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Bright Object Sighted Near Imperial, Mo.

Mark Wallace, Route 3, Imperial, Mo., sighted a bright object in the sky about 9 o'clock, the night of July 30, July 31st and August 1st. The sky was clear the first night with moon and stars visible. The next night was "hazy" and it was "cloudy" the following night. The object was seen in the eastern sky, moving from the south to the north and was in sight about three seconds. Seen at first the size of a distant star, it was described as being "a little bit larger than a grapefruit" as seen through binoculars at the closest point to the observer and was described as being "bright as a headlight." Two other Imperial residents (names on file) also observed the object.

Credit: Mrs. Doris Schneider, Reporting: John F. Schuessler, Investigating.

Next Month: More on "UFO Witness Gets the Point" (May SKYLOOK)

Editor's Note: We have received enough copy to publish three magazines this size this month, and we are about to use the margins and hang some "over the edge" in order to print as much as possible.

With the Editor

In this mad, mod world almost anything goes, but some old-fashioned truths haven't changed a bit, and one is the old saw, "Saying it is so doesn't necessarily make it so." Right now we are referring to the cults who claim contact with beings from Venus, the Moon, Mars or other planets. They ride flying saucers into outer space and come back to tell of the planets they have visited and the "messages" they bring to earthlings. Whether they are just seeking publicity or trying to make a fast buck, they hinder and discredit the work of serious investigators, as they arouse the ridicule of a public which only too often makes no distinction between the groups.

Consider the following:

The Aetherius Society, a religious group, claims firsthand knowledge of the mysteries of space. Dr. George King, of Los Angeles, who founded the society, says he was reached by a Venusian named Aetherius in 1954. Dr. King has visited the planets, he says, and he reports the Martians are 6 feet, 6 inches tall, with tiny feet, large hands and glossy cinnamon colored skin. He hasn't explained how they exist on a planet which our Mariner cameras reveal to have a surface about like that of the moon--no doubt Dr. King will get around to this in time. Edna Spencer, who heads the largest and most active branch of this society in Detroit, says that until a few years ago, when saucer folk had bases on the moon, man was forbidden to land there. Now this ban has been revoked, she says. This, no doubt, accounts for the safe landing of our astronauts. It hasn't been explained if they were informed of this gracious permission before leaving earth--or if the timing is just lucky coincidence.

In England the Rev. Ian Johnson, of Birmingham, heads the New Church of Jerusalem with about 4,000 members and his congregation believed the astronauts would find dwarfs "with voices like thunder" when they landed on the moon, according to a statement made July 17th just three days before the moon landing. Maybe the little fellers left the Moon with all the Aetherians when the "ban" was lifted.

We quote from a page ad in one of the news stand magazines: "A well-known researcher announces communication with people on all known planets in our solar system--as well as the undiscovered ones!" We are not permitted to publish the name of this researcher since he or she does not wish to interrupt research to answer the volume of mail which would result * * * "--We have quoted this word for word. Some of the books advertised in the rest of the ad include such titles as "Invitation from the Planet Venus," "Neptune from Experience Gives Advice," "From Jupiter the Planet of Joy"--and if that isn't enough, "The Undiscovered Planets" (undiscovered, of course, by anyone but the 'well known researcher' mentioned in the first paragraphs).

Or you can spend a couple bucks for "My Visit to Venus" and learn all about the author's "startling visits with space people." Another book on the market will tell you about "the stranger from Venus" who has been working at the Pentagon in Washington for years. If that doesn't grab you, you can spend three dollars for still another book which will

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not only explain all UFO's, but will explain "life in the Heavens and Hells, E.S.P., psychic phenomena, healing, levitation, clairvoyance * * spirits have shown themselves so they could be recognized and have the pictures drawn * * " and the author of this remarkable book "is a dead man"--well, dead from the ears up, at any rate.

Another author for a publisher of this type of "revelations" has a friend from Saturn who is a couple hundred years old but "a perfect specimen of a man" and she has also met people from Venus and Mars as well. She is informed on all kinds of out-of-this-world matters--- for example, she says Jesus is sailing around in space on a spaceship with 78 disciples! The reason you and I and the folks next door have not been approached by the brothers from outer space is because we are "unclean." Only the pure in heart. . . .

The May issue of one of the current UFO magazines has an article about a "spirit healer" who is buddy-buddy with a moon-man who has informed him "they" are similar to earthman, have vehicles for planetary travel and would welcome our astronauts who would be able to understand their language. We assume this is a different tribe from the dwarfs with voices like thunder or the Aetherians, and apparently they had business elsewhere or got the landing date mixed for we didn't notice the welcoming committee when the Apollo landed and we sat at the TV set.

Fascinating, eh? Had enough? Well, we have--right up to here!

SKYLOOK To Be Listed in University Directory

J. F. Kuhns, 311 E. 48th St., Kansas City, Mo. (former publisher of SKYLOOK) forwarded a letter and questionnaire from the University Library at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. We mailed three copies of SKYLOOK (May through July 1969) along with the completed questionnaire and have since been informed by Robert H. Muller, Associate Director, that SKYLOOK will be included in the university's new directory "of periodicals dealing with controversial issues, dissident views, minority opinions etc." Mr. Muller informed us the first edition (1967) was very favorably received and was bought by over 2000 libraries.

We are more than pleased with the copy of the review given SKYLOOK and are grateful to John for forwarding the original letter.

"To Norma Short and the SKYLOOK Staff: In today's news media where truth and value appear suddenly 'antiquated,' I enthusiastically admit to no doubts whatsoever that this is a magazine destined to grow, to emerge, and to take its rightful place among the hierarchy of values in regard to the UFO matter.

(Signed) "Doris J. Schneider"
(St. Louis, Mo.)

LUNAR AIR FORCE POOH-POOHS SPIDERY UFO---"Ridiculous," Says Moon Men

THE MOON:--The lunar air force disclosed today that it is investigating reports that an unidentified flying object (UFO) was sighted last Sunday in or near the Sea of Tranquillity.

However, an air force spokesman scoffed at suggestions that the UFO may have been a spaceship from earth or some other planet.

"We get reports of this type quite frequently and we routinely check them out," the spokesman said. "The so-called 'flying saucers' usually turn out to have been optical illusions caused by crater gas or something of the sort. We have no evidence that there is any kind of life on earth. And even if the planet were inhabited, it would be ridiculous to think that the earthlings would be able to fly to the moon!"

Despite official skepticism, however, residents of the Sea of Tranquillity insisted they saw a strange vehicle land on Sunday and take off again on Monday.

"It passed right over my head," said Mrs. Maudie Tribling, who lives in Crater 22. "I could see two weird-looking creatures peering out of the windows as it went by." Asked to describe the vehicle, Mrs. Tribling said it "looked something like a spider with spindly legs and dishes instead of feet." She said it was "breathing fire" when she first saw it. She said it seemed to hover briefly over the crater and then descend a short distance beyond the rim.

Mrs. Tribling's story was corroborated to some extent by Clyde Kipper, who vowed that he actually saw the vehicle land and two unmoonly figures emerge. "They were white all over and had big square backs and glass faces," Kipper said. "I couldn't tell if they were robots or living things, and believe me, I didn't hang around to find out."

Kipper was asked what the creatures were doing when he saw them. "I know you aren't going to believe this," he said, "but they were kind of leaping around and picking up rocks. Once they stopped and--I'll swear I'm not making this up--they stopped and set up a red, white and blue cloth and saluted it."

A lunar air force official called Kipper's statement "sheer fantasy." He said, "I've heard some wild stories in my time but this one tops them all. He must have been reading too much science-fiction."

Source: "The Brawley News," Brawley, Calif., July 24, 1969
Credit: Lou Farish

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A sighting which occurred on the morning of August 12, 1969, is currently under investigation. A round, silver-colored object was seen in the Osage Beach, Stover and Camdenton, Mo., area over a two hour period and radio station KRMS at Osage Beach was flooded with calls from observers.

The announcer, a close friend of the writer, reported the first call was made about 6:30 a.m. The announcer went outside and saw a round, silvery object hovering overhead. He then told his radio audience to watch for the object, and the calls began to come in. One observer reported seeing the object from a point 17.5 miles south-east of Osage Beach. Seen through binoculars, the object had a rim around the center, he said.

The silvery and glassy object hovered until about 7:45 a.m. at which time it began moving slowly towards the south-southwest. It was seen from Stover at 7:15 as a slowly moving object moving from the east to the west across the southern sky. There was a light wind out of the south and the sky was clear.

It was observed by the SKYLOOK editor for nearly an hour and she reported the object, seen through binoculars, looking like a glass sphere, slightly flattened at the top and at the base, and reflecting the sun with rainbow glints of light as would a prism. Seen with the naked eye, it appeared as a round, gray object. Stover is some 25 miles northwest of Osage Beach.

Our first thought was that this might have been a balloon; however, we have not been able to find any information confirming this as of this date. The writer contacted the Columbia, Mo. Weather Bureau and was given the following information: the bureau launches a radiosonde balloon every morning and evening at 6 o'clock. The balloons are some 12 to 15 feet in diameter and 15 to 18 feet in length when fully inflated. They reach altitudes of 70,000 to 100,000 feet maximum. They reach maximum inflation at launch plus about 1 hour and 45 minutes to 2 hours. They generally descend at about 2 hours maximum--or about 8 o'clock. (The object was seen at last report about 8:30 o'clock)

In a letter from the Weather Bureau Central Region, Kansas City, Mr. G. A. Hosick of the bureau stated that the winds above 5,000 feet were from the northeast. It would appear that the balloon, if such it was, would have passed north of Stover and the sighting area. It would appear we can eliminate the radiosonde balloon from Columbia as it would not have traveled the 63 miles from Columbia to Osage Beach in 30 minutes.

The possibility of a large research balloon launched from out of state is still being checked. Any further report will appear in the next issue, and we would like to hear from others who observed the object. Send in your report to the writer--Ted Phillips, 1113 Ware Ave., Sedalia, Mo., 65301, or to SKYLOOK, Box 129, Stover, Mo. 65078.

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Object--Probably a Meteor--Sighted at Jefferson City

On the evening of August 6, 1969, a police officer in Jefferson City, Mo., saw a meteor-like object. When interviewed on telephone by Ted Phillips, the officer said the sighting occurred as he was writing a traffic ticket at 9:25 p.m. The sky was clear and the object was seen in the northwest. It was a yellow-white ball of fire and appeared to be in several pieces. He saw the object for just two or three seconds. There was no sound.

This Looks Like a Big One!

As we "go to press" Ted Phillips informs us he is investigating a reported landing case, with probably a dozen witnesses, and photographs. We won't give the location now as we hope this will be a SKYLOOK "exclusive" in our next issue. Watch for it!

Child Alerts Mother to Sky Object

A bright object was seen in the northern sky about 3 A.M. August 2, near Camdenton, Mo. The observer, interviewed by Ted Phillips, said her 5-year old son called her attention to a glowing light, and they watched it from the bedroom window for several minutes. She described it as being a bright, white light that flashed at regular intervals. It hovered and moved in a zigzag fashion with considerable vertical motion. They could see no other lights on the object and there was no sound.

UFORC Sighting Forms

Ted Phillips writes: "I received the first copies of a new UFO sighting form from Mr. Rod Dyke, UFORC, Seattle, Washington. The forms include a 6-page report form, a 4-page priority form, a weather form, a sky map form, and a photographic report form. These are the most complete and far reaching set of report forms that I have yet to see. Upon the completion of these forms any given sighting would be covered very well. I would like to take this opportunity to commend Rod for the development of these forms. UFORC is doing a lot of very fine work in the UFO field and should be given credit where credit is due. I am most happy to be directly affiliated with this fine group."

Editor's Comment: Mr. Dyke was editor of the UFORC JOURNAL which ceased publication last June with unexpired subscriptions turned over to SKYLOOK. Rod needed more time for research, but gets out a newsletter on an exchange basis and operates a clipping service.

The Midwest UFO Network would like to have the opportunity to study the sighting forms, as they have not yet adopted a form and several are being considered.

Rod's address is: Rod B. Dyke, 3521 S. W. 104th St., Seattle, Washington, 98146.

More on Mattoon, Ill. Sighting

The August issue of SKYLOOK reported a sighting over Mattoon, Ill. July 14th and it will be remembered the police decided the bright object was "just a star."

Leonard Sturm, 1835 S. Fairview Ave., Decatur, Ill., member of the Decatur UFO Research Committee, investigated the sighting and sent us his report, along with newspaper clippings from the Mattoon "Journal Gazette" (from which our August report was written), the Coles County "Times Courier" and the "Decatur Herald."

We quote from Mr. Sturm's report: "Mr. and Mrs. McKibben first noticed the 'light' in the west-southwestern sky and watched it for an hour as it moved slowly north. They notified the police by telephone at 1:06 AM CDT. The police dispatcher Jim Appel could see the object from the west window of the radio room, and he alerted officers Larry Wright and Donald Little, who also observed it. They decided that it was an unusual object, so they notified some local people, including some from the newspaper, and the state police in Pesotum, who in turn notified Chanute Air Force Base Police of the sighting early in the morning. Mr. Appel watched the same or a similar object each of the following two nights at about the same time, but has not seen it since then. The object was also seen on the morning of July 14 by a bellboy from the U. S. Grant Hotel who was at Lake Paradise, 5 miles southwest of Mattoon."

Description of the object: "It was oval shaped with flickering red, green, blue and yellow lights on it that shown like spotlights, except for an area at one end that had no lights on it. Mr. McKibben watched it through binoculars. The object at first seemed to be almost stationary in the sky, but when it moved, it seemed to move very fast, in quick jerks, Mr. McKibben said. The size was "bigger than the biggest star with the naked eye. About 1½ times the size of an egg when viewed through the binoculars." It was also noted "the lights on the object independently flashed on and off in no apparent pattern or rhythm."

Mr. McKibben resides at 712 Edgar Street in Mattoon and is an automobile salesman for the Bob Peters Ford Agency in that city.

UFO POTPOURRI is non-scheduled and is available only through exchange for other UFO publications, reports and clippings. Its sole purpose is to foster interest and cooperation in the scientific investigation of the UFO phenomena through an exchange of information and ideas. This worthwhile, no-nonsense newsletter is written by John Schuessler, P. O. Box 9, O'Fallon, Mo., 63366. Send a newspaper clipping or other form of UFO report with your request for a copy of his UFO POTPOURRI.

NAPO Disbands -- Bruce Bennett, President of the National Aerial Phenomenon Organizagion (N.A.P.O.) 82 Norman Lane, Levittown, N. Y. 11756, wishes us to announce the organization is no more, but he says the club bulletin UFO MEDIA will continue to be published at irregular intervals.

Several Watch Bright Object Over Sedalia, Mo.

At about 12:30 a.m., July 19, 1969, an unusual object was seen by several people near Leroy's Steak House in Sedalia, Mo.

As two were leaving the Steak House on south highway 65 they noticed six people looking up into the western sky and joined the group. The sky was cloudy and there were no stars visible. A round, yellow-gold colored object was moving from south to north, just west of the zenith. It was moving at a fairly high rate of speed when it suddenly stopped, hovered, and then moved with a zig-zag motion from right to left. It was moving through the lower base of the clouds and appeared brighter than the planet Venus (one of the observers is an amateur astronomer who is familiar with the planets' appearance). It also appeared larger than Venus to the unaided eye and was in sight for 30 to 45 seconds to the two interviewed by Ted Phillips and had been observed for a longer period by the others. There was no sound, no change in color or brightness. It was last seen some 45 degrees above the western horizon as the observers went inside the restaurant to get more witnesses. When they returned, it had disappeared.

The names of witnesses are on file and the two interviewed by Mr. Phillips are known by him and considered reliable. One is a Federal employee and the other part owner of a large construction company in Sedalia.

Reported UFO Landing at Air Base

A report of an unidentified flying object landing at the Whiteman Air Force Base west of Sedalia has been received from two reliable sources; but for reasons our readers can understand, names cannot be divulged.

It is reported the "object" landed just off the southwest end of a runway at the base, and the area was roped off, but not before a burned area was observed by one witness. It is reported the base was then closed for a time. Ted Phillips is trying to get more on this.

It will be remembered we reported a UFO being sighted over a missile complex in the Central Arkansas area (July issue of SKYLOOK) and Lou Parish (our Arkansas reporter) has been unable to get any further information on that one.

Texans Report Great, Glowing Ball

A great glowing ball, greenish in color and trailing fire, was reported sighted streaking in the sky southwest of Lubbock, Texas, Friday night, August 10. At least one man said he saw the fireball hit the ground. Police units, in answer to calls from many persons, found nothing.

Source: ARKANSAS GAZETTE; credit: Lou Parish

Glowing Red Ball Follows Car

Randolph ("Randy") Whitcomb, 18, of RFD 2, Waldo, Maine, used to think people who spotted UFO's were "some kind of nuts" but he has changed his mind.

Whitcomb, a summer student at Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, South Portland, was driving home Sunday night, July 20, on Route 137 between Belfast where he had been visiting and Waldo, when he sighted a glowing red ball "about as big as a basketball" about 1:45 a.m. He had pulled off on the Birches Road when the car radio "went haywire" and at the same time he noticed a red glare on the hood of his freshly waxed car. The glare was from the large, red, glowing ball hovering over the car and a little to the left. It stayed with him the three miles home and then it "moved off fast," Randy said, and he could spot it over a schoolhouse half a mile away.

He ran into the house to arouse his mother, Mrs. Shirley Whitcomb, his brother Eli, 22, and sister Gloria, 14. The UFO was still visible but "very high" and the family continued their night watch until "it was pretty well daylight and it just faded away."

During their watch until "four or five o'clock in the morning," the UFO seemed to hover, then move to the right. The boys naturally considered whether it was the lights of a plane but dismissed that, as Randy explained, "I never saw a plane stand still."

The physical appearance also evidently changed as it moved about. At times it trailed a "red V" he said.

Source: Portland, Me. "Press Herald," July 23, 1969. Credit: Brent Raynes, Hallowell, Me.

Michigan Silver Disc Identified

The first UFO sighting reported in the August edition of SKYLOOK was a "Silver Disc Seen in Michigan." As stated, Clint Williams, Detroit WPRO investigator was continuing the investigation of the object which sometimes appeared "like a blimp" and according to the conclusion of his investigation, that is just what it was--the Goodyear Airship Mayflower which was over the city of Jackson, Michigan at approximately 2:30 P.M. This information was obtained from M. R. Johnson, "Pilot in Charge" in a letter to Mr. Williams, written July 29 in reply to his inquiry.

Mr. Williams states in his report the Trooper who saw and photographed the object was honestly mistaken in calling the object a UFO. The small gray oval shape on the Trooper's several photos and the coincidental presence of the Airship (as learned later) left no doubt as to the identity of the object.

Credit: Lou Farish, who received Mr. Williams' report. Editor's Comment: We're glad to obtain a follow up report. Every case that can be closed as "identified" is one less "unknown"--we tell it as it is.

Strange Objects in Pennsylvania Sky

According to reports, there was something other than the usual moon, stars and airplanes in the Delaware County skies in Pennsylvania Saturday night, June 28. Within a 15 minute span, three people reported to the Chester "Daily Times" of seeing objects in the evening sky.

Mrs. Louis Dallam, 1018 Engle St., Chester, was sitting with her family in the back yard of their home about 7 P.M. when she noted four objects in the sky. She thought at first that they might be kites, but decided "that there wasn't enough breeze or string to possibly get kites to fly that high."

A member of the family brought out a pair of binoculars for a better look. "One had a glow around it and was larger than the other three," Mrs. Dallam said. "There was a red one and a green one also." Mr. and Mrs. Pullian and their children, neighbors, joined in watching four triangular shaped objects until about 9 P.M.

Mrs. Dallam's niece, who was visiting friends about three blocks away on Concord Road, also saw the "things" which seemed like kites at first. She also described them as surrounded by a glow and shaped like a triangle.

Mrs. Laurice Miller, 1111 Norris Drive, was another observer and watched them with binoculars about 7:30 P.M. She said they seemed to remain still but after a plane passed nearby, they slowly seemed to be ascending into the clouds.

Bernard Larson, 1208 Pulaski Drive, Marcus Hook, also reported seeing "block-like things circling around." He described them as brownish in color and mostly standing still, moving forward at times.

Parastudy, Inc., a group which investigates reports of flying saucers, also had reports of similar sightings in the area that evening. A spokesman for the Franklin Institute, which also received calls of similar sightings, had no explanation for the objects, but said it was not a predicted astrological occurrence.

On July 2nd, the "Daily Times" reported they had received more than 30 calls about the mysterious objects on that day, and the Chester Police Department received about 20 calls. Descriptions of color and appearance varied. Most people agreed that the objects were remaining stationary. Others claimed movement. A number thought the objects resembled huge kites.

Chester Township Justice of the Peace Victor M. Bowes, of 1823 W. 12th St., viewed the objects through a telescope. The 60-power telescope helped increase the size of the objects but left Bowes mystified.

"This is the second time in my life that I have seen something very unusual in the sky," Bowes said. (The first was seeing the aurora borealis.) He said the objects caused a flurry of excitement in his neighborhood and about 60 persons were out in the street looking skyward.

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It was 5:30 P.M. when Bowes got his telescope and zeroed in on the objects, which were northeast of his home. He estimated them at 5,000 to 6,000 feet and said they appeared to be green in color and resembled huge kites. He watched them for about a half hour until they disappeared. They remained in a fixed position, he reported, but the "wing portions seemed to quiver at times." He said a last view of them indicated they were moving eastward and rising in height at a great rate of speed.

On July 16 the "Daily Times" had more to add and a possible explanation. A long list of spectators reported seeing unidentified flying objects, but the most recent ones "looked like worms" it was reported.

Roxanne Peters, of 310 E. Ridge Road, reported seeing an object "about the size of your finger" the night of July 14 and was joined in the viewing by her parents and all declared the object "squirmed around in the sky like a worm."

Mrs. Riser Bowen, of 1501 Bluebell Ave., said she saw something in the sky about 12:30 a.m. The following morning she said, "I didn't know what it was. That night two Chester residents reported seeing mysterious objects in the sky about 10 p.m."

William Focks, 26, said he saw a blinking "orange thing in the sky for about 10 minutes" above Caldwell and 9th Streets. He said "it didn't do anything but blink for about 10 minutes and it looked like a star." A short time later Mrs. Andrew Johnson said she saw something looking like a rope "and making swooshing sounds, like fuses burning" fly rapidly over her home in the Ruth Bennett Homes, Chester. She said she started screaming and ran back into her house at 1430 Princely Terrace.

A mathematics teacher and student at West Chester State College was flying his kites at the time of the sightings Tuesday night (July 15) and the "Daily Times" suggests this may be the solution of the mystery. Tony Barker, 2500 block, Peoples St., Chester, flies an assortment of kites frequently from his "launching pad" in a field near Franklin and Union Avenue. His wife says her husband is an avid kite-flyer and uses "tons of line" to get his kites up high in the sky. She speculated that the sun's light may be shining on the kites when they reach a high altitude at night.

Source and Credit: Newspaper clippings, sent in by Lou Farish.

Editor's Comment: We'd like a follow-up report on this. If an on-the-spot investigator checked with Tony Barker on the 16th as to whether he was flying kites during all sightings reported, color, size, wind direction etc, it should be fairly easy to establish if kites were seen in every instance. If anyone of our readers has further information, please send your report to SKYLOOK.

Ted Phillips, Jr., 1113 Ware Ave., Sedalia, Mo., 65301, SKYLOOK staff member, wants your reports of Missouri UFO's--old or new, as he is compiling a complete file of Missouri reports. And remember, SKYLOOK wants good UFO sightings that are NEW and NOW from anywhere. Send them in. Material returned if requested.

Air Force Officer Investigates Oregon Sighting

"People probably won't believe me, but on June 30, my brother and I were up on a dead end road target practicing and we were just starting down the road when I was looking at the sky toward KAGO Hill. I think we both saw it at once. It was like a big light and it was moving slowly. It had a wide vapor trail."

So wrote Gail Bumala, 12, 76 Washington St., Klamath Falls, Ore., in a letter to the "Herald and News" of that city. Gail and her brother Mark, 16, had joined the growing group of Americans who have reported seeing UFO's, the "Herald" reported in a 4-column story in its July 13th issue, the source for this article.

Gail continued that "all of a sudden (the object) blacked out. A second later something appeared, but it didn't have a vapor trail. All of a sudden it disappeared like it had disintegrated in a puff of smoke. As we watched, something real small looking fell into the hills. When we first saw it (the UFO) my brother focused field glasses on it and he said it looked as if it had four engines." Gail, unlike many sighters of UFO's, went on to note the time of evening, the condition of the sky, the direction in which the object was moving and the length of time taken by the process she and her brother witnessed.

The "Herald and News" alerted 1st Lt. Larry Haapanen, 24, the Unidentified Flying Objects officer at Kingsley Field. The commander of each Air Force base is responsible for carrying out investigations of UFO's in his area. Normally, this job is delegated to a subordinate such as Haapanen.

"The official position of the Air Force is that there is insufficient evidence to indicate that these objects are extraterrestrial in origin," Haapanen explained, referring to the theory that UFO's may be manned space vehicles from another planet. "But the Air Force does not deny the possibility of life on other planets either."

The news account went on to say that Haapanen, who has investigated half a dozen UFO sightings in the Klamath Falls area in the past year and a half, became interested in the subject before he joined the Air Force, and he urges the public to report any UFO sightings to the Air Force. "I'm happy to investigate any calls I get, though not all of my cases turn out to be unknowns," he said. "I've never had a report that originated from anyone I thought was eccentric or ignorant. And some reports you can't exactly ignore." He explained he had received no reports from the "flying saucer cults," whose members tell strange stories of visions, revelations and meetings with astronauts from other planets.

Haapanen said while most UFOs are eventually identified as aircraft or odd natural phenomena, about two per cent of UFO sightings remain unexplained, carried simply as "unknowns" on the records, and he said he has seen things in the sky he could not identify, "but I wouldn't say just because of that it was a flying saucer."

He believes the greatest problem in UFO investigation is lack of

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information. "Sometimes people accuse the Air Force of not telling everything it knows about UFOs. The public doesn't tell the Air Force everything it knows either," he said.

Descriptions of UFOs, said the lieutenant, are often so vague that "quite frankly, it's hard to tell what the heck some of these things are. If somebody just says he saw a light in the sky, we can't do very much."

The UFO officer said persons who sight UFOs should note the following:--The exact time of the sighting; how long the object was visible; elevation in the sky in degrees (it is impossible to tell the altitude in feet of something that is unrecognizable, he warns); the size of the object compared to something ordinary; the object's shape and behavior; and the condition of the sky at the time of the sighting.

People reporting UFOs, such as Mark and Gail, are contacted by Lt. Haapanen for an interview. They are given a simple but thorough booklet in which they describe in detail what they have observed; directions are supplied for the drawing of diagrams; and the booklet contains space for the observer's supplementary remarks. Haapanen then correlates the data supplied by the witness with other sighting reports, aircraft scheduled for the area and other such items of information that might give a clue to what the UFO really was. Often the identification attempt is successful; sometimes it is not.

"One of the unknowns that intrigues me personally is the McMinnville Ore., sighting in the early 1950s," Haapanen relates. "The witness produced movies of the unknowns in the sky." He went on to say that the Condon Committee had subjected the films to "extremely detailed analysis" and, "They could not prove the films to be hoaxes. There was something up there. . . it's interesting to me because it's virtually the only sighting the committee studied that doesn't have a good explanation."

Investigations are still pending on the UFO sighting by the Bumalas and Haapanen revealed sightings took place at the same time over Dunsmuir and Medford and were reported to Kingsley Field by KMED-TV, Medford.

Credit: Lou Farish.

Editor's Comment: In our opinion, the remarkable feature of this report is not the sighting itself (which certainly IS interesting) but the attention given it by an Air Force investigator and the press. We are so accustomed to believing the Air Force either does not investigate or/and officially pooh-poochs any sighting as nonsense as a matter of "policy," it is good to know there is another side to the coin. The personal interest and attitude of this investigative officer may make the big difference--but in this instance, at any rate, no effort was made to suppress the news, ridicule the observer, or laugh off the whole matter. A salute to Lt. Haapanen and the Oregon press!

Copperas Cove, Texas, Sighting

Dennis D. Bradford, age 15, 2713 Live Oak, Copperas Cove, Texas, was playing kickball with friends near Meadow and Post Oak streets when one of the boys called the others' attention to an object in the May twilight sky.

Dennis describes the object as an oblong, dull silver in color. He said they watched it disappear into a cloud and when next seen, it was accompanied by a smaller saucer-shaped object. The oblong object then appeared to break in half and part of it went on with the smaller object.

The sighting took place in the same area where an Air Force wife, who doesn't want her name used, has reported seeing unidentified objects over high tension lines.

Credit: Mrs. Rosetta Holmes, Carlyle, Ill.

"Something" Cuts Path Through Iowa Cornfield

Eldridge Winey, of Deloit, Ia., would like to know what it was that cut an 18 to 20 inch path for a distance of 80 rods through his cornfield. He reported to the Denison, Ia., "Review" (July 3rd) "It was 80 rods long on a very uniform path 18 to 20 inches wide. It cut down all the corn stalks in its path." Apparently it started on the south side and headed north, stopping at a line fence.

Three stalks in each row were cut. According to Winey it must have been a circular object since the middle stalk was cut off close to the ground while the two end stalks were cut higher. The middle stalk was cut sharply while the end ones were cut jaggedly. Another curious aspect of the phenomenon was that none of the cut stalks were burned or even scorched. ("Curious" if a fireball made the path, and Winey can come up with no other good guess.) Whatever it was traveled on gently rolling land jumping over two waterways in a curving path.

Flying Objects Seen in Oregon

The Bend, Ore. "Bulletin" reported a "half moon" object drifted high over Central Oregon the afternoon of July 10 and was observed in one locality for nearly four hours. Spotted in the southwest, the object first drifted north, then west and eventually disappeared into the clouds. Radio reports indicated the object was also observed in the Eugene area and was listed as a UFO. Some said it was as large as a big jet plane.

The Klamath Falls, Ore. "Herald and News" (Aug. 3rd) said many reported an unidentified flying object near Roseburg, Melrose, Lookingglass, Temmie and Winston. A pilot for Roseburg Skyways reported seeing an object as he was landing his plane. He attempted to keep up with the UFO but it moved away too fast for him.

Three Douglas County deputy sheriffs, investigating the reports, saw the object. One said it had orange and white lights.

Credit: Lou Parish

Perhaps the most controversial UFO article of recent months is found in the August issue of ARGOSY. The author, Renato Vesco, is an Italian aircraft engineer who claims to have investigated UFO reports for the past eighteen years. It is his contention that UFOs are English/Canadian secret aircraft, manufactured in huge underground Canadian plants. Whence came the knowledge to build these remarkable craft? Need we even ask? Whenever anyone comes up with a variant of the "Earth-made saucer" theory, it always seems to boil down to "secret German developments at the end of World War II." Vesco's theory is no different. According to him, British intelligence agents captured plans for the German "Kugelblitz," or "round lightning," and from these plans (and others) the British and Canadians have developed the circular aircraft which have mystified millions since 1947. Aside from the many absurdities and inconsistencies inherent in this theory (e.g. flights over highly populated areas for 22 years with no "engine failures"), it totally ignores the vast history of UFOs, extending back many thousands of years. While no one denies the possibility that saucer-shaped secret aircraft may exist now, it is extremely hard to believe that such super-weapons would not have become common knowledge by now, had they existed at the end of World War II. If this is the best Mr. Vesco has been able to do in the past eighteen years, we urge him to stick to more mundane subjects for the next eighteen! Perhaps he can find something more suitable for his "talents."

"Mankind--Children of the Planets?" is the title of an interesting article in the September issue of SAGA. For those who have read Otto Binder's FLYING SAUCERS ARE WATCHING US, Anthony Ahearn's article may seem quite familiar. It is a virtual word-for-word reprint from the Binder book. Briefly, it postulates that man is a hybrid--a cross between super-civilized "starmen" and prehistoric Earth primates. Evidence is presented which suggests that an advanced technology once existed on (or visited) our planet, long before our written history. The "hybrid" theory is a most intriguing one and may well prove to be correct. Even with those familiar with the theory, the SAGA article is worth reviewing.

As some UFO researchers already know, discount book houses often offer some real bargains in UFO literature. This is definitely the case with Publisher's Central Bureau, 33-20 Hunters Point Ave., Long Island City, N. Y., 11101. In their recent booklist they offer (all in hard-back editions): ANATOMY OF A PHENOMENON by Jacques Vallee (#464) @ \$1.49; CHALLENGE TO SCIENCE by Jacques & Janine Vallee (#465) @ \$1.98; THE INTERRUPTED JOURNEY by John G. Fuller (#9744) @ \$1.00. Also available in softcover is UFO'S FOR THE MILLIONS by H. V. Chambers (#8699) @ \$1.00. There is a minimum purchase of \$3.00, but at these low prices, the books are excellent buys. The handling charge on all orders, no matter how small or large, is only 45¢.

A UFO seen over Mt. Vernon, Ill. (see June SKYLOOK) was the subject of Otto Binder's syndicated feature "Our Space Age" recently. Also sketched were sightings from SAUCER SCOOP and FLYING SAUCER BULLETIN.

More on Glow Seen in Moon Crater

The report by CBS News that the Apollo 11 astronauts had seen a glow in the lunar crater Aristarchus was not quite accurate. The Corralitos Observatory has observed illumination in the crater over the last two years. It is not a glow, but rather a lighting effect noted when the area reaches a certain surface temperature. It is not generally considered to be an indication of volcanic activity. The astronauts merely confirmed that the crater is considerably brighter than the surrounding area.

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A Good Look at Mars

July and August have been two most interesting months for those interested in both UFOs and astronomy. The moon flight and the excellent photographs of the planet Mars were followed with close attention.

However, the Mars photographs are quite disappointing to those who held hopes of finding life there. The Mariners 6 and 7 transmitted some 200 pictures as they neared and passed by the red planet. The photographs indicated a moon-like surface pitted with craters. The giant ice cap located in the southern area was of great interest as an area of Martian "snow" was seen in craters beyond its edge. Instruments indicated a temperature of -253 degrees Fahrenheit on the ice cap. One scientist stated that the cap indeed was dry ice. Another scientist disagreed, saying that he believed another instrument indicated frozen water on the edge of the cap.

The area, Hellas, a Martian plain, seemed quite smooth and free of craters. The opinions are still conflicting. It seems that we will have to wait until the early 1970's to see what the surface condition is really like. It seems that the chances of intelligent life there are becoming smaller with each step in our exploration of the red planet.

Editor's Note: We found the explanation of Mars' so-called "canals" very interesting; they are now believed to be the edges of the crater rims.

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Change of Address for UFO SPOTTER

The UFO SPOTTER has come up with a new look and a new editor, John Hopp, whose clever drawings add interest to the mimeographed quarterly. The address has changed too and is now 6432 Mandalay Drive, Parma Hts., Ohio, 44130. Subscription is \$2.00 per year, but there is now a special offer of five issues for the same price. Single copies are 75¢. The magazine contains UFO sightings, feature articles relating to astronomy and ufology, and "Saucer Shorts," the editor's comments on items in the news media.

Good luck, John—you're off to a fine start.

Fireballs and Meteors

One of the most common sources of UFO reports would seem to be bright fireballs or meteors. As we are currently seeing several brilliant displays during the months of August, September and October, we felt that an article on fireballs would be most informative at this time.

As the Earth travels around the Sun, it is passing through scattered stony fragments; at certain points along its path it encounters concentrated areas. At this time we see brilliant displays of meteor falls or meteor showers. Meteor showers occur at scheduled times during the year.

There are generally three types of meteorites: the siderites, composed of iron and about 10 % nickel; the aerolites, almost 100% stony matter, and the siderolites, which are a combination of iron and stony material.

At about 12 miles above the earth, a meteor traveling 27 miles a second is subjected to a pressure of 10,000 pounds on each square inch by the resistance of air to compression. A meteor less than a foot in diameter, traveling at this speed would sustain a pressure of over half a million pounds. As it neared the earth, it would be confronted by much greater pressures.

Fireballs or Bolides are meteors of unusual brilliance and often move very slowly across the sky leaving a luminous trail that may glow for several seconds. The writer did see a meteor of this type on August 10 about 3:00 a.m. The meteor was traveling towards the southwest and was a brilliant blue-white and left a glowing trail several degrees in length that glowed for about 15 seconds.

Meteors generally vanish from sight at about 50 miles distance. They will be seen traveling at speeds ranging from 14 to 45 miles a second; and on rare occasions at speeds up to 100 miles a second.

Meteors are seen in a variety of colors, the most unusual being the "green fireballs." The first were reported in November, 1948, in the Albuquerque, N. M., area. Many persons reported seeing green streaks in the sky, low on the horizon, traveling in a very flat trajectory. In December, 1948, an Air Force C-47 aircraft was flying near Albuquerque when the crew observed a green ball of fire that seemed to be flying in a level flight path and even appeared to arch upward slightly. A few minutes later a commercial airliner reported a fireball in level flight that had changed from orange-red to green. Sightings like these were reported in great numbers in New Mexico area during 1948 and 1949. The green fireballs have been reported on rare occasions since that time. Meteors have been a continuing source of UFO reports, some have even reported seeing ports or windows, such was a case in the Springfield, Mo. area in January, 1967.

Meteors are generally small, stony fragments, but in rare instances very large ones enter our atmosphere. Such was the case of the great

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The Astronomy Corner--(Continued)

meteor crater near Flagstaff, Arizona. It is estimated that this particular meteorite fell to earth over 20,000 years ago. The resulting crater is some 4,150 feet in diameter and some 600 feet deep.

Another large meteorite impacted in the Soviet Union in 1908. It is commonly known as the Tunguska meteorite. It crashed into the ground north of Vanavara in Siberia. The meteor was seen by many people in the Preobrazhenka area and was described as being elongated in shape and bluish-white in color. An estimated 50,000 trees were destroyed in the resulting explosion. In a circle some 24 miles in diameter all the trees were knocked to the ground, their tops pointing away from the impact area. Scattered trees within a 72 mile circle had been destroyed. An earth tremor was recorded all around the world following the impact. It is reported that the sky glowed for a long period of time after the meteor crashed to earth. This reported fall is still regarded as somewhat of an enigma and it would be interesting to see the outcome of a really complete investigation in the area.

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A Look at the SKY

The planet Mercury, the smallest planet in the solar system, is an evening object currently but will not be in a favorable position for observation as it is quite near the sun.

The exceedingly bright object to be seen in the eastern sky during the early morning hours is the planet Venus. The planet may be seen for over three hours before sunrise at a bright -3.5 magnitude. The planet is in the constellation Cancer.

Mars is still quite visible at a magnitude of -0.5 in the constellation Scorpius. It is very near the 1st magnitude star Antares, also reddish in color. Mars and Antares present a striking sight in the southern sky.

Jupiter, magnitude -1.3, is setting shortly after the sun currently. The giant planet is in Virgo as the distant planet Uranus. Uranus may be seen just west of Jupiter as a faint object in binoculars.

The Perseid meteor shower peaked on the evening of August 12, the largest number of meteors seen after midnight. It might be noted that an usually large number of meteors were seen before and after the above date.

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The UFO INFORMER, CHAPIC's monthly publication, has a new address-- 134 Hanna St., Carrboro, N. C., 27510. The subscription is \$4.00 per year; single issue, 35¢. All checks should be made to the editor, Angelo Capparella III. Check back to the July issue of SKYLOOK for a request made by Mr. Capparella to all readers.

Notice: The in depth study of one of Missouri's best UFO sightings promised for this issue was written by Ted Phillips, but is being held over because of NEW and NOW sightings which take precedence. Watch for it soon--also one by Brian Cannon.

Ball of Light Explodes Over Africa

The following report was received by the Smithsonian Institution Center, Cambridge, Mass., from Tunisia, Africa:--Observations made July 6, 1969, by Professor Bechir Torki at Tunis. At 20:54 a circular blue disc the size of the moon appeared in the direction of north about three degrees west of the polar star. The disc slowly changed its shape, passing from a circular to an elliptic form and finally to that of a growing cloud. It completely disappeared at 21:07. Its color grew slowly, blurred and blended with the darkness of the sky. At 20:55 there suddenly appeared in the north, about 10 degrees east of the polar star, a luminous object as large and as bright as the evening star. Soon after its appearance, it exploded, lighting the sky and giving apparently all the characteristics of a nuclear explosion. Around a luminous ball the size of the moon at its largest, there formed a spherical shock wave of blue color which grew rapidly from its center, was very luminous, and became the size, at the end, of a large moon halo. The explosion took place in a fraction of a second. The luminous ball gave way to a misshapen cloud which faded slowly to blend with the darkness of the sky. The entire length of this phenomenon lasted only 30 seconds. Throughout these phenomena, no noise was heard, not even some hours after their end.

Credit--John Schuessler.

Pulsating Light Zigzags Over England

A bright, pulsating light zigzagged in the night sky over Warrington, England, June 12, and was witnessed by two policemen on duty and a RAF veteran among others.

Alan Machin, 51, a policeman for 30 years and in the R.A.F. for two, was first to spot the object at 1:30 a.m. His garden was suddenly lit up by a strange, pulsating white light traveling across the sky. He had never seen anything like it before, he stated. It was not traveling fast, around 60 miles per hour, he judged, and was heading east. It was a clear night with no moon, no wind and no clouds. He called to his wife and she joined him to watch the light which had a slight zigzag motion "as if searching." Suddenly it changed direction, from east to north, in the direction of Warrington, and still zigzagging.

Machin phoned the police at Warrington and they put messages on radio to officers patrolling the city, then phoned Machin back to tell him they had seen the object and were unable to determine what it was. There was no known air traffic over the area at the time.

Jack Edwards, 40, a factory manager also reported seeing the object, giving the same general description as did several others who phoned the police headquarters.

Source: "The National Enquirer," August 1969.

Moving? Be sure to send your change of address to SKYLOOK.

READER SERVICE PAGE

Do You Read German or Italian?

In the July issue we offered our copy of a UFO magazine printed in German to the first reader asking for it. We received several requests and since we cannot read German, we are not listing the magazine on our exchange list. For those interested, their address is UFO/IFO Nachrichten, 62 Wiesbaden-Schienenstein, Postfach 17185, West Germany, Europe.

Lou Farish writes us he has several copies of an Italian UFO magazine CLYPEUS, which he will mail to the first requests received. You may write Lou at Route 1, Plumerville, Ark., 72127.

Wants to Form Club

Johnny N. Edwards, P. O. Box 785, Bridgeton, Mo., 63042, writes us he is interested in forming a club of "inventors" who are working in developing an anti-gravity or magnetic space drive.

United Network Proposed

Robert A. Goerman, director of Civilian Aerial Investigation and Research Organization (CAIRO), 615 Earl Ave., New Kensington, Pa., 15068, proposes a United Network for Aerial Research. Space does not permit reproduction of a 2-page outline mailed us, but write to Mr. Goerman if you are interested.

Debate in Kansas City, Sept. 16th

M. F. Schwalm, Program Chairman of the Psychical Research Society, of Kansas City, Mo., asks us to announce a debate ASTROLOGY vs. ASTRONOMY, sponsored by the organization, to be held Sept. 16 at the Unitarian Church at 4500 Warwick, at 8 p.m. Admission to non-members is \$1.50. Speakers are Robert L. Johnson, astronomer, Director of the Kansas City Museum of Science and History and Lt. Cmdr. David Williams, astrologer, First Vice-President American Federation of Astrologers.

Mr. Schwalm would like to hear from any SKYLOOK readers who might consider addressing the group. Write him at 6420 Rockhill Rd., Kansas City, Mo. 64131. Those interested in membership in the Society, write Mrs. Ann Hoy, 9315 Bluejacket Lane, Overland Park, Kansas. 66214.

Editor's Note: As a general rule, we will not run a "free ad" to organizations outside our Midwest UFO Network charging admission to lectures--as SKYLOOK too has expenses to meet and welcomes paid advertising. This will serve notice to other groups who may have similar announcements to make. We'll print four lines for 50¢, and 10¢ per line for each line extra.

UFO Magazine Growing

The KANSAS NEWSLETTER, official publication of UFO Research Associates Inc., P. O. Box 8, Silver Lake, Kansas, 66539, has grown from a 4-page bulletin to 11 pages (August issue) in a comparatively short time and is now devoted largely to UFO reports. The subscription is \$3.00 per year--12 issues. We feel the marked improvement is worthy of mention. Congratulations, neighbor.

MIDWEST ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Aerial Phenomenon Club

On August 11, we held our monthly meeting at the Northminister United Presbyterian Church. Because of recent UFO activity in the area and preliminary work on the convention to be held in Peoria, Ill., the week-end of June 13, 1970, we did not get to our scheduled topic of "Skeptics and Their Theories" but will cover it at the Sept. 8th meeting.

A recent report concerns a "bobbling star-like object" seen near Mattoon, Ill., July 14, 1969. The Mattoon police dispatcher described it as "an upside-down plate with a red light on each side and one on top." Other observers thought it might have been a star. However, this argument was shown incorrect when sheriff deputies reported that the object moved off to the south later in the evening.

Another interesting account was recently related to us by a truck driver. About three months ago while driving from Louisville, Ky., to Indianapolis, Ind. during a thunderstorm, he noticed a bright object coming from his left. It appeared to hit the telephone wires on that side of the road before it dropped from view behind a stalled car. Suddenly, the fireball, which he estimated was as large as one of his truck tires, darted across the road just in front of the truck. The driver now believes that he witnessed ball lightning just before it hit the wire fence on the right side of the road and dissipated.

Credit: Richard Reynolds and Jack Ginther, Reporters.

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