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"This may be the last time in this century that men will walk on the moon. But space exploration will continue, the benefits of space exploration will continue, the search for knowledge through the exploration of space will continue, and there will be new dreams to pursue based on what we have learned. So let us not mistake the significance nor miss the majesty of what we have witnessed. " From President Richard M. Nixon's message to Gene Cernan, Jack Schmitt and Ronald Evans when the Challenger left the surface of the moon to dock with the America.

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"Ring out the old; ring in the new"--1973.

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## Know Your Magazine

SKYLOOK was first published in September 1967. Your editor also became the publisher in 1969 and SKYLOOK has been published monthly since that time.

In May 1969 the Midwest UFO Network was organized and SKYLOOK was proud to be named its official publication in July.

You do not have to be a member of MUFON to subscribe to SKYLOOK; but if you are a member, you'll find the best way to keep up with the organization's plans and progress is by reading Director Walter H. Andrus' "Message" in each issue along with the "Organization Notes."

SKYLOOK is staffed by and for adults. Our policy has always been to tell it as it is, and we make every effort to separate fact from fantasy. We invite UFO reports from our readers, as well as from our regular staff and MUFON members. We give credit for material used, but will not use your name if you prefer anonymity.

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Material for SKYLOOK should be mailed to the editor. Enquiries re MUFON should be directed to Walter H. Andrus (addresses on this page).

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## A Message From Your Director

As a scientific research organization, MUFON has a very distinguished group of advisors who provide consulting services in their many diversified fields of expertise. It is with extreme pleasure that we announce the selection of our twenty-first Consultant. George E. Kocher, M.S. has volunteered to serve not only as a Consultant in Astronomy, but also as the State-Section Director for the Illinois counties of Jasper, Crawford, Richland and Lawrence. George achieved nation-wide recognition in the UFO field as the author of "The Rand Report," a document he originally prepared for engineering and research personnel with the Rand Corporation. The document is divided into five parts, all dealing with UFO's: (1) Historical Aspects, (2) Phenomenological Aspects, (3) The Character of Reports, (4) Astronomical Aspects, and (5) How to Proceed and Why. Mr. Kocher now resides at R. R. 3, Oblong, Ill., 62049 with his family, listing his present occupation as farmer.

Francis L. Ridge, 221 Main, Hillsboro, Ill., 62049 has joined MUFON at the State-Section Director for Montgomery, Macoupin and Fayette Counties in Illinois. "Fran" is the Manager of the P. N. Hirsch & Co. department store in Hillsboro. He has been recording, mapping and researching UFO reports for the past thirteen years in the midwestern States.

Robert W. Baughman, Ph.D., presently a Consultant in Bacteriology, has also accepted the dual role of State-Section Director for the Iowa counties of Story and Boone, replacing Dr. Emerson Shiedler who has moved to Boulder, Colorado. Dr. Baughman conducted soil tests on samples taken from the damaged soybean fields in northern Iowa and performed analysis on hair samples found in the Louisiana, Mo., area this past summer in his private laboratory.

Individuals joining MUFON during November and December of 1972 have received receipts for their 1973 membership dues and identification cards. The small annual membership dues of \$2.00 is used to help defray the administrative costs of MUFON for items such as stationery, postage, mailing envelopes, report forms, brochures etc. Since the dues apply to the calendar year, Fields F. Freeman MUFON Treasurer, is reminding members to submit their checks or money orders made payable to the "Midwest UFO Network, Inc." at this time to MUFON, 40 Christopher Court, Quincy, Ill. 62301. Fields would like to express his appreciation for your generous consideration.

The Board of Directors of MUFON wish each and everyone a Happy New Year and seek your continued loyalty and support in 1973.

Signed: "Walt"

Walt Andrus  
Director, MUFON

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Just In--Joseph M. Brill, MUFON Field Investigator and staff member of SKYLOOK, of Franklin Park, Ill., will speak on his specialized research in "UFO's Behind the Iron Curtain" at the First United Presbyterian Church at 24th & Monroe Streets in Quincy, Ill. at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21st. He is sponsored by the Tri-State UFO Study Group.

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Coming in SKYLOOK--an article on the "Rand Report" (see MESSAGE above) more fine articles by Klinn and Branch re their research into "secret" UFO reports, and other UFO reports we don't have room for in this issue.

From Ye Ed and Staff--our best wishes for you in 1973.

## Despite Denials, Secret UFO Documents Do Exist

Editor's Note: The above is a six-column headline over another article by Robert B. Klinn and David Branch, in the Oct. 4, 1972 issue of "The Register," Santa Ana, California. Again, we thank Prof. Charles G. Kahlert who is sending us the articles. We wish space permitted using them in their entirety--and we suggest you write the newspaper to request back issues. Whatever their charge, it's worth it. Our own necessarily condensed adaptation of this particular article follows:

"Existence of a Top Secret U. S. Air Force report which concluded that unidentified flying objects are interplanetary spaceships has been confirmed by the former chief UFO project scientist for the Air Force, Dr. J. Allen Hynek. The Air Force has repeatedly denied existence of the document," the article begins.

The writers state that Dr. Hynek told them he read the Top Secret "Estimate of the Situation" which was prepared in 1948 by air intelligence analysts at the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. It was sent to the Air Force Chief of Staff, General Hoyt S. Vandenberg.

Controversy about the document has raged since 1956. Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, former Air Force UFO project chief, discusses it in his book "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects." He says: "It was a rather thick document with a black cover and it was printed on legal-sized paper. Stamped across the front were the words TOP SECRET." The ATIC estimate was that UFOs were interplanetary, he said.

As early as 1958 Major Donald E. Keyhoe, retired Marine Corps officer and then director of the Civilian National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, said the Air Force was hiding the document and called this to the attention of the public. His investigations, he said, also revealed that, in addition to the 1948 report, at least three others related to UFOs were being withheld by the Air Force.

In an interview by Mike Wallace on ABC television, March 8, 1958, Wallace challenged Keyhoe in telling him he (Wallace) had spoken to the Air Technical Intelligence Center at the Pentagon earlier in the week and was told officially by them: "Three of the four documents Major Keyhoe refers to (the 1947, 1948 and 1952) simply do not exist."

However--in January 1969 the 1947 document was made public--22 years after it was written. It is a revealing, official letter from General Nathan F. Twining to the commanding general, Army Air Forces. It appears as an appendix in the Condon Report.

The existence of the 1952 analysis was verified in a statement released in 1964 (The UFO Evidence, NICAP) and reconfirmed to the writers in 1971 by the officer who had directed the study, former Major Dewey J. Fournet. But the report remains unreleased.

The original 1953 CIA report also remains classified, the writers continue, although increasingly complete versions have been released.

And now J. Allen Hynek has confirmed existence of the 1948 TOP SECRET "Estimate." It is still unreleased.

In the Oct. 11, 1972 issue of "The Register," Klinn and Branch take up the official letter dated Sept. 23, 1947 and signed by General Nathan F. Twining, released as an obscure appendix in the "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects" better known as the Condon Report. Buried on page 877, the letter has been completely overlooked by the press in its coverage of Condon findings, the writers point out.

Pertinent excerpts follow:

"23 September 1947

"SUBJECT: AMC (Air Material Command) Opinion concerning 'Flying Discs'

"TO: Commanding General Army Air Forces  
Washington, 25, D. C.  
"Attention: Brig. General George Schulgen  
AC-AS-2

"1. As requested by AC-AS-2 there is presented below the considered opinion of this Command concerning the so-called 'Flying Discs.' This opinion is based on interrogation report data furnished by AC-AS-2 and preliminary studies by personnel of T-2 and Aircraft Laboratory, Engineering Division T-3. This opinion was arrived at in a conference between personnel from the Air Institute of Technology, Intelligence T-2, Office, Chief of Engineering Division and the Aircraft Power Plant and Propeller Laboratories of Engineering Division T-3.

"2. It is the opinion that:

- a. The phenomenon reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious.
- b. There are objects probably approximating the shape of a disc, of such appreciable size as to appear to be as large as man-made aircraft. . .

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- d. The reported operating characteristics such as extreme rates of climb, maneuverability (particularly in roll) and action which must be considered evasive when sighted or contacted by friendly aircraft and radar, lend belief to the possibility that some of the objects are controlled either manually, automatically or remotely.

- e. The apparent common description of the objects is as follows: \* \* \* "  
/ here are listed the usual descriptions of the most common types.7

The letter closed with the following "It is recommended that: a. Headquarters, Army Air Forces issue a directive assigning a priority, security classification and Code Name for a detailed study of this matter. . ." and was signed by General Twining.

As the letter recommended, a study was subsequently conducted called Project Sign. A year later it was ostensibly closed. But only later did the public learn that in 1949 the project had been continued secretly under another name, Project Grudge.

On Dec. 17, 1969, the Air Force closed Project Blue Book. Air Force spokesmen now say, "We're out of the UFO business."

Klinn and Branch ask, "But is it reasonable to believe that the Air Force is ignoring increasing reports of low-level UFO activity across the country? Will it be another 22 years before documents pertaining to current investigations and conclusions are released?"

More Next Month

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#### Astronomy Notes

\*\*\*\*\* The Constellations. Lepus (The Hare) The origin of the name Lepus is hidden in doubt and speculation. Lepus is Latin for "the hare" but none of the more ancient civilizations pictured a hare in this part of the sky. Lepus was variously known as a serpent, a boat and a chair.

Lepus is a very small constellation directly below Orion. It culminates at 9 p.m. on January 28. There are four fairly bright stars in Lepus. Alpha Leporis (Arneb) is almost in the center of the constellation. Arneb is Arabic for "the hare"--on the western border is R Leporis, a variable star known also as Hind's crimson star. The magnitude varies from 6 to 10.4 and back in 430 days. It is deep red and the color indicates that it is fairly cool. Spectroscopic analysis indicates that it is inside a dense cloud of gas through which it sends its own brilliance with difficulty.

Credit: Mark Herbstritt.

Editor's Note: Sorry we had to divide our "Astronomy Notes" this month, but space limitations made it necessary. See "January Sky" elsewhere.

## Kirksville, Mo., Woman Gets Good Look At Large UFO

Mrs. Ray Myers, 201 Monte Carlo Drive, Kirksville, Mo., is now a believer in UFOs, and with good reason. The large, orange-red object she saw at close range the morning of Nov. 22, 1972, certainly has to be classified as an unidentified flying object.

Mrs. Myers had taken her husband, a mail carrier, to Brookfield, Mo. and was returning home on State Highway 11. It was about 7:15 a.m. with an overcast sky. The sun, due to rise at 7:03 a.m., could not be seen because of the cloud cover. Mrs. Myers thought it was going to snow. The wind was out of the north, and she was driving with car windows closed.

An object appeared over the tree tops to the south. As it was moving directly north, and Mrs. Myers was driving east, she noted their paths would cross, so stopped at the intersection of Highways 11 and 63, three miles south of Kirksville, for a better look at the object, observing every detail so she could draw a sketch for her husband when she returned home.

When first seen over the tree tops, the object appeared as a bright red object, growing in size as it came closer. In an estimated 30 seconds it reached the intersection and hovered directly in front of, and slightly over, the automobile. Mrs. Myers felt she was also being observed.

The object had the shape of "an inverted dishpan or cake tin," with the open, or larger section, facing downward. It had a very distinct outline as shown in her sketch, and was red or orange in color with a silver stripe running parallel through the center. There were two projections on the bottom and she thought she glimpsed a window on the front side.

"I never saw anything like this on earth," she told the Kirksville "Daily Express" and also Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON, who interviewed her at length.

After hovering over the intersection for possibly 30 seconds (the entire observation was estimated at 90 seconds) with the object occupying nearly the entire area of the windshield as viewed by Mrs. Myers, it started moving in an upward slant to the south from which it had first appeared. It slowly accelerated in speed and passed into the heavy overcast to the south and was no longer seen. There had been no sound and no EM effects on the car (the car radio was not enduring the observation) and there were no ill effects from viewing the self-luminous object.

On returning to Kirksville, Mrs. Myers went to the "Daily Express" to report the sighting and to ask if anyone else had seen the object. At last check, no one else had reported doing so. The newspaper printed an account of her report on Nov. 22nd.

Mr. Andrus writes: "Since the sunrise was scheduled for 7:03 a.m. CST on Nov. 22, I questioned Mrs. Myers extensively on this point. The sun rises in the southeast at this particular time of the year. She was very insistent that this red object came from directly south, and it definitely was not the sun. The weather observation made at 7:00 a.m. CST at the F.A.A. Station at the Kirksville Airport was an estimated ceiling of 1500 feet with overcast sky, visibility 12 miles, wind 350° north. Wind velocity, 13 knots; temperature 24; dewpoint 19; and barometer 3030. The sky remained overcast until 1:00 p.m. The sun would have difficulty giving the appearance of moving up to the highway, hovering and then retracing its path back to the south. Mrs. Myers had observed her wrist watch and noted that it was 7:15 a.m. as she sat watching the object through the front windshield of the 1973 Pontiac. When it was hovering, she said it occupied nearly the entire area of the windshield as viewed from the driver's seat. With a 1500 ft. overcast, the object was definitely at close range. She was unable to estimate the altitude of the object."

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### Editorial

A day like any other. A little known place, almost uninhabited, whose only signs of life are some isolated houses and a field partially cultivated. Two farmers, one is almost a boy. This is the scene which we enter in 1971.

Suddenly: the unexpected. That day now is distinguished, that place is singled out. . It is that those farmers say they have seen "something" and they have broken into print; but basically the truth of those affirmations doesn't seem to matter much; because now the expected coming of the UFOs has been given space in big headlines. Later doubts arise, and the investigation and all expectations are dimmed with the passage of time.

More than thirty reports of UFOs (in 1971) in our country made up the activity of the phenomenon, which supposedly has occurred so sparingly in the rest of the world. Only two thirds of the observations were reported previously in the written press; the remainder was due to the regular reception of reports by CIDOANI. January and in particular May seem to be months in which these phenomena have occurred most frequently during the course of 1971, the great majority presenting themselves, as is common, in the night hours and singly--Buenos Aires and Santa Fe, in that order, have been the provinces most frequented in their appearance by the ever-present UFOs.

Nevertheless, due to the discouraging aspect which that year might present to us, it is worth pointing out that the "Argentine Information Net" (Red Argentina de Informacion or RAI) for UFOs is in process of formation, which as we will recall had its inception more than a year ago, when CIDOANI celebrated in Buenos Aires the "Second National Symposium of UFO Investigations" (from which comes the importance of these meetings) and since then, during all of 1971, the UFO Department of the Center of Physical Studies (CES) of Santa Fe, together with the central organizer of the meetings, CIDOANI of Buenos Aires, to which then was joined the Argentine Circle of Ufological Investigations (CADIU), of Cordoba, have taken charge of organizing the aforesaid Net, first in the world, which places at the disposition of the investigators the cases which occur in the country, in quick, concise form and with scientific criteria.

The success of the RAI will be in the last analysis the success of the investigation.

### THE ARGENTINE UFO INFORMATION NET

On October 29, 30 and 31, 1970, there was celebrated in Buenos Aires the second national symposium of UFO investigations, sponsored by the Investigating Center for UFOs (CIDOANI). In Point 10 of the conclusions which were prepared in the aforesaid symposium was expressed the necessity of holding soon a meeting which might prepare the basis formation of a central body, for the purpose of collecting and coordinating UFO investigations at the national level.

Accordingly, two private groups, the aforementioned CIDOANI of Buenos Aires, and the Center for Physical Studies (CEF), of Santa Fe, by means of its UFO Department, took charge of the organization of an Argentine



Information Net, which without doubt constitutes a unique and transcendental step for the unified scientific study of the UFO in the Argentine Republic.

The net will be a decentralized organization of national character. The Argentine territory has been divided into six regions according to characteristics of topography, routes of communication, density of population distribution of the principal affiliated investigators, and zones of surveillance. / Long list of regions follow. /

In each region a group fulfills the function of regional coordinator of information, and the remaining associated groups act jointly with it. / Procedure notes follow. /

Among the advantages of the net, are evident the following: (a) The collection of the most complete information covering cases which happen anywhere in the country. (b) The elimination of sensationalism and distortion of the facts. (c) That each affiliated investigator will have available a complete, quickly accessible archive for the study of particular aspects of the phenomenon.

In order to classify and organize the information there will be distributed a guide which indicates clearly how to edit the reports. The latter will be of three types: "A" - Technical report on an observation of a UFO; "B" - Technical report on a contact with beings, and "C" - Technical report on the detection of a UFO with radar.

Editor's Note: Our thanks to the Armstrongs for the translation. It is interesting to know that other countries are aware of the UFO phenomenon and are organizing to investigate sightings. Just as interesting is their apparent lack of information as to what is happening outside their own area. They seem to consider their "more than 30 UFO reports in 1971" as leading the world as they speak of sightings "so sparingly in the rest of the world" and regard their new network as unique. It would seem they never heard of APRO or NICAP and both have been around a long time, reporting UFO sightings all over the world, and we believe each has representatives in Argentina. Then there is England's "Flying Saucer Review" probably as well known; other foreign publications--and back to the States, many good magazines devoted to reporting UFOs and having overseas subscribers. Just recently the National Enquirer published a report on UFO Sightings in Argentina, written by their reporter Bill Burt, who went to Argentina. He was told that approximately 1,800 reports of UFO sightings have been investigated in Argentina in recent years and that between 250 and 300 reports are "genuine evidence of unexplained visits from somewhere beyond the earth." This statement was made by Captain Omar Pagani, official UFO investigator for the Argentine navy and a former naval intelligence officer who now is a senior government official. Of course, the above article was written nearly a year ago. Perhaps their "iron curtain" is lifting now. We hope so.

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~~Astronomy Notes~~ The January Sky. Venus may be seen just before sunrise in the eastern sky, rising at 6:20 a.m. Feb. 1st and rising at 6:30 a.m. March 1st. Mars is also seen in the southeastern sky before sunrise, rising at 4:10 a.m. Feb. 1st and at 3:40 a.m. March 1st. Jupiter is visible just before sunrise in the southeastern sky, rising at 6:20 a.m. Feb. 1st and at 4:50 a.m. March 1st. Saturn is visible during the evening hours as it sets at 3:20 a.m. Feb. 1st and at 1:30 a.m. March 1st. It is seen in the high southern sky.

Credit: Ted Phillips.

Editor's Note: See "The Constellations" on another page.

## Landing Case Report From Pennsylvania

Mr. X (real name on file) was driving to work along route 933 outside of Harrison City, Pa., Nov. 7, 1972, when he had an experience he will never forget.

It was about 6:45 am and just beginning to get light. There was no fog and visibility was good. As Mr. X approached the area of the Penn Joint High School football field practice area, he noticed something unusual resting on the uncut grass field between the field itself and the road he was on. The object was about a quarter of a mile distant.

He stopped his car to take a better look. His first impression was that the object was some type of float as used in a parade; but he soon changed his mind. He described the object as an oblong, triangular-shaped object with a pyramid-shaped dome. The overall length of the craft was that of three or four cars, estimated to be from 40 to 60 feet. From the bottom to where the dome began was about 5 feet, and the height of the dome was between six to eight feet.

The entire craft was self luminescent and did not reflect on the ground.

The object was a fluorescent orange color with the triangular body duller than the rest. The pyramid dome was divided in half--possibly two separate windows, or an opening. The right side was a very bright fluorescent orange and the other side a duller reddish-orange color.

He compared it to "an object covered with canvas fla ring out at the bottom." It didn't have a metal-like appearance, he said, but seemed more like plastic.

After viewing the object a short time, the observer became somewhat alarmed and decided to leave in a hurry. He heard no sound during the time he looked at the object and the light did not bother his eyes. The next day he went back to the area and saw nothing unusual. Although he had previously taken that route to work every morning, he now refuses to drive alone on that road.

He gave every indication of being level-headed and sincere in making his report.

Members of the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group searched the area and found nothing unusual. They interviewed several residents of the immediate area, but found no one who had any knowledge of the incident. They noted the angle of the "landing area" was such that the craft could actually have been hovering just above ground, altho it appeared from the road the object was on the ground.

Stan Gordon, Director of the group and our MUFON representative in that area, adds: "The area where the sighting occurred is the main UFO flap area in the county. It is a desolate area with major 500 KV power transmission lines strung all around. These lines go to the large Fort Martin Power Plant at Morgantown, W. Va. This area over the years has produced dozens of UFO sightings of which many were low level observations."

## Another Report from Pennsylvania

On a tip from Bob Schmidt, an officer of the UFO Research Institute of Pittsburgh, Stan Gordon, Bob McCurry and George Lutz, all of the study group mentioned in the preceding article, investigated a sighting which occurred at 5 a.m., Nov. 7, at Irwin, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. "Smith" and family live in a new housing development near Irwin, several miles from Route 30 West. Mr. Smith is an executive in branch firm out of Pittsburgh.

At about 5 a.m. Mrs. Smith went to her daughter's bedroom to check on her and happened to glance out of the window. She saw an object over the

trees to the northeast and stood watching it for several moments, after which it began to move rapidly toward their home and stopped directly over their neighbors' house across the street. When the object was first seen, it was a quarter of a mile distant. When over the house, it appeared to be about the size of baseball, though oval-shaped and seemed to have a ring around it (as a Saturn ring).

The object then began to ascend higher into the sky and seemed to be moving in a wobbly manner, and was spinning from right to left. The object was extremely bright and a bright gold in color. The light did not reflect on the black sky. At one point, Mrs. Smith thought she saw a beam of light appear from the center of the base of the object and extend at an angle to the left.

Mrs. Smith decided to call her husband and he watched the object for about twenty minutes, then returned to bed as he had to be up early to leave for work. Mrs. Smith continued to watch until about 6:30 a.m. when light began to appear. Even though the bright stars were disappearing from view, the gold object could still be recognized at high altitude.

When the object was first observed, the witnesses stated they heard a sound which was similar to "traffic in the distance." Their house is located a distance from any highways and there is little traffic at the early hour.

Mrs. Smith noted their house was the only residence on the street with lights on. No interference of any type was noticed. Mrs. Smith did comment to her husband while they were watching the object that she thought she might be getting the flu since she felt very warm. This was possibly due to her excitement.

They discussed reporting the sighting to the police, but decided against it because they had heard of others who had done so and were ridiculed. They consented to an interview on the condition their names be withheld in any report made.

#### Light "Explodes" Over Pennsylvania Home

July 14, 1972, was hot and sultry and Mr. and Mrs. "Jones" (names on file) decided to sleep in their living room where a large fan afforded some relief from the heat. Mrs. Jones was on a sofa next to a screened window when something bright in the sky caught her eye just past midnight.

The bright object moved from the southwest to the northeast over a tall pine tree in a neighbor's yard. Thinking at first it was a falling star, Mrs. Jones continued to watch. In a few minutes the object returned, retracing its original path and "it was weird and frightening." At this point Mrs. Jones attempted to awaken her husband, sound asleep on the floor, but he did not rouse and she turned her attention to the window. The object looked like "a fiery orange ellipse" about the size of a football, she said. As it floated over the pine tree again, a yellow-orangish flame jetted from one end. It moved slowly and soundlessly until it reached a point above their garage.

There it hovered for a moment and then "exploded in a blaze of light with no sound whatsoever." Then appearing as a small, glowing ember, it moved toward the house and disappeared from view. Further attempts to locate the object from other windows in the house were unsuccessful.

The witness stated that her eyes had smarted for 5 to 10 minutes after the sighting. No unusual animal disturbances were observed. The next morning when Mrs. Smith told her husband about her sighting, he scoffed at the report--but Mrs. Smith knows what she saw and sticks to her story.

The report was made to Jack Vogel, of the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group.

## Two See Bright Light Over Beckemeyer, Ill.

Steve Garner, of Beckemeyer, Ill., is greatly interested in UFOs and has the habit of keeping an eye on the sky, hoping to see a UFO. At 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 23, 1972 he got his wish.

He said the weather was "foggy, rainy and cloudy" but he was still observing the sky as usual while outdoors, and he saw a bright, white light which he thought must be a star, in spite of the weather condition. At second look he decided the light was too large and too near the ground to be a star. "It was bigger than a street light and moved faster than anything I ever saw," he told Mae Jannett, of Beckemeyer. "It was all lit up and dancing in the sky," he added.

Larry Joe Herman, who was with Steve, also saw the light which they observed for less than two minutes before it disappeared.  
Credit: Mae Jannett.

## Illinois Farmer Reports Object Outlined in Blue Light

Edward Hagerbaumer, a farmer, Route 1, Lorraine, Ill., saw an unusual object the night of October 14, 1972, and a report was turned in to Walter H. Andrus, MUFON Director.

Mr. Hagerbaumer, 64, was driving his tractor along a side road on the way to assist a neighbor with crop harvesting. It was 9 p.m. and the sky was clear with a bright moon shining. He was on bottom land along a creek that flows into Bear Creek. As he looked to the southeast over the bottoms he observed a very unusual light at about tree top level.

He saw a dark object about the size of a door, he said, but narrower at the top instead of being a perfect rectangle, and it was outlined in a blue light which he compared to blue Christmas tree lights. The light, which appeared suddenly, glowed for about 30 seconds, then just as suddenly switched off. The farmer continued on down the road and in 4-5 minutes the object, outlined in blue light, suddenly appeared again, then "switched" off in about 15 seconds and was seen no more.

He did not stop his tractor, which functioned normally, and he didn't hear any other sound or notice anything else unusual. His neighbor, Otis Corrigan, also working in the area, did not see the light.

## Texas Women Frightened by Bright Sky Objects

Miss "Jones" and Miss "Smith" (real names on file) were on their way to the former's place of employment in Dallas, Texas, on Oct. 12, 1972, and had an experience which left them nervous and frightened.

The time was 10:50 p.m. (Miss Jones is on a night shift) and the night was warm and calm. The moon had set and the sky was slightly overcast. Miss Jones suddenly saw a strange light approaching from the north and leaned from the open window on the right to get a better view. Miss Smith was driving.

Miss Jones described the light as a brilliant white, much brighter and larger than a police helicopter strobe light. As it came closer, blinking red and green lights could be seen. She could not make out the shape of the object because of the extreme brightness of the white light. The object followed the car for some distance, then hovered and the red and green lights blinked off. At this point, a smaller object, also a brilliant white, dropped from the larger object. The large object then made a sharp U-turn to the south, rapidly gained altitude and disappeared. The small object hovered for a few seconds, then followed the same flight path of the other and was soon out of sight.

Credit: Earl F. Watts.

### Bar-Shaped Object Seen Over Stover, Mo.

Mrs. Dorothy Ingersoll was on her way to her farm home from Stover, Mo., at 5:45 the evening of Dec. 2, 1972 and was about one mile south of the town "where you can see a lot sky" when she saw a red bar of light approaching from the northeast. She pulled off to the side of the road and stopped to watch. the red object which seemed to be surrounded by a "white glow" passed almost directly overhead and then disappeared into the west. The "bar", its width about one third of its length, would pulsate three times, pause and repeat. There was no sound.

As she watched the light, a passerby, thinking she had car trouble, stopped to offer assistance, and he caught a glimpse of the object before it disappeared. The sky was clear and there was a plane in the sky at the time, but Mrs. Ingersoll feels sure the glowing red object she saw was not a plane.

Mrs. Ingersoll also told your editor of a Mr. G. W., who lives near Versailles, Mo., who, a few nights earlier, had gone outside to see why his dogs were barking. He was astonished to see a red ball of light directly over the road. As if aware of being seen, it immediately shot straight up into the sky and disappeared.

### Several Report Silver Disc in Illinois

Mrs. Rosemary A. Bricker was on her way to Patoka, Ill., from her home on Route 2, two miles northwest of the city about 6:45 the evening of Nov. 24, 1972. It was dark, cold, and the sky was partly cloudy. She was within a mile of Patoka when there was a sudden flash in the sky.

At first Mrs. Bricker thought the flash was a falling star, but then she saw it was moving rapidly in a zigzag fashion from west to east and she slowed her car to watch. When seen at its best appearance, the object seemed to be a silver disc. It was still in the sky when Mrs. Bricker reached town.

She went into a grocery store and told what she had seen. Another shopper reported that her son had just told her as she left home that some man was breaking in on his short wave radio to report strange lights in the sky.

Later that evening, the local telephone operator received two calls from Odin, Ill. (8-10 miles southeast) asking where to report strange lights in the sky north of Odin. The calls were made about 8 o'clock.

Nothing appeared in the local newspapers and no mention of the lights was made on radio. If any of our readers can add anything more to this report, we'd be glad to hear from them.

Credit: Walter H. Andrus.

### Was It A Weather Balloon?

Miss "Brown" (real name on file) a secretary, of Breese, Ill., and four other adults and some children were at Hazlet's Park on Carlyle Lake, Illinois, Oct. 1, 1972, when all observed a large, round and white object, described as "glowing" and estimated to be over Carlyle. The time was 5:30 p.m. and the sky was clear with only a few clouds visible. There was a slight breeze. The object was observed for about a half hour.

Miss Brown, who later reported the sighting to Mrs. Mae Jannett, of Beckemeyer, Ill., said it was reported the next day that a weather balloon from Missouri had been seen over Illinois; but she didn't believe the object they had observed was a balloon.

Iowa Report  
By  
Ralph DeGraw

In August 1972 two sightings of UFOs were made in Dubuque, Ia. area by six witnesses who had previously been skeptical of the UFO phenomenon. John McCormick, a reporter for the Dubuque "Telegraph-Herald" wrote the reports from which the following is given:

On August 22, 1972, at 12:05 a.m., Brian Downey, 19, and Kathy Atkins, 18, were headed home from a date and when on the crest of a hill near Flora Park, saw a bright orange object in the western sky, perhaps five miles distant.

Downey, a Loras College psychology major, who lives at 818 Kane St., said the object was flat bottomed with a hump on top. He said it passed from view after about 10 seconds. He backed his car to the top of the hill for a possible second look, but the object had disappeared.

Miss Atkins, who is employed by a local realtor, said she was driving when they saw the object. Both said they would not have reported the incident had they not seen a story in the Telegraph-Herald about a Waukesha, Wis., man who had seen a similar orange UFO at 2:30 am. the same morning.

The next night, August 23, Mrs. Leslie Avery; her brother, Clarence Wernimont, of Dubuque, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bahl, who live on a farm near Asbury, west of Dubuque, reported seeing unidentified flying objects.

Mrs. Avery described the object as "bright with red, blue and green lights." She made the sighting at 8:35 p.m. She said the object "hummed" but not like an airplane and hovered for several minutes--then dimmed, brightened, moved slowly north, circled and then headed south toward the airport. Then it suddenly disappeared, she said.

"I can't believe it," she said. "From now on, I'm going to watch the sky out there."

Officials at the Dubuque Municipal Airport and the two aviation agencies that blanket the Dubuque area with radar--the Cedar Rapids Flight Center and the Chicago Air Traffic Control Center at Aurora, Ill., could not explain the sightings.

Also still unexplained is the June, 1967, sighting of an orange-color flying object seen near Asbury by five law enforcement officials and three Telegraph-Herald newsman. That object, purportedly photographed near Asbury, was later seen by two Guttenburg, Ia., policemen.

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WILHELM REICH, M. D., a scientist and UFO researcher, died in prison. His books were banned and burned. His discoveries hold the key to Planetary Survival and the UFO Invasion. Read "Orgone Energy," by Jerome Eden. Exposition Press, 50 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, N. Y. 11753. Postpaid, \$6.30. --Adv.

NOTICE: Cosmic Energy Research Group Seeks Scientists. Any UFO researcher who is interested in actively participating in Cosmic Energy Research is asked to contact Jerome Eden, Box 34, Careywood, Idaho 83809. Eden, the author of the book "Orgone Energy--the Answer to Atomic Suicide" is presently engaged in Cosmic Orgone Engineering. Orgone energy is the propulsive power used by UFOs. He requests that prospective members hold at least a bachelor's degree and furnish a complete resume of education, employment, and references. Only those seriously interested will be considered. Applicants must be responsible and courageous. The work will be entirely on a voluntary basis.  
---Adv.

WANTED: YOUR UFO report! Send it to SKYLOOK, Box 129, Stover, Mo., 65078. Be sure to state if we may use your name in publishing the report.

From the physical trace file, now containing 497 reports, one finds 14% involve animal, human or mechanical effects. Perhaps the most fascinating effect involves animal reaction. Animals are impartial witnesses; they are not influenced by magazine articles and books or other reported events related to the UFO problem. The following is a brief look at the better animal reaction cases.

Valenciennes, France, Sept. 10, 1954. Witness was reading when he heard his dog barking. Thinking it might be a prowler, he took a flashlight and went outside. He saw a dark mass less than 20 feet from his house. The dog was suddenly quite frightened and the witness heard footsteps and turned towards the sound. Less than 12 feet away he saw two small beings. He ran toward them and a beam of light was projected from an opening in the dark mass, and he was unable to move. Police found five places on three of the wooden ties which had identical impressions, each about an inch and a half square. Stones were brittle as if calcined at very high temperature. Several residents in the area reported that they had seen a reddish object in the sky at about the time the witness indicated the object had left.

Valence, France, Sept. 26, 1954. Witness had gone to gather mushrooms in the woods not far from a small village. Her dog began to bark and then began howling as if in misery. She looked around and saw the dog was standing in front of something which she thought at first was a scarecrow. As she approached it, she saw that it was a small being in a suit similar to a diving suit. The witness ran into a nearby thicket. By this time the dog was howling again, accompanied by the howls of the other dogs in the village. A large metallic object rose from behind nearby trees and moved away at low altitude making a whistling sound. A circular area was found about 11 feet in diameter, in which the shrubs and bushes were crushed. Wheat was flattened in a radiating line along the flight path.

Brazil, Nov. 1957. Witness saw a landed object, dark colored which emitted heat and blinding light. His horse refused to approach it. He threw stones at the object from a distance of 70 feet. The stones fell to the ground about 35 feet from the object. The horse still refused to go into the area after the object took off. A circle of scorched grass 105 feet in diameter was found.

Argentina, July 2, 1968. Witness saw two men of normal height. Near them was an elliptical, silvery object, 7 feet long, with 3 landing legs. Witnesses' horse and dog were paralyzed for several minutes. The boy arrived home "like a madman." The object took off vertically at great speed with flashes of light. Inspection showed three holes which had gone into the ground to a depth of 5 inches and formed a triangle.

New Zealand, Oct. 5, 1969. C. T. Johnson, sheep farmer, found 3 brown colored circles, two on the side of a steep hill, 53 and 30 feet in diameter--the third circle was across a fence. Horse reared up and wouldn't go near the area.

New Zealand, Oct. 8, 1969. Charles Blackmore, dairy farmer, found circle of dead lake-weed on floating island in a large pond, 15 feet in diameter--area, two feet lower than other plants on island. Area appeared to have been burned, pressed down and spread outwards in a spiral pattern. Cows and dogs refused to go near the pond from which they had always drank before. Ducks and frogs vanished from the island and pond.

Editor's Note: If you know of a physical trace case, old or new, do send the complete report to Ted Phillips, Box 615, Sedalia, Mo., 65301. He will return news clips etc if you request. Mr. Phillips is also interested in Missouri UFO sightings--old and new--so send them along too.

Editor's Note: Claude MacDuff, a new member of MUFON, will report to us from Canada. Mr. MacDuff, an assistant in the Canada Department of Agriculture, is a member of several UFO organization and his articles appear in French-Canadian newspapers and he has appeared on TV programs, speaking on UFOs. He also lectures at high schools and universities. We hope to hear from him often.

Luminous UFO Seen At Orsainville, Province of Quebec, June 1972 - Mr. Pierre Leclerc, the witness, relates himself the sighting as it occurred for him: "I left home to go to a restaurant at the Shopping Centre "Place Lirray," here at Orsainville, situated on the Garden Avenue. Around 10:05 P.M. on my way back to home, at Place des Tilleuls, I saw something luminous in the sky; I was in my car at this moment and was entering in my garage alley to park my car. I was coming from the north and so, what I saw in the sky was moving in the direction of the south.

"It was a kind of luminous ball of fire, orange-yellow colored, moving to the direction of the south with a very slowly speed. I stopped the car in the entry. It was about 10:07 p.m. at this moment. I got out of the car. The ball of fire was always there, moving in a straight line towards the south. I called my wife and told her, 'Look over the Place and tell me what you see!' She looked and saw the same luminous ball. My daughter Jeanne, age 12, heard my call to her mother and ran to the window where she saw also the phenomenon in the sky surrounded by a kind of halo, but less luminous or less colored than the ball itself.

"Suddenly at 10:13 p.m., probably over the main part of the city (I couldn't say exactly the distance and the altitude, unfortunately) two other balls of fire, but smaller than the original one, seemed to separate from the first one, went down slowly towards the ground and disappeared suddenly."

"Finally, after some other seconds (10 or 15), the first ball of fire, always in progression in the sky, seemed to become smaller and smaller, like if it was shrinking and finally it literally vanished in the sky.

"At one moment I heard a sound or something like an airplane or motor noise. In addition of that we saw nothing like a pulsation or like a twinkling light, just a luminous ball of fire, with the characteristics described before."

This report was submitted to the Société de Recherches sur les Phénomènes Mystérieux and published in their regular magazine, the AFFA. It also appeared in two French newspapers. English translation by MacDuff. Observation of a UFO Made Over the City of Quebec - / Because of space limitation, we have written the following condensed version from another translation from Mr. MacDuff. Ye Ed/ Two citizens of Quebec watched at 8:30 p.m. March 11, 1972, a luminous object with unusual characteristics. Below a cloud ceiling with no stars visible, a luminous yellow object appeared about 45 degrees above the horizon. After a few seconds, the object moved to the right of the witnesses and at the same moment a second object, which may have been hidden by the first one, moved to the left of the observers. It was conjectured it could have been one object, with a separation occurring. Some 20 seconds after the "separation" both objects seemed to disappear, alternatively, and then reappear. In less than 30 seconds they "dimmed" and faded out.

The possibility of the object being a star or ordinary aircraft was ruled out. It was admitted it would have been a balloon but that solution did not fit all conditions. An optical "illusion" was also ruled out, and the object was classed as "unidentified" by the Societe.



The latest UFO-related article from the NATIONAL ENQUIRER is found in the Dec. 31 issue. Mysterious damage to trees and a stone wall has been reported from France, following the sighting of a possible UFO.

A re-hash article dealing with the Oklahoma UFO sightings during August of 1965 is featured in the Dec. 17 issue of NATIONAL TATTLER.

In last month's column, I mentioned the paucity of UFO information to be found in issues of FATE magazine. One of their rare UFO articles appears in the January issue. Written by Stanton Friedman and B. Ann Slate, it deals with a possible UFO propulsion system. Most interesting.

Remember Isaac Newton and the apple which bopped him on the head? That incident, supposedly, resulted in the discovery (or realization) of gravity. Some people disagree. One of them is James Carter. He says: "... it can be shown by simple experiment that, after breaking loose from its stem, the apple remained motionless while the earth, the tree and Isaac Newton accelerated upward at  $32 \text{ fps}^2$ , until his head struck the apple." This is all part of what Carter calls the Theory of Universal Expansion. That is, "the earth is constantly increasing in size and... the acceleration felt on its surface is a result of this increase... every atom in the universe is expanding at the same rate." Quite a theory, eh? With regard to UFOs, Carter believes them to be something on the order of the "atmospheric jelly-fish" postulated by Ivan Sanderson and other researchers. Carter's booklet, "Gravity Does Not Exist," is available from Universal Expansion Press - P. O. Box 831 - Avalon, CA 90704 for \$1.00.

Another publication dealing with the "ancient space visitors" theme is Egerton Sykes' booklet, "Extraterrestrial Landings." Many of the topics mentioned by Sykes--the Tassili Frescoes, the Book of Ezekiel, the Star of Bethlehem, etc.--will be familiar to many readers, but he also includes some data not widely publicized previously. Curiously, Sykes sees no connection between space visitors of long ago and our present-day UFOs. I, for one, am always at a loss to account for this peculiar attitude when it crops up. Nevertheless, the booklet is well worth reading and is available from Markham House Press Ltd. - 58 West St. - Brighton BN1 2RA, England. The price is \$1.00.

Those who may have read some of Ivan Sanderson's recent writings on UFOs ("Invisible Residents," for example) may be interested in knowing that his first book on the subject, "Uninvited Visitors," is still available. Sanderson approaches UFOs from the biologist's point of view and brings some original thoughts, data and speculations to the fore. Not just another book-length listing of various UFO sightings, UV is stimulating reading, whether or not one always agrees with the author's conclusions. The price is \$6.95 and the book may be ordered from Henry Regnery Co., Inc. - 114 W. Illinois St. - Chicago, Ill. 60610.

We might briefly mention some upcoming books on UFOs and related subjects. "UFO's: A Scientific Debate" edited by Carl Sagan and Thornton Page will be out shortly from Cornell University Press. Erich von Daniken's third book (title unknown at this writing) is due out soon. Major Donald E. Keyhoe is also supposed to have a book published in the near future, although details concerning it are scarce. More details will appear in future columns.

Editor's Note: Carol Armstrong writes the "American Scientist" for November-December has a 9-page article by Warner von Braun entitled "The Re-usable Space Transport," an illustrated description of the space shuttle as developed thus far." As we believe anyone interested in UFOs must also be interested in the Space program, we mention this here.

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The following article was published in "Magazin", No. 553, May 11, 1968, Bucharest, Romania. It was authored by Ion Hobana as part of a continued series on the UFO phenomena in Romania. This particular article was titled "Other Letters."

"On the afternoon of March 29th of this year at about 4:00 p.m., after the thick cloud cover had disappeared, I saw a group of skiers on the path to the platform which is directly in front of our observation station, looking to the sky and pointing to something they were observing in the sky. I looked where they were pointing and I observed a shining object which was stationary and east of my point of observation and about 75 to 80 degrees above the horizon. I took a pair of binoculars (6x30) and I looked at the object through them.

"It had the shape of a cone, the side facing the sun was very bright. I watched it until dark and after the sunset the shine dwindled and the object disappeared little by little, without moving from the spot in the sky. At 7:50 a.m. the next morning (March 30th) I found that the object observed 19 hours earlier was now over the station of observation, but had moved a little to the south and again was very bright on the side facing the sun. At 9:00 a.m. I noticed it moving slightly, almost imperceptibly in a southwesterly direction. At 10:00 a.m. I decided to call my colleagues at the neighboring meteorological stations of Caransebes, Tarcu Peak and Cuntu Mountain. I remained in contact with them by the radio and ten minutes later they confirmed that they saw this object.

"It continued to move slowly to the southwest and disappeared at 12:00 noon. At 1:00 p.m. we were called by the Caransebes Station and told that the object was observed by the meteorological station at Berzesca, which is located on the banks of the Danube, but they did not have a pair of binoculars and they reported that it resembled a parachute.

"On the same day (March 30th) at 4:00 p.m. it appeared again in the same spot in the sky where I had first observed it the previous day. Again, I watched it with my colleague Vasile Cotoi from Tarcu Peak till after sunset when it no longer could be seen. At about 6:00 am (March 31st) it was once again above the Semenik Mountain, but the clouds and the fog hampered me in viewing it clearly. The object stood in our area of observation a total of 62 hours."

The above letter was signed by Balasa Stefan, the Chief Supervisor of the meteorological station at the Semenik Mountain (located in the southwestern part of Romania, at the foot of which is the city of Resita.)

I would now like to call your attention to the following letter I received concerning the phenomena observed in the county of Caras-Severin during March 29th and 30th of this year on the horizon area of the village of Ciudanovita.

"On March 29th at about 10:00 p.m. a bright object was observed in the east southeast horizon at about 30 degrees above the horizon line, and it remained there until the next day (March 30th) at 4:00 p.m. On the 29th, during the evening hours the object was seen by very few people, but the next day at 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. it was seen by all those people traveling to work.

"Being a new phenomena, I asked the topograph service to locate the shining object with a theodolite and this permitted us to obtain a graphical sketch of it. At the same time a number of people were looking at this object with the aid of binoculars and their observations confirm that they viewed the same image that was sketched by the topographer.

"From the observations made with the naked eye, it appeared to resemble

a geometrical body, a concave sided cone with the base upward, and a little inclined with the shape of a half moon when seen at the horizon line. The luminosity was as that of a morning star and one of the sides of the object was very bright and its position was changing. Its movements were observed with my naked eye and they were the result of the changing of the central axis in respect to the vertical and also because of the movement of the object as a whole. The frequency of the axis movement was of about one complete rotation per second and the displacement to the south took place in about five hours. It moved in a zig zag path of direction.

"I would also like to mention that I heard that this same object was seen in Resita, a town only twenty-five kilometers from us, but by only a few persons because the object was so very close to the horizon line. Also, it was seen over Oravita at about the same time.

"As I stated, many have seen this appearance among whom were Engineer Gh. Tanase and Ion Didicescu, Topographer Sala Lazar, Chief Fireman Bodea Constantin."

Signed: Engr. Gh. Tanase

(Continued Next Month)

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Organization Reports From Around The Network The UFO Study Club of Greater St. Louis met Sunday, Dec. 10 at the Lemay Bank & Trust Co., 152 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis. After a business meeting with plans for 1973 discussed, UFO sightings were given including an occupant sighting which we hope to get for SKYLOOK next month. The next meeting will be at the same place, Jan. 14.

Allen Benz made a return appearance on "Cameo," a local TV talk show in Twin Falls, Idaho, Dec. 19. Mr. Benz and hostess Rosemary Haley discussed, among other things, Dr. Hynek's book, "The UFO Experience." Mr. Benz is editor of the UFO quarterly UFO COMMENTARY and a MUFON consultant. He will address the Twin Falls Rotary Club on UFOs on Jan. 3, 1973.

Ted Phillips, of the SKYLOOK staff, will speak in Kansas City today (Dec. 20th--our deadline for copy) and we hope to have more on that next month.

Ralph DeGraw, of Hazleton, Ia., sent us an envelope of clippings covering speaking engagements and press notices. Mr. DeGraw and his partner, LeRoy Latham, of Oelwein, Ia., have established an excellent relationship with the news media in their area, and the public is kept advised of their being available to investigate UFOs. Largely due to their influence, the McGregor Public Library, McGregor, Ia., has just received and published a list of UFO books. Both DeGraw and Latham are MUFON representatives and MUFON and SKYLOOK are plugged in their press releases.

George D. Fawcett, of Mount Airy, N. C., was interviewed by Wayne Ashworth over WTOB radio, Winston Salem, at 9 p.m. Dec. 17th, and answered questions re UFOs from telephone callers. He will lecture at an open public meeting at the Indian Trail high school near Monroe, N. C. Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. The program is being sponsored by the Piedmont Chapter of the American Society for Metal.

Stanton T. Friedman's lectures for January were listed in the December issue of SKYLOOK. He will speak Feb. 14, 8 PM, Umpqua Community College, Roseburg, Ore.; Feb. 15, 10 AM, Pacific Lutheran U., Tacoma, Washington; Feb. 16., noon, Everett Community College, Everett, Washington.

The Tri-State UFO Study Group meets today (Dec. 20) at the Walter H. Andrus home in Quincy, Ill., and will meet January 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the George Koch home in Quincy.

Editor's Note: Do send in your organization meetings and speaking dates. These notices let the rest of the world know that interest in UFOs is not dead--as the uninformed claim-- and may encourage others to form their own study groups.

## Short Notes

Charlie Jones, of Sheridan, Indiana, writes: "SKYLOOK has an 'in there pitchin'" happy sound to it." We like that, and thank you, sir. With our fine staff and many contributing readers, we have reason for the happy sound. The

cooperation from all sides keeps Ye Ed on her toes too. In this spirit, we begin 1973 and will stay in there pitchin' . . . We want you all to know that Charles Barnum, the keynote speaker at the 1972 MUFON Conference and the executive editor of the Quincy, Ill. "Herald Whig" received the 1972 Wells Memorial Key Award presented by Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic society at the 63rd annual convention held in Dallas, Texas in November. His speech at the Conference was published in the August 1972 issue of SKYLOOK and was outstanding in showing how the attitude of the news media is changing where UFOs are concerned. . . We followed that Russian submarine story with great interest. Referred to at first only as "an unidentified object" by the news media, it became a probable Russian submarine, altho no positive proof has been given. We quote one paragraph from "The Kansas City Times" (Nov.25,1972): "Conflicting accounts of the mysterious object have been reported all week. Red and green signal flares were reportedly observed on the high mountains surrounding the fiord. One version has it that six flares were seen yesterday, fired from beneath the surface of the fiord to a height of about 500 feet. Yesterday, Norwegian defense officials said their efforts to track the elusive object by radar and sonar were being hampered by jamming. But a Norwegian submarine expert said he did not think it was possible for a submarine to jam radar and sonar detectors. He conceded however, that there might be some new Soviet device to make this possible." The "object" which roamed Norway's Sognefjord for nearly two weeks was "allowed to escape" it is speculated in order to avoid an international incident. . . Add to our cartoons--two little "beings" in a flying saucer are approaching Earth. Says one being to the other, "Let's create an optical illusion!" (Thanks, Lou). . . "In Search of Ancient Astronauts," depicting the theory that various baffling phenomena of the past, visible invarious parts of the world, are work of visitors from other planets, will be colorcast on the NBC Television Network, Friday, Jan. 5 (10-11 p.m.) with Red Serling as off-camera narrator. The program is based on "Chariots of the Gods?" by Erich von Daniken. This is worth watching for and may appear at another date where you live (doubt we get it at all in Stover) so check your TV program. . . we followed the flight of Apollo 17 with great interest and were sorry there was so little TV coverage this time--which will be the last time some of us will see man on the moon. One of the highlights was when Schmitt called out, "Hey, I just saw a flash on the lunar surface. It was right out there north of Grimaldi. It was just a pinprick of light." Flashes of light have been seen on the moon before, but not by astronauts in orbit. They are thought to come from the heat of impacting meteorites or possibly from the belch of a still-living volcano, we are told. . . Lucius Farish sent us a clipping from a Canadian newspaper which states that John Musgrave, a former Californian, is conducting a course on UFO sightings at Grant MacEwan Community College in Edmonton. Mr. Musgraves, if you are the same John Musgraves, of Edmonton, who subscribes to SKYLOOK, how about sending us some Canadian UFO reports. We'd be glad to hear from you. . . George D. Fawcett sent us a UFO Review of 1972, and we hope to find room for it in another issue. It's good. . . Warm thanks to all who sent personal Christmas greetings. With so many nice U-folks (think Lou coined that one) it's no wonder we have the "happy sound". . . And now we want to pay tribute to Walt Andrus. As editor of SKYLOOK, we may realize more than anyone else how hard Walt has worked in organizing and building up MUFON. In addition to enthusiasm and hard work, it takes a lot of know-how, and Walt has shown he has all that. We hope hope he will continue to serve as our Director forever! --Ye Ed

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