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A Message from Your Director

One of the major purposes of MUFON is to keep the UFO phenomena before the American public and news media so that qualified scientists will recognize the existence of a real scientific challenge. By applying their combined expertise to what some have termed as "The Greatest Mystery of Our Time" the scientific community can make giant steps in resolving this perplexing problem.

MUFON, like Spring, is "busting out all over" with the advent of two new states. KENTUCKY has a new State-Section Director--Miss B. Ross Henderson, M. S., 900 Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky. 40475. "Ross" will be receiving her Doctorate in Higher Education in August of 1971. Her specialized UFO interest is in social psychology. She has participated as a UFO research team with two of MUFON's State-Section Directors in Texas--Tom Adams and Stan Ferguson.

NEBRASKA joins MUFON with a new

State-Section Director, Robert D. Andrus, Lt. Col. USAF (retired) and Radio Amateur KØLUG. A SKYLOOK subscriber, he resides at 4116 North 100th St., Omaha, Nebr. 68134; telephone: AC 402 397-7755.

Mr. Hayden C. Hewes, Director of the International UFO Bureau, has consented to represent MUFON as the State-Section Director for Central Oklahoma. Hayden and Keitha Hewes live at 2705 N. Hudson, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73103; telephone AC 405 525-7784. The Bureau just recently sponsored a very successful UFO Symposium in which Stanton T. Friedman was the featured speaker. Hayden has done an outstanding job during the past six years in keeping the public cognizant of the UFO phenomena in his part of the nation. Hayden will be speaking June 12, 1971 at the Midwest UFO Conference in St. Louis, Mo. on the subject "The Aliens." A point of interest to UFO magazine editors and readers is the fact that Mrs. Keitha Fish, Editor of "The Kansas Newsletter" and soon to be a combination "Kansas-Oklahoma Newsletter" is Hayden Hewes' mother-in-law.

It is a pleasure to welcome two distinguished consultants to the Advisory Staff of MUFON, both from Oklahoma. Varnakle L. "Vic" Jones, M. S. in Geophysics, who resides at 1412 Norfolk, Tulsa, Okla., 74120; telephone AC 918 584-3912. "Vic" will specialize in gravity and magnetism. For a bibliography on the accomplishments of Vic Jones, please consult "American Men of Science," Vol. I, at your local public library.

An interest in ancient intelligence on this Earth, as an explorer and author, has led R. Cedric "Dick" Leonard, D. D. into the study of anthropology which is his consulting expertise. He has found very

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interesting associations between UFO's, the Bible and ancient civilizations. Dick is continuing his formal education at the University of Oklahoma to also obtain a Master's degree. Dick, his lovely wife, Geneva, and children reside at 2345 S. W. 45th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73119; telephone AC 405 681-1623.

Regretfully, we announce that David W. Lansden will be unable to actively participate as a State-Section Director for the Cairo, Ill. area due to health reasons. As a SKYLOOK subscriber, he plans to maintain his interest in the UFO phenomena, now that he has retired from business.

Walt Andrus, Director MUFON.

Make Your Reservations for the Midwest UFO Conference N O W

We again remind our readers the Midwest UFO Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn (North) 4545 N. Lindbergh, St. Louis, Mo., on June 12, 1971.

The Holiday Inn has 460 rooms, of which they are holding 30 until June 1st for Conference reservations. If you do not have a car, you are advised to reserve a room NOW as there is no public transportation to the Inn from downtown St. Louis. Rates are: Single, \$12-\$13; double bed, \$15; two double-beds to room, \$17.50. Arrangements can be made to supply roll away beds for five in a room.

Another Holiday Inn is in about 5 minutes drive distant on I-270, along with other chain motels--Hilton Inn, Ramada, Rodeway, and Best-Western. Many other non-chain type motels are available near the Air Port.

Those wishing to make advance reservations to the conference should make their checks payable to the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis and mail to Mr. William F. Christian, 758 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, Mo. 63125.

The ticket cost may be broken down into sessions, if so desired, as follows:

Morning Session, 9:30 AM to 12:00	\$1.50
Afternoon Session, 2:00 PM to 5:00.	\$1.50
Evening Session, 6:30 PM - Stanton Friedman, speaker -	\$1.50
Banquet & Evening Session	\$6.50
All 3 Sessions and Banquet	\$ 8.50

Remittances will be acknowledge by receipt in return mail. Reserved tickets will be held for you at the reservation desk of the U.F.O. Study Group in Holiday Inn on June 12, 1971.

May 31, 1971 is the last day for advance reservations.

One of our readers called our attention to the fact William A. Christian's address was given in the March issue as "Lemay, Mo." instead of St. Louis, Mo. Don't worry--your letter will reach him, either way, and both addresses are used; but we agree we should be consistent, so our readers will not think we have made a mistake, so we'll try to remember to always make it "St. Louis" in SKYLOOK in the future.

Refer to the March issue for details as to the speakers and their subjects, and the complete program will be repeated in the next (May) issue of SKYLOOK and should reach you on or near May 1st.

Midwest UFO Radio Network Schedule: April 15, May 1-18, June 2-18, July 4-20. Frequency: 3975 KHz Plus & Minus 5 KHz. Time: 0100 GMT. Net Control: WA9PAM.--Ronald M. Anderson, Communications Director.

UFO Seminar Held in Oklahoma City - Stanton Friedman Main Speaker

"I am convinced that the Earth is being visited by intelligently controlled vehicles whose origin is off the Earth," said nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman, principal speaker at a two-day seminar of UFOs held in Oklahoma City Feb. 27-28th.

Sponsored by the International UFO Bureau, the seminar featured several speakers, and Hayden C. Hewes, Director, presented slides and still pictures of UFOs. Question and answer periods followed each session, with much interest shown.

Stanton Friedman, the Redondo Beach, Calif., nuclear physicist, who has worked several years on nuclear propulsion systems and space power systems, will also be the featured speaker at the Midwest UFO Conference to be held in St. Louis, June 12. MUFON Director, Walter Andrus, who attended the seminar, reports Mr. Friedman is a forceful speaker, sure to hold the attention and interest of the St. Louis audience. Many who have heard Mr. Friedman consider him the most outstanding speaker on ufology today.

Eddie Laxon gave his UFO report which Hewes says has been investigated by 30 universities and the Air Force, with no explanation ever given. The sighting was featured in the February 1966 issue of True Magazine.

The sighting was made as Laxon drove from his Temple, Okla. home to Sheppard Air Force Base, Tex., where he worked as a power production electrician.

It was still dark, Laxon says, when he noticed a bright light ahead and directly blocking his path on U.S. 70. He stopped just 80 yards from the cigar-shaped object and could clearly see a human under it. He said he was as close as 60 yards away when he realized it was no ordinary aircraft and decided to run back to the car for his camera.

The craft lifted straight up about 50 feet in the air, Laxon reported and it turned about 10 degrees and flew off over the flat land in a southwest direction.

Laxon drove off toward work and two miles down the highway he came up on a parked truck. Its driver, C. W. Anderson, had also seen "a bright object" which he claimed had been following him for 20 miles. He said he had been watching it through his rear view mirror and stopped "to get a better view."

Dr. Eula Page, a University of Oklahoma psychologist, reported a sighting made 30 days after the Laxon case, the two locations were only a few miles apart. Dr. Page was crossing the Red River into Oklahoma when she saw something in the sky. She said she stopped and observed a humanoid shape covered with fur. There were three other witnesses. "I was afraid to report the case," she said.

Credits: "Tulsa Daily World," and "The Oklahoma Journal"--thanks to Walt Andrus, Lou Farish and Jean Lamb for news clippings.

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The DATA-NET REPORT is the official publication of Data-Net, the UFO Amateur Radio Network. Control/ Director is WB6RPL, Michel M. Jaffe, 624 Farley St., Mountain View, Calif., 94040, and Editor/Secretary is Mrs. Josephine J. Clark, 6900 Harvard Drive, Ben Lomond, Calif. 95005. The January issue of their Report is out with a green cover (like SKYLOOK) and this is a true coincidence--but isn't the first time Jo and Mike and Ye Ed have found our minds running in the same channels. We've plugged their fine publication since reading our first copy. Published monthly, it's \$4 per year and worth it. They too "tell it as it is."

Large UFO Reported Near Willard, Ohio

The Huron County, Ohio, Sheriff's Department received 19 calls from persons who claimed to have seen a UFO in the southern skies Friday night, January 22, 1971. At least a dozen people in the Tiro area also reported seeing it.

"When you get a call like that, you think it was a drunk or crack-pot," one deputy told the "Mansfield News-Journal," "but when you get so many calls, then you begin to wonder."

Richard Williams, of Willard, was driving along Old Niver Road, north of Willard, with his wife and son when he spotted a low-flying object coming toward his car. His wife also saw it.

"The object looked like a bat," he said. "The wings were wider than the plane or whatever it was. On the middle of each wing there seemed to be an exhaust rocket engine or jet engine. It had red and white lights on each of the wings and on the tails."

"I thought it was a big plane going to crash," he added. "It hovered down close to me about 100 feet and then took off again and went east and circled around Willard."

Williams said he thought the object was about 25-30 feet in diameter. He said he stopped at friends' homes in the area in an effort to find other witnesses.

Some kind of creature was inside the UFO because there appeared to be some kind of motion, he said. "In the back of the cock-pit there was something flashing the light off and on--like you were blocking the light," he said.

The "Sandusky Register" reported that one woman, undergoing treatment at an area hospital for injuries suffered in an unrelated auto accident, had told law officers she had seen "a flying school bus."

One Huron County lawman driving near Greenwich saw the large object and another lawman in the Willard area reported seeing it moments later.

Nobody knew for sure what the large, flying object was, but it reportedly flew around the southern Huron County area about 9 p.m. Friday, the "Register" continued. One thing is certain--they all saw the same object and despite the fact the sightings ranged as far south as Tiro in Crawford County, and north of Willard, the sightings were reported within minutes of each other.

Captain John Warner, Huron County Sheriff's Department, said none of the witnesses had spoken to each other prior to the sights, yet all described the object identically. It was diamond-shaped, with a glass globe on the front. It had red and white lights at either point of the diamond and two red exhausts in the middle of the underside, according to the reports. Estimates of the size ranged in width from 25 to 50 feet, and there was no estimate of speed since the object was traveling at a rather slow rate when it was sighted. However, since two of the sightings, reported within minutes of each other, were at least nine miles apart, it couldn't have been too slow, Warner said.

He emphasized, "Nobody reporting a sighting was drinking, no booze."

The sighting was also reported in the last issue of the "FSIC Bulletin," an excellent ufozine out of Akron, Ohio. In addition to the sightings given, the "Bulletin" had a report from Mrs. Skeans and two sons, of Akron, who were visiting in Willard at the time. Bruce, 12, and Mike, 10, were skating on a large pond with about 20 other children when their attention was drawn to a very bright, oval red light, with several other lights of lesser intensity. The object passed at very low altitude, the

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boys said, and at an angle that made it easy to see the underside. The large oval red light reflected from a lighter surface above, revealing wings which symmetrically formed a crescent shape, with a large oval light in the middle. The time was approximately 9 P.M.

The object made no conventional sound such as an aircraft, helicopter, or blimp would make. The only sound it made came in 3 second intervals. It began at A below Middle C and swung smoothly upward to D sharp accelerating at the last and shutting off abruptly. The duration of each sound was approximately a second and they were heard five times. The total time heard was 17 seconds. Another strange thing was the fact that the object seemed to accelerate during each sound and glide in between sounds. It was moving "pretty fast" according to Mike.

Larry Moyer, of the FSIC Bulletin, interviewed Mrs. Skeans and is continuing the investigation. The report had come just in time to make the publication and we are promised the results of further investigation in the next issue. (SKYLOOK has frequently plugged this ufozine for the excellence of its reporting and recently announced that A. E. Candusso and Larry Moyers are new members of MUFON. Their address: FSIC Bulletin, P. O. Drawer G, Akron, Ohio, 44305.)

As we were writing this account from the news clips sent us, we received a letter from Paula Holmes, of the "Flying Saucer Observer" (formerly edited and published by Donald Johnson), APRO-Conn., Box 67, Winsted, Connecticut, 06099. She had just received a newspaper clipping on the Willard sighting, and asked if we had any more information. She writes, "I am curious because as soon as I read it, I recalled reading about a Flying Wing being developed by the Air Force. . . . At any rate, the two boys who saw the unidentified flying object took pictures and were promptly forbidden to circulate them and discuss what they had seen by officials of the Air Force."

We are sending Paula a copy of this report and would like very much to learn more about this case. If our readers can supply other news clippings or any further information, please write to SKYLOOK. The big question: was the object seen a new Air Force craft or a true unidentified flying object?

Credits: In addition to all given, we thank Lou Farish and Rod Dyke for news clippings used.

Dozens of Flying Objects Reported by Finns

The "Tulsa World" (date not given) published a UPI report out of Helsinki recently, stating there has been a flurry of recent UFO reports. The case receiving the most publicity was that of a luminous sphere which supposedly landed in the yard of Martta and Mauno Talala early January 3, 1971. They were just having their morning coffee when the room and surrounding landscape were covered by a brilliant light. It lasted about one minute and electricity was cut off in nearby houses but went back on again after the "whatever-it-was" lifted off and headed southwest. The 13-year old Talalas son went to see the place where the object had landed and found a triangular impression in the snow. It measured about 6 by 18 feet and there was dark green matter in the center.

Matti Kyllonen, editor of the local newspaper, learned about the case the following day and photographed the spot. He was the only one who managed to do so before a snow fall covered the area.
Credit: Lou Farish.

Flying Instructor Reports UFOs in Illinois Sky

Thomas J. Reed, 23, of Quincy, Ill., a flying instructor employed by Schott Aviation, Baldwin Field, with over 2,500 hours of logged flying time, has reported a UFO sighting made June 17, 1969.

At the time, Reed was employed as an Executive Pilot for Big River Equipment Co., of Davenport, Iowa. It was between 1:30 and 2:00 o'clock in the morning. Four of the company executives were asleep in the cabin of the Beech B-55 "Baron" twin-engine propeller driven aircraft, and Tom had settled back to relax on the last leg of his flight back home from Chicago to Moline, Ill. He was cruising at 8,500 feet altitude at a ground speed of 185 to 200 miles per hour. The sky condition was a high overcast so Tom was flying VFR (visual flight rules) with his radio equipment turned off since there was very little traffic at that hour of the morning.

Over Interstate Highway 80 near Ladd and Peru, with the automatic pilot in control, Reed's attention was attracted to four pinkish-white football-shaped lights flying in a rectangular formation an estimated 20 yards off his left wing tip. He blinked his eyes and shook his head, wondering if the 6 1/2 hours of flying that day had tired him more than he realized, causing him to "see things." He thought at first that the four lights might have been reflections off the curved cockpit overhead plexiglass from cars or trucks on the highway below him, but when he rocked the aircraft gradually, the four lights continued to pace his aircraft. They were definitely not reflections off the instrument panel of the "Baron."

He watched the lights for three or four minutes as they flew directly off his left wing tip at the same altitude. He was tempted to awake his passengers so he would have other witnesses, but was afraid the lights would disappear by the time he could arouse them and he would be ridiculed--or worse, his sanity or judgment would be questioned. He also considered banking the aircraft toward the four lights to see if he could break up their formation as they seemed to be four individual lights. When questioned by Walter A. Andrus, MUFON Director, he said that he could not see any metal or connections between the lights to indicate they might be on a single object which was not illuminated.

At the duration of the three or four minutes mentioned, the four lights accelerated at tremendous speed, straight forward (west), still flying in their rectangular formation, without leaving any kind of exhaust fire or blur behind them. The objects flew out about a mile or so in front of the aircraft and appeared to stop and hover at the same altitude. Since Reed was flying at a speed of 3 miles per minute, he rapidly closed the gap between the objects and himself. They had indeed waited for him to catch up, for now they again flew alongside his wing tip for another minute, definitely indicating some intelligent control.

The four lights then accelerated forward again and were out of sight in less than a minute. They left no jet trail and there was no sound to exceed the engine noise of the Beech aircraft. Reed now considered calling the Chicago Radar Center on his radio to inquire about a radar confirmation of his observation, but was reluctant to do so, knowing the kidding and "chuckling" that followed other pilots reporting unidentified flying objects.

There had been no interference on his radio as it had been turned off when the lights were nearby. When questioned about the operation of the

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aircraft magnetic compass, he was unable to say since he had been watching the lights during the time they were in view.

Mr. Andrus, who sends us this report, writes in conclusion: "This interview was conducted in the offices of the Schott Aviation at Baldwin Field, the Municipal Airport for Quincy, Ill., on Friday, Jan. 8, 1971. Tom had never reported this observation to any authorities or even his close associates, and the report would not have been given at this time except that Tom Reed had told Paul Nichols, a private pilot who is employed by Motorola, Inc. about the following incident:

On December 29, 1970, at 7:30 p.m. Tom Reed observed a bright star-like object move across the eastern sky from north to south parallel to the horizon at 20 to 30 degrees above the horizon at a speed faster than an aircraft or satellite. It was of the same magnitude as Venus but appeared close to the earth.

"Paul Nichols suggested that I contact Tom Reed about the star-like object; and the aircraft-UFO report was a consequence of this interview. Tom Reed is a serious, conscientious young man, who as a pilot, has done a little reading on UFOs to try to determine what he had observed. If the same situation were to arise again, he would be better prepared to conduct some experiments and secure more pertinent information. I feel that there were four small UFOs accompanying Tom's aircraft, considering the apparent intelligent control of the objects."

Ted Phillips Speaks on UFOs in Sedalia, Mo.

Ted Phillips, SKYLOOK staff member and MUFON representative, was invited to speak on UFOs to the Saddle Club in Sedalia, Mo., March 4th. Mr. Phillips illustrated a general talk on UFOs with slides, followed by a question and answer period. A great deal of interest was shown in the hour and a half program, with questions indicating a basic knowledge of the UFO subject.

As a result of the interest aroused, Mr. Phillips has been invited to speak at a Sedalia high school on March 26th.

Another Report from Hazelcrest, Ill.

Shirley Marlowe, of Hazelcrest, Ill., writes that on Feb. 8, 1971, about 7:10 p.m. she and a young woman were standing by the kitchen window at the former's home, when they spotted a golden glowing light in the north. While observing the light for five minutes with binoculars they saw a second light, red in color, approach the golden light from the west. The red light neared the gold stationary light, "went out" then appeared as a gold light. Both hovered, dimming and brightening alternately. Both were about the size of a nickel held at arms length.

The young woman exclaimed, "Oh, that's eerie, that's creepy! How weird!" On being told strange lights are often seen in the area, she became rather upset, and Mrs. Marlowe changed the subject.

"On previous occasions when these objects were in the area, we have had various short blackouts, hi-frequency beeping, the phone ringing abnormally in rapid succession, one on the line, and flares shot from great heights that come down in the creek in back of our home," Mrs. Marlowe wrote us. Two hours after the incident just described, a glowing white flare came down in the creek, she reported. It was a cold, clear night with a full moon and the wind was out of the west, north-west.

Two More Reports on Sighting of Jan. 31, 1971

Editor's Comment: In the March issue we carried a report of a sighting made by a Missouri amateur astronomer on the evening of Jan. 31st and also mentioned an astronomer in Texas had apparently sighted the same object. We asked for reports from others and for the opinion of our MUFON Consultant, John Preisack, of the McDonnell Planetarium in St. Louis. We now have the report of Earl F. Watts, of Duncanville, Texas, and the report of Merlin Checkett of Berkeley, Mo. Our readers will note they are not in agreement. Your editor is not an astronomer, and we are not qualified to suggest one report is the correct solution and the other one is not. We do believe each man was "telling it as it is" as he saw it and each will be interested in the other's account. We present the reports in the interest of determining the final verdict upon examining all the evidence, and would like to hear from other astronomers who made the same sighting.

Earl F. Watts' report follows: On the evening of 31 January 1971 at 18h-35^m G.M.T. I had occasion to have my 6" Reflector Telescope set up for the benefit and pleasure of some guests. There were five people present. The subject being viewed at the time was Saturn, which was nearing the meridian.

As the last guest was viewing Saturn, I decided to observe the moon with my binoculars (7 X 50s). I was facing west. As I observed the moon, I automatically swept the Constellation of Pegasus, which lay about 10 degrees north and west of the moon which in turn was in the Constellation of Pices. Everything in the entire area was normal--the sky was very clear with no atmospheric disturbances that I could detect. The stars were all very bright even though there was some small amount of day light in the upper regions of the sky. The Great Square of Pegasus was very plain to the naked eye. I observed the star Alpheratz, which is at the northeast corner of Pegasus, but is in the Constellation of Andromeda, for the purpose of observing it later.

I then turned back to the scope to turn it on the moon and swung it in the direction of the moon. (This action takes less than ten seconds with an equatorial mount). At the moment I swung the scope in the direction of the moon, I noticed an object which was very much out of place in the Great Square of Pegasus, approximately 24°-30' N. Lat., which placed it approximately 4°-30' south of Alpheratz. The object was a light--consisting of a misty patch about the size of 1" in width with a red orb in the center.

I sighted my scope on this object instead of the moon. My telescope has a 1250 m/m objective mirror. The eyepiece was an 18 m/m lens, which adds to approx. 70 Power. The apparent magnitude of the red orb was +1.0. This was taking the mist into consideration. The entire object was visible to the naked eye.

As I brought the scope into proper focus on the orb, I noticed a slight fluctuation of the light. This was also visible to the naked eye. The entire object moved slightly to the east then back to its original position. It then moved north to within 2° of Alpheratz where the red orb finally started to diminish. The red orb was visible in the scope for some 20 to 25 minutes. The mist lingered in this area for some 20 minutes longer before diminishing entirely.

A second sighting was made of a fast diminishing misty patch at 22h-00 with the same telescope and a 9 m/m eyepiece which doubled the
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observing powers of the first sighting. It is also very strange that pin-points of light were observed to flash around the perimeter of both objects that resembled the Strobe lights on conventional aircraft. The only problem is--was it aircraft? I hardly can see where it could have been, based on the present information at the fact that all the astronomers that viewed it seem to place it at quite some distance in space, completely outside of our atmosphere.

On the first observation I observed no less than thirty of the bright light flashes. On the second, seven. The second object moved approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ to the east in a matter of ten minutes.

[A second letter from Mr. Watts] Since filing my first report, I have learned that several astronomers in this area also made the same sighting. I also had several telephone calls from citizens of the area who had sighted the light. There is no doubt in my mind that several thousand people made the sighting and thought they were seeing some part of Apollo. But, let us consider some facts and celestial co-ordinates. First--Apollo was approximately 50' east of Alpha Andromeda (Alpheratz) and 33' N. Lat. Alpheratz is located approximately 2° south of 30° N. Lat. which gives us a sub-total of 5°. The light was first spotted at approximately 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° south of Alpheratz--which gives us a grand total of 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ °. This would place Apollo 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° North and 50' east of the light. From the information I have been able to get, there was no part of Apollo in this area. At this time, 18h35! GMT Apollo was fast approaching the 20,000-mile mark in space. The differential of the coordinates pretty well takes the if's, and's or but's out of it. 20,000 miles out in space and 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° apart should add up to quite some distance apart.

A letter from John Preisack, MUFON Consultant follows: I did not personally observe this sighting, but I have talked to someone who has.

On the night of Jan. 31, 1971, at approximately 6:45 P.M. CST, a friend of mine, Merlin Checkett, of Berkeley, Mo., observed this same object with a friend of his. They observed it through binoculars and two large telescopes. Mr. Checkett had prior knowledge of the trajectory of the path of Apollo 14, and was all set up to observe the docking maneuver. While scanning the area of the square of Pegasus, he sighted a bright hazy spot.

They observed this haze with the large telescopes and could clearly see the Apollo 14 command module and four of the panels that were blown clear of the lunar module's protective covering atop the S4B rocket. These four panels were lined with aluminum foil and clearly reflected the sunlight. The hazy patch was caused by the emission of the thrusters on the command module while it attempted to dock with the lunar module.

Mr. Merlin Checkett is the Secretary-Treasurer of the St. Louis Astronomical Society and has given me permission to use his name in this report.

Editor's Note: We thank the three gentlemen. Again--we do not seek conflict; only a meeting of the minds.

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Say It With Music?

Rosetta Holmes, 1690 Hill Drive, Carlyle, Ill., wants to know if any of our readers know of any songs written about UFOs. If you know of any, write to her--she will appreciate it. Who knows--some of our musical readers may be inspired to come up with tomorrow's "Stardust."

Walt Andrus Addresses Kiwanis Club of Quincy, Ill.

Walter A. Andrus, Director of MUFON, discussed "A Fresh Analysis of UFOs" at the Monday noon meeting of the Kiwanis Club in Quincy, Ill., March 8th. He told of thousands of UFO sightings over the U. S. since 1948 and showed films of UFO's that observers had taken. The program was reported in "The Herald-Whig" of Quincy.

John F. Schuessler to Speak at High School

John F. Schuessler, Director of the St. Louis UFO Study Group and State (Missouri) Director of MUFON, will lecture on UFOs at the Highland High School, Highland, Ill., Sunday afternoon, April 18, at 1:00 PM. A question and answer session will follow with a panel from the Study Group.

Walt Andrus to Appear on "Hot Line" Program

Walter A. Andrus, of Quincy, Ill., is scheduled to appear on the WILY radio "Hot Line" Monday, April 26th, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. This is an interview program with questions and comments phoned in by the listening audience. Sam Hassen, Station Manager, and Ann Kramer will host the program.

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Double Sphere Watched over Phoenix

Wm. J. Finch, of Phoenix, Arizona, writes he was one of many who watched a double sphere over Phoenix for a half hour or so, early afternoon, Thursday, March 11, 1971. One sphere was yellow and the other changed from blue to green and back to blue. They were side by side, touching, and not the dumbbell shape sometimes reported "unless the angle was such that the middle was obscured."

The object was photographed and we hope to hear of the results. Mr. Finch says he isn't too hopeful as an instamatic was used.

A Spiro from Space?

At about 7:30 on June 23, 1969, two greenkeepers at a Sydney, Aus., golf course discovered a triangular impression on the 17th fairway. The three points, which were sixteen feet apart, had deep impressions at each corner about eight inches wide and 2½ inches deep. It looked as though a rocket had made the burn and something heavy had landed. There was a heavy dew that morning and if anyone had walked across the grass, prints would have been left. There were none. The course ranger had not seen any marks when on patrol the evening before. (Credit: Bi-Monthly UFO Report, P. O. Box 51, Glenside S. C. Australia, 5065.

Well-known UFO researcher/writer Jerome Clark (now Associate Editor of FATE Magazine) contributes a very interesting article in the April issue of FATE. Recounting the UFO flap which took place in the Prescott, Arizona area in the summer of 1970, Clark details the involvement of contactee Paul Solem, as well as the Hopi Indian prophecies of UFOs and the "Day of Purification."

Although the April issue of SAGA is not at hand as I write this (thanks to some mix-up in distribution to local newsstands), the second part of Otto Binder's article on contactee Ted Owens was scheduled for this issue.

The March 28th issue of NATIONAL ENQUIRER printed an account of UFOs seen in the Riverside, N. J. area during January of this year. Sightings were reported by three policemen and one civilian on two separate nights.

Brad Steiger's article in the May issue of MALE deals with the "mystery explosions" heard, felt and seen in many parts of the world throughout the years. Steiger points out that certain areas--such as Moodus, Conn.--are "explosion-prone," having been subjected to the strange noises for nearly 300 years, at intervals of 2 or 3 years. The sounds can not be explained as sonic booms, blasting or any other conventional phenomenon, though some have postulated a UFO connection. UFO researchers have generally labeled such blasts as "skyquakes," but the mere assigning of a name makes them not one bit less mysterious. Watch for more articles by Steiger in MALE.

The #6 MALE ANNUAL is also on the stands currently, with an article on UFOs and various disasters. Largely re-hash of such things as the UFOs seen during the 1965 Northeastern power blackout, UFOs reported from areas of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions etc. Even "Shippy" makes the re-hash scene!

As mentioned in a previous column, Brinsley LePoer Trench's first UFO book, THE SKY PEOPLE, has recently been re-issued in paperback by Award Books (75¢). For those who may not be familiar with the general theme of the book, it deals with the "gods from outer space" theme. Trench suggests that the gods in our various legends and mythologies were actually extraterrestrial visitors and that they may well have had a direct relation with homo sapiens. His many quotes from various mythologies, the Bible, modern UFO reports, etc. all make for interesting reading, even if one may not agree with his interpretations or speculations. To my way of thinking, the book is certainly worth adding to your UFO library.

The same, yet different. That was one of my first thoughts upon reading and "digesting" PASSPORT TO ETERNITY by Laurence W. Foreman. It is the "same" in the sense that the basic tenor of the book will be familiar to anyone who has read considerable contactee literature. Benign, all-wise visitors from "out there" here to help Earthman progress into a higher way of life. Foreman recalls his contacts in the California desert and near Socorro, N. M., extending over a 9-year period. Yet, it is different in several ways. Like other accounts of this type, it simply does not provide acceptable answers for many facets of the UFO riddle. At times amusing, PASSPORT TO ETERNITY is a curiously interesting book. For those who may be interested, copies may be obtained for \$4.00 each from Tam's Inc. - 3450 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

Woman and Teen Age Sons Report Space Ship with Occupants

By Ted Phillips

Mrs. Enid Campbell, 43; her sons, Gene, 18, and George, 14 claim to have seen an unidentified flying object, with occupants, at their farm home 4 miles southwest of Knox City, Mo., on January 29, 1967. Knox City, population 330, is located on Highway 6, eight miles southeast of Edina and 30 miles east of Kirksville. The Campbell farm is on State Road T.

Mrs. Campbell and her sons were seated in the living room of their modest, two-story farm home. The local news was coming on television at 2200 when Gene glanced out the east window and saw what he thought to be the full moon rising in the east-northeast. He called to his mother and George to look at the moon to see how large it was.

In a few minutes the boys went to bed, leaving Mrs. Campbell with the TV set. She glanced out the window again and noticed the "moon" was not rising as it should and had moved towards the south without gaining altitude. When first seen, it was low on the horizon and behind a large tree--now it was to the right of the tree and a little higher.

Interested now, Mrs. Campbell watched the object which moved toward the house. As it crossed a field just to the east of the house, she could see that it was a perfect sphere, white in color "like a frosted light bulb," she said, and it was surrounded by a pink-red glow or mist. Around the center was a thin ring with several holes about 4 inches in diameter and spaced about one foot apart. The ring was "shiny gold" in color and extended beyond the edge of the sphere.

The object continued to move towards the house slowly, passed over a four-foot high fence, then lowered until it almost touched the ground as it moved between the large tree and the house. Mrs. Campbell was certain it was going to hit the house when suddenly, at the last instant it stopped abruptly and hovered one or two feet from the window.

At this point Mrs. Campbell said it was only four or five feet from her. She could not see the top of the sphere which she judged to be about two-stories high, and no sound could be heard. The lower, right quarter of the sphere was clear enough to show a "control panel" with a lever on top, and two occupants--one seated at the panel, the other standing behind the first. The light in the control room was yellow in color, and she could distinguish no other features. The occupants were not clearly seen as the material on the outside of this "control room" was not clear like glass, but she said they seemed to be normal in every respect. They were wearing what looked like "shiny, silvery wet suits." The object hovered only briefly before starting to ascend towards the southeast.

She called to her sons and they arrived on the scene in time to see the object as a sphere which was gaining altitude and moving away. It stopped some distance away and hovered and all observed the object, the central ring and the pink-red glow around it. As it hovered, two smaller spheres, also white in color, approached from the north and entered the larger sphere through an opening located on the lower left quarter. After the spheres entered the central ring displayed fiery fountains of a red-colored material which fell a short distance and disappeared. The object then ascended vertically and disappeared. The entire sighting lasted about 30 minutes.

The witnesses claimed that they found where snow had been melted at the spot where the object had hovered near the house and also claimed

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Woman and Teen Age Sons Report Space Ship . . (Continued)

that a glass fruit jar was found partly melted. They did not keep the jar. It is also claimed that a strip, 200-300 yards long and 6 feet wide, across the garden where the object had approached the house, has failed to grow plants while plant life outside the strip is normal.

Other reports have been heard of in the Knox City area, taking place since 1967 and involving landings or tree-top level flights.

The Campbells say there have been many unusual happenings since the sighting. Unusual lights have been seen in the area in the past four years and they say doors open and close and footsteps are heard on the stairway in their home, and they cannot determine the cause.

The witnesses seemed to be sincere and they certainly believe the event took place as described. Mrs. Campbell has some college education and seems to be a very intelligent person, not a UFO fanatic in any sense of the word. The boys too seem to be sincere and intelligent. They are quite open-minded--almost too much so as they seem to be willing to believe in anything of unusual nature. Based on my interview with them, I would say that an event did take place on the night of January 29, 1967, but I would not rate the case "A" because of their reaction and the other reported events said to have followed the initial sighting.

Michigan Youths Report UFO

John Baker, Gary Pietrykowski and Chuck Snyder, Richmond, Michigan residents sighted a UFO on Kroner Road in Columbus township one night in November, 1970, as reported in the Richmond "Review" on Dec. 10th.

"It looked like a car," said John Baker, "except the hood hump was in the back of the vehicle. It had blinking red, green and white lights, made a heavy droning noise, and hovered between 50 and 100 yards overhead."

He thought it might land and he got scared, he said and "took off."

"As we back-tracked two or three miles down Kroner, it turned and followed us. At that point, we saw cars approaching from the other direction, and the UFO disappeared, traveling in a sideways direction."

"It was all lights and made a droning jet sound, but not loud," Gary recalled. Chuck described the sound as "an intensely high-pitched hum."

"Looking up at the object in its hovering position, it appeared as wide as the road," he stated. "It probably would have been much bigger at ground level. The thing itself was shadowed out because the lights were so bright. It stayed in one place with the lights tilted at a slight angle and I thought maybe it was turning in a circle."

It couldn't have been a jet or helicopter, Snyder said, and he added an older person, in poor health, could die of fright after an experience like that. "If the Air Force is behind this thing, they should notify the public," he said. He admitted he was scared himself but "I wanted to see what it was."

As the oncoming cars drew closer, the UFO moved a hundred yards to the side, in a northeast direction, and then "disappeared with an unbelievable burst of speed. In an instant, there was nothing," Snyder said. "It was like a light turning out, but faster."

He never believed in UFOs before, he said, "But three people just can't imagine the same thing at the same time. It happened all right, and we saw it."

The reporter commented: "It seems to be no longer a case of 'Are there UFOs?' but rather, 'Whose UFOs are they?'"

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Barium Cloud Experiments Result in Many UFO Reports...By Ted Phillips

As there have been a number of UFO reports in the midwest of late which may be attributed to barium cloud launches, the following information should be of interest as it can help in the evaluation of past and future reports. The following was received from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

News Release No. 70-14, Oct. 5, 1970:--A cooperative experiment between the Max Planck Institute of Munich, Germany, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration was launched from Wallops Island, Va., at 5:05 a.m. EDT today.

The large colorful cloud, illuminated by the sun's rays, was visible for hundreds of miles. Reports of sightings have been received from Portland, Me.; Greenville, N. C.; and Minneapolis, Minn.

Today's experiment ejected a barium cloud at an altitude of about 560 statute miles. The artificial cloud first appeared light green tinged with red. As the barium became ionized by solar radiation, the ionized cloud became attached to the earth's magnetic field to form an elongated pattern, several hundred miles long.

This launch is a prelude to a similar experiment in the spring of 1971, when a barium cloud will be released at an altitude of about 20,000 miles.

News Release No. 70-11 describes the cloud experiments in more detail: The cloud releases will be made at times when ground based optical observation stations are in darkness, but when the barium vapor will be illuminated by the sun. The ionized clouds are created by ultraviolet radiation from the sun impinging on the free barium expelled during the release process.

The container in the MPI Javelin payload is filled with a mixture of barium chips and copper oxide.

The cloud expands rapidly so that the cloud will appear about the diameter of the moon within five seconds. The rapid expansion may create an illusion that the cloud is rapidly approaching the observer. The cloud will be visible for 20 or more minutes.

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The April Sky

By Ted Phillips

Venus is still visible in the early morning sky during the month of April. It rises at about 4:30 a.m. April 1st and at 4:00 a.m. on May 1st.

Jupiter will be seen in the late evening as it rises at about 11:00 p.m. April 1st and at 8:50 p.m. May 1st.

Mars will be seen in the southeast before sunrise and it will be becoming brighter as the year progresses. It will be seen as an extremely bright object from July to September and will be at its brightest on August 10th. Mars rises about 1:45 a.m. on April 1st and at 12:50 a.m. on May 1st.

Saturn is seen in the early evening hours in the high southwest. It sets about 9:40 p.m. April 1st, and at 8:00 p.m. May 1st.

The Constellations. No. 5. Leo (The Lion)

By Mark Herbstritt

Leo may be the oldest of all constellations. All known Astronomical records show this group of stars in the same boundaries it has today. The lion was traditionally the king of beasts and perhaps of all living things. In ancient Egypt, the lions were made bold by the overwhelming heat of the sun and ventured into the inhabited parts of the Nile Valley at this season. The early Babylonians and the Arabs also pictured the constellation as a lion. The Greeks accepted the figure and wove about it the legend of the Nemean lion that Hercules was compelled to slay as one of his twelve tasks.

The figure of the constellation can be easily recognized by an Asterism called the Sickle toward the west. The bright star Regulus is at the end of the handle of the Sickle. A triangle marks the eastern end of Leo. The brightest star in Leo (Regulus) is called "The heart of the Lion." Leo lies at the western edge of the vast field of galaxies that swarm in this region of the sky, lying mainly in Coma Berenice and Virgo. Leo lies directly south of Ursa Major (The Big Dipper).

Aids to Identification of Flying Objects is the title of a 33-page booklet available for 20¢ from the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 20402. (Publication D 301.2:F67). Under "Meteorological and Astronomical Factors" a description is given of mirages, planets, comets, meteors, sundogs and moon dogs etc. Balloons, aircraft and other objects often reported as UFOs are discussed. You will find this little book a valuable aid in identifying many sky objects.

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Plan to attend the Midwest UFO Network Conference in St. Louis, June 12,

A Catalog of Missouri UFO Cases: 1857-1970 By Ted Phillips

The list began in the October 1970 issue. Inquiry should refer to the file number and be addressed to Ted Phillips, Box 615, Sedalia, Mo.

#	File #	Date	Location	Time	Description of Incident	Rating
110	56	5-20-67	Cassville	2330	landing, 2 witnesses, night	A
111	57	5-22-67	Gravois Mills	-	night, lights	D1
112	58	6-1-67	Sedalia	-	night, star-like (satellite)	C
113	59	6-1-67	Jefferson City	-	night, round, orange object	D
114	60	6-30-67	Ash Grove	-	night, lights	D
115	61	7-11-67	Florissant	-	night, lights, hovered	B
116	62	7-17-67	Kansas City	1930	silver disc	D1
117	63	7-3-67	Kansas City	1900	silver disc, close, 9 wit.	A
118	64	7-18-67	Florissant	-	lights	D1
119	65	8-18-67	Tuscumbia	2300	photograph	B
120	191	8-25-67	Eldon	1600	2 wit., close, detail desc.	B
121	66	9-2-67	Springfield	-	night, lights	D1
122	67	9-15-67	Harrisonville	-	night, vertical ascent, 1 wit.	B
123	68	9-22-67	Gravois Mills	1930	hovered, left at high speed	B
124	69	9-26-67	Gravois Mills	2030	landing, 2 wit.	B
125	70	10-20-67	Warrensburg	-	night, lights	D
126	71	10-21-67	Thayer	-	-	D1
127	72	10-21-67	Springfield	-	-	D1
128	73	11-13-67	Salem	-	night, lights	C
129	11-24-67	Tuscumbia	0930	1 wit., cone-shaped	B	

To Be Continued

Dr. Allen R. Utke, Ph.D., Looks at the UFO Problem

No. 9

Some examples are given of men who were ridiculed or persecuted for their radically new scientific ideas:

1543 - Vesalius, founder of modern anatomy

Early 1600's - The Royal Society of England poked fun at those who "waste their time looking for objects so small that a microscope is needed to see them."

Late 1700's and Early 1800's - Ohm was regarded as a fanatic. Thomas Young revived the wave theory of light and was the object of merciless ridicule. Trevithick introduced high-pressure steam in boilers, but Watt declared him to be an irresponsible fanatic. Frankland's paper linking electricity and lightning was received by the Royal Society with sarcasm. And there were more.

1854 - Morton first used nitrous oxide to extract teeth and was therefore so ruthlessly persecuted that he took his life.

1857 - The German chemist Liebig regarded Pasteur's view that microbes could cause fermentation as "ridiculous, naive and childish."

1878 - Edison announced he was working on the incandescent lamp and was ridiculed by a group of British scientists. M. Boulilaud demonstrated Edison's newly-invented phonograph to the scientists at the Academie Francaise in Paris. Boulilaud was hustled out of the room after being branded an imposter and ventriloquist by those present.

Dr. Utke lists many other examples that met with the same ridicule when first introduced--the radiotelegraph, the existence of atoms, an airplane as a commercial carrier, Einstein's lecture on relativity, the ideas of space flight as proposed by rocket experts Goddard and

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Dr. Utke . . . (Continued)

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Oberth, tapping the energy inside the atom, sinking a ship with a bomb, space travel and others.

The list illustrates the lack of foresight and the ridicule that any radically new idea is going to meet. Perhaps now we can understand, Dr. Utke points out, why we're on the merry-go-round we are with regard to UFOs. Most scientists simply feel that it's "impossible" that UFOs exist and could be either a new natural phenomenon or extra-terrestrial in origin. If they were one of these things, we'd have to deny, revise, or even discard some of our major theories about time, space, matter, the atmosphere etc! Obviously it's much easier simply to deny that UFOs exist, ignore them, or explain them away until such time as there is overwhelming "scientific proof" available that forces us to believe them.

How are we going to get off this merry-go-round? Unfortunately, we probably won't, Dr. Utke says, until many scientists change some of their attitudes. For example, maybe it's time we made our criteria for "scientific proof" a little less stiff and rigid at times. The circumstantial evidence for meteorites and ball lightning was overwhelming. But "scientific proof" was lacking and so sightings of these things were almost completely ignored for many years. Likewise, the circumstantial evidence that UFOs exist is strong enough to get a conviction by the rules applied in any criminal or civil court of law. The time has come to seriously consider this evidence in a scientific court of law. Do we have to always either be believers or non-believers in things. Can't we be curious skeptics?

Along these lines, Dr. Utke states his belief that it is time more scientists balance their excessive emphasis on what is known with a little more respect for the idea that there may be many significant things yet to be discovered. This would lead to a little more intellectual curiosity about the unknown. We sometimes lose sight of the fact that the unusual, the unexpected, even the impossible are always right around the corner, he points out. Discoveries do come right "out of the blue." X-rays, nuclear energy, radio, TV, quantum mechanics, relativity, transistors, lasers, atomic clocks, electronics, the Van Allen Belts, etc., etc., etc., all were basically unexpected discoveries that were basically unforeseen. Meteorites and ball lightning also belong on the list. Do UFOs belong also?

Scientists must stop using ridicule as a defense mechanism to compensate for a lack of information, Dr. Utke says. He gives the following quotes from some of the leading scientists in the country: "Most sightings are made by insecure people clinging desperately to a fantasy of security."

"UFOs are a space age myth."

"People see UFOs because they want to see UFOs."

"Do you want to see a UFO? Look out the window right now. Stare until you see spots. Then you'll see a UFO--if that's what you want to see."

"So many airline pilots report seeing them. That's why I take the train."

Dr. Utke answers these in the next issue of SKYLOOK. Don't miss it.

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CLAIMS IT IS A STAR
Astronomer Says He Has
Solved Airship Mystery

The Bobbing Motion Explained

Position of the Light in the Heavens and the Hour of Setting
Coincide with Those of the Star Betelgeuse-Engineer Says He Saw
the Airship in Daylight Traveling at the Rate of 150 Miles an
Hour - Seen by Others.

Appleton, Wis. April 13--Arthur C. Lunn, of Lawrence University, watched the supposed airship carefully Monday night, and after calculation has proven beyond a doubt that the supposed ship is the star Betelgeuse in the constellation Orion. There was some excitement on the streets Monday night when a peculiar light was seen in the west. The light was no larger than a large star, but changed color from red to a piercing white, closely resembling an electric searchlight at several miles distant. What was even more peculiar the "airship" seemed to bob up and down with at times a lateral motion. When still some degrees above the horizon, it disappeared, reappeared again in an instant, and finally became invisible. Students of Lawrence university who saw the phenomenon called up A. C. Lunn, recognized as an expert in astronomy by all the members of the faculty, and he took close observations of the star, as he termed it.

Calculations Coincide

The star finally set at 10:40 and Mr. Lunn recorded the angular distance from the west point, together with the time of the apparent setting of the star over the sensible horizon. Tuesday afternoon Mr. Lunn calculated the angular position and setting time of the real star, taking the mean of the atmospheric refraction. The two calculations, the one on the airship and the star Betelgeuse, coincide within the possible limit of error in the eye estimate, which is very low. Mr. Lunn made a very comprehensive explanation of the illusion, saying that Betelgeuse is a red star with a light of a quality that greatly exaggerates the twinkle of all stars when it is near the horizon. Atmospheric disturbances easily occur and in a moment's time will make the atmosphere much more dense, causing a greater refraction of some of the light rays. When, for example, two red rays near together in the spectrum are refracted so that at a given point there is a certain difference in the wave length, interference occurs and neither ray is visible.

Explains the Different Colors

This, with other phenomena of refraction, explains the different colors manifested by the star and the same principle of refraction also explains the apparent vertical vibration of the star which Mr. Lunn gave as being Monday night at least 35 minutes. A lateral vibration was also noticed and though not so evident, was still present. This vibration is now being studied by astronomers at Yale college.

Continued next month. Don't miss "The Airship Explodes"

BEFORE

By Lucius Farish

No. 13 in a series of pre-1947 UFO reports.

THE NEW YORK TIMES--December 13, 1880--Another Remarkable Meteor--
(From the Charleston, N. C., Observer) "Did you see the meteor?" every
body was asking Thursday night. It was a very remarkable one indeed,
appearing in the western sky shortly after sundown. It was first seen
at an angle of about 45 degrees, and moved in a direction almost di-
rectly west. An intelligent witness of the interesting spectacle de-
scribes it as a brilliant red ball, about the size of the crown of a
man's hat, and states that it moved rather more slowly than ordinary
meteors, giving the spectator abundant opportunity to see and enjoy the
brilliant sight. But the most wonderful feature was the bright streak
of light it left in its track in the sky. This remained visible at
least 10 minutes after the disappearance of the meteor, and was seen by
hundreds of persons in the city. It was not a straight streak of light,
that usually left by a meteor, but assumed a zig-zag appearance. One
suggested that it looked like a crack in a pot, and an old colored man
remarked that it "looked like the sky had been cracked for you to see
the light." It was very bright at first, and gradually faded along
the whole line until it became invisible. Accounts differ with respect
to the intensity of the light, but the general impression is that it
was the brightest near the middle of the line. The disappearance of
the meteor was not sudden, it, too gradually grew smaller until it van-
ished, near the horizon. So far as reported it was not accompanied by
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