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## Last Call to the Third Annual Midwest UFO Conference

The Conference opens at 9:30 A.M. Saturday, June 17 at the Holiday Inn, 200 Main St., Quincy, Ill. Welcome address by Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON --speakers: William Schelen, Charles E. Barnum, John F. Schuessler and Joseph M. Brill. Afternoon session opens at 1:30 P.M. Speakers: Ted Phillips, Dr. R. Cedric Leonard and Brad Steiger. Mr. Phillips will announce results of soil analysis in Kansas burned circle case. Dinner at Holiday Inn Ballroom 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. Evening Session opens at 8:00 P.M. Speaker: David R. Saunders, Ph.D. Panel discussion follows. Ticket prices: \$2.00 per session; all three sessions and dinner, \$10.00. Dinner and evening session only, \$7.00. There's still time to notify your newspaper and radio station. Please send newspaper clippings of the Conference to SKYLOOK, Box 129, Stover, Mo.

IN THIS ISSUE: Review of Dr. J. Allen Hynek's book "The UFO Experience" by Lucius Farish. Don't miss.

COMING NEXT MONTH: Dr. W. P. Armstrong's translation from a Mexican newspaper of a UFO Landing in Mexico, March 19, 1972. Also next month--more Pennsylvania UFO Reports from Stan Gordon.

BULLETIN: Rosetta Holmes has just informed us Lucius Farish, UFO historian and SKYLOOK staff member, has consented to speak at the Carlyle Lake Picnic on Sunday, July 23rd. He is the speaker referred to in her article in this issue.

Regular Features . . . Carlyle Picnic and Skywatch . . . Two Students Watch UFO--Planes Apparently Investigate . . . Dome-Shaped Object Seen in Maryland . . . Ship's Log Records UFO Sighting . . . Men Believe They Saw UFO Take Off . . . Student Studies Stars--Sees UFO . . . Triangular Object Follows Car . . . Globe Trotting . . . Review of Dr. Hynek's Book . . . More . . .

## A Message From Your Director

MUFON is proud to announce the appointment of Colman Von Keviczky, 35-50 75th Street, Apt. 1C, Jackson Heights, New York, 11372, as the State Director for New York. Colman is a retired Major of the former Hungarian Kingdom's General Staff (1938-1945) and later served 7 years with the 3rd U. S. Army in Heidelberg and Munich, Germany. He is a member of the respected American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. His specialized field of expertise is photograph and motion picture technical analyses.

The MUFON Amateur Radio Net has expanded this month to add two new State Directors--Cliff L. Flaharty, 5628 So. Fox Circle, Littleton, Colorado, 80120, Ham Call Letters WAØYKS; and William A. Baeten, 9330 Second Avenue S., Bloomington, Minnesota, 55420, whose call sign is KØPIZ. Cliff received his B.S. in E. E. from the University of Wyoming, and Bill is a TV technician by profession. Bill handles Minnesota radio communications and provides the "Voice of Minnesota" to Lou Masonick, MUFON State Director. Cliff has worked very closely with Ken Steinmetz and Herb Roth in Denver. Cliff is employed by the Martin-Marietta Corp. in Denver and is involved in the NASA SKYLAB Program.

James R. Carstens, Route 1, West Salem, Wisconsin, 54669, has been selected to represent Wisconsin as the Astronomy State Director. As a Ham radio operator (K9TSS), he has been "checking-in" on the MUFON Net. Jim has his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and is employed as a lab development engineer. In addition to representing MUFON as a State-Section Director in New Jersey, we are delighted to announce that William H. Boyer, M. D., is our new Consultant in Psychiatry.

New State-Section Directors appointed this month are James L. Hanna, 2817 Cheyenne St., Columbus, Neb., 68601, for Platte, Colfax, Polk, and Butler Counties in Nebraska. Jim Holds a B. S. in Electrical Engineering and is very interested in computer programming. Emil P. Uhor, 844 Clifton St., Follansbee, W. Va. 26037, has been selected to represent Brooke, Hancock, Ohio and Marshall Counties in West Virginia. George Smyth, 530 Livingston St., Elizabeth, N. J. 07206, is the new State-Section Director for Union County, New Jersey. Robert G. Caraker, 607 E. John St., Christopher, Ill., 62822, has been invited to represent Franklin and Perry Counties in Illinois.

Our featured speaker for the Midwest UFO Conference on June 17, 1972, at the Holiday Inn in Quincy, Ill., David R. Saunders, Ph. D., has revised the title of his speech slightly to "New Lines for UFO Research." A question and answer period will follow Dr. Saunders' address, wherein all of the speakers will participate. A reception will be held at approximately 10:30 p.m. to honor the speakers for the symposium at 40 Christopher Court in the northeast part of Quincy, Ill. This reception will be an ideal opportunity for the leadership of MUFON to not only meet the speakers, but to get better acquainted with the fine folks who represent MUFON in many diverse capacities. As your Director, I want to extend a cordial invitation to all State Directors, Staff members, Consultants, State-Section Directors, the Tri-State UFO Study Group, and their spouses to share light refreshments and congeniality in the home of Jeanne and Walt Andrus.

The Annual Meeting of the Midwest UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON) is scheduled for 10:00 A.M., C.D.S.T., on June 18, 1972, in the Executive Room of the Holiday Inn. We sincerely hope to see all of our MUFON friends in Quincy on June 17th.

Walt Andrus, Director, MUFON

## A Review of Dr. J. Allen Hynek's THE UFO EXPERIENCE by Lucius Farish

Ufologists have long awaited Dr. Hynek's first book on "our" subject and the finished product is well worth the wait. It fulfills the two prime requisites of any non-fiction book by being both interesting and informative.

While it is true that some of the UFO reports in the book will be more or less "old hat" to followers of the subject, it should be remembered that the book was not written for Ufologists, but for scientists and others unacquainted with the UFO evidence.

In summarizing the evidence itself, Dr. Hynek chooses to concentrate on six specific types of UFO reports: Nocturnal lights, daylight discs, radar-visual reports, close encounters, close encounters with physical effects and close encounters with UFO occupants or "humanoids." Good examples of each classification are given, along with appropriate comments. All such reports have met Hynek's criteria for the UFO category. His method of classifying "raw" reports is considerably more stringent than, for example, the Condon Committee's procedure. To Hynek, a UFO is "... the reported perception of an object or light seen in the sky or upon the land the appearance, trajectory, and general dynamic and luminescent behavior of which do not suggest a logical, conventional explanation and which is not only mystifying to the original percipients but remains unidentified after close scrutiny of all available evidence by persons who are technically capable of making a common sense identification, if one is possible."

The reports contained in the UFO EXPERIENCE meet all the above provisions. Moreover, virtually all of them are multiple-witness sightings.

Hynek does not speculate regarding the origin(s) of UFOs, saying that the dearth of scientific study to this point does not permit such "luxuries." Some Ufologists might argue with this statement, contending that a quarter-century has elapsed since the "flying saucer" uproar of 1947, and some speculation is permitted after this length of time.

As Hynek admits, the reports involving humanoids are the most controversial of the lot. He says, "To be frank, I would gladly omit this part [occupant reports] if I could without offense to scientific integrity. . ." At another point, however, he states that the UFO subject cannot be subdivided, "accepting some parts and rejecting others. We must study the entire phenomenon or none of it." He also states that "it may yet be discovered that the humanoid cases are the key to the whole problem," a statement with which this reviewer can agree wholeheartedly.

The chapters devoted to Hynek's involvement with the late, unlamented Project Blue Book and the Condon Report are largely confirmations of what Ufologists have suspected all along. Blue Book was a public relations front for the Air Force and any similarity between it and an investigative agency was, as they say, "purely coincidental." This comes as no surprise to anyone even vaguely acquainted with the "military mind."

With regard to military secrecy and UFOs, Hynek comes to no firm conclusions on the "cover-up vs. foul-up" controversy. If there was (is) a cover-up, Blue Book was not it.

SKYLOOK readers will be interested in knowing that a member of our staff, Ted Phillips, has been mentioned most favorably in the

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book, being commended for his research on UFO landing sites.

One appendix to the book contains Prof. Menzel's "explanation" of the famous Father Gill case from New Guinea in 1959. This is good for several chuckles, or it would be, were it not so pitiable.

While it is obvious that Hynek could not possibly review all the UFO evidence in only 270 pages, the addition of material relating to UFO fleets, underwater objects and "mothership" reports would have been appropriate. Contactees also get their lumps, although Hynek, in his recommendations for future UFO research, does suggest that specialists should study all aspects of the subject, including "reported communications with occupants."

In summary, THE UFO EXPERIENCE is "must" reading for Ufolks and one can only hope it will receive the scientific attention it so richly deserves.

The book is available from Henry Regnery Co., 114 West Illinois St., Chicago, Ill., 60610 for \$6.95. (Editor's Note: Also see address for mail order elsewhere in SKYLOOK --Stanton T. Friedman's adv.)

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A Word From the Editor While Lou says it all--and much better than we could, we want to add our personal endorsement of Dr. Hynek's book. His scholarly, scientific approach has the stamp of absolute integrity. Instead of borrowing from sensationalism to add "sales appeal," he practically leans backward in his sober, conservative presentation of known facts. We have always said truth needs no embellishment and even the bare bones of UFO evidence is so fascinating, it needs no gimmicky additions to promote interest. If you are a skeptic, are just becoming interested in UFOs, or have been a student of ufology for many years and have read everything written on the subject, this book (as Mr. Farish points out) is "must" reading. It is No. 1 on our list.

A final word--we are pleased that Ted Phillins is given credit for his investigative work. Too often "credits" are forgotten.

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#### MUFON Amateur Radio Net

As an experiment, the MUFON Amateur Radio Communications Net will meet May 26, 1972, at 6:00 A.M., C.D.S.T., on 3.975 MHz to avoid the serious QRM which has decreased the effectiveness of our communication medium during the past two net drills. The above schedule will also prevail on June 8 and 26. Please refer to SKYLOOK announcements for the July schedule from our Net Director, Ron Anderson, WA9PAM. May we again greet the following new Ham operators: WAØYKS, KØPIZ and K9TSS. Marshall Goines, WA9ARG, is not only the State Director for Illinois, but serves as Alternate Net Control when Ron's work schedule conflicts. --Walt Andrus.

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Another Book William Christian writes: "Scholastic Book Services of New York has published a paperback book called STRANGE, SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED by James C. Cornell Jr. It is 125 true stories from the files of the Smithsonian Institution's Center for the Study of Short Lived Phenomena. It is not a UFO book but does have the story of the "so-called balloon spider case" of 1969 or 1970 that John Schuessler, my son Jeff and several other people worked on in St. Louis."

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### Dome-Shaped Object Sighted in Maryland

Gerald Wait, Michael Doyle and Joe Cariola, Jr., were driving in the vicinity of Adamstown, near Frederick (Md.) on the evening of the 2nd when they saw a UFO with three bright lights hovering in the sky. They stopped their car and observed multi-colored lights on a dome-shaped object with four pipe-like verticle tubes. The lights appeared as large in circumference as the moon, stated the December 3 1971 edition of the Frederick "Post," and hovered at an altitude of approximately 1,000 feet for several minutes before blinking out one at a time.

About 10 minutes later, Cariola said, the larger lights came back on and the UFO flew toward the southwest. The witnesses said they "just didn't believe it."

(From the January-February 1972 "UFO Research Newsletter," P. O. Box 34252, Washington, D. C., 20034.)

### Ship's Log Records UFO Sighting

UFO Review, Vol. 1, No. 3: This is a verbatim extract from a letter by Mr. R of Santa Rosa, California. "I was an AB on an ammo ship enroute to Vietnam about five years ago. We were about 800 miles southwest of the Hawaian group when the incident I am writing about occurred.

"I was on lookout on the ship's bow. It was a clear night when I noticed a light of the same magnitude as the close planet Venus which had just cleared the horizon to the East of us. I watched it for a few minutes, then phoned the 2nd mate on the bridge to ask him if he had observed it. He answered that he had been watching it with his glasses and called the captain. It was just a few minutes after this that the light flared up and came toward us at a fabulous rate of speed. And this craft stopped directly over us. When it stopped there was no process of acceleration.

"The craft was about 300 feet directly above us and was pacing us at our speed of 16 knots. The craft itself was about 200' across; a disc shape, metallic, with a white light in the center which was blinking. Around the perimeter was a field of some sort as it was semi-transparent and stars could be seen through it though it was a perfect circle around the ship proper and the edge clearly apparent.

"It stayed over us for about five minutes and then went vertically up at full speed but there was no process of acceleration so the Gravitys inside were clearly beyond human tolerance.

"In less than three seconds it lost the outer field according to the man on the bridge watching it with glasses. If I am not mistaken the earth's envelope of air is 13 miles thick so the rate of speed is easier to calculate.

"Needless to say the captain recorded this occurance in the ship's log. I copied his entry and turned it over to our local paper (the "Santa Rosa Press Democrat) and they printed it in its entirety as there was a lot of interest at that time and there had been several sightings locally."

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### Senior Citizens Report Bright Light

William Allen, 68, and Mrs. Allen, a retired couple residing in Kinmundy, Ill., saw a bright object streaking across the sky the night of April 14, 1972. They finished watching a late movie, and Mrs. Allen glanced out the window to note weather conditions. Both saw an object appearing to be 80 to 100 feet long with a white light in front and fire, as from an exhaust, at the rear moving across the sky from west to east. It was out of sight in 30 seconds. The night was clear and both the Allens are sure the object was not an airplane.

Credit: Herb Williams.

### Men Believe They Saw UFO Take Off

Mr. "Jones," "Mr. Smith," and three companions of Beckemeyer, Ill. recently reported a strange experience in the late Spring of 1971. It was a warm, clear night, and the men were on a back road en route to Breese, Ill., from Beckemeyer.

They noticed a brilliant red glow of light rising from the rear of a small group of farm buildings a short distance behind them, and the driver began backing his car so they could investigate. The light was suddenly extinguished as they started backing, and almost immediately they saw a small, fuzzy, red light almost directly overhead, disappearing into the distance at tremendous speed.

They believed the object had been hovering, or was on the ground behind the buildings, then ascended without lights.

Mr. "Jones" reports that some of his companions were very disturbed by the incident.

Credit: Terry Turner.

### Carlyle Woman Reports UFO

Mrs. "X" of Carlyle, Ill., was driving on U. S. Rt. 50, south of Carlyle, on the night of April 19th, on her way to the Ten Pin Bowling Alley when she noticed a flickering red light in the southeast sky. At first she assumed the light was a plane; but suddenly it streaked across the sky from southeast to northeast at "fantastic speed" and then just as suddenly came to a dead stop. The witness pulled into a parking lot and stopped her car to get a better view of the object, but it had disappeared; and after watching for a while she was unable to relocate it in the sky. The time was 9 P.M.

Credit: Terry Turner.

### George Fawcett Makes Reports

We are always glad to receive George D. Fawcett's Newsletter and Information sheet listing "where to get" UFO publications, books etc. Mr. Fawcett, lecturer and investigator, is also a MUFON State Section Director, as has been announced in an earlier issue of SKYLOOK. We believe his Newsletter is free of charge, but you must send a self-addressed envelope for your copy. Write to him at 607 North Main St., Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030.

On April 3rd a "chalky-white pear-shaped UFO" was seen in the northeastern sky over Mount Airy from 5:15 to 5:45 a.m. and lighted up one side of the cross on top of the First Baptist Church on north Main St. Residents in Winston Salem, N. C., also reported seeing the UFO.

Make that a self-addressed STAMPED envelope when you ask for the newsletter--we nearly goofed on that one. Sorry, Mr. F.

## Student Studies Stars--Sees UFO

Gerald Skiver, 15-year old 9th grade student, Beckemeyer, Ill., was doing some science "home work" the night of January 8, 1972. It was about 10:30 and he was outdoors studying the sky, trying to decide which group of stars to photograph.

To his surprise he saw a bright light approaching out of the northeast from the Carlyle Lake area. It was moving in a straight line to the southwest and at first he thought it was an airplane. As it came closer and he observed it with binoculars, he began to have doubts and when it came to a complete hovering stop, he knew it wasn't any conventional aircraft. At this point, he remembered his original mission--to photograph some stars, and he quickly snapped a picture of the light-object, using an Imperial Flash, Mark 12, with a fixed lens and using 620 film.

The object then moved on and disappeared into the southwest.

Gerald was a guest of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis at their March meeting and his photograph was examined by all present. It shows a white, irregularly shaped object which certainly is not a star or a plane. A solid, white center seems to "explode" into a series of cotton puffs at the more or less circular rim (which is the poorest Ye Ed can do in describing it).

Credit: John Schuessler and Mae Jannett

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## Triangular Object Follows Car

A silvery, silent, triangular object followed a car traveling 80 miles per hour at times and left at least one of the occupants of the car no longer "laughing at UFOs."

Miss Donna Wilken, of Bartelso, Illinois, a high school senior and a friend, Bill Book, were driving in the Bartelso bottoms one night in the middle of January, this year. It was about nine o'clock and the stars were shining brightly. In fact, one of the young people had just commented on the great number of stars to be seen when both noticed a "star" that was much brighter than the others--and different. In almost the same instant, a bright silvery object, about three times the size of the car, and triangular shape, swooped down over their car, remaining about 300 feet above as it followed them into Bartelso.

Donna told the investigator, Mrs. Mae Jannett, the object seemed to be covered with bars of steel, resembling the framework of a building under construction. Frightened by the object above the car, they drove 80 miles per hour on the highway into Bartelso and stopped at the first public building they came to, to run inside and tell what they had seen. When they came out again, to go to Donna's home, the object had disappeared.

At no time had they heard a sound from the object which had two red and one blue light on the points of the triangle.

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## Fireball or Meteorite

A bright red object, seen high in the southwest, about 8 o'clock the night of March 8, 1972, was reported by Lorraine Skiver. The object fell in an arc from east to west, getting smaller and finally disappearing as a white streak. The report was made to Mae Jannett.

## GLOBE TROTTING

Disc Follows Car in England Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, 176 Birkenhead Road, Meols, England, reported to Hoylake police that they were followed along an unlit maid road by two luminous objects, Thursday night, Feb. 17, 1972. It was about 8 o'clock, and they were driving along Birkenhead Road toward Moreton.

"It was pitch dark, there were no street lights on due to the power cuts, and no other traffic on the road," Mrs. Ryan said.

Ryan said there was a "lorry right on top of our back window" and his wife looked around to see two dull, off-white discs of light, one in each corner of the rear window.

"It was just as if someone was following us and peering into the car," said Mrs. Ryan. "When my husband first saw the lights he slowed down a bit, but then accelerated and a gap came between them and the car. Then they suddenly disappeared."

The couple decided to report the incident after they read in a local newspaper of others in the area seeing UFOs.

Source: Hoylake, News, Feb. 24, 1972 - Rod Dyke's Clipping Service)

Strange Happenings in England Reviewed At a meeting of B.U.F.O.R.A. in Kensington, Feb. 5, Dr. John Cleary-Baker, who founded the organization which explores cases of unidentified flying objects, reviewed some of the phenomena of recent years.

In 1963 the Charlton Crater, south of Warminster appeared in a field. A professor claimed it was caused by lighting, but Dr. Cleary-Baker says, "It was not lighting."

In 1964 two witnesses saw a flock of pigeons passing overhead in the Southdead Woods area and heard a strange humming noise at the same time. ~~When both the pigeons and the noise drew level with each other,~~ the birds fell out of the sky and were discovered to be stone dead.

In June 1965 a weird glow, like two red hot poker was seen in the sky for 10 minutes and there was no explanation. "A situation of hysteria developed in the village," Dr. Cleary-Baker reported. A few days later a business man's car stopped very suddenly as he was driving along a local road in the area. The engine simply cut out, and on looking at the sky, he noticed a strange bright light overhead.

In July 1966 a silvery white object, ovoid in shape, was viewed by countless people as it pulsed over Clay Hill in Warminster for "several days."

In August 1966 Dr. Cleary-Baker and two friends flashed a powerful lamp three times from a hill top and an object in the sky returned three flashes, they reported.

Source: Kensington News & West London Times, England, Feb. 11, 1972.  
Credit: Lucius Farish.

Sail Boat-Shaped Light Follows Car in Australia A member of the R.A.A. F., home on leave in Mount Gambier, S. A., said he and a friend were travelling from Hamilton to Mount Gambier at 9:30 PM. Dec. 29, 1971, when a sail-shaped object with red, green and white lights appeared and followed their car. The airman said he became so scared when the light came close to the car that he pulled up a couple of times. He stopped another car, driven by W. L. Bramall, of Digby, who also watched the object. The airman said, as they went on, the light seemed to come closer as the cars got further apart, then moved further away as the cars drew nearer each other.

Source: "Border Watch," Mount Gambier, South Australia.  
Credit: Lou Farish.



## Special on 1971-1972 "Conference Proceedings"

The 1971 "Conference Proceedings" and the new 1972 "Conference Proceedings" may be purchased for \$3.00 each, or both for \$5.25 at the third annual Midwest Conference held in Quincy, Ill., on June 13. This is a special price for one day only--no mail orders.

After the Conference the 1971 Proceedings will be \$3.00 in the United States and Canada, and \$3.75 elsewhere. Make check or money order payable to the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc., Box 9, O'Fallon, Mo., 63366.

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These are not little folders, but are printed books with the text of all lectures given at the Conference, photos of the speakers, and other UFO material. You'll want a copy for your own library, and another copy or two for gifts. Joe Gurney, Public Relations Director for MUFON, urges you to get your copies at the Conference or to place your mail order now, as supplies are limited.

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### UFO Burns Pasture and Corn Field in Argentina

On Jan. 8, 1971 two farmers near the locality of Tafe Viejo, Argentina, reported a mysterious object settled to the ground, burning pastures, part of a cornfield, and drying up a lemon plantation. They described the object as being like 2 dishes joined at the rims with its lower part reddish and the upper part apparently aluminum with two antennae. The object emitted a whistle "like the wind," they said and estimated it to be 2 meters in diameter and 1 meter in height very flat and without windows.

The farmers said they were afraid and did not try to approach the object.

Source: Translation from El Comercio, Lima, Peru, Jan. 19, 1971.  
Credit: UFO Research Committee, Rod Dyke's Clipping Service, 3521 S. W. 104th, Seattle, Washington 98146.

## Astronomy Notes

The June Sky The planet Venus seen in the western sky after sunset throughout the past several months will soon appear in the morning sky just before sunrise. The brilliant sky object sets at 9:10 P.M. C.S.T. on June 1st and rises at 3:20 A.M. on July 1st.

Mars is not in good position as it is located quite near the Sun, setting at 9:40 P.M. June 1st and at 9:05 P.M. on July 1st.

Jupiter appears as a brilliant object in the south throughout the evening, rising at 9:10 P.M. on June 1st and setting at 4:00 A.M. on July 1st.

The ringed planet Saturn may be seen in the southeastern sky just before sunrise. Saturn rises at 4:50 A.M. June 1st and at 3:00 A.M. on July 1st. (By Ted Phillips)

The Constellations. No. 19 Libra (The Scales) Libra is the only constellation in the zodiac which represents an inanimate object. Libra is the Latin word for "The Scales" and the constellation is generally indicated as a pair of weighing scales.

The two brightest stars in Libra are only of the third magnitude. Libra culminates at 9 P.M. on June 23. It is entirely south of the celestial equator and is therefore in the southern sky at transit. The four brighter stars in Libra form a rather cockeyed rectangle. Beta Librae is said to be the only definitely green naked-eye star. (By Mark Herbstritt)

Scientists Predict New Planet Exists "Intolerable errors" in the predicted timetable of Halley's Comet have led a University of California scientific team to believe a 10th planet may be circling the sun beyond Pluto--outermost known planet in the solar system.

Three computer scientists at the University's Lawrence Livermore Laboratory said their prediction of the planet's existence is based on mathematical calculations related to the orbit of the mysterious Comet. The team, led by Joseph L. Brady, named the proposed body "Planet X." According to the scientists, the planet would be 300 times more massive than earth and about six billion miles from the sun--far beyond the orbit of Pluto. The earth is 93 million miles from the sun.

The planet would take 512 years to make a single revolution around the sun, and its orbit would be sharply tilted from the plane in which the other nine planets revolve, the scientists said.

A prediction of new planets based on mathematical calculations is not new. Brady said Neptune's location was predicted in a similar way in 1846, as was Pluto's in this century.

"The proposed planet is located in the densely populated Milky Way where even a tiny area encompasses thousands of stars, many of which are brighter than we expect this planet to be," Brady said. "If it exists, it will be extremely difficult to find."

He hopes astronomers with powerful telescopes will look for the planet, but admits the hunt will be like searching for a needle in a haystack.

Source: "The Daily Press," St. Marys, Pa., April 29, 1972. Credit: Mark Herbstritt. (Editor's Note: And thanks to others sending in a clipping on this. Reading it makes a fella feel pretty tiny, eh?)

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Physical Traces- Material Evidence of UFO's? . . . By Ted Phillips

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The following case is not one of the 44 Type A, high quality reports from the trace file; however, I have been most interested in this particular sighting. I have contacted all of the principal investigators and have, I believe, an accurate account of the observation and the resulting traces found at the site.

Type C, File # 30 July 1, 1965, 0530. The witness, M. Masse, was about to begin the day's work and was standing beside his tractor, lighting a cigarette, when he noted a whistling sound some distance away. He was unable to see the source of the sound because of a nearby mound of rubble 6½ feet in height. As he stepped out from behind the mound, he saw, at a distance of 290 feet, a most unusual oval object which had landed in his lavender field. His first thought was that the object might be a helicopter, but soon rejected this as he was quite familiar with the Army helicopters which frequently land in the area. Masse had, in the past, stopped his work to talk with the pilots who are quite often hunters like himself.

For a very brief time the witness studied the object which was shaped like a football and the size of a small automobile. He could see six thin legs and a small dome on the top section. His next thought was that the object might be an experimental craft of some sort; in other words, he was not thinking of a flying saucer but rather that it was a constructed vehicle of earthly origin.

Being curious, he approached the object and shortly noticed two small beings who were evidently studying the plants. When he had narrowed the distance to only twenty feet the small creatures suddenly stood up and one pointed a tube-like device at him. Masse was instantly immobilized, unable to make a movement. He could still see what was happening around him.

For what seemed to be several minutes the creatures studied him and seemed to be communicating with each other by means of inarticulate sounds which did not seem to come from the head. The sounds seemed to come from the chest or from a point even lower on their bodies. Their bodies were the size of an eight-year-old child, their heads were three times the size of a normal human head. He could see no hair; the skin was quite smooth and white. Their bodies were covered by tight fitting suits. The faces were approximately those of a human face, except for the mouth, which had no lips and appeared to be a slit. Their glances were not at all unpleasant; he felt that the beings understood the situation he was in and were actually sorry for his condition.

The beings suddenly turned and rather than walking to the nearby UFO, they "floated" towards it and entered by means of a sliding door located on the lower side. The witness could see the creatures through the transparent dome as the object "jumped" into the air with one quick motion. It hovered briefly and moved away at a high rate of speed at an angle of 45 degrees. At a distance of no more than 65 feet the UFO and its occupants instantly vanished. It was found later, however, that it had continued to damage the plants along the flight path for an additional 325 feet.

Masse stated: "At one moment I could see it very well; and the following instant I could no longer see anything." Masse was unable to move for several minutes after the ascent. The use of his limbs came

back to him bit by bit.

Masse started to sleep for much longer periods after the sighting, periods of 12 to 14 hours; this lasted for several days.

The object had left four pad marks, two of the legs failing to mark the ground surface. A central hole was found, shaped like a sort of funnel in reverse, the central hole was 6 inches in diameter at the top with a square extension 10 inches across at the bottom. The hole was 20 inches deep. The soil around the hole was hard and cracked, as if dried out completely by some source of heat just after being wetted. However, it had not rained there for three months. The hole was located in the center of a depression 4 feet in diameter, having the shape of a flat bowl. The four leg marks were separated by a distance of 13.6 feet. Soon after the discovery of the central hole, a frog was found there, at the bottom of the shaft hole, at the lower level swimming in a shallow pool of water. The frog was very much alive.

There are no pools or rivers in the surrounding area and, again, no rain for three months. The soil around the central hole was clear while the surrounding soil was reddish-brown. No radiation was found by scientists who came from the Cadarache laboratories.

Soil analysis was made by Mr. F. R. De Brem, an engineer. I quote from a translation: "The UFO clay is dry, brittle, light colored. The non UFO clay is wet, makeable, rust colored. The non UFO clay is more quickly dampened than the UFO clay." (Note: compare this with the Delphos, Kansas soil) A very higher quantity of calcium in the UFO clay than in the surrounding clay; 18.3% of calcium in the UFO clay; in the surrounding clay, the quantity is so low that it can't be measured."

~~The landing site failed to produce plant growth for 4½ years following the observation.~~

Sources: Dr. Pierre Guerin, France - Aime Michel, France - Michel Mery, France - Rene Fouere, G.E.P.A., France - F. Lagarde, L.D.L.N., France - "Flying Saucer Review," England.

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#### SCIENTISTS' WRITING ON UFOs

"The UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry" by Dr. J. Allen Hynek \$7.25 (1972)

"Project Blue Book Special Report 14" An analysis by Dr. L. Davidson-\$5.25 (4th Ed.)

"UFOs: Myth and Mystery" by S. T. Friedman (1971 MUFON paper) - \$1.00

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#### UFOs in Pennsylvania

An elderly couple and two separate groups of young people said they observed "a large round object which looked larger than a house, domed and encircled by 12 red lights" at 8:20 the night of Dec. 31, 1971. There was no sound. Seven others from the Tarentum, Creighton and Fawn Township areas also reported the UFO, describing it as a circular object with a band of multicolored lights around it which sent off a stream of bright red sparks.

Source: "Valley News Dispatch," Pittsburgh, Pa.

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From "Mlada Fronta", Prague, Czechoslovakia, July 20, 1968

DO UFO'S FLY OVER THE U.S.S.R. ???

Why doesn't the special commission of General Stolyarov operate? Have soviet astronauts ever seen any "flying saucers"? Questions that cannot be answered by mere speculation.

Do UFO's fly over the Soviet Union? Have you ever seen flying saucers in your area? "Flying Saucers" of such a kind that their substance cannot be explained in any reasonable method?

Asking these questions I contacted my friends in Moscow in the past few days. Most of them shrugged their shoulders and no one could give me a definite answer. / The writer is Karel Pacner, Science Editor of "Mlada Fronta" a daily newspaper. /

An Article with No Continuation

On Nov. 24th of last year, Dr. Felix Y. Zigel, an assistant professor at the Moscow Aviation Institute, wrote an article for the daily newspaper 'Komsomolska Pravda' (Comsomol Truth) regarding the existence of a UFO over the city of Sofia, Bulgaria (which later was designated as unproven, because it supposedly had been only a meteorological balloon), and he wrote this: "There have been observations of unidentified flying objects, a great number of them, even in our country." He then held that those UFO's flying over soviet territories are noticed on radar. Never the less they were unable to gain a spectrum of these objects and thus were unable to enlighten in any respect as to their origin. As to Dr. Zigel's assertion, "many" soviet scientists are very interested in this problem of the UFO's.

Also, on Moscow television there appeared a program about the appearances of UFO's over soviet territory. Recently, we wrote about this program in "Weekends." Only eight days after Zigel's remarks on Moscow TV screens, Air Force Major General Porfiri Stolyarov (retired) was elected as the Chairman of the Commission for the Research of Unidentified Flying Objects at DOSAAF Organization (comparison to the Czech. Svazarm). The French press agency AFP reported on the presentation of this program in a rather exaggerated way, and when speaking about the special institution the Director of which was supposed to be an unnamed general. The French agency wrote: "The purpose of the institution is to collect all informations that could help to explain the so far unexplained or unexplainable phenomenon, that have been observed in the soviet skies in the span of several years. On a special TV broadcast there appeared the Director of the institute who showed a series of UFO photographs. The photographs were supposedly taken by airline pilots or by private individuals. Among the photographs shown, there was a picture of an object that had a saucer shape and had something like a little tower on the upper portion of the saucer. This 'saucer' was photographed on the sky over the city of Tiksi close to the polar circle and the picture was taken on board a TU-104 plane. The Director announced the completion of the education of several experts studying this unusual subject. The program was the first in a series about this theme."

However, the continuation (of the series) has never appeared on soviet TV screens, and on February 29th of this year the Moscow Pravda

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newspaper (Party daily) published an authoritative article signed by several well-known scientists who unanimously classified "flying saucers" as science fiction.

In a very similar tone there was a commentary by the Science Editor of the Novosti News Agency, Dr. V. Ljustiberg. Besides this, he condemned UFO's politically as a means to make idiots out of the working class in the imperialist countries. But these are not the arguments. Neither Dr. Zigel, General Stolyarov, three astronomers nor Dr. Ljustiberg have offered any real proof of a scientific nature, or material (physical) proof that would prove or disprove the existence and appearances of UFO's over soviet territories. Could any of the members of the commission explain this to me? Unfortunately, I wasn't that lucky. My friend, the editor of 'Komsomolska Pravda' tried to arrange a meeting with Dr. Zigel, who had been elected the Science-Secretary of that above mentioned commission.

Unfortunately, Professor Zigel didn't seem to have time to discuss this matter, no matter how much I attempted to persuade such an interview.

And I learned from Dr. V. Ljustiberg, the chief Science Editor of the Novosti Agency, that the Chairman of the Commission for Cosmic Research at the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S. R. and a member of the Academy, A. Blagonravov had recently stated that there were absolutely no objects of such a nature registered by this department of the Academy of Sciences.

To Be Continued

Editor's Note: Before leaving Moscow, the writer had an interview with a newspaperman with good contacts with astronomers, physicists, State Security and the Army, and this is the subject of the conclusion of this article, to be given in the July issue of SKYLOOK.

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The April 23 edition of the NATIONAL TATTLER featured a report on two UFO photos taken in Mart, Texas on Feb. 27, 1972. The UFO is shown to be a domed, flanged disc, very similar in appearance to other reported and photographed objects.

A report quite familiar to SKYLOOK readers--the "glowing ring" landing trace case at Delphos, Kansas--is detailed in the May 28 issue of NATIONAL ENQUIRER. A claim has been entered for the ENQUIRER's \$50,000 UFO reward offer, based on findings at the Delphos site. The investigations of SKYLOOK staff member Ted Phillips are mentioned in the article. Dr. J. Allen Hynek refers to Ted as "the foremost authority in this country on UFO traces." High praise indeed, and well deserved. The ENQUIRER article also mentions that approximately 500 reports have been received from their readers since the UFO reward was announced.

Sorry not to have the June issue of SAGA available as I write this column. It very likely does contain a UFO article of some type, as SAGA rarely misses a month in featuring UFO material.

MYSTERIES OF THE SKIES by Gordon I. R. Lore, Jr. and Harold H. Deneault, Jr. was first published in 1968, but readers might like to know the book is still available. It is one of the few UFO tomes dealing almost exclusively with historical UFO reports. Beginning with two chapters devoted to the 1896-97 airship flap, the authors reach no firm conclusions regarding these puzzling phenomena of the last century. Unfortunately, not all available airship reports are included in their summary. Other chapters are devoted to sightings at sea, reports by astronomers, fbo-fighters and other examples of pre-1947 UFO appearances. Many reports are taken from scientific journals, as well as from sightings reported to NICAP since its inception. An epilogue reviews some of the "classic" UFO reports of the modern era. MYSTERIES OF THE SKIES is not the definitive work on historical UFOs, but it is about the best summary available. It may be obtained from Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J. 07632 for \$6.95.

Ivan T. Sanderson's new book, INVESTIGATING THE UNEXPLAINED, is not a UFO book, per se. However, it contains material which certainly may relate--peripherally or directly--to an overall discussion of UFOs. Such things as 1000-year old models of what seems to be a flying machine of some sort (perhaps designed for underwater travel as well), an equally-ancient model of a bulldozer or "back-hoe" seeming to indicate an advanced civilization of that era; evidence that the ancient Egyptians (and others) may have been well acquainted with electricity and its uses; and, finally, the many falls of animate and inanimate objects and substances from the skies. A partial listing of skyfalls runs for some 23 pages, serving as an appendix to the book. There are all sorts of other unexplained phenomena in the book, of course, including chapters on sea serpents, the Loch Ness Monster, rain-making, spontaneous human combustion and other mysteries. All these subjects are discussed with Sanderson's usual admixture of knowledge, humor and pithiness. Well illustrated, with index and appendices, the book makes fascinating reading. It is available for \$7.95 from Prentice-Hall at the address given above.

The April 16 NATIONAL TATTLER contains an article by Andrew St. James which updates UFO reports from the Warminster, England area. A UFO photo and occupants reports are incorporated into the article.

Organization Notes  
From Around the Network

BILL CHRISTIAN was interviewed by Delcia Koclew on radio station KXOK, St. Louis, Mo., from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m., Sunday, April 23. The subject was UFOs. . . . JOHN SCHUESSLER was featured on the Lindenwood College Station, St. Charles, Mo. Friday, April 28 at 7 P.M., speaking on UFOs. . . . ALICE HEARLE, a State Section Director in MUFON is arousing a lot of interest in UFOs in the Cisne, Ill. area. She spoke to the Fairfield Rotary Club on April 27th, appeared on radio station WFIW, April 27, again on May 4th and addressed the dinner meeting of the Cisne Rotary Club, May 8. . . . on May 2nd TED PHILLIPS presented a slide illustrated talk on unidentified flying objects to the Sedalia, Mo., Optimist Club. Following his 45-minute talk, a question and answer period lasted for more than an hour. On April 19th Mr. Phillips addressed the Lion Club meeting at the Bothwell Hotel in Sedalia, and great interest was shown in his presentation of the Delphos, Kansas, burned circle. He received good press reviews. . . . the UFO STUDY GROUP OF GREATER ST. LOUIS met April 30th. John Schuessler and Rosetta Holmes reported on UFO cases under investigation, and the third Annual MUFON Conference to be held in Quincy, Ill., June 17 was the subject of discussion and planning. All were delighted with a beautiful poster made by Mrs. John Preisack to help publicize the Conference, and it was shown on the St. Louis Channel 2 (ABC-TV) Johnny Walters Show. The Group did not meet in May, but will meet June 4 at 2 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room of the Lemay Bank, 152 Lemay Ferry Road, and all members are urged to attend as this will be a working meeting--assembling the copies of the 1972 Conference Proceedings. . . . STAN GORDON, Director of the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group in Greensburg, Pa., and a State Section Director for MUFON writes a major UFO flap is existing in his area and 150 reports are under investigation by his group. Watch for reports in SKYLOOK.

Editor's Note: We realize that the above may be of no great interest to our readers out of MUFON-area (and the way we're growing, you'll soon have to be far, far away!) but we firmly believe that notices of meetings, lectures, radio and TV appearances re ufology have their place in the "news" so readers everywhere will know of the keen interest being shown where ever any serious student of ufology is willing to make the effort to organize an interested group or to appear as a speaker or serve as investigator or reporter. Sometimes we have to cut these notices to the bone because of space limitations (cutting this would have helped too) but we DO want them--so please continue to send in these announcements.

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High School Students Choose UFOs as Subject of Term Papers

Your editor has had the pleasure of reading two fine papers on the subject of UFOs--one by Vic Smith, Jr., of Stover, Mo., and the other by Janet Ring, of the Carlyle, Ill., area. We have just heard of another written by a Sedalia, Mo., student and hope to get a copy of that one. The two we read show serious interest in the UFO phenomena, careful research and a good selection of material quoted. If you know of others, send us their names and addresses.

Any staff member will be glad to advise a student considering a like project. How about next year, kids? Start your research now.



## Short Notes

James A. Lovell, astronaut, said at San Antonio, Texas, he believes that intelligent life exists somewhere else in the universe besides earth but added that he doesn't think it will be found in the solar system. (Arkansas Democrat, April 11, 1972) How about Planet X? More news clips continue to come in, and we find them fascinating. According to the May 8th issue of "Time" Brady's calculations indicate the planet is now located in the Constellation Cassiopeia "cluttered with so many stars that the planet would be hard to find." Another interesting note from "Time"--Planet X travels around the sun in the opposite direction from all the other planets.

A story in the April 13, 1972 issue of "The Indianapolis Star" states a growing number of scientists are convinced that earthmen are not alone in the vastness of the universe "and they are trying to tune in on the life they predict is out there somewhere. It's a deadly serious project for these top experts, mostly radio astronomers, who four times in the last decade have listened for messages from other worlds. . . so far they have heard only the natural hiss of space--the confusion of radio signals that supposedly result from the chemistry of creation, collision, and destruction among the various heavenly bodies. Nothing yet sounds as though sent by intelligent or reasoning creatures. But there is a lot of sky to listen to, and the basic chemicals of life are known to exist in distant space." The article goes on to state that astronomers estimate that even in our solar system's galaxy, the Milky Way, there are 600 million planets capable of supporting life as we know it. "One believes the Milky Way is home of 50,000 to 1 million civilizations technically superior to Earth's." Gives one something to think about, doesn't it?

To get back to Earth, this may interest our friends who collect "monster" stories, particularly monsters reported seen at the time of UFO sightings--John West, field investigator and liaison officer for the UFO information centre in Sydney, Australia, is investigating reports of a "melon monster" in the range behind Kamerunga. Tracks of an unidentified animal have been found in melon patches around Kamerunga for some years. (The Cairns Post, Queensland, Australia, Jan. 12, 1972).

The April 12, 1972 issue of the "Berkeley Daily Gazette" gave nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman a fine boost on its editorial page, preceding a lecture that night, and gave considerable space to his theories on magnetic propulsion (as used by outer-space UFOs) in another section of the newspaper. Too technical for Ye Ed to attempt to summarize in "a short note," we'll just quote one paragraph relating to the burned circles: "He further suggests that high frequency microwaves could create an air-plasma field, which would account for the peculiar soil conditions found at the sites of reported saucer landing and take-off points." It is obvious, from the many news clips reaching us every month, that Mr. Friedman's lectures on UFOs are well received where ever he goes, and he goes just about every where. Another quote from "The San Francisco Examiner"--when asked why beings from outer space haven't made official contact with us, Friedman replied: "Why should they? How many scuba divers talk to fish? . . . Can anybody seriously say that the behavior of the societies on this planet is desirable, humanistic, rational or religious? Anybody listening in our our radio and TV would quickly decide we are a primitive society whose major activity seems to be tribal warfare."

Thanks to all who contributed the news clips . Ye Ed

BEFORE - Pre-1947 Sightings from the Files of Lucius Farish

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From a letter by Mrs. Grace A. Kenelty, 1318 Minnesota Ave., Libby Montana, dated Oct. 23, 1969:

"Sister and my younger brother saw, to which they immediately called the rest of the family's attention, a round, silver, ball-like object of about 7 or 8 inches in diameter flying extremely high and rather slowly in a general East to West direction, but with a slight NE-SW tilt. It was soundless, and flew in a straight line, no up and down movement. We lost it just before it entered into the brightness of the sun. In that we were gathering huckleberries on top of our Huckleberry Hill, and it was a heavy, four-mile jaunt homeward, we didn't wait to see what happened to it; yet we have often wondered because the sun was directly in its pathway. This had to be in August of 1909 because the following early August our entire mountain, with thousands of other mountainous acres, burned to ashes in the big 1910 fire. . . Sister daid today of the 1909 object, 'I remember it as though it were yesterday.'"

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