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"UFO's do appear to be a product of an alien, even an extraterrestrial intellect. we are being outdone in space, not by our worldly political enemies but by this extraterrestrial intelligence."--John F. Schuessler  
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The above are highly recommended by your editor.

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### A Message From Your Director

It is with extreme pride that we announce the appointment of Paul C. Cerny, P. O. Box 2132, Sunnyvale, California, 94087, as the State Director for Northern California. Paul not only brings with him his fifteen years of UFO investigative experience in the Bay Area, but a contingent of competent investigators and researchers to continue their fine work as members of MUFON. We are equally proud to advise that Mrs. Idabel E. Epperson, former State-Section Director for Los Angeles and Orange Counties, has accepted the position of State Director for Southern California. Due to the geographical size of the state and the concentrated population level in two specific areas, it was believed that the state of California could best be served in this manner. Both Idabel and Paul will soon be selecting and appointing State-Section Directors in their respective areas. Mrs. Ann Druffel has graciously volunteered the services of SKYNET, a UFO tracking network, as a vital arm to MUFON in the Los Angeles-Orange County section.

Sherman J. Larsen, State-Section Director for Cook County, Illinois, for a number of years, recently announced that MUFON is being represented in the Chicago area by PEG (Public Education Group). This is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to resolving the UFO phenomenon, collecting written documentation and educating the public through adult and high school classes on the subject of UFO's. PEG's (MUFON) address is 2926 Applegate Road, Glenview, Illinois, 60025, telephone AC 312 PA4-4822.

Elmer A. Kral, State Director for Nebraska, has appointed Richard D. Flower, Sr., 2320 West Third Street, North Platte, Nebraska, 69101, telephone AC308 532-1918, the State-Section Director for Lincoln County. "Dick" is a wire chief in the Communications Division of the Union Pacific Railroad, an amateur radio operator, and an amateur astronomer, using a Sears 6307 telescope.

Robert Smulling, State Director for Illinois, announced the selection of John D. Liehr, Rural Route, Chambersburg, Illinois, 62323, telephone AC217 236-5656, as the State-Section Director for Brown and Cass counties. "JD" and his lovely wife, Dorothy, are also members of the Tri-State UFO Study Group in Quincy.

In reply to the request in the February issue of SKYLOOK for translators, two have already volunteered and have made their first translations for Joe Brill. John S. Varga, 330 Dixon Road #2607, Weston, Ontario, Canada, translated the Hungarian; and Willard P. Armstrong, Ph.D., 6908 Kingsbury Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, translated the Spanish. John received his B.S. in Electronics Engineering from the University in Budapest, Hungary, and is now the Quality Control Manager for a well-known TV electronics firm near Toronto. Bill Armstrong, W0NC, Missouri Amateur Radio State Director, is "on-the-air" every Saturday morning at 8:00 A.M., C.S.T., operating his Ham radio equipment as an alternate net control station for the Midwest Amateur Radio UFO Net. The Net meets on 3.975 MHz, S.S.B., in the 75 meter phone band.

Walt Andrus  
Director, MUFON

## White Sands Sightings Kept Secret, Now Told

Paul C. Cerney, UFO investigator, who heads a San Francisco Bay Area group and is now MUFON Director for northern California, recently told of his discovery of unpublished reports of UFOs over or near Holloman Air Force Base, White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico.

One report was obtained from an aircraft mechanic now employed by an aerospace firm in the San Francisco area. In the summer of 1958, the mechanic whom we'll call Mr. X was employed as a civilian at Holloman Air Force Base, southwest of Alamogordo, N. M. It was dusk one evening when X and another mechanic were working on the landing gear of a plane, just outside the main aircraft hangars.

Halting a moment to rest a stiff neck, X was surprised to see something strange out toward the open area of the field. It was a noiseless, disc-shaped object not more than 50 yards distant.

It looked something like a wide, thick-brimmed hat. The top was dome-shaped with several oblong port holes visible on the side facing X. The object was wobbling as it hovered only a few feet off the ground. As it tilted upward, three ball-like landing gears could be seen on its base. They extended down slightly through what appeared to be metallic openings similar to landing gear doors on conventional aircraft.

The outer rim of the object was thick and flat and contained a circular ring of what resembled louvers of some type and they moved around the dome at a steady speed in treadmill fashion. X estimated the craft to be about 25 feet in diameter and 6 or 7 feet high. A bluish light shown from the windows. A wide band of some highly polished metal, as brass, extended around the dome, and there appeared to be antenna on the top. The entire object was metallic in color, but the actual color could not be determined in the dusk. Short jet nozzles were evenly spaced along the rim's outside edge.

X stared at the strange craft, then suddenly remembered his companion and called to him. By the time he had dropped down from his work on the landing gear, he caught just a quick glimpse of the craft as it shot away at a high rate of speed.

Shortly after the incident, the two mechanics were approached by Air Force representatives who asked the two to look at a book of photographs of UFOs and to select the one most nearly resembling the object they had seen. They learned that personnel in the Base control tower had also been watching the UFO. The two men found a similar photo after looking through more than 300 pages of all types of UFOs. Both were told not to talk about the sighting to anyone and were asked to sign a statement to that effect.

Mr. Cerny learned of the sighting from a friend of Mr. X and then obtained an interview on the condition the mechanic's real name would be kept confidential.

A report was made to Robert B. Kline and David Branch by Mr. Cerny and a lengthy article was written for the Santa Ana "Register," appearing in the Nov. 15, 1972 issue.

We again mention the excellent work being done by Mr. Kline and Mr. Branch and thank Prof. Chas. Kahlert for sending us clippings from the "Register."

Another report by Mr. Cerny will appear in the next issue of SKYLOOK.

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NOTICE TO READERS: In order to give you two more pages this month, we are fighting the Monster (the old mimeograph) again and will do the best we can. So don't blame the poor print on those two pages on our printer. When the budget permits, we'll have extra pages printed.

## Brilliantly-Lit UFO Sighted in Santa Ana, California, Probably a Blimp

Editor's Note: Mrs. Ann Druffel, of Pasadena, Calif., and a Field Investigator for MUFON, made a careful investigation of a number of "UFO" reports by witnesses in four separate locations in Santa Ana, California, and states the evidence points to the Goodyear advertising blimp as the probable cause of the sightings. We agree with her in feeling the report should be given as it will add some knowledge to the field, concerning honest misinterpretation under unusual circumstances and psychological conditioning. The following is written from her ten-page report which we have to "cut" because of space limitations.

Mrs. Brown (not her real name) was interviewed by Mrs. Druffel on January 7th, and was described as being friendly, cooperative and intelligent. She considers herself thoroughly familiar with all manner of aircraft, including blimps, which she has seen "many times." She considers the object seen "a real UFO."

At 6:25 p.m. on January 2, Mrs. Brown's daughter, whom we'll refer to as "Daisy" had run home frightened, reporting that she and her 10-year old friend had seen a strange aerial object while on an errand.

Mrs. Brown, familiar with UFO literature, went out to her darkened yard to look, but first turned on the garage light. In a few minutes she saw an object "like an amber-colored meteor" approaching from the northeast. In a matter of seconds, it had reached her neighborhood and "dropped straight down out of the sky" until it looked huge, filling a large portion of the eastern sky. It hovered silently above while she counted from 5-7 seconds. She described the body of the object as metallic gray, shaped like two saucers placed rim to rim, with the rims not touching--between, around the center, was a brilliant amber-colored band of solid light, of a beautiful shade she found impossible to describe. A rounded dome was seen on top, and at the same time she could see part of the bottom where a square door was outlined with alternate red and green flashing lights. She saw two antennae projecting from the top, and these two were outlined in identical red and green flashing lights. It seemed about twice as far above her head as a guy wire crossing her yard, an estimated 120-140 feet high. After hovering some 7 seconds, she heard a whine like an "electric generator," such as her family used while living in Germany. As the whine began, the object began to move and "went straight up" and "very fast." Then she could see the lights, but no outline. As it moved to the southwest, it shrank to the size of a star and disappeared.

Daisy was also interviewed and is described as being a cooperative, well-spoken child, age 12, truly puzzled and frightened over the sighting. She was reluctant to speak at first because she "saw something different from what mother saw." When assured this did not make any difference, she told what she had seen.

She and her friend noticed bright lights in the east at about 6:20 p.m. In less than 10 seconds, the object traveled closer and hovered for a few seconds to the left of a large, leafless tree, some distance toward the southeast. The girl said she could distinguish a tall dome on top, an oval-shaped silvery-gray body, and three bands of colored light circling the middle. The lights seemed to spin around the center at a slower rate than the object, which rotated also. The band on top was a glowing red, the middle a glowing green, and the bottom a dull, yellow-gold. The object seemed to "tip" and Daisy saw what she thought was a rectangular door on the bottom, outlined by a black crack.

The object seemed to the frightened children to be hovering right over the telephone wires nearby. They ran to a small store a few feet away and watched from the door until the object moved slowly to the west. Then they ran home. Daisy refused to go outside with her mother.

Mrs. "Smith" (real name in files), a well educated woman with a responsible position with a computer-processing firm, was on her way home in her car when she saw the object between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. The lighted object seemed to be hovering over some homes across the street. She could not determine a distinct shape, but rather a row of four rectangular "panels," clear-cut, colored from left to right vivid shades of red, green, yellow and blue. Above and below the panels were two rows of small, off-color white lights, the bottom row shorter than the top row. Frightened, Mrs. Smith did not stop the car, but went on slowly. Then the "panels" began to blur as the whole body seemed to rotate, then a "flash of multicolored lights around the center as if the thing were turning very fast."

Upon information provided by Mrs. Druffel, Bob Kirkpatrick wrote an article which appeared in the Jan. 24th "Register." It was hoped the publicity would bring reports from other witnesses as the investigation continued.

Mrs. "Jones" reported she spotted a brightly lighted "pretty" object from her front yard on Jan. 2, 1973 before 7:00 p.m. The lights were arranged in the shape of a circle along a fairly clear-cut edge of the object she described as "something like aluminum" in color. She said four or five large, glaring white lights were interspersed more or less regularly around the circle, with several smaller lights of various colors arranged between each white light. The smaller lights were blue-green, gold (amber) and red. Something in the center of the object seemed to be revolving, she said. The object hovered approximately two minutes and seemed to "quiver" and the lights, though steady and glaring, seemed to "flicker" at times.

Editor's Note: Here we have good sighting reports. If it stopped here, we'd all be convinced UFOs were seen. Too many reports do stop at this half-way point. The professional investigator investigates.

Mrs. Druffel called the LTA (Lighter-than-air) Facility, Marine Corps Base and was first told the glimp had not been in the sky on January 2nd. Pursuing the matter, she was referred to a Captain Garvin who said they did not have records available and advised her to contact the Gardena Goodyear Blimp Base.

Tom Riley, an official at the base, believed the blimp was the possible source of the lights seen and confirmed that it had been flying that night and that possibly it had gone into Santa Ana since the weather conditions as described (checked earlier by Mrs. Ldabel Epperson at the Orange County Airport) would be perfect flying weather for the trip.

Mrs. Druffel also learned that 1969 the advertising blimp has been fitted out with 7,560 light bulbs in four colors--blue, green, red and yellow--which can make numerous shapes and patterns of colored lights on a sign 100 feet long and 25 feet high.

One of the patterns comprises three wide bands, red, yellow and green, across the signboard. Presently, in this pattern, the words "Goodyear Steelguard Radial Tires" are spelled out through the yellow band. It is possible that the yellow band can be lit at times. The patterns of light flash for about 15-30 seconds, then the advertising appears (also in color), alternating with the solid pattern again. Another pattern comprises four "panels,"--red, green, yellow and blue.

Mrs. Druffel also talked at length with Inspector Barton, Federal Aviation Investigations, Long Beach, Calif., and he too was of the opinion the sightings were caused by the blimp, since he lives near the Gardena base and has seen the colored patterns many times. He stated that sometimes the blimp will fly around without advertising for longer than 30 seconds. He could equate Daisy and Mrs. Smith's sightings with the patterns seen and also Mrs. Brown's, except for the lighted "antennae" and "door." He described a red rotating beacon at the top at night and

a red light on the left side on the gondola and a green light on the right side.

There is no minimum altitude over open fields or sparsely settled areas at which the blimp is required to fly, but a minimum altitude of 500-1000 feet over inhabited areas.

She was informed that blue lights on the blimp often seem white from a distance. There is a white light at the tail and the nose, and a rotating red light at the bottom of the blimp as well as on top.

Mrs. Druffel talked to Nick Nicolary, the blimp pilot on January 2nd and learned he had, indeed, flown over Orange County, including Santa Ana, starting from Gardena at 4:48 and arriving back at 8:00 p.m. With a cruising speed of 35 mph, it was very likely that the blimp was over the Santa Ana area between 6:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Visibility was exceptional (50 to 60 miles). There were no erratic winds, and they cruised at 1000 feet, the optimum altitude to allow the greatest number of persons to see the advertising. He stated that surely anyone within a mile of the blimp could read the ads, but also stated the patterns only are flashed for up to 30 seconds between ads.

In regard to Mrs. Jones' sighting, it was the pilot's opinion that the blimp would never appear as a round circle of lights at any aspect, even head on.

Mrs. Druffel wrote: "It is the considered opinion of the SKYNET investigator, and confirmed through consultation with Mrs. Idabel Epperson and Mr. Adrian Vance, that the Goodyear blimp was the probable cause of all the sightings."

In the case of both the Brown witnesses, the main lighted patterns seen correlate with known blimp patterns. The "rotating" could be an illusion caused by lights flashing off and on in sequence. It is noted Mrs. Brown was familiar with UFO literature and no doubt expected to see a UFO on being alerted by her daughter. This could have prompted her to "see" a dome on top and "lighted antennae and door." The illusion of the object going up "fast" could have been caused by the blimp's lights being off a few seconds, then seen again from a different angle.

The antennae in Daisy's case might be explained by the fact the object was seen near a leafless tree, and the girl might have misinterpreted 2 twigs strategically placed as projections from the object itself. The "door" is probably a rectangular marking on the bottom of the gondola.

The fact that the witnesses were either frightened, excited, or startled at seeing an object regarded as strange and alien sets up an emotional condition where the human eye tends to enlarge objects being stared at and the mind is easily deceived. The witnesses were all sincere in describing what they saw--or thought they saw.

We are leaving out some very good reports in order to give this much space to Mrs. Druffel's report; but we feel this should be read and studied--not only for the information re blimps (and most of us need to learn more about this) but as a fine example of investigation and identification--a report that goes ALL the way. We are all VERY happy to have Mrs. Duffel and her co-workers with MUFON. --Ye Ed.

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IF SKYLOOK DOESN'T REACH YOU in a reasonable period of time (which is mostly unreasonable in many areas), do let us know, and we'll send you another copy. One of our readers in Seal Beach, Calif., still hasn't received his January issue, mailed here on Dec. 24, 1972. Gr-r-r-r-r! These TV ads telling us how the postal service has improved do not impress us.--Ye Ed.



### UFOs Reported in Alabama

Several Limestone County, Alabama, residents in two different locations reported sightings of what appeared to be "two plates flying through the air" Tuesday night, Dec. 26, 1972, as reported by county deputies to "The Huntsville Times" and reported by that newspaper on the 27th.

Deputy Vernon Bates said the sightings occurred about 10:30 p.m. and were substantiated by about six persons. While at the scene of the sighting, the investigating deputies lost radio contact with the Limestone County jail. On leaving, radio communication was resumed. One woman said the objects were seen to hover, then suddenly increase speed, slow down, and hover again. The objects were said to contain spinning lights and witnesses said they heard loud buzzing sounds.

In the Dec. 29 edition of the Times, other sightings were reported. A musical group from Florence driving along U.S. Highway 72 West said they saw two brightly-lit hovering objects in the vicinity of the Jetport turnoff from U.S. 72, the night of the 28th.

Limestone County Sheriff M. W. Evans told the press the reports could probably be traced to fireworks. (Credit: John F. Schuessler)

### It Dropped From the Sky

Herb Krug, 18, was working on his parents' farm near Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Monday, Jan. 29, 1973, when a "thing" about as large as a basketball fell from the sky, smashed into the ground near Krug and scattered debris.

Wood County sheriff's police began investigating the "thing" which became a bluish liquid when melted. The "Chicago Daily News" reported the incident on Jan. 31 and stated NORAD asked for results of tests on the material. A pathologist at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield said the chunk of bluish ice was from an overhead airplane. North Central Airlines said one of its jets flew over the area about the time Krug saw the object. (Credit: Thomas E. Miller.)

### Mystery Light Over Chicago

A mysterious bar of light appeared over Chicago, Ill., Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1974, and continued to glow brightly for more than an hour according to hundreds of reports turned in to the Police Department, the Adler Planetarium and the news media.

Nearly all observers described the sight as a bar of bright light lingering about 30 degrees above the horizon, beginning about 9 p.m. and dimming and then disappearing about 10:30 p.m. Color descriptions varied from pure white to light blue to reddish brown.

Lee Shapiro, an astronomy graduate student at Northwestern University's Dearborn Observatory, also saw the light and described it not only as one bright bar but as at least three streamers of light, one glowing more brightly than the others.

Based on this description, Northwestern astronomer Dr. J. Allen Hynek said the phenomenon appeared to resemble an aurora borealis, which, he said, in rare instances has been sighted in directions other than north. But the conflicting directions reported would seem to preclude this, he said.

The sky was very clear at the time of the sighting. The Federal Aviation Administration and the Weather Service both reported that their radar did not register anything unusual at the time. (Source: "Chicago Sun-Times," Jan. 24, 1973. Credit: Joe Brill)

## Motorists in North and South Carolina Frightened by UFOs in January

A sudden flurry of unidentified flying objects were reported in six cities in North and South Carolina in January of this year.

On January 8 at 10:15 a.m. Billy Gowan, a freshman at East High School in Ellenboro was distracted from a phone call by a sound described as "a funny squealing sound" on his radio, and he saw a small UFO which landed in his back yard about 50 feet away. As the youth approached it, the red and gold object rose up, making a sound "like a shotgun firing" which blew snow as it flew away. A three inch hole was found on the landing side with black particles on the snow around it. The hole was filled with a greenish-looking fluid. Investigation is still under way.

On January 16 near the Country Club road in Winston Salem at 7:00 p.m. a local attorney and his wife found their car being paced by a domed top UFO having three red lights and one large white light on its bottom. The UFO made a sound "like a high flying plane" and was watched for three to five minutes. Both witnesses reported a "weightlessness feeling" as the object moved over their car.

On January 17 near Concord and on Interstate 85 headed toward Greensboro at 7:45 p.m. an Akers Motor Lines trucker, Gerald Summey, of Charlotte, and staff writer Edith Low and photographer Tommy Franklin (who were assigned to follow Summey to Harrisburg, Pa., after he reported repeated UFO buzzing incidents over a three month period, all saw a mystery object on three different occasions and photographed it twice. Five other truck drivers, who had driven with Summey, had seen the UFO approach his semi-trailer truck on numerous occasions near Charlottesville, Virginia; Rock Hill, S. D., and Charlotte, N. C.

The Charlotte News personnel, as well as truckers Mike Robinson, Max Rhom, Pleasant Walter, Norman Self and Douglas Pye described the object as being "oval surrounded by a greenish-white edge and a rosy red center" and as "like a domed-saucer having a black base with holes all around the base area." It was reported to have landed on one occasion near Woodbridge, Virginia. When it took off and was being watched through binoculars, the UFO fired something "like a shooting stars or tracer fire." The witnesses remain frightened and puzzled.

On January 19, 13 miles south of Gaffney, South Carolina, on Highway 18 at 11:25 p.m. a Cherokee County youth encountered what he thought was a car wreck and lighted patrol cars. Upon closer approach he found a landed UFO with a domed top and tripod landing gears sitting in the middle of the highway and surrounded by a dozen "strange looking men." The men were dressed in white coveralls with white gloves. A band of lights at the base of the dome flashed green, blue, red and white colors. The UFO occupied three-fourths of the highway and prevented his car from passing. A door and a ladder were noticed on the bottom portion of the UFO. It appeared to be about 15 feet in diameter and almost as high and perhaps made of fiber glass. The youth, by now badly scared, fled on a secondary road and made his report to authorities. Another witness (a woman who refused to release her name for publicity, fearing ridicule) reported her car was followed previously at night on January 15, near the site of the alleged landing, and that it hovered above her home for some time before finally leaving the area rapidly. Three other witnesses said they saw mysterious lights flying in the area, one on the night of the landing. The incident is still under investigation. Credit: George D. Fawcett, 607 N. Main St., Mount Airy, N. C. 27030. Source: "This Week," Forest City, Jan. 10; "City Sentinel," Winston Salem, Jan. 17; "Gaffney Ledger," Jan. 22; "Charlotte News," Jan. 23; and Personal Files of George D. Fawcett.

Physical trace reports have reached a total of 515 as of Feb. 1, 1973. A catalog of these cases has been completed and will be discussed along with new high rated cases at the 1973 MUFON symposium in Kansas City.

The following is a brief look at the events of 1972. Between Feb. 8, 1972 and Oct. 1, 1972 there were 35 trace cases reported. These sites were found in ten countries. The distribution was as follows:

|               |    |             |   |        |   |
|---------------|----|-------------|---|--------|---|
| United States | 17 | New Zealand | 8 | Norway | 1 |
| Mexico        | 1  | Spain       | 1 | Africa | 1 |
| Italy         | 1  | Australia   | 2 |        |   |
| France        | 2  | Canada      | 1 |        |   |

Alleged landing sites were found in 12 states:--Missouri, 3; Kansas, 1; Iowa, 4; N. Carolina, 1; Pennsylvania, 2; Colorado, 1; Alabama, 1; California, 1; Texas, 1; Alaska, 1; Arizona 1.

The peak month during 1972 was June with 30% of the total reports. The peak time was 2100 with 27% of the reports taking place in that time period.

No UFO was seen in 57%; a single witness in 14%; and two or more witnesses in the remaining 29%. In the multiple witness cases, the number of witnesses ranged from two to ten. Of the total reports, five seem to be of very high quality.

Unlike the total cases (515) which involve a disc-shaped UFO in 66% of the cases, the UFOs in 1972 were most often described as a bright light source on or near the ground. In two of the high quality reports the object was described as (1) metallic, about seven feet long with flashing lights and no sound; (2) metallic, 15 feet long with two windows at the top, red lights at each end and a flashing white light at the base. The object was football-shaped, no sound.

Animal, human or mechanical effects were reported in 11% of the cases.

Imprints were reported in five of the cases, these involved four imprints arranged in a square in one case and three imprints arranged in a triangle in three of the cases. The remaining report involved a number of imprints arranged in no particular pattern.

48% of the sites were described as burned; 29% as depressed and 23% as dehydrated. 77% were circular, 25% oval. The landing sites ranged from three feet to thirty-three feet in diameter. Most of the sites were between six feet and ten feet in diameter. Sites most often reported were seven feet in diameter.

The 1972 reports compare very well with the total cases. A time peak at 2100 is found in 1972 and in the total cases. Two or more witnesses in 29% of the 1972 cases, 30% in the total. Of the 515 cases, the sites were between 16 and 20 feet in diameter as a peak; a secondary peak is noted between 4 and 8 feet. This secondary peak matches the 1972 peak for site diameters.

#### Glowing Circle Seen in Mississippi

Mrs. E. McMullen and teen-age daughter, June, of Maiben, Miss., were sitting on the edge of a large pond on their farm on Feb 6, 1973. It was about 4:30 p.m. and the sky was clear with a few white clouds, and the weather warm. A spot of bright light appeared at about 45 degrees and became as large as a full moon with a golden glow so bright, it hurt their eyes to watch it. The color turned to pink as the light gradually faded and disappeared.

## Radar Failures Delay Planes - UFOs Reported in Pennsylvania Sky

The News-Dispatch, Jeannette, Pa., Jan. 26, 1973 -- Dozens of jetliners reportedly were stacked at Greater Pittsburgh Airport last night, unable to land because of malfunction in radar systems. According to authorities, arriving planes were fed into holding patterns around the area by radar crews in Cleveland. Planes then were brought down at two-to-five minute intervals.

No indication was given of the cause of the electrical failure. It was only stated that a similar situation occurred once before, several years ago.

According to Stan Gordon, director of Westmoreland County UFO Study Group, unidentified flying objects were prevalent in the skies last night. Members of the study group are checking on the possibility that the electrical difficulties could have been caused by the objects. There is no proof at this time, he said, that it was caused by the strange objects, although often electrical difficulties do occur when there are numerous sightings.

Sightings were especially numerous over the Jeannette-Irwin area, Gordon said. Formations of five to six bright, round objects hovered for more than 10 minutes before breaking up into two separate formations and heading in the direction of McKeesport. Individuals who sighted them claimed that they hovered low over homes in the area.

There were many aircraft and bright stars visible, he admitted; however, often both aircraft and the objects were visible at the same time. Watchers were able to distinguish between the two. When aircraft moved in the direction of the objects, the objects always moved off silently in another direction. \* \* \* Sightings of cigar shaped, wingless objects were reported in the Derry-Pleasant Unity area. Many observers claimed to see them hovering silently over cars. When the autos halted and the driver emerged from the car, the object would move off.

The above is a direct quote from the News-Dispatch. The following is from a report to SKYLOOK by Mr. Gordon, giving more details: --It was a warm, crisp and clear night in the upper forties. Sky conditions excellent with temperature inversion apparent. Many of the people taking in the nice weather apparently had their heads turned skyward as dozens of UFO sightings were reported throughout the Central Westmoreland County area and unconfirmed sightings were made in the Forest Hills area outside of Pittsburgh in Allegheny County. First reports of a UFO came into the Control Center at 7 PM from New Stanton where several people were watching a bright white light in the sky. It was identified as a star.

At 7:25 a number of witnesses in West Point City outside of the city of Greensburg reported the sighting of several objects including one pie shaped object with a dome on top and red lights going around the bottom. Aircraft were observed at the same time. At 7:40 additional witnesses from West Point reported several bright white lights in the sky which, in this case, appear to have been nothing but aircraft tail lights. Investigation is continuing into the original report.

At 9:05 the first of dozens of reports of a formation of 5 orange spherical objects over the Irwin area was received. Calls were received simultaneously from Irwin residents as well as Jeannette witnesses located only a few miles away. Preliminary data indicates that the formation was observed for over 10 minutes, possibly much longer than one large object hovered in the sky while the other four objects broke into groups of two and moved in the direction of McKeesport which would be in the same basic direction of Forest Hills.

Some Irwin residents reported hysterically that a huge cigar shaped object was hovering very low near their homes and that the objects were definitely not aircraft. To quote from one witness report: "What I saw next left me in fear like seeing God. It appeared to be as low as the largest plane would fly. It appeared quite large and its shape was cigar in appearance. The whole front end was like a woman's diamond or a bee's honeycomb and was many bright lights, white in color \* \* the back was giving off a red light. Its motor roar was half way between an auto and a plane, and it was a humming smooth roar." The witnesses observed the object with binoculars as well as the naked eye.

Many Irwin and Jeanette area residents phoned local police stations as well as radio station WHJB in Greensburg \* \* \*

Reports received the next day indicated that a formation of five objects had hovered over the Crabtree area and was observed by witnesses located in the Latrobe and Pleasant Unity areas. This sighting occurred at about 9:15 PM and the area of the sighting is located about 7 miles northeast of Greensburg. Irwin is about 8 miles southwest of Greensburg.

Also, reports from Derry about 4 miles northeast of Latrobe about a large cigar shaped object without wings is very interesting and is under investigation. The witness said that the object flew past the windshield of his car about 10:15 PM. He then stopped the car and got out to watch the object, that was then motionless in the low sky. It then changed direction in mid air and moved over the top of the witness' car.

Reports began to come in from other parts of the county including Greensburg, Carbon, Pleasant, Unity, Lycippus as well as from the Apollo area located about 17 miles southwest Greensburg where reports were made of three amber objects breaking and joining formation and being observed for over half an hour.

Some of the reports have already been explained as misidentification of aircraft and stars. A considerable number of the reports, however, are very good and are yet to be explained. Interesting was the fact that at the same time the UFO sightings were occurring, the radar facility used for landing aircraft at Greater Pittsburgh Airport was out of order and the planes were laddered throughout about a 20 mile radius waiting to be vectored in from Cleveland Center radar. Many people will jump to the conclusion that the UFOs were nothing but the numerous aircraft in the areas; however, almost all witnesses reported that aircraft were observed at the same time and could be easily distinguished. Also, some witnesses reported that if an aircraft came near the object, the UFO would either completely disappear and reappear when the aircraft moved away, or the UFO would make a turn and move away from the aircraft.

\* \* \* We are also checking a report of a ball of light that appeared to be resting in an isolated field near Trauger in the vicinity of Pleasant Unity on the same night.

The report of the sightings was carried by area radio and TV stations and made front pages of most of the newspapers in the area of the sightings. The next day WHJB radio's morning talk show was a discussion of the sightings and the station interviewed me by telephone about our investigation. Many called in to report what they had seen.

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The following article was published in the December 1970 issue of "The Bulletin of Amateur Astronomers" Cluj, Romania, and it was written by an electronic engineer of Cluj, one Mr. Florin Gheorghita, who has completed a book on the UFO phenomenon and has been informed that this book has been approved for publication in Romania later this year.--J.B.

#### SOME INTERESTING UFO OBSERVATIONS OVER CLUJ

The citizens of Cluj did not remain indifferent to the serious aspects of the observations of UFO's over their city. Many of these people had the opportunity to observe for themselves the interesting evolutions as they appeared on the sky. As stated in the press, these phenomenon manifested their presence overwhelmingly during 1968, decreasing gradually during 1969. Surely the most startling event was the photographing of such a metallic flying object on August 18, 1968, which appeared above the Hacia forest. The publication of these photographs of the "UFO of Cluj" produced a deep interest in Romania as well as abroad. The Veracity of the original negatives having been for quite some time verified previously by qualified photographic experts. The city of Cluj, became known internationally and the respective photographs of the UFO being of some of the best such photos ever taken in the World. Articles on this observation were published in a number of foreign publications such as: "Flying Saucer Review," Nov. 1969 - London, "Phenomenes Spatiaux," July 1970 - Paris and "U.F.O. Reporter," July 1970 - Canada, to mention only a few.

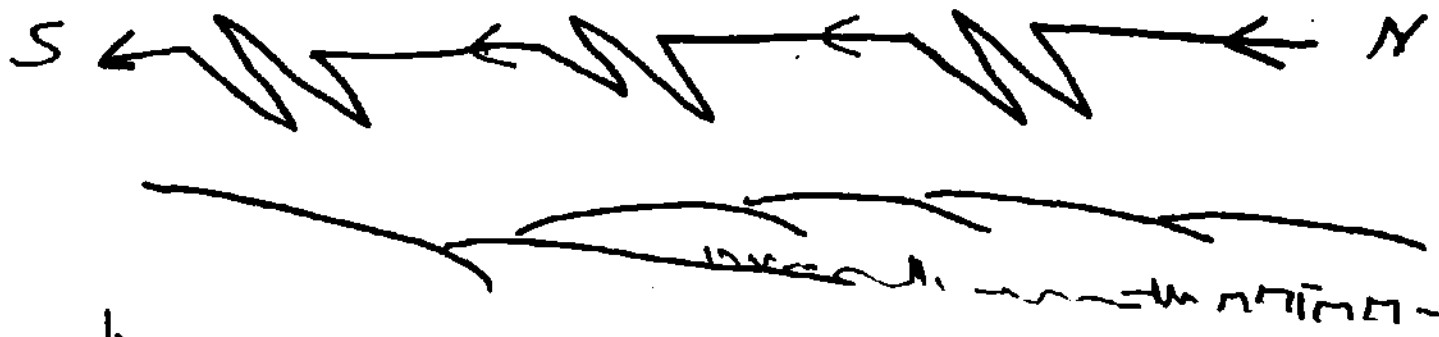
Another much discussed event was the persistence of the curious pyramidal UFO, which appeared above the center of the city on the afternoon of September 19, 1968. Although for most of the hundreds of people who followed its maneuvers, this observation remained only a curiosity, photographs were taken by a well-known press photographer, with much precision, and these photographs once developed revealed an unexpected content. The object in question was certainly not any type of research balloon as its behavior did not allow for this and the five excellent photographs confirm that it did not appear as a balloon would have on the pictures taken. A report on this observation was published in the newspaper "Faclia" in which it was reported that in several other towns similar observations had been reported as having been observed by the citizens of these communities also at the same hour as the Cluj observation. These photographs were also some of the best such photographs I have ever seen.

On the evening of November 15, 1968, while I was in the company of the V. Fenesan family (3 individuals), who reside at 68 Manastur Street, we all observed a very interesting sight which was as follows:

At about 8:30 p.m. looking fortuitously to the clear night sky, we saw coming from the north and traveling south, a brilliant flying object above the Hoia forest. I estimated its altitude to be approximately 5000 meters and it was traveling at a fantastic speed, which I again estimated at about 6000 kilometers per hour. Initially we all thought that it might be a satellite. But, when it was at an angle of about fifty degrees above the horizon line, it made a number of zig-zag maneuvers at very sharp and exact angles, even though it was moving at this terrific speed. Under what appeared to be an automatic command, after having continued to a straight line path of

travel, it would begin to repeat the zig-zag maneuvers at angles of approximately forty degrees and it was repeated a total of three times in all, with exactly the same amplitude and under the same sharp angles each time. Such a serial performance cannot yet be achieved by any man-made aircraft that I am aware of at this time. No man-made vehicle would be capable of performing those maneuvers while traveling at such a speed. For an example, any aircraft flying at a speed of 1000 kilometers per hour would need more than three full kilometers to perform a right angle turn. The curb of such a turn would demand at least this much area due to the inertia involved in such a maneuver.

This brilliant object had a constant brightness much more intense than the visible stars in the sky. The color of its light was a white-yellowish and its size was a little greater than that of the average star. In the silence of the darkness of that hour, no noise of a motor could be detected by any of us. The repeated zig-zag maneuvers gave me the impression of an intention of this object of avoiding any detection by any ground radar installation in the area. (See sketch 1 for movements of this object).



I witnessed a quite similar evolution, also very interesting, about a month later, completely by chance in the company of the amateur astronomer R. Irimies and some of his neighbors from the same courtyard (a total of six observers). It would have been around December 15th of that same year (1968).

This case was reported by us to the Observatory in Bucharest. We observed a bright object coming from the north and traveling with a much reduced speed when we first noticed it. It suddenly stopped and hovered over the city, after awhile it altered its flight path and changed its direction towards the west. After a few moments it again stopped and hovered. Then this object accelerated and disappeared toward the south at a great speed.

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Iowa Report      Mr. and Mrs. Mike Braun, of Fredericksburg, Ia., were  
by                    returning home from bowling at New Hampton about 11:45  
Ralph DeGraw      p. m. December 14 (or the 21st) 1972. About one mile  
                         east of the junction of Highways 63-18, Mrs. Braun noticed a large white light about the size of a cup held at arm's length about 45 degrees above the southern horizon. She said the light was in sight for five to ten minutes and when it disappeared, it simply "went out" like turning off a light. The light did not change in color, size, shape or altitude and was brighter than a car headlight. She could not determine the distance but thought it might be a mile or a mile and a half away. There was no sound as they both watched the light. The sky was overcast with thick clouds, and the light hanging below the cloud cover could not have been a star.

### Ohio Man Says UFO Follows Car

This is an older report, but interesting, and was sent to us by George Pelizzari, Jr., of Dayton Ohio. The report appeared in the March 3, 1971 edition of the "Dayton Daily News."

Leon Turner, 30, of 110 Vandergrift Road, Dayton, was working as an engineer at radio station WPFB in Middletown in Sept. 1, 1971, when someone called the station and said he saw strange lights near the station transmitter. Turner called Noah Gross, a minister living near the tower. Gross and his wife and children went out to look and called back.

"Buddy, there's something right above the trees, hovering. There's a red and green pulsating light, and like fire falling from the sky."

After work Turner drove around most of the night, hoping to see the object and ". . . then just about daybreak I saw it. It was just like they described it, red and green, with pulsating lights, and it skipped across the top of the trees at a high rate of speed."

Turner said he saw the spacecraft again nine days later and then several times after that. Bill Hart, general manager of WPFB and his wife, both claim they saw the red and green object one night and were sure it wasn't a plane or helicopter.

Turner, who changed jobs before the March report, told the Press he hasn't been able to shake the space craft. "Now I think the thing is following my truck at night," he said.

### Missouri UFO Probably Planes Refueling

Mrs. Wilfred Shumate, of LaGrange, Mo., told the Quincy, Ill., HERALD WHIG she saw two large, circular objects flying over her home at high altitude about 9 p.m. January 24, 1973. The objects "had lights all around with a red light on top," she said. They appeared to be flying close together and then one pulled ahead. While she and her son watched the objects, they could hear no sound, but saw and heard a plane that flew high above the objects..

Walter H. Andrus and a group of investigators looked into the matter and careful checking indicates the two objects seen were planes refueling.

### More ORGANIZATION NOTES

"We ran out of space on our regular page reserved for news of MUFON news from around the network, and have additional notes to add:--

The Tri-State UFO Study Group will meet March 21, 1973, at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Fields F. Freeman, 1015 Rhapsody Road, Quincy, Ill.

The U.F.O. Study Group of Greater St. Louis will meet March 18 at 2 P.M. at the Lemay Bank and Trust Co. 152 Lemay Ferry Road.

Leonard Sturm spoke on UFOs to the Cisco Women's Club Feb. 13th and the Men's Club of the United Christian Church, of Atwood, Feb. 15th.

Editor's Note: Do send in your speaking engagements and organization meetings. We may have to cut them down to a few words at times, because of lack of space, but we do want them. They let the reading public know there is a great interest in UFOs and, we hope, inspire others to organize to study, investigate and report sightings.

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Continued from February Issue of SKYLOOK In June hundreds of navy personnel panicked at the sight of a disc-shaped UFO at Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. In July a soccer match was halted temporarily while thousands of fans watched a long cigar-shaped UFO with eight small satellite objects maneuvering above the stadium at Campos, Brazil. In August a group of girl scouts fled from an overnight camp out at Droitwich, England, when a 30 foot UFO appeared forty feet above the ground nearby. In August hundreds reported a yellow UFO with wing-like structures over Hawaheta, Ceylon. In September police in dozens of cities in Kansas were swamped by phone calls by excited residents who spotted UFOs, as did the police themselves.

North Carolina, the Tar Heel State, didn't miss out on the wave of 1972 UFOs as such reports were received from: Newton, Shelby, Hickory, Maiden, Winston Salem, Mount Airy, Charlotte, Eden, Stoneville, Mooresville, Lewisville, Kernersville and Cullowhee. . just to mention a few of the towns and cities on the UFO survey tour.

Commercial, military and private pilots flying A7 combat planes at the Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson, Arizona; aboard Argentines Airline Aveo-748 at Buenos Aires, Argentina; pilots from Austrian piloting Lufthansa Boeing 737s and Austrian Airlines DC-9 over Linz, Austria and Boeing 727 pilots over Durban, South Africa, as well as Eastern Airline pilots and jet pilots over West Palm Beach, Florida and TWA(Trans World Airlines) along with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines over Okinawa were some of the many flyboys who chased and/or were paced by UFOs (many tracked on plane radars and by ground observers) and who reported head on passes and near collisions with the reported objects.

While UFO photographs and movie films were being taken in Strongs-ville, Ohio; Mart, Texas; Quincy, Illinois; Cando, North Dakota; Corrientes, Argentina; Des Moines, Iowa; Cape May, New Jersey; Colby, Kansas; Salt Lake City, Utah and Naha City, Okinawa motorists on the ground were having their share of UFO troubles also.

UFOs took a great deal of interest in frightening motorists by pacing autos and their occupants in North Carolina, England, Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas; California, Iowa, Florida, Wisconsin, Japan and Australia. One such pursuit resulted in a car wreck in Sherwood, Australia, on July 3. Such commonplace occurrences number in the thousands worldwide over the past quarter-century and no end appears to be in sight. Ground observers in Poland, Germany, France and Switzerland made numerous cigar and saucer-shaped UFO sightings public for the first time. Larger objects (usually cigar-shaped) were seen releasing smaller objects (usually saucer-shaped) above Melbourne, Australia; Tucson, Arizona; St. Louis, Missouri and Campos, Brazil in the month of July alone. Not at all unlike "Project Apollo in Reverse" for a comparison. UFO OCCUPANTS were reported seen on the ground in Balls Ferry, California, on January 21 and their uniforms were reported to contain "lump like pouches," while on July 19 at Kuraby, Queensland, Australia, six UFO pilots there during a UFO landing were described as having "faceted coverings." The number of such reports in 1972 was the smallest number (by a wide margin) of such encounters reported over the years worldwide from a total of over 1,800 similar observations related over the past several hundred years. Because of the controversial nature of such encounters (these often seen) aspects of UFO happenings continue to be the least reported because of the known fear of ridicule.

Because case histories of UFO appearances show that at least one third of all UFO landings involve UFO occupants (alien as they may appear to be at first glance in every way) it appears that with the large number of UFO landings reported to date in 1972; that some of the sighters are not telling the full story of their experiences with UFOs. Such silence on the part of the UFO observers is understandable, and an important part of the growing global UFO problem, which includes Iron and Bamboo Curtain countries also.

The E-M effects are most interesting after-effects. Dogs, cows, sheep, birds and horses panicked and fled at UFO sightings in North Carolina, Kansas, Texas, New Zealand and Pennsylvania. Car motors, houselights, radios, horns, motors and power systems were stopped by UFOs in England, Kansas, Missouri, France, Austria and Canada. Cows were burned as were cars and several humans in UFO close approaches in Larned, Kansas, and at Lake Claire, Canada, on February 28 and on April 15. Plane instruments, compasses, UHF frequency radio, television, police radios recorded electric-magnetic interferences in Austria, Michigan, Indiana and Pennsylvania during UFO appearances there. Sheep avoided grazing in area of UFO encounter at Wiltsdown, New Zealand on March 11; a woman almost fainted during UFO sighting at Laurens, Iowa, on July 1; a farmer suffered temporary paralysis and heat burns and migraine headaches for several days after UFO approach at Tucuman, Argentina, on August 8, while witnesses simply cried and screamed with fear after a UFO appeared near their car in Winston Salem, North Carolina, on October 22, just off Interstate 40, near the Linville Road.

UFOs in 1972--like UFOs in 1942--are still around and require a serious new high-level worldwide scientific investigation.

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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.

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Say You Read It In SKYLOOK

The Feb. 11 issue of NATIONAL TATTLER features an article dealing with a recent scientific discussion of life in outer space. A panel of scientists met at Boston University on Nov. 19, 1972 to exchange theories on the subject. The general consensus was that ET life probably exists and may well be trying to contact us by radio. No mention of UFOs, which is par for the course!

The latest UFO article to appear in NATIONAL ENQUIRER tells of a "huge firewheel" seen over the Pacific Ocean last Sept. 22. The crew of a TWA jet sighted the object. The report is in the Feb. 18th issue.

It is hard to know what to say about SAGA's "Martian creature," featured in the Feb. issue of that magazine. Allegedly a lifeform photographed by Russia's Mars soft-lander probe, the "creature" does have a rather unearthly look about it! However, it will take much more evidence of the photo's authenticity before most researchers will give it serious consideration.

The March issue of FATE contains a roundup article on the 1972 Kansas UFO sightings. Written by Hayden Hewes, it is largely rehash of familiar material. However, we hope the trend toward more UFO articles in FATE will continue.

One particular UFO sighting by British journalist/researcher Arthur Shuttlewood is detailed in the March issue of BEYOND REALITY. As always, Shuttlewood's prose is well worth reading.

John Parkinson of Liverpool, England, has recently written a quite interesting little booklet, U.F.O.'s OVER KIRKBY. Parkinson tells of UFO sightings made by himself and others during the year of 1964. These include the "standard" sightings of objects in the sky, as well as a landing UFO, "little men" reports, a mysterious voice and two "time lapse" experiences. This is a very good summary of one man's UFO experiences and makes for intriguing reading. The booklet also contains line drawings of the various UFOs observed by the author and others. The price for the booklet is \$1.75, including airmail postage. Mr. Parkinson's address is: Southlands - Endbutt Lane - Crosby - Liverpool L23 0TS - Lancashire, England.

The "hollow Earth" concept has been discussed rather extensively in various UFO publications over the years. It has been speculated that if our planet is hollow, a race of advanced beings inside the globe might be responsible for some of the UFOs seen in our skies. The latest conglomerate of speculation in book form is Eric Norman's THIS HOLLOW EARTH. If you like mish-mashes, this will thrill you! Norman quotes anonymous "occult authorities" at every opportunity and "lifts" quite liberally from other books on the same general subject. Actually, his reprinted material from rare books is about the nearest thing to a "highlight" this volume can claim. Agharta, Shamballah, the Shaver Mystery--you'll find them all included here, along with other various legends and tales of underground civilizations. The overall concept of someone "down there" is really not all that ridiculous--it just seems that way when someone like Norman writes about it! For those who are interested, the book is available (for 95¢ plus postage) from Lancer Books - 1560 Broadway - N. Y., N. Y. 10036.

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Did You See This One? We got a chuckle out of a cartoon Lou Farish sent us. Two scientists are in a laboratory. One holds a paper and says: "We have the lab report on that orange soil the guys found on the moon. It's Tang."

**Astronomy      A Look at the Planets - By Ted Phillips**

**Notes**      Venus is seen in the morning sky rising at 6:05 a.m. April 1st and will be quite near the position of the sun on May 1st. During May it will be visible just after sunset. Mars is still a morning object, seen in the southwestern sky as it rises at 3:00 AM April 1st and at 2:20 AM May 1st. Jupiter is also seen in the eastern sky before sunrise. The giant planet rises at 3:20 AM April 1st and at 1:30 AM May 1st. Saturn is visible during the early evening hours, setting at 11:40 PM April 1st and at 9:50 PM May 1.

**The Constellations - Canis Minor (The Lesser Dog) - By Mark Herbstritt**

This constellation is so named to distinguish it from the larger and more densely populated constellation of Canis Major. This group has been identified with a dog by many diverse ancient civilizations.

Canis Minor culminates at 9 PM on February 18, but it is slightly west of the meridian during March. The brightest star in Canis Minor is Alpha Canis Minoris (Procyon). Procyon is magnitude .35 and it is the 8th brightest star in the sky. It is 11.3 light years distant. Procyon has a companion star revolving around it--Procyon B, a white dwarf star which is 15,000 times fainter than Procyon, but has a mass of 65% of the sun. The diameter is estimated to be 17,000 miles or about twice that of the earth. The density thus reaches a value of 2 tons per cubic inch. Canis Minor is 20 degrees south of the constellation Gemini and it is slightly north of the celestial equator.

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**UFO Paces 727 Boeing Over Africa**

"Sunday Express," Johannesburg, South Africa. July 9, 1972 - South Africa's mysterious UFO was sighted three times this week by two Airways pilots--and on one occasion the bright, swiftly moving object actually paced Captain Chester Chandler's 727 Boeing.

Captain Chandler said, "It paced the plane for a while before veering off to the southwest and while this was happening--at a height of 2743 metres--we gave ground control at Durban a running commentary on the object's moves."

The Boeing was flying at 250 knots when the incident occurred. The captain, his senior flight officer and the flight engineer also saw the object.

"The shape of the UFO was indistinct. It was a bright light which ground control assured us was not emanating from any aircraft they knew of. They also checked with the South African Air Force and with other authorities, but drew a negative reply," the captain said.

Captain Chandler said airline pilots often saw earth satellites in orbit and it was quite easy to distinguish between them and other aircraft. He spotted a fast-moving object on an earlier flight to Cape Town this week, and it swept across the sky from north to south but did not come anywhere near the plane. According to various sources, this object was brown and passed under the plane.

Dozens of Johannesburg families saw an orange-colored, glowing object crossing the sky at tremendous speed this week.  
Credit: Joe Brill.

**Jeane Dixon on UFOs.**

In answer to a question about UFOs, Jeane Dixon replied in the January 28, 1973 issue of "Family Weekly": "Since I am writing a book on UFO's and life in other universes, I will tell all about that in my forthcoming book."

## 4th Annual MIDWEST UFO SYMPOSIUM

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Ted Phillips, Secretary of MUFON, Staff writer for SKYLOOK, and MUFON State-Section Director, Sedalia, Mo. Speech ; "Landing Traces, Physical Evidence for the UFO."

John F. Schuessler, Deputy Director of MUFON, Consultant in Astronautics, MUFON State Director for Missouri, Director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, O'Fallon, Mo. Speech - "Flight Characteristics of UFO's."

Sherman J. Larson, MUFON State-Section Director, Director of Public Education Group (PEG), Glenview, Ill. - Speech - "Documentary Evidence for the UFO."

Walter H. Andrus, Jr., Director of Midwest UFO Network, Inc., Quincy, Ill. - "MUFON, A Dynamic Organization."

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In addition to being State

Director for MUFON for the state of Illinois, Leonard Sturm, 1835 Fairview Road, Decatur, Ill., is chairman of the Decatur Research Committee on UFOs, a group that meets monthly. Mr. Sturm says the group will concentrate study this year on UFO sightings where there have been "overt actions by UFO occupants toward earth people." "We will be studying landing cases where occupants have been seen outside the craft," he said. "There have been many of these." In a recent article in the "Decatur Review" Mr. Sturm asks that anyone in the area seeing a UFO contact him.

John F. Schuessler, Director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, and State Director for MUFON, and Larry Hanna appeared on Ollie Raymond's "St. Louis Illustrated" show on KMOX-TV, St. Louis, Mo., January 27th at 2 P.M. Mr. Schuessler spoke on UFOs and Mr. Hanna told of the various Lunar flashes seen on the moon.

Joe Gurney, of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, wants to remind everyone in the area of the fine centralized reporting network available to anyone sighting a UFO. "Alert Cards" listing the names and phone numbers of members to be contacted on sighting a UFO are being distributed. If you don't have one, write to Box 9, O'Fallon, Mo., 63366. These cards are for residents of the Greater St. Louis area.

Stan Gordon, one of our MUFON State Section Directors and Director of the Westmoreland County U.F.O. Study Group, Greensburg, Pa., appeared on WHJBradio January 26, on Channel 5 TV in Greensburg, February 8, and on WJAC AM radio in Johnstown on February 28. He and his group have been working around the clock on a real UFO flap in their area.

Check your February SKYLOOK for lecture dates for Stanton T. Friedman, and add these: March 1, 8 PM, Green River Cmty. College, Auburn, Wash.; March 14, 7:30 PM, Galveston College, Galveston, Texas; March 21, 10 AM, Phillips County Cmt. College, Helena, Ark.; and here are some for the early part of April: 2nd-8:15 PM, State University of N. Y., Geneseo, N. Y.; 5th- 1 PM, Dutchess Cmty College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; 7th- 8 PM, Hill School, Pottstown, Pa.; and 8th- 8 PM, Juanita College, Huntingdon, Pa. And don't forget he will be one of the speakers at the 4th annual MUFON symposium to be held in Kansas City, June 16.

Clarence Dargie, one of our Mufolks, addressed the Prairie View School PTA meeting, in Illinois, on the subject of UFOs on January 19.

Ted Phillips, of the SKYLOOK staff, presented a general talk on UFOs at the Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Mo., on Feb. 12th.

Ralph C. De Graw, of Hazleton, Ia., continues to get good press reports on his work as UFO investigator and was the subject of a half page report in the Feb. 4 issue of "The Cedar Rapids Gazette." Because of the interest aroused by an appearance on a TV program, Mr. De Graw was invited to appear Sunday, Feb. 18, on the "Eye on Iowa" program on WMT-TV, Cedar Rapids, and again was well received.

Rosetta Holmes announces the annual SKYWATCH and CARLYLE LAKE PICNIC will be held on July 21 and 22 this summer. Better mark that date on your calendar--along with June 16, the 4th annual MUFON SYMPOSIUM to be held in Kansas City.

Mark Herbstritt, of St. Marys, Pa., a state section director for MUFON and a member of our staff, had a fine letter re UFOs appearing in the Feb. 2nd issue of the local "Daily Press." This type of publicity keeps the public informed, lets them know where to report sightings, and the mention of MUFON and SKYLOOK is extremely helpful in attracting new members and readers. Mr. Herbstritt was a good friend to SKYLOOK even before becoming a member of the staff, and we do appreciate his loyal support.

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