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PILOT SAYS SEATTLE LIGHTS "DEFINITELY AIRCRAFT"

Last month we reported the nine red lights soaring above Seattle and the Puget Sound area the night of July 7, with the police accepting the report that pranksters had sent lighted balloons aloft.

Several newspapers, including the ARKANSAS GAZETTE, carried an AP story out of Seattle, July 9, featuring a pilot's definite assertion the objects were some type of controlled aircraft.

Rudy Malaspina, a real estate salesman, was flying at 7,000 feet. He was directed by the Auburn Flight Center to descend to 5,000 feet when he was about 40 miles from the field. The Center then cleared him to drop to 2,200 feet to pick up a guide marker for Seattle's Boeing Field.

"I could hardly receive the Center," Malaspina said. "Then the Center handed me to Boeing tower and I noticed right directly in front of me nine vertical lights on a collision course. We were closing fast. I said, 'This is a military formation,' and I turned right. These nine lights made a right oblique turn instantly. You're not supposed to turn without directions from the tower, but I turned."

"Just two seconds later, I looked over my shoulder to see where this formation was going and I saw it right over the southern tip of Green Lake (just west of the University of Washington in Seattle)."

"Well, four rockets were fired from these objects, and they were not flares - they were rockets. Three of them hit southeast of Green Lake and one of them hit the southern tip of Green Lake. I got on the radio and told the (Boeing Field) tower: 'There's a military formation dropping rockets.' They said they had no knowledge of any military formation in the area whatsoever."

By then Malaspina was at 3,000 feet and estimated the red lights to be at 7,000 or 8,000 feet. He heard another private pilot

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UFO OVER KANSAS CITY AIRPORT ST. LOUIS GLOBE DEMOCRAT, AUG. 9

An unidentified flying object which flew off at great speed was reported sighted by Leavenworth residents Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hrabak said that they and some of their neighbors saw a white light come out of the east and hover for 10 or 15 minutes approximately 3,000 to 5,000 feet above the Kansas City International Airport across the Missouri River.

The couple said that when a jet plane approached from the west, the unidentified object accelerated rapidly almost straight up and disappeared.

MARCH SIGHTING COMPARED WITH 1897 FLAP

David Schroth, secretary of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, takes a hard look at UFO's and draws conclusions after careful study of all available evidence. His research enables him to make comparisons when characteristics seem to form a pattern. Such studies are a valuable contribution to the field of ufology, providing guide lines for the serious student attempting to classify the many types of unidentified flying objects.

Mr. Schroth's comparison of an Ohio sighting this year with one in the 1897 flap follows a report of the former.

Mrs. Virginia Robbins, of Madison, Ohio, and an employee of the Dohrn Transportation Company of Rock Island, Illinois, made the report by letter to Walt Andrus of 1500 State Street, Quincy, Illinois on April 29, 1968.

She opened her letter by apologizing for her delay in answering his query of March 21 and said, "I guess the only reason I can give is that I have been kidded about our sighting so much that I would like to forget it, but we did see something and I will try to tell you the best I can."

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IT WENT THAT-A-WAY

EVENING NEWS, Harrisburg, Pa., July 3.

Thousands of area residents awoke this morning to discover that not even a night's sleep would erase the memory of a flaming meteor they saw through last night's warm skies.

The meteor was sighted here at 9:24 p.m. and scores of residents immediately reported it to police, The Evening News, and radio and television news media.

For those who saw it, the meteor was reported as a large "ball of fire" with a long tail much like a comet.

Dr. John Cavanaugh, curator of astronomy and planetarium director of Franklin and Marshall College, said the meteor was highly colorful, apparently containing many minerals which provided its coloration.

Some resident sky watchers missed seeing the meteor, but reported the entire sky flashed white; some said their lawns were illuminated as if it were bright daylight.

Jack Betz, 5000 Lancaster Street, president of the Astronomical Society of Harrisburg, witnessed the spectacle from the society's observatory, a mile west of Lewisberry.

"It was a type of meteor classified as a fire ball," he said. "It emitted a very intense pale, green light and it moved southeast to the northwest. After passing over the area where I was, it appeared to break up into smaller pieces and disappear into the cloud cover to the northwest."

Betz said the society would be interested in hearing from anyone who heard a noise from the meteor.

Betz said he has been observing sky phenomena for about 25 years and "this is the first of this type I ever saw."

Approximately 100 preliminary reports from viewers said the meteor had landed north of Millersburg. State police at Lykens, however, said this was not true. Other reports had the meteor landing north of Marysville and as far north as Williamsport and Bloomsburg.

The above is a direct quote from the Harrisburg press. Lou Farish sent us an AP story carried in the ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT which gives additional information on this interesting report.

Dixon Miller, a state fire warden on Effort Mountain near Stroudsburg, Pa., made one of the earliest reports and said a "ball of fire" passed overhead about 9:25 p.m., followed by two sharp booms "like the noise when a plane breaks the sound barrier."

Rod B. Dyke is editor of the U.F.O.R.C. JOURNAL, published quarterly at 3521 S. W. 104th Street, Seattle, Washington 98146 -- subscription, \$3.00 per year.

This publication of the Unidentified Flying Objects Research Committee has an impressive list of directors, board of advisors and reporters here and in foreign countries. Reprints from other saucer mags, newspaper reports of UFO sightings and the group's own investigative stories make interesting reading. SKYLOOK recommends it.

AT THE NEWS STAND
By Ted Phillips, Jr.

SAGA -- September -- "Is Shooting Humanoids Murder?" by Otto Binder.

MAN TO MAN Magazine -- "An Itch That Ought to be Scratched; The Antarctic U.F.O. Mystery," by Mercator Player. An account of strange occurrences that might be connected with the UFO phenomena.

ARGOSY -- "The Spreading Mystery of the Bermuda Triangle."

NATIONAL ENQUIRER -- August 25 - "Scientists Puzzled by Blinding Lights and Weird Behavior of Animals Just Before Devastating Earthquake." Same issue: "Strange Happenings," a regular feature column, has UFO sighting.

THE FLYING SAUCER STORY -- An Ace Star paperback by Brinsley Le Poer Trench, price 60¢.

FLYING SAUCERS ARE WATCHING US -- a Belmont paperback by Otto O. Binder. Price 75¢.

THIS WEEK -- August 4 -- "Limbo of Lost Ships," by Leslie Lieber.

NATIONAL ENQUIRER -- August 11 -- "UFO's Caused Earthquake & Sudden Temperature Drop."

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HALIFAX REPORTS UFO's

Winnipeg FREE PRESS, May 8, 1968.

Spring skies over parts of the Maritimes appear to be inhabited by more than twinkling stars and the sombre visage of the man in the moon.

The black of night has recently been colored by various reports from widely separated areas of blinking red and yellow lights and strange shaped objects that sometimes hover and flit away.

It was a large star with red, green and yellow lights that captivated the attention of Mrs. L. O. Gaetz of Head of Chezzetcook near neighboring Dartmouth.

"It was stationary for hours, then made its way seaward," she said.

In fact, most of the recent sightings of unidentified flying objects have been made in coastal areas.

An object similar to the one that Mrs. Gaetz saw was reported by a resident of East Chezzetcook in the same general area of Nova Scotia's eastern shore; and Mr. and Mrs. John Van Noord of nearby Westphal saw a bright light moving in a wide arc over Halifax and Dartmouth.

Mr. Van Noord thought it might be a satellite, but it suddenly stopped, then soared straight up until it disappeared from sight.

To the southwest, bright mysterious objects in the night sky have been seen at Overton near Yarmouth, N. S., and across the Bay of Fundy at Ingalls Head on New Brunswick's Grand Manan Island.

A middle-aged couple reported seeing a football-shaped object glowing brightly in the Overton area and a housewife in the same area saw a glowing object above some trees.

Across the bay at Ingalls Head, Marguerite Green saw four amber-colored lights about tree-top height. A number of people on Grand Manan reported seeing similar illumination the same night.

A mother and her son watched as a strange object flew over their Yarmouth home April 28, then disappeared in a vertical exit.

A herd of cows in the south Ohio farming area near Yarmouth led to one of the strangest sightings.

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March Sighting - Cont'd from P. 1

On the night of March 7 at about 8:30, Mrs. Robbins' son, Jack, age 13, decided to check some traps he had set. It was a clear and cool night and about an hour after he had left the house he returned "running and screaming" and near hysterics, Mrs. Robbins wrote, and it was sometime before she could understand what he was trying to tell her. "He said this thing was hovering over the woods at the far end of the woods when all of a sudden this big spotlight came on, covering the whole field. He said he started for home and the light moved over him until he reached the railroad tracks. He said there was no noise and before the large light came on, he could see small red and green lights flashing."

Her son said he 'felt tingly all over,' she wrote, and she assumed this was from fright. "Jack is a very good boy and does not get excited easily," she continued, "but that night he was so upset that he could hardly get to sleep."

But this wasn't all of the report. The next evening about 8:30 Mrs. Robbins was putting her younger son, Jeff, to bed when Jack and his grandmother called to her to come downstairs to the livingroom where they were looking out the front window. She joined them and "I saw the whole field light up across the road from our house like someone had a powerful light and it was about 200 feet up. There was no noise. This field runs along side the railroad tracks and there is a slight bend in the tracks to the west of us and you could see train lights coming around the bend. The light went out and one could see small flashing red and green and white lights." (Mrs. Robbins is referring to the object overhead.) "The object took off at a fast rate of speed at an angle northeast of us. It looked like a falling star falling up in place instead of down."

There were two more sightings to report. On the night of March 11, Mrs. Robbins continued, "Jack was out by the car and he called to me to come out. I went, and we could see this object coming up fast from the east. No noise. There were no large lights just the little ones, and we could see they appeared to be going in circles - not flashing, as we had thought before. The moon was out nice and clear, and the object went between us and the moon and we could see it

was circular in shape and quite large. The little lights go all around the form, spaced at regular spots. It was like tarnished silver in color, and it doesn't bother our TV . . . my mother was in the living room with the TV on and there was no roll or anything like an airplane causes. The dogs seemed to sense something though, as they barked and ran to the door."

Again on the night of March 28 the Robbins saw "this object coming from the east of our house with a large and flashing red light. It veered south and then west of the house." Mrs. Robbins and her two sons then tried to follow the light, going west on Route 84. After a mile, the object moved to the west and the south, and the Robbins turned around and "went back a little road that crosses U.S. 90." The red light was flashing all this period but when they reached the bridge over the freeway, "the light went out and we could not see where it went."

Mrs. Robbins concluded her report by adding they had watched for the light again and again but were not sure they had seen it since that night; however, she had heard reports of a large, flashing red light being seen in Kingsville, Ohio about 25 miles east of their home.

Mr. Schroth makes the following comparisons, underlining the apparent striking similarities between the Ohio sighting and the 1897 report:

Robbins: ". . . he said a big spotlight had followed him . . . he said this thing was hovering over the woods at the far end of the woods when all of a sudden this big spotlight came on, covering the whole field . . . I saw the whole field light up across the road from our house like someone had a powerful light and it was about 200 feet up."

1897 Airship: ". . . the light (on the airship) seemed about the size of a big street light and didn't seem to be as high as the clouds. It shot out a beam of light very much like a searchlight . . . some of the time white and then bright red . . ." (from the Kansas City TIMES of April 2, 1897).

". . . a great many people reported watching some sort of controlled object roaming the night sky . . . pausing from time to time to send downward a brilliant white searchlight beam . . ." (from the New York SUN of April 1, 1897).

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Chasing several strays that had wandered away, a farmer and his neighbor were suddenly confronted with a bright, stationary object about 1,000 feet from the ground. They later described the glow "like a floodlight" coming straight down from the strange craft.

Four other men also watched as the object moved away and the light disappeared.

These accounts, chronicled in weekly newspapers, are the latest UFO sightings since an orange illumination was seen dropping into the Atlantic ocean off Shag Harbor, N. S., last year. The RCMP and navy divers investigated that one without luck.

It could have been a flaming meteorite, but no one will ever know for sure. One man who would like to capture one of these mineral "invaders" from space is Professor Rupert MacNeill of the National Research Council's Associate Committee on Meteorites. The committee aims to locate and study meteorites to determine from which planet they came, or at least if they came from a planet, and if there might be the possibility of life in another world.

So far he's been unsuccessful, although he's not lacked in calls and letters from persons who have seen strange sights. He encourages those, for they help him catalog the phenomenal and the scientific. "There are some odd things reported to you," he said in an interview Monday, but mostly reports come from quite "reputable people."

Prof. MacNeill thinks UFO's could be "experimental things" of earthly manufacture. "But," he said, "the possibility of them being extraterrestrial can't be ignored, of course." -- Contributed by Lou Farish.

Review -- UFO SKYWATCH

We read the first anniversary issue of UFO-SKYWATCH with special interest as we had intended naming this mag SKYWATCH until we found the name was already being used. The editor is Jennifer Stevens, and the address is Box 622, Schenectady, New York 12301. Publication is monthly and the price is \$3.00 per year.

The magazine has interesting articles, editorial comment and UFO sightings we have not read elsewhere. In our opinion this one has class -- and we recommend it.

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SCIENTISTS WANT MORE UFO STUDY

Washington - Scientists willing to believe flying saucers are more than optical illusions or psychological aberrations asked Congress Monday to support research to find out whether unidentified flying objects come from other worlds.

None would yet describe himself as believing that UFO's are vehicles under the control of intelligent beings on earth surveillance missions.

But Dr. James E. McDonald of the University of Arizona's Institute of Atmospheric Physics said such an explanation for UFO's "is the one I believe most likely. There is too much consistent evidence that we are dealing with machine-like devices."

McDonald, and five other scientists with equally impressive credentials, appeared at a day-long symposium on UFO's conducted by a House Science and Astronautics subcommittee.

The others were somewhat more skeptical than McDonald, but they generally agreed that UFO's are a proper subject for scientific investigation.

Their recommendations on how to proceed with such research varied. There was even one suggestion that a sort of "UFO patrol" be set up so investigators could be flown to interview competent witnesses who see mysterious objects.

Dr. Carl Sagan of Cornell University's Astronomy Department said, however, that the search for extraterrestrial life should emphasize space probes such as the Mariner and Voyager vehicles being sent to Mars and Venus, rather than concentrate on flying saucers.

He added that if there are other technical civilizations in the universe, they are apt to be far more advanced than earthlings are today. It is not beyond question, he said, that the earth could be visited by other civilizations, "but I would demand very firm evidence before I would say it is a very likely hypothesis."

McDonald said he had been devoting a great deal of his time to UFO investigations during the past two years.

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UFO POTPOURRI

John F. Schuessler, who heads the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, and without whose contributed material this publication could not have completed its first year, is now getting out a monthly newsletter, UFO POTPOURRI, which is "a personal endeavor by the writer to alert the public to the facts and fiction of the UFO phenomena." Copies are not for sale but can be obtained from the writer at cost. It is also available for exchange with other similar publications.

You can write John at P.O. Box 9, O'Fallon, Missouri 63366, and arrange to receive this interesting and informative "potpourri" and we are proud and happy to assure you that John will continue to be one of SKYLOOK's faithful contributors.

At the risk of seeming fulsome, we again express our appreciation of John's letters of encouragement to the editor of SKYLOOK, along with contributing articles. *Another article on this with many others were cut out.*

Scientists Want More--Cont. from P. 5

"I am astounded at what I have found," he said. "I had no idea the actual situation is what it now appears to be."

He said interviews with people who have reported UFO's have convinced him; not all are sound, but too many are sound for those of us in the scientific community to lag any longer.

"The possibility we are under surveillance is a possibility I take very seriously," McDonald said. (ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, July 30, 1968, sent in by Lou Farish.)

More on this interesting report, from the ARKANSAS GAZETTE, July 30, 1968 --

A University of Arizona physicist indicated Monday there might be some relationship between unidentified flying objects and power failures, particularly the 1965 blackout of the northeast section of the United States. He (McDonald) told a House Committee "there are too many instances of sightings of UFO's hovering near power plants."

McDonald said that during the New York power failure, which began November 9, 1965, the Federal Power Commission had hundreds of reports of UFO sightings.

"There also were reports in upstate New York of a glowing object at the instant the lights went out," he said. The power fail-

ure was believed to have started in upstate New York.

"The source of the pulse which triggered the safety mechanism has not been identified," McDonald said, referring to the power system. * * * McDonald said all too often reports of UFO's contain information about power failures in houses or automobile engines going dead.

In answer to a question by Rep. W. F. Ryan (Dem., N.Y.), McDonald said there should be further investigation by the Federal Power Commission or some other government agency into the relationship of UFO's and power failures.

McDonald, in his formal statement, agreed with Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of the sociology department of the University of Illinois at Chicago, that the government should establish some agency to adequately study UFO reports.

This symposium was sparked by Congressman J. Edward Roush, a member of the Science and Astronautics Committee. He has been an interested observer for some time of the American public's reaction "to the twenty years of reported sightings." (Credit to both Lou Farish and John Schuessler for source material. John has requested a transcript of the symposium, and we hope he is successful in obtaining one.)

UFO OVER O'FALLON

"It looked like two saucers with a dome and a light!" That is how a 17-year-old O'Fallon, Missouri student and his two companions describe the object seen near O'Fallon about 1:00 a.m., Friday, August 23, 1968. The location of the incident was out Cool Springs Road, about a mile from the city, at the site of a Girl Scout day camp, where the trio was spending the night. The object was first noticed as a bright light moving slowly across a corn field toward the camp area, probably about two blocks distant. It was soon noticeable that there was actually four rows of lights, but as the object closed the gap to about a block the lights were extinguished. Clearly outlined against the lighter background of the sky was a double saucer-shaped object with a lighted dome. By this time the observers were quite scared, but they watched the UFO move out of their line of sight over the weeds directly opposite of the camp, then they all ran for town and local police.

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An O'Fallon city patrolman returned with them to investigate. After several minutes of searching in the field of six foot high corn, he gave up the investigation and returned to town and filed his report -- no UFO found. He did, however, promise to return periodically and check the safety of the campers. About 45 minutes later, on a return visit, he met the trio running down the road again. This time they had spotted a pulsating light coming from in, or through, the woods. They said it pulsed every six seconds. They returned with the officer to where they had marked a tree for alignment with the UFO and all four of them saw the pulsating light. The officer shined his light in its direction, but it seemed to have no effect on the object. They altered their position and tried again, but to no avail. They never entered the woods for safety reasons.

The incident was investigated by your editor [John Schuessler] about 10 hours later. A search of the major portion of the woods revealed no clues. The elevation of the cornfield is about 500 feet. The camp borders a stream that also flows through the woods, but at an elevation of 460 feet. The night was warm and humid, but clear. The new moon was barely evident.

The local police later verified the report, practically without a flaw. It was interesting to note that they receive a significant number of reports and are no longer surprised by such things. This incident has many other details, such as two more observations of the object and separate reports of the light viewed from the opposite direction. However, as usual, no physical evidence was found at the scene. (Credit, John F. Schuessler and appearing first in his UFO POTPOURRI).

READ UP ON THE PLANETS

The following handbooks were prepared for NASA by the Douglas Aircraft Corp. and may be obtained from the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402:

VENUS, NASA SP-3029, 60¢; MARS, NASA SP-3030, 70¢; and JUPITER, NASA SP-3031, 60¢.

They are highly recommended by John Schuessler in UFO POTPOURRI.

March Sighting - Cont'd. from P. 4

"... it (the airship) hovered in darkness over the little town (Sisterville, West Virginia) and began flashing at least two extremely brilliant searchlights on the community..." (from the New York HERALD of April 20, 1897).

Robbins: "...before the large light came on he could see small red and green lights flashing... the light went out and one could see small flashing red, green and white lights. The object took off at a fast rate of speed at an angle northeast of us."

1897 Airship: "...the object... bore var-colored lights... behind the brightest light (which) was white, some discerned a small red light... all agreed that still further behind the big white headlight could be seen a smaller white light and a green light side by side..." (from the Chicago TRIBUNE of April 10, 1897)

"...when it (the airship) sped up and away... all the witnesses said they could distinguish the flashing red, white and green lights along the sides and at the ends of the object..." (from the New York HERALD of April 20, 1897).

Robbins: "...it (the UFO) was like tarnished silver in color..."

1897 Airship: "reputable citizens here (Eldora, Iowa) say they saw the gigantic airship of polished silver..." (from the Chicago TRIBUNE of April 11, 1897).

Mr. Schroth sums up by adding his personal comment, "It appears to me that the confirmation or negation of these apparent similarities rests upon an analysis of Mrs. Robbins' reliability as an observer, that is so as to assure that the object described in her account can be properly labeled a UFO. If it is found that the object of her observation (if, indeed, there was an object, and the fact that there were at least three witnesses seems to preclude the possibility of hallucination) was merely an honestly misidentified natural phenomenon, the above comparisons are obviously meaningless."

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UFO's OVER SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

The flying saucers are active over the southern hemisphere this year, as reported in a UPI story out of Buenos Aires in the ARKANSAS GAZETTE, July 22, this year.

From Mexico to the Antarctic "Objectos Volantes no Identificados" -- unidentified flying objects -- have been reported, along with eyewitness accounts of strange beings, some of whom can even write in Spanish.

Reports of flying saucers and saucer-related events have touched off investigations of all kinds in Bolivia, Peru, Venezuela, Mexico, Chile and Argentina -- where a mass saucer epidemic has been underway since June.

So many sightings have been reported that Argentine Admiral Benigno Varela recently said the Navy would undertake a "statistical study of serious sighting." The Navy has not been immune from the strange visions. Varela said that detachments manning Argentine, English and Chilean Antarctic bases had seen "five lights in the sky moving in the same direction." Gabriel Alvila Caceres, director of the Cosmic Radiation Center at the University of Chile, thinks that even the term "OVNI" is a bit strong. He added that "unexplained phenomena" is more accurate. But whatever they are, Caceres says he photographed 15 of them from the observatory on Little Hell mountain in the Chilean Andes.

In Niteroil, Brazil, across the bay from Rio de Janeiro, an official police report attributed the mysterious deaths of two television repairmen to "persons or beings from the unknown." One of the two repairmen, Miguel Viana, was reported to have shot down a flying saucer two years ago. The repairman died three months later. A dozen witnesses said they saw a saucer 90 feet above the ground shortly before the repairmen's deaths.

In Argentina the mysterious intruders were less hostile as reported by Catholic Fernandez, a farmer who resides in Mar del Plata. He said his home was visited briefly last month by two strange looking, thin fellows in tight-fitting green suits that had a weird glow.

"When one of them raised his arm, I became dizzy," Fernandez said, describing the strangers, "but when they lowered their arms, I felt all right again."

Fernandez said he was visited by the curious creatures on June 14, the same day that 19-year-old Maria Eladia Pretzel says she saw her own non-earthly visitors in the town of Villa Carlos Paz, 462 miles northwest of Buenos Aires. "They were very handsome, about two meters (six-and-a-half feet) high," she said.

But instead of wearing green suits, Miss Pretzel's strabgers, whom she spotted wandering around her father's motel, wore "a kind of sky-blue pull-over with luminous scales."

Oscar Iriart's sighting July 2 in the town of Olavarria, 180 miles southwest of Buenos Aires, went a step further. The 15-year-old youth told police that he saw the tall, green clad crew of a flying platform descend from the spaceship. The invaders had a fixed stare in their eyes and no eyebrows.

"They gave me a message written in Spanish inviting me to take an opportunity to see other planets," Iriart said. Instead of taking them up on the offer, Iriart fled to tell police his tale.

The Bolivian Army, troubled enough by encounters with guerillas, once had to take time out to check out a peasant's story that an intruding space ship and a "strange creature resembling a man" had blinded his sheep while grazing in a high Andean pasture. Soldiers soon found that hunting guerillas was a lot easier than smoking out extra-terrestrial phenomena.

In Mexico the National Engineers Association is investigating calcinated rock found in the back yard of Maria Cristina Leguizamo, 43, a housewife, who said creatures from outer space took her for a saucer ride. The vehicle calcinated her lawn, she said. -- Contributed by Lou Farish. (Editor's note: Both Mr. Farish and your editor found this article interesting, and we give it space for that reason -- and leave it to our readers to "separate fact from fantasy.")

THIS BOOK A "MUST" --

USAF PROJECTS & BLUEBOOK REPORTS 1-12 (1951-53) may now be obtained from NICAP, 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The classification has been lifted from this long sought after information, and the detailed reports and photos make this book a "must" to the ufology student, according to Ted Phillips, Jr. and John Schuessler, two of our staff who already have copies. The price is \$5.00.

The Dudley Observatory in Albany, New York reported sightings from Utica, N.Y. to Burlington, Vermont. The Champlain Valley was deluged with reports of the meteor from Burlington and Barre, Vermont to Glens Falls and Plattsburgh, New York. Among the spotters were several professional airline pilots. Several pilots and residents in western Pennsylvania reported "several streaks of light," indicating that the meteor may have broken up by then.

The Lancaster, Pa. airport control tower reported that an Eastern Airlines pilot said the meteor appeared to break up somewhere over Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Clarence Gamble of Dillsburg, Pa., wrote SKYLOOK, "I was at a church meeting. We were outside and it was dark -- all of a sudden everything lit up with a greenish-blue light. We thought the minister had turned on the lights."

"Clarence saw the fire ball at home. He said it was over Toomey's house (their neighbor), and it was so bright he could see them looking at it in their back yard. I never saw anything like it before."

Review -- CAPRO, Canadian Magazine

CAPRO is the official publication of the Canadian Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Canada's largest civilian UFO study group, and is one of the really good UFO magazines. In addition to editorial comment by the group's director, Brian C. Cannon, well-written reports of Canadian UFO sightings keep one informed on saucer developments. It is a monthly publication, price \$4.00 per year. Write CAPRO at P.O. Box 1318, Winnipeg 1, Manitoba, Canada.

FLYING SAUCER DIGEST -- a Review

We have read the Summer number of FLYING SAUCER DIGEST, a quarterly magazine with Allan J. Manak as editor. The print is easy to read and there are illustrations, many ads re Saucery, and a few sightings -- including "I Met a Spaceman" and "Beings in Argentina." The magazine is \$2.00 a year, the address is P. O. Box 9811, Cleveland, Ohio 44142.

MORE METAL FROM THE SKY

This metal or metallic looking substance was found in a wheat field near Grafton, Illinois, July 20, 1968. A man was putting up hay which had been cut some time before when he spotted something shiny not far away from his tractor. Closer examination revealed a splotch of the substance which measured approximately three inches in diameter, made up of tiny hair-like slivers. Even when touched with a probe, the slivers tended to pull together as if electrically or magnetically charged. Each sliver is about 3/8 of an inch long, 0.005 to 1/32 inch wide and 0.001 to 0.002 inches thick.

It is hoped that the substance and its source will soon be identified.

(Credit, John Schuessler.)

FLYING OBJECT HITS VESSEL

An object from the sky hit a 175 foot oil survey vessel, the Pacific Seal, the night of August 12, setting a fire that could be seen on shore 15 miles distant. Three of the 18-man crew were injured.

At the time, Sidewinder air-to-air missiles were being fired at flare targets by a Navy fleet squadron in a sea test range nearby. Commander Gordon Frey, spokesman at Point Mugu, said the cause of the explosion and fire was not determined immediately, "but we did have aircraft in the area."

The object penetrated three steel structures in the vessel. (KANSAS CITY STAR, August 13, 1968.)

CRITICIZES UFO STUDY

Stanton T. Friedman, employed by Westinghouse's Astronuclear Laboratory at Pittsburgh, is another physicist who has made a study of UFO's who doesn't expect much to come from the Condon study. He says LOOK's recent article highly critical of the Condon group is "an understatement."

The Colorado report is "concerned too much with psychology, too much with the ancestry of individuals and too little with the data," Friedman states. (KANSAS CITY TIMES, May 11-)

AT THE NEWS STAND

By Ted Phillips, Jr.

NEWSWEEK -- Aug. 12 -- "UFO's Over Washington" -- article on the recent Science and Astronautics Committee's Symposium on UFO's.

SAGA -- September -- "UFO Invaders, Is Killing an Alien Murder?" by Otto Binder.

"Mysterious Fires and Lights" by Vincent H. Gaddis, Dell paperback, price 75¢.

NATIONAL ENQUIRER -- Sept. 1 -- "Astronomers Rebuke Government for Attempt to Cover Up UFO Sighting." Sept. 15 -- "Four College Professors Verify UFO Sighting."

EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN -- September -- "The UFO's of 1942" by Paul T. Collins. (The setting was Los Angeles County, California, Feb. 25, 1942. The air raid story and the firing of anti-aircraft guns at unknown objects has never been told before, but this telling is from a personal viewpoint. -- John Schuessler.)

MEN -- September -- "The Secret UFO-Astronaut War" by John A. Keel.

SCIENCE -- July 26 -- "UFO Project: Trouble on the Ground." (An interesting sidelight of the article is the notation the AIAA's committee on Atmospheric Environment has organized an 8-member sub-committee to examine the UFO issue. The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics should be congratulated for this step forward. -- John Schuessler.)

FLYING SAUCERS - HERE AND NOW -- by the late Frank Edwards. A Bantam paperback, price 75¢.

SEATTLE "LIGHTS" - from page 1 report from 6,000 feet that the objects appeared to be 8,000 to 10,000 feet above Seattle.

"They were definitely aircraft," Malaspina said. "I wouldn't believe it myself, but I saw it -- and figure this: my magnetic compass was reading 300 degrees when I made my landing at Boeing and it should have read 130 degrees. And my clock in the plane stopped."

"The last one (light) didn't just dim out and fade away like turning out a light on a rheostat," Malaspina said. "I was flying right below it and it simply accelerated vertically and flew out of sight."

(Arkansas clipping supplied by Lou Farish.)

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MISSOURIAN SHARES COMET DISCOVERY

John Bally-Urban, 18, of Richmond, California and Pat Clayton, 21, Springfield, Missouri, using a 10-inch telescope, discovered a new comet while star-gazing during leisure time at an astronomical meeting at Las Cruces, New Mexico the night of August 23.

To confirm their discovery, made while observing the comet Honda, they dodged rainstorms in the normally dry New Mexico desert the following night and again sighted the celestial body. The Smithsonian Astrophysical observatory of Cambridge, Massachusetts confirmed the sighting.

The comet's official name will be Bally Clayton comet. Further observation will be needed to determine its size. (KANSAS CITY TIMES, Aug. 26.)

FSIC BULLETIN -- A Review

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