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Attention! All SKYWATCH Subscribers, Attention!

We regret to announce that Mrs. Jennifer Stevens, editor of SKYWATCH, has been obliged to cease publication of that fine magazine following the death of her husband. The delay in notifying her readers is due to Mrs. Stevens being hospitalized for some time.

Mrs. Stevens has selected SKYLOOK to be mailed to her subscribers, and we are pleased to be chosen as best representative of Jen's standards of reporting and policy of presenting the facts. We trust you will find SKYLOOK a worthy replacement.

The last issue of SKYWATCH was June 1969 and beginning with this issue of SKYLOOK, your subscription will be extended to cover as many issues as were due of SKYWATCH. The expiration date will be typed by the address label of this issue, and you will be notified when your subscription has expired. Those of you who are also SKYLOOK subscribers will, of course, have your subscription extended to cover the extra issues due.

We invite our new group of readers to contribute news clippings, UFO reports, comments and letters. You're "our folks" now and we hope you'll soon feel at home in our pages. We'd like to get acquainted and want to keep you in the SKYLOOK family.

We know Jen has your sympathy, along with our own, and we wish her all good things in the future and invite her to keep in touch with us through these pages. She was one of the first friends we made in entering the ufozine field, and her suggestions and advice while we struggled with our first attempts at mimeographing a magazine were warmly welcome and appreciated.

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Midwest UFO Conference to be Held in Peoria, Illinois, June 13th

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Dr. J. Allen Hynek will address the Midwest UFO Conference to be held Saturday, June 13, 1970, at the Student Center, Bradley University, in Peoria, Ill. This outstanding event, opening at 9:30 a.m. and programmed through 10:00 p.m., is being sponsored by the Illinois Section of APRO, with the Aerial Phenomena Club of Central Illinois as the host organization, providing arrangements, facilities, and ticket sales. Program arrangements and publicity have been delegated to the Tri-State UFO Study Group with Walter H. Andrus, of Quincy, Ill. as program chairman.

The theme for the conference is "UFO's--An Unexplored Scientific Horizon" as suggested by Allen R. Utke, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry, Wisconsin State University, Oshkosh, Wisconsin; APRO Consultant in chemistry; and Director of the Midwest UFO Network.

Dr. Utke's lecture will be on "UFOs and the Problem of Scientific Evidence."

The featured speaker for the Conference is J. Allen Hynek, Ph.D., Department Head, Department of Astronomy, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; Consultant to U. S. Air Force Project "Blue Book" on UFO's for over 20 years. His subject will be announced later, and it is planned for him to speak at the evening session starting at 7:30 p.m. and he will be supported during a question and answer period following his lecture by a panel composed of the other conference speakers.

Mrs. L. J. (Coral) Lorenzen, of APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization), 3910 East Kleindale Road, Tucson, Arizona, will also address the Conference and her subject will be "UFO - 1970, An Up To Date Report." Mrs. Lorenzen's work re the APRO Bulletin and co-author of several books on ufology is too well known to need elaboration here. We hope to have the hour of her address in the next issue.

Other speakers, committed at this date, and their subjects are:

Ted Phillips, Jr., Missouri Highway Dept., Sedalia, Mo.; APRO field investigator for the Missouri Section and feature writer for SKYLOOK--subject: "Burned Circles and Saucer Nests: What Is Their Significance?"

John F. Schuessler, Senior Engineer, McDonnell-Douglas Astronautics, St. Louis, Mo. (home, O'Fallon, Mo.); APRO consultant in astronautics; Director, Missouri Section of APRO; Director, UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis; editor of "UFO Potpourri," and staff member of SKYLOOK--subject: "The UFO, Just Beyond the State-of-the-Art."

Leonard W. Sturm, Electrical Engineer, Illinois Power Company, Decatur, Ill.; Director, Decatur UFO Research Committee--subject: "Electro-Magnetic Effects Associated with UFO's."

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The speakers will be introduced by Walt Andrus. In addition to those named, alternates are:

Walter H. Andrus, Jr., Manager, Quality Control, Motorola Inc., Quincy, Ill.; APRO field investigator; Director, Illinois Section of APRO, and staff member of SKYLOOK--subject: "Physical Evidence of UFO's."

Lucius Farish, Plumerville, Ark., internationally known writer and researcher of historical UFO observations; and staff member of SKYLOOK--subject: "My Most Authenticated Historical UFO Sightings."

Robert Smulling, professional photographer, Hamilton, Ill.; APRO field investigator; and Chairman of Tri-State UFO Study Group; subject--"Photographic Evidence."

With many UFO groups and publications folding up daily, the closing of Project Blue Book, the investigators and researchers in the midwest have greater incentive and motivation to carry on and feel this is the opportune time for all serious ufologists to work harder and to coordinate studies in this fascinating field. Every effort is being made by this Conference to present a program that will merit scientific consideration.

Tickets may be obtained by writing and making a check payable to:

Midwest UFO Conference  
726 N. St. Anthony Place  
Peoria, Illinois, 61604

The ticket cost can be broken down into sessions, if desired:

All Conference sessions, including luncheon---\$6.00  
All Conference sessions (no luncheon)-----\$3.00  
Morning, Afternoon or Evening Session, each---\$1.50

Mark the date on your calendar, tell your friends about the conference, and plan to be there.

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## Midwest UFO Network Director Urges Action

The following news release went out to all newspapers and some radio stations in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan recently and Allen R. Utke, Ph.D., Director of the Midwest UFO Network, expects membership in the Network to increase. The news release is as follows:

With the closing of Project Bluebook, the Air Force program which has investigated reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) for 22 years, Dr. Allen R. Utke, associate professor of chemistry at Wisconsin State University-Oshkosh, urges anyone in Wisconsin or Upper Michigan who believes he has seen a UFO to contact him.

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## Midwest UFO Network Director Urges Action (continued)

On Dec. 17, Robert C. Seamans Jr., secretary of the Air Force, announced the closing of the project, located at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, following a report financed at the University of Colorado by the Air Force. Seamans, however, suggested that although the Air Force had closed its own investigation, reports of sightings should be made "to responsible members of the scientific community."

Dr. Utke asks that anyone who believes he has seen a UFO, either in the past or in the future, contact him at Wisconsin State University-Oshkosh, 54901. He added that all such reports will be held in strictest confidence. He also urged that those interested in becoming a member of a UFO observer-investigator network also contact him.

Dr. Utke has been investigating UFO reports for over five years. He has publicly stated his belief that UFOs actually do exist and are possibly either new natural phenomena that haven't been explained or are extra-terrestrial in origin.

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## St. Louis Man Reports 1941 UFO

John Schroeder, of 4991 Miami St., St. Louis, Mo., has a vivid recollection of a UFO he and his brother saw in November 1941 when he was 17 years old, his brother 16, and the two were living with their parents in Cleveland, Ohio.

As reported to Art Epstein, of St. Louis, the two boys were on their way home from an after-school job in a grocery store. It was about six o'clock and the boys were running because it was raining. The cloud cover was very low. Suddenly the whole area became lit up as if a huge searchlight had been turned on. It was a bluish-white color like an arc light, and as the boys looked up to the sky, they saw a disc-shaped object about 35 feet in diameter. It leveled off just below the cloud ceiling, estimated to be from 300 to 500 feet. The angle at which it came down through the clouds was estimated to be about 40 degrees. After leveling off and moving on for a short distance, it went back up through the clouds at a 30-degree angle.

As it was leaving, John saw what he thought to be a definite rim of a different color, a yellowish orange. The time for the entire sighting was not more than thirty seconds, and Mr. Schroeder believes the object was no further distant than 500 or 600 feet.

This report has also been sent to APRO in Tucson, Arizona.

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## Information Wanted on Circles!

Circles--barren areas where vegetation has been destroyed and will not grow and a spot avoided by birds and animals---have been found in various parts of the world. There seems to be a relation between these baffling circles and UFO's, and Ted Phillips, Box 615, Sedalia, Mo., 65301, will be grateful if you will send him any material you may have concerning circles.

Editor's Note: Mr. Craig lives in Alma, Illinois. Art Epstein, of St. Louis, obtained this report written by Mr. Craig and calls it "a wonderful piece of documentation" and suggested it be published in its entirety. We agree, and here it is, just as it came from the pen of the 78-year old writer.

It was during the night of May 19, 1910--a red letter year in the annals of astronomy, that the astounding and inexplicable phenomena which I am about to relate occurred. A phenomena which when I have sought its explanation from many capable astronomers and scientists, has left them either silent, or frankly skeptical and incredulous.

As I have said, astronomically speaking 1910 was a red letter year because as you will remember, two great comets blazed forth into view only a few weeks apart; one a magnificent spectacle appeared suddenly and unexpected just over the western horizon in January. By the first of April the second celestial wanderer appeared, for it was then that mysterious cosmic missile known as Haley's comet came hurtling into view in the night time skies of the northern hemisphere, an object of interesting, if weird beauty as night after night its uncanny brilliance increased with its ever lessening distance from the Sun; A distance which was daily growing smaller at the appalling rate of more than a million miles due to the comet's headlong plunge toward the Sun for its regular seventy-five year perihelion visit.

Now, as astronomers well know, Haley's is a very orderly and regular visitor to our Solar system and has been known as such for hundreds of years; but as you no doubt recall during this interesting 1910 visit, some enterprising newspaper chap came out with the story to the effect that at that particular time the peculiar position of the comet was such as to render the danger of collision with the earth a likely possibility. Of course, this story gained wide circulation in the newspapers and magazines of the time and found only too many people whose credulity made them ready believers in this fanciful tale; as a result inspired in many a very pronounced uneasiness which with some at least amounted to absolute terror. The astronomers all over the world did what they could to counteract these wild stories and clearly showed by mathematical formula that the position of the celestial visitor was such that a collision with the earth was actually impossible, but these reassurances however did not suffice to quiet the apprehensions of those people who had allowed themselves to become alarmed. This was particularly true in many of the rural communities of southern Illinois, and dire predictions of the approaching end of the world were freely made.

Now as I have said: while the observers had conclusively proven by their calculations that we were in no danger whatever of a direct hit from the comet, still they did discover a very peculiar circumstance and one moreover which lent some semblance of reality to the fantastic stories of the newspaper men. It was the fact disclosed by their researches that on May 10th, the comet would pass directly between the Sun and Earth and as the tail of the comet always points directly away from the Sun, there was a very strong probability that the Earth might pass through a section of it. They did not however anticipate any occurrence out of the ordinary due to this fact because science has

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## An Enigma of the Heavens (Continued)

proven that the tail of a comet is about the most tenuous object of which it is possible to conceive; its density apparently being much less than the most perfect artificial vacuum and approaching in fact absolute zero.

Now during the spring of 1910 I was a senior in the local high school and incidentally a very enthusiastic amateur astronomer, an avocation in which I still find great delight. This being the case, you can easily imagine with what absorbing interest I watched the sky for every opportunity to catch a glimpse of the interesting visitor and it was with considerable interest that I ascertained from my observations and the announcement of professional astronomers that the comet's tail would intersect the Earth's orbit at the exact point where the Earth would be on May 19, and while not really expecting anything out of the ordinary to happen, still I determined to make unusually careful observations that night.

The night of May 19, 1910, settled down clear and calm over southern Illinois. I was, of course, most intently observing the heavens all during the earlier hours of the evening for signs of any unusual happenings, particularly was I curious to see whether or not there would be any uncommon number of meteors; but nothing at all out of the ordinary was visible, not even the comet itself, since it was now in conjunction with the Sun and hence below the horizon, so toward eleven o'clock I decided to retire for a few hours sleep and have another look in the early hours which precede the dawn. I seemed to fall asleep as soon as I touched the bed and seemingly hardly a second later was awake again, reaching for my watch and striking a light. I was amazed to note that it was 2:30 a.m. Being mindful to see what, if anything, had developed during my three and one half hours asleep, I dressed and walked out for a few observations.

Seldom, if ever, have I seen a night more perfect for the purpose. The air was unusually clear and the myriads of stars and constellations shown with the dazzling beauty and distinctness of microscopic arc lights against the jet-black color of the sky, while overhead the fainter and more remote beauty of the milky way spanned the celestial vault like some far off river of silvery, luminous sand. Lost in contemplation of the sublime grandeur of the scene and absorbed in admiration of its surpassing beauty, I had for the moment quite forgotten the comet altogether and also all thought of any unusual phenomena--when suddenly out of the southwestern sky somewhat from the general direction of the descended Orion and Sirius (a point nearly exactly opposite from the position of the comet) there burst upon my vision a strange and extraordinary sight. Flashing into view with the instantaneous quickness of a bolt of lightning, a dazzling red meteor appeared or rather what on the spur of the moment I presumed to be a meteor, but what erratic law or whim was governing the motion of this strange meteor if such it was? Where but a second before not a thing out of the ordinary had been visible in the sky, there was now appearing to my astounded and incredulous vision a fiery red globe larger and brighter than Venus, slowly and leisurely drifting across the sky following a slightly zig zag and irregular path toward the northeast, and with a speed apparently not much greater than our present day air planes would attain. In appearance it struck me instantly and forcibly as presenting a perfect resemblance both in shape and color to the ruddy planet Mars, more especially Mars as seen through a moderately powered telescope.

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## An Enigma of the Heavens (continued)

There was the same reddish ochre color, the same slightly oval shape, but there was however no indication of the so-called canals and polar caps which one would expect to find in an image of Mars.

Slowly and steadily the strange red orb seemed to drift or float in its slightly irregular course across the sky. The resemblance to Mars (although, of course, many times brighter) was very striking and there was not the faintest hint of the fiery trail of sparks which are the usual accompaniment of meteors and shooting stars. This slow drifting motion of the strange object was puzzling enough for as all observers know, the motion of a common meteor is exceedingly swift and usually over almost before one has time to get a good look at it, but even stranger things were to immediately happen. I had, by this time, followed the object's movements with eager watchfulness for a period which I judge must have been two minutes. From a point about one third way down to the southwestern horizon almost directly overhead to a point well down toward the northeast horizon, when suddenly with a jerky, convulsive shuddering movement, its motion stopped altogether and I was gazing with astonishment at a motionless, sinister red orb suspended against the background of scintillating stars and deep black sky. If I had been surprised before, I was truly amazed now for surely no ordinary meteor had ever behaved in this manner before. For almost an hour this strange fireball or whatever it was remained stationary in the sky, while strangest of all was the fact that I was aware of its gradual rising higher in the sky just as the Sun and Moon appear to do as the Earth's rotation carries the observer eastward. This fact proved conclusively to me that whatever the thing was, it was beyond the limits of our atmosphere, hence could not be a meteor: because all meteors and shooting stars without exception are caused by solid particles passing through the Earth's atmosphere at a speed of many miles per second, thereby becoming incandescent and melted by the friction of their passage through the air. It was nearly 3:45 a.m. now and I had been watching this amazing spectacle for more than an hour, and it had by this time risen some degrees backward and upward in the heavens due to the Earth's rotation, a movement which it did not share; when suddenly without a moment's warning and with that same jerky, convulsive, shuddering movement, which I had noted when it stopped, it resumed its slow, leisurely drifting movement toward the horizon. This time, however, its journey was extremely short lived, not more than ten seconds did it follow its slightly zigzag path when with the suddenness of a lighting flash, it was gone. Not a trace not a sign of its presence remained, where but a second before it had shown in all its ruddy and sinister brilliance, there was now only the twinkling stars, and the deepening darkness which heralds the dawn.

So strange, so fantastic, so utterly preposterous did the whole thing seem to me that as I returned to bed to lie pondering and thinking, I could not possibly convince myself that it had not been an hallucination. In fact, I finally decided to consider it as such and to say nothing of the matter to anyone.

Imagine my surprise then, when on the following day, I chanced to meet an acquaintance from the neighboring village of Laclede who informed me that he, together with several other young people of the village, had held an all night "comet party" and he voluntarily related to me the very thing which I had seen, and knowing my interest in astronomy, asked for an explanation which I was unable to give.

As I have stated above, this occurrence struck me at the time as

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## An Enigma of the Heavens (continued)

being a most extraordinary astronomical puzzle, and such it has remained through all these nineteen years. I can find no satisfactory explanation of it, nor have I been able to obtain one from any scientist or astronomer of whom I have sought. Strange as it may seem, there can be no question that the facts in the case occurred exactly as related, let your interpretation be what it may. Whatever the object may have been, it must have been entirely outside our ocean of air. This is definitely shown by the fact that it did not partake of the Earth's rotational movement, but after stopping appeared to rise in the sky exactly like the regular heavenly bodies and with about the same speed. Had it been merely a luminous ball of gas suspended in the air, as some authorities have suggested, there would have been no apparent motion of rising as was the case when it became stationary, because all objects within the Earth's atmosphere must of necessity share with the atmosphere the Earth's eastward movement of rotation.

To have been outside our aerial envelope it would have had to have been at a distance of at least two hundred miles from the Earth's surface and how much farther it may have been, we cannot say.

At that distance to have appeared larger and brighter than Venus, it would have been necessary that it have a diameter of many hundred yards and also at that distance to have given the effect of even slow motion that was apparent, it would have been imperative that it be traveling at the terrific speed of thousands of miles per hour.

Now just what the answer to this perplexing array of facts may be, I cannot say. You may say that it was merely some unusual phenomena connected with the comet and this theory I can not entirely disprove, but there are factors which make it appear extremely doubtful. First: the object was moving directly toward the comet or nearly so while its motion was more nearly at right angles to the cometary orbit. Second: how account for the fact of its slow motion if you say it was some sort of cometary satellite, for even though its speed was terrific, it was very much slower than that of the comet at that time.

As I watched its erratic movements that long gone night, there was borne strikingly upon my mind a curious impression of intelligent control. And a suggestion of deliberate observation on the part of the strange red mystery was startlingly impressive as it paused and hung motionless that long hour in the midnight sky. Could it have been possible then that it really was some monstrous inter-planetary or even inter-stellar vehicle, possessing a power of making itself luminous or non-luminous at will? Could it have been that it was something propelled and guided across space by intelligent beings? And is it possible that thus traveling, it by chance or design, passed near our planet and paused momentarily to gaze upon it perhaps even debating the advisability of attempting to reach its surface for a brief visit? I confess that it sounds wildly impossible and yet. . . ? Anyone watching it that night could easily have been persuaded that after a long period of indecision, the mysterious orb suddenly decided upon a course of action and again started to move, only to vanish in a few seconds.

If by some wild possibility, it was such a vehicle as I have suggested, did its occupants decide to continue their voyage and for purposes known to themselves, cause their strange car to become non-luminous and invisible, or did it really attempt to approach and contact

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## An Enigma of the Heavens (continued)

the Earth only to be caught in the appalling vortex of its orbital motion and instantly destroyed? I can not say what the answer to these queries may be, for any answer which I can suggest is in direct contradiction to every known law of Physics and Astronomy; but I do know that this thing occured exactly as I have related it to you, and more than this, I know that it was my privilege to look that night upon one of the greatest enigmas of the skies ever recorded in all astronomical history.

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### West Virginia Doctor Sees Flying Disc

"Daily Press," St. Marys, Pa., March 16, 1950:--Dr. Craig Hunter, 47, of Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, told a Daily Press Representative here last night at the Hotel Franklin he saw a flying saucer over the Penfield Turnpike last evening about 2 miles this side of the State Tree Nursery while enroute from Clearfield to St. Marys.

Dr. Hunter in relating his experience said he stopped his car at 6:15 last evening on the highway about dusk as he noted his car lights were not working properly. He got out of his car, lifted up the hood, then had his attention directed toward a hissing sound in the air directly above him. This is what he said: "I looked up to see a flying device some 150 to 500 feet above ground, moving slowly in a westerly direction. The object was between 50 and 150 feet in diameter. The color was a dirty aluminum gray. The outer portion or fins were rotating, the center position remained stationary. I watched it for two minutes before it disappeared. A farmer driving a pick-up truck came along to help; as he got out of the truck, I pointed to the object flying overhead. He appeared so badly scared, he jumped back in his truck and drove away."

Dr. Hunter said he debated with himself for quite awhile before giving out information but decided to do so because he heard the U.S. Air Force investigates all UFO reports. He began his conversation with the Daily Press Representative by saying: "I have not been drinking and I'm in full possession of my faculties." The story was later relayed to the Associated Press bureau in Pittsburgh and carried on its wire service today.

On March 21st, the "Daily Press" ran a follow-up story in which they stated the State Police said they thought they had solved the mystery. A weather balloon was found tangled in a tree at nearby Surveyor and may have been the flying saucer reported by Dr. Hunter. At Pittsburg a U. S. Weather Bureau spokesman said Dr. Hunter's description of the flying saucer didn't exactly fit balloons sent up by the Weather Bureau. Dr. Hunter said the object he saw was 50 to 150 feet in diameter. The spokesman added however it is difficult to determind the size of an object at an undetermined height.

Credit: Mark Herbstritt, St. Mary's, Pa.

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NOTICE: The Editor of SKYLOOK will not--repeat--WILL NOT pass on chain letters. So save your stamps (and we advise you to save your money too!)

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COMING NEXT MONTH--- An 1879 Report from the "Kansas City Times", sent in by Ted Phillips, Jr., SKYLOOK staff member. It concerns the death of a Kansas stock man. Don't miss it.

## More on 1955 Saucer Occupants

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The February issue of SKYLOOK carried a story which included mention of the late Dorothy Kilgallen's report of having seen a flying saucer and the preserved bodies of the occupants at an English Air Force base in 1955.

We asked Lou Farish if he had anything on this in his files, and he came up with this report from "The Hamilton Spectator" of May 24, 1955. It follows:--London, May 24. A report that "little men" from outer space may have arrived in Britain in flying saucers was denied both officially and unofficially last night.

However, Prof. A. M. Low, president of the British Institute of Engineering Technology, confirmed one part of the flying saucer reports. He said the Air Ministry was holding up a recently completed flying saucer survey.

Prof. Low said he was assured the reason for holding up the report was "purely earthly," presumably because it contained references to aircraft still on the secret list.

Over the week-end a British official of Cabinet rank was quoted as saying scientists and airmen examined the wreckage of a mysterious flying ship and were convinced it was a flying saucer from another planet.

The same source, who was not further identified, was quoted as saying: "We believe, on the basis of our inquiries, that the saucers were staffed by small men--probably under four feet tall."

"Not true," said the Defence Ministry last night.

"No such investigation was carried out," said the Air Ministry.

Prof. Low gave the opinion that the delay in issuing the Air Ministry report, probably started the reports about the outer-space origin of flying saucers.

The Inter-Planetary Society, which investigates flying saucers reports on its own, said: "We have not heard of any reports of such a landing in Britain and think it would be impossible to keep such a report quiet."

If any of our readers have anything in their files on the Kilgallen report, we'd appreciate their lending it to us so we could print it in SKYLOOK.

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## Five Comets Visible in North Hemisphere.

MOSCOW--Five bright new comets may now be seen in the northern Hemisphere, according to a leading Russian astronomer quoted by the Tass new agency Friday. He said two of the comets were discovered by a Japanese and the fifth by an African.

Source: "Arkansas Gazette," Feb. 28, 1970. Credit: Lou Farish

Although SKYLOOK has earned a well-deserved reputation as a publication featuring "new and now" UFO material, the editor has asked me to initiate a series of articles dealing with the pre-1947 UFO reports. Therefore, in each succeeding issue of SKYLOOK, one such account will be featured.

The London, England, DAILY MIRROR for August 4, 1967, re-printed reports of an aerial object seen in Leicester and Nottingham in 1783. The source for the original account is not given, nor is the exact date of the sightings. The following is a quote:--

The first (report) datelined Leicester, reads: On Monday night about nine o'clock, a most uncommon phenomenon illumin'd this place. A globe of fire, apparently about the size of the moon in full, with a tail of several yards, like that of a comet, and seemingly not more than forty yards above the tops of the houses, passed over the town.

Its motion did not appear swift, nor the colour of the flame red and terrifying, nor was it accompanied with any extraordinary heat in the atmosphere, nor any rumbling noise.

The appearance was beautiful beyond description; the fire of a liquid pearl colour.

At the same time a reporter in Nottingham observed: "... a very large ball of fire. . . it moved first horizontally and with incredible velocity.

"It afterwards passed, in an oblique direction, upwards, when it burst into a number of parts.

"In passing over the forest. . . it was observed to make a great hissing, but at the explosion, a noise was heard like that of remote thunder."

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#### UFO Convention to be Held in Pennsylvania, April 19th

Adam Lewansowski, president of UNAPRO, 1513 Woodmont Ave., Arnold, Pa., 15068, wishes us to announce a UFO Convention, open to all UFO organizations, to be held on April 19, 1970 at the Holiday Inn, 300 Tarentum Bridge Road, New Kensington, Pa. There is a registration charge of \$5.00 and checks should be mailed to UNAPRO, P. O. Box 397, New Kensington, Pa., 15068. Telephone 335-0993, Area Code 412.

Editor's Note: As we are not familiar with this group, we suggest our Eastern readers, who may be interested, contact Mr. Lewansowski for further information.

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## Don't Try to Tell Clem Bisceglia UFOs Don't Exist

What do you do if you sight 12 circular orange lights in the sky over Ayer, on a chilly March night--lights that, one by one, suddenly wink out?

They were too high to be flares, it was too cold for swamp gas, too many to be the lights of a plane.

You check around, as Clem Bisceglia of Leominster (Mass.) did; you and others saw them too so you know it wasn't hallucination.

What do you do? You button your lip because most people think UFO's are a put-on. Only reluctantly does Clem explain now, since that first experience three years ago, he's out with a camera in the wee hours, driving out in the country when the night is clear, seeking proof of what is the most controversial subject of our age.

The guys at his diner in Center Square say it's all a gag, but about 400 photographs seem to contradict that explanation. Discard half of them as blurred or meaningless--Clem can't make prints as well as he makes coffee--but it's still a lot to argue with.

Clem refers to ancient writings that seem to suggest there were sightings of unexplained aerial phenomena thousands of years ago. So he doesn't expect to solve anything himself, but he thinks we ought to acknowledge it's something to be concerned about rather than kid about.

He's convinced UFO's are real, and half-convinced they're aliens from other worlds. He can't think of any other explanation for the huge "dumb-bell" shape made up of many lights, which appeared on a cloudy winter's night a year ago over Princeton.

It rippled along over the tree tops a hundred yards from his car, without sound, and then zipped away.

"Okay," says Clem, frowning, "If it wasn't a UFO, what was it?"

One puzzling feature is the many different shapes of UFO's reported around the world. Cigar-shaped, circular, cones, saucers, pencil-thin sticks, pulsating spheres--some silent, some that hum.

Clem's explanation of the variety is that, just as we have different shaped satellites and capsules for different purposes, "they" may also.

Clem's answer to why he's seen so many while you haven't is that he's been out about four hours on several nights each week the past three years on the lookout.

What were the three pencil-shaped lights--amber, blue and reddish--which hung in the sky, upright but at a slant, about 70 degrees above the horizon? How do you explain their beginning to spin on their vertical axis and then speed off?

Source: "Leominster Enterprise," Leominster, Mass. Jan. 10, 1970.  
Credit: Lou Farish.

## Bonita Roman--Editor of the "Flying Saucer Bulletin."

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The Dec. 7, 1969 issue of the "Dayton Daily News" gave Bonita and Kenny Roman the cover page of their Sunday magazine section, and another page to a photograph of Mrs. Roman and a report of her ufology interest.

"Bonnie" is the editor of the "Flying Saucer Bulletin," a SINDEC publication which we have mentioned before in SKYLOOK, as we have a high regard for this bi-monthly magazine whose editor also "tells it as it is."

We now draw from the magazine article for some interesting facts about Bonita Roman who is the director of the area UFO Information Center. The Romans live in an old white house that is between 75 and 100 years old (very attractive, as pictured on the cover) and Bonnie's office is on the second floor. The writer describes her as, "Her hair is brown, but in the mod, artificially speckled with gray." The photo shows a pretty young woman with an alert expression.

Her interest in saucers stems from the time she was 13 and she adds, "In fact, I am interested in anything unexplained." Her Information Center is affiliated with NICAP and APRO. When reports from the Middletown area come to her attention, she goes out and talks to people who have seen the objects. "I dig right in," she says.

She objects vehemently to the press often making witnesses to UFOs objects of ridicule and feels that her bureau offers a secure place for those who have seen unidentified flying objects to make reports. "We will keep names private if they wish," she said. "The reports are more important than getting names."

One of the interesting reports given in the article tells of a young boy who ran screaming into his rural Hamilton home about a year ago. His mother ran out just in time to see an object "as big as a house" taking off from an adjoining field. She ran back into the house and called her husband home from work. He found a trail of red dust-like things in the yard. On this same date sightings near the Fairfield school and in Middletown were made.

Kenneth Roman is now selling a UFO detector, a magnetic alarm device he bought from a Cincinnati tool firm. It is advertised in Bonnie's magazine. The bi-monthly ufozine is \$4.00 per year, and the address is Route 3, Yankee Road, Middletown, Ohio, 45042.

Lou Farish sent us a copy of the Dayton publication. From our personal correspondence with Bonnie, we can add that she is the mother of four children, three boys and a girl, ages four to eleven. She and her husband are in their very early 30's.

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When do YOU get SKYLOOK? We don't understand the reason for frequent delays in mail service, but we keep bringing it up because we want you to know that since we have been editor and publisher of SKYLOOK, this magazine has NEVER been late--at this end of the line. You should always receive your copy by the first of the month or just a day or two later, depending on where you live. If it doesn't reach you by the 15th (it has taken 15 days to travel 300 miles) write us, and we'll send another copy. Don't assume we missed a publication date--we don't.



## A "Mystery Airplane" Sighting in Hopkins County, Texas, Spring, 1968

Witnesses: Gary Massey and Richard Shumar, both of Sulphur Springs, Texas. In the spring of 1968 both were students at East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas.

Location of Sighting: 5-6 miles east of Commerce, Texas. Witnesses were traveling east in car driven by Shumar, on State Highway 11.

Weather: Light, variable winds, mostly clear skies with some high cloudiness.

Description of Object: At first glance, object appeared to be conventional aircraft. As sighting progressed, peculiarities began to be noted. Fuselage reminiscent of a "B-29," but appeared smooth or uniform with no cockpit or pilot's cabin and no windows. Wings were present and gave the impression of being shorter and thicker than ordinary wings, were not angled or delta-shaped. Color: object was uniform in color, a dull, rather nondescript brownish or grayish color which did not seem to reflect light. Object gave the impression of being "all one piece, not sectioned." There seemed to be some kind of tail construction present. No propellers or fuel tanks were discernible, and no smoke or vapor was noted in connection with the craft. No sound whatsoever was ever associated with the craft, although it passed almost directly over the witnesses and at a relatively low altitude.

Movement of object: As first seen from the automobile, the object was traveling west; shortly, it "reversed direction" and appeared to move parallel with auto. The object then changed direction again and began moving roughly perpendicular to the witnesses' line of travel. Witnesses then stopped the auto and stepped out to observe object. The object traveled in a southerly direction until it passed almost directly over the heads of the witnesses; at that time it changed direction again, moving in a more southwesterly direction until it slowly faded out of sight. Although there appeared to be some small change in the velocity of the object at various times, it, for the most part, moved at a very slow rate of speed "like a blimp." Object appeared to pick up speed toward the last as it began to pass out of sight.

Duration of Sighting: Approximately 10 minutes.

Further Comments: The object appeared to have no markings, insignias or identification. As the witnesses stopped their auto to observe the object, and throughout most of the duration of the sighting, several other automobiles passed, but none stopped or appeared to notice the object which, again first appeared to be no more than a conventional aircraft. At lowest altitude, the object appeared to be no more than 200-300 feet in the air. Mr. Massey commented that, after viewing the object, it looked like someone had tried to make "a dummy or mock-up airplane."

This report was compiled from an interview with Gary Massey, a NICAP and former APRO member, in December 1969, by Tom Adams, of Commerce, Texas, one of our SKYLOOK readers. Richard Shumar is serving in the United States Army and was not present during the interview.

In sending us the report, Mr. Adams commented on Robert Smulling's "Plane? UFO?" report in the February SKYLOOK and wonders if this object could have any connection with the "mystery plane" that was reported buzzing the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. Mr. Adams also mentions "the consistent excellence of SKYLOOK"--for which we thank him.

## NORTH, SOUTH, EAST and WEST of the U. S. A.

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Three Watch UFO off Vancouver Island

By Brian Cannon

First reports of flying saucers in British Columbia in more than 12 months have been made by three residents of Mill Bay, Vancouver Island.

Mrs. James Drummond said she saw an object moving over the bay about 7 p.m. Jan. 1, 1970. "It was coming toward us," she said. "The color of the light was very hard to describe; it was somewhere between orange and red."

Mrs. Drummond was speaking to her son, anchored off-shore from her home in his boat, when she saw the light. Jim Drummond, 22, and his wife, Diana, 18, then went on deck with a telescope and a camera. They watched the object about 15 minutes but did not take a picture because Drummond thought it would only show up as a dot of light.

"Judging by the cloud level, which was 900 feet, and the setting which I used on my telescope, I would say it was about 800 to 900 feet off the ground," he said. "It was about two miles away when we first saw it. It came toward us, over the boat, and then rose up into the cloud and out of sight, about a mile beyond. It appeared to be a dot of light to the naked eye, but when I got the telescope on it, it turned out to be four lights, close together, like the tips of candles pointing upward."

The object moved too slowly to maintain conventional flying speed, he said, and it had no visible or audible means of propulsion. "As it passed overhead, a kind of ray came out from the front end. It shone like a light, but was curved. It was not steady, but came out in sections, with breaks in between. It came down lower as it went over, and then gradually rose up and went away, disappearing into the cloud level about a mile away," Drummond told reporters.

The object did not veer from its southward course, he said.

Editor's Note: In sending us the article, Mr. Cannon wrote: "Some aspects of this report are quite interesting--the shape of the four lights, the bent and broken 'ray of light.'"

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SAUCERS, SPACE & SCIENCE--this Canadian ufozine is now in its 13th year and reports the Canadian scene and elsewhere, with photographs and illustrations by the editor. This quarterly publication is well worth the subscription price of \$2.50, and a sample copy is 75¢. All correspondence and checks should be addressed to Gene Duplantier, Dept. K, 17 Shetland St., Willowdale 443, Ontario, Canada.

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Readers may recall my "gripe" in last month's column pertaining to the slow mail service and my (then) inability to report on Ivan Sanderson's article, "UFO's Under Sea?" in the March issue of ARGOSY. Well, better late than never. Sanderson cites a number of instances where unidentified aquatic objects have been seen in the oceans, as well as being tracked by sonar. He also mentions the strange antenna-like object photographed on the ocean floor 1000 miles west of Cape Horn, South America. At a depth of 2250 fathoms (13,500 feet), a photographic probe from the research ship Eltanin pictured the strange object. The amount of undersea UFO activity suggests that someone (native or visitor) is as at home in the seas as in the atmosphere of our planet. The article is well worth reading.

The NATIONAL ENQUIRER has recently begun serialization of a condensed version of Erich von Daniken's CHARIOTS OF THE GODS? Beginning with the March 15th issue, the series will continue through the April 5th issue at least, perhaps longer. For those who shy away from hardcover books because of the pricetags (who doesn't?), these installments will give you the gist of the book.

The April issue of FATE contains an article by George Earley, reporting on a UFO symposium held by the National Amateur Astronomers, Inc., during their annual convention in August, 1969. Participating in the symposium were Drs. J. Allen Hynek, James E. McDonald, James A. Harder, R. Leo Sprinkle, Frank B. Salisbury and David R. Saunders. As with other similar conferences, such matters as the inadequacies of the Condon Report and the need for much more scientific investigation of the UFO subject were discussed. Earley has done a good job of summarizing the highlights of the meeting.

One of the best UFO articles to grace the pages of SAGA in several months appears in the April issue. Roy Norton reports on his "follow-up" of the Herbert Schirmer contact story which occurred in Ashland, Nebraska, on December 3, 1967. The incident received quite a bit of publicity at the time, but seemed to have been overlooked in recent months. The Condon Report mentions the case, but does not consider it worthy of further investigation. In reality, it is likely that a great deal more will be learned by thorough investigations of such cases than by more half-million dollar "snow jobs" as the Condon Report. Practically all the information contained in the article will be new to most readers and it is well worth your attention.

Barry Downing's very good book, THE BIBLE AND FLYING SAUCERS, is now available in a paperback edition from Avon Books for 75¢. Several books have been written on the theme of UFOs and religion, but Downing's contribution is among the best of the lot. Definitely recommended.

Through the grapevine, we hear that the publishers of SAGA will soon produce another special magazine devoted entirely to UFOs. If any more definite word is received, it will be mentioned in a later column.

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Be sure to read Lou's new feature "Before" elsewhere in this issue. SKYLOOK is proud to introduce the new series, based on unidentified flying objects, "before" the modern flying saucer era. Lou Farish has no peer in the ufology field of historic research and his articles appear in ufozines all over the world.

## Was It Saucer Or Just Fire?

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The Jan. 14, 1970 "Eagle" of Reading, Pa., carried a UPI story from La Madera, N. M. and Orestes Wilson, of Reading, sent us the clipping which follows: quote---

La Madera, N. M.--Occasionally, during deer season, a hunter or two stopped briefly in the sleepy Spanish town before moving on to Carson National Forest.

Every now and then during an election year, a politician visited to pick up a few extra votes from the town's population of 200.

Other than that, very few strangers were seen in the small town in the foothills of northwestern Rio Arriba County--except for that cool spring night in 1964 when Orlando Gallegos stepped out of his father's adobe home to chase away a small herd of horses.

At 12:30 a.m. April 27, 1964, Gallegos saw an unidentified flying object--a flying saucer.

The Air Force last month concluded that UFOs do not exist and discontinued its investigation of them.

The people of La Madera, which means "The Timber" in Spanish, have generally forgotten about the UFOs also, but there are still some who can vividly describe what Gallegos saw that night.

Looking north toward the scrub-lined shores of the trickling Vallecitos River, Gallegos saw what he later described as an "egg-shaped object, longer than a telephone pole and about 100 feet in circumference." The object, according to the startled Gallegos, had no visible windows or doors.

The sighting might have been passed over if a similar incident had not been reported just 55 hours earlier at Socorro, N. M., 200 miles to the south. (Editor's Note--here follows an account of the Zamora story, well-known to our readers and omitted here) \* \* \* \*  
The recent Air Force report stirred anew the controversy over such sightings, especially in La Madera.

Former U. S. Marshal Emilio Naranjo, who was Rio Arriba County Sheriff at the time of the sighting at La Madera, said recently the whole thing was a hoax and amounted to no more than a large bonfire built by several youths from the community.

"Our investigation showed that three or four young boys had been washing a car at the river and started a fire to burn the rags they had used. That was the flying saucer Gallegos saw," said Naranjo.

Naranjo said most of the townspeople view the incident as a joke.

Naranjo and then deputy sheriff Pete Jaramillo both said they felt the excitement and fear arising from the Socorro incident added fuel to the incident at La Madera.

State Police Chief Martin Vigil, however, said he could not go along with Naranjo's theory, but he could offer no explanation.

Vigil, commander of the state police district which included La Madera, said he sent officers Albert Vega and David Kingsbury to investigate.

"They reported the ground was still smouldering when they arrived the next day and whatever burned there had to have been pretty hot," said Vigil, referring to the large circular piece of burned ground.

The area, however, was part of a community dump which included many highly inflammable items.

Whatever it was, the memory has faded through the years and the area residents, or most of them, are not concerned.

"We even talked to Gallegos and he just laughed off the whole thing," said Naranjo.

## Several UFO Magazines Are Dropping Out

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During the past year a number of UFO publications have ceased publication, or have announced their intention of doing so on a given date.

Mark Bouge, editor of SAUCER MAGAZINE, is one of the most recent to join the group and he writes it isn't because the M.I.B. or anyone else has tried to "silence" him--or even because of financial difficulties--but because he needs more time for research and investigation. He adds that his S.M. subscribers will be paid in full and that he hopes they--and other ufology friends--will continue to keep in touch. His address is 1911 Main St., Bellevue, Nebr., 68005. That was a nice letter, Mark, and we'll be expecting to hear from you in the future.

Angelo Capparella III, 134 Hanna St., Carrboro, N. C. 27510, announced in his November issue of THE UFO INFORMER that the June 1970 issue will be the last one. He is entering the University of North Carolina this fall and it is easy to understand why he cannot edit and publish a magazine while engaging in study. But he isn't giving up his interest in ufology. He writes: ". . . if anything, the disbandment of CHAPIC will allow me to become more involved in personal research and field investigations . . . one of the motivating factors which has influenced me to seek a college education in physics and astronomy is so that I can attack this problem from a scientific angle." Good luck, and we expect to hear from you.

Joan Whritenour ceased publication of SAUCER SCOOP last summer and it was announced that CAPRI was taking over her subscribers, but we talked to Ed Minasian, editor of CAPRI NEWS, 61 Ames St., Dorchester, Mass., 02124, by telephone more than a month ago, and he informed us he has to drop his ufozine for a combination of reasons, one being illness. At this writing, we haven't heard what arrangements he is making to handle his unexpired subscriptions. Joan Whritenour, as our readers probably know, is still in the writing field.

SKYWATCH too ceased publication last summer and announcement of SKYLOOK taking over Jennifer Stevens' subscribers is elsewhere in this issue.

This may not be a complete list. Some other ufozines are not exchanging with us and have failed to answer letters of inquiry--but there may be any number of good reasons why we haven't heard from them lately, and we certainly won't name them until we have some definite information.

We are sorry to lose these magazines. Each one made a contribution to the ufology field and will be missed. So the rest of us will have to work harder. Since "Uncle" has apparently lost interest in what is going on "out there," it's up to the Little People to investigate and keep records and the day may come when these records will assume a value undreamed of at the present time. We're talking about honest reporting, of course--not ramblings into the field of fantasy.

Again, we wish our departing friends good luck--and keep in touch!

--Ye Ed

## MIDWEST ORGANIZATION REPORTS

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### Tri-State UFO Study Group

The February meeting of the Tri-State UFO Study Group was held in the home of Walt Andrus, Quincy, Ill., Thursday, February 19th.

After the Secretarys and Treasurers' reports were made, President Bob Smulling turned the meeting over to Walt Andrus who reported on the trip to St. Louis, made by several of the Quincy members and their wives, to attend the lecture by Dr. J. Allen Hynek at the McDonnell Planetarium.

The members enjoyed hearing the tape of Dr. Hynek's speech (tape made by Walt) and afterwards discussed the high points of Dr. Hynek's talk. Walt also showed enlarged Poloroid pictures of a sighting made in November of 1967 at Covington, Indiana, at which time from twelve to fifteen objects passed overhead. The pictures are considered authentic.

After the meeting was adjourned, refreshments were served by Mrs. Andrus. The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Anita Lavery, 217 S. 18th St., Quincy, Ill., on Thursday, March 19, 1970, at 7:30 p.m.

Reporter: Grace C. Oberling.

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### Aerial Phenomena Club of Central Illinois

The A.P.P.C.I. was held Monday, March 9th with "Physical Injuries" as the topic for discussion. Various types of injuries as possibly related to UFO's--burns, blinding, maiming and even death--to man and beast were included.

For several months our group has been busy making plans for the ufologist conference to be held in Peoria, June 13, and a great deal of time was given over this meeting in completing arrangements. Announcements are being sent to UFO magazines all over the country, and we hope they will give us space.

There has been some local interest in having the entire conference tape recorded and then making the tapes available to the public. If any SKYLOOK readers are interested, please drop a postcard as soon as possible to the Midwest UFO Conference, c/o Laird Carter, 726 N. St. Anthony Place, Peoria, Ill. 61604, and information will be sent --no obligation, of course. It is necessary to know in advance the possible demand for tapes.

The next meeting will be held on April 9 and "Caves and the UFO's" will be discussed. Meetings are held at the Northminister Presbyterian church, 7030 N. Route 88, Peoria, Ill., and begin at 7:30 and last around two hours. Visitors are always welcome.

We are happy to have two new members--Dean Mayberry and Ralph Westervelt.

Reporter: Michael Morey

## MIDWEST ORGANIZATION REPORTS

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### UFO Study Group Meets

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis met at the St. Louis public library the evening of March 17th, and the meeting was highlighted by several members describing their own UFO sightings in some detail. Discussion also concerned the upcoming UFO SKYwatch, and Carlyle Lake was mentioned as a possible site.

Arthur J. Epstein, member of both APRO and the Study Group, presided over the meeting and informed those present of a new publication entitled "Perimeters," and edited by Richard Hall. UFO articles in other current publications were reviewed and a brief discussion was held concerning Jacques Vallee's latest book, "Passport to Magonia." Some members felt the book concerns itself too much with matters not relevant to our problem of UFOs (e.g., fairy tales and similar legends), while others disagreed, pointing out possible connections between the UFO occupants and recent archaeological discoveries of ancient monuments and structures.

The next meeting will be April 2nd at 7 o'clock at the library at 1640 S. Lindbergh.

Mark Richardson, a Data-Net member, and Bill Schwartz and William Helmreich, both Sociology students, were welcome visitors at the meeting and we hope they will become members.

Reported by David A. Schroth

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### Sights Flying Saucer on Birthday!

Laurie Diane Walther, of San Mateo, Calif., will remember her 15th birthday, for she saw what she believes to have been a flying saucer. According to the San Mateo "Times & News Leader," Laurie told Deputy John A. Wells that she was standing at the corner of Ottawa St. and Monte Diablo Ave. at 8:30 the night of Feb. 10, 1970 when she saw a flash of light to the northeast. Then she saw what appeared to be a flying saucer--a round object about 25 feet in diameter with red and blue lights on its perimeter. It appeared to be hovering about 50 feet above the ground near the PG&E substation, the girl said.

Laurie, who lives at 1514 Monte Diablo, told Wells that she was unable to determine the color and composition of the object itself because of the brightness of the light it gave off. After watching for a few minutes, she went home and called the San Mateo Police Department to report it. She was advised to tell her story to the Federal Aviation Administration. That office was closed, so, wanting to report the incident to someone, she called the sheriff's office.

Deputy Wells checked with the police department later and was told that it had received similar reports.

Credit: Lou Farish.

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### Many See 'Thing' in Sky.

Many San Bernardino, Calif. residents saw and reported a large and reddish object that remained in the same area of the sky for almost a half hour before suddenly disappearing, the night of Feb. 15, 1970.

The "Sun-Telegram" received a rash of calls about 10 p.m.

Credit: Lou Farish



## Orange-Colored Object Seen in North Carolina (Feb. 18, 1970)

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Roy Barrow Jr., of 402 Clancy St. reported seeing an unusual object in the sky about 10:20 o'clock last night.

Barrow spotted the orange object while he was driving south on 601 from highway 70. He said the object was travelling northeast to southwest at a slow rate of speed. It then made a 90 degree turn and zoomed away.

Source: Salisbury, N. C. "Evening Post." Credit: Lou Farish

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## Flying Object Reported at Dunn, N. C.

John E. Norris, Jr., Police Officer, at Dunn, N. C., said today that he saw a "strange light" going from east to west over Broad street in the early Morning hours one morning last week. He said it was going too fast for an airplane, and there was no noise accompanying the flying object.

Norris has reported seeing a number of such objects while on early morning patrol in a police car here over the last couple years.

Source: Dunn, N. C. "Record," Feb. 10, 1970. Credit: Lou Farish

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## Fireball Seen over Robeson County, N. C.

A fireball in the sky, reported to have been seen northeast of Lumberton on Tuesday night, Jan. 27, may have ended up as chunk of rock on the ground in Robeson County.

Billy Lewis reported seeing the fireball at midnight while driving eastward on Highway 41. He was returning to his home, between Lumberton and Elizabethtown, after late office work at "The Robesonian," where he is advertising manager.

A brightly glowing object like a ball of fire descended slowly in the sky, Lewis said, and made a blazing trail behind it. The object appeared to be about the same size as the image of the moon, which was visible at the same time. Lewis said he could not estimate the actual size of the object because he could not tell how far away it was, but it had the appearance of being within about a mile of the highway. There was no road leading in the direction of the object, so he did not attempt to look for it.

"It was so bright it startled me. It was the most spectacular thing I have ever seen."

James Hooks, director of the Robeson Planetarium at the Educational Resource Center, said the description fits that of a bolide, and that it might be possible to find remnants of it on the ground.

Source: Lumberton, N. C. "Robesonian". Credit: Lou Farish.

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Landing Reports Wanted: Terry W. Colvin, 710 Olive St., Evansville, Ind., 47713, is doing a research paper on alleged UFO landings and writes: "I would welcome an exchange of letters with anyone of your associates interested in UFO landings: especially concerning the patterns of similarity and dissimilarity of global UFO landing reports."

SKYLOOK would like to have that report, Mr. Colvin. How about it?

You Don't Always Have to "See" to Believe!

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"I've never seen a UFO. But then, I've never seen Europe and I believe whole-heartedly in Europe." So wrote Jim Fiebig in an article with his byline in the Detroit (Michigan) NEWS, Dec. 28, 1969.

The rest of his article follows, quote:--The UFO incident that started me eying the skies in earnest occurred near Ann Arbor in 1966. Frank, a middle-ager who lived in the country with his family, some chickens and several dogs, stepped onto the porch one night to quiet his young German shepherd. But when he saw what the pup was straining his leash about, he summoned his family.

The UFO was hovering a few feet off the earth just 200 yards away--a large very distinct object with uniform rows of flashing lights. Several deputies saw it. Frank's family saw it. And Frank got close enough before it disappeared to feel his heart against his tonsils.

I interviewed him the next day, with his family, and patted the pup that started it all. There wasn't a liar in the bunch.

But the official government investigator sent to the scene said Frank's UFO was nothing but swamp gas . . . Swamp gas. That's what "Project Blue Book" amounted to.

Credit: Lou Farish

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#### State Troopers See UFO's

David J. Gras, NICAP member and Research Consultant for UFO ANALYSIS and RESEARCH BULLETIN, has sent a couple news clippings from his personal files. He has been interested in and investigating UFO reports for the past six years and is building up a library and collection of ~~uforia~~ (and if there isn't such a word, then Ye Ed has just coined one). As Mr. Gras pointed out in his letter, the following items prove that not just ordinary people see UFO's, but also state troopers and the police who should be considered reliable observers.

The items follow: Kingston, N. Y. Feb. 26, 1968--Two troopers early today reported seeing four UFO's southwest of this Ulster County city. The state troopers, Carl Van Wagnen and John Colan, reported sighting one object at 12:06 a.m. in the vicinity of Hurly Heights. At 1:07 a.m. they said they saw three more objects, all with "pulsating red and green lights," over the community of Krumville. The objects disappeared from the sky about 3 a.m., they said. It was a clear star lit night.

Lockport, N. Y. Sept. 15, 1967-- A UFO reportedly spotted on the eastern horizon mystified police. "It looked round, gave off a glow, and appeared like a flasher on a patrol car," said Sheriff Deputy B. Highfield, who said officers at Lockport police headquarters also reported the incident.

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UFO Organization List--a list of 260 UFO research organizations in the United States and Canada, only \$1.50. Michael Lewis, P. O. Box 55629, Houston, Texas, 77055. --Adv.

Mercury may be found low in the sky a little north of west after sunset at mid-month. On April 18th it will be 20 degrees east of the sun. Venus may be seen low in the northwest, setting about 7:30, by month's end. Mars is a faint 2nd magnitude object in Taurus. Jupiter is -2 magnitude, rising about sunset in the southeast. Saturn is near the sun and not visible.

Two comets were visible during part of March and in April. Comet 1969g is visible in the early evening during the latter half of March and early April. It may be seen in eastern Perseus.

The second comet, Bennett-1969i, will be a very bright 2nd magnitude object, visible in the early morning hours, just before sunrise in late March. It will move northward through Aquarius and through western Pegasus. It may be seen in Cassiopeia in early April.

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Clifford E. Palmberg, St. Charles, Mo., sent in two gift subscriptions and wrote: "I want to renew my congratulations on the exceptional quality of SKYLOOK. We here in the midwest can consider ourselves fortunate to have you and your excellent staff to keep us informed." That is music to our ears! And we thank all who find time to write a comment along with renewing their subscription. We have to be doing something right!

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