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SCIENTISTS....

Appalled by the suffering of the children, and others, in Africa...caused by the horrible drought there...I've been begging the Si's (UFO's) for months to allow me to give rain to Africa, even though I could find no way to go there in person. Finally, two weeks ago, while I was in Las Vegas...they agreed. So I will now begin working with my other-dimensional powers, as well as my UFO friends...to provide rain to Africa and break the drought there...and try and save the 13 million people that the experts project will die if the rain is not forthcoming. But...the rest of the World Drought...is very much on!

~~Owens~~
PK MAN

NASA engineer sees spacemen in Bible

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — An engineer who helped develop the Skylab, space shuttle and Saturn 5 rocket says he believes beings from outer space landed on earth 2,600 years ago using equipment more advanced than anything man can have within the next 20 years.

During 18 months of working in his spare time, Josef F. Blumrich said he applied space technology to the Old Testament text of Ezekiel and came

up with engineering drawings of what a craft described by the Hebrew prophet looked like and how it moved about.

"It all started in the fall of 1970 when I got a German version of Erich Von Daniken's 'Chariot of the Gods?' and was convinced it was the same old nonsense," he said.

"When I came to the passages about Ezekiel I put Von Daniken's book away and took one of my Bibles. I told my wife,

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"I will show you where he is wrong!"

But, to his surprise, Blumrich — chief of the Systems Layout Branch of the Marshall Space Flight Center — saw things that made sense to him:

"In chapter one, Ezekiel speaks at length about the structure. It just so happens that I have myself designed such things here."

From a modern English translation of the Bible, here is part of the passage to which he refers:

"One day late in June when I was 30 ... the heavens were suddenly opened to me.... I saw in this vision, a great storm coming toward me from the north, driving before it a huge cloud glowing with fire, with a mass of fire inside that flashed continually; and in the fire there was something that shone like polished brass.

"Then, from the center of the cloud, four strange forms appeared that looked like men except that each had four faces and two pairs of wings.... And beneath their wings I could see human hands."

Fans see UFO

BATON ROUGE, La. (UPI) — An unidentified flying object, flashing blue and red beams of light, hovered briefly over Louisiana State University's football stadium before 67,000 spectators Saturday night and disappeared.

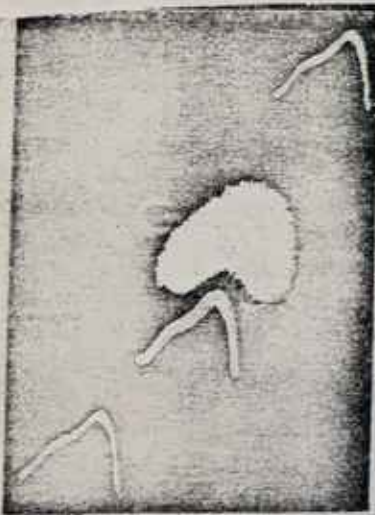
State police said a division of troopers was sent to track the object, which sports commentators said had been maneuvering in the sky and "appeared to be trying to land."

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SEVERAL YEARS AGO I ASKED THE SI'S, AND DOCUMENTED IT, TO APPEAR OVER A FOOTBALL FIELD SOMEWHERE IN THE U.S. AT HALLOWEEN TIME!

NOTICE, THEY HAVE JUST DONE THIS, AT APPROX. HALLOWEEN TIME (OCT. 21).

OWENS



—Photofax

Odd lights

A photographer for a Columbus, Ohio newspaper took this picture of four strange lights in the sky last week. Area lawmen reported over 150 calls from persons who saw the lights.

UFO's are sighted in Ohio

DAYTON, Ohio (UPI) — At least 16 sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) were reported within about 12 hours in this southwestern Ohio area, during the night, including one photographed by a policeman, authorities said Thursday.

"They would be behind the trees and come up and fly away...as if you startled it or

something," said Montgomery County sheriff's deputy Michael Sullivan. "No balloon, helicopter or kite can move that fast or has that many lights attached or can go so quickly in a straight up direction."

Sullivan said the first sighting was reported at about 8 p.m. Wednesday, the latest in a host of claimed UFO spottings in several parts of the country.

Real UFOs Behind Laughter: Physicist

MIAMI (UPI)—Stanton Friedman is a 39-year-old nuclear physicist and space scientist who believes that flying saucers are real and visit us from planets outside our Solar System.

Friedman said many of his colleagues in the scientific community also believe in UFO's, but most won't admit it openly because of the "laughter curtain" of ridicule surrounding the subject.

"Most people who refuse to acknowledge the existence of UFO's as manned flights from outside our Solar System do so because they don't want to bruise their egos," Friedman said.

"Man has always fought the notion that he's not the master of the universe, and to admit the existence and reality of UFO's is to admit there is a superior intelligence somewhere in the Solar System."

Friedman, a frequent UFO lecturer whose 14 years of work in nuclear physics has included the Pioneer 10 Jupiter probe, said a 1971 poll by "Industrial Research" Magazine showed that 54 per cent of the 2,700 professional

engineers and scientists surveyed believe that UFO's "definitely or probably" exist.

"This certainly disproves the notion that only little old ladies in tennis shoes believe in UFO's," said Friedman, who has his bachelor's and master's degrees in physics from the University of Chicago and has worked for Westinghouse in its astronuclear laboratory at Pittsburgh, Aerojet General Nucleonics near San Francisco, and General Electric's Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion Department at Cincinnati. He is a member of a number of professional societies.

"It's ridiculous that a person who would make a perfectly reliable witness in court suddenly becomes unreliable and ridiculed when he reports a UFO sighting.

"It's time we lifted the laughter curtain surrounding UFO's, get scientists into the act, and get the kooks out," Friedman said.

"I believe it's time we mustered the top scientific talent in this country, spent some money, and began a hard scientific study to prove the existence of UFO's

as extra-terrestrial vehicles and obtain information of real use in the development of advanced propulsion systems for use on this planet."

Friedman objects to the "unidentified flying object" label

being hung on all strange flying vehicles.

"I like to think of UFO's as earth excursion modules, or EEM's, since the reports indicate many analogies with our own lunar excursion modules,"

he said.

"In both instances, we have strange looking craft landing in remote areas with humanoid-looking creatures picking up samples, re-entering their craft, lifting off at high speed without

any help from local workers, and sometimes rendezvousing with a mother ship and zipping off toward another planetary body. When viewed like this, it takes some of the mystery out of the sightings," Friedman said.

UFO's keep sheriff busy

I wonder if they have suggestions!

Note: Below is not my mutation! - Owen

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HORNBEAK, Tenn. (UPI) — Sheriff Nathan Cunningham's office in Obion County is beginning to take on the aura of a traffic control center for UFOs reported zipping across northwest Tennessee skies at 100 miles an hour.

Cunningham said Sunday he personally saw three UFO's (Unidentified Flying Objects) Saturday night, including one which raced over his house glowing and humming.

He said at least 20 callers reported similar sightings.

"I saw something, and I don't know what it was," Cunningham said, "but it was sure

identified to me. It had a big bright white light in the center and it had red, green, and blue-looking lights around it.

"You couldn't tell how far away it was or how big it was. From a distance it looked like the big glow was 10 or 12 feet square."

Cunningham said he saw two UFOs hover over a Hornbeak riding ring then disappear early Saturday evening.

When he arrived at home later, Cunningham said his phone was ringing constantly. As he looked outside, a third UFO passed by.

"It was low enough that I

could hear this one," he said. "It made a humming sound that didn't sound like a plane or a helicopter.

"Just a wild guess, I'd say it was moving 100 miles an hour or better. It just zoomed right on over. It stopped over the north for four or five minutes then came back over south and finally disappeared."

George and Vickie Rogers were returning by car from Reelfoot Lake in the northwest corner of the state when they saw a piercing light.

"We had been sitting at the lake and my wife kept seeing

red and blue lights go around the lake," Rogers said. "I told her it was an airplane and we forgot about it.

"But we were coming home and I just glanced over to my left in a field and there was a six or seven foot bright red light. It was so bright I couldn't see. It lit up an acre and a half of land.

"Then the light went out and we couldn't see nothing. There were seven or eight cars on the road and they almost hit each other. I was pretty scared.

"It was about as high as the utility lines or maybe over them."

Mrs. Rogers said. "We kept watching it in the sky, and then we saw a blue light. It was larger than the big stars and the blue lights went out later. It scared me pretty bad, we didn't say much."

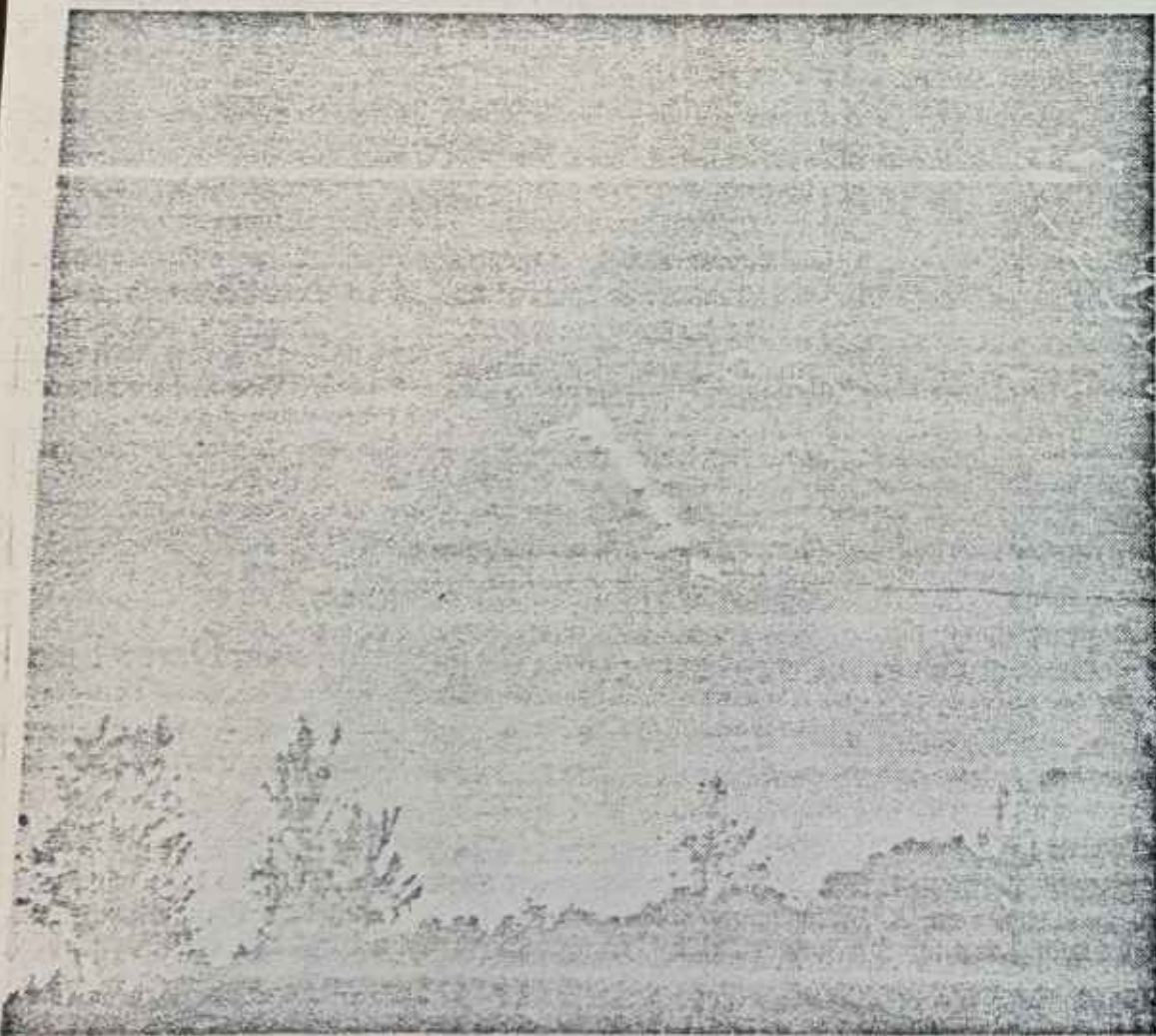
The reported sightings were the latest in a rash of such incidents throughout the southeast. Cunningham said he had been aware of earlier reports but had not paid much attention to them.

"I'd been hearing about the things, but I hadn't been paying attention," he said. "I figured it was something military and they just didn't want to tell anybody about it."

Obion County is at the Kentucky border in northwest Tennessee.

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People Saw It, But Radar Didn't

An unidentified flying object—they're now called UFOs but they used to be 'flying saucers'—lights up the sky as it hovers 8,000 to 10,000 feet over Pelham and four other south Georgia towns. The towns reported seeing it, but radar at military and civilian airports didn't

pick it up. The big streak is the 'UFO' while the smaller ones are stars caught on a one-hour time exposure. Bill Burson of the Camilla (Ga.) Enterprise said he took the picture between 5 and 6 Friday morning.

—UPI Telephoto

Missouri Man Claims UFO Blinded Him, Warped Glasses

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. —(UPI) — A physics professor investigating a reported attack on a truck driver by an unidentified flying object (UFO) said today the victim's eyeglasses were damaged by internal heat from an unknown source.

In the latest of a series of recent UFO sightings in southeastern Missouri, Eddie Doyle Webb, 45, of Greenville, Mo., was blinded for several hours after the incident. He is recovering his vision, but intends to visit an eye specialist at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis.

Webb said he was driving a tractor-trailer rig about dawn Wednesday when he saw a bright light or aluminum object in the air behind him, "coming up real fast."

He awakened his wife, Velma Mae Webb, 47, who was asleep in the cab, he said, but she didn't see anything.

"Then, I stuck my head out of the window and a large ball of fire struck me in the face," Webb said. "My glasses fell off and I couldn't see. But I got the truck stopped."

Mrs. Webb said her husband screamed, "Oh, my God! I'm burned! I can't see!"

One of the lenses of his glasses fell out of the plastic frame which was warped. Mrs. Webb, who serves as a relief driver at times, drove him to a hospital.

Sgt. Ed Wright of the Highway Patrol took Webb's glasses to Dr. Harley Rutledge, head of the Southwest

Missouri State University physics department, for an analysis.

Rutledge, who has been working for six months to attempt to identify mysterious flying objects, said he put the glasses under a microscope and "it appeared they were heated internally."

"The plastic apparently got hot and the mold came to the surface. The heat warped the plastic, causing the lense to fall out."

Rutledge said he planned more tests on the glasses. He said there appears to be "some residue which we hope to put through some chemical tests."



UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

This United Press International map shows some of the towns which have reported sightings of UFOs in recent days. Other Mid-South towns or areas include Union City, Tenn.; Blytheville, Ark.; New Albany and Holly Springs, Miss.

In Tupelo, Miss., police reported for the third consecutive night the sighting of multicolored UFOs Thursday.

The Lee County sheriff's office said two deputies told of seeing brightly lighted objects in the Tupelo area and that similar reports had come from sheriff's departments in neighboring Pontotoc and Itawamba counties.

"One of them was a rotating white and red light and another deputy saw a white light about the size of a table top with red and yellow lights behind it," a dispatcher at the Lee County sheriff's office said.

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Spider, Astrodome, Geese Zip Around

By United Press International

One looked like a spider and landed on a golf course not far from the Golden Gate Bridge. Another flashed like red lightning over the Atlantic Ocean off New Hampshire. And the Houston Astrodome flew over New Orleans.

Those tales are part of the growing number of UFO reports from coast to coast Wednesday. A university astronomer urged Congress to set up an agency to investigate the sightings.

A psychiatrist called them flights of fantasy.

But a group called the Association for the Understanding of Man, set up a circle of 92 bright lights in the hills west of Austin, Tex., as a lure.

"We hope to attract some UFOs for flybys or perhaps capture some on film," said Dwight Pryor, president of the association. "We feel probably these lights can be seen by the human eye at least from 150 miles up."

"These things sometimes run in cycles, what is known in UFO circles as flaps," he said. "There does seem to be very good evidence that an authentic flap is in progress at this time."

Gov. John J. Gilligan of Ohio Wednesday said he saw a flashing UFO while driving with his wife in Michigan earlier this week. He said it was a "vertical beam of light" and wasn't "a plane or a bird."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of Northwestern University's astronomy department, said a government agency should be set up to investigate UFO reports that "could set the stage for a panic situation" if they continue to multiply.

UFOs have been sighted in at least half the 50 states.

These are some of the reports:

● "Some frightened folks at Longview, Tex., called the sheriff's office to report strange objects landing at the local airport. Deputies said the only intruders were gaggles of snow geese that had mistaken the concrete runways for water."

● A woman in a New Orleans suburb said she saw an object that looked like the Houston Astrodome hover over her home for three nights.

● Mrs. Josephine Stevens was

driving the girls out for coffee when she said she saw a silent "flash, like red lightning" in the clouds over the ocean off Seabrook, N.H. "We were just coming from a prayer meeting and talking about the Lord coming. It kind of made you think," said the 47-year-old wife of a minister.

● At San Jose, Calif., Mrs. Ann Rodriguez said she and her daughters were out walking when they saw something land and then flashes "like someone taking pictures of us." An Oakland woman said a spider-like craft landed on a golf course near her home.

Dr. John L. Hall, a Dallas psychiatrist, said there are several answers to the UFO reports.

"First, some people are crazy. Second, some people have been known to lie," he said. "Third, they could be victims of genuine misperceptions of physical phenomena — like a mirage on the desert."

"Fourth, there may be terrestrial things that are part of the unknowability of the universe, things outside our technical knowledge and which we can't possibly know."



Circles, Hyphens Punctuate Va. Sky

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By The Associated Press

To Front Royal banker H. A. (Hank) Leonard it was "a really amazing sight," just as it was to a group of his neighbors.

"I've never seen anything like it before," said Leonard, who as a former pilot is unaccustomed to seeing inexplicable things whizzing around up in the skies — especially things that blink.

"It" was one of the latest UFOs — unidentified flying objects — reported seen over Virginia in the last few days. Such when sightings have become epidemic in parts of the nation.

The Front Royal sighting, which took place Tuesday night, was among four new ones reported in the state Wednesday. The other three were in the Roanoke area early Wednesday morning.

The objects that people reported seeing were, depending on who saw them, circular, doughnut-shaped, cone-shaped, oblong, and even "hyphen-shaped," whatever that is.

All were lit up in one fashion or another. Some blinked and some didn't. Some kept going and some stopped and started.

They came in various colors, from "reddish" to red, blue and green and red, green, and white. One was "spitting fire," but the others weren't quite so spectacular.

The Tuesday-night sighting in Front Royal appeared to be the best confirmed. The UFO first was spotted by Leonard's young son Clay as he peered through a birthday-gift telescope.

The youngster called his father, who went out skeptically but shortly saw the "amazing sight," a brilliantly lit object moving east to west that, he said, was visible a full 30 minutes.

Leonard said the UFO appeared to be about 75 to 100 miles high, stopped and started several times, and was so brightly lit in red, green, and white that its shape could not be made out precisely.

After hovering over a mountain for a while, the object whizzed away to the northwest, the banker said.

Members of several neighboring families, one of them a physician, came out to have a look and said they saw the object, too.

Leonard reported what he had seen to the air-traffic control center at Leesburg, which confirmed his telephone call.

"He's a solid, reliable man," a spokesman at the control center said. "It's interesting."

The spokesman said that there had been several reports of UFOs from people in the area from Front Royal to Washington lately but that the control center itself had observed "none that I know of."

"You get a lot of things on radar that you don't pay any attention to," he said.

The sightings Wednesday morning in eastern Roanoke County, near the Blue Ridge Mountains, were reported between 4 a.m. and 8:20 a.m.



UFO 'Ride' Really Was Terrifying

Pascagoula, Miss.

Two men who claim they were taken aboard an unidentified flying object by three creatures with crab-like hands and pointed ears definitely underwent a "terrifying experience," according to two scientists who questioned the men under hypnosis.

Allen Hynek, chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University, and James Harder of the Aero-Phenomenon Research Organization and the University of California spent several hours interviewing Charles Hickson, 42, and Calvin Parker, 18, Saturday night.

The two Mississippi men told the Jackson county sheriff's department they were fishing off an old pier on the Pascagoula river Thursday night when they saw a strange object approaching in the sky, emitting a bluish haze.

The men, reportedly "scared to death and shaking all over," told officers they were taken inside the craft by three creatures with big eyes, crab-like hands, wrinkled skin and pointed ears.

Harder said the men's experience as reflected during hypnosis was "traumatic", adding "their emotions and very strong feelings of terror are impossible to fake under hypnosis."

Hynek who was scientific consultant to Project Bluebook a study concluded by the U.S. Air Force on UFOs in 1969 said: "There is no question in my mind that these men have had a very terrifying experience. Under no circumstances should they be ridiculed. Let's protect these men."

Harder said the phenomenon has happened all over the world and seems to follow a definite pattern. "A UFO tale is an incredible tale told by credible persons" Harder said.

Although the men were able to be hypnotized Hynek said "their experience was so traumatic that it was essential to progress slowly."

Sheriff Fred Diamond said he believed "something" happened to the men because they were "scared to death and on the verge of a heart attack."

Associated Press

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More UFOs

Sandersville, Ga.

Two more unidentified flying objects appeared over South Georgia last night to keep the week-long mystery going.

Witnesses first reported a very small object in the southwest, its color changing from red to green to blue

and then to gold, moving within a small area.

Later, a second object, larger and multi-colored, was reported in the northwest. It eventually turned white and dwindled in size. Both objects were visible at the same time, witnesses reported.

United Press

New Reports Of UFOs Over Dixie

Savannah, Ga.

Authorities checked out more reported sightings of unidentified flying objects in the southeast yesterday, but quickly dispelled a fear that something from another world had fallen in a Georgia field.

The Georgia State Patrol said a glowing green cylinder found near Manchester Saturday night, shortly after several persons said they saw UFOs buzzing the area, turned out to be only a commonly used automobile trouble flare.

But reports continued to pour in, from police and civilians. Two military policemen said something dived at their car near Hunter Army Air Base south of Savannah and forced them off the road. A State Patrol trooper based in Manchester said a UFO whisked past his car, going so fast there was "no way" he could get a close look.

Police in five east central Alabama cities reported sightings early yesterday.

United Press

The Space Signals Soviets Picked Up

Moscow

Soviet scientists have picked up radio signals that could come from a technically advanced civilization. Tass reported yesterday.

The agency said the signals, which had never been heard before, came at regular intervals for a few minutes and were repeated several times a day.

They were picked up in four widely separated parts of the Soviet Union and it was clear they were not due to local disturbances, it said.

Professor Samuel Kaplan of Gorki University, where the signals were first detected, said, however, that it was too soon to be sure whether they were natural or artificial.

"It is possible," he said, "that they come from the upper layers of the atmosphere, but it is not excluded that they are sent by a technically very advanced extraterrestrial civilization. For the moment, one thing is sure — the signals do not come from satellites launched from the earth."

Agence France-Press

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South Is Besieged With UFO Reports

From Wire Dispatches

Southerners besieged in the last week by reports of UFOs have reacted in some instances by proposing an ordinance to guarantee the civil rights of extraterrestrial beings and by inviting the strange objects to a gathering in Texas.

Recent, renewed reports of UFOs — unidentified flying objects — continued late this week. Most were in the South.

In Palacios, Tex., Mayor Bill Jackson announced the first UFO Fly-In at the city's municipal airport for Sunday afternoon. He said he had never heard of anyone welcoming suspected visitors from outer space and decided to try it and see what happens.

The Ocean Springs, Miss., City Board rejected a proposed ordinance this week that would have governed and controlled "the operation of UFOs within" the city limits. Undeterred, City Atty. Oscar Jordan proposed making alien spacemen subject to city ordinances.

His proposed ordinance would make it illegal for UFOs to travel through the city at more than twice the speed of sound and declares:

"It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to discriminate against such alien beings as may be transported in UFOs because of their race, creed or color, or their national origin, or international origin, or universal origin, or any other origin."

Meanwhile, the reports of weird flying machines and weirder beings continued.

In Falkville, Ala., policeman Jeff Greenshaw said he responded to a call Wednesday night about a spaceship with blinking lights. He said he found no spaceship, but did find a metallic-looking creature in the middle of the road.

"I got out of my patrol car and said, 'Howdy, stranger,' but he didn't say a word. I reached back, got my camera and started taking pictures of him," Greenshaw said, adding the creature began running when he turned on the blue lights atop his cruiser.

"I jumped into my car and took off after him, but I couldn't even catch up with him in my patrol car," Greenshaw said. "He was running faster than any human I ever saw."

Greenshaw said the creature moved like a robot, made no sounds, had no features on its face and had a point on top of its head.

There were other sightings reported, and one was withdrawn. Police said a Gulfport, Miss., cab driver who had said earlier in the week that an alien being stopped his cab had admitted that he lied.

And in Austin, Tex., a non-profit research corporation set up a multi-colored display of flashing lights hoping to attract UFOs. The project, sponsored by the Association for the Understanding of Man, was begun Thursday night. It attracted eight carloads of interested persons the first night.

Others in widely separated parts of the country say they have seen flying objects shaped like cigars, footballs and pieces of pizza. A Georgia man claims he saw one land and outpranced two men dressed in silver.

Some were in patriotic red, white and blue. Others glowed orange and green. Almost all the UFOs people said they saw either hummed or whistled or whizzed.

UFOs in Ohio, Bay Area

Columbus, Ohio

Dozens of unidentified flying objects were reported by citizens and police officers in southern and central Ohio last night.

The objects, mostly described as orange in color, were reported in several areas including Columbus, Coshocton in east central Ohio, and in the southwestern part of the state at Middletown and Greenfield.

Two police officers in Greenfield, Ohio, chased separate unidentified objects more than five miles.

"I never believed in UFO until tonight," Sergeant Hugh Oyer said. "Some guy tried to tell me it was a star, but no star I've ever seen made a humming sound or jumped up and down in direction like that or was so near the ground."

In the Bay Area hundreds of residents saw a strange bright orange light streaking through the skies last night at about 10:20 p.m.

There were guesses as to what it was, but no definite confirmations.

Among many calls received by the Marin county sheriff's office were reports from two

deputies. Sergeant Ken Froberg saw the streak from his station in Marin City and Deputy John Brunsliek saw it from Point Reyes.

San Francisco police also received more than a dozen calls.

A spokesman at Vandenberg Air Force Base said no rockets were fired from the huge Southern California base last night, but he added there had been queries from several newsmen in the Los Angeles area, where the strange light also was observed.

There were many reports along the Peninsula, around the airport.

Early yesterday morning, a rash of reported UFO sightings swept Mississippi and southeastern Louisiana. Those sightings brought appeals for a federal investigation.

A Gulfport, Miss., taxi driver reported a blue-colored space craft stalled his cab and that a creature with crab-like claws tapped on his windshield as he crouched on the seat early yesterday.

Other sightings were reported along the Gulf Coast and at Meridian, Miss.

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Police, MPs see 'UFO' in Savannah

SAVANNAH, Ga. (UPI)—A Savannah policeman reported seeing an unidentified flying object in a residential area Saturday night a few hours after two military policemen reported another UFO forced them off the road near the Hunter Army air base.

Savannah police Cpl. John Kitchell said a policeman sent to investigate a UFO sighting by residents reported seeing "a large circular craft something like a flying saucer."

Kitchell said the officer described the craft as having "a large spotlight which changed color from red to green" as well as smaller blue flashing lights.

Spec. 4 Bart J. Burns and Spec. 4 Randy Shade said an unidentified flying object dived toward their car and forced them off the road during a routine patrol around the perimeter of the Hunter air base early Saturday.

The two military policemen said the UFO hovered near the car as they worked to free it from a ditch and then pursued them as they returned to headquarters to report the incident.

The police report said the men saw "quick flashing lights, traveling at a high rate of speed from east to west, about 2,000 feet above ground level." The military policemen said they continued their patrol and about 10 minutes later the object "came in at tree-top level and made a dive," forcing the car into the ditch.

The sighting Saturday night marked the third straight night UFOs have been reported in Chatham County. The reports have occurred almost nightly for the past 10 days over South and Central Georgia.

Dr. Ralph Buice, an astronomer at the Fernbank Science Center in DeKalb County near Atlanta, said earlier this week the objects may be man-made satellites and assorted space "junk" dropping out of earth orbit.

Buice said the decay of a satellite may produce unusual aerial phenomena for several days.

A reporter for a Savannah newspaper, Marcus Holland, also reported seeing an unidentified flying object early Saturday about 30 minutes before the sighting was reported by the military policemen.

"I was traveling at 70 miles per hour and it outran my car like it was tied to a post," said Holland. He said the object was headed toward the Hunter air field.

Late Friday night, about a dozen residents in south Savannah reported seeing an unidentified object, described as "bright yellow" in color. Witnesses said the object hovered for about three hours and then left.

Another sighting was reported by residents and police Thursday night at nearby Savannah Beach.

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Senator asks for probe into 'reckless' saucers

ATLANTA (AP) — State Sen. Franklin Sutton, D-Norman Park, has asked a Senate committee to investigate reports of flying saucers in his district.

"I feel I must ask for an investigation ... of the high incidence in flying saucer penetration into the 5th Senatorial District," Sutton said Thursday, his tongue jammed firmly in his cheek.

Sutton made his request in a letter to Sen. Culver Kidd, chairman of the Senate Committee on Economy, Reorganization and Efficiency in Government. He noted there has been a flurry of reported saucer sightings recently across much of the state.

"They have violated the airspace of Norman Park, Dorerun, Camilla, Morgan and Needmore. Not only that, they have interfered with one of our crop dusting planes," he added.

"I don't know the reasons for them being in our area,"

he continued. "It has been suggested that they were blown north of their regular routes by Hurricane Delia. Whether or not this is true, I am not in a position to say."

He added that "I feel that your committee can get to the bottom of this" and charged that "this is the most reckless bunch of saucers that we've had to contend with."

"Due to their total disregard of safe operating procedures," he wrote, "they have flown into silos on the farms of Jim Mack Odom and C. O. Smith Jr. and completely demolished them. It is also rumored that they are rustling cows and carrying them back to Mars to relieve the beef shortage there. Your immediate attention to this matter would be appreciated."

Sutton explained later that the two silos—both concrete—had actually been knocked down. "They were up one night and down the next," he said.

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They're Back in All

Colors and Shapes

By United Press International

It's red. It's blue. Sometimes it turns green. It has wrinkled skin, crab-claw hands, and pointy ears. It has a beard. It foams at the mouth. And the Russians say it may be trying to say howdy.

It has been seen down by the old fishing hole at Pascagoula, Miss., out near the airport at Beckley, W.Va., in the piney woods of Louisiana, and in the hallowed halls of the College of the Ozarks in Arkansas.

And it has been heard in Moscow.

The UFO craze is on again with a vengeance.

Two Pascagoula shipyard workers claimed they were hustled aboard a blue, fish-shaped craft by three weird creatures who gave them the once-over with an eyelike scanning device.

A Northwestern University

astronomer, Dr. Allen Hynek, said flatly the craft was from another planet.

"Where they are coming from and why they were here is a matter of conjecture," Hynek said. "But the fact that they were here on this planet is beyond a reasonable doubt."

The attorney for the two shipyard workers — Charles Hickson, 42, and Calvin Parker, 18—said they were "just resting" Tuesday and would take lie-detector tests in a week or so to prove their story.

Around the world in Moscow, Soviet scientists said they picked up unusual radio signals from space and did not rule out that they came from another civilization.

The Tass news agency said the signals, of a type never heard before, come in pulses after definite lapses of time, last for several minutes, and are repeated several times a

day. Tass said scientists have ruled out the possibility that the signals are from satellites launched from earth.

"It is not precluded that they may be sent by a technically developed extraterrestrial civilization," the Russian report said. Tass said Prof. Samuel Kaplan of Gorky University was the first to pick up the signals. Later they were heard in other Soviet cities.

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By The Associated Press

Virginians kept on witnessing weird and wondrous whatzits whizzing around the skies or sometimes simply sitting silently in the air Friday as the unidentified flying object craze continued unabated.

The best-confirmed report was of a strange something that has been seen moving and hovering around the Peaks of Otter, near the Apple Orchard Mountain radar station, for the last four days.

Air Force personnel, who themselves have seen the object, called it "neither plane, weather balloon, the North Star nor helicopter," although some figured it was more worldly than other-worldly.

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Bill Hines told police he and a friend were chased down a road on White Oak Mountain by a three-foot-tall creature with a shimmering white body and no eyes which happily vanished in "a kind of green haze."

Only 20 minutes earlier Thursday night, Mrs. Pat Wentz of Danville and several friends reported they had seen what looked like "a very bright star" over the city — an object that hung low in the sky, stood still for a while, then disappeared north toward the mountain.

The Bedford County sheriff's office said rumors flew around Bedford Thursday night that "a UFO had landed" in the Kelson area, near the base of the Peaks of Otter.

"IT WAS NOT true, of course," the sheriff's office said. And that, apparently, took care of that.

But the reports of the "something" seen by Air Force personnel around the Peaks were not so easily discounted.

Sgt. Compton, who's in the information section of the radar station on Blue Ridge Parkway, said "it" has appeared to follow his compact car from his home in Bedford up winding State Rt. 43 in the mornings.

"I believe it might be in love with my Pinto," Compton chuckled.

"It moves from one place to another too fast to be an aircraft," the sergeant said. "And it is not a hallucination."

Sgt. Jack Crossland, who operates the radar station switchboard, said he saw the object Friday morning as he and other personnel were coming up to their quarters from Bedford by bus.

"IT WAS A very brightly illuminated object to the left of Sharp Top, and then it moved away," Crossland said.

Mrs. David J. Johnston, a secretary at the station, said she first saw the brilliantly lit object Monday morning just before reaching the parkway.

The next morning, she saw two.

"They came down like an airplane," Mrs. Johnston said, "but there was no sound. Then they seemed to hover over the road, sort of like they were casing the road."

Mrs. Johnston said she saw single objects Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, all between 6:30 and 6:45 a.m.

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Colors and Shapes

By United Press International

It's red. It's blue. Sometimes it turns green. It has wrinkled skin, crab-claw hands, and pointy ears. It has a beard. It foams at the mouth. And the Russians say it may be trying to say howdy.

It has been seen down by the old fishing hole at Pascagoula, Miss., out near the airport at Beckley, W.Va., in the piney woods of Louisiana, and in the hallowed halls of the College of the Ozarks in Arkansas.

And it has been heard in Moscow.

The UFO craze is on again with a vengeance.

Two Pascagoula shipyard workers claimed they were hustled aboard a blue, fish-shaped craft by three weird creatures who gave them the once-over with an eyelike scanning device.

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astronomer, Dr. Allen Hynek, said flatly the craft was from another planet.

"Where they are coming from and why they were here is a matter of conjecture," Hynek said. "But the fact that they were here on this planet is beyond a reasonable doubt."

The attorney for the two shipyard workers — Charles Hickson, 42, and Calvin Parker, 18—said they were "just resting" Tuesday and would take lie-detector tests in a week or so to prove their story.

Around the world in Moscow, Soviet scientists said they picked up unusual radio signals from space and did not rule out that they came from another civilization.

The Tass news agency said the signals, of a type never heard before, come in pulses after definite lapses of time, last for several minutes, and are repeated several times a

day. Tass said scientists have ruled out the possibility that the signals are from satellites launched from earth.

"It is not precluded that they may be sent by a technically developed extraterrestrial civilization," the Russian report said. Tass said Prof. Samuel Kaplan of Gorky University was the first to pick up the signals. Later they were heard in other Soviet cities.

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But only the weekend before, hundreds of Georgia and Alabama residents had deluged authorities with reports of similar UFO sightings.

The ENQUIRER found 11 local and state policemen who had witnessed the extraordinary display.

Jack Barker, an official of the Federal Aviation Agency's Air Traffic Division, said none of the UFOs showed up on the FAA's radar network covering the two states.

"We know about the number of reliable sources who reported the sightings but we can't shed any light on what they saw," Barker said.

Most of the policemen agreed on a general description — a fast-moving,

noiseless, basketball-sized object, brightly lit with red, green, orange or white lights, blinking or revolving.

Georgia State Trooper Sam Taylor said: "It was oblong but not quite thin enough to make it cigar-shaped. It seemed solid and gave off a gentle white glow."

Taylor, a Vietnam flying veteran, made the sighting in Manchester, Ga. He said he was "absolutely mystified," adding: "What I saw was certainly no airplane, helicopter or natural phenomenon."

When he went to headquarters afterward, Taylor said, "The phone started ringing with other people in the neighborhood reporting they'd seen a UFO overhead. Then I really knew I hadn't been seeing things."

Patrolman Billy Clayton of Carrville, Ala., said: "I've no doubt it was some kind of alien life — a spaceship. I asked Jim (auxiliary policeman James Smith, his partner on patrol) if he thought it was the Martians. Jim just laughed. He said he wasn't

going to talk about it because people would think he was crazy."

Smith held to his word. He would tell The ENQUIRER only: "What Billy says goes for me."

Patrolmen Steve Segrest and Wayne Sexton of neighboring Tallassee, Ala., watched the object with Clayton and Smith. "I used to be skeptical about these things," Segrest said. "Now I'm not near as skeptical. We watched some object up there. And I don't believe it was man-made."

Sexton said: "It had to be a UFO of some type. There was no way it could have been anything we know about."

Sgt. Mid Giles of the Notasulga, Ala., police, said: "When it suddenly shot off, I realized it couldn't have been a weather balloon like I first thought. I'm convinced it was no regular type of flying machine."

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IT WAS OVER THERE: Al Baker, an Auburn, Ala., policeman, points to where he spotted UFO streaking across the sky.

3 said: "I'm not going to say it was a flying saucer with little green men in it. But it was some form of UFO. The other officers just laughed and said, 'You've been seeing things.' That made me mad. I know what I saw."

Patrolman Dave Maddux of Lanett, Ala., said: "At first I thought I was seeing a star, maybe distorted by heat haze."

"But then it started to move, first towards the ground, then up again, and went over a hill."

Sgt. Wayne Meadows, also of the Lanett police, said: "All I know is that it wasn't a plane, helicopter, balloon or star."

Jim Reynolds said: "I never believed in UFOs until that night. Now I'm puzzled and confused."

Officer Al Baker of the Auburn, Ala., police, who also witnessed the streaking light, said: "Whenever people said they had seen a UFO, I thought it was just a bunch of hogwash. But I've got to admit these things do exist."

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Mysterious Wave of UFOs Reported

Mystery flights of UFOs — unidentified flying objects — were sighted over two southern states recently, prompting a deluge of phone queries to police by a perplexed populace. The ENQUIRER quickly sent in a team of reporters and photographers to seven towns to dig out the story. Our staffers located nearby a dozen police officers who personally viewed the UFOs. Here are their startling reports.

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From Wire Dispatches

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Others in widely separated parts of the country say they have seen flying objects shaped like cigars, footballs and pieces of pizza. A Georgia man claims he saw one land and outpranced two men dressed in silver.

Some were in patriotic red, white and blue. Others glowed orange and green. Almost all the UFOs people said they saw either hummed or whistled or whizzed.

UFOs in Ohio, Bay Area

Columbus, Ohio

Dozens of unidentified flying objects were reported by citizens and police officers in southern and central Ohio last night.

The objects, mostly described as orange in color, were reported in several areas including Columbus, Coshocton in east central Ohio, and in the southwestern part of the state at Middletown and Greenfield.

Two police officers in Greenfield, Ohio, chased separate unidentified objects more than five miles.

"I never believed in UFO until tonight," Sergeant Hugh Oyer said. "Some guy tried to tell me it was a star, but no star I've ever seen made a humming sound or jumped up and down in direction like that or was so near the ground."

In the Bay Area hundreds of residents saw a strange bright orange light streaking through the skies last night at about 10:20 p.m.

There were guesses as to what it was, but no definite confirmations.

Among many calls received by the Marin county sheriff's office were reports from two

deputies. Sergeant Ken Froberg saw the streak from his station in Marin City and Deputy John Brunlik saw it from Point Reyes.

San Francisco police also received more than a dozen calls.

A spokesman at Vandenberg Air Force Base said no rockets were fired from the huge Southern California base last night, but he added there had been queries from several newsmen in the Los Angeles area, where the strange light also was observed.

There were many reports along the Peninsula, around the airport.

Early yesterday morning, a rash of reported UFO sightings swept Mississippi and southeastern Louisiana. Those sightings brought appeals for a federal investigation.

A Gulfport, Miss., taxi driver reported a blue-colored space craft stalled his cab and that a creature with crab-like claws tapped on his windshield as he crouched on the seat early yesterday.

Other sightings were reported along the Gulf Coast and at Meridian, Miss.

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Despite Lack of Data From Pilots and Officials, Reports of UFO Sightings Are Many and Widespread

By WALTER SULLIVAN

Rarely, if ever, since Kenneth Arnold reported in 1947 seeing what came to be known as "flying saucers" during a flight near Mount Rainier in Washington State have there been such widespread reports of unidentified flying objects, or UFO's, as in recent days.

They ranged from Rochester, where a flying V formation of lights was reported, to Gulfport, Miss., where a press account told of "strange creatures with weirdly shaped heads" stopping cars on Route 90 "and scratching at the windows." Two men in Pascagoula, Miss., even said they had been taken aboard a UFO by creatures with crab-claw hands.

Relatively well documented was evidence that two objects, possibly aircraft or meteorites, flew at supersonic speed across the Northern United States. Tremors characteristic of a sonic boom were recorded by earthquake detectors at Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pa., at 8:53 P.M. on Oct. 11 and 1:26 P.M. on Oct. 17.

One or both of these booms were recorded by similar instruments at the State University of New York in Binghamton, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg and on an air pressure recorder in Michigan.

Light Evades Copter

In the vicinity of Dover, Del., three women last Sunday night told the state police they had been watching a brilliant light in the sky for 45 minutes. A police helicopter was sent to investigate and, according to a spokesman at Dover Air Force Base, the police and a man in the air base control tower saw the light, too, but the helicopter was unable to overtake it or determine its distance.

In Louisiana sheriff's deputies reported chasing five orange-red lights for 12 miles through the piney woods. An Indiana man said a nighttime UFO "followed me home," and elsewhere policemen said they had been "buzzed" by a swooping UFO while on patrol.

Yet the Federal Aviation Administration, which is responsible for air traffic control over the United States, said at the week's end that its radar network had seen nothing unusual. Its 90 long-range radars and 130 airport radars cover about 90 per cent of American air space above 24,000 feet and lesser amounts at lower levels.

No Reports by Pilots

The F.A.A. added that no reports of special significance had been submitted by airline pilots, although it was noted that in recent years pilots had tended to refrain from making such reports because so much paperwork was involved.

An airline source said that pilots in recent years have reported UFO's at a rate of about two a month. These reports are channeled to the Center for Short-Lived Phenomena of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Mass. However, it was reported that there had been no marked increase in such reports during recent weeks.

A spokesman for the North American Air Defense Command denied that any UFO had been detected in the last three weeks. The command, known as NORAD, operates a space tracking system that monitors earth satellites and watches for incoming missiles.

A number of last week's reports originated in Ohio near Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which, for many years, was the headquarters for Air Force cataloguing of UFO reports. In 1966 the Air Force asked the University of Colorado to conduct an independent investigation of such reports to assess their significance.

Scoffs at 'Visitors'

The two-year study was directed by Dr. Edward U. Condon, an internationally known physicist and former head of the National Bureau of Standards. Dr. Condon's salty comments soon antagonized those inclined to take seriously the possibility that UFO's are visitations from other worlds.

"If you define a UFO as a visitor from outer space," he recently told United Press International, "there's no evidence they exist. I've never seen one. I think further study of UFO's would be scientifically useless. I think my own study of UFO's was a waste of Government money."

A contrary view has been maintained by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of the Dearborn Observatory of Northwestern University. Dr. Hynek was consultant to the Air Force UFO project, which was terminated after the Condon report had downgraded the value of such investigations.

Dr. Hynek and a few others have fought a relatively lonely battle for renewed efforts to investigate the possibility that some phenomenon of significance lies behind the many and varied reports.

One explanation for many UFO reports is the "chasing" phenomenon experienced by motorists, particularly when bright planets are visible on clear nights, such as those of recent days. Four planets are exceptionally bright at this time:

Venus is in the western sky shortly after sunset. Jupiter is higher in the evening sky. Mars, to the east in the early evening, is reddish and exceptionally bright, having made a

close approach to the earth this week. Saturn which rises later, is also exceptionally near the earth.

The "chasing" effect, which has induced panic in many drivers since "flying saucers" first were publicized, occurs when one sees a planet or very bright star from a moving car. Every time the car turns, speeds up or slows down, the planet appears to do the same, in contrast to nearby landscape features that move past the observer in the expected fashion.

The planets, at their brightest, change color as their light is modified by atmospheric conditions, particularly near the horizon. Such color changes are often a feature of UFO's.

Pranks Are Generated

A flurry of UFO reports not only breeds more reports but

also gives birth to a variety of pranks. In Shreveport, La., where 5,000 people gathered Wednesday night for a UFO "fly-in," according to The Associated Press, they were rewarded by the startling sight of a large red object passing overhead. It proved to be a balloon released as a joke.

Responding to a rash of UFO reports in Indiana, the police intercepted three plastic garbage bags that had been made into glowing hot-air balloons by suspending candles beneath them.

A similar hoax, while the investigation was being conducted at the University of Colorado in Boulder, sent flickering UFO's across the town. However, it led to a police warning that such pranks could be incendiary.

In Greenwood, Del., United Press International reported, a

traffic jam developed as drivers stared at a saucer-shaped circle of lights that proved to have been erected by volunteer firemen, using their emergency generator as a power source. Five of them were charged with disorderly conduct.

Symbolic Lights

Another circle of 92 flashing lights was set up in Texas to entice a UFO within photographic range. A single powerful light emitted three short flashes and one long one and the "whole system" was designed to symbolize the hydrogen atom, indicating a knowledge of science by the inhabitants of earth.

Preparations to receive a UFO were also made at Palacios, a small town on the Texas coast. The Mayor, W. C. Jackson, said, according to United Press International, "It just occurred to me that no one has ever made

those fellas welcome." Hence the town council issued a welcoming proclamation.

Two Texans might claim having seen the most clearly identified UFO to date. It carried red and white flashing lights, they said, and the inscription "U.F.O." on one side.

While the Condon study attributed conventional explanations to most sightings, there was a small residue that remained perplexing. Some involved seemingly reliable observers and could not be dismissed out of hand.

More Data Needed

The gist of the findings was, however, that such episodes did not indicate visitations from afar and could have been explained in conventional ways had more been known about them.

One oft-cited series of sightings, which demonstrated the

UFOs are zeroing in

Don't look now, but UFOs appear to be zeroing in on Columbus.

During the past few weeks UFOs—unidentified flying objects—have been sighted in a number of locations throughout Georgia and Alabama.

Gradually they seem to be getting closer and closer.

This past weekend was a busy time for UFOs in the Valley area.

Actually there was one sighting in Columbus, but it didn't really count.

Leonard Waller, who lives at the corner of Beallwood Avenue and 41st Street, said the "five or six UFO's" he saw appeared to be over the Manchester area.

Several people saw Mr. Waller's UFOs—or

some others—over Manchester and Talbotton Saturday night.

Strangely, the UFOs sighted in the Valley area seem to have an affinity for law enforcement officials.

Talbot County Deputy Sheriff Charles Pope, said he and Manchester State Patrolman R.E. Traylor saw a UFO just east of Talbotton Saturday night.

At Manchester, State Patrolman Sammy Taylor was one of four persons who sighted UFOs Saturday night.

These people are wisely drawing no conclusions about the origin of UFOs.

But—despite the skepticism of many—they're convinced of what they saw.

"As Taylor put it:

"People (in Manchester) at first didn't believe it when they first heard of UFOs, but I can tell you they believe it now. I didn't believe it at first myself."

Green, Red 'UFOs' Spotted

Oct 1st!
By LEE MELSEK
News-Press Staff Writer

What's green and red, blinks and groups together high over south Florida skies?

Planets and stars says the Federal Aviation Administration. Definitely not, says a spokesman for the University of South Florida observatory in Tampa.

Definitely not, say residents of Island Park near Bonita Springs.

Unidentified objects hovered over Lee County skies again Sunday night and explanations of them were as conflicting as ever.

About five or six "circular objects that blink red and green" were sighted by residents of Island Park about 9 p.m. Sunday.

A quick look through binoculars by News-Press staff members confirmed the existence of the blinking

objects, but efforts to learn their origin met with contradictory testimony.

Danny Wallace at the Page Field control tower said he imagined "they are some kind of stars and planets and they're not really blinking, they just look like they are."

No, says a spokesman for the observatory in Tampa.

"There are no astronomical objects that blink red and green although Venus is in that vicinity and sometimes she gives off some weird effects," he said.

Mrs. Kenneth Wells called the News-Press late Sunday and said about 12 Island Park residents were watching the objects.

"My husband and I were leaving a friend's house and one of the objects began following us. When we stopped, it stopped and then drew back," she said.

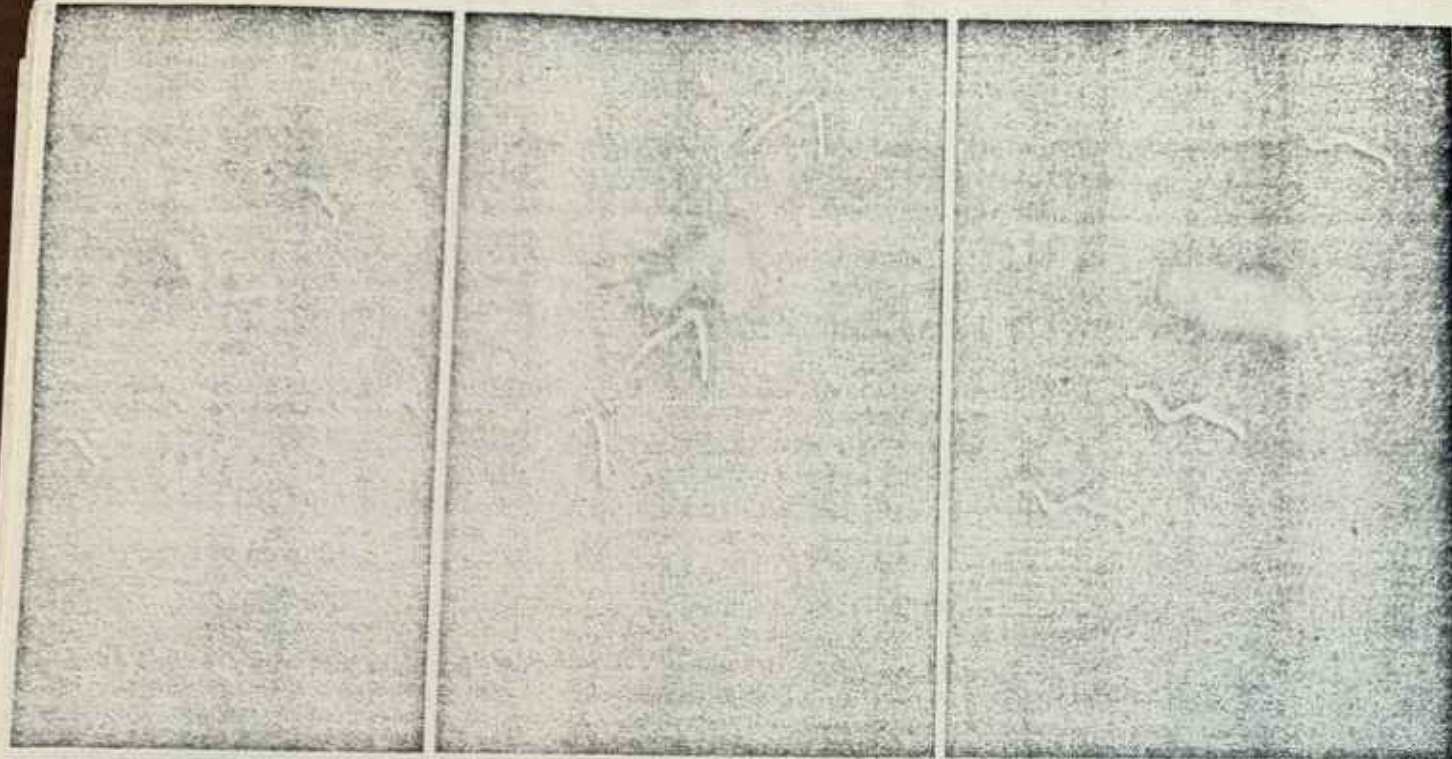
Mrs. Wells said the object that followed her and her husband "was a bright white glowing object that shot a beam of light out. After it went away another one came and this one was orange."

"We know all about stars and planets and these are not stars and planets," Mrs. Wells said. "They were too far away to be planes either."

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Fort Myers said he did not know of any weather balloons in the area and agreed with Wallace that they "are probably stars and planets."

Whatever they were, they apparently weren't turned into police.

The Lee County sheriff's Department and the Florida Highway Patrol in Fort Myers said no sightings were reported to them.



Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch photographer Ken Chamberlain Jr. made this sequence of pictures of lights above the city about 10 p.m. Wednesday. He used a

35mm camera with a 640mm lens and made three exposures at $\frac{1}{8}$ of a second at f 5.6 in rapid order. Police received 150 calls about sightings. (AP)

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Many Explanations For UFO Sightings

By The Associated Press

Swamp gas, changing seasons, ball lightning, and bright stars may all contribute to the cycles of UFO sightings.

For more than 20 years, the Air Force investigated unidentified flying objects, finally concluding in December 1969 that its project Blue Book was no longer justified for security or science.

But closing the book obviously had little, if any, effect on UFOs. Sightings, often in clusters, continued, as they have in recent days.

The modern flying-saucer era in the United States began in 1947 when a businessman-pilot reported seeing nine strange moving objects over Mt. Rainier. A decade later there were a host of reports from Texas, New Mexico and Southern California. In 1965, there were worldwide sightings. In the Antarctic, a sighting coincided with disruption of electromagnetic equipment.

The Blue Book ascribed the bulk of sightings to aircraft, weather, sounding balloons, satellites, meteors, bright stars and planets, missiles, searchlights, clouds, birds, re-

flections, temperatures, inversions, mirages, electric wires sparking, and swamp gas. Others added ball lightning and plasmas of ionized air.

"Sightings vary according to weather and how much publicity and sightings receive nationally," one expert said. "If publicity continues for several days, sighting reports go up throughout the country as well as in the original locality. Sightings pick up in the spring and fall when meteorological changes are more common."

But for all this, some sightings remain unexplained. In the latest rash of sightings, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a Northwestern University astronomer, said all of the cases should be thoroughly investigated by an official agency.

The case of the two Mississippi men who reported meeting strange creatures in a hovering craft over the water a week ago Thursday, Dr. Hynek said, supports the view "that a phenomenon exists which is as yet unexplained."

Hynek was a consultant to the Blue Book project and maintains a private center for UFO reports because, he said "a mystery still remains."

Despite official explanations

for UFOs, a number of citizens continued to report strange objects in the sky. It was reported Thursday that during debriefing sessions the Skylab 2 astronauts said they had seen a mysterious reddish object not more than 30 to 50 nautical miles from their spaceship during their 59-day flight.

Dr. Owen K. Garriott, one of the three astronauts, said the object was brighter than any of the planets, had a reddish hue,

and was well above the horizon. He said the object was seen one day in mid-September and was never seen again.

Two men working on an offshore oil platform 60 miles south of Crowley, La., reported that a weird oblong object came within 100 feet of them late Wednesday. They said the object, which had colored lights and produced a whining sound, hovered at 1,000 feet before making a descent. The men said the machine cut their elec-

trical power while it was hovering near them.

In Rochester, Minn., a National Weather Service meteorologist with 24 years' experience said he came upon the "weirdest formation I've ever seen" Thursday.

Leroy Martell said a silver object moving faster than a jet or balloon was visible for five minutes as it shot across the sky behind a condensation trail left by a jet.

A Santa Ana, Calif., man, Mi-

chael A. Thomas, said he almost wrecked his car Wednesday when an object "as big as a diesel truck with a trailer" came down out of the sky.

"I went beserk and dived under my car," he said. "Then it glowed a bright orange and hummed like a refrigerator and swooshed up the side of the hill." Police speculated that he had seen a weather balloon.

UFO Seen, Chase City Police Say

By John Clement

Times-Dispatch Staff
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CHASE CITY — Sam Huff, a policeman for the past seven years, said he watched an unidentified flying object for 15 minutes around 2 a.m. Thursday.

Huff said Marion Owen, the Chase City police radio dispatcher, first sighted the object after noticing an unusual light reflection on the window of the police station.

Owen radioed Huff, who drove to the west side of town and parked on a railroad bridge, almost under the object, Huff said.

Huff said the soundless object, fairly large, with a color that resembled a very bright star, hovered motionless over the town for about five minutes then moved rapidly to the north, reversed direction and returned to a position over his head.

It stayed motionless for another five minutes before heading rapidly in a westerly direction, he added.

UFOs are probably taken a little more matter-of-factly in this area since two well-publicized and still unexplained sightings occurred in 1967 in nearby South Hill and Lunenburg County.

In the South Hill incident, a warehouseman said, in April 1967 that he rounded a curve and encountered an object 12 feet in diameter, standing on three legs, that resembled an aluminum storage tank.

The object suddenly left the ground in a burst of brilliant light, he reported.

The blacktop street caught fire, and when police arrived on the scene the tar was still hot and smoking.

Two months later, a rural Lunenburg County storekeeper said she was startled one night by a thundering roar.

She looked out her bedroom window and saw a bright light which she described as so bright "you could see every leaf on the tree." That object also allegedly left burn marks in the highway.

Friday, Oct. 26, 1973.....

Dr. Max Fogel, Mensa, Philadelphia
Dear Dr. Max:

I am tickled pink...to be able to send you this electrifying documentation! First, because the UFO's (SI's) that I contacted telepathically with my special UFO brain... answered almost immediately...very next day, in fact...by appearing in the area I specified in my letter to you earlier plus showed themselves to the police, just as I specified...matter of fact, this UFO made SURE the message got over...by leaving the policeman and then RETURNING! (See newsclip.) Second, am tickled...because this couldn't happen to a nicer scientist than Dr. Max Fogel. As you well know, just a handful of the scientific community has guts enough to let it be known that they are in contact with PK Man..and only you...have guts enough to give me signed confirmations whenever I bring about a "miracle". (Dr. Hynek should damn well have sent me a signed, notarized confirm when I stopped that volcano in Sicily, but nope, he didn't.) So to me...you are "King of the Scientists"!

Now, if any scientists that you know want to scoff at me, or your connection with me...simply show them the letters I sent to you last Tuesday and Wednesday... then show them this newsclipping!

The SI's LIKE this idea...this experiment-demonstration I have set up...and they have lost no time in acting on it! I had thought perhaps they'd take weeks to show up, but they did it the very next day!

So, it has begun!

So, to briefly recap...I wrote to you last Tuesday and again Wednesday... telling you that I would communicate with my UFO's (that I have worked with and for for 10 years) and ask them to appear within a 100 mile radius of where I live, the Eastern Shore...using this Cape Charles as the "bullseye". Furthermore, I told you I would ask them to show themselves to the police and other responsible persons. Furthermore, I told you I would also telepathically contact the "UFO Monsters" of various kinds... and bring them, also, to this area. Furthermore, in time to come, I told you, I'd make this 100 mile area the "UFO capitol of the world" in essence. All right. Already one UFO has answered my call, and in no uncertain terms, as this Oct. 26 newsclip from the Richmond Times-Dispatch newspaper points out!

Your friend and brother M....

Ted Owens (PK Man -- The UFO Prophet)
Box 48, Cape Charles, Virginia

Ted Owens

Law Avoids UFO Sightings

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — When it comes to the recent sightings of unidentified flying objects, North Florida law enforcement officers don't want to get involved.

"We haven't had any (UFO) sightings, at least not yet," said Florida Highway Patrol dispatcher Murel McDonald in Lake City. "I hope we don't. I don't want to see those UFO things myself."

Several UFO sightings were reported last week around Tallahassee, but a random check of law enforcement agencies showed few others.

Maj. A.E. Reddick, Florida Highway Patrol chief of operations, said his agency had no records of UFO sightings.

"What would the highway patrol do with objects up in the sky?" he said with a laugh. "We might occasionally have people call the station and mention it, but usually the newspapers get it first. We get our information from the newspapers."

But Sgt. Mike Langston, Tallahassee police department complaint officer, said he had received "three or four" reports of UFOs in the capital city area in the past week.

"We send an officer out to check on every report," he said. "But none of the officers in the field has seen them. At least they haven't told me about it. Maybe they thought they'd be laughed at."

The number of UFO sightings had

tapered off since several strange, objects with brightly colored lights were reported last weekend hovering over Georgia, Alabama and North Florida.

But last week two Leon County residents reported seeing bright unidentified lights moving across the sky north of Tallahassee.

Linda Goodwin said she and her husband saw a "bright, flashing, round-looking object" make three east-west trips across the sky one night.

Clay Culp, who lives about a mile south of Mrs. Goodwin, said he saw three objects which looked like white, steady lights, "like a small star" moving across the sky.

Someday 'Folks' ll Know It's True'

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP) — A thousand Unidentified Flying Object reports have come and gone since Desk Sgt. Mary McPherson picked up the telephone and a man said: "I got something to tell you but I don't want you to laugh at me."

Jackson County Sheriff Fred Diamond and his deputies — among others — have been puzzling uneasily ever since over the tale told by Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin Parker, 19, both of nearby Gautier.

What Hickson said, defiantly, expecting to be called a liar, was: An oblong, luminous blue UFO landed nearby while they were fishing Oct. 11; three creatures paralyzed him, floated him into the craft, put him before an instrument resembling a big eye for examination, then put him back on the pier.

"Though I'll be the laughing stock of the country, I'll tell what I seen," he vowed. "One of these days folks'll know it's true."

Parker couldn't add much to the tale; he reportedly fainted when the creatures approached and Hickson said he didn't know what happened to him inside the craft.

Since the two men told their tale, there has been a rash of

reports of UFO sightings all over the country.

A number of deputies here, though unable to accept the space man theory, believe something truly weird took place in Pascagoula.

Hickson, a foreman at the Walker Shipyard, said it all happened at about 8 p.m. as he and Parker were casting for hardhead or croakers from a pier at old Schaupter shipyard. The old yard has the sunbleached skeleton of a barge drydock and a couple of iron piers, flanked by rusting auto hulks, empty bottles and beer cans.

Hickson said the UFO circled, then came down to hover just above the junk. Suddenly an opening appeared and the three creatures, "all wrinkled and pale," glided out.

"There I was, me with just a spinning reel, and Calvin done went hysterical on me," Hickson said. "You can't imagine how it was."

Hickson, whose interrogation by police was recorded, was vague on details. "Boss," he said once. "I just don't know. You got to remember how scared I was."

Both Hickson and Parker, after the first day or so, refused to talk further with newsmen.

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Sightings Claimed In Mississippi

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — "I guess they're grouched by the weather," a deputy sheriff joked as sightings of unidentified flying objects slackened somewhat along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Officials in Jackson County said they received five or six reports of UFOs Tuesday night, none confirmed. The Harrison County sheriff's office said no sightings were reported.

UFO reports reached a zenith Monday night, including word from one man that a creature tapped on his windshield after his car stopped on U.S. 90.

Local officials have asked a federal investigation.

Jackson County Sheriff Fred Diamond said he would "go to the President if I have to, because people down here are entitled to know what is going on—people are beginning to panic."

A University of Mississippi sociologist said he feels the government is "soft-pedaling" UFO reports because of the panic factor.

"People have never forgotten the Orsen Welles broadcast and the effect it had. This is a serious problem," said Dr. Joseph Bruening, who has studied UFOs for 20 years.

Monday's most bizarre sighting occurred near Keesler Air Force Base at Biloxi.

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John Lane of Gulfport, a taxi driver for a month, said he encountered a UFO after taking a passenger to the base. He said he saw a blue light coming inland from the Gulf of Mexico.

Lane said his taxi stalled and his radio went dead. He said the object returned later and landed on U.S. 90 in front of him.

The cab driver said he crouched on the taxi seat and he heard a tapping sound on his windshield. Lane said he saw a flesh-colored creature with bright eyes and a crab-like claw.

Bruening said he felt the recent sightings were part of a pattern.

"Ten years ago," he said, "we had a wave of sightings similar to what we have now, including landings, contact and the usual flyovers ..."

"You end up with a hard core of factual data and ... the only hypothesis you have left is that we are being confronted with an extraterrestrial and advanced technical culture—possibly from another solar system."

He contended creatures from other solar systems may be visiting the earth and "are not looking for a confrontation—they are trying to get information with the least amount of disturbance."

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UFO Reported In Lehigh

Betty Andersen, News-Press correspondent in Lehigh Acres, joined skywatchers across the nation in reporting a sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object.

Here is her report to the News-Press Friday:

"It was a clear bright night Thursday and my neighbor Jim Florio and I had just completed play rehearsal for 'Third Best Sport,' and headed home.

"We were driving down 17th Street when the object was spotted at 10:30 p.m.

"Jim stopped the car and we got out and stood in the roadway.

"The object hovered over the trees, then moved off toward the east, leaving a trail much as a comet would leave behind it. As it left, the light dimmed, then flared again just before it either went out or went behind a cloud that couldn't be seen from where we were standing.

"The object was long and disc shaped and flared brightly in the night as it stood still over the treetops. It seemed to become even longer in shape as it began to move away. The color was orange." Oct. 28.

Woman's skirts puffed

UFOs sighted all over: federal action asked

By U.P. International

"They all say they are seeing little-bitty flying saucers with lights on them," said a police dispatcher in Gaston, N.C., adding she's been telling callers to invite any spacemen who land to come to the station house "and we'll have a tea party."

Unidentified flying objects were spotted across the United States Friday, and Allen Hynek, chairman of the Northwestern University Astronomy Department, urged the government to "cut out the nonsense and get down to study" of the UFO reports.

"This UFO business has been going on for a quarter century," he said. "We forget that sometime there will be a 30th-century science which probably will be as different (from science today) as Babylonian society."

A deputy in Winston-Salem, N.C., reported a call from a Walkerton woman who said she was passed in her front yard by a UFO that "had a long blue tail, blew wind up her dress and made the trees in her yard sway."

Billy Hatchet said he and his wife Donna were in their pickup truck in

Tulsa, Okla., watching flashing objects that were larger than a jet. Police said the objects were helicopters taking part in an air show.

"You couldn't possibly confuse this with an airplane or a helicopter," Mrs. Hatchett said. "A moron couldn't make that big a mistake."

Paul Brown of Athens, Ga., said he saw a space craft land on a highway and two 4-foot-tall creatures wearing silver uniforms get out. He shot at them twice with his pistol. "I was shaken. I didn't sleep," he said.

Manistee, Mich., County Deputy Sheriff John Gielczek said he saw a "mother ship" and smaller craft. A city policeman in Bonham, Tex., said he saw a UFO that was "cigar-shaped, glowing red at each end." Henry Lambert of Griffin, Ga., said he saw a craft shaped like a 60-foot football hovering off the ground. J. F. Chesson and Leonard Reeves of Livingston, Tex., said they saw a fleet of six UFOs inspect Lake Livingston for three hours. A babysitter at a ranch in Muldoon Canyon, near Bellevue, Idaho, said she saw a UFO that looked like a star.

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Elusive Monster Scaring Illinois Area

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MURPHYSBORO, Ill. — Mrs. Nedra Green was preparing for bed in her isolated farmhouse near here the other night when a shrill piercing scream came from out by the shed.

"It's it again," she said.

Four-year-old Christian Baril was in his backyard chasing fireflies with a glass jar. He ran in the house. "Daddy, Daddy," he said, "There's a big ghost out back."

Randy Creath, 17, and Cheryl Ray were talking on her darkened porch when something moved in the brush nearby. Cheryl went to turn on a light; Randy went to investigate.

At that moment it stepped from the bushes.

Towering over the wide-eyed teen-age couple was a creature resembling a gorilla. It was eight feet tall. It had long, shaggy, matted hair colored a dirty white. It smelled foul, like river slime.

Silently, the trio stared at each other 15 feet apart then, after an eternity of perhaps 30 seconds, the

creature turned slowly and crashed off through the brush back toward the river.

It was the Murphysboro Monster, a strange creature that has baffled and frightened police and residents for weeks now in this southern Illinois town on the sluggish Big Muddy River.

It is a creature that has brought a real kind of Halloween to Murphysboro's 10,000 citizens. And although the hobgoblin is so far benevolent, no one here is taking any chances. Many have armed themselves and a good number of God-fearing families decided to curtail tonight's traditional Halloween trick-or-treating rounds.

It all began shortly after midnight June 25. Randy Needham and Judy Johnson were conferring in a parked car on the town's boat ramp down by the Big Muddy.

At one point the couple heard a loud cry from the woods next to the car. Many were to describe the sound as that of a greatly amplified eagle shriek.

Needham looked up from the front seat. There,

lumbering toward the open window was a light-colored, hairy, seven-foot creature matted with mud.

Needham, the police report calmly notes, "left the area." He proceeded to the police station and filed an "unknown creature" report.

Judy Johnson was married at the time, according to police, but not to Needham. So when the two reported the monster, authorities took it seriously. "They wouldn't risk all that if there weren't really scared," said one.

Later, as officer Jimmie Nash and Deputy Sheriff Bob Scott inspected some peculiar footprints in the oozing mud left by the receding river, Nash became a believer in the monster.

"I was leaning over when there was the most incredible shriek I've ever heard," he said. "It was in those bushes. That was no bobcat or screech owl, and we hightailed it out of there."

Officers searched the riverbank for hours, following an illusive splashing sound, but found nothing.

NOTE: My own son, Beau, had the same thing happen as the above child!! Beau was 5, behind our cabin in the woods in Maine, playing. Suddenly there was a tremendous explosion and Beau screamed. We ran out. His eyes bulged with fright. He was white as a sheet and in shock. He described the same above creature, and told us it tried to pick him up.

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Tennessee ponders UFOs

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — Policemen are doubting their own sanity and at least two little boys are afraid to go outdoors in the wake of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings across West Tennessee.

More reports of UFOs emerged Monday as law enforcement officers and private citizens shed their embarrassment and talked about the strange lights they saw blinking and speeding across the sky during the weekend.

Collier Policeman Flanning Glover said he saw pulsating lights changing from orange to white and black to orange again.

"I know it sounds fantastic," he said, "but it's true. If I was by myself, I'd say I was nuts."

Sheriff Nathan Cunningham in Obion County said he saw three different UFOs, including one which zoomed over his ouse at 100mph humming. He was encouraged when more than 20 other people called him to report similar experiences.

Joey Smith, 13, and his brother, Barry, 9, were on their way to feed the chickens at their southwest Chester County farm when a blinking UFO whirred by.

The boys took shelter in the chicken house, fed the chickens, then rushed back to report

"something green with red lights" had been outside. Their mother said the boys were "scared it was going to get them."

There was one report near Memphis International Airport, but it didn't come from the Federal Aviation Agency.

"About 15 years ago one of the guys up here said he saw something in the sky he couldn't explain," said an FAA worker. "The Air Force contacted him and sent him about 15 feet of papers to fill out.

"You know, I don't think anybody up here is going to see anything unfamiliar again."

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UFOs Spend Night in Mississippi

TUPELO, Miss. — (UPI) — A National Park Service ranger said Wednesday night he saw a flying saucer the size of a two-bedroom house over his area for about 15 minutes flashing "red, green and yellow lights."

"I've been dealing with the public for years and I know people exaggerate and see what they want to see, but I know I saw this," said Thomas E. Westmoreland.

Westmoreland, a ranger for the Tupelo subdistrict of the Natchez Trace Parkway, said three other rangers and a deputy sheriff were with him when he saw the strange craft.

"Our theory is that it's some highly secret experimental aircraft the Air Force is trying out and doesn't want the public to know about," said Westmoreland.

Highway patrolmen, policemen and sheriff all reported seeing strange flying objects over northeastern Mississippi Wednesday night. Similar sightings have been reported in Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and southern Georgia in recent weeks.

Most of the latest reports were around the Tupelo area, although radio stations from Corinth, 50 miles to the north,

and Kosciusko, 100 miles to the south, said they were swamped with calls from persons who said they had sighted unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

Westmoreland said the object he saw had lights, but not the same kind of lights that are on airplanes.

"I know this sounds strange, and I can assure you I'm sober," Westmoreland said. "It was approximately 1,000 feet in altitude and roughly the size of a two-bedroom house or a little smaller.

"It had red, green and yellow flashing lights—not the standard beacon type you have on aircraft," he said. "They were circular and they were rotating continuously."

Arlin Mohundro, sales manager for radio station WKCU in Corinth, said the object he saw hovered about 100 feet off the ground behind the station.

"It's lights are red and green and white," Mohundro said. "When it gets close it has kind of a black color. The lights are flashing and it looks like it might be the size of an automobile, but its in an oval shape."

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16 UFO Sightings In Southern Ohio

DAYTON, Ohio (UPI) — At least 6 sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) were reported within about 12 hours in this southwestern Ohio area, during the night, including one photographed by a policeman, authorities said Thursday.

"They would be behind the trees and come up and fly away . . . if you startled it or something," said Montgomery County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Sullivan. "No balloon, helicopter, or kite can move that fast or has that many lights attached or can go so quickly in a straight up direction."

Sullivan said the first sighting was reported at about 8 p.m. Wednesday, the latest in a host of claimed UFO sightings in several parts of the country.

Patrolman Robert Bales of nearby New Lebanon, said he saw a set of about four bright lights fused together at the base. He said the object

moved across the skyline, came down to treetop level then disappeared. The object was visible for 30 minutes to about 25 residents gathered on a city street, Bales said, and he snapped a picture of it.

Early Thursday, a woman called the Ohio Highway Patrol to report seeing a multilighted object. The patrol said that when an officer got to the scene a crowd of more than 50 persons had gathered but the object had disappeared.

A spokesman at nearby Wright-Patterson Air Force Base said the sightings were all classified as "unofficial" and that none had been detected on radar. He said there will be no investigation unless there is "imminent danger."

The base kept the official Air Force records on UFO sightings, logging 12,618 of them from around the world for 22 years until the project, code-named "Operation Blue Book," was discontinued in 1969 and its files sent to the University of Colorado for study.

Reports Flood in on North State, National UFO Sightings

By United Press International

Unidentified Flying Objects, some with spider legs and some that omitted blue-green flashes, were swarming over the San Francisco Bay Area and other Northern California places, according to reports today.

Numerous sightings were reported by people and law officers in Oakland. Others saw them in San Jose, Mill Valley, Sausalito and other areas.

A woman in Oakland called police Tuesday night about 10 p.m. saying that she was just about to give up a three-hour saucer-watch at her home when she saw it—a craft with spider like legs—settle down on a golf course. Police went there but didn't find the saucer.

Oakland police checked out

other reported landings including one at busy 55th and Grove Streets. Then officers themselves saw something hovering over the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. It turned out to be a weather balloon.

In suburban Marin County north of the Golden Gate, Sheriff's Sgt. Kenneth Froberg said he spotted a "bluish green flash" in the sky Tuesday night that lasted about five seconds and then disappeared.

"It was coming out of the sky at an angle to the earth," Froberg said. "It had a long orange tail with articles flying from it."

Tuesday night Mrs. Ruth Wilson of Mill Valley said she was getting out of her car in a

parking lot near Marin General Hospital when she also saw a "bluish green object" low in the sky over San Quentin Prison. It vanished in the direction of Oakland, she said.

In San Francisco, radio stations reported numerous calls about unidentified flying objects of various description.

At San Jose, Mrs. Ann Rodriguez said she was walking with her little girls Tuesday night when they saw something land near the road. It emitted flashes "like they were taking pictures of us" and then took off, she said.

There have been a number of recent sightings of strange flying objects in Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Mississippi, Texas and Georgia, and some people, mostly those who have done the sighting, are beginning to get concerned.

Ray Stanford of Austin, Tex., told a late-night radio talk show host Tuesday his group, the Association for the Understanding of Man, is setting up a huge signal light to attract unidentified flying objects.

He said the light, in Central Texas, can be seen by the naked eye as far as 150 miles into space.

People reported seeing strange flying objects at a Pascagoula, Miss., fishing hole, near the Beckley, W.Va., airport and in the piney woods of Louisiana.

A woman in New Orleans said she saw something shaped like the Houston Astrodome hover

over her home.

The Air Force chief of staff said UFOs touched off fighting during the Vietnam war, and even the Russians have been hearing things from outer space.

The Tass News Agency said Soviet scientists are hearing unusual radio signals—never heard before—coming in pulses after definite lapses of time,

lasting for several minutes and being repeated several times a day.

"It is not precluded that they may be sent by a technically developed extraterrestrial civilization," the Russian report said.

Two Pascagoula shipyard workers said they were hustled aboard a blue, fish-shaped craft by three weird creatures who gave them the once-over with an eye-like scanning device. And they're going to take lie detector tests to prove it.

At Pine, La., sheriff's deputies chased five orange-reddish flying objects 12 miles through the woods.

Pilots at the Raleigh County Airport at Beckley, W.Va., saw a mysterious night flyer that turned red, then green, then white.

"Where they are coming from and why they were here is a matter of conjecture," said Northwestern University astronomer Dr. Allen Hynek. "But the fact that they were here on this planet is beyond a reasonable doubt."

Dr. Robert O'Connell, an LSU astrophysicist, disagrees with Hynek.

"There's probably some mundane explanation for the ones right now and for probably any UFOs," he said.

O'Connell said he was skeptical of most UFO reports, especially the Pascagoula case.

"I don't necessarily dispute what they're saying," he said. "It could be a hoax. The hoax could be on two levels: the people themselves or somebody else carrying out a hoax."

"This area (of UFO reports)

is notorious for hoaxes."

In Chicago, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. George S. Brown told a news conference Tuesday UFOs were reported in Vietnam during the war and even triggered an air-sea battle near the Demilitarized Zone in 1968 in which an Australian destroyer was hit.

"I don't know if this story has ever been told," Brown told a news conference, "but they (UFOs) plagued us in Vietnam during the war."

"I think it's nothing," Brown said. "I think it is atmospheric."

Dozens of UFOs were again reported by citizens and police officers in southern and central Ohio Tuesday night including a woman who said three UFOs forced her car off a roadway. The objects, mostly described as orange in color, were reported in several areas including Columbus, Coshocton in east-central Ohio, and in the southwestern part of the state at Middletown and Greenfield.

Lights, Ovals All the Rage

WASHINGTON (UPI) —Four people driving into Dawson, Ga., reported sighting two strange, oval-shaped lights in the sky. A policeman with a background in military intelligence saw the same phenomena, and the current rash of unidentified flying object sightings began.

"They were sort of shaped like a football, about the size of a car," officer Gary Ellington said in describing the Aug. 30 incident. "The lights kept changing colors. They would come in several hundred yards from us, then back off and fade out. I know I saw it."

Ten days later, Ressa Clinton said he saw a golden, egg-shaped object descend near Griffin, Ga., burn a hole in the ground and disappear in a cloud of steam. A state chemist investigated 2½ hours later and found soil temperature close to the boiling point of water.

Oct. 3, Thomas E. Westmoreland, a National Park Service ranger, said he saw a saucer-shaped craft with red, green, and yellow blinking lights hovering north of Tupelo, Miss. "I know this sounds strange," he said, "but I can assure you I'm sober." The mushrooming number of UFO sightings —phenomena have been reported from at least half the 50 states —were reminiscent of those of the '50s and '60s.

Then came the astounding report Oct. 11 by two shipyard workers from Gautier, Miss., who said two creatures carried them into a spaceship emitting a bluish haze, scanned them with an eyelike device, and released them.

Police and scientists using hypnosis were unable to break their story. James Harder of the Aero-Phenomenon Research Organization and the University of California said "their emotions and very strong feelings of terror are impossible to fake under hypnosis."

In addition, the Soviet news agency Tass early in the week reported that Russian radio observatories had picked up a pattern of radio signals of a type never before heard.

"It is not precluded that they may be sent by a technically developed extraterrestrial civilization," the Russian report said.

The possibility that intelligent life may exist elsewhere is not taken lightly by the scientific community. Many scientists believe the odds are great, even overwhelming, that life of some kind exists in some other star system in our galaxy and beyond.

The United States and Russia are actively listening for radio signals from an intelligent civilization trying to make contact.

But Dr. William Howard, assistant director of the National Radio Astronomical Observatory, said that the United States had heard no such signals and that Russia had not reported their frequency and position in the sky.

"If it were that important, I would suspect we would have some indication directly from these people so we could look," he said.

Dr. Carl Sagan, noted astronomer from Cornell University, which operates the world's largest radio observatory in Puerto Rico, said the reports of the signals from space should not be linked with the rash of UFO sightings.

"I don't think the probable invalidity of the one (UFOs) ought to make us ignore what evolves in the other," he said.

"There are hundreds of people who reliably are seeing lights in the sky. That's OK. So there are lights in the sky. There are lots of explanations for lights in the sky. So I'm perfectly willing to believe the governor of Ohio that he saw something that was in the sky and he didn't know what it was. That's the definition of an unidentified flying object. But that's very different from saying it has anything to do with being visited by spacecrafts from elsewhere.

Twinkle, Twinkle in Sky, Space Aliens Passing By

The Air Force reached that conclusion in 1969 after a two-year, \$539,740 study called "Project Blue Book." Dr. Edward U. Condon, a physicist who headed the study, said in an interview last April that he thought the effort was "a waste of government money."

But Dr. Hynek, the North-western astronomer, disagrees. He said a government agency should be established to study the problem.

Stuart Nixon, executive director of the private National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, said the danger in dealing with UFO reports is that something important may be dismissed among the large number of explainable sightings.

"This used to be typical strategy of the Air Force, saying if you can shoot down eight or nine, you can shoot down the tenth. I'm not at all sure this is the case.

"A majority are going to turn out to have very conventional explanations," he said. "We've got to be honest about that."

Astronomers say the source of many, if not most, of the reports probably are the planets Mars and Venus. Balloons, stars, planes, birds, radar quirks, optical illusions, and clouds also explained many UFO sightings in the past.

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Sky lights bring rash of inquiries

Whether they really were UFO's was not established but hundreds of Marylanders, including a State Police helicopter pilot, last night sighted lights in the sky.

So numerous were calls to the State Police that troopers were ordered to gaze at the sky and watch for any abnormal light phenomena.

Oscillating lights

The pilot who saw a "very large" airborne vehicle with white lights oscillating up and down the sides was Trooper Michael Wenrich, a Vietnam veteran and seasoned pilot on a medivac mission over Prince Georges county.

He radioed the control tower at Andrews Air Force Base at 7:40 P.M., reporting his sighting. He "just about went nuts," according to the State Police, when the tower told him that yes, indeed, they had a flying object on their radars in the direction and altitude described by the trooper.

Later last night, the Andrews tower said the object "possibly" was a "special experimental aircraft" flying from Patuxent River Naval Station and testing an innovative lighting system for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Another craft that could have produced a similar light effect, according to the air base, was a WPGC "Good Guys" aircraft with a sweeping light system. It was in the air promoting the rock station.

A third candidate was the strongest however. It was the UFO, Maryland State Lottery craft, which in the past has resulted in scores of UFO calls. Last night it was flying in the Washington area, advertising today's lottery drawing in Wheaton, Md.

In Baltimore county State Police said that aside from the Washington metropolitan area, UFO sightings were reported in Cecil, Harford, and Baltimore counties.

In the latter area, a second helicopter was even sent to investigate the reports but it found nothing extraordinary among the stars, a State Police spokesman said.

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Rash of UFOs reported sighted over Valley

This past weekend saw another rash of UFO (unidentified flying object) sightings in south and west Georgia, several of which were made from Columbus and other areas of the Chattahoochee Valley.

The most recent sightings were made from Columbus by residents of the northern portion of the city.

Leonard Waller, who lives at the corner of Beallwood Avenue and 41st Street, said he spotted "five or six UFOs darting back and forth."

Waller said the objects appeared to be over the Manchester area.

"They looked to be white or yellow," Waller said, adding that each would dart in one direction, come to a full stop and dart in the opposite direction.

Residents in Manchester and Talbotton made several sightings Saturday night.

Descriptions of the UFOs

vary only slightly. In each case observers report that the object emitted a dull yellow glow, was as big as an automobile and moved silently through the heavens.

Mrs. Joanne Cornwell was among a group of four persons who sighted UFOs near Manchester Saturday around 10:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

"We followed the first UFO across the sky until it disappeared over the tree line on Pine Mountain," Mrs. Cornwell said Sunday. "We watched it for at least a minute as it glided slowly through the air."

Mrs. Cornwell, who gazed at the sky until 4 a.m. Sunday, said on the second UFO sighting, which lasted about two and a half minutes, she noticed an airplane flying toward the object.

"It seemed as if the airplane was trying to overtake the UFO," she said.

Manchester State Patrolman Sammy Taylor, along with his wife, Shirley and Mrs. Cornwell's husband Gary, also sighted the UFOs.

"The object came from the east over Pine Mountain about 100 feet above the ground," Taylor recalled. "It looked to be a solid object at least the size of a car and giving off a dull yellow glow."

"Then we saw another object which I don't believe was the same as the first coming from the northeast," he said.

Taylor said there have been sightings of UFOs in the Manchester area for nearly two weeks.

"People at first didn't believe it when they first heard of UFOs but I can tell you, they believe it now," Taylor said. "I didn't believe it at first myself."

Taylor said an object which

a Woodland policeman said he saw fall from the sky was "obviously a hoax."

"That piece of metal was definitely man-made," he said. "But what we saw Saturday night was definitely not man-made."

Taylor said the UFOs sighted Saturday over Manchester were "certainly not flares."

"When I was in Vietnam, I saw every kind of military flare made and none of them looked like the objects we saw hovering overhead," he said.

The Manchester patrolman

said he contacted the U.S. Naval Air Station in Albany, but "they wouldn't have anything to do with it."

Taylor also said he contacted Charles Woodford of the National Investigation Committee for Aerial Phenomena in Cocoa Beach, Fla. He said Woodford indicated that his group would investigate the Manchester sightings.

Talbot County Deputy Sheriff Charles Pope said he and another Manchester State Patrolman, R. E. Traylor, saw a UFO about two miles east of Talbotton about 11:15 p.m. Saturday.

"It was coming right at the patrol car," Pope said. "It looked like a dull light bulb."

Pope said that he and Patrolman Traylor pulled off the road and turned off the car's headlights to watch the object overhead.

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lights it reversed and went in the opposite direction," Pope said. "It was about 300 feet in the air and a quarter of a mile away."

"It looked like a giant light bulb," he said. "I just couldn't believe it at first."

The UFO sightings near Manchester and Talbotton represent only a few of the sightings noted in Georgia as well as Florida and Alabama.

Patrolmen in five Alabama cities have reported sighting UFOs during the past week.

Officer Keith Broach of Auburn, Ala. said he saw something the size of an airplane which appeared red and white and then changed to green and white before flying away Saturday night.

A policeman in Lanett, Ala. has also reported sighting a UFO about the size of a car only a few feet from the ground.

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UFOs Setting Off Book Sales Boom

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By JON McCONAL

Star-Telegram Contributing Editor

Sales of books on flying saucers are soaring as a result of the recent boom in UFO sightings in this area and across the nation.

And Fort Worth Public Library's shelves, with some 35 books on the subject are bare.

"No wait a minute, we do have two copies back there now, but they'll be gone before long. And, we have a waiting list for the books and it's growing. There's as many as eight names signed up for some of the books," said Mrs. Betty Benson, a library employee.

She said all ages were checking out the books.

"And, the books are staying out," she said.

Several book stores said their supplies of books on UFOs are dwindling fast.

"We were just this minute talking about this," said Mrs. Catherine Harvey, manager of Century Book Store at 5033 Trail Lake Drive. "We have really had an increase in sales of these books."

So much so, she said, that a special display of nine books about UFOs and flying saucers has been positioned by the cash register.

"People come in to get another book and see these and they buy a couple of them," said Mrs. Harvey.

She said six of the titles had been bought out.

One fast selling book is Eric Von Daniken's "Chariots of the Gods." This book is about the possibility of outer space visitors to this planet centuries ago.

"But something else that is intriguing is the increase in sales of the books by Immanuel Velikovsky. I have 27 special orders for his book, "Worlds in Collision." I think the UFO sightings have caused people to think about some of his theories more carefully."

A spokesman at Barber's Book Store, 215 W. 8th, said there hasn't been a great increase in UFO book buying at his store yet.

"But I'm anticipating one. So we're stocking up on them. And today we got a brand new title in the paperback line on the subject of flying saucers," he said.

Mrs. Harvey said she was amazed at the people who are buying the books.

"It's young people, middle-age people and even elderly people," she said.

But, she attributes a remark made by a young customer as to the reason for sudden increase in sales. He said:

"Why should we think we are the only life in this vast universe?"

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PALACIOS, Tex. (UPI)—

Mayor Bill Jackson says he realizes President Nixon is busy at present, but, when things calm down around the White House, Jackson would like Nixon to issue a proclamation making this Gulf Coast town a Mecca for interstellar visitors.

"It is my belief that every traveler needs a home away from home," Jackson said Tuesday. "And it is my intention to go one step further to reassure any lonely space traveler is always welcome at our airport."

A "big red blob" flew over the Palacios football stadium during a high school game last week and disrupted the planned halftime activities.

Another unidentified flickering red object was seen over San Antonio and two commercial airline pilots preparing to land at San Antonio International Airport chased the thing for a few minutes.

"UFOmania" also hit the Texas communities of Fort Worth, Brownwood and Mesquite, near Dallas, this week.

Jackson would like to tell any visitors from outer space that they are more than welcome in Palacios and to prove it he hopes Nixon will declare this fishing and farming community of 4,000 persons located between Houston and Corpus Christi the "Interplanetary Capital of the Universe."

"As soon as he (Nixon) gets his head above the water up

there in Washington, we'll contact him for official sanction," Jackson said. "He seems to be pretty well occupied at the moment."

Jackson said the UFO at the football game appeared in the second quarter. "They finished out the quarter, but I'm afraid the thing detracted from some of the halftime activity," the mayor said. "It was a big red blob. It would travel for a few seconds, stop dead still for 15 to 20 seconds, then move on."

Red, green and blue flashing lights were seen close to the ground in Brownwood. The police radio went off the air when the lights appeared but functioned again 90 minutes later when the lights disappeared.

And 14 members of a Texas Christian University astronomy laboratory in Fort Worth and their instructor saw a "cylindrical shaped object with rounded ends" traveling about 4,000 miles an hour. "It was the first time I ever saw anything like this," instructor Lawrence Brown, 35, said.

Officer Claims He Saw 'Blue Green' Sky Flash

SAUSALITO (UPI) — Marin County sheriff's Sgt. Kenneth Froberg said he spotted a "blueish green flash" in the sky Tuesday night that lasted about five seconds and then disappeared.

"It was coming out of the sky at an angle to the earth. It had a long orange tail with articles flying from it," said the sergeant, who was on duty at a Sausalito substation near the Golden Gate Bridge.

He said an El Sobrante woman reported seeing the object while feeding her horses and that according to her report, "it came in a horizontal direction and then took off."

Froberg spotted the object at

approximately 10:20 p.m. and said it seemed to have been located in the sky toward the Alameda County city of Oakland.

A California Highway Patrol officer on duty at the Golden Gate Bridge plaza said, "I've been looking, but I haven't seen anything."

Hamilton Air Force Base said there was no radar sighting of any unidentified object nor any explanation of what the object could be.

Vandenberg Air Force Base in Southern California said there were no missile launches during the evening. Such launches have been the source of similar sightings in the past.

Student Says UFO Seen In Chico Orchard Area

After an absence of UFOs for several days, one has reportedly made an appearance again in the Chico area.

Bidwell Junior High School student David Lawrence of Rt. 2 Box 288 reported yesterday to the Enterprise-Record that he saw a strange object at about 10:15 p.m. Thursday over an orchard near his home.

He described it as egg-shaped with red and blue flashing

lights. He said it "darted around in the sky," making no noise, until it disappeared.

Later that night, he said, he saw a similar object hovering over an orchard before it appeared to go down behind some trees. He said he could not be sure whether it had landed.

He said he watched the object from eight to 10 minutes both times and was sure it was not an airplane or helicopter.

Young Lawrence, who said he had read about UFOs, said it was not the first time he had seen a strange object in the sky over Chico. He said that about this time last year, he and his father, David Lawrence, and his brother, Danny, were driving on a road north of Chico when they spotted a "super bright light" which went out, revealing an egg-shaped craft with a dorsal fin red light at the rear and blue light at the front.

The youth said they watched the object until it went out of sight.

Lawman Says UFO Seen Today on Oroville Trek

Chico Enterprise Record 10/17/73

You can add Chico to the growing list of areas where unidentified flying objects (UFOs) have been spotted lately.

Chico police officer James Book reported seeing an orange object in the sky that illuminated an area near him and gradually grew smaller until disappearing.

The officer made the sighting at 5 a.m. today near the intersection of Highways 99 and 149 south of town as he was transporting a prisoner to Oroville.

Book said it appeared to flare up, illuminating the terrain around him, then turned orange and gradually grew smaller.

"I really thought it was an aircraft on fire," he said. But a check with the

Federal Aviation Administration office in Red Bluff showed no distressed airplanes in the area.

Federal aviation officials also revealed no jet flights or rocket launchings took place or could have been observed in the area at the time of the sighting.

Was it a UFO? Officer Book said he wasn't sure.

However, a creative dispatcher described the incident in the radio log as an "orange glow becoming smaller and dimmer as though the craft was returning into space."

Similar sightings have been reported across the nation in the past several days and two Mississippi men related an actual visit by strange-looking creatures and their spaceship. See related stories on Page 7A.

Astronomers Visit Pascagoula, Miss.

Experts Say UFO Tale 'Not Unbelievable'

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — (UPI) — A Northwestern University astronomer says the "very terrifying experience" of two men indicates that a strange craft from another planet did land in Mississippi.

"Where they are coming from and why they were here is a matter of conjecture," Dr. Allen Hynek said, "but the fact that they were here on this planet is beyond a reasonable doubt."

Hynek and Dr. James Harder of the University of California interviewed by hypnosis two shipyard workers who told authorities they were fishing from an old pier in the Pascagoula River when a "fish-shaped" vehicle emitting a bluish haze approached from the sky.

Charles Hickson, 42, and 18-year-old Calvin Parker, both of the Gautier community, have maintained throughout a weekend of intense questioning that they were taken aboard the craft by three weird creatures with wrinkled skin, crab-claw hands and pointed ears.

Hynek, who was scientific consultant to Project Bluebook when it was conducted on UFOs by the U.S. Air Force in the 1960's, said after talking to Parker and Hickson:

"There is no question in

my mind that these men have had a very terrifying experience. Under no circumstances should they be ridiculed. Let's protect these men."

Hickson and Parker, "both scared to death and shaking all over," told the Jackson County sheriff's office of their bizarre experience Thursday night.

Sheriff Fred Dlamind said he believed "something"

happened to the men because they were "scared to death and on the verge of a heart attack."

Other residents of the Pascagoula area reported to the sheriff's office they saw a similar UFO in the vicinity of the fishing location about the time the two men maintain they did.

The men, who have volunteered to undergo lie-detector tests, were checked for radiation exposure at Kees-

ler Air Force Base, but the results were negative.

Hynek said although the men were able to be hypnotized "their experience was so traumatic that it was essential to progress slowly."

"These are not imbalanced people," Harder said. "They're not crackpots."

"There was definitely something here that was not terrestrial, of the earth," he said.

By LYDEL SIMS

I have just worked out a new word for what ails most of us. What we suffer from, friends, is gullicism.

Gullicism is made up of equal parts of abject gullibility and uninformed skepticism. It works like this.

On the one hand, we listen in stupefied, jaw-sagging credulity as crooked politicians, con men and other eloquent rascals pile up lies to distract our attention from various ripoffs. And we do it over and over again, even though we know how often we've been suckered in the past.

On the other hand, we bray like hysterical jackasses whenever anybody tries to tell us something we don't understand. And we do this over and over again, also, even though we know how often we've laughed at truth in the past.

You don't need me to cite examples

of the abject-gullibility bit. But how about uninformed skepticism?

All right, listen. Two Mississippi fishermen report they have been taken into an unknown flying object, photographed and released. Bingo, the nation busts out laughing and everybody

agrees the men are simpletons, drunkards and liars.

WE DO THIS without even examining their story, you understand. That is because, like Pavlov's dog or Uncle Sugar's computer, we have been programmed.

You will recall that the dog associated bell-ringing with food, so it salivated when a bell rang even if there was not any food. The computer, to use one recent example cited here, has been told the last unit in a name is what you call people so it sees the name Mrs. Charles Taintor III and promptly starts calling her Mrs. Iii.

As for us, at the sight or sound of the letters UFO we begin feeling superior and amused. We picture little green men from Mars. We think how wise we are not to believe in them.

"How stupid can you get?" we chuckle to one another.

We ought to know. We're our own best examples.

WHETHER THE STORY the fishermen told is accurate is, of course, not the point. The point is we don't even bother to listen all the way through before we start guffawing.

Just possibly there might be a little bitty bit of truth in their story, right? Maybe it's not entirely fair to call them fools. Maybe, even leaving Mars out of it, there might be some sort of explanation.

On the other hand, maybe there isn't. But I'll tell you what I'm considering.

For a few months, just to get the feel of it, it might be worth the effort to turn the gullicism around. You think it would really hurt to be a little more receptive to simple fishermen with flying-saucer stories and a lot more skeptical of politicians with something to sell?

Easily Explained:

Dogs Disembarking From UFO

STILL MORE UFO'S were sighted in Georgia and Florida, the Associated Press reported.

According to one sighting, a spaceship landed in a cemetery near Savannah. Several large black dogs got out and trotted off.

This seems perfectly reasonable and much more plausible than any attempt so far to explain UFO sightings.

I have prepared a paper for reading at the next convention of Scientific UFO Investigators. It seems both pertinent and pressing that, in the face of widespread skepticism, I release portions of that paper at this point in space.

It has become inherent part and parcel of any otherwise ordinary UFO sighting that some wildly over-imaginative "scientist" immediately and compulsively attempts to "explain away" the most commonplace flying saucer. We in the UFO-believing community are all too aware of this dreary proclivity.

And, truly, the black dog sighting is no exception to such naive cynicism. Already "experts" are trying to explain it.

Have you ever heard of anybody who went looking for a spaceship full of black dogs? Who needs it?

Further proof of the authenticity of this doggie case lies



John Keasler

simply in the official report from the Air Force itself. For the first time, perhaps, the Air Force has verified a landing! Thusly:

"... The Air Force says it knows of nothing unusual and isn't investigating..."

Think about that admission! Place yourself in the office of the Air Force UFO-Listening Officer last Sunday night. The report comes in!

"Major," says the lieutenant, "we got a report that lots of black dogs got out of a UFO over near Savannah."

"Dogs, eh?" says the major, crisply. "Uh... black

dogs, huh? Did they, uh, have collars?"

The lieutenant says on the phone, "Did they have collars?" Nobody knows. Just that they were large black dogs that got out of a spaceship. The lieutenant hangs up. "Shall we investigate?"

"How the devil do we investigate stray dogs around Savannah?" says the major. "Nothing unusual about that."

See the resultant wording of the report? "Air Force says it knows of nothing unusual and is not investigating..."

The shroud of close-mouthed secrecy has finally been ripped from the Air Force, and you read it here!

What is the Air Force trying to hide? It can't all be coincidence!

Further proof is this:

There are 88,000,000,000,343,981 planets and stars. It is mathematically certain that the law of averages dictates that many — probably millions — of these sustain life.

A computerized breakdown shows that by the most conservative estimate dogs have evolved on at least 3,211,456 planets or stars. (Where did you think dogs came from?) And you know how it is with dogs on a trip.

The wonder is not that a spaceship disgorged a few black dogs near Savannah. The wonder is that we are not up to our hips in space dogs.

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UFO sightings reported in Tahoe-Truckee area

If indeed "flying saucers" are hovering over the skies of Northern California, they may have paid a visit to Lake Tahoe, according to several local residents.

At 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Pete Werbel of Truckee may have seen the most astounding unidentified flying object ever witnessed over Tahoe skies.

Werbel admits to having scanned the skies unsuccessfully many times in hopes of sighting an UFO. But Tuesday night, standing on Bridge St., he glanced up to see an orange ball of fire tagged with a bluish orange tail.

It lay very slow on the horizon and probably was a couple hundred miles away, but "I could see it more distinctly than any other stars because of its size."

In the moments it took to call a friend, it disintegrated in what appeared to be an explosion. The tail evaporated, the orange ball

splintered into little clusters. Then it disappeared.

The object appeared to be about the size of an Apollo rocket, said Werbel, and it gave the impression of being some such object.

Werbel saw the object in the western sky. It was moving south to north he said, and could have been a meteor, or more likely, a rocket reentering the atmosphere.

"I was coming home from North Shore with my husband Sunday night," said a South Tahoe resident who preferred to remain anonymous, "and suddenly this bright green thing flashed across the sky.

"It looked like a big football," she continued, "and it just flew straight and suddenly landed somewhere south of us. I wasn't going to say anything about it, but when I read in the Tribune that people had seen something similar in San Francisco, I thought I had better call you."

And in Zephyr Cove, a sheriff's spokesman said the sub-station received a call last night "from a man who claimed he saw a flying object on Spooner Summit which had fire coming out of it."

The caller was advised to contact the South Tahoe Airport but apparently decided against it as the airport received no calls.

A nation-wide survey by United Press International Thursday morning reported a wave of UFO sightings from coast-to-coast Wednesday. But a scientist, Arthur Pursell, president of the Tulare Astronomical Association, said an exploding meteor was responsible for the sightings on Northern California.

Meantime, law enforcement offices in the Truckee-North Tahoe area had several calls from citizens between about 10 and 10:30 p.m. Thursday. Callers reported something that appeared to be a burning plane down in the Squaw Peak or Alpine Meadows areas.

An officer of the Placer County sheriff's substation went into the

Alpine Meadows area with a citizen informant without finding anything, a spokesman at the substation reported. A private plane from Truckee-Tahoe Airport flew Tuesday night over the Alpine Meadows-Granite Chief, Desolation Valley and Donner Lake areas without seeing a reported object.

And while one psychiatrist has called most of the sightings "fantasy," Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of Northwestern's astronomy department, has called for a government agency to investigate UFO reports which "could set the stage for a panic situation" if they continue to multiply.

"At least somebody should keep track of what is going on here—make a record of the reports and plot them on a map," Hynek said. "I wouldn't mind being sort of a Ralph Nader for UFOs for a while."