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COME TO THE CONFERENCE AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS, SATURDAY JUNE 13, 1970

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"We tell it as it is."

Come to the Conference!

The date is June 13, 1970!

The place is the Student Center, Bradley University, Peoria, Ill.

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The complete program for the Midwest UFO Conference to be held June 13th was given in the May issue of SKYLOOK, but we will call this important event to your attention again, altho we realize SKYLOOK (to be in the mail May 25th) will not reach some of our readers by June 13.

Members of the Aerial Phenomena Club of Central Illinois and the Tri-State UFO Study Group, as well as other interested individuals, have been working very hard in setting up this Conference and have every right to be proud of an impressive list of speakers scheduled.

It is expected that Robert Smulling, a professional photographer and Chairman of the Tri-State UFO Study Group, from Hamilton, Ill., will speak in place of Leonard W. Sturm on the topic "Photographic Evidence." We are sorry to report a member of Mr. Sturm's immediate family is very ill, and it is doubtful that he will be able to be present.

Other speakers on the program remain as reported in May, and we remind you registration will be at the Olin Hall of Science from 8 to 9:20 a.m. Advance tickets will be picked up at this time.

The Conference opens at 9:30 with Laird S. Carter, of the Peoria A.P.C.C.I, and Walter Andrus, Jr., of the Tri-State Group welcoming those present.

Allen R. Utke, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry, Wisconsin State University, and Director of the Midwest UFO Network, will speak on "UFOs and the Problem of Scientific Evidence," followed by Ted Phillips, Jr., of Sedalia, whose topic will be "Burned Circles and Saucer Nests: What is their significance?"

The afternoon session will open at 1:30 p.m. with John F. Schuessler, Senior Engineer, McDonnell-Douglas Astronautics, St. Louis, Mo., and Director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, speaking on "The UFO, Just Beyond the State-of-the-Art."

Leonard W. Sturm or Mr. Smulling, as mentioned above, will speak next.

Mrs. Coral E. Lorenzen, Secretary of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Tucson, Arizona; Editor, AFRO Bulletin, author and co-author (with her husband) of five books on UFOs, is scheduled to speak at 3:45 p.m. on "UFOs 1970, An Up-to-Date Report."

J. Allen Hynek, Ph.D., Director, Department of Astronomy and Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center, Northwestern University, Evanston,
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Ill., will speak from 7:30 to 9:00 p. m. His subject will be "UFOs and the 70's--a Positive Program." (Be sure to read the article written by Dr. Hynek for "The Christian Science Monitor" elsewhere in this issue of SKYLOOK.)

A question and answer period with a panel of the speakers will close the Conference.

Reservations and tickets may be secured in advance by writing: Midwest UFO Conference, 726 N. St. Anthony Place, Peoria, Ill., 61604. Advance reservations to include the luncheon must be received before June 6th. The registration fee for the entire conference, including the noon luncheon, is \$6.00. Admission to the morning, afternoon or evening program is \$1.50 for each, or all sessions (no luncheon) for \$3.00.

Walt Andrus, Publicity and Program Chairman, has sent us some of the news releases, and we're glad to report the Press is giving the Conference good coverage. Walt has also contacted radio, TV and other news media with gratifying results.

Your editor regrets that she will not be present, but she will be well represented by members of the SKYLOOK staff, and we are expecting fine reports of this big event.

We again thank all the ufozines who have given us publicity, and we hope many of the editors, staff and readers will be able to attend. We are more than pleased with the good will and interest shown by most of our fellow-editors who have written us and who have given us space in their publications..

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A.P.C.C.I. (Received too late for last month)

The Aerial Phenomena Club of Central Illinois meeting was held Monday, April 13, with "Caves and UFOs" as the topic for discussion. Most of the caves discussed are in France and have intriguing drawings, some of which seem to depict flying saucer shapes.

As many of you read in last month's SKYLOOK, the finer details of the Midwest UFO Conference were made public. We would like to thank Mrs. Shaw and SKYLOOK for playing a major part in the needed publicity and recommendations toward our soon-to-be conference.

Next month's meeting will be held on May 11 with a tape of Dr. J. Allen Hynek's lecture at the McDonnell Planetarium being discussed. The Northminister Presbyterian Church, 70 30 N. Rt. 88, Peoria, Ill., from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. is the meeting place and time.

Reporter--Michael Morey. (Editor's Comment: We know you've been busy this month working out plans for the Conference, and we'll look for you back with the regular monthly report when this big project is over.)

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All Night Sky Watch Planned --Rosetta Holmes, of Carlyle, Ill., informs us an all night sky watch is planned for Saturday, July 18, at Boulder Access Area of the Carlyle Lake, Carlyle, Ill., and will be followed by an all day picnic on Sunday, July 19th. Full details in the July SKYLOOK.

Two Women See UFO Near Blytheville, Ark.

Blytheville--A week ago Wednesday, two women visiting Burdette (Mississippi County) from Alabama reported that they saw an unidentified flying object near the Burdette-Interstate 55 Interchange.

Officials at Blytheville Air Force Base said Tuesday they still "have no explanation" but that a Board was going to convene this week to investigate it.

The board will be comprised of "our people on intelligence" a BAFB spokesman said.

The women, who asked not to be identified, said they spotted the UFO hovering over a plowed field about 60 feet off the ground. For about three minutes, they said, they watched the object until it suddenly "cranked up."

"It made a whistling noise and moved off toward Blytheville so fast that in a few seconds it was out of sight," they said.

The object, they said, was saucer shaped and was outlined with small white lights "about the color you'd get from a light shining out a window."

Source: ARKANSAS GAZETTE, April 29, 1970. Credit: Lou Farish.

Editor's Note: Lou also sent a clipping from the COURIER NEWS, Blytheville, Ark., which carried the report and gave a little more information on the location as being "hovering over Elmer Cole's plowed field about 60 feet off the ground."

As no follow-up reports appeared in the newspapers, Mr. Farish wrote the AFB at Blytheville and received a reply, dated May 12, from Major C. V. Jeffries, USAG Chief, Information Division. The letter stated the board convened to investigate the report and concluded "that 'visual fatigue' caused the person to see what appeared to be a UFO."

We won't quote Lou's comment on that!

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Illinois Woman Reports Strange Object

Mrs. X (real name in our files) was driving east on a straight stretch of road half way between Irvington and Hoyalton, Ill., on Illinois Highway 127. It was about 7 p.m. on a fall evening in 1968. A half mile ahead on her left, she saw what she first thought was a big airliner very low and apparently on a landing course, altho there is no airport at that point.

She thought it was an airliner because of the many colored pulsating lights that formed the shape of a "T" as the object approached. She slowed her car and rolled a window down. She decided the object could not be a plane as it was moving too slowly, but decided it might be a helicopter.

As she passed by, she estimated it could not be over an acre or less from her, and it "just hung there about three telephone poles high" and she could hear no sound.

Frightened now, she went on, but could still see the object after proceeding another half mile. Her three children, ages 3-5-9, also witnessed the sight.

Mrs. X wanted to report to someone, but was fearful of ridicule, so said nothing until May 9, 1970, when she reported to radio station WILY, Centralia, Ill., on their "Hot Line" program, with Dr. W. P. Armstrong, Arthur J. Epstein and Mrs. Rosetta Holmes as panel members. Credit: Art Epstein.

Oval Shaped Object Seen in Missouri Sky

Mr. X (name in our files) left his home near the Lake of the Ozarks about 3:15 a.m. DST, April 26, 1970, and saw a strange oval-shaped object in the northern sky at about a 2 o'clock position. In length the object was about twice the size of a full moon, and half in width. There were no clouds and the sky was clear. Mr. X said he would have thought the object was a cloud except it seemed to be luminescent with a glow like that of the Milky Way. It apparently moved from the north to the southeast, then disappeared after being in sight for around five minutes.

Mr. X, a sober, responsible citizen, reported the sighting to a SKYLOOK staff member, as a matter of interest. He has no explanation for the object and said he had never seen anything like it before.

New Year Comes In With a Swish!

The first ufo sighting of the year in Dayton, Ohio, occurred at 7:45 p.m. Jan. 1, 1970. Ronn Sokol and his brother sighted an oval-shaped object hovering above them and said the object made a strange "swish, swish" sound--about three swishes per second.

It was traveling east to west at some very uneven speeds. There was also one flash of light during the sighting, the boys said.

Credit: Reported by Ed Garcia in EYEWITNESS, Box 34, Mt. Perry, Ohio.

Huge UFO Hovers

Editor's Note: The following is a report from the FSIC BULLETIN, P. O. Drawer G, Akron, Ohio, and we point out that ED COMMENT in the report is the report of the FSIC BULLETIN editor, A. E. Candusso. Now, here is the story, and we quote :

Barberton, Ohio. . 3-20-70

Weather: a slight drizzle from low hanging nimbostratus clouds, no wind.

Leslie Riddell, 23, owner of Sir Oliver's restaurant on 31st St. SW, started down the outdoor stairway from his second floor apartment.

He approached the lower landing, and the peculiar sound he had heard previously was even louder. He turned toward the sound. There, hanging motionless, was a huge dark gray shape.

It was at very low altitude, towards the SE, over an open field beyond his garage. Its distance seemed to be 100 yd more or less, and its apparent altitude was as low as 15' to 20' according to the witness.

ED COMMENT: But this estimate was made without taking into consideration its distance and its angle of elevation which was about 3°. Besides, the land is somewhat lower there than the surrounding area. 50'-100' would be a closer estimate.

It was flat-topped, tapering like a cone, and was approx half as high as it was long across the top.

Using his garage as a gauge (the roofline is approx 18') we figured the apparent size of the huge object to be 15' across the top by 12' across the bottom and about 7-8' high (thickness).

At 100 yd distance, the UFO's approx size would be 75' across the
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top . . 56' across the bottom . . and 38' high. It was easily visible in the lightening cloud cover and the mercury lights of the nearby road.

Its smooth dark surface was unbroken by any openings, protrusions etc. There were no lights.

Riddell stood transfixed by the unbelievable sight for a full 10 minutes or more. He didn't want to leave to call anyone else for fear it wouldn't be there when he returned.

He was afraid of ridicule and disbelief-besides, he wanted to watch it as long as possible.

The wavering sound continued throughout the sighting-until, he realized, it had become an unwavering steady sound. The object, at the same moment, tilted to its left, then shot away to the right and was gone faster than his eyes could follow. He stood there dumbfounded, wondering whether to believe his senses.

There was no evidence of rotation, mode of propulsion, vapor, fuel exhaust trail, wind, or any other sound except the peculiar vibrations previously mentioned.

"How could any vehicle go away so fast?" he reflected.

OBSERVER'S REACTION: Riddell opened his establishment. He called the Barberton police and was told that the Air Force had closed its investigation and could refer him to no one else. They said that there was nothing to do but forget it.

Riddell then called his wife's parents and after listening to his story, they suggested he look us up in the phone book.

Soon after that your editor received his call.

FORGET IT! The Sgt of Police on the night trick verified that an anonymous caller had reported a UFO that morning. They knew his identity when the observer told them he operated a restaurant and gave the approximate location of the sighting.

The Sgt also divulged that a higher authority had instructed them to discourage callers reporting UFOs; that the AF had closed down its investigation; and that there was nothing to UFOs.

ED COMMENT: The witness is just 23 yrs old, but mature beyond his years. He served in the army and was honorably discharged.

THE SOUND: The sound was somewhat like running machinery but different. He couldn't identify the hum with anything he'd ever heard.

The intervals at steady tone were 3 seconds. The slight change to a raised (one)tone was momentary. So, in brief it was 3 sec steady tone, momentary raised tone, 3 sec steady etc, continuously. They were in the middle range.

He first became aware of it while dressing for work, maybe 15-20 minutes before descending the stairs.

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It's a bird, it's a plane, it's . . .

Although official interest has been withdrawn, the unidentified flying object issue is alive and well, says a distinguished astronomer--and expert in the UFO field. He argues for 'true scientific curiosity' on the subject.--"The Christian Science Monitor."

Editor's Note: The following was written by Dr. J. Allen Hynek for "The Christian Science Monitor" and appeared in that news media April 22, 1970.

Evanston, Ill. The verdict has been handed down: Unidentified flying objects (UFOs) are figments of the imagination. And the sentence has been pronounced: UFOs are henceforth banned from the land--nay, from the world--and no serious attention should be given them in the future.

The jury: the United States Air Force-supported UFO Study Committee at the University of Colorado--"foremanned" by Prof. E. U. Condon--which submitted its report early in 1969 after two years of study, punctuated by controversy and dissension within the committee, and highlighted by the firing of two of the jury members.

The judge: Secretary of the Air Force Robert C. Seamans Jr., who, in passing a belated sentence in December, 1969, terminated the 22-year-old Air Force stewardship of the UFO problem. The action closed the door to anyone who would like to report a "UFO experience" to an official American agency.

There are some governments, however, which still have offices to which UFO reports can be made: Argentina, Australia, Britain, Canada, Chile, Greece, New Zealand, and Sweden. But none of them have mounted a serious investigation of the subject. Most have looked to the U. S. Air Force with its far-flung capabilities to do the job for them. Now these countries must decide whether to assume a greater responsibility toward UFO reports.

"Enforcing" the UFO ban may prove to be difficult. For, despite the pronouncements of the Condon Committee, accounts of strange sightings by pilots, police officers, control-tower operators, and others holding positions of responsibility have continued.

Devious routes

But it has been much harder for the public to learn of them. Such reports now find their way, by devious routes, to earnest investigators and collectors of UFO reports or to UFO investigative organizations in various parts of the world.

In the United States there are two major such organizations: Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), Tucson, Ariz., and National Investigations Committee for Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), Washington, D. C.--which despite its name and location, is a private civilian organization. In addition, there are many smaller ones.

The general public finds little on UFOs in the pages of the large city dailies, which appear to have accepted the verdict of the UFO jury. More to the point, however, is that UFOs no longer constitute "news." There is indeed little new or different about a UFO sighting today and one 10 years ago. Occasionally, when there is a different twist to a UFO story--as when a cleverly contrived hoax manages to fool a number of

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respected observers--the performance rates an item in the paper.

Small-Town newspapers, however, continue to constitute a source of UFO reports. News-clipping services that specialize in small-town (and foreign) papers show that people are still sighting very puzzling things in the sky.

Respectable sources

UFO's have always been reported much more frequently in rural areas than in densely populated areas. The individual in a small town reporting a UFO sighting is often a respected member of the community whose report would not likely be motivated by a desire for publicity or gain. He may well be a personal acquaintance of the local editor. He may have children in school, perhaps attends the same church, likes to watch the same TV programs, discharges his daily responsibilities honorably, and has no record of dishonest or mental unbalance. Such a person would have nothing to gain but ridicule in making known his experience.

In short, it is harder to conceive, by the people who know them, that such individuals collectively "went off their trolley" than it is to conceive that they had some sort of a very unusual experience.

It is the contention of Dr. Condon and evidently the Secretary of the Air Force that, in effect, such "unusual experiences" exist only in the mind of the beholder. It becomes more difficult to defend this viewpoint when one must speak of several people who say they witnessed the same event.

Strange behavior

For instance, to accuse several people of mental unbalance when they all say they saw a very bright light approach, stop dead a few hundred feet away, hover soundlessly a few feet off the ground, and after a few minutes take off with incredible speed from a standing start is scarcely a scientific approach. Especially when the phenomenon was reported to have produced various types of electrical interference--dimming car lights, killing a car engine, static on the radio, etc.

When, under such circumstances, solid citizens, holding responsible positions as teachers, pilots, police officers, etc., are told that they merely misidentified the planet Venus or a hot-air balloon, they frequently feel that they have received cavalier treatment by official investigators.

It is quite true that a UFO report often violates established laws of physics. A craft possessing any considerable mass simply cannot, because of its inertia, accelerate to very high speeds in a matter of seconds without the application of unheard-of power and the production of great noise.

Delusion hypothesis

Investigators are faced, then, with at least three alternatives: (1) The witnesses suffered a major delusion; (2) an actual craft was present, but answering to a higher order of physical laws than are known to our physical scientists; (3) no material object was present, but there was something there that gave all the impressions of being physically real and that could affect people, animals, and inanimate objects.

The first and third are not equivalent because a delusion doesn't scare horses, cattle, and dogs, nor does it stop cars or interfere with radios and television sets.

Physical scientists reject the second alternative outright, conveniently forgetting that less than a hundred years ago they would also have ruled out categorically the possibility of nuclear energy, television,

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and space flight.

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The third, since it suggests the para-normal and is thus akin to poltergeists, ESP, and the whole world of the occult, is likewise summarily ruled out by physical scientists.

They have settled, then, on the delusion hypothesis. Such a hypothesis is buttressed by UFO "statistics," which indicate that a majority of UFO reports are indeed easily explainable as misperceptions by the untutored.

But these UFO statistics are not all that convincing. A quarter of the cases examined by the Condon committee remained unsolved, as did more than 3,000 of the Air Force's 12,000 cases. Over and above the 700 out-and-out admittedly "unidentified" cases, there were some 2,500 other cases for which only tentative and tenuous explanations were given.

No verification was possible for these, because the small staff of Blue Book (generally three people) was unable to initiate the follow-up investigations necessary for such verification. The Condon group spent a half million dollars and only field-investigated about 60 UFO reports. With 12,000 cases, Project Blue Book could at best assign probable or possible identifications to most cases, the qualifications "probable" or "possible" being conveniently dropped when year-end statistics were compiled.

'Latent reports'

The following table shows the flow of reports to the Air Force over the past 22 years.

		Reported sightings, 1947-69	
Year	Number	Year	Number
1947	79	1959	364
1948	143	1960	514
1949	186	1961	488
1950	169	1962	474
1951	121	1963	399
1952	1,501	1964	526
1953	452	1965	887
1954	429	1966	1060
1955	404	1967	937
1956	778	1968	392
1957	1,178	1969	146(study terminated early in year)
1958	590		

It is perhaps of more than passing interest that 20 years after the Air Force began its investigations, and just three years before their termination, the three years 1965-67 produced more UFO cases than any three successive previous years.

Still, over 22 years, 12,000 reported UFOs seems a small number. Why weren't there more? There seems to be an allied phenomenon present, that of the "latent report." In 1965 the Gallup poll reported that five million Americans had seen a "UFO." That means that some 4,988,000 reports possibly weren't made to the Air Force! It is entirely likely that there exists in this country, and perhaps around the world, a significant "reservoir" of unreported sightings, or "latent reports." This is supported by the long experience of the writer in interrogation of UFO witnesses.

Thus, from all of the above it would appear that only by deliberate wishful thinking can it be said that the UFO problem has been settled.

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But the converse, and this means that UFOs are visitors from space, is also gross wishful thinking. In the popular mind UFOs and extraterrestrial intelligence are synonymous, but there are no hard facts to back this up.

We are forced to the conclusion that at the moment we simply do not understand the UFO phenomenon, any more than we understand how we imagine (in color) a flower garden as we sit with closed eyes in our easy chair.

Scientific effort withheld

Thus, after 20 years we are still pretty much where we started. The scientific establishment, intent on "doing its own thing" and laboring under the misapprehension that UFO reports are only made by gullible, untrained, and even mentally unbalanced people, refuses to divert productive scientific effort into what to them seems an intellectual snake pit. The fact is, however, that the most puzzling UFO reports came from articulate, well-balanced, and responsible people, and only rarely from the fanatical UFO buff or the psychotic.

Persons with true scientific curiosity will watch with interest the coming post-Condon and post-Blue Book years. Will "incredible tales told by credible people" cease, now that the verdict has been handed down, or will some pilots and other people in highly responsible positions continue to have UFO experiences? If they do, how will the public be informed, now that there is no official manner for reporting? APRO and NICAP remain, and the writer offers his offices for the receipt of UFO reports for which there are at least two witnesses.

Study of the UFO phenomenon will go on despite the ridicule barrier. It is unlikely, however, that government agencies can provide funding for such studies in the light of the Condon report and the Air Force action. A serious, quiet, continuing investigation, sheltered from the glare of publicity and supported by private or foundation funds, is the likely answer. It should be conducted by dedicated physical and behavioral scientists who meet the requirements for scientists once set down by the famous physicist, Schroedinger, father of quantum mechanics, who said, "The first requirement of a scientist is that he be curious; he must be capable of being astonished and eager to find out."

Source: "The Christian Science Monitor." Credit: Walt Andrus

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Mysterious Sky Object Is Identified

Oklahoma City.--Oklahoma had a genuine unidentified flying object early Sunday, with reports coming in from excited viewers as far apart as McAlester and Oklahoma City.

Early rising Oklahomans saw a mysterious light hanging in the sky and it turned into a silver globe at sunrise.

But it wasn't unidentified for long. Officials at the Palestine, Tex., Balloon Flight Center of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, said it was a balloon they had launched late Saturday. It carried a 1,3000-pound instrument package designed to monitor cosmic rays for the presence of a new element.

Officials said the balloon is so big, it could contain a football field. * * * The balloon landed upright Sunday afternoon near Clinton after attaining an altitude of 120,000 feet.

Source: Tulsa Daily World, May 4, 1970

Mercury rises before the sun, being at its greatest western elongation the morning of June 5. At sunrise it is too close to the horizon for easy viewing.

Venus is visible in the western sky for about two hours after sunset. It appears as a very bright object in the northwest.

Mars is not visible.

Jupiter, in Virgo, sets just after midnight by the end of June. It is seen in the high southern sky.

Saturn rises two hours before the sun and is visible in the southeastern sky.

New moon - June 3, first quarter - June 11, full moon - June 19, last quarter - June 25.

It Happened in 1961

Summer, 1961, Weston, Missouri: Two witnesses were parked on a gravel road when they suddenly saw a ring of lights approaching. They thought that they were seeing an airplane at first; however, the object appeared to stop, hover and then land behind a distant tree line.

Witness No. 1 estimated the distance to be about a mile. They continued to watch the area and after about five minutes, the object ascended vertically and moved toward their car. They drove away at a high rate of speed with the object pulling up near the car and following them for seven miles into Weston. It then turned and left the area.

No shape was seen, just the ring of lights, which were quite bright.

Another landing was reported in the area and is being checked as of this writing.

Weston is located about 20 miles northwest of Kansas City.

Credit: Ted Phillips, Jr.

Another UFO Meet

The seventh annual "Congress of Scientific Ufologists" will be held in Columbus, Ohio, June 26-27-28, 1970. There is a registration fee of \$5.00 which may be paid at the registration desk at the Center of Sciences and Industries Building. The sponsoring organization is the American Flying Saucer Investigations Committee, 1773 Lattimer Drive, Columbus, Ohio. Kevin McCray, Director. Telephone (614) 861-2302.

Donald A. Johnson's FLYING SAUCER OBSERVER is raising its price on July 1, 1970. Now a single copy is 20¢; a 5-issue subscription, 75¢; and 10 issues, \$1.50. On July 1st the new prices will be: single copy, 25¢; 5-issue subscription, \$1.25; and 10 issues, \$2.50. This non-scheduled magazine specializes in UFO reports from southern New England and southeastern New York state and is always worth reading. For a sample copy or a subscription, write: Donald A. Johnson, Sand Hill Road, Portland, Conn., 06480. Remember--the price goes up in July.

UFO Reports from Iowa

Mr. T. W. Van Winkel, of Salem, Iowa, recently reported a close encounter he had with a UFO in the fall of 1966. He was at that time janitor at the consolidated school of Darville, Ia. It had rained recently and he was northwest of the school attempting to light some wet papers in an incinerator. He had not successfully lit the paper when suddenly everything seemed very bright even though it was night.

As he looked up to see the source of the light, he saw coming from the north below tree-top level, an egg-shaped object having a large light source on the top. Also it had a ring of amber lights around the craft about one third down from the top. It moved very slowly taking a minute to travel one block. The dark gray body was about forty feet long and fifteen feet high. It was making a humming sound like a swarm of bees.

As it passed along the far edge of the football field, which was between Mr. Van Winkel and the craft, it was less than 100 yards away. It continued to the south toward Geode Park and had to raise over the top of trees at the north end of the field.

Mr. Van Winkel said that the same or similar object had been seen by youths on several occasions previously and on the same night they had followed a lighted object toward Geode Park, but lost it there.

Steve Heise (age 14) was riding his bicycle around the driveway of his farm home at rural Salem, Iowa. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heise, were in the house preparing to go to the Tuesday night square dance. It was a clear night in the spring of 1967.

As he circled around to the south, he noticed one steady, red stationary light, like an obstruction light, about twenty rods down the road to the south and over a field about three trees high.

As he watched, two more red lights came from the west and joined the first. They all hovered in a random cluster. Steve rode his bike down the road to get a better look at this curious sight. He laid his bike by the side of the road and went out into the field. He could not see an outline of a solid object, just the lights. No noise was heard. He was nearly under them when two started to move away to the east. They flew to the Carl Schee farm house one half mile away and were soon joined by the third light.

Steve returned to his home and asked his father to come out to see the lights, but they did not see them again.

About an hour later Steve walked to a nearby field where his brother Jim (age 23) had just arrived to plow. Steve said, "You'll think I'm crazy, but. . ." and he told his brother about the lights. Jim had no problem believing, however, for while he was plowing in a field one mile west, the lights had passed over him!

Credit: Investigated by Robert Smulling and Walt Andrus. Report sent in by Mr. Smulling, President of the Tri-State UFO Study Group.

CANADIAN UFO REPORT, edited by John Magor, is now published quarterly, price \$1.00 per copy. This most excellent slick-paper magazine is full of current Canadian ufo reports, photographs and illustrations. It has "class"--the summer edition is now available. Write Box 758, Duncan, B.C., Canada. You'll add this one to your permanent library.

Editor's Note: Brian Cannon, Canadian investigator and contributing editor to "Canadian UFO Report" as well as a now-and-then contributor to SKYLOOK, is back again after some time spent in the hospital, and we're glad he's on the road to recovery. In sending this older report, which he came across during his investigations in the Kenora, Ontario, area, he explains that Mr. Jones (not his real name) is a respected business man who doesn't want his real name used for the usual reasons. Mr. Cannon's report now follows:

Jones was at his camp at Clearwater Bay, a few miles from Kenora, one July evening in 1958 and was sitting on the dock dangling his feet over the edge. It was about 8 p.m. About a mile and a half away lay Corkscrew Island and it was over this piece of land that Jones saw the three objects which he described to me.

They were metallic gray in colour and about 20 to 30 feet in diameter. Jones, who was a navigator in World War II, is quite certain of his identification that each object was saucer-shaped with a pronounced dome, that is, much like the inverted cup in saucer description that we hear time and time again. The UFOs were roughly 1000 to 1500 feet in the air and there was no sound and no vapour trail. As the objects approached the small island, they suddenly stopped and then, much like a Starfighter jet, they climbed steeply into the sky and disappeared at a speed Mr. Jones could only describe as "Zingo" - they were gone.

Jones said that the Airforce at Winnipeg had tracked four UFOs at 8:02 p.m. that same night and at Portage la Prairie, Man and radar stations west of there as well. Winnipeg is about 135 miles west of Kenora and Portage is 60 miles west of Winnipeg. Jones said the UFOs left Kenora in a westerly direction, so if it is possible to corroborate some of this activity, we will have quite a good case, I think.

I thought Jones was extremely qualified as an observer and I would assess his reliability as very high. It was still daylight at the time of the sightings and the sky was cloudless.

This is only one of many sightings in the Kenora area and I'm becoming convinced that it is one of those mysterious spots on earth that receives regular visits from the "Ufo-nauts." I will be going back there as soon as I completely cover from my operation and do some more digging.

Jeane Dixon on "Saucers"

Whatever your opinion of Jeane Dixon's psychic powers, you probably read her predictions. In an interview for SAUCER NEWS, she was asked what she thinks of flying saucers. Her reply: "I do not get that they are coming here from outer space. I just don't get this * * * I do not get that they are directed from outer planets. Or that other planets are inhabited. I do not get a channel to it. I get my channels from this person and that person. From all human beings. But I cannot get a channel from any human being in outer space. Yes, when our astronauts or cosmonauts are up there I can pick them up."

Hm-m-m-m--looks like all our Space Brothers who are just brimming over with Messages for the Earthlings (according to some of the contactee "revelations") are missing a good bet when they fail to get in touch with such a well known receptor as Jeane Dixon.

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Possible Connection Between Two UFO Reports

Editor's Note: Last month we used a story of a "bright light" seen in Henrico county, Virginia, and the resultant arm burn reported by Charles W. Fletcher. Mark R. Herbstritt, of St. Mary's Pa., sends us another "bright light" report which occurred within ten days of the other, and about sixty miles distant. A possible connection? The second report is from the Richmond (Va.) Times Dispatch, June 23, 1967, and is as follows (quote): The unexplained tracks in the tar appeared again in Lunenburg County.

Mrs. Doris Simon reported hearing "a terrible roaring sound like a jet" about 10 p.m. Wednesday night, rushed onto her front porch and saw a brilliant white light through the trees on the opposite side of the road from her home.

She also said the television screen "went black" during the several minutes of the noise.

Yesterday morning she said she discovered two horseshoe-shaped markings in the tar road.

Similar sightings--including the tracks--were reported last week-end on the same road about a half mile away in the western part of Lunenburg.

A three-man team from NICAP in Washington is expected to arrive Saturday to investigate the reports.

Unidentified lights also continue to be a problem in Augusta County.

Good Report of 1968 UFO

Attleboro Sun, Nov. 4, 1968:--A Hebronville woman, who said she didn't believe what she saw until she took a drink of water to make certain she wasn't dreaming, declared to the Attleboro (Mass.) police Saturday that she had seen a UFO--(unidentified flying object) early Friday morning hovering almost over her home.

The woman wouldn't give her name to Patrolman Stephen Pitas when he answered the phone at police headquarters. The reason she said was "everyone will think I'm crazy" but he persuaded her to give him the story. He advised her to call police immediately if she saw another UFO and she could remain anonymous too. She promised to call.

Early Friday morning, she told the officer, she was awakened by her dog barking and her cat also was making a noise. She heard some loud buzzing. She got out of bed, went to a window and saw a low-flying object "shaped like a saucer except there appeared to be a piece missing. It was surrounded by lights; she believed they gave the appearance of being gold colored, or the object was. Believing it was a continuation of a bad dream she went to the kitchen and got a drink of water, emphasis on "water", she added. She went back and looked out again. There was the same object hovering over a willow tree in the Phillips St. back yard.

After about 20 minutes, during which the object hovered, it went "straight up," and away * * * after 36 hours of debating with herself the woman said she finally decided to call police. She said she had checked with neighbors and some had reported hearing the dogs barking. It was the only call police had on the matter.

Credit: Mrs. Ethel Rogers, of Norton, Mass., who sent us the newspaper clipping with a note the sighting took place only six miles from Mrs. Rogers' home. Thank you, Mrs. R.

It's here! "It" being John A. Keel's long-awaited book, UFOs: OPERATION TROJAN HORSE (G. P. Putnam's Sons, \$6.95). After having read the book, I can honestly say that the only way to write an adequate review of it would be to write another book about it! Therefore, noting wanting to "take up half an issue of SKYBOOK with my comments," I shall attempt to merely "hit the high spots."

I will assume that most readers are already familiar with Keel's basic theories--that UFOs are not extraterrestrial vehicles, that there are many correlations between modern UFO reports and historical reports of fairies, demons and other preternatural beings, that contactees are often telling the truth as they know it, etc. Each of these topics (and many others) are detailed in the book. Keel considers UFOs to be the temporary physical manifestations of some great unknown (or unknowable) intelligence completely divorced from our time/space frames of reference. The UFO occupants (termed by Keel either "elementals" or "ultraterrestrials") may be either additional temporary "structures" created by the governing intelligence or, assuming they exist as independent parapsychical entities, are "slaves" to said intelligence.

It seems to me that many points relating to the extraterrestrial-origin theory have been omitted from the book, although it is obviously impossible to summarize the entire UFO enigma in 320 pages. In looking over the rather voluminous notes I made while reading the book, I find a number of inconsistencies and questionable implications. Overall, however, Keel's views are laid out in a seemingly logical, step-by-step manner. Having been rather "involved" with the research which went into the book, I found that I only now understand exactly what Keel was driving at, despite the fact that I have read every article he has written (I believe) over the past three years, as well as maintaining a regular correspondence with him.

In summary, let me say that I think the book should be read by every UFO researcher, whether or not he agrees with the concepts presented. I can assure you of two things: 1) You have never read another book exactly like it, and 2) You won't go to sleep in the middle of a chapter!

Jay David's FLYING SAUCERS ARE HERE! has been published by World Publishing Co. (\$6.95). I am told that the book is much like his previous volume, THE FLYING SAUCER READER, in that it is a collection of chapters from other UFO books.

Readers may recall my comment in a recent column to the effect that the publishers of SAGA magazine were planning a second special magazine devoted entirely to UFOs. My source was the "UFO grapevine" and it looks like we'd better give the grapevine back to Tarzan! The "second special" item came from a British UFO publication and was actually referring to the first UFO magazine from SAGA which was on sale some months ago. Sorry about that!

The June issue of FATE contains a very good article by Walter Mc Graw, concerning the UFO symposium held at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Boston, Mass., in December, 1969. It is understood that the various papers presented at the symposium will eventually be compiled in book form. Until that time, Mr. McGraw's article is perhaps the best available report on the gathering.

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In Others' Words-Continued)

Otto O. Binder and Max H. Flindt present another article on the "man is a hybrid" theme in the June issue of SAGA. This includes some material not used in either Binder's FLYING SAUCERS ARE WATCHING US or Flindt's ON TIPTOE BEYOND DARWIN, so it is interesting as an "update" of their controversial, but intriguing, theory.

A new magazine, PHENOMENA, is now on sale. It is devoted to all forms of unexplained phenomena, including UFOs. The first issue, dated July, contains three UFO articles, but, sad to say, very little new information will be found in them. PHENOMENA is rather over-priced at \$1.00 per copy, although subscriptions are being accepted at reduced rates.

I feel I should apologize for never mentioning the numerous UFO articles which appear in various issues of MAN TO MAN magazine. However, MAN TO MAN is not available on any of my local newsstands and therefore, I cannot comment on the articles. At one time, this magazine carried a UFO article in each issue and I understand that it is still featuring such articles on a fairly regular basis.

Rumor has it that Ivan Sanderson is working on another book which will deal largely with underwater UFOs and related phenomena. This will be a hardcover book, to be published by World Publishing Co., but I don't have a definite title or publication date for it. Later information will be presented as it is received.

Fortean's will be interested in science-fiction writer Damon Knight's CHARLES FORT: PROPHET OF THE UNEXPLAINED, a biography of our "mentor." The publisher is Doubleday; the price, \$6.95.

The Suggestion Box

Allen Benz, APRO Field Investigator, of Tipton, Mo., writes: "I believe it would be worthwhile for the magazine to start a "Pro & Con" Section. In this section, you, as Editor, would put forth a debatable question, e.g. there is a link between UFOs and psychic phenomena, and then invite comments. Publish those replies that make the best case pro and con."

How about it, Readers? Want to take up the "link" as suggested by Mr. Benz for the next issue of SKYLOOK? Remember--copy for the July issue MUST reach us no later than June 20th.

Joseph M. Erhardt, 43 Richland Drive, Newport News, Va., 23602, edits and publishes UFO CHRONCLOG. UFO reports from the Tidewater area and elsewhere, along with the index system used to report and analyze UFO's in the kept-up-to-date Chronology. This bi-monthly ufozine is 45¢ per copy; \$1.25 for three issues; a full year (six issues) \$2.50.

U.F.O. REPORT 1969 ---as the name implies, this is a collection of choice UFO reports of 1969, and is edited and published by Kurt Glemser, 489 Krug St., Kitchner, Ontario, Canada. The reports are reprints from ufozines from Canada, the United States and elsewhere, along with a list of UFO publications and organizations with their addresses, and a UFO book catalog. The price of this 44-page booklet is \$2.00, and SKYLOOK believes it is worth the price. Kurt also gets out UFO REPORT, a bi-monthly ufozine, \$3.00 per year, same address.

REPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

Australian Farmer Is Shocked by UFO.

A recent close encounter with a UFO was reported to Vince Mele, of Queensland FSR Bureau by a 35-year old Tully district farmer, Louis Maule. At 9 p.m. on October 1, 1969, the witness was headed north, driving home from South Johnstone when he saw a black, circular-shaped object about 60 ft. in diameter and ringed with red lights, descending from the sky. "I got a shock," Maule said. "It was gigantic and looked to be slowing up." The headlights of a passing car momentarily obscured the witness's vision and he slowed to a stop. "When I looked again, it was travelling towards South Johnstone at maybe 100 mph and at a height of about 500 ft., then it banked and proceeded towards the clouds at very high speed. (Source: U.F.O.I.C. Newsletter, P. O. Box E170, St. James, Sydney, 2001 - Australia)

UFOs Eject Fireballs over British Columbia.

"Fireballs" ejected from a UFO which hovered over Maple Bay and Crofton early in January, 1970, could mark the return of the "beepers," V. L. Stanley-Jones, of Duncan, B. C. said on Monday, Jan. 9th.

Both he and his wife and several other people in the area witnessed a large yellow-orange craft cruising over the area on the evening of Jan. 6th.

Individual reports substantiated his theory - that the vehicle appeared to drop off a number of "fire balls or sparks" as it continued on a northerly course towards Crofton from Genoa Bay. They watched the craft for eight minutes about 11 p.m. after stopping their car on Lakes Road. "I turned off the headlights and shut the motor off. We got out of the car and saw this bright object between 500 and 1,000 feet above the ground. The craft looked like a disc and was the largest he'd ever seen.

The craft made no noise as it slowly travelled over Lakes Road hill. When it reached the bottom of the hill, it stopped briefly and then turned right and flew over the city.

"When it was over about the centre of Duncan it stopped again and we watched it just hanging there for awhile, then it moved off due west more rapidly," Mr. Jones said.

About 8:30 p.m. another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur LeQueune, Maple Bay, were travelling south past the Maple Bay Yacht Club when they spotted a similar type of craft over Birds Eye Cove. The bright orange ball was about 2,000 feet high and was maneuvering in a counter-clockwise direction. They heard no sound.

"It dropped three fireballs and at first we thought it was a plane exploding. It remained stationary for about five minutes and then disappeared."

About the same time, Mrs. Kay Clinehens, Maple Bay, reported witnessing the bright orange object after she went outside to move her car. "I thought it was too large to be a star and it was stationary."

Mrs. Fran Merrill, Crofton, said she watched a large red or blue light which hovered over Maple Mountain. She said the object could have had a silver surface. It was a round object which manoeuvred back and forth and it appeared that flames or sparks were shooting out.

Stanley-Jones said that two years ago in this area and Vancouver, people heard a "beeping" sound but couldn't see anything.

(Source: Duncan-Cowichan Leader, B. C. Jan. 14, 1970. Credit: Saucers, Space & Science, 17 Shetland St. Willowdale, Ont., Canada.)

REPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

RAAF Bomber Chases UFO. An RAAF Canberra bomber chased but failed to catch a mystery flying object over Northern N.S.W. today. The bomber was sent from Amberley Air Force Base when hundreds of people in Kyogle and along the Darling Downs reported sighting the object. Shaped like an aluminum zeppelin, it hovered low over townships and farms. Some residents observed it for more than three hours. The bomber crew sighted the object and began to chase it but failed to get near enough to it as it accelerated away and vanished. (Ind. Perth 31/8/69) (Credit: U.F.O.I.C. Newsletter, Sydney, Australia)

More Circles in Australia. 19/2/69 Omagh Road, near Kyogle - scorched circle on Mr. Bryant's property - 20ft. in diameter, scorched ring 1ft wide. Made Wednesday night, found on 20th. 192/69 West of Nimben on Goolmangar Creek, nest discovered by children. 20/2/69 Afterlee - Mr. J. O'Neill's property - elliptical flattening of swamp reeds 30' x 12'. Four flattened tracks led out with small half moon depressions at end. Found 22/2/69. 20/2/69 Tuckarimba - Mr. and Mrs. H. G. McCaughey's property - 16' diameter ring completely charred. 2/4/69 Bungawalbyn - Mr. Keith Reid's property - saucer shaped ring. 18/4/69 Casino - Park View Road - Mr. and Mrs. Hinitt's neighbour's property. Mystery circular shaped, intensely brilliant object hovering above ground with pulsating streaks or shadows making highly random movement. Raining very heavily at time but inspection next morning showed no burnt patches. 21/5/69 Corndale - Mr. and Mrs. Hunter's property - oval shaped depression 20' long 15' wide, deeper around its perimeter. Grass neatly flattened with no evidence of burning. If members would care to obtain a map of this particular area and mark in the places, an interesting pattern develops. Are the "saucers" planting markers deep into the earth for navigational purposes? Are they following a planned grid around the earth? What are the chief products of these areas? These are just some of the "down-to-earth" questions which must be delved into to try and find part of the solution to the UFO phenomena. (Source: U.F.O.I.C. Newsletter, Sydney, Australia)

Mystery Object Over England. Herald Express, Torquay, England. Oct. 7, 1969. A woman, who was closely concerned with the Royal Air Force during the last war and has flown herself many times, is well aware of what a normal aircraft looks and sounds like. She thinks she saw something quite different.

At 10:0 Thursday night she was standing on Windmill Hill, Brixham, looking up at the stars. It was a very clear night and she was picking out the star groups when she saw a tiny red light.

"Then it got larger and larger. It appeared to be not one light but three pulsating red lights. Over Berry Head there was suddenly a blinding white light lasting about three seconds" * * * the thing flew over Brixham Harbour, the blinding light flashed again--and then she saw the object clearly. "It looked just like an aircraft fuselage without any wings. Then I heard an engine and thought 'well, it's just an aircraft after all.' But the engine was not like any jet or piston engine. It was a slow thudding sound as if it was on low power." The object went away toward Dartmouth. "If I hadn't seen it, I would have thought I was crackers," she said. Two things puzzle her--no red, green and white aircraft navigation lights, and why a working colleague described a similar object going over Stoke Gabriel the same night. (Credit--John F. Schuessler)

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Meteorite Yields New Data On Cosmic Ray Intensity

Scientists reported Thursday that a 35-pound meteorite that fell near Lost City, Okla., last January has provided valuable new information about space. They said it has yielded the firmest evidence yet concerning the intensity of cosmic rays far beyond the sun--raising the possibility that manned spaceships venturing to planets beyond Mars would have to be armored.

Coming from far beyond Mars, the meteorite struck the earth in three pieces, the largest about 20 pounds. It is estimated to have weighed about 500 pounds originally and is presumed to have been a fragment of an explosive collision between two huge objects 6 million years ago. This theory, the scientists said, comes from calculations of the object's exposure to cosmic rays.

The meteorite was found by one of the scientists on a snow-covered road outside Lost City on January 10, six days after it reportedly flashed as a fireball through the winter atmosphere.

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BEFORE

By Lucius Farish

The JOURNAL OF NATURAL HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY AND CHEMISTRY printed the following report from John Staveley of Hatton Garden, London, England, describing the "meteors" he saw on the night of August 10, 1809:

"I saw many meteors moving around the edge of a black cloud from which lightning flashed. They were like dazzling specks of lights, dancing and traipsing thro' the clouds. One increased in size till it became of the brilliancy and magnitude of Venus, on a clear evening; but I could see no body in the light. It moved with great rapidity, and coasted the edge of the cloud. Then it became stationary, dimmed its splendour, and vanished. I saw these strange lights for minutes, not seconds. For at least an hour, these lights, so strange, and in innumerable points, played in and out of this black cloud. No lightning came from the clouds where these lights played. As the meteors increased in size, they seemed to descend."

Land Sighted on Mercury

Land has been sighted on the planet Mercury for the first time. But since scientists work with low-power radar signals rather than old-fashioned eye power used by explorers of the past no one is sure yet whether the topographical features observed are mountains, boulder fields, craters or what* * * radar observations of the planet were made last spring by radar astronomers at the Goldstone Tracking Station of Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Pasadena, Cal. * * * the time lag (in reporting) resulted from the months it took to interpret and assemble the spectrographic evidence.

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