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An energetic organization must be composed of leaders that typify this attribute. Two new Consultants have demonstrated to UFOlogists throughout the world that they possess this quality. We are delighted to announce that Stanton T. Friedman, Nuclear Physicist and nationwide lecturer on UFO's, is our Consultant in his field of expertise -- Nuclear Physics. Stan was the featured speaker at the Second Annual Midwest UFO Conference in St. Louis on June 12, 1971. He resides at 2420 Grant Avenue-Apt. 3, Redondo Beach, California 90278; telephone AC 213 376-9626. He is Director of the California UFO Research Institute and publishes an open letter to the public titled "UFO Review."

A Presbyterian clergyman, who has achieved world-wide acclaim for his outstanding book titled "The Bible and Flying Saucers" published by Lippincott, Philadelphia, Pa., 1968, Avon paperback 1970, is our new consultant in Theology. Dr. Barry H. Downing is the pastor of the Northminister Presbyterian Church in Endwell, New York 13760, and resides at 3663 Rath St., telephone AC 607 748-9861. He received a B. A. degree from Hartwick College (major in Physics), a B. D. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Ph. D. from the University of Edinburgh, New College, where he specialized in the relation between science and religion.

We are pleased to announce that Elmer A. Kral, formerly the State-Section Director for Hall and Hamilton counties in Nebraska, has accepted the position of State Director for Nebraska. Elmer's central location in Grand Island is ideal for his organizational plans. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and teaches in the Grand

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A Message From Your Director

As of February 2, 1972, the Midwest UFO Network is incorporated by the State of Illinois as a "Not For Profit Corporation" by the Secretary of State, John W. Lewis; another legal step in our growth status.

The month of February has been far more than the milestone of progress which we anticipated. We are extremely proud to announce that our new FIELD INVESTIGATORS MANUAL has been completed and is ready for distribution. It has been copyrighted as of December 1971. This is a very essential tool in the training of Field Investigators by our State-Section Directors. The manual should be a vital portion of every Field Investigator's kit. Basically, it provides the guidelines, techniques and suggestions on how to conduct UFO sighting interviews, investigations,

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Island High School. He resides at 1124 West Koenig St. (Zip Code 68801); telephone AC 308 384-7195. We will announce the name of his replacement as State-Section Director in the near future. We encourage interested individuals in Nebraska to contact Mr. Kral and volunteer your services or write to your MUFON Director who will forward your communications.

A vital area of Illinois is now being represented by Bert Warren Davis, who has volunteered to serve as State-Section Director for Morgan and Scott Counties. Warren's address is 420 E. Superior Ave. Jacksonville, Illinois 62650; telephone AC 217-243-3598. He is an artist by profession and an amateur astronomer.

MUFON's continued expansion has now extended to Florida with the appointment of Mr. Frank H. Inderwiesen, as the State-Section Director for the counties surrounding Orlando, Florida. Frank was one of the individuals who participated in the Early Warning Network conducted by the University of Colorado during their Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects. He is employed by the Martin-Marietta Company in a technical capacity, and resides at 39 Interlaken Road, Orlando, Florida 32804; telephone AC 305 295-3034. He reports that Walter Menschung is the President of the Orlando UFO Study Club, a potential source for competent Field Investigators.

The speakers' agenda for the Third Annual Midwest UFO Conference to be held June 17, 1972 at the Holiday Inn, Quincy, Illinois has now been completed. Internationally-known author and lecturer, Brad Steiger, will appear as the featured speaker for the afternoon session of the symposium. In addition to the numerous books that he has written, he now has a syndicated radio program and a newspaper column, both entitled "The Strange World of Brad Steiger." He formerly taught literature and creative writing at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa (1963-67) before devoting full time to his enterprise, now known as "Other Dimensions, Inc."

Walt Andrus
Director, MUFON

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"Saucer Sightings Soar" Says Writer in Article Published in Newspapers Throughout the Midwest and Elsewhere - Good SKYLOOK Publicity

Tom Tiede, a free lance writer, talked to your editor by telephone and asked about UFO sightings, if any, in the midwest. We assured him there are many sightings, told him of the work being done by MUFON and sent him copies of SKYLOOK.

His article, sold to Newspaper Enterprises, has appeared in papers across the country, and we thank all who have sent us the newspaper clippings from their city papers.

Tiede opened his article with the Delphis, Kansas case (complete report in January SKYLOOK) and goes on to write: "It may be too early or too presumptuous to tell, but the accumulating evidence seems to indicate that Unidentified Flying Objects are on their way back into the news. After some years of aerial phenomena drought, interested observers say sightings are on the increase in many areas of the world. Ceylon had a rash of them recently. Great Britain gawkers are getting

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eyesful too. Australian interests have been perked to the point where scientists there recently held a "serious" convention. And here in America the saucers are flying like the clay pigeons they resemble-- 'We're getting so many reports,' says Norma Short, editor of the UFO publication Skylook, 'that I can't get them all in my paper.'

The article continues: "The trend, if that's what it is, will be reassuring to millions of saucer believers and sympathizers. Many are holding their collective breaths right now, for instance to get more evidence on the Ronnie Johnson spot. Johnson says his saucer left a burnt ring in the ground. Soil analysis is in process. Skylook believes it may 'be the biggest physical evidence UFO reports' in several years."

Tiede then goes on to speak of the Air Force giving up 20 years of investigation and the Condon Report--"several hundred pages of putting down that flying saucers were for ding-a-lings."

Commenting that "hard times may be ending for die-hard saucer fans" Tiede quotes Stuart Nixon, executive director of NICAP in saying: "Right now we have about 100 pending (open) sighting cases. That's three times what we had in 1970. And some of the cases are very interesting. I just investigated one sighting in Maryland. A little town called Cavetown. Many of the residents there saw strange lights in the sky. They called the state police and at least one trooper saw the lights too. The trooper was very helpful. And he was hardly the kind of fellow who would be making up flying saucer stories."

The article continues: "Nixon emphasizes the last point: '... he was hardly the kind who would be making up flying saucer stories!' Nixon says he is dealing increasingly with reliable rather than emotional people. He says he thinks a lot of the oldtime crackpots have faded away. 'Oh, we still have the nuts around. There's the mystic barber from Brooklyn, who wears a propeller on his head and says he's from another planet * * * I find that more and more today we are hearing from the solid citizen.'"

And, continuing with another excerpt: "Northwestern University's Dr. J. Allen Hynek (chairman of the school's astronomy department) has set up a UFO Information gathering bureau, pledging anonymity to anyone who wishes to confide."

"The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics has, after three years of UFO probing, recommended renewed saucer curiosity and research. Even the Ugandan delegate to the United Nations has recently cited UFO evidence as one reason members should take a more urgent look at the possibility of extraterrestrial life."

Dr. Hynek on Sedalia, Mo., Radio

Dr. J. Alan Hynek stopped in Sedalia following speaking engagements at the California Institute of Technology and Stanford University, and was a guest of Ted Phillips, of the SKYLOOK staff, Feb. 14-15. Dr. Hynek spoke of UFOs on Radio Station KSIS FM Monday night and was interviewed by a reporter from "The Sedalia Capitol" which carried a fine article Feb. 17th.

Dr. Hynek's book "The UFO Experience" is to be published in May. Hynek said the book will document his findings over a 21-year period and will contain over 70 particular instances of unexplained UFO sightings out of 2,400 that he alleges were never explained. He was enroute to Evanston, Ill., where he lives and is chairman of the department of astronomy at Northwestern University.

Black, Cone-Shaped Object is Photographed Over Illinois Observatory
Paul Doss, MUFON State-Section Director (Indiana) Questioned by AFB

A large, black, cone-shaped object was photographed by Paul Doss, of Covington, Indiana, on a clear, sunny Sunday morning, May 9, 1971.

Doss, who is a State-Section Director for MUFON, had gone to the Vermillion River Observatory, operated by the University of Illinois and located south of Union Corner, Ill., to look at the big dish antenna being installed for the radio telescope. It was between ten and eleven o'clock when he arrived. As the gates were locked and the grounds were posted, he looked at the dish antenna through binoculars for ten minutes or so, then decided to take a couple of pictures and go home.

He took one picture with his Polaroid, a Swinger 20 camera, removed it from the camera, and looked up again to see an object approaching from the southwest. He took a picture of it and, as he said in an interview with Air Force officers at the Chanute Field AFB, "I just tore the picture off and it came over. I heard no sound as it came toward me, but as it got overhead there was a loud humming noise. It was as black as the Ace of Spades--like burned metal. There was no light in it or around it. It was just black--and it scared me. It took me two or three hours to get over it.

"It was traveling at a very high rate of speed--by the time I lined up the camera for the second picture, it was over me. It was a huge thing--larger than the antenna itself / described by a newspaper as 131 feet in diameter/ and it appeared to be just above those booms in the picture/ referring to the photographs Doss had taken/ There was a tremendous humming noise and it appeared to me it was spinning--you know how a top spins--and was shaped like a cone--the point was on the bottom. The point was hanging down as it was coming toward me and as I turned to watch, it tipped back so the point was in front and in a matter of seconds it was gone."

Mr. Doss' interview with the Air Force officers was held at the Chanute Field at Rantoul, Ill., on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1971. A secretary transcribed notes made during the interview and sent Doss a copy, however not showing the questions asked--only his replies as given in the direct quotes above.

He doesn't know how the Air Force learned of the photographs he had taken, but he was asked to bring them and report for an interview on Nov. 24, 1971. He was questioned by several officers, one being a Major. He asked for and received a receipt for the photographs and it was agreed that he would not release the names of the interviewing officers. No other stipulation was requested.

In making this report to Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON, Doss mentioned the vibration from the humming sound made by the object "seemed to cause a vibration within and around me." There was no sonic boom or wind noise, only the humming sound, as the object passed directly over Doss and disappeared into the northeast.

Mr. Andrus has a photostat of the receipt given Doss by the Air Force (with the names of the signing officers covered as per agreement mentioned above) and photographs of the object. in his words: "The photograph shows a black, top-shaped object flying toward the photographer to the left of a tall crane that was being used to install the dish antenna for the radio telescope." The picture also shows a truck at the site; but it isn't known if any workmen were present at the site, and no other witnesses to the sighting have been learned of at this time.

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Here we have a sighting of a very large, unidentified flying object described and photographed by a reliable witness. Seen and photographed in broad daylight, this adds to the growing evidence that something very real comes here from somewhere "out there," apparently arriving and departing at will--"whose" will, we don't know.

This case and the Delphos, Kansas, case (even if there were no others, and there are many) are something to think about. And, as Mr. Andrus pointed out, in a letter accompanying this report, very significant is the fact that our Government IS still interested in UFOs and is quietly investigating--despite the Condon Report which apparently was intended to laugh off the whole subject of "flying saucers" and to convince the public of the government's total lack of interest and cessation of all investigation.

"Researching the American Landings" Subject of Article in FSR

Josephine Clark, editor of "Data-Net Report" and Jacques Vallee, author of "Anatomy of a Phenomenon," have co-authored an article in the September-October 1971 issue of England's "Flying Saucer Review" with the title "Researching the American Landings" with maps and charts giving the date and location of 400 Type-1 Reports in the U. S. A.

To bring the English readers up to date on events in America since the Condon report and closing of Project Blue Book, the authors write: "The first significant fact has been the appearance in the United States of a systematically-organized clipping service for UFO reports. At a time when official reporting channels became unavailable to researchers, and when the large UFO amateur organizations were failing to keep their members informed of the reports they were still collecting, such a service was naturally welcome."

This, of course, refers to Rod Dyke's fine clipping service, published monthly, and containing copies of newspaper clippings re UFOs from American and foreign newspapers. His latest issue contains 30 pages. His address is given, and we predict he'll be getting many letters of inquiry as to subscription price from overseas. The address is: UFORC, 3521 S. W. 104th, Seattle, Washington, 98146.

The article continues with mention of individual researchers, as Dr. J. Alan Hynek, various research groups and others who were not discouraged by the Condon Report and who continued their work, and then comments: "It may still be too early to speak of a breakthrough, but the fact that such groups as SKYLOOK and DATA-NET have each now published fifty issues of their monthly magazines (or a total amount of information that represents over twice the combined output of APRO and NICAP since their creation!) testifies to the remarkable character of this new aspect of American research."

The remainder of the article is devoted to the landings research, and there is promise of a second article in the near future.

We are pleased that Mrs. Clark and Dr. Vallee made favorable mention of SKYLOOK (address also given). It gives us that "recognized" feeling! And we like it!

"Flying Saucer Review" is probably the best known England UFO publication, altho there are others--and we quickly mention "Spacelink" for one. FSR's address is: 21 Cecil Court, Charing Cross Road, London WC2, England. It published bi-monthly and the subscription is \$5.25 per year. It also publishes "FSR Case Histories," another bi-monthly which comes out the "other" month. Subscription is \$3.60 per year, same address. We plan to review FSR in another issue.

Mountain Climbers See Strange Light and Are Followed by "Thing"

Charles Cranston and Tom Literatti, students at East Texas State University, had a harrowing experience in June 1971, during their visit at the Berle Lewis (of "Snippy" fame) ranch near Alamosa, Colorado. They had become acquainted with the reported UFO activity in that area through other students at E.T.S.U. and Cranston, Gary Massey and Stan Ferguson had made an earlier trip to Alamosa. This account deals with the second trip by Cranston, accompanied by Tom Literatti.

The transcript of Cranston's taped report, too lengthy to be used here in its entirety, was sent in by Stanley Ferguson, of Dallas, Texas. We have written a condensed version of the students' experience in the Blanca Mountain Range approximately 20 miles northwest of Alamosa, quoting directly from the transcript and adhering strictly to the context.

Charles Cranston and Tom Literatti started down the mountain top (at which point Cranston's report opens) at about 5 p.m. Clouds were closing in, and the valley was hidden from view. It was raining and all their gear was wet. They could see about 25 feet ahead.

An hour passed, and they still hadn't reached the tree level and were concerned they might not be able to locate the trail to a known cabin before dark. They had flashlights and decided to make time by cutting down through a canyon. Cranston had a map of the area.

"My decision to go on down into the canyon was a mistake," he said, "because when we did, we found ourselves in this big rock-slide, for about 500 yards." They couldn't go back up, so had no choice but to continue. "Everything you stepped on moved," Cranston said. The rocks were from "table-size" to "as big as this room."

Literatti was behind Cranston, but finally moved up to where they were side by side and about 10 yards apart. They sat down on the rocks and moved gingerly from one to another. It took them two and a half hours to reach the bottom of the slide. It was then about nine o'clock.

It was getting dark and raining again and, after some debate, the men decided to camp overnight rather than risk injury by going further. They rigged up a makeshift shelter among the rocks with their ponchos and crawled inside with their gear and sleeping bags. However, it rained so hard, the overhead poncho fell in on them with its load of water and "everything was sopped."

They used their flashlights to gather their gear together in two packs while deciding what to do next. Literatti wrapped his poncho over himself and his gear and huddled among the rocks. As the rain ceased briefly, Cranston stepped out under a tree. He looked down below the rocks and trees and across the valley about sixty miles distant.

He could see the lights across the valley, and then he saw another light.

"The first impression was 'across the valley,' but then I thought huh uh because where that light is--a canyon is right on the other side of that light. It couldn't be on the other side of the valley. About that time it started moving. It was moving up through the trees. When I saw it, I could tell about how far away it was then. It wasn't very far. I'd say maybe about 150 to 200 yards. This shook me up."

He reached for a .38 pistol and called to his companion.

"The light was moving through the trees and I knew it was moving because the trees were passing between me and the light," he said. By the time he got the gun and his flashlight, he saw the light going behind some trees and bushes and "it went out."

Cranston blinked his flashlight twice as the light was approaching but there was no response.

"Then I got to thinking," he said. "That's nobody's flashlight because nobody walks up here at night with a flashlight held out like that. It would be down like this, watching where you're going. This shook me up. Then I started getting all these feelings like whatever it is, it's going to be right here on us any second because it knows where we are now since I flashed my light."

He thought about all the things he had heard about the "Snippy" case, of strange lights in the area, of animal sounds reported--"all this weird stuff"--and he said to his companion, "Believe me, Tom, we've got to get out of here."

Tom had missed seeing the light as it had disappeared from view by the time he freed himself of his coverings and came out into the open.

It was 10:30 as they continued on their way down, leaving some of their gear behind them and worrying because their two flashlights were "getting dim already." And all the time, Cranston said, "I kept thinking that there was something right out there watching us. I don't know what it was. I just had this feeling."

Now it was raining again and they went on cautiously, holding their flashlights so they could see about six feet ahead. They clambered over rocks and logs and finally heard water running. They found a small stream of clear, cold water and stopped to fill their canteens.

"As I was filling up the canteen--right over in the trees about from here to that screen to me / our readers will remember this is from Cranston's tape made at the Bob Alsobrook home in Paris, Texas / I heard something growling. A deep rumble type growl. At first I thought it was a jet airplane."

Cranston handed Tom the canteen and both heard the noise which Cranston now realized was not a plane.

It was between 12: and 12:30 now as the two started on down the stream. The rain which had ceased briefly began to fall again, and the two stopped under some trees, then went on again. Both blinked their flashlights off and on just enough to see a few feet ahead, and were in complete darkness when stopping to rest.

Then--"Over to our right there was something that made a step on a bunch of rocks. The rocks slid. And when I stopped, all I could hear was rocks sliding. Then another step--and rocks sliding * * * whatever it was, it was big and it was stepping on some rocks over to our right," Cranston continued.

At this point, Literatti told Cranston he had heard the "thing" crashing along through the brush about 25 yards behind them all the way down. Cranston, who had been some distance ahead and had a cap and poncho over his head hadn't heard the sounds Literatti described.

The two men kept on going and by one o'clock in the morning they reached a little clearing and could see how far down they still had to go. "We must have been ten thousand feet up," Cranston said.

The cold, wet, weary--and more than a little frightened, we gather--men felt they could go no further without rest. Exhausted, they settled down to wait for daylight.

As nothing unusual was seen or heard for the remainder of their ordeal that long night in the mountains, we will end the report at this point, concluding with Cranston's closing statement from the transcript: "The apprehension I had was something I couldn't explain. The whole ordeal up there that night was really weird. Something was up there. I don't know what it was."

More UFOs in the Alamoso, Colorado Area

Editor's Note. Stan Ferguson, of Dallas, Texas, who sent us the report of two students and their night on the mountains near Alamoso, Colo., gives us permission to quote from a letter he received in December from Mrs. Berle Lewis (owner of "Snippy" the horse whose encounter with a UFO made headlines). It follows:

"I have been on the night stint so much we haven't done much watching, but last week Berle and I and a man who used to be sheriff of Blanca for years (74 years old) were headed for the King Ranch at night and just above Zapata Ranch we saw a big, long, red light go on on the north park just south of Zapata Falls. There are no jeep or car roads up there, and it would dim down... get amber... turn red etc. and it was much too big for a car and there was only one light but it changed shapes. We watched it for over 40 minutes... drove up Urracca and watched from there awhile. It was just barely dusk when we saw it and we could easily see that there was no smoke, so it was not a fire... and it was out in the bare middle of the park. There are two parks up there and you have no doubt heard us call them the Ball Parks.

"Then on the way home to the Dunes we were just entering the Monument when we saw a big, blue ball of light streak down on an angle between the Sand Dunes and the Music Peaks Mts. behind them. It was as big as a full moon.

"A few days later an employee here, Larry Berryman, 26 years old, Viet Nam veteran and non-believer in UFO talk until that night, Berle and I were coming into the Monument from the cabin about 10 p.m. and we saw a red, green and amber revolving thing over the Dunes. We watched it with glasses for 30 minutes. It sat still, just showing the revolving lights, for 25 minutes and then flew east and out of sight back of the mountains. Larry is convinced it was not any conventional type of known aircraft as it was motionless so long. So some kind of activity is showing up again!"

Kidney-Shape Light Seen in Wisconsin

T. Frank, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, reported to the police department of that city that on Nov. 5, 1971, he was driving east on 900 W. Clairemont Ave. when he saw an unusually bright light in the clear northeastern sky. He described it as being "nearly stationary and of a light intensity of magnesium burning. It appeared in a kidney shape." He saw it but two or three seconds when it suddenly disappeared. No noise or explosion was heard. (Credit: Walter H. Andrus)

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Venus may be seen as a brilliant object in the southwestern sky for several hours after sunset. Venus sets at 9:20 p.m. on March 1st and at 10:15 p.m. on April 1st.

Mars is seen as a reddish object in the south-southwest after sunset, setting at 11:00 p.m. March 1st and at 10:40 on April 1st.

Jupiter is visible in the southern sky as a bright object from early morning, rising at 3:00 a.m. March 1st and at 1:15 a.m. April 1st.

Saturn is seen during the evening hours as it sets at 12:20 a.m. March 1st and at 10:30 p.m. April 1st.

The Constellations, No. 16. Lynx (The Fox) and Vela (Sails)

Since there are no large constellations near the meridian this month and I covered the constellation Cancer in March 1971, I will briefly mention two smaller constellations.--Mark Herbstritt.

Lynx (Fox). Lynx is a modern constellation in the northern sky in a vacant space between the larger ancient constellations. Hevelius is responsible for Lynx. In naming it, he looked at the dark and empty spaces that make up the area covered by this new constellation and declared that anyone would need the eyes of a Lynx in order to see anything there at all. Lynx is shaped like a crooked stairway. It culminates on March 5 at 9 p.m. The brightest star in Lynx is only 3rd magnitude.

Vela (The Sails). Vela is the more northerly portion of the old constellation Argo Navis. Vela is far to the south. Only its northern edge can be seen from latitude 40 degrees north. Vela culminates at 9 p.m. on March 30. The Milky Way angles through the western end of Vela and the bright stars of the constellation are concentrated there. Gamma Velorum is the brightest star in Vela. It is a double of 2nd and 4th magnitudes.

Radio Waves from Star Discovered

In a story out of Washington, the "Arkansas Gazette, on Feb. 4, 1972 told that government scientists have announced the discovery that powerful natural radio waves are radiating from Algol, a blinking star 600 trillion miles from the earth.

Algol, the second brightest star in the constellation of Perseus, is a double star. Only a few other stars, all double, have been found to emit radio waves.

The discovery was made by scientists of the National Science Foundation's National Radio Astronomy Observatory which has radio telescopes located near Green Bank, W. Va., and Tucson, Arizona.

Algol consists of a faint large star with a mass five times that of the sun, which revolves around a smaller but much brighter companion less massive than the sun. Every 2.87 days, the faint star passes in front of the bright star, blocking out about 70 per cent of the light from the brighter body. This is what causes the blinking that frightened the ancient Arab astronomers who called Algol "The Demon."

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Dr. Hynek Speaks at McDonnell Planetarium in St. Louis, Mo.

A near-capacity crowd was on hand at McDonnell Planetarium in St. Louis for the first showing, Feb. 15, of its current program "Intelligent Life in the Universe." This is the first of the planetarium's regular star shows to give any serious consideration to the reality of UFOs and the possibility that they may be visitors from other worlds. The program is scheduled to run through May 15.

Mr. Ronald Sutherland, director of the planetarium, introduced the program and presented Dr. J. Allen Hynek for a brief initial comment. Dr. Hynek (who with Ted Phillips had a preview of the program earlier in the day) remarked that only a few years ago this type of program would have been looked at askance, since the earth was then believed to be unique as the habitat of living creatures. Such a program as this one, Dr. Hynek said, help to counteract our "cosmic provincialism." The star show was narrated by Mr. Paul Tebbe, planetarium astronomer, using not only the star projector but a variety of slides, panoramas and diagrams. Mr. Tebbe discussed the 1897 airship, using newspaper quotes, and showed a number of well-known UFO photographs. He then described our galaxy, its size and the distance to other galaxies, the percentage of stars that may be expected to have planetary systems, the way in which life may have developed on other planets, and the means we might use in trying to communicate with beings on other worlds (chiefly radio waves).

Following the show, Dr. Hynek answered questions from the audience. Credit: Carol Armstrong.

Editor's Note: Ted Phillips tells us Dr. Hynek appeared on radio and on Channel 5 TV following the program. Dr. Hynek had been a guest of Mr. Phillips in Sedalia. The two stopped at the Missouri University in Columbia en route to St. Louis Tuesday in an endeavor to learn the results of the soil analysis from the "ring" on the Kansas farm, but there is no definite news on that as yet. Mr. Phillips wrote: "I had the chance to talk with Joe Gurney, Dave Schroth, John Preisack and W. P. Armstrong. The Midwest UFO Network is most fortunate in having these fine individuals working so hard in the St. Louis area. They are certainly doing a tremendous amount of work and its effect is being felt in the St. Louis area. My only disappointment was that John Schuessler could not attend the showing because of a heavy work load."

Mr. Schuessler is working night and day on the Skylab apparatus which is due to be delivered in a few months. As our readers know, Mr. Schuessler is Group Design Engineer in the Skylab Program with McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Co.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE we are still leaving out good UFO reports in spite of getting out a bonus issue this month? Well, it's true! Just have to give brief mention to a letter from Stan Gordon, of Greensburg, Pa. He tells us one family in the vicinity of Crystal Lake near Lionier, Pa. "reportedly has been bothered so much by low level sightings near their home that they are moving." We hope to have more from Stan next month. Write to him at 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, Pa. 15601 re a news letter published by the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group which he heads. This is available free of charge if you'll send a stamped, self-addressed envelope--or for exchange with other UFO publications. Some interesting reports in the first one--ask for it.

Meteor--Or "Something"--Seen Over Four States, January 30th

We have received personal reports and news clips of a meteor seen over Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois and Iowa on Sunday night, January 30th. While the time of the sighting varies, this is understandable because of the human element, and there seems no reason to doubt all saw the same object.

The "Mountain Echo," of Yellville, Ark., stated: "Something--no one knows for sure what--happened in north Arkansas Sunday night at 9:45. There was a loud noise and homes shook in the Marion-Baxter County area--possibly elsewhere." The article went on to report most folks assumed it was a sonic boom, altho it didn't sound exactly like one. A TV report from Little Rock reported that many in Arkansas, particularly the northwest part, saw something streaking across the night sky from the vicinity of Fort Smith to North Central Arkansas.

At Flippin, Lawrence Willett, manager of the airport, heard the explosion while communicating with the weather station in Harrison and asked Cletus Whitt what it was.

Whitt hadn't noticed anything, but questioned a pilot from Oklahoma City, who came in a few minutes later, then called back to say the Pilot saw what appeared to be a meteorite go over his plane as he was approaching Harrison, and he thought it exploded somewhere to the east.

"While the explosion was felt and heard at Yellville," the article concluded, "it was apparently more noticeable in the east part of the county for many people drove into Flippin, certain that something had blown up."

"The Morrilton Democrat" reported that two youths--Danny Hill, 16, and Ronnie Epperson, 14--saw the object before 10 p.m. Sunday as they were on their way from Oppelo to Morrilton.

"It was like a big red ball, with a long tail of fire," they said. "It was traveling fast, from the west, and it was angling downward. We watched it about five seconds, and it seemed to be about 100 feet from the ground. It seemed very close and looked like it fell to the ground."

Conway's "Log Cabin Democrat" said: "Law enforcement agencies as far north as Harrison and as far south as Little Rock and Hot Springs were flooded with calls Sunday night after residents sighted what appeared to be a meteorite streaking across the northern section of Arkansas. The State Police post at Harrison said reports were received about a bright light flashing across the sky at about 9:45 p.m. It was accompanied by a loud noise."

It was reported as "a falling star" at Adams Field at Little Rock.

We are indebted to Lou Farish for the Arkansas clips.

From Illinois, the Quincy "Herald-Whig" reported: "Before one meteorite has been found in the Quincy Area a second has been sighted. A sight which some reported looked like a plane exploding and going down in flames was reported over at least a four-state area just before 10:30 p.m. Sunday."

"Walter H. Andrus, Jr., Midwest UFO Network director, said some calls had been received by him and the television stations shortly after the occurrence. However, he said, there had been no sonic boom, which would indicate the fall was not in the immediate area."

(Our readers know the "first" meteor mentioned was the one photographed by the Smithsonian camera network on the night of Nov. 19--see January and February SKYLOOKs for reports-- and the search in the fall area continues as weather conditions permit.)

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At Beckemeyer, Ill., Mae Janett, who assists our staff reporter, Mrs. R. E. Holmes* in gathering reports, tells us Gary Wiess, of Highland, Ill., heard a loud bang, then saw a light which appeared as "a rocket or a shooting star" and it was so bright it lit up the room he was in.

Ralph C. DeGraw, State-Section Director for MUFON for Buchanan and Fayette counties in Iowa, sends a clip from the "Oelwein Daily Register" which relates: "Reports that the Federal Aviation Agency called a bright flash of light seen in the skies over southeastern Iowa, western Illinois and northern Missouri Sunday evening, a UFO, prompted a summary investigation by Oelwein's own private UFO investigators, Ralph DeGraw and LeRoy Latham to check into the matter."

Mr. DeGraw sent us copies of teletypes received at the KOEL radio station at Oelwein in which the FAA classified the "bright flash of light" as a UFO. He and his assistant were unable to obtain any further information.

* Some of our readers are probably wondering why they haven't heard from our "Rosie" (Mrs. R. E. Holmes) for some time. Mrs. Holmes was in the hospital for several weeks; then while she was recuperating at home, her husband became suddenly ill and was hospitalized for some time. We know you join us in wishing both a rapid recovery. And "Rosie" will catch up with correspondence when she is able.

Dates to Mark on the Calendar

Stanton T. Friedman will speak: March 22--Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Texas, at 10 a.m.; March 25--IUFOB Conference, Oklahoma City, Okla., at 8 P.M.; April 12--University of California at Berkeley at 8 p.m.; April 13--SKYLine College, San Bruno, Calif., at 8 p.m.; and at Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Ga., at 10 a.m.

The Tri-State UFO Study Group will meet at the home of Mrs. Martha Holtman, R. R. 5, S. 24th St., Quincy, Ill., on March 15, and at the Robert Smulling home, 711 Broadway, Hamilton, Ill., on April 19.

March 24, 25 and 26--Third Annual UFO Symposium, co-sponsored by the International UFO Bureau and "Canadian UFO Report"--see program in February issue of SKYLOOK. Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON, and other MUFON members including Ted Phillips, of the SKYLOOK staff, appear as speakers.

June 17, 1972 - Third Annual Midwest UFO Conference, at Quincy, Ill.

July 22-23-- Annual Skywatch and Picnic at Carlyle Lake, Ill.

Every month--MUFON Radio Net--1900, CST, the 8th and 26th.

Editor's Note: We invite you to send in the speaking or meeting dates of UFO lectures or organizations, so our readers living in the area may attend. The 20th of this month is always the deadline for next month's issue. Dates for April must reach us no later than March 20th. We realize some of you do not have bookings that far in advance; so this is for those who do.

Notice: Please do not mail printed inserts to be used as advertising without writing SKYLOOK first for new advertising rates, and number of inserts necessary. Our circulation has grown and old rates and figures no longer apply.

Flying Saucer Visits Disneyland

James Rogers, of Orlando, Fla., a truck driver, was delivering a load of gravel to Disneyland at 6 o'clock, the morning of Sept. 29, 1971, when he saw a large red object directly above the highway.

It was approximately the size of a trailer-truck, he reported, and as he approached, it moved away to the right and up at a rapid rate of speed. Rogers watched as it became so distant, it resembled a star. Then the object returned, and the color had faded to a charcoal gray and he could see the object was disc-shaped.

It proceeded down the highway, about tree-top high, to the right of the driver, giving off a dim light. He could detect no sound, but the object left a wide smoke or vapor stream behind it. At one point, Rogers thought it was going to land, but it continued on at around 60 miles per hour. At the intersection of highways 474 and 27, Rogers slowed to 10 mph to make a turn, and then no longer saw the object.

In making his report to Walter Menschung, president of the Orlando UFO Study Club, Rogers emphasized the fact there was no sound and that the object moved so rapidly it was only a matter of seconds from the moment he first saw it, as the size of a truck and trailer, to becoming the size of a star in the distance. The object was in view about 10 minutes and he felt it was about 200 yards from him at the closest point. He said he was scared, and he locked the doors and closed the windows of his truck.

Credit: Frank H. Inderwiesen, new member of MUFON.

UFOs in New Mexico

Jeff Galyen, editor of "Midwest UFO Report" writes: "From TV reports and talks with the FAA at Farmington Tower in New Mexico, investigator James Deck learned that a luminous UFO was sighted at Albuquerque at night on January 13. One week earlier a couple flying their Cessna from Silver City to Albuquerque were followed by 'two large luminous UFOs.' These two were reported on TV. The Farmington Tower reported that a pilot had seen a blinking light on the ground near Farmington on January 13. It is also rumored that two unknowns were shot down near Alamogordo, but Jim doubts if this is true." Editor's Note: See "Red Alert" report in February issue of SKYLOOK re Alamogordo. We have been unable to learn anything more of the "crossed lines" telephone conversation. If any of our readers have any follow-up clips from the Oklahoma Press, please send them in.

Three Planes Circle UFO

C. H. Van Welzen, 3441 W. 97th, Evergreen Park, Ill., told police he saw an intensely bright unidentified flying object in the southwestern sky Sunday night, January 9, and that three planes were circling the object. The "Suburbanite Economist" reported the planes as "dim red lights" seen in addition to the large, bright light.
Credit: Joe Brill.

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"Midwest UFO Report" is published bi-monthly by Jeff Galyen, 4945 S. 72 E. Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74145. Subscription - \$2.00 per year.

The NATIONAL ENQUIRER has continued to devote space to the UFO subject in recent weeks. The February 6 issue carried nearly a complete page concerning the recent APRO-sponsored conference at the University of Arizona. Various APRO consultants discussed specific aspects of the UFO phenomenon. The ENQUIRER for February 13 told of a UFO filmed near Enstone, England, by a TV crew on October 26, 1971. The film was later shown on British TV to an estimated audience of eight million viewers. Another English UFO incident was presented in the March 5 issue of the ENQUIRER. The case of the Girl Guides who watched a low-level UFO for approximately one hour is the subject of this article.

The March issue of FATE contains an article on "Winged Weirdies" by Jerome Clark and Loren Coleman. Focusing on some of the more "far-out" reports, the article tells of huge birds, "winged men" and other aerial anomalies sighted over the years. It would seem that the sky contains far more mysteries than "mere" UFOs.

My old problem has returned to haunt me. That is, copies of SAGA refuse to show up at my local newsstands in time for me to include the "latest news" in this column. However, I am told that the March issue contains an article by Otto Binder. If it is anything like some of his recent SAGA articles, I haven't missed much by not seeing it and neither will you, should you happen to miss it.

Something of a rarity in UFO books is the one specifically designed for juvenile readers. This is not to say there aren't a lot of juvenile UFO books around, but that's a different story! For the younger set, there is now a primer which I have no hesitation in recommending. It is entitled "Investigating UFOs." The author, Larry Kettlekamp, has obtained basic information from NICAP, APRO and governmental agencies, weaving it into an excellent "beginners guide" to the UFO subject. Mr. Kettlekamp, in only 94 pages, manages to cover sightings, occupant/contact cases, the Condon Report, etc., as well as presenting some good UFO photos. He also demonstrates the ease with which UFO photos can be faked. The book is published by William Morrow and Co., Inc.--105 Madison Ave., N. Y. N. Y. 10016 and sells for \$3.75. Hard to beat for the little "Ufolks."

Others Visit Kansas Farm to See "Ring"

The "Valley Falls Vindicator" of Valley Falls, Kansas, notes in its Dec. 23, 1971 edition that William Hurtig and Frank Shrimplin / of Valley Falls, we assume / visited the Durel Johnson farm at Delphos where Ronnie Johnson, 14, saw a UFO the night of Nov 2nd / complete report in January issue of SKYLOOK / and spent the day gathering information, taking photos of the area, samples of the soil from the dehydrated ring left by the unknown object, and inspected the blistered limbs of the trees that were damaged and affected by the object.

They visited the site Nov. 26 and Hurtig related, "It had snowed a few days before. The area in the middle of the circle and all of the farmyard had a slight cover of snow, but the 12 inch ring outside the eight foot circle was completely dry except for a flake or two of snow. . everywhere else the ground was muddy. ."

Hurtig lived on this farm with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hurtig, from 1942 until 1958, and no similar incident ever befell their experience, he said. (Credit: John F. Schuessler)

Translation of an article entitled "Az UFO Rejtely" published in the Sept. 5, 1965 issue of the Hungarian daily newspaper "Nepszava," Budapest, Hungary.

THE UFO RIDDLE

We can state with the utmost conviction that UFO's are existing and are not mere products of the imagination. UFO is the English abbreviation for Unidentified Flying Objects, which is a scientific term designating what is commonly known all over the world as the flying saucer. According to Dr. Peter Millman the well known Canadian astro-physicist: "I can not explain their origin or shed light as to the reason of their existence but, I can not dismiss them as something of ridiculous nature for there have been too many reports from reliable persons about their existence." Among these persons are Dr. Donald M. Menzel who is in charge (Director) of the Harvard University Observatory and Mrkos, the famed astronomer of Czechoslovakia (a comet was named after him). Both of these scientists have observed UFO's, or if you like, flying saucers. There can be no doubt about the reliability of these scientists and if we take into account that since 1942 there have been so many sightings of UFO's that one can easily lose count of them.

The witnesses have been mostly airline pilots and members of the armed forces who observed UFO's in many instances only from a short distance. We can at this point disregard those reports that were of a publicity seeking nature or have been made in error.

But, let us look into this mysterious celestial phenomenon called a UFO. According to these reports the UFO's are all shaped as a disc and have a smooth surface while their diameter ranges from 100 to 200 feet and by revolving around their axis they are able to stay motionless (hover) or by starting from that position they can accelerate their speed to the multiplied speed of sound.

The first UFO sighting was reported in April of 1942 and subsequent reports came in after that time dealing with single or numerous UFO's at one time. We can dismiss the idea that these objects are the products of our planet. No man on our planet would be able to build such a mechanism as of now, thus it is more logical to assume that these UFO's are of an extraterrestrial origin.

Why do these objects of an alien origin, appear in our horizon and as fast as they appear, they disappear in the same manner? Their observations have been going on for the past 23 years except when short absences were noticed. What is their purpose in visiting us? Do they nurse a friendly or hostile attitude toward us? As of now all these questions can not satisfactorily be answered by us.

That leaves us another way to explain their origin that perhaps these UFO's are meteorological illusions of an optical nature caused by the reflection of light, climatic conditions, earth magnetism and the polar light. This may sound very logical except that such phenomena should have been observed prior to 1942. Since, there is no data on any observations preceding 1942, this version can not hold water either.

Ultimately if the UFO's are neither the products of our civilization or having originated in outer space and can not be labeled as natural phenomenon, what other explanation could we come up with? As of now there is no acceptable solution to the riddle of these strange flying objects and their existence will remain as a mystery for some time to come, but who knows how long?

A Report on UFOs Over England (Continued from February SKYLOOK)

The Nuneaton "Evening Tribune" on Oct. 28, 1971 reported that two mysterious cigar-shaped objects were seen in the sky above Bedworth the night before by Mrs. Helen Amadio, of 67 Dalton Road, who reported the sighting, and also by her husband, their son Alec, their young daughter, and Simon Farmer, age 12.

Simon was first to sight the object at 6:10 p.m. as he was looking out the window at the Amadio home. Mrs. Amadio said she saw two objects. "The first one kept changing its appearance. At first it was cigar shaped and orange in colour. Then it closed up into a round sphere, traveled a bit, and returned to its original elongated shape before disappearing. There was a bright light at the end of it," she said.

The same day, Oct. 28 the "Shropshire Star" stated that a high-flying "ball of fire" passing over Shropshire with an orange vapour trail at breakfast time was nothing more exciting than a plane with a condensation trail lit by the sun. The paper also reported that John Hatton, 16, David Hatton, 14, Robin Jones, Stephen Western and Paul Hodnett, 15, say the object, seen as two lights, one behind the other, flew low over them. It was moving quite slowly and when it reached the Red Valley road area, stopped, took on the shape of a cross, and changed from a bright white to red, before disappearing.

The boys, and Mrs. Florence Hatton, mother of John and David, are quite certain it was not a plane.

The reports become wilder as an 8-foot tall "humanoid" is reported in the Oct. 28 issue of the "Leytonstone Express." Len Delman, of High Road, Leyton, was driving a lorry through a small town near Banbury when he saw something in his headlights. He stopped by a flyover to investigate and there, apparently saw a "humanoid" which he later described as 8 ft. tall with two horns on its head, and eyes about a foot apart.

As Mr. Delman sounded his horn to attract attention, two more lorries pulled up on the scene. The drivers and a mate went with Mr. Delman to investigate and all four men saw a "very strange disc-shaped object lift off the ground" and fly towards Banbury at a terrific speed.

Later the same day, after the drivers had reported the incident to the Thames Valley police, four other people reported sighting a "being" at Wantage, near Oxford. These people described the creature exactly as Mr. Delman had described it.

This week the Independent tried to contact Mr. Delman at the address in High Road, Leyton, which he gave the Thames Valley police--but he was not there. And no one seems to know anything about him.

Again on Oct. 28 the "Wigan Evening Post" told of school mates Paul Sargeant and Danny Jones' birdwatching expedition producing the strangest "bird" they had ever seen--a UFO. They were bird watching near Leyland Park, Hindley Green, yesterday when they saw a large, white cigar-shaped object fly through the air.

"We didn't see where it came from but there was smoke coming from the back of it," said Danny. "It definitely was not a plane."

And, on Oct. 28, the "Worcester Evening News" wrote: "All eyes were
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turned from goalmouth to the sky last night during a family soccer match, for hanging over the Malvern Hills, a Pinvin man said he saw three UFOs."

They flew over Pinvin, on to Peopleton, one flying right over R.R.E. Pershore, and finally back over the field where the family were playing.

Melvyn Bettre, of Owletts End, Pinvin, told the "Evening News" he first saw three large objects in the sky over the Malvern Hills, one stationary, another spinning and the third moving fast and flashing like "a ball of fire."

"These moved off," he said, "and then the black objects, one flashing on and off, arrived. They looked like sparrow hawks hanging in the air, but they weren't."

"I told my mother and father and they came out and saw them too," he added.

Again, on Oct. 28 the "Liverpool Echo" said that two commuters reported seeing a mysterious object in the sky while travelling along New Chester Road, Rock Ferry, today.

The object, said sales manager Peter Seymour-Dixon, was about 40,000 feet. A colleague, Stephen Lamb, of Prenton, also saw it.

"It then dropped very rapidly with a very large flare out behind to about 2,000 feet, said Seymour-Dixon. "Then it came to an absolute standstill for about a minute before moving off in a horizontal direction."

The incident happened just before 8 o'clock.

On Oct. 29 the "Whitby Gazette" said Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Flory contacted the newspaper after seeing film on television of the object filmed by a man in Oxfordshire Monday (Oct. 25). They believe the giant bullet-shaped object could be the same one they saw. Mrs. Flory was putting clothes on the washline about 6:30 p.m. when she saw the object and shouted to Mr. Flory who also saw it. He described it as "bullet shaped" and said it hovered for some seconds about 3,000 feet, then went into a cloud and was seen no more.

On the same day, Oct. 29, the Colchester "Evening Gazette" said Defence department officials were checking on mystery objects spotted low in the sky over Essex.

Insurance clerk, Peter Webber, who lives in Ipswich Road, Colchester, swung his car off Colchester by pass into a lay-by to watch two big saucer-shaped objects flying from the coast in the direction of London.

"I got out and listened," said plane-spotter Mr. Webber. "But I heard no sound. They flew together keeping perfect formation at about 9,000 ft. and round the circumference of each were flashing lights. Lots of others must have seen them, they were so large."

Twenty-four year old Mrs. Wyneth Whybrow and her mother, Mrs. Ruby Shelton, told the "Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph" they saw a UFO moving over Scunthorpe at teatime Oct. 28 and their report appeared in the newspaper on Oct. 29.

The two saw the object from the kitchen window of Mrs. Shelton's home 15, Fidell-road. "It was like two saucers," Mrs. Whybrow said. "We saw it moving slowly, high in the sky, from above the Queensway Circle towards the Berkeley. It appeared to be the same colour as the sun, but that was perhaps because we saw it against a setting sun."

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It was stationary for five to eight minutes, then moved slowly off."

"When it had gone," she said, "all we could see was a reddish-gold line in the sky."

And on Oct. 29 the "Oxford Times" said that "Hundreds of people in the Chipping Norton and the Banbury area saw a bright orange light with a tail at midday on Tuesday and later a spokesman from the Ministry of Defence advanced the theory that it was space debris. The object was filmed by an ATV film unit on a farm feature near Enstone, and their film appeared on the Tuesday night's ITN News."

A man at Hailey sighted an unidentified object at 8:10 a.m. on Wednesday. It was in the Oxford direction and he watched it for some time. Charles Watts, who served in the RAF during the war, said: "It definitely was not an aircraft. First of all, I spotted a vapour trail. I fetched a pair of binoculars. It remained stationary for a solid ten minutes and I could see it looked like two single sausage shaped objects. They did not appear to be joined together, but kept an equal distance apart. Finally they moved away in the Oxford direction."

Terry Winston, 14, of 61 Balfour Road, reported seeing an object Wednesday night. "It was big and brown, and when it disappeared after a minute or so, there was a glow still there. It was bigger than an aeroplane," he said.

At 6:50 p.m. a man reported seeing "an orange ball" in the sky; another was reported seeing an object in the sky and a policeman's wife saw "a bright light" over Banbury.

On Oct. 30 the "South Wales Evening Argus" at Newport was informed by Julie Taylor, 13, that she and a neighbour, Mrs. J. Fry, both saw the red cone-shaped object which had been reported above Newport on Tuesday. "It was all red, there were lights on each side and it was going very slowly," Julie reported.

Three boys who were playing at Ketley Bank told the "Shropshire Star" on Oct. 30 they had seen an orange-coloured cone in the sky directly above them the night before. It vanished and then re-appeared five minutes later further away. "It wasn't a plane or a break in the clouds" said Roger Farr.

The same day, Oct. 30, the "Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph" published reports of unidentified flying objects over the Lincoln gardens and Market-Hill area. Each case involved a bright red, silent object in separate incidents. There were two reports of a buzzing sound accompanying the object described as "red and flashing."

On Nov. 4th the "Moffat News" said Mrs. Catherine Forbes, of Grahamsfield, Ecclefechan, reported seeing an object moving southward at a considerable speed and leaving what appeared to be a vapour trail at about 5:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. She aroused her husband, who also saw the object. The "News" concluded it was the same object featured in a TV film Tuesday night and "seen by millions of viewers."

The "Stroud News" on Nov. 4th gave the report of "a bright yellow cone-shaped object" seen in the sky over Minchinhampton by Mrs. P. R. Dench, of Nailsworth, who was driving up the Nailsworth "W" and over the Common to Stroud. She said she had never before seen anything like the cone which was throwing a short trail in the sky.

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At the same time, an IRV crew, working in the Cotswolds, took a piece of colour film of an unidentified flying object they had spotted over head/ doubtless the same film mentioned in other reports.

On Nov. 5th Mrs. Marie Rees-Jones, of Timothy Close, Northbourne, told the "Bournemouth Evening Echo" she saw a strange light in the sky--moving from side to side, and then disappearing about 15 minutes before midnight. She reported it to the police, who said it was probably a flare. Mrs. Rees-Jones has doubts. "It was bigger than a star, dullish- gold in colour and moved rather slowly until it disappeared."

And, on Nov. 5th the "Walthamstow Guardian" stated: "It's back again--that mysterious UFO that's been whizzing around over Walthamstow in the past few weeks.

"Latest spotting is of a white cigar-shaped object hovering eerily over St. Mary's Churchyard. It stood still over the church yard and then suddenly flew off very quickly, leaving a long white vapour trail behind, according to Francine King, 14, who excitedly telephoned the 'Guardian' last Wednesday afternoon.

Francine and her dad, Mr. Dennis King, of 10 Summit Road, Walthamstow, both saw the object. Mr. King and Francine both felt sure it was not a plane.

On Nov. 8 the "Eastern Evening News" of Norwich, told of Mrs. Ann Pottle seeing a spectacular ball of fire which she saw "coming low in the sky over Marl Pit Lane. It had silver lights all round it and then it disappeared." Another witness, at the bus stop with Mrs. Pottle, said, "It's certainly not a shooting star."

A spokesman at the Norwich Astronomical Society said it could have been a meteorite breaking up.

On Nov. 9 the "Bedford Record" announced another mystery object had been spotted in the sky over Bedfordshire. Barry Coogan and two other boys saw a bright light over Goldington School. "I thought it was an aircraft at first," Barry said. "But it stopped overhead for a few seconds and then it went really bright. After that it shot off and I didn't see it again."

A spokesman for the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Thurleigh said, "Our flying ended at seven o'clock on Wednesday and it is doubtful whether the pilot went that far south off the circle." He added it could have been a plane doing a run in to Upper Heyford, near Oxford.

Also on Nov. 9 the "Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph" said that three young boys, ages 12 and 13, reported seeing a sky object Thursday evening. David Headley described it. "We were on the green looking to Cornwall-road when we saw an orange object with red lights flashing on and off. It was moving quickly at a 45 degree angle downwards. It disappeared quickly, and that was the last we saw of it."

On Nov. 11 the "East Anglian Times" of Ipswich reported that newspaper advertisement manager William McCann, 37, of 12 Chapel Close and his wife and four children saw a mysterious object in the sky over their home at 4:45 yesterday afternoon--"a cylindrical type thing at the front--a reddish glowing thing. There was a short tail, which was also reddish." He said a round, black object broke away from the thing and shot away at enormous speed.

An "exchange magazine," of course, is another publication dealing with unidentified flying objects and mailed to us in exchange for our ufozine--SKYLOOK. Some are excellent; many are good; some are ho-hum; and a few are just gosh-awful (and bearing in mind that beauty--or the opposite--lies in the eyes of the beholder, we realize WE could fit in to the last category in the eyes of some). So, we frankly admit the opinions given in this article are those of Ye Ed, and you can take them or leave them. If you like SKYLOOK style and standards, you'll probably share our views; otherwise--well, in that case, you aren't reading this ~~anyhow~~.

"Excellent" is the only word for John Magor's "Canadian UFO Report." It is superior in appearance and content and now appears on newstands under the title of "New World UFO Report" according to the announcement in recent issues. We haven't seen it hereabouts as yet. You can subscribe by sending \$3.00 (four issues) to Canadian UFO Report, Box 758, Duncan, B. C., Canada. Back copies are \$1.00 each. The cover of Vol. 2, No. 3 has a fine aerial photograph of the "Rocky Mountain Trench"--"a gigantic gash, 50 miles wide in places, running from the northern wilds of British Columbia down into Montana" and is the source of the Columbia River--a "playground of gods" and that is the title of an article telling of the many visits from the sky, dating from the present back to Indian legends.

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From "The New Orleans Time-Picayune," April 21, 1897:--

The Airship Seen in Louisiana

Natchitoches, La., April 20--Last night at about 1:30 o'clock, as a gay crowd were returning from a reception given by Company I at the Armory Hall, they were treated to a strange sight, coming from the western heavens. That spectacle consisted of a massive airship, the first story being balloon shaped, and under the car being conical or cigar form. When first seen it seemed but a faintly animated spark, which, as it came nearer, gradually grew brighter. After a few moments its entire form was clearly perceptible, and developed a structure of strange proportions. It ranged from brilliancy to semi-darkness. Its destination appeared to be northerly and it gave indications, from its course, as coming from Texas. It was evidently a machine of unique invention, as its movement was of an undulatory character and bore striking resemblance to the movement of some huge bird. It was visible, though about a thousand feet high, for nearly half an hour, and was a rare curiosity to those who had the good fortune to witness the phenomenon. The remarkable fact in connection with its visitation was that, as its course neared the city, the light that illuminated it became suddenly low, and did not again rise until the city was left in the darkness.

Credit: J. L. Aldrich.

Editor's Note: More old newspaper clips on that 1897 airship continue to come in, and we urge all our readers having such to send them to SKYLOOK. Mr. Lucius Farish, of our staff, suggests you watch the "News of the Past" columns in your daily newspapers as old UFO and/or airship reports sometimes appear in these yester-years columns.

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Monster or UFO?

Lou Farish sends us an interesting item appearing in the April 10, 1966 issue of the "Tulsa Daily World," Tulsa, Okla. It was evidently sent in by Edd Koch, of Lincoln, Ark., and follows:

"Back in 1901, we lived on a farm near New Haven, Missouri. A close neighbor of ours was telling of seeing a huge monster one night in the woodland section of our farm joining his place.

"He described it as a monster as big as a load of hay, with the shape of a turtle. It had three large eyes that shined like lanterns and made a noise like a bumble-bee. Now old man W_____ drank a lot and us kids could hear the neighbors saying he was perhaps drunk and seen turtles instead of snakes. But his wife and their hired hand had seen it also. While the monster did not attack them, they nevertheless ran as fast as old man W_____ did to get back to the house. The strange story put fear into us kids, but the old folks passed it off as hallucination and ignorance. Now if this had happened in 1966 it would be simple and easy to understand by our learned men of today. We would be absolutely convinced it was either a flock of ducks or the planet Venus, a weather balloon or a bubble of swamp gas that perhaps escaped from the Pentagon.

"Or perhaps to someone a little closer to it, it could even be a flying saucer."

Editor's Note: The object was seen by three people--was large, dome-shaped and had three lights; and a humming noise was heard. What do you think?

BEFORE - Pre-1947 Sightings from the Files of Lucius Farish

From the Reading, Pa., EAGLE, August 14, 1869:--A most singular phenomenon occurred at midday on Saturday last, near the village of Adamstown, Lancaster County. About 200 yards north of the village is an open lot and at 12 o'clock, while the villagers were taking dinner, a luminous body was seen to settle near the center of the lot.

It is represented by 4 or 5 different parties, who witnessed it from several points, to have assumed a square shape and shooting up into a column about 3 or 4 feet in height and about 2 feet in thickness.

The sun was shining brightly at the time and under its rays, the object glittered like a column of burnished silver. The presence, after reaching its full effulgence, gradually faded away and in 10 minutes time, it had entirely disappeared.

Those who saw it were unable to tell what it was. It seemed to inspire terror rather than admiration. After it had disappeared, a number of persons visited the spot but not a trace of anything unusual could be found.

Similar objects have been seen in the neighborhood on several occasions during the night time but none before in the daytime or so bright as this. The land in the immediate vicinity is dry, there being no swamp about, otherwise the phenomenon might be accounted for.

We do not know whether the jack-o'-lantern assumes such large proportions or whether it appears in midday under a bright sun. Perhaps some of our friends versed in the sciences can solve the mystery.
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