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UFO Sightings in Iowa and Illinois

After a six month lull unidentified flying object reports are coming in. On the evening of Jan. 9 at 8:30 p. m. a single bright light moving up river from the area of the dam was observed and reported by local residents. It was first seen moving north over the river on a parallel course to the witnesses' car.

At first it kept pace with the car, then sped ahead suddenly, stopped and hovered. The light changed to amber and was observed for about ten minutes hanging approximately 400 feet over the river. It then dimmed and moved over Iowa and disappeared. It was noted that as it disappeared in the distance a plane came in from the east to land at Keokuk airport.

This is the fifth UFO reported within the last month. A bluish light which may have been on the ground was watched north of Hamilton; a bright white light was seen east of Hamilton; a fiery orange ball traveling up-river was observed; and a silver disc was seen in daylight moving north of Warsaw. All sightings were made by at least two persons. (Source, Keokuk, Ia. THE DAILY GATE CITY, Credit- Robert Smulling)

Flying Object Near Springfield, Mo. Jan. 12

An unusual flying object was observed by a Green County deputy on the evening of Jan. 12 about 9:30 p.m. and it was described as a bright glowing, star-like object. It was also observed by Ted Phillip Jr.'s brother-in-law and his wife as they were on their way home from church. They reported the object was in the northern sky and would hover, then move in a circle and hover again.

Mr. Phillips is checking further on this sighting as well as four others reported in the Springfield area during January, and we hope to have more on this in our March issue.

UFO or Venus?

Three Missouri cities--Joplin, Webb City and Cartersville reported a star-like object seen Jan. 2nd. One witness said the object hovered about 15 minutes before moving. Another observer said it seemed to move up and down in the sky.

Our Ozarks reporter, Ted Phillips, Jr. suspects the object may have been the planet Venus, but has written the observers asking for more detailed information.

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UFO's Or Balloons?

The Condon report appeared on page 5 of one Illinois newspaper while the front page carried headlines of unidentified flying objects seen and reported from several areas. APRO and NICAP investigators were on the scene as well as representatives of local ufology groups and the Air Force promised to investigate--however, a later story is to identify the strange lights as balloons sent up by a publicity seeking restaurant owner. Since this publicity seeker was not identified by name, some doubt remains as to this "explanation"--however, awaiting further development, SKYLOOK is holding up the story until further reports are in.

We urgently request all readers who have information on this to mail it to SKYLOOK as soon as possible. We'd like a complete report for our March issue.

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Ima Policymaker to Dr. Condon: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

With the Editor

The Condon Report is out and its contents hardly a surprise to any one who has followed its progress (?) during the University of Colorado's two year study of unidentified flying objects. While Dr. Edward U. Condon, who headed the investigation, consistently refused to talk to reporters, there were "leaks" from time to time--some from within the group from those dissatisfied with its operation and some from other ufology groups offering cooperation and finding it to be unwarranted. Much of this came out in the article in LOOK, so widely read as to need no further mention here.

The general public was conditioned to accept the conclusion "that nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years which has added to scientific knowledge." While the scientists gave themselves an out in writing "If new evidence appears, later, this report can be appropriately revised in a second printing," the tone of the report was such that the negative aspects were emphasized. Some of the headlines carried by the press are: "More UFO Study Called Waste of Time" (The St. Louis Globe-Democrat), "UFO Study Finds No Ties with Another World" ("The Herald-Whig", Quincy, Ill.), "UFO's Not From Another World" (Alton (Ill.) Telegraph), "UFO's Not Space Vehicles" (St. Louis Post-Dispatch), "UFOs Earthly, Scientists Agree" (Tulsa Daily World), and "UFO Studies Over 21 Years Add Up to Nothing" ("The Evening News", Harrisburg, Pa.).

However, most of the news media does not feel the subject is closed. The KANSAS CITY TIMES said, Jan. 14, "In any event it appears unlikely that the 1,485 page, 3-volume report will settle the UFO argument. If anything, it will probably fuel the fire."

The Huntley-Brinkley NBC news report on television the evening of Jan. 10 made brief mention of the Condon report, but also showed photographs of UFO's (including two taken by our astronauts while in orbit) which have not been "explained." Keyhoe was quoted in saying the Condon group had not examined 3% of the reliable unexplained sightings supplied by NICAP.

The Memphis "Commercial Appeal" of Jan. 11 headlined its story "Report on UFOs Is Challenged" and quoted at length from Keyhoe, Mc Donald and Dr. Saunders in their challenge to the Condon report. Mc Donald was quoted as saying Condon approached the study with a "basically closed mind," while Keyhoe was quoted in saying Condon from the outset frequently described the project as "a lot of nonsense."

We were particularly interested in the "Tulsa Daily World's" account. The Condon group's conclusions were given; but those who disagree were also given space. Donald E. Keyhoe, retired Marine major who heads NICAP, said he feels the Condon group "did not live up to its agreement of a full-scale, objective investigation as specified in the Air Force contract"; Dr. James E. McDonald, senior physicist at the University of Arizona's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, was quoted in saying the group "wasted an unprecedented opportunity" to make the first real attempt at a scientific study of the UFO problem; and Dr. David R. Saunders, University of Colorado psychologist who was fired from the Condon group, said there were instances of UFO sightings in the project files--but not in the final report to his knowledge--which tend to strengthen the hypothesis that UFO's might be visitors from outer space. He claims the study is shallow and in many cases based on preconceptions and inadequate evidence. (Dr. Saunderson's book "UFOs--Yes" is now on the news stands.)

Condon Report (continued)

The writer evidently did some research, for the report went on as follows, and we quote:

The report included details of several dozen individual cases, including a dozen or so in the south central area, which includes Oklahoma.

In most cases, no towns or exact locations were revealed, but it was possible to narrow down the region referred to by reading the other details.

One case involved a series of six UFO reports from the area of two south central cities in the winter of 1967. Neither city was named, but there was a reference to a Joplin, Mo., police officer. The investigators took those six sightings seriously since all were reported by police officers except the one case involving teen-age pranksters.

The list included a Highway Patrolman's report of a strange light that had caused a motorist's car to stall. Investigators said the patrolman had seen Jupiter.

A sheriff and police chief both reported seeing a "bright, blue cloud-like display," which the investigators traced to the Eglin rocket.

A huge silvery object reported by a police lieutenant and a "bright light" seen by a police sergeant were not explained.

Not connected with that particular series of six sightings but in the same region earlier in 1967, was the sighting of "strange lights" by a group of teen-agers.

Investigators said the youngsters apparently saw ordinary lights on the prairie or possibly a conventional aircraft.

Investigators also checked into a "large ball of bright light" seen over the south central United States by a bomber crew in 1957. It also was picked up on radar. "The phenomenon remains unidentified," the report said.

Another south central area UFO checked out by the Colorado group was seen in the winter of 1966 and described as a pulsating, reddish light which turned briefly to a brilliant white, then resumed its earlier character. Investigators ruled evidence insufficient to explain it for certain but said it might have been automobile headlights. (End of Quote)

For the many who feel the Condon report less than a fair review of evidence (to put it mildly), Keyhoe's statement is germane: "If we allow this report to go unchallenged, those who make legitimate UFO sightings will be subject to ridicule."

We thank all who mailed in News clippings. The good sampling of Press reaction gives us the picture.

In writing us re the report, John Schuessler feels much of it is not worthy of comment, but is bothered at the recommendation of school censorship. The report stated some public school students are being "educationally harmed by absorbing unsound and erroneous" reading materials on UFO's and "we strongly recommend" teachers stop giving them credit for reading saucer books and articles."

Our personal observation--if it is true that money talks, you would think \$500,000 could manage to say more than "hush."

T H E * A S T R O N O M Y * C O R N E R * * * * By Ted Phillips Jr. * *

The planet Venus sets some four hours after sunset and is now at magnitude -4, the planet's disc is 52% illuminated.

Mars rises about one and a half hours past midnight and is 1st magnitude. The planet moves from Virgo to Libra.

Jupiter is visible from about an hour and half before midnight in the constellation Virgo. It is mag. -1.7.

Saturn, in Pisces, is visible in the high southern sky until midnight. It is the same magnitude as Mars, however Mars will soon be much brighter than Saturn as it nears the earth. Mars will be even brighter than Jupiter by mid-May.

The constellation of Orion is an area of high interest during the winter months. It is ringed by bright stars; Bellatrix to the northwest, the red giant Betelgeuse to the northeast, Saiph and Rigel to the south. One prominent feature is the belt, three bright stars in a neat row--they are Alnitak, Alnilam and Mintaka. South of the belt is another row of three stars, a little fainter than the belt, the middle "star" is the Orion nebula, M-42, a most fantastic sight even with a small telescope. The nebula appears as a giant green cloud.

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Soviet Union Launches Probe to the Planet Venus.

On Jan. 5, 1969 the Soviet Union launched an unmanned probe toward the planet Venus. The probe will travel a distance of some 155 million miles to the cloud covered planet. The Venus 5 probe weighs about one and a quarter tons and if all goes well, will soft land on the planet in mid-May.

Another probe, the Venus 6, was launched some five days later and is scheduled to soft land on the night side of the planet. The Venus 4 probe reached Venus on Oct. 18, 1967.

Considerable information was obtained from the planet's atmosphere. It was learned that the atmosphere consisted mostly of carbon dioxide and registered temperatures of 536 degrees Fahrenheit. The planet moves around the sun in 225 days and has a diameter of some 7,575 miles. Through a telescope Venus appears as a tiny moon, going through the various phases as does our moon. Visually, the planet appears as a yellow-ish-white in color; no surface details are visible due to the cloud cover over the entire planet. Venus has no satellites, and the planet is the brightest object in the heavens other than the moon and sun.

--By Ted Phillips, Jr.

UFO Over Australia

The Melbourne (Australia) SUN reported August 7, 1968 that Bayside residents sighted a "glowing" object over Port Phillip Bay the night before, while a south Melbourne woman said she saw a large, bright object traveling "in an up and down motion" towards Geelong about 7:30 the same night. Other reports a half an hour later said the object was moving at a fast rate from Geelong. It was described there as cone-shaped, bluish in color, and with a white tail.

(Credit, Lou Farish)

Strange Object on Road

The lady from whom this report was obtained by Ted Phillips, Jr. was emphatic in not wanting her name, or the exact location of the sighting given and we will withhold that information (it is in our files) and call the lady Mrs. Smith and the area concerned as "south of Springfield."

Mrs. Smith and a teen-age companion, a young girl, were on their way home from a meeting, driving south on Highway 76--a solid surfaced, 24 ft. wide road, when they saw a large, grayish colored object (described as "egg-shaped") setting on the left lane of the highway, apparently covering the entire 12 feet and extending some three feet over onto the right lane, as well as another three feet over the shoulder of the left lane, making the object at least 18 feet in diameter.

There was no illumination of any kind, but as Mrs. Smith neared to pass the object on the right lane, a light appeared about two third the way up the side, or about 8 feet up from the road. The diffused light was yellow-white in color and circular in shape and seemed to be behind a grille of some type. Mrs. Smith looked up at the light as they passed and said a grille similar to that of a trailer truck extended from the light downward. Her companion had the impression the object itself was a foot or a foot and a half above the surface of the highway, but neither could say if the object were standing on legs or suspended in air, so fleeting was their impression of the whole, and no doubt excitement played a role in their inability to grasp all details. Indeed, the teen ager was so frightened, she was crying as they passed the object. There was no sound at any time, but as the observers glanced back after leaving the scene, more light seemed to be emanating from the object and over the highway.

Mrs. Smith left the girl at her home, then on reaching her own home, persuaded her husband to return with her to the site of the strange object. This drive required an hour and when they reached the site, the object had left the scene. Neither got out of the car, and from their position were unable to detect any marks left on the road surface.

Mr. Phillips reports Mrs. Smith is an intelligent woman who holds a position which requires education and stability. He does not doubt her story. This sighting occurred in May of 1967.

Dog Alerts Master to UFO

It was about 9:30 the night of Feb. 19, 1967, when Anton Bayne (not his real name), a Missouri farmer in the Ozarks, stepped outside his home to see why his dog was barking. He saw a reddish glow in a wooded area some 140 feet from his house and thought hunters had started a fire, and went to investigate. Soon the size of the light aroused further curiosity and he walked faster. When he reached a fence some 90 feet from what he now could see to be a multi-colored object, it started to rise and climbed vertically to an estimated altitude of 300 feet. It then turned a bright green and disappeared into the distance at a high rate of speed. There was no sound during the entire sighting.

Ted Phillips, Jr., who obtained this report, checked with several residents of the area, all of whom attest to the observer being a man of good standing and no teller of tall stories.

The Reader Writes

John Keel, author, New York, N. Y. . . Thanks for the sample copy of SKYLOOK. It was most interesting. Noted your subtitle: "Let's separate fact from fantasy." This is exactly what I've been struggling to do. I recently did two articles on "UFO FACTS AND FANTASIES" which will appear in FATE magazine sometime in the near future. I have found that most of the accepted "facts" of ufology are actually based upon speculation and random fragments of incomplete information. Before we can really get down to a hard study of the situation we must weed out all the wishful thinking and speculation and develop a body of legitimate evidence. The endless collection of anecdotes really accomplishes very little.

Those of us who have been trying to investigate the phenomenon first-hand are handicapped by the lack of media interest * * * I suggest you watch for the following: MALE, March '69 article on "mysterious meteors"/ MALE, April '69, article on CIA and UFOs; SAGA, Feb. '69, article on "little men" cases; FATE, March '69, article on physical evidence; FLYING SAUCER REVIEW (England) Special; NORTH AMERICAN REPORT, in depth article on many important but neglected aspects of the phenomenon. I also recommend the soon-to-be-released Air Force bibliography on UFO literature as "must" reading for all ufologists.

The Condon Report is due to be released in the next few days. Dr. Saunders is currently in NYC to promote his book which will be issued simultaneously. It does look as if the LOOK article last year greatly diminished public interest in the Condon Report.

The main problem has been the tendency to oversimplify a most complicated situation. Ufologists and their organizations have slighted a major portion of the available data because it simply does not conform to the popular theories. The whole key to untangling this mess is to study all the data, not merely "acceptable" fragments of it. Essentially, the UFO phenomenon is a massive, well-planned diversion designed to conceal a much broader and infinitely more complex situation. This is why I urge all ufologists to study textbooks on psychological warfare. We must understand the tactics being employed before we can grasp the whole meaning. (Editor's Note: Thank you, Mr. Keel, for your most interesting letter. We are intrigued by the statement in your final paragraph re the UFO phenomenon being a "massive, well-planned diversion designed to conceal a much broader and infinitely more complex a situation." Would you care to enlarge on that in an article for a future issue of SKYLOOK?)

Joan Whritenhour, Editor of SAUCER SCOOP. . . I seriously am very glad that you have decided to pick up where the other left off. . all bulletins, and as many as possible, are badly needed in this field. The more that are put out - the more people are going to be kept informed. And - you know my slogan - an INFORMED PUBLIC WILL NOT PANIC!

Donald A. Johnson, Editor of FLYING SAUCER OBSERVER . . I am particularly pleased with your new feature "The Astronomy Corner." I believe ufologists need as much background in astronomy as they can get.

Editor's Note: Thanks, all, for writing. Readers--this is YOUR page. Let's hear from you.

UFO Expert Addresses Missouri and Illinois Study Groups

A sequence of color photographs of two flying saucers taken in the Andes of Peru may, if authenticated, provide the most conclusive evidence of the existence of UFO's yet attained, according to Richard Greenwell of Lima, Peru, who addressed the Tri-State UFO Study Group in Quincy, Ill., Wednesday night, Nov. 20th. The lecture was sponsored by the Illinois section of APRO, with Walt Andrus as chairman.

"The shots are extremely valuable for they are of the only daytime sighting for which we have photos," Greenwell said. Known as the "Yungay photos," the shots were taken in 1967 over the village of Yungay, Peru, 12,000 feet up on the Andes.

Greenwell, an Englishman and importer of industrial machinery in Lima, has served as special representative for APRO, Tucson, Ariz., the world's oldest research organization dedicated to the eventual solution of the problem of unidentified flying objects, since 1967. Representing APRO, he has traveled to Chili, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Columbia to investigate UFO reports and to contact official agencies of South American governments. While in Quincy he appeared in several television interviews and left on Thursday for Chicago to confer with J. Allen Hynek, head of the department of Astronomy at Northwestern University and probably the greatest authority in the United States on UFO's.

On Nov. 25th Greenwell addressed the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, in the main branch of the St. Louis Public Library, with John F. Schuessler, as chairman. There, as in Quincy, his topic was "A Current Appraisal of the UFO Phenomenon in South America", with great interest evinced by both groups.

According to Greenwell, the people and governments of South America take UFOs far more seriously than do people in the United States. He blames an atmosphere of ridicule for the relative lack of interest and terms the general disinterest of United States scientists "shameful."

He believes that the American psychology is not geared to the ready acceptance of the idea of flights originating from other planets, controlled by more advanced beings.

"For Americans who belong to a nation that is rated the most powerful in the world, it is not a comfortable thought. Latin Americans can accept the idea more readily because the existence of a far advanced (extraterrestrial) nation does not make that much difference. When your nation is maybe 15th in international importance, it doesn't bother you to be 16th," Greenwell declared.

He admits that UFO adherents have been hampered by a lack of physical evidence, such as the wreckage of a space ship. "APRO does have the famous magnesium finds from Brazil, discovered in 1957, but investigation of the remains is still inconclusive," he said.

APRO has a large number of photographs of unidentified craft, both airborne and on the ground and photos of striated lights, but structures are what interest APRO members. "Atmospheric phenomena and swamp gas are explanations for strange lights that are seen for a few seconds but not for solid objects, flying craft with portholes seen flying at low altitudes," Greenwell stressed. "We need physical evidence," he

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Scientific Community Advised to "Keep an Open Mind"

Dr. Berthold E. Schwartz, assistant attending psychiatrist at Montclair, N. J., Community Hospital, has declared that four persons whom he examined after they had claimed first-hand UFO experiences are "sound."

Writing in the October "Medical Times" magazine, Dr. Schwartz, who subjected the four to an intensive psychiatric study, leaves little doubt as to their sanity.

He directs the scientific community--as has University of Arizona physicist, Dr. James McDonald, longly and loudly--to take a real assessment of the UFO problem. He asks science to examine the physical, psychological and psychic effects suffered by the subjects which remain unsolved.

In one instance, a subject suffered temporary blindness and hoarseness with his UFO contact. In another a subject developed severe muscular weakness and wasting following his contact with a UFO.

In one encounter, involving a "monster," Dr. Schwartz noted there were evidences of strange, triangular impressions of "claw marks" and the presence of an unidentified clear, colorless fluid. In addition, he said, the patrolman who photographed the impressions and gathered the liquid samples suffered an inexplicable and unexpected illness later that same day.

Dr. Schwartz particularly asks medical doctors, sometimes the first to come across UFO reports, to "keep an open mind lest he unwittingly discourage significant reports from those who might have had valid experiences, and thus inflict damage on them."
(Source, Berkeley "Daily Gazette" Oct. 15, 1968. Credit, Lou Farish.)

Henry Ford II Sees UFO

Henry Ford II was one of a planeload of Ford Executives who saw a UFO on a trip home to Detroit from the Hemisfair in Texas a few months ago.

"We saw something round and white," Ford said. "I don't know what it was, but it definitely wasn't a plane." The Ford company's Jetstar was traveling about 550 m.p.h. at close to 40,000 feet. "All of a sudden this big object appeared," Ford said. "It looked like a dish. It stayed with us, but some distance away. I asked our pilot to radio the Air Force to send a fighter plane up for a look. He didn't want to because he was afraid they would think he was a kook."

Ford didn't make a press announcement at the time, but was willing to talk about it later. "I really saw this," he said. "It was quite a thing." Others on the plane confirmed Ford's story. "We all saw it. It's a true story," one said.

(Source, Detroit News, Oct. 2, 1968. Credit, John Schuessler)

Coming Next Month--An Analysis of the Men in Black

SKYLOOK regrets lack of space this month for a very interesting article by Kurt Glemser. This will appear in the March issue and is a SKYLOOK exclusive. Don't miss it!

UFO Expert Addresses Study Groups (continued)

continues. "Up to now, we just have testimonies--thousands. On a juridical basis, we've won our case, because you only need two witnesses in a court of law. But, however credible witnesses are, the physicists are not going to be convinced. Even if the president-elect saw a UFO and reported it, a lot of people would doubt his observational ability."

Greenwell thinks that many UFO flights are made by remote control, but some may be manned flights.

He has just completed his first book on UFO's, "Un Estudio Sobre Los Ovnis" (A Study of UFO's), one of the few books on the subject to be written and published in Spanish.

In February 1968 Greenwell represented APRO on an extended tour of South America which took him to Chili, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil. While in Argentina he spoke with officers of the Argentine Navy and Air Force, and found these official agencies regard the UFO problem very seriously. More recently he has spoken on the problem of UFO's before scientific and cultural institutions such as the affiliation of Peruvian Engineers, the Astronomical Association of Peru, the Geographical Society of Peru, and the Peruvian-American Cultural Institute.

South American UFO witnesses vary in background and profession--some are peasants and a number are commercial pilots, Greenwell reports. "It is quite impossible for some witnessings to have been suggested by foreign reports because of the isolation of the people. "Some witnesses are Quechua Indians who people the remoter parts of Ecuador and its neighboring countries. These Indians call the UFO's 'silent boards.'"

However, "contactee" individuals--those who claim to have been transported on space craft to Venus or other planets or to have communicated with UFO crewmen are considered to be "dubious" witnesses by the APRO investigators in Latin America, just as they are here.

Greenwell is spending some time in Tucson with the Lorenzens before returning to Peru.

Editor's Note: This was written from material sent to your editor by Walt Andrus and John Schuessler and includes quotes from the Quincy HERALD-WHIG.)

To Moon by Flying Saucer?

John Searle, 36, an engineer, says he can beat the world's rocket experts to the moon, by flying saucer. He has been working on flying saucer designs in the Berkshire village of Mortimer (England) for 18 years. He claims he has conducted several successful test flights with unmanned saucers, using a device that produces an anti-gravity state. His only problem is he needs a couple million dollars to finance his moon venture. (We can't resist the suggestion that the man from Mortimer name his saucer "Snerd.") (Source, NEW YORK TIMES, Credit, Lou Farish)

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NATIONAL ENQUIRER--Feb. 16--"Strange Haappenings"--UFO's in 1913.

Coming up--Article by Dr. J. Allen Hynek re the Condon Report in April issue of the "Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists."

"The Bible and Flying Saucers" by Barry H. Downing, published by J. B. Lippincott Co., East Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pa. 19105, for \$3.95. The author is a Presbyterian minister with degrees in Physics and Theology. (Recommended by Walt Andrus)

Check Out

An interesting note on the Steve Michalak case is that the Ottawa government has refused to make public various reports of its position on the matter, and also refuses to give any reason for its stand. Lou Farish sent us this item from the CALGARY HERALD. . . Kurt Glemser writes he observed a ball of yellow light over Kitchener (Ontario, Can) about 6:20 p.m. January 4th. He described it as being "the size of a half dollar at arm's length. It was flying slowly in the vicinity of 30 degrees. I observed the object for ten seconds." Then the object, in full view, simply vanished like turning out a light. This abrupt disappearance is similar to that described by the three Hannibal (Mo.) women in another report in this issue. . . we saw the photographs Ted Phillips took of the "UFO-almost" and they are excellent. We both felt he had a scoop that would make history. Since Ted has accepted Dr. Hynek's explanation, who are we to express doubt--but the idea of a meteor standing still for six minutes still bothers us. . . John Schuessler writes the Condon report seems to have triggered new interest in UFO's (instead of closing the door on the subject) and he is receiving more clippings, material etc than before. Same thing at our desk. What's that old saying about an ill wind? . . . we're glad to see TOPSIDE back on deck again. Its editor, Carol Halford-Watkins, writes us illness had delayed its publication. . . many, many thanks to Joan Whritenour (editor of SAUCER SCOOP) and Jen Stevens (Editor of SKYWATCH) who responded to our call for help with pages of typewritten instructions and hints on cutting stencils and operating a mimeograph. Don't think we would have managed without their help as we had never cut a stencil or operated a mimeograph until the January issue of SKYLOOK. We have thanked them by letter, but we want to publicly acknowledge our debt of gratitude. . . and this is a good time to thank others who have offered good advice and encouragement. Thanks, all. . . we are looking forward to the next issue of CAPRO. Brian Cannon writes "At the moment we are involved with three hard cases one of which has us quite interested. It deals with a sighting in Nova Scotia by Canadian Forces personnel including ground and air observation as well as radar corroboration (simultaneously). Actually we seem to be in the midst of a minor wave that may increase in intensity." . . . at the time we are writing this, Ted Phillips is in Springfield (Mo.) investigating UFO activity in that area, and we hope to have some good reports for April. . . . Gene Duplantier (SAUCERS, SPACE & SCIENCE) is another editor who has given us moral support from the first issue of SKYLOOK. Did you know he does his own art work? It adds a lot to his fine magazine (17 Shetland St., Willowdale, Ontario, Canada). . . we always wind up with more material than we can use and feel like a mother with six kids and only five tickets to the circus. Which one gets left out? We'd like to use it all (why don't we? Postage, that's why) but we have to "pick and choose" and we do our best. If your story wasn't used, don't think it wasn't appreciated--and it may turn up later in a special report. Our backlog of material often enables us to come up with a bit of information to add interest to a current report. Of course one problem is FINDING that bit of elusive information we know is somewhere in our files, but we're trying to work out a system. . . . if you will write Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz, 74 South Mountain Ave., Montclair, N. J. 07042, he'll send you a free reprint of his article "UFOs: Delusion or Dilemma" which appeared in the October issue of "Medical Times." We quoted from this article in last month's SKYLOOK. This article is worth reading--send for it. . . .

Checking out,

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had picked up her daughter in Cary and was traveling toward Algonquin on the Cary-Algonquin Blacktop when the object was noted by her daughter. It appeared to be following her car, she told police. They stopped, got out of the car and watched it, she said and described it as being bright red on the bottom and a greenish yellow on top. Mrs. Matter said she became frightened and went to the Williams home. There it seemed to settle in the trees, then rose and disappeared.

Hickman said he last saw it traveling westward toward Huntley where it "appeared to be a bright sunset and then it disappeared about 9 p.m."

Big Celestial Torch Job Has Town Talking

Chicago Tribune, Jan. 27, 1969--A piece of "celestial garbage" was incinerated early yesterday and it has the whole town talking.

This piece of drift wood from outer space was burned up in the earth's atmosphere and set off a brilliant flash across midwest skies for a split second at 12:50 a.m. The flash was accompanied by sound similar to a sonic boom.

Just exactly what it was no one will know for sure, but there are plenty of theories floating around. James Wray, an assistant professor of astronomy at Northwestern university, said the celestial skyrocket could have been a piece of "space debris." This could be a remnant of a comet or piece of rock propelled into space from an explosion on a distant star or planet. "The brilliance of the flash does not necessarily indicate whether the debris was large or small," Wray said.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Northwestern's astronomy department chairman, said the flash could have been caused by the reentry of a burned-out section of a previously fired space flight, either from the United States or the Soviet Union. * * * "The only thing that puzzles me is that most meteors or their fragments have some sort of tail. It seems that this was not the case in this morning's flash," Hynek said.

Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Garifo, 10131 Chestnut St., Franklin Park, telephoned THE TRIBUNE to report seeing a burning object the size of a softball fall from the sky and hit some telephone wires on the northwest corner of Oak Park avenue and Roosevelt road.

"I was northbound in Oak Park avenue when I stopped for a traffic signal. Then this object, with a trail about three feet long, fell from the sky and sort of disintegrated when it hit the wires," Garifo said. "The object was a brilliant flame color and remained bright for about five seconds as it fell about 100 feet from us." (Credit, Ted Phillips, Jr.)

We Goofed Again---We changed stencil brands before we finished cutting stencils on this month's SKYLARK and didn't discover until too late the margin markings were different--consequently, we almost ran off the bottom of the page in some cases. Give us time and maybe we will learn. Ye Ed.

More on January Sighting in Illinois

The February issue of SKYLOOK told of Illinois newspapers giving headlines to a January sighting of strange lights which was later explained as balloons bearing coupons good for free meals in a local restaurant. However, the restaurant owner supposedly seeking publicity was not identified by name and no report has been made of anyone finding any of the three balloons or the coupons. This explanation was given in the "Daily-Courier-News" (Elgin, Ill.) on Jan. 14th, while the "Herald-Whig" of Quincy, said the phenomenon "was nothing more than the reflected lights of airplanes which were circling while awaiting landing instructions from the O'Hare International Airport tower."

Lyle Krause, a photographer and APRO member, Union, Ill., sent us the newspaper clippings of the Jan. 9th sighting, along with the follow-up balloon explanation and gave his opinion that it was improbable three balloons would appear over several different cities on a calm night with no wind. He also sent in reports to the APRO headquarters in Tucson.

The original report, as taken from articles in Elgin and Woodstock newspapers, follows, and our readers can keep the above "explanations" in mind as they follow this account:

Algonquin Police Sgt. Russell Hickman went to the area of Edgewood and Hansen Roads where people were reported to be observing an unusual lighted object in the sky. On reaching the area he too saw "a reddish-orange circular ball of immense size" hovering and flying in the sky and he said it went towards Barrington and then west toward Huntley. In his report to police Chief Ned Sanfilippo, Hickman said, "This may be rather hard to believe, but with other witnesses, my sincerity and a sincere interest of the investigators there must be something to it." (Two investigators of the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena--Sherman Larsen, of Glenview, and Chester Cain, of Northbrook, had been alerted when the object was first sighted and were on the scene.)

Chief Sanfilippo, who was attending a lecture when the reports first came in, said the incident caused a lot of confusion. He said a woman who was driving to Algonquin from Fox River Grove reported that the object followed her. A man clearing snow saw the object over the center of a field and swore the object wasn't a plane or helicopter because it went up, forward and then reversed its course. Orange and white pulsating lights were identified with the object.

The next day, Friday, Jan. 10, Cary police reported they had one call on the incident and Fox River Grove police also said they had a call about it.

The first sighting was made about 7:30 p.m. (Jan. 9) and the object stayed in the area for an hour and a half, Hickman said. He was talking to Wayne Mack in front of the Mack residence at South Drive and Cardinal when both saw the object appear to light in a field, then rise quite rapidly and disappear.

Robert Williams of Rt. 1, Box 80, reported he had seen the object. He described it as looking like a star with its elevation changing, encircled in red. Mrs. Williams thought it was red in color.

Mrs. Vera Matter of 1309 Dundee Road reported to police that she

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police that a large, round blue object in the sky took control of their car.

Carter, assistant manager of a Ben Schwartz Food Mart in Peoria, and Dufelmeier, who met through local chapters of national UFO organizations, met a year and a half ago with a group of Richwoods High School students who had been doing some studying in the ufology field. Two of these boys, Rick Reynolds, of 1029 W. Burnside Dr., and Jack Ginther, of 6010 Briarwood, now are on the club's executive committee.

Through word-of-mouth, Science Fair exhibits and a program for the Spalding Institute Science Club, the group attracted more members. They meet the second Monday of every month at Kellar Presbyterian Church. Reynolds has agreed to act as a clearinghouse for all reports of UFO's and is asking the Peoria Area residents who see strange objects in the sky to call him.

Last August the group conducted its first major investigation of a possible UFO in the Northmoor Hills vicinity. It turned up 15 people who reported seeing "five red lights" in the sky heading east toward the river.

The lights turned north separately, and one blinked out. Because the lights turned separately and because they were just red, they could not have been an airplane, the group reasoned. The Greater Peoria Airport said they were probably helicopters. However, "all the witnesses said the only sound was a quiet electric hum," said Laird S. Carter. "Helicopters are very noisy. No one has been able to explain how they could sound like that."

Although Carter has never seen an object he could feel sure was a UFO, he reports viewing "two things that couldn't be 100 per cent explained."

Last summer he saw a "very high flying white light moving north to south. "I would have thought it was a satellite, but satellites don't go north to south."

The other incident occurred about a year ago. "I saw something flying down the river and thought it was a plane. But it had three red lights, two of which were blinking alternately. I don't believe any planes have just red lights," said Carter. "It was flying at a height less than the First National Bank Building." (Source and Credit--Adapted from an article in the PEORIA JOURNAL STAR of Jan. 20, 1969, and information given by Walt Andrus)

Editor's Note: We invite this fine group of active investigators to appoint a SKYLOOK reporter to keep us informed of their findings.

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Peoria Group Investigates Strange Sky Sightings

The Aerial Phenomena Club of Peoria, Ill., is asking area residents to report their personal UFO sightings with the assurance that each individual report will be given thorough examination.

The 30-member group under the sponsorship of the Illinois Section AFRO has as director, Laird S. Carter of 726 N. St. Anthony Place. While they do not dispute the conclusion of the Air Force financed study that 90 per cent of reports of UFO's are unexplainable, they feel "it's the remaining 10 per cent that should be worked on," says Ray Watts, of 129, Meadows Ave., East Peoria, a member of the executive committee.

Watts himself reports seeing two UFO's, one when he was with another member of the organization's executive committee, Dale Dufelmeier. The two were heading south on Route 24 to attend a lecture by Richard Greenwell (see February SKYLOOK) at the Tri-State UFO meeting in Quincy.

"Just southwest of Pekin," said Watts, "I saw a real bright white light--much brighter than a star--to the left of the highway. Before I could get Dufelmeier's attention, it faded out. A few minutes later a light appeared on the right side of the highway. It was very faint, then three or four seconds later it became very bright. Then I realized it was the same thing I had seen on the left."

He and Dufelmeier, a rural Morton farmer, (Watts is an employee at the Peoria Caterpillar Tractor Co.) watched the light for about 10 minutes before it faded out again. Near Lewistown it appeared again to the right, much closer to the ground. On fading out, it left a little round glow in the sky and the glow finally disappeared.

"About 10 miles south of Lewistown the light appeared again on the left, and we watched it until we reached Quincy," Watts reported.

The two reported their sighting at the Tri-State meeting and made a tape recording of Greenwell's lecture for their Peoria Members who were unable to attend.

Watts says he saw an even stranger UFO about 4:30 a.m. Sept. 24, 1966, while he was walking through East Peoria. "I saw a glow in the sky. It got bigger and bigger. As I was walking across the 150 viaduct I saw an object much brighter, about three times the size of the moon, coming toward me until it was half the size of a house. I thought it was coming right on top of me.

"Then suddenly it disappeared."

Watts said the light "was about the color of a mercury vapor street light. It seemed to have a mechanism inside just working and glowing." After the glow disappeared, Watts said he noticed that a white vapor trail had gone out to the right of where the glow had been. He theorized that this trail was from the actual object and the glow he saw was a "heat shield" built up at high speeds.

On that same day, about the same time, two Peorians reported to

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Illinois Section APRO and the Tri-State UFO Study Groups

Steven Michalak Case Discussed at Tri-State Study Group Meet

The Tri-State Study Group held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1969, at the First United Presbyterian Church in Quincy, Ill.

Mr. Walt Andrus, Co-chairman of the Illinois Section APRO and member of the Tri-State group reviewed the case of Steven Michalak. Michalak came into direct contact with an unidentified landed object on May 30, 1967, and received very serious radiation injuries. The incident occurred at Falcon Lake near Winnipeg in Manitoba, Canada. Michalak was out prospecting and saw the object on the ground, approached and put his face up to an opening which appeared to be a window. He observed very bright lights on the inside and estimated the walls of the space ship to be about 20 inches thick. He touched the side of the ship and it seemed like stainless steel, with no welding, no joints and no rivets. It was hot to the touch and there was an odor like burning sulphur and a burning electric motor and the odor remained in the man's lungs for several days.

The object took off at high speed and Michalak received severe chest burns and other minor burns. He was hospitalized and examined for signs of radiation and the case was investigated by the Canadian government.

Dr. Ralph Theobald, a radiologist at Blessing Hospital, Quincy, analyzed the symptoms of Michalak's injuries and made a medical diagnosis of the radiation burns.

(Credit, Corbyn Jacobs, SKYLOOK reporter)

Illinois Newspaper Gives Views of Tri-State Group

"The Air Force's unidentified flying object report will find no defenders among members of the Tri-State UFO Study Group," stated the Jan. 20th edition of "The Herald-Whig" (Quincy, Ill.). "The reason is simple. Members just don't agree with the findings of the two-year \$500,000 report."

"The Tri-State group's members are not alone in their criticism," the newspaper continued. "Other interested persons who have been active in UFO study and many scientists across the country have spoken out against the report."

"Among the many objections, according to Walt Andrus, of Quincy, who has studied UFOs for several years, are the unscientific conclusions in the report and its criticism of UFO study in schools."

"Andrus also named several scientists who disagreed with the report."

The remainder of the article dealt with a meeting of the Tri-State Study Group, covered elsewhere in SKYLOOK.

It is heartening to know that some of the press is reporting the "pro" as well as the "con" in the ufology field.

News from Illinois Section APRO and Tri-State UFO Study Groups

Group to See UFO Photographs

The Tri-State UFO Study Group will meet Wednesday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the First United Presbyterian church, 8th & Broadway, Quincy, Ill. The speaker will be Walter Andrus, Chairman of the Illinois Section of APRO, on the subject "Analysis of UFO Photographs."

Walt will show selected slides from his large collection of UFO photographs made throughout the world during the past 20 years. He will display authentic UFO pictures that have been investigated and analyzed by competent photo analysts. He will explain how many pictures of flying saucers have been produced and later proven to be faked. Examples of famous hoaxes will also be presented.

Everyone interested in unidentified flying objects should take advantage of this fine opportunity to learn more about the UFO phenomena.

Hannibal, Mo. Women See UFO

Three employees of Motorola, Inc. (Quincy, Ill.) saw a "round silver ball" hovering in the sky while driving home from work the evening of Feb. 11, 1969. The sighting was made near Fall Creek, Ill., on the Hannibal cutoff west of state highway 57 at 4:25 p.m. The observers, all of Hannibal, who watched the object for five minutes, were: Mrs. Vi Gregory (supervisor at Motorola) RFD 3; Judy Richard, 3023 Darr St.; and Mrs. Bonnie Carter, 2924 Market St.

The sun was shining brightly, but there was no reflection from the craft which each described, on being interviewed, as being a round silver ball. It was a dull silver to white in color and appeared to be one-fourth the size of the moon in diameter. It was observed hovering against the blue sky for five minutes, and then disappeared instantly and without apparent motion. There were a few clouds in the southern sky.

Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Carter saw a similar object at the same location during the month of November, but hesitated to report it until the February sighting occurred. (Credit, Walt Andrus)

Meteor Seen Over Palmyra, Mo.

A very bright meteor was observed over Palmyra on the night of January 26th about one a.m. It was traveling from the southeast and disappeared in the northern sky, lighting the countryside with a very bright light. (Credit, Corbyn Jacobs)

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New Officers for Tri-State Group

The Tri-State UFO Study Group met January 8, 1969, and elected officers for the year. The following were selected to be installed at the January 22nd meeting and will serve throughout 1969: Chairman, Robert Smulling, Hamilton, Ill.; Vice Chairman, Robert G. Bybee, Quincy, Ill.; Secretary, Mrs. Mel (Grace) Oberling, Coatsburg, Ill.; Treasurer, Mrs. Carl (Judy) Tournear, Quincy; Director of Investigations, Ronald Whitely, Quincy; Publicity Chairman, Paul Sula, Hannibal, Mo.; Program Chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Petzoldt, Quincy; House and Reception Chairman, Mrs. E. J. (Anita) Lavery, Quincy; and SKYLOOK Reporter, Corbyn Jacobs, Palmyra, Mo.

Group to Hear "The Gordon Koehnke Story" Feb. 19

The Tri-State UFO Study Group will meet Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Quincy, Ill., to hear and discuss and evaluate "The Gordon Koehnke Story."

The tape recorded interview with Gordon Koehnke made by Walt Andrus and Bob Smulling Dec. 29, 1968, at Davenport, Ia., will be played so members can hear Gordon's story after which the group will try to arrive at a conclusion on the authenticity of the UFO photographs and the three different sightings reported. The photographs will be on display.

Miss Sandra J. Eber, Clinical Psychologist, for the Tri-State group, has analyzed the correspondence between Walt Andrus and Koehnke as well as telephone calls and will give her opinion as to the character of Koehnke and the creditability of his sightings. Bob and Walt will state their conclusions following their personal interview with Gordon.

This case has also been under study by Dr. Allen Utke, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Wisconsin State University (Oshkosh). Dr. Utke is an Advisor and Consultant to Aerial Phenomena Research Organization of Tucson. Both Bob and Walt had the opportunity to compare notes and opinions with Dr. Utke in Rock Island, Ill., on Dec. 29 and their summation should prove very interesting.

Mark this speaking date on your February calendar, tell your friends of this opportunity to learn more about the UFO phenomena, and plan to attend.

Another Date to Check

Walt Andrus, co-chairman of the Illinois Section APRO, and a member of the Tri-State Group will speak on the subject of ufology at the 4-H Center, 4 miles south of Mexico, Mo., Saturday night, March 1st, at 6 p. m. He will address the Great Rivers Council, Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts.

A warm welcome to our pages from your SKYLOOK editor!