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"How men react in adversity determines their true greatness and these men have demonstrated that the American character is sound and strong and capable of taking a very difficult situation and turning it into really a very successful venture." -- President Richard M. Nixon

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Program for Midwest UFO Conference to be Held in Peoria, Ill., June 13

Announcement of the Midwest UFO Conference to be held in Peoria, Ill., on June 13, 1970, was made in the April issue of SKYLOOK. Plans continue to grow for this big event to be held at Bradley University, and Walt Andrus, Publicity and Program Chairman, is working overtime in getting the word to all the news media--other ufozines, newspapers, radio, TV etc--and is plugging the Conference at personal appearances before various groups where he speaks on the subject of UFOs.

Needless to say, other members of the sponsoring Illinois Section of APRO, are also working hard in their desire to make this the most interesting and meaningful convention of its kind. Persons attending will have the rare opportunity to hear and meet internationally known authorities noted for their contributions to the scientific investigation of the UFO phenomena. This is the first time in the midwest that such a distinguished group of scientists, engineers and investigators is being brought together to present an all-day symposium on UFO's.

"UFO's--An Unexplored Scientific Horizon" is the theme for the Conference, and the day's program follows:

8:00 a.m. - 9:30(C.D.S.T.) Registration, Olin Hall of Science. Pick up advance registration tickets.

9:30 a.m. - 9:35 Welcome to Peoria and Introduction of Program Chairmen: Laird S. Carter, Aerial Phenomena Club of Central Illinois, Walter H. Andrus, Jr., Director: Illinois Section, APRO.

9:35 a.m. - 10:45 "UFO's and the Problem of Scientific Evidence"--Allen R. Utke, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry, Wisconsin State University, Oshkosh, Wis.

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 Coffee Break.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 "Burned Circles and Saucer Nests: What Is Their Significance?"--Ted Phillips, Jr., Sedalia, Mo.

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon in Student Center Ballroom (by advance reservation).

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. "The UFO, Just Beyond the State-of-the-Art"--John F. Schuessler, B. S., Senior Engineer McDonnell-Douglas Astronautics, St. Louis, Mo.

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 "Electro-Magnetic Effects Associated with UFO's"--Leonard W. Sturm, Electrical Engineer Illinois Power Co., Decatur, Ill.

3:30 p.m. - 3:45 Coffee Break

3:45 p.m. - 5:15 "UFO's--1970, An Up-To-Date Report"--Mrs. Coral E. Lorenzen, Secretary, Aerial Phenomena Research Organization; Editor of APRO BULLETIN, and author of five books on UFO's, Tucson, Arizona.

5:15 p.m. Adjourn for Dinner - Place of your choice.

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Address by J. Allen Hynek, Ph.D., Director, Department of Astronomy and Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. (Ed. Note: We do not have the subject of his speech at this time, but will give it elsewhere in this issue if we obtain it before mail-time.

9:00 p.m. - 9:45 Question and Answer Period, Panel composed of: J. Allen Hynek, Ph.D., Coral E. Lorenzen, Leonard W. Sturm, John F. Schuessler, Ted Phillips, Jr., Allen R. Utke, Ph.D., and Walter H. Andrus, Jr., Moderator.

Program for Midwest UFO Conference (continued)

Reservations and tickets for the Midwest UFO Conference may be secured in advance by writing to the following address: Midwest UFO Conference, 726 N. St. Anthony Place, Peoria, Ill., 61604.

The registration fee for the entire conference, including the noon luncheon, is \$6.00. Admission to the morning, afternoon or evening program is \$1.50 for each, or \$3.00 for all three sessions. Advance reservations to include the luncheon must be received before June 6th.

As noted, in reading the speakers' topics in the program, the entire conference will be devoted to seeking the answers to the major questions facing scientists, engineers, and investigators today in this perplexing field: Are UFO's materialistic spacecraft, or phenomena unknown to modern science? Is there an advanced intelligence controlling these craft? What is the source of power that propels these craft? If they are controlled by a highly intelligent race, where is their home base? How are they able to physically travel such tremendous distances? If there are advanced-intelligence beings visiting our Earth from extra-terrestrial habitats, what can we learn from them about science, sociology, and religion?

Further mention of this important meeting will appear in the June issue of SKYLOOK (to be in the mail no later than May 27); but as some of our readers do not receive their copies of SKYLOOK the first of the month (due to slow mail delivery) we advise you to make a point to circle June 13th on your calendar NOW so you won't forget the date. Tell your friends about the meeting too, and plan to be there.

June is vacation time for many, so perhaps you can plan your vacation trip to include stopping in Peoria on June 13th--or just make it a special trip for this "special" event.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Duehr of Balltown, Iowa, told of seeing a strange light rise from a field and soar over their car as they were driving along a country road Sunday night, March 22. Mr. Duehr is 30; he farms, and also works in a factory at Dubuque, near Balltown in eastern Iowa.

He and his wife, Mary, and their 3 children were in the car. He reported, "The road runs along a high ridge, and we suddenly saw this large white light rise straight up from a field, about 2 miles below us, and when it reached a height of several hundred feet it moved swiftly towards us and went directly overhead."

The light went out then, Mr. Duehr said, but they saw it again a few minutes later, farther south and much higher in the sky. The time was about 8 p.m.

Source: CAPPER'S WEEKLY, March 31, 1970. Credit: Lou Farish

Editor's Note: Walt Andrus also sent in the clipping at a later date, giving credit to "Capper's Farmer" (it is possible both publications used the story). Walt also alerted three Iowa APRO investigators to the sighting, and we hope to have more details for the next issue of SKYLOOK. As mentioned before in this ufozine, we continue to hear rumors that "something is going on" in Iowa, and some are so wild you wouldn't believe! But with all that smoke, there must be some fire, and it's very frustrating to an editor to be unable to pin down a ufo report that can be used. We appeal to all of our readers--if you have any news clippings and/or reports from Iowa, WILL YOU PLEASE SEND THEM IN?

Kohoka, Mo. UFO Seen

Two local men sighted a UFO just east of Kahoka (12/13/69). It was flying low and in an erratic manner, speeding up and slowing, raising up and down. Lights circled it in flashing neon fashion, alternating red, white and yellow, revealing the round or elliptical shape. It flew to the east, then sank from view.

Source: Gazette Herald. Credit: DATA-NET, 624 Farley St., Mountain View, Calif. Editor's Note: We're scooped of a Missouri sighting by a west coast ufozine. How about that?

Ohio Youths See UFO

Robert Hively, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Hively, of Sebring, Ohio, and his little brother Joseph, age 5, were visiting with their father with friends at Lake Milton one evening in the middle of February when they saw a ufo. The boys were outside at approximately 7:30 p.m. when they saw a large object approaching, traveling north, and it seemed to Robert to be at the height of a low flying Super cub-type aircraft and moving about the same speed as a plane, but there was no sound.

The object appeared dome-shaped and had square windows around the upperdome and on the lower side. There was a blue glow through the windows and on the bottom there were two red lights and two green lights which maintained a steady glow. There appeared to be sparks coming from the rear of the object. It was observed until it was blocked from view by trees.

Robert stated it was a clear night and that he is not aware of anyone else witnessing the sighting.

Source: Alliance, Ohio REVIEW, 2/23/70. Credit: Red Dyke's Clipping Service, 3521 S. W. 104th St., Seattle, Wash., 98148

The planet Mercury passed between the earth and sun May 9 and a transit of the planet across the sun's face takes place.

Venus may be seen in the northwest for about two hours after sunset. Mars cannot be seen. Jupiter is visible throughout the night, rising in the southeast at sunset.

Saturn will not be visible during the month.

The Eta Aquarid meteor shower reaches peak in the morning hours of May 5. The meteors may be seen falling at a rate of about 20 per hour.

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Object Seen in Missouri Sky, April 4th

By Ted Phillips, Jr.

Ed Brummitt and E. W. Livesay, of Sedalia, Mo., were driving to Cole Camp, Saturday evening, April 4, 1970, when they saw a bright, silver object in the western sky.

The time of the observation was about 6:45 p.m. They were driving in a southerly direction and the object seemed to be either hovering or moving quite slowly towards the east. They could not be sure of the exact motion as they were in a moving car throughout the sighting.

The western sky was still brightly illuminated and no stars were visible. The object was some 40 degrees above the horizon. A jet aircraft with contrail was seen flying below the object in a southerly direction. The object was reflecting sunlight; the jet aircraft was not.

The observation lasted several minutes until Brummitt and Livesay reached Cole Camp and entered a residence there.

We should be able to rule out most conventional objects such as aircraft, meteors etc. The most logical answer would seem to be a balloon. The only balloon launching facility in the area is Columbia, but the object was moving towards Columbia, rather than away from it. There has been no word on any experimental balloon launchings to date.

Editor's Note: If any of our Missouri readers saw the object, we'd like to hear from them. Why not check with your local newspaper to ask if any reports had been made to the press. They may have received reports even tho they didn't print them (as is often the case!).

SPACELINK is Out Again.

We were glad to get the January issue of SPACELINK from England and enjoyed reading it, as we always do. It is a good looking, slick paper ufozine with lots of photographs and illustrations and, more important, a variety of UFO material, including good UFO sightings. Janet Gregory is editor, and Lionel Beer is the Managing Editor and Publisher. We particularly like his "Lionel's Litter"--his own page of news and views. Published irregularly, it is \$2.00 per year, or 60¢ for a sample copy--American agent, Sammy Paradise, SPACELINK Subscription Dept., 290 Washington, Vidor, Texas, 77562. Mr. Beer's address is 15 Freshwater Court, Crawford St., London W1H 1NS.

If you'd like to add a ufozine from England to your reading, we believe you'll like SPACELINK,--A SKYLOOK Review by Ye EA.

MIDWEST ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Tri-State UFO Study Group

The Tri-State UFO Study Group met March 19 at the home of Mrs. Anita Avery, in Quincy, Ill. Bob Smulling, Chairman, of Hamilton, Ill., presided and played a tape recording of an interview made with Nancy Fenton re a sighting made Feb. 26. The meeting was then turned over to Walt Andrus, Director of the Illinois Section of APRO. His topic was "The UFO and Ancient History". Further plans were discussed for the Midwest UFO Network Conference to be held in Peoria, Ill., June 15th.

Mr. A. S. Petzoldt will speak on the subject "The Bible and Flying Saucers" at the next meeting to be held at the home of Walt Andrus, April 8th.

Reported by Phyllis Stone.

More on Tri-State Group

The Tri-State UFO meeting was held on April 8 at the home of Walt Andrus. The main event of the evening was a book review of "The Bible and Flying Saucers" by Mr. A. S. Petzoldt, one of our members, who was formerly a minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. A most interesting and lively discussion followed.

The May 13th meeting will be held at Bob Smulling's home, 8th & Broadway, Hamilton, Ill., with the featured topic being the Wilbur B. Smith Story.

Richard Greenwell, of Tucson, Arizona, is tentatively scheduled to speak at the June 10th meeting.

Reported by Anita Lavery, Secretary.

Editor's Note: As many of our readers know, Richard Greenwell is Assistant Director of THE APRO BULLETIN. He has lectured in the States and in South America (perhaps elsewhere) and has written a book on UFO's. For more on his background, review the two-page report on Mr. Greenwell in the February 1969 issue of SKYLOCK.

UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis (Reported by Art Epstein)

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis met Tuesday evening, April 2nd, at the St. Louis County Library. Director John F. Schuessler and Art Epstein conducted the meeting and discussed a report of the Amateur Astronomers' Convention held in Denver last August. The report is available from A.P.R.O. and is a "must."

We also discussed the Herbert Schirmer story in the April issue of SAGA, mentioned in the April issue of SKYLOOK and agree with Lou Farish it is a "must" also.

Several of our members were asked to make a short TV taping by our local CBS station, to be shown at a later date, and this has been done.

Attendance was only twenty-two--but what we lack in quantity, we make up for in quality, and we are growing!

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17th.

The Aerial Phenomena Club of Central Illinois was scheduled to meet in Peoria, April 9th, but we failed to receive their report this month.

Bright Light, No Sound Mystified Observers

"Wright County Monitor," Clarion, Ia., March 12, 1970:--Police at the Belmont Radio tower were notified Saturday at 12:55 a.m. of strange lights in the vicinity of Dows. Wright county sheriff's officers were notified, and they found the three subjects, who had noticed the lights near Dows.

The three men first noticed the light hovering in an erratic manner over the Dows golf course, then they saw one east of them and another in back of them. The lights were white. There was no color change.

After members of the Wright County Sheriff's officers arrived and a highway patrolman, the three cars waited at the Dows golf course. They waited from two o'clock to four o'clock. After some time the light suddenly appeared. It was very intense, and cast a reflection on the light cloud overcast through which the stars could be seen. The light moved in a direct line from east to west approximately 8,000 to 15,000 feet and the officers and people observed it for 45 seconds. Just as suddenly the light disappeared leaving no vapor trails. It made no sound. There were no blinking lights and the people on the ground were experiencing an eerie feeling of seeing something they could not explain. They waited for some time for it to reappear.

The Wright County deputy checked with Des Moines to see if they had a radar tracking on the object but there was none.

When the three men from Dows first noticed the lights, a small aircraft came along and the lights hung motionless until the plane was out of sight. As soon as the plane was gone the lights moved about.

It is interesting to note that same night unexplained lights were reported in Nebraska, Colorado, western Iowa and eastern Utah.

It has also been conjectured that the plane which was reported as falling last week by two women near Dows could have been one of these lights.

Credit: Rod Dyke's Clipping Service, UFOBC, 3521 S. W. 104, Seattle, Wash.

Wagon Wheels in the Sky?

Owen Sound "Sun Times," Ontario, Canada, March 12, 1970. (Editor's Note: While this belongs in our North, South, East West etc category, we're running it here because the date is the same as that of the Iowa sighting given above. Note second Iowa sighting elsewhere in this issue.) Wagon Wheels in the sky? That's what Donald Leonard, of Chalk Lake thought he was seeing Wednesday evening when he looked into the southwestern sky around 11:30 p.m.

Mr. Leonard said an unidentified flying object appeared to be "moving among the clouds." He reported it as shaped like a wagon wheel with spokes and flashing. The object was changing colors from blue to green to pink to yellow.

The UFO flashed brightly for over an hour, said Mr. Leonard who reported it to the Owen Sound OPP detachment. Checks of the Wiarton weather station and area OPP offices failed to identify the object. An OPP officer also reported seeing the UFO and said it looked like a star. He explained that it was possible that changes in atmospheric conditions were responsible for the color changes.

Credit: Rod Dyke's Clipping Service, address above. (Your editor recommends this Service to other ufomagazine editors and to study groups, who want to review the best of the old clips and to keep up with the new sightings. Australian clips are to be added soon.)

UFO's Over Nebraska

"Gazette," McCook, Nebr. Feb. 28, 1970-- Those mysterious Unidentified Flying Objects are back in the news again today after a rural Culbertson man, Dale Nowka, reported sighting two about five miles northwest of Culbertson.

Nowka said he saw the first one about 1a.m. today as he went out to water some hogs. Holder of a private pilot's license, Nowka said when he saw the first object he thought it was a plane with a flashing beacon.

He said it was spotted to the north and west of the farm and was headed south very slowly toward the Western Union tower. He said it appeared to just stop over the Hayes Center highway at an altitude of 1,000 to 2,000 feet.

Nowka then woke his wife Josephine, who also watched the object.

He said that with field glasses he could tell the object had green lights around it which gave it a flat effect. There was a counter-clockwise turning movement of a red light. The light went from clear to red and then to clear.

Nowka said he and his wife watched the object about one half hour. He added that when he scanned the skies again with the field glasses, he spotted a similar object moving to the west. He said it looked exactly like the first one but the first one moved up the Republican River and the second up the Frehchman.

During this time the State Patrol office in McCook was notified and two patrolmen confirmed spotting the objects. The Lincoln headquarters was notified as well as the FAA.

Nowka said at the time he saw the objects it was clear and the cloud cover moved in about 3 a.m.

It was also reported that radar in Denver picked up five unidentified objects in this area and Nowka said he was told that a report of seven of them between Sidney and McCook had been received.

The pilot of the mail shuttle service plane from McCook to North Platte was also alerted but he reported seeing nothing.

Credit: Rod Dyke's Clipping Service, address elsewhere.

Queer Light Seen in Oregon Skies

The "Herald & News," Klamath Falls, Ore., reported that on March 5, 1970, the Air Force at Kingsley Field reported that two civilian tower operators sighted a beam of light to the south and west of Kingsley Field about 7 or 7:15 p.m. moving toward the northwest. One operator estimated it was about 30 degrees in width, about four or five miles long and described it as very bright.

The brilliant stream of light appeared for a few minutes, then faded into a haze. The tower operators contacted local radar approach control and RATCON in Seattle. Neither could detect the objects on their radar.

About six Naval Reserve personnel, driving to their weekly drill session, also noticed the light, which they said appeared at first to be landing lights of an airplane.

Ralph Bilyeu, a chief radioman, said he was driving on Homedale Road when he first noticed it. "It looked like a spotlight," he said. "But what could have a light that bright? . . . Then it seemed to fade."

Credit: Rod Dyke's Clipping Service, UFOFC, 3521 S. W. 104th St., Seattle, Washington.

Massachusetts Reader Sees Three UFO's

SKYLOOK

Many never have the good luck to see a UFO, but one of our readers, Mrs. Ethel Rogers, of Norton, Mass., has seen three flying objects which she was unable to identify and one of them, she said, really scared her.

Mrs. Rogers saw her first UFO on a June night in 1967 about 10:15 o'clock. The sky was "pitch black," she writes and she was driving on a street in Attleboro. As she rounded a corner, her attention was caught by a light in the sky and she stopped her car to watch an object which seemed to be about the size of a football above the Texas Instrument building. The color was "reddish purple" and she was impressed by its beauty. The object hovered about 50 feet above the building for a few seconds, then suddenly "took off at about a 45 degree angle."

Mrs. Rogers reported seeing the object to one of the newspapers, and learned later that several in Plaineville had also spotted the object. Some thought there were two lights on it.

On a warm July evening of that same year, Mrs. Rogers saw her second unidentified flying object, and this time there were numerous witnesses. She was listening to the radio when the telephone rang, and an excited caller told her there was "something up in the sky" and she should go out and look. Before she hung up the receiver, the doorbell rang, and four or five teen-age boys were gathered to ask her to join them in watching something in the sky. Just before they had come to the house, "this large thing" had seemed to "explode a big, blue light." The boys were frightened and excited and had hurried to the home of Mrs. Rogers because they knew of her interest in unidentified flying objects.

At this point, Mrs. Rogers could not distinguish much of a shape to the object, which had moved further into the distance, but with the aid of binoculars, she saw a cigar-shaped object, grey in color, moving away over the lake to the west of the observers. It was some time between 8 and 8:30 o'clock. The sky was partly cloudy. She learned that several of her neighbors had also watched the object.

The third sighting was in May of 1968. It was a clear night and Mrs. Rogers was taking her husband to work shortly after 10 o'clock. They were heading northwest on Route 123, and Mr. Rogers first saw the object which seemed to "drop from the sky into our path" and was the size of "the largest harvest moon when it is low in the sky."

The object came down to the right of their car, then crossed the road in front of them, and "over the field on the left and disappeared when it came down between trees. The color was like "white heat," Mrs. Rogers writes, "and I thought the moon had fallen down."

This is the sighting that really frightened Mrs. Rogers, and she says she felt a sharp pain "go from shoulder to shoulder" as the object crossed their path. "I thought it was going to hit us," she said.

Editor's Note: We are always glad to receive reports from our readers. This is YOUR magazine and you can help make it a better one by sending in your personal reports and/or news clippings, suggestions, etc. Your clippings will be returned if you make the request. Send them to SKYLOOK Box 129, Stover, Mo., 65078.

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Red Objects Seen in Maryland

The "Frederick Post," Frederick, Md., Jan. 19, 1970:--Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson, Yarrowburg, went out to milk the cows Wednesday morning, about 6:30, and saw three red objects and a blood red V across the eastern sky.

"It reminded me of the fourth of July when a firecracker goes 'puff'," said Mrs. Thompson. "It covered the whole eastern sky. We went back in to milk the cows and it soon started fading away."

Another person, who declined to be identified, reported seeing two red lights hanging over Braddock Mountain Tuesday evening. He said he was coming toward Frederick on U. S. 40-A in a car driven by his son when he saw the lights suspended over the mountain.

The Air Force Blue Book may be closed, but questions remain. . .

Man Reports Arm Burn from Something Dropped from "Bright Light."

An Eastern Henrico county man told police last night he was burned on the arm by some substance which dropped from a searing bright light which hovered briefly over his rear yard about 7:30 p.m. last night.

Charles W. Fletcher, 69, of 5604 Nine Mile Rd., told police he was sitting in a chair in the yard reading a newspaper when suddenly a bright light appeared from above and was reflected on the newspaper.

The substance then dropped on to his left arm near his elbow. He said it was like a liquid and he immediately wiped it off with the newspaper. At the same time, Fletcher said the light burned him slightly on the right side of his face.

Fletcher said he looked up and saw a shadow of an object he could not describe as it disappeared over the trees beyond his yard.

The substance on the newspaper was purple colored with what appeared to be metallic speckles. Fletcher went into the house and wiped his arm again with a wet rag. He said the rag, where it was stained by the substance, turned to a purplish blue.

Police took both the newspaper and the rag and indicated the objects may be sent to a chemical laboratory for an analysis.

Source: "Richmond Times Dispatch," June 14, 1967.

Credit: Mark R. Herbstritt, 967 Theresia St., St. Mary's, Pa. 15857

Editor's Note: Anything in your files on a follow-up report on this?

Attention, C.A.P.E.R. Newsletter Subscribers

Bill Moore, editor of EYEWITNESS, announces in the Jan.-Feb. issue of his ufozine that he is taking over the subscriptions to C. A. P. E. R. NEWSLETTER until further notice, due to the illness of the editor, Mrs. Ramona Clark. As he doesn't have the complete mailing list, he would like to hear from subscribers.

EYEWITNESS is a neat easy-to-read bi-monthly, concentrating on Ohio sightings, but also carrying other ufo-related material. You can get a sample copy for a dime. Write Eyewitness, Box 34, Mt. Perry, Ohio, 43760.

A Kansas Stock Man Struck By an Aerolite and Instantly Killed (1879)

The Kansas City Times, 1879: A well known and perfectly reliable gentleman from Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas, was in the city yesterday and related to a Times reporter one of the strangest incidents on record, and one which caused the death of Mr. David Meisenthaler last Tuesday morning. The deceased resided in Whitestone township, Nemaha county, and was known throughout that section of the country as a stock dealer.

Early on Tuesday just before his breakfast time he went out into the field adjoining his house to drive some of his cattle up to the barn where he usually fed them. The morning was very clear and cold and the sky, to the naked eye, had nothing of strangeness about it. It was only like many a December morning the people had seen before.

Mr. Meisenthaler had hardly reached the barn, when as suddenly as a flash of lightning leaps straight from a stormy sky, a deadly aerolite fell out of the heavens and smote the man right there in his tracks.

The deadly missile first crashed through a very tall and beautiful maple tree, stripping it perfectly clean of its branches and leaving it standing like a pole. The aerolite was very round and rough and was quite as large as an ordinary water bucket. Its substance is iron apparently, and fell with such terrific force as to pass entirely through Mr. Meisenthaler obliquely from the shoulder to the left hip, burying itself about two feet away in the frozen ground.

The head and legs of the deceased were only considerably injured, while his body was crushed to the very earth.

Upon close examination of all the surrounding circumstances it was thought that the aerolite was thrown obliquely by the terrific contact with the maple tree. When Mr. Meisenthaler's family found him and the terrible thunderbolt beside him, it is not easy to imagine what must have been their feelings.

Instances of the falling of aerolites are well authenticated, but not one like this and not so near at home.

Credit: Ted Phillips, Jr., Sedalia, Mo, SKYLOOK staff.

A Poet and Doesn't Know It

In the February issue of SKYLOOK we used this:

Ode to Death of Project Blue Book

Somewhere in that naked sky, black as Satan's breath. . . the saucer flies. . . its pilot dies of laughter unto death.

The writer, Clint Williams, sent us a post card, stating briefly: "I have stopped composing rhymes." We wrote "Why?" on a card and fired it back to him. His reply:---

Because

Dear Lady, you'll observe
no useful purpose doth it serve,
to spend the ink, the paper, time,
composing flying saucer rhymes.

The effort to identify
the unknown objects we see fly
certainly cannot be made
composing poetry, second-grade. (Ye Ed: We like it!)

Bulletin

We are indebted to Jo Clark, editor of DATA-NET, for the following information which we are sure is of interest to all of our readers. In brief, Michel Jaffe (DATA-NET Control) received a telephone call the morning of April 12th from a member of NICAP and DATA-NET in Washington, D. C. Major Donald Keyhoe (ret), director of NICAP and Gordon Lore, assistant director, are no longer with NICAP, and (we quote): "At the last meeting of the board it has been decided to try to continue. The present plan is to start from scratch. Until further notice the next issues of the NICAP journal (The U. F. O. Investigator) will contain only one page. The new director, and assistant director, if any, will receive no salary. It is hoped that * * * NICAP can continue afresh."

Mr. Jaffe writes: "To the above I would like to add that one of NICAP's problems has always been their wasting time attacking other groups such as APRO and the Air Force rather than concentrating on the UFO subject."

Editor's Note: We agree with Mike. A busy editor has no time for feuds, and a subscriber has no interest in such. Good luck to the new management of NICAP and best wishes for a quick come-back.

Big Ball of Blue Light Over Montana

Great Falls, Montana, 2-8-1970. About 7:55 p.m. a big, bright light streaked across the Great Falls area sky. It was low in the sky and moved rapidly toward the northwest horizon; it was silent, and it was blue or green.

Mrs. Roy Curtis, of Vaughn, was the first to report it. She viewed it through a window of her house and her 10-year-old daughter, Suzanne, saw it from outside. "It was a great big green thing. It looked like a falling star but it was too close. It went out right over Vaughn," Mrs. Curtis said. It was about the size of a tennis ball.

One man said the object "was a big, green ball with a sort of tail on it," as he sighted it going past Hill 57 from a window of his house.

Charles Urqhart Sr., a rancher, described it as "real blue." He lives by the Missouri River about 12 miles east of Great Falls near the mouth of Belt Creek. He spotted it through a window and his wife glimpsed it. He said it was headed toward the ground but his view of the northwest horizon was blocked. He said that as it descended, "little streaks like pieces of the blue light were falling off of it."

Source: Great Falls "Tribune." Credit: DATA-NET, 624 Farley St., Mountain View, Calif. 94040.

SKYLOOK Reader Suggests New Feature

N. J. Gurney, of St. Louis, recently renewed his subscription, and suggests a new feature for SKYLOOK, "Ask the readers for their views on various UFO subjects: What are they? Where do they come from? What powers them? Will we be able to communicate with them?" Etc.

We think this is a very good idea and invite our readers to go to work on this. This is YOUR magazine and here's your chance to express your views. This month--be sure to read "A Down to Earth Look at the Space Man" elsewhere in SKYLOOK--a well written presentation of one man's views. This will give you the general idea. And remember--get your copy in by the 20th of the month. That is the deadline for next month's SKYLOOK.

To fully understand the why's and wherefore's of the UFO situation, we might have to begin right here on Earth. To understand something mysterious, we sometimes have to compare the unknowns with the knowns in order to consolidate our thoughts into a workable theory.

There has been human habitation on Earth for thousands of years, which survived on basic materials, such as food, water, and shelter. Only in this century has civilization begun "gobbling up" natural resources and strategic materials at an alarming rate. How much petroleum, iron, copper, uranium, basic agriculture supplies etc. does the Earth have left? One hundred years? One thousand years? If the Earth survives another thousand years, industry and agriculture of that period will be concerned, and may have to look elsewhere for needed materials for which they can find no substitute. This search might not be so far in the future, and may have already begun. A large copper company in the west began operating early in this century digging ore that produced 30% to 40% copper. They are now processing ore that produces less than 2% copper. The "cream" has been skimmed off in the last 50 years. We realize that strategic materials on Earth are not inexhaustible. Our geologists and geophysicists will have to turn to the nearest possible source of new material, our Moon. The Moon may not be any richer in strategic materials per square foot than the Earth, but it could prove to be a valuable backlog what will benefit mankind as a whole when we become technically able to tap these resources.

Using the above guidelines for comparison, we can turn our attention to a civilization that is much older and further advanced than our own. Where this civilization might be located is of little concern as far as this theory goes. We can understand that age and technical advancement does create problems; mainly, the more advanced and expanded a civilization becomes, the more natural resources are used up. They must have something to work with in order to survive. The development of a sophisticated transportation system permitted this unknown civilization to search far and wide for needed materials. The centuries old UFO sightings on Earth were probably these searchers who "discovered" the Earth and Moon for their future use. Trade routes may crisscross the universe much the same as airways cross the continents of Earth. My concern is with the route that terminates on our Moon, and the environs of Earth. Something has been happening on the Moon for many years. Lights, small surface changes, "moon spires" and fan-like constructions that resemble the tailing dumps of quarries are but a few mysteries that may not be just natural Moon phenomena. Moon mining may sound laughable or undramatic to us at this time, but I believe it serves an important need for this unknown civilization. Since our Apollo crews have already begun prospecting in a small way, this shows it can be done on a larger scale with more advanced equipment. We, on Earth, already have airborne instruments that can locate petroleum and mineral anomalies, in our ever widening search for strategic materials, and these same instruments could be adapted for use in Apollo type crafts for similar surveys on the Moon.

I believe that the material these space people are getting from the moon is the main reason they are here. There is a "spin-off" from this operation that we on Earth have noticed, and have been wondering about for many years. People see strange craft over different parts of our globe doing a variety of things. Thinking back over hundreds of sightings reports and keeping the above mentioned theory in mind, we

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A Down to Earth Look. . . . (continued)

can, by very little imagination, believe that these ships are doing the following things: (1) Supplying the "moon miners" with fresh water, oxygen, and sea food etc. (2) Carrying out a scientific research of the Earth and its inhabitants, including map making, geology, botany, and medical research, to name a few categories.

Now we will concern ourselves with the foreign vehicle sightings which may have serious consequences for us. These are vehicles that have involved themselves in many ways with our defense areas, transportation, communications, and power supplies. Some ufologists will say this is enough to "prove" an invasion from space is imminent. Others will say that if they wanted to invade us, they would already have done so, and still others believe these happenings are warnings, or just to call attention to themselves to make more believers in the saucer situation.

My belief is that the space men's concern with us is for their own preservation! Knowing that they are "claim jumping," being based on the Moon, and knowing that we, on Earth, are composed of many war-like tribes these space beings became alarmed when we developed atomic warheads, and rockets that are able to deliver them to the Moon.

This advance in our own weapons and method of delivery has made it necessary for the "moon miners" to bring a task force along with them to keep an eye on any possible move to persuade them to leave. Familiarizing themselves with all of our defenses and power systems, they could throw much of a country into confusion by knocking these systems out in case of a launched attack on them. Forewarned, they might stop an attack before it could be implemented, or at least, they might gain enough time to depart before any harm could come to them.

These beings probably realize that any formal diplomatic contact, or any treaty might prove troublesome and could lead to greater complications as Earth nations became more mobile in space, so they have remained aloof to all except those chance encounters or planned research projects already in progress.

I don't want to leave the impression that Earth is being confronted with basically evil forces, but rather space beings a long ways from home who have a job to do. The importance of this mission to them will be the determining factor as to whether they might avoid or meet any confrontation that might arise.

The Apollo flights are geared to report and record any unusual findings on the moon. Despite the very rigid flight plans, the remaining flights of the Apollo could officially find and report some of the activities of these "moon miners."

Without a doubt, responsible heads of governments are already suspecting these activities on the moon. Only time will tell how these leaders will react when the absolute proof is presented to the world.

Another Ufozine Closes

The March issue of THE C. U. P. NEWSLETTER was the final edition, as announced by editor J. R. Reiss and Director E. J. Neff. First a bimonthly, then a quarterly, the publication observed a strict adherence to the facts, especially in sighting reports, and we are sorry to see it close. We do appreciate the fine plug for SKYLARK, included in the several publications recommended to former CUP readers. To keep up on local happenings, the editor suggests you write: FLYING SAUCER REPORT 18 Santin Circle, Bedford, Ohio, 44145. The bimonthly is \$2.50 per year.

The Mystery Star

The report given is taken from "Folk Tales of Missouri," written in 1935 by Earl A. Collins. Mr. Collins describes the book as a unique volume of important material on folk-lore. "Many of these tales were told for exact truth by their narrators."

The following story is given to SKYLOOK because of its early writing and is not necessarily to be considered a valid UFO report, but it is a very interesting story.--Ted Phillips, Jr.

Mr. Davidson had moved from his farm in Kentucky and settled near the inland village of Columbus (Missouri). He owned a large farm of the finest land in the entire community. His acres were tended by numerous slaves who loved their master. He was never harsh to them and they exerted every effort to please their master. Mr. Davidson and his family were good neighbors and friends to everyone in the community.

One evening after the chores were done and slaves had sung their songs in front of their cabin doors and gone to bed, the family was startled by a strange, bright star that seemed to hang suspended in the sky. No one had seen the star before, and everyone was curious about its strange appearance. The family soon retired and forgot the presence of the strange star.

The family went about their daily work the next day without any reference to the strange heavenly visitor of the night before. But the next evening while Mr. Davidson and his family were seated at a late evening meal, the queer phenomenon appeared again. The younger members of the family reveled in its brilliancy and hoped it would always appear thus. The star seemed to be nearer than the night before.

Night after night the star appeared, growing brighter and brighter each evening. Its presence was no longer ignored during the day, and many references were made to its appearance and brilliancy during the day's conversation. Everyone but Mr. Davidson talked much of its presence. At first he appeared to have little interest in the children's references to the star, but later could be noticed paying the utmost attention whenever it was referred to.

Finally, the star's proximity to the little farmhouse changed interest into fear. The children stayed closely indoors and scarcely ventured a look toward the bright light that shone as brightly as the noon-day sun. Moans and prayers could be heard coming from the slave quarters. The older folk were silent. Mr. Davidson went about the day's work silently and gloomily. He was nervous and fidgety.

One evening the star seemed to be closer than ever. It seemed to hang between the old log barn and the straw-covered shed, near the lower end of the barn lot that served as a cowshed. The moans and prayers from the slave quarters had changed to screams of terror.

Something must be done. Mr. Davidson called his wife and children to him, and kissed each one of them. Then putting on his coat and boots, he bade them remain indoors while he went out to investigate.

In a few moments he returned pale and haggard, his eyes seemed to stare straight ahead without seeing. He made no answer to the numerous questions asked but went directly to bed. The star was gone.

The next morning after the family had eaten their breakfast in silence, Davidson called all of his slaves around him and presented each with a written statement signed by himself, giving them their freedom. No one has ever seen the strange star again, nor has anyone ever known what Davidson saw when he went forth that night to meet his great adventure with the Mystery Star.

NORTH, SOUTH, EAST and WEST of the U. S. A.

UFO Mystery in New Zealand Takes a New Turn

Mr. J. A. B. Stuart Menzies, a Tauranga horticulturist, reported to the New Zealand Christchurch Star, that high frequency short-wave radiation caused the death of manuka trees standing in a rough equalateral-triangle-shaped area on the property of a Ngatea farmer.

This area was devoid of vegetation. The ground was imprinted at points nine feet apart, and each imprint had smaller "toes"--two smaller indentations four or five feet from the larger holes. Surrounding the area, in a rough circle about sixty feet in diameter, the existing manuka trees were dead. The vegetation outside this area was not damaged.

Foliage from the space was examined by Mr. H. Cooke, president of the Tauranga Space Research Group, and the dead manuka, especially in the thicker parts of the timber showed signs of radiation. Cooke reported that he was perfectly satisfied that the marks were caused by a physical object and that "everything fits in with overseas reports of landings by terrestrial spacecraft. . . and there is too much detail for this to be a hoax."

A young man in Paeroa had reported one month earlier that he had seen an object, like a pulsating light, travelling in a direct line to where the "circle" was found.

Credit: CAPRO, P. O. Box 1316, Winnipeg 1, Manitoba, Canada.

Editor's note: This seems to be the same case reported in the January issue of SKYLOCK from the "Winnipeg Free Press." Our readers will find it interesting to compare the two reports.

Revolving Object "Shoots Light" In All Directions

On a clear, still, star-filled night in mid-October, a "big star" was seen racing across the sky above Spalding (England). The witness had been admiring the stars and at first thought the object was a shooting star. "It sped along, shooting out light from behind, above, and underneath and appeared to be revolving quickly as it travelled." It came from the north, but instead of disappearing like a shooting star, the light quickly changed direction and sped upwards and towards the east. It continued upwards until lost sight of.

Witness is convinced that the object was not an aircraft as it was so quick and silent.

Credit: UFOLOG, Ringlemere, Colwell Road, Colwell Bay, Isle of Wight.

Canadian Mayor and Wife See UFO

Mayor Jim Quaife and his wife, Carol, of Duncan, B.C., saw a ufo from their home at 294 Coronation, around 11:30 the night of Jan. 7th. The mayor saw it first and called to his wife.

There it was, high in the sky, a "great big red thing with a purple light around it," says Carol. "I could hardly believe my eyes. It seemed to sit there, then move around and then sit for awhile. It was round and at one point it looked as if something dropped off it."

Source: Nanaimo Free Press, B. C. Credit: Rod Dyke's Clipping Service.

North, South, East and West of the U. S. A. (continued)

English Family Watch Pulsating Object

Witness, a retired Lieut. Commander, his wife, mother-in-law, 11-year old daughter and 18-year old son, observed a strange object from their home (Bournemouth, Hants., England) one evening in October 1959. He writes as follows: (quote)

My family and I were seated in our south-facing drawing room after dinner, (private quarters of a hotel) talking, reading and drinking coffee, when my wife noticed that my daughter's attention had been drawn to the windows. On being asked to explain the attraction she said there was something fluttering about outside. We all looked and saw a whiteish object flating down and then up. The curtains had not been drawn and it was dark outside except for the light from the moon and the hotel's floodlights. There was a heavy fog, visibility 500-1,000 yards. Temperature was about 68 degrees. I asked my daughter to investigate, thinking it was burnt paper or something similar. She took several seconds to unbolt the door which was secured at top and bottom, and leads on to a sun balcony. My son and I followed her through. On the balcony, some 3-4 feet from the wall of the building we looked up and immediately above us at a height of about 30 ft. was an object, circular in shape, 9-12 inches in diameter, translucent, greyish white in colour, eerie looking and pulsating at its centre. The centre rather blue and darker than the outer rim. About 30 seconds later it moved from a stationary hover position, towards the building and then moved away in a southerly direction, in level flight, first at walking speed, then fast running and finally very fast indeed. The acceleration was smooth, silent and positive. One got the impression that there was immense power propelling the object. It did not leave a trail.

On returning indoors and before saving anything myself, I questioned my two children regarding our experience and asked them to describe what they had seen. Each of our descriptions agreed, but it was difficult to put a name to the object because none of us had ever seen anything like it before. My daughter said it looked like an octopus without any legs. I said perhaps like a jellyfish - hence the rather stupid newspaper report on flying jellyfish.

My wife only saw the object as it moved away. My mother-in-law saw the object's image through the window and heard our subsequent discussions.

Other points of interest - Moon full, bearing S. E. at 55° above the horizon. Wind, zero to half knot. S. E. if at all. (I made a careful note of these facts.) Personal physical effects, none during the actual sighting, but it had a deep psychological effect on us, myself in particular, for some time afterwards. We were not effected by heat etc; there was no apparent effect on the surroundings.

I phoned the police about 20 minutes after the sighting to enquire whether other sightings had been reported. They were most co-operative and took the trouble to telephone the local coastguard. Their reports were negative.

Credit: UFOLOG, address given elsewhere.

SKYLOOK invites all our out-of-the-States readers to send in UFO reports from their local news media. Send to: SKYLOOK, Box 129, Stover, Mo., 65078, U. S. A.

STRANGE CREATURES FROM TIME AND SPACE, by John Keel, is now available in paperback from Fawcett Books (#T2219 - 75¢). This is quite a compendium of various reports involving giants, Abominable Snowmen, sea-serpents and other "creatures." Several chapters deal with UFOs and their varied occupants. Readers who have followed Keel's writings in various publications will be familiar with his basic conclusions regarding UFOs, but there is still a considerable amount of new and interesting material in the book. There are some errors to be found in the volume, but all in all, it makes good reading.

We understand that Keel's hardcover book, OPERATION TROJAN HORSE, is now scheduled for publication in June. This second tome will be devoted entirely to UFOs.

The May issue of SAGA contains an interesting article by Timothy Green Beckley and Harold Salkin. In the main, it deals with UFO sightings by our astronauts, a subject which has been re-hashed several times in other publications. However, Beckley and Salkin have included several transcripts of conversations between NASA personnel and the astronauts at the actual moments when the sightings occurred. In addition, they have updated the "UFOs and astronauts" subject by including reports by the Apollo 11 and Apollo 12 crews. As is seemingly inevitable, there are some mistakes in the article, plus some speculative material, but the authors also include some intriguing data.

APRO's Jim and Coral Lorenzen have an article in the June issue of MAN'S ACTION. Apparently the first of a series of articles, the introductory installment is almost entirely re-hash to those familiar with UFO literature. The photos accompanying the article are not the same as the ones mentioned in the text, but knowing how magazine editors sometimes operate, the Lorenzens cannot be blamed for this mixup. MAN'S ACTION is a bi-monthly magazine, so those persons who want to follow the series might want to watch the stands for the next issue.

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"Science and the UFO."

Nationwide Amateur Astronomers Convention, August 20-23, 1969, Denver, Colorado. A fine publication came out of this meeting. It is entitled: "Science and the UFO" and it contains a complete transcription of an in-depth discussion of the phenomena by Drs. Harder, Wynnek, McDonald, Salisbury, Saunders and Sprinkle. I obtained my copy for \$2.00 through APRO, but I'm sure that copies could be obtained from the National Amateur Astronomers, 1680 W. Noye Place, Denver, Colo., 80223, as long as they last. I'd put this publication in the "required reading."

Credit: John F. Schuessler, in his "UFO Potpourri"---a newsletter for exchange only. Its sole purpose is to foster interest in the scientific investigation of the UFO phenomena through an exchange of information and ideas. Non-scheduled. The address is P. O. Box 9, O'Fallon, Mo. 63366.

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WANTED! Issues of No. 1 and No. 3 of SKYLOOK. I need them to complete my file and will pay. Write first. Lou Farish, Route 1, Plumerville, Ark. 72127.

Check Out

Patrick A. Huyghe, 72 Jefferys Drive, Newport News, Va., has changed the name of his "UFO Analysis & Research Bulletin" to "UFO Commentary" with the Spring issue of his quarterly publication, "but everything else stays the same," he writes. . . . We read in "A.S.A. Confidential" that Deputy Sheriff Bob Goode "was astounded to find his infected finger completely healed" after chasing a UFO for several miles in Texas back in 1965. That's an EM switch! The unscheduled newsletter is published at Eden, New York, 14057 (P. O. Box 35). . . . We're glad to get another copy of Donald A. Johnson's "Flying Saucer Observer" as it has seemed a long time since the last one. This too is a non-scheduled ufozine, and the address is Donald A. Johnson, Sand Hill Rd., Portland, Conn. 06480. He assures us the OBSERVER is not in any danger of folding, "just temporarily tied up (perhaps bound would be a more fitting description) in paper work." . . . the late CAPRI NEWS turned over its subscription list to "The Kansas Newsletter" (P. O. Box 1672, Topeka, Kans., 66601. . . . Brent Raynes, a now-and-then contributor to SKYLOOK, has set up his own ufozine. It is the "Scientific Sauceritis Review" and is published bi-monthly at Perkins Lane, Hallowell, Me., 04186. A sample copy is 35¢ and the subscription for one year is \$2.00. His mimeographed ufozine is easy to read, and Brent can write. We'll watch this one with interest. Good luck, Brent. . . . We wish we had the room to reproduce Mike Jaff's page of "advertisements" in his March issue of DATA-NET (address elsewhere in this issue). Don't know when we've had such a good laugh. Mike has a way with words that always leaves Ye Ed feeling, "Wish I had said that!" Here is just one of the ads:

Attention scientific ufologists: I am a good looking man in black, early 30's, slanted eyes, high forehead, own Cad. Will Terrorize you for \$100, your pad or mine. Will also pose for those special photos you have been looking for. Write to MIB, c/o DATA-Net.

And, Mike, I wouldn't be at all surprised if you get some takers! . . . We're biting our nails over the postage situation. One of the fringe benefits of editing a magazine is the friends made through correspondence; if first class mail goes up to a dime to mail a letter, we may have to take up ESP. The thing that really bugs us is how much more will it cost to mail SKYLOOK? We're not breaking even the way it is--but we are NOT going to raise the subscription price. . . . Two Harvard scientists suggest persons with psychological disorders are more likely to report unidentified flying objects than "persons enjoying relatively good mental health" but that "almost everyone" is susceptible during times of stress. Wonder what their diagnosis will be the day THEY see a UFO? . . . As the "Arkansas Gazette" (Jan. 5, 1970 issue) commented: "The Air Force has closed its 21-year old investigation of flying saucers, but that does not mean we can look forward to fewer sightings of whatever the objects really are." . . . Thanks to all our fellow editors who found time and space to help advertise the Midwest UFO Conference to be held in Peoria, Ill., June 13th. We appreciate it. . . . Francis H. Rittenhouse, of Huntington, Indiana, is the first former SKYWATCH subscriber to write us he is pleased with SKYLOOK (Jan Stevens turned over her subscriptions to us on ceasing publishing). Thanks for writing, Mr. R., and we'd like to hear from you again. How about an article, ufo report or news clipping? Your attitude toward evidence "presented with at least a grain of common sense" is just what we're looking for.

---Ye Ed

BEFORE

By Lucius Farish

The Detroit, Michigan, NEWS printed the following 1787 UFO report in the "Michigan Newsreel" column of its January 26, 1969, issue. Jean Baptiste Perrault, a French voyageur, described the phenomenon as follows:

"In the evening, the weather being calm, we were sitting outside the door of the tent. Levieu Eturgeon was with us and I was talking to him about the present weather (it was September), remarking on the beautiful season, and looking at the heavens, when at that moment there appeared on the horizon in the east, a terrifying phenomenon in the form of a serpent which moved, filling the air with a blinding light, as it advanced toward the west, where it disappeared into the horizon. We were filled with terror at the sight, for we had time to consider it; it was at least five minutes in crossing the heavens. It was at least 30 rods long. I asked the old fol-avoine what he thought it was. He said that it was a bad omen, that some misfortune would befall us, that the Master of Life was vexed."

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