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Stan Gordon, MUFON State Director for Pennsylvania, points to a plaster casting of a Big-Foot" track which he says is "typical of the three-toe tracks found in Pennsylvania." The sighting of such creatures, and the resulting

investigations of possible relationships with UFO's, has kept Gordon and his group busy. In the background is the UFO control center which is manned 24 hours a day. (Story on page 6)

Thanks

As all but the newest of subscribers know, Skylook has a new editor and publisher. After never missing a monthly publishing date since becoming publisher as well as editor in 1969, Mrs. Norma Short had to give up Skylook because of arthritis.

Skylook has come a long way since 1969, both in terms of quality and number of readers. Having produced an issue of Skylook now, I know how much work Norma has given to this publication. Frankly, I wonder how one person could have done what Norma has done.

Her major interest has been the production of the best UFO periodical in this country, and I think she has done this with the valuable help of the MUFON organization and her readers. In turning over the reins of Skylook, she made it clear that she expected Skylook to continue to improve.

One sometimes wonders what improvement really is. What is progress, and what is merely movement? In applying this question to Skylook, your new editor has attempted to retain the essential character of Skylook which Norma and the many other contributors have developed. At the same time, it seems important to begin some new things which are now possible because of a better financial situation (i.e. more subscriptions income than ever before). The most significant new feature will be the use of photos and drawings, which are so important to studying and understanding the UFO scene. Other, less important, changes will include two columns of copy per page, and perhaps a heavier cover and a few larger headlines.

Whatever mechanical changes are made, the

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quality of Skylook will continue to depend on the efforts of staff members, MUFON, and others who have done so much to provide articles and subscribers. The new editor has already been the recipient of these efforts, this good will, and the type of support which made Skylook what it is.

No doubt our faithful readers will note that this edition of Skylook is four pages shorter than usual. Much of the production equipment which we will be using is on order, and we are borrowing equipment and facilities at this point. Moreover, we feel that 16 pages is enough for our first time on the job. As soon as we get our feet firmly on the ground, we will pick up those four pages so that you, our readers, do not get short-changed.

Among the many individuals who have helped in this period of transition, I would be remiss if I did not specifically mention Walt Andrus, our director. The transition would have been difficult without his friendly counseling, active help, and vast store of knowledge.

Likewise, Norma has continued to work hard to make the transition as smooth as possible. Hardly a day passes that I do not receive something in the mail from her and she has agreed to remain on the Skylook staff.

Last, but not least, I would like to acknowledge the work that my wife, Carolyn, had done in producing Skylook. She could be considered the business and production managers, if we had such titles, and it would be difficult indeed to function without her.

Thanks to those specifically mentioned, and to the many not specifically mentioned. Without your efforts there would be no Skylook.

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Director's Message

BY WALT ANDRUS

Both coasts of the U.S.A. are represented in the latest appointments of State Directors for Washington and Massachusetts, extending MUFON coverage to 34 states.

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Harold E. Cowdin

Jacob A. Davidson, 2503 N. E. 147 th, Seattle, Washington 98155, telephone AC 206 363 - 1579, has volunteered to organize the state of Washington by securing competent State-Section Directors in geographically arranged groups of counties.

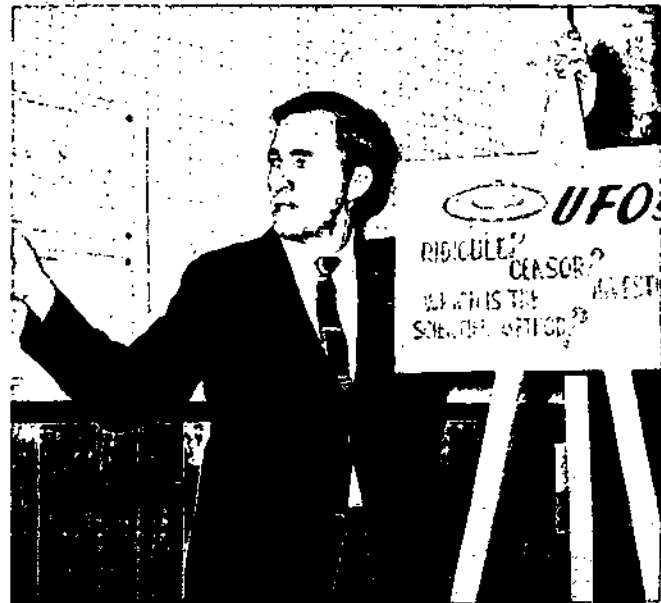
David F. Webb, 64 Jacqueline Road, Apt #10, Waltham, Mass. 02154, telephone AC 617 893-2638, has consented to represent MUFON in Mass. Dave, has a B. S. in Physics and

is presently involved in the SKYLAB project. He comes to MUFON highly recommended by Ray Fowler.

MUFON is very fortunate in having Harold E. Cowdin, 8838 Woodmayr Drive, Norwalk, Iowa, 50211 (near Des Moines), telephone AC 515 285-6171, agree to serve as State Director for Iowa. He received his B.A. from the University of Nebraska in Education with graduate work at Iowa State University. He retired as a regular Air Force officer in 1965 at the age of 39 after serving 22½ years in the U.S. Army and Air Force in various responsible commands throughout the world. Since retiring, he has subsequently worked as a professional engineer, specialist-logistics in our outer space program for G.E., and is now president and director of marketing and sales for the Middle River Manufacturing Company, Indianola, Iowa.

Widely known UFOlogist and lecturer, George D. Fawcett, 607 North Main St., Mt. Airy, No. Carolina 27030, telephone AC 919 786-5410, formerly a State-Section Director in both Tennessee and North Carolina, has agreed to accept the responsibility as State Director for North Carolina. George has his B.A. from Lynchburg College and has done extensive post-graduate work. He has served as a professional V.M.C.A.

NORTH CAROLINA



George D. Fawcett

director for over 20 years. During his job assignments throughout the east, he organized UFO study groups in New England, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, as well as in Florida.

We are proud to announce that another State-Section Director has been elevated to a State Directorship post. Robert L. Stinson, Robert L. Stinson, 1762 Devon Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197, telephone AC 313 482-5446, has assumed the position of State Director for Michigan after a very creditable record of having secured some outstanding talented people to help resolve the UFO enigma in Michigan. He has his M. A. degree in counseling and is presently employed by the Michigan Department of Education in Vocational Rehabilitation. Bob attended the 1973 MUFON Symposium in Kansas City and plans to be in Akron, Ohio, on June 22, 1974, for our Fifth Annual UFO Symposium.

Bob has selected John C. Sherwood, 120 W. Hanover, Marshall, Michigan 49068, telephone AC 616 781-5478, to be State-Section Director for the Michigan counties of Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Jackson, and Branch. John has an A. B. from Albion College and is now a newspaper reporter for the "Enquirer and News" in Battle Creek, Michigan. John's interest in the UFO phenomenon

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Boys Say UFO Hit With Flashlight

(Condensed from a report to MUFON by Donald R. Carr)

Shortly after 7 p.m. on Nov. 16, 1973, two 11-year-old boys entered a vacant lot next door to the group of four houses in which they live, in Lemon Grove, Calif. After passing a clump of bamboo and coming into the open, they saw a large object about 20 feet wide and 11 feet tall sitting in the darkened 80x100 foot lot.

The boys slowly approached the object, and after about five minutes Richard (last name deleted by request) rapped on the object three or four times with the flashlight he was carrying. The rapping produced a metallic sound.

The object, which the boys described as dark gray, immediately came to life.

A dome on top of the object, about as high as its diameter, became illuminated with intense red light (a very, very brilliant spectral or Chinese red) which lit up the entire area around the boys. At the same time, the object, which had been resting on legs about 18 inches from the ground, rose to about three or four feet from the ground.

A row of green lights around the peripheral rim of the object began to blink in sequence, and the object started to rotate, making a "not very high pitched" sound which the boys described as "wooooo woooo shooo."

The rate of rotation became very high with the red light blinking on and off. Then the red light went off momentarily, came back on, and the object rose into the air, still making the sound.

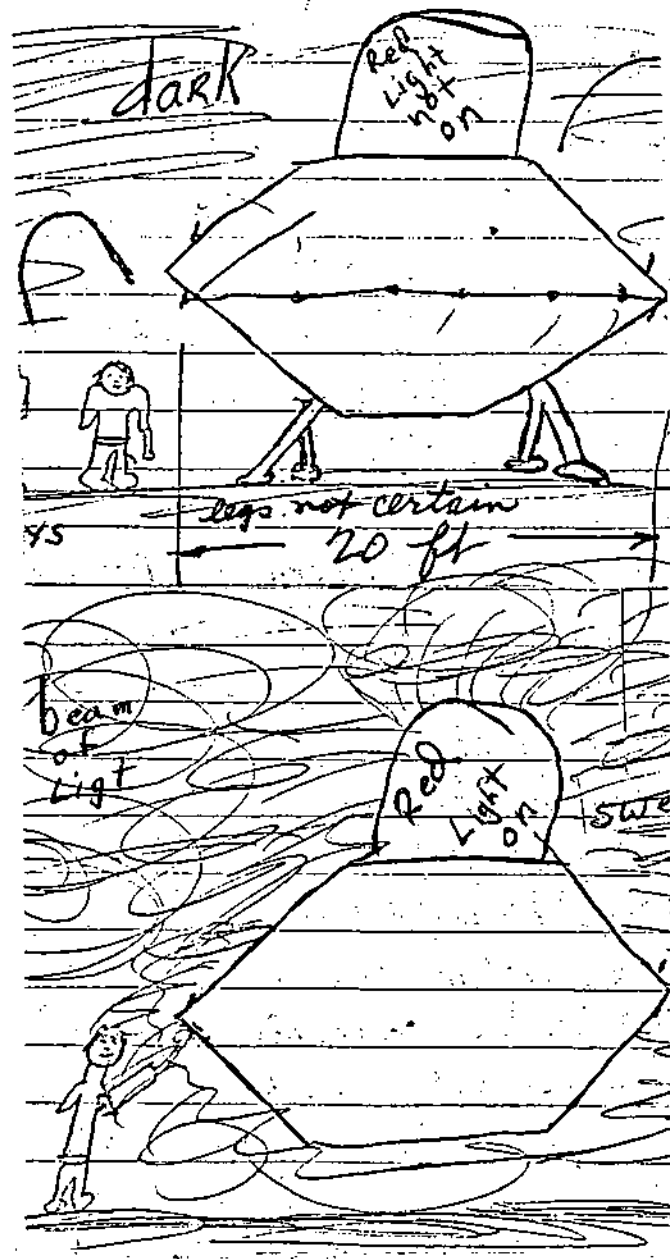
The boys began to run, felt chills and tingly and "we started getting weak. We could not hardly run."

When the boys were interviewed a short time after the sighting in the presence of their mothers, both mothers said the boys were not in the habit of concocting tall stories, and that both boys were extremely excited when they came into the house.

The boys described the object as being about the size of their living room, kitchen, and bathroom combined, which would be about 20 feet square. Later, in the field, they indicated a height against an adjacent tree of about ten or 11 feet.

The investigation in the field revealed two holes in the ground, six inches by six inches square, and six inches deep. They were about six feet, eight inches apart. A third partial depression forming an equilateral triangle with the two holes was apparent on a slight rise of the ground level. The holes were 40 feet from a back fence, and about 23 inches from a side fence.

Dead grass seemed to be lying in a counter-



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clockwise circular pattern. The ground is clayey, and was extremely dry and hard. The square holes appeared to have been sheared by something extremely heavy. Color slide photos were taken of the reported landing area the next day after a light rain had fallen.

Residual magnetism was checked in a piece of small diameter pipe lying in the field, and in

Are Creatures & UFO's Related?

Stan Gordon, Pennsylvania state director for MUFON, has spent a very busy 1973 investigating UFO's and creature sightings. He told Skylook on Jan. 14 that his statewide 24-hour UFO clearinghouse investigated "close to 600 reports" during 1973, and this does not include the "hundreds of creature sightings that were investigated."

Gordon got into the "creature" area of investigation because "there is some evidence that some of these creatures are UFO related. I think that the creature data is extremely important for all serious UFO investigators to be aware of. There is a great deal more involved in it from the puzzle we are beginning to put together. This data will be released as soon as possible," he said.

Gordon, who will present a paper on UFO-creature cases at the 1974 MUFON Symposium, notes that "these creatures are apparently showing up all over the country. Similar creatures have been reported in Illinois, Tennessee, and Ohio in recent weeks."

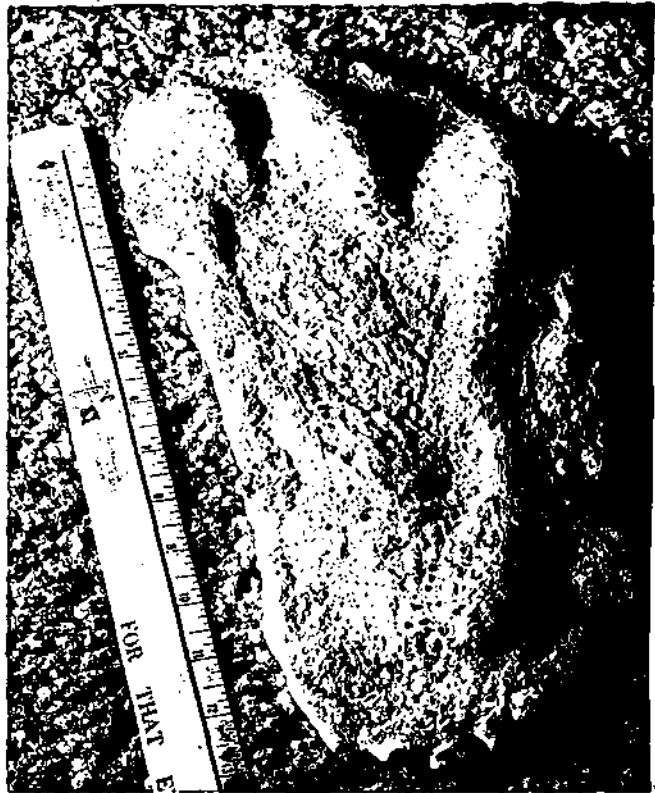
The wave of creature sightings in Pennsylvania began in June, and intensified in August, and Gordon had as many as five persons manning telephones and two-way radios communicating with other members of the group who were interviewing witnesses and looking for physical evidence.

The typical creature has been pictured as eight to nine feet tall, covered with hair, walking upright on two legs, having long arms which hang below the knees, long legs, a 50 to 57-inch stride, large orange-red eyes that faintly glow, an awkward gait except when running, and sound like a baby crying, and an odor like rotten eggs or spoiled meat.

Evidence that the creatures are related to UFO's is mostly circumstantial, least so far as reports thus far released are concerned: There appear to have been increases in creature reports about the same time as there have been increases in UFO reports, there have been reports of creatures near the areas of hovering UFO's, and footprints and other physical evidence of creatures have been found near some UFO sites.

Perhaps the most interesting case thus far publicized concerns a reported creature sighting in a wooded area by two girls about 9:30 p. m. on Sept. 27, 1973. The two reported that they encountered a white, hairy creature about seven or eight-feet tall, carrying a luminescent sphere in its hand. Both girls were reportedly white with chock when they returned to their house.

The father of one of the girls went into the woods (he owned the property), according to the daughter, and stayed for over an hour. However, in an interview the father denied having gone into the woods, and he stated that there were somethings that shouldn't be discussed. He



Typical three-toed print found in Pennsylvania.

added that he didn't want anyone tramping around in his woods. The man reportedly experienced a personality change following the episode. After the incident described by the girls, a "plane" was reportedly seen shining a bright light down into the woods.

Whether or not there is a tie-in with UFO's there is little doubt but that the creatures do exist. Tracks, hair, feces, and sightings by reliable witnesses lead to the almost inescapable conclusion that these creatures have been observed in Pennsylvania during the past few months. How many of the creatures there are in that area is difficult to estimate, since they have been reported both singly and in groups (a "family group" was reportedly seen by five persons on a golf course one night; the witnesses estimated the creatures heights at four feet, six feet, and eight to nine feet).

Most of the sightings have been at night, although there have been daylight sightings. No creatures have been captured, although at least three have been shot at. Following one shooting with a .35 calibre deer rifle, four "clots" of what were thought to be blood were obtained. The clots turned out not to be blood, but they have yet to be identified. Likewise, identification of hair and feces samples is still pending.

While some of the Pennsylvania "Big Foot"

the chain link fence surrounding the field. Reading of the pipe was -3.5 gauss at one end and +2.5 to +3.5 at the other end. Residual magnetism of the fence was approximately 5.0 gauss. These are apparently normal readings, so there was apparently no magnetizing or demagnetizing field around the object.

A canvas of the neighborhood revealed the following reports of TV interference at 7:20 p.m. on Nov. 16, 1973:

Mrs. Catherine Chase stated that intense TV interference occurred at approximately 7:20 p.m. on Channel 10.

Daughter Thiel noted TV interference shortly after 7 p.m. which was so intense that she turned the TV off.

An unidentified resident in a nearby home reported wavy lines on Channel 8 at 7:20 p.m.

A unidentified resident of another nearby home reported that the TV screen went white on channel 6 at 7:20 p.m.

An additional 25 neighbors were checked, but they either did not have TV on or did not remember.

Editor's Note: The reported sighting was later investigated by David Branch and Robert B. Klinn, who have written a number of UFO stories for the Santa Anna Register.

In a Dec. 5 story they reported that a neighbor of the boys had tried to use her telephone about 11 p.m. on the night of the sighting, and noted unusual static. Two days later a repairman reportedly discovered that at least two telephone lines near the sighting area had been fused together. He reportedly suggested that a strong magnetic field could have fused the lines.

The Santa Ana Register also reported that San Diego physicist Neil Davis had estimated that several tons of pressure would have been required to make the indentations in the vacant lot.

NORTH CALIFORNIA GROUP PRODUCES SIX-PAGE BROCHUR ON UFO'S, MUFON

The Northern California Division of MUFON, under the direction of Paul Gerny, has been making a detailed six-page brochure describing UFO's and MUFON available to interested persons.

Nine photos of UFO's are featured on the cover of the 1974 brochure, while the inside pages include diagrams of commonly-reported UFO shapes, a detailed account of recent closerange UFO sightings, a brief look at ancient sightings, a short article on the reporting of sightings, a look at possible physical reactions caused by UFO's, and considerable information regarding MUFON and the scientific study of UFO's.

FLYING LIGHT SHAKES TWO BOYS ON LONELY ROAD

The following account is taken from a report to MUFON by Lawrence Willett, Arkansas State Section Director:

On Dec. 29, 1973, at about 6 p. m., Steve Flippin, an honor student in his junior year of high school, was riding with a friend, John Hamp, in a car to Steve's house. The road led through a heavily-wooded and more or less desolate area about two miles northwest of Flippin, Ark. About 100 yards from an intersection, they saw a white light which they at first thought was a reflection. The light rose to just above the level of the tree tops, and came toward them, descending to below the level of the tree tops to about 15 foot above them, and slightly in front of them. Steve, who is described as a quiet, respected youth, of high intelligence, said the light was eight to ten feet in diameter and appeared to be a sphere. The outer fringes had a translucent appearance, while the middle had a much brighter white light. He said he had the impression it was a solid object. Their car was moving, and they were both very frightened. John Hamp, the driver, stepped on the gas, and at that instant the object went straight up. The witnesses never stopped to see where it went from there. They had heard no sound (the windows were up), had felt no unusual effects, the car lights did not dim, and the motor did not flatter. (The above report was based on an interview with Steve Flippin; the other witness had not yet been interviewed when the report was made via letter.)

MOTHER, 9-YEAR-OLD STARTLED BY OBJECT STOPPING NEAR CAR

Mrs. Beverly Bechman of Waukesha Town, Wis., and her 9-year-old daughter were driving south on Guthrie Road about 6 p. m. on Nov. 29, 1973, when she noticed a very bright, almost white light which was blinking.

She pulled to the side of the road, and she and her daughter watched the object through the window. The object stopped about 500 feet off the ground after moving toward the car from the east. It made no sound.

After stopping briefly, the object quickly left. When the light was going away, it appeared to be steady. (From Waukesha Freeman newspaper; reported by Ralph Miller.)

STRANGE OBJECTS SEEN

From the Jan 2 Daily Democrat, Lamar, Mo., comes a report that Vernon County farmers have been seeing strange objects in the sky. Charlie Simpson said he saw a flying saucer which was glowing and which had portholes, according to an unidentified friend who was with him at the time.

creatures bear some resemblance to the Fouke Monster of Arkansas, the Sasquatch of the Northwest, the Missouri Momo the Everglades "Skunk Ape," the Maryland Syksville monster, and other, there are a number of differences, including differences in footprints. There are also differences in the descriptions given by Pennsylvania witnesses, probably based in part on variations in the creatures, and possibly in part on pre-conceived ideas of what monsters are supposed to look like.

For UFO investigators, the relationship of the monsters to UFO's is more important than the similarities of the creatures to each other. An Oct. 24 incident near Uniontown, Pa., represents another in a series of apparent UFO-creature tie-ins which intrigue UFO investigators like Gordon. About 15 persons claim to have witnessed the landing of a huge reddish ball-like object, but the view of the incident reported by George Kowalczyk is of most interest.

Kowalczyk was driving when he saw an orange light in the sky over his father's field. He parked his truck, and took his .30-16 rifle and two neighbor boys to investigate. The object slowly descended apparently to the ground. "This time it was completely white. It was about 100 feet in diameter, as big as a house, with a dome on top. It was very, very bright," Kowalczyk reported to investigator Gordon. The object sounded like a large lawnmower.

At about this time one of the neighbor boys spotted something moving along a fence. Kowalczyk described two creatures, one about eight feet tall and the other about seven feet, both walking stifflegged. The creatures were completely covered with a dark, grayish hair, had long arms that extended almost to the ground, were making crying sounds like a baby, and smelled like sulphur.

One of the youngsters ran away in fear, and Kowalczyk fired a shot into the air. As the creatures began to approach him, he shot directly at the creatures. "The larger creature made a moaning sound, raised his right hand, and the light in the field disappeared and the sound stopped," said Kowalczyk. "The two creatures then slowly walked away."

Kowalczyk stated that his eyes began to bother him at the time, and that the lights on his pickup truck dimmed. Both Gordon and a state trooper noted that the witness was visibly shaken by the incident.

No physical signs of a landing were evident, but the grass had been clipped low by grazing cattle. No footprints were found at the scene, according to Gordon.

(Editor's Note: while details of the Kowalczyk sighting were printed in the December Skylook, it was felt that this unique report would bear repeating as well in completing the overall creature story in Pennsylvania.)

MANY WITNESS STRANGE OBJECT NEAR GREENSBORO, N.C.

The following account was taken from a report filed by Dr. Arlan K. Andrews, MUFON consultant

The following account was taken from a report filed by Dr. Arlan K. Andrews, MUFON consultant:

For a period of more than two hours on the night of Nov. 14, 1973, up to nine witnesses observed at least one brilliantly lighted, glowing object performing a variety of manuevers in a relatively dark and isolated rural area not more than five miles from the city limits of Greensboro, N. C., population 150,000. About 6:30 p. m. Sharon McIntyre saw a bright light through the trees, heard a rustling sound in the trees, and noticed that the dogs were upset. She and her husband watched the light for 15 to 30 minutes. It sometimes remained motionless, and sometimes made quick vertical and horizontal motions faster than an airplane's. Another couple, the Minors, also watched the object. Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Minor chased the object in a car but could not tell which roads led to it. They went to the Andrews' house, and the Andrews, who had also seen the object, agreed that it was an egg-shaped, turquoise, and perhaps ten feet long (vertical) by three to five feet wide. Later, about 8:30 p. m., Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Minor were leaving the McIntyre home when they saw a white light coming over the nearby hill. They first thought it was truck headlights, but then saw that it was an oblong, flowing object lighting up the sky and the ground around it. The women ran back to the McIntyre porch, then back to the road. The object appeared to have backed up somewhat, and began spitting out colors in a band around the middle. Then the object made a wide sweep along the horizon, and settled down behind the trees and out of sight. The two women were an estimated 300 feet from the object which seemed to have been about 25-40 feet in its horizontal dimensions, and perhaps five to eight feet high. The pulsating colors appeared in the center portion of the object in a sequence of turquoise, amber, and white, rapidly moving from right to left. Mrs. McIntyre had the impression of more depth to the object than merely a cigar shape, but could not be sure, since she saw only the oblong shape. An independent observer, Harold Hopper, reported seeing a bright white light which seemed to have been coming down for a landing about the time the two women observed the object.

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UFO's Behind the Iron Curtain

BY JOE BRILL

The following information was related to me in a letter from the witness on July 9, 1973. The sighting took place on August 31, 1970, near Turnov, Czechoslovakia.

In reply to your letter regarding the UFO I observed let me tell you the following:

The observation was completely accidental, since I have never before paid any attention to such things, even though I have always been interested in happenings on the earth and in the heavens, especially in the field of astronomy. I have a close friend, who is working as an astronomer.

My wife had wanted to visit a former student in a distant village, who was getting married and so, I went along with her. It was evening and we were walking through the woods on our way to the train depot. It was 8:45 p.m. and the train was scheduled to leave the station at 9:00 p.m. This was when we first noticed the UFO. The station was poorly lighted and on the horizon one could see the contours of the wooded hills in a silhouette of the last rays of the setting sun.

Suddenly over the horizon there appeared an object flying in absolute silence. It was emitting red colored rays of light in one second intervals. It had a trail-like light, which appeared to be about three times longer than the light rays it was shooting up from the center of the top part. The light rays being shot upwards seemed to be timed at about once every three seconds.

My wife was the first to see this object, since I was busy with cleaning my dirty shoes in a pail of water which had been brought to us by the station attendant. Hearing her yelling he too ran out and then stood in wonder at this appearance. Then, I took looked toward the horizon and observed this flying object which appeared to be a little smaller than a cigarette filter or a Czech twenty cent piece.

The base was flat and the top was slightly domed. From the center of the dome the light rays could clearly be seen shining upward. The color was wonderfully clear ruby. It was flying in complete silence, straight forward and level with the horizon.

First, I thought it was some kind of machine, which suddenly appeared above the wooded hill line, but at second glance I had the feeling it was something very strange. My whole body felt strange about what I was seeing out there. The object left the silhouette of the hills and flew

over the valley between, and it took about five minutes to travel this distance. It was located at 25 to 30 degrees above the horizon line.

The total time of the entire observation was 8 to 10 minutes.

The distance between the two hills of the valley is 2 kilometers and it took 5 minutes to cross this distance between the hills.

When the object had disappeared, I looked at my wife and the station attendant and they looked at me. We all felt we had seen something which was not of this planet. We almost missed our train and I told my wife that I believed we had seen something in which I had never before believed existed.

No mention of this incident was reported in the public news and I sent a report to the Astronomical Observatory in Ondrejov, but I have never received any reply to that letter.

Turnov is a town of 14,000 population and the location at which we saw this UFO was about 12 to 14 kilometers from Turnov.

The UFO was moving in a straight course from the Northwest to the Southeast. There were a total of three witnesses. The UFO was last seen as it disappeared behind the hill on the other side of the valley. What surprised me the most was the absolute silence which was evident all the time of the observation.

I would estimate that we were about 2 kilometers from the UFO. It covered a distance of 110 to 115 degrees of the horizon. It was very bright and very clear in its ruby color.

That is to the best of my ability the account of what I and two others observed at 8:45 p.m. on the 31st of August, 1970, at the railroad depot near Turnov.

I was born on Dec. 2, 1911, and my wife on Dec. 25, 1916. I am an artist and a writer. My wife is a teacher. She teaches the 9th year students. We both have college educations. I like to study physics, social behavior and philosophy. I have travelled extensively in my own country as well as many other countries. My interests are, and always have been, in the real things and not in fiction or theoretical ideas which cannot be proven.

I have told you what I observed and I have no answer for it, but I know that it was there and that I saw it. Something which I can not explain.

With Hearty Greetings to You,

Mr. Karel Hynk and wife

Humanoid Report

A UFO sighting involving a near landing, a powerful beam, and possible humanoids has been reported in California by two Vietnam veterans.

The two were driving on Highway 101 about 36 miles north of Paso Robles on Dec. 14, 1973, about 9:43 p.m. when they observed a hovering UFO which seemed to be shooting a steady flame-like beam to the ground, causing the earth to glow.

The beam was coming out of a black cone-shaped object which protruded from a large hovering sphere, according to one of the unidentified veterans, now a biology major at the University of California at Santa Cruz. The beam was similar to a line of tracers from a helicopter gunship, he said, but the beam was solid red with no arc to it. It was hitting the ground and throwing up dirt and other material.

The pair stopped their car to get a better look at the object, which was hovering an estimated 800 feet from the ground. One of the vets stated that it was bigger than any helicopter he had ever seen, and was definitely not a helicopter. He described it as an amber spheroid.

The beam shot out and then stopped; the cone began to move into the sphere. During this maneuver a cloud of vapor came out around the cone shape. The vapor was described as egg-white or chalky-white, and more or less transparent. The sphere itself was amber in color through most of its center, and it gave off a white light.

The witness emphasized that the observation took place on a very clear night with no clouds.

After the cone was drawn inside, the sphere began moving horizontally, then took off at a 60-degree angle from the observers. The velocity of the sphere was described as incredible, moving from a hovering position to a point where it appeared to be the size of a star in less than 10 seconds.

The two observers then got flashlights in order to explore the area where the beam had hit the ground. The area, still glowing, was described as sort of an ellipse, about 25 feet long and about 10 feet wide. The perimeter of the ring was glowing red and then yellow, but a ring in the center was not glowing.

The two observers were about 30 feet apart when one of them reportedly shined his flashlight on two cylindrical shapes which appeared to him to have crinkly aluminum skins and stand about 6 feet high. The objects about 50 feet away, appeared to be almost humanoid, stated the observer, and there was a glow at the base of them.

He yelled at his friend, dropped to one knee, and again shined the flashlight in the direction of the shapes, but they were no longer there. The glowing area suddenly stopped glowing after about five minutes.

Soil samples and other possible evidence at

the site are being collected and analyzed, according to a detailed news story of the incident written by Robert B. Klinn and David Branch for the Jan. 2, 1974, edition of the Santa Anna Register, from which this account was taken.

(Information on the above sighting was reported by Charles G. Kahlert.)

SHINEY SILVER UFO CRUISES BESIDE WOMAN ON HIGHWAY

The following account was prepared from information supplied to Skylook by Mrs. Geri Wilhelm, Skylook reporter and investigator for the Ohio UFO Investigators League:

At approximately 7 p.m. on Dec. 1, 1973, a woman who wishes to remain anonymous was driving with her 13-year-old daughter on Route 33, near Sugar Grove, Ohio. The daughter first noticed lights in the sky, thought to be a helicopter.

Then the object descended toward the car, circling to the left of the vehicle before coming alongside and cruising at 35 m. p. h. (the daughter glanced at the speedometer). The craft was described as shiney silver in the shape of a cigar. It had a green light at one end, and a red light at the other. There was a pulsating white light in the center which shined into the car, becoming so bright that the woman had trouble seeing the highway. She said she felt they were photographing her. She said she was not frightened, but that her heartbeat was very rapid.

The light stayed fixed on her car for at least 15 minutes. The object made no noise, and was described as being at least as large as the woman's Buick.

The object eventually went quickly across the median of the divided highway, headed back straight for her car, then pulled up and ascended into the sky. The entire experience lasted about an hour. After the object had left, the mother and daughter reportedly became very giddy and happy--thrilled that they had had such an experience with a UFO.

MORE THAN 3,000 OBJECTS NOW IN SPACE

As of Dec. 9, 1973, there were 3,009 objects in Earth orbit, including Earth orbiting payloads, Earth orbiting debris, space probes, and space debris, from 10 nations and NATO. Of this number, 2,009 are from the U.S., and 914 from the USSR.

In the month of December, 27 satellites reentered the Earth's atmosphere, and it was estimated in the Volunteer Flight Officers Newsletter that nine satellites would "decay" (reenter the atmosphere) during the month of January. The Soviet Cosmos 501 payload is expected to "decay" Feb. 10. These reentries often look like meteors or fireballs.

1973

Big for UFO's

By George D. Fawcett
MUFON State Director, North Carolina

After all but ignoring UFOs since 1969 the nation's press and news media in 1973 gave prominent space to sightings--both in this country and overseas. The massive wave of UFO sightings worldwide in 1973 opened up a "new era" in public and official acceptance.

The current flurry of UFO sightings actually started with the opening of 1972 (contrary to what is generally thought) and brought with it a flood of UFO landing reports on a global basis that is expected to spillover into 1974.

Over 80 landings of UFO's were recorded and documented from 24 states in the U. S. A. and from over 11 foreign lands. Overseas these excellent encounters came from such places as England, Canada, Africa, Argentina, and Australia, Mexico, France, New Zealand, and Central America, with Australia heading the list.

Stateside, such on the ground experiences were reported from North and South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Alaska, Oklahoma, California, Iowa, Georgia, Tennessee, Ohio, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Virginia, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, Florida, Maryland, Wisconsin, Kansas, Colorado, New Jersey, and Arizona. California, Tennessee, Mississippi and Georgia ranked in that order for UFO landings.

Most controversial of all were the sightings of UFO occupants on the ground or through 'windows' in low level flights. Such encounters were reported in conjunction with landings or near landings in 12 states and two countries overseas.

These experiences were recorded in Dobson and Copeland, N. C. at Gaffney, S. C.; at Robeson, Penn.; at Balls Ferry and Chatsworth, Cal.; at Athens and Danielsville, Ga.; at Giles County and Watauga, Tenn.; at Pascagoula, Miss.; at Falkville, Ala.; at Danville, Va.; at Hampton, N. H.; at Pensacola, Fla.; at Baltimore, Md.; at Kimbra, Australia; and at Bahia Blanca, Argentina.

For the most part the UFO occupants (UFO-nauts) were around 4 feet tall, dressed in divers suits and/or white coveralls (with and without helmets) and they seemed to be busy with surveillance and specimen gathering. These types of reported UFO happenings almost led to panic situations at varied localities across our nation and overseas.

Trigger happy and badly frightened witnesses have shot at UFOs and sometimes their pilots at Ft. Beaufort, South Africa; at Griffin and Danielsville, Ga.; at Gadsden and in Mobile County,

Ala.; and in Georges County, Tenn. In some of the incidents the bullets bounced back, while the emotional excitement made for bad marksmanship at other locations.

The U.S. Air Force, the Department of Defense and the Federal Aviation Agency were involved with UFO-jet interceptions and were greatly concerned by the growing number of radar trackings of UFOs reported from the Eglin AFB, Fl.; from Civil Defense radar in Columbia, Miss.; from Ft. Sill, Okla.; from Bahia Blanca, Argentina; and from Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

Pilot reports of UFOs were often reported by both commercial and military pilots from Braniff Eastern, Pan American, Delta Airlines, Colorado NORAD Air Force pilots, BOAC, TWA, Bell Huey Jet Helicopters, Scandanivan Airlines, and private Australian and Missouri pilots.

General George S. Brown, U.S. Air Force Chief

of Staff admitted for the first time that UFOs had triggered many air, sea, land battles earlier in Vietnam. The DOD and FAA issued new UFO regulations, and the USAF started two new UFO studies, code-named Old New Moon and Blue Paper.

Other radar trackings came from military bases in Maryland, Arizona, Delaware, Massachusetts and Washington State.

Reports of UFOs came from the governors of Ohio and Georgia, from President Abi Amin of Uganda, from Skylab-2 astronauts, from police and law enforcement officials in all 50 states, and from highly qualified scientific observers. Astronauts Gene Cernan and Gordon Cooper stated they believed UFOs represented "other civilizations" and "visitations from afar" over a long period of time, a thought shared and spoken by Senator Barry Goldwater also in 1973.

The 1973 Gallup Poll indicated that 15 million Americans had seen UFOs to date and that over 51% of the population had accepted UFOs as being real, both astonishing increases over the last Gallup Poll on UFOs which was taken in 1966.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, astronomer at Northwestern University opened a "Center for UFO Studies" in early December, just after a secret Rand Corporation study, as well as a two-year study by the American Institute for Astronautics and Acronautics (AIAA) recommended new UFO studies after the previous ill-fated Air Force Project Blue Book and University of Colorado Condon Committee UFO probes had failed to either explain or duplicate the UFO phenomenon.

While others investigate, a large number of scientific, aerospace companies and technical laboratories have set up anti-gravity and artificial gravity projects, many under secret contracts, in an all-out crash project to try to duplicate the technology inherent in UFO observations. Some of them are military, AEC, NASA, NSE, RCA, MIT, Bell, Boeing, Covair, Martin, Lockheed, Douglas, Hughes, Air Force Flight

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Alabama.....	16	Montana.....	1
Alaska.....	1	Nebraska.....	0
Arizona.....	8	Nevada.....	1
Arkansas.....	71	New Hampshire.....	3
California.....	42	New Jersey.....	7
Colorado.....	22	New Mexico.....	0
Connecticut.....	1	New York.....	8
Delaware.....	2	North Carolina....	14
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Florida.....	1	Ohio.....	352
Georgia.....	23	Oklahoma.....	8
Hawaii.....	1	Oregon.....	2
Idaho.....	1	Pennsylvania.....	600
Illinois.....	22	Rhode Island.....	2
Indiana.....	11	South Carolina....	24
Iowa.....	8	South Dakota.....	0
Kansas.....	5	Tennessee.....	19
Kentucky.....	29	Texas.....	47
Louisiana.....	13	Utah.....	0
Maine.....	12	Vermont.....	0
Maryland.....	2	Virginia.....	5
Massachusetts.....	3	Washington.....	4
Michigan.....	32	West Virginia.....	13
Minnesota.....	18	Wisconsin.....	7
Mississippi.....	20	Wyoming.....	0
Missouri.....	115	Total.....	1,566

Dynamics and Air Force General Physics Research.

In the meantime a large number of UFO photographs and movie film were taken in 1973 in North Carolina, Alabama, California, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Ohio, S. Carolina, Italy, Peru, Missouri, Tennessee, Washington State and Australia--which are still being evaluated and analysed.

Electro-magnetic interferences with car motors, headlights, houselights, CB radios, TV, radio, magnetometers and other communication devices were widely reported in conjunction with UFO encounters, as were numerous cases of animal re-actions and human physiological effects.

UFO-related power failures (documented over the past almost 3 decades) again cropped up time and time again in 1973 on March 14 in Piedmont, Mo.; on May 26 in Morwell, Australia; on June 23 in Columbia, Mo.; on Sept. 10 in Atlanta, Ga.; on Oct. 16 in Yazoo, Miss. and on Nov. 11 in Farmville, La..... just to mention a

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few of the growing incidents on a global basis.

At UFO landing sites, impressions and ground markings, such as burned 20 to 30 ood circles, tripod landing-gear marks, background radiation increases above normal, chemical soil changes, denuded vegetation and dehydrated and depressed areas have been found, along with many deposits of both metallic and non-metallic fragments. Many reported ammonia, sulfur-like and ozone odors near UFOs.

On Oct. 3 a motorist suffered impaired vision when burned by a UFO at Jackson, Mo. while on Oct. 19 at Rutledge, Ga. another witness was burned on her face by the heat given off by an approaching UFO. Over 170 cases of eyewitnesses being burned, blinded, paralyzed and injured by UFOs in close encounters have been documented since 1945, so that witnesses of UFOs are urged not to touch or approach UFOs on the ground until more can be determined about their origin and nature.

Consistent features of UFOs are being reported independently by witnesses thousands of miles apart. In 1973 two important books were published, both of which tell it as it really is Dr. J. Allen Hynek's book THE UFO EXPERIENCE (a Scientific Inquiry) and Major Donald E. Keyhoe's book "ALIENS FROM SPACE."

For many in 1973 UFOs became part of their experiences and alien appeared to be the correct adjective used to describe the growing number of worldwide UFO sightings that were being reported.

CHARIOTS OF THE GODS? FILM REVIEWED

"Chariots of the Gods?," the film version of Erich von Daniken's controversial bestseller, has been given a good review by the Atlanta Ga., Journal. In a Jan. 2 column by Barbara Thomas, the film is described as adding credibility to von Daniken's theory. A "well-chosen musical score" and "imaginative photographic techniques" are said to "add a feeling of suspense and eeriness to what could easily have been a dull viewing of artifacts." Ms. Thomas notes that "there are parts of the film where detail is conspicuously lacking, and we wish the narrator would give us more time to absorb what he has shown us before hurrying on to the next discovery."

The Latrobe, Pa., bulletin reports that on or about October 19, 1963 a Paul Brown of Athens Ga., saw two four-foot tall creatures emerge from a UFO which landed on the highway. Brown reportedly shot twice at the occupants, who were dressed in what appeared to be silver uniforms.

Around the Network

UFO STUDY GROUP OF GREATER ST. LOUIS PUBLISHES FACT SHEET FOR PUBLIC

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis has produced an impressive four-page UFO Fact Sheet, which is available free from the group.

The Fact Sheet includes a photo of a UFO, a definition of what a UFO is, an explanation of the purpose of the St. Louis study group, a chart of the basic shapes and types of UFO's, an explanation of physical evidence, and advice for those who witness a UFO.

Copies are available from P.O.Box 9, O'Fallon Mo. 63366.

SALEM, ILL., PROGRAM PLANNED

Clarence O. Dargie, state section director, will be the guest speaker for the Salem, Ill., Lions Club Feb. 5 at the Salem Holiday Inn.

STAN GORDON TO TEACH UFO COURSE

Pennsylvania State Director Stan Gordon will teach an adult education course entitled "UFO's--Fact--Myth?" beginning Feb. 13 at the Westmoreland County Community College.

ROBERT SMULLING TO TEACH UFO COURSE

Robert Smulling of the Tri-State UFO Study Group will teach a ten-week adult education course on UFO's at Southeast Iowa Community College, beginning Feb. 5.

RALPH DeGRAW DISCUSSING UFO'S ON TV, AT CLUBS, IN SCHOOL

Ralph C. DeGraw, Iowa State-Section Director, on the "Last Word" program on WMT-TV in Cedar Rapids. He was scheduled to speak Jan. 7 at the Cedar Falls Jaycess, and at the Waverly Kiwanis Club Feb. 14. He has been asked to teach a one-day course on UFO's at the New Hampton High School on Feb. 22.

McKAY TEACHES COURSE ON UFO'S AT ONTARIO INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION

Henry McKay, Director of the Canadian province of Ontario for MUFON, has been teaching a ten-week course on UFO's at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. McKay, who has investigated hundreds of Canadian sightings over the past eight years, says his most interesting were probably a succession of burn marks. The first involved a farmer who, in 1969, was surprised by a bright light given off by a dome-like object in his field. The next day a burn mark, 30 feet in diameter, was discovered where the object had landed. Soil samples showed there had been a sudden, inexplicable change in the soil's composition. (From Toronto Sun; reported by Gene Duplantier.)

Stanton T. Friedman, "the only space scientist in the world spending full time on UFO's," will be among the speakers at the 1974 MUFON Symposium in Akron, Ohio, June 22.

Friedman, who lectured on 93 campuses in 29 states in 1973, is scheduled for the following states

speaking engagements over the next few months:

Feb. 2, 3, NRE Convention, Houston, Tex.; Feb. 4, Platte Cmty Col, Columbus, Neb.; Feb. 6, Miami U, Hamilton, Ohio; Feb. 8, Johnson CCC, Overland Park, Kan. (near Kansas City); Feb. 21, Dekalb Col, Clarkston, Ga. (near Atlanta); Feb. 25, Valencia CC, Orlando, Fla.; Feb. 26, U of Miami, Miami, Fla.;

March 8, Grossmont Col. (near San Diego); March 19, Belleville CC, Belleville, Ill.; March 20, Mgt Club, Battlecreek, Mich.; March 27, Lycoming Col, Williamsport, Pa.

April 1, Southwest Col, Chula Vista, Calif.; April 2, Butte Col, Gridley, Calif.; April 3, Columbia, Calif., Jr Col; April 4, Merced, Calif., Col.

Groups interested in sponsoring talks by Friedman may call collect at 213-376-9626 (24-hour service), or write at 2420 Grant Ave., Apt. 3, Redondo Beach, Calif. 90278. He notes that "piggy back" rates would apply in conjunction with the above listed dates.

JOHN SCHUESSLER TO TEACH UFO EVENING COURSE IN ST. LOUIS

John Schuessler, director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, and Skylook staffer, has been asked to teach an eight-week evening course entitled "UFO'S--The Great Mystery of Our Time" by the Metropolitan Colleges (St. Louis University), beginning Jan. 30.

ST. LOUIS GROUP MEETS

The January 13 meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis featured John F. Schuessler playing a tape of his interview with two St. Charles, Mo., police officers who observed a UFO

Other activities included a description of the MUFON amateur radio net work by Dr. W. P. Armstrong; a discussion of the Pascagoula, Miss. abduction case; and reports on UFO programs in the mass media.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Lemay Bank & Trust Co., St. Louis. (Reported by David A. Schroth.)

TRI-STATE UFO GROUP MEETS

Officers for the coming year were elected Jan. 16 at the regular monthly meeting of the Tri-State UFO Study Group in Quincy, Ill.:

John French was elected chairman; Lon Moller, vice chairman; Wanda Brill, secretary; and Mrs. Ann Viar, treasurer.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at the home of Fields Freeman in Quincy.

Object Changes

Robert B. Klinn, who teams with David Branch to write UFO stories for the Santa Ana, Calif., Register, was able to get a story first hand about 2:30 a. m. Dec. 20, 1973, at Pacific Palisades, where he lives.

Arriving home from viewing a UFO motion picture film taken by a physicist, Klinn was paged by an excited neighbor, Michael Wagner, who had been watching a large, yellowish-white, glowing blob moving very slowly over the horizon off the Santa Monica-Pacific Palisades beach. A helicopter with its flashing lights was to the left.

Klinn got a 16-power spyglass, and observed a vertical column of very bright, round, yellow-white lights bisecting a horizontal line of similar lights. Additional columns of light paralleling the vertical column would systematically appear, disappear, and reappear. Then the whole complex of lights took on the shape of a triangle when two additional lines of lights appeared, joining the top of the first vertical column with the left and right ends of the horizontal line of lights.

After about 45 minutes, Klinn readjusted the telescope and was able to clearly see the edges of a huge, cigar-shaped machine illuminated by four or five huge, pulsating, flashing, round lights along the length of the object. The lights were much brighter than those observed earlier, and they covered most of the width of the object.

The lights were flashing rapidly, but also appeared to be inter-relating with each other, seemingly smashing into each other from the right part of the cigar to the left, as if the lights traveled through each other. When the lights smashed together there was a tremendous flare-up of intensity of the light which was hit. Then the smashing activity would reverse direction.

At the top of the cigar and seemingly attached to it was an appendage angled at about 45 degrees forward and pointed at the end. The appendage had three huge lights running its length but these were not flashing as rapidly as those on the cigar. The cigar also had a "tail" to the right, angled downward about 30 degrees. Suddenly the top appendage began moving back and forth the entire length of the object. The appendage then became vertical in respect to the cigar. Then the entire object quit moving, and appeared as a pointed dome topped disc (the appendage appeared to have widened to become the pointed dome with no lights on it except for a red light at the apex of the dome). The large flashing main lights on the cigar were still visible. Then all the lights flickered for a few seconds, and then all went off. Wagner had first seen the object at 2:15 and the lights

went out at 3:37.

Klinn was told that a Santa Monica police Officer had observed the light, and estimated it to be about one mile off the coast, but the officer later denied having seen it. (From an article by Klinn in the Dec. 26, 1973, Santa Ana Register.)

Missouri Sightings

By Ted Phillips

On Nov. 26, 1973, two coon hunters entered a wooded area north of Lincoln and encountered a large reddish-orange sphere. The hunters had just turned their dogs loose when they noticed the light across a field at low level. As they tried to approach the object they saw a herd of cattle. Suddenly they saw the dogs passing the cattle. The dogs jumped into the truck and refused to leave it. The hunters joined the dogs and drove toward highway 65. The reddish sphere paced the truck along a narrow gravel road. As they reached highway 65 they noted another reddish sphere hovering near the highway to the south. The second object was joined by the first and they moved away at high speed. The objects were also seen by the father of the two young men at a distance of about 1/2 mile. The objects were flying very near a high voltage line and parallel to it.

On Dec. 2, 1973, Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Hodges observed another reddish-orange object at about 2315. Mrs. Hodges related their experience: "I saw this orange glow out the window toward Centerville and told Jay there must be a fire. Then I went to put on my glasses." Hodges himself described the phenomena as "a 300-foot long red-orange shape floating above the tree level." Hodges, who once was an aircraft mechanic, added, "We had about seven or eight minutes to study the thing and I tried to think through every possible aeronautical principle for an explanation. Long before it disappeared I had decided it made no earthly sense." The object was shaped like a bowl. The object finally moved away from the witnesses and disappeared.

The latest Missouri report took place on Jan 9, 1974 about 8 miles south of Sedalia. At 0820 the three witnesses, ages 50, 48 & 27, were driving west on Rte V when they saw an object beneath the clouds descending slowly. The object was ringed with multi-colored lights. It was seen only a short time and disappeared behind a ridge and was not seen again. The report is under investigation and as the object may have landed, a search of the area will be made. There is a heavy snow cover and burns or marks could be visible. Any additional information will be published as soon as available.



In Others' Words

BY LUCIUS FARISH

NATIONAL ENQUIRER continues to feature considerable UFO material. The Jan. 6 issue contained two articles: one dealt with Senator Goldwater's belief in UFO's; the other told of a low-level sighting in Chattanooga, Ten., during the October flap. The Jan. 13 issue reported on sightings in Indiana. In the Jan. 20 issue, actor William Shatner of "Star Trek" fame told of his experience involving a UFO and ESP in the California desert, which he credited with saving his life.

NATIONAL NEWS EXTRA also reported the Goldwater UFO remarks in their Dec. 23 issue. The Jan. 6 issue carried an article on the Goffstown N.H., close-approach case which was featured in the January issue of SKYLOOK.

The December issue of ESQUIRE contained an interesting article on Erich von Daniken and the controversy which still revolves around him.

In the December issue of CHANGES, the opinion of RÖD Serling, Isaac Asimov, von Daniken, Dr. Carl Sagan, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, former astronaut Edgar Mitchell, and others are detailed. An interesting collection of thoughts on the UFO subject.

Scottish astronomer Duncan Lunan's "alien space probe" theories are put forth again in the January issue of ANALOG. Lunan's book, MAN AND THE STARS, is due to be published by Bantam Books within the next few months.

The February issue of FATE has a report on the Pascagoula, Miss. case, but unfortunately, this was written before all the facts were made public and some of the information is incorrect.

Excerpts from Major Donald Keyhoe's book, ALIENS FROM SPACE, are featured in the February issue of SAGA. SAGA's UFO Specials will be published on a quarterly basis in '74 and are now available via subscription; \$3.00 for 4 issues.

An anonymous Air Force sergeant is supposedly the author of an article in the February issue of MALE. It tells of various alleged sightings near Air Force bases in various parts of the country. It may be true, but considering some of the nonsense published by MALE and similar magazines in the past, I have my doubts.

OTHER DIMENSIONS '74 is the first in a series of yearly annuals devoted to all aspects of the psychic, occult and paranormal. Although UFOs may not fit into either category, the magazine does contain an article on the subject, mentioning MUFON and other UFO organizations. This is available on newsstands for \$1.00.

The latest two booklets from Gene Duplantier are now available for \$1.25 each. These are titled SUBTERRANEAN WORLDS OF PLANET EARTH and

SPACEDUST. The former is a collection of material concerning supposed cavern worlds, the hollow EARTH, etc. Contributors include Richard Shaver, Mary & Tom LeVesque (of HOLLOW HASSLE), and others. SPACEDUST is a collection of material very similar to Gene's OUTERMOST publication of a few years ago. It includes contactee stories, theories on lost planets and historical UFOs, as well as a variety of other topics. Very nicely put together.

SKYLOOK reader Richard Heiden has suggested that I mention a book now available in a Spanish edition and which, hopefully, will be translated into English at some future date. It is entitled TEORIA DE PROCESOS DE LOS OVNI (THEORY OF UFO PROCESSES), written by Miguel Guasp. Sr. Guasp says it is possible to predict the site of a UFO observation, given the local time and the latitude. For those who read Spanish and who might want a copy of the book, it can be ordered from the author at: C/Dr. Vila Barbera, 8-10a-Valencia-7, Spain. The price is \$4.00.

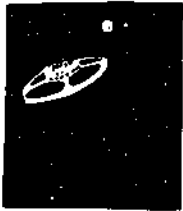
Brad Steiger's latest paperback, ATLANTIS RISING, contains quite a bit of material relating to UFOs, space visitors of old, etc. The book was written about 4 years ago, so it is not another attempt to cash in on von Daniken's popularity. The publisher can be blamed for the long delay in making the book available. Frankly, there isn't much here that you haven't read elsewhere, but it is still an interesting synthesis of ideas. Available from Dell Books - P.O. Box 1000 - Pinebrook, N. J. 07058 for 95¢, plus 15¢ for postage.

UFO OVER TURIN, ITALY SEEN BY THOUSANDS

Thousands of persons in the Italian city of Turin reported seeing a mysterious flying object on the night of Dec. 4, 1973. The object registered on the radar screen at Turin airport, and was clearly visible to the naked eye.

It seemed to rest motionless in the air for several minutes and rotated on its axis. As police reached a spot more or less under the object it suddenly shot upwards at great speed and disappeared.

Two days earlier a private pilot said he chased a UFO over Turin airport, and he estimated its speed at 3,500 miles per hour. A pilot for Alitalia Airlines said he followed the same object for about 1½ miles in his DC-9 before the UFO disappeared. (Reported by Mike Jaffe)



Astronomy Notes

By Mark R. Herbstritt

FEBRUARY SKY

Mercury--From the 6th to the 16th it may be possible to see Mercury low in the west just after sunset. By the 24th it is in Inferior Conjunction.

Venus--It is a morning star, and by the 15th it is visible low in the southeast for about two hours before sunrise. It is at greatest brilliance on the 27th.

Mars--Moves from Aries into Taurus; it is about on the Meridian at sunset and sets about midnight.

Jupiter--It is too close to the sun for observation, conjunction being on the 13th.

Saturn--It is well up in the east at sunset, and sets about 3 a.m.

The alpha aurigid meteor shower is visible from the 5th to the 10th. Comet Kohoutek should still be visible in small telescopes.

TALLAHASSEE TO ATLANTA PLANE OBSERVES UFO AFTER TOWER ALERT

Capt. R. C. Cook, preparing to charter 730 from Tallahassee to Atlanta on Nov. 12, 1973, was advised by Tallahassee FAA that the tower had seen a UFO pass over the city doing about 2,000 p.mh. at 3,000 feet, and that it was in visual contact southwest of the field and low over the trees.

After taking off and completing a left turn, Capt. Cook and his crew sighted a round, glowing object low on the horizon "and climbing away from us." The light, which was spherical, was pulsating from very bright to quite dim, but was always visible. The color would drift from bright red to white, and occasionally the crew would see some light yellow or green.

The plane was an estimated 15 miles from the object throughout the sighting. Tyndall Approach confirmed visual sighting of the object, and Panama City said it saw the object, plus two others which Cook could not see. Capt. Cook reported that the object's movements seemed "evasive," and he did not consider it prudent to attempt to close on it.

After requesting clearance to Atlanta, Cook noted that the object had "reversed its course with us," and now following the plane northbound. At this point Cook began his descent, ending the observation.

(from December, 1973, Southernaire, an aviation magazine; reported by Ed Brown.)

NEBRASKA DIRECTOR KRAAL REPORTS NUMEROUS UFO's IN PAST FEW MONTHS

Elmer Kraal, Nebraska State Director for MUFON, has sent us a number of reports received during the past few months, including two which turned out to be weather balloons and the re-entry of a Russian rocket. Included among the reported are:

Sept. 23, 11:15 p. m. Grand Island: a green light changing to white reported 20 degrees above the horizon for 15 minutes by two witnesses.

Oct. 7, 10 p.m., Grand Island: a gold, spinning object shaped like Apollo spacecraft with red lights on each side and one white light on top was reported hovering at 20 degrees for 1 hour. It then gradually moved straight east and upward to 75 degrees before disappearing, according to witnesses.

Oct. 17, 8:30 p. m., Big Springs: up to six saucer-shaped objects partly hidden in haze were reported by several witnesses. The objects variously hovered and traveled from west to northeast. Immediately after, web-like material was observed falling to the ground (a sample is under study). Later the same evening an Interstate 80 traveler from the west reported seeing 6 meteors or stars falling to the east.

Oct. 18, 12:42 p. m., Fullerton: two duck hunters reported seeing with the naked eye and with binoculars six capsule-shaped objects, white in color with the middle third all black, flying overhead in a tight, shallow V formation from NW to SE. Sighting was for 2 minutes in clear sky with unlimited visibility.

TWO WOMEN OBSERVE LIGHT HOVERING IN CHICAGO AREA

The following account was taken from a MUFON report by Laurence P. Rybak, field investigator:

Two women, who have asked that their names be kept confidential, were driving in Berwyn, Ill., at 5:15 p. m. on Jan. 4, 1974, when they saw a hovering object with two bright lights in front shining straight ahead, and smaller lights a round the sides.

As the object began to move, the witnesses followed it for one-eighth to one-quarter mile. When moving, the two bright lights were turned off, and red tower on object was seen. The object was seen about 75 feet above the ground and about 300 feet from the witnesses as it hovered over a high school athletic field when the witnesses parked near Riverside Ave. and Home Ave. The object then disappeared from view north behind the school building at a rate of speed of a small aircraft. The large bright lights were turned off as it left.

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started back in his "teens," which is a fine incentive for our younger members now enthusiastically serving in the category of "SKYLOOK Reporters" or "UFO News clipping Service."

In Iowa, Ralph DeGraw, Route 1, Hazleton, Iowa 50641, telephone AC 319 636-2620, has been re-assigned as State - Section Director for Bachanan, Blackhawk, and Delaware Counties. Ralph has been in great demand by the news media and civic organizations as a speaker in his locality as a consequence of our recent UFO "flap" in the southeastern states.

George D. Fawcett, State Director, has appointed Richard C. Austin, 5595 Murray Road, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27106, telephone AC 919 924-8419, as the State-Section Director for these North Carolina counties: Forsyth, Guilford, Surry, Stokes, Rockingham, Yadkin, Davie, Davidson, and Randolph. Richard is presently chairman of the recently organized "Tar Heel UFO Study Group."

The majority of New Hampshire is now covered, with the appointment of the following two State-Section Directors:

Peter A. Morrison, 38 Bowman Street, Laconia, New Hampshire 03246, telephone AC 603 524-7585, will be responsible for MUFON organizing in Belknap, Strafford, and Merrimack Counties. Peter is the radio news director for WKBR in Manchester and has a college degree.

John M. Meloney, Box 59, Claremont, New Hampshire 03743, telephone AC 603 542-2111, has been assigned to establish a rapport with UFO enthusiasts, police agencies, and the news media in Sullivan and Cheshire Counties. John has done graduate work after receiving his college degree. He would like to set up a world-wide system for reporting UFO's by ships at sea as is presently done by the airline pilots through VFON and Herb Roth.

James G. Maidhof, 4008 Charlotte, Kansas City Missouri 64110, telephone AC 816 754-7954, has volunteered to serve as State-Section Director for the Missouri counties of Jackson, Clay, Platte, and Cass. After receiving his B.A. in Anthropology from San Diego State College, Jim went to the University of Arizona in Tucson as a Graduate Research Assistant to work toward his master's degree in Anthropology and Archaeology.

Fields F. Freeman, MUFON Corporate Treasurer, would like to remind members that '74 membership dues are now being received. Anyone who joined MUFON and paid their \$2.00 dues during the 4th quarter of 1973 has already been credited with their 1974 dues and received their new MUFON UFO network identification card. The cards will be issued as 1974 dues are received by your director.

The world-wide coverage of UFO sighting reports by the entire news media during the recent flap has revitalized the interest of the scientific community and the general public. Scien-

POLICE OFFICERS CHASE LIGHTS IN ST. CHARLES

John Schuessler filed the MUFON report from which the following account was taken:

Reuben Abbington and Alvin Regot, St. Charles, Mo., police officers were riding in Car 5 at 4:25 a.m. on Jan. 5, 1974, when Lt. Regot first noticed a stationary light at about 300 feet above the ground. Both officers observed the object, which they discerned as two bright oblong (retangular) white lights. Then the white lights dimmed, and a red light rotated around the center of the object. The object moved slowly west, then stopped and moved directly toward the observers. Having stopped the patrol car and gotten outside, the officers stood their ground and Lt. Regot shined a spotlight toward the object in an effort to make out a shape (he had previously shined the light at the object when it had been stationary). The object stopped several hundred feet from the road, and barely cleared Mamelles Hills, the high point in the area. As it accelerated it made a sound like escaping steam. When the object accelerated, the officers raced after it in the patrol car, but could not catch it. The red light and both oblong lights could be seen when the object was coming and going.

CONSTABLE CHASES AERIAL OBJECT: GETS CLOSE AND AUTO GOES DEAD

The following is based on a report by James J. LaChute, MUFON field investigator, and a story in the New Orleans State-Item:

On Oct. 7, 1973, Constable Charles Delk was called to a Petal, Miss., address to investigate a reported sighting of a UFO. Nothing was seen until Delk was driving back, when he spotted an object over Petal High School.

He described it as "like an old-timey top" with a short antenna on top. The wide portion was upward, and was surrounded by a yellow band of light. Its estimated diameter was 30 feet. Delk says the object hummed.

The object was followed for approximately 30 miles, and Delk says four lights were flashing. The object went toward the Tallahalla Swamp, but when Delk got "pretty close to it" his motor "killed." The motor remained dead for about 15 minutes, during which time the motor would not grind and his radio did not work.

When his car again started, "like nothing was wring," he again followed the object through the town of Ovett and past a swamp. Then the object reportedly did a "double flip" and disappeared.

tists were quietly stepping forward to volunteer their services in an effort to help resolve the greatest scientific problem of our time.

The sensationalists and "kook fringe groups" are being phased out of the UFO picture. They are being replaced with the educated and experienced scientists and engineers who are bringing their expertise to bear upon this enigma.