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U.F.O. object sighting reported

At approximately 8:30-8:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, two Tiskilwa high school students were in a car, south bound on Presbyterian road past Taylors, when the driver of the car sighted two lights in a field east of the road, just south of the west turn-off leading to Tiskilwa.

As they approached the lights, one orange, one approximately 5-6 feet apart. They noted that the lights were attached to something which one said "could have been touching the ground, but most likely it was just hovering over the ground."

This same person also thought the object to neutral in color, that there was a light beaming from underneath it resembling a small spot light, and that it had long legs, but could not tell if the legs were touching the ground. The object was traveling west towards Presbyterian road and seemed to move in a wobbling manner.

The lights rotated and at times only one light was visible. After they passed the object, they turned around and went past it again. The person occupying the passengers seat said that at one point the object was a close as 35-50 feet from the car. They heard a humming sound like that of a small motor, and they could also hear at least two dogs barking consistently.

The two turned left on the west turn-off to Tiskilwa and went to one of the person's home at which another person called the Princeton police. After this they took four more people and another vehicle back to the road on which they sighted the object.

At this time they could not see it. They did not see any fresh tracks leading from the road into the field, and noted that the field was very muddy. One of the two students also stated they they could find no evidence of the object having been there.

STAR BULLETIN & ADVERTISER, Honolulu, HI - May 6, 1979

'We Know We Saw It'

The sighting of a UFO over Kalama Valley and the visit of Dr. J. Allen Hynek last week probably are pure coincidence. This much is known for certain: Hynek did not arrive by flying saucer. He flew in Tuesday morning by commercial jet.

The UFO was spotted at 10:45 Sunday night by a woman and her husband driving through Kalama Valley. She says she doesn't want her name used, because what she doesn't need right now is crank calls. She's got enough on her mind.

The couple had been visiting friends and were headed home when "I saw something in the air coming from Makapuu," the woman says. "It wasn't a plane and it wasn't a helicopter. I'm a stewardess; I know my planes."

"We pulled off the road and watched. It was coming towards us very slowly. Less than 100 miles an hour, I'd say. My husband said it was about 2,000 feet up. That's a rough guess."

"It was huge. Somebody asked me to hold a thumb up in the air and compare it to that:

It was two or three hands. It should have fallen out of the sky it was so big.

"IT HAD AN awful lot of lights all over it. It was shaped like a triangle in front and in back and there were no wings. It was one solid mass. It made a real loud humming noise, and then sometimes you wouldn't hear it, and then it would make the humming noise again."

"It had two big headlights and underneath it was filled with lights, maybe two dozen or more. There were kind of glowing white lights and red and green lights. All of them were blinking on and off."

"My husband and I kept looking at each other. We couldn't believe it. I've always felt it was possible there were UFOs, but my husband's a disbeliever. Or was. He's not now."

The object flew over the residential section then "headed toward Koko Head. It went around that and headed toward Sandy Beach and the water, going much faster. We noticed as it was going faster that it would move funny, sort of up and down. Then it headed out to sea, and we lost it."

THEY ARE THE only ones to have reported the object. There apparently were no calls to police, and the woman called the newspaper Monday morning to see if anyone had reported it. No one had.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration says the radar at Honolulu International Airport reported nothing unusual that evening. A spokesman at the Marine Corps Air Station in Kaneohe suggested that what they probably saw was "one of our helicopters. They look pretty strange when they're all lit up."

But he said the Marines had nothing in the air after 9 p.m. that night.

"I wish I'd had a camera, it was moving so slow," the woman says. "But we just stood there and looked at it. We were awed. It was really beautiful. But it wasn't a plane. It was a . . . a . . . machine."

She says they've mentioned it to a few friends, but not many. "Some laughed, some said 'Su-u-r-r-e.' But at least my husband was there, so it doesn't bother us. We can look at each other and know we saw it."

REPUBLICAN EAGLE, Red Wing, MN - May 16, 1979

UFO reported seen near Hager City

By VIC ELLISON
staff writer

HAGER CITY — Two area women have reported seeing an unidentified flying object in the Hager City area.

The sighting was made about 11:30 p.m. Monday by a 19-year-old Hager Heights woman and a 34-year-old Red Wing woman, who wish to remain anonymous for fear of ridicule.

They reported their findings to the Goodhue County Sheriff's Department, which referred them to the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, reasoning that since the sighting was over Hager City it was out of Goodhue County jurisdiction.

The women were given a telephone number to call in Washington, D.C., if they wanted to report the sighting to federal officials.

THE INCIDENT as described by the women is as follows:

They were backing their car out of a driveway in Hager Heights, a housing development near the intersection of Highways 63 and 35, when the Red Wing woman looked up and saw strange lights.

A round object was hovering above them, about as high as the bluffline. It had flashing red and bluish-green lights circling the edge, with a large, powerful white light in the center.

The women said they could not judge its size because they were terrified. The Hager woman driving the car opened the car door, looked up, became frightened, closed her door and drove off.

The UFO followed, duplicating each turn that the car made.

The women's car pulled onto Highway 35, then made a left turn onto Highway 63 heading toward Red Wing.

As they were pulling onto Highway 35 by the Hager Heights Drive-In, the giant white light focused on the rear half of their car. The light illuminated the back seat and the road behind them.

JUST AS THEY began speeding up to get away from the object, passing Meyer Industries, the UFO took a sharp left turn and plunged earthward, heading toward Bay City.

After arriving in Red Wing, the women stopped at Larry's Broiler for something to eat. As they were getting out of the car, they saw the same lights west of Red Wing, in the Welch area.

They went across the street so they had a better line of sight. The lights made a slow descent until they disappeared behind trees about three minutes later.

Total time that they saw the UFO was about five minutes, they estimated during an interview Tuesday.

What was it they saw?

"I don't know," said the Hager City woman. "It sure wasn't an airplane or helicopter. And I don't think it was a weather balloon." She said she doubts that it could have been reflections off clouds.

"If it had been a helicopter, we would have heard the noise." She said it was silent.

"And a plane couldn't move the way this thing did." The UFO took sharp right-hand corners and traveled at amazing speeds, she said.

THE HAGER CITY WOMAN admitted that she believes in UFOs and thinks she saw one once before. She has read books on the subject.

The woman had not been drinking that night, they say. And they didn't imagine anything.

Pierce County officials say they have not had a report of a UFO in three years, since the large number of sightings in the Elmwood area several summers ago.

"This is the first time we've had a sighting west of Ellsworth," Pierce County Sheriff Stan Christiansen said.

THE WOMEN said they do not plan to pursue the incident for the same reason they don't want their names used - they will be made fun of.

The Hager City woman said she does not plan to call the telephone number in Washington.

"I hate wasting my time and the money," she said.

Lights Sighted Early Sunday

Several persons in Leoti saw five lights, of an unidentified nature, in the north sky at about 2:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

The lights were round and brilliant. They floated in several rapid change formations, disappeared momentarily, then reappeared, several times, much further to the west in a few seconds.

One formation they formed looked like the Big Dipper and the last one seen was a perfect T. CR: S. Hicks

STANDARD, Leoti, KS - July 5, 1979

SPECTATOR, Ozark, AR June 28, 1979

UFOs are back in Ozark again. A Payless grocery employee, who wishes to remain anonymous, spotted one at 11:52 the other evening hovering over the Sunshine apartments.

'They're not human ... closing in'

By CAROL BYRNE
Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

The paper placemats lie on Sheila's dining room table in Plymouth. "Go Pro," they shout to the galloping football player on the front. On the back they are covered with Sheila's careful, colored pencil drawings of the unidentified flying objects she says have been plaguing her family for almost two decades.

She's finally decided to talk about them, so Bradley Earl Ayers is off on another investigation. Ayers, 44, is an author, a licensed private detective, a former Army paratrooper, a former CIA agent, a licensed pilot—and the Minnesota field investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

In the past four years he's investigated scores of UFO reports from hundreds of people throughout Minnesota. About 20 reports a month go in to the center from this area, he estimates, and he finds that 90 percent of them can be explained away.

But the 10 percent that are left—the stories of strange lights, odd vessels in the sky and encounters with alien beings—are "as bizarre as any in a science fiction novel," Ayers says. Here are some samples:

• An army veteran driving down Interstate 494 after work one night sees what looks like the red lights of two highway patrol cars flashing near the WMIN radio antenna towers by South St. Paul. He stops to see what's going on and finds that the red lights aren't coming from squad cars at all, but from two triangular aircraft hovering over the marsh. As he watches, they speed off, one buzzing his car on the way. Ayers investigates and finds a 30-by-60-foot area in the marsh where the vegetation has turned gray-brown. He sends some soil samples to the Space Technology Center at the University of Kansas, which reports that the soil has been subjected to intense heat of unknown origin.

• More than 60 people near New Brighton report a huge, brightly lit craft flying just above the ground one spring night.

• A rural deliveryman and two teen-agers spend four hours watching a silent, egg-shaped craft with a cockpit and tail, which sometimes dives straight at them and sometimes soars high until it looks like a star.

And now it's Sheila's turn. She's a 32-year old housewife, mother of three children, a beauty school graduate who says she likes the isolation of her renovated farmhouse. Sitting at her dining room table, she goes through the placemats, one by one.

There's the wheel of lights that sent glowing streamers down to encircle Sheila's parents on the family farm in Mound back in 1960—the first incident.

And next there's the purple triangle that Sheila saw hovering over an alfalfa field, changing the atmospheric pressure so that she felt as though she were in the deep end of a swimming pool. The triangle turned in upon itself and disappeared.

Now there's the football-shaped craft that loomed over Sheila and her high school boyfriend when they were sitting on a haystack in a field.

And the lights that appeared to Sheila's grandmother, father and mother. And, finally, the place where the electrical systems kept failing in the family car.

Later Ayers talks to the other family members and they all confirm Sheila's reports. He does a background check on the family and finds nothing out of the ordinary—no history of psychological disturbance, money problems, alcoholism or drug abuse.

"What does your family think about all this?" Ayers asks Sheila. "Did you wonder why you were singled out?"

"Yes. We thought maybe there was some magnetic field they home in on. We thought they were UFOs, all of us. What else could they be? We can understand how others might be skeptical, but we've seen so many of them."

"Did you report them?"

"No. People would think we were crazy."

Sheila has one more story to tell, the story of the "blue lights." It's the one that really spooked her.

One snowy winter night, she says, her husband worked late, plowing snow in the township. Sheila was reading in her basement bedroom, her young son asleep in

his crib at the foot of her bed.

"About midnight a blue light came into the room through the laundry room window. It was a glow, not a gleam. I rationalized it as the moon reflecting off the snow." She read on, unwilling to get up and investigate.

"At 2 my son woke up. That was very unusual for him. From his crib he could see out the window. He became very agitated, pointed out the window, cried, 'blue light, blue light,' like it was hurting him."

"I thought I should go look out the window or bring him to bed with me to comfort him, but I did neither. That's unusual—if I hear a noise in the house I will go investigate."

"But I told him to go to sleep and then I fell asleep. I slept soundly until 8:30 the next morning. That's unusual, too."

Corroboration

Sheila's brother-in-law, Jeff, takes up the tale. He had been out plowing with her husband and was driving back about 2 a.m. When he came over the hill by Sheila's house, he says, he saw a blue light suffusing the landscape. The engine in his plow stalled and its lights went out.

He says he looked up and saw that the blue glow was coming from a circular object hovering over him. It dived at his plow and Jeff, terrified, leaped from the cab and dove for a ditch. The blue circle soared up into the sky, and as it disappeared the engine in his plow started up again, its lights came on and it lurched forward.

"I want to know what happened," Sheila says. "I was scared. I shouldn't have fallen asleep. Did they put me to sleep?" She says she'd be willing to be hypnotized to find out what happened.

At Ayers' prodding, the family puzzles together and comes up with the date of the "blue light" adventure: January 1975.

Ayers is quietly excited. "January 1975," he says later. "That's the same time as Kay's incident. It happened only about 20 miles from Sheila's house, to another young suburban housewife. That could mean two independent reports of UFO activity in this area, corroborating each other."

Kay's story is the most bizarre one yet.

She says she was driving through the dark woods on her way to pick up a girlfriend for a night school class when the three white lights appeared. They swooped down out of the frigid January night sky and hung over her car. Hung there, and sped up when she did, slowed down when she did. Tracking her.

The silent chase continued until headlights peered from around a dark corner. A car, coming down the road from the opposite direction. The three lights spun off and disappeared.

Kay could hardly wait to tell her girlfriend about her strange experience. "A UFO," her friend shouted. "You've seen a UFO."

A lost hour

After class two weeks later, Kay says, she stayed late talking with her girlfriend and it was 3 a.m. before she went driving home through the dark woods. She felt really tired by the time she pulled her car into her garage.

"It must be 3:30," she thought as she plopped her books down on the kitchen table. "How am I ever going to get up at 6 a.m. to get the girls off to school?"

She glanced over at the clock to see just how late it was—and stood open-mouthed, startled. It said 4:30.

"That's impossible," she thought. But, too tired to puzzle it out, she went up to bed and dropped off to sleep.

An hour later she shook her husband awake. "Jim, you've got to draw me a bath, right away."

"What are you talking about? It's the middle of the night."

"Jim, right away!"

She was shaking, rubbing herself, over and over. She got into the bathtub and started scrubbing, scrubbing. She couldn't get clean. Her whole body revulsed her; she felt it had been invaded. She scrubbed and scrubbed.

Kay went down to the kitchen to make breakfast. The girls danced around her. "I want cereal, Mommy." "No, grape jelly, not strawberry."

Kay sat down at the kitchen table and burst into tears. Her husband and daughters stared. Finally Jim got the girls off to school and went to work himself. Kay took another bath, scrubbed and scrubbed.

Later she stood in her kitchen, washing dishes, her hands sunk in the comforting, bubbly warmth, her mind a blank. And suddenly she saw herself sitting against a wall. "I felt very heavy, dull, dense. My face muscles were just hanging. I knew I was ugly but it didn't matter. I was looking at a hole in the ceiling, staring at the red light coming out of it."

A dream remembered? But it seemed so vivid. She was shaking again, rubbing at her body.

The next day she woke up with eyes burning, streaming white matter. She ran to the mirror and gasped—her eyes were bright red. She went to an eye doctor, who gave her soothing medication but could find no cause for the burning redness.

Her feeling of uncleanness persisted, as did the tears and the nerves; she wouldn't let Jim touch her. Finally she went to her gynecologist, who suggested she see a psychiatrist.

But her girlfriend was convinced it all had something to do with those three lights and finally Kay got in touch with the Center for UFO Studies and Ayers.

Ayers could find nothing to disprove her story or explain the missing hour. Nor could he find any psychological or marital problems in Kay's background. So the center brought in a psychiatrist, who hypnotized her back to that January night in 1975.

And there she is, driving down the road, alone in the dark woods a little after 3 a.m.

"The lights—they're back again. The same three lights," she says. But this time they flood the night with a red haze until she can't see where she's going.

"I pull the car over to the side of the road. I feel myself put it into park—I don't really want to. I just do it."

"And there he is, standing beside my door." She's crying now, whimpering. "He's wearing a white suit, like a snowmobile suit. And his head is big, really big."

"I open my door. His hand comes in—he's wearing white gloves—and he helps me out. I just go. Oh, please, somebody, help, help."

He leads her down the road and "there it is, the UFO. It's red on top, there's a red bubble. There's two more of them. They reach out for me. They take my hands, the first one has his hand on my back."

"Oh, no, they're pushing and pulling. I don't like this. I don't like getting pushed and pulled. Oh, no, no. I want to go home. No, no." She's panting, sobbing, crying.

"They're pulling me in headfirst now. Oh, no. I can't see, I can't see. We're in the bubble, in this big room. Oh, no, no, no."

"What's happening now? I don't know. I feel very, very nothing. My muscles are just hanging. The red light, up above."

"Oh, their faces are close, so very close." More sobs, pants.

"They're not human, they're narrow. Big, really big. Dark. Very close. They're closing in. Oh, no more, no more."

Her voice rises to a shriek, subsides into sobs. And when she starts talking again, she's outside, being led back to her car. "I go home," she says, her voice quieter now. "I get into the house, and I made it OK. I made it OK. I look at the clock. It's 4:30. That's odd. It should be 3:30."

Her voice sinks to a low fast monotone. "That's OK. Just go to bed. The girls will be getting up soon. Just go to bed. You're OK. You're OK."

Sighting near Hudson

It's obvious that Kay was profoundly affected by her experience, whatever it was. And that, Ayers says, is a common element in all his UFO cases.

"People feel they've seen something extraordinary," he says. "Something otherworldly, beyond the construct of man."

That's the way he felt, too, back in November 1965, when he saw the lights in the sky.

He was driving home to his cabin on the St. Croix about 9 p.m. after an evening teaching flying at the Lake Elmo airport. He came over a hill on I-94 about two miles west of Hudson, Wis., and saw an "enormous, football-shaped, luminous mass hovering over the ground."

"It was an intense orange, but a strange one that I could never duplicate with paints, even though I tried later. It was about 30 by 100 feet and solid—you couldn't see through it. Extending down from it to the ground was a light yellow shaft, and that you could see through."

"I thought, 'What in God's name am I looking at?' As a commercial pilot I absolutely avoided anything connected with UFOs. If I saw the word in a newspaper, I'd throw the paper away. I thought, 'It's got to be a helicopter, a balloon, a cloud, swamp gas. But stretching my imagination as far as I could, I couldn't reconcile it with anything I knew of.'"

He pulled his car off the road and watched as it soared into the sky, changing from orange to yellow to white to blue-white, until it darted north and disappeared.

The whole incident took about 18 seconds. They were 18 seconds that set Ayers off on his personal quest for an answer to the UFO enigma.

What next?

There is no commonly accepted answer, of course.

Sheila is convinced that the lights that she says have plagued her family come from another planet.

"It stands to reason, doesn't it?" she says. "With all the billions of planets out there, there has to be more intelligent life. But I just wish they wouldn't sneak around. I wish they'd just come down and get it over with."

Kay agrees, and insists that she was the subject of a scientific investigation by creatures from another world. "The sky's full of 'em," she says, "just full of 'em. Something will be happening soon."

Ayers doesn't agree. He calls theories of visitors from another planet a "modern-day myth that defies the laws of science as we recognize them. It's a little bit too simplistic."

His own private theory is far from simplistic. Ayers suggests that the human race may be undergoing a form of behavior modification, gentle nudgings from a higher

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UFO Sighting At Long Beach

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intelligence that doesn't intervene directly in human life but influences it through a series of unexplained phenomena—including UFOs—that have a profound effect on the subjects. The purpose of this cosmic manipulation, he theorizes, is "to perpetuate, evolve and progress" the human race.

And what of Ayers' mentor at the Center for UFO Studies, J. Allen Hynek? The retired astronomy professor is generally regarded as one of the world's UFO experts. He directed the Air Force's UFO investigation, Project Blue Book, from 1948 to 1969 and is the man who came up with the terms made so famous by the movie: close encounters of the first, second and third kind.

He won't commit himself on what he thinks the explanation for UFOs is, but he talks a lot about subtle psychological impact.

UFOs are becoming more respectable, he says, something that people can talk about without the certainty of ridicule. Any ad man given an assignment 30 years ago to get people to accept something as alien as UFOs, he says, couldn't have done a better job. "Maybe we're being conditioned by whatever's there."



Kay Critzer, seated with her husband, Ed, describes the shape of the bright orange-yellow object she sighted near Long Beach Road. (staff photo by Ken Deats)

By Ellen Gauthier
and
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Staff Writers

Business was slow at Ed and Kay's Market in St. Leonard last Tuesday evening. So slow that Kay Critzer decided to close early. At approximately 8:30 p.m. she locked the doors to the market, got in her green Pontiac Grand Prix and headed down the winding wooded road to her home in Long Beach.

It was an unusually hot, humid night for May and her windows were up with the car air conditioning on. A few miles from home she noticed a fiercely bright yellow and orange object hovering 20 to 30 feet in the air above her car.

"I couldn't tell anyone about it," the blond 32-year old woman said Monday. "I was afraid that no one would believe it. I didn't want anyone to think I was ready for a straight jacket."

It wasn't until Thursday night, two days after the sighting and following another strange occurrence, that Mrs. Critzer told her husband what she had seen.

"I was on Long Beach Drive when I noticed at tree top level this bright oval object. It was bright yellow in the center and reminded me of the sun," she recalled Monday while sitting in her living room.

Mrs. Critzer said the object had orange lights all around its perimeter. "These lights flashed," she said. Mrs. Critzer said that the usual things that have been reported by people seeing strange objects in the sky—car clocks stopping, lights dimming, electrical systems going haywire—did not occur to her that evening.

"I think it probably followed me for a mile and then I got frightened. I had never seen anything like that before...It wasn't a helicopter or an airplane. I turned off on Flagg Harbor Drive which is not the usual way I go home," she recalled.

"I left tire marks when I made the turn. My only

thought at that time was to get away," Mrs. Critzer said.

Both Ed and Kay Critzer appear to be normal stable people, not given to flights of fantasy. They have owned Ed and Kay's Market for the past two years where they both work seven days a week. Their neighbors describe them as practical hardworking people.

"I have never been interested in reading about this kind of thing before. I am now," Mrs. Critzer said.

Neither of the Critzers have seen "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" saying they don't have time to see movies or to watch much television.

Thursday night after the couple returned home from work Mrs. Critzer heard a "strange whirling sound." "The dogs in the neighborhood who are usually quiet were going wild. Not just barking but howling and moaning," she said.

The noise continued intermittently every 15 to 20 minutes from approximately 10:30 p.m. until daybreak. According to her account which was substantiated by her husband, Ed, the noise was a humming that alternated pitch. "It was a high pitch and then low pitch," Ed Critzer said.

He had been awakened around 4:30 in the morning by the noise. "I have only 70 percent hearing so if I sleep on one side I don't hear things well," he said.

Neither of the Critzers went outside to investigate. "I don't know why we didn't go out and look around," he said. "That was the logical thing to do but we just looked out the window and didn't see anything. Then I went back to bed." Mrs. Critzer stayed awake all night.

The Long Beach area is located within five miles of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power plant. Many reported UFO sightings have been near high tension power lines where it is believed, by people who support the theory of extraterrestrial visitors, that the airships drop down to recharge their energy supplies.

Mrs. Critzer reported that the lights at their house flickered on and off a lot on Tuesday night and again on Thursday. She said this has happened before but usually it has been when there was a high wind or electrical storm in the area. Tuesday and Thursday the weather was clear.

Mr. Critzer's 80-year old mother also heard the "eery, whirling noise" Thursday. She said it was like nothing she had ever heard in her life time.

"My mother is a student of the Bible," Ed Critzer said, "and the Bible speaks of these things."

Mrs. Critzer's brother is with Army intelligence she reported. "I called him and he said that it was quite possible that I had seen a UFO," she said. "He said that there have been numerous sightings near nuclear power plants," Mrs. Critzer said.

"I wouldn't drive away from it again," Kay Critzer said. "I would stop the car and turn out the lights and watch. I'm curious about them now," she said.

The Critzer's next door neighbor Donna Kline said she didn't hear anything unusual last week. "I've just moved in and haven't been here long enough to know an unusual sound if I heard one, I guess," Ms. Kline said.

She did recall that one night the dogs in the neighborhood were barking but couldn't remember which night it was.

Francis Watts, who lives up the street from the Critzers, was working in her garden on Monday. "My husband and I were probably asleep at the time the Critzers heard the noise. We didn't hear anything. I wish I had. I vaguely remember feeling something strange was happening one evening but now I can't remember what caused the feeling," Mrs. Watts said.

Susan Miernicki, who lives on the beach, said she didn't hear anything last week.

Joyce and Jim Kennedy, who also live on the beach,

heard dogs barking a lot on Tuesday night and again in the early morning hours Friday.

Tuesday night their neighbors were out of town and Joyce and Jim were keeping an eye on their house. "Their dog started to whine and kept it up for at least 45 minutes which is unusual," Joyce Kennedy said. "We were just about to call the police because we thought someone might have been breaking in the house when he stopped."

Around 5 a.m. Friday morning the Kennedys heard the neighbors dog howling and whining again. "The seagulls were carrying on a lot too. My husband asked me if I heard that noise and I said I heard something but we went back to sleep," Joyce Kennedy said.

Randy and Sara Butler were away from home most of Thursday and arrived back around 9 p.m. that night. They said they did not hear any strange noises and that their dog, "Bruiser" was a little restless but "we assumed it was because we had been gone all day," Mr. Butler said.

The Butlers, along with several other neighbors, said that there are times when steam is released at the Calvert Cliffs plant. "This usually goes on for 5 to 10 minutes and then stops," Mrs. Butler said. The descriptions of the steam release did not coincide with the sound reported by the Critzers.

A spokesman for the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company reported that one of the reactors is presently shut down for refueling so it is unlikely that steam would have been released from the plant intermittently all night the evening of May 10.

Lights in sky on weekend unexplained

PORTLAND (AP) — Strange lights were reported in the sky over Central and Southern Oregon Saturday night and early Sunday.

State police in Roseburg, Klamath Falls and Ashland and city police in Bend got several calls from persons who said they saw strange lights or a mysterious fiery object.

Some reported seeing the lights about 11 p.m., while others saw lights or a fiery object between 2 and 3 a.m.

Klamath County Museum curator Harry Drew said he saw a brilliant, fragmented, greenish light over Hogback Mountain in Klamath Falls. He said he had seen a meteor before and that the light did not look like a meteor.

Drew said an employee of the Federal Aviation Administration in Seattle told him it had tracked an object in the area then lost it from radar in an area near Crater Lake.

However, the FAA denied Drew's comment Sunday, saying that radar tracking had turned up nothing unusual Saturday night.

A state police trooper in Roseburg, Tim Barbouletos, said Sunday he saw a bright flash of light while on patrol about 10:15 p.m. Saturday. He said his office had several calls that night from persons who said they had seen a bright light.

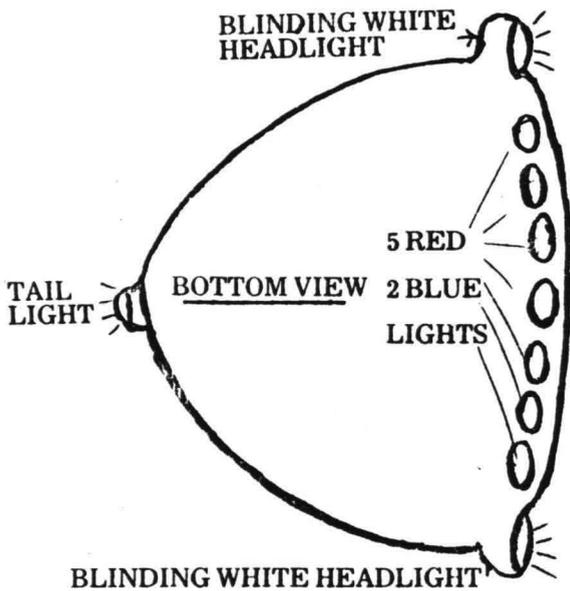
Barbouletos said another policeman from his office drove several miles east toward Diamond Lake late Saturday, where one person said an object had fallen from the sky, but found nothing unusual.

The Federal Aviation Administration in Auburn, Wash., said radar trackings recorded nothing unusual in the Crater Lake area.

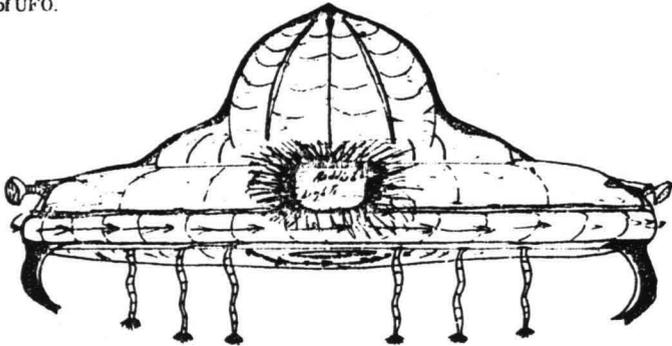
Robert Gribble of the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle says there were no reported sightings in Oregon, but there were reports Saturday night from people in California and Nevada who said they saw a fiery object in the sky.

The UFO Reporting Center is a private organization that documents reported sightings of unidentified flying objects.

UFO Sighted Near Colusa?



The drawing shown above is how Carlos and Ruben Genera described the UFO they sighted over the Sacramento River early Saturday morning. Unlike the Pecha drawing below, the Genera brothers were unable to see the top of the UFO. The drawing shows only the bottom of the UFO as they saw it from their boat. The fat portion is the front of UFO.



The last UFO sighted over Colusa was Sept. 13, 1976 by Bill Pecha, Jr. who drew the description of what he saw in the drawing shown above.

A silver-colored, bullet-shaped unidentified flying object with a pair of intensely brilliant beams of light was reported hovering over the Sacramento River north of Colusa early Saturday morning.

Carlos Genera and his brother, Ruben, told the Sun-Herald they saw the object while sturgeon fishing about five miles upstream from town.

They said it was about two city blocks away from their boat when they first saw it at an altitude they estimated to be about 1,000 feet. They spotted the object at about 12:15 a.m.

"It came out of nowhere and stayed at one point two or three minutes," Ruben said. "Then it came over our heads and headed west toward the foothills," Carlos added.

Carlos said the UFO emitted "a nice steady hum like a big electric generator." Ruben described the sound as being "like a big vacuum." "After it left, we could still hear the hum for about 50 minutes," Ruben added.

Carlos explained that when the object first appeared, they couldn't make out the shape because of the bright lights, one on each side, that were shining directly at them.

But when it came over them they saw it was formed like the head of a bullet, with the blunt end that fits into the cartridge casing being the front.

Carlos said there was one bright light beam on each side and another at the tail end. Also, he said, they could see several lighted portholes underneath at the front end.

The object the Genera brothers described differed considerably from the UFO Bill Pecha, Jr., reported seeing just west of Colusa the night of Sept. 10, 1976. That UFO was saucer-shaped with a dome and tentacles hanging from its underside.

Over the years, other UFOs have also been reported in the vicinity of the Sutter Buttes.

Ruben said the object they observed created a considerable stir among animals along the river and at nearby farms. "Everything started getting excited all at once. There was a big commotion right away."

He related that they could hear roosters crowing, ducks quacking and geese honking even though it was just after midnight. Also, the bullfrogs were provoked into croaking loudly, evidently in protest of being disturbed.

The incident lasted about six minutes, all told. "It was scary and it was exciting—everything all at once," Carlos declared. "You would never believe it until you've actually seen it," Ruben added.

Carlos said he and his brother continued fishing until about 5 a.m. then came in and went to the sheriff's office to report what they had seen and to find out whether anyone else had observed the object.

Another UFO was been reported sighted over the Philippines.

An Unidentified Flying Object, flashing a rainbow of colors, was seen over a southeastern city on the main Philippine island of Luzon last week, according to published reports Sunday.

The newspaper Daily Bulletin said residents of Legazpi, 220 miles southeast of Manila, rushed out of their homes to view the object and were "enthralled" at the colors it flashed before it headed east.

Last Sunday, an American scientist claimed he and hundreds of villagers saw a UFO land in the southern Philippines at the country's highest mountain peak.

There were other reports of similar sightings in the Philippines in recent weeks. The military authorities have ordered an investigation but so far have not announced any findings.

The UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash. said they had no further reports on the Colusa sighting by the Genera brothers.

However, according to a spokesman from the Reporting Center, this does not mean that other persons did not see the same UFO.

The spokesman said to often people fail to report UFO sightings because they fear they'll be ridiculed.

The Center did not receive any other reports of UFO sightings in the United States during the three-day holiday.

When the Sun-Herald attempted to contact the California UFO Sighting Center in San Francisco and found the phone was no longer in service and there was no new number.

If this is true then the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle is the only reporting center in the United States.

Persons wishing to contact the UFO Reporting Center may do so by phoning 1-206-722-3000 or write: Phenomena Research, P.O. Box 1807, Seattle, Washington, 98111.

UFC

(Unidentified flying cushion)

By RICHARD BROOKS
Sun Staff Writer

If that was a flying saucer that floated over Colton on Monday, the Martians inside must have been little tiny folk.

And they probably have a fairly low opinion of Colton hospitality.

A local man used binoculars to spy on the tire-sized UFO, a helicopter pilot tried to force it down, and a sheriff's deputy chased it away. At last report, the thing was heading toward San Bernardino.

"It looked like a kid's toy, but . . . more sophisticated than that," said sheriff's Flight Sgt. Ron Hittle. It most resembled a silver couch cushion with a red stripe around the middle, he told a reporter.

On top there were colored patches that contained numbers, Hittle added, but said it didn't appear to be a weather balloon. He said he feels reasonably certain of his observations because, "I got to within three or four feet of it."

Hittle first noticed the thing about 11 a.m. when a "small silver object" flashed past the door of his helicopter. He turned the copter around and chased it, using the ship's rotor blast to force the UFO down near the sand dunes north of Colton Air Park.

Then his observer, Deputy Scott Field, jumped out and tried to catch it. But the cosmic cushion managed to evade the long arm of the law.

Meanwhile, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Navarro of 1848 Evelyn Circle, Colton, were keeping an eye on things.

"I was working in the garage . . . and I could hear the sheriff's helicopter buzzing the area," Navarro said. "It stayed around for about five minutes, so I walked outside.

"My wife said 'hey, look, there's a bird under it'."

Navarro got his binoculars and saw that the object "was about the size of a tire . . . or hubcap," in comparison to the helicopter. He also noticed the red stripe, but thought the bottom was black.

He said he watched for about 10 minutes, until the helicopter went in one direction, and the UFO in another.

Pilot Hittle later explained, "We didn't want to mess around low

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over those houses, so we just let the thing go."

Alvin Lawson, an English professor who runs the UFO Report Center of Orange County, said there are an estimated 100 UFO sightings per day throughout the world. "And," he conceded, "90 percent of them amount to zilch."

As for the Colton cushion, it's a "little small," Lawson said. Most UFOs are estimated at 10 to 40 feet.

"This one's unusual because, apparently, it's explainable," as some sort of commercial or military craft, the professor said.

But Lawson's willing to talk to anyone about any UFO, regardless of size. Just call the UFO Hotline, at 897-4836.

ARIZONA DAILY SUN, Flagstaff, AZ
July 12, 1979 CR: R. Jordan

What was it?

Editor, The Sun:

July 2, at approximately 9:30 p.m., my roommate, Bruce Herrman, asked me to come outside to observe something he had spotted in the sky. What we saw was an orange dot, shining at about the intensity of a bright star, moving across the sky. What made this thing interesting was the way it moved. It lazily looped, hovered, dipped and turned as it made its way from the southwest to northeast. We watched for about 10 minutes before it became too small to see.

I am wondering if anyone else saw this or if anyone made a report on it. The incident was the strangest thing I have ever seen.

Sincerely,
DOYLE WILLIAMS
North Rim

Policeman, others report sightings

Something was up there

By JEANNE B. JOHNSON

Staff Writer

There's something strange going on in Maui skies and folks on the ground are all up in the air over the mystery.

Thursday, 15 persons telephoned The Maui News reporting they had seen mysterious objects in the skies which in some instances frightened them, or at least held their spellbound wondering what it was that they had seen.

Wednesday's Maui News reported sightings of an unidentified flying object over Maui between 1:15 and 2 a.m. Saturday, May 26, and asked whether other Mauians had seen it.

Affirmative answers came from a representative number of citizens with not a kookie answer in the bunch.

Nobody saw little green men emerging from an egg, and Mork of TV's Mork and Mindy wasn't reported as a Maui visitor.

But what they did see, both from Maui and Lanai, was green in most of the reports, and its behavior left them completely puzzled.

The reports were not confined to the early-morning sighting on Saturday. Surprisingly, a number of persons said they had seen the UFO, or whatever it was, on Saturday night, about 20 hours later, and at least one person reported sighting it on Wednesday night, May 30, at 10 p.m.

Descriptions, coming from individuals who apparently were not acquainted with one another, except where they had made the sighting together, matched to a great degree.

The object was round and large, and if seen high in the sky appeared to be brilliant white, changing to turquoise green at lower altitudes. It appeared to have a greenish-bluish vapor trail behind it.

The theory was advanced that what folks were seeing were meteorites. The Maui News contacted State Civil Defense on Oahu, speaking with Robert F. Sorg, Economic Resources Mobilization Officer, who queried scientists at the University of Hawaii, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Bishop Museum planetarium.

Dr. George Bunton of the Bishop Museum said to his knowledge there had been no unusual meteor activity during the past few days. He said that the descriptions given "could be" of meteorites, but there was "nothing positive" to indicate that they were.

But the folks who saw the UFO or UFOs wouldn't buy the meteorite theory.

"There's no way it could have been a meteorite. Meteorites don't cruise at a slow pace, down low enough to light up your car and make it turn green," said one young police officer.

His was the most specific of all the sightings, and he made a drawing of the object which is reproduced with this article. He asked that his name not be used. Here's his story:

"My girl friend and I were just Paia side of the Haleakala extension road on the mauka side of the Kahului Airport. I had stopped to change a tape (on tape deck) and my girl friend said 'look.' I looked up and the whole hood of my vehicle was reflecting a bright, green light. As I looked up I saw this object going slow, flying horizontally. It didn't whisk away or burn out.

"I got so excited, I tried to find the headlight switch and turn it on. The object flew over toward Paia side. It didn't appear high. It had a tail, but it didn't look as if it should have had a tail because it was going too slow to leave a vapor trail. It passed right over the right side of my vehicle. We both saw it."

The sighting occurred about 10 p.m. Saturday.

The young couple found themselves badly frightened at the time and the officer drove straight home and contacted his family, describing what they had seen.

In Wailuku, Debra Honda and her friend Lisa Fujishiro were stopped on Main Street waiting for a traffic signal to change between 9:20 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday. Their car was heading in the Kahului direction.

"It caught my eye. It was bright and yellowish at first and seemed as big as a basketball. I've seen test rockets go up, but not come down. As it came closer it turned a turquoise greenish blue. I lost it behind a cloud."

"There's no way it could have been a meteorite . . . meteorites don't cruise low enough to light up your car and make it turn green."

said Debra. Lisa said the object was green when she saw it. "It went behind a cloud and when it came out it appeared real blue. It was heading toward the Kahoolawe side, going across the sky but not too fast."

Earlier, about 8:30 to 8:45, Floanne Morgan and her husband were at the Whalers Village and looking mauka toward the West Maui mountains. "I saw a huge white thing. At first I thought it was a meteorite, but it was too big. It was way high up, then it went down behind the mountains."

About the same time Lynda (Bobbi) Burbridge and her husband Howard, along with Mr. and Mrs. Art Glimpse, were camping at Naha on Lanai. "We were sitting by the campfire looking toward the West Maui mountains," said Howard Burbridge, "when all of a sudden Art hollered and pointed, and here comes this bright light, a sort of bluish thing coming down. It was travelling slowly, not fast, coming down, but on a trajectory toward Haleakala or the Big Island (Hawaii). Then it just went out like somebody had turned it out."

Mrs. Burbridge said they all went to bed about 9 p.m., and about 1:30

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a.m. Sunday she went out of her tent to smoke a cigarette.

"I was just sitting there and then I saw this huge red fireball in the direction of Kihei or Haleakala. Then there was something like an explosion way out towards the Makena area. I kept sitting there and after about two or three minutes toward Kahoolawe there was this great big, green phosphorescent stream travelling past Kahoolawe and that was the end of that."

Jeanne Twedell was in Kahului at the Seventh-day Adventist Maui Mission School playing volleyball about 8:45 p.m. Saturday when she saw "a very large ball of yellow light coming down at a slight angle. It was so large I waited for some explosion. It came down fairly slow, not like a falling star and it was about three or four times larger than any of the closet planets you see on a clear night."

On Saturday around 1:30 a.m., Jim Fowler, who lives in Kihei, was coming home from Wailea Beach and had just turned off South Kihei

"I saw this moving light. It was travelling at an angle and seemed to be about the size of three small balls children play with. It was bright green, dropping closer to earth but not straight down and had a stream of light behind it . . ."

Road by MacDonald's, heading mauka "when I saw this big thing. It was kind of round, greenish-turquoise in color. It seemed to be going from the Ulupalakua area toward Kula. It wasn't very high. It was really bright. I've never seen anything like this. I've seen rockets off Vandenberg in California, but nothing like this."

On Wednesday night, Dorothea Burnside of Wailuku Heights and her husband were watching the late news on TV about 10:30. The windows of her home "are wide and look out over the ocean. I saw this moving light. It was travelling at an angle and seemed to be about the size of these small balls children play with. It was bright green, dropping closer to earth but not straight down and had a stream of light behind it. It seemed to be coming at an angle as if from the Haleakala area and either dropped in the ocean or disappeared below the horizon."

Several others, who preferred their names not be used, reported both the Saturday morning and Saturday night sightings.

Maybe it, or they, were meteorites, but as the young police officer put it: "I don't buy that theory" and that was the reply from most of the persons who called The Maui News.

What was it? What were they?

All we know that Mauians are seeing some very strange things in the skies these days, but so far there have been no really "close encounters."

Mystery Missile

No One Identifies Piece Of Sky That Fell In Rio Vista Yard

By Ken Payton
Bee Staff Writer

RIO VISTA, Solano Co. — Nobody knows what the piece of sky is that fell in Lester Gomez' garden.

It appears hardly anybody cares, either: Not the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and least of all Gomez.

"I just didn't want to tell anyone," he said. "If you tell the truth, they don't believe you, and if you say anything, people just start bothering you."

"As long as it didn't hit me on the head, I could care less about it."

The mysterious missile, originally about 7 inches in diameter and which has the visible characteristics of ore and refined metal subjected to high heat, fell into the garden sometime between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. last Saturday. It left a hole two feet deep and dirt was scattered about in a 10-foot area.

Firemen and police did not learn about it until much later, when a neighbor decided somebody had better find out what it was.

By the time firemen arrived to check it for radioactivity Gomez had taken a saw, drill and 16-pound sledge hammer to it, trying to determine what it was. He neglected

to weigh the object before he started his examination.

One chunk shows the bright color of brass, while another appears to have the color of lead. Still others appear to have flakes the color of gold.

The police took half a dozen pieces in their quest for its origin.

NASA officials, contacted Monday in Houston and San Francisco, declared it was not a piece of Skylab and more likely was a meteorite. The San Francisco office also promised a scientist would examine the pieces, but as of Friday nobody had arrived except Rio Vista residents who wanted to have a look.

"I can't understand why they don't want to know what it is," said Police Chief Richard Cook. "I'm really surprised."

He said that next week he will contact the University of California to see if scientists there want to take a crack at it.

As for Gomez, he's covered the hole, staked the location and given most of the material away to neighbors and the police. As a memento he has just enough pulverized material left, wrapped in a paper napkin, to fit in the palm of his hand.



Bee Photo

No one seems to care about material in backyard.

TRIBUNE, Chicago, IL - June 26, 1979

Family 'encounters' lights in sky

By Patricia Leeds

AUTHORITIES WERE investigating reports Monday of as many as 20 brightly lighted, unidentified objects that appeared in the midnight sky near Lake Michigan above southwestern Michigan and northern Indiana.

"We saw one close up," said Mara Vilcins, 33. "We were taken by its brilliance. The lights were different, hard to describe. It was almost like putting rubies and diamonds up to a very bright light."

"It was oblong, with a rounded back. It seemed much larger than a jumbo jet."

"It had windows all around it, and the red and white lights seemed to appear from inside."

Mrs. Vilcins; her husband, Ivar, 40, a Chicago city planner; and their two children were returning home from a weekend of camping in Michigan when they saw the object coming toward them shortly after midnight Monday near Sawyer, Mich.

THEY REPORTED their sightings to Michigan State Police at Benton Harbor, who said several other reports of the mysterious lighted objects had been received in recent weeks. The sightings are under investigation by J. Allen Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies.

Mrs. Vilcins said that several times the object that came nearby swooped low over Int. Hwy. 94 near the Sawyer exit but never made a sound.

"It passed right over the highway and hovered over our car," she said. "At that point my husband stopped the car and made several pictures."

THE COUPLE continued to watch the UFOs for nearly an hour, while driving near Lake Michigan through northern Indiana.

"We were so excited we never thought to be afraid," she said. "My husband kept saying, 'Do you suppose it could be some kind of air show?'"

Police said it was unlikely. No air or fireworks shows were taking place in the area, they said.

Officials puzzled about Guthrie incident

ENTERPRISE, Park Rapids, MN - June 2, 1979

By Lu Ann Hurd

Hubbard County Deputy Bob Henne reports an unexplainable happening at the home of the Hartland Lillquist family northeast of Guthrie this week. The Lillquists awoke Monday morning to find a rock had shattered a window, bounced off the floor and broken a piece of their upright piano. Mrs. Lillquist says they heard a noise after midnight Sunday. Thinking a cat had probably broken something, they thought no more of it until they awoke Monday morning. Then they called Deputy Henne. Henne says there were about 10 other rocks in the yard, some against the wall of the house and others within 10 or 15 feet. They were of various sizes but the one that went through a storm window, he believed they were ordinary Minnesota field rocks, Henne reports. "If they had been from a meteor they would have been pitted and glazed, but these were smooth." Henne also checked with the Bemidji Flight Service which reported no unusual activity on radar that evening. Airport officials also Henne says the rocks were checked for radioactivity and there was nothing unusual. In fact, Sea said that they might damage it. But at the same time the rocks which hit the Lillquist home came from a plane because of the risk pilot would dump a load of rocks said they could not believe any inch and a half to two inches deep. According to Henne, the BSU professor said the only other explanation he could think of would be that the rocks had been hurled by some kind of catapult, but Henne even checked at a distance seemed "a funny coincidence."

for unusual signs of activity and found nothing. "It's just unexplainable," the deputy reports. He also said the family reported seeing a bright light over a field a couple of evenings earlier. It apparently hovered for five or 10 minutes and disappeared as Lillquist and his children and other relatives watched. Mrs. Lillquist did not see the strange light but said this week it

Was it a flying saucer?

Woodhaven family startled by strange aircraft

By ANNE KNISELY
Mellus Staff Writer

Had the family been returning home after seeing "Close Encounters of the Thirs Kind," things might be a little different.

But a Disney movie is hardly the kind of thing that steers the imagination toward thoughts of flying saucers and visitors from outer space.

A little more than a week ago, the Charles Kneshtel family of Woodhaven was driving along Telegraph Road about a mile south of Flat Rock on their way home from seeing a drive-in movie, "101 Dalmatians."

It was about 1:30 a.m.; Kneshtel's wife, Sharon, and two daughters — Lori, 10, and Stacey, 9 — were asleep in the family's van. Kneshtel was driving and his son, Chuckie, 4, was awake, keeping his father company.

AN AIRPLANE?

Kneshtel was watching a light in the sky, thinking all the while it was an airplane. In fact, he said, he mentioned the "plane" to his son who, according to Kneshtel, was noticeably unimpressed.

It is at this point in the story that circumstances take a change toward, well, weird.

The "plane" Kneshtel was watching continued to approach the van, losing altitude as it moved, leading him to think what he was seeing was a jumbo jet.

But then, he wondered what a jumbo jet was doing flying so low in an area that had no airport nearby.

"I began to think," he said, "This plane has no business being here, especially such a big one."

Fearing the "jet" was going to crash, Kneshtel said, he slammed on the brakes — waking his wife and daughters — and pulled the van off to the side of the road.

HOVERED

But the craft didn't crash. It didn't even land. It hovered, according to an adamant Kneshtel, his wife and three children. At about tree level, he said, this "thing" just stopped — in mid air — and waited.

Two lights — described by Kneshtel as extremely bright, white "headlights," about 10 feet in diameter —

shone on the van, nearly blinding Kneshtel.

"I couldn't see the actual shape of it," he said, "you know, whether it was round or square or hexagon or what. But I could see an outline in the sky."

"You know sometimes at night you look at the moon and it's a half moon, and you can see the rest of it if you look at the dark part? Well, it was like that — it was like a silhouette."

The craft, whose dimensions were cloaked in a mysterious silhouette, was about 100 yards away from the Kneshtel van and approximately 200 feet in the air, according to the family.

WHIRRING SOUND

"It was like the size of three (small) houses," Kneshtel continued. "We couldn't hear anything except a slight whirring noise like a little kid's top. If it were a chopper (helicopter) or something, it would have made a 'thump, thump' sound."

As the Kneshtels watched, too frightened to move ("It scared the hell out of me," Kneshtel said), the two bright white lights turned a deep blue, the craft pivoted to the left and started to leave.

But that is not the end of the Kneshtels' "close encounter."

While the craft was ascending and moving away from the van, the five Kneshtels concurred, another smaller craft of some sort appeared, as if in pursuit of the larger one.

UFO?

Kneshtel however, describing himself as a skeptic, and not one to jump to any rash of hastily made conclusions, is not yet ready to label the smaller craft a UFO.

He described it as a "normal aircraft." Unlike the larger one, he said, the little craft moved like an airplane would — it made banked turns, instead of pivots, and it did not stop moving in mid-air.

The entire encounter lasted about 10 minutes, Kneshtel said.

"If we had had a few beers at the drive-in," Sharon Kneshtel said, laughing somewhat self-consciously, "I would have expected (to see it)."

"Or if we went to see a sci-fi flick," he husband added.

But they say they did neither. Yet

they did not report their experience to any police or Air Force agency, either, for fear of being disbelieved.

NO OTHER REPORTS

(A spokesperson at the Flat Rock post of the Michigan State Police said no reports of unidentified flying objects — "flying saucers," if you will — were phoned in within the past month. However, a Chicago couple who were traveling through the Benton Harbor area the night prior to the Kneshtels' encounter, claimed to have spotted — and photographed — four or five "alien" crafts. A local television news department is awaiting the photos from Chicago.)

Kneshtel said he doesn't really care if others are skeptical — he says he knows what he saw.

"I was skeptical, too," he said. "I never did believe in flying saucers. I believe in the possibility of life on other planets, but I never believed that people saw these things — it was all a hoax, you know?"

NOTHING ELSE

"But to me, there was nothing else it could have been. It wasn't a helicopter, it wasn't a plane. The only thing it could have been and be able to sit still in the air if it were ours would be a helicopter. And it wasn't one. It was too big."

"And when it turned (pivoted), it was the same size as before it turned. A helicopter is narrow and long. This was round or square or something — but it was the same mass on each side."

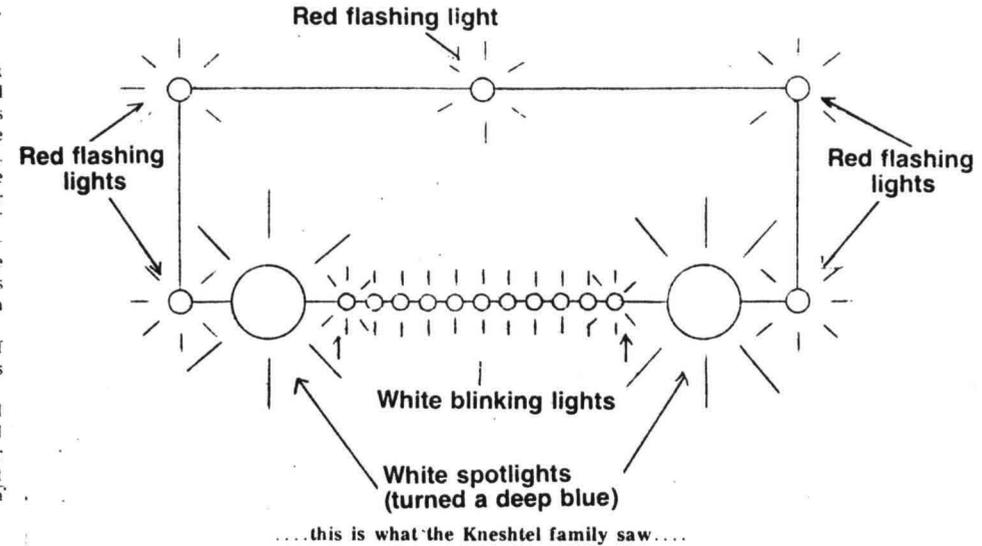
The Kneshtel children confirmed their father's story. Stacey, the middle child, described what she saw: "You could tell it was sort of like round and it had white and red lights. The thing I noticed was a big red light at the very bottom."

According to Sharon Kneshtel, Stacey "was hysterical. All the way home she was on me. I had to hold her. She was perturbed. We all were."

UNDERSTAND DOUBT

Despite the doubt they say they encounter when they relate to others their own story of a Hollywood type "close encounter," the Kneshtels are understanding.

As Charles Kneshtel said resignedly, "If someone else told me this story, I would think they were pulling my leg or they were on drugs or something."



DAILY GUARD, Batesville, AR - July 5, 1979

Several area residents report seeing rocket

Francis Scott Key would have been proud of Batesville's Fourth of July, suitably celebrated "by the rocket's red glare."

Only the rocket wasn't red, it was silver, and it touched off several reports of an unidentified flying object.

Gary Bridgman, director of the county Office of Emergency Services, said at least some of the reports came from what he considered "reliable sources."

After being contacted by Batesville police, Bridgman said he contacted two parties totaling seven people, and all

had basically the same story and the same description of the UFO — very large, silver, without wings and without a vapor trail. In addition, he said, reports were that the rocket was traveling in a horizontal direction at a relatively high altitude, while in the same general area a jet airplane was traveling in a vertical direction. It was observed for three or four minutes, he said.

A Police Department radio log notation was made at 7:12 p.m. of "reports of a rocket going in a southwestern direction."

Bridgman said nothing was reported on radar at the Little Rock airport, and officials at Little Rock Air Force Base at Jacksonville said they had no aircraft in the area.

The Associated Press reported that John Harrington, crisis coordinator of the state OES, had not been able to confirm the sightings. He said the sightings were reported to the Air Force and "everyone that should know about something of this nature."

Harrington said no weather balloons or blimps were supposed to be in the area.

Far-out encounters of weirdest kind

Bu Laurie Itow

Grace O'Mara firmly believes she was abducted five years ago by space creatures, four feet tall, all white, with large eyes and small slits for mouths.

While watching a summer sunset at her Sierra foothills cabin north of Auburn, she says, a brightly lighted winged spacecraft appeared. The vehicle, about 50 feet in diameter, landed somewhere behind her garden.

For a few minutes, she stood watching. Then, in fear, she sprinted into her cabin. When she peered out the window, O'Mara, a 25-year-old clerk in a neighborhood store, says she saw a creature standing.

It was through telepathic messages that she was told to board the spacecraft. And until last year, that was all she remembered of that August day. O'Mara says that the next morning she found herself, confused but unharmed, back in her cabin.

Last year after undergoing hypnosis, she recalled three other creatures while aboard the circular spacecraft. O'Mara says that while hypnotized, she remembered that she was told to remove her clothes and lie on a table where she was examined. When a wired helmet was placed on her head,



IT'S A BIRD . . . IT'S A PLANE . . . NO, IT'S A UFO
This so-called flying saucer was shot in 1954 near Rouen, France

it was impossible for her to move. But there are no other witnesses and no physical proof of her story.

J. Allen Hynek, director and founder of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., says her report is typical of dozens he receives.

Others may report bruises and puncture or burn marks on their bodies, but the experiences are strangely similar, he says.

Yesterday, during the 10th annual Mutual UFO Network Symposium in Burlingame, Hynek and 2,000 other participants immersed themselves in talk of nocturnal lights, space entities and extra-terrestrial beings.

There, he had an avid audience. But Hynek admits he's had a difficult time convincing skeptics that unidentified flying objects are worth looking into.

The gray-haired astronomer is

circumstantial evidence was bizarre enough to pursue.

But Hynek, 69, says Northwestern University and the Air Force "dropped me like a hot potato" when he founded the Evanston center.

Hynek believes the concept of spaceships is too strange for scientists to accept.

And although 90 percent of the reports he receives are explained as meteorites, he's convinced the remaining 10 percent isn't all nonsense.

Reports of UFOs are being made by reputable people throughout the world in addition to those who are overly enthusiastic and sometimes psychopathic, he says.

And because of the kooks the subject tends to draw, Hynek says, he needs the help of professionals to either prove or disprove that UFOs exist.

Hynek has purchased a tool called a proton magnetometer, which he hopes will substantiate some UFO landings.

Hynek says he has seen a large, silent orange ball he believes was a UFO. But despite the many hours he spends studying the skies, he hasn't had a "close encounter."

Right now, Hynek says he doesn't know where the UFOs are coming from or why they've chosen to visit.

The creatures may be gradually emerging with sporadic sightings in preparation for a future meeting, he says. And he doesn't rule out the possibility that they may be evil.

But he concludes, "The ball is in their court. They are the ones who apparently control how much they want us to know. I'd like to have a close encounter of my own."

former chairman of Northwestern University's astronomy department and was a consultant for the Air Force's UFO investigation, code-named Project Blue Book.

Then his name flashed across movie screens nationwide when he served as consultant for the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," a phrase he concocted to describe incidents with space creatures.

He describes himself as a man with "all his buttons and marbles."

Although he's now an outcast among colleagues, Hynek contends he too was a skeptic in 1948 when the Air Force first asked him to help study bizarre reports of spaceships.

When the 18-year project ended, the Air Force announced there was no evidence of outer space visitors, although Hynek was convinced that

today, however, NASA has issued charts showing eight predicted orbits over the United States Wednesday, but none go over Indiana.

Fire officials were called to the furniture store. Assistant Chief Marvin Anthrop said the ball-shaped thing smelled of furniture polish. Anthrop said there had been no other such reports.

Cohen said the flying rod "scared the life out of me. It landed right in front of me. It definitely fell from the air. We were 150 feet from the street, so it couldn't have come from a car. If that's what Skylab is going to be like, then I don't want to go out when it happens."

The newspaper contacted William Fleetermeyer, director of the Purdue University Airport in neighboring West Lafayette.

"I'm puzzled. I haven't heard of anything falling from airplanes," he said. "But anything is possible. A tool could have been left on a wing."

of a volleyball and covered with fluid "kerploded out of the air" near his furniture company, said J. M. Bloom.

"It just had to fall from the sky," he said. "We looked on our roof, and there was no one there. We called next door, and they said no one had been on their roof."

Another witness said when it hit the ground "it sounded like someone making a bellywhopper in a pool."

A reporter for the Lafayette Journal-Courier telephoned NASA official Linda Dougherty in Huntsville, Ala. She laughed when asked if it could be from the giant orbiting space station which is expected to fall from orbit sometime next week.

She told the reporter it isn't likely from Skylab because it is still in one piece, circling about 138 miles above the earth. Its projected path at the time of the fall won't put it anywhere over North America, she added.

According to the Associated Press

Strange Objects Fall To Earth

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — "Skylab is falling. Skylab is falling."

This cry spread through Lafayette yesterday after two mysterious objects were reported to have fallen from the sky.

A spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said it couldn't be Skylab, which is now expected to most likely break up and plunge to earth Wednesday afternoon. So did police and fire department authorities.

Harold Cohen, manager of a used car lot, told police he was standing with three persons in his lot when an eight-inch, rod-shaped piece of metal fell in front of them.

Cohen was convinced it was a piece of Skylab. "It wasn't my imagination," he added. "Everyone decided it came from the sky. We didn't go near it for a few minutes. It was warm."

About the same time an object described as a ball of rags about the size



ARTIST'S RENDERING OF A SPACEMAN IN 1961
A New Hampshire couple claimed this eerie critter abducted them



YORKSHIRE POST, Leeds, England - May 21, 1979

ROGER RATCLIFFE reports on Yorkshire UFO-watchers

'A red object towering in the sky'

OVER the Seacroft estate in Leeds it was reported as a billowing pink cloud or a brilliant white light at a high altitude in the clear sky.

But radar scanners at Leeds-Bradford Airport, RAF Bawtry and RAF Leeming, reported nothing suspicious. The flying object, despite very detailed descriptions being taken by two different people around the same time on the evening of March 13 last year, remains unidentified.

It is just one of 20 UFOs reported to two brothers who have set up an investigations centre in Leeds for sightings in West and North Yorkshire and Humberside.

Since opening the centre last September at the home of their parents, Miles Hill Street, Leeds 7, the brothers, Graham and Mark Birdsall, have received a steady stream of UFO reports. They come from schoolgirls, from a company director, from a dancing instructor, from a policeman.

Now the brothers have collated all the alleged close encounters in a 27-page dossier, including the results of their interviews with the people who have reported them.

The Seacroft UFO is among the most curious of all the reports. One of the witnesses, a woman, saw a pink cloud, and called on her neighbours to have a look. One man said he had been walking with his wife in a field near Seacroft when they saw a "red object towering in the sky very high up." He went on: "Its colour was reddish-pink and it had a distinct solid shape to it, like a cone with a red light at the front. The edges were blurred and it travelled very fast."

Graham, 25, a spray-painter, and Mark, a 19-year-old waiter, believe that all the evidence points to a UFO being over Leeds that particular night. But in another of the sightings described in the dossier, positive evidence that an alien craft landed in the Meanwood Valley area of Leeds seemed for a time to have been within the brothers' grasp.

Two schoolgirls were sledging on a slope one evening last February when they looked up to see a "bright cluster of lights" a few hundred feet up. According to the girls, they came closer and

another object bearing them landed in a near-by field. Then it rose again, and it appeared to be about to go off quickly until, "while humming softly", it touched down again on a slope about 80 yards from where the girls stood.

Later the brothers went to look at the area with the girls and found a "roundish depression" in the hard ice where the girls said the object landed the first time, and in the centre of this were some small black stones looking like pieces of coal.

They collected the stones in specimen jars and had them analysed at Leeds University for traces of radiation. But the report they got back could not support their theory that the stones had been left by the UFO, because there were no traces of radioactivity. More likely, they were lumps of coal waste.

Once again, local air-traffic controllers and RAF stations had no reports of aircraft being in the area at the time when the girls saw the object.

Since the brothers requested UFO reports on opening the centre as part of Contact International (UK), a world-wide UFO study organisation, they have received from as far apart as Ripon and Sheffield.

In between, UFOs were allegedly sighted at Hebden Bridge, Harrogate, Kippax, Bramley, Luddenfoot,

Hemsworth, Lepton, Slaithwaite, and Halifax. Graham Birdsall said that he and his brother looked very closely at the background of the people reporting UFOs before accepting their observations.

"We don't want to be sent on wild goose chases," he said. "About two thirds of the objects reported to them remained unidentified, but they did not hazard a guess at what any of them might have been. "We will continue to keep a record of all the more reliable sightings."

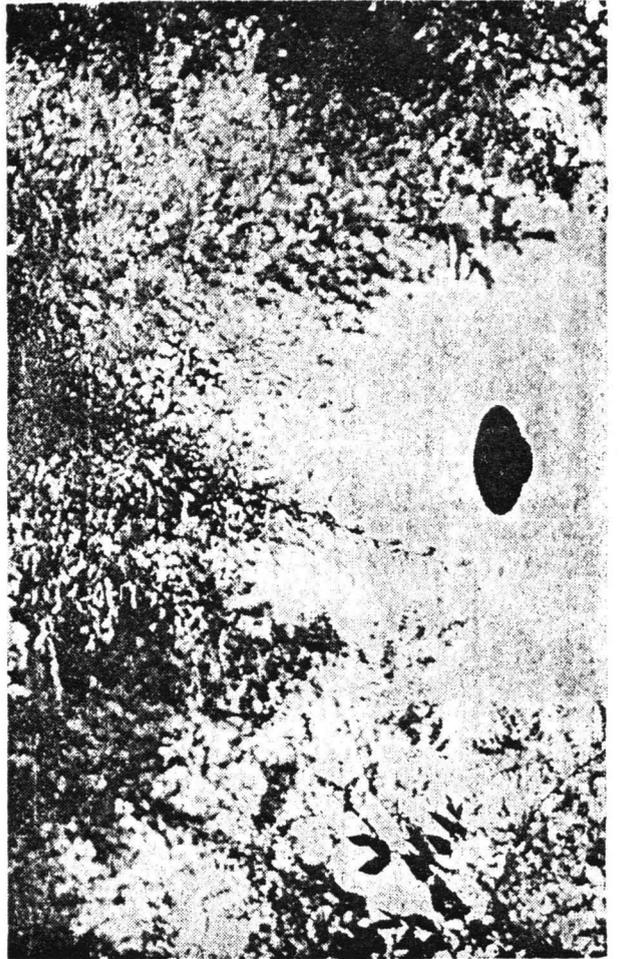
"We don't know if there is a connection but UFOs were sighted on two days that crashes took place in North Yorkshire and the pilots killed. This is something we cannot ignore and would like to study further. But getting information from the authorities about this is virtually impossible, so we have to rely on what the public tells us."

CLARIN, Buenos Aires, Argentina - May 22, 1979 CR: J. Thomas

Plato volador en Córdoba

A miner in Córdoba obtained two photographs of the UFO which, he said, flew for several minutes over the area of the Los Molinos dam. "I cannot say at what altitude the strange object was flying", said Luis Ferreyra. He used a camera with a telephoto lens.

Un minero cordobés logró dos fotografías de un OVNI que, según relató, evoluciona varios minutos en la zona del dique Los Molinos. "No puedo precisar la altura a que volaba el extraño objeto", dijo Luis Ferreyra. Utilizó una cámara equipada con teleobjetivo. (Información en las páginas 28 y 29.)



EVENING POST, Nottingham, England - May 30, 1979

'Flying triangle' report

THE second UFO sighting in Nottingham this week has been reported by a West Bridgford woman.

Mr. Robert Morrell, chairman of Nottingham UFO Investigation Society, said the woman described seeing a large triangular-shaped object, which had a reddish orange glow, over the Embankment at The Meadows. It was moving up and down but after two or three minutes it gathered

speed, climbed rapidly and disappeared.

Mr. Morrell added that earlier this week, a fleet of triangular objects was seen in the Ashby area by a group of boys playing football.

He is now appealing for anyone who saw the objects to ring the Society on Nottingham 874615.

Police question kids who 'saw aliens'



Insp. Lai Kim Fong interviewing the six pupils who saw the 'aliens'.

THE STAR, (City Unknown), West Malaysia - May 23, 1979

BUKIT MERTAJAM, Tues. — Police yesterday questioned the pupils who reportedly encountered a flying saucer with three-inch tall aliens in their school compound here on Saturday.

The pupils of the Jit Sin Primary School also showed a police officer the spot where they had their "close encounter."

The six pupils, four boys and two girls, all in Standard Three, were questioned one after another.

The children told police they did see the leprechaun-like creatures.

Khor Boon Chew, who was allegedly "shot" by one of the aliens, said he was trying to grab the creature at the time.

He felt a stinging pain in his right palm where he was apparently "hit".

A police spokesman said there

may be some truth in the children's story.

"But at the same time, they could have seen something else and got carried away by their imagination," he said.

Police have however yet to interview 21-year-old Raymond Liang who also witnessed the encounter.

Liang had said he was playing basketball nearby when he heard a commotion in the school yard where a group of pupils had gathered.

He rushed to the scene and saw a tiny flying saucer with four aliens measuring only about three-inch tall outside.

He said one of the aliens, armed with the pistol-like weapon "shot" at one of the pupils (Khor) who tried to grab it.

He said that after the shooting, the aliens scurried back into their saucer and took off.

UFOs leave a trail of aftershave

by JACK PLEASANT

UFOs are renowned for disappearing without trace.

But now a flying saucer spotter claims there's a new way of tracking them... follow your nose.

Arthur Shuttlewood, a top UFO spotter, says several people who claim to have had close encounters report a lingering fragrance like perfume or aftershave

"It's a lovely mixture of roses and violets," he said. "A number of quite unconnected people have told me it lingered in the air after their various UFO experiences."

Magical

Arthur, of Warminster, Wilts., maintains he has seen well over 100 UFOs, nine in broad daylight.

Warminster is famous for UFO sightings and Arthur believes this is because it lies between Stonehenge and Glastonbury, both "highly charged magical areas" of the past.

Some claim that UFOs "recharge" in some way along the Warminster Triangle.

Arthur, 58, says he saw his first UFO 15



ARTHUR SHUTTLEWOOD

years ago. It was a giant cigar-shaped object low over Warminster.

"Its light was almost blinding," he said. "I trained a camera on it but all I got was a scorched film."

It set Arthur on the flying saucer trail though. Now he's a lecturer and writer on the subject and is full of remarkable accounts of UFO phenomena, especially around Warminster.

Tales such as 7ft misty figures which he claims in his new book - More UFOs over Warminster (Arthur Baker, £5.50) - have been seen by more than 50 people.

Arthur predicts that within five years UFOs will come out in the open and contact us.

Until then he will stay on their scent.

UFOs sighted at Wigton

COUNTY ambulance driver Michael Pearson and his family had four sightings of an unidentified flying object.

By HARRY WATSON

Mr Pearson, who lives at Dundawn, Station Hill, Wigton, said that at one stage on Monday night the silver grey object came over the huge silo at Hawkrigg House farm and it was three to four times the size of the silo dome.

He said: "My wife Eileen spotted it first from our living room window at about 8.10 p.m. It was below the skyline coming from the Rosley direction. It seemed to drop as if it was landing behind some trees and about two minutes later we saw it again in the direction of Hawkrigg travelling at a tremendous speed.

cellent view of it as it turned into the sun leaving a vapour trail.

"It appeared to travel about four miles in the time I could put my hand to my mouth and I have never in my life seen anything move so fast. It then appeared twice more in the Blencogo area."

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Mr Pearson added: "My daughter Lynne and a colleague from the ambulance station also saw it. I rang the police and reported what I had seen.

DIRECTION

"It seemed to change direction at incredible speeds and we got an ex-

binoculars I am converted. All the family definitely saw an object."

"I had been a bit sceptical about reports of UFOs, but after the view we had with

UFO shock for couple

BUILDER'S labourer Stephen Brown and his wife, Christine, had a shock while out gardening - they spotted a UFO.

And now both they and the Nottingham Flying Saucer Discussion and Research Organisation are anxious to hear from anyone else who saw the object yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Brown, of Wheatgrass Road, Chilwell, said the object - sometimes cylindrical and sometimes globular in shape - appeared to be trailing a jet aircraft.

He and his wife watched it for several minutes as it dodged in and out of clouds before finally disappearing.

At times the silvery coloured UFO rose and fell,

increasing and then decreasing in size, said Mr. Brown.

"It was fascinating. I have never really believed in these things - and I am still a bit dubious as to whether it was a UFO. I would love a full explanation."

Stargazer . . .

Mrs. Jenny Sallis, secretary of the discussion and research group, would also like anyone who saw the object to contact the organisation on Nottingham 781808.

Mr. Brown does not think he could have mixed up the craft with a normal heavenly object. "I am a bit of an astronomer, out every night stargazing," he said.

ASIAN DIARY □ ARJUNA

UFO sightings in Southern Philippines

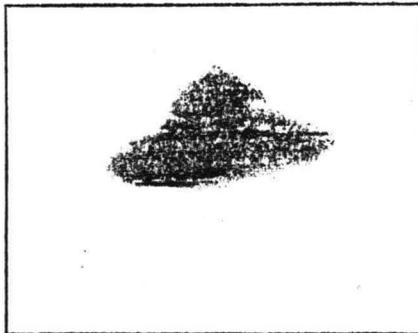
THE PHILIPPINE media have been awash with reports recently on the sighting of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in the Southern islands. Daily, radio stations and newspapers publicize sightings in various places there, particularly over Bohol island.

Arjuna has never had the chance to see these so-called UFOs but some friends, who happened to be in Manila, told him many stories about seeing these UFOs. Many of these stories have remained unreported.

Over a cup of tea, a nurse friend from the southern city of Dumaguete narrated to Arjuna that as she was walking home from night duty in the hospital. . . On second thought, Arjuna would rather the nurse tell her story.

"It was about five in the morning and I had just finished my night duty at the hospital. The sky was clear, with hardly a cloud to obscure the heavens," the nurse narrated between sips of tea.

"All of a sudden, from above a football field a short distance away, appeared several bright and swiftly moving objects. I thought I was hallucinating, from which one often suffers when tired, but then the objects were too bright to be mistaken for stars. . . Some were shaped like cigars while the others appeared like plain round objects with light pulsating from their sides.



"They made no noise. As suddenly as they appeared, they disappeared," she added. Arjuna's nurse-friend tried to keep it a secret but was finally forced to tell others when similar sightings were made all over the sugar-producing islands of Negros, Cebu, Bohol and in the strife-torn island of Mindanao.

From other friends, Arjuna learned that the UFOs left trails of dust or ashes to mark their paths. Some samples have been taken but they are still being examined by competent authorities.

"The ashes I saw were the remains of some

sugar plants which burned when these things landed in my farm," said one plantation owner in La Libertad, Negros Oriental. He said that he saw "something" land in one of his fields but he was too scared to investigate.

"I practically shuttered and locked my family in the house," he said, still shaken from the experience. "Thank goodness nobody came out from the objects. I would not have known how to handle them."

At another instance, a circular object also tried to land in a coconut grove in Dumaguete but the barking of once-gentle dogs seemingly prevented it from landing. (These dogs are now considered the anti-UFO army of the city.)

Military officials, as usual, refused to comment on the sightings and the alleged landings. However, in private discussions with those who reportedly saw UFOs, some confessed that they were bewildered by the entire event.

Whatever the case, Arjuna learned that several close friends have organized sighting "committees" to watch for the arrival of these UFOs - if they ever show up again.

"Perhaps," one mused, "we will be able to have actual contact with these space visitors."

Arjuna only hopes that these space visitors will be friendly. - (DEPTInews Asia)

TRANSLATIONS

FRANCE — Credit: Jean-Luc Rivera

City and country of incident: Audincourt - FRANCE
 Date of incident: March 25, 1979
 Name of paper and Date of clip: Journal de Montbéliard (?), March 27, 1979
 City and country of newspaper: Montbéliard, (Doubs), France

CE III FATAL TO "FIFI". UFO IN AUDINCOURT: THE LITTLE HAMSTER WAS DEAD.

Montbéliard. Some dream about UFOs, some other smile... It doesn't prevent... The mystery "catches" the most rational minds. A strange thing happened Sunday evening at Audincourt in a family who, even today, has not yet recovered from its surprise. M. Daniel Hugon, who is a worker at Sochaux, his wife and their 6 children were enjoying some skewers previously prepared on the balcony of their apartment, on the 7th floor of a building located 14 rue des Prés, when "it happened". Consequence: a hamster would have died from this CE III.

Mrs. Yolande Hugon was seated at the end of the table, facing the french window. Here is the story of the events as she told us: "All of a sudden, I see a luminous orange ball appearing in the sky in front of me. This ball goes down rapidly to my eyes level, goes up, disappears hidden by the balcony of the apartment above, reappears, goes down, goes up again."

Mrs. Hugon has just enough time for screaming from surprise. Her husband, who was looking in her direction, turns his head but the phenomenon has already disappeared and he sees nothing.

The children, Odile, 10 years old; Nathalie, 9 years old; Lionel, 6 years old and Sandra, 5 years old, seated around the table, saw nothing too.

Mrs. Hugon rose rapidly, opened the french window, rushed on the balcony but there was no traces of the mysterious object of which the apparition lasted no more than two or three seconds.

At that time the sky was dark and cloudy.

From the 7th floor, the sight is free. All the eastern part of the city, with the Champs-Montants area, is visible.

There were on the balcony two animals: a dog, "Popy", in its dog-house, a hamster, "Fifi", in a cardboard box.

M. Hugon, who has already heard that the UFOs are emitting some dangerous radiations, screams: "Our animals!"

The couple goes to check: "Fifi", 7 months old, lifeless the afternoon, is lying on its side. Its breathing is jerky as if it was lacking of air. The dog, that a shut down metallic curtain has certainly protected, is unhurt.

M. Hugon decides to call the police: 15 minutes later, three policemen are there, make their investigation, check by themselves that the hamster is dying and leave after advising the family to have an autopsy of the animal done. And not to touch it.

At 11 p.m., "Fifi" died. Its body is still in the cardboard box. Will there be an autopsy? Informations asked to a Montbéliard veterinarian, it is enough to ask the departmental direction of the Veterinarian Services in Besançon for having an autopsy done. This examination is free. This service could take delivery of the animal at the district slaughter-house where it would be kept in a refrigerator.

Bizarre... Did you say UFO?...

City and country of incident: Jeumont - France
 Date of incident: February 24, 1979; March 25, 1979
 Name of paper and Date of clip: Voix du Nord, April 3, 1979
 City and country of newspaper: Lille (?), France

A UFO IN JEUMONT. THE GENDARMERIE RECORDS THE TESTIMONIES.

Several bizarre aerial phenomena have been observed in February and March in the Sambre basin and in Jeumont, specially. The "gendarmaria" and the representative from the private researches group "Lumières dans la Nuit" have met several reliable witnesses who didn't hesitate to make declarations. As they wished, their anonymity will be respected. The first sighting is from February 24. In the night, around 0.15 a.m., a surveillance agent from a Jeumont firm, saw in the starzed sky a ball light green in color, with a size slightly smaller than the moon's size. This one was rising only at 6.03 a.m. Several times, the ball went out and lighted up again, this time with the shape of a light pink triangle.

Two other persons from the firm came and watched the phenomenon. At the coming of the third person, the ball lengthened for changing into a cigar from the bottom of which got out some kind of pale green tail. Around 1 a.m., the whole contracted and the green ball reappeared. The phenomenon disappeared around 1.45 a.m.

A month later, a Sunday around 9.55 p.m., the same surveillance agent had his attention drawn by a whitish illumination lasting 1 or 2 seconds, repeating several times in the sky. Looking up, he saw again the green ball, still motionless and of the same size than in February. In its center appeared then a dull red ring contrasting very strongly with the brilliant green of the ball, a ring which made several times a round trip to the right side of the "object".

The ball then went out and the whitish illumination reappeared. A second surveillance agent checked too the fact. The phenomenon disappeared around 10.14 p.m.

During the sighting, the first agent called the firemen then the police of Maubeuge and Jeumont before at the end calling the competent service in this matter, the "gendarmaria" which, because of these delays, - the adjutant Allard's men, couldn't see by themselves the UFO. What a pity! Anyway, it appears that in addition to those witnesses who accepted to make a statement, several persons would have observed too the phenomenon and not only in Jeumont. Maybe will they decide rapidly to tell what they saw by calling the "gendarmaria" or the UFO permanence which works every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. in the old Maubeuge town-hall.

City and country of incident: Beaucourt - FRANCE; Audincourt - FRANCE
 Date of incident: April 2, 1979; March 25, 1979
 Name of paper and date of clip: La Bien Public, April 5, 1979
 City and country of newspaper: Dijon, France

A UFO ABOVE A VILLAGE IN THE BELFORT TERRITORY.

Belfort. The "gendarmaria" of Beaucourt (Belfort Territory department) have recorded fifty testimonies regarding the crossing of a UFO over the village, Monday at the end of the evening.

The object, according to the collected testimonies, was like the shape of a luminous cigar, much bigger than a plane, moving sometimes at the vertical, sometimes at the horizontal and completely silent.

The UFO would have stayed around one hour above the village before disappearing in the direction of Montbéliard. At least a hundred persons would have seen those moves in the sky, and some firemen declare to have taken a few pictures.

March 25, a UFO had been seen too in Audincourt, near Montbéliard, by the tenants of a building. The policemen, at that time, had observed the slow death of a hamster which was on a balcony during the UFO crossing. An autopsy has been undertaken by the Maisons-Alfort Veterinarian School, the results of which have not been yet communicated.

City and Country of incident: Beaucourt - FRANCE
 Date of incident: April 2, 1979
 Name of paper and Date of clip: Ouest-France, April 6, 1979
 City and Country of newspaper: Rennes, France

UFO IN DEMONSTRATION.

The "gendarmaria" of Beaucourt (Belfort territory) have registered fifty testimonies regarding the passing over of a UFO above the village Monday at the end of the evening. The object, according to the testimonies...

nice collected, was seen with the shape of a luminous cigar, much bigger than a plane, moving sometimes at the vertical, sometimes at the horizontal and completely silent. The UFO would have stayed around one hour above the village before disappearing towards Montbéliard. At least a hundred persons would have watched those evolutions in the sky and firemen declare to have taken a few pictures.

City and country of incident: La Matheysine - FRANCE
 Date of incident: March 30, 1979
 Name of paper and date of clip: Dauphiné Libéré, April 6, 1979
 City and country of newspaper: Chambéry, France

A UFO IN THE SKY OF LA MATHEYSINE.

Le Mure. Last Friday, around 8.30 p.m., a UFO was seen in the La Matheysine sky. The object shaped like a cigar was motionless then suddenly started rising at a breathtaking speed. Among the witnesses of this event, a nurse who corroborated that the UFO was silent.

City and country of incident: Châteaugiron - FRANCE
 Date of incident: April 15, 1979
 Name of paper and date of clip: Ouest-France, April 17, 1979
 City and country of newspaper: Rennes, France

A UFO IN THE CHATEAUGIRON SKY.

In the night of the Easter Sunday to Monday, an inhabitant saw in the sky a luminous point which was not looking like a star. This luminous point, which scintillated, threw green, blue, yellow and orange colors while moving towards Noyal-sur-Vilaine or vertically. It was when coming back home, with a parent, that they saw, around 10 p.m., this UFO. They called the "gendarmaria" of Châteaugiron who recorded a luminous object, with the binoculars. It is around 24 p.m. that the object, losing some of its volume, disappeared.

City and country of incident: Saint-Pierre-de-Maillé - FRANCE
 Date of incident: March 16, 1979
 Name of paper and date of clip: La Nouvelle République du Centre-Ouest, April 17, 1979
 City and country of newspaper: Poitiers (?), France

UFO ABOVE THE VIENNE DEPARTMENT. A PHENOMENON OF 40 METERS OF DIAMETER!

Poitiers. We recently devoted a report to a Poitou citizen head of the "Commission d'Etudes Uranas" delegation for the Vienne and Poitou area, M. Jacques Coudert, from Civray.

It is known that he is centralizing the testimonies regarding the "UFOs" and when the case seems interesting to him he makes an investigation and writes a report which increases the UFO files of this research organization.

The last testimony to this day, for the Vienne department, comes from Saint-Pierre-de-Maillé. But here is what reports to us M. Jacques Coudert:

"March 16, Saint-Pierre-de-Maillé received again a UFO visit (the other.. was in February 1975) on its heights of Bel-Air, one of the most beautiful known types (+).

The main witness was suddenly at 30 meters only of a phenomenon, a magnificent disc of 40 meters of diameter (easy to check), having a central thickness of about 2 to 2,50 meters, staying about one meter above this field, surrounded by barbed wires, near the Bel-Air farm. It was between 4 and 5 p.m.

"Its radiance comparable with an internal and external combustion, paralyzed on the spot our witness, Bruno Mathé, during the four minutes of its presence. He was obliged to protect his face with his hands, and until the next day one of his arms was painful and not very healthy..."

(+) Either the writer refers to the UFO or he wanted to write the word: site. (transl.)

City and country of incident: Octeville - FRANCE
 Date of incident: April 13, 1979
 Name of paper and date of clip: Le Havre Libre, April 20, 1979
 City and country of paper: Le Havre, France

A UFO IN THE OCTEVILLE SKY. THREE WITNESSES OBSERVED THE PHENOMENON.

The skeptics will again rise their eyes to the sky and shrug their shoulders while saying peremptorily: "For me, I don't believe it!" But except if we evoke a collective hallucinations phenomenon, how to explain the sighting in the Le Havre sky, between 9 and 10 p.m., last Friday, of a "UFO". They are several to have seen it. At least three persons, used to watch the sky night or day: first miss Laurence Guénet, air controller at the Le Havre-Octeville airport, but too M. Pierre Cote, pilot of the "Bandeirante" from the Brit Air Company, working on the regular line Orly-Caen-Le Havre-Gatwick and his colleague, the plane co-pilot.

Miss Laurence Guénet says: "It was past 9 p.m. and a plane which was coming closer for landing asked us if another plane was nearby: its pilot had seen some kind of red or orange light at low altitude. And, as a matter of fact, I saw a little bit later, above Octeville, a red point in the sky. As it was dark, we cannot see anything else. It could be liken to a plane side lights, but no plane was in this area, and furthermore, this light seemed to be motionless. It stayed quite a long time above Octeville, disappearing sometimes. It seemed to stay at an altitude of a thousand feet, which is more than 300 meters".

The night was well felt when the "Bandeirante" from the Brit Air, which was coming from Orly took off at Caen for Le Havre. The pilot and his co-pilot knew about this strange and unexplained presence in the Octeville sky. Indeed, they saw the luminous point while arriving near Le Havre. M. Pierre Cote, the pilot, describes it as a red luminous point with a variable intensity. He noticed that it disappeared sometimes. The unidentified object being between the two-engines plane and the LOH ground light of the airport, the pilot and his co-pilot decided to approach in reconnaissance. It is necessary here to notice that a fourth person was, to our knowledge, the hearing witness of the descriptions and notes exchanged between the plane crew and the Le Havre control tower. It is M. Hervé Acard, air controller at the Deauville-Saint-Gatien airport.

"The visibility was very good, tells M. Cote; we were at a 500 meters altitude and we were going down towards Octeville at a speed of 450 kilometers per hour. We saw in front of us the red point but as we came closer, it suddenly went away with an amazing acceleration and disappeared in a few seconds. We thought to be able to evaluate its speed, taking our speed into account, at more than 1500 kilometers per hour, maybe even 2000. Since I am a pilot (M. Cote has 5000 hours of flight to his credit) I had never seen something like that".

And maybe some other persons have seen this point in the sky but without giving it any importance. Those three testimonies, which right now are added to the already very big UFO files, are very interesting because they are from people already knowing things in the sky that the laymen in return, doesn't always understand.

If unfortunately, the details lack for better understanding the nature of the phenomenon, on the other hand, the conditions of its observation, as well as the knowledge by its witnesses of the aeronautical facts leave a small place to the doubt: something strange really happened in the Le Havre sky, last Friday. And it's maybe for not facing the amused smiles of the skeptics that its watchers had spoken only very little. But an unusual light in the Le Havre sky doesn't mean the presence above our heads of flying saucers and little green men. It is only a fact today unexplainable. And anyway, if it was different, the UFO phenomenon would not exist...

City and country of incident: R.N. 417 near Saint-Amé - FRANCE
Date of incident: April 22, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: La Liberté de l'Est, April 23, 1979
City and country of newspaper: (?), France

MOTORISTS SEE THREE UFOs.

Remiremont. Around 2 a.m. in the night of Saturday to Sunday, M. Dominique Dollet, a movies theaters owner in Remiremont, was riding on the national road 417, in the neighbourhood of Saint-Amé. He had two friends as passengers.
It was then that in the sky the three men saw three luminous phenomena, sometimes red, green or white. The bright gleams were sometimes motionless but sometimes moved in sudden accelerations. They finally disappeared in the sky-line.

City and Country of incident: Bédarrides - FRANCE
Date of incident: April (?), 1979
Name of paper and Date of clip: Le Parisien, April 25, 1979
City and Country of newspaper: Paris, France

A UFO IN THE VAUCLUSE DEPARTMENT.

Bédarrides. Two young women, living in Bédarrides (Vaucluse), assert to have seen, between Bédarrides and Châteaufort-du-Pape, the landing of a UFO.
They are two sisters who declared in their statement at the "gendarmerie" that they were riding their motor bikes, around 11.30 p.m., when they saw a circular object very luminous, flying at high altitude and which came closer to the ground at high speed. The object, according to them, was equipped with red winking lights and surrounded by a luminous halo.
The lie of the place didn't permit them to know if the object landed on the ground or hovered, but they estimate its diameter at 4 meters. Not very willing to have a "CE III", the two sisters went hastily back to their home.
It was the incredulity and the irony of which they were victims which decided them to make public their testimony.

City and Country of incident: Audincourt - FRANCE
Date of incident: March 27, 1979
Name of paper and Date of clip: L'Union, April 27, 1979
City and Country of newspaper: Reims, France

THE UFO AND THE HAMSTER.

Montbéliard. "If a UFO really passed over, its apparition and the death of the hamster are a simple coincidence, the two phenomena are not linked." Such are the results of the autopsy performed by the laboratory of the direction of the veterinarian offices of the Jura department in Lons-le-Saulnier.
"The animal really died of a common pneumonia and it was not abnormally radio-active."
Those conclusions are following the apparently abnormal death of "Fifi", a hamster, March 27, on the balcony of an apartment in Audincourt. According to its owner, during the animal's problems, a UFO passed in the sky. The police, alerted, advised to make an autopsy of the animal. And, Sunday, three motorists from Remiremont (Vosges) asserted to have seen three UFOs in the sky of Saint-Amé (Vosges) while they were driving on the national road.
"It was three luminous phenomena sometimes red, sometimes green, sometimes white, sometimes motionless, sometimes moving with a sudden acceleration."

City and Country of incident: Eyzin-Pinet - FRANCE
Date of incident: May 14, 1979
Name of paper and Date of clip: Ouest-France, May 17, 1979
City and Country of newspaper: Caen, France

UFO ON STOP.

If all of them didn't see it, the 1250 inhabitants of Eyzin-Pinet, near Vienne (Isère), speak of it with excitement since Monday, the day when, at 1.10 p.m., a lot of them, including the school director, 60 pupils and numerous other witnesses saw a mysterious object flying over their village, then making a brief stop before disappearing at a tremendous speed in the sky. The director's son, 19 years old, described the object: "It was there, at about 70 meters ahead of me, at 5 or 6 meters above the grass-land, slightly inclined as if a thread had held in the sky this oval shape, large like a house door, sometimes black, sometimes brilliant, and changing of volume, a little like a jellyfish, of which it seemed to have the consistency. The cows didn't stumble, but when I wanted to cross the barbed wires closing the field, I saw the object, until then immobilized noiseless, rising slowly then accelerating its speed and disappearing at an incredible speed in the sky."

City and country of incident: Sainte-Reine - FRANCE
Date of incident: May 15, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Dauphiné Libéré, May 17, 1979
City and country of newspaper: Chambéry, France

UFO: "QUASI LANDING" IN SAINTE-REINE (SAVOIE DEPARTMENT).

Aix-les-Bains. Tuesday, around 1.50 p.m., a certain number of inhabitants of Routhenes, a hamlet of Sainte-Reine (Savoie department) and on the road going from Chatelard to the col of Frêne, near Saint-Pierre-d'Albigny, have been the witnesses of a mysterious phenomenon.
An object, very brilliant on the ground, but which, once in the air, presented a dark side and the other clearer, with a shape hard to define, attempted a landing at about 70 meters west of the Bazin farm in Routhenes. The volume of the object has been compared to the volume of a "fiat Topolino", about 2,50 meters long by 1,70 meter high, and the phenomenon has been observed for about 15 minutes.
The first witnesses, who were working at the fields and gardens works, M. and Mrs. Lucian Rivollat, retired from the Air Force, Mrs. Bazin, the two Tissots brothers, their sister, and other inhabitants of the area, a dozen in total, have given the indications to MM. Petit, Bec, Chazotte and Bosso from the Savoie Ufological Studies and Researches Center (Centre Savoyard d'Etudes et de Recherches Ufologiques: CSERU).
The object seemed to be soft, fuzzy and when it moved, it followed the exact shape of the broken ground and the one of the trees tops from the near forest. The object took off almost vertically at a tremendous speed, after having done on the ground an oscillatory move which can be likened to the move of a circus merry-go-round. What is to notice too is that it left against a north wind quite strong, and that when the witnesses saw it for the last time, before its disappearance on the "dent de Pleuven", there were two shapes, two objects.
This "quasi landing", this is how such a manifestation is called by the specialists in Ufology, is to be put near the one we reported in our yesterday editions.

Michel Jay.

City and country of incident: "Le Semery" near the departmental road 946 and near Landifay - FRANCE
Date of incident: May 17, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: L'Aisne Nouvelle, May 22, 1979
City and country of newspaper: Saint-Quentin, France

UFOs SEEN BETWEEN MARLE AND GUISE.

A lady and her son, from the Chauny area and who wanted to remain anonymous, were the eye witnesses of the apparition of 4 UFOs at the place called "Le Semery", at 200 meters of the departmental road n° 946 going from Guise to Marle; the objects were going, for the first two in the direction south-west-north-east, and at the south of Landifay, at the place called "L'Épinette" and still in the same direction. This happened this last Thursday around 10.50 p.m. The witnesses are explicit: "No, it was not planes!"
But let Mrs. "X" tell us what she saw: "...It was around 10.50 p.m., Thursday night, when I took with my car the little cart track linking

the Clanlieu farms to the departmental road n° 946 (Guise-Marle). Reaching a turn at the top of a little slope, what wasn't my surprise in front of the show offered to my eyes. Indeed, two objects staying motionless, emitting strong lights, sometimes white, sometimes red, were there, at about 600 meters and which altitude, compared to the ground, varied between forty and sixty meters. Nothing looking like planes. My son and myself, we were not really cheering. Then suddenly the objects moved very slowly. They went towards Guise, noiselessly and the power of their lights didn't permit to distinguish their shape. The distance separating the 2 UFOs didn't change of an inch, it was about forty meters. Maybe it was the same UFO?
"...They seemed to prospect the ground and the strangest is that they followed a well precise path with the lights winking from down to up. We observed them like that for ten minutes, before going to the road going to Landifay, where near the calvary appeared two other smaller objects. This time they were closer to us and came towards us. Being scared, I put out my car lights and, in fact, we unwillingly were engaged on their path. Like the first two, they were going towards Guise..."

City and Country of incident: Châteaufort-du-Pape - FRANCE
Date of incident: May 15, 1979
Name of paper and Date of clip: Les Dépêches, May 25 (?), 1979
City and Country of newspaper: unknown, France

A light like five or six truck lights...
A UFO IN THE JURA DEPARTMENT AT CHATEAU-DES-PRÉS?

Châteaufort-du-Pape (Jura). Product of the imagination or real sighting? In the night of Monday May 14 to Tuesday May 15, an inhabitant of Grandvaux, M. Jean Vuillet, farmer at Châteaufort-du-Pape, was the witness of a strange luminous phenomenon during some long minutes. Two other testimonies, registered too by the "gendarmerie", confirm his own.
It's not, anyway, the first time that such phenomena happen in the area. Other apparitions were reported here and there, along a North-South line, which cuts perpendicularly the Bièvre valley. The day after this event, other similar facts were seen in the Côte-d'Or department.
This particular night, the weather was clear with a full moon. Around one in the morning, after a diner he took very late, M. Jean Vuillet leaves the farm he owns in the Crozats hamlet.
His attention is suddenly attracted by "a strong blinding light" like "five or six truck lights" located on a rock at the border of the forest, some 300 meters from him.
After watching this light a few moments, he takes his car for going back home, at Châteaufort-du-Pape, a village at less than two kilometers.
On the road, a phenomenon happened that he doesn't explain well: "For a few seconds, I felt like a shudder and it seemed to me that the moon had disappeared..." It seemed to him that the car engine and lights stopped working briefly. But he doesn't affirm it.
An abnormal luminosity.
He anyway keeps going and parks his car in front of his home. In front of him, at 250 meters, overhanging "the rock of the Madonna", the same show happens:

"The lights were directed on the houses. It was like a big round light looking like the sun with an identical diameter, as blinding as it. Light rectangles were under, five or six, which lighted up and put out the ones after the others, without a precise order. Downer again, lights of a reddish color, the size of a car light... The whole was quite impressive, two meters large and the same in height".
M. Vuillet spends a few moments more before seeing the object disappear in the night.

Two testimonies come to confirm his own. The first comes from a neighbour whose house is located near M. Vuillet's house:
"Around one a.m. in the night of the 14 to the 15, it seemed to me that the outside luminosity was abnormal, much more powerful than the one given by the public light in front of my house", says Mrs. Adrienne Grostebussiat, 65 years old.
The second testimony is Mrs. Annie Todeschini's, 30 years old, whose husband is a masonry contractor in the village.
"Around one a.m., that night, my dog started barking in a very particular way, snarling. It barked at least half an hour..." A fact to notice, the neighbouring house dog bizzarely kept silent.
The "gendarmes" from the "brigade" of Saint-Laurent came several times on the spot. They took some pictures of which the results will not be anyway convincing. They didn't notice special marks on the ground.
From now on, the people from Grandvaux will not miss watching the stars, hoping that the sky will not fall on their heads... (1)

Pierre STIEGHE

SPAIN — Credit: F. Cerda Guardia (Translator: Richard Heiden)

City of incident: Santa Lucía, Cartagena (Murcia), Spain
Date of incident: c. February 5, 1979
Name and date of paper: Linea, Feb. 9, 1979
City of paper: Murcia (Murcia), Spain

FROM SKEPTICISM TO PANIC!

THE FACTS INDICATE THAT UFOS REALLY APPEAR IN CARTAGENA TWO RESIDENTS OF SANTA LUCIA CLAIM TO HAVE WATCHED A STRANGE OBJECT FROM 50 METERS

For some time now, there have been many stories about the presence of UFOs. In particular, it has come to be claimed that in Cartagena the presence of these unidentified flying objects is intensifying. On occasion we have received calls in our office telling about the presence of strange objects. We had the account from a person who had seen a UFO. Nevertheless, faithful to his decision, we did not venture to publish the event. Now, J.U.L., who does not want to give his complete name—apparently he rejects any notoriety or fame—resident of Santa Lucía, right in the neighborhood where for days now the frequent presence of UFOs has been published, witnessed with a friend the presence of one of these craft.
At first, we were a little skeptical of the account of the above-mentioned J.U.L.. We even asked him various questions to determine the veracity of his account. He always answered us the same way. His gestures and his indignation at our skepticism made it evident that—it seems—everything he has told us is the truth. It is difficult to adopt a theatrical posture instead of the look that J.U.L. adopted in explaining his experience to us.

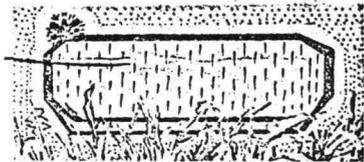
-INTUITION ENTERED THE PICTURE

But we are going to start the account at the beginning. The two people were in their residence working on their professional duties at twelve midnight. At two in the morning, they were completed, they looked out the window and saw absolutely nothing. But, by the intuition of one of them, they looked out again, another window, and saw a brightness on the ground, toward the castle of San Julián, some three kilometers (1.9 miles—trans.) away. The two people were impressed. After observing this phenomenon for some 20 minutes, looking through binoculars, they decided to approach the light.

Carrying arms, they approached, after a walk through a woods, at 3:30 a.m., the rise where the castle of San Julián is located. The brightness was growing brighter at first, but as they found themselves on the final trajectory, it was growing dimmer, until they reached some 50 meters (164 feet—trans.) from the object that emitted the light. That luminosity—they tell us—hurt the eyes and was like an aura around the strange object. The luminosity, white and yellowish, with like silvery beams, went out in all directions. This shine did not go beyond some six meters (20 feet—trans.).

-THE SHAPE OF THE CRAFT

They were at this spot some three-quarters of an hour, impressed. (We make an aside to indicate that, during this account, the person who gave it to us



In the picture can be seen the approximate characteristics of the UFO, as explained to us by the witnesses who saw it. We have tried to take photographs of the witnesses. But they do not want to be bothered with more questions, to have family quarrels, or be the object of ridicule. As is known, in these cases there are always those who do not believe until they see it themselves.

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screamed when explaining, and even became violently angry when we made references to the unreality of his sighting.) Let us continue. The object that was giving off the rays was rectangular in shape, as can be seen in the sketch. It measured no more than ten or twelve meters long and some six or seven wide [33-39 feet long by 20-23 feet wide-trans.]. They could also see during the time they remained there expectantly that at one of the ends of the ship there appeared a violet-colored intermittent light. During the time they remained watching the object they did not talk, and when they decided to move away, a kilometer [0.6 mile-trans.] from the craft, they stopped observing lights, but they did not notice any device taking off.

-FLATTENED GRASS AND TRACES

The next day, in full daylight, they returned to the place and observed that some bushes, in a level stretch of ground with mostly grass, were cut, and deduced that it must be from a side-arm. In an area the size of the craft this grass was flattened down. And at a nearby pond they found traces like those made by sports shoes with grooved soles. The strange thing is that with the castle of San Julián nearby, apparently no one there noticed any abnormality, even though there is always a guard.

Everything that was related seems to be the truth, in accordance with the insistence of the witnesses and the convulsive contraction that their faces adopted when telling us about the experience. Moreover, we twice received calls in our office--from a man and from a woman, both residents of Santa Lucía--pointing out to us the presence of a strange object in Calvario woods (or on Calvario hill--trans.). We did not want to exaggerate it. Let the reader decide.

Pablo-Jesús ARMADA

ARGENTINA -- Credit: Jane Thomas

City and country of incident: Azucena station, Tandil, Argentina
Date of incident: March 17, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: El Eco de Tandil, March 21, 1979

NEIGHBORS OF TANDIL SAW UFO NEAR AZUCENA STATION

A neighbor of Tandil sent us a letter wherein he says that on Saturday 17th, a few meters from Azucena station, he sighted a UFO in the sky. The witness is José Martínez Pérez (Identification Card #92 069 317) who was with his wife, his son and parents in law.

He writes as follows:

"On Saturday, March 17, at 21.45 I was returning in my car with my family from the camp of don Carlos Anaut, a few kilometers from Azucena. I might have covered some 1,000 meters when a bright light surprised me to my left as if hanging in the sky, which flashed intermittently.

Curious, I stopped the car; we got off; my son Martín, my parents in law Pedro Gutiérrez and his wife. My wife, impressed, did not want to leave the car. And we saw apparently over the Azucena station, some 5 km away, a kind of luminous spotlight, very powerful and that almost hurt the eyes, like an electric welding machine, towards the East and at an elevation angle of some 40 degrees, that light which seemed to be four or five times the evening star; which turned on and off and started to come towards the north in zig-zag, very fast; like lashes. As if it were bouncing on something solid in space. Then it stopped and seemed to turn back but climbing and always emitting a light that hurt the eyes. After four or five minutes of these incomprehensible maneuvers in space the light (which due to its course could not be any conventional known aircraft), took off towards the North with a swift upward impulse until it was lost in space.

I want to add that during these few minutes no engine noise, trepidation or anything was heard. There was absolute silence. And after remaining a while, like wanting to sound some places or corners in space to see whether we could find anything concrete, describable, with some kind of shape, we returned to Tandil wanting to tell all we saw: a big, unusually powerful light, with intermittent flashes, which made drawings in space, last Saturday night".

(s) José Martínez Pérez (I.C. 92 019 317)

City and country of incident: Bigand, Santa Fe province, Argentina
Date of incident: April 7, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, April 12, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO WAS CLAIMED TO HAVE LANDED NEAR ROSARIO

Rosario - A strange phenomenon which the police is trying to explain, was reported by a neighbor of Bigand, who claims that a UFO landed early on Saturday in one of his fields. The testimony was obtained by police of the IV Regional Unit when it was on a routine patrol in its jurisdiction. In Bigand, Pedro Celotto reported that in his field located to the west of an urban area, a UFO had landed on a soybean plantation. Once there, police could verify that a certain area of the plantation was burned in a circle of some 8 meters diameter. On being questioned, some residents said that early last Saturday a luminous object started to move in the sky. Some claimed that several cars along National Route 33 had their engines stopped without any apparent reason. A relative of Celotto said he had seen an "intense light that blinded me" a few minutes prior to the alleged landing. Earth samples and calcinated grass were taken from the spot and sent to Rosario for analysis. It is expected that results will throw some light on this event, which is the cause of excited comments in an extensive area of the Caseros department. (As usual, no further news were published as to the results of such tests - JT).

City and country of incident: Between Santiago and Viña del Mar, Chile
Date of incident: April 13, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: April 14, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A UFO

Santiago, Chile (ANSA) - A UFO "followed" an interprovincial bus for five minutes and then disappeared, to the surprise of driver, staff and the passengers. The story from one of the passengers and the driver's tally in that it was an object irradiating orange light which was gradually turning red and which placed itself some 200m from the bus. The UFO flew alongside the bus at its same speed for four or five minutes and then disappeared in the darkness of the night. The vehicle was running between Santiago and Viña del Mar, this country's main beach resort, 120 km from here. Mario Gómez Castro, a passenger businessman and Carlos Reyes, the driver, both said that on reaching the Zapata tunnel they thought the UFO would disappear. However, it was on leaving the tunnel when they could best study it. "It was waiting for us to appear. Suddenly, a luminous red cone appeared under the object and it left".

City and country of incident: Sarandí, Buenos Aires province, Argentina
Date of incident: April 15, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, April 17, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

PANIC IN SARANDI DUE TO A FIERY MASS

A MYSTERY FROM THE BEYOND?

Several houses were burning but when the firemen arrived, flames vanished by themselves

As fireworks born from an intangible incandescent mass, the particles which with blue flames and spewing noise jumped from one place to the other were seen for almost one hour in the street and in the sky. Several of the witnesses, paralyzed by this blinding and threatening fan of lights, thought they were spectators to the landing of an unknown space vehicle.

Overcome by panic, men, women and children jumped out of their beds the moment the explosions cut short the monotonous melody of a rainy night and the street lighted up with an intermittent rash of flashes which threatened to burn it all. Those instants were so noisy that anyone would have said it was London being bombed.

The disquieting and ghostly scene being described, however, did not occur during WWII but early the morning of last Sunday. Their protagonists were not the residents of a London suburb. This time it was the neighbors of a district in Sarandí who live at the crossing of Espora and Blandengues streets. It certainly was no bombing. But those who had the experience ask themselves even today - What was it?

* We are not out of our minds

"Should I have gone through this by myself, I would think I'm out of my mind, but there are more than 50 neighbors as witnesses. We cannot all be crazy. Though it should seem unbelievable and not even ashes remain, at

02.30 on Sunday all this here seemed to be ablaze", one of them said very excited, wishing to remain anonymous.

"Believe me, it was hell - interrupts Hilda Herrera- we woke up with explosions and then felt (she means heard-JT) something like the rattle of machine guns on the front door. When we dared go onto the street, that abandoned house in the empty lot was surrounded by a white luminous mass from which emerged flames. Although one could almost not look at it because it was so blinding. I think the foam of fire (sic-JT) that sprinkled the whole block came from there".

"Although I don't understand what the hell they (sic-JT) wanted here, this was all so strange no one dares to leave out the possibility that a flying saucer should have been around", added another, replying to a question that was floating in the air.

"I got up with the noise -says Norberto Platero who lives in Blandengues 3160- and saw my car on fire (he refers to a blue Fiat 600 on the street, plate number C 473 163), then I tried to leave through the back of the house. There was a bluish white fire which blocked my way and which also vanished later. I understand nothing. I don't know, I don't know what happened.

In fairness, neither do we. Going around the place we did not find the objects destroyed or burned which are usual in fires. The people we interviewed really did not seem crazy. What can one think in a situation like this? As there is still a long way off until "Innocent's Day" (equivalent to April Fool's Day, in Argentina on December 28 - JT) we rule out the possibility of a joke. Besides, evidences do not allow such a comfortable reply.

It did not seem logical to us either -though easier- to base ourselves on the idea of a collective illusion because in spite of the ethereal traces left by the phenomenon, they do exist. We were tempted to consult a well known local parapsychologist. It would have been useless: we were told that a short time ago she had announced a phenomenon very similar to the one we describe. We finally decided on the most sensible way out, seek the testimony of the firemen of Sarandí.

"When we arrived it was almost all over but some explosions similar to firecrackers still persisted and also some scattered flames very similar to those produced by short-circuits", stated one of the 20 men who went to the spot with two teams of firemen from Sarandí and one from Avellaneda.

This fire, if it may be termed as such, must have been for this fireman the most unusual of his life. "Imagine, we could not use the hoses because the elusive particles we were combating were inflamed with water instead of dying out", he added as a curiosity, as if disconcerting details should be lacking.

"It was like a phosphorated product -explains Luciano Villarino, second chief of the local crew- white colored and with a blue flame which consumed itself with water, and besides blew up if hit or stepped on. The only fragment of the material which we were about to save (10cm long by 3cm wide) consumed itself while we were taking it to the fire engine.

All explanations we could collect end here. Consultations met with an evasive silence. Everything seems to indicate that the disappearance of the mysterious material will be reduced to an expert's report to try to understand a phenomenon which poses more questions than it answers. The incandescent bars, as is said, vanished that same night with the rain, as if made of dry ice. How will its origin be determined? From where did they come?

Meanwhile, neighbors show us a little burned stone to which they stick as if it were the only testimony of an episode worthy of a science-fiction chapter. The other evidences also vanish as hours pass by: they are the inexplicable and faint white stains that remained on the spot and which some neighbors avoid to touch for fear of "radioactivity".

What happened? What kind of a material is that that burns in contact with water, without setting on fire whatever is in its path and only leaves this faint trace? Is it a known chemical element? And if not, may it be from another planet? As we are not experts we ignore it but we would certainly like to know.

* Strange - Almost no traces remained

Allied in their strange experience, the neighbors don't understand how there could remain no sample -aside from the one they assume they have- of the mysterious material that burned with water. Several claim the firemen picked them up with their shovels but when Crónica consulted them it was said they have not even one piece in their hands.

If, however, one wants to investigate, the existence of faint whitish traces can still be verified over the abandoned hut, a Fiat 600 car, and the backyard of one of the houses.

Aside from a piece of some kind of stone the source of which -up to now- the neighbors could not find out.

* A Sun - The light turned the night into day

The explosions came from an incandescent white mass which the first witnesses could barely look at. The shape, they tell us, could resemble those described other times and in other latitudes by those who claim having seen flying saucers.

The unusual sight of this mass leads neighbors who were questioned, not to rule out the possibility that it could have been an extraterrestrial object. As it was very late no one could see where it came from. Some agree, however, that the strange mass turned the night into day and then vanished amidst flashes.

"I will never forget that morning", remarked one of the neighbors.

City and country of incident: San Luis province, Argentina
Date of incident: April 17, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: El Liberal, April 19, 1979
City and country of paper: Santiago del Estero province, Argentina

San Luis - Chosen Spot for UFOs

San Luis (Telam) - This province has again turned into the stage chosen for the "exhibitionist journey" of the UFOs. This time they were visible in this capital and for 35 minutes were the obliged comment of many witnesses who left their usual tasks to try to find out the reasons for the unusual presence.

Approximately at 08.30 of Tuesday, the curiosity of an employee on his way to work detected in the sky towards the North of this city an object which attracted him on account of its brightness. It first seemed an optical illusion, but fixing his sight high in the sky he verified it was a UFO the shape of a plate and metal-colored. If he was still doubtful, the remarks of those who surrounded him forming a compact group eliminated his doubts.

* Comment

Many conjectures in between comments made by UFO "experts" brought to mind scenes from "Close Encounters..." and there was also someone who assured that San Luis was one of the places in our planet chosen by beings from other planets to materialize such "encounters".

The calmness with which all were voicing their knowledge was suddenly broken when what was believed to be only one big object seemed to divide itself in three parts. Thus, while one remained fixed, the two separate objects flew towards the sides at great speed disappearing in the sky.

The initial amazement which made some of the witnesses try to run away, again turned to calmness on noticing that the "basic" object remained on the same spot, although now it could be seen it was smaller.

All the above happened in only 35 minutes, since cirrus clouds covered the UFO and it did not appear again. From then on, the hundreds of people who saw it resumed their conjectures and the presence of unidentified objects in La Florida last summer was recalled, as well as those detected in the Villa Mercedes region last year. The truth was that in such a short time the city changed its usual rhythm. The clouds kept all from continuing to see a spectacle which is already followed with ease by the public. What is doubtless is that UFOs were the subject of the day.

City and country of incident: Valparaíso, Chile
Date of incident: April 19, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, April 20, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO FLEET OVER VALPARAISO

Valparaíso, Chile (EFE) - A formation of UFOs flew at great speed over a sector of this port, the main one in Chile, and over the neighboring port of San Antonio. The strange event was seen by many people with amazement. In San Antonio witnesses described the phenomenon as "incredible parabolas in the sky". The UFOs, which gave off a luminosity between light blue and purple, passed at great altitude over the coast of San Antonio. After performing circles in the sky, they fell in formation at great speed and passed almost touching the beach houses and disappeared in the horizon, according to witnesses of the most different origins. Shortly thereafter, the same event was observed in the districts of Playa Ancha and Quebrada Verde, in the higher part of Valparaíso, several artifacts passing in formation in a S-N direction. The UFOs hovered a few minutes over the Valparaíso bay and could be seen from the high points, and then disappeared at great speed.

City and country of incident: Bohol, Pagadian, Philippines
Date of incident: April 19, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, April 24, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THEY ARE EVERYWHERE: PHILIPPINES SAW UFOs

Zamboanga, Philippines, 23 (AP) - Some residents of two meridional Philippine cities claimed having seen UFOs before dawn on Thursday, even one resembling a disc which disappeared after two mysterious explosions, said today one of the witnesses and a government official.

In Manila, 864 km from here, the official Philippine news agency said that neighbors from two towns near the central province of Bohol had allegedly seen similar objects, more or less at the same time.

César Orcajada, general manager of the Security and Intelligence Agency for Veterans of Zamboanga, said he was in Pagadian, a city 184 km to the NE, when he and Col. Cipriano Geogson, chief of police of Pagadian, saw an object in the sky resembling a disc, upon leaving a hotel at 4.35 am.

He said the object, which flew towards the north, gave off such a bright and multicolored light that it woke up the city's residents. After three minutes two explosions were heard and the object disappeared, said Orcajada.

City and country of incident: Rivera Department, Uruguay
Date of incident: April 23, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, April 24, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

MORE UFOs IN THE URUGUAYAN SKY

Montevideo, 24 (DPA) - The elusive UFOs in the shape of a cigar have again appeared in the Uruguayan sky. The "sighting" occurred in the department of Rivera on the border with Brazil, some 450 km from Montevideo. Local residents claimed having seen a giant ship of approx. 50m length, very similar to a "cigar".

The UFO, according to witnesses, gave off intense orange flashes, went to the NW in a straight line until it was lost when its lights decreased. Witnesses claimed that in the back of the long UFO three subdivisions could be seen.

They said that at least four compartments could be seen in each of the objects.

City and country of incident: Rawson, Chubut province, Argentina
Date of incident: April 24, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Tribuna, April 24, 1979
City and country of paper: San Juan province, Argentina

UFO IN RAWSON

A large group of neighbors of the Belgrano district saw a strange phenomenon in the sky early this morning, at 01.30.

According to the stories, on hearing the cries of a truck driver who was parked in front of a tire-shop on España Avenue near Honsefor Orzall, most of the nearby residents came out to see the phenomenon they took for a UFO.

According to the stories, the phenomenon consisted in a circle two or three times the size of a star which in its nucleus emitted reddish and at times yellow lights, similar to that of patrol cars.

At first it moved at great speed from NW to SE, then stopping for more than two hours, while still giving off the red and yellow flashes that had been noticed at first.

So, local residents found a reason for animated talk in groups formed by men, women, children and elderly people.

Testimonies

Tribuna de la Tarde talked this morning with some of those who observed the celestial phenomenon last night.

Mr. Nicolás Orlando Cassanelli told us "Around 01.30 am when I was changing a tire in my shop I noticed a young man who came to me crying out. He was calling me and telling me to look up at the sky. I then saw a circumference of a rather bluish color and red around the edge which moved from W to E. I looked carefully and noticed it moved. At once I called the neighbors for them to also see it. Most of them came and saw the phenomenon. Look, I'm sure it was not a star because it was much bigger. From where I was I estimate the circumference to be some 20cm.

Neighbors consulted this morning thought the same, while still exchanging conjectures.

City and country of incident: David, Chiriquí province; en route from Guayaquil to Lima (the first two items, the place of the other incidents is not mentioned)

Dates of incidents: 1956, 1974, December 1978, February 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, April 27, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A PILOT AND FLIGHT ENGINEER SAW UFOs FOUR TIMES

Panamá (AFP) - Pilot and flight engineer Capt. Miguel Lezcano claimed having seen UFOs four times. The first was in 1956 when he was 12, and the last, in February 1979. Lezcano said that early one morning in May 1956 a roar woke him up and he saw a bright light "as when someone is welding"; which covered the whole block. The object made a noise "as that of today's jets", which lasted around one and half minutes. Lezcano said a neighbor called Esquivel also saw the saucer and told of the event at school. They even today call him "Saucer" Esquivel. This happened in the city of David, province of Chiriquí, where Lezcano was born. The second time he sighted a UFO was early one morning in December 1974 when he commanded an Air Panama plane from Guayaquil to Lima, at 33,000 ft altitude and 560 miles per hour, when he saw an object giving off a whitish and bluish light which moved parallel to the plane. Lezcano now works at the local air company Trans- (something's missing here- JT). Lezcano saw his third UFO at dusk on December 1978 and the fourth in February.

City and country of incident: Guadalajara, Spain; also another unidentified /place.
Date of incident: December 1977; August 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, May 2, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THEY TRAVELLED IN A UFO!

Fascinating Stories about Extraterrestrials: they are green and communicate thru telepathy

Madrid, 1st (EFE) - The First National Ufology Congress where the main Spanish UFO experts met, ended in Madrid. Investigator Enrique de Vilvente, in the last work submitted, presented two cases of people who assured having been inside a UFO and had contact with its "humanoid" crew.

One of the cases occurred in December 1977, in the province of Guadalajara, when Miguel Herreros, while fishing, was approached by some strange beings who encouraged him to board a vehicle and, in Spanish, asked him several questions after claiming they came from a place on Earth, but in another dimension.

The second case was of a person who identifies himself as "Judo" -although he did not want to give his name-, who claimed that last August he was in a UFO with his hunting dog, and the "extraterrestrials" hypnotized him

before performing several tests on his body.

The witness described some human-looking beings, very tall, with a green seamless and zipless suit, and who communicated thru telepathy.

* Very Frequented Countries

Lima, 1st (EFE) - Some 400 people all over the world had contact with beings from other planets up to now, was claimed here today by three young Belgians who came to Perú to study the country's "Ufology".

Guy van Ackeren, Daniel Tittiere and Windey Franci belong to the International Society of Scientific Disciplines who is based in Brussels, Belgium.

They indicated they will visit Cuzco and Puno for three months, where they will try to find evidence of the existence of UFOs, which they claim abound in Perú.

They stated that countries such as Perú, Argentina, Venezuela, Brazil and the U.S. are visited by the flying saucers with preference over others, these craft attaining speeds of 40,000 kph.

City and country of incident: Salto, Uruguay
Date of incident: 1977 - Also May 1-2, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, May 6, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

COMMOTION IN URUGUAY ON THE APPEARANCE OF FLYING SAUCERS

Montevideo, 5 (UPI) - The "estancia" (ranch) La Aurora in the department of Salto, 500 km to the NW of Montevideo, would seem to be an operation center for extraterrestrial ships, according to UFO experts who study the phenomenon.

Alfredo Honsi and José Berniz from the Association for the Study of Extraterrestrial Vehicles (ADEVE), state that said ranch, owned by Angel María Tonna, "is no doubt the stage where the most interesting phenomena of this kind in Uruguay are recorded".

Honsi claims that "we are convinced the La Aurora ranch is a center for operations... otherwise the large quantity of sightings since 1977 could not be explained".

The last sightings occurred on May 1st in the afternoon and early the next morning.

The object was flashing, silvery, and advanced from the NE to the NW. It stopped for a while in the sky and then disappeared with oscillating motions".

The most interesting data obtained by these experts and other ufologists from other parts in the world derive from the "landing" of a UFO in a sector of said estancia on February 18, 1977, at which time a circle of burned grass remained, one of the owner's dogs died three days later with strange burns on his back and the owner himself had to cover his face with one arm which also shows burns, to protect himself from the dazzling light and intense heat coming from the object.

"Important levels of radioactivity" were registered in the place, as also in a nearby hill, where there are burned trees and many dead animals, "like mummified".

City and country of incident: Pampulhas, Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Date of incident: May 5, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, May 7, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO PARALYZED A DISTRICT IN BRAZIL; LANDING IS BEING INVESTIGATED

Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 6 (EFE) - Leaders of the Center for Space Research traveled today to this city to investigate a UFO which last night paralyzed the Pampulhas district, 5km from Belo Horizonte.

According to two witnesses, policemen from a patrol car, the UFO landed on a field near the military school of Belo Horizonte and remained on the ground for 1 1/2 minutes.

Policemen Vander Campos and Benedito Mantos, of the highway patrolling unit, said they saw the object at less than 50m, it spewed fire through a "kind of turbines on the ground and gave off intense red and orange lights".

They added that the car's engine stopped as well as the radio, for 55 sec. The strong light from the object did not permit them to see whether "there was someone observing through the large number of portholes the craft had", and the vehicle took off "vertically at great speed".

City and country of incident: Suesca, Sesquile, Nemaón and Choconta, Colombia

Date of incident: May 10, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, May 10, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO - A FLEET ALARMED A WHOLE TOWN

Bogotá, 10 (AFP) - A fleet of UFOs alarmed early this morning the residents of a large region located a few kilometers to the north of Bogotá, reported the afternoon paper "El Bogotano".

The UFOs, between 10 and 15, according to witnesses, flew for several hours over the quiet villages of Suesca, Sesquile, Nemaón and Choconta, causing the flight of domestic animals as well as a local blackout.

Eight of the objects that gave off lights changing from red to blue passing thru orange and yellow, "examined" for several minutes the installations of the satellite tracking station of Choconta owned by Telecom, before swiftly climbing and disappearing in space.

Members of the Colombian Institute for the Investigation of the UFO Phenomenon went to those places to interview the dismayed peasants, many still trying this morning to find their hens, dogs and cattle lost "because of those bright tin plates," as they said.

City and country of incident: Córdoba province, Argentina

Date of incident: May 14, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, May 16, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

CORDOBA: MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION

Córdoba, 15 (From our correspondent) - Neighbors of the town of James Craik, to the SW of this city, were stirred by an explosion whose source it was impossible to determine to this date. Local testimonies agree that at 09.40 yesterday, residents were shaken by an explosion similar to that of thunder, but at that hour the sky was clear and the sun was shining. It was then thought there was a failure in the gas piping that runs some kilometers to the east of James Craik, but a check made by the police also ruled out that possibility. There are quite a few who attribute the strange explosion to the passage overhead of a supersonic plane, it being claimed that a white trail was seen in the sky at that time, like that usually left by a plane in the service between Brazil and Chile.

City and country of incident: Villar de Rena, Spain

Date of incident: May 13, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, May 18, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO

Badajoz, Spain, 18 (EFE) - Two members of the Civil Guard (rural police) claimed having seen a big UFO.

Civil guards Juan Cortés and Antonio López were on duty early the morning of the 13th in a mountainous area near the town of Villar de Rena, when they saw a big object in the sky. According to their report it climbed and descended for 15 minutes.

City and country of incident: Santiago, Chile
Date of incident: May 17 to 18, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación - May 20, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

TWO UFOs IN SANTIAGO

Santiago de Chile, 19 (EFE) - Two very luminous red, green and yellow UFOs flying at great speed were detected the night of Thursday to Friday in this capital's airport.

The UFOs were detected and seen by the pilots of two planes from the Chilean company WU Chile at the time one of them was taking off and the other was about to land, confirmed authorized sources.

Personnel at International Airport of Pudahuel's control tower could also see the UFOs.

City and country of incident: Casilda and Caseros Dept., Santa Fe prov., Argentina
Dates of incident: May 17-18, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, May 20, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

LOCAL RESIDENTS REPORTED MORE UFOS NEAR THE CARCARANA RIVER

Rosario (From our agency) - Neighbors from Casilda were surprised at dusk on Thursday by a strange light advancing from W to E at moderate speed. Approximately at 19.30 a family called Fernández sighted a UFO while they were near the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences. Other people saw the same phenomenon but do not wish to be identified, in spite of appearances in that region being very frequent. After a short maneuver, the UFO turned towards the north and disappeared in the region of the Carcaraná river. A second appearance allegedly occurred on Friday at 20.10 in the city of the Department of Caseros in Santa Fe province. A sphere that in the distance seemed to be one meter in diameter, was seen descending in circles by another family by the name of Cáceres, who claimed that as it approached the ground it gave off luminous flashes which irradiated colors changing from green to yellow and then slowly to red. The object then disappeared maneuvering towards the north, to apparently descend over the Carcaraná river. It is stated that members of AOA (Asociación Observadores de Astros) went to the place to reconnoiter the Carcaraná river. Researcher Antonio Las Heras would also be about to do the same, arriving in these days from Buenos Aires, together with other people, carrying adequate equipment to perform more thorough investigations.

City and country of incident: Puno Dept. - Perú
Date of incident: ?
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, May 20, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

LIMA - UFO LANDING FIELD?

Lima, 19(EFE) - Members of the International Society for the Detection of Flying Saucers of Belgium, are presently in Cuzco trying to locate a landing field for alleged spaceships.

Daniel Ritler, Guy Vanacker and Windey Francis will search for the astrodrome in the department of Puno bordering with Bolivia, where it was claimed UFOS have landed and taken off.

The Cuzco provinces, which are some 1,000 km to the SE of Lima, will be covered by the investigators on horseback, in the hope of encountering the "little green men" from space.

They visited the Huaypo lake into which local peasants claimed UFOS, have plunged.

City and country of incident: Spain
Date of incident: ?
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, May 22, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

HE SPENT FOUR HOURS IN A UFO WHERE HE WAS INVESTIGATED

Madrid, 21 (EFE) - With the approval of the Center for Ufological Research the strange experience of a young native of Madrid who spent four hours inside a UFO has been disclosed.

The story of Julio F - the last name has not been provided for security reasons - has been exclusively published by the Spanish magazine "Cambio 16" in this week's issue.

A group of psychologists, doctors and space technicians - says the report - submitted this man to all kinds of tests to verify the truth of his story.

Deep hypnosis, pentothal and also a lie detector test as well as a thorough clinical analysis of his physical and mental state, concluded that Julio did not lie and that he has in fact been in contact with another civilization.

His strange story started one morning he went out to hunt with his dog Mus. Suddenly, while driving along the highway, his car stops, the dog starts to growl with his hair on end and he himself feels a kind of shiver; his way is blocked by almost human figures, two meters tall.

Immediately a kind of telepathic communication is established and Julio, having overcome his fear, walks with his dog towards a spaceship a few meters from them.

"It looked like a mushroom - says the protagonist - suspended in the air like a balloon. We entered through a cylinder, got into an elevator and after walking along a corridor we got to a circular room faintly lighted and smelling like ozone".

His extraterrestrial companions "had an almost human body - he said - the only difference being they were completely bald, no lashes, eyebrows or beard. The eyes were very clear and the pupil was dilated, the nose was thin, the mouth a straight line and they wore a green tunic". During the two hours he remained in the ship Julio was submitted to all kinds of tests.

The other beings talked among them a very hard language made of monosyllables and very disagreeable growls (remember the Vilas Boas case-JT). During his stay in the craft Julio says he traveled around the Earth and saw himself floating in the air as if his body was weightless.

The extraterrestrials asked Julio telepathically about the organization of Earth.

"I had to explain the division of the countries and the organization of the family and that of the states, just like you do with small children, because they could not grasp our customs", he said.

After almost four hours Julio left the craft safe and sound and could verify that his experience had been real because of the pricks from the tests that were in his and his dog's bodies.

City and country of incident: Córdoba province, Argentina
Date of incident: May 5, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Clarín, May 22, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO SIGHTED IN THE SOUTH OF CORDOBA

In Los Molinos dam, Dept. of Calamuchita, Córdoba, an amateur who was trying to photograph a hummingbird saw how a UFO suddenly appeared in his field. He pressed the shutter with much presence of mind and thus obtained what may be the best snapshots ever taken of a UFO. The mysterious navigator is shaped like a hat and has three openings, presumably for observations. According to experts it is a "flying saucer" which may be manned or not, but depends on a "mother ship" which possibly finds itself over Argentine territory in an unknown mission.

Córdoba (From our agency) - Luis Ferreyra, a local miner, was photographing a hummingbird flying between the foliage near the Los Molinos dam, Dept. of Calamuchita, when a UFO suddenly appeared in his viewfinder. The man, with great presence of mind, pressed the shutter several times and it is possible that the photographs obtained are the best and most valid as a document since the strange appearances began to be recorded the world over. The strange "encounter" occurred on the 5th of this month, but Ferreyra only handed the negatives to the afternoon paper "Córdoba" yesterday (to whose courtesy Clarín owes their reproduction), which permitted the observation with exceptional fidelity, of the characteristics of a vehicle which could have come from the cosmos.

Ferreyra said that around 0300 pm of the 5th, with a Minolta fitted with a 500mm lens, he was trying to follow the fast zigzag of a hummingbird against the sun, when unexpectedly a UFO entered his field of vision.

Without hesitating, he took several snapshots, although he added the appearance had made him nervous. "I cannot estimate the altitude at which the mysterious object was flying, which was of a metallic color. It suddenly tilted at an angle of 45 degrees with respect to the earth and was silently lost in space. That was all".

Upon consulting some students of the phenomena which throw mankind into conjectures, they explained that at first sight the photograph is authentic and the suspicion of a trick may be ruled out, although it will be necessary to study the negatives.

According to observations worldwide, there are up to now four types of UFOS: 1) Foofighters (in Spanish, VED, vehículos extraterrestres dirigidos, or extraterrestrial directed vehicles-JT), very small and astounding-ly fast; 2) flying saucers (the first of which was sighted by Kenneth Arnold on 6/24/47 at 0200 pm); the triangular ones; and 4) the "mother ships" (flying cigars). The one photographed by Ferreyra belongs to the second type and may or may not be manned.

A detailed observation of the object photographed in the Los Molinos dam shows two small openings over the outer edge of the wing and another -circular- in the bottom. Morphologically, the craft resembles a hat and seems to have been built with opaque materials.

The space traveler once again opens a discussion which, with this new testimony, assumes fascinating intensity. The obliged question is: What do UFOS want in the Argentine sky? One of the hypotheses already mentioned refers to the particular geographical position of our country, far away from places where an atomic holocaust might occur. But while conjectures abound, the remarkable quality of the photographs is eloquent in itself, as much as the story of the man who wanted to catch a hummingbird on film and ended up by capturing a flying saucer.

City and country of incident: Córdoba and Mendoza provinces, Argentina
Dates of incidents: May 5th and April 30, 1979, resp.
Name of paper and date of clip: Clarín, May 23, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

COMMOTION ON ACCOUNT OF TWO UFOS

With a few days difference, regions in Mendoza and Córdoba were the stage of the UFO phenomenon. Several miners (once again miners - chance??-JT) of an YPF (Yacimientos Petrolíferos Fiscales-Government Oil Fields) camp disclosed their "encounter" with a strange artifact that landed and even replied to an exchange of lights. Meanwhile, in the Los Molinos dam a mining producer photographed a flying saucer while trying to capture the motions of a hummingbird. Negatives were thoroughly analyzed and it is assured there is no hoax.

HOAX IN THE CORDOBA PHOTOS IS RULED OUT

Córdoba (from our agency) - "Since I can remember there has been talk of flying saucers, I already believe in them even if I have never seen them, because there are things whose existence must be accepted though we should not know of them directly." Those were the statements to the press of Mr. Luis Ferreyra, single, 34, mining producer, who very clearly photographed a UFO near the Los Molinos dam. The exceptionally realistic graphic notes were published day before yesterday by Clarín and the local paper "Córdoba", causing a lot of expectation.

Ferreyra confesses that the clear photographs surprised him: "I never thought they would come out like this", he says.

Repeating his story about the moment he sighted the 'strange object, he stated that "undoubtedly there are very advanced technologies which we ignore. The moment the flying saucer flew away and disappeared, I heard a noise. I wish to make it clear it was no kind of explosion. Neither did it sound like a shot. It was a noise which for an instant broke the peace of the place".

He added that in view of the understandable impression at that moment, he could not observe details, except that the craft was of a metallic color, nor could he estimate altitude and speed. As to size, Ferreyra said: "When I photograph a plane with a telephoto lens the image fills practically the whole lens. Not here. There was room left at the sides."

In its yesterday's edition, while again commenting on the event, the afternoon paper "Córdoba" refers to the information published by Clarín in the sense that "Some specialists in the phenomena that fill mankind with conjectures explained that, at first sight, the photograph is authentic and the suspicion of a hoax may be ruled out, although a study of the negatives is required".

And the local paper adds: "The technical studies performed on the negative in Córdoba rule out any fraud".

It finally adds that when Ferreyra collected the amount which the administration of the Editorial Córdoba had allocated to him, he announced he would donate the amount to the Association for the Protection of Animals. He explained that this was due to "a debt of gratitude he has towards animals".

* THE VIZCACHERAS LIGHTS

Mendoza (From our agency) - Victorio Corradi is a professor of regular and special literature, graduated from the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts of the Cuyo University 15 years ago. Since 1957 he insists in exchanging teaching for research and thanks to a passion that seems not to recognize limits, he investigates, wherever on earth or beyond he may obtain conclusions, or at least approximations of what happens in space.

Many follow him and unquestionably accept his statements. Many others are not convinced and with a smile of compassionate understanding listen to the flow of explanations. But the obstinate researcher is not easily discouraged and insists in keeping a permanent research.

That was why -no doubt- he was one of the first in reaching the Vizcacheras region - an oil reserve located in the department of Rivera some 70km to the east of this capital - where, according to the testimony of YPF workers and technicians, a UFO has allegedly landed.

After evaluating the evidences and reports, Corradi said that "since April 1970 up to last May, a series of events related to the presence and landing of UFOS took place in that oil zone.

A group of more than 10 YPF workers with the best of personal background is a witness to these events, he convinces himself. One of the last sightings - he adds - was made by several workers on April 30 last at approx. 04.30 am, when they were at their usual work in a car equipped with a mobile transmitter".

He adds other details such as, for instance, that they saw a motionless red light, for which reason they returned to the car and changed lights, to which the light "replied with a change in position, landing again." Then, adds Corradi, the workers again changed lights and, suddenly the red light climbed turning into an approximately rectangular-shaped object, which gave off a kind of colored jets among which green, light blue, red and blue were the most remarkable.

Corradi, who is director of the Institute for the Study of Extrahuman Phenomena, inspected the site and collected a kind of "stone" which is, as he says, what the sand over which the UFO maneuvered, turned into. There remained, besides, an aureole excavated in the ground in the shape of a circumference, where the sand was cracked and smelled like ammonia.

Corradi turned part of this material over to official laboratories for its thorough analysis.

He adds, as a remarkable detail, "that it is not by chance that the UFO splinters are, for instance, mines, especially uranium (La Pintada and Cuesta de los Terneros in San Rafael), oil reserves like this case of Vizcacheras, which already has other antecedents in areas such as Pacasana (Perú) in February 1949 and the YPF distillery in Luján de Cuyo."

In this same story he adds that the occurrence in Calamuchita and the Los Molinos regions confirms the theory that flying saucers also go near places where water abounds.

Corradi states aside from the phenomena he claims to have verified - that "his judgements are not prophecies at all, but I am in a position to forecast - he risks - that owing to the attitude of mankind, the moment has come for a change in attitude on the part of the extrahuman beings" as well, something fully attested to by the 1978 UFO wave, a change in attitude which ended with the concept of periodicity of the wave which used to take place approximately each 26 months in relation to Mars and the Moon, which were believed to be and considered main components of the extraterrestrial presence".

"In other words -he said to Clarín- It is one more step the UFOnauts are taking toward us".

City and country of incident: Chile
Date of incident: December, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, June 6, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

YOU DON'T SAY! - THE PRESUMED UFO WAS A RUSSIAN PLANE

Santiago, Chile, 6 (ANSA) - A UFO which was chased last December by a Chilean bomber piloted by personnel from the Air Force while it flew over the northern part of the country, would actually have been a MIG-25 of Soviet manufacture.

The thesis is maintained by UFO fans and was published in the weekly "Ercilla" which appears tomorrow in this city.

The publication maintains that those Russian planes are capable of developing a speed of 3,800 kph, are triangular and may be supplied while in flight



Sheriff Solves Mystery of Mutilated Cattle

By Ron Morrison

Clark County Sheriff Loftis Messer is certain that he has unraveled the mystery surrounding the numerous reported instances of cattle that have been found dead and all curiously mutilated in a similar fashion.

The culprits are not human devil-worshippers, as some have believed, or "little green men," or buzzards, or coves, or creatures unknown. The strange mutilations, which have been similar in the fact that the teats and ovaries of the cows have been cleanly and neatly removed and eaten, are the work of a cat of some kind, Messer says.

And the sheriff has, after nearly a year of investigation, ample proof of his contention.

Although little publicity has been previously given to the incidents locally, there have been three such mutilated cows reported to the sheriff's office in Clark county since May of last year. The first was on May 14, 1978, in an isolated

area on the Dunne Ranch south of Ashland. A similar one was found and reported a month or so later, six miles south, two miles east and "a couple of pastures" south of Minneola. The latest report of a uniquely mutilated cow was this month, April 11, in the same isolated area south of Minneola as the one last year.

Evidence from the latest report strongly supports the sheriff's belief that the strange mutilation was the work of a cat, or perhaps more than one. Messer would not say whether the animal involved was a bobcat, cougar, or what--only that if it was a bobcat, it was "a large one," indeed.

Assisted by Don Burgess of Minneola, Sheriff Messer used plaster (the kind they put in your mouth at the dentist's office to take impressions) to make casts of a number of footprints (or pawprints) found near the cow. The tracks were identified by Fish and Game Agent Bill Hill of Ashland as being those of a cat of some kind.

Although there was no evidence of claws as such in the casts, this was cleared up by the information that cats, when running, pad along with their claws turned inward--running on their knuckles, so to speak.

The tracks, and the plaster casts made from them, contained bits of hair from the dead cow nearby, further proof that the animal making the tracks was the same which mutilated the cow. The cat tracks were also of different size, an indication to the sheriff that perhaps more than one animal was involved, perhaps an adult or mother cat and one of her young.

Sheriff Messer does not believe the cows were killed by the cat or cats, but that they apparently died from other causes and the cat happened to be in the neighborhood at the time.

On each occasion reported to him, Messer says, the cow was either on its way to water--a tank or pond--or had just recently drunk. Thus the cause of death may be attributed to a stomach disorder, bad grass, poison weeds, or other unknown causes--and the cow was seeking water.

There are a number of other things to support the sheriff's belief. All of the mutilated cows have been found in rather isolated locations--places where wild cats, animals that shy away from humans, could be expected to be found.

Some mystery also surrounds the fact that there is no indication that coyotes or other carnivorous creatures have chewed on or eaten the dead cows--the things generally missing are the teats and ovaries only. Also it has been noted that mounted riders cannot get their horses to approach or even come close to one of the dead, mutilated cows. Both coyotes and horses are known to give considerable leeway to cats. Thus the

lingering scent left by a cat being recently on the scene is probably sufficient to keep these animals away.

The fact that there is usually little if any blood left around the curious mutilation has also mystified investigators. Sheriff Messer thinks that the cat comes on the scene while the dead cow is still warm and drinks the blood and milk while consuming the teats. The cat would not bother the dead cow if it was cold, Messer says, because cats by nature like to kill their prey and would eat only a warm part.

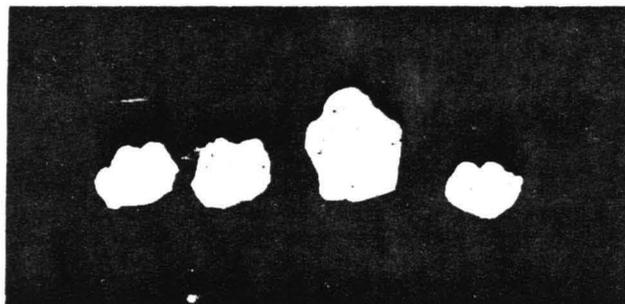
Further proof of the sheriff's certainty that a cat is involved rests in a quart jar of formaldehyde in his office at the courthouse in Ashland. It contains a section of hide removed from an area near the mutilated portion of the dead cow found this month. A print of a cat's claw is clearly visible in the piece of hide.

Sheriff Messer also has an answer for the question of why haven't more of these mutilated cows been found? "We don't hear of any more than we do," he says, "because the cat usually doesn't happen along at the right time." That is, when the cow has just died, and the flesh and blood are still warm.

Messer hopes anyone finding a similarly mutilated cow will look closely before disturbing the dead animal to see if scratches, tracks, or other evidence of a cat is evident at the scene.

So finally, perhaps, the wild theories of "little green men," devil worshippers and other far-out ideas will be put to rest. Sheriff Messer says that he is positive that the instances of cow mutilations in Clark county have been done by a cat.

And this writer, after looking at the evidence, agrees.



PLASTER CASTS made from fresh tracks found near the scene of the most recent cow mutilation are clearly those of a cat. One of the casts contains small bits of hair from the mutilated critter. Differences in the size of the tracks indicates that more than one cat was involved.

Mutilations to Be Aired

NEWS, Springdale, AR - May 11, 1979

Other investigators told of dogs remaining silent during nearby mutilations as occurred in some Benton County cases.

Despite the removal of blood and delicate surgery required to remove selected organs, mutilation sites contained no evidence of anybody or anything being there except the dead animal.

In meetings with ranchers at the peak of the mutilation wave, Benton County authorities cautioned them to let someone know when they were going into pastures to check their cattle and also warned them against attempting to apprehend suspected mutilators.

Rystrom declined to speculate on who is responsible for the mutilations because of the absence of eye-witnesses and lack of evidence at the scene. But the investigations are continuing, he said.

One early theory, which was discarded, was that practitioners of witchcraft or devil worshippers were responsible.

One recurring theory across the country is that UFO activity is involved. New Mexico State Police found an identical metallic substance--visible only under black light--at scenes of cattle mutilations and in areas where UFOs had been sighted. Mutilations reportedly were discovered on a West Virginia prison farm the morning after guards and inmates allegedly watched UFOs in the general area of the mutilations.

Dr. Jacques Vallee, a scientist from California and UFO authority, visited the Benton County Sheriff's Department last year to review local mutilation reports. No conclusions have been announced by him.

By GUY BARNES
NEWS Staff Writer

BENTONVILLE--The series of cattle mutilations which occurred in Benton County over the last nine months of 1978 will be covered in an ABC-TV "20-20" news special on the subject which will be aired in a few weeks.

A "20-20" crew recently spent a weekend in Benton County gathering material on local mutilations and informed Lt. Don Rystrom of the county sheriff's office of the planned news program, which will include reports from other areas experiencing similar mutilations.

Rystrom, who has investigated all the reported mutilations in Benton County, also lost a calf to the mutilators late last year. He recently attended a meeting in Albuquerque, N. M., in which investigators from 13 states pooled information on mutilations which occurred in their areas.

Benton County had 24 confirmed cases of animal mutilations. Almost all were small, relatively young cattle. Rystrom said features of the local mutilations and others discussed at the meeting were very similar.

Approximate dates of mutilations and terrain where they occurred, the precision surgery, absence of blood or signs of a struggle and other chilling features of the mutilations were almost identical in other areas, Rystrom related.

Evidence of drugs such as "angel dust" were found in some mutilated animals' areas, Rystrom related. However, the only cause of death found was blood loss, although there was no spilled blood at death scenes.

Sex organs, eyes, tongues or anuses were neatly removed from the animals but not all those organs were removed from any one animal.



ALTHOUGH NOT a tantalizing sight, the above photo of one of the mutilated cows in Clark county shows the extent of damage done to the dead animal by what Sheriff Messer is convinced is a cat of some kind.

Suspected Mutilation Cases Reported In Regina, Santa Clara Canyon Areas

By GAIL OLSON
Of the SUN's
Santa Fe Bureau

A cow displaying some, but not all, characteristics of the "classic" cattle mutilation was found lying with her nose in a creek by two children engaged in exploring Santa Clara Canyon last Saturday.

One of the youngsters reported the finding to his father, a farmer the SUN has been unable to identify. The farmer called the Santa Clara Police.

The cow was the third possible mutilation reported in the county during recent weeks.

The April day when law enforcement officials from 11 states gathered in Albuquerque to plan a uniform strategy for dealing with "mutes", two cows, reportedly mutilated, lay unattended within four miles of each other in the vast, barren country surrounding Lindrith.

Roger Naranjo, Chief of the Santa Clara police, reported Sunday the cow in question died giving birth to a calf, not at the hands of the mysterious cattle killers who have been responsible for a number of county cattle deaths since 1976.

His contention, however, was disputed by David Perkins and Carl Seawell, both civilian mutilation investigators and members of AMP, or Animal Mutilations Probe, a Colorado-based clearing house of mutilation data.

The two pointed out certain characteristics of this cow that to them indicated it was a mutilation victim.

The cows genitals were missing, as is the case in virtually all cattle mutilations. Though the

animal was pregnant, and though it is possible for a cow to die in calf-birth, the rectal area was wiped clean, again with surgical precision, not torn the way it would have been had the calf been the cause of the tear. The sex organs and the anus were no where in sight.

A circular incision in the udder, an incision that was smooth and precise, was the deciding factor for Perkins and Seawell that the animal was mutilated, not dead from a difficult birth. The milk had been drained from the cow.

No blood was in evidence in the area surrounding the cow. Tell-tale coyote tracks inched up to within five feet of the cow, then turned around and walked away. The lack of canine predator activity around a carcass, are to many, one of the more perplexing signs of a cattle mutilation, as it is unlike coyotes to pass up a feast of beef when it presents itself.

A ranger near the site Sunday said the scent of humans near a carcass may discourage coyotes from approaching, but did not explain why the footprints crept so close to the cow before retreating.

The cow died lying on her left side, her snout in the running creek. Her tongue and ears were intact, not sliced as is the case in some mutilations. Her exposed right eye was gone, and if predator birds were responsible for its removal, they have a taste for brains too, for the area behind the eye was smooth to the bone, a clean cavity.

Many reports of UFO activity have come from the Santa Clara Canyon area in recent months, and a number of mutilations have occurred there in the

past year.

The cow's hide was scratched, as though she had stumbled into the branches of a tree immediately above the site of the discovery. The tree's branches were broken and signs of struggle were evident underneath. Pieces of fuzz which matched the white of the animal's tail marked a trail between the tree and the creekbed where she lay.

One of the other two cows possibly mutilated April 20 near Regina also is suspected by some to have died in calf-birth. Those two cows lay within four miles of each other.

Sunday, April 30, two campers, Bob Moench and Frank Murphy, driving along a relatively well-traveled road in that desolate country, came upon one of the cow carcasses.

Moench, a camera-ready Santa Fe photographer, jumped out of the vehicle and set to taking pictures. It was the first mutilation he'd seen, but he was acquainted with the phenomena from press accounts, and he recognized the symptoms of a mutilation when he saw one.

Moench said a nearby rancher appeared on the scene and told the pair this cow was not a true mutilation. It had died, the unidentified rancher explained, in calf-birth.

"If you want to see a real mutilation, there's one up the road," the rancher said.

He explained further to the photographer that this cow had died when the calf was taken from the mother's body with a chain. The calf, unfortunately, died too, but according to the rancher,

human assistance with the birth accounted for the apparent mutilation.

Where cattle mutilations are concerned, one thing leads to another, and Moench and Murphy, who had nothing better to do, travelled to the second mutilation site. Moench again set to work with his camera.

Upon his return to Santa Fe, Moench reported the mutilation to Dave Perkins of AMP, or Animal Mutilations Probe, a Farasita, Colo., based clearing house for mutilation information.

Perkins and Carl Seawell, in Santa Fe from the Libre School in Colorado since the Albuquerque Mutilation Conference, where Perkins was a participant, examined Moench's lucid photographs. Perkins verified that they did indeed look like mutilations, estimated the time of death as April 20, the date of the mutilation conference, and, the following day, travelled to the sites.

The SUN has not contacted Perkins since his on-site investigation of the apparent mutilations.

Perkins, who also is the Colorado section director of MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), asked Moench if he saw any strange aerial phenomena during his camping trip.

Moench replied negatively, but said that both he and Murphy had a distinct sense of being watched from above while examining the animals. That feeling has been reported by many mutilated cow observers.

Moench said that the smell of the cow overwhelmed him, a feeling any observer of not-so-fresh mutilations can sympathize with.

A SUN source verified that human assistance at times is given during the birthing of a calf.

"Some people use tractors" to assist in the birth, the source said, but in those cases, there is no mistaking the way the calf is torn from the cow's body for the work of the Phantom Cattle Surgeons of the Plains.

From the first cow spotted by the campers, the genitals were missing and some skin was seared from the throat of the beast.

The tail was gone from the second animal, as the surgical cut that removed the genitals incorporated the tail. The udders, too, were gone, as were the eyes, Moench said.

He said further that the rancher, who did not give the campers his name, told them the police had been notified concerning the cow he considered a genuine mutilation.

One area law enforcement person told the SUN he had received a report of a mutilation on April 21, but the owner of the animal had been reluctant to talk to him, and as "I don't push an interview" in such a case, he hadn't aggressively pursued the case. That officer estimated the time of death to be April 15.

Gabe Valdez, the Dulce super-sleuth of mutilations, when asked by the SUN if he'd heard of the mutilation, said that he had "checked into it."

No officer in the area, to the SUN's knowledge, knew of two possible mutilations.

The occurrences should alleviate fears on the part of those law enforcement officers who have been expressing concern that with all the publicity, no more mutilations will occur in the Rio Arriba County area.

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Littlefoot Berrien Residents Report Peg-Legged Beast's Prints

Constitution State News Service

ALAPAHA — Residents of this north Berrien County community appeared calm this week despite weeks of rumors that a hairy, peg-legged Bigfoot-like creature had been sighted in the area.

Reports of the creature's being sighted near the Tifton highway raced through the community, but Mayor Joe Dixon said no evidence of Bigfoot had been found in recent days.

Dixon said Alapaha authorities won't take action "until it moves into the city."

Residents who went to the scene of the sighting said they discovered human-like footprints. Dick Tucker, who operates a service station here, said he doesn't know what the footprints indicate.

"Whoever it was was barefooted," Tucker said. "And his right foot was just a nub, like he had a peg."

Tucker was in a large group of people who inspected the footprints soon after the sighting.

Eugene Milbrook of Tifton, the only person who claims to have seen the creature, described it as "short and squat, with long stringy hair."

Dixon and other residents were admittedly skeptical about the sighting and were reluctant to seek an investigation.

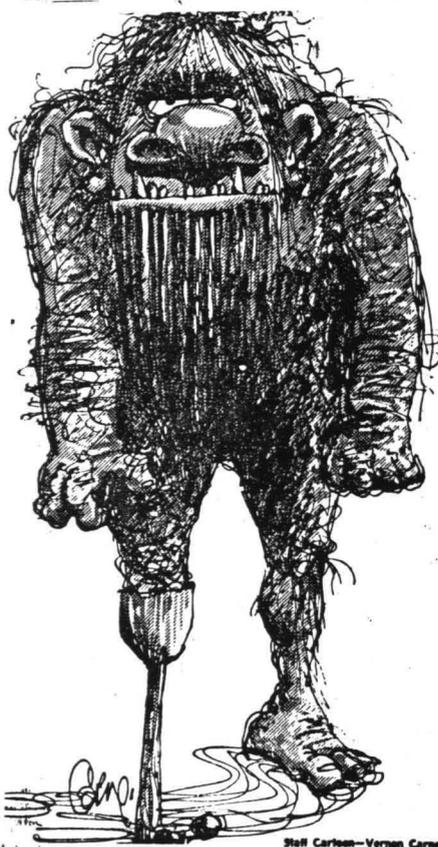
"I believe the man saw something," Dixon said. "I don't have any idea what. It could have been a little honey bear."

"There were some tracks, and a lot of people saw them," the mayor said.

Others have said the creature might be a man who vanished into the south Georgia pine forests years ago, who lost a leg in a bear trap.

Other sightings have been made in the area in past years, but this is the first reported sighting of a creature with a nub instead of a right foot.

Other reports of "Bigfoot-like" creatures have come out of western Clinch County and southern Lanier County in recent years.



Staff Cartoon—Vernon Carre

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR

June 1, 1979

Mutilated Calf Found; Called 'Precision' Job

Similar to Others

In the last several months, there have been more than a dozen reports of cattle mutilations in Northwest Arkansas, most of them in Benton County. Davis said the death of the calf near Greers Ferry Lake was very similar to the other slayings.

J. R. Howard, a State Police criminal investigator, agreed.

"The best we can tell, this is the same quality work as in the Northwest part of the state," Howard said. "This may not be the same people, but it's the same kind of job as in Benton County."

The carcass was sent to the state Livestock and Poultry Commission office at Little Rock for an autopsy, Davis said.

Davis said it had been dead since early Wednesday.

The farmer told authorities that his cattle are usually gentle, but that since the slaying his herd had been "real spooked."

HEBER SPRINGS (AP) — A bull calf was found mutilated Wednesday night by a farmer in the middle of a 60-acre field near Greers Ferry Lake, Cleburne County Sheriff Ron Davis said.

Davis said the calf's tongue, right eye and several internal organs had been removed from the carcass. He said the tongue had been cut out "from deep inside" and that the eye was removed "with some sort of precision so that nothing was messed up around it."

Davis said there was no clue as to how the 400-pound calf was killed. "There was not a drop of blood on it or around it," he said.

Logger recalls close encounter of the Bigfoot kind

By PETE ROWE

FREMONT — A black, ape-like creature passed by Charles Edson's hiding place. Then it slowly turned and stared directly at the hunter.

"It knew I was there all the time," Edson said. Bigfoot, Sasquatch, Marukarara, the Giant Mountain People. Edson's years of stalking the alleged creatures have made him a Bigfoot booster — and given him material for his first book, "My Travels With Bigfoot."

Edson's account of his search for Marukarara from 1952 to 1967 is unusual in the annals of Bigfoot books because it is a first-person account that features several face-to-face encounters with the alleged creature.

The Bigfoot field is a natural for skeptics, but Crescent Publications of Los Angeles is not one of them. Crescent forwarded Edson a \$1,500 advance for "Travels" and organized a book party for Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Newark Pavilion. Bigfoot photos, casts of footprints, and a film will be shown. Edson will autograph copies of what he calls "A True Life Odyssey."

Edson looks like he'd be more at home pursuing mysterious, howling creatures across Northern California mountains than standing around publishers' parties. A burly man, the logger and part-time deputy sheriff in Siskiyou County bears a faint resemblance to actor Richard Boone.

More than 25 years ago, Edson was introduced to the bizarre world of Bigfoot by a Karok Indian, Barry Harper.

Harper and Edson were hunting one day when the quiet Karok showed Edson footprints made by some huge creature. They were 15 to 17 inches long, with large toes, like the misshapen footprint of a huge man, Edson said.

In the high country north of the Trinity Alps, Harper showed Edson many of the tracks. Edson was intrigued, but not a believer.

"I kept hunting and hunting and one day I found it," he said. On a ridge about a mile away from Edson, he saw what looked like a black bear on its hind legs. As he continued to watch, though, Edson said he was convinced that he was spying on Bigfoot.

"It was like (catching) gold fever," he said. For the next 12 years, he would chase after evidence of Bigfoot, forming theories about what the creature is and how it behaves.

When loggers mentioned strange footprints in the woods, Edson would pack up his gear after work and spend that night and the next day tracking Bigfoot.

Some nights, Edson said, the creature's moans would keep him awake all night. At other times, he'd catch a whiff of Bigfoot's characteristic foul odor.

Bigfoot, though, keeps a low profile. Edson is sure that Marukarara, the Karok term for Bigfoot, doesn't appear before men unless the creature is curious — or angry.

"They hate all logging equipment because they think it is spoiling their environment," Edson said, and that's the explanation he offers for his one experience with a violent Bigfoot.

Edson said he was waiting to unload a truckful of logs at a landing when "this thing came down from the hills. He began beating the hood of the truck with his arms," Edson said. "He didn't want me or he could've broken the window and grabbed me."

Instead, Edson theorizes, the creature was disturbed by the logging. Indians told Edson that

Murakarara used to feed near the Klamath River but increased numbers of people, especially loggers, drove them into the mountains.

So what are the things? Edson offered two possibilities — "missing links" between apes and men on the evolutionary scale, or a tribe of primitive Indians afflicted by a hereditary disease.

Other Bigfoot theories advanced by Edson include these:

- During winter, they keep warm by sticking moss to their hairy bodies with tree sap.
- Only solo Bigfeet have been reported spotted, but Edson believes they travel in family groups.
- Bigfoot understands that men are interested in him, but is wary of outsiders — especially those carrying anything metallic. Edson eventually gave up carrying a gun on Murakarara expeditions and said it helped his hunting.
- Bigfoot is sneaky. Its bones have never been found, and Edson said he's seen the creature erasing its tracks.

Although Fremont is far from the haunts of Bigfoot, an entire room of Edson's home is devoted to Bigfoot souvenirs — from dozens of plaster casts of footprints to newspaper clippings about the beast. Due to an ailment, it's been years since he tracked Bigfoot, but he used the year and a half convalescence period to compose "Travels."

This summer, Edson promised, he'll be back in Bigfoot country, searching for the definitive proof that has eluded him and other Bigfoot fanciers.

And the ailment that has kept him from hunting Murakarara?

"It's just a coincidence," he said with a laugh. "My feet were operated on."

DAILY REVIEW, Hayward, CA — May 23, 1979

Mutilated Cow Is Discovered

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR — June 3, 1979

MULBERRY (AP) — The mutilated carcass of a cow was found Saturday in a Crawford County pasture near Mulberry, Sheriff Trellon Ball said.

Ball said the cow had been dead since Thursday. He said the mutilation appeared to be cult-related, but he had no suspects.

He said the cow's left ear and three of its teats had been severed, apparently by a surgical instrument. He said the cow's uterus apparently had been removed.

The carcass showed no other sign of injury, and there was no indication of a struggle, but Ball said recent rains may have washed blood and footprints away.

Steve King, 27, of Mulberry found the dead heifer about 2 p.m. Saturday in a pasture owned by his grandfather, Clyde King. The pasture overlooks Interstate 40.

"I just happened onto it by accident," King said. "At first, I thought maybe lightning had hit it. Then I got close to it and saw that its ear had been cut off."

King's father, Bobby, said a cow he owned had been found about three years ago with its head and neck missing.

Ball said he planned to contact Benton County officials for details of a rash of cattle mutilations that occurred there last year.



Photo by Len Cook

CHARLES EDSON DISPLAYS WHAT HE SAYS IS A FOOTPRINT CAST OF BIGFOOT. In a newly published book, Edson tells of his encounters with the beast

Cattle Mutilations Closer To Home

By MARY GIACOMINI

What we have known only as news reports from other areas has come closer to home with the weekend discoveries of mutilated cattle near Mulberry and Ozark.

Mrs. Bobby King of Mulberry, whose son, Stevie, discovered the mutilated cow belonging to his grandfather, Clyde King, said the female animal had one ear and three teats removed and that an area had been cut around the rectum.

Crawford County Sheriff Trellon Ball said the incisions had been made with surgical precision.

He said there was no blood around the animal, but it did still have blood in the body.

Mrs. King said the cow was found Saturday in some tall grass in a pasture just off I-40.

As to when the mutilation might have occurred, Mrs. King said the cows were checked by her father-in-law Thursday as he was preparing to leave town. Then, her son found the animal Saturday. They, therefore, believe it must have happened Thursday or Friday night.

Sheriff Ball said he had no idea who was responsible, or how it might have been accomplished.

Meanwhile, yesterday east of Alix in Franklin County a cow was found along a road. That animal, a 275-pound heifer calf had no blood in its body, according to Franklin County Sheriff Bob Pritchard.

Pritchard said there was no blood around the animal and its sex organs, both eyes, both ears and tongue had been removed. "Surgically," he said.

"It's got me stumped," the officer said. "I don't know who's doing this. I don't believe in UFOs."

Pritchard said this was the third such incident in his county in the past month. "The first one, about a month ago, had only the bag removed," the sheriff said. "Then another was found about two weeks ago, but was not reported."

The sheriff said after this last one was found, he was told about the second incident and contacted the cow's owner who told him it was like the

last one — sex organs, eyes, ears and tongue removed.

Some authorities believe either surgical instruments or something akin to them were used.

"It was someone who knew what he was doing," both Ball and Pritchard said.

This wasn't the first experience with this sort of thing for Bobby King either. Mrs. King said about three years ago her husband found one of his cows with its head removed. Again the term "surgically" was used to describe the incisions.

"There's no way anybody just like us could do this with a knife," Mrs. King said. "It might have been a cult or something. But they used something like a surgical knife and knew how to do it."

CLAMPORE COUNTY BULLETIN, Mulberry, AR June 7, 1979

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR — June 2, 1979

Calf Found Mutilated Was Shot

Gazette Staff News

A bull calf found Wednesday night near Greers Ferry Lake was shot to death before it was mutilated, Dr. Richard Thomas of the state Livestock and Poultry Commission said Friday.

Dr. Thomas performed an autopsy on the calf, which was found with its tongue, right eye and several internal organs removed. Authorities said there was no blood on the calf.

Dr. Thomas said he had not completed the investigation, but that he had "definitely" determined that a gunshot killed the calf.

He said, however, that he had not found a gunshot wound, a bullet or an exit hole in the carcass. He said he had traced a path from the right hip to the left rib cage of "some object," but that X-rays had not confirmed that the object was a bullet.

"Shots sometimes do strange things in animals," he said, "but all the blood is accounted for. The calf hemorrhaged after being shot, and the mutilations were done afterward, which accounts for the reports that there was no blood around the mutilations."

The calf mutilation was similar to more than a dozen that have been reported in Northwest Arkansas, primarily in Benton County.

Undersea Walls, Stairs May Be From Atlantis, Russian Scientist Says

New York Times News Service

MOSCOW — Plato, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and all you science fiction writers who have puzzled over the riddle of the lost continent of Atlantis, move over for Professor Andrei Arkadyevich Aksyonov.

Soviet science may maintain that the "Bermuda triangle" is nothing but water and that flying saucers are optical illusions, but Dr. Aksyonov says he has photographic evidence of man-made stone walls and staircases at a depth of 200 feet in the Atlantic Ocean, about 275 miles southwest of the Portuguese coast — maybe.

"It's possible that it's part of Atlantis — maybe not the whole thing, but a part," Dr. Aksyonov said. He is a man of established scientific reputation, a deputy director of the Institute of Oceanology, a dependency of the prestigious Soviet Academy of Sciences.

His evidence, he concedes, is limited: Two pictures, showing 11 stones that he believes bear the mark of human handiwork.

Seamount Photographed

The photographs were taken two years ago — not by Dr. Aksyonov, but by a colleague, Vladimir I. Marakuyev, with a submersible camera on the submerged summit of the Ampere Seamount, a dormant underwater volcano about midway between Lisbon and the Madeira archipelago. The ocean floor around the seamount is more than 10,000 feet below the surface.

In his office at the Institute, Dr. Aksyonov said recently that he was sorry but he could not show the pictures. "They belong to Marakuyev, and he is very sick with a heart condition in a hospital," he said. "I think they'll be published in one of our scientific journals sometime soon."

Marakuyev apparently did not realize what he had until late last year, when he got around to developing film from a 1977 exploration of the seamount that he had made in the Soviet research vessel Moskovsky Universitet. "I don't know why it took him so long to get to them," Dr. Aksyonov said.

Offers Directions

He will not say he has discovered Atlantis, but he offers free directions to anybody else who wants to. "All you would have to do is take a ship with the right equipment to the Ampere Seamount, go down 60 meters, find the stones and bring them up to see if they are man-made or not," he said. "It's my personal opinion that they are."

Colleagues Smile

Accounts of the discovery were published in Europe earlier this spring, and Dr. Aksyonov says they brought amused smiles from oceanographer colleagues in Denmark.

"I asked them, 'Did any of you

believe this?' They said 'no,' and they said they laughed a lot."

As he describes the pictures, of a total of eight only two are really interesting.

"One of them shows eight stones — four square ones and four rounded ones, in a line about 3/4 or four feet long," he said. "Specialists who've looked at it say it's a typical wall from antiquity. The second photo shows three equally spaced stones at the left-hand edge, and it appears to be part of a staircase."

Dr. Aksyonov just returned from an unrelated oceanographic cruise in his research ship, the Vityaz.

"Heinrich Schliemann, the great 19th-century German archaeologist, found the ruins of Troy in Turkey by studying the poetry of Homer very attentively," he said. Schliemann, too, got a skeptical reception at first.

Described by Plato

Atlantis was described by Plato in two of his dialogues, the Timaeus and the Critias. "Plato says that it was located in the Atlantic Ocean and on an island and that the tribes living on it took part in wars in southern Europe and in North Africa before one day the island sank between walls of water," Dr. Aksyonov said. "I believe that the objects in the pictures once stood on the surface too, though specialists say it's difficult to believe."

"The seamount could have sunk so far," he said. "But if I were younger, I'd lead an expedition to investigate further myself."

He says that the catastrophic earthquake at Lisbon in 1755 caused a tidal wave and a flood that left part of the city forever beneath the sea. Something similar, he surmises, may have happened to an island of which the Ampere Seamount is the submarine remnant.

The legends around Atlantis have been nourished over the centuries. It has been variously located in America, Scandinavia, the Middle East and the Canary Islands, 500 miles south of the Ampere Seamount.

"The ocean is full of mysteries," Dr. Aksyonov says, "and our investigations are the beginning of our understanding."

HERALD, Everett, WA - June 4, 1979

It's weird, and it's Bigfoot

Seeing is believing, J.J. Senko says.

Believing in Bigfoot, you see. Senko says he saw a Sasquatch on Highway 9 between Arlington and Snohomish on Tuesday afternoon, May 8. The sight drove his doubts away.

"I'd heard a lot of people talk about Bigfoot, and I always said, 'That's a bunch of bull.' I always said, 'Hell, they're nuts. They're on the booze or something,'" he says.

"But when I see something like that, I believe it. I seen what I seen, and it's weird."

J.J. had been working on his pickup truck in the yard of his Darrington home when he decided to drive to Snohomish for some parts, he recalls. He was about three miles south of Arlington when he saw something emerge from the brush some 70 yards down the road.

"I seen something big, 7 to 9 feet tall, run across the road fast as hell," he says. "It was the fastest thing I've ever seen. It hesitated for just a second and went into heavy brush."

J.J. did a double take at the apparition. "I looked again," he says. "You had to look. You had to look twice. That goddamned thing was tall and hairy. It was weird."

J.J. says his truck's battery was weak and that, if he stopped, he feared he couldn't restart it. So he drove on into Snohomish, had a new voltage regulator and generator installed, and returned home.

"I didn't want to talk about it," he remembers. "I didn't want to tell anybody. I didn't want to believe it myself."

Hours later, however, he recounted the sighting to his wife, Virginia. She reported it to Arlington police.

"I felt kind of foolish calling, but I felt somebody should know about it," Virginia says. "Somebody should know. It's dangerous, maybe. Kids hike around in there."

The Arlington officer who took her call forwarded it to Jerry Phillips, Snopac dispatcher and Sasquatch sleuth. He called on J.J. the next day, and together

northwest
passage
by Jim Casey



they searched the area for tracks. "I have covered every inch of that ground out there and there aren't any indications," Phillips says. But he adds that there have been "hundreds" of similar sightings that produced no footprints. Furthermore, he found no evidence in the area that J.J. might have seen a bear.

"Bears run on four legs. This was running on two legs," J.J. says of that suggested solution. "Hell, he flew over that road."

J.J. tends bar at the Dirty Shame Tavern in Darrington, and some of his customers think he'd been sampling his own wares before he saw the Bigfoot, but J.J. swears he was sober.

Furthermore, there may have been more witnesses to the incident. A car and a logging truck were coming the other way on Highway 9, he recalls. "I think they would have seen it before me. It was closer to them," J.J. says.

If those drivers, indeed, saw the Sasquatch, they should report it to Phillips at 2116 Main St., Everett 98203. So should other people who believe they've seen Bigfoot.

"If anybody calls, fine," Phillips says. "Because I'm sure a lot of people have had an experience out there or even seen the damned thing and haven't called."

"Even if I get 20 bad calls, if there's one good one out of the bunch, it would be worth it."

Although Phillips can't prove that J.J. saw a Sasquatch, he says, "I have no doubt that he saw something."

J.J. is certainly sure. "What the hell else was it that crossed the road, huh?" he asks. "I believe that there is a Bigfoot out there."

"There ain't nobody that can talk me out of it, say that I didn't see it. I seen it. I seen it."

"That's all there is to it."

Mutilated farm animals reported in Hazen area

A report that a calf and a bull were found mutilated in the Hazen area in the past two weeks still remains unclear.

Reverend Charlie Perry of the Center Point community is reported to have found one of his calves mutilated Monday, May 28. Reverend Perry thought possibly the calf might have choked on a capsule of worm medicine given Saturday. He did not check on the cattle until Monday, when he found the dead calf.

Mr. Perry said that when he found the calf he noticed the left eye was missing, and when he looked around he found it lying nearby, and thought it might have been knocked out as the calf floundered about while dying. He could not see the animal's tongue, and further inspection showed that the tongue was missing. Reverend Perry surmised that possibly a

rat had eaten the tongue out of the dead calf. He did not think the calf had been mutilated, and the carcass was destroyed.

In another case a Hereford bull, purchased by Dub Hamric in March, was found dead in Hamric's pasture about 11:30 Sunday morning, June 10. The animal's tongue was gone, and there was a small amount of blood around its mouth.

A veterinarian summoned to the scene stated that he could not determine a cause for the animal's death. He took tissues from all parts of the bull's body and sent them to the state laboratories for examination.

The state laboratory has not yet reported on its findings.

Lonoke Democrat, Lonoke, Arkansas Thursday, June 28, 1979

Possible Mutilations Reported

Two cows may have been mutilated south of Lonoke early last week but the incident could not be confirmed because the owner cremated their bodies before reporting the possible mutilations to the Sheriff's Office.

Lonoke County Sheriff Arlie Childers said Monday that Julius Cole of south of Lonoke told him Thursday or Friday that two cows had apparently been mutilated on his property about Tuesday (June 18).

Childers said that Cole said

the tongues of both cows had been cut out and an eyeball of one of the cows was missing. The animals also appeared to be deflated in a way suggesting that the blood might have been drained, according to what Cole told Childers.

However, Cole, who lives six or seven miles out of Lonoke, burned the bodies before he decided to report anything to the Sheriff. Childers said little could be done on the case without physical evidence.

GRAND PRAIRIE HERALD, Hazen, AR - June 14, 1979



CALF MUTILATED-- A calf, believed killed in the same manner as many others in this area, was found Monday morning on the Donald Hurst farm near Alix. Its ears were cut off, right eye carefully removed, tongue cut out, sex organs removed and tail cut off. No traces of blood were found, and local veterinarian Dr. Gary White said the missing parts were professionally removed with what appeared to be surgical instruments. Tissue has been sent to Little Rock for examination, according to the sheriff's office. The sheriff has advised area cattle raisers to keep a close watch on their stock and to report any killings to his office.

(Staff photos)

\$1,250 Reward Is Offered In Mutilations

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - June 8, 1979

Gazette State News

OZARK — Seventy-five Franklin County cattle owners Wednesday offered a \$1,250 reward for the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for the recent rash of cattle mutilations in Northwest Arkansas.

The cattle owners established the reward after the carcass of a 275-pound heifer was found early Monday on the Donald Hurst farm at Ozark. Franklin County Sheriff Bob Pritchard said Thursday. The animal's ears and tail were cut off and its tongue, sexual organs and right eye had been removed, the sheriff said.

Authorities said that there was no blood on or around the calf, and no tracks were found.

It was the second recent mutilation in the Ozark area.

Professional Job

Dr. Gary White, an Ozark veterinarian, said that Monday's mutilation appeared to have been done professionally with surgical instruments. Tissue from the calf was sent to Little Rock for examination.

Pritchard said he had advised farmers to take precautionary measures to protect their cattle and that the cattlemen are going to start patrolling farms at night. "I've told them that if they see something not to try to do anything themselves but report it to the office," he said. "Anybody that would do something like this to a cow might not hesitate to hurt a human."

In the last several months, there have been more than a dozen reports of cattle mutilations in Northwest Arkansas, most of them in Benton County.



INSPECTS CALF-- Aitua police chief Gerald Rinke was the first officer on the scene Monday morning when a mutilated calf was found on the Donald Hurst farm near Alix. Rinke determined the calf's missing parts and said the mutilation appeared similar to that of other recent cattle killings in Crawford and Johnson counties, as well as one a few weeks ago on the property of Smith Gray, east of Aitua on Highway 64.

CHIEFTAIN, Pueblo, CO - June 26, 1979 CR: D. Perkins

Mystery surrounds Huerfano bull's death

WALSENBURG (C-SJ) — A roan Durham bull valued at \$1,000 was found dead in a pasture Monday morning. The animal's sex organs had been removed.

C.E. Potts said he found the animal in Greenhorn pasture 15 miles northwest of Walsenburg. All gates to the pasture were locked and the animal was 100 yards from the pasture road.

Potts said there was no sign of bleeding, no sign of a gunshot wound and no sign of predators. He has reported the matter to the Huerfano County sheriff.

This is the second bull mutilation reported in Huerfano County this spring. The first was on a ranch east of Walsenburg about a month ago. □