they saw a huge sky monster cavorting for nearly two hours over the mountain resort of Idyllwild, 70 miles east of Los Angeles. O'Hara declared: "Bill and I both have 20-20 vision and, believe me, we had 'n't been drinking," to which Elder added: "It was up there, all right. It

must have been at least 40,000 feet over us, whirling slowly toward the south. It was like a big, thick pancake with a fin on one side."

Richard was playing near his aircraft observer for three years, said he saw no less than eight saucers moving slowly out to sea as he drove past El Moro Bay along the Pacific Coast highway. He said: "I was an air observer for 14 months during the war and a seacoast air observer for 18 months. Let the Air Force laugh that off."

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Fighter Pilot Chases Disc 37,000 Feet

DAYTON, Ohio, March 8 (INS).—At least 50 persons watched what they described as a "flying saucer" for about five hours today.

The strange, glittering object was visible to the entire personnel of the Vandalia Airport near here.

The shining "whatchamacallit" was first spotted about 2 a. m. (P. S. T.) by George Barnes, control tower radio operator. Barnes said he thought the thing was a star until it refused to disappear with the coming of daylight.

Barnes said he thought the object must be metallic because it seemed to reflect the sun's rays. A National Guard fighter pilot chased the thing up 37,000 feet where it disappeared.

Gilley Stevens, chief meteorologist at the field, said the "saucer" must have been at least 30,000 feet high because he saw it disappear behind some ice clouds which usually form at that altitude.

Crews from the control tower and the weather station followed the "saucer" through binoculars until it vanished about 7 a. m. (P. S. T.).

Stevens reported that the object seemed to move erratically at first but that it later remained motionless as much as 15 minutes at a time.

S.F. Chronicle
Eight 'Saucers' Sighted Over Farallones

A Hamilton Air Force Base pilot spotted eight "flying saucer" type objects about 4:30 p. m. yesterday over the Farallon islands, The Chronicle learned.

At the same time, coast radar installations sighted unidentified objects in the same area "intermittently."

Lieutenant B. A. Swinley, off duty at the time, sighted the objects from his home in Meadows Park, near the Marin base.

He estimated their altitude at 15,000 to 20,000 feet and their speed at more than 400 m. p. h. He said they flew in an irregular diamond-shaped formation and then shifted to string out one behind the other.

Swinley said the objects were silver in color, round and "were definitely physical objects."

The Chronicle learned that three intercept missions of F-86 jets were dispatched to investigate but sighted nothing.

The information was later confirmed by base officials. (For how the Air Force explains reports of "Saucers," see Page 2.) Aug. 4, 1952

NEWS, San Francisco, CA
Nov. 22, 1950

Big 'Flying Cigar' Reported Sighted Near Atomic Plant

PASCO, Wash., Nov. 22.—Dozens of excited residents reported today they watched a shiny "cigar shaped" flying object in the vicinity of the Hanford atomic plant near sundown yesterday. But atomic and military authorities maintained they had "no reports" of anything irregular.

Perry Torbergson, managing editor of The Columbia Basin News, and Jack Anderson, his city editor, were among those who said they watched the object for eight minutes.

"It was shaped like a cigar and glistened brightly," Mr. Torbergson said. "Anderson, myself and everybody on Pasco's downtown streets watched it for a full eight minutes before it disappeared in its southwesterly course."

But Col. Seth L. Weld Jr., commanding officer of the anti-aircraft unit stationed at the atomic plant, said "nothing irregular" was reported.

N. D. Sturgis, Atomic Energy Commission security assistant at Hanford, declared: "I received no word, official or otherwise, regarding any unidentified object."

Mr. Anderson said: "We have names of at least 25 persons who saw it. Nearly everyone I talked to seemed to agree that it stopped and hung in the air. All seemed to describe it as a stick of light."

Flying Saucers Real U. S. Aircraft?

WASHINGTON, April 4 (AP).—United States News and World Report says there is competent evidence that flying saucers are real aircraft of revolutionary design, developed in the United States.

The weekly news magazine for April 7, out today, concludes that the Navy is doing the development.

(The Navy, asked about such reports Friday, said it built only one machine of the general saucer shape, a piston-engine aircraft, and it never flew. It said it never built a jet version.)

Reporting what it calls the "real story" behind the writer of reports about such flying machines, the magazine says "engineers competent to appraise reports of reliable observers" have reached these conclusions: "Flying saucers, seen by hundreds of competent observers over most parts of the United

States, are accepted as real. Evidence is that they are aircraft of a revolutionary type, a combination of helicopter and fast jet plane.

"They conform to well-known principles of aerodynamics.

"An early model of these saucers was built by United States engineers in 1942, achieved more than 100 successful test flights. That project was taken over by the Navy in wartime. Much more advanced models are now being built."

The article says early models were built by engineers of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

It credits the first United States model to Charles H. Zimmerman of the N. A. C. A., reporting that the machine was elliptical in

shape with two piston engines driving it at a top speed between 400 and 500 miles an hour. More important, the article goes on, it had a landing speed of about 35 miles an hour and could rise almost vertically.

In what was described as an analysis of reports from observers, the magazine says the machines are exactly 105 feet in diameter and appear to be about 10 feet thick.

The article quotes a "top level Government aeronautical engineer" as concluding that variable-direction jet engines supply power for both propulsion and maneuvering, the number of engines turned on, the angle to which they are turned, and the power applied to them determining direction and speed.

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HARLOW CITIZEN, Essex, England - Feb. 27, 1981

An ex-bobby spots flying object

A RETIRED policeman has sighted a UFO similar to the one spotted recently hovering over Harlow.

Mr Ken Eittle of Alconbury, Bishop's Stortford, wrote to the Gazette after reading about the mystery square-shaped spaceship in our issue

two weeks ago. A motorist saw it on his way home to Harlow.

Mr Eittle says he spotted "exactly the described flying object" on the A120 road between Braintree and Dunmow.

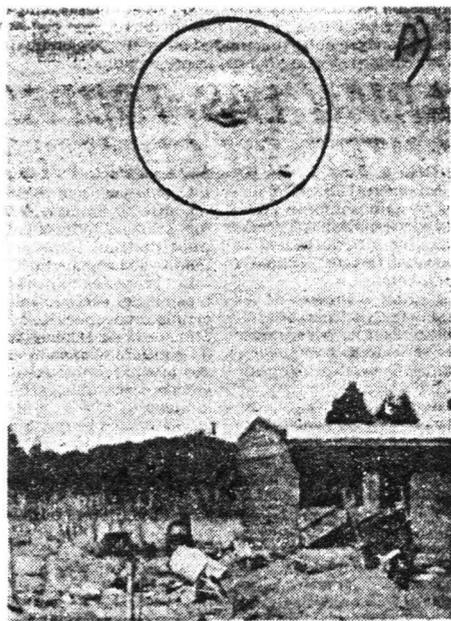
He saw it moving eastwards at about 1,500 feet. And Mr Eittle, who also served in the Royal Naval Air Service, has never seen anything quite like it in his life.

He is convinced the flying object was neither an aircraft nor a satellite. He says it made no noise and had various coloured lights.

He spotted the UFO on Christmas Day, and can think of no logical explanation.

He adds that although it was the festive season when he sighted the flying spaceship, it certainly wasn't alcohol that prompted the vision!

CRONICA, Buenos Aires, Argentina - Jan. 8, 1981 CR: J. Thomas



¡OVNI VERANEA!

Se dejó ver en Mardel y Necochea tal cual lo certifica la foto, aunque el autor de la nota no lo haya observado en la lente.

UFO VACATIONING! It let itself be seen in Mardel and Necochea as the photograph shows, even though its author had not seen anything in the lens. (Full text of article in the "Translations" section)

SUNDAY MERCURY, Birmingham, England Feb. 1, 1981 CR: B. Taylor

BACK in 1942 when I was 16 I was up at 3.30 one snowy morning to call a railway driver in Rowheath Road, King's Norton, as part of my job as a "knocker-upper."

At the crossroads with Midland Road I saw a three-pronged footprint 12 inches across. There was a track of them two feet apart leading to some terraced houses. They went over a wall, and then, shining my torch on the house I realised they went up and over the roof, then down a railway cutting and over some sheds.

It certainly wasn't an animal which had made the tracks. It could only have been a machine, but what? — H. WHITE, Anthony Road, Shirley, Solihull.

GLOBE & MAIL, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - March 26, 1981

Pupil's UFO shock!

SOMETHING is stirring in the dark, menacing skies over Offerton—and it could be from another planet!

Three Goyt Bank School pupils had the shock of their lives when they spotted a strange round object hurtling through the air over their heads. They chased it along Turncroft Lane towards Portwood, picking out its orange lights against the sky, until it "suddenly disappeared"

into nothing, after staying in view for about four or five minutes.

"It was round and had things sticking out of it," said Janine Horsefield, 12 Knowsley Road. "We were sitting outside the youth club listening to the radio when my friend suddenly saw it, high up in the sky. There were lights around the side of it and also three more in a triangle shape underneath."

"It was swirling round in the air for most of the time but then we saw it in one place

for a bit — then it just appeared upwards into the sky."

The sighting is being looked into by the Manchester Aerial Phenomena Investigation Team, one of whose members, Mr. David Rees, lives in nearby Hillcrest Road.

"I got to know about this on February 17, a couple of days after it happened and we have been investigating it since then. We would like to hear from anybody who saw something similar and may be able to help us," he said.

Mystery picture of UFO

REPORTS that a UFO over Hanningfield reservoir was only a balloon have been denied by teenager Lee Williams.

Lee, 15, of Mill Lane, Rumsden Heath, insists it was a flying saucer. He said it dropped into the water and then flew off.

But water board officials said they fished it out of the reservoir and found it was a weather balloon.

Lee, who took a photograph of the object, said: "I was out with a friend. We both saw something the shape of a lampshade — round and tall — which was making a noise like an engine, rising and falling in pitch."

"It had a bright light inside — as bright as the sun, and an orange colour — and the thing went down into the reservoir, then up again."

CR: B. Taylor

EVENING ECHO, Sunderland, England - Feb. 16, 1981

LIGHTS IN THE SKY

A WELTON woman thought she was seeing things when she glanced up at the night sky.

Drifting above the shadowed treetops near Scothern was a large circle of bright lights, reflecting a dome shape which seemed to glow orange in the dark.

Mrs Christine Matthews, of Hackthorn Road, who was driving home from a friend's house, was so amazed she opened the car window to get a better look.

"There was a tremendous noise coming from this thing — it was terrible. I'd never seen anything like it before," she said.

Mrs. Matthews was so frightened by what she saw that she hurried home to tell her husband.

They contacted RAF Scampton and were told there was nothing to indicate any unusual air traffic in that area.

"We also went back to the spot where I had seen it, but there was no sign of anything," said Mrs. Matthews.

"The only explanation that we can come up with is that it was a hot air balloon, which if you consider the description, would be possible."

Hot air balloons are supposed to be launched at night, but, if my memory is correct it was a windy night — and no balloonist would attempt to fly in those conditions.

Could it be the Martians have made it at last...?

LINCOLNSHIRE ECHO, Lincoln, England - Feb. 5, 1981 CR: B. Taylor

STOCKPORT EXPRESS, Cheshire, England - March 5, 1981

Billboard on the wing lights up switchboards with reports of a UFO

A small plane with an electronic billboard under its wings has triggered reports of an unidentified flying object in Metro Toronto.

Henry McKay, the Canadian head of the Mutual UFO Network, said yesterday that he has received calls citing the plane, a Cessna-172, as a UFO.

"It's quite impressive if you don't know what it is," said Mr. McKay, an electrician at Women's College Hospital.

"It has a special structure built along its wings that lights up with whatever messages the pilot puts into it from the computer."

A spokesman for the Metro Toronto Police said they have "received a number of calls concerning a new plane coming out from the island. We've been getting these reports for about a month."

A caller to The Globe and Mail who would only identify herself as Kay said she saw an object hovering over Riverdale Hospital about 9:30 p.m. Monday while she and a friend were

entering the Bayview Extension from Rosedale Valley Road.

It was "very large, very round — an almost perfect-looking thing. There were large windowpanes or mirrors, and a pole protruded from the top with a red light on top."

"My family, of course, laughed at me. I phoned Air Traffic Control . . . Talk about a putdown."

When told later that the object probably was a plane, she said, "It looks like no plane I ever saw."

"It's definitely me," said Gary McGuire, the owner and pilot for Caribbean Freight Wings.

He has had the Cessna licenced for five months, and charges \$300 an hour for the aerial billboard. "I was in the centre of town around 9:30 p.m. on Monday night."

"There are 308 miniature lamps on the underside of the wing, programmed to beam messages. Within three-quarters of a mile, we're effective — the message can be read — but after that, the plane begins to look saucer-shaped."

NORTH WALES CHRONICLE, Bangor, England Feb. 5, 1981 CR: B. Taylor

UFO ON DUNES SAY BOYS

Three school friends from Aberffraw believe they saw a UFO land on the sand dunes near Bwlau Farm last week.

When told of the incident at school the following morning headmaster Mr Arwel Hughes, asked the boys to draw what they saw. They did this in separate rooms and all three boys draw an oval-shaped object with a dome emitting flashing yellow lights.

Michael Williams, Huw Hughes and Kenneth Roberts told Mr Hughes they saw the mystery object flying to-

wards them. It made no noise. The object circled twice overhead and then made a vertical landing on the sands. They did not see it going up again. Their view was blocked by the dunes.

Mr Hughes told the Chronicle: "The boys are used to seeing Gnat and Hawk aircraft in the area, and I know of no reason why they should make up a story."

A spokesman at RAF Valley told the Chronicle: "Hawk aircraft from Valley were on a night flying exercise in the area."

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COURIER, Kelowna, B.C., Canada - March 16, 1981

Elgin villagers still talking about Marg Jackson's mid-day sighting of UFO

ELGIN

It seems there are more than black panthers prowling the Leeds County hills.

Villagers in Elgin are still talking about an unusual sighting three weeks ago.

They agree that Marg Jackson, assistant manager at the Bank of Montreal, is a stable person and, if she saw it, well the report must be true.

It took Marg nearly two hours to convince herself that what she saw should be reported to authorities. It wasn't a matter of convincing herself that what she saw was true — it was deciding if it was worth the trouble.

There were no other witnesses despite the fact that two other women were in the same room at the same time. They just weren't looking out the kitchen window in the right direction at the right time.

Marg had returned to her home south of Elgin on Highway 15 at noon. She walked in the door and glanced out the kitchen window.

What she saw startled her and opened her mind to possibilities of other worlds.

Six hundred yards away was the large barn of her neighbor, Jim Kenney. Rising over the building was a grey oval object about half the size of the Kenney barn.

It had no visible windows, no lights, and was a very uniform dull grey color. The sky was overcast so she was unable to determine whether it was shiny.

"What the hell!" Her exclamation drew the attention of a friend and her sister who were sitting in the kitchen. Marg dropped her glasses and then the

object darted to the northwest and disappeared into the tree line. By the time the others got to the window it had disappeared over the trees.

"I have never given much thought to them previously," Marg says. She has since picked up a couple of books on UFOs and a friend showed her an illustration from a science magazine of a UFO that resembles the one she saw.

Marg says her mind remains open on the subject.

"I just haven't fathomed it yet." Only one explanation has been offered and this has been shot down by authorities at the Trenton Air Base. A provincial police officer thought it might have been a weather balloon but Trenton authorities say weather balloons are colored red.

It was reported to be the first

sighting of a UFO in Elgin area in a year and a half. There is no explanation yet as to what Marg saw.

What finally made her report the incident?

"Back quite a few years ago, I saw two moving lights in the sky near Smith's Falls — one trailing the other. My husband and I got out of the car and watched it for a while. We never reported it. I wish I had now."

Marg admitted she has taken a lot of good natured ribbing from villagers. And she talks easily about the incident.

But the jokes have been in fun. Because most villagers believe Marg saw what she says she saw.

She has held a responsible position with the bank for 34 years and definitely is not the kind of person who seeks attention.

HARRY
KILFOYLE



UFO fright at Manor

THE STAR, Sheffield, England - March 23, 1981

A MYSTERY object spotted in the sky over Sheffield left frightened residents with that "close encounter" feeling.

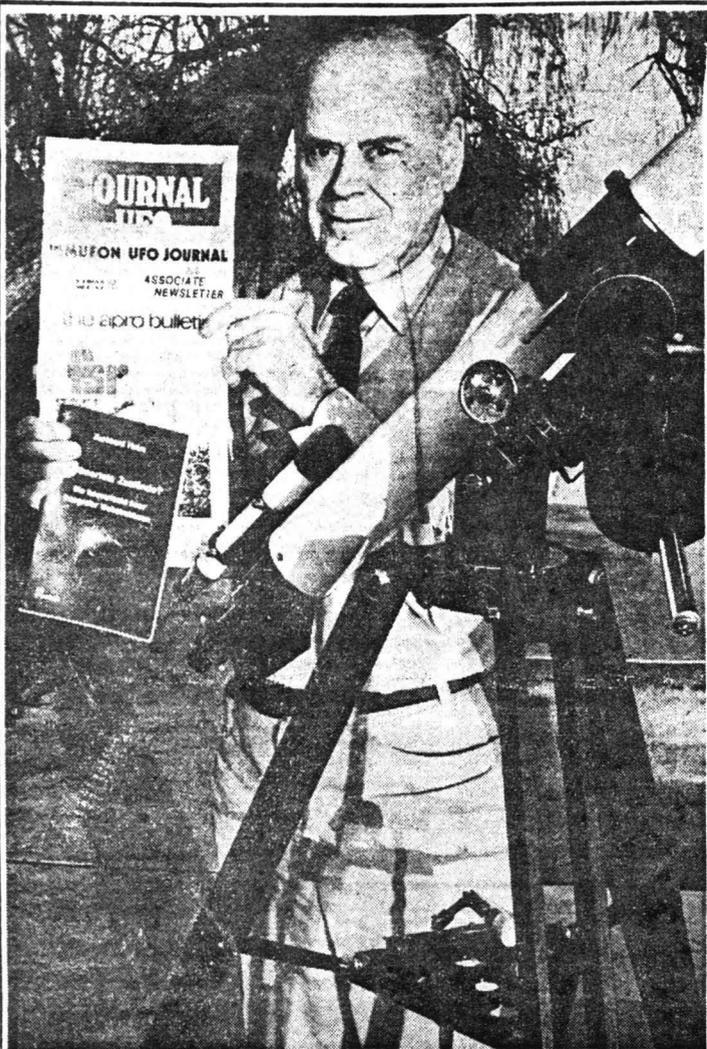
The greenish-coloured object appeared briefly over Manor according to several eye witnesses.

A local family and a policeman were among those who saw it.

But today police called in to investigate the sighting ruled out any UFO connection.

A spokesman said: "We think it was probably a high-flying helicopter or a comet."

A report on the incident has been sent to RAF Finningley who file the information with a UFO investigation organisation.



A LIFELONG physicist, W.K. (Bill) Allan, of Kelowna, has become the top Western Canada UFO investigator. He has been fascinated with the subject for the past 23

years. There are many serious periodicals on the subject, he says, "and a lot of junk at the newsstands."

—Courier photo

Countless eyewitnesses tell tales of UFOs

By J.P. SQUIRE
Courier Staff

W.K. (Bill) Allen is no quack, yet he personally believes that there is something to the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) phenomenon.

The Kelowna resident hates the word "believes" because the term is associated with religion.

A lifelong physicist, he became fascinated with the subject in 1958-59 and since that time has become the top UFO investigator in Western Canada.

After 23 years of investigation, he has collected an album of photographs, slides, magazines, books, articles, taped interviews, and has his own videotape copy of a 91-minute documentary on the mysterious phenomenon.

The items were gathered as he travelled across the country visiting those who had seen something they couldn't explain and touring sites of possible landings.

"That's what got me — talking to these people and hearing things I couldn't explain. It's a challenge to anyone who knows science."

The phenomenon is partly nuts and bolts and then there's the psychic aspect, he says.

There is documentary evidence showing the existence of unidentified flying objects, documents like the previously-top-secret letter from J. Edgar Hoover, former director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which refers to the downed flying saucer in the possession of the U.S. Air Force.

Governments are so secretive about UFOs since their leaders recognize that the country which can duplicate flying saucer performance could conceivably rule the world, he says.

There are countless eyewitness accounts of UFOs using a paralyzing ray on human beings, the effects of their passage on radios and car engines in addition to their capability to outpace the fastest aircraft now in existence.

Allan was a field investigator for the Aerial

Phenomena Research Organization and his name is mentioned in the acknowledgements of many serious books on the subject.

There have been sightings of UFOs in the Central Okanagan, but the number of reports are rare since no one wants the publicity, he says.

His current project, although he is 75 years of age, is studying German, so he can translate the research of Burkhard Heim, a noted German scientist.

Heim, associated with the Central European section of the Mutual UFO Network, has taken Albert Einstein's theory of relativity to its next logical step.

Instead of four dimensions, three spatial and that of time, Heim theorizes that there are six dimensions and that humans can only perceive the first three.

"His unified quantum field theory has explained many observations relating to UFOs which can't be explained by normal laws of physics," says Allan.

The German government has recently classified his work as top secret and there may be no further reports, however.

"Leading European scientists still write under pseudonyms because that part of the world isn't ready for its top researchers to speak out on the subject," he said.

Allan feels there is "a lot of junk at the newsstands," and those interested in following the latest UFO reports should subscribe to one of the following:

— Flying Saucer Review, Maidstone, Kent, England, now in its 26th year.

— The APRO Bulletin, produced by the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, 3910 East Kleindale Rd., Tucson, Arizona.

— MUFON UFO Journal, 103 Oldtowne Rd., Seguin, Texas.

— CUFOS Associate Newsletter, produced by the Centre for UFO Studies, P.O. Box 1621, Lima, Ohio.

— Journal UFO, P.O. Box 455, Streetsville, Mississauga, Ontario.

WAS THIS THE BLACK COUNTRY'S FIRST FLYING SAUCER SIGHTING?

Coseley contributor, Mr. A. Hyde, recalls the sighting of strange objects in the sky over Sedgley Beacon, more than half a century ago and also provides the sketch reproduced below.

U.F.O. sightings are now fairly common but we wonder if this account refers to the first such incident in this area?

Mr. Hyde writes.....

Concerning the subject of UFO's in the January edition of The Bugle. I have a vivid recollection of seeing and watching three disc-like objects in the sky when walking with a friend over Sedgley Beacon, at about 4 o'clock one August afternoon in 1925.

We had descended the beacon tower and were walking towards Wolverhampton, i.e. to the north. High clouds had slowly increased until the whole face of the sky was obscured. Weather conscious, we were looking up and commenting on this when, to the north west, a fairly long break appeared in the clouds showing a strip of clear blue sky above.

At that moment a spherical-shaped object passed from right to left above the opening end nearest to us - appearing a few seconds later moving over the opening at the opposite end. It then came into view above where we had first sighted it, (apparently having completed a circle) when simultaneously an identical object crossed over at the far end. My friend and myself were spellbound as we watched the two strange machines (flying at an altitude of about 15,000 feet) glide noiselessly over the

break in the clouds as they both continued to circle round in a clockwise direction.

We had been watching this phenomena for a few minutes when the centre of the gap widened, exposing a third identical object hovering on the right, which during our next few minutes observation remained absolutely motionless, then the clouds closed in

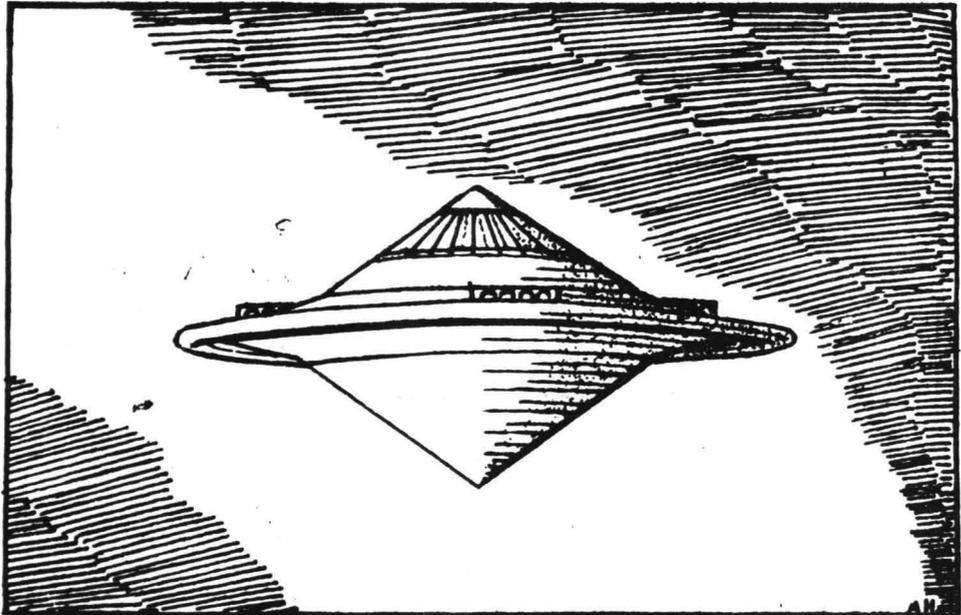
shutting off our view.

It was difficult to form any correct idea of their size at such a height, but considering their visual size in relation to the distance, I would say they were about thirty six feet across by eighteen feet deep.

Both of us perceived that the contour and performance of these strange craft was totally unlike any of the flying

machines we knew so well in our own physical world. Had we known about UFO's or flying saucers at that time, we would without doubt have put them in that category.

I recall the look of amazement on my friends face as he turned to me and said..... "What bin they" Needless to say, neither of us had a clue, aviation was still in its infancy at that time. Sadly, my friend (who I could name if it were necessary) is now buried in the cemetery adjacent to where we witnessed this little episode.



Mother Earth's flying saucers

SHORTLY before midnight on December 30, 1978, a freight plane took off from Wellington, New Zealand, for a regular newspaper delivery run to Christchurch. The pilot and co-pilot had unusual company—a team from a local TV station. The last time the plane had flown this route, the crew had spotted brilliant lights that seemed to follow their flight path, sometimes hovering motionless and then speeding furiously, sometimes reflecting off the sea or illuminating the land like searchlights. The TV team hoped to capture these unidentified flying objects on film.

About 25 minutes out of Wellington, the lights appeared, brilliantly lighting the sky. At the same time, radar screens at Wellington recorded mysterious blips, as though something was flying in tandem with the plane. The TV film showed later that the other light sources in the night sky—city reflections, rising stars—were far less bright than the objects which the radar operators described as "weird."

On the return journey, ground control confirmed that the brilliant lights and the mystery blips were at the same height and angle. The phenomenon now varied from bright white to dim orange light and its erratic path still seemed to follow the plane. Cameraman David Crockett thought he saw "a brightly lit bottom and a sort of transparent top" within the lights.

On the ground, researchers looked for rational explanations—Japanese fishing-boats' lights, secret aircraft, sightings of Jupiter or Venus, meteors, city lights or simply a hoax. None seemed reasonable. The lights sometimes remained still (unlike

meteors) sometimes appeared over the sea (unlike city lights). The fishing fleet was 170 miles south-east of Christchurch, well off the plane's route. The American magazine International UFO Reporter reviewed the evidence and declared it "a photographic record of a truly mysterious event."

The Wellington UFO might have remained a mystery, but for an intriguing encounter between psychologists and physicists which has now produced the first workable general explanation of UFOs. The mystery lights in New Zealand, can be explained, not as visitors from outer galaxies, but as products of a mysterious process on Earth which physicists are just beginning to observe and understand.

Psychologists at Laurentian University in Canada who were studying odd and unpredictable phenomena began searching for links between such events. Their computer studies showed a statistically significant correlation between unidentified flying objects and minor earthquakes. In their hunt for an explanation, the psychologists contacted the US Bureau of Mines in Denver, Colorado, where Dr Brian Brady was studying underground rockbursts. He had simulated in the laboratory the strains that break rock apart.

When quartz-bearing rock broke up, he noticed balls of light—short-lived, but as intense as lightning. The luminescence from a single crack under a laboratory glass would last only for micro-seconds, but in that time it might streak away, hover and then move again following the energy source in the rock-

break. What Brady was watching could have been tiny UFOs.

His work, still unpublished, shows how the light is produced. Where rock cracks, "it has to prepare itself," he says. Laws of thermodynamics are suspended. Matter implodes, instead of exploding, and enough energy forms to dissolve the usual bonds between ions and electrons. The implosion forms a hole in the rock, followed by shocks and strains and a growing failure along a fault line. The minor version is a cracking fragment of quartz—but the full-scale version is an earthquake, accompanied by what the Chinese already call "earthquake lights."

Brady has showed that seismic activity can indeed produce the energy for mystery lights.

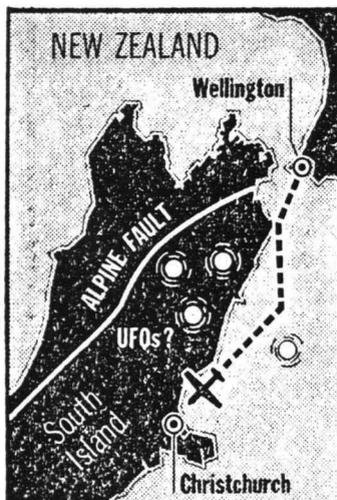
He points out that cracks in rock like quartz—whose struc-

ture is not perfectly symmetrical—can produce an electromagnetic field around the electrons and ions, "a kind of magnetic bottle which give shape to the light." Rock becomes ionised like the air during a thunderstorm, so that electricity can travel through what is usually a barrier. And energy in its "bottle" can move and even grow, as long as there is a source, like the spreading fractures along the great fault-lines of the earth. The resultant light-ball can spin as it moves, which might account for the characteristic dome-shape above and below the UFO which led to the name "flying saucers."

The theory is plausible, and it is more than conjecture: physicists have seen the light caused by rockbreaks, and they know that electromagnetic fields do form on the surface of earthquake areas. Spectacular UFO sightings are reported from California, which is split by the San Andreas Fault.

Brady looked again at the New Zealand sightings, just to see if his theory would explain them. He laid geological maps alongside the flightpath of the freight plane, and realised that the plane had been flying parallel to one of the earth's great fault lines, the Alpine Fault. If UFOs really are products of rockbreaks in the earth, the flight path would be an ideal place to view them.

Not everybody is happy with Brady's theory. Since his ideas became public, he has had several furious phone calls. "It seems," he says, "that people just don't want you to take away the chance that there's some Big Daddy out there in the sky."



Flying along the fault line

Mr Lucky's

close

encounter

Daily News Correspondent

ROME: A court has been given the unearthy task of deciding whether flying saucers exist. The bizarre trial was ordered after a security guard claimed he had two close encounters of the worst kind.

He says that a group of creatures from outer space landed in an unidentified flying object, kidnapped him then beat him up.

The "out this world" abduction happened twice, he says.

The night-duty security guard Fortunato Zanfretta was rescued by a passing police patrol after his first "close encounter".

They found him "stunned and apparently beaten up" in a field just outside the north Italian seaport city of Genoa where he works.

Fortunato — his name means "lucky" — told police he had been kidnapped by a group of "mysterious beings" from outer space who captured him and bundled him aboard their UFO. Later they freed him.

A year later the same thing happened when police rushed to the lonely spot where he was firing wildly in the air.

Now Genoa's public prosecutor, Dr Rodolfo Sciacaluga has asked a court to decide whether he was really kidnapped by men from outer space.

Police in Genoa said: "One thing is certain. Zanfretta is not crazy. He's a normal sort of chap, that's what puzzles us."

"If the court rules that he was snatched by

Court must decide whether UFOs exist

creatures who arrived on earth aboard a flying saucer then we will bring a charge of kidnapping — against persons unknown.

"But if it decides that he invented the whole story then Mr Zanfretta will be charged with faking a crime and firing a pistol in public."

The evidence so far gathered in the case is contained in a bulky file with the serial number "Zanfretta-UFO 78/79".

Fortunato, aged 37, describes the spacemen who held him prisoner for three hours as "extremely tall, all green coloured and shining."

An official at the public prosecutor's office explained: "Out of fairness we must try to find out whether flying saucers and green, shiny men from another world really do exist."

TRANSLATIONS

ARGENTINA -- Credit: Jane Thomas

City and country of incident: Santiago Tianguistengo, Mexico
Date of incident: November 11, 1980
Name of paper and date of clip: CRONICA, November 12, 1980
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THREE UFOs IN MEXICO

Mexico, 12 (EFE) - Three UFOs overflew and landed in the Mexican town of Santiago Tianguistengo, reported here the paper "La Prensa."

The ships, it added, appeared in the sky one by one and with intervals of several minutes yesterday (Tuesday) night.

According to eye-witnesses, the UFOs had an elongated shape and were surrounded by a strange light.

"La Prensa" added that some local shepherders claimed having seen the ships land and even saw how some beings "like us" got down, but with legs similar to those of "donkeys."

According to the source, several tens of local residents and from some nearby ranches, saw the UFOs, which zigzagged in the air and later disappeared in the sky at great speed.

City and country of incident: Salta Province, Argentina
Date of incident: December 9, 1980
Name of paper and date of clip: EL TRIBUNO, December 11, 1980
City and country of paper: Salta, Salta Province, Argentina

UFO WAS SIGHTED AT 23:25 LAST TUESDAY

Simultaneously with Europe, UFOs seemed to return to the American territory. Yesterday a watchman of the Horminor Company, who watches over the company's machinery near the new cemetery and meters from the Toro River, reported having witnessed a strange celestial appearance.

Alejandro Nina, 56, married, six children, told El Tribuno a curious experience:

"I had, as usual, gone to work at 19:00. It was 23:25—he said—and I was in the hut. I remember this well because I had just wound up the alarm clock. At that moment, an intense white light entered through the windows, door and cracks. I went outside to see what it was and saw over my head a kind of ball bigger than the afternoon star and which gave off a strong white light. I stood there amazed and soon noticed with surprise that it started a very fast motion towards the west; it took no longer than three seconds—he recalled—in losing itself behind the cordillera. It left a white trail that took no less than 15 minutes in slowly disappearing. I had never seen something like this. I work here as a guard since six months ago and am tired of looking at the stars. I am familiar with them. And this I saw last night was neither a star nor any known aerial machine. I don't know what it might have been, but am sure it was nothing normal."

At the Flight Scheduling office of the Air Station of El Aybal, it was reported that no air traffic was recorded in the local sky at the hour mentioned by Nina. The witness' testimony is added to the hundreds of thousands that have filled the pages of newspapers since 1947, the time of the first credible testimony about the UFO phenomenon.

City and country of incident: San Juan Province, Argentina
Date of incident: December 30, 1980
Name of paper and date of clip: LA RAZÓN, January 3, 1981
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO FLEET SEEN IN SAN JUAN

San Juan - The visit of a UFO fleet to this province seems practically confirmed with the coincident testimonies of several residents of Laprida street, in the Desamparados district. According to information from several eyewitnesses, last Tuesday between 23:00 and 23:50, the flight of the strange saucers could be seen in the local skies. The occasional witnesses kept the sighting secret, fearing ridicule. But versions grew gradually and several of them then decided to report it. The neighbors are Ernesto Riveros, Olga E. Bustos, Inés de Rodríguez, Ramona Maidana and Mirtha Orellano, who live in the above-mentioned street in the blocks numbered 1800 to 1900. In a surprising coincidence, they stated separately that at that time, they noticed a light that completely lit up the local sky. When they looked up, looking for the source of such illumination, they saw a big object the size of the full moon which gave off reddish and orange reflections and which had the shape of two saucers placed together with perfectly discernible rims. Once they got used to the intense light from the object, they could see three other UFOs somewhat higher or maybe smaller. The UFOs then approached at a distance estimated at some 300 meters and then began a vertiginous climb, disappearing towards the NW. A curiosity was also reported, in that radio sets stopped working and gave off a kind of static. Finally, witnesses agreed also that the sighting of the most visible saucer changed its shape from round to elliptic while it flew off.

City and country of incident: Mar del Plata - Necochea, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina
Date of incident: January 6, 1981
Name of paper and date of clip: CRONICA, January 8, 1981
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFOs ALSO VACATION

One was seen in Necochea - And let itself be photographed

Mar del Plata, 7 (From our correspondent) - Several local residents observed last night a strange flying object—similar to a fireball—which traversed the

Mar del Plata sky from NW to SE giving off multicolored flashes, getting lost among the night clouds near the football stadium.

+ Alarm

The different communications media received phone calls referring to the UFO's presence which, after remaining hovering for several seconds, descended at vertiginous speed, getting lost in the darkness of the night.

+ Denial

Authorities from the National Meteorological Service belonging to the Argentine Air Force replied to the journalists' inquiry that "no kind of phenomenon was registered in the area of the Camot International Airport, nor any meteorological anomaly."

They added that "several phone calls were also received here from people who saw the phenomenon, but due to our lacking the necessary elements to make such observations, we cannot confirm nor deny absolutely anything."

+ Also in Necochea

Necochea, 7 (From our correspondent) - A reporter from the paper "El Atlántico," that is published in Mar del Plata, but which has correspondents in this city, discovered the presence of a UFO in a photograph he took in a housing complex that is being built in Quequén, when he accompanied a reporter from that morning paper to write an article.

The reporter explained later that he didn't notice anything at the time of photographing the buildings and that before getting into the car, he decided to take a last photograph which showed a better panoramic view of the houses and district that is being built for those that were affected by the floods near the hospital "José Irizarun" in Quequén.

On arriving at the laboratory of the "El Atlántico" in Necochea, the reporter processed the photographs and in the last saw what he at first took for a spot or stain on the film; then, observing it carefully, he noticed that the UFO had a shape very similar to the old spinning-tops used by children, but somewhat more flattened.

The paper publishes the photograph in its front page of today's issue and the object can be clearly seen.

It is not certain that other people have seen the phenomenon, but the case reminded all of others where flying objects appeared in photographs without those taking them having seen anything.

City and country of incident: Southern Peru
Date of incident: June 2, 1980
Name of paper and date of clip: LA RAZÓN, January 9, 1981
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

IT IS CLAIMED PERUVIAN PLANES SHOT DOWN A FLYING SAUCER

Telegram sent to CIA

Lima (EFE) - Planes from the Peruvian Air Force intercepted and shot down on June 2nd last, a flying saucer in the southern sky of Peru, claims the local evening paper "Extra." The event, according to the paper, was reported to the paper by Joseph Brill, director of a UFO investigation center in Illinois, U.S. The communication requests from "Extra" more information about the alleged confrontation of the Peruvian Air Force and the saucer. Brill says that on June 2, the Air Attache of the U.S. Embassy reported on the case, by telegram to the CIA and other American organizations. According to the paper, Brill's request is due to his having been denied information on the alleged case in the United States. Such information was also denied to other private organizations.

City and country of incident: Cáceres, Extremadura, Spain
Date of incident: January 4, 1981
Name of paper and date of clip: CRONICA, January 12, 1981
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO

Cáceres, Spain, 11 (AFP) - A fighter from the Spanish Air Force persecuted a "flying saucer" last January 4th in the region of Cáceres, in Extremadura, reported here a communiqué from the Association for the Search of UFOs.

The communiqué states that the witness that observed this event saw how a fighter persecuted the flying saucer for more than a minute.

City and country of incident: Tucumán and Santiago del Estero Provinces, Argentina

Date of incident: January 21, 1981 (?)
Name of paper and date of clip: CRONICA, January 22, 1981
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFOs EVERYWHERE

THE SKY SHOW SURPRISED IN TUCUMAN AND SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO

San Miguel de Tucumán, 22 (From our correspondent) - A young married couple revealed here having been witness to the motions, for more than eight minutes, of a UFO in the trip from Aguilares--Los Sarmientos, 100 km to the south of this capital.

Gullermo Horacio Herrera, 34, acting receiver in Revenues of Aguilares, and his wife, Nora Manito, 26, were both traveling with a small daughter from Aguilares towards Los Sarmientos in Herrera's car, and saw in the night a few minutes after leaving Aguilares, a UFO that emitted multi-colored lights that reflected clearly on the road (500 meters forward) and over the reed fields. Herrera's wife—who suffered a nervous breakdown—said that the UFO was in sight for eight minutes and on arriving at Los Sarmientos, it left a big light profile over the Monte Bello where it disappeared.

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+ Two couples saw it

Santiago del Estero, 22 (From our correspondent) - Two married couples from the town of Tacanas, 100 km from this capital, in the department of Loreto, sighted a UFO that seemed to explode right over their house, leaving a large luminous cloud--white--in the air, which disappeared after one and a half hours.

The strange occurrence was experienced--according to their own statements--by brothers Marcos and Laureano Suárez and their respective wives, who were amazed at the phenomenon.

They said that they were in the house talking at about 2:30 a.m., when at a certain time they saw how a very intense light flew over the neighborhood, giving off "exceptional luminosity."

City and country of incident: Manzano Amargo, Neuquén Province, Argentina
Date of incident: February 15? February 22? - 1981
Name of paper and date of clip: EL HERALDO, March 10, 1981
City and country of paper: Concordia, Entre Rios Province, Argentina

ACCOUNT OF A STRANGE PRESENCE IN MANZANO AMARGO

"...Now I would dare talk with those little men"
(Published in the paper "Rio Negro" of General Roca, Rio Negro Province)

The Neuquén-born man recounted to "Rio Negro" the experience he went through; one day before he had done the same to the police of Las Ovejas, and shortly after the event occurred, he told it to the local teacher. Coincidences in the three versions are complete, according to Luis Cecilio Recia, a young man from San Juan who is acting director of School 253 of Manzano Amargo.

THE SITE

526 kilometers to the NW of the provincial capital where the provincial jurisdiction begins to shrink towards the vortex of the international and interprovincial limits, lies this small site, which can be reached over hard, difficult roads, inadequate for small or medium vehicles. It is a narrow valley that extends from the mouth of the Neuquén river which runs smooth and crystalline there, no tributaries existing there.

Two regularly-sized mountains turn the place into a long corridor through which violent winds blow. The rivulets that come down from the heights feed an extensive "mallín" and are recovered in primitive drains by the locals to satisfy requirements of consumption and vegetable watering. Poplars and willows grow luxuriously. Several "pits" step upwards with good grass used for summer fodder.

Along the upper Neuquén reside some 200 people, most of them children which constitute the human capital of Manzano Amargo. School 253--its modern building having been donated by the Light and Energy Union--is practically the nucleus of the small community. Not only do education activities originate there, but also social, community and all the others a field school is 'obliged' to perform.

The breeding of goats, horses and cattle is the means that maintains a scarcely dignified average standard of life. Misery, in some cases, reaches unsuspected limits, as the case of Dona Margarita del Carmen Castillo, who lives in a cave with two small children.

THE PROTAGONIST

Don Fermín Albornoz lives in this environment; he was born "right here" 44 years ago, "where 'mom' is still with me." Married and father of seven children. Herder. Typical cordillera man. Thick body; weather-beaten face and hands. In spite of the season he wears a lot of clothes and a hat with strap and a wide brim. He attended us outside of his hut, surrounded by some ten children who observe with much attention every sequence of the conversation which starts outright. Fermín Albornoz makes use of a reduced language, showing a marked trans-Andean influence; but he gets to the point. He uses short sentences for each reply, which he invariably finishes with a smile and a gesture denoting concern, wishing to know if he was explicit.

THE STORY

Fermín Albornoz and six or seven other persons (he doesn't remember exactly) were resting early Sunday morning in the place where cattle eat their summer fodder in Manzano Amargo, about one and a half or two hours on horseback from School 253. "It was a quiet night full of stars. After looking at the animals, I and another companion lay down outside of the hut. Inside were six or seven more. It would have been three or four, I don't know well, when a light woke me up. I also heard a humming that seemed to come from above. It wasn't too loud. It resembled that of a gasoil pickup. The light was bluish, did not change and came from some twenty meters towards the hut. I got very scared. I alerted my companion beside me, who wanted to sit up, but when he saw the light he shrieked and hid under the covers."

According to Albornoz, while this was happening, the animals near the hut were restless. Cattle were bellowing, and the horses that were tied up, broke off from the trees where they were kept and escaped. "They are very gentle animals, the other day we had to look for them quite far away. I thought it was death."

Without losing his composure and clearly answering each question, he continued: "I was very scared. I couldn't sit up completely when I saw by my side (and he indicates with the index finger of his right hand a spot near his feet), just there, two little men, two beings that surely came from the light. They were no taller than this (and indicates a height of some 60 cm), well-shaped body and had a dark, buttonless uniform. I heard them saying something to me. I thought it was death and that I did not want to die far from my family."

How long did it last? "I wouldn't know. Look, my senses left me. I only know I couldn't look at their face, but I wanted to. I was very frightened and shook all over. Afterwards, the little men disappeared and the light left slowly along the meadow. I woke my companions who only heard the animals' noise. They say I wasn't talking right and that I was very scared. At first, they didn't believe me, but then they changed somewhat when the animals were missing and listened to the other one, the one who hid under the covers. The other day they joked with him, but he said he was not scared, he was afraid. We also went to see if there were traces, but nothing remained in the mallín (vegetation)."

QUESTION

Told like this, the story seems to belong to the realms of fantasy. However, some questions had answers that weakened that first impression.

Don't you think it could have been a helicopter? "No sir. I know helicopters because there have been some around."

Have you heard about flying saucers? "Yes, I was in Chihuidos once and we saw something that moved in the sky. The YPF people (Government Oilfields) told me about the flying saucers. But since that time I had never again heard about that."

Do you listen to the radio? "Not much, sir."

Have you ever heard news about flying saucers on the radio? "No, never." Do you never talk about flying saucers with your companions? "No, we talk of other things, about the animals..."

Couldn't it have been a dream? "No, sir. I was completely awake."

Did you drink that day? "Yes, a little, with the companions. But it was early. Later I took care of the animals and when I went to sleep I was tipsy."

Did you know that flying saucers are being studied and that the story you told will be known? "No, I didn't know, the teacher told me about it now."

CONCLUSION

For the teacher Luis Cecilio Recia--who lives with those people since two years ago--the story is credible. "Because it is people with an undeveloped intellect not prepared to imagine these things. I think it is an honest account, based on a real event, on something don Albornoz saw. A red and white plane has been flying over the area these days, but I don't think it may have been due to that."

By that time, Fermín has had to tell his experience to the Las Ovejas police. "They asked many questions and the police inspector even asked me if maybe I was out of my head. I told him no, it was not that, I was well and sure."

Don't you fear that people should not believe you? "Well...look, maybe they don't believe me, but what I told you, sir, I saw and I assure you I was very scared. It was a big scare..."

Would you like to see another flying saucer? "Yes, yes...But now I think I would dare talk with those little men..."

City and country of incident: Las Lomas, Uruguay
Date of incident: March 23, 1981
Name of paper and date of clip: LA RAZÓN, March 26, 1981
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

URUGUAYAN AIR FORCE INVESTIGATES ANOTHER UFO

Montevideo (EFE) - A team of technicians of the Uruguayan Air Force started the investigation of possible traces and testimonies about the presence of a UFO early last Monday, in the Las Lomas area. Almost ten witnesses agreed in reporting that early on the 23rd they saw the unidentified object near Km 14 of Route 5, some 300 km from Montevideo. Four men in a car claimed having seen a big light coming up from behind a mound full of eucalyptus, some 500 meters from the road where they stopped. Three of the travelers, identified by their last names of Pereira, Ruiz and Silvera, tried to approach the object, but when they had walked some 200 meters, they heard a loud humming noise, after which the object rose, changing colors all the time. A married couple and two sons who live in the region of the Sierras de Rocha, claimed that they also had seen the object, which alternated a light that in this order, changed from blue to red, green and yellow. The claim was also heard in the place that there were residues left in the place where the UFO landed, although this could not be confirmed.

City and country of incident: Santa Rosa, La Pampa Province, Argentina
Date of incident: April 3, 1981
Name of paper and date of clip: LA RAZÓN, April 4, 1981
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A GROUP OF CAR DRIVERS FROM LA PAMPA MARVELED AT SEEING A CONCERT OF LIGHTS FROM A UFO OVER THE SKIES OF SANTA ROSA

Santa Rosa - For several minutes, car drivers along the Northern access to this city, witnessed something they declared to be of an "incredible beauty": a UFO that after remaining motionless, moved from East to West several times, causing many comments from those who were forced to stop to enjoy the unusual spectacle. The "exhibition" happened last night, at approximately 21:30, precisely over National Highway 35, by the camp belonging to the Agronomy Faculty, and 12 km from the center of this city.

This kind of "close contact" happened while the object was hovering at a little more than 100 meters altitude, giving off lights and flashes all around its circumference, while a powerful white light remained in its middle part, motionless and materializing the sight in all its magnificence. With all those details, the UFO looked impressive over the local sky with its almost 30 meters diameter, then moving swiftly and successively from East to West, while more than 50 car drivers looked on amazed at the sight of the size of this alleged extraterrestrial ship, its lights and motions, until several minutes afterwards it was lost in space, and the improvised attendants returned to reality, declaring that the "sky show" was of an "incredible beauty."

UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC -- Credit: Joe Brill

City and country of incident: Al Ain, United Arab Republic
Date of incident: March 22, 1981
Name of source: ANSA (Italian News Agency)

UFO IN THE MIDDLE EAST - TWO IN ONE WEEK

Beirut, March 24 (ANSA) - In the skies over the United Arab Emirates, there is an unusual amount of traffic of UFOs. Two have been seen in the past week. The strange thing is that the visitors from another world reveal themselves only to police officers, perhaps because they have a particular liking of them.

The day before yesterday, the privilege was bestowed on Colonel Salem Al Tagir, vice-commander of the Police Department at Al Ain, a locality southwest of Abu Dhabi. It was at 9:40 p.m. when the Colonel saw the mysterious object, brilliant, circular in shape, which sped through the sky. "It was as big as a television," the official said to the journalists of the national news agency "WAM."

Someone asked him if he wasn't watching a science-fiction movie on TV, but the Colonel replied, "It was really an Unidentified Flying Object."

Last week a similar story happened to the commander of the police department in Dubai. On that occasion a sort of "launch" came out of the UFO and then vanished. During this observation the radios of the police mysteriously broke down and would not work.

TURKEY -- Credit: Selman Gercseksever

City and country of incident: Safranbolu, Turkey
Date of incident: December 1980?
Name of paper and date of clip: HÜRRIYET, January 6, 1981
City and country of paper: Istanbul, Turkey

A FLYING SAUCER SIGHTED IN SAFRANBOLU

It is claimed that a shiny-bright flying object has landed on a forested mountain near Safranbolu, which is a small town in the province of Zonguldak, a city in the north-western part of Turkey. After a quick takeoff, it went up into the air again and disappeared.

A group of girl students of Safranbolu School of Art claimed that they had sighted a bright and shiny object in the sky and excitedly screamed for their classmates to come out to see.

"I had a sighting of a shiny object that landed on a forested mountain. After remaining stationary for 10-15 seconds, it took off and left a glowing line behind, then disappeared" said a student named Güler Kocak.

Other students also confirmed the incident. Everybody talked about the flying object. The news flew thick and fast and caused various interpretations in the country.

It is believed that the incident was not an optical illusion.



TIMES, Canberra, Australia - Feb. 8, 1981 CR: T. Healy via W. Thompson

Evidence points to existence of China's 'ape-man'

A TEAM of Chinese scientists has turned up the most convincing evidence yet of the existence of an "ape-man" in the wilds of central and eastern China.

At a school in Zhejiang province they found the hands and feet of an animal, apparently some kind of ape, which had been preserved by a biology teacher since May, 1957, when, according to local villagers, a group of women killed the animal after it attacked a small girl.

The team — all local scientists — was the second to join the hunt for the ape-man late last year. A group of members of the Chinese Academy of Sciences has already been searching for several months around the Three Gorges area on the Yangtze river, in Hubei province.

The second group was carrying out a survey of plant resources in Zhejiang but, after they heard reports of sightings of ape-men, the leaders extended the expedition to look for the mysterious creature.

Encounters between peasants and ape-men, said to resemble the Big Foot or Sasquatch of North America, have been reported in this part of China for centuries, and with increasing frequency over the past 20 or 30 years.

The Zhejiang team has found many other apparent signs of the creature's presence, including nests of branches, footprints and samples of hair.

But the discovery of the hands and feet has caused the most excitement.

The story of the killing of the ape-man, which was reported in the local press at the time, has only just become known nationally.

According to local reports, it took place on a day when all the men of Zhuntang village, in Suichang county, south Zhejiang province, were labouring in the hills.

Some time in the afternoon Xu Fudi, then in her mid-30s, heard a scream from her young daughter, who was tending cattle. She rushed to the spot and found her daughter grappling with a young ape-like animal, about 1.5 metres tall.

Xu Fudi picked up a piece of wood and struck the animal, which jumped into a paddy field. In the soft mud it was unable to move quickly and Xu Fudi got in a few more blows before it turned to attack her.

About a dozen more women joined in the fight, eventually beating the animal senseless.

Xu Fudi recalls that the animal recovered and began to grunt. There were tears in its eyes, she says. The frightened women turned on it again and chopped off its head.

The incident was reported in the local paper, *Sonyang Daily*, on May 26, 1957, under the headline "Man-like freak killed".

The report described the animal, soon dismembered by curious villagers, as being covered with long, dark-brown hair and weighing about 40 kilos. It was male and seemed to be young, with white teeth, a human-like tongue, ears and eyebrows, a sunken nose and a prominent chest.

The navel, thighs, knees, calves and genitals were all similar to a man's and the skin was soft and white when the hair was removed. Undigested bamboo was found in the stomach.

Xu Fudi, now 57 years old, said, "The day after we killed the animal

we heard a noise in the hills like the grunting it made during the fight. We think it was the mother calling for its offspring".

She told the Zhejiang scientists that a young teacher came to the village and took away the hands and feet.

The teacher, as the scientists soon found out, is Zhou Shousong, now 52, who teaches at Bihu middle school in Lishui county. In October they called at the school and Zhou showed them the hands and feet. There had been some shrinkage of the muscles, but otherwise the remains were in good condition.

The feet are 19 cms long with clear print lines on the soles, and covered with soft, yellowish-brown hair. The palms of the hands are 14 cms long.

According to the scientists' preliminary assessment, there is no doubt that the animal belonged to the family of primates. Some say it might be similar to a chimpanzee.

So far the Zhejiang scientists seem to have had better luck than their colleagues searching in Hubei province. The other group has found some hair specimens, also from a member of the primate family, plus footprints and caves where the animal might live. But the Zhejiang group say they have found some nests that indicate a troop of apes.

They say that on August 10 last year, led by a 60-year-old guide who has picked herbs in the local mountains all his life, they found a nest wedged between some trees and a rock in a forest about 1,500 metres above sea level. It was a small stockade of large and small branches and lined with grass and leaves.

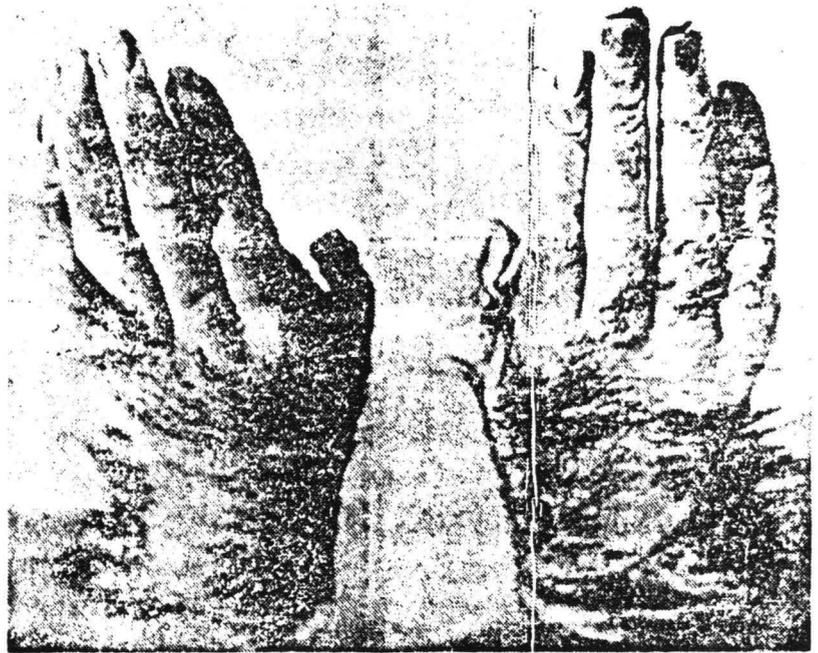
'It was quite relaxed and it clapped its hands when it saw me'

Judging by its size and sophistication the nest could not have been built by a creature with an intelligence lower than that of a four-year-old human child or the survival experience of a 10-year-old. The size of the branches, which had been torn from the trees, indicated a very powerful animal.

At 1,550 metres above sea level the scientists found 11 more nests, several metres apart and scattered over an area of 250 square metres. Some were on the ground and others were built in the trees.

The newest nest was about one month old, judging from the condition of the branches, and none of the others was more than two years old. The biggest nest in the trees could support a weight of 150 kilos and would have needed at least three strong men to build it.

The scientists found scratch marks on the trees, possibly from the animal's nails, and many footprints and droppings and samples of hair.



The well-preserved hands of what is thought to be a young ape-man, killed in eastern China in 1957. The palms are 14 cms long.

At about 1,600 metres the group found signs of recent nest building, together with two prints from a left foot 33 cms long and with the toes separated like those of a man. They also found more samples of soft brown hair.

The scientists said in a report that the area is 15 kilometres from the peak of the Nine Dragon Mountains where centuries-old trees block out the sunlight and human beings rarely venture.

In interviews with mountain dwellers the group learned of several encounters between villagers and ape-men.

At Xikangli village, 57-year-old Zhang Qilin told them, "For the past 30 years or more I have gone up to Nine Dragon Mountains, every year around September or October, to guard the maize crop against ape-men."

"I saw an ape-man about 10 years ago. It approached from Fengshuyang (where the 11 nests were discovered). It was about as high as a house door and it was covered in reddish-brown hair with long hair falling around its shoulders and over its face. It walked upright and shook its head as it walked."

"On another occasion I saw an ape-man lying in a nest in a tree. It

was quite relaxed and it clapped its hands when it saw me. Most of the time it just lay there, eating maize, and there was a big pile of cobs on the ground.

"We know they also like to eat persimmons and wild pears".

Huang Jialiang, of Chenkang village, told the scientists: "On August 14, 1978, I saw an ape-man in the forest. It was about 20 metres away and I hid behind a tree. It was carrying a piece of wood and walking towards Fengshuyang". Huang's description of the ape-man tallies with Zhang Qilin's account.

Huang added an interesting historical footnote. He said, "In the old days, bamboo pipes were provided at pavilions along the path. Travellers would wear them on their arms so that if they were grabbed by an ape-man they could slip them off and run away".

Huang Ziaxun, 54, and Huang Gueixun, 55, of the same village, also said they saw ape-men several times in 1976 and 1977. Huang Gueixun said one ape-man went for him when he threw stones at it.

The scientists also talked to other people who reported encounters with ape-men in the Nine Dragon Mountain area and in neighboring countries.

The hunt for the ape-man, also known as the "wild man" or "bear-man" has intensified since 1974 when the Academy of Sciences mounted its first expedition in Hubei province after a rash of sightings.

In a report on the academy's 1977 expedition, Huang Wanbo and Yuan Zhenxin, assistant research fellows at the academy's Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology, said the animal could be a giant ape, somewhere between the gorilla and Homo Sapiens.

Other scientists argue that all Asia's giant apes died out in the Ice Age, 500,000 years ago, but Huang Wanbo says, "The giant panda co-existed with the giant apes for millions of years. It survived the Ice Age and I see no reason why some giant apes couldn't have done the same".

Whatever scientific objections there may be to the theory that giant apes still live in central and eastern China, the authorities have concluded that the calibre of eye witnesses is such that they have to take their reports seriously.

The recent expeditions are the most determined efforts yet to track down the ape-man. — China Features.

CHRONICLE, Spokane, WA - April 29, 1981

CR: PCCC/J. Eden

Bigfoot prowling again?

ROCKY BOY, Mont. (AP) — It may not have been the legendary creature called "Bigfoot," but they're still talking about the big, four-toed footprints left outside Jimmy Eagleman's house.

Rocky Boy Reservation Tribal Police Capt. Larry Bernard said Tuesday he investigated the incident that reportedly occurred outside Eagleman's house early Sunday.

Bernard said about 30 "large" footprints were left around Eagleman's house, and the trail disappeared in the Bearpaw Mountains. He said long, reddish hairs were left on a fence.

He said the prints were slightly longer than 14 inches, 8 inches wide, and were imprinted 2 inches deep in soil packed so hard that his own 200 pounds didn't make a dent.

Pete Walking Eagle, Eagleman's son-in-law, who was staying at the house, said, "We heard noises kind of like a horse." He said he looked outside, but saw nothing.

Walking Eagle said his brother saw what appeared to be the creature some time ago, and it was "big and red and running down the road like an ape."

UFO Group Focuses On Cattle Deaths

by Robert Roten

Boomerang staff writer

The grisly subject of cattle mutilations was the topic of a presentation at Tuesday night's meeting of the Paranormal Research Organization (Pro-UFO) at the Beta House on the UW campus.

Mike Lewis, a local photographer, who also holds an M.A. degree in biology, gave a slide presentation on cattle mutilations to an audience of about 40 persons who attended the meeting.

Lewis, who has been investigating UFO related phenomena since 1969, showed photographs of the Sept. 22, 1980 cattle mutilation case at the Benick Ranch, located about 14 miles southwest of Laramie.

In the case, an 18-month old heifer carcass was found with signs of mutilation. Lewis showed a series of slides of the carcass. Some of the wounds on the carcass appeared to have been caused by predators, others suggested cuts by a sharp knife or laser beam.

Lewis showed slides of hairs around one of the wounds on the cow which were highly magnified to show that the ends of the hairs appeared to have been cut sharply off, as if by a sharp knife.

Photos of the animal's teats showed that one of them appeared to have been bitten off while others looked as if they were melted, perhaps by intense heat.

Lewis said some of the factors in the case were very similar to many of the other cases of reported mutilations which have occurred in the past 14 years.

Lewis said the first widely known case of UFO's being linked to cattle occurred in 1897 when a Texas rancher said he saw an airship carry away a cow.

A horse mutilation in Colorado in 1967 was the first of many such reports in the modern era which peaked in 1975, Lewis said. Now, Lewis noted, reports of mutilations have come from many parts of the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and even Europe.

Some of the common features of many of the approximately 10,000 mutilation reports that have been received in recent years include the removal of eyes, ears, genitals, the anal region and tissue from the head or neck.

In many of the reports there are no tracks or signs of anyone having been near the animal, there are clean, even cuts such as may have been made by a skillfully wielded sharp cutting instrument or laser beam.

In some of the cases people were nearby while the mutilation evidently took place but no sound was heard. There are often reports of lights in the sky or mysterious helicopter-like craft which make no sound.

Lewis said of 19 mutilated cattle examined by veterinarians at Colorado State University during one period, nine of those animals were determined to have been cut by a sharp instrument of some kind.

Various theories have been brought forth to explain the facts of the mysterious mutilations, Lewis noted, and there is some evidence to support all of them.

One explanation is that the mutilations are being done by some agency of the government, such as the CIA, another is that they are caused by predators, another is that a satanic or other kind of cult or strange individuals are doing the damage.

Lewis discounted the above explanations as improbable for various reasons. The remaining explanation, UFO's may be attractive primarily since it really cannot be disproven, because the capabilities of UFO's are not known.

One of the UFO-related explanations is that alien beings are interested in radiation effects on animals, so they excise parts of the animals for further study. Lewis said there is a strong correlation between the sites of mutilation reports and known areas of radiation sources.

Lewis said eyewitnesses have seen cattle being drawn up into mysterious crafts and that one woman, under hypnosis, said she had seen alien beings mutilate a calf.

The hypnotic session, conducted by UFO investigator Leo Sprinkle of Laramie, was seen at the meeting via videotape as part of "Strange Harvest," a television show aired on KmgH last year.

The show, produced by Linda Moulton Howe, featured hypnotic time regression sessions with the woman, Judy Doraty, and a session with area rancher Pat McGuire, also a member of Pro-UFO.

Lewis said one theory about the mutilations is that they indeed are being caused by alien beings of some sort who are "messing around with our reality systems," in much the same way that a scientist might poke an amoeba. Lewis said the various inexplicable phenomena in our world may be part of an overall picture which is beyond human comprehension.

The meeting also included an announcement by Sprinkle that the Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation will be held in Laramie May 22, 23 and 24. He noted beds and meals are needed for some of the participants coming here from several states. There was also a plea for funds at the meeting.

He also noted a telepathic experiment by a Czechoslovakian telepath during the conference. He said the conference should be "fun and interesting." Sprinkle said there will also be a reincarnation workshop Saturday.

The next meeting of the group will be May 5.

This Was Nevada —

Doings of early day critters

(This is another in the "This Was Nevada" series prepared by the Nevada Historical Society)

By Phillip I. Earl

Other than the famed Pyramid Lake sea monster and a similar creature reputed to live in the depths of Walker Lake, monsters do not often appear in Nevada's history. From time to time, however, there have been critters with remarkable physical aberrations.

In August of 1880, a story circulated of a horned horse which was part of a freight team operating between Reno and Honey Lake. Intrigued by the tale, a reporter for the Reno Evening Gazette looked into it and finally located the animal at a local stable. He found the powerfully built gelding to have two horns, one about three inches in length and the other about one inch.

According to his report, they grew from within the ears and closely resembled the horns of a lamb. Both seemed to be attached just below the skin and had no underlying bony support.

According to the animal's owner, Edward Haley of Honey Lake Valley, the horns had begun to sprout two years before when the gelding was four years old.

One of them had grown to a length of four inches within a year, he said, but had been broken off in an accident. Haley assured the newsmen that the horse had no other bovine traits of character and never attempted to use the horns as weapons.

At the Nevada State Prison in Carson City, there once lived two most remarkable toads whose feats were attested to by several reliable men. Both lived in the pump yard and were fond of swallowing snakes, a complete reversal of nature's order of things. On October 28, 1880, a Mr. Pine of the prison staff reported that he had observed a garter snake some sixteen inches in length which had wriggled into the yard. One of the toads hopped forward open-mouthed and commenced swallowing the reptile, he told newsmen, and in a short time it was about half gone.

The other toad had been watching the proceedings and at this point hopped forward and began swallowing what was left of the snake. The two small amphibians were working towards each other and there is no telling what could have happened had Pine not interfered and drew out the snake from the mouths of both creatures.

Several days later, Pine observed a small garter snake crawling into the pumphouse.

Curious as to what the toads would do, he entered the building just in time to see the reptile quickly gobbled up by the same toad which had nearly swallowed the large snake previously.

Both toads were still living at the time Pine passed the story to the newsmen and were being shown to visitors who came out to the prison.

In the summer and fall of 1880, various ranchers in northern Nevada and northeastern California reported spotting a strange bear-like creature, but none could get close enough to describe it in detail.

Skeptical newsmen were inclined to disbelieve the reports, but the creature became popularly known as "Wahoo." In September of 1880, the following story appeared in the Modoc Independent and was reprinted in the Reno Evening Gazette of September 16, in hopes that someone might have further information on its genus. The event took place near Dunn's Cove in Modoc County. To the perceptive reader, the specter of "Bigfoot" comes to mind, particularly since this is the area where the mythical creature has been reported in recent years. In any case, the story went as follows:

"The well known Mr. Groves, an old hunter, and myself were hauling hay the other day, and my old hunting dog was heard to make a strange noise as though baying something. Knowing that he would take hold of anything he came across, I thought I would go and ascertain what it was. It was on a very rocky hillside. Mr. Groves went with me. We had only our hay forks with us. When we came near the dog, he seemed very uneasy. The animal had secreted himself between two large rocks. When I got within six feet of the animal, he growled fiercely and started for me, but luckily I stopped him with the fork.

Mr. Groves, who was near, ran in with his fork, and we two, with the assistance of the dog killed it. Groves escaped unhurt, while I had my pants and socks badly torn up and one foot badly mutilated. The scent of the animal was very offensive, and we would not save his hide.

It measured five feet three inches from one track to the other, its tail about the length of its body with a bunch of red hair on the tip, a stripe down the back about four inches, deep red strips running with the ribs, his ears shaped like a hog's, standing straight out, two tusks two inches long on each side of his mouth and below, every ferocious."

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'Puma' sighting

A "puma", which has been roaming the Black Country has made a dramatic re-appearance for the first time in Months.

Two people have told Staffordshire police that they have seen the cat in the area of The Parkway, Perton, near Wolverhampton.

The animal, described by witnesses as a puma,

was seen leaping from the window of a partly constructed house on the giant Perton development.

Chief Inspector Jim Pountney, of Wombourne police said: "There were several sightings of this animal last summer, but it has not been seen since, until now.

"One could understand reports had there been continued Press coverage but these sightings, made independently, have come out of the blue."

"The big mystery is what the cat lives on."

Dedication, Work Go Into Finding Champlain Monster

EDITOR'S NOTE — The Lake Champlain monster, known as Champ, was reportedly observed last weekend by several residents as it seemed to "frolic" in the warming waters of Lake Champlain. Jane Sullivan of Port Henry said she never really believed the monster existed until Friday when she watched it for 45 minutes. Barbara Boyle watched in amazement as it splashed around for 30 minutes in the waters of Bulwaga Bay. Following is the history of Champ and the man who researched and compiled the approximately 100 sightings that date from 1609 to the present, and who began a movement, not only to prove the existence of Champ, but to also insure that this "monster" will have its home and life protected for future generations.

By Rich Rainey
And Mike St. Clair

If not for Samuel de Champlain, northern New York still might have an unnamed lake with a nameless monster floating in the depths.

Fortunately Samuel de Champlain did exist. It is the existence of "Champ" — a 20-foot lake monster first sighted by the French explorer in 1609 — that is often questioned. Joseph Zarzynski, a veteran of four Loch Ness Monster expeditions, intends to provide the answer.

He believes that somewhere in the 109 miles of Lake Champlain there lives one or more Champ creatures. Six years of research, 100 recorded sightings, and several expeditions have convinced him that a breeding population of monsters may be active on the lake bottom.

"It's conceivable there are several groups of Champs in the lake," Zarzynski said in an interview at his Wilton home. Wilton is also headquarters of The Lake Champlain Phenomena Investigation, a society he founded in 1979.

Zarzynski is currently engaged in bringing the same technology to Lake Champlain that was used in the search for the Loch Ness Monster.

With his friend and associate, James Kennard, a sonar expert and shipwreck hunter for Rochester, Zarzynski is planning another expedition to locate Champ.

Kennard possesses sophisticated equipment including a Raytheon unit and a side scan sonar, similar to the unit designed by Martin Klein which produced what appear to be the first concrete pictures of the elusive Nessie.

The team of Kennard and Zarzynski has already scored one great success on Lake Champlain in the summer of 1979 when they located the Phoenix, a steamboat that sank in 1819 in Champlain waters 12 miles north of Burlington, Vermont.

In that same search they took sonar readings of a large unidentified object 175 feet down. Both of them believe the object pictured on the side scan sonar was not a ship or a reef, but rather a large fishlike creature... possibly Champ.

The pictures are similar to the ones that Klein took of Nessie.

However positive they are of Champ's existence, both Kennard and Zarzynski aren't jumping to conclusions. They want definite proof of the monster and mean to get it.

If successful, the 1981 Kennard/Zarzynski Expedition will prove the existence of...

— "A 25-foot creature with its head raised five feet above the water. The neck was curved like that of a goose about to take flight." Captain Mooney, Cumberland Head in Plattsburgh, 1883.

— "... A 30-foot creature with a huge round head which it kept out of the water as far as we could see him. The neck of the serpent-like monster was arched." — A Vermont couple from South Hero Island who wish to remain anonymous, in the early 1970's.

— "... A 20- or 30-foot long creature with two great humps

breaking the water." — Robert Blye and several witnesses in Port Henry, 1977.

These are just three of the 100 sightings Zarzynski has collected, which he included in an article for the International Fortean Organization's INFO Journal in March, 1978. The INFO Journal is dedicated to carrying on the work of Charles Fort, a contemporary of Theodore Dreiser and Ben Hecht, who spent his life cataloguing unexplained phenomena such as: black rain, blue children, and luminous UFO's for Cherbouurg, France to Inverness, Scotland.

Zarzynski faces a similar task. Like Fort, he experienced disbelief and harassment when he first began his search for Champ.

"I had to turn away from ridicule the past few years, but lately people have been coming around, helping me out a bit."

The sheer number of sightings is a factor in bringing about public acceptance of Champ. From 1609, when Champlain first sighted a serpentine monster with a horse-shaped head, to the present — five sightings in 1980 alone — the legend of the lake monster has grown. And now the legend is approaching fact.

It is September 1980. Craig Mowry and Crystal Cadieux, both in their late teens, go to a football game, and then decide to stop for a bite to eat.

At 8:30 p.m. they are heading for a lakeside McDonalds on Route 9 in Plattsburgh, when suddenly they see something moving about 150 feet out into the water.

Illuminated by the golden arches of the restaurant, a huge creature is visible. Much too big to be a fish. It makes a tremendous splashing sound as it moves through the water. They turn on the car headlights for a better look.

What they see is a long serpentine creature with a large head splashing out into the lake just 150 feet away. According to Zarzynski's later interview with them, everything the couple saw fit in with the mass of sightings.

A Champ. Ironically, at that very moment, Zarzynski was also gazing out at Lake Champlain. But he was forty miles south in Westport, a frequent location for Champ sightings.

When he returned home that night, he found a message on his phone recorder. It was Craig and Crystal. They spotted Champ.

Subsequently Zarzynski interviewed them by phone and later received several letters about their experience.

"It's the all American story," Zarzynski said. "Two teenagers go to a football game, stop by McDonalds, look out at the lake and just happen to see a lake monster. Incredible!"

The 1981 Kennard/Zarzynski Expedition tentatively will focus on Button Bay, Vermont, although the site isn't definite yet. Zarzynski is currently negotiating with a private citizen at an undisclosed location that he wants to use as a headquarters.

In any event, the expedition will cover the areas where most sightings have occurred: Port Henry, Westport, Plattsburgh, Rouse's Point, Bulwaga Bay, all in New York; and Button Bay and South Hero Island in Vermont.

The first phase is a shipboard search of Lake Champlain. Using the side scan sonar, a device that is lowered from the boat into the water, sonar pictures will bounce back from the lake bottom to a screen onboard that will print out any object that interrupts the sonar.

Underwater photography and scuba diving will complement the search from above. Along with the side scan sonar, an expensive and sophisticated device that requires at least three technicians to operate, Kennard has a Raytheon unit.

The Raytheon unit is capable of tracking a radius of 150 feet at a time. This range can be extended up to 450 feet but the readings at that point are quite hazy. An advantage of the Raytheon unit is that it can be

operated by a layman, and it is a good deal more portable than the side scan sonar.

A land based group constitutes the second phase. A minimum of five men (eight at most) will make minitrips up and down the coastline, conducting shorewatches. On these excursions there will always be at least two men on watch while the others sleep or set up camp.

These teams will be flexible enough to canvass any recent sighting area, with cameras at the ready, while Zarzynski and Kennard concentrate on the sonar equipment.

Even with all this preparation, even with the experience of several Champ expeditions behind him, Zarzynski feels that the monster may still evade the searchers.

"I believe that Champ can sense when he is being hunted," Zarzynski said. "A creature like this could have a built-in sonar ability of his own. Any disturbance of the water, even minute ripples from sonar equipment could alert the creature that a search is on."

In this manner Champ could avoid the hunters by always staying one step ahead of the search boat, or simply by hiding anywhere in the 440 square miles of surface water in Lake Champlain.

At some spots the lake is incredibly deep, going 399 feet straight down at Split Rock Point. Knowing the lake as it does, a Champ creature could swim from pocket to pocket of deep dark safety.

The chances of Champ having a sonar ability aren't all that remote. Dolphins and whales have a built-in radar system — in fact one plan currently under way to locate the Loch Ness Monster involves training dolphins to seek it out — and Champ may just be in the same boat, so to speak.

On Sunday, Nov. 23, 1980, Dr. Roy Mackal, a biologist at the University of Chicago, said that Champ creatures are most likely Zeuglodon — ancient whales thought to be extinct.

Dr. Mackal was discussing the "Mansi photograph" which apparently is a genuine picture of a Champ. He announced that he was convinced the picture was a legitimate photo of what is most likely a primitive whale.

Mackal — who recently made international news with his expedition to the Congo gathering information on the Mokele Mbembe, a dinosaur like animal often spotted by native pygmies — informed Zarzynski that the Mansi photo is undergoing further tests at an optical laboratory well known for challenging such mysteries.

Sandra and Anthony Mansi of New Haven, Conn., took a color photograph of "what may well be one of the Lake Champlain Monsters," Zarzynski said. First made public in the autumn of 1979, the Mansi photograph was taken in July, 1977.

Although it is not yet released, the Mansis are deciding on how best to show the photo to the public. According to Sandra Mansi's testimony her sighting was like "seeing a dinosaur. It was big and black with a long neck and its head was like that of a horse with a hump (or back)." Anthony Mansi reported that the creature appeared to be 15 or 20 feet in length and its head and neck were approximately seven feet out of the water.

Dr. George Zug of the Smithsonian Institute wrote that the photo was fascinating and quite good considering the circumstances under which it was taken. "At this time I cannot provide a match with any known animal."

Charles W. Johnson, Vermont's State Naturalist, said "the photo appeared real and what was depicted in it certainly was no lake sturgeon, turtle, snake, or other creature one often hears attributed as being the monster."

"Although the testing is not yet complete, I must admit this is probably the best single piece of evidence on Champ," said Zarzynski. "Hopefully this photo, combined with other evidence, will persuade state and local officials to seriously consider providing protection for

these creatures."

It seems that with all the sightings, and with sonar pictures and photographs of a serpentine creature a very real possibility, Champ's existence may soon be a demonstrated reality.

The 1981 Kennard/Zarzynski Expedition could be a total success, although Zarzynski would be happy with even a limited success — "Just making people aware of what is down there, of what is happening, would be success."

Zarzynski stressed that the only "capture" of Champ that he wants is one on film that shows once and for all what the creature really is. "I want no harm to come to any of the Champ creatures. All I need is evidence of his, or their existence, conclusive evidence in any form."

This is a far cry from P.T. Barnum who is reported to have offered a \$50,000 bounty for the creature.

Perhaps the most well known crusader in the search for Champ, Zarzynski is also one of the foremost crusaders for Champ's rights.

Along with Tim Titus of Essex County, Zarzynski is working on expanding the Port Henry Resolution (which protects Champ and similar creatures) to include all of the Lake Champlain counties.

He doesn't want a zoo or a museum to ever exhibit a living Champ creature.

A devoted monster hunter for six years now, at great expense to himself — more than \$20,000 of his own money has gone into the search — Zarzynski doesn't want to disturb Champ's environment or lifestyle.

But he does want to find him!

From his Wilton headquarters just north of Saratoga, Joseph Zarzynski is a one man army doing battle against the nonbelievers. Generous with his time, and with his hard won information, he is spreading the word.

He wants the world to know about Champ and to get interested. Currently Zarzynski is trying to get New York State and Vermont involved in funding the search for Champ.

It would help ease the burden. At the moment he pours most of his teaching income and lecture fees into the Champ hunt.

Zarzynski is appalled at the official indifference to the Champ creatures, awesome links to the past apparently floating in the depths of Lake Champlain — just out of reach. With all of the newspaper articles written about Champ and Zarzynski, the official attitudes just might change.

He wants to get the public involved in locating, then preserving, Champ's habit.

The thirtyish Champ hunter has amassed impressive credentials during his years of searching and collecting information. If ever a man was qualified to find a monster, Zarzynski is the one.

Member of the International Fortean Organization, The Loch Ness and Morar Project, The Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained, and several other respected societies, Zarzynski has traveled the world over, learning from expert enigma hunters, and becoming an expert himself.

He is a correspondent for the London based Fortean Times and has published several articles about Champ and other lake monsters.

Recently "Real People" filmed a segment about Zarzynski and one of his Champ expeditions. With exposure like that, Champ won't be neglected much longer.

Already other networks have contacted Zarzynski, and so has the New York City press, eager to get in on the day to day drama of Champ.

It won't be long. Something or some things are down there in cold and deep Champlain.

From a composite of Zarzynski's collection of sightings that something is:

— 25 to 35 feet long.

— Serpentine in appearance, very fast, achieving speeds up to 15 or 20 miles per hour.

— Humpbacked. Two or more

humps have been spotted on the snake-like creature.

That something is Champ. And by all accounts he is a friendly or shy creature. Not one sighting could be termed dangerous, according to Zarzynski.

Like the Loch Ness Monster, like Ogopogo (also a snake-like creature in Lake Okanagan, Canada), Champ is not a menace, but a mystery.

Joseph Zarzynski wants to solve the mystery, and is currently finishing what promises to be the definitive book on the Champ creatures.

If all goes well on the 1981 Kennard/Zarzynski Expedition he may even have a personal interview with Champ for the opening chapter.

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'Big Foot' Photographed, Pursuer Claims

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A wilderness explorer who has been searching for the legendary "Big Foot" for nearly a decade said Sunday he photographed the elusive manape during a recent expedition in Northern California.

C. Thomas Biscardi, of San Jose, president of Amazing Horizons Inc., said in an interview that members of his expeditions since 1973 have had four sightings of the humanlike primate that supposedly roams remote wilderness areas.

Biscardi, who concedes that the front-view photos of a large ape-like figure emerging from a clump of trees may not be enough to convince skeptics, said that his next step is to capture the creature.

The husky, 32-year-old Italian, who claims to have personally seen "Big Foot" on two occasions, said his latest encounter occurred April 12 during a three-day expedition on Mount Lassen in Northern California.

"There were reports of sightings in the area so we went up there to investigate," said Robert Irwin, who accompanied Biscardi on the trip.

"It was 10:45 a.m. when we saw it coming out of the thickets and trees. The creature we had been tracking for two days, was right there, about 100 yards from us. We were scared to death," recounted Biscardi, who attributes his success in tracking the elusive creature to the "BF detector."

The monitor shows images of anything that moves on a television-like screen from as far as 500 yards away, he said.

"We had almost given up tracking the huge footprints, which we lost on the lava tubes that don't show footprints, when he came out," said Biscardi. "It was a male, 7-foot-4, some 450 pounds."

"There was not the usual odor that we've been used to smelling any time one of these creatures was around, maybe because he had just finished hibernating or maybe because it had just rained days before."

Biscardi said his next goal was to capture the creature live.

"The way we plan to do it is to drop a smoke bomb from a helicopter to put it to sleep," said Biscardi.

He said that more than 850 sightings of creatures matching the description of "Big Foot" have been made in China, the Soviet Union, Canada and the United States since 1968.

"I just want to prove his existence. It could be the missing link, or some ancient Indian tribe. I don't know, but somebody ought to find out," he said.

He hopes to make the big catch on his next expedition, beginning in 10 days, to the Superstition Mountains in Arizona.

A MATTER OF OPINION

AN ANALYTIC LOOK AT A TOPIC OF INTEREST

Save the Chesapeake monster

By George W. Earley
Special to The News American

The first public reports of an "unidentified swimming object" in the Chesapeake Bay came in the summer of 1978 when a creature described as "grayish ... about 25 feet long ... swimming in an undulating motion" was seen in the Bay near the mouth of the Potomac River.

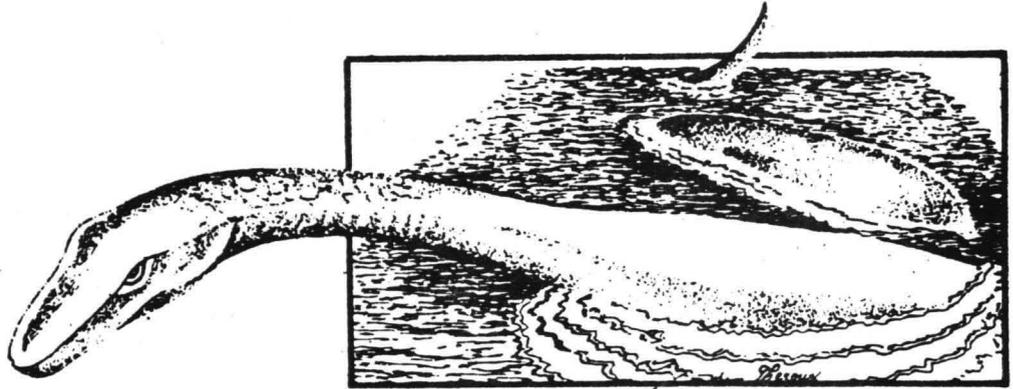
Because descriptions were suggestive of the fabled Nessie creatures of Scotland's Loch Ness, America's newest water monster was quickly dubbed "Chessie." Skeptics retorted that it was more likely a misidentified seal, porpoise, floating log or sea otter — or even the result of booze since "you know how those fishermen lie!"

By all accounts Chessie was a peaceful, inoffensive beast. Unfortunately, this did not stop one sportsman from opening fire with a rifle. Chessie retaliated by disappearing until last fall when folks reported seeing the beast in such varying locations as the Potomac and Appomattox rivers and near Smith Point in Eastern Bay off the Chesapeake.

If, skeptics aside, Chessie and some of the other monsters reported in this country do exist, it is quite likely they're relatively rare beasts. They deserve to be protected, not hooked, harpooned or shot at.

But how does a monster get protection when his existence is not recognized by the scientific establishment? Is there any precedent for doing such a thing?

The protection part is relatively simple: Pass a law. Those counties and towns in Maryland and Virginia abutting the Bay and its tributaries have jurisdiction over the waters adjacent to their territories and, because of the Intercoastal Waterway, the federal government also has jurisdiction over Bay waters as well. There are ample governments to which Chessie fans can apply to get



The News American — Lance Theroux

ENDANGERED SPECIES: So rare its existence has never been confirmed.

legal protection for the Bay Beast.

How much success are they apt to have? They will never know until they try. Politicians, while notoriously wary about taking positions on "oddball" issues, tend to favor causes that don't call for any increase in taxes. They are also susceptible to precedent; in this case, it is possible to cite not one, but several precedents.

Out in the Pacific Northwest there have been, for many years, reports of a creature called "Bigfoot." Huge, hairy, generally human in shape, perhaps seven to eight feet tall and weighing about 500 pounds, it has, as its nickname implies, very large feet.

Bigfoot is protected. While not admitting the creatures exist, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has rules that if they do exist, they are protected under U.S. law and should not be shot or endangered in any way. The commissioners of Skamania County, Wash., have gone a step further. In 1969 they passed an ordinance calling for a \$10,000 fine and/or up to five years in the county jail for anyone convicted of shooting a Bigfoot.

The third precedent comes from the east, where Lake Champlain in upstate New York is home to a water monster the locals call "Champ." French explorer Samuel de Champlain, who observed the beast in the early 1600s described "a creature that was serpent-like, about 20 feet long and as thick as a barrel, with a head

that resembled that of a horse." Sightings have continued over the years (there were four in 1980), and observers generally agree with de Champlain's original description.

Last fall, Champ was the subject of a resolution passed by the Village Board of Port Henry which provides that "all waters of Lake Champlain which adjoin the village of Port Henry are hereby declared off limits to anyone who would in any way harm, harass or destroy the Lake Champlain Sea Monster."

The village fathers, recognizing a good thing when they see it, have also erected billboards at the entrance to the village which read: "Port Henry, New York, home of 'Champ.'" It may be a bit more difficult to put up similar signs at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, but an enterprising town could certainly take Chessie under its wing, thereby advertising itself to natives and tourists alike as a defender of wildlife.

So how about it, Marylanders — why not follow the lead of the good people of Port Henry and Skamania County and get some protection for your monster? After, why shouldn't they be afforded the same consideration we give the snail darter, bald eagle, California condor and other officially endangered species?

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'Champ' reported at Bulwagga

PORT HENRY — "Champ," Lake Champlain's legendary "sea monster," may have been on the prowl Friday.

Several Port Henry residents reported spotting Essex County's answer to the Loch Ness monster Friday morning in Bulwagga Bay.

Jane Sullivan said she looked out her picture window about 10

a.m. Friday and saw a dark, long snakelike creature "surface and submerge" over a period of 45 minutes.

Mrs. Sullivan alerted other Port Henry residents. Esther Waldron, who works for the Moriah town clerk, left the town office building near the lake to get a closer look.

From about 300 yards, Mrs.

Waldron said, she could see a black creature with a head "at least the size of a human head." She said the water was very calm and a light rain was falling.

She said the creature would rise out of the water about two feet in an area just north of the old Republic Steel docks.

— LEE COLEMAN

Lake's camera-shy monster spotted again

By JEFF WRIGHT
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Southern Essex Bureau

PORT HENRY — Not since the War of 1812 when a band of American sailors battled the British at Valcour Island has Lake Champlain been the object of as much national attention as it has received in recent months.

The focus of all the attention is Champ, the mysterious Lake Champlain phenomenon that has been sighted periodically by residents on both sides of the lake. In the past year though, Champ has outgrown his regional fame. The elusive being has become the darling of a national press searching for a creature America can call its own.

Now only Scotland's vaunted Loch Ness monster and the Northwest's Bigfoot shine brighter than Champ's streaking star.

Friday and again Sunday, Champ made its first appearance of 1981, sighted by at least 10 area residents.

Barbara Boyle and Jane Sullivan were the first to notice something unusual in Bulwagga Bay at about 10 a.m. "It was long and dark, like nothing I have ever seen," Sullivan recounted.

"I couldn't discern the head and neck, but what ever it was it kept going under and coming back up." Sullivan estimated that she watched for 45 minutes from her Broad Street home until the creature went under for the final time.

Camilla Rich and Esther Waldron

were others who sighted the phenomenon as it frolicked in the frigid water.

Testimonies by the Port Henry women appeared on newscasts and in newspapers coast to coast Sunday and Monday as the community once again basked in the national spotlight. Last summer when the National Broadcasting Company crews descended on nearby Crown Point to film a segment for "Real People," several residents became instant celebrities by reciting the details of their Champ sightings for cameramen.

Bob Hughes was born in Port Henry and has heard about the lake's mysterious resident for years, but until Sunday evening he did not believe Champ really existed.

"It looked like a long black log, maybe 25 or 30 feet long when we first spotted it about 5:30," he said Monday. Hughes was visiting his wife's parents on Lakeview Drive, high above Bulwagga Bay, when he sighted something swimming in the lake.

"At first I didn't want to say anything, I thought people would laugh, but after hearing about the sighting Friday I figured I should."

While his twin daughters, Danielle and Michelle, kept an eye on the creature in the distant bay, Hughes borrowed a set of binoculars from neighbors Sue and Paul Cutting.

Through the binoculars Hughes confirmed what he already suspected. "It wasn't a log, there was definitely something out there. Whether it was a mammal or a fish though I don't know," he added.

Hughes also took a moment to call several of his friends who live near the lake. "They went down by the terminal dock but standing at the water level couldn't see anything," he said.

As daylight faded into twilight, Hughes lost sight of the creature as it swam north. "I used to be skeptical about the monster but I'm not anymore," he continued his daughters nodding in agreement.

Monday and Tuesday lakeside residents kept an informal vigil hoping to catch another glimpse of the phenomenon. There were reports that an aerial search of the area by helicopter had also been made.

Despite all of the sightings, no one apparently captured the creature on film. If that is so, the photograph made by Sandra Mansi four years ago remains the most spectacular piece of evidence that Champ really does exist.

Joseph Zarzynski, the Wilton teacher who has been investigating the phenomenon for seven years, was in the area Monday. He reportedly plans to spend much of the week collecting more information on Champ. Zarzynski already has recorded testimonies from more than 100 people who claim sightings of the phenomenon.



New Bigfoot Photo

A man who has been searching for Bigfoot for nearly a decade offered this photograph of the elusive man-ape yesterday. C. Thomas Biscardi of San Jose, president of Amazing Horizons, Inc., conceded that the front-view photo of a large ape-like figure emerging from a clump of trees may not be enough to convince skeptics. He said that his next step is to capture the creature.

Biscardi, 32, claims to have seen Bigfoot on two occasions. He said his latest encounter occurred April 12 during a three-day expedition on Mount Lassen.

"It was 10:45 a.m. when we saw it coming out of the thickets and trees. The creature we had been tracking for two days, was right there, about 100 yards from us. We were scared to death," recounted Biscardi. "It was a male, 7-foot-4, some 450 pounds."