

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

1956 January - April

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

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“UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse.”

--- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

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Early January 1956. Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. (no time)

"There were no blades." (See clipping)

8 January. Lafayette, Indiana. (6:45? p.m.-7:10 p.m.)

According to our source:

"A Lafayette resident and state police watched a light in the sky Sunday night that changed in color from red to green to white.

"Robert Egeloff, 26, Lafayette, called the troopers to report the light. He said the bright spot ducked, but returned to its original position, as an airliner took off from Purdue airport.

"Three officers at the State Police post here also watched the light. Maurice Moody, post communications officer, said it remained in a fixed position for about 15 minutes, passing through the color phases observed by Ebelhoff.

"Local CAA officials said no planes are known to have been in the vicinity at the time." (xx.)

(xx.) Lafayette, Indiana. 9 January 56. (AP)

8 January. Lawrence County, Indiana. (7:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:10 p.m.)

"Flying Saucers" show up during GOC alert. (See clipping on page 2)

9 January. Kilbeggan area, Ireland. (night)

According to the Irish press:

"An object resembling a flying saucer caused some excitement in Kilbeggan (Westmeath) area on Monday night.

"District Justice Maloney, Loughnagore, was leaving his house when he saw the object in the sky, coming from the south-west. As it came nearer, he observed that it was flying at a very low altitude. It was circular in shape and revolving at a high speed. It made a whistling noise and gave intermittent flashes of light. The object is stated to have continued its course in a northwesterly direction." (xx.)

(xx.) Dublin, Ireland. *Irish Times*. 11 January 56.

14 January. Houston, Texas. (10:15 p.m. or 10:30 p.m. Exact time not known)

4 flying ovals.

In a letter to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a Houston, Texas, man states:

"Jan.14th, 1956, at 10:15 or 10:30 p.m. Was in my backyard. Had been observing

Fort Wood GIs Say They Saw Saucer Over Post

A strange, flying object, which looked like "a big silver ball" was seen over Fort Leonard Wood, Army installation early last week by a master sergeant and three trainees, they said.

The men said they sighted the object as they were walking near First and Illinois Street on the way to the Army Hospital.

The witnesses, M-Sgt. John J. Meagher and trainees, Pys. Robert Kostickha, George Lafferty and Richard Deniger, said it was "moving slowly and appeared to be spinning."

The sergeant said at first he thought it was a helicopter, but "there were no blades." He said it looked "more like a big silver balloon." But no weather balloons were known to be in the area.

The men said the object disappeared "suddenly—just like that. It just melted away. There was no noise and no smoke."

ROLLA, MO., NEWS
Circ. D. 5,282
JAN 11 1956

Several Citizens Report Seeing 'Flying Saucers' During County GOC Alert

Jan 9th 1956 - Times-Mail

Lawrence County Ground Observer posts held a routine alert from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. yesterday, but the events — and reported sightings — turned from routine to unusual shortly after 10:00 a.m.

Flying saucers—or their unknown but visible equivalent—were reported hovering in the air northwest of Bedford. They were seen by private citizens near their homes in Bedford and along the Purdue Farm Road between Bedford and Fayetteville. And they were spotted officially by GOC watchers on duty at Bedford and Guthrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks, Purdue Farm Road, called GOC representatives yesterday morning with the first local report on the object or objects. Meanwhile, GOC sky-watchers on duty at the Guthrie GOC post counted five identified objects in the sky, and touched off a day-long discussion among volunteers at the post as to whether the objects were planes or "flying saucers."

Jesse Porter, 3920 Washington Avenue, called the Bedford GOC post at about 1:00 p.m. to report a strange object in the sky. Almost simultaneously the object was spotted from the post's vantage point atop the Day and Carmichael Mortuary.

Mrs. Brock Sees Them

Margaret Brock, recently appointed county GOC coordinator, placing Hugh Curry, who is now a lieutenant colonel in the Indiana's Internal Security Corps, saw two objects alternately moving "up and down" in the sky northwest of the observation post.

Gene Anderson, Lieutenant in Civil Air Patrol squadron which assisted GOC members throughout Sunday's alert, also saw "a peculiar object" in the sky. Evalou Condiff, Bedford GOC post's chief observer, said he and others on duty at the time watched the object for a period of one hour and ten minutes, before it finally disappeared from sight at 2:10 p.m.

According to Mrs. Condiff, the object was oblong in shape, with both bright and dark sides. The right sides gave off a flashing light, not like a reflection, but rather like an inner glow, she said. The light was very bright at times.

The peculiar object behaved in a manner as peculiar as its shape, moving up and down, but seldom from side to side or in a horizontal plane. It "looked like a disc with the sun glancing on it," said Mrs. Brock, who reported that she had left the post soon

after the sighting and travelled to other points in the county in hopes of a closer view.

Seeks Another Look

Nevian Tovey of the CAP was also among those attempting to gain a closer view of the object, or objects. And GOC member Ruby Baker, with CAP cadet Jim Porter, left the GOC post immediately after seeing the object and sped, by auto, west on Garvey Lane, hoping to glimpse the object again.

Mrs. Brock stood on Patton Hill, but said the objects were not visible from there, at that time. Residents of the Purdue Farm Road vicinity were contacted, and the GOC alert was spread through private homes in the area between Dark Hollow and Eureka.

CAP Captain Wayne Hammond, looking for planes from the Bedford Municipal Airport, but returned later Sunday afternoon to

report that the object, or objects were not identified. Hammond isn't even sure he saw it or them since visibility aloft was apparently limited, but he did say that "images" were seen — three of them — on an area below the plane as he flew at approximately 3500 feet.

The "images" eluded further observation. Two F-80 jet interceptors flying in the area, were dispatched from Louisville under military orders to investigate the reported sightings. The Louisville filter center and radar installations at Fort Knox, however, admitted interest in the reports, but gave no confirmation of having learned any more about them.

Observers at the GOC post, assisted by the CAP, reported the objects as being from 3000 to 3500 feet high in the sky, in a northwesterly direction from Bedford. The last report of any of these objects yesterday came from the Bedford post at 2:10 p.m.

At that time, according to Mrs. Condiff, the object dipped out of sight from the observation room, with trees obscuring further visibility.

Others Observe Objects

In addition to those already named, other persons reporting having seen the strange object or objects yesterday were: Mary Lee Bastain, Stalker schoolteacher and GOC volunteer; Roy McIver and Pat Walker, members of the CAP participating with the Ground Observers in yesterday's alert.

The object or objects were not reported seen at the Williams GOC post, although GOC posts Mitchell and Guthrie were participating in the twelve-hour test alert. Frank Chase, operating a civil defense radio communications center at the Fairview post, said he had heard a radio report during yesterday's search which indicated that the two jets and one of the "objects" were playing a cat-and-mouse game in the sky.

Chase was not able to recall the code letters of the transmitting station, but said that the report was that one of the jets "appeared to be right on top of the object." Louisville's GOC center, however, denied that the jets had been able to find anything other than the CAP plane which was also participating in the search.

A total of 25 volunteers at Bedford's post participated in the alert at various times during the twelve-hour period. The local post reported routine spotting of 15 airplanes, in addition to the unidentified objects.

A total of 38 aircraft were spotted at the Fairview post near Hugh Curry's home, where staff officers of the newly-formed Internal Security Corps battalion met to observe alert proceedings. ISC battalion commander Hugh Curry praised the coordination of various civil defense groups in maintaining excellent participation and radio communication throughout the alert.

A Civil Air Patrol radio unit was also located at Tunnelton, to channel reports of observations to the Fairview post.

Probably Balloons

CAP Captain Hammond said he feels the objects seen were probably weather balloons. And a number of similar "flying saucer" reports have in the past been traced to weather balloons, which take on aspects of strange phenomena when exposed to peculiar reflections from the sun.

Local CAA officials in Lafayette said no planes are known to have been in the vicinity at the time.

Bedford, Indiana Times-Mail 9 January 56

with my four-inch reflector, Criterion, telescope. For no reason (heard no sound to direct my attention) I happened to look in the northeast sky, saw four, low flying, grayish ovals, flying single-file, close to each other. No marking, no lights on objects, and also no sound. They were flying in the general direction of Ellington flying field. I saw them only about 7 to 10 seconds when they disappeared. Didn't have time to put my telescope on them. In fact, I was so excited, didn't even think about telescope. Nothing in the newspapers about this. Like this:

[Drawing by witness shown here]



"Have often observed in my back yard with my telescope and with binoculars at nights, but have seen no other UFOs in the 10 intervening years.

"As to my background, I think I could say I am more observant than the average person, having at that time served for 20 years on the *Houston Post* as a reporter and a night city editor, and for 6 years as Executive assistant to the Mayor of Houston. I am not given to hallucinations or self-hypnosis. I am a graduate of the University of Texas. At the time I saw the above UFOs, I was 51 years of age. I am interested, and well versed in astronomy, having helped to organize the Houston Astronomy Club..." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Northwestern University, Astronomy Department, Evanston, Ill. From: Sam C. Johnson, 4309 Montrose Blvd, Houston, Texas. 77006. Date of letter: 16 April 66. Photocopy in author's files.

14 January. Untranslated clipping. Pamplona, Spain.

(Credit: CUFOS archives) (See right)

16 January. Leeds, England. (night)

"Come look at this. What do you make of it?"

An English newspaper states:

"For the second time within a month, flying saucers have been reported flashing across the skies above Scarborough's racecourse.

"In December Mr. S. de Breghe, a sales representative, reported seeing two circular objects in the evening sky.

"Yesterday two railway carriage cleaners, 42-year-old Mr. Bob Reynolds, of Dale Garth, and 51-year-old Mr. Bill Dolan, of Lower Conduit Street, told *The Yorkshire Post* that they too had seen two circular objects which they thought were flying saucers, while they were working on Scarborough station on Monday night.



"Although previously they had kept an open mind on the subject of flying saucers they were quite convinced that what they saw were some kind of space objects.

"Mr. Reynolds said: 'We were working at the top end of the platform 4 when Bill said "Come and look at this. What do you make of it?" I looked towards the racecourse direction, and saw two great red shining balls which were definitely not meteorites. They shot downwards and towards each other, banked, and then shot upwards at a terrific speed towards the west.

"I think they were about four miles away but it was hard to tell. The night was beautifully clear, and we had a good view of them for about 20 seconds. I was in the RAF and the objects we saw were definitely not aircraft.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Leeds, England. *Yorkshire Post*. 18 January 56.

17 January. Orangeville, Canada. (about 10:45 p.m.)

"It was no more than 150 feet from me." (See clipping on pages 5-6. This is a more detailed account than the one used in the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 January-April*, pp.8-9.) (Credit: Robert Gribble)

19 January. Hornsby, Australia. (daytime)

Are saucer sighters "balmy?" (See clipping)

21 January. Near Walden, New York. (about 12:40 a.m.)

Yellow-orange something sails overhead.

A press account tells us:

"A big luminous, orange-yellow object, like a disk or globe, which streaked across the sky shortly after midnight Friday and disappeared beyond the Shawangunks in the direction of Ellenville, was reported to the *Citizen-Herald* by Mrs. Jessie Fleury of the Hoagburg Hill road, just north of the intersection of Route 52 and the Searsville road between Walden and Pine Bush.

"The phenomenon reported by Mrs. Fleury occurred about 12:40 a.m. Saturday. It was seen clearly by her and left a vivid impression. Just what the object is or was has not been ascertained. There are no official admissions from anyone that such an object was sighted. But Mrs. Fleury is positive she saw it and equally positive it's something unlike any man-made flying machine she ever saw before.

"At 12:40 a.m. Saturday Mrs. Fleury was wide awake in bed, with insomnia. Looking out the window, she could see the moon. Suddenly she saw in a window facing the

Saucer: he's sure it was

Office - worker John Brown used to think people who saw flying saucers were "balmy" . . . until today when he claims one flew over Hornsby.

He said he watched the saucer for five minutes while sunbaking on his lawn in Pacific Highway.

Brown said the saucer was 40ft long, with eight windows.

"It was shaped just like a saucer, and was dark blue.

Hovered

"A green vapor rail came from a porthole underneath.

"It hovered for five minutes, then suddenly moved off in the direction of Sydney

"I can't say how high it was or how fast it was going."

Brown added, "I don't particularly believe in flying saucers."

"I used to think people who saw them were balmy."

"But this MUST have been one."

Sydney, Australia.
The Sun.
19 January 56.

Sees Saucer Spiral Int

Toronto, July 19, 1956
Special to The Star

Orangeville, July 19 — "It hovered absolutely silently over my field. Then it sped just as silently away. It spiralled upward at a fantastic speed to disappear among the stars." That's how Alfred N. Phillips, 60-year-old Orangeville district resident, describes a large disc-shaped object, "glowing with a brilliant white light," which he saw above his farm, about six miles northwest of here. "It was about 100 feet in length and 50 feet deep," he said. "I had never seen anything remotely like it before."

"It was no more than 150 feet from me," he continued. "I'd say it was about 50 feet in the air. It must have been something from another world. It certainly was no earthman flying machine, so far as I know them. If it was," he said, "I'd like to know how human beings could stand the terrific acceleration and speed. Nothing on God's green earth could travel the speed that thing travelled," Mr. Phillips declared.

The object visited Mr. Phillips' farm last Jan. 17 on a cold clear night with brilliant moonlight and a myriad of stars casting a glow on the snow. At about 10:45 p.m. he was walking from his house to the barn to cut some firewood when he noticed the surrounding area suddenly cast in shadow.

Lights Up Field

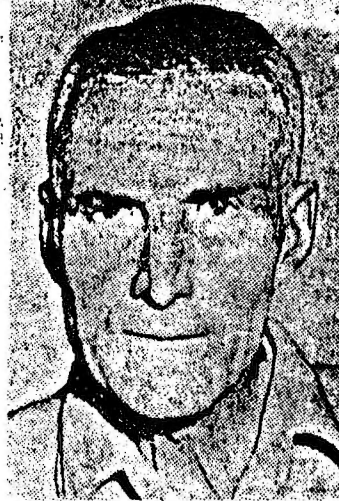
Looking up, Mr. Phillips saw the disc-like object hovering about 150 feet away and 50 feet in the air. "It couldn't have been much higher," he said, "because it lit up the field next to the barn. And it made absolutely no sound."

"It had a sort of oval shape and was made up of three rings of about equal depth. The outer ring gave off an intense white light. The middle ring was less brilliant and the inner ring was dark and almost transparent," Mr. Phillips related.

"I looked very closely at the centre ring, hoping to see some sign of movement," he said. "But I couldn't detect any. I half expected someone to call out to me at any moment."

Mr. Phillips gazed at the glowing saucer for what he estimates as "no more than seven seconds." Then he started back toward the house to call his wife.

"I had only taken a few paces



—Star Photos by Ivan Lavery

"UNEARTHLY GLOW" of flying saucer seen by Orangeville farmer, Jan. 17. He says artist James Klappis' drawing on a cold, clear night when the soundless saucer hovered



when it began to glow with much greater intensity and moved off across the field and upward toward the sky. It still made no noise. The disc shot upward in a spiral path and was out of sight in about five or six seconds," he said. "I could see a star in the centre of its spiral path. It just kept climbing until it sort of disappeared in the light of the stars," he related.

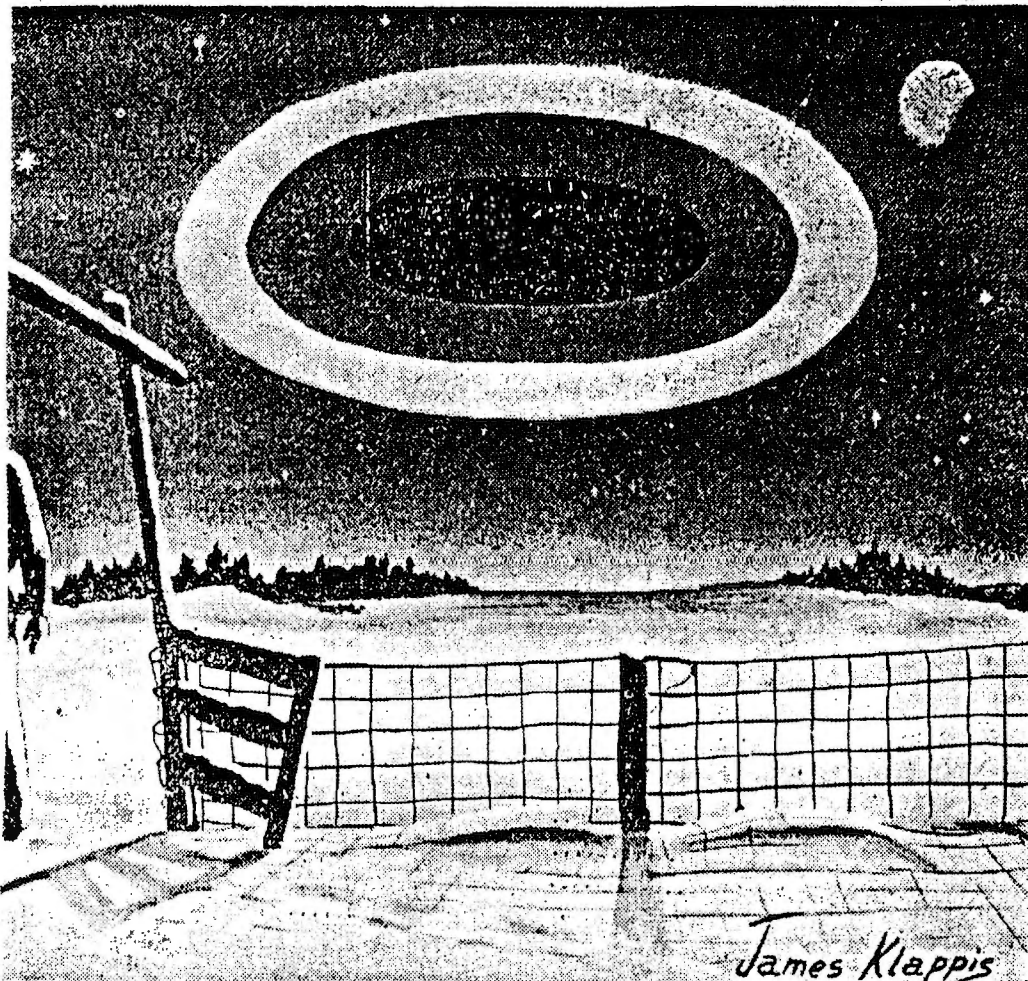
Mr. Phillips returned to the house and told his wife what he had just witnessed. Next morning he went out to the field to

see if he could see snow melted where the intense light of the object had fallen. "I had felt no heat from it," he said, "so I wasn't too surprised when I could find no melted snow."

Reluctant To Talk

Mr. Phillips is a veteran Orangeville district farmer with about 100 acres of land on which he grazes cattle and grows feed. Reluctant to talk of what he had seen, Mr. Phillips inquired cautiously among his neighboring farmers to find out if they had witnessed the mysterious

Stars At Orangeville



—Sketch by James Klappis

Orangeville farmer Alfred Phillips, 60, lit snowy landscape when Phillips saw it over his house is "exactly what I saw." Phillips, upper left, was walking from his house to the barn located only 150 feet away. Mrs. Phillips, in the farmhouse at the time, did not see it

object the night of Jan. 17. None had.

Within the week Mr. Phillips received a newspaper clipping from his brother, George Phillips, superintendent of Algonquin provincial park and nationally-known flyer. The clipping told of a French commercial pilot who had observed a similar flying saucer while on a routine flight over France. The similarity between the pilot's description of the object and the one he saw convinced Mr. Phillips there was something to his experience.

Mr. Phillips ruled out the

possibility of what he had seen being a helicopter. "I've flown many times with my brother and whatever it was certainly wasn't any man-made machine I've heard about. It made absolutely no noise and there was no churning of wind. Besides," he added, "nothing I've ever seen would give off an unearthly glow like that."

"I Was Amazed"

Mr. Phillips maintained the glowing disc did not frighten him. "I'm an old man now," he said, "and it takes an awful

lot to scare me. But I certainly was amazed."

Last Monday James Klappis, Orangeville artist, went to Mr. Phillips' farm and spoke with the farmer. He spent close to two hours with Mr. Phillips, drawing sketches from his description of the strange "flying saucer."

Returning to Orangeville, Mr. Klappis painted an artist's conception of the craft. Tuesday evening he went back to the farm and showed the finished painting to Mr. Phillips.

"That's it, Jim," Mr. Phillips said. "That's exactly what I saw."

north, what looked like the reflection of some object like a big, red moon flying by. It swept across the window pane with a gliding type of motion, Mrs. Fleury recalls.

"Alarmed lest the red object might be a reflection from fire in a farm building, Mrs. Fleury hastened downstairs [The time required to change her position for viewing would seem to work against a meteor explanation] to the kitchen and looked out a window facing toward the west. The farmyard was all right. The buildings could be seen plainly in the night.

"And then, looking toward the west, Mrs. Fleury saw the luminous, orange-yellow object that had startled her as it swept past the line of vision of her bedroom window.

"There it was, like a big orange moon of a hot summer night, but speeding swiftly across the sky and gradually diminishing in size as it gained distance. Mrs. Fleury estimates it was in the direction of Walker Valley when she saw it from the kitchen window. It headed for Shawangunks, flying at about the height of an average plane—not the enormous height of a jet. And it was traveling faster than any plane or jet that Mrs. Fleury ever saw.

"It was the color of a big, red moon, and about the size of one, she recalls, and it seemed to glow in an iridescent manner. She is positive it was no plane. It wasn't the moon either, for the latter was in its proper place in the sky and not cutting up with any antics.

"The object, unidentified and still flying, finally disappeared over the Shaewangunks in the direction of Ellenville.

"About 10 minutes later, Mrs. Fleury said, a jet plane zoomed out of the east and headed into the west, covering the approximate course of the Unidentified Flying Object.

"Military and defense officials in the area admitted to no knowledge of any such flying object in the area." (xx.)

(xx.) Walden, New York. *Citizen-Herald*. 26 January 56.

21? January. El Bahariya, El Nabata, and Aleppo, Syria. (evening)

"Flying pyramid?"

The British Flying Saucer Bureau came up with this one:

"A pyramid-like object was seen yesterday evening, flying at high speed over the villages of El Bahariya and El Nabata, in the Euphrates Governorate in North-East Syria.

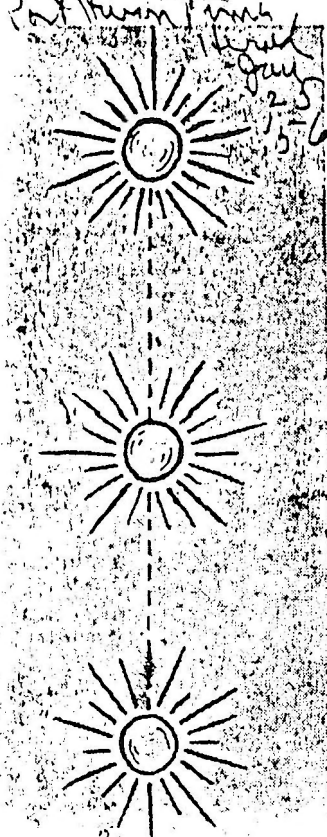
"A Flying Saucer was also seen over Aleppo [Syria] early yesterday evening, heading westwards at an altitude of about 6,000 feet. This was the second Flying Saucer to be seen by the townspeople in four days." (xx.)

(xx.) *Flying Saucer News*. ed.: W.E. Nicholas. Published by the British Flying Saucer Bureau, Newtown, Bristol, England. No. II, Spring 1956. p.3. The BFSB group gives no source data other than the remark: "Damascus, January 22." It should be noted, however, the English have excellent Mideast news sources.

25 January. Wadhams, Michigan. (6:00 a.m.)

Dark red balls. (See clipping)

Wadhams Woman Reports (1) Seeing Lighted Sky Objects



THIS IS AN artist's conception of what Mrs. Nagy saw early today near her home at Wadhams.

A Wadhams housewife early today reported sighting unidentified lighted objects and told Deputy Sheriffs that they resembled three burning flares or balloons hanging together.

The objects reportedly fell into a heavy-wooded section more than a half-mile from the home of Mrs. Frank Nagy, 4101 Vincent road, north of Wadhams.

DEPUTIES Richard Wille and Jerry Armstrong made an aerial survey of an area covering five to six miles, but saw nothing unusual. A fast check on foot by Mr. Nagy this morning also failed to disclose anything.

Deputy Wille said they will continue their investigation.

Directions given by Mrs. Nagy indicate the objects would have fallen almost directly into a part of the State Game Area.

The objects, observed in the darkness at 6 a.m. were first believed to have been flares from an airplane in distress.

This, however, is virtually ruled out since officials at the Selfridge Air Force Base said that there is no flare of the type described by Mrs. Nagy and that no airplanes were reported in this area at the time.

MRS. NAGY also said that she did not hear any sound at the time, either preceding the moment when she saw the fallen object or after.

"I was taking a kettle of water out of the house when real dark red balls, like balloons, showed in the sky as I opened the door," she said. "They appeared to stay in one spot."

"The objects didn't appear to move and I stood in the cold, I believe, for almost 15 minutes.

"I went into the house and came back out and the objects appeared to come down real slow.

"I could barely notice them moving.

"THE OBJECTS then got close to the top of the woods and I saw two, then one.

"The woods were lighted up so I could see the tree trunks," Mrs. Nagy added.

Both Via Air, Inc., at St. Clair County Airport and Selfridge reported that there were no flight listings for that time. Officials also said that the type of flares carried by airplanes burn from only 30 seconds to a minute.

A spokesman at the Selfridge Base said an airplane could have accidentally dropped the flares, but it was improbable. And from

the description given by Mrs. Nagy, he said he could draw no logical conclusion.

THE SELFRIDGE authorities would have a record of any distress call from an airplane, and could check any identified object (which had failed to report its flight plan) through radar.

Radar sightings, however, are listed as classified information.

All flight plans or sightings are checked because the Blue Water District is in an Air Defense Classification Area.

Port Huron, Michigan

Times-Herald

25 January 56.

4 Corroborate (2) Woman's Report of Sky Object

Deputies of the St. Clair County Sheriff department today were to continue their investigation into the sighting of an unidentified object Wednesday morning. Four other persons today reported they also saw the object.

Mrs. Frank Nagy, 4101 Vincent road, said Wednesday that the object—described as three balls of fire hanging together—fell into the State Game Area near her home at Wadhams.

Deputy Richard Wille said there was a possibility that they might check the area by foot today. An aerial check Wednesday by the Deputies failed to disclose anything.

Others who said they also saw the lighted object are: Ernest H. Persicke, 1610 Sixth street; Julian "Pat" Hanchon, 1019 Poplar street; Donald R. Richards, 935 Beard street, and T. W. Crago, 4158 Atkins road.

All except Mr. Crago were driving to work when they spotted the object, and said it "appeared to be a ball of fire, noticeably moving." Mr. Crago said he saw the object between 5:30 and 6 a.m. west of his home.

Port Huron, Michigan

Times-Herald

26 January 56.

26 January. Toledo, Ohio. (afternoon)

Same old saucers.

A news item from Ohio states:

"Oh, well, somebody had to see one first in 1956. And it's Mrs. Leslie Harroun, 7000 Sylvania-Petersburg Road, with the first report of a flying saucer in the Toledo area this year.

"Apparently the manufacturers of flying saucers aren't bothered with customer demands for different models each year—like the auto boys.

"Mrs. Harroun said the saucer she saw the same old saucer reported elsewhere and here in past years.

"It was silvery, pancake-shaped, fast, soundless, smooth as a bird, and its diameter about that of a giant airplane.

"She sighted it Thursday afternoon from her driveway, she said." (xx.)

(xx.) Toledo, Ohio. *Toledo Blade*. 28 January 56.

31 January. Additional data on the Col. Merkel crash. (See pages 10-12)

February (exact day not recalled). Pathfinder Lake 70 miles southwest of Casper, Wyoming. (about noon)

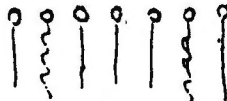
Zig-zag course.

A Mr. Raymond Boyd, a U.S. Department of Interior employee and licensed pilot, tells of his UFO experience:

"In February 1956 my uncle, Mr. George Keil of Casper, Wyoming and I were fishing Pathfinder Lake, which is located 70 miles southwest of Casper. Time was near 12 noon, weather clear, and temperature in the 50's. We were fishing from the bank for brown trout.

"We both heard a whistling sound causing us to look straight overhead and there were 7 objects. We observed them for about 5 seconds through about a 30 degree arc. Their height, I felt, was at least 8,000 feet as we could only make out that they were round objects. The center three were flying in a straight-line formation, the ones on either side of these were traveling a zig-zag course and one each side of these were traveling a straight line.

[Witnesses' drawing here]



"Having had a pilot's license, I am familiar with aircraft, their flight characteristics and limitations. These were no craft of any type I have ever heard of or seen.

31 JAN 1956

Air Guard Chief Here Killed In Crash of F-51

Merkel's Mustang Explodes In Field Near Bedford, Ind.

Lt. Col. Lee J. Merkel, base detachment commander of the Kentucky Air National Guard here, was killed yesterday afternoon when his plane crashed 10 miles north of Bedford, Ind.

The single-engine F-51 Mustang plunged into a field about 3:30 p.m. in some bottom land along Salt Creek.

Witnesses said they thought Merkel—who was wearing a parachute—was trying to make a forced landing.

The witnesses said the plane came down at a 60-degree angle, struck the open field, plowed a furrow, and nearly buried itself.

It exploded, but there was no fire. Pieces of the aircraft were found scattered over a wide area, some on roofs of houses half a mile or more away.

Smoke Trailed From Plane

Gene Maddox, a resident of the area and a member of the Bedford Ground Observer Corps, said he saw the plane circling with smoke trailing.

The plane circled over the area twice before crashing, he said. It was flying so low at one time that it nearly hit a school at nearby Harrodsburg.

Albert McKnight, Delmar Turner, and Wendell Wisely, residents in the farm community, were the first to reach the scene. They said the plane's propeller was 7 feet under ground.

The Air National Guard operations office at Standiford Field said Merkel, a top-notch pilot with 14 years' flying experience, took off from the field at 2:40 p.m. on a test hop.

The office heard nothing further from the plane until receiving word of the crash.

Plane In Radar Contact

Brig. Gen. Philip Ardery, Air National Guard wing commander, said the plane was in contact with the radar station at Fort Knox for a while. The plane apparently still was all

right when the station last heard from Merkel.

Two pilots from Standiford, Col. Robert L. Brown, senior air adviser, and Capt. L. A. Kuebbeman, flight-training supervisor, flew over the crash scene about 4:30 p.m.

"I flew in as close as I could in my plane," Kuebbeman said. "I saw a piece of a wing sticking out of the ground."

Officers at Standiford said the crash would be investigated by officers from Bakalar Air Force Base, Columbus, Ind.

Took Command Here In 1948

Merkel, 37, a much-decorated combat flier in the European theater in World War II, became base commander at Standiford Field in 1948.

His unit, now the 123d Fighter-Interceptor Group, was called into active service in October, 1950, and went to England as a fighter-bomber wing. It returned to Standiford Field in 1952.

From that time on, Merkel worked hard as base commander—a full time job—to get the runway at Standiford lengthened to handle jet planes. The runway has not yet been extended, but some major obstacles have been cleared and guardsmen are hopeful the project will be undertaken soon.

Has Two Jet Trainers

The 123d trains with F-51's here, but the unit has two T-33 jet planes stationed at Terre Haute, Ind. The National Guard pilots fly to Terre Haute occasionally for training with the jets.

Merkel was considered one of the best pilots in the National Guard.

"He was the first order of pre-



Courier-Journal Photo

LT. COL. LEE J. MERKEL

31 January. The Merkel crash.

(See UFOs: A History 1956
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Air Guard Chief Here Killed In Plane Crash

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efficiency so far as flying was concerned," General Ardery said. "I've flown with him for years. He was one of the best."

Merkel enlisted in the Air Force in 1941 and got his wings the following year. He served as a squadron flight leader in six campaigns in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and France.

Was Shot Down In Italy

He was awarded the Air Medal with five clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and two Presidential Unit citations. He took part in 143 missions and was shot down behind enemy lines once in Italy.

Merkel was a staunch advocate of a better-equipped and better-trained National Guard and civil-defense organization.

As president of the Kentucky National Guard Association, he was instrumental in asking the 1956 Legislature to increase the State's financial support of the National Guard.

A bill was introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Representative A. W. Wells, Bardonia, for a \$375,000 appropriation as the State's share of cost of construction 14 new National Guard armories in the state.

Sought To Arouse People

Last year, Merkel was a leader in a move to unite the people here in a civil-defense-and-survival plan. Primary aim of the movement was to arouse the

public to the need for an adequate plan in event of an atomic attack.

Merkel also was active in other community and civic projects. Last year he headed the public-employees division of the Community Chest campaign.

Before taking command of the Air National Guard unit in 1948, Merkel was training officer in the Vocational Rehabilitation Section of the Veterans Administration here.

He was a graduate of du Pont Manual High School and the University of Louisville. He lived at 1104 Manning Road with his wife, Mrs. Catherine Merkel, and four children, Mary, Michael, Catherine, and Lee Merkel, Jr.

Third Accidental Death

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Merkel, live near Simpsonville, Ky.

Merkel was the third pilot to die in airplane accidents since the Air National Guard began operating from Standiford Field.

Capt. Thomas F. Mantell, Jr., 25, was killed in January, 1948, when his plane exploded in the air near Franklin, Ky. Mantell was chasing what was believed to be a flying disk and apparently blacked out from lack of oxygen at 30,000 feet.

In October, 1950, Capt. Richard L. Ross, 31, was killed when his plane went out of control at 1,000 feet and crashed at Fort Knox.

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1. History of Flight: The pilot took off from Standiford Field, Louisville, Kentucky at 1450 CST, 31 January 1956, on a local VFR clearance to perform a maintenance test flight for a carburetor and propeller change. The flight was proposed for one hour duration with two hours and thirty minutes fuel aboard. Climb to 20,000 feet was made and contact was established with the Oak Hill Air Defense Command Radar Station. A course was set for Terre Haute, Indiana and the pilot informed "Oak Hill" he was at 20,000 feet at 1501 CST. The flight was continued and several minutes later "Oak Hill" informed the pilot his "blip" was fading on the scope. The pilot replied he had Terre Haute in sight. "Alley Cat", a nearby Direction Center was busy and could not take control. This was 1509 CST. At 1524 "Oak Hill" received another call from ANG 75091 (this error i.e., ANG 75091 instead of ANG 73091 is believed to be an error of the pilot or of the radar operator at "Oak Hill"), and the pilot stated he was returning to Louisville, heading 1350 at 34,000 feet climbing to 35,000. The pilot was informed of an aircraft approaching from the right. The pilot stated he did not have the aircraft in sight and the "blip" faded from the radar scope. Communication between "Oak Hill" and ANG 73091 was lost at 1535 CST. The pilots last communication was given in a normal voice. The next information was a telephone call by an unidentified civilian to an Air Defense Command Aircraft Control and Warning Station north of Terre Haute, Indiana, stating that an Air Force aircraft had crashed and the approximate location. The Control and Warning Station immediately notified the Bakalar Air Force Base Provost Marshal at approximately 1625 CST. It was determined that the aircraft ANG 73091N crashed at approximately 1535 CST, 31 January 1956.



Major aircraft accident F-51D, 31 Jan 56; 165th FIS, 123d FIG

The speed of the five ships flying in a straight line and the two ships flying an erratic course, appeared to be more than 800 miles per hour. My uncle, George Keil, now deceased, was on the Casper police force at that time and I was employed by the Texas Oil Company in Casper, Wyoming." (xx.)

(xx.) Raymond L. Boyd, 1827 West 17th Avenue, Albany, Oregon 97321. NICAP UFO report form. Date form filled out: 20 January 67. CUFOs archives. Photocopy in author's files.

Additional details not in the above narrative state that the objects appeared solid and darker than the background of sky, and it was Boyd's guess the diameter of the UFOs was about 30-40 feet. (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

3 February. Somers Point, New Jersey. (between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m.) (See clipping on page 14. This clipping has more detail than the account given on page 22 of the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 January-April*)

3 February. Belleplain, New Jersey. (night) (See clipping below. This clipping has more detail than the account given on page 22 of the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 January-April*)

SEEN ON FEB 3, 1956

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1956, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. P R E S S

'Flying Saucer' Reported Seen By Youths In Belleplain Area

A "flying saucer" visited the Belleplain area in Cape May County and frightened some teen-agers enroute to a dance, it was learned last night.

This was the same aerological phenomenon apparently spotted Friday night in Somers Point by a Linwood couple, who were able to describe their observations in minute detail.

A published report of the couple's experience resulted in four other telephone calls to the Atlantic City Press yesterday from people who claimed to have seen a "saucer" Friday night in the Point city.

As in the case of the Linwood couple, all declined to be identified publicly.

SEEN FRIDAY

A 15-year-old Belleplain boy said that he and his dozen companions observed a "bluish" disc hovering over the treetops as they journeyed by car to a high school dance Friday night in the Belleplain Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

Belleplain is a small community three miles from Woodbine.

He said the object seemed so near to them and appeared so weird that the girls in their party became frightened. He said all of them watched the "saucer" for about ten minutes, until it disappeared to the southeast.

He said at first it appeared small, then swelled in size. The "saucer" spotted by the teenagers was round, fuzzy at the edges, and had a dark hole in the center, causing it to resemble a doughnut.

SEEN BY WOMEN

Also between 7:30 and 8 o'clock Friday night, two Somers Point women claim they saw a "saucer" glowing with a blue light and hovering directly above the telephone poles.

They first observed it at Meyran and Atlantic Aves. and kept watch of it as they traveled toward New York Ave. This was the same general vicinity in which the Linwood couple were when they made their observations.

The two women described it as oval, with a glowing tail.

The spokesman for the pair said that his girl friend was first to notice it and remarked, "No wonder people think there are flying saucers." She thereupon pointed it out to her friend.

The woman said the only explanation she could offer was that the "saucer" phenomenon was created by "equipment in a doctor's office" or by television sets in the neighborhood, or by electricity in the telephone wires.

She vigorously denied that it could have been a reflection of a spotlight on a cloud.

ATLANTIC CITY PRESS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1956 ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

'Flying Saucer' Sighted At Point

SEEN ON FEB. 3, 1956

"Flying saucers" are whisking over the skies of Somers Point, a city of 2,480 population and 20 saloons.

A Linwood couple, who talked quite sensibly over the phone, reported to the Press last night that they observed a "flying saucer" for 20 to 25 minutes last Friday night as it hovered over Somers Point. They refused to be identified publicly because they said "people might think we were wacky."

But they swear that they watched

this "flying saucer" zoom back and forth and glow until it disappeared to the south. The time was between 7:30 and 8 o'clock Friday night and they spotted the aerial freak while they were headed along Shore Rd. to Shore Memorial Hospital, Somers Point, where they planned to visit a friend. They were in full possession of their wits and both the man and wife confirmed the observations of the other.

They watched the "saucer" as they rode along Shore Rd. from Linwood and parked at New York and Bay Aves. At the same time the "saucer" seemed to hover directly above them while on Shore Rd., then dart to a position directly above the Somers Point branch of the Boardwalk National Bank at Shore Rd. and New York

Ave., then to a position over the Bay, then vanish to the south.

The night was dark and the moonless, with few clouds, but they were able to discern the "saucer" because it glowed with a "bluish-gray" light and now and then bright spots would flash in it. It appeared to be "about the size of a house" and round, with a misty glowing tail following it.

The wife said that during one moment it appeared to be so close above them that "a good rifle could hit it." She said that though it seemed round, because of the angle it was shaped "like a kidney bean."

Sometimes it stood still, then would move slowly, then increase its speed until it was soaring "faster than a jet." It appeared to be made of metal, they said.

The wife added:

"At one time it was almost above me and it looked like a large disk, then it moved away and looked like a light burning out. Then I saw it in another spot, then it would dart across the sky with a bright light in front and a glow following it. Sometimes it would come towards me, and there would be a bright light in the center and a glow around it. Sometimes it would go straight up in the air with a bright light above it and a glowing tail below it. Sometimes it would stand still for awhile, then suddenly dart across the sky and disappear and appear in another spot."

The couple expressed regret that a camera was unavailable during the celestial show, and they consented to publication of a news story relating their strange experience because they are curious to know whether other residents of Atlantic County spotted the "saucer," too.

The couple would not speculate whether it was a natural aerological phenomenon or an unidentified Air Force object or extra-terrestrial visitors.

(Martians go home)

Somer Point case.

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'ROUND OUR TOWN

By DEL BRANDT

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Enders of Ninth ave., Estell Manor, reported that they saw what they believed to be a flying saucer last Friday night between 7:30 and 8 o'clock. They watched the object which circled about in the sky. It appeared to be the size of a full moon, but not nearly as romantic. (Who ever heard of making love beneath a full flying saucer?) Anyway, the object sighted by Mr. and Mrs. Ender at their home and later at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson, of 10th ave., Dorothy, was also sighted by other people around Belle Plain and Somers Point that same evening, according to published reports.

7 February. Elyria township, Nebraska. (about 7:00 a.m.)

Size of a small moon.

According to our source:

"Mysterious 'lights' popped into the current news scene here again this week and this time they were seen as far away as Kearny.

"Anton Welniak, an Elyria township farmer, saw the lights from his farm home six miles northwest of Ord about 7 o'clock Saturday morning.

"Welniak said: 'I just stepped out the back door when I saw the light about half way up in the sky (45 degree angle). It was about the size of a small moon and was directly west of the house. It was quite far away.

" 'All of a sudden the light went out after I watched it change color several times. First it was dark red, then green, then blue and then red again.

" 'The light just hung in the sky. I watched it for about 10 minutes.'

"Tuesday morning Mr. Welniak said he heard a radio broadcast from Kearny that indicated the lights had been seen by farmers near there.

"Mr. Welniak has seen other mysterious things near his farm. Just recently on his old home place, he saw a brilliant light appear to crawl up and down over the hills.

" 'It looked like someone was carrying a bright lantern. I investigated the next morning but despite a snow several days earlier, I couldn't find the sign of a track.'

"The *Quiz* is interested. Any more reports?" (xx.)

(xx.) Ord, Nebraska. *The Ord Quiz*. 9 February 56.

7 February. UFO sightings and Clare Booth Luce.

In a letter to ex-BLUE BOOK chief Edward Ruppelt, a Mr. Timmerman remarked:

"While inquiring in this community for persons who had made sightings but failed to report them, I ran across perhaps a dozen individuals who had made sightings of varying quality. One was admitted by a friend of my father's who is the top CPA in this part of the state. He and three other men in an automobile driving from Lima to Huron on an accounting trip saw a large silver disc-shaped object angle across the highway, low in the sky far ahead of them. Another, the headmaster of an exclusive boys school in eastern Pennsylvania saw what he swears was a UFO early one Sunday morning scooting low across the country side near their suburban home. (This gentleman is related to Clare Booth Luce and has exchanged sighting experiences with her with some serious questions being asked about 'what's going on?'" (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Mr. Edward J. Ruppelt, Northrop Aircraft Corporation, Hawthorn Boulevard, Inglewood, California. From: John P. Timmerman, Peerless Coal & Supply Company, 328 East Kibby Street, Lima, Ohio. Date: 7 February 56.

8 February. Pleasureville, Pennsylvania. (between 7:30 and 7:45 p.m.)

"You may think I'm crazy." (See clipping)

9 February. Redondo Beach, California. (about 1:30 a.m.) (See clipping)

'Flying Saucer' at Redondo Sinks in Sea, Lights Water



THIS IS IT, MEN! — County Lifeguards Don St. Hill (left) and Bob Mistrell examine object which set off "flying saucer" rumor here yesterday. —Los Angeles Examiner photo.

REDONDO BEACH, Feb. 9.—For a few hours this morning it looked as though the "little men from Mars" were lighting up the waters just inside Redondo breakwater.

Beach residents, lifeguards and police reported that an object which some believed to be a "flying saucer" hurtled out of the sky and landed in the water at about 1:30 a.m.

It continued to glow in the water for nearly an hour, but dimmed and finally disappeared when lifeguards rowed out to have a look.

Maybe it's radioactive," suggested Redondo Officer Jack Hopkins. He sent to the station for a geiger counter—furnished by civil defense—and the lifeguards made a test. There was no reaction.

Finally the watchers decided to wait for dawn before making any further search.

"It was a big thing," said Lifeguard Lieutenant Frank Rodecker, who had rowed out to see the object. "It was maybe 15 feet across and it was still glowing down there under the water, almost until we got there."

"Maybe the Martians saw you and turned out the lights," suggested beach resident Martin Dumbrel, 806 Strand, who saw the "saucer" arrive.

"Or maybe they already waded ashore," suggested Lifeguard Ted Davis.

The onlookers stood on the shore until dawn awaiting the invaders, but none came. Finally, when it was light, the lifeguards donned rubber suits and aqua-lungs and went to see the Martians.

After about 40 minutes, they found them.

The glow came from a U. S. Signal Corps sea search flashlight which is operated from a special water battery. The light turns itself on automatically when the battery has been in the water about three minutes. It burns for about an hour, according to instructions printed on the side.

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Don't Look Now— Flying Saucers Are Back

A flight of flying saucers was sighted high above Pleasureville hill last evening between 7:30 and 7:45 o'clock, according to at least four residents.

One woman, well-known in business circles, said "you may think I'm crazy, but we have some flying saucers in Pleasureville." Her husband, who laughed at previous flying saucers stories, said he now is convinced that there are such gadgets.

A pretty schoolteacher, who is actually from Missouri, admitted that some funny things were happening in the skies above Pleasureville. Her husband, a draftsman, agreed with her.

"These were no weather balloons," said the first woman. "Sometimes they stood still and at other times traveled high speeds in various directions, but apparently returning for another look at Pleasureville."

Asked how many there were, the Dispatch was told there were at least three, but maybe more because of the "flying saucers" habit of coming and going.

Similar reports came from Harrisburg last evening but there the following scientific explanation was offered: "The unusually warm weather caused tremendous thermal upturns. The warm air moved into the colder air and the dust in the air became ionized, producing the cyclonic effect of the display."

One thing sure, if the weather on Mars was like it was here yesterday, there is little wonder that the little green men in the space ships were having fun. Spring fever is catching.

10 February. Cosa Mesa, California. (early morning)

UFOs hover over blimp hanger.

This account is more detailed than the one given in the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 January-April*, page 26. The local press printed:

"A pair of patrolling Cosa Mesa policemen told of seeing two large flame colored disks hovering over the blimp hanger at the Marine Air Facility early this morning.

"Officer Glen E. Walker and Elgin Povin said they sighted the orange streak while patrolling the area near Placentia and Wilson Streets.

"They first thought the objects were the result of an explosion on the military base and radioed for verification of the sighting of the sighting.

" 'I first saw them above the red night lights of the hanger, one slightly higher than the other. The lower light was in a staggered position. They both disappeared quickly,' Walker said.

"The officers said they heard an airplane flying over shortly after the disappearance of the disks.

"The Marine Air Facility is located off Newport Blvd east of MacArthur Blvd." (xx.)

(xx.) Santa Ana, California. *Santa Ana Register*. 10 February 56.

17 February. Anderson, South Carolina. (about 4:15 p.m.)

Flying Blackbirds—Flying Saucers. (See clipping below)

Around The Town

By FRANKLIN ACKER

FLYING BLACKBIRDS—FLYING SAUCERS

Any connection between flying blackbirds and flying saucers?

This rather wacky thought began wambling around in our jaundiced brain at first twilight last night after Hue Phillips, of Ware Shoals, imparted to us a chunk of astounding intelligence.

"It was Friday afternoon along about 4:15 o'clock when I saw the blackbirds," related the Dean of South Carolina newspaper men. "I was then riding along the highway between Ivester's Store and Docheno. The birds came out of the south — millions of 'em. They were flying north. At one time they blotted out the sun, like the carrier pigeons did when they passed over back in the 1870's."

"The birds seemed panicky," continued Dean Phillips. "Appeared like they were trying to get away from something. Exhausted

birds fell in the fields and on the highway. I counted a dozen fluttering around on the highway. Never before had I seen, or heard tell of, anything like it."

Dean Phillips shook his head, muttered something, and ambled off out the door.

ABOUT TWO hours later, while still mulling over the flight of the panicky blackbirds, we suddenly remembered a phone call received early Friday night. It was from a man who didn't identify himself

other than to say he lived at Homeland Park. He inquired if we had received any reports on a strange sky-object—perhaps a flying saucer. We replied in the negative. "Well, I saw a peculiar looking thing along about 4 o'clock," he said. "It looked like a highly polished metallic wheel. It seemed to revolve, but I couldn't get a good look at it because of a dazzling sunlight reflecting off of it. Must have been one of those newfangled dangle airplanes." With that, he hung up.

But maybe "it was one of those mysterious flying objects; and maybe it panicked those fast-flying blackbirds Dean Phillips saw?"

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18 February. Atlantic City, New Jersey. (8:30 p.m.)

Golden flying saucer. (See clipping)

19 February. Paris, France. (11:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.?)

More on the Orly Airport case. (See clipping below)

Mystery of Paris Sky:

By Frank Kelley

From the Herald Tribune Bureau
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PARIS, Feb. 20. — Several dozen experts are at work trying to find out what was going on above, near or at Orly Airport on the outskirts of Paris late Friday night when radar technicians said they sighted and watched for four hours on their screen a mysterious object twice the size of a four-engine airliner. They said the object hovered at 4,500 feet and at times put on jet-like bursts of speed up to 1,500 miles an hour.

Some say it may have been another one, or several, of those American meteorological balloons that the Russians are now objecting to, caught in an air pocket and occasionally whizzing



Kelley

about in the West-to-East air stream at high altitudes.

Others believe that the Orly radar apparatus, which had an eight-week vacation during the technicians' strike last fall, may have gone awry through crossed wires, blurred waves, or just plain

gremlins. The apparatus has been examined, however, and pronounced fit for normal civilian use.

Some were tempted to put it all down to a flying bottle of cognac. The military radar spotters near Orly saw nothing on their screens. The civilian radar spotters at Le Bourget Field, north of Paris, saw nothing on their screens. The French National Assembly was not in session at the time (11 p. m. Friday to 3 a. m. Saturday), so it could not have been a flying desk lid tossed in a riotous Assembly debate.

But the pilot of an Air France DC-3 freight plane, who had just taken off on a nightly round-trip to London from Orly and has to be firmly in command of his airship at all times, said tonight that, alerted by the Orly control tower, he had seen a winking red light in the Parisian sky.

The pilot, Michel Desavoie, thirty-six, has flown all over the world for Air France in the last five years. He said he left Orly at 11:55 p. m. for London last Friday.

"A few minutes after takeoff," he said, "the Orly control tower signaled me that an unidentified object appeared by radar to be heading for Orly on my route. My radio operator and I then saw a little to the right and

about the same height a winking red fire. We were about 4,500 feet above Orgival (west of Paris). "Hoping to avoid the obstacle, I changed course. The light disappeared abruptly. I regained my original route and the Orly radar announced that the 'machine' was then above me. But this time I saw nothing.

"I cannot explain this phenomenon, but I've never seen anything like it. All I can tell you is that it was not an airplane, because we would have seen its position-lights. It could not have been a light from land, as there was a fog-bank beneath us. The night was very black, and I could not see where this light came from. In any case, it seemed to be twice as large as the normal position lights of a plane."

During the week end the Orly apparatus was inspected thoroughly and nothing amiss was found, it was stated today. The twenty-one-foot parabolic reflector, atop a forty-five-foot tower, was functioning normally at its speed of six revolutions a minute.

2 Girls Say They Saw Golden 'Flying Saucer'

"It was about as big as the setting sun and it was golden with a haze around it. I watched it several minutes before I yelled." Another "flying saucer" has made its appearance.

The golden disk was spotted at 8:30 last night by Cookie Miller, of 132 S. Massachusetts Ave. She and Joan Gallagher, 208 N. Albany Ave., described the sight after observing it while riding along Tilton Ave. They were returning from Birch Grove Park by automobile. Both are students at Central Junior High School.

"It was circling slowly and it came down almost to the treetops," Miss Miller related. "Then it darted into the air and away out of sight." She adds: "I was scared."

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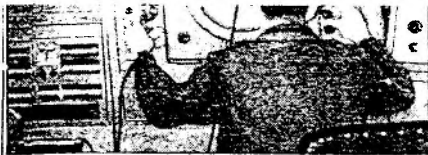
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According to French UFOlogist Charles Garreau, a "communiqué explicatif" was promised by authorities but after two weeks none was offered. (xx.)

(xx.) Garreau, Charles. *Alerte dans le Ciel*. Grand Damier: Paris, 1956. pp.154-155.

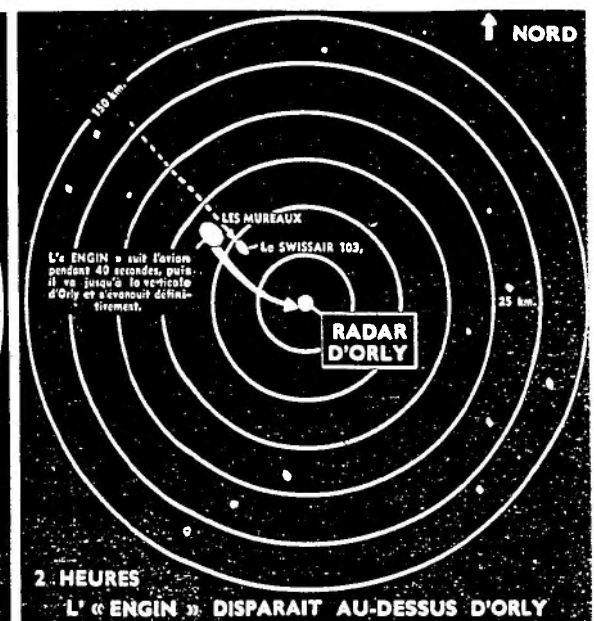
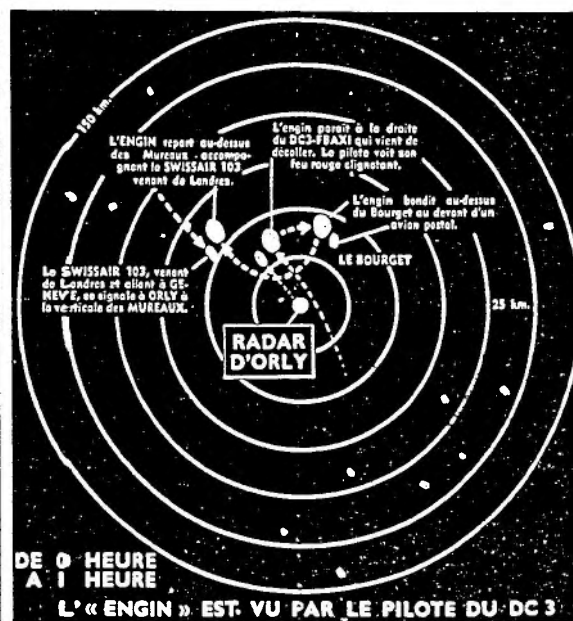
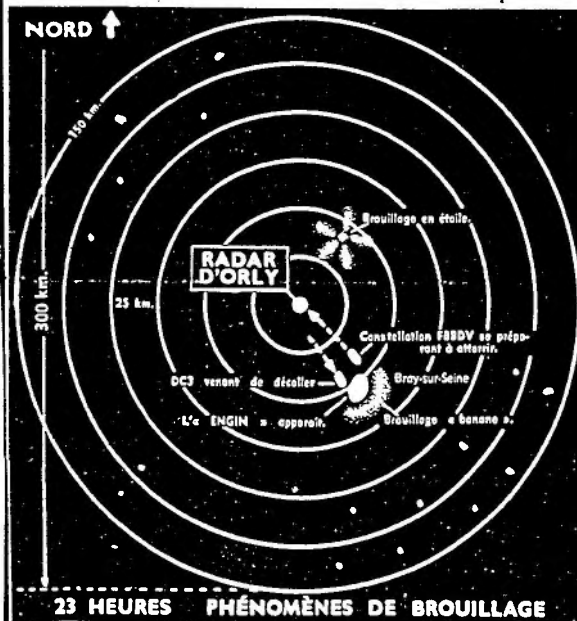
A resident of Etioilles, a Mr. Devot, said he saw the UFO, which he described as: "A point of red light about five times the size of a star." (xx.)

(xx.) Paris, France. *Paris Match*. 17 March 56. p.68.



Pendant trois heures, les radaristes ont cherché sur leurs écrans à percer le mystère qui planait dans le ciel d'Orly.

Pendant 3 heures les dix radaristes voient danser sur leurs écrans une tache mystérieuse qui se déplace à 2.600 kilomètres-heure et fonce sur les avions



Des trois figures montrent quelques phases du phénomène tel que les radaristes ont pu l'observer sur leurs écrans. Au début (à gauche), un brouillage anormal a fait apparaître des taches inhabituelles. Puis la « chose » est apparue sous forme d'une tache (ou spot) lumineuse. Ensuite (au centre), le spot lumineux a commencé sa danse dans le ciel. Le pilote d'un DC 3 a même vu un feu rouge à sa droite. Enfin (à droite), la « chose » se dirige vers un avion suédois, l'escorte un moment et disparaît.

Le pilote du Paris-Londres maintient : “ j'ai vu un feu rouge ”

France Dimanche. 19 February 56.

21 February. Near Detroit, Michigan. (9:20 a.m. CST)

Saucer swarm?

A letter to Donald Keyhoe had this claim:

"I am reporting the following incident in the event someone else says that they saw saucers in the vicinity of Detroit or the western end of Ontario. This will corroborate their story.

"On Tuesday morning, February 21, 1956 at 8:00 a.m. CST I left Chicago on a Trans-Canada Air Lines plane for Toronto. I amused myself by watching the scenery below (when visible thru the clouds) and keeping a sharp lookout for saucers. The plane was about half full and I had the last seat on the port side. The seat opposite the aisle was unoccupied.

"A few minutes after we passed the southern end of Detroit and were flying over the southern shore of Ontario which is on Lake Erie, my eye was caught by a very intense flash of light coming through the starboard side window opposite mine. I immediately moved over to this side of the plane and I saw about six or seven flying objects to the right of the plane and slightly down. These objects were flying in no particular formation. The best description is a swarm. We were in the bright sunshine above the clouds and the UFOs were flying thru the tops of the layer of thick clouds a little below us. Besides flying in a easterly direction these objects would sink into the clouds at right angles to the line of flight and bob up again. The intense flashes of light seemed to be caused by the reflection of the sun on their surfaces. When they did not flash they had the color of aluminum. Our courses were diverging and when I first sighted them they seemed to be about a mile and a half distant. I was on Flight #300 and I saw these objects at approximately 9:20 a.m. CST." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Major Donald E. Keyhoe, Alexandria, Virginia. From: Robert A. Patelke, 335 North Avenue, Lake Bluff, Ill. Date of letter: 28 February 56. CUFOS archives. Photocopy in author's files.

23 February. Brooklyn, New York. (no time)

"I know it sounds crazy." (See clippings on page 21)

? March. Palm Springs, California. (11:00 a.m.)

V-formation.

A Canadian pharmacist named Saul Cherniack was visiting southern California in March 1956. The day was clear and bright so Mr. Cherniack decided to do some sunbathing around the swimming pool. Gazing at the mountains in the distance he spotted some unusual objects:

"The objects I viewed were in my estimation between two mountain ranges at such a distance, it was impossible to estimate its distance. They were completely visible. They were in the form of a V—like dimes standing on edge. I was facing

New York Journal-American ... Fri., Feb. 24, 1956, P-A-L. 3

Saw a Saucer, Sarge Insists

It's the same old story . . . everything happens in Brooklyn . . . This time it's flying saucers.

Last night, while an Army sergeant was walking his dog along Moffat st. in the Bushwick section, he looked up in the sky and saw, not a bird—not a plane—(no, not Superman)—but a flying saucer.

"I know it sounds crazy," said Sgt. George Pierce, 40, in a telephone call to this newspaper, "but I saw it with my own eyes."

Sgt. Pierce, who has been in the Army 17 years, is staying with his wife at his mother's home, 226 Moffat st. He is due to leave for overseas March 6.

"I was standing with my dog on the corner of Moffat st. and Wilson ave. when I suddenly heard a loud rumbling noise—like a plane was in trouble," he explained.

"I looked up and saw this big round and flat thing lit up like a blue fluorescent light. There was white smoke trailing behind it.

"I watched it for almost 15 minutes. It seemed to circle around toward Idlewild Airport, then headed back toward the East River."

After checking the sergeant's sobriety, a call was put in to the 1st Army Hdqtrs. on Governors Island.

"No plane around the area of that description, and nothing on radar. It's either a pipe dream or—well, we're not investigating the matter any further," an Army spokesman said.

Saucy Saucer Hits House In Donelson

Here's a fresh addition to the long list of unanswered "flying saucer" questions.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wright of 526 Hibbits Drive, Donelson, are trying to determine what apparently hit their garage, dipped past their kitchen window, and then disappeared early today.

"It" appeared to be an aluminum or silver plate, about 12 inches in diameter.

"I've never believed in flying saucers," said Mrs. Wright, "but I do now. If I'd just seen it myself, I wouldn't have believed it, but my husband saw it, too."

Wright, a Nashville fireman, was eating his breakfast and his wife was sitting at the table, located by a window, when they heard a noise of "something hitting the garage" and turned quickly to see the object fly past the window.

The fireman climbed on the roof of his house to see if the blow was responsible for some loosened shingles, but said he couldn't be positive the "plate" had damaged the room. "The wind could have done it last week," he said.

A neighbor said she heard the noise, too.

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south and it seemed as though with the sun shining from the east they could fade in and out, so that at times, three were visible, then two, then four, then all. I drew my wife's attention to double check my viewing, even asking the manager of the motel his opinion. I took various pictures of the sighting but was unsuccessful.

"During all the sighting was there any form of movement. They just eventually disappeared." (xx.)

(xx.) UFO questionnaire issued by the International UFO Bureau, Edmond, Oklahoma. Witness Saul Cherniack, 888 Campbell St., Winnipeg, Canada. Date report made: 4 October 76. Photocopy in author's files.

29 February. Donelson, Tennessee. (early morning?)

Saucy saucer hits house? (See clipping)

13 March. Ponta Grossa, Parana State, Brazil. (9:30 a.m.)

"Pendulum motion, flipped on edge." (See Brazilian report filed by Dr. Olavo Fontes to U.S. UFOlogist Robert Gribble on page 22. Original Fontes report in author's files)

Case Two : March 13, 1956. Paraná →

A misterious object, shaped like a disc, flashed across the skies, in the State of Paraná, leaving a weird green luminescent trail. Hundreds saw it. It was first sighted at 9:30 A. M. by travelers coming to the city of Ponta Grossa from Curitiba (the capital of the state of Paraná). They said the "unknown" came from the east at tremendous speed, at first very high in the sky - a little silvery speck of light that soon became into a sharply defined disc-like object. Apparent size: about a dime at arm's length. It was clearly silhouetted against the clouds and appeared to have no windows or ports, it emitted no sound and gleamed in sunshine like conventional aircrafts. It maneuvered swiftly in an erratic manner, hovering, accelerating for swift climbs and descending again. After a few minutes, the strange object decelerated abruptly and began to descend with a slow pendulum motion "like a falling leaf". After about a few seconds, it ceased this motion and quickly flipped on edge and speeded away to the north, vanishing in the horizon towards the city of Maringa (state of Paraná). When it accelerated suddenly, a loud explosion was heard, like those caused by supersonic jet aircrafts. The object appeared finally over Maringa where it stood stationary, motionless in space, for a long time. People gathered in the streets to see the aircraft, windows opened and women came from their houses to see the thing in the open. General description of the UFO was the same as above. After an hour, the object started to move again, crossed the sky in an erratic "zig-zag" course at a tremendous speed, and went in a cloudbank and was gone. Local newspapers gave headlines to the phenomenon. Little publicity was given to the incident here in Rio, and the local newspapers published a few telegrams from Paraná on internal pages with small prints.

COMMENT : It seems to me that the object reported presents unusual characteristics and does not conform to any presently known aircraft or missile type. It cannot be positively identified as a familiar object. It was definitely a solid object having the ability to accelerate and decelerate for swift maneuvers... It was disc-shaped... reflected the sunlight... It was silent... It had a strange luminescent green trail.. It hovered... It descended with a slow pendulum motion And it flipped on edge just before a sudden and tremendous acceleration. It crossed the sky in an erratic "zig-zag", course. We have listed in this report the same characteristics ascribed by thousands of observers to the Flying Saucers all over the world. I think we have here a very typical Saucer. The explosion that was heard when the Saucer accelerated suddenly at great speed is very interesting, by the following reasons: 1) It was aroused when the UFO, speeding up, passed through the transonic region (popularly called "sound barrier"), giving rise to "shock waves" similar to those caused by supersonic jet planes. This acoustic effect makes certain the existence of the object: it was definitely a solid body. 2) It was observed in only a few cases. 3) It could explain some of the misterious explosions in the sky, so frequently reported in the last years.

15 March. Salta City, Argentina. (daytime)

"Flying cigars." (News clipping translated by Dr. Olavo Fontes. See below) (Credit: Robert Gribble) (xx.)

(xx.) Salta?, Argentina. *Diario da Noite*. 8 May 56.

"Flying cigars" in Argentina -

The strange machines photographed in the Lapuna region -

On May 8, 1956, telegrams from Salta City, Argentina were published by Rio's newspapers reporting the following (AFTress) incident:

In spite of the stubborn silence and secrecy kept by military and civilian authorities, it is known that National Intelligence's officers have been investigating the incident since the date of the sighting. It happened on March 15, 1956, when the badly jolted population of the Lapuna region watched a number of "flying cigars" flying over the place, at daylight. The weird machines crossed the sky at great speed, doing out amazing maneuvers. At one time, they stopped motionless in space and stood stationary for some time. At this moment some photos were taken by people witnessing the phenomenon.

All the observers reported that the flying machines were cigar-shaped, without wings or tail, and noiseless. This description dismissed the possibility that the crafts might have been jet planes coming from Bolivia or Chile.

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16? March. Belgravia, South Africa. (no time)

90-degree turn. (See clipping)

19 March. Near Augsburg, Germany. (2:17 p.m.)

Saucer seen during parachute drops.

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A flying saucer that made a 90 degree change in its course was reported by L. Hayes of Belgravia, South Africa.

An excerpt from the German UFO publication *Weltraumbote* states:

"A clear day, 19 March 56, during parachute drops at Gablingen airfield near Augsburg, Germany, one George Schedel of Hardenbergstrasse 7 and Johann Schmid of Stellenhofen observed a glittering object at 2:17 p.m. in the direction of the oncoming planes. Looked like a lump, clod or heap, the shape was difficult to describe, perhaps like a heavy marshall's staff with the center portion removed [?]. Hovered horizontally, slowly erected itself into a vertical position. Hoved a few seconds then lightning-like [speed?] went up and away. Duration of observation was 10 to 12 seconds. Schedel said to be well-travelled. Served on cruiser during the war." (xx.)

(xx.) Typed note found on NICAP-Foreign UFO microfilm. Source data given: "Weltraumbote No.7 June 1956." Appears to be a translation and not a direct quote. Check NICAP film for the date: 19 March 1956.

19-20 March. Cincinnati, Ohio. (night)

Strange flap over sky visions. (See clipping on page 25)

22 March. Near Burnie, Tasmania, Australia. (evening)

Cigar with a row of lights.

According to a press story:

"A cigar-shaped object travelling at high speed over Bass Strait was sighted by several people at Cooe last evening.

"The 'Saucer' was reported in a telephone call to *The Advocate* by Mr. Ian Jacobs, of Charles Street, Burnie. 'The "Saucer," cigar-shaped and with a row of lights along the side, appeared out of the north-west,' he said. 'It travelled east at high speed, at a height of about 4,000 feet.'

" 'It was definitely not an aircraft, but more like a rocket. It was in sight for several seconds then disappeared in level flight behind a bank of cloud.'

" 'The speed at which the object was travelling ruled out any possibility of its being an aeroplane,' said Mr. Jacobs. Others who saw the Saucer included Miss I. Stammers of Cooe." (xx.)

(xx.) Burnie, Tasmania, Australia. *The Advocate*. 23 March 56.

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"Saucer" Object Seen In Western Sky; Viewed By Many Down River Residents

Holds Stationary For 45 Minutes, Then Moves Away

BY WILLIAM COLLINS

An unidentified object burned like a bright beacon for at least 45 minutes high in the western sky last night.

That's how long it was observed by an Enquirer reporter and photographer who took up stations at the Dairy Cheer Drive-In, River Road, North Bend, following a telephone call from the puzzled proprietors.

To the naked eye, the object appeared to be an extraordinarily intense bluish-white light, suspended at about a 80-degree angle above the horizon.

However, through six-power binoculars, the object appeared to be a compact galaxy of lights, changing form as they revolved slowly.

At one point, with the binoculars set slightly out of focus, it assumed the appearance of a diamond brooch ringed with emeralds, turning lazily on an eccentric axis.

At another point in the observation, the circular motion brought into view a band of red, following a band of green.

The object moved almost imperceptibly away to the northwest, growing smaller and dimmer until, at 9:45 p. m., it disappeared.

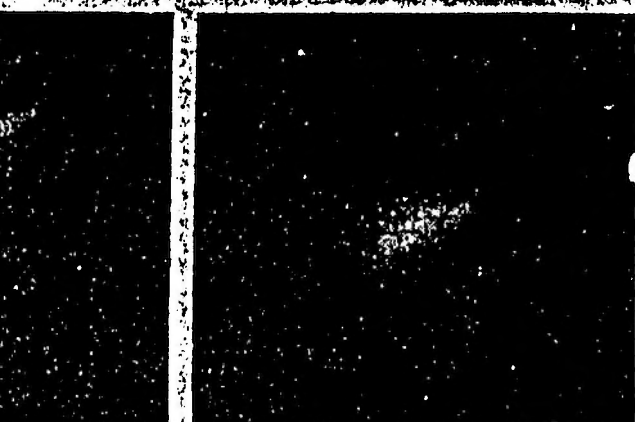
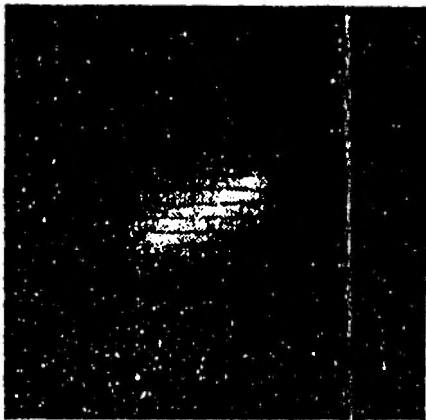
Residents of a large area in the downriver section reported that it was the third consecutive night "the thing" has appeared.

Its behavior on all three nights was the same, except that some witnesses reported it previously had glowed a bright orange before suddenly extinguishing.

Everett C. Yowell, son of the astronomer, Everett L. Yowell, self, commented on the report as follows: "Nothing should be there. It is not one of the normal celestial bodies."

Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Cutter, who operate the North Bend drive-in, said the object disappeared promptly at 10:22 p. m. on two previous nights.

Mr. Cutter's brother, Robert, owner of the Cutter Coal Co., Aurora, said he was able to detect the shape of swept-back wings on the object, through binoculars Monday night.



PROGRESS OF "THING" ACROSS THE SKY

The Enquirer's "Big Bertha" camera recorded the progress of last night's unidentified object across the western sky in a series of time exposures. Times of the exposures were, top left, 30 seconds; top right, one minute; bottom left, three minutes. The picture at bottom right was snapped seconds before the object disappeared. The pictures were made with a 36-inch lens which gave approximately six times magnification on four-by-four-inch film. In each case the object moved during the exposure. Enquirer (Kain) Photos.

The drive-in Cutters have been spreading the word to their customers nightly. Their first reaction, said Mr. Cutter, is "How stupid can you get?" Then we give them the glasses and let them see for themselves.

Mrs. Cutter said they did not call The Enquirer immediately because they were afraid they might not be believed and because we thought it might be some secret project out of Wright Patterson.

The Cutters reported that four months ago, a similar source of light was seen over Fernald. "It doesn't scare us," said Mrs. Cutter, "but our little boy, Dickie, has been having nightmares."

26 March. Westover AFB, Massachusetts. (9:17 p.m.-9:31 p.m.)

Radar/visual case?

(Instead of attempting to interpret this report, the paperwork will be reproduced as it was found in the files, with the exception of one personal comment. I find it difficult to believe "16" jets were scrambled to do an interception. I was working with the ADC at Selfridge AFB in 1956/57 and we only sent up two plane flights on intercept missions. How, or why, do you vector in "16" fighters on a single target in peacetime? About the only reasonable scenario I can imagine is that a flight of 16 planes already in the air on a training mission was diverted to investigate—L.E. Gross.) Keyhoe mentions this case in his book *Flying Saucers: Top Secret*, p.78. (See note by Albert Baller and the alleged [Not very official-looking] "Daily Report—Control Tower 1 Westover AFB" on this page and pages 27-28)

Northampton, Mass., ^{March 26,} ~~March 26,~~ 1956

In communication from Albert
Baller, Greenfield, Mass.,
dated April 17, 1956.

Speaking of sightings, about two weeks ago, I had a rather unusual thing happen: I had a phone call from the "tower man" at Westover Field. He said that he had learned of my interest in "flying saucers" and thought I would like to hear about a recent "saucer scramble" at Westover Field. I said I surely would. So we agreed to meet the following day at a Greenfield restaurant where, over coffee, we talked saucers for an hour or so. Since I do not have his permission to publish any of this in any way, it will have to be passed on with that understanding. However, he related that on the previous Monday evening, while he was on duty, at about 9:30, the radar picked up an unknown "blip" indicating an object moving rapidly in their direction from the vicinity of Fitchburg, Mass. He said that they scrambled 16 jets and that with the help of radar, they guided them on a "collision course" with the approaching object. One of the jets, piloted by Captain F.E. Edwards, sighted the UFO near Northampton and gave chase. My informant said that Capt. Edwards was able to get near enough to it to shine his landing lights on it and also to secure some pictures with his wing-cameras. The lights showed a large, silver disk-like device, some 100-150 ft in diameter and about 12 ft. thick at the center, dropping off from the center to the rim in a series of "terraces". The bottom was flat, or generally so. He said that shortly after the lights picked up the object it turned upward at a 45 degree angle and climbed at fantastic speed. He lost it at 30,000 feet. That's the story and it seems quite typical.

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<u>V. F. O.</u>	REPORTING OFFICER. <u>W. E. Edwards Capt USAF</u>

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OBSERVERS.

Paul Clark Civilian Tower Operator
James Bell spt 1/2 Tower Mechanic

<u>Track Data</u>	<u>Track No 1175</u>	<u>permanently</u>
<u>aircraft alerted at</u>	<u>9:17 21:17</u>	
<u>scrambled</u>	<u>9:19 21:19</u>	<u>unknown 9:25</u>
<u>tracked, constant</u>	<u>ANG WESTFIELD SCRAM</u>	<u>9:25</u>
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MODULATOR CONSTANT BEAM	<u>ROTATIVE SCAN</u>	
	<u>APC - YES OK N.C.</u>	

G. E. Edwards Capt. USAF flying lead ship.
 Closed in on object close enough to illuminate
 it with landing lights.

appx 100 - 150 FT. DIAM.

" 8 - 12 FT. THICK.

observed green fluorescent glow around outer
 edge object climbed steeply and was lost
 at 30,000.

All spirit allowed

All planes returned 9:48. all secure reported
 at 9:50.

[Signature]

Thought you might like to see this "report". No permission to use
 it, however, and would appreciate having it returned at your convenience.

AI.

? April. Near Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. (no time)

"I pinched my face to see if I was asleep." (See clipping)

Jeweler Sees Odd Craft Hovering in Night Sky

2 April. Coffeyville, Kansas. (about 8:00 p.m.)

"It hovered over Lee's house." (See clipping)

5 April. Harlingen, Texas. (night)

Celestial navigation class sees saucer?

According to a press account:

"The Air Force has consistently refused to recognize the existence of such a thing as a flying saucer, but members of a celestial navigation class at Harlingen Air Force base Thursday night were convinced that what they saw was 'out of this world.'"

"No official confirmation of the sighting could be obtained until Friday.

"A member of the class called the *Valley Morning Star* reporting several members of the class had spotted a 'bright, orange circular-shaped object streaking across the sky from a point below the 'tail of the Big Dipper.'"

"The object followed a straight course southeastward until it disappeared in the distance, the spokesman said.

" 'Whatever it was—and I'm sure it wasn't a star or a meteor or a plane—it moved two-thirds of the distance across the sky within 30 to 40 seconds,' the airman reported.

Those men from Mars are with us again!

At least R. H. Smith, Coffeyville jeweler believes he may have seen some last night, piloting a flying saucer or some other space ship in close proximity to his home, 3 miles east of Coffeyville.

He knows he didn't dream the whole thing, since his wife awakened him from a snooze when she became alarmed over the increasing velocity of the wind shortly after 8 last night.

Mr. Smith said, "I went outside to check the clouds and to my astonishment saw this illuminated object gliding down toward a neighbor's home. There was no framework visible, but the lighted body appeared somewhat shorter than the standard airplane with a wingspread of about 30 feet. It hovered over the Lee Fortenberry house, about 500 feet south of our home, at what I judged 300 feet altitude, then glided across the road to circle the Thurman Watson house before starting toward our home.

"About when I began to get shaky, I thought, what if it is an object lost from the moon or men from Mars trying to locate Coffeyville. I couldn't imagine how I would converse with them if they did use our front yard for a landing field.

"Before the object reached our place, however, it veered off and started to ascend again. Just then, Mrs. Smith came out to see what was keeping me and she also saw the object. For a few minutes, it appeared to send spots of light from it and then disappeared into the clouds."

Mr. Smith has always been skeptical about this flying saucer business. "I'm still skeptical," he said, "but we certainly saw something."

Neither he nor Mrs. Smith slept well last night. Today, the jeweler is considering studying moon language if he can find an instructor.

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Presque Isle Man Recalls UFO In '56

PRESQUE ISLE—A Presque Isle man reported to The NEWS Thursday that he had seen an object in 1956 that may be classified as an "Unidentified Flying Object."

Donald H. Ireland said that in April of 1956 he was traveling at night near Moose Jaw, Sask., Canada, not far from Regina, accompanied by his wife. "We were traveling through wheat country," Ireland said, "that was flat and open, and my wife had fallen asleep."

"I saw what I thought first was a falling star," Ireland said, "and I thought that in a moment it would be gone. But it didn't disappear, it came right at me up to about 20 feet from the car."

"It was about 18 feet in length," Ireland said, "and about six feet through. The top of it gave off a glow the color of a fluorescent light tube while the bottom was a dark grey. I couldn't see the bottom of it until it got close," he said.

Ireland said he could see "shadow-like" objects inside.

"I thought I had fallen asleep and was seeing things. I stopped the car," he said, "and the moment I stepped out it shot up into the air about 50 feet and then disappeared."

"I pinched my face to see if I was asleep," Ireland said. When he told his wife what he had seen, she remarked that he must have been overtired. His brother-in-law later told him, after he heard Ireland's report, that he had better change his brand of liquor.

Ireland said he hadn't told anyone else about the flying object. "I didn't want anyone else to think I was crazy," he said.

He said he couldn't determine if the object made any sound or not, "that old car of mine made so much noise I couldn't have heard anything anyway."

Ireland described the object as being saucer-like with a dome rising from the center.

Senior Daily News Friday, April 7, 1956

"Asked if he thought it was a flying saucer, the spokesman replied he did not know.

" 'We have had training in observation and recognize most things we see, but this wasn't like anything any of us had ever seen before,' he continued.

"The altitude of the object was estimated at 40,000 to 50,000 feet. Wing information Services officer, Capt. James H. Wallace said Friday the men who saw the object were questioned extensively by intelligence officers.

" 'The conclusion was that what the men saw must have been a large meteor,' Capt. Wallace reported." (xx.)

(xx.) Hartingen, Texas. *Valley Morning Star*. 7 April 56.

Advertisement for the movie "UFO." An example of the hype given to 1950 era films of a sensational nature. This ad tops the one shown on page 79 of the monograph *UFOs: A History 1956 January-April*. (See page 31)

17? April. Culiacan, Mexico. (no time)

Superstitious alarm?

According to our source:

"Superstitious alarm has been growing in the town of Culiacan, where numerous reliable witnesses, including city officials, have seen unidentified luminous objects of unprecise form, but which trail along strong red lights and move at fantastic speeds.

"Some of the unknown objects have remained motionless over the town, and then disappeared with amazing speed to the Northwest." (xx.)

(xx.) Sydney, Australia. *Mirror*. 17 April 56. Also: Mexico City, Tuesday (DMWS)

22 April. The Bible and the "meaning and significance of these strange happenings." (See ad on page 32)

23 April. Edgar Jarrold.

UFOlogist Fred Stone cut right through all the nonsense making the rounds about Australia's Edgar Jarrold being a "victim of sinister forces." In a letter to New Zealand's H.H. Fulton, Mr. Stone wrote:

"Re: Jarrold. There is a rumor going around he is also going to put out a book. Have you heard anything to verify this? Also, a most fantastic yarn was sent to me from overseas which was supposed to emanate from him. Briefly it is this.

"He (prior to his closing) was writing a book which exposed the power and the source of the saucers as well as their base here on earth and was visited one night by a saucer landing outside his home and two men came and demanded that he go and destroy all the printing matter and press and files, which he was forced by them to do, and that they threatened him further if he continued in his plan.

Saucers Treated Seriously In 'UFO'

While there's been much talk, serious and otherwise, about "flying saucers" since they first made headlines in 1947, one of the most serious films about them is booked for the Coliseum, opening this week.

The film is "UFO" (Unidentified Flying Objects). It is based on all the known facts about flying saucers as compiled by the government, the Air Force, trained flying officers and reliable eye-witnesses.

Seattle PI 6-3-56

(Robert Gribble files)

AN EVERGREEN THEATER
COLISEUM
OPEN ALL NIGHT
6-3-56 - STARTS -
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TRUTH
ABOUT
FLYING
SAUCERS!**

A SWORN STATEMENT
FROM THE PRODUCERS
OF THIS REMARKABLE
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES }

Every scene, every word, every moment of this motion picture is true. This is the way it happened. Not a word, not an incident has been altered or "fictionalized". The films of the "Unidentified Flying Objects" that you will see, are actual prints of the original on-the-spot films taken by the actual observers and until now, kept secret from the public. We repeat, every scene, every word, every frightened moment is the straight, unvarnished truth!



Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 14th day of April, 1956.
Pauline C. Murray
Notary Public in and for said
County and State
My Commission Expires May 14, 1958

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 An All Picture Programme. See Amazing Photographs of

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There will be no doubts left in your mind as to the SIZE and SHAPE of these strange visitors to the Earth.

See ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPHS of "SAUCERS" ON THE SCREEN—
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Hear R. W. Howes at his best, revealing from the Bible the meaning and significance of these strange happenings.

**EMBASSY, To-morrow,
 April 22, 6.45 p.m.**

**Also at Port Chalmers, Monday, April
 23, 7.30 p.m., Pioneer Hall.**

Free Copy of Address — Write to P.O. Box 537,
 Dunedin.



"The whole story is so completely balmy that it would be laughable were it not for the fact that it does so much harm to all of us, in it being such a palpable hoax. Firstly, knowing his home and its location etc., no saucer could land near it. It is too closely settled. Secondly, he never was a printer or owned a press or even if he [had] someone else's he would hardly have the means of getting in [it?] and destroying such. Thirdly, when Tomas and I met him at Christmas time he promised to let us have all his files, a promise, which as usual, was never kept.

"I have it first hand he was never closed [down] by our security authorities, and knowing all the facts as I do, [it] was his own lack of ethics and inability to run things on a business-like way. Finally, as stated to Tomas and I personally, he got himself into such a mess generally he slid out the best way he could..." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Mr. H. Fulton, Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand. From: Fred Stone, 22 Northcote Street, Kilburn, S.A. Date: April 23, 1956. Murray Bott files. Photocopy in author's files.

24 April. Monterey Park, California. (8:30 p.m.)

"It looked like half an egg." (See clipping)

Flying Saucer Season Again



Covina Man Sights Object Over El Monte

A Covina man said today he is convinced that he saw a flying saucer while driving his automobile on Lower Azusa road, in the El Monte area last night.

"It looked like half an egg. No sound came from it and it was a brilliant white," R. M. Grace told a Daily Tribune reporter this morning.

Grace, of 17064 Tudor St., Covina, said he was driving home from the Belevista Hospital in Monterey Park at 8:30 p.m. when he first noticed the flying object.

He said it appeared to be hovering about 1,000 feet above him. "It had no riding lights and that fact dismissed my first thought that it was a plane," he related.

The Covina man said he continued driving on Lower Azusa and while approaching Baldwin avenue the object made an arc, headed over Peck road and then turned back and continued eastward once more.

When asked if it might possibly have been a jet plane, Grace emphatically replied no. He stated the egg-shaped object gave off no sound or flame.

"When it arrived over Baldwin avenue I watched it gain momentum and speed out of sight. When I arrived home a short time later my neighbor showed a newspaper article to me and I decided to ask if anyone else had seen the same as I."

The man said his wife gave birth to her third child last night in the Monterey Park Hospital.

He said the delivery of the child in no way affected his sense of vision.

Covina, Cal., San Gabriel Valley Tribune
Circ. D. 15,215 S. 15,636

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24 April. Fort Wingato, New Mexico.

Two "discooidal" objects.

According to an item found in APRO files:

"Russell Fisher and his wife of Carmel, Indiana, were driving near Ft. Wingate, New Mexico, on 24 April 1956. It was a clear day and there were no clouds in the sky. It was quite warm, and they were driving with the windows of the car down.

"They saw two discooidal objects in the sky, moving at high speeds and at an approximate altitude of 20,000

feet. They stopped and got out of the car, to watch the objects. As they watched, the discs completely reversed direction and crossed the sky in front of the Fishers 6 to 8 times. 'They must have been traveling at high speed, because they went several miles in just a few seconds,' related Fisher.

"He goes on to say, 'there was absolutely no sound and we couldn't see what they were. We know that they weren't jets because jets do not stop and then go back in the direction which they just came from. They changed colors from bright white to red.'" (xx.)

(xx.) "Fort Wingato, New Mexico. 56-24-4. From Unidentified Flying Objects Research Bureau, Danville, Indiana. Interview: 27 July 1957 – by Ray Streib." APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

30 April? – 4 May? White Sands, New Mexico. (daytime)

200 Navy officers and White Sands personnel view UFO.

Dr. James McDonald often educated various groups about the UFO problem. Sometimes he learned a thing or two himself. In a letter to a Mr. Hughes of the Office of Naval Research, Dr. McDonald wrote:

"I wish you could have been at the Officer's Club at Pt. Mugu N.A.S. for my luncheon talk on 2-12 [1969]. Overflow crowd and filled with Navy personnel keenly interested in the UFO problem. The Admiral sent his regrets that he was unable to attend because of off-base business, but the Vice-Commander of Pacific Missile Range, Capt. Thomas Andrews, was one of several Navy captains who came. Andrews was at the speaker's table and, to my great amusement, proceeded to describe a UFO sighting in which he along with 200 other Navy officers were among the witnesses!

"He was at the Guided Missile School at Ft. Bliss, Texas. In the spring of 1956, he was up at White Sands for some demonstration firings, along with the other 200 officers. It was sometime in the week of April 30 – May 4, 1956. (After the talk, he kindly phoned from his office to give that date-bracket based on the certificate he got from the short course.)

"Just after an Aerobee launch had malfunctioned, all hands were looking up, someone spotted the UFO, and soon all 200 officers, plus White Sands personnel, were intently observing the object.

"Capt. Andrews said it was about one-fourth the angular diameter of the moon, round in apparent cross-section during most of the observation, and metallic in appearance 'like a shiny aluminum ball.' It was stationary, as nearly as they could see, and soon a number of persons had stuck twigs in telephone poles to line up with crossbars to cross-check the lack of motion, confirming it. Although it remained without any perceptible motion for a time that Andrews said extended ultimately to about 4 or 5 hours, at one phase in the first hour or so that they were watching it rather carefully, it changed planform from round to cigar-shaped for about a 20 minute period. He said it was as if it were a disc and tipped on edge, so that they saw its cross-section for 20 minutes, although that was merely a way of

confirming the described shape-change. He said that, when the group was back in buses and heading down to Ft. Bliss, they periodically craned their necks to look out of the bus windows and, as nearly as they could tell, the object hadn't changed its relative position in the sky for about four or five hours.

"Its large perceptible angular diameter and lack of motion completely rule out Venus, a fireball, or any such celestial object. The shape-change, in his opinion and mine, rules out anything like a balloon, as does the lack of motion for a great length of time. I asked him if radar or optical-tracking was employed, and he said that all of their questions on that point never met with any clear-cut answers, so he does not know.

"Capt. Andrews said that this sighting was well reported in the El Paso papers, and I am now asking NICAP to search their files to see what they can run down on it." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Mr. James Hughes – Code 412, Office of Naval Research, Room 4105, Main Navy Washington, D.C., 20360. From: James E. McDonald, Senior Physicist. Date: 20 February 69. Dr. James McDonald papers, Special Collection Division, University of Arizona Library, Tucson, Arizona. Photocopy in author's files.

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'Space travel?

CONTROVERSY flared up yesterday about the future of inter-planetary travel when Britain's new Astronomer Royal, Professor Richard van der Reit Woolley, arrived in London by air from Australia to take up his duties at the Royal Observatory at Herstmonceux Castle (Sussex). Professor Woolley's statement that the future of inter-planetary travel was "utter bilge" brought forth strongly-worded replies from leading members of the British Interplanetary Society.

Amplifying his "utter bilge" comment, Prof. Woolley, who described himself as "a straightforward scientist," said of inter-planetary travel: "I don't think anybody will ever put up enough money to do such a thing. It would be enormously expensive, but if the next war could be won by the first chap getting to the moon, and by that alone, some nation might put up the enormous amount required. "I cannot give any idea how much it would cost, but it would be a very large sum indeed. "It is all rather rot. I don't think anybody will go anywhere in the ordinary way."

THERE ARE NO FLYING SAUCERS

ASKED about flying saucers, Professor Woolley said that he did not believe in them.

Utter bilge'



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