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A Message From Your Director

With the appointment of William H. Boyce, M. D. as State-Section Director the New Jersey counties of Mercer, Somerset, Middlesex, Hunterdon and Monmouth, another new state joins MUFON. Dr. Boyce's mailing address is: P. O. Box 276, Princeton Junction, N. J. 08550; Telephone: AC 609-799-2232. He is not only a physician but is recognized in the medical profession as a "Psychiatry Diplomate." His prime interests in the study of the UFO phenomena concern propulsion methods and psychology of crews. Bill attended the 1971 Midwest UFO Conference in St. Louis, and is tentatively planning to participate in the 1972 Symposium in Quincy on June 17.

The Delphos, Kansas landing of November 2, 1971, investigated by Frank E. Shrimplin, revitalized his ten-year study of the UFO phenomena. A pharmacist by profession, Frank is our new State-Section Director for the Kansas counties of Jefferson, Jackson and Pottawatomie. The same case provided the incentive for the Rev. William Hurtig to become a Field Investigator in the identical counties. Bill Hurtig, as a boy, grew up on the present Johnson Farm at Delphos, Kansas. Frank resides at 810 Caroline St., Valley Falls, Kansas 66088; Telephone: AC 913 945-3354.

We are happy to announce that Glenn A. McWane, P. O. Box 157, R. R. 1, Decorah, Iowa 52101; Telephone: AC 319 382-2056, has been reassigned as the State Section Director for the northeast Iowa counties of Winneshiek, Allamakee, Clayton, Howard and Chickasaw. Glenn is Vice President of "Other Dimensions, Inc"; an associate of the internationally known writer Brad Steiger.

~~The great state of Texas is now being ably represented by the following State-Section Directors: Thomas R. Adams, Paris; Stanley C. Ferguson, Dallas; Roger C. Hight, Corpus Christi. Consultant--Garry C. Henderson, Ph. D., Fort Worth, and Staff artist-Hal Crawford, Dallas, complete the leadership team for Texas.~~

The Annual Meeting of the MIDWEST UFO NETWORK, INC. will be held in conjunction with the Third Annual Midwest UFO Conference on Sunday, June 18, 1972, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Executive Room of the Holiday Inn, Quincy, Illinois. Proposed by-laws will be submitted; an expanded Board of Directors will be elected; and officers will be elected as required business. Each State Director and MUFON staff member should be prepared to give a short report or submit a written report on his particular responsibilities and future plans for the growth and scope of MUFON. This is an open meeting for all MUFON members.

May we extend a personal invitation to all our friends to attend this year's Midwest UFO Conference on June 17.

Walt Andrus
Director, MUFON

Editor's Note: The Delphos, Kansas case was reported in the January 1972 issue of SKYLOOK, and we feel the investigative work done by our staff reporter, Ted Phillips, certainly gives him a good chance to win the \$5,000 offered by NATIONAL ENQUIRER.

Why not send YOUR UFO report to SKYLOOK? Nearly everyone else does.

Public Relations Director Asks YOU To Help Publicize Third Annual
Midwest UFO Conference, June 17, at Quincy, Illinois

Joe Gurney, Public Relations Director for MUFON, announces that more than 100 news releases re the Conference are being mailed to major newspapers throughout the states of Illinois, Missouri and Iowa and he asks YOU to zerox a copy of the Conference Program (all details in April SKYLOOK) and submit it to your local newspaper to help get the word to the general public. Telephone or write to your friends too.

The Conference opens at 9:30 Saturday morning, June 17 at the Holiday Inn, Quincy, Ill., and continues through the day and evening with a dinner at 6:30 and the address "Some New Lines for Investigating UFO's" by David R. Saunders, Ph D, beginning at 8 PM and followed by a panel discussion at 9:30. Dr. Saunders, the featured speaker, is Professor of Psychology at the University of Colorado in Boulder and co-author of the book "UFO's? Yes!"

High lights of the morning session are the following lectures: "UFO's as Viewed by the News Media" by Charles E. Barnum, Quincy editor; "UFO's--A Product of Alien Intellect?" by John F. Schuesslor; and "UFO's Behind the Iron Curtain" by Joseph M. Brill.

Speaking during the afternoon session will be: Ted Phillips, "Landing Traces, Physical Evidence for the UFO"; Dr. R. Cedric Leonard, "UFO's in Antiquity"; and Brad Steiger, "Flying Saucer Missionaries."

To repeat the ticket information: Morning, Afternoon and Evening Sessions, \$2.00 each--all three sessions, \$6.00. All 3 sessions and dinner, \$10.00. Dinner and Evening Session only, \$7.00. Cut-off date for advanced reservations is June 3, 1972. Checks should be made payable to: Tri-State UFO Study Group, Inc., c/o Fields F. Freeman, 1015 Rhapsody Rd., Quincy, Ill., 62301.

Mr. Gurney reminds you that 1971 and the 1972 Midwest UFO Conference Proceedings will be available, and you may buy both at the special price of \$5.25--ONLY ON JUNE 17 AT THE CONFERENCE. No mail orders for this special.

The 1971 "Proceedings", alone will be \$3.00 at the Conference; as will the 1972 "Proceedings" purchased singly. After June 17, you may order them by mail (the 1971 "Proceedings" may be ordered now) for \$3.25 in the United States and Canada, and \$4.00 elsewhere. Send check for 1971 "Proceedings" to UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc., P. O. Box 9, O'Fallon, Mo., 63366. / Editor's Note: If there is a different mailing address for the 1972 Proceedings--not available by mail until after June 17--it will be given in the June issue of SKYLOOK.

The success of the 1970 and 1971 Conferences permits no doubt of a fine response to the 1972 Conference. This is your opportunity to hear well known scientists and UFO investigators speak with authority on their well-researched subjects of special interest; and you'll have the opportunity to meet them in person as well as other well-known UFO-personages present. The question and answer session at the close of the regular program is always a big feature of the proceedings and this is your chance to direct your question to any member of the panel of Conference speakers.

If you are interested in UFOs--and you wouldn't be reading this, if you aren't--we can't think of a better way to get the most for your money than to send a check for ten dollars for all three sessions and the dinner.

Disclaimer

Upon interviewing Ron Owens, investigator Dennis Hanna was informed by Owens that he could not recall the incident related to me and Dennis by David Cool. Refer to SKYLOOK #53, April 1972 entitled "1970 UFO Reported." Signed--Lawrence R. Hanna and Dennis M. Hanna. Editor's Note: This will remind our staff members and other contributing reporters to inquire if names used may be published. We assume names may be given (and prefer to use real names when permission is granted) unless informed to the contrary. We always give anonymity when requested. We feel sure Mr. Cool had no idea Mr. Owens would object to his name being used in naming him as a fellow-witness to the sighting reported, and certainly no offense was intended.

Wanted: Some 1955, '56, '57 and '58 issues of Flying Saucer Review and any issues of the old Fortean Society magazine DOUBT. Write first. Lucius Farish, Route 1, Plumerville, Ark., 72127.

Our Volume 1, Number 2, edition of COSMOS-EXPRESS will expose a FANTASTIC lay-out of a FLYING SAUCER-PROJECT, open to anyone wishing to materialize the idea. This article will simultaneously EXPLAIN sighted saucers maneuvering behaviors, perplexing scientists and ufologists alike. No. 2 reports "tiny-men-like-creatures," "mother-ships", and other intensively interesting cases. . . . Send \$2.00 for 12 ISSUES to: COSMOS-EXPRESS, P. O. Box 3, (S), Jonquiere, Quebec, Canada. (Postal-money-orders OR cash only.)

Short Notes

Sorry to report that SAUCERS, SPACE & SCIENCE, Gene Duplantier's Canadian ufozine (established in 1957) is ceasing publication. Issue No. 64 is the last one, and Mr. Duplantier states all unexpired subscriptions will be taken care of. Goodby and good luck, Gene--and keep in touch.

Carol Armstrong, of St. Louis, has contributed to SKYLOOK for some time, and is now an official member of the staff, and we're happy that she consented to join us. She and her husband, Dr. W. P. Armstrong, are active members of the St. Louis study group.

You will note we have listed Rosetta Holmes as "Public Relations." In addition to working enthusiastically in all phases of ufology, she goes all out to publicize SKYLOOK, and we think she should have the title to fit the job. Health permitting, she will be at the SKYLOOK table at the Conference and we can't think of anyone we're rather have represent us there.

A personal thank you to George D. Fawcett and Earl Neff who also give SKYLOOK the good word. We do appreciate the subscriptions coming in with mention of their recommendations. We repeat our offer to announce your advance speaking dates if you'll get them to us in time --the deadline for copy for next month's issue is always the 20th of this month.

Unhappy second thought--hope no one thinks we wrote down grading Mr. Shrimplin's investigation in adding our footnote to Mr. Andrus' MESSAGE. We only wanted to refer to Ted Phillips' fine work on that case as reported in SKYLOOK. We look forward to having some of Mr. Shrimplin's reports too, now that he is a member of MUFON.

Air Force Still Investigating UFOs, Says Retired Lt. Colonel

"Although the Air Force will deny it, they are still investigating UFO's under two projects--Old New Moon and Blue Paper. Now, tell me, if UFO's were just a figment of somebody's imagination, would they spend so much effort investigating?"

So said Lou Corbin, a retired Lt. Colonel, who served with General Patton during World War Two, at the Greater Baltimore Chapter of Maryland Retired Military Officers Association recently. The large banquet hall was packed with retired colonels, Navy "brass," all of whom were described as attentive listeners. There was no laughter, no disbelief when Corbin talked about UFO's.

This is from an account of the meeting in the March 2, 1972, edition of "Cross Country News," edited and published by Tony Page at Fort Worth, Texas. This aviation publication out every third Thursday is on our exchange list, and we look forward to every issue. There is plenty of evidence that the folks at Meacham Field are interested in UFOs, as the subject comes up in every issue of "Cross Country News."

Tony Page addressed the Arkansas Aero Club in February and her topic was "A Newspaper Woman Looks at UFO's." She is not an expert on UFOs, she says, but she listens to experts and writes about what they say--and she writes well.

UFOs Reported in Pennsylvania

"Most people can take Unidentified Flying Objects, or UFOs, with tongue in cheek, but a large number of people who saw this white object come to earth last night are doing some hard thinking today"--the opening paragraph in a report in the Sunday edition of the "Patriot News," Harrisburg, Pa., March 26, 1972.

"I thought it was a plane crashing," one woman told police at Silver Springs. "But when it took off again, about 10 seconds later, it had to be something else."

Officer John Fry went out to the Lamb's Gap area where the bright light was sighted shortly after 7 p.m. but found nothing. He called the Patriot News, wondering if other calls had come in.

Another had, from Cumberland County. Constable George Cook who had been on the investigative side of flying objects when they were being reported frequently four and five years ago.

He'd been called in, had seen this orange and red light come at him while on the side of North Mountain, then watched it veer off sharply. "It's difficult to explain," he said, "It's--well, I don't understand."

Credit: R. G., of Dillsburg, Pa.

Three Towns in North Carolina See Fast-Moving UFO

Police officers in three towns in Catawba County, N. C., early Wednesday, March 15, 1972, reported seeing an unidentified flying object which hovered, circled and flew silently at great speed.

Witnesses said the object was round and gave off a bright, reflect-

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ing greenish-blue light that "blipped like an electro-cardiogram."

"It was faster than a plane," said Sgt. M. L. Moore of the Newton police force, who spotted the object about 12:30 a.m. "It went across at a heck of a speed. It was a weird thing, I tell you."

Municipal police in Hickory and Maiden, about 10 miles north and south of Newton, and two deputy sheriff patrol cars also reported sighting the object.

Newton Police Chief J. D. Kirkman did not see the object, but said it apparently was the same thing seen earlier by another officer.

"One of our officers, Paul Burgess, has seen it before--and he's been here two years," Kirkman said. "It's the same thing all right."

"It came to a sudden stop over the business district and began moving in a slow up-and-down motion just like it was suspended in air," Moore said. "In a few minutes it moved on in a southwest direction."

Source: "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tenn. March 16, 1972.

Credit: Minnie Thompson.

Did You See This One?

On the night of Feb. 11, 1972, a brief UFO report was given on TV-Channel 11 on the 11 o'clock news in Toledo, Ohio. An occupant in a car spotted a source of light overhead, and the driver chased the light to the end of the Fulton County Line near the Ohio-Indiana border. No further details were given.

Nils H. Paquette, of Toledo and a MUFON investigator, has been trying to learn more about the sighting, and asks any of our readers who may have any further information to write him at 3930 Martha Ave., Toledo, Ohio, 43612.

As a subscriber, Mr. Paquette is in a category all by himself--he has TWO subscriptions to SKYLOOK. He keeps one copy and gives the other away.

Kansas "U.F.O." Is Helicopter

The March 23, 1972 "Kansas City Kansan" reported that several teenagers told Patrolmen Jim King and Louis Davis that a flying saucer landed briefly in a field in western Wyandotte County Wednesday night (March 22). They described it as a long object with red lights all around it and "kept stopping and going and then landing briefly in a field before taking off in a northwesterly direction."

"They were real serious about it," King said.

On receiving the newspaper clipping from a friend, staff member Ted Phillips contacted the Wyandotte County Sheriff's office and discussed the incident with the dispatcher. He stated that the object observed was definitely an Army helicopter.

Editor's Note: We're always glad when we can turn a UFO into an IFO, as that is one less "mystery" to be solved. Too often there is no follow-up on a UFO report in the Press altho it seems to us that "identification" is just as much "news" as "mystification."

If you like SKYLOOK, tell your friends. If you don't, write Ye Ed-- maybe we can improve. We welcome constructive criticism.

St. Louis House Wife Watches Rectangular UFO

John C. Preisack, of St. Louis, MUFON investigator, has sent us an interesting report of a UFO sighting made Jan. 4, 1972 by Mrs. Diane Giamauno (hope we have this right--the copy was blurred) who lives 2 blocks north of Highway 66 and one block east of Lindbergh Blvd. in the St. Louis, Mo., area.

Mrs. Giamauno was awakened shortly after midnight by her dogs barking--one indoors and the other outside--and says she knows she was awake, for no one could sleep in all that racket!

She thought there might be a prowler or a stray dog in the back yard so went to the window to look out to a clear sky, with stars shining brightly, and no wind blowing. To her surprise she saw a large, white light very low in the sky moving toward the house from the south-southwest. At first she thought it was an airplane, but could hear no sound, and wondered if it were a plane in trouble as it was flying so low.

"As it came directly overhead, I could see plainly it was not an airplane," she wrote. "It was a huge, rectangular-shaped object with white, green and red lights outlining the rectangular shape. One large beacon light in front (white) was followed by an assortment of smaller lights varying in color."

"I was stunned to say the least," she reported. She was going to call her husband, but wanted to watch the object and realized it would be out of sight before she could summon him anyhow, so she didn't call to him.

She said before the object disappeared from view she saw "a hatch-like protrusion--flat on top." The object seemed to glide across the sky with a quiet humming quite unlike a plane roar or "a choppy helicopter."

The object disappeared into the east and the whole sighting was no more than three minutes. The object, larger than a large plane, was outlined by the lights and of a dull gray color, or black, which blended into the night sky. It appeared to move "as a slow glide," she said.

Series of UFO Sightings Near Small Missouri Town

Miss "Jones" (real name on file) reports several possible UFO observations during the past five years near the small town, Roscoe, southwest of Osceola, Mo.

Miss Jones and her mother have observed a large, red light, sometimes with a brilliant white light as a part of the whole, apparently about a half mile distant, and hovering near the ground for ten or fifteen minutes before moving away. At no time was any sound heard. The light, or lights, have been seen about 7:30 p.m. and midnight.

The first time she saw the light was in 1960. "I was sitting on the porch when I saw this round red light across the field and I thought it was a truck backing out. Then it grew larger and lifted from the ground. I could see a yellow dome. It lifted about even with the fence and went blinking off in the opposite direction," she told staff reporter Ted Phillips.

DON'T FORGET--June 17 is the date for the MUFON Conference.

Burn Spots on Cattle, Cut Fence Puzzle Farmer

An unexpected encounter with a mystery light Saturday evening on the outskirts of Larned, Kansas, left Johnnie Beer, a high school junior, shaken and frightened.

Johnnie left Larned around 9 p.m., heading west for his farm home when a big, white light appeared before his car. The light lowered down in front of the car and kept about 100 yards ahead, he told his parents. It frightened the boy and he slowed down and then speeded up, but the object kept right in front of him. It followed him as he turned west to the farm and hovered over the corral, as he ran into the house and closed the doors and the grapes. When his parents arrived home in about a half hour, he told them what had happened. They hadn't seen anything unusual.

"But the next morning," Mrs. Beer said, "the bottom two wires of the corral looked like they had been cut and twisted up in a pile in the corral, and several of our milk cows have burn spots on their backs."

The hair was singed to the skin in the burn spots which ranged in size from a man's fist to larger circles.

This report appeared in the Feb. 28, 1972 issue of the "Larned Tiller & Toiler." Earlier in the month Mrs. Alice Coe and her daughter, Becky observed a large, bright, blinking light in the western sky, moving toward the Burdett area--then it appeared to turn back toward Larned, appearing as a steady orange glow. It again moved west and out of sight, Mrs. Coe told the "Toiler." This was reported on Feb. 8th. On Feb. 15, this appeared in the same newspaper: "The other day Larned's municipal power system went on the blink for a couple minutes about the time several residents reported a UFO skipping about our night sky. Saturday night another UFO report and our TV set goes kaput. No picture, no sound, nothing but power. Resetting backside controls, however, restored everything. Just a coincidence probably."

The U. S. Weather Service in Dodge City said the object wasn't likely a weather balloon because of the object's speed and movement against prevailing winds.

Several Pawnee County law enforcement officers were among those viewing the flying object Saturday night. Source: Rod Dyke's fine Clipping Service, offered monthly. If you're interested in subscribing, write him at: UFO Research Committee, 3521 S. W. 104th, Seattle, Washington, 98146.

Smithsonian Meteorite Search Ends

An official search for a meteorite that fell Nov. 19 northwest of Taylor, Mo., has ended. But hopes have not completely ended that the meteorite will be found, according to the April 2 edition of the Quincy, Ill. "Herald-Whig" which has been following the search. (See January issue of SKYLOOK for full report)

Gunter Schwartz, who headed the official search, as a representative of the Smithsonian Institution, told Walter H. Andrus, MUFON director, that he does not expect to return. Schwartz says chances of finding the meteorite are decreasing now that farmers are plowing the fields. The rocks may be turned over and buried by plowing if one does not not break a disc. If this happens, it is hoped the farmer will realize what has happened and will preserve the "rock" and report the find. The meteorite would be roughly 17% iron and heavier than a rock of the same size. It is believed there are four in the Missouri bottoms. Credit: Walter H. Andrus

UFO Photographed Over Mart, Texas

Photographs of a UFO appeared in the "Waco News-Tribune," Waco, Texas, and the "Mart Herald," Mart, Texas, Feb. 28 and March 2, respectively, and a report was made in the Waco "Times-Herald" on Feb. 28. The photographs show a saucer-shaped, domed object above power lines and were taken by Les Roll from the front of his home at 217 North Emerson in Mart, Texas, about 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, 1972.

Roll told a reporter he was looking out the front of his house when he saw an object he first thought was a helicopter or airplane. He said when he saw it zig-zagging across the sky, he got his Polaroid Camera and went outside and took two pictures several seconds apart. As he prepared to take a third picture, the object flew away at a high rate of speed.

He described the object as metallic silver in color on the bottom with a transparent dome on top. There was no sound. Although personally he doesn't believe in flying saucers, "that's certainly something like I've never seen before."

He estimated the object was flying at between 12,000 and 15,000 ft. above the ground. Having served in the U.S. Air Force, this estimation can be considered "an educated guess."

The Mart newspaper said that after word was spread around Central Texas via the press, Rolls became swamped with calls and visitors from around the state. A representative claiming to represent the FBI appeared to question Rolls, and he had telephone calls from over Texas and Oklahoma.

"An unconfirmed but widely mentioned item was that several people here reported power failures at about that time Sunday morning," states the Mart newspaper.

Credit: Capt. Dave T. Ozanne, of Dallas, Texas.

UFO Commentary - A SKYLOOK Review

The Spring issue of UFO COMMENTARY, "a journal of progressive ufology," is out, and we predict a growing circulation for this quarterly edited by Allen Benz, M.A., formerly of Eipton, Mo., and now at 839 Shoshone #206, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. Publisher is Patrick A. Huyghe, 1419 Riversedge Rd., Newport News, Va. 23606.

Lucius Farish and Ted Phillips, of our own SKYLOOK staff, are associate editors, and each has an article in this issue. Paul Braczyk continues as Book Review editor (he also writes for DATA-NET); Gladys Huyghe is listed as "staff artist" and Neil Lynch as "photographic consultant."

As stated in an earlier issue of SKYLOOK, Benz agreed to become editor of UFO COMMENTARY when Huyghe, a University student, found he could not devote the time required to both edit and publish his ufozine. The Spring issue is the first under the new set-up and contains an article "Meet the Staff" with photos and profiles. Joseph M. Brill, who does SKYLOOK's "UFOs Behind the Iron Curtain" series, also has an article in this issue.

Professional in appearance and highly selective in content, this is a fine addition to UFO publications. The price is right too--60 cents for sample copy, or \$2.00 for a year subscription (four issues). All manuscripts and exchanges should be sent to the editor, Allen Benz; and subscriptions and other orders to the publisher, Patrick Huyghe, addresses given above.

More on That 1897 Airship TheShreveport, La., "Times," April 29,
1897. Deadwood, Texas, April 24, 1897.

Seeing so much here of late in reference to the air ship has put me on the lookout for several days and nights, and my vigilance, to my surprise, was rewarded on Friday night last, April 23. I was out about eight o'clock in my bermuda and clover pasture about 200 yards from my house, looking after some of my fine stock that seemed to be very much alarmed at something unusual, they running and snorting like regular bronchos. On arriving in the neighborhood of where my stock were, I saw a very bright and varied light in the air some 300 feet above the earth coming from the southeast going northwest. On its approach, to my surprise a vast search light, turning light into day was cast down upon the immediate locality where I was standing. I recognized the ship, as had been described so often, and began saluting the aerial travelers at the top of my voice. Much to my surprise, I received in reply a message, dropped near me in a beer bottle bearing the trade mark of Anhauser-Busch, put up at St. Louis. Enclosed in the bottle was the message stating that this was the ship recently landed near Beaumont, Texas, and was now traversing various parts of the United States, this special ship having covered nearly the whole North West, and was now bound for St. Louis.

It was seen by a number of my neighbors, who will testify to the same, and as to my veracity in this neighborhood where I have lived for the last forty years. Some very amusing scenes took place on sight of the ship. Many took it to be the coming judgement day. Within the past 12 months there have been many converts to the Holiness faith in this community, and some of them claim that this is but a forerunner of mighty evidences that will come soon to the doubting Christians who still linger in benighted darkness of the old time teaching on Christianity. Let us near from the next.

Very respectfully, H. L. Lagrame

Credit: J. L. Aldrich.

Editor's Note: Mr. Lagrame has written of seeing the airship on Friday, April 23, 1897. On April 24, 1897, an article in the St. Louis "Star" out of Chattanooga, Tenn., states the airship "met with an accident to its working gear last night, and the navigator was compelled to descend to terra firma in order to make a weld before he was enabled to continue his flight. "Several presumably truthful citizens of this city have given the foregoing account of the vessel. They say that they came upon the vessel resting on a spur of a mountain near this city. Two men were at work on it, and explained that they had been compelled to return to earth because the machinery was out of order. One of the men said that his name was "Prof. Charles Davidson." He is alleged to have said that the vessel left Sacramento a month ago and has since been sailing all over the country." This from the files of David Schroth.

Was this the same airship--seen at eight p.m. in Texas and on the same night in Tennessee?

Please send us your 1897 airship clippings for use in SKYLOOK. We will return them if you request.

Back issues of SKYLOOK are available at 35¢ each; but we are out of some months; so better write first to see if we have the ones you want.

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

Type C, File # 003 May 11, 1969, Chapeau, Quebec, Canada. At 0200 the witness, Léo Paul Chaput, was awakened by his dog barking. He looked out a north window to see a brilliant light source several hundred feet away. The light was extremely bright, white in color, flattened at the base and slightly domed at the top. The light was bright enough that the witness had to turn his head away for an instant and during this brief interlude the light disappeared. Chaput stated that he could hear a purring motor sound that seemed to be moving away. He had a great deal of trouble sleeping until dawn when he went out to look for traces of the mysterious object.

At a distance of 600 to 800 feet to the north of his home, Chaput found a large circular impression. The grass in the outer perimeter was scorched. Chaput soon found three additional rings which presented a most complex series of ground markings.

Ring #1. . . located northwest of the house. The ring center was some 36 feet east of a large tree and fence line, with the near edge of the ring being 20 feet from the outer portion of the tree. The ring diameter was 32 feet, with an outer ring width of two feet and six inches. Inside the ring, in the undamaged central section were three circular depressions, equally spaced to form a triangle with sides 15 feet long. A rectangular depression, one to two inches deep and 14 by 6 inches in length and width was found near the northern edge just inside the damaged ring.

Ring # 2 . . . located to the northeast of ring #1, this ring center was some 42 feet from the center of another large tree, the near edge being less than 3 feet from that tree. This ring was 28 feet in diameter with an outer ring width of 2 feet, 6 inches to three feet. Three depressions were also found in this ring, forming a triangle with an average length of 13 feet, 3 inches. A very short distance south was the third ring, a semi-circle.

Ring # 3 . . . this ring had a diameter of 28 feet, 6 inches, with a ring width of 2 feet, 6 inches to 4 feet. In the center was a rock pile, two feet high and 18 feet, 2 inches wide. Mr. H. H. McKay, Ontario, Canada, the primary investigator, made the following statement after visiting the site: "Mr. Chaput claimed there had been soot or carbon on the rocks when he first noticed the burns a few days following the initial sighting. None was visible to me when I inspected the site 11 days later; of course there was a good rain shower in the meantime. It is only conjecture on my part, so visualize a space craft coming down with landing pads extended, making an uneven contact and tilting forward causing an uneven burn, then ascending to move over to the adjacent (ring "2) landing site." Hank presents a most interesting theory, one that certainly warrants great consideration.

Ring # 4 . . . located with its center 40 feet from the center of ring #2. This ring was 13 feet in diameter and the entire circle was damaged, with a number of 12-inch high weeds crushed. The mark is located within 3 feet of several small ever greens.

Mr. McKay described the rings as follows: "The nests indicated no scorched areas or carbonization due to an open flame, my impression suggested an intense penetrating radiating effect, similar somewhat to a microwave oven. The vegetation was dried, brown and lifeless."

No soil analysis has been reported on this case.

Editor's Note: Dr. Downing, pastor of the Northminister Presbyterian Church, Endwell, N. Y., is the author of "The Bible and Flying Saucers" and Consultant in Theology to MUFON. A look at UFOs through his eyes opens new avenues of interesting conjecture.

As I have explained in detail in my book "The Bible and Flying Saucers," I believe the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt was brought about by beings from another world acting through a UFO described as a "pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night" (Ex 13:21). The Exodus is really a story of conflict between the military pride of the Egyptian Pharaoh, and the UFO which met Moses in the middle of a thicket, causing it to glow with radiation (the burning bush).

God is given credit for saying "I will harden Pharaoh's heart," which is to say the King's pride will not give in to the superior heavenly power. We are all familiar with the story of how Moses threw his magic rod on the floor, turning it into a serpent. Pharaoh called in his scientific advisors to debunk the whole thing (Ex 7). Because of the refusal of Pharaoh to admit that he was dealing with a superior power, Egypt had to suffer a series of plagues, from blood to frogs, gnats, boils, hail, locusts, and finally the death of the first born, with the passover for the Jews we all know so well.

This was the straw that broke the back of the proud Pharaoh, and the Jews left Egypt, following the pillar of cloud up to the Red Sea.

Pharaoh's pride still couldn't give in, so he sent his chariots after the Jews, closing in at the Red Sea. The UFO split the Red Sea with its propulsion system, however (Ex 14:19-29), and the Jews escaped. The UFO then turned off its power, allowing the walls of water to come crashing down on the Egyptian army which had driven its chariots into the open sea channel. So we have an example of how an ancient government suffered because it believed its military power was greater than the UFO reality.

It seems to me there are some lessons in Exodus for our time. I have little doubt that "military pride," not "public panic," is the chief reason our government cannot openly admit the reality of the UFO power which we are now coming to understand. Stanton T. Friedman, in his article "UFOs on Radar" in Vol. 2, No. 3 issue of the New World "UFO Report" mentions two cases of disaster for military pilots who apparently under orders chased UFOs. Others have made similar reports. If the UFO reality were made public, I am sure our military system would soon be asked, "Can our jet fighters defeat the UFOs?" We all know the answer.

One of the more interesting facts about the UFO situation is that it may have helped us avoid nuclear war. If as I believe, the UFOs are invading air space all over the world, then no doubt the world powers--in these days of cold war--have to talk to each other and ask, "Are you sending planes to bomb us, or are we simply seeing a UFO formation?" UFOs may well have been the cause of the "hotline." If it looks like an attack formation coming at us, what else could it be, except enemy planes--or UFOs. We needed a way to check. With UFOs, no nation dares build a hair trigger into its defense system. UFOs, now as in Egyptian days, may be "humbling" the world powers. Perhaps they opened the way for President Nixon's China visit, just by the threat of their presence.

UFO Reports from Pennsylvania - From Stan Gordon's Files

Stan Gordon is Director of the Westmoreland County U.F.O. Study Group (organized in September 1970 with Mr. Gordon's interest in UFOs dating five years earlier) and is also a State-Section Director for MUFON.

He says there has been a number of UFO reports in Westmoreland County lately, but many lack sufficient data and a few have been identified as the planet Venus. This one falls in the first category "The County Civil Defense Headquarters forwarded to us an unsigned letter from a Greensburg resident who claimed that she had observed three saucer shaped objects hovering low over a wooded area on the Hannestown Road a short distance from Greensburg. They were described as large and a very bright, cream-white in color. Since the letter was unsigned, we have been unable to follow up on the case, supposed to have been around March 27th."

Another sighting was reported on the night of March 31st. Three observers on Rt. 130, outside Jeanette, Pa., en route to Harrison City, observed a bright orange object hovering in the northern sky at about a 45 degree angle. The object was estimated to be about 15 ft. in diameter at a distance of about two miles, which would locate it near Claridge. The object first appeared to hover, then it dropped flaming debris toward the ground. It then moved down slowly at a slight angle and again dropped flaming debris. This happened the third time at which point the object was very large and as bright "as if you were looking into a blast furnace." After observing the sphere for about three minutes, the object just disappeared in front of their eyes. The residue, which was flaming bright when emitted, was visible each time for about 3 seconds.

The witnesses were quite startled at what they had seen and on returning home, flagged down a police car to ask if anyone else had observed the object. One of the witnesses is an Air Force veteran and is employed in the Motor Electronics section for Westinghouse Corp. in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Gordon writes that altho there is a possibility the object could have been a weather balloon, certain facts uncovered upon investigation leads him to believe otherwise. Aviation consultants to the study group searched the area where the object was observed, but no physical evidence of any kind was observed.

Two nights later on April 2nd, several people were leaving a church in Greensburg when one pointed out an unusual object in the sky. Witnesses reported they observed a bright orange object that was "three times the diameter of Venus on a clear night and also much brighter." The object was hovering in the southwest, then moved slowly in an arc toward the northwest. After four moments, it was directly over Greensburg when it began to swing from left to right, then with a great acceleration of speed moved to the northeast and disappeared from sight. It was under observation for more than ten minutes.

Mr. Gordon asks that all UFO reports from the Greater Pittsburgh area be forwarded to the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group, 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, Pa. 15601. UFO sightings may be reported any time, day or night at 834-8668 or 834-0724. The group is prepared to send trained investigators to the scene.

This group is now publishing a newsletter, on a now-and-then basis, free of charge, and will let us know when the next one is available --or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the address given now.

If you see a UFO, particularly one that you estimate to be closer than 500 feet, because you can see the details so clearly, or one which has landed, and you can see the occupants:

1. **DON'T PANIC!** Do try to get other witnesses. If you are able to do so, discuss what you are seeing with them, and ask them what they are seeing.
2. **GET A CAMERA!** Any picture is better than none, and a good UFO picture is easily worth 10,000 words. If the UFO sighting is in the daytime, try to take color pictures. Most color film is too slow for night pictures unless you have a lens of F 1.8 speed or faster. Use a minimum shutter speed of 1/50 second or faster, if there is sufficient light from the UFO.
3. **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!** Operators of UFO's, having no particular reason to trust earth people, have been known to shoot first, and they don't wait around to ask if our mission is peaceful! So keep your distance--at least 300 feet--unless you have some very definite reason to believe that you can approach the craft and its occupants without being harmed. Therefore, it is preferable to use a long focal length lens, like a telephoto lens to take pictures of the craft, and its occupants.
4. **TAKE MANY PICTURES!** Try to keep your cool--remember how to use your camera properly. Focus, Aperture, Shutter Speed, Think! These are the most important details to remember to get sharp, clear pictures, and hold the camera steady when you click the shutter! If the UFO is on the ground, try to take a pair of stereo pictures, keeping track of the distance between the exposures.
5. **PROCESS THE FILM CORRECTLY!** If you lose the pictures at this time, you'll have only a good story to tell.

Editor's Note: Mr. Sturm, a MUFON State Section Director for Illinois, does a great deal to make the Decatur area UFO-conscious. He addresses Boy Scouts, PTA meetings, church groups and other civic organizations as well as appearing on radio from time to time speaking on UFOs. He has just recently developed a special program with great appeal for camera club groups and it is being well received. The above instructions summarizes a part of his address to this group.

In a letter to Ye Ed, Mr. Sturm states he believes knowing how to photograph is of particular importance right now "because of the offer of \$50,000 for proof that UFOs are manned by people from other planets, made by the NATIONAL ENQUIRER newspaper. I believe the proper kind of photographic proof could win this award!" He adds that he hopes somebody from MUFON will be the lucky winner. So do we!

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Don't forget--June 17, 1972 - Third Annual MUFON Conference, Quincy, Ill.

First, a correction on an item mentioned in last month's column. I erroneously gave the price of John Langdon Watts' booklet, RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHIES OF THE PLANETS, as \$1.25. The correct price is \$1.50, plus 25¢ for postage and handling. My apology for trusting my lousy memory.

A couple recent NATIONAL ENQUIRER issues have featured UFO items. The April 23 issue contained an interim report on the ENQUIRER'S \$50,000 reward for proof of a UFO's ET origin. Response from readers is quite high, the publication reports. A secondary prize of \$5,000 is now being offered to the person "who presents new evidence, which, in the panel's opinion, is the most scientifically valuable, although it is not considered conclusive enough to win the \$50,000." The April 30 ENQUIRER features an interview with a former Army Intelligence officer who is now devoting much of his time to investigating UFO reports.

The May 1 issue of MIDNIGHT carries an article proclaiming that scientists are now certain that UFOs are extraterrestrial craft. Two "anonymous" (to me, at least) scientists named Eriksen and Birnbaum are quoted, as well as Dr. Hynek and Stanton Friedman. MIDNIGHT is toning their material down a bit, but I wouldn't advise you to take this latest article too seriously.

The Fortean and "enigmatologists" among our readers might very well be interested in knowing of some cassette tapes which are now available. These are selections from the old radio show, "Incredible But True!" and feature dramatizations of all forms of unexplained phenomena, including some UFO reports. There are 19 cassettes in all, containing 152 stories. Vol. 1 sells for \$3.98; Vols 2 through 19 are available at the rate of 3 tapes for \$10.00. Write to: "Incredible But True!" - Sawyer, Michigan 49125.

Erich von Daniken's GODS FROM OUTER SPACE has recently been released in a paperback edition by Bantam Books (\$1.25). This is a good one and it is understood that von Daniken's third book will be published in September.

Another recent paperback is Dale Titler's WINGS OF MYSTERY, which details various mysteries of the air, including a chapter on UFOs. A very interesting book, available from Tower Books for 95¢.

Getting away from books which deal solely in facts and figures, it is refreshing to read a human account of one man's search for that most elusive of all things--Truth. Such a book is Billie Sea's "Yes! MOUNTAINS!" His story does involve UFOs, however, as he regards them as one indicator of profound changes soon to come to our planet. In the main, the book is a semi-autobiography, giving accounts of the author's psychic and physical adventures. I enjoyed reading it and I think perhaps you might like it also. It is available for \$5.00 from Sparks & Click Electric Service - Route 2 - Sedro-Wooley, Washington 98284.

If you want to try for the \$50,000 question (proof that UFOs come from outer space) or the \$5,000 award (for new scientific evidence re UFOs) write to UFO Reward, The National Enquirer, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla., 33460, before Jan. 1, 1973. Claims must come from individuals, not from organizations; according to William Dick, Articles Editor, in a letter to SKYLOOK.

Astronomy Notes The May Sky (By Ted Phillips) Venus is still visible during May, setting at 10:40 p.m. May 1st and at 9:10 p.m. June 1st.

Mars may be seen as a very faint reddish object in the southwest just after sunset; it sets at 10:20 p.m. May 1st and at 9:40 p.m. June 1st.

Jupiter is seen throughout the evening, rising at 11:25 p.m. May 1st; 9:10 p.m. June 1st.

Saturn is not visible but for a very brief period after sunset.

The Constellations. No. 13 Coma Berenices (Berenice's Hair) By Mark Herbstritt -- Coma Berenices is a small constellation lying between Bootes and Leo and can be seen on a clear, moonless night. Over 100 spiral galaxies have been found here in an area equal to that of the moon (1/2 degree). It culminates on May 17 at 9 p.m.

As far as stars are concerned, there is nothing as bright as fourth magnitude in Coma Berenices. It is, however, an area which contains several points of tremendous interest. In it is located the North Pole of the galaxy, whose equator is the Milky Way.

Eratosthenes mentions this constellation, but Tycho Brahe was the first to give it an official place among the others. This region is the northern part of the great Coma--Virgo Cluster of galaxies.

The French astronomer De Vaucouleurs advanced the theory that our galaxy is a member of a metagalaxy--a galaxy of galaxies--whose overall form is similar to that of our galaxy. De Voucouleurs says that the hub of this galaxy lies in the Coma-Virgo Cluster.

The Arabs, apparently must have had some inkling that there is something strange and mysterious about this region, for they called it "The Retreat of the Howling Dogs."

Mariner 9 Is Resting

From the Arkansas Gazette, March 19, 1972 --- The Mariner 9 spacecraft was a blind eye in the Martian sky Saturday, victim of an apparent computer failure that forced engineers to switch off its cameras and scientific sensors.

The spacecraft has more than fulfilled its task, scientists report and spokesmen at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Pasadena, Cal., say Mariner's systems may not be switched on again until June. In two weeks, it is due to start a scheduled 65-day dormant period to conserve its power while its orbit takes it into the shadow of Mars.

Despite the global dust storm that shrouded Mars for the first few weeks of the Mariner's mission, more than 84 per cent of the planet's surface has been mapped. The photographs and the thousands of measurements of the Martian environment have given man a totally new picture of the once mysterious planet.

If the malfunction in its on-board computer can be rectified, Mariner will resume operating on a limited scale. It has a productive life-span estimated at one year.

Credit: Lucius Farish.

Editor's Note: We suggest you write the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif., and ask for photographs of Mars taken by Mariner 9. We have received some beautiful photos from them--at no charge.

Support the Space Program--it's important.

If there is a red X by your name on the address label, your subscription to SKYLOOK expires with this issue. Renew it today so you won't miss the next issue.

From "Mada Fronta" (Young Front), a daily newspaper of Czechoslovakia, July 5, 1969, Prague, Czechoslovakia

IT SHINED WITH A CRIMSON LIGHT

On February 19th of this year there was a completely unnoticed report of this in Mada Fronta, but for those who might have overlooked it, here is a brief review:

Czechoslovakia has now established its first center, where there will be a systematic gathering and investigation of reports of Unidentified Flying Objects, (internationally signified as UFO's) and other mysterious phenomenon noticed in the skies, and within the borders of our country. Among the scientific consultants and fellow workers of the center are the following: Dr. Joseph Dvorak, of the Medical Academy of Sciences Atmospheric Physics Department, Dr. Svatopluk Kriz and Dr. Boris Valnicek, of the Astronomical Observatory in Ondrejov. The information center is located in Prague and it has established consultative cooperation with the headquarters of the Air Defense section of the Czechoslovakian Army and has expressed a sincere interest in establishing contacts with outside institutions that conduct research on this UFO phenomenon. Since the establishment of this first UFO Center, roughly five months have passed and there has been no further mention of our center in the press. What kind of activity have we been engaged in since our establishment?

First of all, the fears that were expressed by one of our fellow workers at our office of the center, that by opening this center, there would be an onslaught of UFO sightings, an epidemic, that periodically for a number of years has occurred in many countries of the world, would flood our office did not occur here. Perhaps people have more serious matters to think about rather than concerning themselves with an invasion of 'Flying Saucers'. . . . So far there have been only six reports submitted about various lights that moved unusually in the sky at evening, that the officials were not able to explain. Unfortunately, the observer's reports are so incomplete and inaccurate, that from them it cannot be determined what was really observed. To date the most accurate report of some kind of mysterious "STAR" that stopped for a few moments and "shined with a crimson light," was sent to us with a detailed sketch by Mr. Otakar Cvrcek from Studnica in Machoda. This sighting is still under investigation.

There is also a statement by a witness, who stated that with his own eyes he saw land and then take off some kind of mushroom shaped object, which was about sixteen feet in diameter. He said that he saw this object about ten years ago at Radotina.

There were a number of interested people that have contacted us about themselves. Some were from Prague, Pilsen, Brunn Czech Lindeu and various other cities, including some army personnel that have for various reasons developed an interest in this subject of UFO's. One of these individuals has compiled an extensive archive and actively corresponds with other UFOlogists in other countries. George Klinger of the Prague Physics Institute, for instance is doing research himself with various signs of the past that would signify that our planet could possibly have been visited by beings from another planet hundreds and thousands of years ago.

A great response about the center came from outside our borders. The report of its establishment was carried by the wire services and reached many countries around the world. As a result we received here

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many letters from overseas UFO organizations and individuals showing a sincere interest for cooperation and exchange of information. From France we heard from a Mr. Henry Chaloupek, who writes in the behalf of the organization G. E. P. A. and the Courrier Interplanetier and he sent a report on two additional UFO study groups that are active in France. It would appear that throughout the world there are a great number of individuals and organizations actively engaged in examining and investigating the UFO problem and often on such a wide organizational basis that they can and do call international congresses and meetings. There are being published many books and a number of journals that deal with UFO's. The West German monthly UFO-Nachrichten is still prospering after fourteen years. In some socialist countries as far as we can determine, there exists smaller UFO centers in Poland and in the U.S.S.R.

Under the influence of a misinterpretation given in the February 19th article which appeared in Mlada Fronta there is a conclusion drawn in many countries abroad, that our center in Prague is a governmental financed institute and that our expenses are paid by the federal government. From many a letter we have received, the writer expresses the envy of such a position, because in their situations they are sponsored individually or are self-sustaining. Maybe, even in our country some citizens may be disturbed that at a time when it looks so bleak economically here, that it would be a federal waste of funds to study such nonsense and that the premises that the center occupies would serve better as living quarters for some needy family.

In reality this is not the case. The information center occupies the corner of the editorial office of Mlada Fronta, that has made available the office needs. Those being a cabinet, a few file drawers, administrative assistance and an organizational shield. From the federal government this center receives no assistance in any form, nor does it seek such aid. There are no regular employees. The founders and co-workers and the scientific consultants and newspaper men are donating their services as interested parties. They wish according to their meager means and abilities to register and to analyze the many "mysterious happenings" on the horizons. In the interest of preventing sensualism that often accompanies UFO reports and that also in these sensualistic accounts, they would not permit the escape of an investigation worthy items for serious study, that call for enlightenment and are provocative enough for serious, critical and unprejudiced minds. / Translation a bit muddled here. /

The existence of UFO's as a natural phenomenon or as a technical phenomenon is a fact that by itself merits scientific study.

In conclusion, no one can show positive proof that we are alone in the universe or that there are no other planets where intelligent life, perhaps more advanced in one or another field of science than we are. Therefore, we can not truly exclude the possibility (though limited) that they could appear in the skies. It is difficult to doubt that such an encounter with an alien super-civilization would be the most important and critical moment in all the history of mankind. In summary, even with our many worldly problems, such an encounter merits sober, serious contemplating about this eventuality.

Stanislav Bartl

MOVING? Send us your new address. Third class mail is not forwarded.

Organization
Notes

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis met March 19, at 2 PM at the Lemay Bank, 152 Lemay Ferry Road, with twenty-four present. John F. Schuessler, Director, presided over an interesting meeting. Following the business session, Gerald Skiver, a high school student from Beckemeyer, Ill., was the guest speaker and told of a glowing UFO which he photographed near Beckemeyer on the night of Jan. 8, 1972. The photo was passed around and showed a bright irregular object, not a star or plane.

Mr. Price, a Group member and a McDonnell-Douglas employee, discussed the UFO article in the April issue of SAGA.

Bill Armstrong gave a brief report on the MUFON radio net whose main function is exchanging information, sighting reports etc rather than actual investigation. The 75 meter band is crowded, particularly at the net meeting time (7 PM) and interference often keeps members in more southerly locations from hearing the net control. Ron Anderson, in Wisconsin. The local 2-meter band would be more useful in following sightings actually in progress--in case the UFO cooperated in appearing while two or more hams had their rigs turned on.

The next meeting will be held April 30th, same hour and place. The Group will not meet in May. (Reported by Carol Armstrong)

John Schuessler Spoke at Planetarium -- An open house was held at the McDonnell Planetarium in St. Louis, Sunday afternoon, April 9. John Schuessler, Director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, was introduced by John Preisack, Assistant Director of the planetarium, and had an attentive audience as he described recent UFO sightings in Missouri and Illinois, spoke of the Study Group and its goals, and answered questions. Fact sheets and alert cards were distributed to all present.

A telescope was set up for viewing Venus, now at its brightest and visible in daytime. There were space movies and displays including a movie on Skylab, the program that will put the United States' first space station into earth orbit. Mr. Schuessler, a Design Engineer, has a part in this important project.

Members of the Study Group feel it is a definite step forward to have the UFO subject accepted on the same level as other sky phenomena by the directors of the Planetarium. (Reported by Carol Armstrong and Joe Gurney)

MUFON Directors on Radio -- Clarence O. Dargie, and Rosetta Holmes, both state section directors for MUFON, appeared for their third interview on radio station WGGH, at Marion, Ill., April 15th. They were the guests of station manager, Larry Watts, and Diane Miller on the "Sound Off" program and after speaking on the subject of UFOs, answered questions and heard reports from listeners telephoning the station.

The two were invited to return for another program, and the station plugged their upcoming program, June 13, on TV Channel WSIL at Harrisburg, Ill., at 9:00 AM on "The Hour" show. SKYLOOK readers in that listening area should make a note of this date. (Reported by Rosetta Holmes) / Sorry we almost left you out, Rosie. Ed/

Dates to Remember June 4--UFO Study Group of St. Louis meeting; June 17--Third Annual MUFON Conference at Quincy, Ill.; July 22--Skywatch beginning at sundown at Boulder Access to Carlyle Lake, Carlyle, Ill.; July 23-- Rosetta and Dick Holmes' 4th Annual all day picnic, at the Boulder Access to Carlyle Lake. The July meeting of the St. Louis Study Group will be held that afternoon at the picnic grounds.

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