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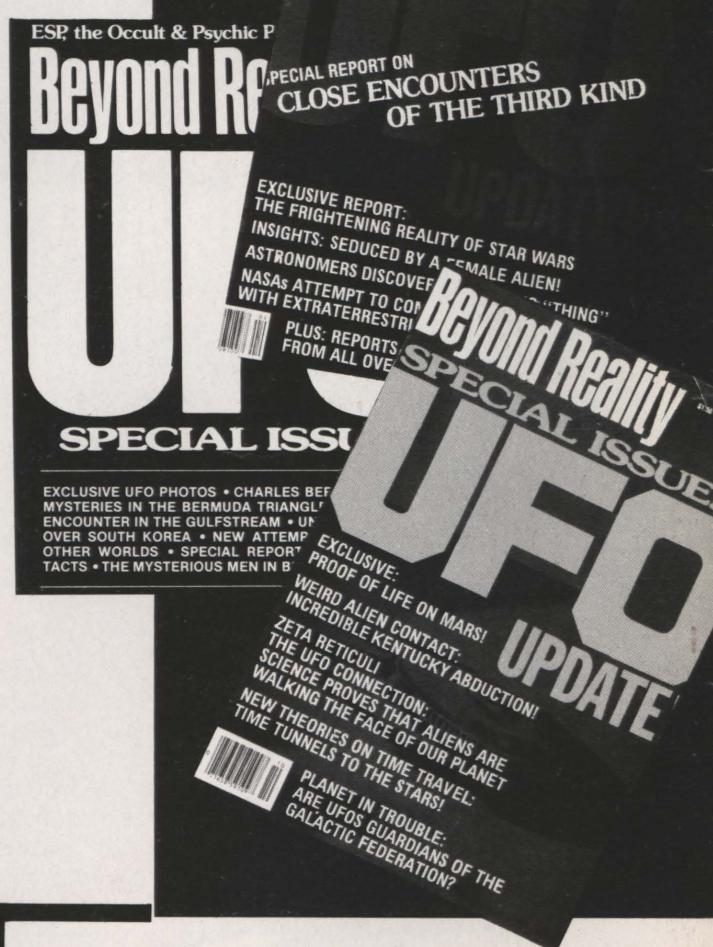
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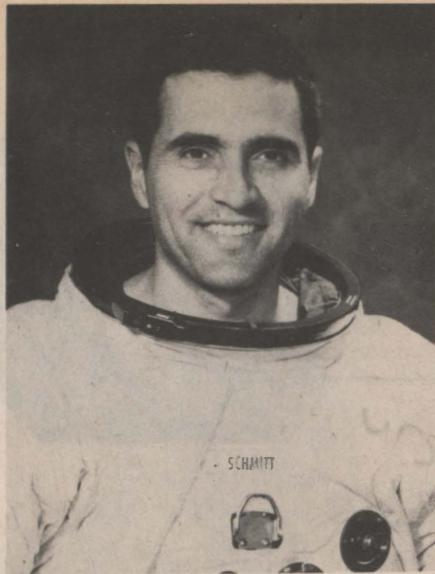
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AN ASTRONAUT SPEAKS OUT

**"It's a viable part
of the space
program to find out
if there's life
on other worlds"**

Dr. Harrison H. Schmidt

BY RAMONA CORTEZ



Astronaut Harrison H. Schmidt

The greatest achievement by any human being of this century was when on July 21, 1969, astronaut Neil Armstrong stepped from the ladder of the Lunar Module Eagle to become the first human being to set foot on the surface of the moon.

He was followed out of the craft by Colonel Eugene Aldrin, Jr. Both set foot on the area of the lunar surface known as the Sea of Tranquility. After a stay of 21 hours, 36 minutes, the spacecraft and its two-man crew returned home.

The Apollo XI, which carried Armstrong and Aldrin, blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Florida on July 16. It was the culmination of the U.S. space program which at its peak employed 376,000 people and a budget of \$5,900,000,000.

The successful Apollo mission proved beyond any shadow of a doubt that man was at last capable of building a vehicle that would take him successfully to the far reaches of space and bring him home again, safe and sound.

In 1972, the crew of Apollo XVII's lunal exploration module *Challenger*, composed of Captain

Eugene Andrew Cerna, U.S. Navy, and Dr. Harrison H. "Jack" Schmidt, were on the lunar surface for 74 hours, 59 1/2 minutes, from December 7 through December 12. During their 22 hour-five minutes of "extra vehicular activi-

ty", the pair collected 253 pounds of rock and soil samples.

Schmidt, the 12th and last man on the moon, is now the new Republican U.S. Senator from New Mexico, who maintains that life exists in space, and said he will urge the U.S. government to open its UFO files to the public.

"It would be pretty egotistical of us to assume that we're the only life form in the galaxy," said Dr. Schmidt who holds a doctorate degree in geology from Harvard University. "There are so many solar systems with the potential of having suns like our own that you almost have to believe there's a high probability that life has developed elsewhere."

Dr. Schmidt brought out that not only does he believe there is life in outer space, but that UFOs may come from another planet. He said further, "It's certainly a possibility that we've had visitors from outer space. "I believe UFOs are from an extraterrestrial life form, but they haven't communicated with us very well. If they're a life form like ours, they're going to be very cautious about coming into physical contact with us because of disease."

Although Schmidt, now 43, has never seen a UFO personally, that hasn't affected his interest in them. "It's a viable part of the space program to find out if there's life on other worlds," he said.

Schmidt brought out, "It occurred to me while I was walking on the moon that perhaps some extraterrestrial being has walked on earth. It's almost a certainty that life has developed around other suns in the galaxy.

"There are so many solar systems with the potential of having suns like our own that you almost have to believe there's a high probability that life has developed elsewhere."

"Understanding the unknown has always been historically worthwhile and I see no reason to stop." He said that he feels the most exciting frontier that is facing man right now is space.

"If the government has any information on UFOs, it should be released to the public—barring anything that might affect national security." □

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Reader Feedback

Dear Editor:

Have enjoyed the many issues of your fine publication, especially the ones dealing specifically with alien spacecraft, or UFOs. In the year 1977, your finest issue would have to be number 28, Sep/Oct. Contained therein, one of the best selections under one cover that an editor could muster. You and your staff are to be congratulated for doing a tremendous job.

With the thought that your publication is showing a definite increase in subscriptions, we felt that your readers might appreciate the first "news" of a national reporting agency, *World UFO Data Central*. This agency is being formed by thirty years of continuing need.

A selected few here in the shadow of this nation's great missile launch complex, Cape Kennedy, Florida, decided this need was necessitated by the obvious inaction and nonresponsible attitude reflected by those established agencies. It is our aim to correct this trend, taking positive action as the facts dictate and a continuing goal of Congressional approval by organized scientific pursuit. We also intend to offer our own voice, in direct rebuttal of pressures presented by the CIA and the Air Force; overriding the many assinine conclusions offered by the "official" spokesman for said government agencies.

Sincerely

John R. Frick,
World UFO Data Central
Melbourne, Florida

Dear Editor:

I have read your magazine, *UFO Update*, and have enjoyed it very much. I have studied the subject of UFOs for many years. I have also talked on radio and have instructed a course on UFOs at Area XI College, Ankeny, Iowa.

The more I study, the less I know. Too many questions and not enough answers. But, a few things are factual. For example, the MIBs know more about us than we know about them. This could also be stated about the larger governments and the truth about UFOs. They have an idea, if not the real truth—but how do you tell people, and would it be in the best interest to do so?

Like I have stated before, when you study a subject as long as I have, you notice a few things which add up in time. One thing I have noticed is that the United States Government does have hard core evidence left behind by UFOs. I have newspaper clippings from several papers stating this.

In the meanwhile, keep up the good work on your fine publication and perhaps the real truth shall be coming up in the years ahead.

Sincerely
Jerry E. Biddle
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the complimentary copy of your very fine publication. We hope that the magazine, *UFO Update*, will develop into a credible newsstand journal—one which will counteract the trash presently engulfing the public.

Sincerely
Walter H. Andrus, Jr.
Director, MUFON
Seguin, Texas

Dear Editor:

My compliments on the continued success of your most excellent magazine. With the market being flooded more and more with pure "garbage," it's nice to see your common sense middle of the road ufology.

American UFO National is a new name as an organization,

although the men and women involved are not new. We belong to excellent organizations such as CUFOS, GSW, and MUFON.

Our program is directed right at the general public by holding regular monthly meetings with local public. We supply a free service, speak at schools, colleges and other organizations. It's the "Un-selfish ufology" that was bound to come. I call it the last link in reaching the people who are seeing things and not making reports.

We hope, as the years go by, to spread across the United States with local chapters in hundred of communities, but that's a few years away. We are working to carry the message to interested men and women within the field of ufology to join and support us in their community.

Sincerely
Jack Rockel
American UFO National
Springfield, Ohio

Dear Editor:

It is intriguing, beyond belief, that those who resist "the force" are invariably affected by it and deeply involved with it; so much so that they bother to resist it. Why resist something which does not exist. It is true, the atheist always admits the presence of the thing he denies. Credit must be given to Shakespeare for that old but true adage: *me thinks the lady doth protest too much*.

One becomes curious upon viewing an attempt by certain UFO investigators as being "over objective." It is this objectivity that has lead our scientists to swear that swamp gas was responsible for UFOs—if not the planet Venus—and that it wasn't really UFOs that were being seen in space by our NASA scientists,

but urine from the cockpits. Yes, over-objectivity becomes non-objectivity.

Intelligent people have always known that science and religion are one. The separation exists only in man's mind. The word "consciousness" may appear threatening to Robert Goerman since he seems to have the need to believe the five senses and the world he perceives is more real than the world of inner vision. A long discourse on what constitutes reality would be fruitless. But it might do well to remind Mr. Goerman that present day science cannot explain every aspect of the UFO phenomena, which seems to involve many different fields of endeavor—parapsychology being one. Perhaps today's science may not even be able to encompass the true reality of the UFO experience. What Mr. Goerman believes is a setback to science; i.e. dealing more with the paranormal, represents an evolutionary leap forward from the test tube of the past which held as gospel, fantasies about the infallibility of the five senses operating in a phenomenal world. Science can analyze elements left in the soil by landed craft; they can, through spectro-graphic analysis, determine types of metal, etc., and study the cyclic behavior patterns of these wonders that come and go.

Put such long-honored questions as, "Why are they coming here?" best be left to others, perhaps to those not contaminated by the phoney superiority of what passes as science.

UFO researchers who feel there is only one avenue of approach to ufology—the nuts and bolt approach—are unteachable, and will also learn from the metaphysician and the theologian.

Certain gifts have been given

by the space people such as the gift of healing. I have documents. There is nothing "twistian" about this; it is merely a statement of a fact.

I would like to end this letter by making a point that in a recent poll given to scientists, who were asked about their belief in God or Divine force, the majority unequivocally answered as loud and resounding yes.

But one not need be a starry-eyed mystic to know there is a force guiding mankind and the universe. Blatant egotism in the face of multi-billion galaxies and stars is absurd. There once was a man awed and inspired by the infinity of space and its orderliness. He often felt he was following an intelligence far greater than his own. His name was Albert Einstein.

Sincerely,
Lynn Tyler Volpe
Delval UFO inc.
Ivyland, PA

Dear Editor:

Only recently I have been introduced to your magazine and I am already a subscriber. Having a UFO sighting myself, I have a particular interest in UFOs, and your magazine seems to give the most information on real UFOs. Finally, I have a good magazine to keep me up to date on the UFO mystery.

Sincerely
D. Newell
Skagway, Ak. 99840

Dear Editor:

I enjoy your fine magazine, *UFO Update*. It seems next to impossible for the serious, non-professional ufologist to find current literature that deals with this enigma in a scholarly, scientific manner. Among your audience of believers, there are many who

consider the study of UFOs to be one of the keys to unlocking the origin of the universe and not merely a theme for comic books and movies cast in the mold of Star Wars.

My main reason for writing is to ask you to consider expanding the "UFO Update" column of the publication with its capsule reports from around the world. I ask not that you expand their length, but rather, consider expanding their number. I am sure many people would be interested in reading about UFO flaps in their own areas.

Again, I realize the limitations put on you; you just can't fabricate reports in order to create filler material.

I would like to hear more about sightings in the New England area, and also of reputable organizations in my area. Once more I comment you and your staff.

Sincerely
Michael Rice
88 Templeton Street
Dorchester, Mass. 02124

Dear Editor:

There are many people who have encountered, and seen, UFO space ships. In the year 1960 at 2:30 A.M., two miles below Parker Dam on the California side, myself and a friend, Ben F. Majors, watched a UFO sitting over the dam—approximately 200 feet above it, in fact. The ship was flashing lights some 50 feet across, standing perfectly still. Some ten minutes later it pulled away. It had flashing lights as it moved up river for some ten miles, all the while the lights flashed. The ship was about 40 feet in diameter and shaped like a saucer.

During 1962, at about 6:30 A.M., eight miles north of Hope Arizona on Highway 72, there was

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-TORONTO, CANADA

Many psychologists use hypnosis to determine if reports of victims involved in UFO abduction cases are factual or contrived. However, according to Dr. Alvin Lawson of California State University, Long Beach, the greatest danger is that there is a fine line between memories of a real event and fantasies so real the person believes them even under hypnosis.

In a report to the American Psychological Association's annual convention in Toronto, Lawson stressed,

"Witnesses sometimes subtly merge fantasy and reality in close encounter reports--without witness or hypnotist being aware of what is happening."

On the heels of Dr. Lawson's statement comes another from Dr. Leo Sprinkle, University of Wyoming, who has tested 150 individuals who claim to have seen UFO's. Twenty-five percent said they had been abducted and studied aboard these crafts.

Sprinkle said, "My personal and professional bias is to accept tentatively the claims of UFO abductions as 'real.' However, I do not know if these 'abductees' have experienced physical abduction or whether they have experienced 'out of body' events. In either case, the experiences seem real to the abductee." Out of body experiences are reports from individuals who claim their souls leave their physical bodies and travel around independently.

-NEW HAMPSHIRE

An unidentified flying object paid a brief visit to the Lakes Region of Laconia early last fall and played havoc with the senses

of two local boys.

According to Danny Wylie and Jeff Hawkins, the object—"a white glob of light"—traveled straight up in the air near the Wingate Apartments on Blueberry Lane.

The boys estimate that the phenomenon was approximately 500 feet up when they first saw it. Then it "began to come toward us" as they chased it, and stayed with them for about five minutes before it disappeared.

Afterward, Wylie and Hawkins searched behind the Wingate Apartments to determine if what they had seen was imagination or fact. In the asphalt pavement they discovered a never-before-noticed depression, and they speculated that it was caused by whatever it was they saw.

MILLVILLE, NEW JERSEY

Dispatched to the Wade East Apartments last August 22, after police headquarters received a call about a UFO, Ptl. Samuel Rivera said 20 residents—as well as himself—saw two large bright objects in the sky join together and become one light.

"I could see what it was and it wasn't a star," Rivera told the *Millville Daily*. "It wasn't a jet or a plane; otherwise we could have heard it."

The officer allegedly turned to the woman who reported the sighting to get her full name and address and when he looked up again, the objects were gone.

Rivera said that another officer, Ptl. Robert Lacaille, also saw it, and the police reportedly contacted the Flight Service Station at the Millville Airport which reported no traffic of any kind in the air that night that resembled the UFO.

According to witnesses, the object resembled a car with two headlights. When it was directly overhead, the lights went out and a red flashing light came on.

Within short moments after spotting the first object, which was standing motionless in the sky according to witnesses, a second UFO appeared beneath the first and started to circle around its bright light. The second object circled in a clockwise direction before it flew off in an easterly direction. About eight minutes after the first object took off and was out of sight, the other one vanished.

-SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

While traveling on Highway 280, a Morgan Hill family, on their way to church, saw what they thought to be a helicopter. This object had square windows with a space between them, and a round hump on top that gave off a glow similar to a yellow fluorescent light. The longer they watched the strange object, the more they realized it wasn't a chopper.

Driving between Story Road and Race Street in Morgan Hill shortly after 7 p.m., the family saw the UFO hovering over a section of San Jose, some distance away.

Sighting the craft was Mrs. Carol Sanford and her three children, Trisha, Harris and Suzy. They said the craft slowly turned, enabling them to clearly see window-like openings similar to what is observed when a passenger train passes by in the night.

Said Mrs. Sanford, "there's no way it could have been a plane."

-RIO de JANEIRO, BRAZIL

While strolling near his home in

BY GARY PARSONS

the Rio suburb of Paciencia, a 33-year-old lorry driver was reportedly dragged into a flying saucer. Inside, he encountered two broad-shouldered beings who hit him with what he described as a "sort of bolt of lightning which made me feel as though my body were on fire," when he cried out in fear.

The incident occurred in October, 1977, when Antonio Larrubia stepped out of his house for a walk. He passed out, and when he regained consciousness, found himself in a hospital where his body temperature kept soaring above 107 degrees, baffling medical specialists.

-KANSAS

A diamond-shaped object the size of a 747 jetliner moved slowly across the sky at a high altitude on Wednesday, August 29, baffling several residents of Chautauqua County. Although many said the object, with three steady white lights on the front, back, and right of the craft, hovered near the treetops, there were no close encounters reported. The reports came in from the Sedan and Peru areas of this midwestern community and specified that the sightings were recorded between 9:30 and 10 p.m.

-STOCKTON, ILLINOIS

For two weeks the switchboard in the Stockton Police Department buzzed incessantly with reports of lights—bright lights—in the skies over this central Illinois city.

One officer, Stockton Patrolman Dennis Jagodzinski, left the station house and drove to U.S. 20 and Illinois 78 and reportedly observed the object in question in the sky for close to an hour.

"It was round, with a red pulsating light in the middle," he said. "There were blue, green, yellowish-orange and white lights around the disc, and the other lights would flash on when the red light dimmed," he said.

According to the control tower at the Greater Rockford Airport, no aircraft were in the vicinity on the night of Wednesday, August 23, when the phenomenon was seen.

The Chicago Air Route Traffic control Center in Chicago, which monitors high-altitude jets and weather balloons, said there were no such vehicles in the sky.

But Jagodzinski's observation was verified by another officer, Steve Allendorf, a Jo Daviess County Sheriff's deputy. He reported seeing a similar object on Wednesday night, but declined to answer any further questions, saying that any more information would have to come from the office of his superiors.

According to Jagodzinski, the object moved laterally to the right and then to the left for approximately 25 minutes, after which time it made small circles and finally drifted up, slowly, and vanished from sight.

-ENGLAND

A 22-year-old British housewife told of her terrifying drive home on Sunday, August 27th, when her automobile was being trailed by a blue-green ball of light in the community of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

Marjorie Stainthorpe was on her way home from work, from Gateshead to Silverdale Drive, Winlaton, when she spotted the UFO at Shipton Bank. Her husband Malcolm said,

"When she got home she was shaking. At first, she said she thought it was a helicopter, but it was blue and green," he noted.

Checking with officials, the Stainthorpes were told by Tyne-mouth coastguardsmen that a blue-green flash of light was sighted over Marsden Rock on Saturday night. A coastguard official said what Mrs. Stainthorpe had seen was a shooting star.

However, a shooting star, as any armchair astronomer can verify, lasts for a few seconds. The sighting at Shipton Bank stayed with Mrs. Stainthorpe for more than a quarter of a mile.

-TWO RIVERS, WYOMING

More than one dozen people watched in awe for ten minutes as an unidentified object hovered in the skies near Rawlins, Wyoming. It emitted flashing colored lights, and then simply moved off and vanished from sight, they said.

According to Mrs. Bea Bartlett, on the night of Friday, August 25th, at approximately 9:10 p.m., a bright yellow light hovered over the western part of the city.

Mrs. Barlett and her husband Jess weren't the only ones to see it. Mrs. Lynell Corsi verified the account and said that at 8:50 p.m. she saw a bright yellow lighted object in the western skies, with an intermittent flashing red light on top of it.

Mrs. Corsi said that the red light pulsed irregularly before the object moved off in a northwesterly direction, gradually disappearing.

Mrs. Bartlett said she and at least 10 other people in their trailer court watched the object before it vanished. At one point,

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FROM OUT OF THE DARK

To those who quake in fear as they nervously scan the skies of Eden Prairie, New Mexico, there is the terror that whatever it was and from wherever it came, the strange craft that visited their tiny southwestern community...will return.

Although descriptions of what it was vary, there are many similarities—too many, according to expert medical men, for a mass hallucination to have taken place.

Some maintain it was oval, traveled at great speed and then like something out of a phantom aerial circus, stopped in midair, hovered for brief seconds, then took off again, climbing straight up.

Others say it dropped out of the darkness, and amid a ring of red and blue flashing lights, began spinning just above the treetops.

More than 50 people saw it between 8 and 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3rd, as it knifed across the night sky.

According to Rhoda Haas, it was Monday, May 1st, two nights before the mass sighting, when her darkened bedroom was suddenly illuminated "as though someone had shot off a flare directly outside."

She said, "It was oval-shaped and very, very bright. And it was moving very rapidly, less than 100 feet off the ground." She brought out that her first impulse was to go to the front room and see where it went. "But my gosh, the way that thing was traveling, I would never have gotten there in time."

Accustomed to a variety of aircraft, having seen them flying in and out of nearby Flying Cloud Field at night, Mrs. Haas, 60, said she'd never seen anything quite like this before.

According to Mrs. Haas, she didn't think too much of the incident, in fact didn't even mention it to her husband Gerald, until the next morning, and did so merely as a passing thought.

And then, several days later, she read in the newspaper that an

**Suddenly he saw a
tremendously
bright greenish
glow coming
towards him—
he didn't know what
it was nor
what it was
going to do!**

BY GEORGE MURRAY

Eden Prairie resident claimed to have spotted a UFO the previous week. It was after reading the newspaper account that she decided to call police.

Mrs. Haas was interviewed by Detective Les Bridger who came away convinced that the woman had seen *something* that night, although exactly what it was eluded him at the time.

However, that wasn't the end of the "visitation." Only a few days later, in a residential area called "The Preserve," four children spotted something hovering in the woods, no more than 40 feet from where they played.

At first, according to a report published in the *Eden Prairie News*, Tracy Kowalczyk, 12, and Jill Swanson, 11, were playing "keepaway" with Brett Warren, 11, and Mark Lowe, 12, as well as

with Jill's brother, Eric, 8, and heard what sounded like the engines of a helicopter from the trees approximately four blocks distant. It was a little after 8 p.m.

Running to his bicycle, Eric pedaled about 100 yards and suddenly called to the others. When they arrived, the boy told the group he'd heard something in the woods, which was described later by Tracy as more of a rustling sound.

The children forged ahead, toward a clay valley about 40 yards from the road. As they came nearer, picking up rocks for protection, they saw it: a round object, between 10 and 15 feet across, its bottom flat and rising up from its bottom to form an oval several feet high.

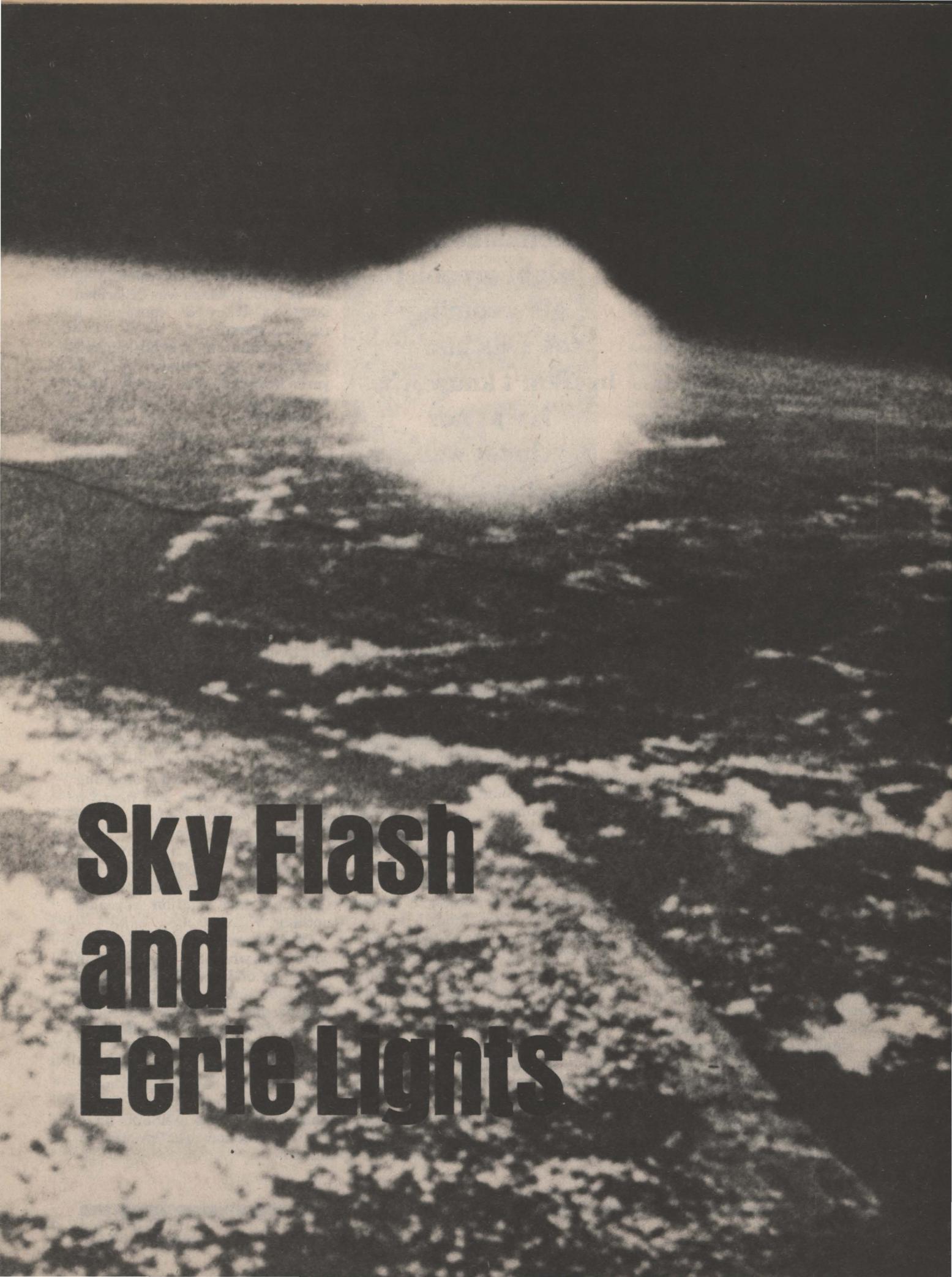
In separate interviews with Detective Bridger, the children described what they had seen. Their descriptions were the same, with only slight variations. The object, they reported, had a bluish-white glow and had hovered above the ground just below the treeline. Each child said the object had a ring of red lights and one or two blue ones, and each reported that the sound it made as it rose above the ground, climbing steadily, was like a helicopter.

Mrs. Donald Swanson, Jill's mother, said she was bicycling nearby at the time, and heard a sound she described also as being like that of a helicopter.

Teams of scientists converged on the scene where the object was said to have hovered. However, a thorough investigation revealed nothing.

Of the more than four-dozen witnesses who saw *something* in the skies of Eden Prairie for the 3 1/2-hour interval on the night of Wednesday, May 3rd, many feel it was an other-worldly craft using the deep woods between "The Preserve" and a 40-yard-wide clay valley as a base of operations.

Until an answer comes forth, many Eden Prairie residents have put that wooded area strictly off limits. □



Sky Flash and Eerie Lights

Trans World Airlines Flight 703 soared into the two-mile altitude regime over the urban landscape near Trenton, New Jersey's capital city. Aiming for a comfortable traffic route, the airliner ascended on the first leg of its pre-Christmas junket to Nova Scotia. All was routine aboard the passenger jet as it cruised above the seaboard terrain, now glistening with many countless specks of light—neon signs, street lamps, illuminated homes and offices.

The tranquil scene convulsed without warning under the power of an unknown intruder. Larry Demming, first officer on Flight 703, rode ringside through the disruption.

"We were climbing out over New Jersey, about 25 or 30 miles east of Trenton," he recalls, "when I suddenly saw a tremendously bright greenish, blue-green glow—a flash off the overcast; it was clear below."

The surprise glare snapped Flight Officer Demming's gaze away from his console.

"My attention was diverted out the side window and I saw a tremendously bright orange glow either on the ground or between us and the ground," he explained. "Shortly thereafter, the lights on about a two-or three-mile-square area on the ground went out. After the glow died down, the lights came back on and everything looked normal. Then the same cycle—the flash off the clouds, the orange glow on the ground, the lights going out and back on—happened three distinct times."

Shortly afterward, Larry Demming was quizzed about the episode on December 22, 1977, by Jules Bergman, a veteran science writer now working for ABC Television.

Bergman: "Has anything like that ever happened since?"

Demming: "No sir, it sure hasn't...or before, to me."

Bergman: "And you're not a UFO believer."

Demmings: "I don't have any feelings either way. I just report

what I see, and that's what I saw."

The flight officer's interlude with the unexplained happened the same day New Jersey shook with an unprecedented number of the notorious "skyquakes." Blasts had been battering a thousand-plus mile stretch of

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BY WILLIAM RETOFF

North America's Atlantic shore line from Nova Scotia to Florida since late November, 1977.

This specific incident at twilight was one of many swept under the rug and neglected when Federal scientists convened to investigate the aerial haymakers in January, 1978, under President Carter's directive. Sixty days of snooping followed, climaxed on March 3 at a Pentagon press conference.

Dr. Alan Berman, head of studies at the Naval Research Laboratory (which conducted the White House-sanctioned inquiry) announced that the booms were caused by military aircraft break-

ing the sound barrier just off the Atlantic Coast. A computer survey of 183 skyquakes also indicated the blasts occurred only during "working hours on weekdays."

"If it is a truly natural process, you either have to conclude that God works civil service hours and takes holidays off or you've got to invoke some sort of natural process that only occurs during daylight hours and has multiple peaks," Berman cracked to newsmen.

The NRL analysts reasoned that abnormally cold temperatures funneled sonic bangs from fighter jets racing over the ocean back to the continent. Explosions of this type usually travel downward in tracks 15 to 30 miles wide. Primary authors of this theory were Domenic J. Maglieri and Harvey H. Hubbard of NASA, who studied a similar blast outbreak in Florida several years ago.

"We are reasonably satisfied that each and every event could be accounted for by aircraft flying at supersonic speeds," the lab chief said. "We see no reason to invoke special explanations."

With that, Dr. Berman ended the official "all's well" statement.

But a number of loose ends lay unraveled in the wake of the news reporters fleeing the Pentagon to file the day's hot story. For starters, what about those strange glows spotted by Larry Demming on Flight 703? They certainly weren't sonic booms.

It would have been easy to dismiss them altogether, as they were ignored by the research laboratory review, had Flight Officer Demming's account been a one-of-a-kind tale. There were, however, other such incidents. Citizens at various locales witnessed sky flashes and eerie moving lights, even little-publicized electrical anomalies, strongly indicating that UFOs made the East Coast scene. Yet the real weirdness is this: ear-splitting blasts were heard concurrently with the sightings and electro-malfunctions—at odd times around the clock, not just during "working

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"It came down to the ground—I know it must have landed out there in the forrest as I could see a glow in the trees"

BY JIM MILES

OCALA UPDATE

After the Navy personnel at Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range were so candid about their UFO sightings on May 14, the man who originally alerted the base to the unusual activity taking place over their testing site decided to make his sighting public.

Rocky Morgan and eight other residents of Silver Glen Springs, located in the heart of Ocala National Forest, spotted a brilliantly lighted oblong object 50 feet in diameter as it hovered over Silver Glen Springs Campground where Morgan works as a fishing guide. He said it was "up in the sky straight over us."

"I wanted to keep my mouth shut because I didn't want anyone to think I was stupid," he told the Ocala Star-Banner. "Now that I called Pinecastle and those guys have seen it too, I don't feel so bad."

His first action that night was to call the Marion County Sheriff's office.

"And they sounded like they thought I was drunk or crazy," he said disgustedly.

The unimpressed desk officer gave Morgan a Gainesville number he could call to report the UFO. The person who answered that number gave him another, Hynek's national toll-free hotline in Illinois, but no one was in at that hour.

"So I went back outside and watched it," he said. "At first it looked like a bomb flare like they use over there at Pinecastle. I was worried because I thought if it was a flare it might set the woods on fire."

"But when I called Pinecastle, they told me they weren't using

any flares. Well, we looked at it for a few more minutes as it was hovering and then it went across the road over near Pat's Island and it started getting lower. We watched it come down through the trees.

"It came down to the ground. I know it must have landed out there in the forest as it was giving off a glow into the trees."

Intrigued, but not frightened, Morgan followed the light a quarter of a mile attempting to stay as close as he could to the object.

"I've never seen anything like it before," he stated. "I don't know how to put it. It seemed strange to me, something I didn't understand."

"It was just a real mellow type of light, almost the color of the moon. You know, super bright. It was real quiet."

Morgan had never before believed in UFOs, at least not until he saw one. He still isn't ready to state they are piloted ships.

"I know there's something there. I don't know what it is. Maybe it's just something experimental. But there's something..."

At Pinecastle, Nick Young, a spokesman for the Naval Station in Jacksonville, said of the Ocala UFOs, "We're calling it an object that was flying and was unidentified. But not a UFO. The Navy doesn't like that term."

On the next night, May 15, the captain and crew of the tugboat Lisa C sighted "a glowing object with lights underneath," according to a Coast Guard radio operator, Ken Gibson, who received the captain's call. "He said it looked like it had enough light to

light up New York City," Gibson stated.

The tug was operating on a desolate area of the Apalachicola River north of Apalachicola, 150 miles west of Ocala, at mile marker 51, shortly after midnight. According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, that stretch of river is not accessible by car, nor are there any boat landings.

At 1:15 the captain asked the Coast Guard to check with the Federal Aviation Agency and nearby Eglin and Tyndall Air Force Bases to see if any planes were missing. None were, nor were any civilian or military planes or helicopters flying over the area at that time.

The captain, who was watching the object while he talked, appeared to be calm and sincere, Gibson said.

Only three days following that incident, the last in this series of Florida sightings occurred.

During the night of May 18, four days after the Pinecastle episode and 150 miles south, Ted and Helen Knapp were returning home to Treasure Island from a shopping spree at Fort Pierce. They were driving along Florida 70 just outside Fort Pierce when their car radio began to malfunction.

"The radio began picking up a lot of static, as if we were near a transformer," Mr. Knapp said. "But it acted up way too long—I'd say more than one and a half miles—for it to have been a transformer."

Mrs Knapp became curious and searched the skies for the source of interference. She spotted what

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The Bible has been read by millions of people for countless generations and, it is excepted as the devine word, but through the eyes of many UFO researchers, it holds much evidence to support the theory the the first people on this planet, Adam and Eve, were space travelers.

For many years the public heard only the bitter arguments between the proponents of creation and the advocates of evolution. Then Erich von Daniken pointed to evidence supporting the idea that Earth could have been visited by extraterrestrial beings who engineered the human race from the ape-like creatures already present. There is yet a fourth possibility: We may be the aliens on a hostile planet called Earth! This is *The Fourth Hypothesis*.

The idea that Adam and Eve, or our forebearers, were space travelers is not new. It is an old theme found in science fiction stories. Surprisingly, the evidence that supports the Fourth Hypothesis is not in some remote place, but may be found right in our own bodies. While there are numerous deficiencies and contradictions in the evidence relating to the first three concepts, the Fourth Hypothesis answers some problems, but leaves new ones to solve.

The evidence that supports the Fourth Hypothesis spans a multitude of scientific disciplines. To appreciate its full impact, we must re-establish our point of view. If we were to land on a planet of a slightly higher gravity, it would have a number of profound effects upon our bodies. We have often heard that since his appearance, man has had a dertrimental effect upon this planet; now let us reverse this concept and consider the effect this planet has upon its supposedly highest biological achievement—the human body.

The most obvious indirect proof comes from the observation that

the human must be protected from its "natural" environment. Our bodies prefer a regular and constant temperature, not the severe shifts we experience on most parts of the Earth. Human metabolism increases as temperature decreases; a characteristic not shared by most of the other life forms on Earth. A relatively few degrees shift in temperature either way can be fatal to an unprotected human body; this hardly seems to be a logical characteristic of a superior biological product of a world on which we supposedly began!

Along with our need for artificial protection against climatic changes, it is apparent that our bare skins are easily subject to abrasions, lacerations, and bruising. It would not seem that they are suited to jungle, wooded, or rocky terrain. Even the soles of our feet are so tender at birth that much conditioning is necessary to adapt to even the softest of ground.

The level of ultraviolet light is not generally to our liking. Human skin does adapt, but not without paying the price of drying and premature aging. Our summer suntan may be just our response to a pathological and unnatural level of ultraviolet radiation.

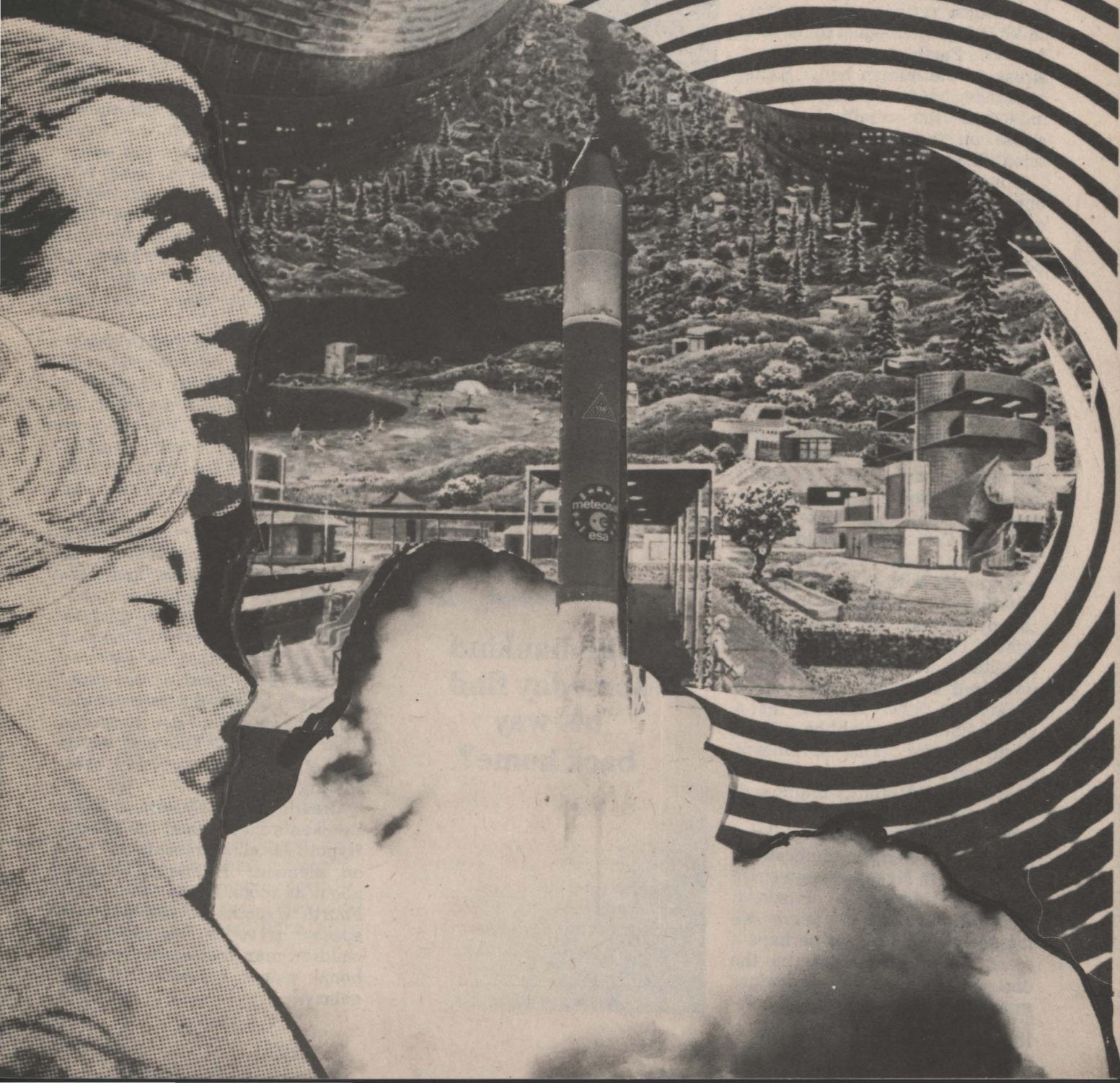
Infectious disease, though a population control, does plague our species. Is our susceptibility due to our high degree of specialization, or are many of these "foreign" infectious agents truly foreign to our alien bodies?

Perhaps the most significant evidence is the profound effects of Earth's gravity upon our bodies.

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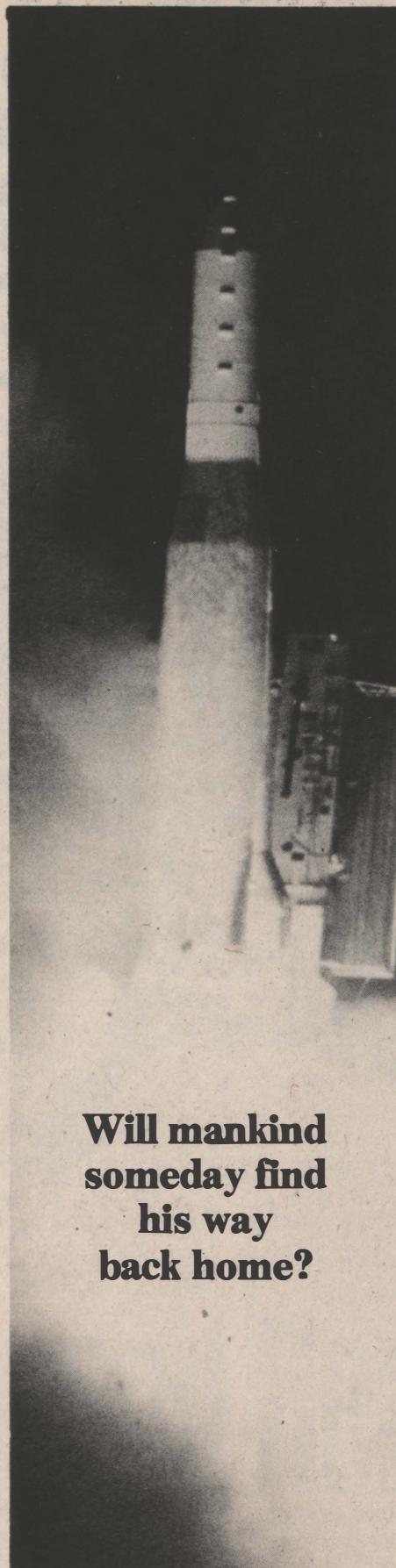
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There is probably no other single factor that affects our health and longevity to as great a degree. The Earth's gravity is at least a factor in such ailments as: varicose veins, hemorrhoids, hardening of the arteries in the legs, dropped organs, some blood pressure disorders and heart disease, herniated discs and many back disorders, osteoarthritis, bunions and spurs, flatfeet, metabolic activity levels, our muscle mass-to-strength ratio, and even the childbirth process—just to name a few! The Earth's gravity level is a stress on the human body. Some scientists, such as Selye, have made all the ramifications of stress on the body a field of scientific endeavor all its own.

Our health and longevity would obviously be quite different if we could affect the chronic result of the Earth's gravitation upon our bodies. Perhaps the health advocates of sleeping on a slant or incline (head down), and doing headstands to cause a reversal; or those healthy people who use a walking stick to disperse a percentage of gravitational stress, have unknowingly recognized a portion of the Fourth Hypothesis.

What was our home planet like? It should have been a world perfectly suited for our species. One can only speculate what planet "Camelot" would have been like: perhaps ten percent less gravity with a cloud canopy covering the entire sphere. The canopy would, by greenhouse effect, create a fairly uniform planetary atmospheric temperature, and keep out more excess ultraviolet light. Instead, of a yellow "Sun", it might have been another color. The barometric pressure, the atmospheric oxygen, and the humidity might well have been higher.

The possible historic, philosophical, and scientific implications of the Fourth Hypothesis give rise to some interesting questions: Why are we here? Were we marooned, or were we perhaps a penal colony? Could we be the descendants of a back-to-nature group rebelling against technolo-



**Will mankind
someday find
his way
back home?**

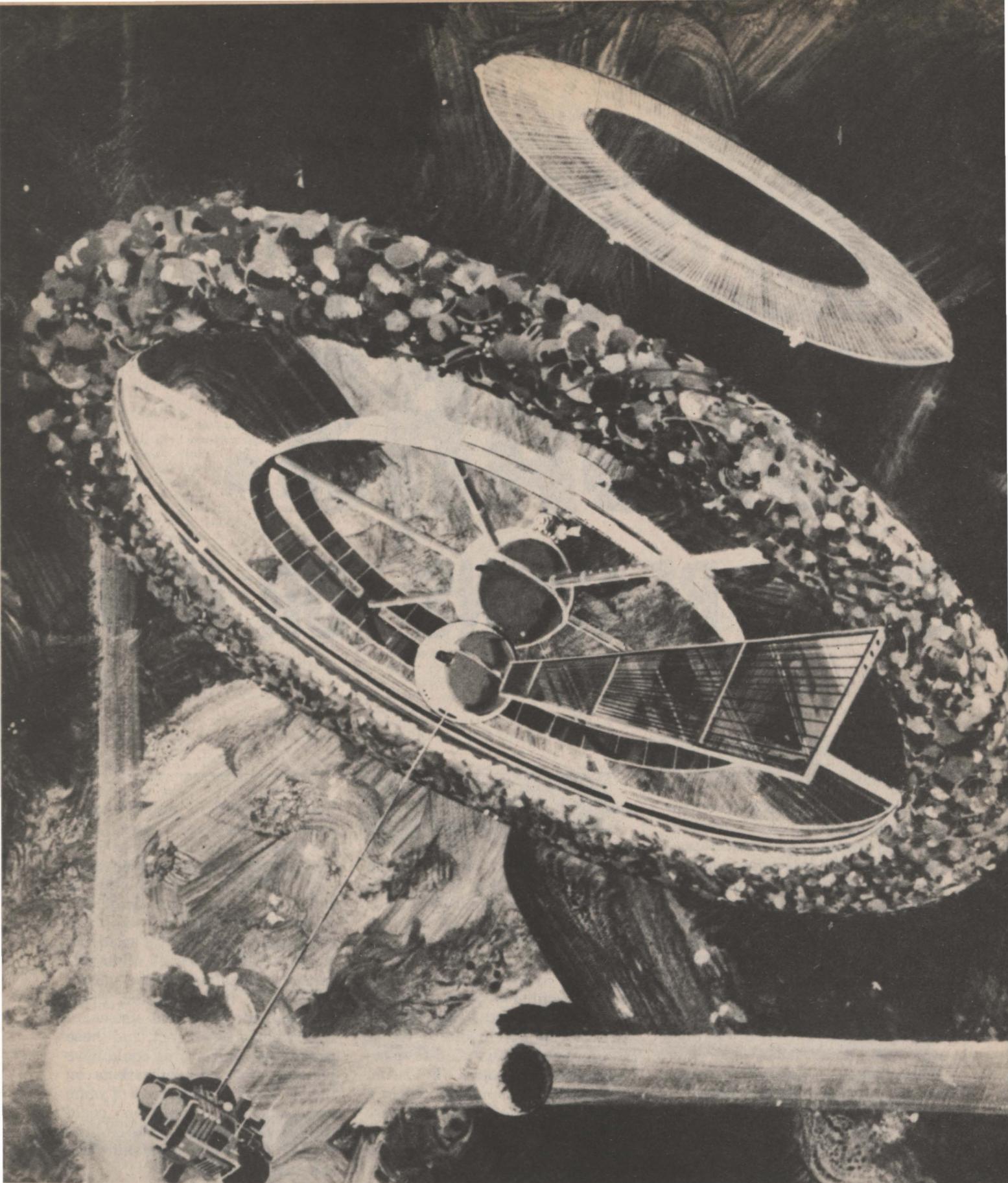
gy or a dictatorial government? Could our ancestors have been the genetic misfits of a world that "humanely" placed them here to tough it out, genetically cleanse and advance, or die? Are we all from just one mother planet, or are we in a grand multi-planet experiment to see if various humans of separate origins could get along if we developed together on the same planet? What of the primitive apes that were already here on planet Earth when we arrived, did we enslave and slaughter them nearly out of existence?

Philosophically, the Fourth Hypothesis causes us to reexamine the meanings of Eden, the Great Flood, Noah, and even our traditional concept of the Creator. We begin to see even deeper meanings in the UFO enigma: Are they regularly coursing our skies just to keep a check on us? Are the UFO-nauts not as "gods" or "angels", but more like our brothers?

Scientifically, the Fourth Hypothesis changes our concept and meaning of the word "natural". It affects our basic approach to health and disease. We begin to see ourselves as existing outside the natural ecosystems of this planet, and therefore a source of disruption.

There are some very positive ramifications to the acceptance of the Fourth Hypothesis. Realizing that we were all strangers on this alien world called Earth, just as the pioneers, we may feel the real need for each other in order to survive. Since Earth is our hostess, we might begin to treat her with the respect she deserves from her guests. This may be all that our UFO visitors have been waiting for!

Creationism, Evolution, von Daniken's theory, and the Fourth Hypothesis all represent one common element: Humankind cares about its roots. In the case of the Fourth Hypothesis, one day our space traveling great-grandchildren may rediscover our true home planet elsewhere in the galaxy. □



This is an artist's rendering of a space colony which is being planned at NASA. It could also be the first stop when mankind decides to find it's way back home somewhere in the universe.

**What kind of objects in deep
space are giving off pulses of energy?**

PULSARS: SPACE BEACONS FOR UFOS

BY MICHAEL COHEN

In the summer of 1967 a woman graduate student named Jocelyn Bell was studying the record tapes of a large radio telescope belonging to Cambridge University in England. She noticed that there was a series of sudden bursts of microwave energy coming from a place midway between the stars of Vega and Altair. At first she thought that these bursts of energy were coming from electrical devices in the area, but that was eliminated when she saw these pulses of energy crossing the sky in time with the stars.

What kind of object deep in space was giving off timed pulses of energy? Ms. Bell immediately thought that this object was artificial and she called it a Belisha beacon after the regularly flashing orange globe that warns motorists in England of a

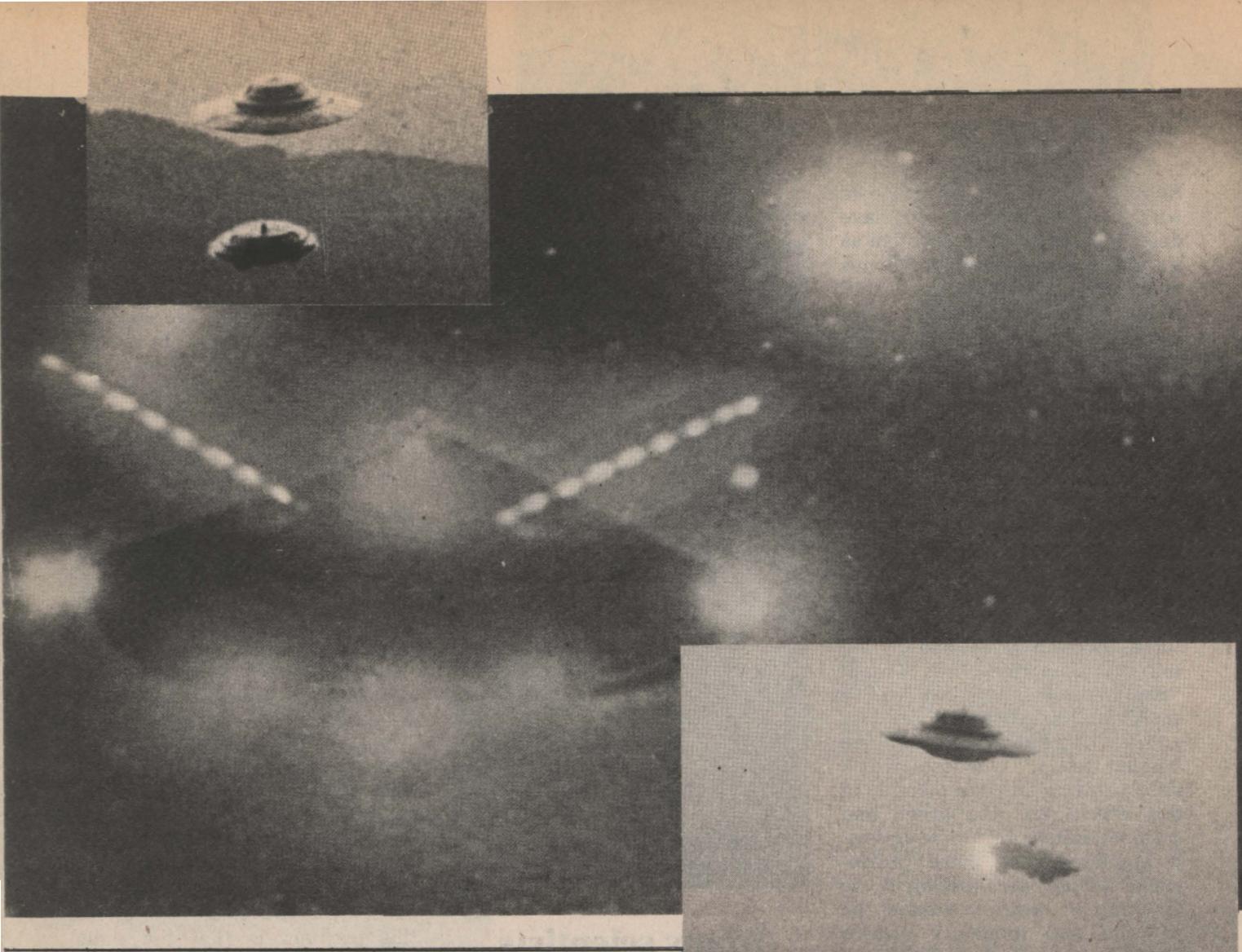
pedestrian crossing.

Her superiors on this project did not like her term Belisha beacon and they changed the name to a Little Green Men (LGM) star. The scientific establishment likes to use sarcasm in order to suppress any evidence that advanced civilizations exist elsewhere in the universe. Scientists are familiar with some reports stating that the occupants of UFOs are little green men and therefore the mass media has tried to make a joke about the entire UFO issue. By labeling this pulsing object a LGM star, the scientists are deliberately trying to confuse the public. However, there could be elements of truth in their sarcasm.

Although some astronomers have stated that there are over one million civilizations existing in our galaxy, any real evidence that

these civilizations actually exist, such as UFOs or radio waves from the planets or stars, would be a serious threat to their profession. The scientific establishment is based on Darwinian evolution which states that all life and civilizations on earth are accidents of nature. Evidence of other advanced civilizations in the galaxy would tend to prove that Erich von Daniken's ancient astronaut theory could be correct, and these extraterrestrial cultures could have planted life and civilizations on the earth many thousands of years ago. Such a revelation could destroy Darwin's theories and the foundation of the academic and scientific establishments.

Therefore, the British scientists on the project had to hide the truth as quickly as possible from the public. Being a graduate



student, Ms. Bell did not understand the full implications of being honest when she first made her discovery. The other astronomers tried to correct her by first naming the object a LGM star and then "pulsating radio star" or "pulsar."

These members of the scientific community gave two excuses to explain why this pulsing object was not artificial in origin. They could not see how any civilization, no matter how advanced it was, build a pulsing object which required 10 billion times more energy than could be produced on earth. They also stated that these regular bursts of microwave energy did not seem to convey any information. Of course any good occult or science fiction writer could have given them at least a half a dozen reasons why an

advanced civilization would set up pulsing energy sources throughout the galaxy. As for the energy needed to power such a star, physicists are now producing anti-matter in their laboratories such as at Brookhaven National in Long Island, New York. One pound of anti-matter is equal to 100 million tons of TNT and it would make a perfect fuel for a pulsar. It is also quite possible that there is a connection between pulsars and the UFO problem.

For years scientists, led by Dr. Carl Sagan, the Cornell professor and NASA "expert" who worked on the Viking program, have attacked Erich von Daniken and Ufology writers. Sagan has also accused the twenty million Americans, including astronauts and pilots, of suffering from hallucinations when they see UFOs. He has

constantly accused occult writers of publishing lies in order to make money.

While the scientists are attacking the occult field, they effectively divert the public's attention from the fact that there is a massive amount of corruption in the scientific establishment. The discovery of the first pulsar showed the extent of this corruption. In 1974 the Nobel Prize was awarded to Martin Ryle and Anthony Hewish, the two astronomers who headed the program which discovered the first pulsar. Jocelyn Bell, the person who actually discovered it, was not named for this prize because she was only a graduate student at the time. The August 1, 1975 edition of *Science*, the world's top scientific journal, reported the reactions of the other astronomers such as

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English astronomer Fred Hoyle who "...was reported to have described the award to Hewish as a scandal. According to *The Times* of London, Hoyle declared that Bell's finding had been kept secret for 6 months while her directors were busily pinching the discovery from the girl, or that was what it amounted to."

Because he dared to make this accusation, Dr. Hoyle was forced to resign from the Cambridge Institute of Theoretical Astronomy. Other scientists who complained about this outright example of fraud were also forced to resign from their positions in the universities and scientific institutes. Even *Science* had to admit that something was wrong: "Should Bell have received a share of the Nobel Prize for pulsars? The question raises some tangled issues." One issue which this magazine failed to mention in this article was the greed and criminal actions of the scientists. It appeared that these professional people were willing to do anything in order to obtain the prestige and monetary awards which comes with the Nobel Prize. It is sad that honest scientists along with UFO writers are attacked for daring to tell the truth.

After the discovery of the first pulsar was announced in early 1968, astronomers quickly found that there were hundreds of these objects in the galaxy. Since the astronomers refuse to accept these pulsars as artificially created-energy sources, they have been having a very difficult time trying to explain how mother nature could create such an incredible phenomenon. Hundreds of articles and numerous scientific textbooks have been written on this subject and the scientists admit time after time that they are guessing about the true nature of pulsars.

The 1974 edition of *The Encyclopedia Britannica* admitted that the scientists are in trouble: "No fully satisfactory theory of pulsars yet exists. Much speculation is still involved, and adequate solu-



Many scientists believe that these pulsing beacons are located on alien satellites and that the signals help their star ships to cross the galaxy

tions to many of the problems can be expected only when astrophysicists are more familiar with the extreme physical conditions encountered in and near these bodies." In other words, the public will have to wait several hundred years until our own star ships can visit these bodies before the final "truth" is revealed about pulsars.

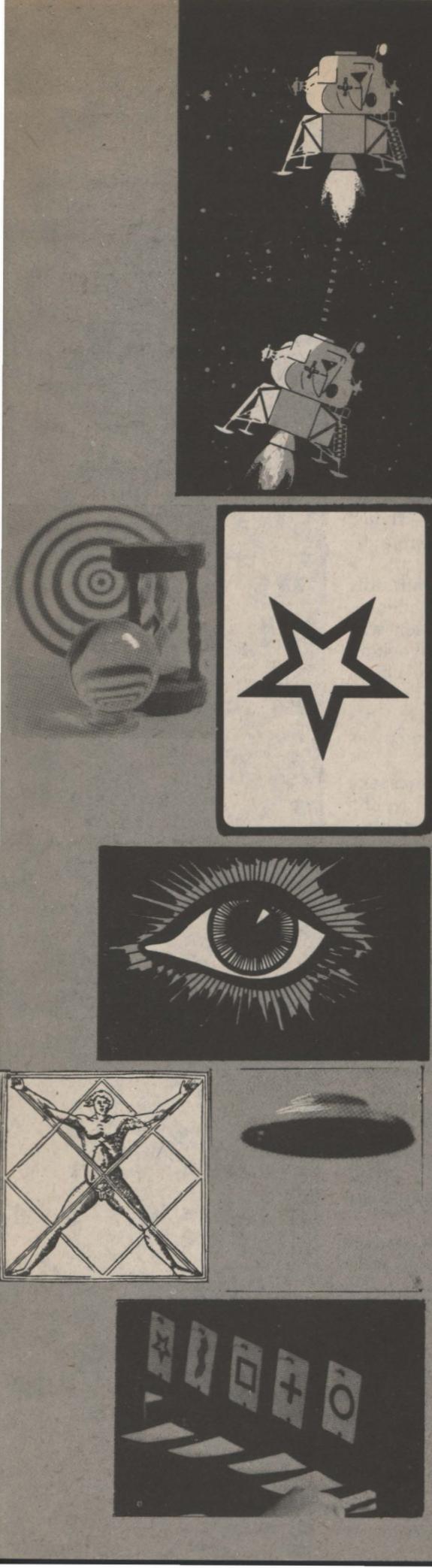
While we are waiting for the star ships to be built, we have to listen to these highly paid members of the scientific establishment give their questionable theories about pulsars. The most popular theory at the present time is that they are rapidly spinning neutron stars which send out narrow radio beams that are picked up by radio telescopes on earth each time the stars rotate.

Pulsars were officially discovered in 1967, 21 years after the field of radio astronomy was established after World War II. It is strange that the radio astronomers did not notice these objects in the 1950s and early 1960s. One excuse the astronomers offer for this problem is that the radio telescopes before 1967 were not designed to handle rapid fluctuations in microwave intensities found in the pulsars. It is hard to believe that with hundreds of these objects in our galaxy, it took an ordinary graduate student in astronomy to find the first one. Something is wrong with the story the scientists are telling the public about these objects.

It is possible that the astronomers heard these signals before, but classified them as secret until they could think up some idiotic explanation such as the neutron star theory. There have been reports for years that radio astronomers were picking up signals from intelligent civilizations in this galaxy. All of these reports have been denied by the American and Western European astronomers.

Several years ago Soviet astronomers claimed they were picking up intelligent signals from an

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Just before his voice was abruptly cut off after making contact with Melbourne's flight controllers, Valentich reported seeing a weird UFO

The story flashed across the wire service teletypes, rattling out its message to newsrooms everywhere, breaking along with countless other events of the day. Only short hours before, a 20-year-old pilot, attempting to rack up flying time for his commercial license, was reported missing. He had been flying his single engine Cessna 182 to King Island some 130 miles south of Melbourne, Australia.

To all intents and purposes, it was just another tragic event, the hazards one gambles with from day to day--a gamble perhaps somewhat more prone to the adventurous, those who daily risk their lives by daring to see what lies behind the next mountain or just beyond the next valley.

Although all indications sadly point to a crash at sea, both plane and pilot vanishing beneath the waves, one man--the pilot's father--strongly believes his son is alive--that he is being held by someone from another world.

When Frederick Valentich failed to touch down at the King Field airstrip on schedule, an intensive land, sea and air search was begun by the Australian Navy and Air Force. The search centered around Bass Strait located 130 miles south of Melbourne--the point of Valentich's last radio contact. But the search failed to turn up any trace of the pilot or his plane.

And it was the aviator's mysterious last contact--a radio message which was received by Melbourne Flight Service Control, at 7:06 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, which makes the disappearance of this particular young man and his craft unique in the annals of aviation history. Many believe it may just give credence to his father's bizarre theory.

For just before his voice was

abruptly cut off after making contact with Melbourne's flight controllers, Valentich reported he could see four lights--bright lights 1,000 feet above his position.

"It is approaching from due east towards me--it seems to be playing some sort of game--flying at a speed I find impossible to estimate..."

And then, "It is not an aircraft, it's..." Finally a long silence, broken when communication was initiated by ground control asking for an identification of the object in question.

The young pilot's answer: "It's not an aircraft..." and contact was lost--permanently.

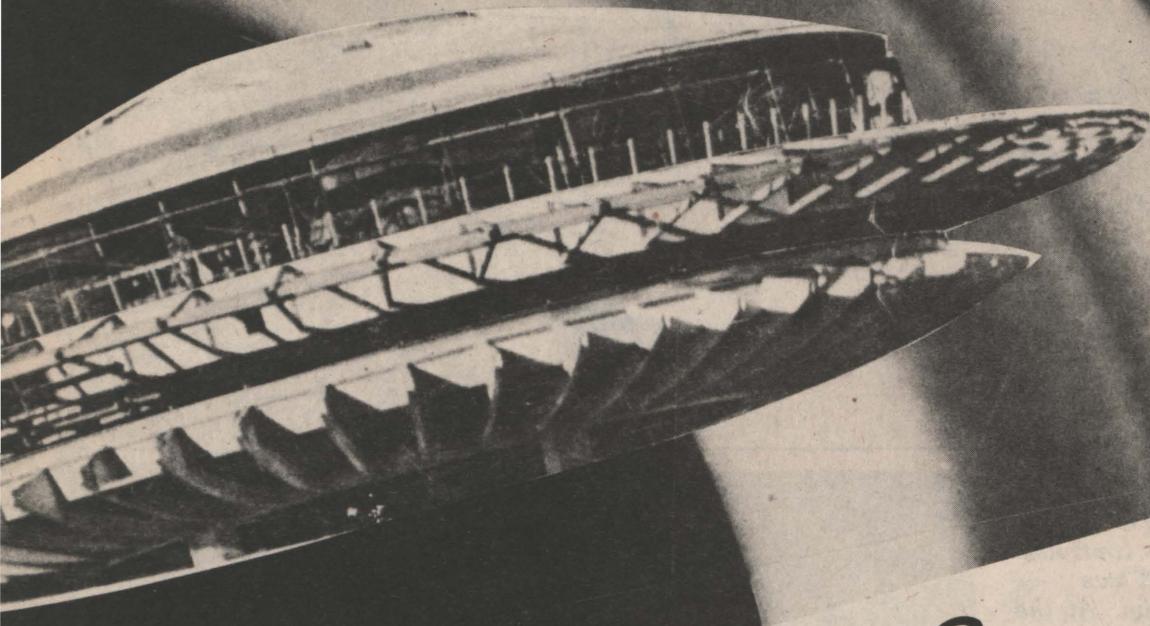
The text of the radio message between the aircraft and ground control--for a time assertedly withheld from the public--began when Valentich requested information on the other traffic below 5,000 feet in his vicinity.

When ground control responded, assuring the young pilot there was no other traffic in his area below 5,000 feet, Valentich went on to describe four bright lights. "They appear to be lights," he radioed. "Aircraft has just passed over me, about 1,000 feet above." He repeated that the craft was coming for him. Then ground control heard metallic scratching, which replaced the voice of the pilot. Valentich was not heard from again.

According to the Australian Transport Department, the message finished six minutes after it began, at precisely 7:12 p.m. when the pilot no longer responded to emergency calls from ground control. However, before the transmission was broken off completely, Valentich described how the object seemed to be stationary. "I'm orbiting (circling) and the thing is orbiting on top of me also," he radioed.

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**"SPACE ALIENS
HAVE TAKEN MY SON"**





This is the area where the pilot vanished. He managed to get a message through to his controller that some sort of object was playing games with him. At the time, the pilot was flying alone trying to rack up flying time for his commercial pilot's licence.

This is a Cessna 182, the plane young Valentich was flying when he vanished about 130 miles south of Melbourne, Australia. His father insists that someone from another world has taken his son off into space.

It is not uncommon for pilots flying for long stretches, especially over water, and at night, to become "disoriented," aviation officials maintain, and bring out further that Valentich's aircraft quite possibly may have "inverted," and the pilot very likely might have seen the reflections of the Cape Otway and King Island lighthouses on the clouds above him.

Also, some officials feel that Valentich could have mistakenly turned his plane upside down in the darkness and then crashed after seeing the reflection of his own craft in the water. They said



the Cessna's engines would fail if it were flown upside down.

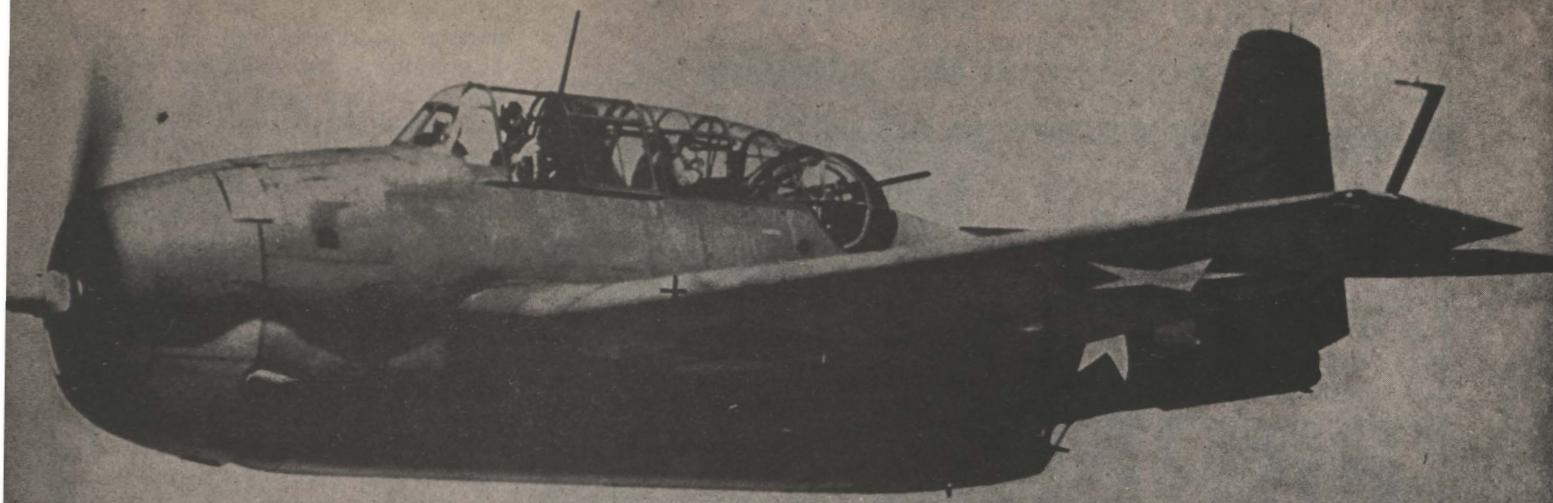
It was determined further that weather conditions at the time of his disappearance had been ideal, with almost unlimited visibility and a mild breeze. What's more, they bring out, the young pilot was not an experienced flier, with only 18 months' flying time to his credit.

He was totally inexperienced at night flying, and had never flown to King Island in darkness. The search is being centered on an area 25 miles north of King Island, where authorities believe contact with the Cessna was lost.

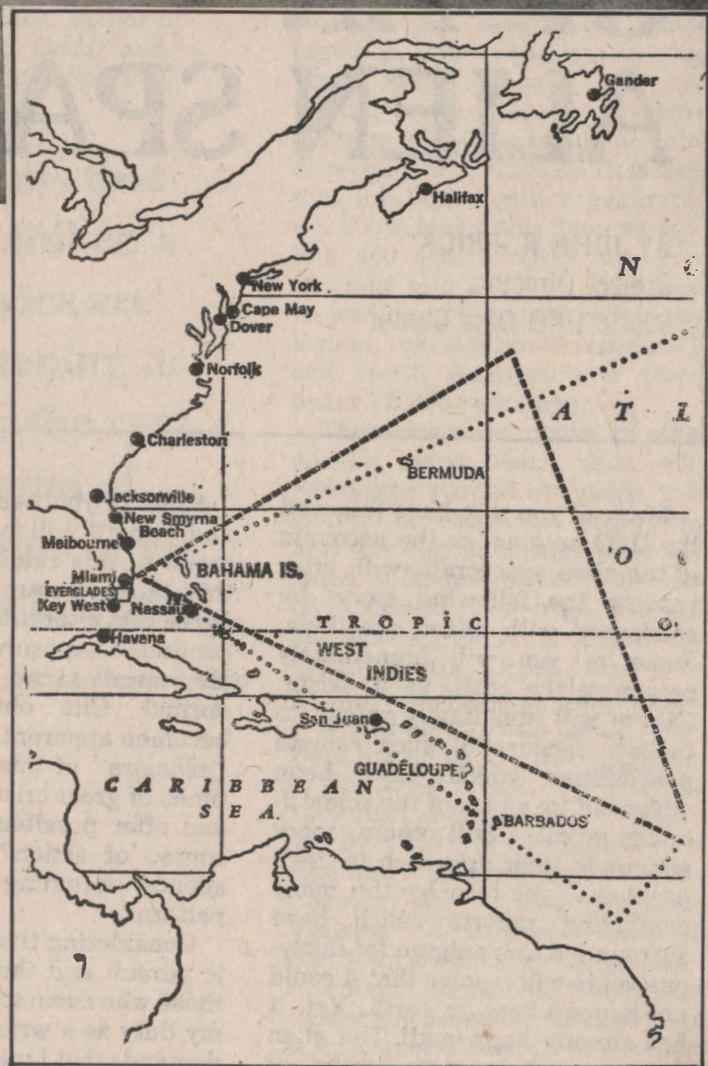
In fact, an oil slick in the strait was sighted by a search plane on Sunday, and at present officials of the military are trying to determine whether the slick was caused by aviation fuel.

Yet, there is one man in Australia who feels quite certain that the pilot is safe and sound. "The failure to find any sign of my son or his airplane strengthens my belief that he had been taken by some strange people for some reason or another," said Guido Valentich, father of the young aviator, who believes that only part of the tapes had been made public. He added: "I have been

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This strange disappearance brings to mind the dreaded area known as the Bermuda Triangle. The area shown on this map is where, back in 1945, five Naval Aircraft, such as this one, vanished—along with their men. A rescue aircraft sent out to find the stricken airplanes—also vanished.



**The Politico film proves that UFOs
are elusive vehicles from other
worlds—worlds that the scientific
community refuses to acknowledge!**

PROFILE OF AN ALIEN SPACE SHIP

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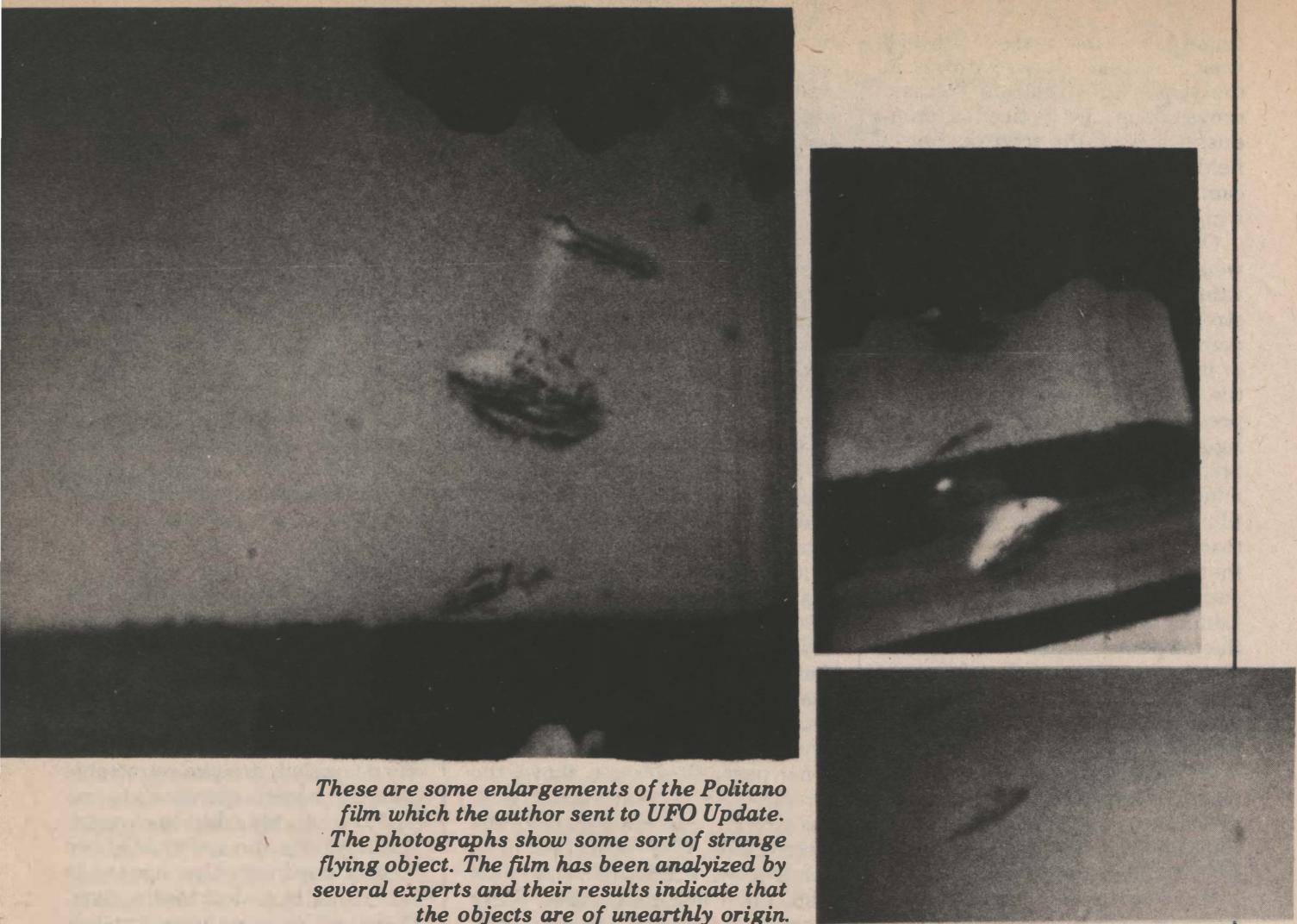
Many of you who have followed the UFO enigma, or the accounts of the alien spacecraft, will, after reading the following story, be concerned with mixed emotions. Some of you will immediately recognize the truth as it exists. Others will steadfastly refuse to believe because of such remote possibilities which have been advanced by a part of the scientific community. Still others, more serious in their approach to life's problems, yet torn by the many conflicting reports which have surrounded this enigma for thirty-one years will resolve that it could not happen here on earth. Yet, it has already happened! The alien forces continue their probe of planet earth in spite of public apathy or scientific speculation.

Some of you believe that "fear and panic" will be the absolute result of this reality. Contrary to this, those who are knowledgeable agree that after thirty-one years of continued exposure, the reality of alien probes can be considered normal. One obvious question becomes apparent: where are the "scholars" of this world, who in times of great crisis come forward and offer possible solutions or a course of action? Why is their silence becoming a part of the pattern?

Considering the lack of scientific pursuit and the indifference of those who seem to be in authority, my duty as a writer and observer demands that I make you aware of one of the latest discoveries in this field. One is the Politico Film,

and it is accompanied by the Profile of the Alien Spacecraft, that elusive vehicle from other worlds, worlds that the scientific community finds it difficult to recognize.

Before proceeding, it becomes important for me to mention computer analysis, which recently has become a popular method of authenticating photographs. And, according to Ground Saucer Watch of Phoenix, Arizona, thirty-one photographs have been accepted as genuine. This is to say, they have been designated as solid objects but otherwise "unknown." This unknown title has been assigned due largely to the fact that most of these photos are at considerable distance from the camera and therefore defy identi-



These are some enlargements of the Politano film which the author sent to UFO Update. The photographs show some sort of strange flying object. The film has been analyzed by several experts and their results indicate that the objects are of unearthly origin.

fication in positive terms.

Science has been unwilling to assign the more positive title of "spacecraft." In the accompanying photo you will note five objects which look foreign to this earth. Yet, even superficial scientific examination shows sufficient conclusive evidence to now class these objects as "identified." This positive corroboration was made possible by my viewing the negatives and further evidenced by the expert testimony of Mr. Robert Carothers, Precision Film Graphics and Analysis; Mr. Robert Stevens, Electronics Engineer and former N.I.C.A.P. Investigator and Mr. Don Webb, Project Photographer. Excerpting from the documentation which was produced, I quote:

"The film was placed on the copyboard of a Brown-Admiral camera, backlit with pulsed Xenon lights. The camera is equipped with a 19-inch processed lens. Visual imaging was accomplished using a 6-power magnifying eye loupe, directly in front of the eye focused on the retina. Great detail can be seen using this method. The film examined in this manner is authentic and for the following reasons:

1. The grain structure in the subject and background is consistent.
2. The color, lighting and all shadows match.
3. There are no apparent anomalies in the processing of the original film, nor are there any indications of tampering with the

emulsion."

This type of examination by the photo experts is equal to the computer analysis mentioned above, particularly since the alien spacecraft are operating within an estimated five hundred feet of the camera lens.

As you follow that part which reveals what was viewed on the negative, I'm sure you will agree, the identification becomes positive. The facts surrounding the capture of this documented evidence is hereby offered in record.

The year was 1969, in late spring. It was mid-afternoon, not a cloud in the sky. The Politano family was vacationing by car, near Johnson City, Texas. They were visiting Buchanan Dam, behind which were five adjoining

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finger lakes, the nearest of which was Inks Lake. It was warm, in the upper '70's, and as Politano drove along, he noticed a crop-duster just off the road dusting a field. His Ward's 8mm movie camera loaded with color film was lying on the seat beside him.

On impulse, he decided this would be a good chance for his wife and teenage daughter to stretch their legs and while so doing he could film the crop-duster in operation. He pulled over on the shoulder of the road which presented a slight rise; this he figured would be a good vantage point for filming. Checking the adjustments of the camera, he filmed the two as they got out and stood beside the car. The film then shows he immediately turned and began filming the aircraft. Completely absorbed in tracking the airplane within the camera viewfinder, Politano honestly admits he "saw nothing else." The film records the crop-duster reaching the middle of the field.

At this point, entering the film from the lower right hand side of the frame, and coming towards the camera in an arcing formation are five alien spacecraft!

The attitudes presented by these vehicles clearly indicates they were diving, banking back to the right and then rising fast as they approached the camera. In my estimation these spacecraft are approximately five hundred feet from the camera lens. Beyond them, clearly visible in the background at an estimated fifteen hundred feet, is the Cessna crop-duster. Amazing as it may seem, the formation of five vehicles is recorded in this one sequence, on two frames only. The second frame shows the bottom two vehicles, one in the frame division and one partially positioned in this frame division, leaving the film in the upper right-hand corner! The next frame (the third) shows nothing but the crop-duster. Expert analysis proclaims this possible only at speeds that we are not technically able to accomplish within our dense atmosphere. Based on the film

movement through the camera, the speed was estimated at 3200 mph! This tends to establish a generally unknown fact: surveillance of alien craft was not always observed due to this tremendous speed at ground level.

A few frames later the film shows this same formation of five spacecraft some 1200 feet away, or further, entering the frame from the lower right-hand corner, climbing slightly and arching towards the upper right-hand corner of the frame. The next frame shows no trace!

Just past the middle of the field in one frame, we see the crop-duster and its silhouette on the ground. Just ahead of this silhouette we see another silhouette, oval in shape but nothing on the film to indicate what is making the shadow. In the next three or four frames it has vanished. A few frames further the crop-duster has reached the limits of the field, is gaining altitude and is turning in preparation for returning for another pass. One frame shows the aircraft and at two o'clock from the aircraft, one spacecraft. In the next frame, the spacecraft has completely vanished. The total film, which is approximately thirty inches in length, shows two complete passes being made by the crop-duster.

In further corroboration and establishment of fact, I viewed the 8mm color negative in the first week of May, 1977. I used a jeweler's ten-power magnifying eye loupe. As I adjusted the distance to within a sixteenth of an inch from the negative, it was like looking into another world. Yet, there was the Cessna crop-duster in the center of the film represented on the photograph as a white spot. As I viewed the formation of five spacecraft, the center vehicle was in the best focus. The spacecraft just above was projecting a brilliant shaft of white light on the upper hatch section of this craft. We estimated this to be some type of laser communication.

This shaft of light being projected from the rim of this craft

sharply exposes three portholes. Also visible are concave interlocking plates which made the curve of the upper hatch. The color down toward the mid-line appears from dull aluminum to a light brownish slag effect. Just above the rim are four portholes and continuing around to the left and right, one porthole on either side halfway around. On the same plane, on the right side only is a double housing with lenses. Streamlined, yet ominous looking to say the least, it seems to be some type of electron ray-gun.'

At the lower part of this spacecraft, which is in a single flight attitude, the rim was determined to be a horizontal connecting race. It is my opinion this race connects the upper and lower main body halves in a full flight attitude. Centered in this race is a huge oblong multifaceted lens. Just below, clearly visible, is a flange which shows slightly oblong exhaust or intake ports. Extending from this edge, in the down position, are two retractable docking hooks, positioned one hundred eighty degrees apart. Trailing from the underside, two curving conduit whips appear to be turning in a clockwise motion. These whips are approximately two inches in diameter, twenty feet in length.

Since examining this film, it has been my firm conviction that said film does not need scientific approval, for it is self-corroborating. Yet fate seems to be in complete command. For in the latter part of May, 1977, published in the national newspaper, "Midnight Globe," is a sighting by Bill Pecha of Colusa, California. The date of this sighting was September, 1976.

Accompanying this story was a drawing of a "spacecraft" which was viewed by Pecha from an estimated distance of "fifty feet." This drawing is completely corroborated by the Politano film which was taken in spring of 1969, with seven years intervening! There are minor differences between the film and the drawing, but structurally they are identical! The

exceptions as noted were the several portholes and the two outside lights. Also the multifaceted lens was drawn above the nose, not in the center as viewed on the Politano film. The Pecha drawing concerned a "one hundred and forty foot diameter spacecraft." The Politano film shows an eighteen-foot-diameter spacecraft. Six conduit whips were shown on the Pecha drawing. Two are visible on the Politano film.

After viewing this film many times, it is my considered opinion that this fleet of five spacecraft were fully aware that the camera was recording their flight. In fact, it looks as if they purposely placed themselves within the limits of that which was being filmed.

Several researchers along with myself have considered the effect the objects would have had on the crop-duster. Had the pilot seen these spacecraft anywhere close to his Cessna, he would have taken evasive action and probably crashed. As it was, it looked as though he was completely unaware of their presence.

While compiling the foregoing information studying the Politano film, I received the following report from a credible observer. Because it makes specific reference to a flight characteristic encompassed by the film, I offer it as additional evidence.

One week before Christmas, 1976, a huge cloud was observed in the early evening sunset in the central Florida skies. What was of peculiar interest to the viewer was that there were no other clouds from horizon to horizon. This singular cloud, roughly a half mile in length and normal thickness, disembarked a single alien spacecraft! As this craft descended straight down, seemingly attached to a brilliant shaft of white light, its rate of descent was painfully slow. Just as it reached tree height, it stopped and at this very moment, two more units dropped from the cloud formation above. As they descended in the same manner, minus the shaft of white light, they also slowed and

stopped at tree height.

The cloud formation then revealed three more units descending. This continued by the threes, until a total of twenty-seven spacecraft had disappeared behind the low tree line and were presumed to have landed. As the operation ended, a portion of the cloud moved forward revealing what looked to be the after section of a huge cigar-shaped vehicle. Thereafter, the darkness of the night sky prevailed, all lights were extinguished and lost from view. My research revealed the vicinity in which this took place was reported as early as 1942 as a UFO "hot spot."

Hearing this report in light of my past experiences, I was more than concerned. Immediately by telephone, I notified Air Force General Hartung at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. I then notified NASA officials at Cape Kennedy and also Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. NASA officials at Cape Kennedy indicated their disinterest as did the Air Force represented by Capt. Blair of Patrick Air Force Base. Shortly after these communications and on the same date, I received a telephone call from NASA. They were not inquiring about this particular report, for they had just learned of the Politano film.

NASA officials were very interested in this film. Yet, strange as it may seem, they were not very interested in the verbal report of large numbers of alien spacecraft, on the ground, less than seventy miles from this nation's great missile launch complex, Cape Kennedy.

I notified Chairman Olin Teague of the Science and Technology Committee of the film and the sighting report. After I called his office three different times during a month, he finally responded to my telegram but did not mention the sighting, and I quote:

"Thank you for your recent mailgram discussing a film strip depicting unidentified flying object."

"My recommendation is that you

contact the Department of the Air Force to seek assistance in interpreting the films."

This brings in a point of confusion, for it was my understanding the official Air Force policy was "no involvement with UFO's." It could be that Chairman Teague was not familiar with this ultimatum issued by the Air Force. Yet, I find it hard to believe that it took the resources of this fifty-man committee to direct me to the Air Force facilities.

Because I felt the foregoing information was of such a grave nature, I then called Ohio Senator John Glenn's office. As Glenn is a former astronaut fully familiar with this subject, it was my purpose to place this information in his hands to assure some intelligent followup. After making three telephone calls with no contact, I followed up with a mailgram. To date, no acknowledgement has been received from his office. In further exasperation, I then sent a mailgram to President Jimmy Carter, giving full details. Likewise, no acknowledgement.

Having served in the U.S. Navy for four years during World War II, I am familiar with bureaucratic processes, but I'm afraid my own level of intelligence rejects completely this continued pattern of non-responsive action. If this pattern continues, may I suggest the formation of a 'people's committee,' such as the newly-formed World UFO Data Central of which I am the Project Director. We intend to give special attention to this enigma and hopefully gain a complete understanding of that which could be a part of our destiny. For those of you who care, your response would be a vote of confidence for researchers and observers who work diligently despite unresponsive bureaucracies. There is much work ahead. □

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Despite thousands of UFO reports and landings, not a single piece of tangible evidence has ever been produced that couldn't have been man-made or produced by natural causes. This inescapable fact has been haunting UFO believers for decades. After over 30 years of studies no one has produced nut-and-bolt proof that UFOs are intelligently controlled physical objects.

Since the summer of 1978, however, we've come to the conclusion that physical proof does exist. But through a carefully manipulated government plan, the evidence has been covered up with the aid of highly efficient military retrieval squads.

At least this is the story we get from Leonard Stringfield, author of *Situation Red: The UFO*

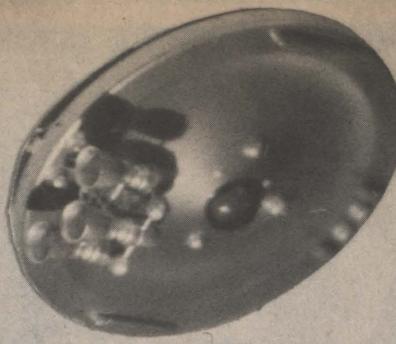
Seige, who lit the fuse when he recapped 22 firsthand reports from military personnel who witnessed immobilized UFOs and the bodies of alien occupants. Stringfield made this announcement during his two hour lecture on July 29, at the Ninth Annual Mutual UFO Network Symposium held at the Dayton Convention Center in Ohio. Stringfield, who worked in cooperation with the Air Defense Command for the U.S. Air Force between 1953-57, said his sources indicated the humanoid bodies have been placed in custody in certain military installations around the country.

These military informants who prefer anonymity for fear of facing fines, jail, or losing their jobs, paint a scary picture of what the Air Force has been doing behind

our backs all these years. Stringfield blames the Federal Government and the Central Intelligence Agency for concealing the truth about UFO retrievals for so long. Government officials are just too embarrassed to admit they have deceived the people for over three decades, he says.

Now, after 31 years of prodigious effort, the extraordinary and sobering proof has finally come to light.

"Retrievals of the third kind," as Stringfield calls them refer to reports involving a UFO that has allegedly crashed and both it and the craft's occupants are retrieved by military personnel dispatched to the site. With this in mind, Stringfield discusses a number of interesting encounters, several of which deserve attention



THE SPACE MEN AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON

The Colonel reported that both he, and his fellow pilot, had the object locked on their radar until it disappeared

His first abstract describes a metallic disc that crashed in the desert region of northern Mexico in 1948, and was retrieved by U.S. military units. UFO researcher Todd Zeckel, formerly with the National Security Agency, tracked down a provost marshal at Carswell Air Force Base who was assigned to cordon off the crash site. Through interviews with the former provost marshal, it was determined that a disc, 90 feet in diameter, crashed about 30 miles inside the Mexican border across from Laredo, Texas. Inside the disc was one dead occupant, four-and-one-half feet tall, and hairless. Its hands had no thumbs. Zeckel located another witness to this episode who was an Air Force colonel at the time, who saw the UFO in flight while flying an F-94

fighter out of Dias Air Force Base. The colonel reported that radar locked in on the object until it disappeared below radar some 30 miles across the Mexican border from Laredo. When he got back to the base, he and his fellow pilot took off in a small plane to where the UFO was last reported and discovered military troops were already at the scene. The craft was covered with a canopy. The object was loaded onto military trucks. Witnesses to these events were sworn to secrecy.

In another episode, Springfield pieces together the route of a crashed UFO after its apprehension by military authorities in 1952 to its eventual destination at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. The initial report came from a radar specialist at Edwards

Air Force Base who watched an unidentified craft appear on his radar screen. He discovered it was confirmed that a metallic disc, 50 feet in diameter, with a row of windows across its center, crashed in the desert. Dead humanoid bodies, approximately four-and-a-half feet tall, were retrieved. According to the specialist, the damaged craft was momentarily stored at Edwards AFB before being moved by truck to Wright-Patterson AFB. The quartermaster at Godman Field, Kentucky, reported that a large army vehicle under heavy guard made a night stop there. Word was the cargo was the remains of a crashed UFO.

Driving near Wright-Patterson AFB during the same time period, a couple from Circleville, Ohio, *please turn page*



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Leonard Stringfield, well known ufologist and author of "Situation Red: The UFO Seige."

experienced a traffic tie-up because a low-boy military vehicle was heading into the base while escorted by a military police motorcade. Additional support for this sequence of events comes from the guard at the receiving gate for internal security at Wright-Patterson AFB. In 1952 he witnessed a low-boy military vehicle hauling a tarpaulin-covered craft on to the base. He also indicated he saw deceased bodies, packed in crates, that were retrieved from a UFO that crashed somewhere in the Southwest.

1953 was another big year for crashed UFOs. Fritz Werner (name assumed) signed an affidavit dated June 7, 1973, that while on assignment for the U.S. Air Force on May 21, 1953, he investigated a crashed disc in the vicinity of Kingman, Arizona. The oval-shaped craft was aluminum colored and about 30 feet in diameter. Remains of one dead occupant, about four feet tall, clad in a silvery, metallic suit, were found in the craft. The occupant wore no headgear. Raymond E. Fowler of Massachusetts, who presently serves as the Investigations Director for the Mutual UFO

Network, personally investigated this case, and was present at the signing of the affidavit. Werner's reputation does not seem to be in question. Fowler reports Werner held several engineering and managerial positions from June 1949 to January 1960, while he was stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB. At the time of the incident, Werner was assigned to the Atomic Energy Commission at the proving grounds in Nevada.

Two more interesting cases noted by Stringfield came from Charles Wilhelm, Director of the Ohio UFO Investigators League in Cincinnati, who received accounts from two informants who confessed to being involved in a UFO crash cover-up shortly before they died. The first case comes from Mrs. G., who worked in the Foreign Materials Division at Wright-Patterson AFB in the 1940s and the 1950s. As she was slowly dying of cancer, in 1955 she was assigned the job of cataloging incoming UFO material. She processed nearly 1000 items. Several which were tagged and photographed included parts from the interior of a recovered UFO. At one point, Mrs. G. witnessed two

dead humanoid bodies, preserved in chemicals, being moved by cart from one room to another. She described the beings as four to five feet tall, with disproportionately large heads and slanted eyes.

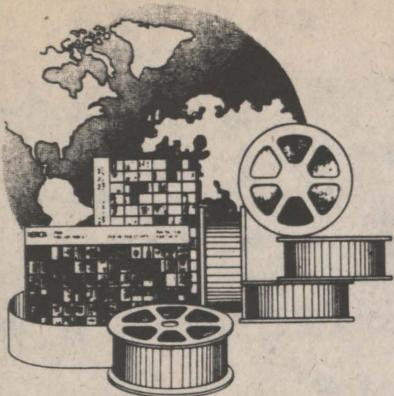
A similar situation appears in the second case involving a man who was head of military security at Wright-Patterson in 1953. The man, on his deathbed, told his son that he saw two disc-shaped UFOs brought to the base. He also relates that four dead occupants packed in dry ice were delivered. They were four to five feet tall with large heads and slanted eyes.

Two final accounts Stringfield mentions involve skirmishes with alien occupants where violence apparently overshadowed the meeting. The results were death or injury to both humans and aliens.

The first case took place in a desert region of Arizona where military personnel were performing maneuvers. A unit discovered a group of alien beings near a landed craft. Quite a struggle followed. Members of the unit tried to capture the aliens, one of which they got their hands on, but

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**The men watched as the
UFO hovered there motionless.**

THE U.S.S. ROOSEVELT UFO ENCOUNTER!

A large black and white photograph occupies the left two-thirds of the page, showing an aerial view of an aircraft carrier at sea. The ship's deck is visible with several aircraft parked on it. The ocean extends to the horizon under a clear sky.

BY RAYMOND YELLIN

The Bermuda Triangle—that section of water in the Western Atlantic off the southeast coast of the United States, has been held accountable for the mysterious disappearances of more than 100 airplanes and ships which have literally, through the years, vanished off the face of the earth.

What's more, more than 1,000 lives have been lost in this few-mile-long zone of terror situated between Florida, Puerto Rico and the Bahamas, with never a trace of bodies or debris turning up.

According to many scientific opinions, the fact that the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt did not fall victim to the bizarre forces at work in this area, was simply a sheer stroke of good fortune—a weird coincidence.

For, in late 1958, not only was the CVA-42 attack carrier on a shakedown cruise in waters bordering the Triangle between Florida and Cuba—but many of those who were on board maintain to this day that their ship was being plagued by a host of unaccountable elements.

One of those men was Clyde W. Hornsby, Radar Division III, who was stationed aboard the craft

from July, 1958 through 1960. During the time he spent on the ship, he said many incidents occurred which were *unexplainable*.

Operating the carrier's surface radar during the fall of 1958, Hornsby tracked a large object which he said approached the ship to within approximately 2,000 yards. "It looked about the size of a 200-foot beam," Hornsby said.

Since it hovered above the water, Hornsby knew it wasn't another ship, he brought out in an interview with a national UFO organization. Hornsby said he tracked the UFO for hours, but his superiors insisted that the radio was malfunctioning.

A seaman aboard the carrier during September, 1958, came forward and told this publication that he was just below the east flight deck when he spotted what he thought at first to be a helicopter hovering just above the water approximately 1500 yards away from the ship.

"I grabbed a nearby pair of binoculars and tried to scan it," said Richard B. Moran, today an insurance executive living in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. "What I

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If we study some old maps carefully, we will find that scientists are deceiving us.



WHY SCIENTISTS FEAR VON DANIKEN'S ANCIENT ASTRONAUTS

BY MICHAEL COHEN

For the past several years, Erich von Daniken, author of *Chariots Of The Gods?* and other controversial books, has been attacked in the media by college professors and scientists. Mr Von Daniken believes that advanced beings from other planets came to earth many thousands of years ago and used their technology, and superior abilities, to encourage the rise of civilizations on our planet.

When they appear on television and radio shows, some members of the academic establishment claim that Mr Von Daniken's theories have no validity because he does not hold proper academic credentials such as a Doctor of Philosophy Degree (Ph. D.) and his arrest for fraud in Switzerland shows he cannot be trusted to tell the truth. These professionals also accuse him of trying to make a lot of money with his books.

It is true that this famous author has a minor criminal record and has made a good deal of money from his books. However, the real reason why professors and scientists attack him is because there is vast corruption in the academic world, and his theories about ancient astronauts are threatening to expose this criminal activity.

The members of the academic establishment live very well in our

society. The average professor could be making over \$30,000 a year teaching six to twelve hours per week, thirty weeks per year. In doing their research projects they have access to billions of dollars of our tax money. Besides these financial benefits, they have the tremendous prestige of having a Doctor of Philosophy Degree.

People with these degrees control almost every aspect of life in this country from their high positions in the universities, government, and industry. Any author or fellow professor such as Imanuel Velikovsky or Wilhelm Reich who becomes a threat to this billion dollar system is immediately attacked and slandered. Erich Von Daniken is now the prime target of the academic establishment.

The main theme in his books is that there are vast ruins all over the earth, such as the pyramids in Egypt and Mexico, which required an advanced technology to build. In *Gold Of The Gods*, Mr. Von Daniken claimed that he found the actual records left by ancient astronauts in caves in South America.

Of course, the professors claim that such records cannot exist because civilization began 6,000 years ago in the Middle East, and modern technology and science is

a product of honest research and accidental discoveries. Therefore, they believe that Erich Von Daniken must be lying about this incredible discovery. If the inner workings of the academic system are carefully analyzed, it is possible to see that the real liars are not this popular writer and other people in the *unknown sciences*, but the college professors and scientists themselves.

The basis of the academic system is the Doctor of Philosophy Degree (Ph. D.). The legal definition of such a degree is that a scholar, working and studying for a number of years, discovers something which has never been seen or written about since the earth was created billions of years ago. This "original discovery" is recorded in a doctoral dissertation, the main requirement for a Doctor of Philosophy Degree.

In doing his original research it is assumed by college undergraduates and the general public that this scholar did not plagiarize, that is, take ideas or writings from another and offer them as one's own. Plagiarism is considered to be one of the worst sins in the academic community. In every college classroom professors always warn their students about plagiarizing their term papers. Plagiarizing in a doctoral disserta-



tion is a violation of most local and state laws.

Mr. Von Daniken's discussion of ancient maps in *Chariot Of The Gods?* raises grave questions about the academic standards in the universities and colleges in North America and Europe. His evidence definitely indicates that nearly all doctoral dissertations could have been plagiarized from ancient records of advanced civilizations thousands, perhaps millions, of years old.

During the 16th and 17th centuries world maps were produced in Europe which show that the members of the academic establishment are very well aware of the ancient records found in that South American cave. Four hundred years ago the European countries decided to conquer the world, and explorers were sent out to discover new lands to plunder. The history professors claim that these early explorers were honest and courageous men who accidentally discovered the continents. These same professors forget to tell the public that these explorers were given maps of the land areas they were to discover, and the geographical features such as rivers and mountains were named on these maps before these courageous men left port.

By examining several of these world maps it is possible to see how professors and scientists have for the past 2,400 years plagiarized their "original discoveries" and "original research." It is also possible to see the utter contempt the members of the academic establishment have for the general public.

In 1531 a French geographer named Oronce Fine published a double polar projection world map which showed some very unusual features. On the Southern hemisphere projection, the entire continent of Antarctica was illustrated along with the southern parts of Africa and South America. Antarctica, however, should not be on a map published in 1531 because the professors claim that it was discovered by an Englishman, Edward Bransfield, on January 30, 1820!

Since Antarctica was on a map published 289 years before the official discovery of the continent, it's possible to question the claims of the following explorers: Edward Bransfield; Nathaniel B. Palmer, an American sealer who claimed to have discovered Antarctica in 1820; James Weddel and James Clark Ross, the men who claimed to have discovered the seas that bear their names; and Charles Wilkes, the American who claimed

that Antarctica was a complete continent in 1840. Apparently, these men were using maps made hundreds of years before they were born.

Is it possible that these explorers did not see Antarctica on a map before they made their claims? Since there were many hundreds of maps published in the 1500s which showed the continent, the odds were very good that they knew of its existence. These maps had wide circulation in Europe and they can be found today in many university and graduate research libraries. Here are some of the authors of these Antarctic maps and the dates of publication: Piri Reis, 1513; Schöner, 1520; Mercator, 1538 and 1569; Cimerlinus, 1566; Ortelius, 1570; Bertelli, 1571; Sir Humphery Gilbert, 1576; Sir Francis Drake, 1590; Wytfiliet, 1597 and Linschoten, 1598. An original of Gerard Mercator's 1538 double polar projection of the world, which is similar to Fine's 1531 map, can be seen in the main branch of the New York Public Library.

Although Antarctica appeared on maps nearly 300 years before the 19th century explorers reached it, the history and geography professors have consistently backed the claims of these men. In

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books dealing with Antarctic history the professors say that the 16th century geographers were lucky when they drew the exact contours of a continent they had never seen. Using the same logic, the U.S. wasted billions of dollars sending space probes to photograph the moon and the planets. Our astronomers should have been able to draw the exact features of these space bodies by using the same scientific guessing methods that the 16th century scholars developed.

Part of Antarctica appears on the famous Piri Reis map of 1513. In *Chariots of the Gods?* and *In Search Of The Gods*, Mr. Von Daniken analyzed this map but did not discuss its political implications. After being lost hundreds of years, this map was rediscovered in 1929 in a Turkish library. It soon became very controversial because Admiral Piri Reis of the Turkish Navy wrote on the map that he received it from a slave who once sailed with Christopher Columbus. He claimed that Columbus, whom he refers to as a "Genoese infidel," used this map to discover America and the original source map came from the days of Alexander the Great.

The 16th century Europeans claimed that they had a legal right to own America because Columbus discovered it. If Columbus and other early explorers were using maps drawn by ancient civilizations to make their discoveries, then their legal claim becomes meaningless.

The U.S. Government became very concerned about the Piri Reis map because of these political implications and sent some State Department experts to Turkey in 1932 to verify it. They could not prove it was a forgery. However, this discovery did not stop history professors, such as Harvard University's Samuel Eliot Morison, to write more books and present additional doctoral dissertations praising the courage of Columbus.

The existence of Antarctica on

these 16th century maps shows that recent history has not only been distorted, but many events of ancient times have also been changed. The academic establishment believes that civilization began 6,000 years ago. The following geological evidence, however, shows that those 400-year-old maps were reproduced from sources thousands of years old.

There are two important differences between Antarctica as it is shown on the Fine map and the present day version of the continent. The first major difference is that the Ross, Filchner and Amery Ice Shelves are missing on this map. Instead of ice covering the continent, the map shows mountain ranges, open seas and flowing rivers. It is very unusual to have these features on a 16th century map because the outline of the ice shelves and mountain ranges were not officially discovered until the late 1950s when the devices of modern technology allowed scientists to penetrate the 13,000 feet of ice which covers the continent.

According to the geologists, it took more than 20,000,000 years for enough snow to fall in order to deposit the millions of cubic miles of ice which covers the continent. This fact was not discovered until 1973 when scientists drilled to the bottom of the ice cover (see the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 1974).

Since the Fine and the other 16th century maps do not show ice on Antarctica, it is possible to assume that these maps were based on source maps at least 20,000,000 years old. There is other geological evidence which indicates that the original source maps could be *hundreds of millions of years old*.

In 1968, geologist Peter J. Barrett proved that Antarctica once had a tropical climate when he found the fossil of a labyrinthodont, a 200-million-year old tropical amphibian on an Antarctic mountain. The 16th century

geographers also knew that the Antarctic once had a tropical climate because they labelled the continent "Terra del fuego," or the land of fire, on many of their maps such as Mercator's 1569 *Chart of the World*, and they painted Antarctica dark brown or green instead of white. This find also indicated Antarctica was once attached to other land masses because fossils of the same animals were found in South America and Africa.

Several months after Barrett's discovery the research ship *Glo-mar Challenger*, under a \$12.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation, left on an expedition to prove that the continents tend to drift apart. After drilling many holes in the ocean floor, they announced in January 1970 that they had absolute proof that the continents were once joined together. There are indications, however, that the 16th century geographers also had evidence supporting the continental drift theory.

On the Fine and other 400-year-old maps, the tip of South America nearly touches the missing Amery Ice Shelf. On our modern maps, the Amery Ice Shelf is more than 3,700 miles away from the bottom of South America, and the continent has rotated nearly 150 degrees into the Antarctic Ocean. Since the discovery of the labyrinthodont proved that Antarctica was once attached to other continents, it is possible that the source maps used in the 16th century were *200 million years old*.

It is difficult to believe that somebody was making detailed maps of Antarctica 200 million years ago. The anthropologists and archaeologists claim that there is no evidence of any intelligent cultures existing on earth at that time. However, the *Encyclopedia Britannica* states that the highly accurate Mayan Calendar describes events which took place 400 million years ago. The Hindu

literature also describes events which took place many millions of years ago. The ancient maps showing Antarctica prove that such civilizations not only existed, but they left records which were misused by the 16th century geographers.

How accurate are the 16th century Antarctica maps? In the book *Chariot Of The Gods?*, Von Daniken relates that they could have been based on "photographs" taken from space. The Piri Reis map, for example, was based on a Azimuthal Equidistant Projection centered near Cairo, Egypt. Such a projection is usually used in air navigation.

On the basis of this evidence it is highly possible that the original idea for the continental drift theory, first postulated in 1912, came from the study of these ancient maps. Several magazine articles prove that the geologists have been plagiarizing the continental drift theory from these ancient sources. A map illustrating continental drift in the April 6 issue of *Saturday Review* and the January 30, 1970 issue of *Life Magazine* showed that Antarctica was attached to the tip of South America. The October 1970 issue of *Scientific American* has several maps showing Antarctica moving away from the tip of South America and rotating into the Antarctic Ocean. This highly-rated magazine claimed that the continent took more than 150 million years to move into its present position.

Antarctica is not the only problem on the Fine map. On the Northern Hemisphere Projection, Hudson Bay is easily identified. Is it possible that Henry Hudson, the man who discovered the Hudson River in 1609 and Hudson Bay in 1610, ever saw this 1531 map? Why have historians given credit to this explorer when this large body of water was illustrated on maps before he was born?

Another big problem on the northern part of this map is that



Erich von Daniken, author of
"Chariots of the Gods?" and
"Gods From Outer Space".

It seems that von Daniken's theories are threatening to expose the vast amount of corruption in the academic world

Greenland is attached to the east coast of Canada without its 8,000 feet of ice cover. There are scholars who would say that this was a simple mistake made at a time when the world was not fully explored. However, geologists discovered that Greenland was attached to the Canadian Shelf millions of years ago. A map on continental drift in the October 1970 issue of *Scientific American* shows this large island attached to Canada 65 million years ago. Apparently, the geologists must be using the Fine and other ancient sources in order to make their great discoveries.

A third unusual feature on this part of the map is that North America and Siberia are joined together. This is the famous "Siberian Land Bridge" that the Indians were supposed to have crossed 20,000 years ago in order to reach North America. It seems that the 16th century geographers knew about this famous land link 400 years before we were officially told about its existence. According to the plagiarizing geologists, this shelf between Siberia and North America was above water 12,000 years ago.

There are many copies of other ancient maps which show why geologists warned about the possibility of California separating into the Pacific Ocean. Over 100 maps published in the 16th century showed California, Oregon and Washington State as an island in the Pacific Ocean, and it is named *The Island of California*.

It is doubtful that these maps were drawn by the first explorers to the West Coast. As early as 1540 Hernando de Alarcon sailed up the Gulf of California and explored the lower course of the Colorado River, and Francisco Vasquez de Coronado explored the Southwest as far as Kansas. Although these men did not record the existence of any large island, later explorers were ordered by European governments to continue searching for this

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"These records came from ancient astronauts..."

fabled island. It seems that the geographers who rendered these maps didn't know they were copying from sources 110 million years old, and that the world has changed.

The island shown on these maps is split off from the mainland at the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountain Ranges. If we can believe the geologists, these mountains were formed at the end of the Jurassic Period or 110 million years ago when there was a tremendous upheaval in the Southwest called the Nevadian Revolution. This upheaval could have been caused when this island became part of the mainland.

Geologists were using these old maps when they drew a continental drift map in the October, 1970 issue of *Scientific American* showing California as an island. The scientists claim that after California breaks away from the mainland, it will move north into the Aleutian Trench.

Since these maps have tremendous implications for the academic community, a person should question the validity of this historical material. By spending a few hours in a large public library or a rare book store, it's possible to verify the authenticity of these ancient maps, especially the Mercator Double Projection of 1538. This map is praised in the geography and history books because it is the first one to name North and South America. At the same time, it's possible to question the claims of many explorers, historians, geographers, anthropologists, and geologists who have plagiarized information from these maps in order to enhance their own reputations.

Since these professional people are misusing records from million-year-old civilizations, it is quite understandable why these scholars have constantly ridiculed Mr. Von Daniken and other such authors. If the public learned that such civilizations have left records which are being used by the

academic community for their own interests, the positions of these scholars would be seriously threatened.

Under these circumstances, the scientists have gone to a lot of trouble to limit the circulation of these 16th century maps. Most of the original maps are in special graduate research libraries in Europe and North America.

When students enter college they are told by their professors that academic freedom is the most important rule on campus, and they are warned never to plagiarize their term papers. The undergraduates, however, do not realize that their professors do not believe in academic freedom when it comes to their research libraries. Since these scholars have been plagiarizing their original ideas from ancient records, they do not want their students or the general public to learn the true nature of the academic system.

These libraries are restricted for the use of Ph.D. students and their professors. One of the largest research libraries in North America is the Pierpont Morgan in New York City. In order to use these libraries, a person has to obtain a security clearance, which includes the following requirements:

1. It is necessary to be a doctoral candidate or a professor.
2. You must have the signed permission from a college department chairman.
3. Be investigated by the security division which is attached to the library.

The librarians in these institutions claim that these security clearances are necessary because there are valuable books and maps on file and they are afraid of being robbed. It is interesting that the general public is allowed into rare book stores which also contain valuable items without security clearances. In many cases, people are allowed to handle 300 and 400-year-old maps and books by the store owners. The librarians are not afraid that a person might

steal or destroy something, but that a non-member might uncover some of the fraudulent practices which are being conducted. At any rate, it is impossible for the public or undergraduates to verify the original research in a Ph. D. dissertation based on studies in these institutions.

In order to understand the history of the present academic system, it is necessary to study the origins of the source materials and how they have been misused for the past 2,400 years. According to Erich Von Daniken, these ancient records came from ancient astronauts. Atlantis could have been founded by these aliens.

In 400 B.C.E. the Greek philosopher Plato wrote in his famous dialogues that Egyptian priests knew about the Atlantean civilization. These priests claimed that the Atlanteans conquered most of the Mediterranean people, including the Egyptians, before their continent sank into the Atlantic Ocean in 10,000 B.C.E. Ruins were discovered in 1968 off Bimini Island and a picture of the underwater walls can be found in the January 1970 issue of *The New York Times*. Also this paper published a story on August 16, 1970 claiming that the famous research ship, the Glomar Challenger, found part of a massive continental fragment on the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean which the geologists believe was part of Atlantis. In spite of this evidence, the historians and archaeologists are still trying to prove that Atlantis was a small island off the coast of Greece.

The records left by these Atlantean conquerors could have helped the Egyptians to develop their civilization. There are many mysteries about ancient Egypt which the professors are still trying to solve, and Von Daniken reviews the advanced nature of Egyptian technology and science in his books.

In 332 B.C.E. Alexander the Great conquered Egypt and built the city of Alexandria on the

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This map clearly shows "the island of California" and it represent the present state of California as it appeared millions of years ago. Geologists have predicted that this part of North America will break away from the mainland and form a separate island.

BY VINCENT BARNES

I'm sure that no one who saw this UFO will deny their eyes, nor their memory. They'll never forget it; I know because I was there. I'm an executive for an American oil company and was in Kuwait, a 6,532 square mile country in the Middle East, on business.

I had driven out to one of the oil fields owned by my firm which is approximately 90 miles from the nation's capital, Umm Alais. I had made the little trip many, many times before. This time, I had some papers to give to the head technician, requiring his signature.

It was just as I was driving up to the main building when I first saw the strange aircraft. As I watched it descend, several others, including some American employees, stopped to watch the fascinating and awesome sight.

God, it was bigger than a 747—maybe twice the size—and round. It was a very bright silver in color, with a huge dome on top, and flashing red lights.

I just stood there gawking, my mouth wide open, not knowing what was happening. The strange craft had no wings and no visible surface controls. At least none that I could see. Immediately, everybody that at first had gathered in bewilderment, now started running from the object. I ducked down behind a low cement wall which leads to the base's communications system.

I don't mind admitting I was scared. But there's something I'm good at—controlling my emotions, my fears included. And that's what I did. I popped my head over the wall to see what was going on.

Most of the workers were out of sight, and all I was able to make out were several men in the distance running away from the thing which had actually touched down.

The dome of this object turned, or should I say rotated, and as it did so, a window came into view. Protruding from this window was a large tube. I figured it was some sort of weapon (from knowledge of the many sci-fi films I'd seen

in my time) and it was pointing straight at me. I crawled away and managed to get myself into the communications building.

I turned to some fellow who was seated at a desk, his face glued to the company's communication board, obviously trying to contact someone on the radio. His eyes looked downcast as he turned toward me. "It's useless. There's just no juice. Everything's simply gone dead."

Suddenly, a brilliant blue light filled the entire room. It was so bright that we all had to close our eyes and raise our hands over our faces.

Curiosity is my middle name, I must say here and now. Even as a kid, when the other fellows and I would walk home from school and pass a ladder, which would be standing beside a building, they'd scowl and quiver and walk around it. I never did. I'd just walked under it. Just to see what would happen. *Nothing ever did.*

With that same curiosity, I walked over to the door and pulled it open. That blue light was coming from the tube which was sticking out from the little window in its dome. That light was aimed straight at me. There was no time to duck. I simply spotted it too late. I felt a strange feeling come over me as the light hit me, bathing me, making my whole body feel weak, my head spinning, arms and legs heavy, my eyes drowsy.

The dome then started to turn. I was able to make that out. Or, rather, it opened up, as it turned, to reveal an inner dome made of something transparent. I couldn't make out what. And then I saw the figures. They looked human, and at the same time they looked alien. They just waved to me, at least in my drowsy condition that's what it seemed like. And so, in somewhat of a drunken stupor, I waved back.

All of a sudden the place where I stood started to rise and make some sort of humming noise, but one I'd never heard before. It almost sounded musical.

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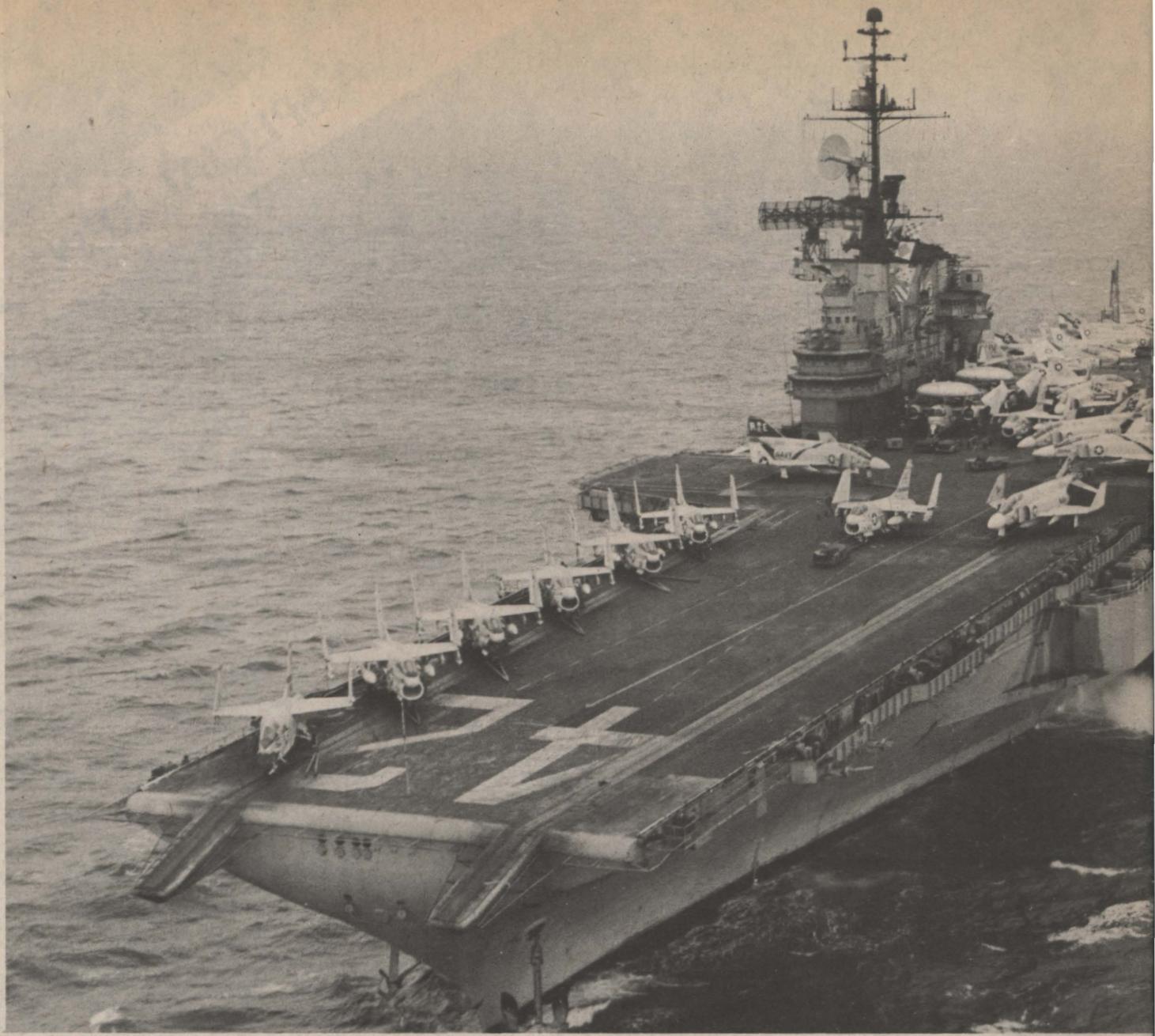




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TERROR IN KUWAIT



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was able to make out through the twin scopes was a silvery object which pulsated red and green lights, the green from it's top and the red from the UFO's under belly. It hovered there, doing nothing, as if watching us. And then it took off, straight up, and disappeared from sight."

In fact, being investigated and questioned are at least 25 eye-witnesses who, while in the U.S. Navy, served on board the Roosevelt.

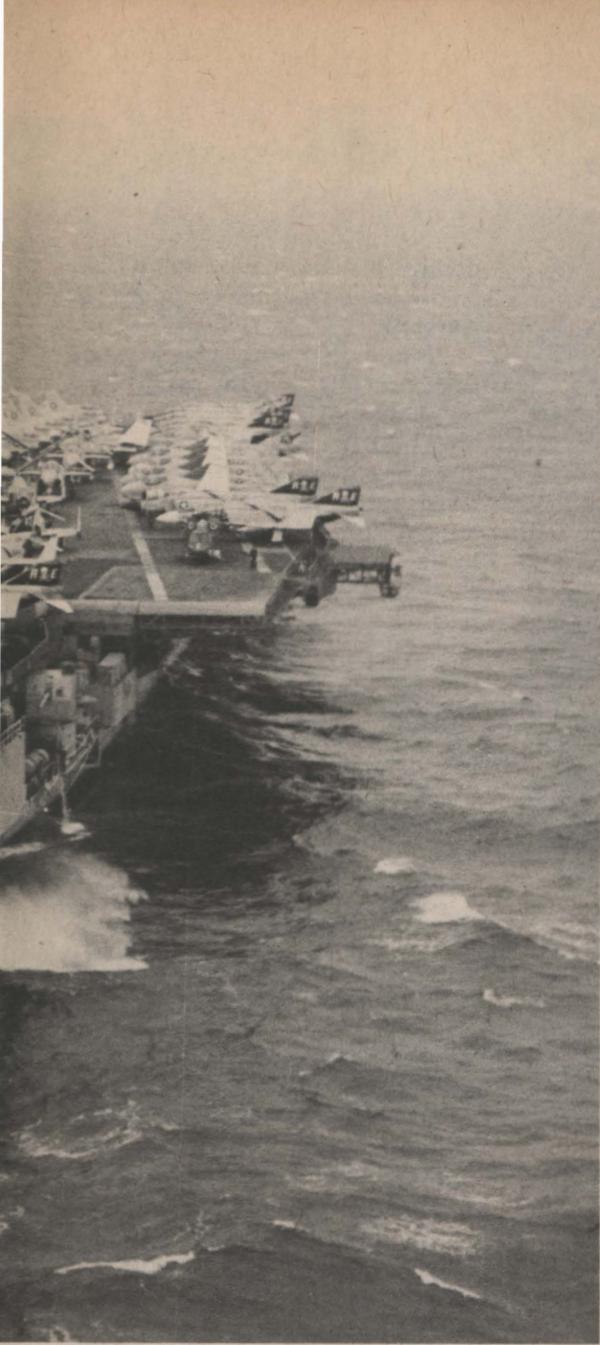
A series of new developments confirm that not only were UFOs seen in the vicinity of the ship in 1958, but as far back as 1952. APRC,(Air Phenomenal Research

Center) while checking into the Roosevelt sightings, writes, "We have run across numerous UFO reports which have occurred on this particular aircraft carrier. One of which we think occurred in 1952, on September 20, when a saucer was observed and photographed by the crew. The craft, at the time, was with the NATO maneuvers in the English Channel, when a disk, traveling at a tremendous speed, overtook the ship from behind and shot off in the distance."

Another who remembers is Mark W. Cabrandger, today a San Francisco restauranteur, but during the last half of 1958, served on

board the U.S.S. Roosevelt.

Cabrandger said, "I was off duty and standing at the port railheads. It was about 1600 hours (4PM) when suddenly, from approximately 1200 yards away, a silvery object with red and green flashing lights, on it's top and undercarriage, just seemed to appear out of nowhere. It hovered just over the surface of the water. I swear it was watching us. The object resembled some sort of a beam, which I'd say was somewhere around 200-or-so feet long. Suddenly, it just took off, straight up and disappeared from sight. I didn't mention to anyone what I had seen until now..."



The chief radar operator aboard the U.S.S. Roosevelt tracked a large object which he said followed the ship to within 2,000 yards. He further claimed that the object was over 200 feet long and hovered just above the water line.

At the time of the UFO encounter the U.S.S. Roosevelt was on a shake-down cruise in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean which has come to be labeled the Bermuda Triangle

One of those who observed the UFO in late 1958, Mr. Chester C. Grusinski, said that after the sighting, a lot of Navy brass came aboard the ship, including the Naval Operations Chief, Admiral Arleigh Burke, whose office failed to turn up any mention of the incident in the ship's log.

In any event, Grusinski submitted to PUFOI a list of all of the men who served aboard the Franklin D. Roosevelt during the period from 1958-'59. The list, taken from a cruise book, contains some 3000 names, ranks and home towns of all the men who served on the attack carrier during the time of the sighting. These

men are being asked to come forward.

A multitude of UFO researchers who are familiar with the Franklin D. Roosevelt case, maintain that Hornsby's radar was in perfect working order, and that what Moran and Cabrandger had seen that day had indeed been a UFO—probably one of many responsible for the odd occurrences within the Triangle area for hundreds of years. Many even go so far as to say that extraterrestrial UFOs are indeed responsible for kidnapping our ships and planes off the coast of Florida, as well as all sorts of anomalies which to this day takes place

within the Triangle, or *Hoodoo Sea*.

Author, explorer and oceanographer Jim Thorne believes that a good portion of the disappearances in the Bermuda Triangle can be logically explained "by a series of violent natural phenomena", although he admits having not one—but four—UFO sightings while sailing off the coast of Florida not long ago.

Thorne said, "I'm not saying that they were vehicles from outer space, but I do state unequivocally that what we saw were unidentified objects capable of great speeds and maneuverability."

Thorne is credited with discov-

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"It was a real strange sight..."

eries of the oldest marine archaeological find in history off the Greek Island of Melos.

According to Charles Berlitz, author of *The Bermuda Triangle* and *Without A Trace*, the Navy doesn't take official cognizance of it, but they have issued a directive to have training flights on the other side of Florida because too many planes and ships were being lost in the Triangle.

Berlitz mentioned that, "Private airline companies say it doesn't exist, but they fly around it when possible. Generally, commercial pilots appreciate the danger the most. They know that something is amiss in the area. Their instruments have a habit of not functioning so they try to fly around it."

He brought out that there are many strange things which have occurred in the area over the course of years. There was one National flight that came into Miami Airport, and as it was being tracked on radar, it disappeared for 10 minutes. The ground crew went berserk thinking the plane had crashed. But then it came back on radar.

"They were sort of kidding the pilot when he landed, saying, 'Is it true that we're out of contact for ten minutes?' The pilot looked at his watch, and then the co-pilot looked at his, and both were ten minutes slow. The chronometer on board the National jet was also ten minutes slow, and every single person on the airplane had lost ten minutes on his or her watch.

"So, there is some twisting of time that happens, in addition to a lot of other peculiar things."

Time was a factor that prompted one officer, a former Lieutenant (jg) to come forward with an account of a time loss he had suffered along with four other officers who had served aboard the Roosevelt in late 1948.

The man in question, because of his present political affiliations, has asked this publication not to

divulge his name, only that he was an officer at the time on board the warship.

"I had the duty watch along with two other junior grade lieutenants and an ensign at 1600 hours on the afternoon when the strange object was approximately 1,500 yards off our starboard. I joined them at the railing and we looked through our field glasses at this huge silvery disc hovering just over the waterline. It looked metallic and was shaped much like a huge beam. It just sat there above the water giving off these crazy lights—one red and the other green. They seemed to be pulsating. And then in a flash, it was gone. It moved straight up and just vanished from our field of vision.

"We reported it over the radio to the Captain's bridge, and before we knew it, it was pandemonium on deck. But by the time the exec, Commander Charles L. Burbage, came over, the thing was gone.

"Later, the three other officers and myself reported that we'd lost approximately six hours on our watches... Our timepieces read 10:30 AM rather than 4:30 PM, which was half-an-hour after we had spotted the UFO."

The officer interviewed reported that he'd heard later that several other seamen who'd spotted the disc also lost the same amount of time on their watches.

Just what did a UFO want with the U.S.S. Roosevelt? Perhaps this question will never be answered, but in any event, there are many who feel that because of the Roosevelt sightings, UFOs do pose a threat to our national security.

Still others go a step further, speculating that the first step before attacking is to discover the enemy's military strengths and weaknesses.

How many other warships, military bases, missile sights, and various munition locations are alien intelligences tracking? □



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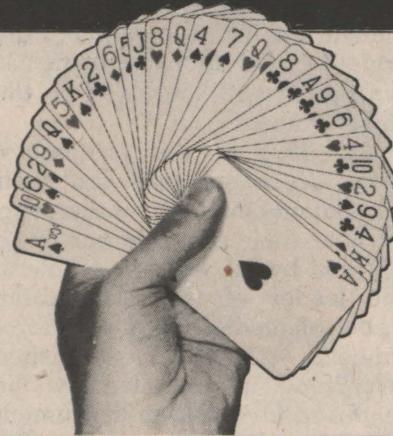
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mouth of the Nile River. A museum and a library were built in this city which was to become the greatest intellectual and cultural center of ancient times. The contents of the museum is still a mystery, but it is known that the library contained almost one million volumes taken from Egyptian and other libraries from every known nation of the ancient world.

The maps showing an unglaciated Antarctica were among the documents in this large collection. In *Maps of the Ancient Sea Kings*, geography professor Charles H. Hapgood proves that these 16th century maps were based on projections centered on the city of Alexandria. This book, which is quoted in *Chariots of the Gods?*, was apparently written for the exclusive use of the members of the academic establishment because very few copies of this book can be found in the public libraries, while most research libraries keep it on file. Professor Hapgood shows future college professors and scientists how to interpret many of these 16th century maps.

The Egyptians did have a very good knowledge of world geography, especially North America. According to Plato's writings in the *Timaeus*, the Egyptian priests said that "...the surrounding land may be most truly called a vast boundless continent" on the other side of Atlantis. Columbus could have used the *Timaeus* to convince King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella to finance his expedition. The history professors, trying to protect the image of Columbus, claim that the "boundless continent" was China and not North America. They would like the public to believe that the Egyptians did not understand simple geographical concepts. For a good review of this controversy, see *Atlantis: The Antediluvian World* (1882) by Congressman and Presidential candidate Ignatius Donnelly.

After the Alexandrian Library

and Museum were completed, nearly 100 Greek scholars and scientists were brought there to do "original research" and make "original discoveries" in these facilities. These men were fully supported by the government, and their contributions laid the foundations for western science and culture. The corruption in the academic community begins at this period and continued to the present time.

According to the professors, these Greek scholars and their descendants made great discoveries, and their example has been followed by all western scholars. The leader of the Alexandrian school of medical science, Herophilus (c. 300 B.C.E.), established that blood is propelled by the heart and invented an instrument to measure pulse beats. He also discovered the functions of the spinal cord, nerves and brain. Other Greek physicians cured or relieved sickness by new drugs, including opium, and by dieting, cold baths and exercise.

In the field of astronomy, Aristarchus (350 B.C.E.) wrote on the size and distance of the sun and the moon from the earth, and believed that the earth orbited around the sun, 1,800 years before Galileo and Copernicus. Eratosthenes (276-196 B.C.E.) measured the mean motions of the sun and the moon.

There were many "discoveries" made in the field of physics. Archimedes (287-212 B.C.E.) invented the windlass, the compound pulley, and the endless screw to serve as a water pump. Other Greek physicists are credited with inventing the water mill, the water organ, discovering the principles of compressed air, and used steam for motive power.

Although the many history and science professors praise the accomplishments of these ancient Greeks, the library science professors claim that the academic establishment does not know what information was contained in

the nearly one million volumes in the library in ancient Alexandria. While these professional people state that these ancient scholars were not plagiarizing from the unknown Egyptian texts, they do criticize the few Greeks who copied certain Egyptian "pseudo" sciences such as astrology, and alchemy. Of course, the present academic system could not exist today if the professors admitted that the Alexandrian scholars were stealing all of their discoveries from the ancient records.

In the first five centuries after the birth of Christ, the Romans controlled the Alexandrian Library and there were reports that Caesar shipped many of its books back to Rome. The professors claim that most of the books in the library were destroyed when the Moslems conquered the city in 641 C.E., and none survived. The mystery about the entire matter is what happened to the records which were shipped back to Rome?

It is highly possible that these ancient volumes are in the Egyptian manuscript section of the Vatican Library. This library requires top security clearance and it is impossible for the public to examine the books on file. It is known that the Catholic Church controlled all aspects of learning, especially the study and the use of all maps during the Middle Ages.

One definite indication that the Church controlled the original source maps was that some of the 16th century Antarctic maps had an important feature named after a high Vatican official. On Mercator's 1569 Chart of the World and Ortelius' 1570 Map of America, the area of the missing Amery Ice Shelf on Antarctica was labeled "Golfo des Sebastian." This gulf was probably named in honor of Sebastiano Luciani (1485-1547), a famous Italian painter who was called Sebastiano del Piombo because he held the office of "piombo" or keeper of the papal seals under Pope Clement VII. Of

course, the Church and geographers did not know that the gulf was covered with 8,000 feet of ice for the past 20 million years. If geographic features on Antarctica were named 300 years before the continent was officially discovered, then the other geographical landmarks on the other continents were probably named before the explorers ever reached them.

The Vatican library has a large collection of these 16th century Antarctic maps because Vatican City published a five-volume atlas in 1944 containing many reproductions of these unusual maps. This atlas, along with the original Mercator Atlases, can be seen in the Map Room in the main branch of the New York Public Library.

Although the professors claim that Gerard Mercator devised the famous Mercator Projection in his 1569 Chart of the World, Mercator stated in a booklet attached to this map "...that what we had in view was to show what parts of the world were known to the ancients and to what extent, in order that the limits of ancient geography may not be unknown and that due honor may be paid to the earlier ages." It is too bad that the professors have not paid honor to the earlier ages.

If the Vatican library contains records from some of these advanced civilizations, it would explain the fantastic discoveries of Leonardo Da Vinci (1452-1519). As an important Church official, he probably had access to the library because he worked for the Vatican as a painter, sculptor, inventor and military advisor. Hundreds of books have been written praising the accomplishments of this man, who was 400 years ahead of his time when he designed airplanes, helicopters, parachutes, tanks, machine guns, gear shifts and made great discoveries in hydraulics, anatomy, mathematics, and meteorology. It is interesting that these discoveries were made just as the geo-

graphers started publishing the Antarctic Maps. Apparently, a good part of the Renaissance movement was based on these ancient records.

There was a good possibility that Da Vinci was getting his information from books on alchemy, an ancient science believed to have originated in Egypt or with the Hebrews who spent over four hundred years in ancient Egypt. Although professors have criticized the work of the alchemists, they seem very interested in this science because many 16th and 17th century alchemy books can be found in their research libraries. Along with maps, the science of alchemy could have been given to us by the ancient astronauts millions of years ago.

When the Spanish conquered the Aztec and Inca civilizations in the early 1500s, catholic priests ordered the burning of their libraries. Plato said that the Atlanteans settled on the continent on the other side of Atlantis, and these libraries could have been filled with their records. It seems that the Church wanted to keep its monopoly on the ancient records. The records found by Erich Von Daniken in a South American cave in the early 1970s could have been stored there by the Indians in order to protect them.

Thus, the corruption in the academic community goes back thousands of years. Is it possible that there are some honest professors among the hundreds of thousands of Ph.D.'s? Suppose a Ph.D. student wanted to make an original discovery without plagiarizing. In order to find an original topic for his dissertation, he would have to apply to the Datrix II computer search service of the Xerox University Microfilms in Ann Arbor, Michigan. According to this company's literature, "The Datrix II data base now contains information on well over 430,000 doctoral dissertations — virtually every one accepted by accredited,

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degree-granting U.S. universities since 1861, plus many of those accepted in Canada." These computers do not contain information on dissertations published before 1861 in the U.S. and only 90% of those are currently on file. There is no organization at the present time which would search for Ph.D. titles in Europe, China, India, Africa, South America or Australia.

It is impossible for an honest scholar to search every library in the world to see if somebody discovered his original idea. However, this scholar will soon find out that his professors will protect him if he decides to plagiarize his dissertation.

Suppose this "scholar" is illiterate and cannot properly plagiarize and write his dissertation. In this case, he can buy a complete doctoral dissertation from companies which advertise in certain literary magazines and newspapers such as *The New York Times*. These companies employ professors and scientists as "consultants" who do the actual research and writing of the dissertations. Since these professional people have unlimited access to their research libraries, they have no problem in producing "original ideas."

Because of inflation, the cost of a doctoral dissertation has risen to \$20 a page, a 100% increase since 1971. These companies will write



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that ancient
Greek and Egyptian
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linked to the
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dissertations for any university in the United States, including Columbia and other Ivy League schools.

There are serious questions about the role of *The New York Times* in the academic community because this paper allows these companies to advertise under "special services" in the Sunday magazine book review section. Since these companies have been advertising in this paper for many decades, it is doubtful that the editors are unaware of their activities. Is it possible that this newspaper actually owns and controls these academic organizations? Is that how *The Times* commands such respect and power within the academic establishment? After all, these advertisements do supply large numbers of professors with an extra income. Perhaps this is why the *Book Review Section* has viciously attacked Erich von Daniken's books and theories, especially in its March 31, 1974 edition.

In order to preserve the present corrupt academic establishment, the professors and scientists along with the news media will continue to slander and discredit Erich von Daniken and other writers who dare to tell the truth about our past. The day will hopefully come, however, when these professional people will have to answer for their fraudulent practices. □

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Many married women, who have never had a satisfactory orgasm in their lives, achieve several within a very



Some covens practice bondage and the members gladly submit to the sexual wishes of the high priestess; such bizarre meetings are secretly held in most large cities today.

short time. More and more husbands and wives are joining covens to find the ultimate in satisfaction.

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who put up quite a fight. A sedative injected to subdue the creature apparently caused its death. The other occupants evaded our forces and took off, leaving their fellow crew member behind. Word was the alien's body was shipped to Wright-Patterson AFB in dry ice. The story came from the sons of James Mitchell, a former Navy specialist who was stationed at an air station in Dallas, Texas. His job included handling confidential film. One day in 1966, Mitchell brought home a photograph of the small humanoid who was killed during the above skirmish with our forces in Arizona. One of the sons described the creature as about three-and-a-half feet tall, with an oversized pear-shaped head, slits for eyes and mouth, and wearing a metallic suit.

The second and more violent case occurred in southwestern Ohio in the spring of 1977. A landed craft with occupants was approached by a military unit. Whatever happened next was apparently something of a battle, for reportedly eleven members of the U.S. military attachment were injured or killed. Although no immediate word was made of alien casualties, a Cincinnati researcher wrote to Stringfield claiming a source at Wright-Patterson reported in the spring that military personnel brought several litters of alien bodies to the base.

New data continues to accumulate, and UFO researchers are looking at the UFO crash reports in a new light. In the Fall 1978 issue of "UFO Update," Pat Bontemp brought to our attention

a number of foreign UFO crashes, demonstrating that UFO crash reports are being made worldwide. Certainly the evidence produced in 1978 of past UFO crashes supports the hypothesis that at least some UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin.

Even if only one of his reports is confirmed, the evidence Stringfield released at the convention demonstrates a cover-up of enormous magnitude. As Stringfield puts it, "I'm hoping the weight of this material will open the eyes of the public and hopefully officials will work harmoniously with us until they reveal that they do have bodies of alien beings."

It is Stringfield's hope that the evidence produced here today will force the government to admit their deception, and finally bring this matter to light. □

STRANGE FLYING TUBE

BY MARK LEVINE
Staff Reporter—

UFOs have been seen in many parts of the world, but one area where they appear in abundance is in Italy. Hundreds of reports have crossed our desk—too numerous to mention—except for the following which was reported, and photographed by an Italian police officer.

It was while cruising in his patrol car when the officer looked to the sky. He saw a sight which he will long remember. The officer, a member of the Sicilian Police Department, took several photos of the object as it hovered above him.

He said that the UFO traveled in a north-south direction and had sort of a "golden glow" of varying intensity. There were several persons also watching the object when the officer took the photos.

from the headlines!



There were also hundred of phone calls received by the police from people who have seen the UFO. The police reported that it was a near panic. The reports included:

UFOs, strange gases, landings, and several encounters with space aliens. The photos are being analyzed and we are waiting for further information. □

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an artificial white cloud some 2,000 feet or so high and about five hundred feet across.

As my wife and myself approached the cloud, a UFO...a ship...approximately 30 feet long and about 25 feet wide, came out of the cloud. For a few seconds it remained motionless, and then took off at a tremendous speed. It went south and then west, circled back and passed over us. Let it be understood that there were no other clouds visible with the exception of this one.

It is my belief that UFOs are real, that extraterrestrial life, living people, constantly visit this world of ours, constantly taking samples of various objects back to their world.

I am looking forward to your next issue.

Sincerely

William M. Southworth
Parker Arizona

Dear Editor:

In your last issue you ran an incredible photograph of a UFO over New York City. Well, I want to tell you that I have taken several shots of the exact type of UFO!

They can't be seen with the naked eye, but, I scan the sky with a red filter—and when I spot a UFO—I photograph it.

It shows that these things, whatever they are, can be a big puzzle to science, as well as the rest of us. If these things are made of nuts and bolts, why can't we see them like a camera can? It's a very frustrating question.

Anyway, thanks for a good UFO magazine.

Alan C. Brown
Ontario, Canada

Dear Editor:

Please accept our congratulations to your magazine, especially your issue which presented James Oberg in his true face; says something for nothing.

All over the world there are groups of scientists engaged in UFO research, some assisted by

their governments, others labouring entirely on their own. But there is one group which stands tall in its persistence to have the question of UFOs discussed at the international level. I refer to the group known as the Intercontinental UFO Galactic Spaceship Research and Analytic Network (ICUFON) in the United States, which I direct.

There are many aspects of this organization which researchers may question, but the record shows that from February 1 1966, this group has been trying, without success, to have the UFO question brought before the U.N. for co-operative action among all the nations of the world.

Sincerely

Maj. (Ret.) C.S. VonK Keviczky,
ICUFON
Jackson Heights, N.Y.

Dear Editor:

My question for the day: Who does the U.S. Air Force think they're kidding? The evidence presented clearly indicates that, on December 18, 1957, the 94-foot upper stage of Russia's A-1 rocket on which Sputnik II rode into outer space—was indeed joined in orbit by something not of this earth.

And yet, Leo Abernathy, head of Mission Support for Apollo Flight Operations, submitted an explanation through Air Force saying that no unidentified objects were observed accompanying or pursuing the GT-1 spacecraft. In fact, the politician said that the object observed (which were detected by radar) were identified as minor structural pieces which routinely break free from the expendable booster portion of the spacecraft and booster separation process.

Aren't these people aware that the entire incident was recorded on film from a site below, in Caracas, Venezuela by Dr. Luis Corrales, a South American scientist who had set up a camera to make a single frame time exposure of Sputnik II's passing over his country. One of the negative's

images clearly shows Sputnik's trail. The other was a UFO, slicing a line parallel to Sputnik's route, looping off and coming back again, as though taking a series of long looks at the earthly vehicle.

Sincerely,
J. Roberts,
Montazooma Falls, WY

Dear Editor:

I wholeheartedly agree with author Robert Sheaffer as he expounds his theory (and mine) that radio contact will be made in the very near future with planets beyond our own solar system. Many feel that such a SETI program may take decades to detect even the first faint and distant alien signal.

Are your readers aware of the very real fact that smaller scale SETI projects are now underway. For instance, at Canada's Algonquin Park Observatory in Ontario, researchers are examining several hundred nearby solar type stars at the wavelength of the water molecule, 1.35 centimeters.

Since life, as we know it, depends on water for its very existence, some scientists feel that the water molecule provides a more "natural" communications wavelength than the hydrogen atom. At the world's largest radio telescope at Arecibo, Puerto Rico, Dr. Fran Drake and Dr. Carl Sagan, two of the best known names in the SETI field are right now conducting a small scale search for intelligent signals from other galaxies.

I enjoy your publication very much—tremendously, in fact.

Sincerely,
James H. Sileon
Cambridge, Mass.

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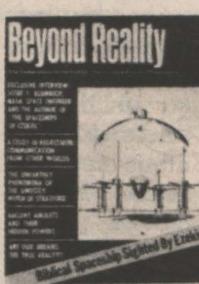
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extraterrestrial source. The U.S. scientists, apparently very worried about such a disclosure, stated that the Russians were picking up signals from a secret U.S. spy satellite in orbit over the Soviet Union. They would like us to believe that the communist scientists are so stupid that they do not know the locations of our spy satellites. Two years ago *Aviation Week* and *Space Technology* reported that the Soviets destroyed the cameras aboard several of our spy satellites in 1975 by beaming laser beams at them. Not only do the Russians know the locations of our satellites in space, but they also know where the cameras are mounted on these vehicles and they are capable of sending a narrow laser beam hundreds of miles into space to destroy them! If the Soviet astronomers said they were picking up intelligent extraterrestrial signals, it is hard to believe they were listening to our spy satellites.

Assuming the scientists were honest and did not hear signals from the pulsars before 1967, then this raises another serious doubt. Why would the various world governments occupy themselves with spending billions of dollars since the end of World War II for the construction and operation of giant radio telescopes? Is it possible that alien civilizations only recently began to send these radio signals throughout the galaxy? Until the scientists come up with a better explanation for the lack of such signals before 1967, this theory cannot be dismissed as pure fantasy.

Why would aliens set up a system of pulsating radio sources? The most logical explanation was given by Jocelyn Bell when she named the first pulsar after a traffic beacon. On our planet a worldwide system of radio beacons has been set up in order to guide aircraft and ships. Some of these pulsing beacons are located also on satellites and their signals

are measured by aircraft and ships so they can determine their exact positions.

The pulsars could be beacons for star ships or UFOs crossing the galaxy in the same way our own earth-based signals guide our military and commercial air and



sea craft across the sky and oceans. These galactic pulsars would have to be extremely powerful in order to be heard over the great distances of space. In the past year astronomers have photographed a few pulsars and they were blinking on and off just as airport beacons blink at certain frequencies.

Besides the beacon theory, the pulsars could also be beaming microwave energy to UFOs flying around the earth. Scientists have been experimenting with different methods for beaming microwave energy for the past thirty or more years but because of the serious

technical problems, they have not been successful. There are plans to put giant satellites into orbit which would convert the sun's energy into microwaves and beam this energy to earth stations.

Advanced civilizations could have perfected the technology necessary to beam microwave energy across the galaxy and this energy could be powering their star ships which we call UFOs. Astrologers have always claimed that energy from the stars affects life on earth. At the turn of this century a famous scientist named Nikola Tesla proved that the atmosphere is charged with a tremendous amount of energy when he built a tower which tapped billions of volts from this energy system. He was considered to be one of the greatest scientists in this century because of his discoveries in electricity and radio. The November 30, 1901 edition of *Scientific American* commented on his patents for a "Method of Intensifying and Utilizing Effects Transmitted Through Natural Media:"

"Another of Tesla's methods is based upon the fact that the atmosphere air, which behaves as an excellent insulator to currents generated by ordinary apparatus, becomes a conductor under the influence of currents or impulses of enormously high electromotive force. By such means air strata, which are easily accessible, are rendered available for the production of many desired effects at distances."

The UFO could be utilizing this transmission system to receive energy from the stars. Dr. Tesla might have suspected that this energy came from the stars because he predicted more than 70 years ago that we would some day contact beings from advanced civilizations in other parts of the universe. At any rate, the scientific establishment today has refused to admit that the earth's atmosphere is charged with a form of energy which could power

aircraft and electric motors.

The pulsars could also have another function besides being space beacons and energy sources. For years scientists have speculated that our future star ships could use the famous Black Holes to travel across the galaxy in a very short period of time. By jumping in and out of these holes, these ships would enter another

time and space dimension and would be able to travel many times the speed of light. If the pulsars are acting as space beacons could be directing these UFOs into the Black Holes for their jumps across the galaxy. They also could have the same abilities as Black Holes and star ships could be jumping in and out of them at the present time.

It is sad that the scientific establishment has refused to publish the truth about the pulsars. However, with the billions of dollars being spent every year by governments all over the earth on radio astronomy, there is little doubt that the scientists will eventually discover alien civilizations which may inhabit our galaxy. □

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It was amazing! Where I stood—the spot—just started rising and the area where I was standing was as big as a football field. I saw several wheels turning in the center of the "room" and made out some lights along the edges a distance away. The blue light was still flashing, still on me, making me feel dreamlike, beyond physical pain or pleasure. It was as though I just didn't exist at all, but was part of something else, more wonderful. I felt strange—like a god in a world of mere mortals, and I almost started laughing at the insignificance of earth's everyday problems; people making a living, paying the rent, falling in love, these things suddenly seemed so trivial, as though I were above them all.

Suddenly the sound I was hearing, the buzzing as of engines, faded, getting lower and lower, harder and harder to hear. And then finally they were gone. And so was that blue light which bathed me in its splendor.

It was then I noticed the heaviness returning to my physical body. I again was aware of sounds, human sounds, this time there was a mass of confusion as the crews of the oilrigs started to emerge from their hiding places, talking loudly of what had just taken place outside.

When I came to myself again, my senses returning to normal, I suddenly realized that I had seen a UFO, and, for a time, was a part of its total enigma. The electricity

Flying saucer seen in Kuwait

Kuwait (UPI)—The first-ever flying saucer in Kuwait came without sound, was as big as a jumbo jet, cylindrical, with a huge dome and a flashing red light. After seven minutes in a Kuwaiti oil field, it took off without a trace, said seven Kuwait Oil Co. technicians, including one American, who claimed they saw it.

The mysterious object reportedly landed Friday about 90 miles from the capital at Umm Alaish, causing temporary disruption of telecommunications and the operations of an oil pumping station about 250 yards from the landing site. After seven minutes on the ground, it took off without leaving a trace.

This is the clipping which the author sent in to this publication along with his report. The UPI report (above) is still under investigation and, because of the many eye witnessess, proves to be one of the best UFO flaps of recent days.

returned, and the pumps were working on the oil rigs. Although it seems like hours had gone by, only ten minutes had passed.

Someone told me later that a man with a camera was able to get a few good photos of the craft, but whether they are available to the public I can't say.

The story broke on the International News Wire, and I'm sending you a clipping of the UPI report (United Press International).

In the past, whenever someone mentioned UFO to me, I laughed, shrugging it off as so much nonsense. But then, I had not seen, nor experienced, what I had now.

For ten minutes of my life I actually left this world, becoming part of another, being able to accomplish in moments what man had dreamed of for centuries. Yes, for ten minutes I wasn't a human being any longer. I was a god, an extraterrestrial visiting Earth in a UFO.

Would anyone ever believe what I had experienced? I doubt it. In fact, I doubt even that my fiance back in the states would believe or understand. I love her, deeply, but don't plan on sharing this with her. □

*—Editor's note:
Since the author does not want his name mentioned for personal reasons, the name Vincent Barnes is used at the author's request.*

told the tape contains a lot more about the UFO and that my son's voice was calm right through the transmission." Officials however deny they are withholding information given by young Valentich to air controllers.

The elder Valentich said, "I have a very strong feeling that my son is still alive and is being held by someone from another world."

From his home in Melbourne, he added, "They may want to hold him for a week or so before returning him. I have no idea why they would want to take my son, but strange things do happen."

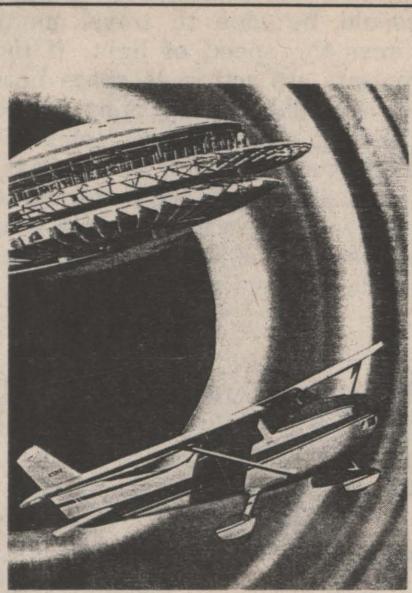
Although the Transport Department was skeptical that a UFO was behind Valentich's disappearance, Frederick's parents discount the theory of the plane's turning over in the dark and their son's seeing his own reflection in the water before crashing.

The elder Valentich said his son had been interested in UFOs for many years, and even reported sighting one about 10 months ago.

The disappearance has triggered a wave of UFO sightings throughout Australia. Many calls to police were from individuals who claimed to have seen a UFO on Saturday night. However, Ken Williams, a spokesman for the Transportation Department said, "It's funny—all those people ringing up with UFO reports well after Valentich's disappearance."

According to a Royal Australian Air Force spokesman, about a dozen reports of sightings of strange objects in the sky had been reported during the weekend of the disappearance.

Bank manager Colin Morgan and his wife reported sighting a star-shaped object that glowed



Although some reports have come in which claim that this encounter is a hoax, there are still many unsolved UFO mysteries in the skies over Australia

and hovered near the town of Geelong, approximately 30 miles south of Melbourne.

It is alleged that Morgan reported, "It seemed to be cruising almost above us as we drove down a highway. It was bright and had green flickering lights at one end." Morgan and his wife are said to have reported that the object hovered for nearly an hour.

The Morgans are not alone in their sighting. That same weekend, Stephen Villages, a Queensland man, said he was returning from a friend's house when he looked up to see a long object hovering in the evening sky. "It just sat there," Villages told this publication, "and then it simply shot straight up and disappeared from sight." Villages said he could definitely sight four green lights which came from the craft's underbelly.

Similar accounts have come from Sydney, Port Jackson, New South Wales and Victoria—all verifying sightings—and all with four bright green lights.

What is perhaps most interesting in this factually reported case, is that accounts of UFO activity brought to the attention of this publication by its readers and correspondents (reported regularly from all parts of the world) have centered around the Australian Continent not only on the weekend of Valentich's disappearance—but for one full week prior to it.

The area of activity of the sightings centers along the slice of Australia between King Island and Melbourne, near the mouth of Hobson's Bay. The reports received describe a long shape with four bright lights, green lights—flashing across the Australian skies. □



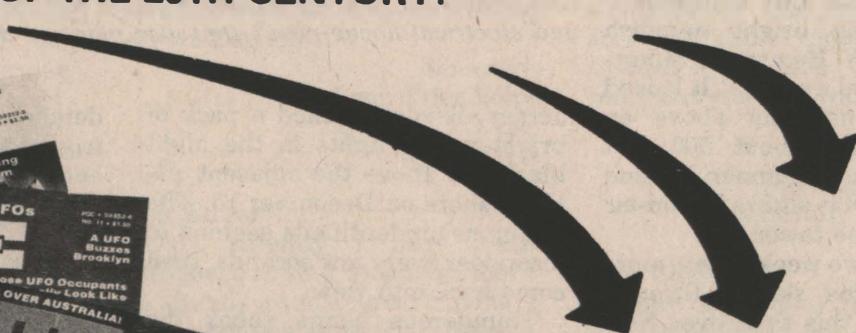
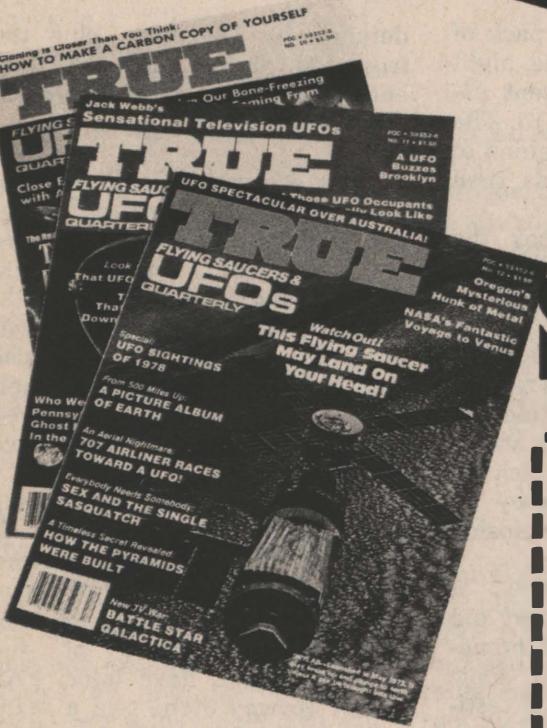
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hours on weekdays."

"About 2 a.m., I was in bed--hadn't fallen asleep yet--when my smoke detector went off," a New Jersey resident said of an occurrence happening the day prior to Demming's encounter. "Before I could even react to the fact that there might be a fire, it stopped and was followed by a sound that I would call a tremendous explosion."

Another Garden Stater concurred, "There was a loud blast, similar to the type you'd find on a Fourth of July celebration. And at the same time there was an instantaneous flash that lit up the sky."

A huge metallic-colored unknown showed up near a power rig at Charleston, South Carolina on December 2, the same day big blasts tested seismic devices there and in New Jersey. William Herrmann, a 25-year-old mechanic, was rattled from slumber at his trailer by a 9:30 a.m. explosion.

"I saw a big, bright, roundish silver object," Herrmann reported in a national weekly. "It looked like it was hovering above an electrical tower about 500 feet away. It was shimmering and looked like it was sitting in mid-air right above the tower."

Less than two weeks later, more airborne curios skirted through the heavens, this time over New Jersey. John Scott, a policeman at the coastal town of Harvey Cedars, was on the lookout for peculiar beacons in the sky after two area youths called in a sighting. It wasn't long before Scott made visual contact.

"I saw them on and off for at least three quarters of an hour while I was patrolling," he recounted.

Officer Scott, talking with savvy acquired from being a licensed pilot, stressed that the lights were definitely not those of any conventional aircraft.

An equivalent story was turned in by Police Sergeant Robert Snyder of Long Beach, New



Government scientist Dr. Alan Berman claimed the enigmatic sky blasts along the east coast resulted from jet planes piercing super-cold winter air. But he has no solution for the swerving cosmic lights and electrical hocus-pocus that also plagued the region.

Jersey. Snyder tracked a pack of bright yellow lights in the night blackness above the adjacent Atlantic shore on December 13. The luminous unidentifieds seemed to disappear every few seconds, then come back into view.

Thunderous bangs shook the Eastern Seaboard 48 hours later.

"People were reporting these things at the same time as the blasts," New Jersey Civil Defense coordinator William Hayes related in a tabloid interview. Residents had phoned in UFO sightings during a three-week stretch in December while New Jersey vibrated through a nine-explosion assault.

In light of these cases, it appears the Naval Laboratory did a superficial job on their homework. The times of the sonic eruptions, based on public testimony, clearly contradict the inquiry's findings. Possible electromagnetic effects (the blackouts

detailed by Demming plus the triggered alarm) and the UFO encounters were passed over in the analysts' pursuit of an explanation.

After its widely-heralded disclosure, the government study underwent a series of severe criticisms from several peers. These counter-reactions, though, were for some reason underplayed in the press, lending to the false idea that the mystery-blast episode had been neatly solved beyond a shadow of a doubt, once and for all.

Left unhandled by the media was the fact that on March 8, 1978, the Federation of American Scientists charged, "the Naval Research Laboratory has erred in ascribing the cause of the booms." Seven days later, FAS leader Jeremy Stone told a scant press gathering that the aerial bangs were caused by the Concorde Supersonic Transport. Ac-

cording to Stone, the SST generated powerful shock waves while negotiating routine turns near Cape Sable, Nova Scotia, on flights to Kennedy Airport in New York.

The FAS director also worked with Richard Garwin, an IBM physicist, to construct mathematical models of the sonic cataclysms in relation to the Concorde's arrival and departure times. Their ciphering led them to conclude that at times, some of the shock booms rampaged along the East Coast more than an hour before the SST flew over the devastated area.

But the matter didn't end there. To underline the confusion in the science world over the enigmatic blasts, Dr. William Donn of New York's Lamont-Doherty Observatory soon afterward rejected Stone's explanation. Donn clearly amplified his stand, asserting the origin of the aerial concussions was "unequivocally not the Concorde." Having assumed the role of unofficial spokesman on the detonations when sensitive recording equipment at his laboratories detected booms on several occasions, the New York professor pointed out that all of the booms monitored at Lamont came from the south, not from Nova Scotia in the north. The blast readings, too, were "entirely different" from sonic signals of the Concorde.

Dr. Donn faulted Stone for having made his hypothesis without listening to the physics of it. He then forwarded his own "correct" solution: the blasts resulted from "close-in planes" or some unexplained events.

Adding to the amalgam of divergent theories, Pentagon officials issued a statement deflating Dr. Donn's "plane" contention. NORAD radar showed no aircraft in the vicinity of the East Coast during the skyquakes.

None of the probing factions involved--the Naval Research Laboratory, the Federation of Ameri-

can Scientists, Dr. Donn, of the Department of Defense--attempted to deal with the UFOs and strange lights accounts gathered in the area.

Around the peak of the blast crisis, maybe the most jolting revelation surfaced concerning the mysterious detonations. William Corliss, a physicist, disclosed to newsmen that identical noises "especially around coast areas, have been heard for almost 400 years now." Obviously, these weren't caused by high-speed jets!

Unexplained things have been seen in the sky near the Atlantic over the same span of time. On the night of October 11, 1492, Christopher Columbus and a shipmate spotted "a light glimmering" several times just hours before reaching the New World. A strange object materialized above eastern Delaware in colonial times midway through the 17th Century. A UFO "shaped like a square table emitting large streams of light" was observed for over an hour in 1833 less than 300 miles inland above New York State.

The same year, a device "of extraordinary size" floated over Charleston, S.C. (where a metallic unknown hovered during the sonic bang wave) accompanied by a blast "with the noise of a cannon." Another air quake rumbled over Burlington, Vermont, on July 2, 1907. Bishop John Mitchell was at the site and watched a slow-velocity "torpedo-shaped body" slide across the firmament. It appears that saucers and rackety blasts have long been in evidence along the East Coast, defying reason.

In failing to at least explore the UFO-sonic bang alternative in any depth, responsible government and civilian organizations may have rejected a key facet in the entire mystery-blast affair. For now, their incomplete, conflicting answers have only served to sink the whole business in a froth of uneasy intrigue. □

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she said, the object seemed to separate into two parts, and had a circle of light surrounding it.

—ROME, ITALY

The same unidentified flying object that was reported in the skies over Florence was reported at the same time last September 16 by railway workers in Bolzano. Each specified the object hovered at about 300 feet and was cigar-shaped with red lights in front and back. There were many others who said the object was triangular-shaped, flew low and emitted two beams of light.

—PENNSYLVANIA

A UFO landing in West Pittsburgh's Contra Costa County was witnessed by three 14-year-old boys recently. They said several strange-looking robot-like creatures approached them. Because the creatures were surrounded by what seemed like smoke or a mist, the boys fled in terror.

Lennie Young, George Ferrara and Patrick (no last name given) were interviewed by police officers and scientists; the results were that all three boys told the same story in detail, in separate interviews. The investigators concluded that the boys experienced a genuine trauma that left them deeply frightened.

The Evanston, Illinois Center for the UFO Studies (CUFOS) reported that this incident and two others were the only three apparently credible cases of encounters of the third kind reported in the U.S. in 1977. CUFOS is directed by the eminent and outspoken Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who is assisted by distinguished scientists as investigators and consultants.

Richard Haines, a psychologist employed by an unidentified government agency, is a ufologist in his spare time and was one of the investigators. He was impressed that the boys' stories matched, but unfortunately, since there were no other witnesses to the landing there's a chance it could have been a hoax, he ventured.

The alleged landing took place late at night in a meadow and, therefore, the boys were able to get only brief, ill-defined views of the event. Haines added that there was not enough evidence to warrant further investigation.

Although there were no radar reports of UFOs that night, this report has been accepted by Contra Costa County residents as genuine and will not be forgotten for the present.

Haines found no physical evidence, such as marks on the ground or magnetic anomalies, when he visited the landing site a month after the reported sighting.

But Muriel Wilder, mother of George Ferrara, believes he did see something unexplainable. He still has nightmares about it and she doesn't doubt it was a UFO.

—NEW YORK STATE

Lately the residents of central New York have been on edge due to sightings of UFOs. Some of the Doubting Thomases are now believers while the skeptics are muttering to one another in disbelief.

Even the most rabid of doubters may have had a change of heart when confronted with the photographic evidence. The local papers are playing it safe. They are not voicing opinions but just giving the events as news stories.

Why the crafts have hovered over the thirty-mile-square area is a deep mystery. The sightings took place during the first week of April, 1978, during the cool weather of early spring.

Here is how it all began:

Dennis Kiteveles, 32, a dispatcher for the Baldwinsville Police Department, related to Deputy Richard Delia that he and his family observed a UFO for about 10 minutes hovering above a wooded area near their home shortly after 10 p.m.

The object was oval-shaped and had red, blue, yellow and green lights across the middle. The lights were flashing as the UFO seemed to slowly revolve around.

Delia was told that as the UFO hovered above the woods, it appeared to rock back and forth and at times would move in rectangular shaped patterns.

Mrs. Kiteveles said that as they were watching the object, a passenger plane passed under the UFO as it made its approach to Syracuse. The pilot of the aircraft told deputies later that he believed he observed the power blackout but did not see the UFO.

After the plane flew by, Kiteveles' son said he saw two flashes of white light come from the UFO and arc to the ground. At the same time, the lights in homes went out.

Officials at the U.S. Weather Bureau at Hancock Airport in Syracuse reported no unusual weather activity in the area and said there were no official reports of any abnormal astronomical occurrences.

A Niagara Mohawk utility official said there were two brief consecutive interruptions in power at 10:15 the same night along the company's 115,000 volt line between the Long Branch substation north of Liverpool and Mortimer substation just south of Rochester.

Niagara Mohawk customers however, were not affected, the spokemans said.

Some 3,000 homes in the Jordan-Elbridge area served by the New York State Electric and Gas Power Corp. did lose service briefly, but for less than 40 seconds, according to a spokesman from that utility.

Both companies are tied into the same substation just south of Rochester. Neither company had determined the cause of the power outages, but both were to investigate at a later date.

Deputies said when the lights came back on, the family looked outside for the object but it had disappeared. The power companies sent a helicopter that was in the area to investigate but the UFO had gone. The crew did report that they observed the two

flashes of light earlier and the temporary blackout in the area of the reported UFO.

While in radio contact with Hancock Field, the crew said they were told of the unidentified blip on the radar scope that appeared in the area of Kiteveles' sighting.

The UFO sighting follows an incident about a week before in which three Syracuse police officers and two residents observed a UFO on the city's South Side. The object reportedly flew away at high speed when the city's helicopter was sent to the scene to investigate. A probe of both sightings is continuing.

-EUGENE, OREGON

On June 19, 1978, Shelley Katzman, a New York City resident, witnessed a UFO while vacationing in Eugene, Oregon. Accompanied by three friends they were having dinner in the sidewalk section of a restaurant. As Shelley puts it,

"It was a spectacular, clear night illuminated by a full moon. While dining I spotted a strangely-behaving light in the sky but ignored it. Later we decided to have dessert in another place and as we headed toward it my boyfriend Charly asked, pointing



upwards, 'What's that?'

"I told him I had seen it before. Then we all stared at it. It moved away real fast and we decided to follow it in our VW. We kept it in sight as it seemed to be headed for the airport. We thought it might be some kind of new aircraft. We stopped in an empty parking lot where we could get a clear view. At no time did any of us mention that it could have been a UFO until it started to come toward us and we were able to see it in detail.

"It was round and gave off flashes of bright white light. As we stared in utter amazement it rose to a high altitude in seconds, turning red. It zig-zagged and then descended toward us. I got nervous and insisted that we leave which we did. About 100 feet from where we were standing we looked back but it was gone.

"Upon reaching home I immediately wrote the event in my diary along with a sketch of the craft. The next day I saw a copy of the *National Enquirer* which had a story on UFOs and a picture of a UFO remarkable similar to my sketch. Needless to say, I am now a firm believer in UFOs although I'm at a loss to explain where they might be from." □

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at first appeared to be a star but, as they drove west toward their home, it grew in size and became brighter as it appeared to draw closer to their car.

It was a bright circle, putting light on the clouds, coming right at us," Mrs. Knapp said. "I did not know what it was going to do."

"At the closest point, it looked like a big balloon," she also said. "But it was so bright that it projected light onto the clouds."

The couple could not make out any concrete details on the object.

At first it was too far away and when it came closer, the brilliant light made it impossible to distinguish any features.

Finally, at the junction of Florida 70 and Highway 710, the UFO sped straight towards the car; then angled up into the sky, descended again, and sped out of sight.

"We just sat here," Mrs. Knapp concluded. "When you see something like this it gives you a strange feeling. It was almost unreal, the kind of feeling like maybe you should examine your-

self. You think...maybe I didn't really see it. But I did see it. It was there."

Following this sighting there was a dramatic increase in jet fighter activity in the area. Captain Frank Cimo of Homestead Air Force Base tried to play down fears that the flights were connected with the sighting.

"We did have aircraft in the area that evening," Captain Cimo stated. "But it was just a routine training mission. To my knowledge no aircraft were dispatched to investigate a UFO sighting." □

Old Indian legends tell of large birds that flew into lakes



When the early American Indians spoke of the "Thunder Birds", they surely meant flying objects which made noise like thunder. This was the only way they could have described UFOs.

Lately, "Thunder Birds" have not only been seen at many Indian Reservations, but have also landed and caused electrical disturbances in Washington State and Utah.

Williard Vogel, a chief on the Yakima Indian Reservation said that the old Indian legends tie in with these incidents. He also said that since 1968, there were over 80 reliable UFO sightings at the Yakima Reservation.

The Ute Reservation in Utah has also been the scene of many strange "lights in the sky" according to Dr. Frank Salisbury, a plant physiologist at Utah State University. Sgt. Harry Smiskin, a Tribal Policeman said that the sightings are so common that they don't alarm anyone anymore.

According to reports, glowing lights have been seen landing in the deserts and canyons. Several reports indicate that these lights are alien space ships. Joe Toto-mapa said that, while driving his pickup to Colorado, his truck stall-

THE LEGEND OF THE THUNDERBIRD

BY MONROE BERLIN

ed suddenly.

"While I was sitting there wondering what happened, this big dome shaped thing just dropped down in front of my truck. I flung open the door and got the hell out of there as fast as I could run. A good distance away, oh, about 5000 yards, I dropped behind a boulder and looked back. There were about five guys in white suits picking up a long metallic thing which was lying out there in the field to the left of my truck. They took it aboard their funny looking aircraft, and as I kept my eye on it, it just shot straight up.

A lecturer on Indian legends, Larry George, also said he that couldn't count the number of UFO experiences he had while serving as a fire lookout at the Yakima Reservation.

George also related an old Indian legend of flying objects that dive and climb out of lakes.

So it seems that the Indians have had Thunder Bird (UFO) reports as long—if not longer—than the rest of us. In fact, its time to study these ancient Indian reports—they may hold some of the answers. □

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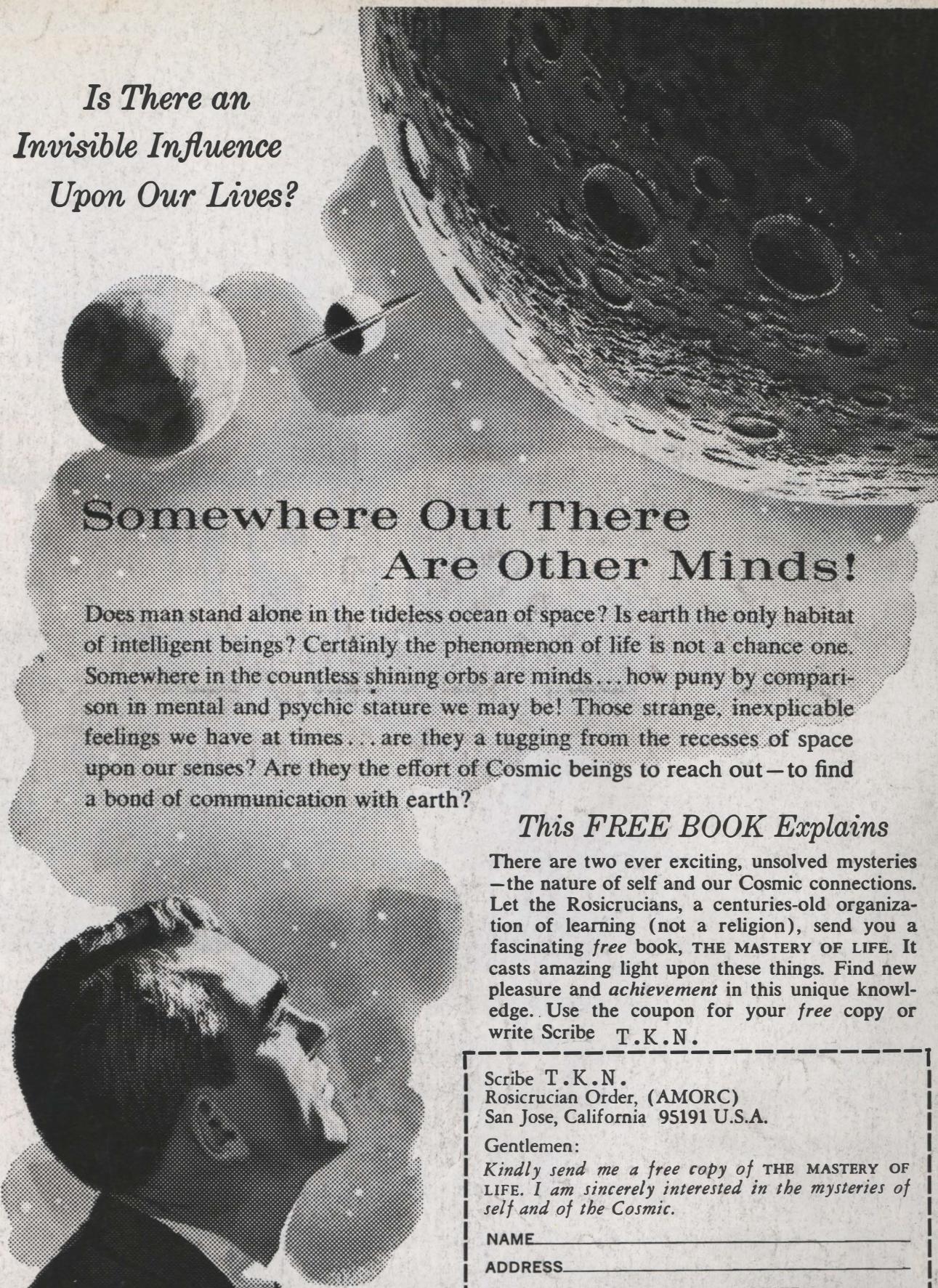
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