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STRANGE LIGHT OVER GLADDEN

From the Eminence, Mo. TIMES comes a report of a brilliant light observed over Gladden on Monday, August 21, 1967, between 4:05am and 4:20am.

The light was reported by Mrs. Dorothy Rummel, who saw the object, "about the size of a tea cup", in the eastern sky over her home near the Gladden post office on Highway 19, south of Salem. Mrs. Rummel had been awakened by the barking of the family dog and she went outside to investigate when she saw a brilliant light making its way in a leisurely arc. She described it as looking, "much as a kite being flown in a gentle breeze", and going far too slowly to be a meteor. She watched it for about fifteen minutes before it disappeared.

Mrs. Rummel reported the light to radio station KSMO in Salem and Betty Glenn, there, phoned the weather station at Lambert Air Field, St. Louis. The report was the station knew of no weather balloon anywhere in the area where the light was seen, also that a weather balloon would not produce a light such as described by Mrs. Rummel.

Following this meeting, Drew Pearson said in his column of June 27 that U Thant has told friends he considers UFO's the most important problem facing the United Nations next to the Vietnam War.

KUHNS ORGANIZES CAMPUS GROUP

John F. Kuhns, junior Chemistry major and chairman of the Missouri section of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), is heading an attempt to form a UMKC chapter. A recent issue of the UNIVERSITY NEWS says the club's purpose is to investigate and analyze UFO reports, and there will be a lot to investigate, Kuhns thinks, as a rash of UFO's is expected this month.

Requirements for membership are those of APRO. Thirty-one have signed a petition for a charter, including Arts and Sciences Dean Edwin J. Westermann, several Ph.D's in the chemistry, biology, and physics departments of the university, and graduate and undergraduate students in these departments. Richard Waring, assistant professor of physics, agreed to act as faculty advisor for the group.

MC DONALD ADDRESSES UN COMMITTEE

On June 7, this year, Dr. James McDonald, senior physicist in Arizona University's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, spoke before the United Nations Outer Space Committee on UFO's in support of his belief in spaceships on reconnaissance missions to explore the earth.

JOIN THE "SKYLOOK" STAFF

This is OUR monthly report of UFO sightings and investigations in the "Show-Me" state and elsewhere, and its success or failure depends upon how WE contribute to its pages.

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their stories and fit them into the SKYLOOK columns--which means YOU should send in your stories EARLY.

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Of course, YOUR personal UFO sighting is of the greatest interest, and we want the complete report as to time, place, weather conditions, description of object and duration of sighting, other witnesses if any, all pertinent details. We'd like to use your name, but will not if you request it.

Watch your local newspapers for UFO sightings. If you can, interview the observer for further details and send us the clipping with your report. In any event, SEND IN THE CLIPPING, and be sure to give the name and date of the newspaper so we can use the story, by giving the newspaper credit.

Write your friends, in and out of state, asking them to send you newspaper clippings of UFO sightings, being sure to include both the name of the newspaper and the date of the issue. If you want your clippings returned please include stamps.

You do not have to be a member of APRO or any other like group to read and contribute to SKYLOOK. While your activities happen to belong to several aerial phenomena research organizations, this is an independent project with no assistance or restrictions, financial or otherwise, from any group. We're on our own!

We want to make SKYLOOK an interesting and informative bulletin, keeping up on current UFO happenings, separating fact from fantasy, and seeking the eventual solution to the mystery of the space visitors. To do this we need YOUR help.

***** With the Editor *****

This is the first issue of SKYLOOK the brain child of John F. Kuhns and others who put their heads together and decided we Missourians should have our own report on the strange happenings in the sky.

SKYLOOK will come out once a month with an "extra" whenever conditions warrant. We may stumble now and then before finding firm footing in this new field, so we hope you will bear with us if we goof once in awhile. Send us your stories and suggestions and we'll do our best to give you the kind of bulletin you want.

We are operating, at present, on "absolutely nothing", but we hope the small subscription charge will eventually take care of the cost of paper, postage etc. Our work is gratis.

It is our present intention to publish on or about the 20th of each month which means Mr. Kuhns must have the typed copy of the SKYLOOK by the 15th to give him time to cut the stencils and run off the copies and mail them--which means the editors must have their copy by the 10th in order to write and rewrite

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NEWSMAN SIGHS UFO, OSAGE BEACH, MO.

Lee Case, a newsman at radio station KRMS, Osage Beach, made three sightings in Linn Creek Valley the first week in March. Five other occupants of Case's car also saw the objects. The first sighting was described as being a brilliant red light, "far off in the distance", moving sideways and up and down in an erratic fashion and changing direction too fast to be an airplane. The object disappeared when Case stopped his car and the men stepped out for a better view, but ten minutes later in the same valley, they saw another light about two-thousand feet up. This was traveling in a north-westerly direction and seemed to be a bright, white light, but without blurred edges. Case could not make out the shape although it was a clear night. This light abruptly, "went out", over the middle of the valley, within a half mile of the observers. Five minutes later another white light appeared, zig-zagging, then hovering for a couple of seconds before disappearing.

FLYING OBJECTS OVER TULSA

TULSA WORLD, August 13, 1967. Three Tulsans, including an Air Force airman home on leave, claim to have seen five unidentified objects pass over Tulsa from north to south in formation early Saturday.

Airman Gorden Smith of 317 South Victor Ave., his brother, Milton, and a friend, Raymond Miniear, all members of the International Order for the Investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects, stated they saw five glowing objects through binoculars about 1:30am.

Smith said the objects made no sound and passed over about two-thousand feet up. He stated they definitely were not part of an earlier meteor shower.

MICHIGAN REPORTS DISCS

KANSAS CITY TIMES, August 25, 1967. An AP story tells of a formation of objects described as, "bright silvery discs", seen in the skies west of Ontonagon, Mich. on the 24th and 25th.

The Ontonagon County sheriff said he received at least six calls reporting the sightings, the formations being in groups of three to seven. The Hancock (Mich.) police department received similar reports.

The Federal Aviation Agency at the Houghton airport said an Air Canada aircraft flying north-west of the airport also reported seeing a UFO above the plane.

SIGHTING AT TUCSON

Ted Phillips, Jr., reports that personal friends of his living near Tucson, Arizona, wrote him of seeing, in daylight, a bright red-orange disc hovering in the air for about five minutes until two Air Force interceptors approached. The object went straight up when the planes attempted to circle it, then dropped below them when they reached its altitude. This continued for about twenty minutes when the object apparently tiring of the game, left at a high rate of speed and disappeared from sight. There were several witnesses to this sighting, made this spring.

DON'T MISTAKE THESE FOR UFO'S

By Ted Phillips, Jr.

The planet Venus will be rising at about sun up on September 1st and by the end of the month it will be rising some three hours ahead of the sun. It will be very brilliant -4.2 magnitude. Venus, Jupiter and the star Regulus (1st magnitude) will be a spectacular trio in the morning sky. Mars is visible for some three hours after sunset. Saturn rises as an 0.8 magnitude object just after sunset. It should be noted that on September 23rd Mars will be very near the red star Antares.

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UFO'S IN EUROPE

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, July 25, 1967.

This story is from a clipping sent in by John F. Schuessler, a member of APRO, and we quote: "Reports of flying saucers over wide areas of Europe have been investigated by the British government but, 'nothing of defense interest has been found', Parliament was told yesterday. Unidentified flying objects looking like fireballs were reported seen in several European countries last week.

"NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN"

An AP story of July 12 told of a manuscript found in the public library at La Spezia, Italy, in which the writer (Antonio Cesena) reported on a 16th century version of a UFO. He wrote that in 1558 peasants in two different areas saw, "a strange disc, changing from yellow to red, and with red fireballs shining beneath it."

OBJECT EXPLODES OVER KANSAS

KANSAS CITY TIMES, June 10, 1967. An AP account of a Mysterious object exploding in the sky over Newton, Kansas, early on June 9th. Jerry Killfoil, Newton patrolman, was three miles east of Newton when he saw a, "bright orange flash", in the sky. It then began to fall and fell beyond the horizon. Officer Killfoil said, "It was a very bright explosion of orange and white light. I don't know how far away it was and I don't know what it was."

Sheriff Vern Miller said he received five other calls from persons reporting strange objects in the sky, and about the same time Wichita residents were sighting objects they believed to be flying saucers.

AT THE NEWS STAND

By Ted Phillips, Jr.

FLYING SAUCERS, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, a Dell magazine, 1967.

"Saucer Lands in Virginia"-NATIONAL ENQUIRER, June 25, 1967.

"Are Flying Saucers Really Creatures That Live In Outer Space?"-TRUE, Aug., 1967.

"UFO Panic Inside Russia"-SAGA, August, 1967.

"UFO: Theories of Flight"-SCIENCE & MECHANICS, August, 1967.

"The Wanaque, N.J. Sightings", Parts I, II and III-SCIENCE & MECHANICS, May, June and July, 1967.

SCIENCE NEWS, August, 1967-a good article on Volunteer Flight Officer Network, whose aim is to watch for recentering space objects-twenty UFO's reported.

FLYING SAUCERS ARE HOSTILE-an Award book by Brad Steiger, 75¢-covers hostile action, reports sightings in USSR.

NATIONAL ENQUIRER, September 10, 1967-three page story on Coast Guard and others watching cone shaped UFO.

"What the Chief of USAF's Project Blue Book Thinks We'll find out about UFO's"-MECHANIX ILLUSTRATED, Sept., 1967.

FLYING SAUCER OCCUPANTS-a Signet book by Coral and Jim Lorenzen, 75¢. Reprint of the 1954 edition, good account of many old sightings, many pre-1900.

FLYING SAUCERS-a LOOK publication that came out this summer. It contains many reports and photographs, \$1.00.

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TELL YOUR FRIENDS

AUTHOR NAMES CHOICE SIGHTING

Dr. Frank Stranges was interviewed by Art Linkletter on the latter's radio program August 11th. Linkletter asked an audience of 400 how many of them believed in, "flying saucers", and said about half held up their hands--a fair percentage considering Linkletter stated his own disbelief first.

When asked to name the most authentic sighting of the many reported, Dr. Stranges gave as his choice the one at Red Bluff, California, in which three red objects swooped down and were seen by a patrolman. These were later identified by the Air Force as being Mars and two bright stars, however, a check revealed that neither Mars nor the two stars named were visible at that time.

Dr. Stranges first became interested in UFO's in 1945 when a pilot friend told him of sighting three dish shaped objects on a collision course with his plane during the war. The pilot's story was verified by other members of his group.

For what it is worth--Dr. Stranges has written a new book, THE STRANGER AT THE PENTAGON, about a native of Venus who has been working at the Pentagon since 1959. This sounds like science fiction to ye editor, but the author insists the book is factual.

UFO SEEN NEAR LAKE OF THE OZARKS

It was announced over radio station KMOS, St. Louis, that two observers at Camdenton, Mo., near the Lake of the Ozarks, sighted an unknown disc shaped object from their car. They described it as being white and yellow in color, but no further details were given.

The sighting was made March 16th of this year.

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