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A Message from Your Director

The Tri-State UFO Study Group is proud to announce the sponsorship of the THIRD ANNUAL MIDWEST UFO CONFERENCE to be held Saturday, June 17, 1972, in the Ballroom at the Holiday Inn in Quincy, Illinois. The annual MUFON meeting will convene Sunday morning, June 18, 1972, in the Executive Room. Outstanding facilities are available for meetings, lodging, and meals on the premises. Speakers already committed are JOE BRILL, Franklin Park, Ill., speaking on his specialty "UFO's Behind the Iron Curtain" and TED PHILLIPS, Sedalia Mo., with his ever popular investigation into "UFO Landing Sites and Evidence."

MUFON is pleased to announce that Hal Crawford, 3537 Ridgebriar, Dallas, Texas 75234, has volunteered to serve as Staff Artist. Hal is best known for his illustrations and co-authorship of the booklet "The Aliens" and his outstanding art work with the International UFO Bureau in

Oklahoma City.

New Field Investigators have joined MUFON in West Virginia, Tennessee, Illinois, and Louisiana. It is a pleasure to welcome such enthusiastic investigators as Joe Evinsky and Judy and Carl Tournear of Springfield, Ill., who took an active part in the October 5 sightings in that area.

Amateur Radio Operators are encouraged to "check-in" on the MUFON Network on 3.975 kHz. Please refer to the new dates and time in Ron Anderson's notice in SKYLOOK.

Walt Andrus
Director, MUFON

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Calendar of Speaking Dates

- Nov. 9 Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON, will be the guest speaker at 9:30 p.m. on KHQA, Channel 7, TV program, "Face the Tri-States." Bill Schelen, Public Relations Director for MUFON and announcer for KHQA-TV, will be one of the panel members along with Gene Terry, Moderator and Program Director, and Charles Barnum, Editor of the Quincy, Ill. "Herald-Whig."
- Nov. 10 John F. Schuessler, Director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, will speak on UFOs at the dinner meeting of the St. Louis Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication, to be held at Salem House, 9993 Manchester Blvd.
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Calendar of Speaking Dates, Continued

Nov. 17 Ted Phillips, Missouri State-Section Director for MUFON, will speak on "UFO's: Past, Present and Future" at the State Fair Community College, Sedalia, Mo., at 7:30 p.m. Slides will be shown to illustrate the lecture.

Dec. 5 Walter H. Andrus, MUFON Director, and John F. Schuessler, Missouri State Director of MUFON, will speak Sunday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. in the Star Chamber of the McDonnell Planetarium in Forest Park, St. Louis, Mo. Slides will be shown with the lectures on UFOs. The meeting is sponsored by the Planetarium Educational Department and tickets (\$2.50) will be on sale at the door. Tickets may be obtained in advance by writing the Planetarium.

John F. Schuessler gave a lecture and slide presentation before a joint meeting of the St. Louis Astronomical Society and the UFO Study Group, with about 60 people attending, Oct. 15th. Joining Mr. Schuessler for a panel of a lively question and answer period were: Mrs. Rosetta Holmes, of Carlyle, Ill.; Leo Wicklinski, and Dr. Willard P. Armstrong, of St. Louis; all MUFON members.

Thomas Nichol, MUFON State-Section Director, of Leawood, Kansas, recently addressed the Kansas City, Mo. Astronomy Club and appeared on Channel 9 TV with his illustrated UFO lecture.

Mark R. Herbstritt, MUFON Astronomy Director for Pennsylvania, was guest speaker at the regular 6 p.m. dinner meeting of the St. Marys (Pa.) Rotary Club recently. He presented a slide program based on the stars, satellites and other celestial bodies as they are viewed through high powered telescopes and long range cameras and invited all to view the heavenly bodies through his own telescope at his home at 967 Theresia Street. (Editor's Note: Following his appointment as State-Section Director to MUFON, Mr. Herbstritt wrote a letter, which was published in the St. Mary's "Daily Press," commenting briefly on the history of UFOs, mentioning his MUFON appointments and asking all to report UFO sightings to him.)

Notice to Staff Please continue to report lectures, radio and TV appearances, other speaking engagements etc. as far in advance as possible so our readers, living in areas involved, may get the word in time. Remember, the 20th of THIS month is always the deadline for copy for NEXT month's issue of SKYLOOK which should reach all readers by the first of the month, date of issue. Copy for the December issue must reach us by November 20th. A day late is too late. --Ye Ed.

MUFON Member Goes Behind the Iron Curtain

We have just learned that Joe Brill, who is doing our series on "UFOs Behind the Iron Curtain," is now touring Europe on a "UFO vacation," visiting his correspondents in Yugoslavia, Roumania and Czechoslovakia and gathering further information for his speech at the next MIDWEST UFO CONFERENCE to be held in Quincy, Ill., June 17, 1972. UFO reports from the Iron Curtain countries are notably hard to obtain and Mr. Brill's lecture at the Conference will be a big drawing card.

Many business firms set up vacation schedules the first of the year--plan now to ask for yours so as to allow travel time (if needed) to Quincy so you can be there on June 17th.

Several See UFOs Near Champaign, Ill., Oct. 6, 1971

Three unidentified flying objects were sighted by four adults and two children, ages 3 and 7, at 6:45 o'clock the evening of Oct. 6, 1971, and were observed for seven or eight minutes from the James car as it traveled at 70-80 miles per hour on I-57, south of Champaign, Ill., and going north to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. David R. James, of Carlyle, Ill., and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Molnar and their two children, of Beckemeyer, Ill., were en route to Chicago to attend the funeral of a relative. The sun had set and there were scattered grey clouds in the sky.

Mrs. James reports her grandson was first to see an unusual object in the sky and called out, "Look, Mom, a rocket!"

The object was round, orange-red in color "with a flare out like a jet burn." There was no red glow in the sky from the sunset. The object was seen by all as they looked out the left windows of the Dodge Polara, and it kept pace with the car as they continued on their way. The object seemed to be climbing slowly into the western sky, passing through the scattered clouds and having the appearance of a star when last seen. The second object was thought to be a star until it was also observed to be climbing.

While all were still watching the two objects, Mr. James sighted a third object moving much faster than the first two and on a level course between the cloud layers.

They did not slow or stop their car to watch the objects and at the end of seven or eight minutes, they had disappeared from view.

Mrs. James, who made her report to our staff member, Mrs. Rosetta Holmes, mentioned knowing there are two airports in the sighting area as the two families had traveled over the road many times, but the objects did not seem to be planes or other conventional aircraft.

Editor's Note: This seems to tie in with the reports of UFOs seen in Illinois the night of Oct. 5th (see story on another page). Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON, informs us further investigation is under way and we should have more on these Illinois reports in the next issue of SKYLOOK.

Missouri Man to Edit UFO COMMENTARY

The summer edition of UFO COMMENTARY is out and editor Patrick A. Huyghe, 72 Jefferys Drive, Newport News, Virginia, announces that Allen Benz, now assistant editor, will "take over gradually with the help of some others" and copy and exchanges should be sent to him at Box 548, Tipton, Mo., 65081. Mr. Huyghe will continue as publisher for a time.

Allen Benz, a MUFON consultant and a recent graduate of the University of Missouri at Columbia, has been a serious student of ufology for many years. We know who will serve as his assistant editors, but we feel Mr. Benz should make this announcement at the time and place of his choosing. In our opinion UFO COMMENTARY has made a lot of progress in the past year and we feel it will continue to improve under the new set-up. We trust Paul Braczyk will continue to do the book reviews. They are excellent.

This ufozine is published quarterly, and we haven't heard of any change of plan. We wish you well, Mr. Benz.

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UFOs Sighted in Springfield, Ill. Area

"Illinois State Register," Springfield, Ill., Oct. 6, 1971:--Numerous sightings of unidentified flying objects were reported in the Springfield area Tuesday night.

According to the daily log of the Illinois State Police District 9, about 8:30 p.m. they received a report from Christian County of numerous UFOs in the Kincaid and Bulpitt area.

About 8:50 p.m. it was reported that a trooper and several citizens had sighted four small and two large UFOs in Christian County.

A clerk, a radio dispatcher and one trooper spotted a UFO directly west of District 9 Headquarters on I-55 south of the city. The UFO was reportedly red and white to the naked eye and yellow, red and blue-green by telescope.

An inquiry was made to Capitol Airport to see if any National Guard helicopters were on maneuvers. There weren't, apparently the airport's radar equipment didn't pick up any such objects.

State police reports also indicated a trooper in New Berlin and two troopers in the Morgan County area spotted one also. Two other troopers in the Tallula area also reported sighting a UFO. Radio traffic at District 9 indicated they were sighted in the Decatur area.

Police at Jacksonville reported seeing one object at tree-top level and a trooper in the Cantrall area also reported spotting one.

Lt. John Irlam of the Jacksonville Police Department turned in a report to the department about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday regarding the UFO sighting.

Irlam reported an object with red and green lights and lacking the white strobe light, usually seen on aircraft, was sighted moving in a southwesterly direction, and then again in a northwesterly direction.

State police said the last sighting was reported about 10:30 p.m. Credit: Joseph D. Evinsky.

Editor's Note: We held this page open, hoping for further reports, and Mr. Evinsky sent the following report by John C. Scattergood in the "Spectrum," Springfield's college newspaper, issue of Oct. 12, 1971.

Sangamon State University student John Wells, 21, is a clerk at the Illinois State Police district 9 headquarters just south of Springfield. Wells is also one of scores of police and members of the public that watched in fascination as several Unidentified Flying Objects danced around in the central Illinois skies last week. Some of the objects were reported to be at tree-top level by police officials in Jacksonville.

Wells said that he watched one object west of the state police headquarters as it hovered between 300 and 3,000 feet above the ground. To the naked eye, said Wells, the object appeared to be white with red flashes, but through a 20-powered telescope the colors changed to yellow and blue/green with red flashes.

"It appeared to be round," said Wells, "but because of the distance I couldn't estimate its size."

Wells said the object suddenly disappeared from his hand held telescope and "when I looked up it was gone." The object, said Wells, returned about five minutes later.

State police spokesmen said that one patrol car dispatched to the Kincaid area reported seeing four small objects and one large UFO at varying altitudes. One of the objects then headed towards the Springfield area, the spokesman said.

State police patrol car 22 followed another object towards Jacksonville where other police cars continued the visual observations.

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UFOs in Springfield Area, Continued

Police officials said speculation about one of the objects centered on the possibility of it being an air plane but noted the UFO's lack of motion. The Air National Guard at Capitol airport said it had no helicopters in the air at the time and "there weren't even any airplanes on the ground" under the control of the Guard in Springfield.

The University of Illinois observatory and another observatory in Oakland were contacted by the state police but said any such objects would have to be 20,000 feet in altitude before they could spot them. Police officials said the two observatories had nothing in sight.

Scott Air Force base was also contacted by the state police. The air force said that since the Project Blue Book investigation into UFO's had been discontinued there would be no military investigation of the reports.

Laboratory Finds Nothing Unusual in Analysis of "Space Junk"

In the August issue of SKYLOOK we had a report of unidentified objects falling from the sky at the Raypole farm near Greenville, Ill., in June 1971.

John F. Schuessler has sent us the laboratory report from the McDonnell Laboratory. The major constituents of Samples 1 and 2 are aluminum plus iron. Sample 3 contains aluminum alloy plus and minor constituents of manganese, magnesium, chromium, cadmium and lead.

Other tests remain but Mr. Schuessler says the tests above indicate that all the materials were common, probably "space junk."

"In summary," he states, "the material is not unusual in its constituents. Its origin remains unknown."

Ask Your Library for Books on UFOs

If you can't find the latest book on UFOs at the local news stand or book store, go to your public library. Quoting from an article by Allen Benz in the summer edition of UFO COMMENTARY, your library can obtain books not on their shelves by using the inter-library loan system.

Mr. Benz says the San Diego, California, Public Library has one of the most extensive collections of published UFO material in the United States.

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Editor's Note: As yet, we have not received our copy of this new ufozine. We hope to have a SKYLOOK review in our next issue. Good luck to Mr. Galyen, and welcome to the club.

From the Feb. 27, 1971 issue of the "Sports Post," Wellington, N. Z.

An Air Sensation of The Arctic Sixteen Years Ago Had Strange Aspects Which Called For An Investigation By A Panel Of Experts, But Details Of Their Finding Still Await Release.

DID A FLYING SAUCER CRASH HERE?

In the Norwegian Government's archives today lies a dossier which, if its contents were to be revealed, could end a long controversy--or start a new one.

They are believed to be so startling that Norway has refused to release them.

Promises that the documents would be published have not been kept, and in various quarters it is thought that the Scandinavian authorities have been persuaded by Britain and the U. S. to ban such publication. There is said to be a fear that were the reports to be made public and endorsed as the truth, wide-spread alarm might arise.

What was the occurrence which threatens to create such panic?

According to a number of investigators it was the arrival of a manned space craft from some other planet.

There have, of course, been many reports of sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) or "flying saucers," and in a number of instances the craft are stated to have landed and then flown off again.

But the Norwegian incident is unique because a reputable State Department has admitted, at least tacitly, that something exceptionally strange did land on the earth in 1952.

Seventeen years later the secret is still locked away in official files, and all efforts to discover the findings of an official inquiry into the affair appear to be baulked.

The prelude to the mystery came in May, 1952, a time of year when ice floes break away from the fringe of the Arctic and drift southwards. To minimise the threat to shipping, a number of maritime nations operate ice patrols, their task being to find the floes, watch their movements, and plot their routes.

Norway operates an ice survey around Spitzbergen, the group of islands in the Arctic Circle, by sending Norwegian Air Force flying boats on regular missions over the region.

Cruising along his set course, the pilot of a Catalina aircraft peered down at the white expanse below him, his eyes alert for dangerous floes and bergs. His mission was almost completed, and he was just about to head back towards his base, when a flash below caught his attention.

It was only momentary and was not repeated. Although the airman knew it was not a signal and was probably caused by the glint of the setting sun on a patch of snowless ice, he felt impelled to investigate.

Bringing his aircraft round in a wide circle he flew over the spot again. This time he was more puzzled. Something was lying there on the snow.

The light was fading fast, and he could not be sure, but the object looked like a crashed aircraft. The long shadows cast by the setting sun lay across the wreckage, making positive identification impossible.

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But there was only one thing to do. The airmen notified his base station of his discovery by radio.

When they heard the news, the staff at the Norwegian Air Force headquarters were also puzzled, for they had no knowledge of an aircraft being lost in the Spitzbergen area.

Nevertheless, within minutes a team of rescuers were being flown to the spot.

What they found was not divulged by the Norwegian Government until several days later. Meanwhile the newspapers pressed in vain for details.

When at last these were forthcoming, the reason for the delay was obvious.

The official news report stated that the object seen by the Catalina pilot had been located, and that it was a disc-shaped craft totally unlike any aircraft known to exist on the earth. It was a flying saucer which had made a bad landing and been wrecked so badly that it could not take off again.

This, for the moment, was all that the Norwegian authorities were willing to admit. But behind the scenes a board of inquiry was set up to look into the amazing affair.

The members, all expert aeronautical engineers and space research scientists, spent more than three years on the task assigned to them. The world's Press awaited the outcome, yet just as the board were on the point of making their pronouncement public, officialdom clamped down on the report.

Only hints of its contents have since come to light. One of the most startling points, revealed by a member of the board, was that experts who examined the wreckage were convinced that it was made of some material unknown on the earth. Not one of the scores of tests carried out had enabled it to be identified.

Was this, then the first flying saucer to be scientifically examined on our planet, or can some other reasonable explanation be given?

There has been some conjecture that the strange object was of Soviet origin, possibly an early experimental space capsule for astronauts. Yet is doubtful whether the USSR space research programme was sufficiently advanced in 1952 to have built a craft like the one which came down in Spitzbergen.

The first successful orbit of outer space by a manned craft, carried out by Major Gagarin, did not take place until nine years later.

And nobody has yet satisfactorily explained the mystery of the material used in building the Spitzbergen aircraft.

(Credit: Lou Farish)

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Report from the Burrangorang Valley in Australia

Approximately three years ago, a pilot flying a small plane over the Burrangorang Valley noticed on the ground a large metallic looking disc with a type of aerial protruding from the top. Startled by what he'd seen he was well past the object before his mind had registered. He circled his craft back over the clearing at which he'd seen it for a better look, only to find the mysterious disc gone. The pilot, both disturbed and puzzled by this, on returning to base arranged for himself and a friend to hike into the area and investigate.

The story goes that neither the pilot or his friend were ever seen again. A search party was sent out by the army and they also lost two men.

Rumours of strange happenings came out of the Burrangorang Valley for years, and Frank W. H. Wilks, U. F. O. I. C. Research Officer, of 89 Fowler St., Camperdown, NSW, organized an expedition to go into the Valley, and this report is written from his lengthy report in the June-July issue of the U.F.O.I.C. Newsletter (P. O. Box E170, St. James, Sydney, Australia).

Wilks, Martin Brawbridge and Barry French, all UFOIC investigators, Big Wayne, a car dealer, and Garry Search, a song writer, set out at 3 a.m. on the 19th of December 1970 with guns, knives, food, bedding, tape recorders and assorted UFO detectors in two cars. What followed was "a five hour nightmare of driving through rugged bush tracks, most of them under water." Around 8 a.m. they left their cars and began their descent into the Valley.

We omit the trials of the trail and resume Wilks' report after they reached the Valley and ate a meal by the light of their campfire.

Wilks wrote: "The night proved to be black as pitch and long indeed. . . and by 4:30 a.m. only Martin, Garry and myself remained awake. We decided that having lasted this far, we'd move our bedding down on the beach in front of the fires, have a cup of coffee and watch for another hour.

"Then it began! Martin and Garry began to see blinking lights on the mountainside directly ahead of us and on the far side of the clearing we had named 'the landing strip.' As we strained to see the lights again, 3 brief red streaks like tracer bullets crossed our line of vision. These were approximately 200 feet high at about a 30 degree angle from where we sat. Then as we moved our heads to follow their trajectory a blood red light appeared just above where the two mountains met. The red light though did not go on and off, but opened and closed as would the shutters of a camera. We were wide awake now and talking excitedly about the phenomena, determined to remain vigilant as long as possible. As if hearing us, the sky became overcast with dark heavy clouds only occasionally leaving a break in the firmament to let a star or two peep through. The wind that brought them though seemed to be on our side and set to work blowing the black monsters from our sight.

"Just as the sky began to clear a brilliant white star like object cut a path through the low clouds, followed by a long smokey coloured slightly tapering tail flecked with what looked like glitter. Moving slowly enough for us to wake the others, Barry at least saw it. It didn't crash or explode, but just seemed to hang there in the sky under the clouds drifting slower than a bird in flight. Suddenly it just went out. At no time did the tail diminish or the head expand or contract. The whole thing, trail and all, just went out in an instant.

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Report from the Burragorang Valley - Continued

Looking back to where it had come from, we found the path it had cut through the clouds still clearly discernible, and so it remained for some time."

At last the sky cleared and after some discussion of what they had seen, Wilks and French took the last shift while the others bedded down for another nap.

Wilks' report continues. "I had settled down under a tree and as I lay looking up at the stars through the branches, thinking of the many wonderful sights we'd seen, I thought I saw a star moving, but put it down to my blinking eyes or the movement of the leaves. Still it continued to move. That's when I started to yell! Next it turned a 90 degree angle moving slowly towards Taurus. Wide awake again, I found myself running down the beach yelling and pointing and gathered everyone was doing the same from the noise around me. A strange thing happened then. It stopped at the second star on the left leg of Taurus, so that we couldn't distinguish one from the other. We sat down by the smouldering remains of our fire and waited for it to move. Half an hour later we gave up. That was as much as we three could take without sleep."

Apparently nothing else happened, and several hours later, Barry had coffee ready and after a leisurely breakfast, the group broke camp and made the tiring journey back to their cars and finally, home.

We can't believe our friends "Down Under" will be satisfied to let it go at that, and we'll be looking for further reports of the strange happenings in the Burragorang Valley.

Blinding Flash is a Mystery

The source of that "blinding blue flash" that dozens of Rochester area residents saw last night, apparently will forever remain a mystery. City and Irondequoit police who received several calls about it, could only guess at the cause. An aerial photographer, surmised one. A power failure, theorized another.

But the Rochester Gas & Electric Corp. said that they had no outages, even though an airport traffic controller reported a "fluctuation in power" in one of the airport navigational aids immediately after the flash shortly before 1 a.m. That fluctuation could have been caused by "any number of things," and RG&E spokesman said. "But our facilities were not affected and we showed no loss of power."

A spokesman for the Strasenburgh Planetarium said that it could have been a meteor, or perhaps a spotlight that was being used last night. He said the planetarium had not received any calls about it. Source: Rochester, N. Y. "Times Union," August 17, 1971. Credit: W. F. Christain.

Have Humanoids Been Seen in the Midwest?

According to Hayden C. Hewes (and others) humanoids have been seen in the Midwest. Mr. Hewes spoke on "The Alien Intruders" at the 1971 Midwest UFO Conference held in St. Louis in June, and several pages are devoted to three case histories in his entire lecture given in the book "Conference Proceedings." Send \$3.00 for your copy to: UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc., Box 9, O'Fallon, Mo., 63366. All Conference lectures--and other UFO-related material--appear in this book. Why not order an extra copy as a Christmas gift for a friend.

The gentleman who did the translation for me told me he was very surprised to see such a story appear in the Bulgarian press. "Pogled" is the official publication of the Bulgarian Communist Party, and he informed me that UFO's are never mentioned in such publications. There must have been a great deal of pressure and many reported observations for them to give one entire page of this official organ of the party to this sighting. --Joe Brill.

"Pogled" April 17, 1967, Sofia Bulgaria:

SATELLITE TRACKING OBSERVATORY AT STARA ZAGORA REPORTING

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Statements of the Witnesses Scientific Opinions

This is how history is made; with a good dose of emotion. Our time and life requires it that way. It is possible that the significance of this could be explained with some new form or idea of psychology. That is how we can explain that a puzzle has become an object of scientific investigation.

In fact, that is our story. It all began on April 6th, when citizens and the scientists at the Stara Zagora observatory reported sighting an "Unidentified Flying Object" for approximately forty-five minutes over the city. That is how it happened. Everyone seems to have seen the "Unidentified Object" and all of the witnesses narrated their stories. And why shouldn't they?

Now, that we have awakened your curiosity we shall present the secret of the unknown.

Statements of the witnesses:

STEFAN STOINOV - "It was a bright triangular object, with indented sides of the triangle. It could not have been mistaken for an airplane or for a satellite, which we often observe through our telescope. This is how the object appeared." (See sketch No. 1)

NIKOLAI DUSKOV - "I spotted it through the telescope of the observatory. It had a triangular form. It moved from West toward the East. I followed it for more than forty minutes. Finally it grew pale and disappeared." (See sketch No. 2)

ANTOANETA NIKOLOVA - "This bright object appeared to me as a triangle with a blazing trail. I observed it with the naked eye from the street. Everyone was looking at it. It was seen after seven p.m. in the evening and looked like this." (See sketch No. 2) Editor's Note: the three sketches all show a triangular shaped object rising to a center peak.

IVAN TODOROV - "I noticed this strange object, from the street around seven p.m. It had the appearance of a purple-red disc with yellowish edges. It remained stationary over the city for more than a half of an hour."

YORDANKA STOYANOV from Chirpan - "It happened just before sundown. It was a spherical shaped object which emitted a yellow-redish light. The peasant woman who was with me said that she thought it probably was an airplane, but this object stayed there in one place a very long time."

IVAN BELINSKI - "To me it appeared as three bright dots put together."

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UFOs Behind the Iron Curtain - Continued

MARGARITA BELINSKA, photographer at the observatory - "It had a triangular form. It appears that the object had something like a trail."

YORDAN SARIVANOV - "I noticed this on April 6th in the evening hours. It remained for a long time above Chopolar. Later it followed the direction of the river and finally disappeared. It must have been three polyethylene balloons released by the DOSO."

And so on and so on. Practically anyone, who bothered to look up into the sky saw it. An appearance with many unanswered questions. But the facts are true and it is reasonable to hear what the observers saw. The specialists also have something to say on this matter.

AT THE OBSERVATORY. The observatory is located on the fourth floor of the science building. To get to the terrace, where the observation was made, one must go through a narrow passage. From this terrace the students at the observatory, or more accurately the station for the observation of the scientific satellites from the USSR, noticed the "Unidentified Flying Object." It created a confusion which could only happen during a fire. One can realize by reading the daily log as recorded by the students Stefan Stoykov, Nikolai Duskov, Stefan Novkov and Ekaterine Paskalova. It states that the observation was made about 6:30 p.m., that an object was seen in the westerly direction, and how it could not be identified as an airplane or a satellite. The photograph was taken with a film of 27 dins. Since, the unidentified object was not seen through the visor of the camera, it was difficult to take a photograph of it. Some efforts were made to determine the position of this UFO in the sky. It was determined that the angular speed was 3.17 minutes for 1 second.

MITKO GOGOSHEV, physicist - "I am skeptical about the whole thing. Much is spoken and written these days about the "flying saucers." If I had not seen it above the city I would not have believed that it actually appeared as has been recorded. I arrived at the station about 7:00 p.m., just before sunset. I noticed all the commotion. Everyone was watching a bright triangular object, which moved over the sky from West to East. I could see right away that it was no satellite. A satellite looks much differently than what I was looking at. I was particularly struck by the form of this object. It appeared to me as a triangle with indented sides. But that changed later. ."

The physicist was obviously restrained and yet he appeared very excited.

POGLED : "Would you say it was a meteorological balloon?"

GOGOSHEV - "A balloon has a spherical form. Besides this, it moves upward vertically. It is too bad we did not obtain any quality pictures. The one you are looking at was taken before the sun set, and it is not very clear. (See attached photograph that was published with this article.) [Editor's Note: The photograph showed a triangular object, at a slight angle in the sky, with the wide base and a point (slightly "open") at the top.]

A similar opinion was expressed by a Doctor of physical science, Dr. Stoycho Panchev, from the University of Sofia: "I have learned about the Stara Zagora sighting the other day. I find it extremely interesting. It is but one chapter of the scientific investigation of space, which is being carried on in many centers these days. There are many balloons released to probe the upper atmosphere, but I have never heard of any triangular balloons."

What type of conclusion can we draw from all of this?

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UFOs Behind the Iron Curtain -- Continued

Nothing concrete from the point of a positive explanation. Regardless, what this object was, it was recorded and documented on film. It can generate a considerable argument and discussions and it will give raise to some interesting ideas. The most important thing is that all of the facts have been taken into consideration and interpreted correctly as presented here.

Tamara Dzedzeva
Emil Hristov

BEFORE

By Lucius Farish

A series of older UFO sightings from the files of Lou Farish.

St. Petersburg, Florida, TIMES, July 6, 1947.--Now comes a former naval officer to report a queer thing he saw on a radar screen in the Pacific during the summer of 1945.

E. L. Wells, Magnolia Hotel, then Lt. J.G., aboard the Salamana (CVE 96), an escort aircraft carrier, was interceptor officer. Around 11 o'clock in the morning, while south of Okinawa, he said he and his group were disturbed by the appearance of a "blip" on the screen that appeared to be traveling toward them at a terrific rate of speed.

"Of course, we couldn't distinguish any shape but the object was traveling at about 1,000 miles an hour," Wells said.

"It was moving on a course of zero one zero, coming in from the direction of Formosa and traveling toward Japan. We thought at first it was a Baka bomb but it was too fast for that."

"We just braced ourselves and waited for it to hit. Then, after tracking it to just a few miles from the ship, as the radar made another sweep, we lost it."

"We never heard another thing about it but we wondered a lot what it was. Now, with all these stories about flying saucers, (it) made me think of it again. . . " (Credit: J. L. Aldrich)

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AIRSHIP INVENTOR

Clinton A. Case Claims
to Have One

Best Authorities on Aerial Navigation
Indorse His Plans

Omaha, Nebr., April 26.--Some time since the directors of the Transmississippi exposition received a note signed "A. C. Clinton," requesting an option on ground sufficient to fly an airship daily from the exposition grounds. The writer admitted that the name signed was not his own, but declared that he was the man who had been sailing an airship in this locality recently, and explained that he desired to conceal his identity temporarily. It caused much comment, and an investigation was instituted.

It has resulted in the discovery that Clinton A. Case is probably the inventor. Case is an inventor by nature, and a violin maker by necessity. He went to Kansas City some time since. Before going he exhibited his invention, under a pledge of secrecy, to Alva J. Grover, the well-known civil engineer of Omaha. Case had evidently signed his name backward to the communication addressed to the exposition directors. Some time before leaving Omaha Case exhibited to Grover plans of a craft designed for navigating the air, together with drawings of a propelling engine the like of which the engineer had never before seen.

After a careful study of the blueprints of Mr. Case's machine, Mr. Grover declared himself of the opinion that an airship or aeroplane built upon those lines would be able to navigate the air, providing resistance to air currents and steering gear were in relative proportions to the lifting capacity of the plane.

A remarkable feature of this air navigator was the propelling engine which, owing to the construction of the plane, must be, of necessity, holding great power within small space. Case's plans showed that after the first 300 pounds of weight every horse power could be secured by each additional three pounds weight of engine, the whole power for carrying 1,800 pounds could be secure within the space of an ordinary office desk. Naptha was to be used instead of coal--being easily carried in tanks at the bottom of the plane.

The plane itself, of an entirely original design, was the result of many years of experimenting. Its framework was to be of bamboo, which the inventor had found to be the strongest as well as the lightest material available. Thirty-foot wings of bamboo covered with silk extended outward and downward on each side of the body of the ship, the latter having somewhat the appearance of a boat's keel, tapering upward toward the front.

(Don't miss the concluding article, next month)

THE ASTRONOMY CORNER

The November Sky (By Ted Phillips)

Venus, appearing as a brilliant evening object, may be seen just after sunset; it sets at about 6 p.m. CST on November 1st and at 6:30 p.m. December 1st. Mars, becoming fainter with each month, is still a bright reddish-orange object in the southern sky. It sets at 12:40 a.m. Nov. 1st and at midnight Dec. 1st. Jupiter may be seen for only a brief period after sunset. It sets in the south-southwest. Saturn is seen throughout the evening, rising at about sunset.

The Constellations. No. 12 Pisces (The Fish) By Mark Herbstritt

Pisces culminates on November 11 at 9 p.m. This constellation covers a large area but the brightest star is of 3rd magnitude. The point at which the zero hour line crosses the equator--the vernal equinox--is found south of the star Omega Piscium, in the part of the constellation known as the western fish. The part of the sky in which Pisces is located has been regarded as the sea of the heavens by many ancient civilizations. The Persians, Babylonians, Turks and the Greeks pictured the area as containing 2 fish. The fish conception may have come from the fact that this was the season when, in ancient Egypt, the fish were fattest and easiest to catch. Conventional drawings of this constellation show two fishes, one to the north and the other to the west, tied together by a long piece of ribbon attached to their tails. Pisces now contains the point at which the sun seems to cross the equator on its way north to bring Spring to the northern hemisphere.

Chance of Life on Jupiter

An article in the "Arkansas Democrat," Oct. 12, 1971, out of the Space Center in Houston, quotes Dr. Cyril Ponnamperuma of the University of Maryland as saying there is a chance that simple life forms surround the planet Jupiter.

Jupiter, largest planet in our solar system and more than 10 times the size of Earth, has long been thought to be completely adverse to the evolution of life. The planet's atmosphere consists of ammonia, hydrogen, methane and water with possibly some helium. Pressures beneath an outer atmospheric shell of ammonia ice crystals increase to 200,000 times that of Earth's atmosphere and temperatures are very high.

A laboratory experiment simulating the conditions in the atmosphere of Jupiter produced a "primordial soup" which "naturally would go toward life," Dr. Ponnamperuma told scientists at a recent meeting. An electrical spark, simulating lightning in Jupiter's atmosphere, triggered the production of the complex "soup." Laboratory compounds created by the simulated Jovian conditions were a dark red. Astronomers have noted a large area of a similar color on Jupiter.

Ponnamperuma said if life did evolve on Jupiter from this red broth it would be in the form of microbes that are capable of living suspended in the atmosphere. Evolution, he said, probably would cease and not lead to creation of intelligent life. (Credit: Lou Farish)

Tiny Moon Part of Earth's System

A small quasimoon only a mile or two in diameter is linked to the earth and the moon in a three body team of celestial objects orbiting the sun; Nobel prize-winning physicist Hannes Alfvén reports in the Oct. 9th issue of "The New York Times." Although the little moon,

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Astronomy Corner, continued

named Toro, was discovered in 1964, computer calculations showing that it is locked into a "triplet system" with the earth and the moon were reported only last month at a Nobel conference in Stockholm.

Toro was discovered by Samuel Herrick, an astronomer at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Toro orbits the sun in an elliptical path that is inside the earth's orbit part of the time and outside it part of the time. It circles the sun exactly five times for every eight times the earth orbits the sun. It travels to within 9.3 million miles of earth in 8-year cycles. Its next close visit is expected in August 1972.
(Credit: John F. Schuessler)

Water Detected on Moon

Geysers of water vapor have been detected erupting through cracks in the moon, providing scientists with the first evidence that pools of water may be present beneath the otherwise dry and barren lunar landscape.

Scientists at Rice University in Houston announced Oct. 15th that Apollo instruments left on the moon detected the moon geysers March 7 on the eastern rim of the moon's Ocean of Storms. The eruption lasted 14 hours and coincided with a series of small moon-quakes. The cloud of water vapor spread to cover an area of some 100 square miles. Other lesser geysers have apparently been identified also but the data on them are not yet conclusive.

Dr. John W. Freeman, Jr. and Dr. H. Kent Hills, the Rice University physicists who reported the moon water, called it one of the most exciting discoveries yet from any of the scientific stations placed on the moon by Apollo astronauts.

"This indicates," Freeman said, "there is possibly liquid water in the subsurface of the moon. In my opinion this represents a potential benefit and we could tap this source of heat, energy and water if the day comes when Congress and NASA see fit to establish a permanent lunar base." (Source: "The Kansas City Times," Oct. 16, 1971)

Telescope's New Transmitter to Bring Planets "Closer"

The world's largest radio telescope is being beefed up with new equipment that will enable it to measure the orbits of Venus and Mercury to an accuracy of 500 feet and to map the moons of Jupiter 400 million miles away.

Heart of the new gear being added to the 1000-foot-diameter instrument at Arecibo, Puerto Rico, under a grant from the National Aeronautics & Space Administration, is a million-watt radar transmitter that will operate at wavelengths in the 10-centimeter range.

This will give the telescope new power and versatility, scientists say, and should unlock mysteries of the solar system that have so far evaded solution. After the work is completed, scientists expect to be able to map the surface of Venus with a resolution of about 10,000 feet. (Source: "Buffalo Evening News," Buffalo, N. Y. Credit: David J. Gras)

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For Sale: Astronomy books:--Hard cover, "Exploring the Moon Through Binoculars," "First on the Moon," "Mission to the Moon," "Apollo on the Moon." Paper backs:--"The Promise of Space," "Appointment on the Moon," "We Reach the Moon," and "NASA-SP-45 Fourth Manned Orbital Flight." Write for prices. Outer space maps, \$1.25 each. Mark R. Herbstritt, 967 Theresia St., St. Marys, Pa. 15857

"Gods from Outer Space," a Book Review by Clinton Curtis Williams Jr.

Editor's Note: This book was briefly reviewed by Lucius Farish in the August 1971 issue of SKYLOOK. Since then, we found time to read the book and found the account of visits to areas of the world where "archeological mysteries baffle both amateurs and professionals," fascinating reading. Whether or not you go along with the author's theories, the book is interesting and opens new avenues of conjecture--and perhaps that is all one can ask of a book based on conjecture in the first place. We asked Mr. Williams for his opinion of the book, and he gave it. And here it is:---

Erich von Daniken has a theory: "Man's acquisition of intelligence does not seem to me to have been the product of a long and tedious development. The process took place too suddenly for that. I think that our ancestors received their intelligence from the 'gods,' who must have possessed knowledge that made the whole process a rapid one."

Von Daniken's "gods," or "cosmic teachers," were, he contends in his recent book "Gods from Outer Space," intelligent beings who travelled, deliberately it seems, to planet Earth in order to educate the indigenes, who until the intercession of the "gods" felt no shame because of their abysmal intellectual prowess, such was their ignorance. Our ancestors were just plain dumb, and too dumb to realize it. How much we have progressed since the arrival of the teaching gods is clearly indicated on pages 21-22 of the present book, at which point the author attempts to come to terms with an abstract scientific concept in order to support his argument that our technology will soon duplicate those interstellar vehicles utilized by our "cosmic teachers."

Von Daniken summarizes the Einsteinian theory of relativity, to remind his readers and himself that a mass increases with its acceleration. He then summarizes the Feinberg hypothesis of "tachyons," theoretical particles which, von Daniken relates, "move infinitely fast, but become slower as they approach the speed of light." Or, they slow down when they slow down.

Von Daniken then supposes it will be possible to "capture tachyons or produce them artificially" (somehow overcoming the problem that the particles do not in fact exist) and transform them into "propulsive energy for spaceships."

A spaceship, then, propelled by the non-existent tachyons, could travel "a hundred, a thousand times faster than light?" Somehow overcoming the problem that at the speed of light the spaceship would have infinite mass, which would be one hell of a load for even the speedy non-existent tachyons to push.

However, von Daniken feels that such a vehicle is practicable. If the author of "Gods from Outer Space" offers himself and his logicless flaws as an example of the intelligence imparted to mankind by "cosmic teachers," a refresher course is long past due.

The book is available from G. P. Putnam's Sons, 200 Madison, New York, N. Y. 10016 for \$5.95. 191 pages, text illustrations and 16 pages of photographs.

Corrections. The name "Beulah Herman" (see Chop-Chop in October issue) should have been Beulah Wilderman. The address given for NICAP (same page) was incorrent and should be Suite 801, 1730 Rhode Island Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036. Sorry we goofed--and thanks to our staff members who caught the errors and sent corrections.

In last month's column, I stated that the October issue of SAGA was then unavailable to me. I've now had a chance to read the UFO article printed in that issue, but I have few comments to make. The article, by Otto Binder, deals with possible mental control by UFO occupants. While not denying this as a possibility, it does seem as though "speculation" is the keyword in all such expositions.

The November issue of SAGA contains two articles which will be of interest to Ufolks. The first concerns a strip of movie film of a UFO which was taken in Australia in 1969. The article traces the analyses performed on the film and the subsequent conclusions concerning it. The second article is a report on the various "spook lights" which have been seen for many years in different areas of the country. Whether or not they have any connections with UFOs, such mystery lights are a fascinating study in themselves.

And here's another "spook light" item which might be of interest: In 1922 the U. S. Geological Survey sent a geologist, George R. Mansfield, to the vicinity of Brown Mountain, N. C., to study the strange lights which have been reported there since at least the turn of the century. Recently, Mansfield's report has been reissued and is available, free of charge, from the U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C. 20242. Ask for Geological Survey Circular 646, "Origin of the Brown Mountain Light in North Carolina." You may not agree with Mansfield's conclusions, but the booklet does contain some interesting information.

The NATIONAL ENQUIRER has again featured UFO material in two of its recent issues. The October 17 issue contained the story of a UFO sighting in England on August 16. Photographs were taken, all but one of which were suppressed by the British Defense Ministry. The ENQUIRER of October 31 told of a July 22 sighting by New Jersey policemen.

Eero Mäkinen reports on Finland's recent UFO flap in the October issue of ARGOSY. He tells of sightings, radar trackings, car chases and landings, as well as mentioning "four credible cases of UFO occupant sightings" during February, 1971. One of the better articles to see print in recent months.

John A. Keel's new paperback, OUR HAUNTED PLANET, is now on sale. Although not a UFO book, per se, Ufology and Keel's "ultraterrestrial" concept forms the basic theme of the book, along with discussions of lost continents, archaeological enigmas, disappearing people and other mysteries. Although it is not difficult to find errors in Keel's data, one must give him credit for setting forth his "UTH" a bit more clearly and concisely than he has done in his previous books and articles. In saying this, it should not be assumed that Keel's theories are totally acceptable in their present form. I, for one, don't agree with all of them and I do think they are open to criticism. Nevertheless, Keel is an interesting writer and you will doubtless find OUR HAUNTED PLANET of interest, whatever you may think of Keel's ideas. It is available from Fawcett Publications Inc., 1 Aster Plaza, N. Y., N. Y. 10036. The book number is T2469; the price is 75¢.

Editor's Note: A review of "Our Haunted Planet" by Clinton Curtis Williams will appear in the December issue of SKYLOOK.

A Catalog of Missouri UFO Cases: 1857 - 1970 Ted Phillips

When writing Mr. Phillips, refer to the file number of the case.

No.	File #	Date	Location	Time	Description	Rating
213	146	6-5-69	St. Louis	1730	meteor-like objects	C
214	147	7-19-69	Sedalia	2300	several wit., object below cloud	B
215	159	7-30-69	Imperial	2100	3 witnesses, bright light	D1
216	149	7-?-69	Sedalia	-	close range, several wit.	D1
217	154	8-2-69	Camdenton	-	white, flashing object, 2 witnesses	B
218	155	8-6-69	Jefferson City	2125	meteor-like, police wit.	D
219	156	8-12-69	Osage Beach	0630	2 hours, silver disc, sev. wit.	B
220	182	8-23-69	Sedalia	-	night, yellow light, hover	D1
221	171	8-31-69	Stover	-	orange, animal reaction	B
222	188	9-26-69	Boonville	2230	2 wit., close, excellent	B
223	202	10-1-69	Manchester	2300	2 wit., hovered	B
224	174	10-9-69	Nevada	-	meteor-like object, night	D
225	175	10-9-69	Whiteman AFB	-	hovered near landing strip	D1
226	187	10-9-69	Springfield	-	green object, meteor-like	C
227	177	10-17-69	Palmyra	-	daylight, 2 wit., near ground	B
228	178	10-18-69	Stover	-	3 wit., close range	D1
229	201	10-19-69	Clark Nat. Forest	0530	3 wit., on or near ground	B
230	190	10-21-69	Columbia	-	-	D1
231	198	11-5-69	Edina	-	daylight, disc, 3 wit.	D1
232	200	11-12-69	St. Louis	2300	2 wit., white object	D1
233	224	11-19-69	Cedar Gap	-	possible hoax	D
234	189	11-22-69	Clarksburg	-	8 wit., 2 lights hovered	B
235	225	12-13-69	Kohoka	-	2 wit., R., W. & Y. lights	D1

(To Be Continued)

Missouri Man Reports 1966 Sighting

Richard Melson, of Coldwater, Mo., writes: "On the last Saturday of September 1966 at about 4 a.m. my daughter and I were returning home to Coldwater from St. Louis where we work on a night shift.

"As we neared the turn-off on a gravel road 2 miles from home, I observed what appeared to be a satellite moving from east to west. My daughter agreed it must be a satellite, but as we turned up the gravel road, it moved towards the earth. When we first observed the object, it was about the magnitude of Venus. It became larger and larger as it neared the earth until finally it looked almost like the moon, perfectly round. It was quite bright..

"The entire valley was just as bright as it would have been under a full moon. As it came down slowly, we stopped on a little rise in the road and watched. After we left the rise, we lost sight of the UFO and could find no trace the next day.

"The surface had the appearance somewhat like billowing white smoke with a bluish haze or halo all around the outer edge.

"When I returned to St. Louis, I called the Planetarium, but they didn't seem interested, so I didn't try to report the sighting to anyone else."

PATTERNS
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Case 1. August 13, 1970, 10:50 PM, Near Haderclev, Denmark. Witness Police Officer Evald Hansen Maarup was driving home in his patrol car when suddenly the car was surrounded by a bluish-white light, and the car engine stalled. The car headlights went out. The light from the object was neonlike. The 2-way radio failed. No sound was heard from the object. After the cone of light disappeared into a hole on the bottom of the object, the car's electrical system returned to normal. Source: UFOLOG--No. 76.

Case 2. Gold River, Vancouver Island, Canada, Dec. 1, 1968. A bus driver and four other witnesses saw a bluish-white light in the sky. The bus driver claimed that his bus engine stalled when the light flew over. The object looked like a mercury vapor light, and the light appeared as a beam slanting down from a dark shape. As the object moved farther up the valley, the driver was able to start his bus. There had been no sound as the object lit up the trees below as it passed over.

In both cases a bluish-white light allegedly stalled the engines of the vehicles involved. Just two of the many UFO sightings with EMF effects on automobiles.

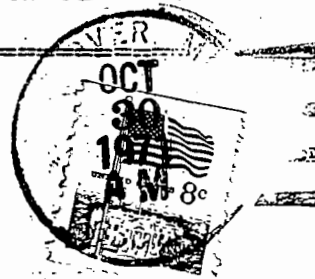
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