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**What's In The Sky Tonight?**

"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

--Dr. Lincoln La Paz

## DEDICATION

This history series is dedicated to the memory of Francis R. "Dick" Scobee of Cle Elum, Washington, Mission Commander of the space shuttle Challenger and a "shirt tail" relative on my Mother's side of the family.

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# UFOs: A HISTORY

1957

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6 November. Sante Fe, New Mexico. (12:01 a.m.)

"I thought the world was coming to an end."

It was one minute after midnight. A huge "ball of fire" came out of the north at an estimated 1,000 foot altitude. The thing swept over east Sante Fe, and its effect on some local citizens was dramatic. Joseph Martinez, a taxi driver, informed the police and the Associated Press the passage was so spectacular it nearly scared him to death. He hit the brakes and his cab slid to a stop. Astonished by it all Martinez thought "the world was coming to an end." According to the press account, a passenger in the cab verified Martinez's claim. He was a Mr. Gilbert Gallegos. The story in the paper said:

"...when this thing came out of the north right at us. We were driving very slow at the time. The motor stopped but I may have killed it myself. I know it was right after midnight, because the clock in the car stopped too and so did my wristwatch," Martinez said.

"I can't describe it. It was huge and so bright that it lit up the inside of the car. We thought it was going to hit the car."

"It seemed to be moving very slowly ---coming out of the north toward us. It wasn't round ---more of an egg shape--- and very bright.

"When it got right over the car we heard a distinct humming sound very plainly. Then it pulled up and shot away toward the southeast," Martinez said.

"Tell me one thing," he asked. "Am I going crazy, seeing something like that?" (1.)

6 November. Benton Harbor, Michigan. (12:15 a.m.)  
(See clipping) (2.)

6 November. Pell City, Alabama. (4:30 a.m.)

"Mammoth saucer as large as a city block."

According to George Butler, a staff writer for The Birmingham News:

"A mammoth flying saucer --oval in shape and large as a city block --was reported seen early today in St. Clair County, Alabama.

"The man who sighted the huge illuminated object, hovering over the treetops, said it knocked out the batteries in his car and burned the ground over a large area.

"James Moore, 36, of Rt. 1, Pell City, said he saw the object about 4:30 a.m. while delivering milk before reporting to his job at the Blockham Valves and Fitting Company in Birmingham.

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BOB ALLEN, a disc jockey for Benton Harbor's WHFB, reported he saw a purplish and blueish oblong object pulsating to orange about 12:15 a.m. to the southwest of St. Joseph.

Don Euehler, WHFB sports director, and engineer Dean Manley talked to Mrs. Stolfo and said they found a patch of grass 30 feet around "which might have been slightly singed" near the spot where she reported sighting the eerie glow.

"I saw the sky lit up and decided to investigate. I drove about eight miles off the main road (U.S. 78) and my batteries --that were brand new-- went dead. I then walked another mile and saw the thing.

"I estimated it to be about 600 feet long and 150 feet wide. It was hovering about 200 feet above the ground. I took a look and left. I noticed that the ground was slightly scorched all around."

'Moore said he walked several miles and then hitchhiked a ride with a friend who came by 'but didn't tell him what I had seen... He would have thought I was crazy.'

'Moore said his car was still stranded near the spot where he saw the lighted object. He planned to return to the place today to get the vehicle.

'He pinpointed the site at about seven miles beyond Pell City toward Anniston, and then some miles off the main road, reached by a dirt road." (3.)

6 November. Wellington, Texas. (First week of November 1957 and two weeks previously)

'Makes your hair stand on end!'

The night time encounter stories from Georgia sound a lot like the experiences of Texan H.C. Johnson. A Texas newspaper asked: "What is it...?" And then the same paper explained:

"H.C. Johnson, who drives a truck for Cecil Richards and making frequent trips between here [Wheeler, Texas] here and Houston, has recently observed some 'makes your hair stand on end' sights.

"On his return from Houston this week [the first week of November] as he came through Wellington, he noticed a bright light that he supposed was atop one of the buildings there until he had left the town. He kept seeing the same light about a mile off the highway and fairly high which was similar to a bright star but in spurts and dashes. He said the light would glow extremely bright then fade but the object (satellite or what have you) kept hovering and coming in the same general direction he was traveling. As he neared the small town of Lutie he noticed a sudden brilliant flash then nothing. It was as if a huge light bulb had suddenly been turned off. 'It was enough to give one the scare of a lifetime,' he said.

"About two weeks ago Mr. Johnson had another 'light' experience. He said, 'Suddenly from just nowhere his truck was bathed in a blaze of intense brilliance.' He was blinded for seconds and then the light disappeared as suddenly as it came but one of the headlights on his vehicle was gone." (4.)

6 November. Sante Fe, New Mexico. (4:00 a.m.)

"Huge blob of light."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mares's story. Mr. Mares told the police:

"...he and his wife were driving down Cerrillos Road [Sante Fe] toward their home when they saw a 'huge blob of light' apparently hovering 60 to 70 feet off the ground some six blocks northwest

of the state capital buildings.

"They said the object later began moving southeastward at immense speed, leaving a trail of blue and yellow sparks and a stream of light that could have been a vapor trail. When it moved, they said, it 'looked like a ball of fire.'" (5.)

6 November. Houston, Texas. (4:30 a.m.)

Car engine killed.

A Houston paper printed:

"William Rush, 19, said electrical interference from one of the objects killed his car engine on Long Point Road near Siber Road about 4:30 a.m. Wednesday.

"Rush, who lives at 1414 Murrayhill and is manager of Yale Street Transport, said he first mistook the object for a red traffic signal. It was egg-shaped and glowed brightly, he said.

"His car radio was blanked with static. The object moved at a high speed, Rush added." (6.)

6 November. New Orleans, Louisiana. (4:30?/4:45? a.m.)

Doubter no longer doubted.

A New Orleans newspaper printed:

"Frank Accardo, 820 Claiborne, Metairie, a milkman, and his helper, Charles Smith, 8619 Zimpel, reported they saw the object in the western sky just before 5 a.m.

"Accardo reported he and his driver descended from their truck to watch the object.

"I had just read the story about the man who said he visited a space ship and I had laughed at it thinking that fellow must have been off his rocker,' Accardo said.

"Then I picked up my helper and we drove out the River Road. Just behind Foundation Hospital I saw this thing rise over the levee like it was coming out of the river. It was about 200 feet from me and about 300 to 400 feet in the air. It was about 4:30 a.m. to 4:45 a.m.

"I turned to my helper and asked if he saw anything. He pointed to the object and said he saw that thing.'

"Accardo said the object appeared to be a cluster of lights and then looked like a fat cigar.

"The thing sort of glowed. It didn't have any glare --just a brilliant glow. We looked at it for about a minute and a half and then when we really realized what was going on we got out of the truck. Then all of a sudden, in about five seconds, the brilliant glow just dimmed out and the thing disappeared.'" (7.)

6 November. Springfield, Ohio. (4:50 a.m.)

Engine failures.

Two Springfield policemen on patrol in south Springfield at 4:30 a.m. saw a strange, 'frosty' blue light in the sky. The light was visible for 10 seconds or so. At the same time, a Julius Roseman was on his way to work when his car stopped, the engine cutting out for no apparent reason. Next to Roseman's auto was a taxi which also suffered engine failure. (8.)

6 November. St. Petersburg, Florida. (5:25 a.m.)

"It looked like a manta ray with a curling orange tail." (See clipping)

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## Dazzling White Lights, Moving Bodies, Things Soundless Seen Over City

A dazzling white light in the sky yesterday at around 5:20 a.m. brought reports of new heavenly mysteries.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clark and Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Dillman, Times route carriers, were among those reporting it.

Clark described it as a dazzling light with long orange tail.

**FLASHING OVAL**

Dillman said it was oval, and reddish white, the kind of light that radiates from high temperatures. It flashed westward, and disappeared in 10 or 15 seconds.

Dillman said he was certain it was not a rocket, a jet or a meteor.

The Clarks placed the time at 5:25 a.m. Dillman was not certain of the time but said it was near that hour.

"It looked like a manta ray with curling orange tail," said Clark. "It was an eerie sight."

Dillman said he had been discussing Wednesday morning Times stories of strange lights



in the skies a half hour before he saw the flare.

**DIDN'T BELIEVE**

"I didn't quite believe these things. I do now," said he.

Clark was seated in the rear of their car and Mrs. Clark was driving, when the white light suddenly appeared.

"I could see it through the windshield of our car, so it must have been close to earth," said Clark.

In four or five seconds it dipped earthward, and disappeared behind the tree tops.

The Clarks were driving north on 51st Street, between Emerson and Fifth Avenues South.

The Clarks said the object made no noise and was moving very fast.

"The moon was setting in the west and this object, whatever it was, made so much light, it blotted out the moon," said the Clarks.

St. Petersburg, Florida.  
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6 November. West coast of Florida. (5:30 a.m.)

"It was very strange, I can tell you."

Early morning risers along a stretch of Florida coast reported a fast moving, dazzling, object. Many observations were made over a wide area indicating a high altitude. The UFO was probably a meteor. (See clippings)

6 November. Between the towns of Vaughn and Santa Rosa, New Mexico. (6:15 a.m.)

"Object glows, goes."

Our source:

"City [Tucumcari], police patrolman Herman DeOliviers, on Traffic duty this morning was handed a note by a passing motorist telling of spotting a large, red ball close to Highway 54 near Vaughn at 6:15 a.m. today.

"The eastbound tourist, whose identity was not learned, wrote that the glowing sphere 'blinked like a caution light three times' and then disappeared. He said it was foggy at the time. From his sketch it appeared the red ball was near the ground. It seemed to stay in the same place, the tourists said." (9.)

Also: "...the strange thing just disappeared. The people did not say how the object disappeared nor did they give any further description of the object." (10.)

Another press account said the object in question was: "...sitting on part of the roadway." (11.)

Richard Kehoe and Everett Clark.

In spite of the many interesting UFO cases being reported, it was the Reinhold Schmidt story that got the biggest play on the radio and TV networks the early morning of November 6th.

Initially, officials felt compelled to take Schmidt seriously enough to investigate, and before the story could be checked completely, word spread of the supposed encounter. The Kearney police station was swamped with phone calls. Newsmen and crowds of the curious flooded the small Nebraska town. At 9:00 p.m. the evening of November 5th the local Kearney radio station broadcast an interview with both Schmidt and the chief of police. An hour later both men were featured on local television. The networks then picked it up and Schmidt's story went nation wide. All night newspeople were filing reports from Kearney. Interest was so intense many people hung around the police station and refused to go home. Schmidt stayed at the station the whole time. He even took people to the "landing site" as late as 3:00 a.m. to show them where the "strange people" had parked their craft. Even at that hour at least 30 cars were in the area, and a number of folks on foot, looking for some trace left by the "visitors."

By sunrise Schmidt was still awake and answering questions, as he had been doing for 16 straight hours. He had yet to go to his hotel and get some sleep. About 6 a.m. local authorities were having doubts about the "landing" but it was too late to keep the Schmidt story from being the

# Reports Pour In From Coast Area

Three Sarasotans today sighted a strange object flying over west coast skies, and their observation was confirmed by spotters from Homosassa south to Bradenton. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Julian of Kensington Terrace and their 14-year-old daughter caught sight of the bluish ball and its glowing tail-flame as they were driving to the Tampa Airport at 5:30 this morning.

Their sighting was confirmed by a newspaperman from St. Petersburg, a newspaper deliveryman near Homosassa and others who flooded authorities with calls to check on the strange flying object.

"It was very strange, I can tell you," said Julian, who reported the object was moving from east to west "quite high and just barely visible."

The Julians said the object "seemed to make a slight turn or curve. Just after making the arc it disappeared."

The object was only in sight for a few seconds according to Julian, who reported that it was difficult to tell if it had any depth. He said there was the only car on the road at that time.

According to the Associated Press, St. Petersburg Independent sportswriter Eddie Irvin spotted the flying object while he was near the beach and he said it passed within 250 feet of him and disappeared over the Gulf.

He described it as pale green or blue and said it "seemed to be burning inside but it gave forth no flame. It was traveling at a terrific speed." He said it was only in sight for about six seconds.

John Brewer, a circulation man from the St. Petersburg Times, said it was flying "at the rate of a jet plane," and he described it as a dazzling white or blue, about 15 to 20 feet in size and from 200-to-500 feet in the air. He confirmed that it disappeared over the Gulf.

An Eastern Airlines flight crew

reported a bright ball in the sky at the time, and the news service said that a Weather Bureau staff man also had seen the object.

MacDill Air Force Base at Tampa received several calls about the object, with one woman caller saying she saw it over Tampa. She called it a "red ball" with a long tail tacked on it.

Reports of sightings of mysterious objects have been coming in from all parts of the world, capturing the imagination of the nations and causing serious interruptions of the U. S. Air Force interservice liaison.

Mostly the reports were coming from the Gulf Coast area, but they also extended to St. Louis; Cairo,

Egypt; and even in Kearney, Neb., aboard a strange flying machine.

Seen At St. Louis

An object similar to the one spotted over Tampa today was reported yesterday in St. Louis, everything from "a thing" to "a giant big star".

Meanwhile, the Pentagon and the American Air Defense Command are unable to agree on where collected information is to be furnished to the public.

Officials at the Pentagon say that NORAD is doing the job, but a spokesman at the Colorado Springs office of the air defense group said all information is being sent to the Air Defense Command in Washington.

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*From L. B. Waller*

# Local Skywatchers Sight Big Unidentified Object

*Florida*

Two skywatchers of the Stuart Ground Observer Corps reported an "unidentified object" ten times the size of a large airplane Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pezzoni, who had the 4 30 to 6 30 p.m. watch at the airport observer post, reported the object to the Miami Filter Station of the GOC network, where, according to Mrs. Pezzoni, the report was received with "great deal of excitement and interest."

The "object," according to the Pezzonis, hung comparatively low in the sky about three miles west of the airport, had large orange-colored lights at either end of a shape that appeared to be 10 times as long as a large plane at that distance.

Pezzoni spotted it first, five minutes before the couple were scheduled to leave their post, at 6:25 p.m. They stayed until 7 o'clock, hoping for another look at the strange object.

The object moved south on a course paralleling the coast. A few minutes before, the Pezzonis had reported to Miami that a jet came from the south at high speed, circled and returned to the south.

Miami asked about the size,

speed and unusual features of the object and appeared to be keenly interested in the report.

The next south GOC station is at West Palm Beach. Mrs. Pezzoni said she had no way of knowing whether that station saw the object.

The Pezzonis have been on skywatch duty for about a year and may be considered experienced watchers.

"We judge height and distance by objects we know about," Mrs. Pezzoni told The News Wednesday, "so we know what we are talking about."

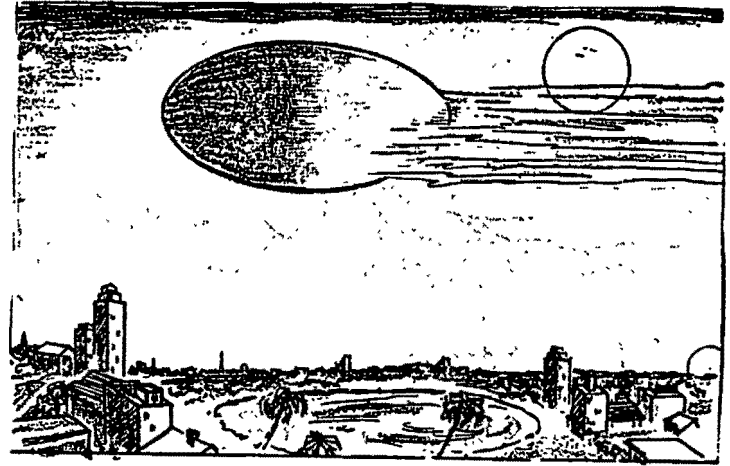
"This object appeared 'under the sock' at the airport, which means we saw it in a low position. The distance we judged by the tower at Palm City. The object was between the tower and our post."

"We have plastic cards with which to judge size, so we are sure it was as big as we say it was."

Mrs. Pezzoni repeated a plea spoken many times recently: "We need more and more skywatchers in this area. Just a few of us are trying to do what a couple of hundred people should be doing."

An object fitting the description given by Mrs. Pezzoni was reported in Ft. Pierce several months ago. AP stories on Wednesday reported an object sighting in New Jersey. The description was about the same.

Left: Florida GOC watchers tell of flying object sightings the day before the big fireball sighting of November 6th.



Did You See The Thingnik?

lead item on the morning newscasts. (12.)

At least two persons were so impressed by all the attention Schmidt was receiving they apparently decided they would have a similar experience (At least that's my belief --L.E. Gross).

One was a young California man by the name of Richard "Kehoe." Having a last name very much like that of Donald "Keyhoe," Director of NICAP, no doubt gave the fellow ideas. A bachelor who lived with his mother in the city of Long Beach, Kehoe would later tell authorities his "experience" took place during the morning commute.

The other individual who would claim a Schmidt-like "space adventure" was 10-year-old Tennessee school boy Everett Clark. It seems the poor kid spent the night alone while his parents worked. When the parents returned home about 6:30 a.m. they found their son highly emotional and declaring that some space people had tried to kidnap the family dog.

6 November. Boston, Massachusetts. (5:30 a.m.)

"I was amazed at the size of it."

Our source:

"November 6, 1957, about 5:30 a.m.: A lens-shaped disk came out of the sky on edge, levelled off to a horizontal position, hung motionless over Boston for a minute or two, then 'stood on edge' again and went off into the sky. 'I was amazed at the size of the thing,' says the witness who reported this to Mr. (...deleted) (and who has always thought he saw a U.S. secret device). 'Compared with the Boston skyscrapers, it was as large as a ten-story building.'" (13.)

6 November. East of Richmond, Illinois. (morning)

"Egg-shaped object 200 feet long."

A newspaper stated:

"Two employes at a state police truck weighing station at Richmond, said they saw an 'egg-shaped object about 200 feet long' in the sky early Wednesday.

"Elmer Hilgart, 47, of Richmond in McHenry County, manager of the station, said the object turned from red to green to blue.

"He and William Zink, 55, of Crystal Lake, said they saw it east of Richmond from the station at U.S. 12 and Route 173. They estimated it was 2,000 feet up.

"The object followed a zig-zag course east of Richmond before disappearing to the south, they said." (14.)

6 November. Portland, Oregon.

Bureau of disaster.

There was such a commotion over "saucer sightings" the previous evening a Portland official felt it was his duty to cool things down. A Mr. Jim Lowe, who was director of the Portland bureau of disaster relief and civil defense, released to the press the following statement: "People are imagining things. If anything of any significance had occurred anywhere in the United States we would be alerted immediately. That has not happened." (15.)

Mr. Lowe should have talked to the principal of Amity High School.

6 November. Amity, Oregon. (8:02 a.m.) (See clipping)

6 November. Clearwater, Florida. (9:45 a.m.)

Another region reporting in was Florida:

"As late as 9:45 this morning, David Carney, 1650 Drew Street, called the Sun to report he had seen two such objects flying in the northern sky toward the south, both 'fairly close together. I looked twice to be sure they were flying twice as fast as any jet. They were brilliant shiny white in color, similar in shape to an egg. There was no noise and no vapor trail discernible. Whatever they were, I saw them, and that is for sure,' he emphasized." (16.)

6 November. Laren, Holland. (no time)

"Small fiery balls hit vehicles."

Of the very few foreign reports on file for this day was an interesting one from Holland:

"In Laren (North Holland) a small fiery ball came down and hit the front window of a motor car. A short time after that another small ball came down and destroyed the headlamp of a motor-cycle. The leading Dutch newspaper De Telegraaf commented that strange things had been registered by authorities." (17.) (See the book The Coming of the Saucers by Kenneth Arnold and Ray Palmer, p.168. There is a mention of a very similar event that took place near Tamarack, Idaho, on July 30, 1947.)

6 November. Near Dunn, North Carolina. (noon)

Baptist Elder "sees things." (See clipping)

## **Baptist Elder Sees "Flying Lampshade"**

Dunn can now share the national limelight with flying saucers and other flying objects after Elder Lester Lee said yesterday that he spied a mysterious flying object near his home on Route Five, Dunn. Elder Lee reported sighting a

object around noon yesterday shaped like a lampshade. He said he first sighted the "flying lampshade" hovering over his potato patch and that the object then zoomed straight up into the sky with a blinding speed.

## **Amity Principal Sees Object 'Suspended' Over Finley's Ridge**

For a skeptic like John Orr, tales of flying saucers and space ships are a little hard to swallow-hard that is until a person sees them himself. Orr, Amity high school principal, prides himself in being skeptical and claims he doesn't even believe in Santa Claus. None-the-less, Orr must admit that there is more to this than meets the eye.

While walking to school at 8:05 a. m. Wednesday, Orr sighted an oval shaped, grey object the size of a small house which was "suspended" over a group of fir trees on Finley's ridge.

Orr did a double take, but on second glance it was gone. However it was enough to convince even a skeptic.

Lee, an Elder in the Primitive Baptist Church, said he heard a noise like a blast of dynamite and looked up. There was a flash of light as bright as the sun and Lee said he then "saw the object shaped like a lampshade and it went straight up in the sky."

The elder said he had never seen anything before like the flying object.

6 November. Asheville, North Carolina.

In the Asheville area one policeman was so frustrated by the elusive objects being reported by local residents he radioed his superior, Captain Everet G. Nicholson, and asked if Civil Defense units had any anti-aircraft guns. (18.)

Excitement over UFOs was peaking on the 6th of November. People were coming forward to admit to sightings made days earlier.

28 October. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. (between 5 and 6 p.m.) (Belated report)

Part-time Presbyterian minister.

Less than a week before the UFO landings around Levelland, a Mr. Robert McCulloh and his wife observed a aerial object in the Oklahoma sky that compares well with what was reported by their Texas neighbors:

"'I would have reported it sooner,' explained Robert A. McCullah, a retired YMCA employe, 'but I didn't want people to think I was a crackpot.'

'McCulloh and his wife said they stood in their yard at 2116 NW and watched the strange object for nearly 30 minutes before it disappeared into the distance.

'McCulloh said he waited until now to report the incident 'because I thought the newspapers and television would be full of it.'

'He said he thought that perhaps a lot of other people had seen the object, too, and would have reported it.

'Mrs. McCulloh first sighted the glowing object when she pulled her car into her driveway. She ran into the house and told her husband to come out and have a look at it.

"'I didn't want to be the only one to see it,' she declared.

"'I hurried outside,' said McCulloh, 'and there it was in plain view in the western sky. I couldn't tell how far away it was.' The time was between 5 and 6 p.m., he said.

'McCulloh said the object fits the description of several that have been sighted in various parts of the country since.

'He said it was oval or pear-shaped and was 'very beautiful.' It appeared to move slowly.

"'I couldn't tell how fast it was going,' he said, 'but it must have been moving fast because it had a tail like a comet behind.'

'He described it as 'large and glowing like the sunset.'

'The two watched the sky until the object was no longer visible.

'An ordained minister, McCulloh worked at the Central YMCA information desk for about 8½ years until he retired a few years ago. Since that time he re-entered the ministry and for the past several years has been serving as a substitute minister in several Presbyterian churches in the vicinity." (19.)

3 November. Abilene, Texas. (between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m.) (Belated report)

"Like a great flashlight."

According a women living in Abilene, Texas, some 200 miles southeast of Levelland, she recalled seeing something strange the very night of the ex-

citement in the Panhandle region. The woman claimed the event that shook her up took place between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. which would put it at a time just after the last report was made at Levelland. A press account states:

"Another greenish, flashing 'Whatnik' light has been seen in Abilene.

"A woman who lives on ACC Hill, and who asked that her name be withheld to avoid publicity, said Tuesday the flashing light was so strong it woke her up between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. Sunday morning.

"The light could be seen northwest of her home and 'looked like a great flashlight turned on the city,' she said. She told her family about it Sunday morning at breakfast, and did not learn about similar lights being seen near Levelland until Sunday afternoon.

"It looked about the size of a washtub, she said, and seemed to be above the trees." (20.)

4 November. Mission, Texas. (night) (Belated report)

A huge ball of fire.

Some people told the press on November 6th that they had viewed a mysterious fiery ball on the evening of the 4th:

"Three Mission residents have reported seeing a huge ball of fire hovering over them for 45 minutes Monday night.

"Miss Edna Keppler and Gene Hull, both of Mission said the ball 'was larger than the largest of stars...then came toward us apparently at great speed since it doubled in size in a few seconds.' She said the object changed colors from bluish to red several times before disappearing to the southwest." (21.)

6 November. Press reaction. Weepin' Willie. "There is something real going on." (See clipping)

*Alamogordo N.M.  
Daily News  
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## **In The Air**

Many a solution to the problems of space ships, putniks, sputniks and everything else that may be afloat have been coming. Everything skeptical seems soon to be scotched, and reality must be faced that other people seem to substantiate other people's stories about what people have seen. Even the "mountain dew" solutions don't hold water any more. There is something real going on in the air.

5 November. Near Lubbock, Texas. (7:30 p.m.) (Belated report)  
300 feet off the ground?

A Lubbock paper published this on the 6th:

'Mrs. Rita McCowan, main gate caretaker at Buffalo Lakes south of here, called the sheriff's office to report she had seen a 'bright object with fiery contrast [?] and fire coming from the rear.' She said the object, spotted around 7:30 p.m. was about 300 feet off the ground, looked like a shooting star and traveled at a high rate of speed. It definitely was not an airplane, she said." (22.)

6 November. Press reaction.

Article in the Levelland Daily News: Robert Gribble sizes up the situation. Sheriff Clem comments further. (See clipping)

Few researchers know that many years later Sheriff Weir Clem had another UFO experience. One night in 1965(1966? He was unsure of the date), Sheriff Clem investigated an auto accident on a country road outside Levelland. Shortly thereafter when he was driving back to town he spotted a couple of bright red flashing lights in the middle of the road some distance ahead. His first impression was that another wreck had occurred and emergency vehicles were giving assistance. As he approached the "wreck," the red lights moved away. Clem believed an ambulance was racing to the hospital. Sheriff Clem drove passed the point on the road where he assumed the "wreck" had taken place but he saw no trace of any car crash. He then noticed that the "ambulance" was moving mighty fast even for an emergency vehicle. The highway was straight for ten miles and try as he may Clem failed to gain on the flashing red lights. Finally, Clem and the "ambulance" approached a curve in the road. To the Sheriff's utter astonishment, the flashing red lights up ahead kept going straight! The lights lifted a little, and then set down in a pasture(There is a somewhat similar car chase in the movie Close Encounters of the Third Kind).

By this time Clem knew he wasn't following any ambulance. Up to then he had not gotten close enough to see any shape --only red lights. The Sheriff pulled off on to a side road to get near to where the "thing" had landed. He was able to get close enough to see some detail. The "thing" was: "...a solid object, more or less cigar-shaped, with very bright red lights on it." (23.) The object, or whatever was in it, was not very sociable. When the Sheriff approached, the object rose in the air, climbing straight up. Sometime afterward, apparently as Clem backed off, the thing dropped down to the pasture, its lights casting a bright glow over the immediate area. There is no mention by Clem how this incident ended. One assumes either he or the thing left soon afterward without any of significance taking place. Clem does mention that he paid a visit to the nearest farmhouse and made inquiries. The farm family in residence had not noticed anything but the people did say something similar had been reported a year earlier. We have no more details. (24.)

6 November. Public reaction. (See clipping)

6 November. Captain of the Sebago expresses doubts. (See clipping)

6 November. Remarks on press coverage.

Civilian Saucer Intelligence, New York, viewed the treatment given the UFO flap in following manner:

## LEVELLAND DAILY SUN NEWS,

Wednesday, November 6, 1957

A Day  
In The **SUN**

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Depends on who you talk to as to whether the Levellandniks were real or imagined. One damn Yankee astronomer says the Levelland witnesses saw mirages and stalled their own auto motors out of fright.

But we have a note from the Aerial Phenomena Research Group, with headquarters in Seattle, Washington, who tells us that "in all probability" unidentified flying objects are interplanetary.

Said the research group in a news release to the Daily Sun News:

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There is now sufficient information based on data compiled from eyewitness accounts that a high percentage of aerial phenomena such as those popularly described as unidentified flying objects are "intelligently controlled craft whose ports of origin are outside earth's atmosphere."

This is the conclusion reached as a result of a study begun by Aerial Phenomena Research Group in Seattle, Washington on January 1, 1954 into the field of unidentified flying objects and related phenomena.

Commenting on this study, National Director of Aerial Phenomena Research Group Robert J. Gribble said: "Although the accounts considered in this study did not contain scientific measurements of each sighting, it was possible to establish certain valid conclusions by the application of statistical methods in the treatment of the data. Analyzed and arranged, the data

did show a marked pattern.

"On the basis of this marked pattern of the data, it is considered to be highly probable that many of the more than 3,000 accounts of unidentified flying objects examined in this study represent observations of technological developments outside the range of present day scientific knowledge.

"Therefore it is highly probable that many of the unidentified flying objects considered in this study are 'spacecraft from other planets'."

Sheriff Weir Clem, getting ready to head home for his first good night's rest since the Levellandniks appearance Saturday night, commented on the newspaper's discovery that at least one of the dramatic sightings appeared to be the imaginary variety.

"Clem said he was convinced there were other "hoax" reports also.

But this fact didn't shake his confidence in some of the others. For instance, a picture of Newell Wright, Jr., was laying on the desk and the sheriff gestured toward it, and vowed that young Wright's story was a factual account. He said there were others.

Wright, who didn't care for the publicity he was getting, was afraid people would think he was crazy.

After all, he said that's what he used to think about people who had reported seeing saucers.

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The sheriff's department also had a possible weekend amnesia case, but it was almost overlooked in the fuss about the whatnik.

A 21-year-old Lubbock man was jailed here for fighting, then released to his father. A short time later, he was picked up near Ropesville again. He didn't know who he was and didn't remember being in jail the sheriff's office reports.

*Chicago Tribune*  
Nov 6, 1957

## Eyes in Skies! Reporter Finds Reaction of People

BY LOUISE HUTCHINSON

What are people saying about "U. F. O."—the unidentified flying object spotted yesterday morning by coast guardmen, reported by Elmwood Park police and firemen Monday, and by Texas motorists over the week-end?

"This is the greatest age to be alive in," said the housewife, 35. "Imagine! A red star on the moon, puppies in the sky, and we'd just as well forget about money. It won't be worth anything unless it's in pupniks."

"I think Ichabod Crane was right," mused the business man, 57. "I fought in World War I, I'm sure I was never naive, but now I can believe anything — Santa Claus, Easter rabbits, the works."

### Blonde Is Amazed

While offices and street corners (and saloons) buzzed with speculation and Chicagoans strained necks skyward, a lovely luscious blonde gaped.

"What object?" she asked, amazed.

But a salesman, who also wanted to talk about income tax, had another reaction. "It's probably those long awaited men from Mars," he said. "Frankly, things can't be as bad in Mars as they are here. I think they ought to stay where they are."

"But maybe all those people who thought they saw flying saucers awhile back shouldn't have been hooted at."

### Banker Is Serious

The bank vice president, 53, was serious, tho.

"There's no reason to believe that we're the only peo-

ple in the universe smart enough to develop a space ship. It doesn't seem fantastic to me that this object might contain men from another world."

If the object should land on Edens bwy. or Michigan av., would he be willing to step up and shake hands?

"Certainly," he answered without a smile. "If they had hands to shake, I'd be glad to help welcome them."

The engineer, 33, was more skeptical. "Probably those folks in Texas had had some tequila."

"It's a natural phenomenon, of that I'm sure, but the credulity of people demonstrates the state of shock this country is in after sputnik I and II and talk of a rocket to the moon. It's a kind of hysterical reaction."

It's just another thing like that flying saucer business, opined the young career woman. "And frankly," she added, "the flying saucers worried me not at all."

### A "Menacing Thing"

But the gray haired grandmother of 11 and mother of five was frightened. "It's a menacing thing," she said. "I worry for my grandchildren."

"It makes me feel like we've finally caught up with the Buck Rogers world," said the promotion man with the air of mild amusement.

"How does it really make me feel? Like having another martini. Do you think I could charge it to Khrushchev?"

Thursday, Nov. 7, 1957 Monroe News-Star

## COAST GUARDSMAN

Doubts Object  
From Space

MOBILE, Ala. —The skipper of a Coast Guard cutter which made at least five radar contacts with an unidentified flying object says he believes it would be impossible to evaluate the sightings.

"There was no continual tracking," Cmdr. C. H. Waring told newsmen when the Sebago docked yesterday. "Possibly there could have been several high speed tar-

gets recorded by the radar."

Waring added that he was "skeptical it was from outer space."

The object appeared to make two passes at the cutter at dawn Tuesday about 300 miles southeast of New Orleans, crewmen said. The cutter was returning from a routine patrol in the Gulf of Campeche when four men sighted the object from the deck.

They said it flashed out of the west at tremendous speed and disappeared into a cloud bank north of the Sebago. When the radar scope first picked it up it appeared to be about 12 miles from the ship, moving from north to south.

Three minutes later, it reappeared on the scope, apparently closer by and on a reverse course to the north. Radarman James Moore, Carrollton, Tex., said the object appeared to come in closer to the ship on another contact later.

Moore said the size recorded on the radar screen was about the same as that from a 7,000 to 10,000-ton ship.

Five and possibly six radar contacts were made within 27 minutes.

Ensign Wayne Shockley, Redlands, Calif., described the object as brilliant white with a glow so intense he could not distinguish its shape.



—Photo by The Times-Picayune.

**QUESTIONING CREWMEN** of the Coast Guard cutter Sebago about the unidentified object reported sighted over the Gulf of Mexico are these two Coast Guard officers. They are (from left), Lt. Don Colbough and Cmdr. James N. Schrader, who is head of search and rescue operations in the Gulf.

"Seaman Radioman Thomas Kirk, Brooklyn, N.Y., was the first to see it at 5:21 a.m. Kirk, who was just climbing up on the bridge, shouted: 'Look at that star. It's moving.'"

The Augusta Chronicle, Augusta, Georgia. 7 November 57.

"All of these reports were carried widely by the press, in stories marked by an absence of the customary 'light touch.' The term 'flying saucer' was no where in evidence. Sightings by Army patrols, Coast Guardsmen, engineers, and police officers --here were reports worthy of serious attention --and they got it." (25.)

6 November. Dr. Menzel set straight.

During a press conference on November 5th Dr. Donald Menzel tried to explain all UFO reports as due to prosaic causes, especially nature's optical tricks. The next day however, Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York was alerted to a news story in the Los Angeles Mirror that quoted ex-BLUE BOOK chief Edward J. Ruppelt who said he had to challenge the Harvard professor. Ruppelt told a reporter Menzel's theories could only explain a few UFO reports: "We, [BLUE BOOK experts] went to Dr. Joseph Kaplan, the UCLA meteorologist, and others, and we spent a lot of money to determine if mirages were the answer. The only positive answer we got was that they were not mirages." (26.) One odd thing about this, and it might even border on the mysterious, is that no other newspaper printed Ruppelt's remarks, at least to what the CSI group could determine. (27.)

Menzel the "mystery man."

Menzel was a well known UFO skeptic and some UFO buffs felt the Harvard professor was an agent for some sort of government UFO "silence group." Ruppelt, however, knew Menzel not as some kind of "agent" but as a man with an incredible ego. Back in 1952 Menzel got into a loud argument with Air Force authorities when they refused to support his UFO debunking article in LOOK magazine. In May of that year Menzel even lectured the BLUE BOOK staff about his theories in a private briefing. Ruppelt and others at the briefing felt it was a rather odd performance and couldn't figure out why Menzel thought the presentation was especially convincing or even necessary. The Harvard professor strange behavior, for he was without a doubt a brilliant man, extended to the 1960s when Dr. Edward Condon was in charge of the University of Colorado UFO project. Dr. Condon could hardly be called a UFO believer. One day Menzel phoned Condon and proceeded to carry on about his anti-UFO theories. Condon said afterward he thought Menzel was "nuts." Why Menzel, a supposed "silence group agent," would annoy a UFO agnostic the likes of Condon makes the "agent" concept suspect.

"No facts" Menzel.

Returning to a time period more in keeping with the Levelland flap, it seems that during a Dave Garroway TV program (May 16, 1960) Menzel and Donald Keyhoe had an interesting exchange. As Keyhoe remembered it, Menzel: "... conceded that he did not have the detailed Air Force reports when he labeled many UFOs as mirages and illusions. He said he found the Air Force would have muzzled him if they gave him the cases." (28.)

The flawed approach of Menzel got him into trouble during his press conference to explain the Levelland manifestations. UFO buffs sitting in on the gathering noted Menzel's discomfort when he tried to cover all the bases indicated by his suggested "solution" to the sightings:

"...when critics asked him about the ignition and failure of lights, he began talking fast and nervously, tried to change the

subject. The stallings of engines were the result of 'nervous feet,' but somehow his critics let him talk his way around the fact that headlights also went out." (29.)

In any case, an explanation suitable for official adoption did begin to emerge.

Suggestions that ball lightning was the culprit appeared here and there in news stories. All mentions were brief except for an article in the Denver Post on November 6th by staff writer Jack Robinson. (See clipping)

6 November. (morning)

An official analysis to be announced.

Worried about strange things being reported the Savannah, Georgia, Evening Press phoned Major L.J. Tacker the executive officer, Public Information Service, Secretary of the Air Force, Washington D.C. Major Tacker assured the Evening Press: "...some analysis of reports of mysterious flying objects is expected by late today [the 6th] or tomorrow..." (30.)

6 November. Knoxville, Tennessee.

"I don't think he made it up, but I still don't believe it."

Twelve-year-old Everett Clark went to school on the 6th in spite of his claimed adventure that morning. Young Clark had called the Sheriff before leaving home for school. Word got around quickly. Newsmen from the local paper went to the school and asked the principal if they could discuss the UFO encounter with Everett.

The schoolboy's story, as recorded by reporter Carson Brewer, tells us:

'He got up at 6:30 to let his dog, a Terrier named Frisky, out of the house. He saw an oblong object in the field across the road and nearly 100 yards from Clark's home.

'Everett, seeing the thing in dim light and still a bit sleepy, said he thought he was 'day dreaming.'

'He went back into the house. He went back again at 6:50 to let Frisky back in. But Frisky and some other dogs were over in the field at the object. Two men and two women were there too.

'Everett said one of the men grabbed at Frisky, but Frisky growled and backed away. Then, Everett said, the man grabbed at another of the dogs. This was a small brownish-black dog, and Everett says he doesn't know who owns him. The man got the dog by the back and the dog started to bite him. Then the man put him down, Everett says.

'Everett said he heard the people talking 'like some language on television. He explained that they talked like German soldiers in war movies he'd seen on television. He said he walked down to the road, and then the people saw him. The two men motioned to him, he said. But he didn't go.

'Everett said the people were normally dressed. At least he doesn't recall anything strikingly different about their dress. He said they went back into the 'space ship' and it looked as though they were 'walking through glass.'

'The 'space ship' took off without sound, Everett says, and it climbed rather sharply, 'like a helicopter.'

# Is 'Flying Egg' Rare Lightning?

(See story on page 1 also)

By JACK ROBINSON  
Denver Post Staff Writer

One of the world's leading authorities on meteorites said Wednesday that the mysterious, brilliant colored "flying egg" sighted in various parts of the Southwest could be one of nature's most rare phenomena—ball lightning.

The meteorite expert is Dr. Harvey Harlow Nininger, who for 16 years was curator of meteorites of the Denver Museum of Natural History.

Dr. Nininger, now director and owner of the American Meteorite Museum in Sedona, Ariz., said the egg-shaped fire ball couldn't possibly be a meteorite.

"But it could be ball lightning," he said.

Dr. Nininger described ball

lightning as "a big ball of fire that moves slowly."

He said he would like to interview some of the people who said they observed the colored flying object.

## DIFFICULT TO DESCRIBE

"Even trained observers, when strange phenomena comes upon them unexpectedly, have difficulty in describing it accurately," he said.

The late Dr. J. C. Jensen of Nebraska Wesleyan University, in an article on "Ball Lightning" in the Scientific Monthly, said:

"It is so rare that comparatively few persons have seen it, and these observers have been so startled that they cannot give a clear description of what they saw."

A brightly lighted cigar-shaped object with a noise be-

tween a hum and a swish was reported to have flashed over Denver at 3.45 a. m. Wednesday by an Englewood mother and daughter who said the object lit up the inside of their home with "an unearthly light."

Mrs. Gerald Ricke, 4649 S. Fox St., said she and her daughter, Karen, 14, saw the object fly out of the eastern sky and head west toward the mountains.

Jensen said ball lightning may vary in size from a hen's egg to 11 yards in diameter. He said it could be caused by cold air rushing ahead of nimbus clouds.

The Nebraska scientist said he observed ball lightning during a Nebraska line squall in 1935 which appeared as a mass of "lavender color that floated slowly downwards."

"The rose colored mass seemed most brilliant near the ground and gave the impression of a gigantic pyrotechnic display."

Dr. Jensen said ball lightning left nothing behind more tangible than the odor of ozone.

James Stokes, 43, an engineer at the Air Force Metals Development Center, Alamogordo, N. M., and White Sands Proving Grounds, reported seeing a "soundless, brilliant colored" egg-shaped object Tuesday on U.S. 84 between White Sands and Alamogordo.

"The thing flitted erratically across the countryside and left a sort of heat wave like radiation from a giant sun lamp," Stokes told Air Force officials.

The engineer said 10 autos were stalled on the highway by

the mystery object.

## HUGE CHARGE

Dr. Jensen explains that ball lightning, when it nears the ground, gives off an electrical field change which indicates that a huge charge of negative electricity escapes from the lightning ball.

(Denver scientists quizzed by The Denver Post Wednesday could not determine if the field change stemming from a huge charge of ball lightning would be strong enough to affect auto radios or electrical systems.)

At the same time, the U.S. Weather Bureau at El Paso, Tex., reported weather conditions in Alamogordo-White Sands area Monday, when Stokes sighted the strange fire ball, were not conducive to the creation of ball lightning.

'He said the 'space ship' was 'long and round' and of no particular color. 'Translucent?,' one of his teachers said [The newspaper clipping at this point is not readable. The story picks up again where the reporter and Everett are at the supposed landing site. Also see clipping with a remark about the expression "space ship."']

"The people were standing about here,' Everett was saying.

"And about that time I saw something which nearly made me jump.

"About 10 feet from where Everett was standing, I saw a peculiar imprint in the thick grass. Everett did not point it out. Both Bill Dye and I saw it first.

"It was in the shape of a fat cigar or a slender egg. I stepped off the length of the thing as about 24 feet. It probably was about five feet wide at the thickest portion. It was a faint but very definite imprint, as though someone had put a big cigar-shaped frame down on the grass. The grass inside the oval was not disturbed.

"I tried walking in a circle to see if I could make a similar part. It didn't work. Though a person probably could, make a similar imprint by walking it a dozen times [No reason why Everett could not have done so we assume].

"I scattered bits of paper around the outline so Bill could take a picture of it.

"About that time, Everett's father came down. He, too, could see the imprint. Both he and Everett said that, as far as they knew, nobody (nobody from around Dante, that is) had been in the field before we went in. [Everett could have made the imprint the day before]. (31.) (See clipping)

Reporter Carson Brewer ended his news story with: "I don't think he made it up but I still don't believe it." (32.)

6 November. Stoke's medical examination. (See clipping)

6 November. Interview of Stallion site MPs. (See clippings)

6 November. The Mayher photo.

Reports of fiery-looking objects soaring over the U.S. Southwest caught the attention of a Mr. Ralph Mayher who had taken movies of a UFO back in 1952 when he was in the Marine Corps and stationed at Opa-Locka Air Station outside Miami.

On November 5th, Mayher, who worked for KYW-TV Cleveland in 1957, offered a frame of the 16mm UFO film to United Press. The news service put the picture out for general distribution and the next day newspapers across the nation published the photo, a photo that showed an image Mayher described as a splash of brilliant light of an ugly reddish-orange color. (See clipping)

6 November. The CIA and a request from "The Hill."

At the time the Mayher photo was being displayed so prominently in the news, a 'request from the Hill' was directed to the CIA's Office of Scientific Intelligence. The Scientific Intelligence people then notified the agency's Contact Division (later named the Domestic Collection Division). This network had offices in many cities to facilitate its domestic contact with Americans returning from abroad so it could question such individuals about conditions in



TWELVE-YEAR-OLD Everett Clark stands beside the imprint he says was left by a "space ship" near his home at St. Paul, Minnesota. He had outlined it with pieces of paper — Today's radiophoto.

## BOY TELLS OF SEEING "SPACE SHIP"

Australian Associated Press  
7/11/57

NEW YORK, Wednesday.—Latest in the rush of reports of strange sky objects seen in America was a report today of a "space ship."

A 12-year-old boy at Knoxville, Tennessee, said he saw a "long, round space ship" land in a paddock near his home.

A reporter and photographer from a Knoxville

he found a cigar-shaped "space ship" on the prairie, near Kearney, Nebraska, 900 miles from Knoxville, and talked to four men and two women inside it.

**SOUNDLESS**

Today's "space ship"

FROM  
S. J. LARSON  
FILES

on 11/4/57

# The El Paso Times

Thursday, November 7, 1957

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'HERE'S HOW IT CAME IN . . . ' — James Stokes, rocket engineer at AFMDC, (left) tells Air Force officers of his experience on U. S. Highway 54 south of Orogrande Monday when, with other motorists, he glimpsed a huge unidentified flying object.

## Exam Shows Stokes Not Injured

James Stokes, electrical engineer at Holloman Air Development Center, N. M., apparently suffered no ill effects from his encounter with a mysterious flying object Monday near Orogrande, N. M.

Stokes received a slight sunburn when a mysterious egg-shaped ob-

ject passed overhead. Several cars were stalled on the highway at the approach of the object over the Sacramento Mountains, but engines started again when the object disappeared.

Stokes said he noticed a rise in temperature and got the sunburn when the object passed overhead.

Stokes was given a "rather cursory" medical examination at the Holloman hospital and was found normal. A Holloman officer said Stokes was tired and hungry when he came into the hospital and the examination "wasn't too thorough."

His sunburn had disappeared by Tuesday morning, and tests showed no radiation present. He was said to be in "perfect health," and the officer said no further examinations are planned for him.

# MP's Describe Sighting Of 'Mysterious Object'

Three young military policemen here pieced together this week a startling tale of a mysterious object in the sky that appeared to be the landing and takeoff of some controlled object from outer space.

In an interview Tuesday night in Headquarters Building with public information and intelligence officials the youths told of spotting the mysterious "controlled device" 17 hours apart last Sunday.

Stationed at the northern tip of this 100-mile-long desert range in a comparatively isolated area, the GIs seemed amazed that their story had drawn national attention.

Working on two different shifts of routine patrolling of the uranium area, the soldiers said that they had not talked with each other of what they saw until after both reports had been turned into the Provost Marshal's office and the similarity between the two was brought to their attention. They stated further that prior to their sighting of the object, they had read no newspaper accounts or heard anything about the mysterious object

seen over Lovelland during the weekend.

The youths emphasized that although the object looked "as bright as the sun," the light contained within and did not light up any of the sky around it.

Cpl. Glenn H. Toy, who with his buddy, Pfc James Willbanks, saw the object first about 3 a.m. Sunday, told of noticing the mysterious light "far up in the sky."

"Then the object came down very slowly to about 50 yards from the ground," the corporal continued. "It stayed there for about three minutes, just giving off a brilliant reddish orange light. Then it came to the ground fairly fast at about a 45-degree angle, and the light went out quickly. This was about two to three miles away from me. It looked like a completely controlled landing. I didn't see any glow from the object when it landed."

Asked why he didn't proceed to where the object appeared to land, the corporal admitted "I was pretty scared." The corporal returned immediately to his headquarters area and

reported what he had seen. The sergeant of the guard returned to the area that morning to check out the corporal's story and found nothing. However, the corporal admitted that it was possible, because of the lack of roads in that area, to have overlooked an object if there were one. Many areas up-range are not accessible by roads.

Pfc Willbanks, who was on a three-day pass, was not present for the interview. His pass had been approved some days previously.

The other two MPs, Sp3 Richard Oakes and Sp3 Henry Barlow, spotted what appeared to be the same object some 17 hours later, about 8 p.m. Sunday when they were on patrol together in a jeep.

The two GIs said they first noticed the object hovering motionless about 50 yards from the ground and then saw it rise slowly into the sky and stop again. "It got so far up in the sky that it looked like a big star," Specialist Oakes said. "Then all of a sudden the light

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## Mysterious Object Seen

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went out and we didn't see it any more."

"I know it couldn't have been an aircraft," Specialist Barlow said, "because it remained in the sky for several minutes."

The second patrol also saw the object from a distance of about two miles and in about the same area.

The three youths, ranging in age from 19 to 21, agreed further that the object was about 75 yards in circumference and was shaped more like a big oval than a cigar.

1st Lt. William F. Fenney, commanding officer of the Station SRO Camp, where the MPs are

stationed, led an investigating team to the site of the two sightings Monday morning and could find no trace of any object.

The terrain at the northern tip of the range, nearby the bunkers used in the first atomic bomb explosion in 1945, is flat desert land. It is possible to see clearly for several miles.

Specialist Oakes, of Washington, D.C., and Specialist Barlow, of San Diego, Calif., have been stationed at the Proving Ground for 26 months. Corporal Toy, of Kittanning, Pa., has been here only about two months. Pfc Willbanks is from a small town in Alabama.

Las Cruces, New Mexic.  
Citizen. 7 November 57

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High, 48; Low, 30  
Yesterday  
High, 47; Low, 39

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# SPACE SHIP

## *Huge Mysterious Object Sighted*

WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUND, N. M. (AP) The army yesterday reported that a huge, oval object "nearly as bright as the sun" was spotted Sunday hovering near bunkers used in the first atomic bomb explosion.

The sightings were made 17 hours apart by two different military police patrols on this southern New Mexico missile testing range. The first atomic bomb was touched off on the northern edge of the area July 16, 1945.

The commanding officer of the MP said none of the men had heard radio reports or seen newspaper accounts of similar sightings in Texas.

Major newspapers began to use the words "space ships" in front page headlines.

# 'Whatniks' Spotted in Bomb Area

Air Force Opens  
Probe of Reports  
At White Sands

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WHITE SANDS PROVING  
GROUND, NM — The Army  
Monday reported that a huge,

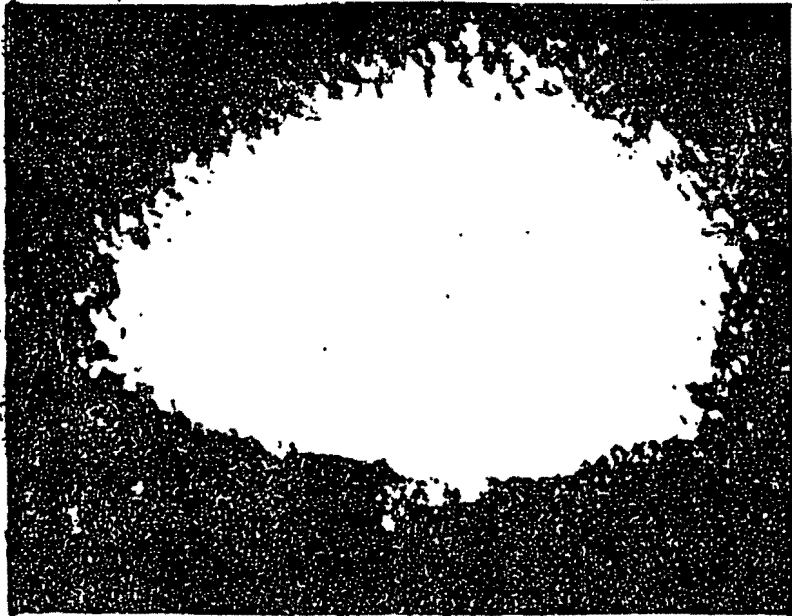


**THREE SEE OBJECT** — Three White Sands Proving Ground military policemen who spotted the mysterious object Sunday over the Proving Ground get together to piece together their bits of information about what they saw. From left are Sp/3C Richard Oakes, Sp/3C Henry Barlow and Cpl. Glenn H. Toy. The three GIs agreed that what they saw appeared to be the landing and take off of some controlled object.—(U. S. Army Photo)

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## 1952 Photo of UFO Bared Here

Ralph Masher, newsreel cameraman for KYW-TV entered the unidentified-flying-object controversy today by releasing a splash of a mysterious glaring light. It is similar in description to the UFO reported yesterday over New Mexico and the Gulf of Mexico.

The photo shows a splash of brilliant light which Ralph describes as "ugly reddish orange." He took the shot in 1952 while in the Marines at Miami, Fla.

Two officers in an Air Force plane saw

... from the air while I ...  
... the ground ...  
... of ...

and Masher's differ only in size. Masher's UFO was 30 feet long while yesterday's "flying egg" was reported to be 500 feet in length.

The cameraman's photo is an enlargement of one frame within a sequence taken on 16 mm film with a 63-mm lens.

The film is still under study by Air Force officials at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton.

Mayher, a special adviser to National Investigations Committee on Aerial

foreign countries (This activity was the only domestic one allowed under the organization's 1947 founding charter). The call for UFO information went out to 15 of the CIA's domestic Contact Division offices. Details are not known, but we do know that all information gathered had to be forwarded to CIA headquarters by November 14, 1957. (Why the time limit? Did it have to do with some Congressional hearing date?) (See CIA document) (33.)

Mayher had provided the military with some negatives of his UFO movie back in 1952 so he must have been puzzled when two official-looking gentlemen paid him a visit in 1957. During the visit, which was conducted in private, the two men identified themselves as CIA agents and they offered no explanation why the CIA and not the Air Force was making an inquiry. We know that the meeting took place because we have a declassified CIA document that confirms the event. In any case, the two agents said the Air Force had "lost" the negatives given them years before and replacements were needed for another analysis at "ATIC, Wright Field." Mayher had no problem with the request, aside from a desire to have the CIA take the film only for a limited time and then return it. The agents were agreeable and said any results from tests would be shared with Mayher.

Before the CIA men left they told Mayher in the sternest terms that nothing must be said about CIA involvement, nor was anything to be revealed about renewed Air Force interest in the 1952 film.

Mayher happened to be a special advisor to the Donald Keyhoe-led NICAP group and evidently was not intimidated by the CIA agent's warning. In fact, there is some question if the CIA was doing things in a legal way. Our story does not end here. Keyhoe would later act on the information provided by the Photographer Mayher. (34.)

The CIA document that covers this matter says the Air Force still had original negatives, in contrast to what the two agents claimed. This discrepancy needs explaining. A possible solution to this is that the CIA was acting independently, even though the agents also claimed the Air Force was to conduct the analysis.

When a civilian UFO group, Ground Saucer Watch, examined its notes on this CIA action, it was disturbed by the ease with which the operation was carried out and the agent's willingness to identify themselves. (35.)

A request from the Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Historian David Jacobs gives us a nice condensed account of how the Air Force struggled with a Levelland explanation:

"Public pressure for an explanation was so intense that the assistance secretary of defense requested ATIC [BLUE BOOK], to immediately submit a preliminary analysis to the press. Although Captain Gregory [The head of BLUE BOOK] called this request 'a most difficult requirement in view of the limited data,' officers at ATIC analyzed the information on hand and released a press statement a few days later. The ATIC officers said that contrary to the popular idea that many witnesses were involved in the sighting, only three people 'could be located' who had seen the 'big light.' The object was visible for 'only a few seconds, not sustained visibility as had been implied.' Furthermore, the officers said, the key to the sightings lay in the presence of lightning and storm conditions in the area. The Air Force's final evaluation gave the cause of the Levelland sightings as 'weather

Chief, Contact Division, Attn: [REDACTED]

7 November 1957

TEHU : Chief, Detroit Office

Case [REDACTED] - Photographs and Background on Unidentified Flying Object Seen by Ralph L. Mayher.

1. In accordance with telephone request made by [REDACTED], on 6 Nov 57 we obtained from [REDACTED] certain photographs [REDACTED] of an unidentified flying object. The photographs are forwarded herewith and may be retained for 30 days.

2. The print marked "A" is an enlarged photograph of the original 16 mm movie strip on which Mr. Mayher took the photos in 1952. The size of the UFO may be gauged in relation to the perforations on the film which are of known standard size. The large print marked "B" is an outsized enlargement made from a stepped up negative of one of the original frames.

3. It may be of interest to know how the enclosed prints were processed. Pictures were originally snapped on 16 mm movie film from which a number of prints were made. Four by 5 negatives were processed from these prints, then 8 by 10 negatives were processed from the latter. The three 8 by 10 prints are contact prints of the 8 by 10 negatives. The large print, "B", is a blow-up of one of the 8 by 10 negatives.

4. Background information follows:

5. Camera used was a 16 mm movie, focal length of lens was 63 mm, speed 24 frames per second. Altitude of the UFO, as estimated by source and other observers, was two thousand feet. Maximum camera angle was estimated by source to be 45°. The UFO appeared to have the shape of a saucer, i.e., a rotating oblate spheroid which seemed to flatten out as speed increased. The UFO was in view for about three minutes and was of a bright orange color. At the time the film was taken the lens aperture of the camera was f:2.7. Film emulsion was fast panchromatic. Time elapsed between photographing the first image and the sixth image (the first being the smallest at the top of the film strip) was approximately .25 sec.

6. [REDACTED] indicated that he would be glad to make such negatives as he has available on a two weeks loan if they would serve a useful purpose. The original negatives are in Air Force hands.

phenomenon of electrical nature, generally classified as 'Ball Lightning' or 'St. Elmo's Fire,' caused by stormy conditions in the area, including mist, rain, thunderstorms and lightning.' The Air Force attributed the car engine and light failures to 'wet electrical circuits.' Privately Blue Book officers believed the Levelland sightings were 'obviously another UFO example of 'mass suggestion.'" (36.)

In spite of the fact that critics could easily challenge every part of the Air Force's "solution," the military made things worst by drawing up a letter of recommendation of appreciation for S/Sgt. Barth, the "mystery man" investigator who refused to give his name to Sheriff Clem and news reporters. (See letter)

Cover up or foul up?

The Levelland case was a kind of time bomb in BLUE BOOK files. Years later the famed UFO investigator Dr. James McDonald came across the Levelland file in military records. After reviewing the material it was very apparent to Dr. McDonald that the New Mexico UFO case contained information of potentially great significance. The professor confronted Tony Cacciopo, project BLUE BOOK's chief scientist at the time. McDonald asked Cacciopo how many of the UFO files he had scrutinized. Cacciopo, to the astonishment of McDonald, admitted to reading only "four or five." McDonald exploded: "Four or five of them? I looked at 150 of them in the last two days." (37.)

"Why don't you come work for us?"

The next thing McDonald did was locate the officer in charge of BLUE BOOK and unloaded on him, using the Levelland case as a prime example of the project's failure:

"...I showed General Cruikshank the weather map for the Levelland, Texas, car-stopping incident --- nine vehicles all stopped in a 20 mile radius in an hour-and-half period --- explained as ball lightning. Not a thunderstorm or drop of rain within a hundred miles of there. I showed him the weather map with a great big high pressure area pushed down over the Panhandle of Texas, and he knew enough meteorology to realize the situation when I said that any sergeant of an air weather station who said there was going to be any ball lightning in that area would be thrown out of the air weather station --and he was impressed.

"'And General Cruikshank said, 'Why don't you take a contract with us and come up here to work for us?'" (38.)

6 November. Investigating Everett Clark's story.

In spite of the big official fuss made over the supposed Reinhold Schmidt encounter, the CSI group of New York felt just the opposite seemed to be true with schoolboy Everett Clark's claimed adventure. CSI told its membership:

"Curiously enough, the Tennessee report from the schoolboy Everett Clark resembles Schmidt's story in several important respects; but, so far as we know, the Clark report aroused no official investigation at all. We have asked our Knoxville member, James McAshan, to find out more about this case if possible." (39.)

"Afraid to go home by herself."

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Commander  
1006th Air Intelligence Service Squadron  
Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

1. This organization wishes to express its appreciation to the 1006th Air Intelligence Service Squadron for the fine support rendered in conjunction with investigations of unidentified aerial phenomena.

2. The summer of 1947 marked the beginning of active United States Air Force interest in the so-called "flying saucer" business. Since that time literally thousands of reports have been received, investigated, evaluated and documented. This mammoth task would never have been accomplished without the whole-hearted and energetic support of your organization.

3. It is always extremely difficult to isolate those individuals who have contributed most towards the success of any supporting program. Such is the case here. We do recall, however, that S/Sgt Norman P. Barth, of your organization, has been in intimately close contact with our people regarding field investigations, and personally did an extremely fine job for us during the recent "Levelland, Texas" incident. See Inclosure No. 1.

4. It is my desire that you extend to S/Sgt Barth, and other applicable members of your command, our sincere appreciation for their untiring efforts and loyal support.

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Civilians certainly noticed Everett's story. According to a Knoxville newspaper reporter:

"...the News-Sentinel office has been swamped with calls from far and near about the space ship story.

"I [Carson Brewer] got a call from a Cevelland, Ohio, radio station last night. They wanted a four-minute tape recording. After I gave them what facts I knew about the thing, the man wanted to know did I believe it. I told him I was skeptical. Somebody from a Denver station recorded News-Sentinel copy-reader Harold Harlow on the subject.

"A woman in a doctor's office here called to get more information. She was afraid to go home by herself." (40.)

The men from Oak Ridge.

CSI New York was wrong about one thing. Some men (officially?) did show up at Gilbert Sterchi's cow pasture to poke around. A couple of gentlemen arrived the afternoon of November 6th, just 8 hours after the supposed encounter by young Clark. The men said they wanted to test the area for radiation. One man identified himself as an engineer by the the name of W.R. Gambill, and the other fellow said he was a physicist by the name of N.D. Green. Both individuals could have been CIA agents for all we know. Reporter Car Brewer of the News-Sentinel noted that the two Oak Ridge investigators seemed to be a bit sheepish about what they were doing but he suggested that perhaps perfect composure about possible "space ship landings" was a thing of the past. Carson expressed doubts any radiation would be found since the "space people" were only ordinary clothing according to the young Mr. Clark. The Oak Ridge men seemed to agree with that reasoning. There was no mention of positive readings in the news story. (41.)

6 November. Keyhoe comments on the "Whatnik" problem.

"It looks as though they are interplanetary."

In an United Press dispatch out of Washington D.C. on the 6th the director of NICAP explained how the situation looked to him. Others around the nation were tempted to go along with Keyhoe's view. Keyhoe was quoted as saying:

"'Assuming they [the Whatniks] are real,' he said, 'they would be secret devices made on earth or they are interplanetary.' Any nation with such devices, he added, would by now have abandoned conventional aircraft or missiles.'

"'It looks as though they are interplanetary.'" (42.)

6 November. La Paz counters Keyhoe.

They are not from space?

Dr. Lincoln La Paz, director of the Institute of Meteorics at the University of New Mexico, was quoted as saying: "Whatever they are, you can bet they belong either to us or the Russians." (43.)

6 November. Between Macon and Atlanta, Georgia. (1:00-1:30 p.m.)

Egg-shaped ball blocks road. (See clipping on the next page)

6 November. Lake Purdy, Alabama. (1:04 p.m.)

Myra Crawford writing for a Birmingham newspaper wrote:

"Emmett Smith was fishing at Lake Purdy when he noticed a large silver object whiz into view from the northeast, stop, turn at a right angle, and disappear over the southeast horizon." (44.)

6 November. Lake Purdy, Alabama. (1:12 p.m.)

Crawford had more to say:

"Eight minutes later at 1:12 p.m. he, [Smith], noticed a large number appearing from the direction of the disappearing object. Smith, who works at Radio Station WSGN, said the objects appeared to him to be luminous, travelling at a tremendous rate of speed and about 45 degrees off the horizon. (45.)

6 November. Stanton, Minnesota. (about 3:00 p.m.)

"Look at the funny moon following us!" (See clipping on page 32)

6 November. Mt. Verono, Ohio. (3[5?]:30 p.m.)

"Red hot pipe."

Wednesday afternoon at about 3:30 p.m. (or maybe 5:30 p.m. because the news-clipping is damaged) a couple at Mt. Verono saw something in the southwest sky:

"Mrs. F. Guy Corder of Academis, who said she and her husband saw three objects at 3:00 (?) from the intersection of Upper Fredericktown-Amity Road and the Knox Lake bypass road.

"Mrs. Corder said they saw what appeared to be a 'red hot pipe' about three feet long which moved swiftly to the south behind a bank of clouds, and two slow-moving objects, one which looked like a ball of fire and the other white with prongs." (46.)

6 November. Connecticut River Valley, Massachusetts. (4:00 p.m.)

"Large silver cigar."

A number of sightings were reported in a river valley in New England:

"[At]... 4:00 p.m. 'a very large, silver, cigar-shaped object' was seen moving slowly down the Connecticut Valley; 'it had no wings, and was like nothing I ever saw before.'...,[said a witness]. Possibly corroborated from North Leominster, Massachusetts, 40 miles east of Greenfield, where a silvery cigar-shaped object was reported seen at 4:00 p.m., to the west." (47.)

6 November. Shawbridge, Canada. (afternoon)

"Numerous silvery specks."

The town of Shawbridge is about 50 miles northwest of the city of Montreal. According to our source numerous silvery specks were seen in the sky over the town of Shawbridge (We have no news clipping to verify this). The "specks" were seen moving singly, in pairs, and in groups up to ten. As the citizens of Shawbridge watched, jet fighters attempted to close with the objects which

A truck dispatcher at an Atlanta terminal said three truck drivers coming into Atlanta from Macon each made an independent report of seeing a red, egg-shaped ball on the highway. Each man said he saw the object between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. As the truck approached the object, each driver reported, the ball disappeared. They each said it was "about the size of the moon."

Atlanta, Georgia  
Constitution

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## Housewives See Strange Object Near Stanton

Two housewives, who once "made fun" of flying saucer reports, had a very real and strange experience at Stanton, Wednesday afternoon of last week.

They are Mrs. Bill Cahalan, of Castle Rock, and her friend, Mrs. Bernard Wierson of near Stanton.

Mrs. Cahalan was accompanied by her six children, and Mrs. Wierson had one of her six children who saw a strange flying object.

About 3 p.m., Mrs. Cahalan was enroute to Stanton to visit Mrs. Wierson. Her daughter Barbara, 7, was looking out the back window to the north, as they traveled south on Highway 56. They had just passed Randolph and were nearing the Stanton airport.

Barbara said, "Look at the funny moon following us". The mother said, "No, that's the sun". However, she then realized the bright object was to the north on the overcast day.

Mrs. Cahalan stopped the car, and everyone got out to have a look. Her children are: Mike, 14; Pat, 12; Barbara 7; Jim, 5; Mark, 4, and Tim, 2.

One of the children, Jim, described it as looking like a "flying

cup bowl". It was bright porcelain-like round object.

It kept changing color, but the predominating one was greenish-yellow.

The object followed them to Wierson's farm, where it hovered over the house. The glow around the object was as large as an eight room house, Mrs. Cahalan said. Mrs. Wierson declared the round object which came probably within a block of the house, was like a full moon. There was no noise.

The greenish-yellow glow changed the complexions of the onlookers. The dog barked and the children were excited, Mrs. Cahalan said.

It came down out of the overcast and was about 500 feet over the house. It was bright, but you could look at it, the ladies declared. "Your first glance at it made you want to look away", Mrs. Wierson said.

Suddenly the "thing" went straight up and disappeared in the clouds. Greenish yellow streaks remained for a time in the sky.

Mrs. Cahalan's husband told a Tribune reporter his wife is the type of person who has—in the past—been inclined to comment on flying saucer reports: "What's the matter with people's heads, reporting stuff like that". Mrs. Wierson also told the Tribune she (Mrs. Wierson), was also a former skeptic about reported objects.

Farmington, Minnesota  
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"What's the matter with people's heads reporting stuff like that."

-- Mrs. Cahalan

stayed out of reach by putting on a burst of speed. (48.)

6 November. Waukesha, Wisconsin. (4:20 p.m.)

Big chrome-colored cigar and satellite objects. (See clipping)

6 November. Manchester, New Hampshire. (4:51 p.m.)

"Rash of reports." "Aurora borealis?"

According to the local paper:

"A rash of reports from persons --including five Ground Observer Corps spotters --who say they witnessed an unidentified flying object in the sky about dusk, poured into the offices of the Manchester Union Leader and the Manchester Air Defense Filter Center last night [the 6th].

"Descriptions of the object varied but all who claim to have seen it maintained that they had spotted a definite object in the sky.

"A number of the reports from persons who reported seeing a strange red glow in the sky were attributed to a spectacular display of the aurora borealis by officials.

"T/Sgt. Martin Kuhlman, NCO in charge of the Manchester Air Defense Filter Center reported that Ground Observer Corps spotters from Haverhill, Georgetown, Rockport, Methuen, Beverly, Mass., reported spotting the object at 4:51 p.m. Two Manchester residents also made similar observations at that time which they later reported to the center.

"A complete report of the phenomenon was forwarded by the local center to the Air Defense Direction Center at North Truro, Mass., and from there sent through Washington D.C., to the North American Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

"The descriptions ranged from 'the size and shape of a baseball' to 'long and wide' and colors were described as greenish-white, blue and yellow." (49.)

Confusing the situation was an extended period of brilliant aurora displays. The Air Force "explained" a number of UFO reports by reference to nature's sky show. To be fair, the military was probably correct in some cases.

## Northern Lights Give Bright, Colorful Show

Shimmering arcs and fiery curtains of red, green and white blazed across the sky in a dazzling phenomenon known as the northern lights or aurora borealis Monday night.

Sky-gazers throughout Fairborn and most of the nation observed the northern lights which normally are seen at high latitudes.

The lights were observed in points as scattered as Boston, New York, Des Moines, Ia., Albuquerque, N.M., Tulsa, Okla., Nashville, Tenn., Seattle, Los Angeles, Chicago and as far south as Vero Beach, Fla.

# Local Men Report Seeing 'Object'

You can think what you want, but Ray Wuchterl, 28, of 1125 Catherine st., and William Madden, 23, of 520 Prospect ct., saw a strange cigar-shaped object in the sky over Waukesha yesterday afternoon.

They watched it for about 15 minutes as it streaked across the sky from east to west, then seemed to hang in mid-air over Waukesha or Pewaukee. It was stationary for about 10 minutes, Wuchterl said.

**BUT LET HIM** tell the story:

"We were driving along in our truck on Juneau blvd. and Highland av. in Elm Grove. (The two are tree experts and had been spraying trees for the village.) It was about 4:20.

"Billy saw it first. He saw a short streak of va-

por. He told me it wasn't like the vapor left by a jet because they leave long streaks.

"Billy just got out of the air force so he knows about planes. (Madden's mother said today her son was discharged from the air force Oct. 15 after four years of service.)

**"THEN WE SAW** it. It was going west. It looked like a big cigar. It seemed to glow or sparkle. Looked like polished chrome in the sunshine.

"We headed down the road, west. The thing was in the northwest sky about one-third of the way up from the horizon if you formed an angle by using the horizon and a line straight up.

"Twice it let off a big black thing from its side.

Then it glowed. It turned left, then it turned right. Then it just stood still.

**"WE TRIED** to guess how high it was, but we couldn't. We tried to get people out of their houses to come look at it, but it seemed like nobody was home.

"We couldn't report it to anybody because we couldn't get hold of anybody at the time.

"Pretty soon it just took off.

"I never believed in that stuff before but, believe me, after I saw that, I could have knelt down and prayed."

That's the story. The sheriff's department and Waukesha police report no other sightings of strange objects.

But Wuchterl and Madden know it was there.

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6 November. Casper, Wyoming. (5:00 p.m.)

"Cigar-shaped object?"

Two carrier boys for the Casper Tribune-Herald reported seeing a strange, orange-colored, cigar-shaped object in the sky:

"The carriers, Gary Sage of 124 South Elm and John Vorhies of 634 West 14th, said they spotted the object about 5 p.m. It seemed to be stationary at the first sighting but appeared to move later, they said. It had a plume behind it about three times the length of the object.

"About an hour later, a bright object was reported in the sky southwest of Casper. Weather Bureau officials identified the planet Venus in the vicinity, and moonlit clouds were prevalent.

"Officials at the Casper Filter Center said they received a few calls during the evening but nothing from their regular posts. No track could be taken on the object." (50.)

6 November. Padang (Central Sumatra), Indonesia. (5:00 p.m.)

"Strange object hovers over water. Black/greenish smoke. Sea water foams. Lamps go out. Boat's engine stops."

Certainly one of the oddest cases of the November 57 flap was the story filed by the US Air Attache in Djakarta. (See Air Intelligence Report)

6 November. Richard Kehoe's "Space Ship contact" makes news.

Kehoe's yarn got an impressive treatment by the local Los Angeles Mirror-News. (See clipping) As feared, the name "Kehoe" and the antics of the so-called contactee caused confusion and took time to straighten out. Conscientious UFO buffs were annoyed by the distraction. (See CSI UFO bulletin) (51.)

6 November. Plattsburg, New York. (5:00 p.m.)

"Citizen of the highest reputation."

According to a radio report:

"...the local radio station reported that a Plattsburg citizen of the highest reputation had his car stalled and its radio killed at 5 p.m. on the 6th by what proved, when he got out of the car, to be a silvery sphere hovering directly overhead.

"According to the radio, there had been several other reports of the same sort, but this one was especially impressive because the witness could not be suspected of a hoax." (52.)

6 November. Schroon Lake, New York.

Hovered over police barracks? Stopped cars?

Five hunters (Jacques Jacobsen Jr., William Munday, William Totten, and Robert Dawson) were on their way home when they stopped at Schroon Lake for a bite to eat. The five men had witnessed a UFO on their hunting trip and had heard of other sightings in up state New York. They were very curious. While having lunch the hunters encountered two State Troopers. The hunters asked the Troopers if they knew of any UFO activity. The lawmen said that a sphere

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<u>"Strange Object" Seen in Central Sumatra?</u>		
The daily "Penerangan" reported from Padang (Central Sumatra) that on Wednesday, November the sixth, two fishermen hailing from Port Dickson (Malaya) have seen a strange object at the Bagansiapiapi waterway flying very quickly in the air.		
On their way back, at about 5 o'clock in the evening, the two fishermen were suddenly frightened by a strange object in the air which at first sight was kind of black and red, heading in a great speed toward their boat leaving behind it black and greenish smoke. At a distance of about 20 meters from their boat the strange object stopped in the air at about 10 to 15 meters above the surface of the water and just about that time the lamps in their boat were out and the engine stopped.		

They went on to say that the shape of the strange object is a triangle and from each angle white smoke was coming out. The top and the bottom parts of the object prostrated discs.

When the object stopped, the disc-shaped bottom part of the object kept turning while the sea water below it was foaming and they felt as though there was a strange vibration affecting their condition. Moments later, the object continued flying very quickly into the space leaving behind it three black and greenish smoke lines and finally it disappeared.

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## Visit by 'Space Ship, Little Men' Told Here

The motors of three cars traveling along Vista del Mar at Playa del Rey conked out simultaneously at 5:40 a.m. today, and the drivers emerged to see a mysterious egg-shaped space ship "in a blue haze on the beach."

That's what Richard Kehoe, Long Beach, told the Mirror-News, adding:

"I don't expect anyone will believe me—except someone else who's seen the same thing."

Further, Kehoe said, two little men from the object spoke to him and the drivers of the other two cars "in

broken English," then departed in the ship with whoosh "straight up." (Previous reported sightings in New Mexico and West Texas were similar—except no "little men" were reported there.)

Kehoe, identified the other two drivers as Ronald Burke, Redondo Beach, and Joe Thomas, Torrance.

"Thomas called the L.A. police," Kehoe said, "and the sergeant or whoever it was answered wanted to know if we'd been drinking."

Kehoe said he didn't get

the street addresses of the other two drivers.

"We were so frightened, we couldn't think of much of anything," he said.

The phantom ship appeared on the beach in the area between Imperial and Century Bivds. while he was driving to work at the General Telephone Co. shops in Santa Monica, Kehoe said.

He described the space ship as "solid metal, tan or cream in color, with two metal rings around it on which it rested."

Kehoe described the space men as "both about 5 feet 5 inches, wearing black leather pants, white belt and light-colored jerseys."

"They wanted to know where we were going,

who we were, what time it was and questions like that," Kehoe said. "Their skin seemed to be sort of yellowish-green in the early light, but they looked like earth people to me.

"I thought they invited us to coffee, but I couldn't understand too well and said I had to get on to work."

Kehoe, a single man who lives with his parents at 1175 F 19th St., said he'd tried "to think if I've had a nightmare, but I don't believe it. I've never seen 'flying saucers' before or anything like that."

Kehoe said he and the other two drivers watched the ship zoom into the sky and disappear—"then all of our cars started right away."

Meanwhile, West Coast CSI member Idabel Epperson was busy checking. "Because of the similarity of the name Kehoe to Keyhoe, I was suspicious at first; having had a little experience behind the scenes in politics, I have no illusions left as to ways and means of discrediting people. NICAP's pressure is beginning to be felt, and I could not help but wonder if this was some kind of scheme to discredit Donald Keyhoe in the eyes of the public who have not yet heard of him. After all, Reinhold Schmidt was a sensation and a recognized mental case overnight. By the same means, the name Keyhoe could be made notorious overnight to many people. You can readily see where this would put NICAP. However, I believe now that the names being so nearly the same is purely coincidental."

Mrs. Epperson attempted to locate the alleged two other witnesses. Checking local telephone directories, she found six "Burkes" in Redondo and three "Joe Thomases" in Torrance. She began calling the Burkes and simply asked for "Ronald."

"In every case they said 'there is no one here by that name.' When I asked if there was anyone in their family named Ronald, they all said no. Then I asked if anyone else had called and asked for Ronald Burke, and in every case, they said 'no'."

None of the Joe Thomases Mrs. Epperson called were the Joe Thomas she was looking for, but all three said they had received similar calls.

The payoff came, as far as Mrs. Epperson was concerned, when Richard Kehoe appointed a "manager," one O. B. La Voie. Mr. La Voie is a "professional" manager, having handled such old pros as Truman Bethurum, Calvin Girvin and, temporarily, Todd Kittredge (see N.L. #6). When an acquaintance of Mrs. Epperson's, Mrs. I., called Richard Kehoe to ask him if he would come over to her home and informally describe the incident to a group of her friends, she was advised, by Kehoe's "representative," that she would have to discuss the matter with him. He said that he doubted that Mr. Kehoe would have the time--he was much too busy, that he was "booked up" for lectures, that his time was "very valuable." Mrs. I. described his attitude as "rude and high-handed."

It was made clear to her that she would have to offer Kehoe money for any "services" he rendered, and Mrs. I. was thoroughly convinced the whole thing was a hoax.

However, after discussing the situation with her friends, Mrs. I. still felt that a first-hand impression would be extremely valuable, so she called Mr. La Voie and agreed to "pass the hat" for his protege if he would appear. But Kehoe did not show up for the proposed appearance.

Meanwhile, his manager was busy scheduling him for television appearances. Kehoe appeared on the Paul V. Coates show on Sunday, November 17th. The fact that Kehoe had spent a very short time in the military service, but had a medical discharge for a "nervous" trouble, was brought out but very quickly passed over. And the similarity of his name to Keyhoe's was mentioned; it was made clear that there was no relation between the two. (Coates spelled Kehoe's name with a "y" in his column on November 8th.) Sharing the spotlight with Kehoe was, oddly enough, Edward Ruppelt.

Several other TV producers also considered having Kehoe appear on their programs but took the precaution of consulting Max Miller, whose good judgement in such matters has be:

had hovered over their barracks for about ten minutes and that there had been reports of UFOs stopping cars in the Schroon township. (53.)

6 November. Colby, Kansas. (5:50 p.m.)

"Had seen something no one would believe."

This next case is unusual because the witnesses refused to say much. (See clipping)

6 November. Boerne, Texas. (6:00 p.m.)

The observer in this incident was a mere child. The Air Force believes the youngster encountered a balloon. We can only wonder. (See typed report found in BLUE BOOK files) (54.)

6 November. Lenawee County, Michigan. (evening)

Flooded police switchboards.

Observers in both lower corners of Michigan reported strange lights in the sky. The most interesting was the incident at Lenawee County where Waldron Stewart, an editor of the Adrian Telegram, reported:

"...seeing a light which at first was white but which later flashed red and green.

"Mr. Stewart said it hung motionless at first and then rose up in the air at a fast rate of speed. He reported that he and a Lenawee County deputy followed the light in a car, sometimes attaining speeds of more than 100 miles per hour as they tried to stay abreast of the object.

"Mr. Stewart said it then circled and headed in a southern direction, leaving them behind as they tried to keep up with.

"Similar lights were reported in western Wayne County. (55.)

Also:

"Sightings of strange, reddish-orange objects in the sky also were reported from the Port Huron and Flint areas.

"Norman Cole, 28, who lives a mile west of the Port Huron city limits, said he saw such an object which bounced up and down like a ball and then slowly descended to the ground an estimated mile away. He said it appeared through binoculars to have port holes or windows.

"Some 25 or 30 minutes after he first sighted it, Mr. Cole said the object suddenly shot into the sky and disappeared." (56.)

6 November. Sullivan, Indiana. (6:30 p.m.)

"It was pretty."

The citizens of Indiana get a bad case of UFO fever:

"A 'brilliant lighted object' was apparently watched by a great number of people in Sullivan County early last night as the strange thing drew the attention of many local people, a few, who were willing to give a description of it.

"The object, which was apparently the same object watched by two Illinois state policemen, was first sighted high in the southwest sky about 6:30 as it gradually moved west and disappeared about an hour later.

## Fear Publicity, Prosecution—

# Family Mum on Mystery Light

### Capital's News Service

COLBY—Fear of notoriety and possible prosecution may keep sighting of an unidentified flying object almost a secret in this Northwest Kansas town.

A family secret became known about town Wednesday night after a woman and her small daughter were scared by "something." The woman called her husband, a Colby businessman, for help about 6 p. m.

Thursday, a reporter heard the rumor and called at the family home. They refused to tell him anything except that they had seen something probably no one would believe; that they were afraid to let anyone know their names because of what had happened to the man near Kearney, Neb., who claimed sighting a space ship; and because they feared the notoriety because of what they had seen.

"You think I want to be put in an asylum like they are try-

### Schmidt Committed

KEARNEY, Neb. — (UP). Reinhold O. Schmidt, who was invited into a "space ship" parked in a creek bottom near here, was committed Thursday night to the Hastings State (mental) Hospital.

ing to do to that man at Kearney?" the husband asked the reporter.

"Besides that, the government and Air Force already have said there aren't any things like we saw, so why should we say the government is wrong? If there is such a thing, and if they want to know about it, I guess they'll just have to learn about it somewhere else."

The occurrence was about 5:50 p. m. Wednesday, just a few minutes after sundown. The woman was listening to her radio when it began to make terrific crackling noises. She said she rushed to the

radio, passing a window on which the shade had not yet been drawn. She saw a lighted object and felt heat, she admitted. But she refused to tell any more.

A small daughter became hysterical and did not quiet down until about 1 a. m. Thursday, the family said.

The woman called a neighbor to inquire if she had seen the object, then telephoned her husband to come home.

The husband said when he arrived home he asked his wife to sit in one room and the daughter in another while they drew sketches of what they had seen. The sketches were similar, he said.

He refused to show the sketches to the reporter on the grounds that "no one would believe it anyway."

Only one other person—in Colby admitted seeing anything strange. Another woman driving in the town said she saw a strange light flash between two buildings and felt some heat.

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UFO SIGHTING, BOERNE, TEXAS  
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I looked down the street in the dawn (lawn?) and I saw something that caught my eye. I looked up and it was in between the chicken house and the tree in the pasture. It wasn't very high up in the air and it was a sort of yellowish, reddish color and it was shining but not like a searchlight (or the chicken house light). It was just light itself. It didn't move or anything. When I looked up it was there and it didn't move after it was there. It was just like a helicopter, just sitting there, and I was hollering form Mother and everything. She was in the living room. Then I got scared cause I was yelling so loud. I figured she'd think that one of the kids was hurt or something eventhough the kids were with her; and so, I told her it wasn't important and I told her to hurry and come here.

And finally, I heard her coming and the kids were coming with her and it made a whole lot of noise. So I ran to the kitchen to tell her to hurry and when we got back out, it wasn't there. It didn't make any sound and it didn't zoom off or anything. It was just there and then it wasn't and we thought it was around 6:00. It was after dark. I don't know, that is all there was to it.

Oh, it was shaped like an egg or something like that--a football, it wasn't shaped like a cigar. It was shaped either like an egg or a football. It wasn't round and it wasn't long either. The object was about 200 feet away, no it wasn't even that-- I don't know what distance it was. It was about as far from where I am sitting here in the living room to Mrs. Jamison's house--the corner of her house.

The height (I didn't have to look up) was the level of the trees but when it was there the tree was over it so it was pretty close to the ground.

I thought maybe it was the thing that was going to shoot the dog out.

It was yellow, no, it wasn't yellowish--it was sort of an orangish, reddish color like my halloween skirt. I mean, not like my skirt that looks like a halloween skirt.

It was bigger than this room or about as big as this room. It was a little bit bigger I think. I didn't really look at it. It was just there, it wasn't supposed to be and I thought it was going to shoot the dog out.

It wasn't even five minutes. I looked up and it was there. I started hollering for Mother and so it was there about a minute. I mean it was right there and I could see it. There weren't any doors or anything. After I yelled, I got to thinking maybe it was going to shoot the dog out and so I started looking to see if there were any doors to spring open or anything. So, there weren't any doors or windows. It was just a plain ordinary object.

No--he said it was a yellow and shaped like a cigar and zoomed, but this thing was there. It didn't move and it wasn't shaped like a cigar, it was fat and shaped like a ball or an egg and was this orangish reddish color.

It didn't give off a bunch of light. I mean it was light and it was shining but it wasn't shining on the ground or anything. It wasn't like a spotlight. It was just like a light bulb looks except with the glow cut off that shines around it. It was just like looking at a light bulb, painted orange of course, that is not shining out. You could see it, it was light. I mean you couldn't look in the sky and miss it even if it was far away. It was there in front of me and even if it was far away it was bright enough that I could see it. It was like a star. A star is bright but it doesn't make the sky light, the sky around it is dark.

No, it wasn't cloudy. There was just a cloud in the sky and the moon was behind the cloud. I know it was behind the cloud because the cloud looked silver lined. I looked up and that thing was there, and it certainly wasn't the moon because it was right there in my back yard. The moon would be in front of me as I looked out. It would be right over there, because that is where it is right not (only it is up higher).

After it was gone, then the moon came out and I stood there and watched the moon come out after I ran to the front door the moon came out. But it wasn't the moon.

I looked up and it was there. I didn't see it come; I didn't see it go. I just looked up and it caught my eye and it was there. I started hollering for Mother and I watched it and it didn't even move while I was there. It didn't make any sound. It didn't do anything but just sort of sit there. It wasn't on the ground, it was just sitting in mid air. I heard Mother come, I just ran and when I came back it wasn't there. I was gone for maybe 9-10 seconds.

It was more round than long but wasn't round. It was that color and it was there. It didn't do anything, it didn't move, it didn't make any sound, it didn't                     . It wasn't anything--no antennas, doors, nothing. DIDN'T LAND, didn't take off.

It was just all light, like if you painted a                      except it was shiny. Looked like polished metal in a spotlight but not like metal. It was a reddish color, sort of glowed but it didn't glow. It was just real bright. I mean it was colorful against the sky. It was about that bright but sort of an orange (investigator is obviously displaying something).

"Several of the people who watched the 'astronomical phenomena' also saw, what they described, as a much smaller object that appeared to move away from the larger object and disappear to the east.

"Wilma Duncan, superintendent of nurses at the Mary Sherman Hospital and Helen Kirk, hospital bookkeeper, both watched the object as did Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Jones, proprietor of Ace Hardware.

"Miss Duncan and Mrs. Kirk first spotted it downtown from the Court House yard. They drove west to the Center Ridge Cemetery to get a 'better look.' While parked there watching it, Mr. and Mrs. Jones also drove up to get a better look.

"Mrs. Jones described it as 'a glowing orangey red' and 'it was pretty.'

"Each person described it nearly the same and also the smaller object which appeared to come from near the larger glowing object. The smaller object had a 'red cast' and the light was either blinking or the object going behind clouds as it moved toward the east and disappeared. One person said it could have been a passing plane. It was watched for 10 minutes." (57.)

6 November. Frewsburg, New York. (evening)

Sputnik, Muttnik, or Whatnik?

In the extreme western part of New York there was some UFO excitement the night of November 6th. According to the county's largest newspaper:

"Reports received during the evening hours came from throughout the area, and most concerned strange lights, frequently lights which changed colors and which, in most cases, made no sound.

"Police Chief Robert S. Payne, Town of Carroll, reported he received reports from two persons who spotted flying objects in the sky. Both described the object as red in color, with a streak of white though it.

"The observers reported that, after hovering over the Frewsburg area for a time, the object split in two sections, and the sections sped away in opposite directions." (58.) (See clipping)

6 November. Midland, Texas.

"I don't think anyone knows."

A Tuesday UFO witness was still brother by his experience:

"The post supervisor for the Midland Observer Corps said Wednesday the glowing aerial object sighted over West Texas this week is 'definitely a tangible object,' but he declined to offer a theory on its origin.

"Lenard Measures, who heads the Midland group, saw a 'cigar-shaped, reddish-orange' body in the skies about eight miles southwest of Midland Tuesday night. He said it was about 300 feet in the air and disappeared in a matter of seconds.

"Measures said the thing turned abruptly, and then it appeared

White, Pear-Shaped

# Thousands See Mystery Object In WNY Skies

An unidentified flying object—glowing a luminous white—was reported over Western New York last night by thousands of persons.

The Air Force reported tracking the object on radar.

An F-86 jet plane was ordered aloft from the Niagara Falls Air Base. The plane scoured the area but was unable to locate the object.

First official report of the object was reported to the Buffalo Filter Center at 5.03 yesterday afternoon.

It came from a Ground Observer Corps post in Dansville.

Sgt. George L. Hatch, night supervisor of the Filter Center, said three observers were on duty. All were experienced observers.

"They reported a pear-shaped object in the sky. They estimated the altitude at between 30,000 and 60,000 feet," Sgt. Hatch said. "The observers said the object appeared to be made of a very highly polished metal or else glowing very brightly," Sgt. Hatch said.

#### Report Unconfirmed

He transmitted the report to the Air Control & Warning Base in Shawnee Rd., Lockport. It was reported that radar operators there detected the object on radar. Officers refused to confirm or deny this report.

The jet was ordered aloft by the 47th Fighter Group after reports from the radar base.

The plane was piloted by 1st Lt. Fred E. Christian. He covered Western New York and was

unable to sight any objects. He landed after a 45-minute patrol.

Capt. Charles R. Turner, information officer, said 1st Lt. Christian was unable to locate the object.

"He did report that the planet Venus was glowing extremely brightly in the southwest sky," Capt. Turner said.

Several other persons theorized the object was Venus.

The Courier-Express switchboard was jammed with scores of calls from citizens who reported the object.

#### All Parts of Region

They were from all parts of the city and suburbs. Most reported the object as white in the southwest.

Several reported an orange-red object in the same direction.

Police and sheriff's department switchboards also were flooded.

In Batavia, the Genesee County Sheriff's Department ordered patrol cars to be alert for the object. It was reported to them by scores of Batavia residents.

Experts said the object could definitely not be Sputnik II, the Soviet earth satellite. The second satellite, though larger than the first, is higher and not visible to the naked eye.

The local report of a UFO—Unidentified Flying Object—came in the wake of similar reports of flying objects from across the nation.

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to have a round side like an egg. Shortly afterward, he said, he spotted a 'ruby-red glow' about 30 degrees northward." (61.)

Did Measures see a space ship?

Having seen something "tangible," one would think Measures would climb on the "space visitor" bandwagon yet that was not the case:

"Whether it came from outer space, no one seems to know as far as I can tell." Measures commented: "No one has ever proved that there is life on other planets, but they haven't disproved it either."

"He added, 'I will say that it definitely is a tangible object. Of what nature it is, I'd decline to say. Where it came from, where it was going, what its business was, I don't think anyone knows.'" (62.)

6 November. Edwards Air Force Base's top-secret rocket test area.

California's Antelope Valley was thrown into confusion the evening of the 6th. Moreover, at the same time it seems there was UFO activity 250 miles off shore. (See clippings)

**ORANGE, RED, WHITE**

## Phantom Light Stirs Wave Of Flying Saucer Sightings

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An orange-colored phantom light seen by six air policemen as it hovered near the Edwards Air Force Base's top-secret rocket engine test section has brought the latest wave of flying saucer sightings to the Antelope Valley.

The airmen, stationed at three separate sites, described the bright object as "an orange ball" and an "alternating red and white light."

Sheriff's deputies in Lancaster were alerted and patrols were sent out on the highways to take a routine look, but no one else saw the phenomena.

No jet interceptors were sent up to investigate at any time.

An Air Force spokesman said the airmen may have seen the star Arcturus, which at a visual compass angle of 30 degrees, seemed much brighter and larger than usual because of atmos-

pheric conditions. It appeared to blink and change colors.

Also, between 8:30 and 9:45 p.m. last night, jet bombers conducting a routine test program dropped photoflash bombs on a range five miles south of Edwards AFB. Some residents of the Antelope Valley may have seen these flashes.

There were many other reports.

One was that radar planes were chasing unidentified flying objects 250 miles off the coast. And a Los Angeles policeman said he saw colored lights in the sky above the San Fernando Valley. He said they shot off like rockets.

The Air Force has promised a thorough investigation of the many reports of unidentified flying objects and mysterious lights in Southland skies.

Col Dean Hess, Air Force public information officer in Los Angeles, said he has been assured air intelligence officers will look into all reports of legitimate sightings.

He talked by telephone with his superiors at the Pentagon yesterday.

"We have contacted the Air Defense Command which has the responsibility of making investigations," said Colonel Hess. "They currently have a number of sightings under investigation."

He said the Air Force explained 98 per cent of previous reports as due to natural phenomena or explainable objects. He said the other 2 per cent could probably be explained if all the facts were available.

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## Southland 'Saucer' Scare Proves Flop

Antelope Valley last night underwent one of the greatest "flying saucers from outer space" scares on record, but it all appeared in the end to be a result of uniquely-combined human and natural factors.

Plus, of course, the nation's amazing post-Sputnik willingness to believe almost anything that isn't anchored down can flit from planet to planet.

Here is what was reported:

The Air Police at Edwards Air Force Base, one of the nation's most closely guarded test centers, "saw" some objects "hovering between Edwards AFB and Mojave, then starting south toward Lancaster.

Sheriff's officers at Lancaster were alerted and put patrols on the highways.

"Sightings" from several sources reported "an orange ball low on the horizon" at 30 degrees on the compass.

Some even reported two jet aircraft were pursuing the various objects . . .

But here, according to authoritative sources at Edwards, is what really happened:

The star Arcturus, at a visual compass angle of 30 degrees, seemed much brighter and "bigger" than usual due to atmospheric conditions, and appeared to "blink" and "change colors."

Between 8:30 and 9:45 p. m., jet bombers conducting a routine test program were dropping photoflash bombs on the Photo Resolution Range, five miles south of Edwards AFB.

And no jet interceptors were "scrambled" at any time.

On the authority of the Air Force people who knew the situation best, Antelope Valley people could "scratch" the visitors from space as extremely realistic illusions, but based on wholly explainable factors.

(See Page 2 for explanation of flying objects. Page 21 for other reports.)

6 November. Aurora, Illinois. (6:00 p.m.)

"Ground torn up, tree limbs broken, grass matted down." "I thought it was going to hit the power lines."

Spectacular, if true, report from Aurora. (See clipping)

6 November. South Africa. (late in the day)

UFOs over South Africa for the fourth day. (See clipping)

6 November. Marion, Indiana. (no time)

"Cigar-shaped object."

Marion, Indiana, is located half way between Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

On November 6th the citizens of Marion experienced a major UFO event. According to a press account:

"The Associated Press reported today that scores of persons living in and near Marion called police and radio stations with fairly uniformed reports of an elongated, cigar-shaped object with a string of very bright lights. The Marion observers said the object hung almost motionless in the sky for a time and then moved out of sight at high speed. One man said a jet plane moved as if to intercept the object but was outdistanced." (61.)

Also: "Another man reported a smaller object pulled near the first as the larger one hung motionless." (62.)

6 November. Goshen, Indiana. (night)

There seems to have been considerable UFO activity in Indiana at this time. The next case may well have involved UFOs although information is lacking:

"A number of reports of 'fire balls' in the sky over Goshen last night, the 6th] were received by city police and CAA Communications at Goshen Airport.

"A CAA spokesman said today that the thick haze at an altitude of 4,000 to 5,000 feet may have been the cause of the 'fire balls.' It was pointed out that the haze caused a change in color of stars, the color varying with the density of the fog.

"A number of airplane pilots, from altitudes of 4,000 to 17,000 feet, was notified about the 'fire ball' reports but none of the pilots saw any of the objects. Pilots did report that lights of cities in this area were colored due to the haze, the CAA spokes-

### Report Seeing Strange Light Near Aurora

Motorists on Route 25 last night at about 6 p.m. were forced to stop their cars to avoid collision with "a thing" that passed over the highway near the city water works at an extremely low altitude.

It was described by Mrs. Margaret Baker, and her son Arthur, 18, who live near the water works, as two large red lights, one behind the other, coming from the east. "I thought it was going to hit the power lines," said Baker.

He said the lights blinked off and on. He said he and his mother, along with neighbors, thought "the things" landed around nearby buildings and storage sheds.

"We went over and looked all around," said Baker, "but couldn't see it. All we could

hear was a steady beeping sound coming from somewhere around us." He said the sound stopped when the search came to an end without results and the searchers were walking away.

Mrs. Baker described the lights as the size of army surplus search lights used by many establishments to advertise grand openings and such.

Arthur Baker said he went over to an island in the Fox river this morning in hopes whatever it was might have landed there. He said the site was torn up, trees broken off and grass matted down "as if something landed there."

He added watchers were unable to determine if the lights were comets or had a fuselage of some type between them because of darkness. "We just saw the two red lights," said Baker.

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man said.

"One resident, Miss Freda Cripe, East Lincoln Avenue, reported a red object with smoke that was moving at a high rate of speed and was visible for only about three seconds." (63.)

6 November. Near Danville, Illinois. (6?:00 p.m.)

Police radio mysteriously goes dead?

Things were quiet at the Vermillion County Jail until the phone rang. The state trooper on duty, Calvin Showers, picked up the receiver. A press account tells us an unidentified Alvin farmer was on the line: "The farmer told Showers there was a lighted object 'right overhead' and moving in a southeasterly direction. He said it was 'bigger than a star.'" (64.)

Phone calls reporting UFOs was not a big thing so Showers took no action on this report, however the situation changed when the phone rang again a moment later. The same press account tells us:

"...another call came to the jail, this time from a service station operator at Moore's Corner, about 10 miles north of Danville on Route 1. He, too, said 'something' was right overhead and moving in a northwesterly direction." (65.)

This was enough for trooper Showers. He and trooper John Matulis set out for Moore's Corner in their patrol car. The two troopers were about four miles from Danville when they first sighted the UFO which had the general appearance of a star but much larger than any star they had ever seen. The "thing," the lawmen said, was the size of a softball (at arm's length?). The newspaper story on this incident quotes trooper Matulis as saying: "It was round and had a glow to it. It changed from white to a bright orange." (66.) Trooper Showers also has something to say, mentioning that the thing would brighten and then dim somewhat. The troopers had the impression the UFO was changing direction.

Radio fails:

"The troopers said they lost radio contact from the point north on the Dixie until they reached Main and Gilbert Streets, saying they tried to call the jail four or five times. When they finally made contact, the operator told them that was the first time he had heard them." (67.)

Moreover: "The radio was in good working order before and after they saw the object." (68.)

"What did they see?" "I don't know."

Our story continues:

"Showers and Matulis continued west to Oakwood, then turned south on the Sugar Creek Road to near Fairmount, keeping the object in view all the time.

"They said it moved away in a southwesterly direction, apparently not changing direction or altitude. Neither would venture a guess as to its height.

"They turned back at the point near Fairmount.

"What did they see? 'I don't know,' Showers said simply.

"That's for somebody else to figure out."

"It should be noted that both men are trained observers. Lt. John T. Henry of District 10 Headquarters at Urbana said: 'Showers and Matulis are veteran troopers. I'm sure they saw it exactly as they described it in their report.'

"Approximately eight telephone calls were made by residents who spotted the object." (69.) (See clipping)

6 November. Danville, Indiana. (6:55 p.m.)

Flying saucer "disease."

The way a Danville paper put it, a highly contagious "disease" was sweeping the state. The symptoms, were: "...best diagnosed on cool, clear nights ...followed by screams and later stiff necks." (70.)

The most recent victim, the editor suggested, was a Mrs. Bill Burbank and her husband, both apparently residents of Danville. The paper printed:

"They saw a 'thing' about 6:55 p.m. southwest of their home on Bartett Chapel Road. She [Mrs. Burbank] estimated it was about 50 feet above the ground, round and fuzzy and glowed bright reds and yellows and then dim reds and yellows. She said the Unidentified 'Flying Object' hereinafter referred to as UFO, stopped and hovered; at first looked like a falling star but was a lot brighter. Mrs. Burbank said the UFO left a white streak behind, but after it stopped it remained in one place for about a half hour." (71.)

6 November. Near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. (time?)

"Split in two parts."

Sees strange cigar-shaped object:

"About the same time James Klass, 808 Grant Ave. and his half-brother, Alfred Hewson, sighted what appeared to be a cigar-shaped object in the western sky.

"They were in their car traveling south of here on Route 21 near the Jones Greenhouse when they noticed it. Mr. Klass said his brother first saw it, and that it was such a strange looking object that he stopped the car.

"I pulled off to the side of the highway and as we were watching it, the object seemed to split into two parts,' Mr. Klass stated. 'It was so weird I went to a house nearby to tell the people there about it. When I returned the two sections had converged and appeared as it originally did. They were others who saw it.'" (72.)

6 November. Houston, Texas. (5:00-7:00 p.m.)

Lights over Houston. Near Lincolnville, Indiana. (7:00 p.m.)

"Odd cloud."

There was a number of reports from the Indiana region on the 6th and the oddest had to be the one that mentioned the "odd cloud." The story:



**WHAT THEY SAW**—Troopers John Matulis, left, and Cal Showers hold drawing of flying object. It was about the size of a softball, proportionate to star in drawing. Troopers followed object to Fairmount.

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### Ill. Troopers Chase Weird Air 'Object'

URBANA, Ill., Nov. 6 (INS) — Two experienced Illinois state troopers reported seeing a "brilliant flying object" near Danville tonight and following it about 15 miles.

The troopers, Calvin Showers, of Danville, and John Matulis, Westville, said they were unable to notify headquarters during the chase because their radio went mysteriously dead. The radio was in good working order before and after they sighted the object, they said.

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## Whatnik Pays Visit To Houston Area

By CHESTER BULGIER

The mysterious "whatrik" which has been puzzling observers across the nation paid a visit to Houston Tuesday night.

A number of Houstonians saw a strange, glowing object in the sky at different times and places between 5 PM and 7 PM.

Descriptions varied, but all observers agreed that it was like nothing they had ever seen before.

**MOST OF THE** sightings were in the West End.

The first one reported to The Houston Post was at 5:05 PM, when a group of youngsters at 4705 Mayfair St, near the Pin Oak Stables, saw a bright egg-shaped object in the western sky.

Linda Elmore and Carole Busacker, both 12, saw it first and called Carole's mother, Mrs. C. F. Busacker. By the time she got outside it had moved behind a cloud, but the glow was still visible through the cloud. The girls said it was about the size of the full moon.

**SHORTLY AFTER 6 PM** Mrs Ernest F. West of 8730 Memorial Drive saw a huge glowing object surrounded by a blue halo in the southeastern sky as she waited for her husband at his West Distributing Company at 4020 Koehler St.

West and about a dozen of his employees came outside and watched the object for several minutes.

He said it would apparently build up in both size and brightness, as if it were approaching the earth, for about a minute. Then it would disappear for about two minutes, reappear and begin building up again.

West said he and his men watched it appear and grow,

bright and disappear three times, and that his wife watched it through several cycles before he came outside.

HE SAID IT appeared to be about four times the size of the full moon. He estimated its height at 6,000 feet but said that was only a guess.

"I've never gone for this flying saucer stuff, but I'm about convinced," he said.

About 6:25 PM a bright white light was seen in the southeast sky by a number of persons at the King Center Drive-In Theatre.

Mrs Grace D. Lester of 3600 Griggs Road said it looked like an oversized, extremely bright star moving on a zig-zag, irregular course.

Russell Leavins of 3310 Leonidas St said a large, round, white light passed over his house in a southeasterly direction about 7 PM. He said it was traveling at a tremendous speed and disappeared over the horizon within about 15 seconds.

LEAVINS SAID the object was accompanied by a steady roaring sound. He was the only one who reported hearing any sound from the object.

"It couldn't possibly have been a jet or any kind of conventional aircraft," he said. "It was round and very bright, and appeared to be about one-fourth the size of the full moon."

● BEAUMONT — (P) — Six Beaumont city police officers and a newspaper reporter Tuesday night reported sighting an unidentified brilliant object in southwestern skies here. All

described the object as appearing much the same as an apple-sized star, which grew brighter and dimmer as they watched.

It disappeared within about 30 minutes from the time it was first seen.

Police Sgt H. W. Meek was leaving the Police Station for his supper hour at 7 PM when he reported noticing the object. Arriving home about 20 minutes later, he still could see the object at the same location and about the same size.

TEN MINUTES later, he said, the object grew dimmer and began diminishing in size "like it was moving away from the Earth."

During the same 30 minutes, five other police officers, including Capt Clyde C. Rush, and Beaumont Enterprise Reporter Paul Smith, told of sighting the object from different points in the city.

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Houston (TX)  
POST



Press Staff Photo by William Cooksey

CHRIS and BARBARA BROOKS

**CHILD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE WHA TNIK.**—Out playing in their yard, these Houston children reported yesterday they saw something strange in the sky and raced in to tell their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. M. Brooks, 1950 Lexington, about it. To emphasize their point, Chris and Barbara hurriedly drew a picture of what they saw. "It was bigger than the sun and was in between some clouds," the children said.

Houston Chronicle  
**Two Report** 11-5-57  
**Seeing Flying  
 Object Here**

Two Houston children reported Tuesday they spotted a "large, very bright, oval-shaped object" over the city and the object did not appear to be an aircraft.

The children, Barbara Brooks, 12, and Christopher Brooks, 10, told their father of the mysterious craft before reports of a similar object began coming in from the west.

The father, P. R. M. Brooks of 1950 Lexington, said from what the children told him, the object was "bearing south about 165 degrees true, at an angle of 15 to 20 degrees from the point sighted."

"Of course, they could not judge the distance, so they couldn't judge the altitude," said Brooks. "They said it was two miles away, it seemed, but they couldn't tell."

The two youngsters said they could not tell if the object was stationary or moving, only that it was "bigger than the sun" and was soon covered by clouds.

This photo appeared in the Houston Post on November 6th. The incident took place the previous day. (See clipping)

"Several residents of the community saw strange lights or objects in the sky Wednesday [the 6th] night.

"These reports came during the early evening.

"John Lautzenhiser, Wabash R. R. 3, reported a strange object in the sky toward Frances Slocum State Forest about 7.

"John Eckman, Wabash, was startled by a red glow in the sky northwest of the city.

"But Mrs. Elizabeth Leach, 60 West Maple, had a close-up view of a peculiarly colored cloud in the Lincolnville neighborhood.

"She drove south on Ind. 15 after 7 p.m. Glancing at the moon, she noticed a ring around it [a common weather phenomenon caused by ice crystals in the air] and to the south was a brownish cloud.

"At Ind. 124, Mrs. Leach turned east, went to the third crossroad and turned to the north. All the time the cloud kept getting closer. As she continued for another half mile, the cloud appeared brighter. It caused a reflection in her eyes. She also heard a rumbling noise.

"On reaching the country crossroads, Mrs. Leach said the cloud had settled into a field at the northwest corner.

"'It appeared to be as high as two or three barns and about a half a block wide,' Mrs. Leach continued. 'You couldn't see through the edges, which looked like fog. The center was of an orange color and bright but did not reflect any heat.'

"The woman said there were no lights about the object and she didn't see any people about.

"After watching the phenomenon for several minutes, Mrs. Leach drove away. She admitted she was confused by the sight at the time. She went to Lincolnville and back-tracked to the place where she wanted to call. They also had seen the object. On the return trip from Lincolnville, Mrs. Leach heard a roar like a Zeppelin going away.

"Mr. and Mrs. Gene Barton, Wabash R.R. 4, also saw the unusual object or reflection in the sky as they drove away from their home about 7 p.m. Wednesday.

"Mrs. Barton, first to view the sky, noted the large egg-shaped red reflection moving slowly over their home. She called the attention of her husband who remarked that he had seen such a reflection of color in the sky before but never in this particular shape. Mrs. Barton reported the object, moving very slow, finally faded away." (73.)

6 November. Dry Ridge, Kentucky. (7:15-7:30 p.m.)

"Floating through the air with the greatest of ease."

Police dispatcher Larry Carter figured the State Police were not seeing Sputniks or searchlights operated by new car dealerships. Four State Troopers in four different places saw an odd, red-colored, egg-shaped, light "hopping through the sky." (74.)

6 November. Everittstown, New Jersey. (dusk)

"Frog eyed-dog eyed?"

Do elves pilot flying saucers? Blarney no doubt. (See page from CSI Bulletin) (75.)

## FROG-EYED - DOG EYED

Among the many remarkable reports dated November 6, 1957, the following almost escaped our attention. A physician friend told Jules St. Germain about the story, which appeared in the Delaware Valley News (a weekly) on Nov. 15. At Jules' request Dick Harpster, CSI member and a veteran newspaperman who lives in Washington, N. J., and has actively participated in investigating the Menger tales, talked to the witnesses. He also sent us the story from the News, and intends to get more information to answer further questions from the data-greedy Research Section of CSI.

About dusk on November 6 John Trasco had just returned to his home in Everittstown, N. J., from his work at a paper mill in New Hope, Pa., and went outdoors to feed King, the 6-year-old, charcoal-colored, half-blind, bad-tempered Belgian police dog who was tied up at the side of the house. Mrs. Trasco, at the kitchen window, heard King barking furiously, and looked out to see a bright light in front of the barn, which is 60-70 feet from the house, with shrubbery between. "I thought at first it was a pond or puddle of water" (reflecting the last light of the sky), Mrs. Trasco said. Then she realized that she was looking at a luminous egg-shaped object, 9 to 12 feet long, hovering - "just going up and down" - a few feet off the ground in front of the barn.

Because of the shrubbery she did not see the "little man" that her husband confronted. The visitor was 2 1/2 or 3 feet high, "dressed in a green suit with shiny buttons, with a green hat like a tan and gloves with a shiny object at the tip of each glove." He had a putty-colored face, a nose and chin, and large, protuberant, frog-like eyes. In a voice that was "sharp and scary" he spoke to Mr. Trasco, in "broken language, as if he came from the other side." What Mr. Trasco thought he said was. "We are peaceful people. We don't want no trouble. We just want your dog." Mrs. Trasco, inside the house, could hear the sound of the voice, and she clearly heard her husband, frightened but angry, yell, "Get the hell out of here!" At this the creature re-entered the object - by what means, is still uncertain, since Mrs. Trasco said her husband had seen no door, portholes, or other opening. (He also reported that there was not much noise: "It was about like what you'd hear inside a ship.") The object then went fast up into the sky, like a tatter of flame that breaks off an outdoor bonfire and goes up, as Mrs. Trasco put it. King, by this time, was so worked up that he was frothing. "Was there any evidence left behind at all?" Harpster asked Mrs. Trasco (when we talked to Dick, he had spoken only to Mrs. Trasco). "Well, John tried to grab one of them," she said (another detail to be checked, since there was no other specific statement indicating more than one creature), "and he got some kind of green powder on his wrist, but it washed right off. He found some under his fingernails the next day, too." There are no houses on the road opposite the Trascos, and the houses on either side of them were unoccupied.

The couple told no one of their experience, because "we knew no one would believe us," except a sister-in-law, through whom the story probably reached the newspaper. The sister-in-law had attended a meeting conducted by Howard Menger about a year before; but the Trasco's had not been at all impressed by her report on Menger; in fact, they take only the mildest interest in even such things as Sputnik. In the same issue of the News that printed their story appeared an editorial that scoffed at the entire report.

Says Mrs. Trasco, "If it happens again I'll probably get right in the car and go away from this place." To Mr. Harpster she added, "But I told John, we should have let them take King. He's half-blind and so cross I don't know who else would ever want him." Says Dick Harpster, "I just haven't been able to think of one reason for not believing them." One final detail: the night after the visit, two lights shone over the house. Mrs. Trasco says, "they didn't move, as the lights of an airplane do." They lingered for a while, then disappeared without a trace.

6 November. Letts, Michigan. (7:30 p.m.)

"It took off straight up with tremendous force." (See clipping)

## Flying "Whatsit," Brilliant Lights, Spotted Near Letts

With the report today of a weird, brilliantly lighted object seen near Letts Wednesday night, Decatur county joined the fast-growing list of places where such unidentified lights have been spotted.

Albert Small, 22-year-old Westport youth, said he and a companion, 20-year-old Charles McLeod, of North Vernon, were driving from North Vernon to Westport about 7:30 p. m. Wednesday when they sighted what they at first believed to be an exceptionally bright star.

However, the brightness would fade noticeably from time to time, he added.

By the time they reached Westport, Small stated, their curiosity was aroused as the object they had spotted now appeared larger and closer to the earth.

It was visible to the northeast of Westport, he said, and they decided to investigate.

Driving north on State Road 3 to Letts, they then proceeded east about three miles on a county road.

It was here, Small reported, that he and McLeod got within 200 yards of the object, which was now on the ground.

The Westport youth described it as larger than an ordinary house and giving off an extremely bright light that made it impossible to accurately define its shape.

Small related that after a few seconds, before the two could get any closer, "it took off straight up with tremendous force"

He said it reached an altitude he estimated at 5,000 feet in just a few seconds.

Rushing back to W. R. Cannon's general store and service station at Letts, the youths told those inside the store of what they had seen and invited them to come outside and look at the object, now well up in the sky.

Cannon said he and about 15 persons who were in the store at the time did go outside and did see a bright orange object in the sky east of Letts. He stated the light dimmed three or four times and then disappeared completely.

Letts, Indiana.

Night time.

6 November 57.

NICAP files. No newspaper. No news service.

6 November. Near Longview, Illinois. (night)

"The landing."

A full-blown saucer scare erupted in the area of Longview, Ohio, the evening of November 6th. A farmhand named Jim Twigg came across a quantity of shredded metallic material that had the appearance of spilled aluminum paint (later identified as mundane radar chaff). A rumor quickly spread that a flying saucer had landed on a farm owned by a man named Roy Wendling. State Trooper were the first to investigate. The troopers found the ribbons of aluminum foil but no "landed saucer." The trooper's commanding officer, Lt. John Henry, stationed at Urbana, was quoted as saying: "I don't know if a space ship landed or not, but I'm a little dubious." (76.)

Word gets out.

A tavern owner in Longview, Mr. John Wingle, described what happened then:

"A little while after the announcement on TV, people started coming into the tavern asking where the saucer was. About 35 people from all over the area dropped in, Villa Grove, Metcalf, Newman and Murdock." (77.)

A neighbor of Roy Wendling's also made the news:

"Walter Norman, a farmer who lives about two miles west of Broadlands, called attention to the number of cars scouring the countryside. 'They were lined up south of my place over a half mile back, trying to get on the pavement (from Broadlands to Longview), but the cars were so thick on the pavement they had trouble getting on.'" (78.)

There was nothing to see when the crowd got to the Wendling farm. People peppered Roy Wendling with questions but he couldn't tell them much of interest.

The carload from Sidney.

Among those who rushed to the "landing site" was a Mr. Ben Block of the town of Sidney. When the news was announced on TV, Block rounded up six of his neighbors, squeezed everyone into one car, and raced to Wendling's farm like everyone else. Traffic was so thick Block had to pull off the road a half mile from his destination. It seemed as if the trip was a total waste of time. The Sidney group couldn't get to where they wanted to go, and there was nothing to see if they did get there. Amazingly, the Sidney group would not be disappointed! (79.)

While it was a fact the excitement at Wendling's farm was over some radar chaff, there had been some actual UFO sightings in the area.

500 phone calls.

According to a press account:

"State Police in the meantime had a flurry of phone calls starting at 6:30 p.m. from residents reporting seeing a bright object in the sky. An estimated 500 calls came into the headquarters

switchboard during the evening, keeping the clerk and radio operator busy answering the phone.

'Many of the reports from Champaign-Urbana said that there was a red glow in the sky. Most of the callers couldn't explain what they saw, but many, according to Lt. Henty, seemed alarmed. State police didn't think too many of the calls were hoaxes, but that the people were sincere in their efforts to report to the authorities. (80.)

The Sidney people. "Huge thing?"

When we last discussed the car full of people from Sidney, they were parked on the side of the road. These people were disappointed because they couldn't get any closer to the Wendling farm. Here is the rest of the story as reported in the press:

'Hovering in the sky nearby, Block said, was a huge red object, which gave off an ultra-violet glow.

'''It looked like a two story balloon,' Block said, 'but it wasn't solid like a balloon, it appeared like a mass of gases.'

'''It was a clear night, and we could see the stars. But we couldn't see the stars through this thing.'

'''This was no northern light, 'Block maintained, 'I lived in Minnesota for four years, and know what northern lights look like.'

'After hovering in the sky for close to 30 minutes, the object suddenly divided into two equal parts, which drifted off into opposite directions and disappeared.

'Many other persons besides those in the Block party saw the object, the Sidney man said. Cars passing by would stop and the occupants get out for a better view.

'''We couldn't be sure how big it was or how high in the air, Block said, 'But a jet plane flew by it shortly after we saw it, and the plane looked like a speck beside it.''' (81.)

6 November. Springfield, Massachusetts. (7:30 p.m.)

"Glowing egg-shaped mass or red-tinted vapor."

Whether or not people were seeing mysterious objects or some kind of odd manifestation of the northern lights is an interesting question. The next case, a sighting at Springfield makes one wonder what the witness was really observing. (See clipping)

6 November. Orwell, Ohio. (7:55 p.m.)

Cigar-shaped UFO.

This report came from two teenagers. Were they good observers? Who knows? Here is the story:

"At Orwell, John Shaffer, 16, and Timothy Sadowski, 15, reported seeing a cigar-shaped UFO at a very high altitude and traveling swiftly northwest on November 6th at 7:55 p.m.

"Both were on duty at the Grand Valley Observer Post at the time.

"Shaffer told the post supervisor, John F. Hasznos, that he saw the object with his binoculars.

THE SPRINGFIELD DAILY NEWS,

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., November 7, 1957

## 'Glowing Mass' in Sky Reported as Seen Here

At Least Two Tell of Strange Object Last Night;  
Westover Told of Incident

Sightings of a mysterious celestial object that "glowed in the center" as it passed through the heavens in this area last night failed to excite officials at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory today.

The strange object, sighted by two persons within a half hour of each other, did not bring any startling reaction from the control tower at Westover Air Force Base either.

The first sighting was made at 7.30 p. m. in the Van Horn Park area by an unidentified woman, who reported it to Westover officials.

The second sighting was made by Richard LaVigne of Feeding Hills, a radio newsman, who also notified Westover. LaVigne described the object as a "glowing mass of red-tinted vapor," that moved across the sky over his home. It was egg-shaped.

The phenomenon, he said, resembled a huge cotton ball in texture and glowed in the center. It was estimated to be at an altitude usually flown by small planes.

LaVigne said the glowing center was surrounded by a red mist, and that the whole mass hovered for about one minute near his home as it traveled from east to west.

"It had lights streaming down from what appeared to be two portholes," Shaffer said. 'Tim saw it too, but while I was reporting an airplane sighting and this unknown object to the Canton Filter Center, Tim saw another UFO.'

'Tim said the second UFO had an intense white brilliance and traveled so swiftly he could get only one glance at it.

"It was shaped like a cigar but was not tapered at both ends,' he added. 'One end was larger than the other.'" (82.)

6 November. Monroe, Michigan. (evening)

So many UFO reports were coming in from around the state during the period of 7-8:00 p.m. there was some speculation a single object was touring Michigan. The Monroe, Michigan, News remarked: "...Radio traffic from other parts of the state indicated several police cars were trying to chase the object. (83.) Also: 'Officers in different sections of the state trailed the slow-moving object until it was lost. Sgt. Moore [Charles E. Moore of the Monroe police force] said a report he received was that it suddenly increased speed and disappeared over Ohio at about 8:00 p.m.'" (83.) (See clippings)

6 November. Adrian, Michigan. (evening)

"Shot up at a fast rate of speed."

One of the better Michigan/police reports came out of Adrian:

'Waldron Stewart, an editor of the Adrian Telegram, reported seeing a light which at first was white but which later flashed red and green.

'Stewart said it hung motionless at first and then shot up in the air at a fast rate of speed. He and a Lenawee County deputy followed the light in a car, sometimes attaining speeds of more than 100 miles per hour as they tried to stay abreast of the object.

'Stewart said it finally outdistanced them disappearing to the southeast.

"Reports of the bright object were received in Wayne County between 8 p.m. and 8:40 p.m." (84.)

6 November. South of Roscoe, Illinois. (8:00 p.m.)

"How does a red cloud boil a radiator?"

The answer to the above question is certainly elusive:

'Mysterious lights, and flying objects were reported in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin again Wednesday [the 6th] night.

"A 'brilliant red' cloud was blamed for stalling a car near Roscoe.

"Several Rockford girls broke up a party to watch a bright-dim-bright-dim light and in DeKalb, a police lieutenant claimed he saw flashing lights in the sky.

"A Loves Park man told a tale of a car trouble and clouds.

"He said he was just south of Roscoe about 8 o'clock when a huge, brilliant red cloud appeared. The engine of his car stalled and the radiator boiled.

Chicago Daily News  
6 November 57.

# Objects Take Many Forms

*But Airfields, Pilots Fail  
To Confirm Visions in Area*

*Are strange flying objects really new kind of space  
ship?—Page 12.*

Chicagoans were buzzing Wednesday with stories about things they say they have seen in the skies.

Their reported sightings range from space ships shaped like pencils to balls of fire and bright yellow lights that wink at you.

The behavior pattern of the unidentified flying objects—reported by a number of Chicago citizens—ranged from “hovering lazily in the sky for 15 minutes” to “streaking beyond the horizon like a rocket.”

However, tower operators at Midway air port and O'Hare field reported that they saw no mysterious objects or lights in the sky.

They added that no unidentified flying objects or unusual lights were reported to the tower by pilots of planes flying in the Chicago area Tuesday night.

**GEORGE RONGNER**, 49, of 6677 Northwest hwy., a building contractor, reported seeing “a round red object hanging in the sky for about 15 minutes north along Harlem.”

“It was a long distance away but I saw it plain as day,” Rongner said.

**Malcolm Boedecker**, 6327 N. Oketo, a chief clerk at the First National Bank, also reported seeing a “big

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BUT AN air line pilot arrived in Chicago and reported he saw something whipping through the sky over Nebraska.

Capt. Irving S. Kravitz, Trans World Airline pilot, said the thing was a "brightly lighted" object was going faster than any jet.

His sighting was in the area of Kearney, Neb., where a man reported he met a space ship that landed with a crew of four men and two women.

The man said he went aboard the ship and talked with the folks.

They told him not to worry. They said they meant no harm.

A few minutes later, they put him out of the ship and took off, he said.

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THE HUGE red-orange cylindrical object that whooshed briefly over Elmwood cemetery Monday was replaced by a variety of other objects.

Deputy Sheriff Henry Rosenblum of the Milwaukee av. sheriff's police, reported seeing a "yellow-white inverted oval" in the sky west of the station at 9000 Milwaukee about 6:15 p.m.

"We watched it for about 15 minutes," Rosenblum said. "It was high in the sky and irregular in shape. It seemed to hover there and

red light" early in the evening.

A Park Ridge resident said he saw a bright red object—which appeared to be like an electric light—moving slowly 15 degrees above the horizon "about over the Rogers Park area."

With the coming of daylight, he discovered it to be merely a red warning light above a newly constructed radio tower.

The light had just been installed Tuesday atop a 150-foot tower at the Jefferson Ice Co., 6625 Avondale.

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VINCENT Insolita, 34, of 3978 Barry, a bricklayer, said he watched a big object in the sky over Belmont and Crawford for about "six or seven minutes, then it went out."

"At first I thought it was a star but then I realized it was five or six times larger than a big star," he added.

John Saline, 51, of 5111 Melrose, a painter, said that on Oct. 25 he saw a strange object in the sky that looked like two huge firecrackers, one above the other.

He said he was in his car with his wife, Marie, at 5100 N. LaCrosse, when he sighted the objects.

## Strange Lights Reported In Sky Over Michigan

DETROIT, Nov. 7 (AP)—Reports of mysterious lights, described variously as white, orange and red, flooded police switchboards in both lower corners of Michigan Wednesday night.

Most of the witnesses, some of whom were police officers, said the light appeared to be moving across the sky. One said it resembled a transparent cloud.

Several deputies in Eaton County reported seeing a red light in the vicinity of Charlotte. They said it appeared to bounce as it sped in a southerly direction.

Donald Miller, chief of police at Decatur in southwest Michigan, said he saw a light over the city early in the evening. He described it as orange at first, then red and finally a dark brown. Mr. Miller said it appeared to be transparent and was about a mile in length.

### Brighter Than Star

Observers at Kalamazoo reported seeing a white light, about three times as bright as a star, moving across the sky early in the evening. They said it took about four minutes to move from horizon to horizon.

Waldron Stewart, an editor of the Adrian Telegram, reported seeing a light which at first was white but which later flashed red and green.

Mr. Stewart said it hung motionless at first and then shot up in the air at a fast rate of speed. He reported that he and a Lenawee County deputy followed the light in a car, sometimes attaining speeds of more than 100 miles per hour as they tried to stay abreast of the object.

Mr. Stewart said it then circled and headed in a southeast direction, leaving them behind as they tried to keep up with it.

Similar lights were reported in western Wayne County.

Weather bureau spokesmen said such lights could result from reflections of ground lights, planets or northern lights bouncing off low clouds. They added, however, that visibility was from 10 to 20 miles in the places where the light was sighted.

The U.S. Weather Bureau in Detroit said some northern lights were visible in southern Michigan last night. Also, the weather bureau said, two jets flying over southern Michigan left condensation trails that glowed in the light of a full moon.

### Appears V-Shaped

Sightings of strange, reddish-orange objects in the sky also were reported from the Port Huron and Flint areas.

Norman Cole, 28, who lives a mile west of the Port Huron city limits, said he saw such an object which bounced up and down like a ball and then slowly descended to the ground an estimated mile away. He said it appeared through binoculars to have port holes or windows.

Some 25 or 30 minutes after he first sighted it, Mr. Cole said the object suddenly shot into the sky and disappeared.

Mr. Cole's mother, Mrs. Frank Cole, and a 14-year-old

brother, said they saw the object. It appeared V-shaped but was unlike any airplane they ever had seen.

R. H. Woodard of Port Huron, a Ground Observer Corps member, said he spotted an unidentified object "about twice as bright as any star" flying above the clouds. He said it definitely was not an airplane.

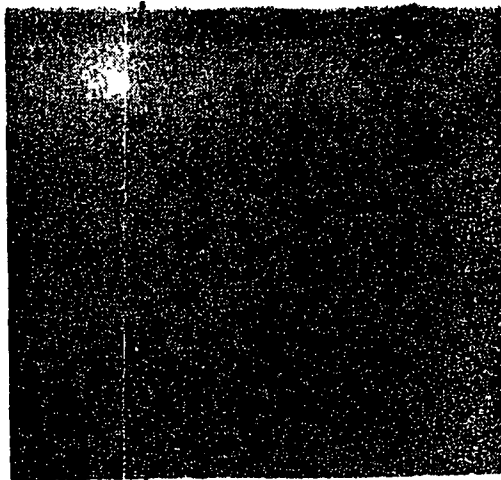
Mrs. Fred Elliott of Port Huron reported that a reddish-orange object was spotted by her and several others just outside Flint shortly after 8 p.m. yesterday.

It appeared to hover, Mrs. Elliott said, and she and others in her car got out to have a better look at the circular object. It seemed to trail her car on to Port Huron, she said.



Chester Olson, 10, of 3907 N. Leavitt, shows his sister, Pamela, 11, negative of picture he made of a "Whatnik" last Friday. Chester shot the picture from third floor of his home. (Sun-Times Photo)

Chicago, Illinois.  
Chicago Sun-Times.  
8 November 57.



This is Chester Olson's photo of a Whatnik.

"The man said he ran to a farmhouse for moral support and several persons in the house hurried out for a look at the cloud. Another attempt to start his car while the cloud was still around proved futile and the radiator boil again.

"As soon as the cloud left, the car ran again, he said." (85.)

6 November. Morristown, Tennessee.  
(8:15 p.m.)

"Mystery cylinder?"

A press report states:

"Another object was spied in the sky over Morristown last night. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ferguson, who live on the Roe Junction Road in the Southern Heights section, described the object as 'larger than a cigar and almost as long as a broom handle.'

'Mr. Ferguson caught a glimpse of the thing against the moon at 8:15 p.m. and called his wife out into their yard which is opposite Jarhagh Cemetery west of the city.

'They said that the object moved west over their house giving off a low rumbling noise. Then it reversed, going toward the south, where it disappeared.

"Both said the object was not an airplane or jet." (86.)

6 November. Cherokee, North Carolina. (night)

"Is that a forest fire?" (See clipping)

6 November. Lake Baskatong, Canada. (9:00 p.m.)

UFO emits radio signal? (See article in CSI Newsletter) (87.)

6 November. Amarillo, Texas. (Just before 9:00 p.m.)

"Changed to a red glow."

A Texas newspaper states:

"Lesile Evans of 165 North Forest was visiting with Norman Blake at 406 Fairmont. They were sitting on the front porch shortly before 9 p.m. when they noticed a white object in the sky. They said it remained motionless for about ten seconds, changed to a red glow and sped out of sight making a whistling noise.

'Neither was able to estimate size of the object or its distance above the house." 88.)

6 November. Near Merom, Indiana. (shortly after 9:00 p.m.)

"Mysterious burns about the face and eyes."

Gilham's farm was located about 30 miles southwest of Terre Haute. (See clipping)

## 'Object' Sighted Residents Say

Elita Wilson reported today that she and two other Galisteo residents watched an odd egg-shaped object maneuver through the sky about 7 p.m. Saturday near the small community.

She said the object appeared to be about a half mile away. She said its color varied from greenish blue to white and was glowing with light. She said the object made a sharp turn and disappeared from sight.

Belated report: 2 November 57  
Santa Fe, New Mexico New  
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# Mysterious Space Ship Stops Automobile Engines

A report from the U.S. ...  
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NEW ITEM:  
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WAIT A MINUTE,  
BUSTER! DON'T TRY  
TO PULL THAT OLD  
"OUT OF GAS" GAG  
ON ME!!



SPACE VS SPICE?

6 November. Cherokee, North Carolina.  
Call it a "Skillie." (See clipping)

## Glow Seen At Cherokee; Indians Call It 'Skillie'

CHEROKEE, Nov. 8 — Two Cherokee policemen said today they saw a spherical red glow about 100 feet in diameter near here Wednesday night, and it rose into the air when they drove through it.

Police Chief Wilbur Aillison and Policeman Amos Lambert said they discovered the phenomenon after Monte Young of Cherokee reported seeing what appeared to be a forest fire near Yellow Hill as he was driving on U. S. 19 from Bryson City to Cherokee about 9 p.m.

They said they drove west on U. S. 441 and saw the grounded glow at the end of a bridge across the Oconalufy River off the main highway near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park boundary.

Allison said when they drove through the light everything looked bloodred. He said it rose from the ground and moved down the road. When he got out of the car and walked toward it, he said, it moved on

westward toward Newfound Gap and disappeared. Its movements, he said, were similar to those of a helicopter, but the glow was silent and carried nothing.

No explanation has been found yet. But some Cherokee Indians are saying it might have been a skillie.

A skillie is a human being who has the power to change himself into any form—animal, vegetable, mineral or light. A human can become a skillie, the old-timers explain, by being put through a ritual immediately after birth by a medicine man.

Part of becoming a skillie involves being kept from nursing for the seven days immediately after birth.

Skillies, can be upstanding citizens, though some also have been known to have been pretty bad.

Some Cherokees call any object which cannot be explained a skillie.

Skillie, in English, means "booger."

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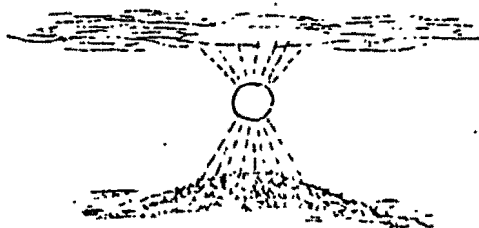
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## FIRST-HAND REPORT OF A UFO EMITTING A RADIO SIGNAL

The following extraordinary observation came to us via Lex Mebane, through the courtesy of a mutual friend, Mr. Anthony M. Bender (no relation to Albert K. Bender of Connecticut), who arranged for Lex to meet and interview the witness two weeks after the event. This is one of the perhaps-unprecedented crop of UFO appearances on November 6th that made that day such a dies mirabilis in American saucer annals.

The observer was Mr. Jacques N. Jacobsen, Jr., of Staten Island, a young man trained as a microbiologist, who now holds a responsible position in New York City with a large railroad company. In the first week of November he was on vacation, hunting deer in the big woods of Quebec with three friends, William Munday, William Totten, and Robert Dawson. They were staying at Sullivan's Hunting Lodge on Lake Baskatong, about 100 miles north of Ottawa. There was no electricity at the camp, but they had with them a portable radio of the ordinary kind and also a portable short-wave radio "of the type used in World War II landing craft." (Both Munday and Dawson are professional electronics workers, and radio hams on the side.) On the evening of the 6th they were listening to the radio, which was reporting UFOs seen everywhere; reception was subject to fading, but many stations could be picked up.

At about 9 p.m. Totten went out to the outhouse; he came back breathlessly exclaiming: "There's a flying saucer out here!" The others laughed, and suggested that he invite the little green men in for coffee. (Mr. Jacobsen thought he'd better stress the fact that "the whiskey had run out two nights before.") However, he insisted. They went out on the porch and sure enough, there it was. To the east of south, a "huge brilliantly-illuminated sphere," one-eighth to one-sixth the apparent diameter of the moon, was hanging a few hundred feet over the summit of a hill two or three miles away. Might this actually have been a misinterpretation of some celestial body? By no means. The sky had been completely overcast by low-hanging clouds for several hours, and the object was beneath these clouds. This was beyond any possibility of doubt, because conical beams of light fanned out from both the top and the bottom of the object. The lower beam lit up the tops of the pine trees on the hilltop; the upper beam illuminated the under surface of the low clouds. (See the accompanying sketch, copied from Mr. Jacobsen's.) The brightness of the object was dazzling--"like looking into a gas-mantle"(they were using gas-mantle lamps at the camp)--but its color was yellowish-white, not the bluish-white of a mantle. Because of the glare, its edges were not sharply defined. It did not flicker, pulsate, or oscillate. 8 x 25 binoculars revealed no further detail. For fifteen minutes it remained in the same position.



Mr. Jacobsen took two 35-mm photographs, which had not yet been developed two weeks later. (It is hardly to be expected that they will show anything more than a dot of light.)

While this was being seen, it was discovered that there was "no reception" on the portable radio. Munday tried the short-wave radio, with the same result: on none of its bands could anything be picked up--not even the government time signal, which invariably came in clearly. But there was one exception: at one frequency a very strong signal was received. It was a rapidly modulated single tone, somewhat like Morse code in effect--but not Morse, which would have been recognized. Mr. Jacobsen could not recall the frequency, but thought it was in the vicinity of 2.5 or 25 megacycles--not 14.206 megacycles, where a "mystery beep" signal from something moving in the sky had been received that week all over the earth, pole to pole.

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At 9:15 the object was beginning to float slowly upwards and move off to the south, over a trackless area of lake and forest. It had entered the clouds and its light could now only be seen intermittently; in another fifteen minutes it was out of sight. The radios were now tried again, and proved to work normally; the batteries were apparently not affected by the episode.

The four hunters bolted the cabin door and loaded all their guns before going to bed.

# Ironworker Burned By 'Shiny Object'

Kena Gilham, Merom R. 1, 33-year-old ironworker who has been under a physician's care since Friday for mysterious burns about the face and eyes, was reported "resting well" today at Mary Sherman Hospital where he was taken Sunday morning after his condition worsened.

Gilham, apparently suffered the facial burns, similar to the burns that are inflicted on the face and eyes when working near an arc welder without a face mask, last Wednesday night when he watched a strange lighted object near his home between Graysville and Merom on Highway 63.

The injury didn't show up until Thursday evening and he visited Dr. Joe Dukes at Dugger Friday morning.

Gilham, who works in Terre Haute, told a Times reporter the burns began bothering him on Thursday following the lighted object's visit.

#### Describes Light

He first noticed the light, Gilham said, while he was in a building on his farm. When he got outside, the lighted object which he said was about 40 feet in circumference, was about 1000 feet up and stayed for about 10 minutes.

It is believed that the object is the same one that was sighted by several Sullivan people.

While the light hovered over his farm, Gilham said it was joined by a smaller object which left first. The larger object made a whirring noise when it left and the light became more intense.

Gilham said the whirring noise resembled a high speed electric motor gaining revolutions.

Dr. Dukes said the irritation on Gilham's face was apparently not an allergy. He described it as a reddening of the skin, similar to burns from an arc welder. Gilham said that he had not been around a welder for three weeks. He added there was nothing in his work that could cause the burns.

Robert Orr of Sullivan, physics and math instructor, accompanied by a Times reporter, visited the Gilham farm Sunday afternoon with a Geiger counter to test the area for potential radiation. There were reactions in a couple of areas but of minor consequence.

#### Condition Better

Dr. Dukes said that Gilham rested well during the night and that the swelling about the eyes and reddening of the skin had lessened today. Gilham is expected to be released from the hospital Tuesday.

Gilham's wife, Agnes, and children, and Ben Gray, father-in-law, who lives next door, saw the object. Each described it as Gilham did. However, he was the only one that watched it during its entire flight.

#### Lights Entire Area

Gilham said that the object was so bright that it lighted the entire surroundings. Other members of the family verified this.

The family also saw another lighted object about three years ago in the same area but described it as different in light intensity.

Meanwhile, people continue to report lighted objects in the sky over Sullivan. There have been nightly reportings of strange objects Saturday and Sunday evenings.

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The Gilham case. CSI investigates.

A Mr. C.W. Fitch decided to check on the "burned ironworker" case. After learning what he could, Fitch planned to prepare a report that would be forwarded to Lex Mebane of New York's Civilian Saucer Intelligence group.

Fitch set out to locate the Gilham family. The Gilhams were said to live in a rural area somewhere between the towns of Graysville and Merom. As Fitch drove down Route One, he noted how sparsely populated the countryside was, and how every farmhouse was dark at that hour, indicating folks in those parts went to bed early, perhaps 8 or 8:30 p.m.

Eventually the CSI investigator found the Gilham homestead. He received a friendly welcome.

All three witnesses: Rene, his wife Agnes, and their young daughter, told the same story. The trio seemed to be credible and apparently had no interest in the UFO subject prior to their experience. Newspapers rarely carry every detail of a case and Fitch learned a few new facts. Press accounts had mentioned that Rene was in an "out building" when he first sighted the UFO shortly after 9:00 p.m. when everything was suddenly lit up by a red glow. Actually the "out building" was the family "out house" and Rene was taking care of a call of nature when the UFO lit the area. This fact was too embarrassing to tell reporters but it is important to note because: "...the burn or rash appeared on every part of his body which hadn't been covered by clothing as he sat there." (89.) The out house door was ajar when the red light lit up the area. Evidently that opening let in the rays that burned Mr. Gilham.

The UFO gave off a red light as bright as the sun and the brilliance was such it screened any details of the thing that was its source.

Pulling up his pants, Rene scrambled back to the house and phoned a neighbor, asking his neighbor to look up the road and to describe what he could see. The neighbor, apparently some distance away in this rural setting, told Mr. Gilham he could see a bright red glow illuminating the sky which gave the impression Rene's place was on fire (Unfortunately Fitch never, apparently, met with the neighbor to confirm this).

Meanwhile, Rene's wife and daughter kept watch on the "thing" and noticed that it was moving westward. At the same time a smaller body (no description) left the vicinity of the larger body and had zoomed eastward.

Fitch makes no mention of having talked with Ben Gray, the father-in-law. (90.)

(Fitch also met with a Leita Khun of Madison, Ohio, who had an interesting UFO encounter early in the morning of November 10th. The Khun case will be discussed when events of November 10th are covered)

6 November. Totronto, Ontario, Canada. (night?)

Our source:

"...in the Eglinton-Duffering (western) section of Toronto, Ontario, six persons had seen a yellowish white light in the eastern sky (over Lake Ontario), travelling from south to north. It was no meteor, for it travelled so slowly that there was time for Mr. S. Beaumont to see it after being called outside by his neighbours, but just before they called him, he had noticed the sound on his television had suddenly been overridden by 'an interfering noise that sounded like a car engine going very fast.'" (91.)

6 November. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (evening)

"That was no jet." (See clipping)

## SWITCHBOARDS FLOODED

# Was it Sputnik or Vapor Trail?

An enormous question mark appeared in the sky south of Toronto about 7 a.m. today. Many people thought they were catching a glimpse of a Sputnik, but others put it down as simply a jet leaving a vapor trail.

"That was no jet," said Cliff Gout, an Aero employee who studied the object with powerful binoculars. "It was long and skinny like a cigar except it had fins near the front. It came right out of the sun, headed north toward Malton, then disappeared as it crossed the Lake Ontario shoreline."

Mr. Gout said the object was too long for a jet and was climbing too fast.

Martin Stamm also saw a peculiar object in the sky while coming to work on Highway 27. He described it as about 75 feet long and shiny. He said a jet leaving a vapor trail was nearby but this object moved for a while, then just hung in one place.

The police radio was filled with calls shortly before 7 a.m. by officers who claimed they saw Sputnik. The switchboard at The Star was flooded with calls.

### Like Question Mark

The trail, which looked as if it came from a twin jet, crossed the sky south of Toronto from east to west, then turned north where it formed a gigantic question mark. One watcher described it as a sickle. It then turned south again and disappeared.

Malton airport put the vapor trail down to an unknown jet. First reports of the object came shortly before 7 a.m. The second rash came from people near Highway 27 at about 7:15 when a cigar-shaped object appeared.

The vapor trail was seen by a member of the David Dunlop observatory but he did not know what it was. Neither Sputnik was due around 7 a.m. The observatory was flooded with calls too.

This morning's excitement followed similar activity last night. Mysterious objects, ranging in description from "egg-shaped" to "a pinkish thing," were reported in the Ontario sky. Most were reported after 8:25 when Sputnik I was scheduled to pass over the province.

### See Lights

Mrs. Sheila Funnell of Cadowdale, told of seeing a stationary bright light four miles as big as the north star. It had turned amber when she looked at it a second time. Then it disappeared in a red streak.

Thomas Thomson and William Pollard of Brampton also saw a light but described it as "red and shimmering." Richmond Hill residents told of seeing a "brilliant glowing star," a "glowing red object" and a "pinkish thing."

A motorist on Highway 11 looked through his son's telescope at "a big red moon." Another motorist told of spotting a "white trail" that disappeared near the moon.

Strange lights also were reported in Belleville and in northern Ontario. In Port Arthur a "very bright, egg-shaped" object travelling fairly fast near the horizon was noticed. A "large blood-red object" was spotted by Donald Lennert near Owen Sound.

Toronto Daily Star.

6 November 57.

6 November. Windsor, Ontario, Canada. (evening)  
 "Jokenik." (See clipping)

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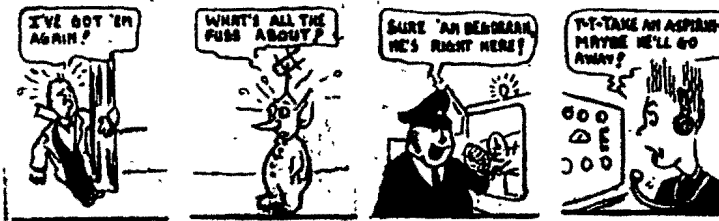
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## No.. It's.. It's Boris



## Little Green Man Only A 'Jokenik'

WINDSOR, Ont., Nov. 7 (UP)  
 —Delegated police, beset with sighting of Sputniks, Mutniks and Whatniks, played a jokenik last night when they got a report a "little green man" had been seen in Windsor.

A call from a telephone operator to police touched things off.

The operator said a woman had called and screamed, "There's a little green man on my front lawn."

The operator was doubtful of the report but said she heard a "thud" over the telephone and thought the woman might have fainted.

Windsor patrolman James Weston checked the address and found nothing. But deciding to have some fun, Weston radioed back:

"All I can find is a short little green man with antennae sticking out of his head and with very pretty blue, bulging eyeballs. What will I do? He keeps asking me if I speak Russian."

With this, the woman police dispatcher radioed back hurriedly:

"Tell him you don't know Russian."

Moments later, the dispatcher realized her mistake and ordered Weston back to his regular patrol.

Weston said the only person at the house was a man named Clifton Strickland. Weston said Strickland had been watching a TV news show "and seemed very upset when I asked if he had seen any green men on his lawn."

6 November. Garden Grove, California. (9:00 p.m.)

"Fiery red object."

No detail on this case. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (92.)

6 November. Kokomo, Indiana. (10:00 p.m.)

"Row of white lights."

The following was published by a local paper:

"In north-central Indiana...UFOs were copiously reported. Two Kokomo housewives said they saw a large oval object flying low over Kokomo about 10 p.m. (CST)

"...they said it had a bright light in what appeared to be the nose and a row of white lights somewhat resembling passenger windows in an airliner.'" (93.) (For other reports see clipping)

6 November. Near Grapevine, Texas. (10:00-11:00? p.m.) (See clipping)

"Saucer hoax."

Five Dallas newsmen apparently suffered from a bad case of exasperation over the "Whatnik" confusion. They wondered how reliable were witnesses' descriptions so the men arranged a "test." They obtained a dome-like portable canvas structure with plastic windows. Inflated with air, the "igloo" stood eight feet high and 15 feet wide. With a strong light inside the the "igloo," it made an odd appearance when it was set up at night some 30 yards off the highway near Grapevine, Texas. Dressed in some strange clothing, two of the newsmen spoke to any motorist who pulled over to investigate.

This is what happened:

"Several motorists reported the object to police, and one even said he had seen it flying along the hillside! One baffled passer-by had quite a long conversation with the reporters, whom he assumed to be military men of some sort. He afterwards described the appearance of the contraption accurately to police. The result of the experiment was just as would be imagined -- some people are accurate reporters, and some are not." (94.)

6 November. Radium Springs, New Mexico. (10:50 p.m.)

Cops see UFO.

Radium Springs, New Mexico, is not easy to find on a map but apparently it is in the Las Cruces jurisdiction because the next UFO incident to be considered involved State Police stationed at Las Cruces, and lawmen from the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office.

An Air Force teletype report informed Wright Field that numerous UFO reports had been made in the Las Cruces area the previous 48 hours. The one case worth passing on to BLUE BOOK occurred at 10:50 p.m. on the evening of the 6th when different lawmen in different patrol cars in the Las Cruces/Radium Springs area radioed the Las Cruces city police Desk Sergeant to re-

## Official Raps Saucer Hoax

The landing of a "flying saucer" near Grapevine Wednesday night, which turned out a hoax perpetrated by five persons, was termed dangerous Thursday by John Hazz, Grapevine police chief. Hazz said the hoax disrupted traffic on Highway 114 west of Royal Lane and disturbed the normal work of his force.

The roads were dangerously wet when 11 officers from Dallas and Grapevine rushed to the scene, Hazz said.

"We are very unhappy over the incident," he said.

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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Cigars that "played around."

*Nov. 1957*  
**What Caused The Lights In Sky**  
*Thursday Nov 14*  
**Still Poses Question For Area**

*Sun-Telegram Richmond Indiana*  
 Objects, imagined or real, continued to stir the interests of residents in the Wayne county area Wednesday night *Indiana*

Calls were made to The Palladium-Item regarding the sighting of lights, cigar-shaped objects, red glows about the moon, and other celestial phenomenon

Two young Hagerstown sisters, Cheryl and Michelle Drischel, 13 and 14 years old, called to say they were looking through telescopes for a glimpse of the Sputniks when two white objects appeared in the lens.

**Used Telescope**

The girls, using a 40-power telescope, said the objects "played around" and resembled a cigar.

Two lights appeared in the northwest sky Wednesday night, according to several residents in the Fountain City area. Mrs. Floyd Horner and Mrs. Walter Reynolds telephoned to say the objects or lights were in the sky about 30 minutes and disappeared when an aircraft approached.

A Richmond man, Dick Rausch, 2018 South Fourteenth street, called to verify the sightings of ~~the night~~ before by area residents. He said the objects passed over the city and looked like cigars. He said a blue streak appeared at the back of them. Rausch said he "was always skeptical about flying objects reports," until Tuesday night.

Early Wednesday evening, a World War 2 paratrooper, Ray Markley, 705 Rich road, said he believed the Tuesday night objects were two C-47 troop-carrying planes. He thought he recognized the craft, but because of their height it was difficult to hear the motors.

David Telfair, Earlham college professor of mathematics and phys-

ics, was unable to offer an explanation of the objects

**See Red Glow**

A pair of Richmond brothers, Lou and Lowell Benner, 1011 Ridge street, called about 8 p. m. to report a large, red glow in the northwest sky Lou Benner described it as appearing like a red light behind a cloud They were in their car and had stopped on the Waterfall road to observe it. It moved to the east and the pair saw it again from Reid hospital.

An air force captain and former newspaperman, Dennis McClendon, of the Wright-Patterson Air Force base at Dayton, said Wednesday night there were few leads to go on. He said "object" stories occurred while he was employed on a Houston paper but all proved intangible.

An official of the base's Air Technical Intelligence center said the service has found no evidence of flying saucers in the last 10 years The report, released by The Associated Press, was made to a Dayton paper. The report said 5,700 sightings were investigated in those years. Not so much as a landing impression or footprint was found, The Associated Press story said.

Richmond, Indiana.  
 Sun-Telegram.  
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port a UFO. Officers Barela and Tarazon of the Las Cruces city police department, and officer Archleta of the Sheriff's Office, were the first to spot the UFO. Other lawmen, unnamed members of the State Police, also saw the UFO.

According to officer Tarazon, he spotted what he first thought to be a fire on top the Organ Mountains. While talking to another officer, yet another light appeared. Evidently the possibility of a fire was what drew so much attention. As police watched, a round light, the size of a quarter at arm's length, rose straight up into the air from the mountain peak. The glowing blob kept gaining altitude slowly, changing color from red, to blue, and then to white. The thing faded from view as it entered a cloud bank at 20,000 feet. (95.)

6 November. Montville, Ohio. (about 11:00)

"The landing." The Olden Moore story.

Olden Moore spend the day in Painesville. Late that evening he left town and headed for home ten miles to the south. Everyone was talking about seeing flying saucers but Moore thought anyone who reported such visions should be under a doctors care.

Speeding along, Moore approached the intersection of Route 86 and Hart Road just outside Montville, Ohio. Up ahead in the night sky was a brilliant point of light traveling fast. Moore's first thought was that he was seeing a meteor. With tremenous speed the light dropped lower and lower and rapidly grew in size.

Moore:

"...it split into two pieces. One part went straight upward. The part that remained seemed brighter than ever and kept getting bigger. When it got to be about the size of a sheet of paper [8X11"??], I pulled the car into a side road and got out." (96.)

To correct some bad reporting Moore turned off the engine himself. The car did not stall.

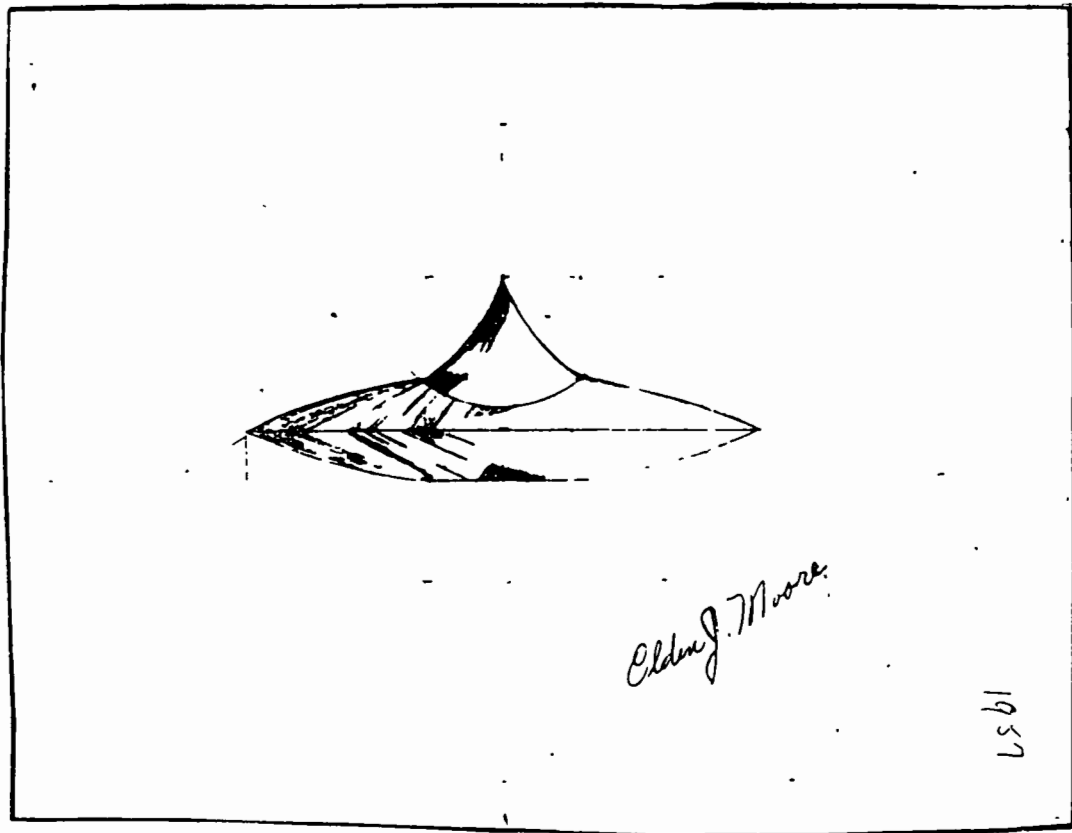
The "thing" seemed to be heading straight toward Moore. Said Moore: "The color changed, as it approached, from bright white to a green haze, and then to blue-green..." (97.)

The thing abruptly stopped and hovered 200 feet above a 20 acre parcel of land owned by a farmer named Ernest Mausling. The property bordered the intersection of Route 86 and Hart Road. The thing lower itself slowly to the ground. Nothing could be heard by Moore during this maneuver except for a whirring sound. The landing site was about 500 feet from where he was standing. Moore stated: "I stood by the car watching the thing for some 15 minutes before I decided to walk toward it....I wasn't afraid at the time." (98.)

The Mausling farmhouse was even closer to the "landing" than Moore (about 300 feet). The residents, questioned later, slept through everything. (99.)

Mrs. Wenzel and her car.

A half mile (another account says four miles) from the "landing site," was the Leroy Wenzel farm on Route 528 just north of the Route 86 intersection. Mrs. Mildred Wenzel had parked her car in the driveway the evening of November 6th. Having done so, she went in doors and settled down to watch television.



She found that every channel was blurred. Disappointed, she went to bed. (100.)

Moore again.

Returning to Moore, we find he had something to say about the UFO's appearance. He said the thing looked to be:

"...about 50 feet in diameter, disc-like about 15 feet thick with a cone on top making the over-all height between 20 and 30 feet.

"It was surrounded by a blue-green haze, like a fog, mostly green. And the color pulsated slowly, alternating between bright and dim.

"If you recall, the moon was especially bright that night, and it was the moonlight that made it possible to distinguish the object itself from the haze.

"When the haze was dim, whatever the thing was made of looked the same as those mirrored sun glasses - the kind where the outside of the glasses look like mirrors, and you cannot see the wearer's eyes. I didn't see any windows." (101.)

Moore walked toward the object, approaching within 200 feet. He said the thing: "...appeared to be standing on legs of some kind, as he could see underneath and all around it. It was very bright and phosphorescent like a radium luminous watch dial in color. There were no windows that he could notice." 102.) Moore stopped his approach and glanced around. He wanted other witnesses but no one was in sight. Moore made up his mind to continue his trip home which was only six miles away. When he reached his house he grabbed his wife and took her to the "landing site." (103.)

Mrs. Moore later told the press:

"When he asked me to leave the house, all I could think of was worrying about leaving the four children alone asleep, at that time of night," said Mrs. Moore.

"But he was so excited, that I agreed to go. He described what had happened while we were on the way. When we got there, there was nothing." (104.)

The press story on this states further: "The couple returned home, and Moore instructed his wife to say nothing of the incident to anyone." (105.)

Unknown object in orbit. (See clipping)

An unexplained "thing" in orbit with Sputnik II might have been part of the rocket booster, yet its possible it was something quite strange. Back on October 18, 1957, the Russians complained something similar was near Sputnik I. According to Radio Moscow their scientists: "...were worried about some unidentifiable objects in the vicinity of thier satellite. It went on to say that these are what are known to the American public as 'flying saucers.'" (106.)

The possibility of unknown bodies in orbit was later confirmed by Mr. Robin Sanborn, former Chief of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Satellite Tracking System. Sanborn said in 1966 that: "...from 10 to 15 percent of the pictures taken showed unidentified objects, but that these

# Mysterious Object Paces 2d Sput Here

An unknown object is pacing sputnik II, running about 3 minutes ahead in the same orbit.

This declaration was made by William B. Doe of the Argonne National Laboratory Astronomy Club, who said his group sighted the object while watching for the Russian satellite to pass over Chicago at 5:45 a. m. today.

He described it as much dimmer than sputnik II, which he says was "a beautiful sight."

## FIRST U. S. REPORT

He added:

"We don't know what the thing going ahead is—maybe they've let the dog loose."

Dog is the first American report of such an observation but in Japan the director of the Tokyo Observatory said an object preceding the satellite had been seen both over Tokyo and Sendai.

It was two minutes ahead, according to this account.

## PHOTOS TAKEN

Sput was described as "tumbling" or rotating by Yerkes astronomers who observed it for two minutes and photographed it with a 35-millimeter camera.

Chicago American.

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Dr. Gerard P. Kulper, director of the University of Chicago Observatory at Williams Bay, Wis., conjectured the rotation because of variations in the satellite's brightness. He said:

"It was first bright, then somewhat dull and then bright again as it passed over."

## STREAK ON PHOTO

Its speed was so great that no attempt was made to use telescopes because they could not be focused rapidly enough, he reported.

The photograph appeared as a "streak," he said.

The "streak" was interrupted at 5:56 plus 19 seconds to provide a fix from which the orbit can be calculated by the Smithsonian Institution Washington, to which the information is being relayed, Kulper said.

At its brightest, Sputnik appeared as brilliant as such a planet as Jupiter or Venus. The variation between the brightest and dimmest appearance was about six magnitudes, according to Yerkes' observers.

Dr. Kulper described it as a "slightly grayish object in the reflected light of the early sun."

He said that if the weather is clear when the satellite comes into view early tomorrow morning, he hopes to get more photographs with a 50-power telescope.

## 'UNDER NORTH STAR'

Doe described Sputnik II as "as bright as any star in the sky" and said the object running ahead appeared to be only of 5th magnitude.

The course for both was from the constellation Orion to "Just under the North Star," he said.

Elliot Ralsen, a research chemist at Armour Research Foundation, also was able to get Sput's picture. It appears as a streak with a star in the background.

The Russian satellite also was observed by the Ground Observer Corp's "Operation Moonwatch" on the roof of the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Said Rodney Faxon, area coordinator of the Ground Observer Corps, said:

"It was bright and beautiful, just like a star."

Faxon said his group picked up the satellite's beep on 20 megacycles but could not get it on 40.

Albert V. Shatzel, Adler Planetarium director, said the metal moon was clocked over the city at 17,800 Mph.

It was one minute, 25 seconds ahead of its scheduled arrival time, Shatzel said, and its elevation was 600 miles.

Dozens of telephone calls to THE CHICAGO AMERICAN described Muttnik as "just like a star and very bright." One woman caller said:

"It was exciting to see, but it made me sad to think of that poor little dog riding around in it."

## 'AWFULLY FAST'

Among the hundreds of backyard observers who reported seeing the new dogstar are Ed Hojnowald, a linotype operator, who watched with his wife and daughter from their home at 3813 W. 70th pl.

He said Sputnik II was "traveling awfully fast" from the southwest to the northeast and could be observed for about three minutes.

August Kroeger, deputy sheriff of Fox River Grove, said the satellite came in right on time and remained in the sky "like a very bright star" for about three or four minutes.

Sputnik II also passed over the Chicago area shortly after 2:30 p. m. today but couldn't be seen.

pictures were discarded because the tracking program was concerned with recognizable objects only." (107.)

#### THE CRISIS.

"LONDON---Reports of mysterious unidentified flying objects and speculation that Russia would unveil new secret weapons tomorrow kept the Western world on edge today on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution."

The UFO wave had some of the nation's top scientists "shook up." (See clipping) If President Eisenhower and his advisors were likewise "shook up" about the strange reports, it was being kept from the public. On the other hand, there was no way the ominous Russian accomplishments could be ignored.

On Tuesday President Eisenhower had conducted an extraordinary two hour cabinet session. Out of that meeting came a decision to have Eisenhower give a "confidence" address to the nation on Thursday evening. This would be about the time Khrushchev and his special guest Mao Tse-tung would be celebrating the big Bolshevik holiday in the Kremlin. American Intelligence experts felt the Communists were saving the most spectacular space feat for November 7th. A rumor making the rounds, which the Russians encouraged, had the Reds launching a rocket to the moon. The Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers, a world-wide amateur group, alerted its membership to keep an eye on the moon. The association director, Walter Hass of Las Cruces, New Mexico, sent out the alert on November 6th. An eclipse was due which would greatly aid any observation.

Famed clergyman Dr. Norman Vincent Peale was quoted in the press on November 6th that he felt the country was: "...developing a 'national psychosis of tension.'" (108.) In the same news story Eisenhower revealed his own state of mind which indicated he needed a pep talk himself. The President told reporters that: "...if he did not have a deep, abiding faith in Almighty God he would be in a mental hospital instead of in the White House." (109.) He complained he: "...must meet daily with 'messengers of fear...'" (110.)

El Paso Texas Times.

Nov. 7, 1957

## Sighting 'Shakes' Scientists

Some of the nation's top scientists are "pretty shook up" about the mysterious flying objects sighted in New Mexico and West Texas skies this week, said Charles Capen, Wednesday night.

Capen, connected with several scientific projects at White Sands Proving Ground, N. M., and the Physical Sciences Laboratory at New Mexico A&M, said, "This is something that hasn't happened before.

"The scientists have heard the cry 'wolf' so much they don't get excited easily, but some of the top scientists are pretty shook up "about this thing."

Capen said the subject of the objects was "pretty hushed up" at White Sands Wednesday, although they had been the principal topic of conversation earlier in the week.

"They just weren't talking about it today," he said. "The topic of conversation has switched back to Sputnik II and the possible launching of a Russian lunar rocket."

He said instruments had been set up by White Sands Proving Ground and the Las Cruces Astronomical Society in hopes of catching a glimpse of a rocket if one was launched during the lunar eclipse early Thursday.

If a rocket was launched, Capen said the cameras possibly would catch a silhouette of the rocket or a flash of color going toward the moon.

### MANY SEE VENUS

Many El Pasoans thought they saw one of the mysterious flying objects Wednesday night. But it was identified as the planet Venus.

Venus, according to Capen, is closer to earth than usual during this time of year.

"The planet appears in the west, near the horizon," he said, "and haze in the atmosphere could give it a redish color. The planet will move closer to the earth until the first week in December, when it will be bright enough to cast a shadow.

"This sort of thing happens quite often, but people weren't aware of it until they began watching the sky for the satellites and flying saucers."

The first mysterious object sighted was near Levelland, Texas, early last Sunday, where autos were stalled in the vicinity of the object. More cars were stalled near Orogrande, N. M., Monday, when an object of similar description was sighted there.

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## Khrushchev Taunts U.S. Science Slowness 'WHATNIKS' FILL N. M. SKIES

### Evansville Press

and Local Wire, NEA Service, Science Service, United Press Telegraph and Newspapers

EVANSVILLE, INDIANA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1957

### Sightings, Expected Show By Reds Puts West on Edge

**LONDON**—Reports of mysterious unidentified flying objects and speculation that Russia would unveil new secret weapons tomorrow kept the Western world on edge today on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.

Scientists in the United States and abroad picked up new and unexplained radio signals from space and reported sightings of unidentified flying objects over Indiana and near Alton, N.H., near the advent of the first atomic explosion.

Last night South African Air Force searchlights picked up a "biological object" flying over Johannesburg.

The United States reported that President Eisenhower will launch its first earth satellite tomorrow in New York.

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### Ike's London Trip Off; No Explanation Given

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 (AP)**—President Eisenhower's trip to London was canceled today, and the White House and British officials gave sharply conflicting reasons for the decision.

The British brushed off a French Atlantic exchange with an announcement that the President had been forced to defer the proposed visit because of Mrs. Eisenhower's health.

Attorney General Thomas E. Gearty said Mrs. Eisenhower's health was such that she could not make the trip.

Asked if there was any basis for the French President's statement, Eisenhower said he had no explanation.

Mrs. Eisenhower said the President would have to go to London sometime later in the year, but as of now he can't go.

The President's trip to Paris next month is still on.

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### Motorists Tell Of Large Unidentified Objects At Capitol

**SARASOTA, Fla. (AP)**—A motorist and his wife said city police today they spotted a large, bright object hovering above the grounds in front of the state capitol early this morning. Police said another motorist reported a sighting of fire over the city about midnight.

The object was seen by a motorist and his wife as they drove to the capitol grounds.

The object was described as a large, bright, glowing sphere.

The object was seen for about 10 minutes.

The object was seen at about 11:30 p.m.

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## APPENDIX

Last minute additions

## 'LIFE' ON STORY

# Air Force Debunks Whatnik

A writer and photographer from Life Magazine moved into town Wednesday to cover Levelland's "saucer" story, and the U. S. Air Force debunked the idea that the objects might be real.

These were the latest developments as excitement from Saturday and Sunday's reported sightings near Levelland faded.

To the suggestion that "maybe it's all over," a space-weary Sheriff Weir Clem, who has talked to newsmen from all over the nation by phone about the phenomenon, said with a sigh, "I hope so."

Just to show that his office hadn't been entirely engrossed in space chasing, Clem said that four men had been picked up for DWI and a number of persons — all cotton harvest workers — arrested for shoplifting.

Names were expected to be released later.

Clem said that he has seen no further sign of the mysterious Air Force "mystery" investigator since he walked out of his office Tuesday night.

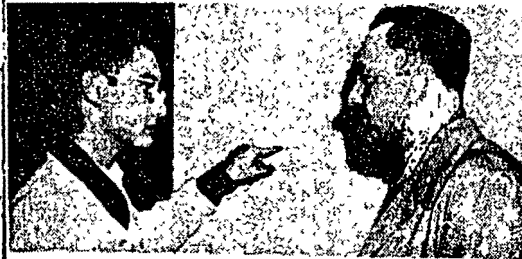
Clem said that the man — who answered questions of newsmen with a crisp "no comment," and refused to give any indication as to his identity — might possibly be interviewing witnesses some place else — but that he hasn't seen him.

An out-of-state newsman, who said he recognized the investigator, identified him as an Air Force Sergeant.

#### Life Staffers

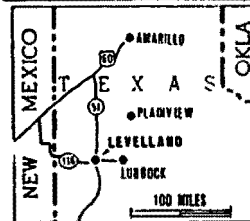
Life writer Bayard Hooper warned against any real anticipation that the story and pictures he and photographer Carl Iwasaki were (See—AIR FORCE—Page 4)

## Reports 'Flying Object'



Newell Wright, a Texas Tech student, showing Sheriff Weir Clem the spot where students and others saw mysterious flying object in Texas. (United Press Telephoto)

### TEXANS SEE OBJECT



(Continued from Page One)  
preparing here would appear in Life Magazine.

He said there was a chance they might, but he suggested that residents might avoid real disappointment if they didn't expect it.

He said the magazine was preparing a feature on the sputniks and other scientific matter and there was a possibility coverage of Levelland's phenomenon might be included, if it were considered significant enough.

Levelland, Texas.  
The Levelland Daily Sun News.  
5 November 57. pp.1,4.

## Three See 2 Objects Here

Three East St. Louisans at 11:45 a. m. today said they sighted two egg-shaped objects traveling 45 degrees off the horizon from southwest to northeast.

Eugene Powell, radioman for the Alton & Southern Railroad, said he, Doug Wagner and James Saittis, all A&S employes, were looking up discussing installing a radio aerial when Wagner first saw the objects. Powell said they called operations at Scott Air Force Base and were told "We know they are not airplanes."

"There were two, silver, very high, no tail, no jet stream, fast", Powell said. He said they appeared egg-shaped but it may have been an optical illusion.

Scott operations told the Journal at 1 p. m. it had no word of any sightings.

St. Louis, Missouri.  
East St. Louis Journal.  
5 November 57.

### 'Ball Of Fire'

A strange "ball of fire" was spotted last night over the Gulf of Mexico by Madeira Beach Patrolman Robert Falk and several residents at Johns Pass.

Falk made his observation as he patrolled the Johns Pass area about 8:30 p.m.

"I saw a group of persons looking up in the sky," he said. "I jokingly asked them if they were watching for Muttnik. To my surprise, I saw an object moving at a fast rate of speed."

Falk described the object as being reddish colored and round, and said he watched it for approximately 30 seconds until it disappeared over the western horizon. Some of the residents said sparks appeared to shoot out from underneath it.

St. Petersburg, Florida  
St. Petersburg Times.  
6 November 57. p. I-B.

## Old Outdated Flying Saucer

Muttnik in the sky. So is Sputnik. And as a result some Manitobans are off on a binge of hallucinations. Nov. 5

Several people claimed Tuesday night that they saw such old fashioned items as flying saucers.

One city woman phoned the Tribunes office to say she saw a round shimmering silver object flying at great speed in the heavens. "It had four points on it sticking out from its surface," she said. Sighted with six members of her family the object headed southwest at 8:20 p.m.

And at Dauphin, radio station CKDM was bombarded with calls from rural listeners who claimed they sighted the object.

This time the saucer was orange and egg shaped. One woman said "It had green, orange and white strips."

In all about 20 persons within a 25 mile radius of Dauphin reported seeing the object.

Winnipeg, Canada.  
Winnipeg Free Press.  
6 November 57.

## Farm Wife Sees Orange Object in Sky Over Illinois

GALESBURG, Ill., Nov. 5 (UP)—A "fiery orange" object hovered over the Galesburg area in the pre-dawn hours today and then disappeared in a northwesterly direction, a farmer's wife reported today.

Mrs. William Steagall said she spotted the egg-shaped object in the sky about 4:30 a.m. (CST) when she was awakened by the barking of a neighbor's dog.

Mrs. Steagall said "I first thought it was the moon, but then I realized it was impossible to have an orange-colored moon."

"Then I thought maybe it was Sputnik."

Mrs. Steagall said she watched the object for two or three minutes and then roused her husband from sleep. When they returned to the window, the object had disappeared and the dog had stopped baying, she said.

"It seemed to stand still, and then moved slowly toward the north," she said. "It was about twice as large as the moon."

Cleveland, Ohio.  
Cleveland Plain Dealer.  
6 November 57.

A secret base????

## WHITE VAPOR TRAIL SIGHTED AT CENTRALIA

CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 6 —Sightings of a "brilliant white vapor trail, which apparently started from the ground and traveled to the right of the moon," were reported today by residents of four neighboring communities and by law enforcement officers.

Police said the vapor trail was sighted at 3 a.m. by residents of Centralia, Chehalis, Rochester and Grand Mound. Police officers, state patrolmen, and Gus Lindquist, supervisor of the State Training School for Boys at Chehalis, also said they saw the phenomenon.

None of the witnesses reported seeing any object which might have made the vapor trail.

## KAL. GAZETTE Tells of Seeing Strange Object In Night Sky

Elwood E. Singrey, 818 Gayle Ave., had something more unusual than a Sputnik to report Tuesday evening.

Singrey said he was driving from his residence to the 1119 Riverside Drive home of Miss Lavonne Roe at 7:15 p.m. when he noticed a "blueish-like, overgrown star" drop to tree top level in the southern sky. After picking up Miss Roe, Singrey said, the couple spotted the object again in the same area.

He speculated it might have been a "flying saucer" or other mysterious flying object such as was reported in the Southwest Monday and Tuesday.

Kalamazoo, Michigan.  
Kalamazoo Gazette.  
6 November 57.

A United Press story also told of a Fort Worth chemical engineer, Arthur P. Ticknor, who said he and two companions had happened onto a secret American airfield while on a hunting trip in the vicinity of Clovis, N. M. in 1953.

They were suddenly surrounded by U. S. Soldiers, carrying drawn weapons. Then, Ticknor said, the first thing he knew a flying object "so enormous it blotted out the stars" took off.

"Almost immediately another went up," he said, "there was no noise, only the swish of air."

The engineer said he was sure the objects seen in Levelland were American inventions.

Levelland, Texas.

The Levelland Daily Sun-News.

5 November 57. p.1.

THE TERRE HAUTE STAR, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1957.

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### White Cloud, Red Dot Seen by Girls

Clouds Veil Sputnik,  
But Objects Remain

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Hooder skywatch turned up more reports of strange lights in the heavens yesterday while clouds frustrated Sputnik searchers.

A report of a flying white ball with a red dot in the middle came from three Fiera High School sophomores girls driving along Indiana 29 at Deck Creek.

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JOYCE CHRISTIANSON, Jertlyn Jones and Frances Scott told Loganport police the strange spectacle dipped behind some trees, then shot up, turned red and vanished.

At Kokomo, 25 miles southeast, Mrs. John Young and Mrs. Orville DeFord said they sighted a large oval object with a light in the nose and a row of white lights flying northwest.

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DONALD DAILEY, an Evansville industrial designer, reported a strange white light moving ahead of his car as he drove north on U. S. 33 near Austin.

He said the light changed from white to blue to orange, and he was sure it was not a plane. Dailey said Seymour state police did not seem much interested in his report.

Belated report: Venus or a UFO?  
Seen the evening of November 2th.

rs Magnified 100 Times Okla. City Times  
Nov. 5, 1957

# Sooners See Sky Spook

By BOB McMILLAN  
A strange object in the west-  
ern sky, like Mars magnified  
100 times, was sighted early  
Saturday night from near Willis  
in southeastern Oklahoma but its  
viewer, Glenn Northcutt, Willis  
rancher and member of the Uni-  
versity of Oklahoma board of re-  
gents, did not report it until  
Tuesday.

The object, a "brilliant white  
circle, may be the same one  
that was sighted by a number  
of persons in west Texas and  
near the White Sands proving  
grounds in New Mexico.  
Northcutt said he first sighted  
the bright object shortly after  
leaving the CAJ biological station  
near Willis. He drove to the home

of Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Rowland  
near Willis where it was seen  
again.  
Northcutt told Corb Sarchet  
III, Madill newspaperman, he  
and several other persons  
watched the object until about  
8:30 p.m. Saturday.  
"It was southwest of Willis  
and looked like Mars magnified  
100 times," Northcutt said.  
"It was about the same place  
in the sky as the sun when it  
has been up about 1 1/2 hours. It  
would glow real bright and then  
fade away like a television set  
when it is turned off and on.  
"We didn't know what was  
happening and were completely  
mystified."

Mrs. Northcutt focused the  
brilliant circle through the fork  
of a tree and it didn't appear to  
be moving any great distance.  
At the time they thought it to  
be in the vicinity of Midland or  
Pecos, Texas.  
Northcutt said it was also seen  
by Charles Rowland, Tulsa, and  
Dr. Carl Riggs, head of the bio-  
logical station.  
Dr. Riggs said he thought  
nothing of it at the time, but  
thought he had "never seen Ven-  
us so bright before."  
Northcutt said he did not re-  
port sighting the object until  
Tuesday when other reports were  
made because "we had always  
made fun of others who said



Glenn Northcutt  
they saw strange objects in the  
sky."

Oklahoma City Times.  
5 November 57.

## Are Flying Saucers Back?

# Light Bounces Around in Sky

**STANFORD M. Carder** of 2413 Barcelona Way, a Sacramento truckdriver, yesterday reported he saw a large blue object which appeared to hover about 1500 feet above the ground and then faded out at 2.30 A. M. Tuesday.

He said he was returning to Sacramento from Vallejo on Highway 40. He said he was near Dixon and driving northeast when he saw the object, which he first thought was a "shooting star."

He said the blue light appeared "at one o'clock" from the direction he was traveling and that he would estimate that it was above North Sacramento. "It is extremely difficult to place it exactly," he said. "It could have been much closer or much farther away."

**THE LIGHT** first appeared to be moving quickly toward earth, he said, but then slowed down as it grew near. "The light — it looked like a blue flame—was stringing out behind," he said. He said it appeared to be the size of a large cantaloupe.

It became brightest, he said, while it was hovering, and the light pulsed. After remaining almost stationary for perhaps a second, he said, a much dimmer fragment fell away



**STANFORD M. GARDER** of 2413 Barcelona Way, who has seen hundreds of shooting stars while herding his truck along the highway but has never had stars in his eyes, takes another look at the sky after reporting sighting a strange light over Sacramento.

from the main body, which then disappeared.

He said the fragment looked like a burning ember from a huge firecracker and that it seemed to hit the earth.

Carder drives a huge truck and trailer for a bakery firm and does most of his traveling

### Another Flying Saucer Story on Page 20

at night "I've seen hundreds of shooting stars," he said "and this looked like one at first, but then it moved so slowly I know it's different from anything I've ever seen."

**SIMILAR** reports were received Tuesday from Fred Cracchiolo, assistant manager of the Hotel El Rancho, an from an unidentified Aerojet General Corporation employ

Cracchiolo said the object which he saw about 3 A. M. Tuesday, was an "egg-shaped ball, bluish-green in color. He said it appeared to be somewhere between Sacramento and Auburn.

The Aerojet worker reported seeing a "bright-solid" object moving horizontally about 10,000 feet. Carder said the object he sighted moved only vertically.

All three men were alone when they saw the light.

Sacramento, California.  
Sacramento Union.

7 November 57.

6 November. Mill Valley and Greenbrae, California.  
 "Ghost Riders in the Sky." (See clipping)

## Fog Hides Muttik, <sup>Nov 7,</sup> 1957

### But Other Things Seen

*Independent Journal - San Rafael, Calif.*

"Ghost Riders in the Sky" ley millner, reported that was back on the hit parade in Marin today. early Tuesday she saw a meteor-like object that was cylindrical in shape.

It wasn't just Sputnik II that had folks talking. Sputnik was a fizzle this morning. Fog blotted out all view of the Soviet Union's canine-carrying satellite in both North and South Marin, and it was visible only dimly, and for only part of its journey across the heavens, in San Rafael. It arrived on schedule at 5:37 a.m. for those who could see it.

But Sputniks I and II didn't have the skies to themselves.

Brian Dailey of 319 Via Hidalgo, Greenbrae reported at 5 p.m. yesterday that he could see "a metal object" high in the sky in the southwest.

"We looked through binoculars and it seemed round," Dailey reported. "It doesn't seem to be moving at all."

And Meriam Nagel, Mill Val-

The "thing" appeared in the northern sky about 5 a.m., she said. "It was traveling at tremendous speed . . . It seemed to lack any trail or vapor."

And not to be outdone by the strange objects man was sending into the stratosphere, the moon (the old, reliable, large-sized moon; not one of the man-made imitations) staged a show of its own just before Sputnik's arrival this morning. (See picture on page 14.)

The moon got itself into position to be eclipsed by the earth—its reflected sunlight blotted out—just before 5 a.m. The eclipse was visible until the moon disappeared behind the horizon. Just after that Sputnik II arrived.

Martinsville, Ind. (MS)—Morgan county officials today compiled a number of reports on sighting of a peculiar light which was observed by a minister, a teacher, a truck driver and other mystified citizens in the Martinsville area.

Most of the detailed calls said the light was seen at approximately 6:30 p. m. Wednesday night, although one other report from a Mooresville man, 18 miles away, set the time at 10:30 p. m.

Richard Coop, a truck driver, said he saw a light as he drove toward Martinsville which appeared to move, then stand still, then move again. He said it was white, turning occasionally to red.

Coop hurried home and summoned his neighbors, the Rev. and Mrs. David Leffler and Mr. and Mrs. William Dixon, who also saw the light but could not determine what it was.

#### Had a Tail

Independently Mrs. R. J. Wersing, a school teacher and correspondent for the Martinsville Reporter, also sighted a light at about the same time. Her description was similar, but she said it appeared to have a tail.

Lee Smith, of Mooresville, told the Morgan county sheriff that he also saw a light which appeared to give off sparks, in the sky toward Martinsville as he stepped out of a hall in Mooresville. Several other persons were summoned and viewed the light also before it disappeared.

Martinsville, Indiana.  
6:30 p.m. 6 November 57.  
NICAP files. (INS)

## 46 'Thing' Reports In

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Nov. 6 (AP)—The North American Air Defense Command reported today it received 46 reports of unidentified objects from throughout the nation last night but only three, including one from Kearney, Neb., deserved further study.

Capt. Andy Beasley, NORAD public information officer, said two Air Force investigators were sent to Kearney after a Californian, R. O. Schmidt, told of sighting a cigar-shaped object on a Nebraska prairie and chatting with four men and two women in it.

Beasley said the command had not yet decided whether to assign inspectors to the two other reported sightings. He did not say where these reports came from.

Whenever such a story is carried by major news networks, Beasley added, "We get a rash of reports" on unidentified objects.

NORAD said Monday it had sent an investigator to Reese Air Force Base at Lubbock Tex., to probe reports that a brilliant colored, egg-shaped object had stalled automobiles in West Texas and New Mexico.

"The accumulated data from our investigations are forwarded through the air technical intelligence center at Wright-Patterson AFB at Dayton, Ohio, to the Pentagon, and this information is digested and brought up in statistical form from there," Beasley said.

He disclosed that the Air Force has checked out more than 5,300 unidentified flying objects in the past.

"There is no evidence to support the credibility of the flying saucer reports and beliefs," the NORAD spokesman said.

San Angelo, Texas.  
Standard Times.  
7 November 57.

### What's This?

Mrs. Nellie Burres, 4534 30th Avenue North, reported to The Times yesterday that she saw a spinning object in the sky yesterday afternoon.

"It looked about the size of a small plate. It was traveling from the southeast to northwest about 3:40 p.m. but am pretty sure it wasn't the Sputnik. It had sort of a tail behind it and was visible for a good minute or so I lost sight of it behind the trees.

"It didn't seem too high and was spinning real fast," Mrs. Burres said.

St. Petersburg, Florida  
St. Petersburg Times  
7 November 57.

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PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, DAILY NEWS, NOV. 6, 1957.

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND. Wed. Nov. 6th. Cane farmers at Yorkey's Knob near Cairns, claim to have seen a brilliant phantom object. "It looks as though we saw the same thing as they saw in Texas", said farmer L.C. Robinson.

"I was sitting on the verandah when it first appeared as a bright star in the northern sky. As it kept coming closer, I thought it was a burning aircraft and ran into the kitchen to get my wife."

Mrs. Robinson joined her husband and watched the thing descend on the cane field 200 yards from the house.

"It was a glowing silver colour <sup>and</sup> when it landed on the cane the whole countryside and hills around were lit up like daylight."

Neighbouring farmer R. Hars also saw the phantom object after it had landed on the cane field.

"As it rose from the field, still pulsating a bright silver light, it began to move slowly towards the Robinson house. Between it and us there were several headlands which it rose over as if it were being guided," Robinson said.

It was seen later that night by an Italian cane farmer, F. Mangano, near the Cook Highway, 13 miles north of Cairns.

## CIVILIAN SAUCER INTELLIGENCE OF NEW YORK

### General Information

Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York is a non-profit organization, founded in February 1954 by a small group of persons who were interested, some through personal observations, in unidentified aerial phenomena, particularly "flying saucers."

As of the end of 1956 its membership was approximately 125, half of whom live in the New York metropolitan area, most of the others in the continental United States, and a few in foreign countries. Membership benefits include a voice in CSI policy, invitation to CSI "members only" meetings, reduced admission to public lecture meetings, free reports of all meetings, subscription to the CSI News Letter (see below), and access to CSI library and files.

The organization is supported by annual membership fees, by admission fees at lecture meetings open to the public, and by occasional contributions from members.

In accordance with the Statement of Policy adopted January 4, 1957, by the Executive Committee, CSI collects, investigates, and evaluates data of all kinds pertaining to unidentified aerial phenomena. The Research Section is currently constructing a unified, cross-indexed card catalogus of published and unpublished reports, which is expected to include about 4000 cases when completed. A comprehensive bibliographical card index is maintained. The Research Section also receives all reputable periodicals and books on UFOs for its library, and information and periodicals are exchanged with other organizations and individual researchers in the field.

The News Letter is issued approximately bi-monthly, as time permits; it contains reports on carefully selected sightings, general news about saucers, articles on special topics in the field, and editorial comment. This is distributed to members without charge, and to non-members for a small fee to help cover the costs of preparation and distribution. Summaries of the public lectures are also made available on the same basis.

Public meetings are held when reputable speakers are available; in the past these lecturers have included the authors of several of the more reliable books about UFOs, a famous naturalist and expert on Fortean phenomena, a balloon specialist, an astronomer, an electronics expert, and a well-known news commentator interested in UFOs.

Membership dues are \$5.00 per year for local members, \$3.50 for out-of-town members. Applications for membership must be in writing, and must be approved by an authorized committee of the organization.

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June, 1957

CIVILIAN SAUCER INTELLIGENCE OF NEW YORK

Statement of Policy

Adopted by Executive Committee January 4, 1957

CSI of New York believes that:

There are as yet unidentified objects or manifestations in our atmosphere.

They are of diverse forms, suggesting various origins.

Some of them appear to be material objects.

Some seem to be controlled by intelligences.

Some appear to be constructions.

Some of them appear to have landed.

CSI has no reason at this time to believe that:

UFOs have any occult or religious connotation.

Anyone on this earth has had any communication with UFOs or their occupants.

CSI undertakes to:

Collect reports.

Investigate at first hand, when possible.

Evaluate evidence by established scientific principles.

Disseminate its findings.

The southern shift theory is boosted by some sightings found in PORTUCAT, a Portuguese UFO catalog. If more research is done on European newspapers, still more evidence should be uncovered. PORTUCAT shows UFO sightings in Portuguese territory in November 1957. If the southern theory is valid, there also should be reports from north Africa, Italy, and Greece.

PORTUCAT data:

Across the Atlantic at the same latitude as the southern states in the U.S. (25°-30° latitude), a total of three UFO reports were tabulated for the months of September and October. In November the number jumps to 15!

The first UFO report in November turned up in a dispatch from the principle town on Madeira Island. Sources in Madeira notified one of Lisbon's leading newspapers, Diario de Noticias, that a fast moving, oval-shaped body sped over Funchal on the 5th. The thing glowed different colors.

Lisbon, Portugal. Diario de Noticias. 7 November 57.

The next day, the 6th, some Spanish military officers reported a shiny, round object over Lisbon.

Lisbon, Portugal. Diario de Noticias. 7 November 57.

Also, on the 6th, a UFO report came in from Lisbon that told of strange cylinder-like UFO. No other details are available.

Oporto, Portugal. Comercio do Porto. 7 November 57.

A similar cylinder was seen in the sky over Oporto. The object appeared to be glowing. Moreover, the thing left a trail of smoke.

Oporto, Portugal. Comercio do Porto. ?? November 57.

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## Fashions for 1986



Fashion design students of the School of the Art Institute model gowns designed to show that women will be wearing in 1986. From left: Barbara Skvara in a flying saucer costume; Mary Nelson in space cape; Judith See in balloon-coat ("it inflates like a balloon, and off you go"); Mary Ann Kurtzky in interplanetary travel costume (it can be temperature-controlled for all sorts of

weather); and Frieda Freudman in two-stage rocket costume (one stage for wear in traveling to one's destination, the other stage for wear at the destination). The fashions of the future will be contrasted with long-ago gowns borrowed from the Chicago Historical Society at a fashion show Thursday sponsored by the Friends of Orphans at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.