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### Aloft

ATLANTA police Sgt. B. G. Hodnett says he saw an object shaped like a Maltese Cross studded with 12 to 20 lights, some of them blinking, hovering in the night sky. He ran to his car to get a camera but the object darted away. Said Sgt. Hodnett: "I believe in flying saucers a little more than I did yesterday."

### Flying Object

SYDNEY, Sept. 14 — More than 300 hopeful flying saucer spotters — many of them in pajamas and dressing gowns — turned out at dawn today to watch a mysterious shimmering spot in the sky.

The spot, which has baffled experts, appears precisely at ten minutes past seven each morning. It has turned the small town of Taree, about 200 miles northwest of Sydney into one of Australia's top tourist attractions.

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Journal science at the London School of Economics is the author of many books, including *The New Left* and *Western Political Philosophers*.

However, Lévi-Strauss learned his structuralism not in France, but first as a field anthropologist in Brazil, and then, as a wartime exile in New York, where he met and collaborated with Jakobson, another refugee. Radcliffe-Brown's

structuralism concern both to give a logical basis to morals and to reconcile empiricism with rationalism. Paiget also acknowledges a great debt, as a psychologist, to the gestalt theory of Kohler and Wertheimer, the gestalt being, of course, yet another form of "structure."

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## Spies in the Sky?

### UFOs

#### A Scientific Debate

Edited by Carl Sagan and Thornton Page

Cornell University, 310 pp. \$12.50

### By SAMUEL MINES

THE CONTROVERSY over unidentified flying objects has been raging for more than 20 years. Raising it to the level of a scientific debate under the sponsor-

ship of the American Association for the Advancement of Science has added heat but little more light to the dispute. The present volume is a collection of papers presented at a symposium of 15 scientists and one science writer. It leaves the atmosphere as murky as ever.

Apparently there are scientists, as well as laymen who want very strongly to believe not merely that extraterrestrial flying objects exist, but that we are being kept under surveillance by alien beings from outer space—presumably members of a more advanced civilization. Any science fiction fan would find his heart gladdened by the far-out phrases used by these respected univer-

sity professors, but he might be left wondering about the nature of scientific evidence.

Carl Sagan, one of the editors of the book, and a skeptic himself, suggests that science has systematically taken over areas which were the traditional concern of religion. "In a scientific age," he says, "what is a more reasonable and acceptable disguise for the classic religious myths than the idea that we are being visited by messengers of a powerful, wise, and benign advanced civilization?"

The argument for the extraterrestrial nature of UFOs endures mainly because of the fact that of 12,618 sightings be-

tween 1947 and 1969, a total of 701 have been unidentified or unexplained either as natural phenomena or hoaxes. The astonishing thing is that the proponents of the extraterrestrial theory point to the failure or inability to explain away all the cases of proof. Negative proof is not proof, and there is not a single piece of real evidence of the existence of an alien spaceship or any other kind of

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alien object. No one has ever come forward with a ship, a piece of a ship, an artifact, an alien being or even a photograph that would stand scrutiny. There is only negative evidence—some sightings remain unexplained; in some quarters there are complaints about the Air Corps's handling of the investigations and about its Condon Report which, when it was finally issued, terminated official inquiry into UFOs.

Hoaxes at least are clear-cut when run down. In his paper, "The Nature of Scientific Evidence," Philip Morrison, Professor of Physics at MIT, describes the hoax in George Adamski's book on UFOs which boldly featured a full-page photograph of a flying saucer soaring through space, windows alight. It turned out to be a chicken brooder from Sears, Roebuck.

Again, Morrison describes a remarkable piece of 16 mm. film shot out of the window of a passenger aircraft showing the approach of a flying, metallic ellipsoid which crosses the field of view

and disappears. It is a most convincing piece of film—no fake—and is described by aeronautical experts as resembling no aircraft they had ever seen. And indeed it didn't until it was determined that what had been photographed was the tail of the airplane the cameraman was riding in, its image distorted by the thick edge of the window. As the plane tilted, a piece of the tail section came into view, grew larger and then slid out of view again.

Most, not all, but most of the UFOs can be explained in terms like these, or as misunderstood natural phenomena—mirages, radar "trapping," re-entry of satellites, reflections, bright planets and so on. There remain the unexplained cases. An example, made familiar by many repetitions in one form or another, might be the case of the woman driving along a lonely country road: a bright object appears overhead, her engine dies and all her lights go out. (In one such case, the bright object was caused by the re-entry of a Soviet satellite, and it

was a good deal farther away than just overhead.)

Stories like these are cited—together with testimony from airline pilots and others who observed flying objects from planes—as justification for criticizing the Air Force's handling of the investigations. Yet, reading these critical papers, and then reading the opposing view ("UFOs—The Modern Myth") by Donald J. Menzel, the Harvard astronomer who did the investigations for the Air Force, I could not help concluding that Menzel makes more sense. He is convinced that all the reported sightings could be explained in terms of natural phenomena (if not hoaxes) if enough information were available.

Years ago, I remember Willy Ley, who was a rocket expert and science fiction buff, and who had more motive than most for believing in UFOs, expressing to me his disbelief:

What is typical of these sightings? A flying object appears and moves at speeds of 1,500-2,000-4,000 miles an hour. When one of our aircraft tries

to intercept it, it changes direction abruptly, sometimes shoots straight up and disappears. There is never a sound. Now, assuming the pilots of this craft were advanced scientists who knew how to overcome the inertia which would flatten them against the wall of the ship if they changed course so sharply at such speeds—what about the silence? Can you imagine the sonic boom that a ship traveling at 2,000 or 4,000 miles an hour would make ripping through our atmosphere?

You might want this book for its bundle of the best arguments on both sides of the controversy, with a minimum of hysteria. Morrison's "The Nature of Scientific Evidence" is interesting, as is "Influence of the Press and Other Mass Media," by Walter Sullivan, science editor of The New York Times. Menzel's "UFOs—The Modern Myth" is excellent, and editor Sagan's contribution, "UFOs—The Extraterrestrial and Other Hypotheses" is outstanding for humor and balance.

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## GLASSES MELTED

# UFO Blinded Trucker

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. (UPI) — A physics professor investigating a reported attack on a truck driver by an unidentified flying object said today the victim's eyeglasses were damaged by internal heat from an unknown source.

In the latest of a series of recent UFO sightings in southeastern Missouri, Eddie Doyle Webb, 45, of Greenville, Mo., was blinded for several hours. He is recovering his vision.

Webb said he was driving a tractor-trailer rig about dawn Wednesday when he saw a bright light "coming up real fast."

He awakened his wife, Velma Mae Webb, 47, who was asleep in the cab, he said, but she didn't see anything.

"Then, I stuck my head out of the window and a large ball of fire struck me in the face," Webb said. "My glasses fell off and I couldn't see. But I got the truck stopped."

MRS. WEBB said her husband screamed, "Oh, my God! I'm burned! I can't see!"

One of the lenses of his glasses fell out of the plastic frame. Mrs. Webb, a relief driver at times, drove him to a hospital.

Sgt. Ed Wright of the Highway Patrol took Webb's glasses to Dr. Harley Rutledge, head of the

Southwest Missouri State University Physics Department, for analysis.

Rutledge, who has been working for six months to attempt to identify mysterious flying objects, said he put the glasses under a microscope. "It appeared they were heated internally," he said. "The plastic apparently got hot and the mold came to the surface. The heat warped the plastic, causing the lens to fall out."

RUTLEDGE SAID he planned more tests on the glasses. There appears to be "some residue which we hope to put through some chemical tests," he said.

Meanwhile, at Tupelo, Miss., police reported for the third consecutive night the sighting of multi-colored UFOs yesterday.

The Lee County sheriff's office said two deputies told of seeing brightly lighted objects in the Tupelo area and that similar reports had come from sheriff's departments in neighboring Pontotoc and Itawamba counties.

"One of them was a rotating white and red light and another deputy saw a white light about the size of a table top with red and yellow lights behind it," a dispatcher at the Lee County sheriff's office said.

### 'Flying Saucer' Sighted Near Tupelo, Miss.

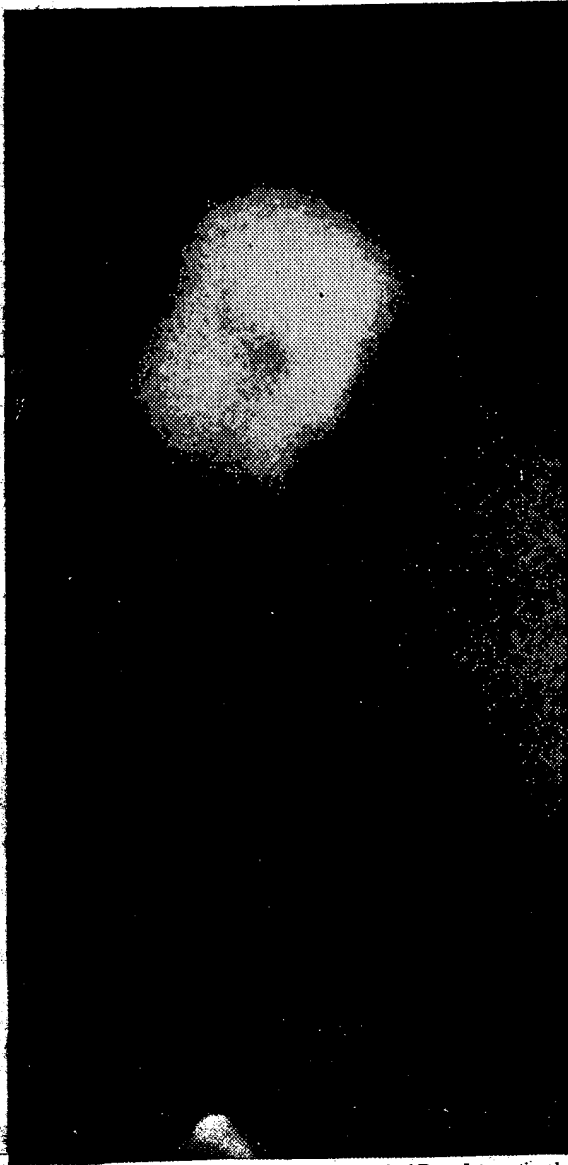
TUPELO, Miss., Oct. 4 (UPI) —A National Park Service ranger said he saw a flying saucer the size of a two-bedroom house hover over the area for about 15 minutes Wednesday night flashing "red, green and yellow lights."

"I've been dealing with the public for years and I know people exaggerate and see what they want to see, but I know I saw this," said Thomas E. Westmoreland. Westmoreland said three other rangers and a deputy sheriff were with him when he saw the craft.

Highway patrolmen, policemen, a sheriff and other persons also reported seeing strange flying objects over northeastern Mississippi last night.

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## New UFO Sightings Reported



—United Press International

Chester Tatum, publisher of the Sowega Free Press in Camilla, Ga., took this photo of an unidentified flying object soaring through the southern Georgia sky.

ATHENS, Ga. (UPI)—A frightened man dashed into police headquarters here and said a "bright-flashing object" had swooped toward his car on a North Georgia highway.

It was the fourth consecutive night of unidentified flying object sightings in Georgia and Tennessee. The Air Force said it was not looking into the reports because the UFO investigation program has been discontinued.

Athens police said the unidentified motorist last night reported that the object, with "one bright light and four flashing lights," came within 15 feet of the ground before swerving off into the sky.

Mrs. Nancy Harrison said police at Nashville, Tenn., weren't sympathetic toward her concern about two UFOs that changed from red to blue to green and from "cigar-shaped to a triangle."

"I SAW what he was looking at," said Officer Robert Hullet. "But it looked like a star that wasn't doing anything but flickering."

Residents in several Florida towns reported seeing varied-colored lights in the sky about two weeks ago. Three elderly women reported something "like a great ball of fire, orange and green, and it seemed to light up the sky."

Other sightings during the Labor Day weekend came from police officers, newsmen, citizens and one military policeman. Descriptions of the objects, seen in several Central and South Georgia towns, were similar—blinking, varied-colored lights, usually hovering quietly but occasionally showing great bursts of speed.

Chester A. Tatum of Camilla, Ga., publisher of the Sowega Free Press, said he photographed a craft Saturday night with a ribbed design and "some sort of center down the middle."

LT. COL. Richard Davies, an information officer at Warner Robins Air Force Base, said the reports were the first in "a number of years. The Air Force used to have a program to check up on this type of thing, but they dropped it." He said there probably would not be an investigation.

Georgia Civil Defense public information director Col. Douglas Embry said the UFO reports have been logged "but we don't do anything with them or publicize them. They seem to have gotten enough publicity already."

Embry said if there were no "logical explanation" for the sightings, and if there was a "danger to life and property," then the Civil Defense office would ask the governor to take any necessary steps to investigate the sightings.

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# UFO Sightings Spread, Space Visit Claimed

Chicago Daily News Service

CHICAGO — A Missouri Pentecostal minister who sighted two unidentified flying objects near his home a year ago said today he believes UFOs are still plying the Mississippi River area.

The Rev. Edgar Harrison said the latest sighting by two Mississippi fishermen led him to the conclusion.

Harrison, who works as foreman of the Louisiana, Mo., water department, said, "I think maybe they follow the Mississippi River so they can land on water."

Two Pascagoula, Miss., fishermen, Charles Hickson, 42, and Calvin Parker, 18, said they were taken aboard a UFO last Thursday by three creatures with wrinkled skin, clab-claw hands and pointed ears.

A NORTHWESTERN University astronomer who interviewed the two men said their story indicates a strange craft from another planet did land in Mississippi.

"Where they are coming from and why they were here is a matter of conjecture," said Prof. Allen Hynek. "But the fact that they are here on this planet is beyond a reasonable doubt."

The professor warned about undue national panic. Hynek proposed that a group of university scientists be formed to investigate UFO reports, since the Air Force no longer undertakes such studies.

Hynek was a scientific consultant to the Air Force when it undertook a lengthy study of UFOs, but reported they were not to be considered a threat to national security.

IN A NEW sighting, sheriff's deputies in Pine, La., chased five orange-reddish flying objects 12 miles through woods last night and early today, United Press International reported.

Deputy Michael Moore said the ships almost attacked a police car.

"One of our deputies was scared pretty bad," Moore said. "He turned on his red lights, and they came down at his patrol car. He turned them off and they just vanished like in a cloud."

Moore said several deputies were out chasing the ships and one of the men tried to take pictures. "Our deputies spotted five of them, and a bunch of witnesses saw them too," he said.

In a further sighting reported near Slidell, across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans, Lloyd Mercier said he was driving home when he saw an object. He said was approximately 15 or 20 feet in diameter and it had a streak about a foot wide straight through the middle.

"All I could see was a red glow. It looked like it came straight out of the water," he said. "I've seen it tonight with my own natural eyes. I have to believe what I see. There was no moon and it was no balloon, and it was no ship."

Two Pascagoula, Miss., men who claim they were taken aboard an unidentified flying object by three creatures with big eyes, crab-like hands and pointed ears definitely underwent a "terrifying experience," according to scientists who questioned the men under hypnosis. Charles Hickson, 42, and Calvin Parker, 18, told the Jackson County sheriff's department they were fishing off an old pier on the Pascagoula River, several days ago when a strange object approached in the sky, emitting a bluish haze. Dr. James Harder of the University of California said the men's experience as reflected during hypnosis after their report was "traumatic", adding "their emotions and very strong feelings of terror are impossible to fake under hypnosis." Since news of their experience, several other persons also have said they saw a UFO in the vicinity.

# State Area Is Shaken by Quake? Jet?

By Jay Mathews  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Some residents of an area four Eastern states reported rattling of dishes and windows early yesterday that federal officials yesterday even were still unable to explain.

Telephone calls coming in the National Earthquake Information Center in Boulder, Colo., from West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania led officials to suspect an earthquake at first. The explanation was discarded when almost none of the earthquake stations in the affected area reported earthquakes, said Frank Forrester of the U.S. Geological Survey.

Forrester suggested "repeated sonic booms" may have caused the reported vibrations, but Air Force officials said late yesterday they could not yet confirm this.

Forrester said a preliminary report from J. H. Bollinger of Virginia Polytechnic State University at Blacksburg, indicated that a "low-level" earthquake with a reading of about 2.5 on the Richter scale had occurred about 4 a.m. Forrester's report was based on readings of a seismograph.

But after checking other geological equipment in the area, the Blacksburg report "just fizzled out," Forrester said. The Blacksburg finding meant that some serious tremor, a regular happening in the mountainous Virginia area.

See QUAKE, B2, Col. 4

# Large Area Shaken By Mystery Force

QUAKE, From B1

West Virginia-Maryland border area, did occur, but that its location could not be pinpointed. Its strength was certainly not sufficient to cause such widespread reports of vibrations, Forrester said.

when officials realized that some tremors were reported at about 9 p.m. Thursday and others in the early morning hours yesterday. There were no reports from the District of Columbia.

Forrester said he had received no reports of serious damage from the vibrations.

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# Mysterious Shock Felt In Maryland, Virginia

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — A shock wave of mysterious origin rattled dishes and windows in several eastern states including Maryland and Virginia last night.

Scientists said the vibrations, which were also felt in Pennsylvania and West Virginia were not caused by an earthquake. Other experts and agencies said there were no known airplane flights that could have caused a sonic boom.

A spokesman at the Wright Patterson Air Force base in Dayton, Ohio, said "We're just in the dark. We have nothing flying that could have caused a sonic boom."

**RESIDENTS** in separate parts of West Virginia re-

ported feeling shock waves. One scientist said the boom could have been caused by a meteorite.

Dr. Shelton Alexander, professor of geophysics and director of the seismic observatory at Penn State University, said his instruments showed no earthquakes had occurred.

"**THERE** was no ground disturbance," Alexander said. "Anything felt that widely surely would have registered on our machines."

He said "there would still be a sonic boom" under certain circumstances if a meteor traveled through the atmosphere at a speed greater than sound.

Police officers, newspapers and radio stations in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia were flooded with calls from residents asking about that shock wave Thursday night.

Air force officials in Pennsylvania and the Naval Observatory in Washington said they sighted nothing that could have caused the shock waves.

The National Earthquake Information Center in Boulder, Colo., the Pentagon, the Goddard space Flight Center and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration also reported they did not know the origin of the boom.

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# U.S. Job Plan

ent of Corrections to re-ase the Freedom Fighters known as the 'San Quentin ...'

The group is referring to x inmates awaiting trial on charges stemming from an attempted escape from San Quentin Prison in which three convicts and three guards were killed Aug. 7, 1971. The group's name apparently was taken from the fate of the attempted escape.

white and blue lights for several hours Tuesday night, Military radar at nearby Baer Field picked up the flying object, but officers were unable to contact the craft or determine what it was.

Police said 750 persons spotted the UFO and said calls asking about it came in from 15 areas.

## UFOs Reported

Several persons fought mosquitoes to get a glimpse of the red and green lights whirling atop an unidentified flying object hovering in the night skies for two hours over southeast Louisiana. Another UFO was reported in Indiana.

"It sent chill bumps down me," said Mrs. Harry Penton, of Slidell, La. "When I first saw that star, I got excited, and that's when I hol-lered out to Jimmy to bring his binoculars."

Police in Eaton, Ind., said they tracked a strange flying object with flashing red

## A Glow on Film

A cameraman for an Atlanta television station has what he claims to be an unidentified flying object on film. He has 90 seconds of a hovering glow that changes colors rapidly. It is the latest in a scattering of reports of UFOs from Georgia, several made by law enforcement officials.

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# UFOs: Is Anybody O-o-out There?

By Craig Ammerman

Associated Press

Twinkle, twinkle, little what? Reddish creatures floating out of a strange spaceship with their crab-like claws? A turnip-shaped flying object that blinds with a flash of light? A flying machine shaped like a cigar that can turn off car engines with a flash of light?

They're unidentified flying objects, and the speculation about their origin is growing again as folks around the country have reported an increasing number of sightings in the last several days.

Are they for real? Is another civilization checking us out? Unless you happen to be one who has seen these strange creatures and their flying machines, the answers depend upon which expert is talking, and whether you care to believe.

**THE NEW SPURT** in sightings began Thursday when Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker, a couple of well-thought-of fellows in Pascagoula, Miss., went fishing off an abandoned pier.

They said a fish-shaped blue craft suddenly appeared hovering above the water, and out of it floated three reddish-looking characters with big eyes, pointed ears and wrinkled skin. Hickson and Parker said they were escorted into this craft, where the creatures examined them and then let them go.

Two scientists with an interest in UFOs, Dr. James Harder of the University of Mississippi and Dr. Allen Hynek of Northwestern, said they placed Hickson and Parker under hypnosis and after four hours of questioning concluded they were telling the truth.

The two men now are scheduled for the detector tests too, their lawyer

**SOME OTHERS** agreed that what the two saw were visitors from another world, but there is no documentary proof such a thing has happened.

Dr. Robert O'Connell, an LSU astrophysicist, said he was skeptical of most UFO reports, especially the Pascagoula case. United Press International reported.

"I don't necessarily dispute what they're saying," he said. "It could be a hoax. The hoax could be on two levels: the people themselves or somebody else carrying out a hoax. This area area (of UFO reports) is notorious for hoaxes."

In Chicago, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. George S. Brown told a news conference yesterday that UFOs were reported in Vietnam during the war and on one occasion triggered an air-sea battle near the demilitarized zone in 1968 in which an Australian destroyer was hit.

**IN 1969**, the Air Force ended a 21-year study which took in 12,097 reported UFO sightings. The Air Force said — and its report was endorsed by the National Academy of Sciences — that there was no evidence of folks from other planets paying visits to earth.

It said that 90 percent of all UFO sightings prove to be plausibly related to planes, space satellites, balloons and various natural phenomena.

UFOs have been reported by citizens in the last four or five days in a number of widely scattered areas. Many said they were flashing objects too far away to determine exactly what they were.

But a woman in New Orleans said she saw something shaped like the Houston Astro dome hover over her home.

Astronomers and other scientists in several of the affected areas said those occurrences probably were re-

atmospheric conditions, or planes or helicopters or balloons. In Tennessee and South Carolina, objects reported at night at UFOs turned out to be balloons with tin foil tied to them. But there have been some other developments too.

**THE SOVIET** new agency Tass said yesterday that scientists at four stations have received heretofore unheard-of pulsing signals from upper layers of the atmosphere.

"It is not precluded that they may be sent by a technically developed extraterrestrial civilization," the news agency said.

The signals last for several minutes and are repeated several times a day, a Soviet professor said, adding that more than 30 Soviet scientists are now at work searching for radio signals from space civilizations.

Ray Stanford of Austin, Tex., told a late-night radio talk show host yesterday his group, the Association for the Understanding of Man, is setting up a huge signal light to attract unidentified flying objects. He said the light, in central Texas, can be seen by the naked eye 150 miles into space.

**OTHERS WHO** have been puzzled lately include James Thornhill, a Civil Defense radar watcher at Columbia, Miss., who said that while on duty last weekend he picked up a blip on his screen moving much faster than a helicopter can travel that stopped and hovered about three miles away from his station.

Thornhill said his screen and radio communications also suddenly jammed for 15 or 20 minutes. He said that when they returned to normal, the blip was gone.

John Lane, a Gulfport, Miss., cab driver, told police that a blue object landed in front of his cab Monday night straining it and causing the ve-

tapping sound on his windshield and saw a flesh-colored creature with a crab-like claw.

A woman in Tennessee reported that a cigar-shaped object flashed a light and stalled her car, and a truck driver in Missouri said a turnip-shaped object blinded him with a searing light.

**IN DELAWARE**, state police said one of their helicopters chased a yellow and orange UFO into Maryland before losing it.

In Kentucky, Mumfordsville city officials have asked the area Civil Defense director to contact military authorities about a number of sightings of UFOs over the Hart County area this week. Mayor Jim Berry was among those who reported seeing strange craft.

Pilots at the Raleigh County airport at Beckley, W. Va., saw a mysterious night flyer that turned red, then green, then white.

"It just kept moving away from me," said one pilot who chased the object in a small plane. "I couldn't get any closer. I don't think it was an airplane because the whole thing would change color at the same time."

And then there was the flood of calls Monday night in Renfroe, Ala., where many residents reported seeing a flying saucer. Deputy Sheriff Tom Traylor investigated the strange-looking object that had landed in a tree and warned residents to keep their distance. Traylor approached the object, opened a pouch and found a note that said:

"U. S. Department of Commerce, National Weather Service. If found, please mail to 451 Ruby St., Joliet, Ill."

Officials said it was a weather balloon, and a deputy wondered how of-





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# UFOs

## Local 'Sightings'

By John White  
Star-News Staff Writer

Reports of unidentified flying objects have increased tenfold since two fishermen in Pascagoula, Miss., claimed last week that they were abducted by three extraterrestrial creatures, according to a group monitoring UFO sightings.

Stuart Nixon, executive director of the Washington-based National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, said his group has been "literally swamped with calls" since the Mississippi report.

In that incident, the fishermen reported to police that they were taken aboard a fish-shaped blue craft and examined by three reddish-looking creatures with big eyes, pointed ears and wrinkled skin.

NIXON SAID that calls to the NICAP, which reports and publishes information relating to UFO sightings, have been increasing since published accounts in August of "bright-flashing objects" in the skies over Georgia.

NICAP has not found any reports of UFOs in the Washington area that the group does not consider explainable, Nixon said. But the association still is investigating a report by a Waldorf couple, who claim to have witnessed a "group of moving lights heading toward their home and passing out of view" Tuesday night.

During the past week, more than a dozen persons have called the Star-News to report strange objects in the sky.

Mrs. Iverna Christoffers of Takoma Park said that on Sept. 26 she noticed three flashing lights "moving toward a very large whitish light in the sky." She said she made the observation while driving south on Route I-95 just north of the Capital Beltway.

Mrs. Christoffers said the moving lights stayed in view for about four or five minutes. "At first I thought it was a helicopter, but it was making moves that I had never seen a helicopter make," she said.

A POTOMAC MAN told

the newspaper he and several of his neighbors watched blue flashing lights passing across the southern horizon for nearly an hour last night.

Spokesmen for the Air Force and local police said they have had no recent reports of UFOs in the Washington area.

Most of the UFO claims have been in Southern and Midwestern parts of the country.

A spokesman for the Naval Observatory here said there are several astrophysical explanations for seeing unusual objects in the sky this time of the year, particularly at dawn or twilight.

He noted that the planet Venus is seen in the western sky as a blinking light and that Mars rises shortly after dark as a reddish light on the eastern horizon.

Weather research balloons have prompted new reports of UFOs throughout the South and authorities are bracing for more.

At least two offices of the National Weather Service reported separate launch-

ings of weather balloons yesterday. One was launched at Palestine, Tex., and authorities say it drifted over Mississippi at a constant altitude. The weather service at Montgomery, Ala., also reported launching a balloon to an altitude of about 85,000 feet.

Officials at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., have announced high atmospheric rocket tests today and tomorrow and cautioned that the rockets could easily be mistaken for UFOs.

Air Force officials said the rockets would release glowing clouds of red, green, blue and yellow gases visible in the South from Texas to Charleston, S.C.

The rockets will be launched at two-hour intervals beginning at 6:30 p.m. EDT today and continuing through Friday night. None of the major airports in the Washington metropolitan area reported calls coming in inquiring about UFOs, but The Star-News switchboard has received numerous calls reporting "sightings" of UFOs.



—Associated Press

"flying saucer" set up in the woods: Covered with paper and flashing orange lights, it drew alarmed reports until police, guns at the ready, tracked it down.

UFO THAT BACKFIRED — Five Greenwood, Del., volunteer firemen were charged with disorderly conduct yesterday for hoaxing their community with this

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# UFOs Return With a Vengeance

## Sightings Reported in Four States, Signals on Moscow Radio

United Press International

It's red. It's blue. Sometimes it turns green. It has wrinkled skin, crab-claw hands and pointy ears. It has a beard. It foams at the mouth. And the Russians say it may be trying to communicate.

It has been seen down by the old fishing hole at Pascagoula, Miss., out near the airport at Beckley, W. Va., in the piney woods of Louisiana and the hallowed halls of the College of the Ozarks in Arkansas.

And it has been heard in Moscow.

The UFO craze is on again with a vengeance. UFO means unidentified flying object.

Two Pascagoula shipyard

workers claimed they were hustled aboard a blue, fish-shaped craft by three weird creatures who gave them the once-over with an eye-like scanning device.

A Northwestern University astronomer, Dr. Allen Hynek, said flatly the craft was from another planet.

"Where they are coming from and why they were here is a matter of conjecture," Hynek said. "But the fact that they were here on this planet is beyond a reasonable doubt."

The attorney for the two shipyard workers — Charles Hickson, 42, and Calvin Parker, 18—said they were "just resting" yesterday and would take lie detector tests in a week or so to prove their story.

And in Chicago, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. George S. Brown said unidentified flying objects were reported in Vietnam during the war and even triggered an air-sea battle in which an Australian destroyer was hit.

"I don't know if this story has ever been told," Brown told a news conference, but they "plagued us in Vietnam during the war."

He said the best answer the Air Force could find was "heavy temperature inversion" which apparently caused a return on a radar screen that moved about the same speed as an aircraft.

He said some reported visual sightings may have been caused by refraction or the bending of light rays as they

pass through the atmosphere.

Around the world in Moscow Soviet scientists said they picked up unusual radio signals from space and did not rule out that they came from another civilization.

The Tass news agency said the signals, of a type never heard before, come in pulses after definite lapses of time, last for several minutes and are repeated several times a day. Tass said scientists have ruled out the possibility that the signals are from satellites launched from earth.

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"One of our deputies was scared pretty bad," said Deputy Michael Moore. "He turned on his red lights, and they came down at his patrol car. He turned them off and they just vanished like in a cloud."

Pine and Pascagoula are 150 miles apart. Down the road at Slidell, across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans, Lloyd Mercier said he was driving home when he saw a UFO that was 20 feet thick with streak through it.

"All I could see was a red glow. It looked like it came straight out of the water. I've seen it tonight with my own natural eyes," Mercier said.

At the College of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Ark., a "ghost-like bearded creature with long, gray hair who foams at the mouth" has been seen by students and faculty members.

Pilots at the Raleigh County airport at Beckley, W. Va., saw a mysterious night flier that turned red, then green, then white.

Other reported UFO sightings came from Gulfport and Meridian, Miss.

### FPC Aide Contradicts Self

## Natural-Gas Inquiry Pushed

By Morton Mintz  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Senate investigators looking into an attempt to incinerate documents on the claimed shortage of natural-gas reserves heard the executive director of the Federal Power Commission contradict himself and at least three

Another dispute involved security officer Vivian.

He said Mangen requested destruction because producers that supplied the reserves data did so with the understanding that the FPC would either destroy or return it.

Vivian heeded the request, he swore because Maxson had

never told him to destroy administratively confidential papers.

But Maxson, in last month's staff interview, said he gave this instruction to Vivian in mid-1972: with the exception of national security material, destroying nothing . . . unless the chairman approves.

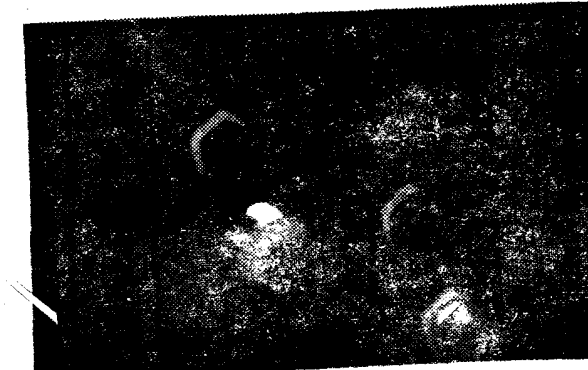


# Weather, Publicity Spur UFO Reports

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Associated Press

Swamp gas and the changing seasons, ball lightning and bright stars may all contribute to the cycles of UFO sightings. For more than 20 years, the Air Force investigated unidentified flying objects, finally concluding in December 1969 that its Project Blue Book was no longer justified either for security or science. But closing the book obviously had little, if any, effect on the UFOs. Sightings, often in clusters, continued, as they have in recent days. The modern flying saucer era in the United States began in 1947 when a businessman-pilot reported seeing nine strange moving objects over Mt. Rainier. A decade later there were a host of reports from Texas, New Mexico and Southern California. In 1965, there were worldwide sightings. The Blue Book ascribed the bulk of sightings to weather, sounding satellites, meteors, stars and planets, birds, searchlights, clouds, birds, reflections, temperature variations, mirages, electric sparking and swamp others added ball and plasmas of ionized "Sightings vary according to weather and how many any sightings reportationally," one expert publicity continues for days, sighting reports throughout the country well as in the original Sightings pick up spring and fall when logical changes are made.



Associated Press  
sky over Columbus Wednesday night. Authorities reported 150 calls from persons who claimed they saw the UFOs.

The Columbus, Ohio, Dispatch photographer Ken Chamberlain Jr. took these pictures of four strange lights in

# UFO Spotted in Appalachia

## 'KEPT MOVING AWAY'

WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS  
Washington, D. C., Tuesday, October 16, 1973

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BECKLEY, W. Va. (UPI) — Several persons, including a weather observer and a pilot experienced in night flying, have reported seeing an unidentified flying object over the Raleigh County Airport. The object appeared about 8:45 p.m. last night and remained in sight for about 30 to 40 minutes, according to Howard Moneypenny, weather service specialist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It had no definitive shape and I have no idea how far away or how big it was," he said. "Our visibility was unlimited at the time and there was just no way of telling."

Practically all airport employees reported seeing the object, described as having red, green and white flashing lights. The pilot, who asked not to be identified, said he took off to pursue the object, but "it just kept moving away from me. I couldn't get any closer. I don't think it was an airplane because the whole thing would change color at the same time." Two Pascagoula, Miss., fishermen said they were taken aboard a UFO last Thursday by three creatures with wrinkled skin, claw-claw hands and pointed ears.

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To observers on earth, the comet, which was discovered early this year, is expected to be brighter and more spectacular than the famous Halley's comet, which made its last appearance in 1910.

Kohoutex will reach its closest point to the sun on Dec. 28 and will come within 75 million miles of earth on Jan. 5. Just after sunset late in December and early in January its tail will stretch across one sixth of the night sky. The length of the tail is expected to be between 50 million and 100 million miles and, thus may surpass Halley's comet, which had a tail that stretched out 90 million miles at its greatest extent.

Scientists estimate that the brightness of Kohoutex will range between minus 6 and minus 12 on the astronomical scale. Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, has a magnitude of minus 1.47 and the full moon a magnitude of minus 12.

The comet is named for Dr. Lubos Kohoutek, a Czechoslovakian-born astronomer at West Germany's Hamburg Observatory, who discovered it in March. It is officially designated 1973, meaning it was the sixth comet discovered in 1973.

**Big Boom Remains Mystery**  
ENDICOTT, N.Y., Oct. 18 (AP)—The source of a boom that rattled windows early yesterday along a 50-mile stretch near the New York-Pennsylvania border—thought possibly to be the sonic boom caused by an aircraft—remained a mystery today. "Frankly, we know nothing about it," said Maj. Richard Cox at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, N.Y. "We've checked with our 49th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron and they did not have anything in the air."

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# THE DISTRICT LINE . . . . . By Bill Gold



Bill Gold

**Well,  
That's  
One Way  
To Make  
A Point**

As you know, UFO "sightings" occur in bunches. When one person sees what he thinks is an unidentified flying object and calls his local newspaper, other people also begin looking for strange objects in the sky; and if you look hard enough and long enough, you're also likely to see some unexplained lights.

Inasmuch as UFO reports are currently in vogue, I phoned Philip Klass the other evening to ask him for guidance on several that had come in. He counseled against publication.

Phil is considered an authority on UFO reports—at least by those who don't believe in flying saucers but do want to hear sensible explanations that debunk these "sightings"—and he is the author of two books on the subject (*UFOs Identified* and *Secret Sentries in Space*, both published by Random House).

So it's difficult to argue with Phil when he advises: "Don't dignify this report with publication." But I tested him a bit anyhow. "Phil," I protested, "this wire story says a doctor examined the eyewitness afterward and found that he really had undergone a very frightening experience."

"Maybe he just missed winning the lottery by one digit," Phil said. "Let me tell you a true

story that may put these things into better perspective."

"Be my guest," I said.

"A friend who is an investigator of UFO phenomena phoned me from South America recently to tell me about a man who told a very convincing story about a space ship. The man said that the ship had landed in his back yard—a silent, circular vehicle all decked out in red and green lights. It swooped in gently and gracefully in almost complete silence. There was just a low humming sound.

"Little men with three eyes set in purple faces emerged from the ship, took this fellow captive, carried him into the ship, and forced him to make love to their leader, a voluptuous three-eyed female."

Phil chuckled as he recalled the tale. "I told my friend that the story was a lot of humbug and advised him to forget it, but he became indignant and said he could provide me with authentication. There had been witnesses, he said, and the next night he would phone me again and let me talk to the witnesses. I said fine, I'd be at home the next night.

"When he called back, I cut him short. I said: 'You don't have to put your witnesses on the phone: I now believe every word you told me.'

"You do?" my friend asked.

"Yes," Phil said. "The same thing happened to me about two hours after you called. What must have been the same ship landed in back of my house, and the little three-eyed purple men took me captive, carried me aboard their ship, and forced me to make love to their female leader."

There was a moment of complete silence from the South American end of the phone line. Then Phil's friend the investigator said with a tinge of irritation: "Quit clowning with me."

"You don't believe me?" Phil asked.

"Of course not," the other said.

"Have I ever lied to you?"

"No."

"How strange!" Phil said as he closed the trap. "You believe this wild story told you by some yokel you've never seen before, but when a friend of 20 years standing tells you the same story, you reject it out of hand."

"You have made your point," the other man said, and that concluded the conversation. As Phil commented afterward: "Common sense was more persuasive than my scientific arguments."

## SUGGESTION BOX

From Family Safety, a National Safety Council publication:

"Do you ever have the feeling that your brakes aren't working right when you first apply them in the morning?

"If it takes longer than usual to stop, if your brakes grab or if they pull to one side, then overnight dew or extremely humid air may be affecting your brakes.

"The cure is easy. Dry your brakes by applying gentle brake-pedal pressure for a distance of 50 feet while moving forward at about 10 to 15 miles per hour."

## OH, THAT'S DIFFERENT

When Richard C. Darnell

presented a personal check to pay for a purchase at a department store, the store asked for two pieces of identification—"a driver's license and something else."

In addition to his driver's license, Darnell produced his auto registration card, but that was turned down. So was his Social Security card, his AAA membership card, his Red Cross blood donor card and his library card.

Fortunately, however, the clerk spotted Darnell's Red-skin season ticket ID card, and that immediately made his check acceptable.

## SO THERE!

Marian Hatton of Silver Spring turns the tables on me with a postcard that says:

"In your Oct. 15 column, Bob Orben says, 'My wife eats like a bird—all day long.' Well, my husband also eats like a bird—a peck at a time."

## BARGAIN DAY

A card taped inside the window of the cashier's cage at the Washington Technical Institute says:

"Proceeds from the candy will be contributed to a poor family at Thanksgiving. Price: 3 pieces for 10 cents, 5 pieces for 25 cents."

Six pieces for a dollar?

## AS OTHERS SEE US

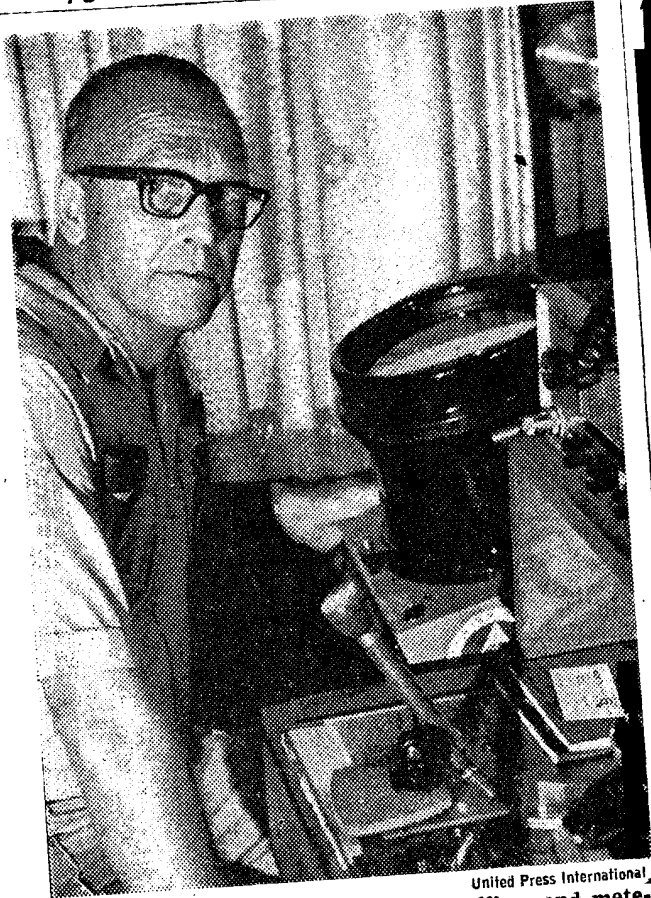
Bob Orben says Watergate has divided Washington into two groups: "Who's Who and Who's Through."

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"Taking it with you isn't important," notes The Mountain Ear. "The problem is making it last until you're ready to go."

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United Press International

James Thornhill, a retired Air Force officer and meteorologist, and now director of civil defense in Columbia, Miss., at his radar screen. He says the machinery failed on Sunday as he was tracking an object that stopped moving just before the radar went out. Shortly afterward, people called to report unidentified flying objects.

## Strange Radio Pulses Reported by Moscow

By WALTER SULLIVAN

Amid reports from at least six American states that unidentified flying objects had, Meanwhile, news agencies yesterday carried reports of unidentified flying objects

# UFOs:

UFO, from B1

creatures) to the more typical reports of lights moving in the sky," he said.

"The difference between a slow year and a heavy year is quantitative, not qualitative."

Typically, Nixon says, the reports are heaviest in the summer months. This year, however, has been unusual with greater numbers of reports early in the year, a slow summer and "an unbelievable fall."

The current wave of reports, he says, is clouded by "publicity, pranks and gas." Why the wave has come at this particular time he can't say.

One who makes a guess is Dr. Gernot Winkler, an astronomer with the U.S. Naval Observatory here, who suggests that "during a period of turbulence (Watergate, Agnew scandals, Mideast War) people think of and turn to other things. That leads to a sort of near psychosis, which I think all this is."

"That's not the sort of hypothesis I would present to a scientific seminar," he said, "but you may want to consider it."

Winkler takes a generally skeptical attitude toward the UFO craze. Out of some 3,000 members of the American Astronomical Society, he says, only one—Dr. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University—takes UFO's seriously.

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# Wildly Varied and Persistent

People said the meteor was flashing, that it was moving in all directions, that it was different colors, that it stopped and started, everything."

Winkler said he voiced his disappointment with the reports to a lawyer friend and was told he shouldn't be surprised.

"You should come in court and see the stories we hear there," the friend told him. "People are very poor observers . . . they can never remember accurately what they see."

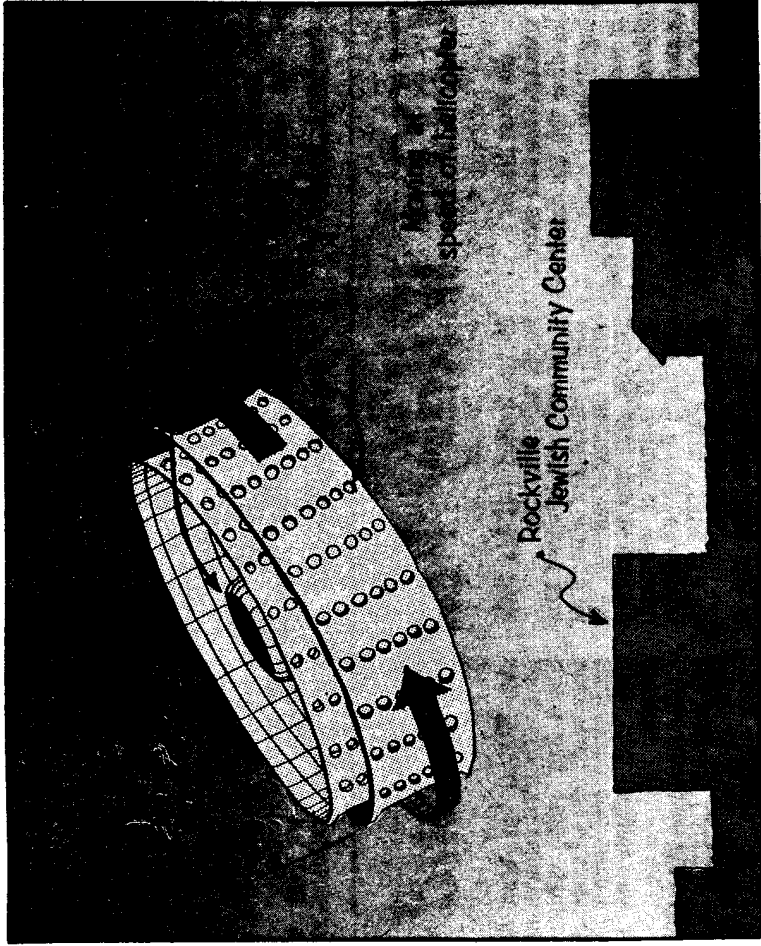
But Donald Nixon of NIPAC thinks they will continue trying.

"These things are sociological as well as physiological," he says. "They are such a well-established part of our culture now they are unlikely to die out unless something dramatic happens to resolve the questions they raise one way or another."

"And even then," he adds "there'll probably always be a question."

Especially for people like Margery Berman of Chilium. On Wednesday night she called The Washington Post to report a UFO shaped like a double ferris wheel studded with white, green and blue lights, heading west-northwesterly at a slow speed.

When last seen it was over the Jewish Community Center in Rockville, she said.



The Washington Post  
An artist's conception of a UFO reported Wednesday over Rockville.

"The reports are just too strange and offer too little confirmable evidence for most scientists to believe seriously that these are visitors from another planet," Winkler says. Then he pauses.

"On the other hand," he adds, "I would not go so far

as to say that is impossible." Winkler says the publicity in recent months about the giant Kohoutek comet due to appear next month "has directed people's attention to the skies," but he says people are poor observers of what they see there.

He remembers a time in

his youth in Austria placing a story in the local newspaper asking for people who he observed one night to write him their observations.

"I was deluged with reports," he said, "but they were almost all unusable."

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The Rambler

# U-Form May Be Good Idea

By John McKelway  
Star-News Staff Writer

The recent flurry of sightings of unidentified flying objects once again demonstrates the need for some sort of form that an individual could use to report such incidents by mail to the various appropriate agencies.

Too often the sightings are made over the telephone to tired police dispatchers working on bank robberies or to newspaper offices geared to handle crank calls about the last edition. Callers are often treated rudely and naturally begin to wonder if they saw anything at all.

FOR YEARS there has been a singular lack of direction as to what steps should be taken after experiencing a sighting. Many people simply do not know what to do. The result has been a mixed bag of reactions.

Too many people, most authorities agree, rush to the telephone and call

this or that number aimlessly. They ought to know better.

UFO experts — and there are many — feel what they call a "Saw It" form could be mailed to each citizen when they reach the age of 21. They could keep it on their person until a sighting was made, fill it out, and mail it to either the Air Force or the local Civil Defense agency if it has any offices. It has also been suggested the vice president could go over the reports at the end of each month and make an annual report to Congress with copies to NASA.

ONE SUGGESTED "Saw It" form, widely circulated and numbered, but as yet far from in use, is made up of a series of questions. There is plenty of room for answers and it is probably fun to fill out with a ball point pen. It reads as follows...

1. Were you walking your dog when you saw the exciting object flashing in the sky?

2. What kind of dog do you have?  
3. Have you ever felt others feel you are on the strange side? (If so, give cases.)

4. Do you have a good sense of direction so that you could tell someone in what direction you first spotted the object? (For example, do you know your left from your right? Can you rub your tummy while patting your head? If not, forget it.)

5. Were you upset over never spotting a UFO at the time you thought you saw one?

6. Did your wife tell you to go back to sleep?

7. What kind of a wife do you have?

8. Describe where the object landed. (Give shape of parking lot, address of roof top, location of clump of bushes and whether you have a history of heavy drinking.)



—UPI Photo

Somebody saw these strange lights over Columbus, Ohio.

9. Tell what the little creatures looked like when they invited you into their craft for watercress sandwiches and thin sliced rye bread. Did they try to talk? Did they shake hands? How many eyes did they have?

10. Are you ready for home rule?

NOTE — Please don't send in any more forms.



# Strangely burned wood hints at UFO

CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z., Oct. 7 — Horticultural experts near Hamilton have discovered scrub wood burned "to a tinder — black carbon on the inside but with no outside indications of burning".

Horticultural consultant J. Stewart-Menzies said the timber has a high geiger-count and was found on the reported landing side of a supposed unidentified flying object.

"No earthly source of energy could have produced this sort of effect," said Mr. Menzies yesterday.

Professor H. Rafier of Wellington University's science dept. said he is awaiting comparative geiger count test on other timber at the site and timber 300 feet away before commenting officially.

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WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND, OCT 10 (REUTERS) - SCIENCE MINISTER, BRIAN TALBOYS, TODAY ASKED GOVERNMENT SCIENTISTS TO INVESTIGATE MYSTERIOUS CIRCLES OF DEHYDRATED RADIOACTIVE SCRUB FOUND ON FARMLAND NEAR HAMILTON AND ROTORUA.

SCIENTISTS WERE RECENTLY REPORTED BAFFLED BY A 42-FOOT DIAMETER CIRCLE ON FARMLAND NEAR HAMILTON. NOW TWO MORE PATCHES OF WITHERED PASTURE HAVE BEEN FOUND.

SIGHTSEERS ARE FLOCKING TO SEE WHAT SOME OF THEM BELIEVE ARE "LANDING SITES USED BY FLYING SAUCERS."

A PARTY FROM AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY WILL VISIT THE AREA AT THE WEEKEND TO WATCH OUT FOR UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

REUTERS (A/V) MA/DS

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# Q and A

By ROBIN ADAMS SLOAN

**Q: It seems to me flying saucers are always being debunked. Doesn't anyone in this country take UFOs seriously?—H. E., Greenwood, Miss.**

**A: Lots of people: 51 percent in a recent Gallup Poll said they believe in UFOs. And Gordon Military College in Barnesville, Ga., is offering eight weeks of lectures on UFOs by a psychiatrist named Bruce Henne. Henne thinks extra-terrestrial beings are looking our planet over prior to making direct contact with us within the next 20 years. He says they behave as we would on another planet, citing the NASA directive which instructs astronauts how to act on an inhabited planet. The NASA rules are to keep to isolated areas at first, to make random contact, and only later to show themselves in populated areas.**

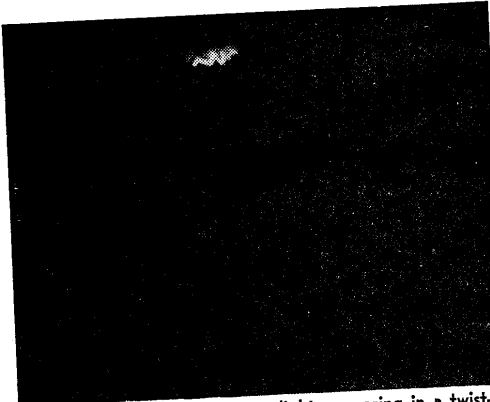
# Thousands in Turin Witness UFO

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sports editor had managed to appeared, police sources said.  
La Stampa said its sports  
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sibility of another saucer-shred  
object nearby, the paper said.  
It added that the film had  
been shown to a NATO liaison  
officer in Rome, who ruled out  
U.S. or Soviet satellites.

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*I was in the Dallas WFAA radio 3 hours May 10 described the UFO over Dallas!! (Had also told him of it in February.) Ted*

# Are UFOs taking a look at



**UFO SIGHTING?**—The tiny light appearing in a twisting pattern in this photo is a UFO which Mrs. Sandra Hodgson of Grapevine says is keeping watch on the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

By BILL CASE

Times Herald Metropolitan Staff

Are Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and their crews maintaining regular observation vigils on a hill along the west boundaries of the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport at night?

Five witnesses from three families have told airport officials and Federal Aviation Administration officers they believe something like that may be happening.

All report numerous UFO takeoff sightings and extremely low level flights westward away from the airport during the hours of darkness between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. The flights

occurred during the last six to eight months, they said.

Mrs. Sandra Hodgson, 36, a medical technician employed at Irving Community Hospital, who lives in an apartment complex at 2805 Mustang Drive, Grapevine, told The Times Herald she has had numerous sightings en route home from work.

"After sighting the lights, which seem to travel and hover at just about tree-top level, on several nights I reported the UFOs to the FAA control tower at D-FW Airport and to George Burlidge at the FAA's Fort Worth regional headquarters," she said.

"They advised me to try and get a picture of one so I got out my camera on Thursday night and, when a UFO appeared east of our apartment building about 200 yards away, I took a shot."

Mrs. Hodgson's picture shows a small jagged twisting yellow light against a pitch black sky. No size or shape of the object is discernable. However, it appears to be moving west from left to right in the classic patterns of the UFO flights away from D-FW airport.

Fascinated by the phenomenon. Mrs. Hodgson said one night last week while watching the unusual lights she and a friend, Debbie Carter, 17, who lives in the same apartment complex, got in their car and followed it.

"I stopped down a small lens to get a better view of us and beamed a strong white search-

light down into a clearing," she said.

"When we got there the light was still hovering in the air over a clearing where a Mexican-American family live in a converted construction building."

Mrs. Hodgson and Miss Carter said they found Mr. and Mrs. Lucio Perez and his brother, Leonardo Perez, standing in the clearing looking up at the light.

Perez, who does not speak English, took Mrs. Hodgson's photo of the UFO and pointed to the same place in the sky where she and Miss Carter said they saw the object with its searchlight hovering directly over them."

He also indicated with gestures the UFO lights appeared to be coming from the field at the edge of the airport. The point they indicated where the lights took off is on a hill providing a panoramic view of the entire airport.

Reporters who trudged through high grass and weeds to the fence line reported they found a circular area of grass and weeds about 20 feet in diameter twisted down in a clockwise pattern. It appeared something had set down on them.

Mrs. Hodgson, who said many of her neighbors have seen the lights but do not like to discuss them, believes occupants of the UFOs are attempting to contact humans on earth.

"But judging from accounts of the way people have acted toward UFOs and their occu-



FOUR OF THE FIVE witnesses who say they have seen numerous UFOs taking off at night from the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport point to the spot they say one of them landed in a clearing in the woods.

## World Exclusive First-Person Account to The National Tattler

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Two Mississippi shipyard workers, Charles E. Hickson, 45, and Calvin R. Parker Jr., 19, were mysteriously forced aboard a flying saucer and "examined" by its robot-like crew. Doctors and police who investigated their remarkable experience are convinced they told the truth about their ordeal. The following exclusive first-person account was given to TATTLER correspondent Gary Holland in Gautier, Miss. The account is primarily given by Hickson.

By CHARLES HICKSON  
and  
CALVIN PARKER

We were fishing behind the old Shaupey Shipyard building on the Pascagoula River. I turned to get some more bait, when I heard a zipping sound.

I turned around and saw a spacecraft with bright, flashing, blue-looking lights. It just hovered without touching the ground.

It seemed to open up, but there really wasn't a door there at all. These three creatures came floating out toward us. I was so scared that I couldn't believe it was happening.

The creatures were pale, ghost-like, about five feet high. They were sort of light flesh-colored, or more pale gray, with crab-like claws for hands and rounded feet.

**THE CREATURES** were on us before we knew it. Two of them seemed to lift me off the ground, and I became motionless and glided into the craft. (Parker said he passed out as he was carried into the craft.)

After I got inside, I had no feelings. I was helpless, but I could still move my eyes.

It was real bright inside, but no particular color. There were no light fixtures, but it was plenty bright.

Something big and round, which looked like a big eye, moved back and forth across my body. The two creatures moved me around so the eye could check me in various positions. I just kind of floated without touching anything. I didn't see any attachment for the eye. It was just kind of suspended in air.

**THE TWO THINGS** left me for a while, maybe half a minute, and I was in there just motionless. All I could do was move my eyes.

I never felt any pain. They didn't hurt us at all.

Later, they carried me back outside and I floated down on my feet. I was so weak-kneed, I think I fell over. The creatures didn't walk at all. Their legs stayed together and they floated.

After I have thought more about it, I believe they were more like robots. They acted like they had a specific thing to do, and they did it. They didn't try to communicate with us.

**I HEARD ONE OF** them make a buzzing sound. It might have been in contact with something somewhere else. I didn't see the opening in the front of the face move.

I didn't see anything that looked like eyes. There was something pointing out like a nose and then an opening under this, but no eyes.

The craft, which was sort of rounded or oval, was about 8 to 10 feet wide and about 8 feet high.

It came upon us in a split second and it left with a zip. It was gone in a half second.

They were on us so quick, we couldn't do anything. I doubt if we could have resisted them, if we had tried to. I'm sure they are far more advanced than we are.

**I KNOW NOW THEY** didn't intend to hurt us physically. But I feared they were going to take us away.

I want to emphasize to the people, please don't shoot at these things. They don't mean us any harm. I believe, if they came back, I could face them and try to communicate with them.

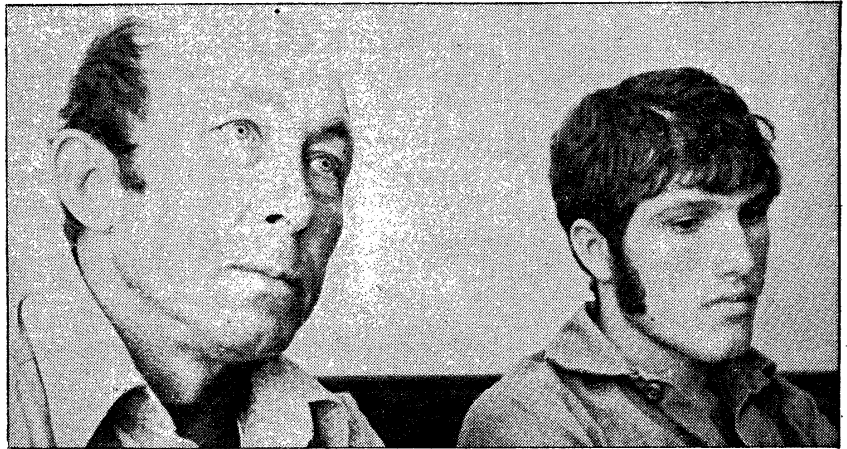
I honestly believe other people will go through similar experiences. I think these creatures will continue to probe this earth. We haven't seen the last of it.

I have always said there almost had to be some life elsewhere. Now I am a firm believer.

**OUR LIVES WILL** never be the same, but I felt we owed it to the people to tell what we saw. I don't believe I could live with it by myself. I believe we have done what is right.

The question I keep asking myself is, "Why a country boy like me?"

# '... We Were Held



HICKSON (LEFT) AND PARKER talk about their experience.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The National Tattler recently revealed the phenomena of reports of unidentified flying object sightings sweeping the southern part of the U.S. Daily, dramatic and sometimes terrifying experiences are reported in most of the states in the nation. This is a continuing account of exclusive information about these astonishing reports.

An Alabama police chief photographed an apparent creature from outer space and underwent almost unbearable harassment as a result.

Chief Jeff Greenhaw, 24, told TATTLER he was subjected to "harassment and ridicule" from many people during the 11 days since he took the Polaroid photos of a glistening creature.

"But the worst thing," he said, "is that my wife of three and a half years divorced me."

Morgan Circuit Court in Decatur, Ala., granted the divorce. Chief Greenhaw said the divorce was finalized because of his involvement with the unidentified flying object controversy.

Greenhaw is among many thousands, perhaps millions, of Americans who during the past few weeks have seen UFOs. Indeed, some of them have undergone terrifying experiences.

**IN JACKSON COUNTY,** Miss., two fishermen blurted out a story of being whisked up into a saucer-like object and physically examined by robot-like creatures from another world.

Scientists, interviewing the men under hypnosis, said they were convinced the men were telling the truth.

Indeed, the scientists concluded, the men had undergone an experience involving people not of the planet earth.

Two weeks later, one of the fishermen, Charles Hickson, 42, was given a lie detector test and passed. The polygraph expert, Scott Glasgow, said Hickson was telling the truth about what he saw.

Hickson and Calvin Parker, 19, were fishing from an old pier on the Pascagoula River Oct. 11 when a "dish-shaped" vehicle emitting a bluish haze approached them from the sky. Three beings with claw-like hands carried them aboard the spaceship, they claim.

(The story of this incident, in the words of Hickson and Parker, appears elsewhere on this page.)

with true Southern hospitality but then retreated.

"I WAS SCARED stiff," the chief said.

The creature was covered with a tinfoil-like material. It had a short antenna atop its head covering. The face had no features.

Greenhaw said the creature moved stiffly and made no sounds. When the police chief turned on the blue revolving light on his patrol car the creature began running down the highway.

"I jumped into my car and took after him, but I couldn't even catch up with him in a patrol car," Greenhaw said. "He was running faster than any human I ever saw."

Greenhaw, a graduate of the Alabama Police Academy, echoed the comments of many by saying:

"I DIDN'T BELIEVE in men from outer space, but I do now."

Some of the more dramatic of UFO reports came from Ohio. Even Gov. John Gilligan and two Greenfield policemen were among more than a dozen people who saw the mysterious flying objects during the first two weeks of October.

Gov. Gilligan, while driving south on Oct. 15 from Ann Arbor, Mich., on U.S. 23, saw a "vertical beam of light that was amber in color which followed me for about 35 minutes."

Gilligan told TATTLER he believed it was a UFO.

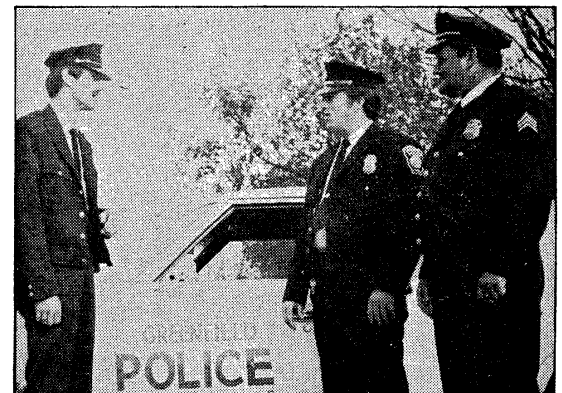
By JOHN MOULDER

**THE HARASSMENT** and personal problems Chief Greenhaw faces in Falkville, Ala., are typical of those inflicted upon thousands of Americans who have seen or come into contact with UFOs in recent weeks.

Chief Greenhaw came face to face with a six-foot metallic creature, after responding to a call to a remote pasture by an excited woman who told of a spaceship landing.

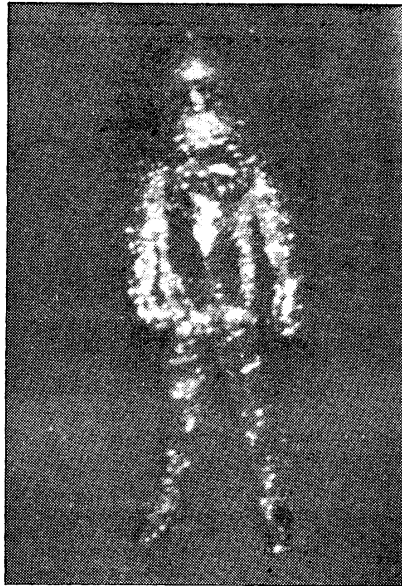
The silvery creature walked toward him. "The closer it got, the scarer I got," he said. "I was shaking so, I could not move."

The police chief flashed four photographs of the creature. The chief first said, "Howdy, stranger,"



GREENFIELD POLICEMEN (from left) Mike Conklin, Roger Poole and Sgt. Hugh Oyer discuss their sighting of UFO.

# Captive by Robots in UFO'



HERE ARE TWO of the shots taken by Falkville, Ala. policeman Jeff Greenhaw (below) of creatures he said were standing in middle of town's highway.

"ITS RELATIVE position was south-southeast and the moon that night was in the northeast, so it couldn't have been a reflection," the governor said.

"I'm absolutely serious," he told TATTLER. "It was not a plane, not a bird and it did not wear a cape."

The governor said the light disappeared before he and his wife got to Ohio and added they were driving under a clear sky.

Greenfield Police Sgt. Hugh Oyer and Patrolman Mike Conklin said they chased separate UFOs in squad cars the night after Gov. Gilligan made his sighting.

At 8 p.m., Conklin was called to a house, where 30 people had gathered to watch a circular white object hovering 200 feet overhead.

"IT MADE A dull, humming noise that increased in frequency as it increased its speed," said the patrolman. He watched it five minutes - it had been there 10 minutes before - then followed the UFO.

"It was a glowing white color with a red glow on the top," said Conklin.

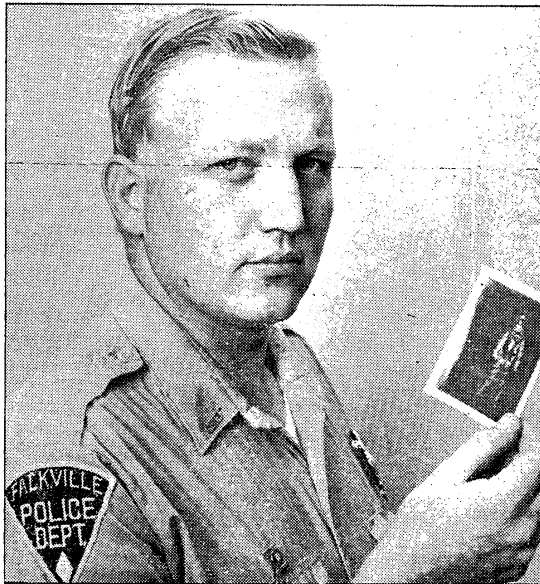
"I was only about 200 feet away from it and I would say it was about 100 feet in diameter with no windows and big enough to have three or four compartments stacked vertically."

Conklin told TATTLER that, when he pursued it, the saucer-like object began to hover above his car and stayed with him for each turn in the road.

"I WAS SCARED half to death," he said. "Then I saw it go down ahead of the road in a ravine. It could have landed, but I don't know if it did. I looked through some binoculars, saw something that looked like an egg and heard the noise. But I can't be sure it landed, although it still glowed white."

Sgt. Oyer, at the same time, was sighting a UFO of similar description.

"We couldn't have been looking at the same thing, because I was



looking to the southeast and Conklin was looking southwest," Oyer told TATTLER.

About 30 people were also around Oyer, watching the white glow "quite a distance away."

"I WASN'T afraid, but some of the people were standing behind me, holding on to my back," Sgt. Oyer said. "I could see the light speed up and slow down while it was moving, and then saw it go up and down real fast."

Conklin said he had previously believed in the possibility of flying saucers. Oyer said he never did. They both do now.

"I'm glad there were other people around when I saw it, because I might think I was crazy," Conklin said. "You see one like I did and you'll believe it."

As it has in more than half the

states in America, the UFO reports flooded in across Ohio.

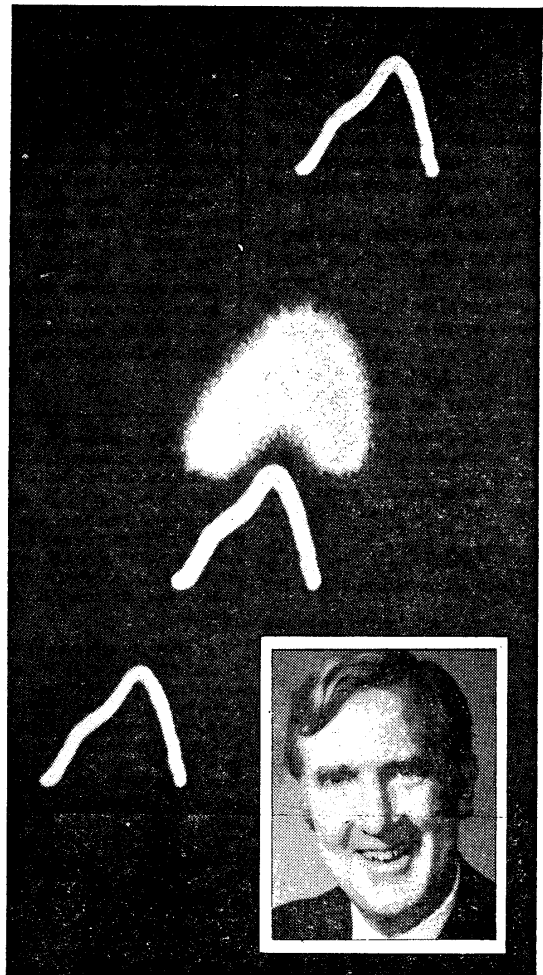
THE SAME NIGHT the policemen saw the objects, a woman near Chillicothe, in southern Ohio, said three flying objects forced her car off a road.

In Columbus, Ohio State University student Jesse Dunagan, 21, said he and a girlfriend saw a UFO land near his home the night of Oct. 14.

Dunagan told TATTLER: "The bluish-white object made all the stars in the sky look dim, as it zig-zagged across the sky before going down near a soybean field."

Dunagan said he waited until the next morning to investigate. Then he found an oblong imprint made in some weeds.

"It measured 42 feet, 7 inches in length and 27 feet, 5 inches in width,"



OHIO GOV. JOHN GILLIGAN (inset) says he spotted UFO sightings such as these while driving home one night.

he said. "The weeds were just mashed down and broken, but were not scorched and there were no signs of a helicopter or farm vehicle."

Dunagan, an Air National Guard flight controller, said the object moved at about 25 to 35 miles per hour and was about 500 feet overhead when he first saw it.

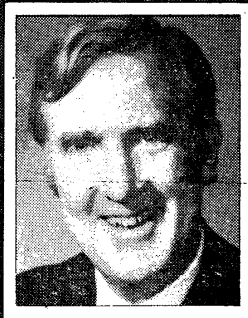
FAMILIAR WITH conventional aircraft, Dunagan said he is positive the object he saw was not a helicopter or an airplane.

"I was fascinated by the sight," he said. "I have always been interested in such things, but never thought I would see one."

Another Greenfield policeman, Roger Poole, saw a UFO in late September. Fearing the harassment now being inflicted on others who have revealed UFO sightings, Poole kept secret about what he saw until after his fellow patrolmen made public their sightings.

Poole told TATTLER the object he saw "was white with a red glowing light on top that changed to green and back to red."

A woman in Columbus who made a sighting said she is convinced "when we die, we don't go to Heaven; we go to another planet."



OHIO STATE student Jesse Dunagan kneels near place he said he saw UFO land and take off.

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## UFO EXPERT GETS HIS CHANCE

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# Probing the Mysterious Steel Sphere

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (UPI) — A mysterious sphere that can roll around the edges of a table by itself was being flown to Chicago today to be examined by a Northwestern University astronomer and UFO expert.

Mrs. Jerri Betz of Jacksonville, whose son found the strange object, described it as metallic, a little smaller than a bowling ball and weighing about 25 pounds.

She said she has no clues as to what the sphere is, but will allow Dr. J. Allen Hynek to study it.

Hynek said yesterday he is looking forward to examining the sphere.

"FROM WHAT I'm told, . . . it must be man-made, judging that it's stainless steel," Hynek said.

"But who goes around making stainless steel bowling ball with pellets inside of them? I'm certainly not saying that it's anything extra-terrestrial. But it's sufficiently intriguing to pursue.

Mrs. Betz said the sphere has several odd properties. When placed in the middle of a table and without anyone touching it, she said, it rolled to the edge, around the four sides and then made smaller and smaller rectangles until it would up in the middle again.

"Once when a television camera crew was here, we placed our toy poodle next to it to indicate its size," she said. "When the dog got next to the sphere, she began to whimper and cover her ears with her paws, something I've never seen her do before.

"IF YOU PICK it up, hold it over your head and shake it vigorously and put it down, it has a motion inside," Mrs. Betz said. "If you put your hands on it, you can feel movement inside. It al-

most seems like it's trying to get away from you. It actually feels like a huge Mexican jumping bean."

Mrs. Betz said the Navy conducted limited tests on the object.

Navy spokesman Chris Berninger said the tests conclude the sphere is hollow with a one-half-inch shell of high-grade but common stainless steel. It is eight inches in diameter with no seams and only one small triangular mark on the outside.

Inside the sphere, tiny beads of residue from the manufacturing process roll around and make noise, he said.

**BERNINGER SAID** the Navy's first X-ray attempts failed because the machine wasn't strong enough to penetrate steel, but two subsequent tests showed the contents of the globe, the Associated Press reported.

"I don't know who manufactured it, but I say it came from earth," he said. "We do know it is not an explosive and presents no hazard."

Berninger conceded that the sphere did move at the Betz' house. "I believe it's because of the construction of the house. It's old and has uneven stone floors," he said. "The ball is almost perfectly balanced and it takes just a little indentation to make it move or change direction."

But Mrs. Betz said her curiosity isn't satisfied.

"I admit we have an irregular floor, but the thing is even unpredictable on a hard, straight surface."

**MRS. BETZ** said the sphere will roll one way, turn by itself and roll another way, possibly turn again and then nine out of ten times end up at the same point. She said the Omega re-



—Associated Press

Wayne Betz, 12, and the mysterious sphere.

searcher was unable to determine a pattern in the movement.

"I still don't know what to think about it," she said. "We're not afraid of it, we just want to know what it is."

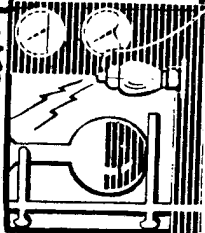
Hynek said, "One thing we'll do, of course, is connect a microphone and oscilloscope to it and see if it has high frequency components that we can hear," Hynek said.

**HYNEK SAID** it is "not relevant" whether the sphere might be a hoax.

"It looks like somebody put it there, which would lend support to the hoax theory," he said. "If it was dropped from an airplane, it would have been half-buried, but it wasn't. The grass under the ball was still green, so it must have been left fairly recently.

"I got a new brand of stainless steel Easter eggs."

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# Science Today

By SAMUEL GORDON

## UFOs

the fragments belonged to a vehicle from a more advanced civilization, according to scientific reports submitted to APRO.

In 1957, fragments from an exploded UFO were recovered by observers on a beach near Ubatuba, Brazil, according to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Inc., a private research group of Tucson, Ariz.

Some of the fragments, obtained by APRO, were subjected to various chemical analyses in the course of the following 12 years in the laboratories of the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, The Dow Metal Products Co. and the University of Colorado UFO Project (1966-68). The material was found to be magnesium of an unusually high purity.

More recently, in 1969, APRO proceeded with a structural analysis of the material and two consultants in metallurgy undertook the study.

The Ubatuba magnesium fragments were found to be directionally solidified castings. Directionally solidification is currently being actively investigated in many countries since it has been found that the strength of directionally solidified metals is far superior to normal random-grain castings.

However, directional solidification was not being studied in 1957, when the fragments were retrieved. This may be interpreted as meaning that

## Silver from space

# Of all earthing things

DES MOINES, IOWA—That mysterious silver dust found in three Iowa soybean fields last weekend was left by invaders from other planets, according to William Atkinson, who claims to be an expert on unidentified flying objects.

Mr. Atkinson, 34, a member of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization of Tucson, Ariz., discounted a report by Iowa State University that the dust and craters were caused by lightning.

"These craters were definitely caused by spaceships from intelligent beings from an alien world," Mr. Atkinson said. "The farmers in Iowa would rather go to hell and back than believe lightning caused the holes in their fields."

"The thing that makes my hair stand up on my neck is that the craters are all the same width and depth, and they are spaced about 50 miles apart," Mr. Atkinson said.

He said soil samples from the "invaded" area have been sent to APRO headquarters and the university for further study.

"I am positive that they will find materials from other places in the universe than earth," Mr. Atkinson said. "However, whether they will release these facts to the public is a different question."

"I am sure there are many more instances of this silver dust, but if the fields are cultivated," he said, "we lose any chance of proving that the craters are caused by spaceships."

The Washington Daily News, Wednesday, July 17, 1972

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## UFO captured by TV crew

London Express Service  
LONDON — A TV film crew shot the first film of a UFO yesterday.

They were filming a feature when they spotted a bright orange object flashing high in

captured its disjointed movements on 60 seconds of film, shown to millions of TV viewers last night.

They saw the UFO's intermittent vapor as it hovered and disappeared away at an angle at

## portfolio

the clear blue sky. It made no sound and appeared to be revolving.

Cameraman Noel Smart, turned his lens skyward and

Smart said: "It went so quickly that it was difficult to follow. I don't think it was an airplane."

GET THE FACTS ON VENEREAL DISEASE THE MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

**VENETIAN BLINDS**  
RETAPED—RECORDED  
WASHED—NEW

**CANVAS AWNINGS**  
STORED—REPAIRED

ALSO OFF SEASON RECOVERING

## End of the UFO Hunt

The flying saucer buffs will be discouraged, but practically everybody else will applaud the Air Force decision to close down Project Blue Book and its fruitless hunt for what are called, in bureaucratic jargon, unidentified flying objects (UFO). It is in fact surprising that the Air Force waited almost a year after the Condon Report punctured the UFO bubble before taking this action. Some 21 years of work and hundreds of thousands of dollars of expenditure by the Air Force on this topic have produced gains neither for national security nor for science.

No doubt the true believers will continue the quest, convinced more than ever that some bureaucratic conspiracy is seeking to hush up the news that the earth is under extraterrestrial reconnaissance or has been visited by beings from elsewhere in the universe. This is the Age of Aquarius: astrologers are prospering and a stand selling computerized horoscopes does a thriving business in Grand Central Station. The landing of two manned expeditions on the moon in the past six months only strengthens the faithful in their conviction that space ships from other worlds are visiting this planet.

But the prosaic fact is that despite a great expenditure of time, effort and money, no really convincing evidence has been found to support such beliefs. There are better uses for the taxpayer's dollars than support of Project Blue Book.

Washington Daily News

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## UFOs

The ~~Aerial~~ Phenomena Research Organization, a private Tucson-based organization engaged in UFO research, reports 312 sightings for the period of January thru June, 1969.

Of these, 174 occurred in the U.S., and 136 in other countries. APRO investigated 60 U.S. sightings and 17 elsewhere.

The reports included 11 landings or possible landings of unidentified craft.

APRO, which investigates and evaluates reports in continental U.S. and Canada thru its field investigators network, is planning to expand the network thruout the world.

## Fear Destruction of Records

# Scientists Are Hopeful Of Further UFO Study

By a Washington Post Staff Writer

BOSTON, Dec. 26—Fear that the Air Force will destroy its classified records of unidentified flying objects was voiced here today by scientists still interested in serious study of "flying saucers," what they are and what makes some people think they see them.

The Air Force this month announced that it is ending Project Blue Book, its 21-year investigation of UFOs as possible menaces to national security.

No one among scientists discussing them before the American Association for the Advancement of Science thought any has represented visitors from outer space.

### Still Unexplained

But several are interested in what they call "the small percentage of them still unexplained" because

- They just might be the result of physical phenomena—like quirks in the atmosphere—that science does not understand.

- They might shed a good deal of light on the social and psychological phenomena—"mass hysteria, individual psychopathology"—which have made hundreds of people see and report strange objects in the sky.

"The Air Force has said it intends to move its Project Blue Book records from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to Maxwell Air Force Base for storage, except for the classified (secret) records," said Dr. Thornton Page, Wesleyan University astronomy professor and research associate at Houston's Manned Spacecraft Center.

"I understand that the clas-

sified records will either be declassified or burned. Destroying these would be a pity."

"When a scientist wants to go back and look at any subject," added Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, who was scientific consultant to Project Blue Book, "he doesn't go back and read the summary reports. He looks at the original data.

"I don't know what the Air Force is going to do now. I do know that when I went to them recently and asked to look at the punchcard records on all sightings up to 1952, I was told they had been destroyed, though the original material is still in the files.

"I do not believe we are being visited by little green men or anything of that sort. I do believe a phenomenon exists, and that it is worthy of scientific attention."

At least "a large portion" of UFO reports can be accounted for by hysteria or individual aberration, said Dr. Robert Hall, University of Illinois psychology professor. "But I find very substantial difficulty accounting for a hard core of cases that do not resemble cases of hysteria."

"Angels"—odd radar returns from odd atmospheric phenomena—probably account for some, said Kenneth Hardy, meteorologist at the Air Force's Cambridge Research Laboratories. Others are balloons, birds, airplanes, meteors, debris of space satellites, visual as well as radar mirages—and that still strange residue of objects that some scientists would still like to study.

# UFO study starts new controversy

January 11, 1969  
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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT—New York, Jan.

In spite of two years and \$500,000 (£208,000) spent by the United States Air Force on a study of unidentified flying objects by the University of Colorado, the controversy will not die down.

The chief scientist of the survey was Dr. Edward Condon, a physicist of great distinction who has been in and out of trouble with witch-hunting Congressmen. After differences over methods he dismissed some of the staff, including Dr. David Saunders, the joint principal investigator, who is a statistical-psychologist by training.

Dr. Saunders has written a paperback book to coincide with the release of the 1,485-page Condon report in Washington yesterday by the Air Force after clearance by the National Academy of Sciences. In Dr. Saunders's opinion Dr. Condon's whole approach was based on the assumption that psychologists could explain the social phenomenon of unidentified flying objects (U.F.O.) reports.

The Condon report says that nothing has come from the study of unidentified flying objects in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge. It leaves some evidence unexplained, but finds none that could not have been fabricated. It dismisses as ludicrous the allegations that American authorities have captured extra-terrestrial craft or that U.F.O.s represent a threat to national security.

This is largely what Dr. Saunders predicts in his book. In his view the outcome was predetermined by the original approach of Dr. Condon and his closer advisers.

"One great weakness in the Colorado project was the very thing that was supposed to be its greatest strength, the selection of a man to head it on the basis of his outstanding record of past scientific achievement", he says.

He holds that Dr. Condon expected a psychological explanation for U.F.O. reports and placed less emphasis on scientific investigation of the facts. He criticizes Mr. Robert Low, the original project coordinator, and claims that his and other departures from the

project were the result of a dispute over a memorandum by Mr. L.

Dr. Saunders, who had no part in writing the report and has not seen it, remarks: "It is inconceivable that it can be anything but stone stew. No matter how large it is, what it includes, how it is said, or what it recommends will lack the essential element of credibility."

Nevertheless, a panel of the American National Academy of Sciences has endorsed the Condon report's conclusions that:—

"Further extensive study probably cannot be justified."

There is "no direct evidence whatever of a convincing nature for the claim that any U.F.O. represent spacecraft visit earth from another civilization."

Some school children are being "educationally harmed by absorbing unsound and erroneous accounts" and teachers should stop giving them credit for reading books on the subject.

Nine out of 10 sightings "probably to be quite plausibly related to ordinary objects such as aircraft, satellites, balloons, stars, lights, clouds or other natural phenomena".

Of 35 alleged photographs of U.F.O.s, nine gave evidence of probable fabrication, seven of possible fabrication, another seven were classified as showing natural or man-made phenomena and 12 provided insufficient data for analysis.

Dr. Saunders claims that the project has been a failure but not a total failure. The study of U.F.O.s is more respectable than it was two years ago, some necessary concepts and models have been developed, and there are a few fresh facts—not enough to justify an attempt to formulate an explanatory theory but facts that could fit "a theory based on so-called definition of extra-terrestrial intelligence".

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# Dispute Marks Flying Saucers Study

By Jack Anderson

Dr. Edward U. Condon is putting the final touches to a 350,000-word report on flying saucers which already has space scientists in an uproar.

Under Air Force contract, the respected 66-year-old physicist has directed a University of Colorado study of the flying saucer mystery. The Condon report will present a painstaking, case-by-case analysis of flying saucer sightings and will conclude that these offer no "hard evidence" of visitors from outer space.

However, the opposite conclusion has been reached by a senior University of Arizona physicist, Dr. James E. McDonald, who has been conducting his own independent study of unidentified flying objects.

"My position," he said, "is that UFOs are entirely real, with the strong possibility that we are under surveillance by an extraterrestrial intelligence."

He has interviewed dozens of witnesses around the world who have reported seeing flying saucers. The separate descriptions they gave him are remarkably similar, he told this column.

Even before the Condon report is published, space scientists already are taking sides with Dr. Condon or Dr. McDonald in a controversy that is being referred to as the "Flying Saucer Wars."

## Flying Charges

McDonald got hold of a preliminary memo, for instance, in which Robert J. Low, a former Condon associate, stated that the University of Colorado study would be conducted "almost exclusively by non-believers."

McDonald cited this as evidence that the forthcoming report will be biased. He charged that Condon had formed his conclusions in advance, then had set out to justify them.

Dr. Condon had no comment, but associates suggested that some flying saucer advocates might have a profit motive. Some specialize in writing books about flying saucers, and others would like to get money out of the Government for flying saucer research.

The Condon sympathizers charged that Dr. McDonald had urged a multi-billion-dollar Government spending program to find out whether UFOs are spacecraft from other planets.

They also accused McDonald of using Naval funds, intended for atmospheric research, to investigate flying saucers. Pentagon regulations give the Air Force sole responsibility for UFO investigations. Yet McDonald spent the Navy's money, they charge, to visit Australia and Tasmania, where he interviewed 80 flying saucer witnesses. McDonald also offered to apologize.

Dr. McDonald told this column that his flying saucer research and his expenditures had been approved by the Navy.

At press time, 20 secret meetings had been held at Panmunjom, the Korean truce site, to negotiate the return of the 81 surviving crewmen who were captured last January aboard the U.S. spy ship Pueblo.

## Pueblo Powwow

For the American negotiators, the talks had been frustrating and fruitless. Maj. Gen. Park Chung Kuk, the sullen North Korean negotiator, invariably would read an insulting statement about the "shameless act of aggression" committed by the United States.

Usually, he wouldn't even respond to the points raised by Maj. Gen. Gilbert Woodward, the chief American negotiator, but would stick grimly to the prepared text. Finally, Park announced at the 19th meeting that he would break off the negotiations unless the American side made a new offer.

The United States came back with a proposal that the crew be turned over to a neutral nation while an international commission, acceptable to both sides, investigated the Pueblo incident. If the commission found that the Pueblo had violated North Korea's territorial waters, the United States offered to apologize.

## Hazardous Duty

Over the next 48 hours, the United States changes chief negotiators every six months. The truce agreement calls for military negotiators, and the United States has complied scrupulously. But North Korea has sent in hard-bitten political negotiators in military uniform.

As evidence, General Park, who for years has headed the North Korean delegation, can usually be stumped by raising a technical military question. The Communists have tried to turn the Panmunjom talks into a propaganda show. At the truce site, the North Koreans painted all their buildings green, then turned loose a flock of pigeons that had been trained to roost on green buildings. Communist guides would point out to visiting groups that "doves of peace" would light only on North Korean structures.

Once, the pigeons were lured (by tasty bird food, it is suspected) to land on South Korea's multi-colored Freedom House. The Communists frantically captured the errant doves and sent them North, presumably for a reeducation course.

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Jack Anderson, substituting for Drew Pearson, will report when Eugene McCarthy will announce his support for Hubert Humphrey, over Radio WTOP today at 9:40 a.m. and 9:55 p.m.

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Here's one reason Russia recently began a scientific probe of UFOs: Soviet astronomers at Kazan observatory last fall sighted unidentified objects more than 1600 feet in diameter hurtling across the sky at 11,160 mph. (NICAP).

'UFO' SEEN OVER ALEXANDRIA

# Firemen Follow Unidentified Flying Blaze

Alexandria fireman Doug Jewell later said the fiery flying object had "little short wings" and seemed to be occupied by a "human-type figure." Fireman Marty Devers said it resembled an oxygen cylinder about 10 feet long with fire coming out one end.

Ed Simpson, Firehouse No. 2's captain, yesterday called the unidentified flying object — for it was all of that — which he and his men watched soar over Alexandria Tuesday evening "a

## Judo Course

An eight week judo course is being offered by the Rockville YMCA to boys and girls eight years and older at the Randolph Junior High School on Dec. 7 and 14.

Instructors with black belts will supervise the event. Get further information by calling 749-5075.

belluva-looking object, whatever it was."

Capt. Simpson recalled that he had been at his desk in the firehouse at 213 Windsor-av making reports when Pvt. Jewell, who had been outside repairing the overhead doors, yelled, "Captain, come quick, quick!"

When the captain and his six volunteer firemen ran outside, they beheld the fiery object rising swiftly from behind nearby buildings, heading south, then moving (according to the witnesses) "in different patterns," and, finally, moving off in a northwesterly direction.

Pvt. Devers later said the object was transparent and "yellowish." Capt. Simpson, still bemused, said, "At one point the whole thing was illuminated and we could see inside it," and added, "a flying saucer was the farthest thing from my mind. I was

worried about the amount of fire coming out of it."

Fearful that the object would fall on someone's roof, the captain ordered his men to follow it. "The firehouse maintenance man also followed the object, described as 'floating about 150 feet off the ground.'"

About five blocks from the firehouse, however, in the 2500 block of Russell road, witnesses said, the object of the chase disappeared over the Del Ray Baptist Church.

Before vanishing, a witness noted, the object showed "a bright, flashing signal or warning-type light."

All day yesterday, the firemen took a lot of kidding about the incident. Pvt. Jewell told a reporter, "There was a little green man in there, and I waved at him and he waved back." But in the written report,



CAPT. SIMPSON

he omitted the little green man. Capt. Simpson said simply, "If I'd seen it by myself, I'd have never told anybody about it."

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# Russians Take an Interest in UFOs

MOSCOW, Nov. 11.—The Russians seem to be taking flying saucers seriously.

Air Force Gen. Anatoly Stoloyev has been named to head a new commission to study reports of flying saucers, it was learned today. The commission's creation marks a radical change in Russia's previously skeptical policy toward unidentified flying objects.

The commission has only a few cases under review at the moment, Stoloyev told reporters during a brief interview today. "But we expect thousands

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of cases in the future," he added.

Saucers generally have been regarded here as either optical illusions or the inventions of sensational newspapers in the West. No Soviet sightings have ever been published. But a story current in Moscow last spring was that scores of sightings were reported in

central Asia and the Caucasus.

An essay on unidentified flying objects that appeared here in April discussed the question seriously for the first time.

Soviet researcher Dr. F. Y. Zigel said he liked to think the objects were previously unknown natural phenomena, but he did not

rule out the possibility that they had come from other planets. He rejected the outright dismissal of UFO as fiction.

"This view is very convenient," he said, "as it demands no intellectual effort and kills off the problem at birth."

Since the essay appeared, however, there has been vir-

tually no discussion of the problem.

Observers interpreted the appointment of an Air Force general to head the committee as a sign that Russia is seriously interested in an explanation of flying saucers — if only to dismiss them once and for all as optical illusions or the result of mass hysteria.

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## EXPERT 'GROUNDS' FLYING SAUCERS

Extraterrestrial Control of Objects Termed Contrary to the Laws of Physics

EXISTENCE UNDISPUTED

But Methods of Propulsion Are Deemed Inadequate—Inquiries Held Unjustified

By RICHARD D. LYONS

Unidentified objects from other worlds fly in the face of the laws of physics, a mathematical astronomer said yesterday.

"The control of reported U.F.O.'s by extraterrestrial beings is contrary to the laws of physics," said Dr. William Markowitz after reviewing the "scientific evidence" marshaled to explain unidentified flying objects as machines guided by intelligent beings from outer space.

Dr. Markowitz, professor of physics at Marquette University, Milwaukee, added that despite 20 years of controversy surrounding the existence of such objects that "the data published do not justify the holding of investigations."

Dr. Markowitz said he agreed "that unidentified objects exist" but contended that it was absurd to believe that they "were under extraterrestrial control."

He calculated that it would take 12,500 years for a spaceship to travel from Alpha Centauri, the nearest star, to the earth even if the vehicle were moving at a speed 12 times that of the fastest Gemini space

as they were investigated in the year 1967

# Saucers Don't Orbit Russians

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By Dorothy McCardle  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Alla Mashevitch, professor of astro-physics at the University of Moscow, says the Soviet Union has solved the mystery of flying saucers: It calls them science fiction.

Mrs. Mashevitch, wife of a Soviet scientist and mother of a 14-year-old daughter, spent yesterday with Dr. and Mrs. Kaj A. Strand at their home in Cleveland Park. Danish-born Dr. Strand is scientific director of the U.S. Naval Observatory and Mrs. Strand is the daughter of a Russian-born scientist now in the U.S.

The Soviet woman astronomer came here after speeches at Harvard, Yale and Mt. Holyoke, where the first question students asked was whether she believes in flying saucers.

"We don't believe that flying saucers are objects from another world," she says with an amused smile.

Russians are not as agitated by saucer reports as Americans are, she adds.

In Russia, flying saucers have always turned out to be meteorites, airplane lights, sudden brilliance of Jupiter or Venus, balloons, or deteriorating satellites, Mrs. Mashevitch said.

"If people from other

worlds were trying to reach us, we feel they would send something better than flying saucers. So we think that flying saucers belong in science fiction and no place else."

Mrs. Mashevitch, who is vice president of the Astronomical Council of the USSR Academy of Science, has been in charge of tracking satellites since Russia sent up the first Sputnik ten years ago. More than 700 satellites have been sent up by various countries in the last few years. Mrs. Mashevitch keeps tab in Moscow on the 200 satellites now aloft.

Today she will go with Dr. Strand to the Naval Observatory here to see its new measuring machine, considered the most advanced in the world for measuring positions of the stars.

On U.S. versus Russian fashions, Mrs. Mashevitch said, "I find that our styles for women are now about like yours. You see just as many glamorous and glittering evening dresses in Moscow stores as in American stores."

Her daughter, Natasha, who splits her interest be-

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By Stephen Northrup—The Washington Post

**ALLA MASHEVITCH**

... star gazer for the Soviets

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## Russian English Adds An American Accent

tween dancing, mathematics and clothes, asked her mother to bring home just one thing . . . an American pants suit.

As to the mini-skirt, all Russian girls wear them, but not older women. And the midi length is old stuff.

"My daughter shortened all her dresses as did all her friends. But that midi length? We've had that all the time."

Most Russian girls plan serious careers, Mrs. Mashevitch said.

"Seventy per cent of Russian doctors are women these days," says Mrs. Mashevitch. "Seventy per cent of all student astronomers now are girls."

Mrs. Mashevitch spoke English with a hint of an American accent.

"That's because English is taught in Russian schools the way Americans speak it," she explained.

Her hostess, Emily Strand broke in to say that when she visited Mrs. Mashevitch in Moscow, she saw textbooks in Soviet bookstores with this advertisement: "How to Speak English with an American accent."

Mrs. Strand is the daughter of Dr. Nicholas Rashevsky, a Russian scientist who fled the Bolshevik Revolution to Turkey and then came to the United States. He is now a mathematical biologist at the University of Michigan.

## SCIENTISTS REPORT ON 'FLYING SAUCERS'

# Visitors From Outer Space Ruled Out

By **MIKE MILLER**  
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

The University of Colorado reported today that a two-year, \$500,000 study for the Air Force turned up no evidence that unidentified flying objects (UFO's) are visitors from outer space.

A team of scientists headed by Dr. Edward U. Condon said in a three-volume, 1,500-page report so-called "flying saucers" apparently are just what the Air Force long has called them — ordinary objects like airplanes, meteors and stars.

The report also disputed theories that UFO's could be secret types of aircraft or spacecraft being tested by nations on earth.

About 90 per cent of all UFO sightings "prove to be quite plausibly related to ordinary objects," the report said. And while it is impossible positively to identify the remainder with familiar phenomena, there is likewise no evidence linking them with extraterrestrial visitors, the report added.

The National Academy of Sciences, in a critique of the Colorado study, endorsed its findings and said the "least likely explanation of UFO's is the hypothesis of extraterrestrial visitations by intelligent beings."

The UFO report also concluded there is no evidence UFO's

pose any threat to the national security of the United States.

Dr. Condon's team concluded that various studies of UFO's over the past 21 years have added nothing to scientific knowledge and that further intensive study of UFO's does not appear justified. It recommended against establishment of a special government agency for that purpose.

It added, however, that there are "important areas of atmospheric optics, including radio-wave propagation, and of atmospheric electricity in which present knowledge is quite incomplete" and which could bear upon UFO sightings. These areas deserve further study, the report said.

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teams to the scene of UFO sightings quickly, the Condon team found that most cases could be readily classified as pranks, hoaxes or honest misinterpretations of explainable events.

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Of 35 case investigations of alleged photographs of UFO's, the report said that nine were probably fabricated, seven possibly were fabricated, seven were pictures of natural or man-made phenomena and 12 had insufficient data for analysis.

The report described, for ex-

ample, the case of a Colorado farmer who reported seeing a UFO land west of his farm nearly every day about 6 p.m. A team visited the farmer and quickly identified the UFO as the planet Saturn. The nights the farmer didn't see it were those when the western sky was cloudy.

The report dismissed as "fantastic nonsense" rumors that the U. S. has captured flying saucer crews and imprisoned them in secret. Nor have any U. S. astronauts ever sighted anything linked by scientific evidence to an outer space UFO, it said.

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### Ufology

Are flying saucers real? They certainly are numerous.

Since 1947, when an Idaho veteran pilot named Kenneth Arnold claimed he saw nine saucers playing tag around Mount Rainier, 7,810 "sightings" have been tallied by the Air Force in the U.S. alone. In 1957, the year of the sputniks, a rash of 1,178 reports broke out. "Seeing saucers became a national pastime," according to Donald Menzel, Harvard's eminent astronomer, and Mrs. Lyle C. Boyd, formerly of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. In a new report on mankind's infinite gullibility, "The World of Flying Saucers" (302 pages, Doubleday, \$4.50), they neatly debunk the cult of Ufology—the belief that unidentified flying objects are buzzing the earth.

Menzel enjoys science fiction himself. Under the name of Jon Howard he has written "The Machine From Outside" (which was a UFO) and other stories. But as a scientist he refuses to confuse facts with fantasies. Though Menzel was forbidden by the Air Force to look at their UFO files in 1957 when they were classified secret, he persisted in his requests. Eventually he and Mrs. Boyd were allowed to study every dossier of a UFO still labeled unknown or questionable in the files at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio. With meticulous care, they matched each sighting against weather-bureau reports, charts of the stars and planets, records of meteors, comets, rocket firings, balloon launches, and local information on fireworks displays, migratory birds and the lay of the land.

Many of the wildest reports came from untrained observers—exaltado old ladies and imaginative schoolboys, for instance, who had been primed by articles like "Have We Visitors From Outer Space?" in Life magazine or in pulp like Amazing Stories and Fate. But a considerable number of technical people claimed they saw UFO's.

Sea Dogs and Seals Their "sightings," however, were no more valid. Arnold's disks turned out to be disk-shaped "grindstone" clouds (photo) common in the mountainous West. Similar deceptions in the sky, such as sun dogs (images of the sun reflected through ice crystals), auroras, balloons, meteors, and planets accounted for 77 per cent of the reports. More satellites figured in 17 per cent last year. There were several oddities: satellite watchers at Curacao, in 1951, trained their telescopes on a brightly colored object that turned out to be a kite on a 1,200-foot string; a frutty apparition widely seen over Pennsylvania in 1954 was caused by a sewage plant that broke down and



Below: Saucers over Rainier: The 'saucers' that started the scare.

Hard to shoot down, all this flying sorcery, were 26 UFO's reported by the Air Force as unknown that Menzel and Boyd have now identified.

The Chiles-Wheeler UFO, reported for the Eastern Air Lines pilot, reported a saucer-shaped object in July 1948. The object was described as a saucer-shaped object with a dark center and a lighter outer ring. It was seen in the sky over the Chesapeake Bay area in October 1948. The object was described as a saucer-shaped object with a dark center and a lighter outer ring. It was seen in the sky over the Chesapeake Bay area in October 1948.

Still the saucer myths persist. Only last week, on a farm near Sharnesbury, England, a crater appeared in a potato patch and was quickly described as the landing marks of a flying saucer. Called to investigate, an astronomer decided the hole was created by a meteor. As Menzel says: "No UFO is basically mystifying when all the facts are in. In fifteen years, no evidence has been found that anyone has ever seen, heard, smelled, photographed, touched, or in any way detected a UFO."

### Weather to Order

Skyfire, Blackbody, and Stormfury sound like the names of fast-footed thoroughbreds. Actually they are the hyped-up titles of three basic weather research studies now being conducted by the U.S.

The Forest Service's Project Skyfire is intended to modify thunderstorms and diapl lightning by means of cloud seed-

ing; the Navy's Blackbody hopes to alter the albedo, or reflectivity, of ice packs and deserts by dispersing carbon black over wide areas; and the joint Navy Weather Bureau's Stormfury uses silver iodide in an attempt to blunt the force of hurricanes. All told, the U.S. spent \$4.6 million last year on such weather research; in an 84-page report to President Kennedy last week, the National Science Foundation suggested that the time is now ripe for a more active program of weather control.

The world's weather is probably being affected inadvertently right now, says the report. Harbors and dams alter the course of waterways, carbon dioxide from cars and factories fouls the atmosphere, and other human activities alter the balance between the amount of the sun's radiation reaching the earth and the heat reflected back into space. Looking ahead, NSF supports a long-range weather program that includes:

- ▶ Making numerical predictions, which is another name for weather forecasting by computer, to study atmospheric flows "including the relationship between the sun and earth as single gigantic thermodynamic system."
- ▶ Learning how to alter the sun's radiation, which might be a key to climate control. "A possible technique for accomplishing this is the introduction of artificial clouds where large-scale weather tends to form, such as over the Gulf of Alaska," says the report.
- ▶ Spreading suitable chemical agents aloft from satellites to trigger energy stored in the upper atmosphere, by doing this, the heat of the upper air can be increased in selected areas.
- ▶ Experimenting to determine where stepped-up space programs, which might pollute the planet's atmosphere with rocket fumes, can be controlled.

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BY ROBERT EVANS

MOSCOW, (REUTERS)-FLYING SAUCERS, ONCE ALL BUT DISMISSED IN THE SOVIET UNION AS AN INVENTION OF THE SENSATIONAL WESTERN PRESS, NOW ARE BEING TREATED WITH MORE RESPECT BY RUSSIAN SCIENTISTS. A NEW ATTITUDE IS REFLECTED IN A BOOK SOON TO BE PUBLISHED UNDER THE EDITORSHIP OF PROF. BORIS P. KONSTANTINOV, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

THE BOOK, "THE INHABITED COSMOS," IS A COLLECTION OF ESSAYS BY VARIOUS EXPERTS DISCUSSING PROBLEMS SUCH AS LIFE IN OUTER SPACE AND COSMIC LAW.

ONE ESSAY, BY RESEARCH SCIENTIST F.Y. ZIGEL, LIKELY WILL ATTRACT SPECIAL ATTENTION IN RUSSIA WHERE THE OFFICIAL ATTITUDE TO FLYING SAUCERS OR U.F.O. (UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS), HAS BEEN SCEPTICAL.

ZIGEL'S ESSAY, "U.F.O. - WHAT ARE THEY", HAS BEEN PRINTED IN ADVANCE OF BOOK PUBLICATION BY THE TRADE UNION JOURNAL, SNERA.

THE SCIENTIST COMES TO NO FINAL CONCLUSIONS, BUT HE OUTLINES VARIOUS EXPLANATIONS ADVANCED TO ACCOUNT FOR THE PHENOMENON AND UNDERLINES THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY COME FROM OUTER SPACE IS NOT EXCLUDED.

HE ADMITS THE IDEA OF SAUCERS IS FANTASTIC AND PERHAPS BEYOND THE REALM OF COMMON SENSE, BUT HE ADDS, "COMMON SENSE IS NOT A VERY RELIABLE GUIDE WHEN WE COME ACROSS A COMPLETELY NEW SITUATION."

ZIGEL DOES NOT MENTION ACTUAL SIGHTINGS OF SAUCERS IN THE SOVIET UNION, ALTHOUGH HE SAYS THE PHENOMENON MUST BE REGARDED AS WORLD-WIDE.

IN HIS PETITENCE APPROACH, HE FOLLOWS THE TRADITION OF THE SOVIET PRESS, WHICH, AS FAR AS IS KNOWN, HAS NEVER PUBLISHED REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS OVER RUSSIA.

HOWEVER, THERE ARE MANY STORIES TOLD AMONG RUSSIANS OF STRANGE OBJECTS SEEN IN SOVIET SKIES, PARTICULARLY IN CENTRAL ASIA AND THE CAUCASUS.

ONE STORY DESCRIBES A HUGE BURNING DISC SPREADING A BLINDING RED LIGHT WHICH FRIGHTENED PEASANTS IN CENTRAL ASIA SO MUCH THAT SEVERAL FAINTED.  
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SUCH REPORTS ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO CHECK.

ZIGEL REPORTS THAT "ANGEL ECHOES," AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT-TYPE PHENOMENON OBSERVED ON RADAR SCREENS AROUND THE WORLD, FREQUENTLY HAVE BEEN SEEN IN RUSSIA. BUT, HE GIVES NO DETAILS.

HE REJECTS THE THEORY THAT DISMISSES UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AS AN INVENTION OF THE IMAGINATION.

"THIS VIEW IS VERY CONVENIENT AS IT DEMANDS NO INTELLECTUAL EFFORT AND KILLS OFF THE PROBLEM AT BIRTH," HE SAYS.

ZIGEL IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE THEORY OF DONALD MENZEL, AN AMERICAN SAUCER EXPERT, THAT THE U.F.O. ARE ALMOST CERTAINLY OPTICAL ILLUSIONS.

A BOOK BY MENZEL EXPRESSING HIS VIEWS WAS PUBLISHED IN RUSSIAN IN 1962.

THE THEORY WHICH ZIGEL APPARENTLY FINDS MOST ATTRACTIVE IS THAT THE SAUCERS ARE A PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN NATURAL PHENOMENON, JUST AS RADIO-ACTIVITY WAS UNKNOWN AT THE END OF THE 19TH CENTURY.

"THIS POINT OF VIEW DEFINITELY DESERVES ATTENTION," HE SAYS. "IT STIMULATES SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF THE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS AND THAT IS ITS GREAT VALUE TODAY."

ZIGEL ALSO LOOKS AT THE THEORY THAT THE SAUCERS ARE SPACE-SHIPS FROM ANOTHER PLANET.

"THIS IS AN EXTREME THEORY, BUT SINCE THE PROBLEM OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS IS NOT YET SOLVED, VARIED AND EVEN EXTREME VIEWS ARE TENABLE," HE SAYS.

HE CONSIDERS ALL THE ARGUMENTS SO FAR PUT FORWARD IN FAVOR OF THIS THEORY APPEAR HIGHLY SPECULATIVE "AND LACKING IN REALLY SOLID FOUNDATION."

THE SOVIET SCIENTIST CONCLUDES THE EXISTENCE OF FLYING SAUCERS IS PROVED.

"BUT THE NATURE OF THIS PHENOMENON HAS NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHED, AND NOT ONE OF THE EXISTING THEORIES CAN CLAIM A FINAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM," HE SAYS.

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NEWMAN, GA. (UPI)--POLICE REPORTED A RASH OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORTS EARLY SUNDAY, INCLUDING A DARK BLUE BALL THAT A POLICE OFFICER SAID CHASED HIM AND THEN HOVERED OVER THIS SMALL CENTRAL GEORGIA TOWN UNTIL DAYBREAK.

THE SIGHTINGS WERE THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF UFO REPORTS THAT BEGAN EARLY FRIDAY IN EAST GEORGIA AND SPREAD INTO CENTRAL PORTION OF THE STATE SUNDAY.

HIGHWAY PATROLMAN JERRY GOLDIN AT THE MOUNTAINTOP MANCHESTER STATE PATROLMAN JERRY GOLDIN AT THE MOUNTAINTOP MANCHESTER STATE PATROL STATION SAID HE WAS THE FIRST TO SPOT SUNDAY'S UFO'S, ONE ICE BLUE AND ABOUT A MILE HIGH AND THE OTHER ONE A YELLOW RECTANGLE-SHAPED OBJECT WITH A RED SIDE ABOUT 100 YARDS ABOVE THE TREES.

BEFORE THE NIGHT WAS OVER, HIGHWAY PATROLMEN AND POLICEMEN FROM 11 DIFFERENT TOWNS HAD SEEN SIMILAR OBJECTS. REPORTS CAME FROM SUCH SCATTERED MIDDLE GEORGIA LOCATIONS AS MILLERDOZVILLE, GREENVILLE, NEWMAN, TALBOTTON, FAYETTEVILLE AND TAYLOR COUNTY.

NEWMAN PATROLMAN DALE SPRAULIN SAID HE CHASED A BALL OF LIGHT ABOUT EIGHT INCHES IN DIAMETER FOR ABOUT EIGHT MILES DOWN A ROAD JUST OUTSIDE NEWMAN.

"IT WAS A GOOD DISTANCE IN FRONT OF US, PULLING AWAY, SO WE TURNED AROUND TO COME BACK TO TOWN," SAID SPRAULIN WHO WAS ON PATROL WITH OFFICER HERALD KATSON. THE OBJECT WAS TRAVELLING ABOVE TREE-TOP LEVEL.

"THE OBJECT TURNED ON US AND FOLLOWED," HE SAID. "IT WAS GAINING ON US AND WAS GOING ABOUT 75 MILES PER HOUR."

AFTER THE OBJECT CAUGHT UP WITH HIM, IT PULLED INTO THE SKY, EMITTING A BEAM OF BLuish LIGHT THAT ILLUMINATED THE ROADWAY, THE OFFICER SAID.

SPRAULIN SAID HE COULD NOT TELL HOW CLOSE THE OBJECT WAS TO HIS CAR, "BUT A BOY AND GIRL PARKED AT A LAKE WHO WITNESSED THE CHASE SAID IT SEEMED TO BE RIGHT ABOVE US."

HIGHWAY PATROLMEN AND POLICEMEN FROM A WIDE AREA WATCHED IT UNTIL DAWN WHEN IT FADED OUT OF SIGHT. BY THE TIME, OFFICERS SAID, IT HAD CLIMBED HIGH INTO THE SKY, LOOKING LIKE A BRIGHT STAR EXCEPT FOR ITS ERRATIC MOVEMENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR WARNER ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE SAID HE HAD HEARD THE REPORTS OF THE OBJECTS BUT THAT NOTHING WAS SEEN ON THE BASE RADAR.

THE WEATHER BUREAU AT ATHENS SAID IT HAD RELEASED FOUR WEATHER BALLOONS SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY MORNING, BUT A SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS UNLIKELY THEY WERE THE CAUSE OF THE REPORTS.

THE BALLOONS ARE RELEASED DAILY, HE SAID, AND THEY "BREAK UP" A SHORT WHILE LATER AND ARE DIFFICULT TO SPOT IN THE NIGHT.

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SAUCERS 12/22 NX  
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BY RICHARD LONGWORTH

MOSCOW (UPI)--DR. FELIX ZIGEL, ASTRONOMY PROFESSOR AT THE MOSCOW AVIATION INSTITUTE, HAS RELEASED FINDINGS OF A TEAM OF SOVIET SCIENTISTS OF SIGHTINGS OF "LUMINOUS ORANGE-COLORED" FLYING SAUCERS OVER RUSSIA.

HE CALLED FOR GLOBAL INVESTIGATION OF THE PHENOMENA.

THE STATEMENT BY ZIGEL, ISSUED TO THE FOREIGN PRESS THROUGH THE NEWS AGENCY NOVOSTI BUT NOT YET CIRCULATED DOMESTICALLY, FOLLOWS REVELATION OF AIR COMMANDER GEN. PORFIY POLYAROV IN NOVEMBER THAT AN OFFICIAL COMMISSION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO INVESTIGATE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO).

ZIGEL SAID THE UFO PHENOMENON WAS "A PROBLEM OF PRIME IMPORTANCE THAT CAN BE SOLVED ONLY BY A JOINT EFFORT OF ALL THE SCIENTISTS OF THE WORLD."

"IT IS SAFE TO CLAIM THAT THE UFO PROBLEM HAS ASSUMED A GLOBAL CHARACTER AND THEREFORE CALLS FOR GLOBAL RESEARCH," HE SAID.

"THE MAIN TASK NOW IS TO ORGANIZE THE SYSTEMATIC INSTRUMENTAL STUDY OF THE UFO FROM ASTRONOMICAL AND METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORIES, TO GET GOOD PHOTOGRAPHS AND SPECTRA OF THESE OBJECTS."

ZIGEL REPORTED THAT A "BIG TEAM" OF SOVIET SCIENTISTS AND SPECIALISTS HAS STUDIED 200 REPORTS OF SIGHTINGS--INCLUDING OBSERVATIONS BY KAZAN ASTRONOMERS AND THE ASTRONOMICAL STATION NEAR KOSLOVODSK OF UFOS SEEN OVER THE UKRAINE, CRIMEA AND CAUCASUS IN JULY, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER OF 1967.

"THE MOST CHARACTERISTIC TYPE OF UFO," WROTE ZIGEL, "IS A LUMINOUS ORANGE-COLORED CRESCENT WITH A DIAMETER OF 15 TO 20 DEGREES OF THE ARC, FLYING WITH ITS OUTWARD CURVE FORWARD. ITS SURFACE IS ONLY A LITTLE DULLER THAN THAT OF THE MOON.

"THE HORNS OF THE CRESCENT THROW OUT JETS, SOMETIMES WITH SPARKS. THE OUTER CONTOUR OF THE CRESCENT IS SHARP AND THE INNER CONTOUR BLURRED AND WAVY.

"A BRIGHT FLAMING DISC PRECEDED BY A CRESCENT IS OBSERVED SOMETIMES. SOMETIMES THE CRESCENT IS PRECEDED AND FLANKED BY WHAT LOOK LIKE FIRST-MAGNITUDE STARS WHICH KEEP AT A CONSTANT DISTANCE FROM THE CRESCENT."

ZIGEL SAID STUDIES HAVE INDICATED THAT SUCH OBJECTS "OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MADE BY MAN AND ARE DEFINITELY NOT ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES OR SPACE ROCKETS."

THE SOVIET SCIENTISTS REPORTED ON THE OBSERVATIONS OF THREE LATVIAN ASTRONOMERS AT OGRA ON JULY 26, 1965, WHEN THEY WERE STUDYING SILVERY CLOUDS AT THE OBSERVATORY AND SPOTTED AN UNUSUALLY BRIGHT STAR SLOWLY MOVING WEST. THEY SAID:

"VIEWED THROUGH 8-POWER BINOCULARS, THE STAR APPEARED AS A SMALL FLAT SPOT. THE TELESCOPE REVEALED A TRULY AMAZING PICTURE -- THERE WAS A SMALL HALL IN THE CENTER OF THE LENS-SHAPED DISC. THE ASTRONOMERS SET THE DISC DIAMETER AT ABOUT 100 METERS (328 FEET).

"AROUND THE DISC, AT A DISTANCE OF ITS TWO DIAMETERS, THERE WERE THREE BALLS LIKE THE ONE IN THE CENTER OF THE DISC. THE BALLS SLOWLY ROTATED AROUND THE DISC, AND THE WHOLE SYSTEM DWINDLED AS IT RECEDED AWAY FROM THE EARTH.

"SOME 15 TO 20 MINUTES LATER, THE BALLS BEGAN TO DEPART FROM THE DISC IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. THE BALL IN THE CENTER ALSO LEFT ITS PLACE AND FLEW ASIDE. FINALLY AT 10 P.M., (25 MINUTES AFTER THE FIRST SIGHTING), ALL THESE BODIES, WHICH EMITTED A GREENISH-PEARL GLOW, FADED INTO THE DISTANCE."

THE NAVIGATOR OF A SOVIET POLAR AIRLINER WAS QUOTED AS HAVING REPORTED THE PLANE DIVED TO AVOID HITTING A VEHICLE THAT LOOKED LIKE A "BIG PEARL-COLORED LENS WITH WAVY, PULSATING EDGES."

"WE DETECTED NO ANTENNAE, SUPERSTRUCTURE, WINGS OR PORTHOLES ON THE DISC," SAID THE NAVIGATOR. "THERE WAS NEITHER A GAS JET EXHAUST NOR THE INVERSION TRAIL AND THE SPEED OF ITS DEPARTURE WAS SO GREAT THAT THE WHOLE PHENOMENON SEEMED SOMEWHAT SUPERNATURAL."

ZIGEL SAID UFO SIGHTINGS IN RUSSIA "FIT INTO THE CLASSIFICATIONS OF THOSE OBJECTS ACCEPTED IN THE WEST,

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BY LARS-ERIK NELSON  
MOSCOW, (REUTERS)--SERIOUS STUDIES INTO UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOS) HAVZ BEEN LAUNCHED IN RUSSIA WITH NO EXPLANATION OF THE IDENTITY OF FLYING SAUCERS BEING RULED OUT.

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THE SOVIETS HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN COMPELLED BY RECENT UFO SIGHTINGS OVER RUSSIA TO ABANDON A FORMER VIEW THAT SUCH PHENOMENA WERE THE FABRICATIONS OF IMAGINATIVE WESTERN JOURNALISTS.

REPORTS ON THE SUBJECT WERE PUBLISHED AND A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE SAUCERS ESTABLISHED. NO POSSIBLE REASON FOR THE OBJECTS, EVEN THAT THEY MAY COME FROM OTHER PLANETS, WAS RULED OUT.

DR. F.Y. ZIGEL, A SCIENTIST ENGAGED IN THE STUDY, HAS REFUSED TO DISMISS FLYING SAUCERS AS FIGMENTS OF THE IMAGINATION.

"THIS VIEW IS VERY CONVENIENT AS IT DEMANDS NO INTELLECTUAL EFFORT AND KILLS OFF THE PROBLEM AT BIRTH," HE WROTE IN A RECENT ARTICLE.

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DR. ZIVEL TENDED TO BELIEVE THAT THE SAUCERS WERE SOME PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN NATURAL PHENOMENA JUST AS RADIOACTIVITY WAS UNKNOWN 75 YEARS AGO. ON THIS PREMISE, HE ARGUED THAT ANY POSSIBLE EXPLANATION DESERVED CONSIDERATION, EVEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT SAUCERS WERE MANNED BY INTELLIGENT VISITORS FROM SPACE.

"THIS IS AN EXTREME THEORY," HE DECLARED IN HIS ARTICLE. "BUT SINCE THE PROBLEM OF THE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT IS NOT YET SOLVED, VARIED AND EVEN EXTREME VIEWS ARE TENABLE."

THE NEW SOVIET INTEREST WAS PARTICULARLY CENTRED ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SEEN OVER BULGARIA IN NOVEMBER. IT FIRST APPEARED AS A SILVER BLUE DISC, THEN CHANGED TO A PALE BLUE TRAPEZOID WHICH GLOWED LIKE A NEON LAMP.

BULGARIAN SCIENTISTS WHO SAW IT SAID IT COULD NOT BE AN AIRCRAFT OR AN EARTH SATELLITE, TWO EXPLANATIONS OFTEN GIVEN FOR SUCH SIGHTINGS.

THE DISC-TRAPEZOID HUNG OVER THE BULGARIAN CAPITAL OF SOFIA AT SUNSET AND OBSERVERS WATCHED IT THROUGH TELESCOPES. THEY SAID THAT IT HAD A HALO OF GREEN LIGHT AND GAVE OFF A SPARK-LIKE RADIATION FROM ITS APEX.

THE OBJECT WAS AS INEXPLICABLE AS A PREVIOUS SIGHTING IN BULGARIA LAST APRIL, WHEN A TRIANGULAR OBJECT HOVERED OVER A VILLAGE FOR 45 MINUTES, AND A SERIES OF SOVIET SIGHTINGS, WHICH WERE NOT YET OFFICIALLY REPORTED IN THE SOVIET PRESS.

BUT THE SOVIET FLYING SAUCERS, INCLUDING WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS A SICKLE-SHAPED OBJECT WHICH FLEW OVER THE BLACK SEA IN THE SUMMER OF 1967, WERE NUMEROUS AND MYSTERIOUS ENOUGH, TO LEAD TO THE CREATION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PHENOMENA.

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THE COMMITTEE WAS HEADED BY RETIRED AIR FORCE GEN. PORFIKY STOLYAROV AND INCLUDED AMONG ITS MEMBERS PILOTS OF THE SOVIET AIR LINE, AEROFLOT. AIRLINE PILOTS IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WERE AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT OBSERVERS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD PRESUMABLY DEAL NOT ONLY WITH THE SICKLE-SHAPED OBJECT SEEN OVER THE BLACK SEA BUT ALSO WITH THE SIGHTING OF A HUGE BURNING DISC WHICH GAVE OUT A BLINDING RED LIGHT AND FRIGHTENED PEASANTS IN CENTRAL ASIA EARLY IN 1967.

THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE WERE NOT YET GIVEN DETAILS OF OTHER SIGHTINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN MOSCOW CHIEFLY AS RUMOURS.

BUT OBSERVERS HERE BELIEVED THAT, TO CAUSE THE AUTHORITIES TO ABANDON THEIR PREVIOUS SCEPTICAL ATTITUDE, THERE MUST HAVE BEEN MANY WHICH CANNOT BE DISMISSED AS OPTICAL ILLUSIONS, OR ATTRIBUTED TO MASS HYSTERIA.

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0555: SAUCERS:

BY LARS-ERIK NELSON

MOSCOW, FEB. 29 (REUTERS)--RUSSIAN NEWSPAPER AND TELEVISION REPORTS OF FLYING SAUCER SIGHTINGS HAVE BEEN BRANDED "ANTI-SCIENTIFIC SENSATIONS" BY A SECTION OF THE U.S.S.R. ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, IT WAS REPORTED HERE TODAY.

THE REPORTS, WHICH INCLUDED ACCOUNTS OF SICKLE-SHAPED OBJECTS OVER CAUCASIA AND A SHIMMERING TRAPZOID OVER BULGARIA, "ALL HAD A WELL-KNOWN ORIGIN," THE ACADEMY'S DIVISION OF GENERAL AND APPLIED PHYSICS CONCLUDED.

ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER PRAVDA, THE DIVISION STUDIED PRESS REPORTS ABOUT THE SIGHTINGS AND NOTED THEY "HAD THE CHARACTER OF ANTI-SCIENTIFIC SENSATIONS" AND "HAD NO SCIENTIFIC BASE."

THE REPORTS FLOURISHED BRIEFLY AFTER MOSCOW TELEVISION ANNOUNCED NOV. 9 THAT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAD BEEN SET UP TO STUDY SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

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0552: 1ST ADD MOSCOW SAUCERS X X X OBJECTS:

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PHENOMENON WAS THE FIRST INDICATION THAT THE RUSSIANS FELT FLYING SAUCERS MIGHT BE SOMETHING MORE THAN THE "FABRICATIONS OF SENSATION-SEEKING BOURGEOIS NEWSPAPERS."

BUT IN RECENT WEEKS A NUMBER OF SCIENTISTS AND SCIENCE WRITERS HAVE DESCRIBED SAUCERS AS A MYTH.

THREE SCIENTISTS WRITING IN PRAVDA TODAY SAID 80 PERCENT OF SAUCER SIGHTINGS COULD BE EXPLAINED BY AIRPLANES, BALLOONS, KITES, METEORITES, SEARCHLIGHTS AND PLANETS AND THE MOON AS SEEN THROUGH CLOUDS.

OTHER OBSERVATIONS WERE THE RESULT OF MIRAGES, REFLECTIONS FROM ICE CRYSTALS AND THE NORTHERN LIGHTS.

ALTHOUGH INITIAL REPORTS OF SIGHTINGS SAID SAUCERS HAD BEEN SEEN BY AIRLINE PILOTS HERE, THE SCIENTISTS SAID NO SIGHTING HAD BEEN REPORTED BY ASTRONOMERS AND AIR-DEFENSE TROOPS, WHO CONTINUALLY WATCH THE SKY.

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0553 : SAUCERS (SITUATIONER-400):  
(FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

BY FRANCESCO QUINTANA

SANTIAGO, CHILE (REUTERS) CHILEAN SCIENTISTS ARE SAID TO BE  
BAFFLED BY RECENT REPORTS OF WEIRD, UNEARTHLY EVENTS ON THE LOWER  
SLOPES OF THE ANDES ABOUT 62 MILES FROM HERE.

CLAIMS OF STRANGE WARM WINDS, CARS MOVING INEXPLICABLY AND FRUIT  
TREES FLOWRING OUT OF SEASON IN ONLY 30 MINUTES HAVE PROMPTED  
INVESTIGATIONS BY THE CHILEAN AIR FORCE.

AND THE CHILEAN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY IS ORGANIZING A SERIES OF  
STUDIES AIMED AT PRODUCING A REPORT ON WHAT IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT  
THE WORLD ABOUT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

THE STUDIES WILL BE HELD IN OCTOBER AND WILL DEAL WITH  
INVESTIGATIONS BEING MADE BY SCIENTISTS HERE AND IN THE UNITED  
STATES, BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

PEASANTS SAID THEY SAW A MAN WITH ARMS LIKE WINGS RUNNING  
IN WOODS IN THE REGION, AND SIX INHABITANTS OF THE VILLAGE OF  
CAUQUENES CLAIMED THEY SAW A FLYING SAUCER TAKE OFF NEARBY AT  
GREAT SPEED.

OXCAR MUNOZ, AN INCOME TAX COLLECTOR, TOLD POLICE HOW HIS  
CAR SUDDENLY STOPPED AT NIGHT ON A ROAD IN THE AREA AND ITS  
LIGHTS WENT OUT. THE CAR STARTED AGAIN, HE SAID, AND ITS LIGHTS  
WERE SWITCHED ON--APPARENTLY BY REMOTE CONTROL.

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0356 : 1ST ADD SANTIAGO SAUCER XXX CONTROL:

TWO DAYS LATER A TRUCK LOADED WITH NEWSPRINT HALTED IN THE  
AREA WITHOUT ANY ACTION BY THE DRIVER. WHEN THE DRIVER GOT OUT  
TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED, THE TRUCK MOVED FORWARD, TURNED OFF THE  
ROAD AND THEN STOPPED AGAIN.

OTHER MOTORISTS SAID THEY HAD THE SAME EXPERIENCE IN THE AREA--A  
ROCKY PROMONTORY KNOWN AS "LA NARIZ" ("THE NOSE")

ANOTHER REPORT WAS OF A STRANG WARM WIND WHICH ALARMED JOSE  
BOLOSIN, OWNER OF A NEARBY HOTEL.

"SEVERAL OF MY NEIGHBORS WERE WORRIED BY THE WIND AND A SMELL  
OF BURNING AND WE FEARED THERE WAS A FOREST FIRE," HE SAID.

"WE WENT OUT INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE AROUND DAWN WHEN THE  
THERMOMETER WAS SHOWING 26 DEGREES CENTIGRADE (73.4 FAHRENHEIT)  
INSTEAD OF THE USUSL ZERO (32 FAHRENHEIT).

"NOBODY WAS BURNING ANYTHING, BUT THE POWERFUL WAVE OF HEAT  
NEARLY SUFFOCATED US," HE ADDED.

THE WIND BLEW OVER A PLANTATION, MAKING FRUIT TREES FLOWER  
IN HALF AN HOUR. THESE TREES USUALLY FLOWER IN SEPTEMBER.

SOME PERSONS BELIEVED THE PHENOMENA WERE CAUSED BY A DEPOSIT OF  
PURE IRON DIRECTLY UNDER THE AREAS.

ALTHOUGH OFFICIALS HERE MADE NO STATEMENTS ABOUT THE REPORTS, 6  
9! -)) 430945 :9.8, & 8,, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF REPORTED SIGHTINGS  
OF FLYING SAUCERS IN SOUTHERN CHILE.

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1431 : SAUCERS:

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BY ALFONSO MAURI

MENDOZA, ARGENTINA, SEPT. 6 (REUTERS)--POLICE TODAY STEPPED IN TO HALT CONCERN ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS BY WARNING IT WAS AGAINST THE LAW TO TALK ABOUT POSSIBLE SIGHTINGS.

HOWEVER, PEOPLE CONTINUED TALKING ABOUT THEM AND IN THE NORHTERN PROVINCE OF SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO TWO WOMEN SCHOOL TEACHERS TOLD POLICE THEY SAW A SAUCER 40 FEET AWAY, COMPLETE WITH LADDER.

AT THE MAR DEL PLATA VACATION RESORT, 250 MILES SOUTH OF BUENOS AIRES, HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WERE SURE THEY SAW THREE SAUCERS HOVERING ABOVE THE SEA EARLIER THIS WEEK.

BUT THE NEARBY SUBMARINE BASE ISSUED A STATEMENT\* SAYING THE OBJECTS WERE THREE TRACKER AIRCRAFT ENGAGED IN ANTI-SUBMARINE MANEUVERS.

IN BAHIA BLANCA, 430 MILES OUTH OF BUENOS AIRES, POLICE AND MEDICAL EXPERTS CONTINUED QUESTIONING HOUSEWIFE SUSANA LARRUDE DE ZALAZAR WHO CLAIMED SATURDAY THAT A MAN FROM OUTER SPACE VISITED HER.

BUT POLICE DENIED A REPORT TWO DAYS AGO THAT A CAR COLLIDED WITH A PARKED SAURCER ON A HIGHWAY GIRDLING BUENOS AIRES AND THAT TWO SPACEMEN WERE ARRESTED.

STILL UNDERWAY AT MENDOZA WAS A REPORT LAST WEEK THAT FIVE MIDGET "HUMANOIDS STOPPED TWO CASINO EMPLOYEES ON THEIR WAY HOME, HELD THEM IMMOBILE FOR A WHILE, AND TOOK BLOOD SAMPLES FROM THEIR FINGERTIPS.

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THE STATEMENT OF THE CASINO EMPLOYEES PROMPTED JUDGE JORGE MARZARI CESPEDES TO ORDER A PROBE WHICH INCLUDED RECONSTRUCTION OF THE INCIDENT.

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID POLICE STUDIED THIS AND OTHER REPORTS BUT FOUND NO EVIDENCE.

IT ADDED CERTAIN REPORTS ORIGINATED FROM GENUINE HALLUCINATIONS AND OTHERS FROM PUBLICITY SEEKERS.

"THE PENAL CODE CONTEMPLATES PRISON TERMS FOR PEOPLE WHO INDULGE IN SPREADING UNWARRANTED FEAR AND LEGAL ACTION WILL THEREFORE BE TAKEN AGAINST THOSE WHO BREAK THIS RULE," THE COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDED.

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1830 : UFO:

SANTIAGO, CHILE, NOV. 28 (REUTERS) -- A  
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AND THREE OTHER PERSONS WERE  
CHASED AND HARASSED BY A FLYING SAUCER ALONG A LONELY COUNTRY  
ROAD IN SOUTHERN CHILE, THE MASS CIRCULATION INDEPENDENT  
NEWSPAPER EL MERCURIO REPORTED HERE TODAY.

EL MERCURIO QUOTED PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SECRETARY TITO  
MORALES AS SAYING HE WAS TRAVELING AT NIGHT IN PARRAL PROVINCE,  
210 MILES SOUTH OF HERE LAST WEEK, WHEN THE FLYING SAUCER  
APPEARED BEFORE THEM AND BECAME "FLAT AS A FULL MOON."

"IT BEGAN DESCENDING ON THE JEEP IN WHICH WE WERE  
TRAVELING AND FILLED ALL THE INSIDE OF THE JEEP WITH A  
HORRIBLE WHITE LIGHT WHICH HURT OUR EYES," HE ADDED.

"THEN THE DRIVER OF THE JEEP BECAME TERRIFIED AND  
RACED TOWARDS PARRAL WITH THE FLYING SAUCER IN OUR WAKE,"  
MORALES SAID.

WHEN A GAS STATION CAME IN SIGHT, THE FLYING SAUCER  
PULLED UP AND SWEEPED UPWARD TO DISAPPEAR FROM SIGHT,  
EL MERCURIO QUOTED MORALES AS SAYING.

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1321 :OBJECT:

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, MAY 2 (REUTERS)--A LARGE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT MOVING AT ULTRA-FAST SPEED AND EMITTING BLUE, GREEN, ORANGE AND YELLOW LIGHT, WAS SEEN OVER RIO, POLICE REPORTED TODAY.

DETECTIVE GENILDO PEREIRA GOMEZ FIRST REPORTED SEEING THE OBJECT, SHAPED LIKE A GIANT GLASS AND "TWICE THE SIZE OF A FULL MOON" AT 4.23 A.M. THURSDAY. RADIO PATROL HEADQUARTERS SENT OUT A CAR TO OBSERVE IT AND ITS CREW CONFIRMED THE DETECTIVES STORY.

POLICE SAID THE OBJECT MOVED WITH INCREDIBLE SPEED, EMITTING LIGHT THAT VARIED FROM BLUE TO GREEN TO ORANGE AND YELLOW. AFTER ABOUT AN HOURS MANEUVERING OVER THE MOUNTAINS OUTSIDE RIO, IT ASSUMED THE SHAPE OF A STAR AND THEN DISAPPEARED.

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1500 : (CARIB) SAUCER:

CURITIBA, BRAZIL, OCT. 2 (REUTERS)--AN OVAL-SHAPED OBJECT HOVERED 300 FEET OVER BATHERS ON THE ILHA DO MEL (HONEY ISLAND) OFF THE PRANA STATE COAST SUNDAY, BLINDING THEM WITH MULTICOLORED LIGHTS, ACCORDING TO REPORTS REACHING HERE TODAY.

THE REPORTS SAID SOME OF THE BATHERS RUSHED INTO THE SEA IN PANIC WHILE OTHERS SOUGHT A HIDING PLACE. A POLICEMAN ON THE BEACH EMPTIED HIS REVOLVER AT THE STRANGE OBJECT, SAID TO BE FROM 12 TO 15 YARDS IN DIAMETER AND SHAPED LIKE A HUGE TURTLE.

CURITIBA AIR FORCE OFFICERS REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE REPORT.  
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PARIS, MARCH 20, REUTER - REPORTS OF FLYING SAUCERS WERE RECEIVED TODAY FROM PEOPLE IN THREE SEPARATE AREAS OF FRANCE WHO CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN SAUCERS LANDING OR IN FLIGHT LAST NIGHT AND EARLY TODAY.

A FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICER IN NORMANDY SAID HE SAW A SAUCER BRIEFLY LAND IN A FIELD WHILE A LOCAL FARMER SAID HE HAD A TOTAL ELECTRIC POWER BREAKDOWN IN HIS CAR WHEN THE OBJECT TOOK OFF. BOTH MEN SAID THE OBJECT WAS LIGHTED AND MADE NO NOISE.

REPORTS OF SAUCERS IN FLIGHT WERE ALSO RECEIVED FROM CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST FRANCE.

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1828 SAUCERS:

WASHINGTON, \$3:. 17 (REUTERS)-- THE U.S. AIR FORCE TODAY ENDED ITS INVESTIGATION INTO "FLYING SAUCERS", SAYING THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE MYSTERIOUS UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS WERE SPACE SHIPS FROM OTHER PLANETS.

AIR FORCE SECRETARY, ROBERT SEAMANS, ANNOUNCED THE ABANDONMENT OF PROJECT "BLUE BOOK" WHICH FOR 21 YEARS HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION.

CONTINUATION OF "BLUE BOOK" COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED ON NATIONAL SECURITY GROUNDS OR IN THE INTERESTS OF SCIENCE, HE SAID.

HIS DECISION WAS BASED ON A YEAR-OLD REPORT DRAWN UP BY THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO WHICH STUDIED THOUSANDS OF REPORTED SIGHTINGS OF "FLYING SAUCERS."

THE REPORT, ENDORSED BY THE PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND COSTING THE AIR FORCE 539.000 DOLLARS, SAID THERE WAS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUING THE PROJECT.

THE AIR FORCE SAID THAT IN 21 YEARS IT HAD RECEIVED 12,618 SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

ALL BUT 701 WERE ATTRIBUTED TO AIRCRAFT, BALLOONS, SATELLITES, ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENA, HOAXES, HALLUCINATIONS AND OTHER CAUSES. THE REMAINDER WERE RECORDED AS UNIDENTIFIED WITH NO EVIDENCE THEY WERE SPACE SHIPS FROM OTHER PLANETS.

THE AIR FORCE SAID IT COULD NOT ESTIMATE HOW MUCH MONEY HAD BEEN SPENT ON THE PROJECT BECAUSE FUNDS USED HAD BEEN BUDGETED FOR SEVERAL PURPOSES.

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2105 :NIGHTLEAD SAUCER (CHANGING DATELINE):

DALLAS, MAY 24, REUTER--REPORTS OF A 19TH CENTURY SPACEMAN BURIED IN A SMALL TEXAS CEMETERY AND A SEEMINGLY INDESTRUCTIBLE "BLOB" INFESTING THE BACKYARD OF A SUBURBAN DALLAS HOUSEWIFE ARE DIVERTING THE ATTENTION OF NORTHEAST TEXAS RESIDENTS FROM THE CELESTIAL MACHINATIONS OF THE U.S. SPACE PROGRAM.

REPORTS OF THE "BLOB"--DESCRIBED BY MRS. MARIE HARRIS OF GARLAND AS "FOAMY AND CREAMY AND PALE YELLOW"--FOLLOWED CLAIMS BY FLYING SAUCER BUFFS THAT THE BODY OF AN ALIEN BEING IS BURIED IN THE CEMETERY OF THE SMALL FARMING COMMUNITY OF AURORA, ABOUT 70 MILES NORTHWEST OF HERE. AURORA IS 350 MILES FROM HOUSTON, WHERE SCIENTISTS ARE WRESTLING WITH THE PROBLEMS OF THE SKYLAB SPACE STATION.

MRS. HARRIS DISCOVERED THE "BLOB" ONE MORNING EARLIER THIS MONTH WHEN SHE LOOKED OUT HER BEDROOM WINDOW.

"IT WAS WHITE AND FOAMY-LOOKING--ABOUT THE SIZE OF AN OAT-MEAL COOKIE," SHE SAID. "BUT THAT WAS TWO WEEKS AGO. IT HAS NOW GROWN TO THE SIZE OF 16 OATMEAL COOKIES AND CANNOT BE DESTROYED."

"I DO HOPE IT'S NO RELATION TO THE SPACEMAN THEY THINK MIGHT BE BURIED OVER THERE IN AURORA," COMMENTED ONE OF MRS. HARRIS' NEIGHBORS.

OFFICIALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS BUREAU (IUFO), CITING NEWSPAPER REPORTS MORE THAN 70 YEARS OLD, CLAIM SOME SORT OF SPACESHIP "EXPLODED ATOP A WELL" IN AURORA ON APRIL 19, 1897.

"THE PILOT'S DISMEMBERED BODY WAS BURIED THAT SAME DAY IN THE AURORA CEMETERY," IUFO DIRECTOR HAYDEN HUGHES SAYS.

HIS ORGANIZATION IS SEEKING "LEGAL MEANS" BY WHICH TO HAVE THE BODY EXHUMED AND EXAMINED.

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2110 :NIGHTLEAD SAUCER 2 DALLAS:

OFFICIALS IN AURORA HAVE POSTED GUARDS AT THE CEMETERY AFTER THE SPACEMAN'S GRAVE WAS PARTLY DUG UP LAST NIGHT.

AURORA, WHICH NORMALLY SUPPORTS A POPULATION OF A LITTLE MORE THAN 100, IS BEING BESIEGED BY FLYING SAUCER BUFFS, NEWSMEN AND CURIOSITY-SEEKERS.

CEMETERY OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE NOT TRYING TO HALT THE INVESTIGATION OF THE GRAVE, BUT, "WE ARE HAVING BAD TROUBLE WITH VANDALS AND SOUVENIR HUNTERS SINCE THE STORIES STARTED."

WHETHER OR NOT THE BODY MAY BE EXHUMED REMAINS A LEGAL QUESTION--THE SPACEMAN WAS GIVEN A CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

DESPITE HER ATTEMPTS TO KILL IT, THE BLOB REMAINS IN MRS. HARRIS' BACKYARD.

"I SLICED THE THING WITH A GARDEN HOE AND IT WAS BLACKISH MUCUS INSIDE," SHE SAID.

"TAKING IT FOR A FUNGUS OF SOME KIND, I CUT IT UP AND SPREAD IT OUT. TWO MORNINGS LATER IT HAD RETURNED--TWICE AS BIG THIS TIME."

MRS. HARRIS SAID HER HUSBAND THEN TOOK A WHACK AT THE "BLOB," BUT "THEN LAST SATURDAY, THERE IT WAS AGAIN...THIS TIME TE ISIDE WAS ORANGE."

LAST MONDAY THE "BLOB" APPEARED AGAIN, "BIG AS A PLATTER--FOAMY AND CREAMY AND PALE YELLOW." MRS. HARRIS SPRAYED IT WITH A NICOTINE-BASED MIXTURE AND "IT APPEARED TO BE BLEEDING RED AND PURPLE FLUIDS."

THE SPRAY APPEARS TO BE RESTRAINING--BUT NOT KILLING--THE "BLOB."

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1843 :BLOB :

DALLAS, TEXAS, MAY 29, REUTER -- IT CAME FROM THE SKY, GREW RAPIDLY IN SIZE IN THE BACKYARD OF A DALLAS HOUSEWIFE BUT THEN SHRIVELED AND DIED BEFORE RESEARCHERS HAD TIME TO STUDY IT FULLY.

THAT IS THE STORY OF THE DALLAS BLOB WHICH ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE LOCAL ATTENTION AFTER A DALLAS NEWSPAPER REPORTED ITS EXISTENCE.

THE BLOB, THE REPORTS SAID, SUDDENLY APPEARED IN THE BACKYARD OF MRS. MARIE HARRIS. SHE SAID THE BLOB WAS A JELLY-LIKE MASS WHICH PULSATED, BLED, MOVED AND RESISTED ALL EFFORTS TO KILL IT.

"IT STARTED OUT THE SIZE OF TWO OATMEAL COOKIES," MRS. HARRIS SAID. "BUT IT GREW TO THE SIZE OF 16 OATMEAL COOKIES IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS."

BY THE TIME SCIENTISTS FROM GROWTH INTERNATIONAL INC. WERE CALLED IN, THE BLOB WAS REPORTED TO HAVE DOUBLED TO THE SIZE OF 32 OATMEAL COOKIES.

AFTER SCIENTISTS SLICED AWAY A PORTION OF THE BLOB, TORNADO WEATHER STRUCK DALLAS LAST WEEKEND AND HEAVY RAINS SEEMED TO WASH THE BLOB AWAY OVERNIGHT.

BUT THE NEXT MORNING, THE BLOB WAS BACK--THREE TIMES AS BIG AND IN THREE SECTIONS.

IT WAS AT THIS POINT THE DALLAS NEWSPAPER RAN ITS STORY. THE BLOB PROMPTLY RESPONDED BY DYING.

"IT JUST SHRIVELED UP, WITHERED AND DIED," SAID MRS. HARRIS. MORE/DJN/DP

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1849 :BLOB 2 DALLAS:

A RESEARCHER FOR GROWTH INTERNATIONAL, A COLORADO-BASED FIRM, CONFIRMED THE BLOB HAD COME FROM THE SKIES. HE SAID THE BLOB WAS A COLLECTION OF SPORES WHICH CONSTANTLY LAND ON THE EARTH'S SURFACE.

"IT COMES DOWN IN SPORES--WE GET 187,000 TONS OF SPORES A DAY COMING IN FROM THE ATMOSPHERE--AND THE SPORES ARE THE BASIS OF ITS FORMATION," SAID THE RESEARCHER, ARNOLD DITTMAN.

"THESE SPORES COULD COME FROM GOD KNOWS WHERE. IT IS IN FACT A BACTERIAL MUTATION WHICH NATURE CREATES WHENEVER CONDITIONS ARE CONDUCTIVE TO ITS GROWTH."

DITTMAN SAID THE DALLAS BLOB WAS A COLLECTION OF SPORES WHICH FED AND GREW ON THE PROTEIN IN MRS. HARRIS' BACKYARD AND SAID ITS RED COLOR WAS DUE TO THE BACTERIA IT CONTAINED.

"WITH BACTERIA YOU CAN MAKE A BOWL OF TOMATO SOUP TURN PURPLE AND BLUE WITH RED STRIPES IF YOU WANT TO."

BUT DITTMAN SAID HIS COMPANY DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO FULLY EXAMINE ITS PORTION OF THE BLOB.

"WE CAN'T ANALYZE ANYTHING NOW BECAUSE IT'S DEAD," HE SAID. "WE TRIED TO KEEP IT ALIVE BUT WE CANNOT REVIVE IT. THE CONDITIONS JUST AREN'T RIGHT ANY MORE."

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1123:SKEPTIC (NEWS FEATURE):

BY JOY ELLIOTT

NEW YORK, JULY 2, REUTER -- ONLY THE PULP PUBLISHERS USED TO CAMPAIGN FOR THE RECOGNITION OF "FLYING SAUCERS" OR UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFOs) BUT RECENTLY THE OFFICIAL MILITARY LINE THAT THE MYSTERY CRAFT ARE IMAGINARY HAS FOUND A HARD-NOSED SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGER.

HE IS DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK, FORMER ASTRONOMICAL CONSULTANT TO THE U.S. AIR FORCE'S UFO INVESTIGATING TEAM, PROJECT BLUE BOOK, AND NOW DIRECTOR OF THE LINDHEIMER ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH CENTER AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY IN CHICAGO.

IN HIS RECENT BOOK, "UFOs: A SCIENTIFIC ENQUIRY," HYNEK ACCUSES THE AIR FORCE OF SUPPRESSING REPORTS OF UFO SIGHTINGS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN EXPLAINED AND CALLS FOR RIGOROUS SCIENTIFIC ENQUIRY INTO REPORTS SUBMITTED BY TWO OR MORE WITNESSES.

ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF THE REPORTS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY EXPLAINED, HE SAID IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW, BUT HE DEPLORED THE CURTAIN OF RIDICULE OBSCURING THE REST.

GIVING EXAMPLES OF HOW THE AIR FORCE DREW ITS CONCLUSIONS, HYNEK SAID AN OFFICIAL RECORDER WOULD "WRITE 'THEY SAW JUPITER,' WHEN JUPITER WASN'T AROUND, OR 'POSSIBLY AIRCRAFT,' THOUGH NO AIRCRAFT WAS IN THE AREA. LATER ON, THEY MIGHT TRANSCRIBE THEIR EXPLANATION TO READ JUST 'AIRCRAFT,' DROPPING THE QUALIFIER."

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1241:SKEPTIC 2 NEW YORK:

UNCLASSIFIED AIR FORCE FILES INCLUDED DATA ON STRANGE LIGHTS SEEN AT NIGHT, DISCS SPOTTED IN DAYLIGHT, APPEARANCES THAT AFFECTED RADAR AND DAMPED SMALL SOURCES OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY, HOVERINGS THAT SCORCHED THE GROUND OR LEFT OTHER PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AND OBSERVATIONS OF HUMANOIDS, HE SAID.

SOME OF THE OBSERVATIONS COULD BE TESTED, SUCH AS ELECTRICAL EFFECTS, TO YIELD "HARD DATA" BUT THE OPPORTUNITIES WERE ALLOWED TO DISAPPEAR IN AN ANTI-SCIENTIFIC FASHION BY TREATING THE REPORTS AS HALLUCINATIONS OR HOAXES.

PHYSICISTS HAD DISMISSED BALL-LIGHTNING AND PEBBLE SHOWERS FROM METEORITES IN MUCH THE SAME WAY, HE SAID.

HYNEK HIMSELF HAS BEEN WIDELY LAMPOONED IN THE AMERICAN PRESS FOR SUGGESTING THAT UFO PHENOMENA WERE CAUSED BY SWAMP GAS. ONE SARCASTIC CARTOON SHOWED AN AFRICAN VILLAGE CHIEF DISMISSING A PLANE FLYING OVERHEAD AS ZSWAMP GAS."

IN HIS OWN DEFENSE, HE SAID HE USED THE GAS EXPLANATION ONLY FOR SOME FAINT LIGHTS SEEN OVER MICHIGAN SWAMPS, BUT REPORTERS USED THE EXPLANATION TO COVER ALL POSSIBLE SIGHTINGS.

HYNEK SUGGESTS A NEW, MORE OBJECTIVE APPROACH TO THE MYSTERY, USING STATISTICAL TECHNIQUES TO EXAMINE REPORTS FOR PATTERNS OF SIMILARITY, AND GEOGRAPHICAL AND SEASONAL DISTRIBUTION AROUND THE WORLD, A METHOD THAT HAS NEVER BEEN USED.

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1301: SKEPTIC 3 NEW YORK:

"THE FIRST STEP MEANS STARTING ALMOST FROM SCRATCH: DATA GATHERING AND DATA PROCESSING," HE SAID. "THIS MAY SEEM A MOST PEDESTRIAN APPROACH TO A MOST EXCITING TOPIC, BUT SO FAR WE HAVE ONLY AN AIRY, UNSUBSTANTIAL STRUCTURE BUILT ON A QUICKSAND FOUNDATION OF UNPROCESSED, GENERALLY INCOMPLETE AND QUALITATIVE, RATHER THAN QUANTITATIVE DATA."

HE ALSO WANTS CENTRAL SCIENTIFIC STATIONS WHERE "CITIZENS CAN GO TO MAKE REPORTS (AND) BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY," WITH AN INTERNATIONAL CLEARING HOUSE DIRECTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE MORE INTEREST SCIENTISTS HAVE SHOWN IN THE TOPIC, HE NOTED, THE MORE THE "CRACKPOTS" HAVE TURNED AWAY FROM IT.

BUT ONE OCCURRENCE IN HYNEK'S BOOK LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT ACTIVE RESEARCH IS BEING CARRIED ON BY UNKNOWN INVESTIGATORS.

IN ONE INCIDENT, THE DAY AFTER FOLP MEN SAW A MYSTERY VEHICLE AND "HUMANIDS" IN A NORTH DAKOTA FIELD, "ONE OF THE MEN WAS CALLED OUT FROM WORK AND LED INTO THE PRESENCE OF MEN HE HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE. THEY ASKED TO BE TAKEN TO HIS HOME, WHERE THEY EXAMINED THE CLOTHING HE HAD WORN THE NIGHT BEFORE, ESPECIALLY HIS BOOTS, AND LEFT WITHOUT ANY FURTHER WORD."

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THIS, HYNEK SAID, "IN AT LEAST HALF A DOZEN CASES, MEN WHO REPRESENTED THEMSELVES AS AIR FORCE OFFICIALS VISITED WITNESSES (TO FLYING SAUCER PHENOMENA) AND CONFISCATED PHOTOGRAPHS AND NEGATIVES BEFORE THE SIGHTING WAS PUBLICIZED. BUT I HAVE A LETTER FROM THE AIR FORCE SAYING THAT THE MASQUERADERS DEFINITELY ARE NOT CONNECTED WITH THEM."

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HOW THE MYSTERY PROBERS FOUND ABOUT THE ALLEGED EVENTS BEFORE THE NEWS BROKE REMAINS A PUZZLE AND "ONE OF THE ASPECTS I DON'T LIKE," HYNEK SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE BOOK HE WROTE TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT HAS SOLD A SURPRISING 35,000 COPIES SINCE LATE LAST YEAR.

"IT HAS HAD A VERY DEFINITE INFLUENCE ON YOUNGER SCIENTISTS WHO SAID THE BOOK SET THEM THINKING," HE SAID, "BUT THEY STILL CAN'T GET RESEARCH GRANTS."

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