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With the Editor

Everything is a matter of comparison. Five years is a short time in the life of a California Redwood, but a long time in the life of a UFO magazine. In September SKYLOOK will complete its fifth year and we're beginning to feel like an old timer in this business. Perhaps you will be interested in a brief history of this zine. With John F. Kuhns, of Kansas City, as publisher and yours truly as editor, the first issue of SKYLOOK was mailed in September 1967 and we were off to a shaky start. Ted Phillips was listed as "Assistant Editor" and look how he has grown "ufologically speaking!"

With the publication of the July 1968 issue, John Kuhn had to give up his work because of health problems and a heavy work load in college. By this time Ye Ed was hooked on UFOs and, although we had never cut a stencil or operated a mimeograph, we ordered the Monster from Sears & Roebuck and got our first SKYLOOK out, as publisher and editor, in January 1969, and haven't missed a publication date since that time.

Backing us with copy and moral support were Ted Phillips, John Schuessler, Lou Farish and two new staff members--Walt Andrus and Rosetta Holmes. Others were added later.

In June 1969 Rod Dyke turned over his subscribers to the U.F.O.R.C. JOURNAL to us so he could devote time to his Clipping Service and in April 1970 we inherited Jen Stevens' subscribers to SKYWATCH--we are happy to report we still get renewals from both.

In May 1969 the Midwest UFO Network was organized and in July we proudly announced we were named "the official publication." With the resignation of Dr. Allen Utke in September 1970, Walter H. Andrus became Director and you all know the rapid growth of the Network under his leadership--and SKYLOOK has grown right along with it.

And this is a good place to voice our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation of our fine staff and others contributing reports. Without YOU, there would be no SKYLOOK.

A very special thank you to MUFON for the "vote of thanks" for SKYLOOK's contribution as expressed in the warm letter received as we go to press. I am very pleased.

A Message From Your Director

One of the major highlights of the Midwest UFO Network, Inc., Annual Meeting on June 18, 1972, was the acceptance of our invitation by David R. Saunders, Ph. D., to become a Consultant to MUFON in Statistics. His specialization will be statistical research through the aid of the 18,000 UFO sighting reports recorded on his random access disc file called "UFOCAT." The Board of Directors of MUFON voted to submit our entire UFO master file to Dr. Saunders to add to his already extensive file. MUFON reports will be coded in such a manner that they may be cross referenced back to our master file. It is an honor to have a man of Dr. Saunders' caliber in the educational, scientific, and UFO fields represent MUFON as a Consultant. Dr. Saunders is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Colorado and resides at 1418 Mariposa, Boulder, Colorado 80302.

Helping to diversify the specialized expertise of our consultants, we are proud to announce that R. C. Stephens, D.V.M., Mendon Veterinary Clinic, Mendon, Illinois 62351, will be our Consultant in Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Stephens will specialize in animal cases where injuries, emotional reactions, physical responses, etc., are involved.

Ted Phillips of Sedalia, Missouri, has volunteered to serve on the MUFON Staff as the Specialization Coordinator to assist others who are following the recommendations of Dr. J. Allen Hynek to concentrate their efforts in a particular field of UFO study. Ted is now recognized world-wide for his extensive landing cases file, which has now grown to 430. Donald Richmond, Pueblo, Colorado, (of Snippy Fame) is specializing in animal cases; and Joe Brill in UFO's behind the "Iron Curtain." Robert Smulling, a professional photographer from Hamilton, Illinois, has selected photographic analysis.

MUFON is extremely proud to welcome two new states by the appointment of William F. Bertholdt, 34 B St., Hudson, New Hampshire, as State-Section Director for Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties, and Brent Raynes, Perkins Lane, Hallowell, Maine 04347, to the position of State-Section Director for the counties of Kennebec, Androscoggin, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox and Waldo.

Other new State-Section Directors selected this month are Arnold Johnson, 020 Lakeview, Mundelein, Illinois 60060, for Lake County; W. J. Mills, R. R. 3, Town Hall Road, Belleville, Illinois 62221, to cover Monroe and Randolph counties; Michael D. Lewis, P. O. Box 55629, Houston, Texas 77055, for Harris, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Chambers, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller counties; and Thomas Nelson, 901 East 2nd McCook, Nebraska 69001, serving in Red Willow, Frontier, Hayes, and Hitchcock counties.

A grateful expression of thanks is extended to the many people who helped to make our Third Annual Midwest UFO Conference such a highly successful event. Participants attended from fourteen states and one Canadian Province. To try to publish the names of all the wonderful people who contributed their time, talents, and money to the success of the conference would require a half-page list, single-spaced, with three columns in SKYLOOK. Plans are already underway in the selection of the site for our Fourth Annual Midwest UFO Symposium.

Sincerely,

Walt Andrus
Director, MUFON

What are UFOs? Experts' answers vary

Editor's Note: The above was the headline across six columns of the Sunday, June 18, 1972 edition of the Quincy, Ill., "The Herald-Whig" and photographs were included in the fine press coverage of the third annual conference of MUFON. We can't think of a better way to report the conference to our readers than by quoting directly from Bill Bradshaw's article. All the following is a direct quote:--

Advanced technology manned by humanoids from a planet in an adjacent galaxy, or maybe divine revelation heralding the cleansing of the world in the emergence of the Age of Aquarius? Are these what Unidentified Flying Objects may be?

The questions were open and many, and the answers few, with strong scientific research and investigation to support an extra-terrestrial intelligence as scores of "flying saucer" fans and experts gathered at Quincy's Holiday Inn on Saturday.

It was the third annual conference of the Midwest Unidentified Flying Object Network, hosted by the Network and the Tri-State UFO Study Group. From a beginning attendance of around 150, crowds swelled throughout the day for a full afternoon session and terminating Saturday night with an address by Dr. David R. Saunders of the University of Colorado and a question session for the seven speakers.

From the heterogeneous crowd which came from Quincy, Hannibal, Carthage, Canada, Colorado, New Jersey, Texas, Tennessee, Idaho, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas and Nebraska were many--perhaps a majority--who had seen UFOs themselves.

Casual visitors have a hard time going away unconvinced, or at least equally committed with keynote speaker Charles E. Barnum, executive editor of The Herald-Whig, who remained, as he said, "objectively skeptical, whatever that means."

A Skylab design engineer from St. Louis, John F. Schuessler said "UFOs do appear to be a product of an alien, even an extra-terrestrial intellect. We are being outdone in space, not by our worldly political enemies but by this extra-terrestrial intelligence." Schuessler left no doubt of what he believed to be the source of flying saucers.

Barnum, who said his skepticism had been given a new objective sharpness by reading Dr. J. Allen Hynek's "The UFO Experience," gave the news medias' views of UFOs. He said the press cannot ignore the subject because far too many reputable people are asking too many unanswerable questions. "It behooves us," he said, "to be objectively interested and to provide accurate reporting." He called on experts in the field to give assistance in packaging and giving perspective and understandable meaning to the welter of reported sightings so the public edification can be truly enlightening.

Walter H. Andrus, Jr., director of the Midwest UFO Network, was master of ceremonies, sharing introductions with Bill Schelen, chairman of the UFO Study Group.

Evidence of the importance attached to the Quincy meeting came with the nature of the press coverage. The National Enquirer was represented by Bob Smith from West Palm Beach, Fla., pinchhitting for that publication's UFO expert, Bill Dick, who is now in Russia.

The UFO Commentary of Twin Falls, Idaho, was represented with a display and by its editor, youthful Allen Benz.

Dr. David R. Saunders of the University of Colorado at Boulder, who made the principal address at the finale, told The Herald-Whig he

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he thought the average guy would "find my talk laborious and dry. I'm looking at this statistically," he said, "viewing a large file of sighting reports and trying to find patterns and looking for different ways to research what is being seen and reported.

"The chore is to extract reliability from a large volume of reports." Asked about his personal conviction, Dr. Saunders said "as a scientist, my conviction may change tomorrow. There is much real evidence that this is a problem area. Somebody ought to be doing good, solid scientific research. Most reports we get are explainable from known facts and scientific data. But there are enough of the other kind that you can find questions for which you can find no answers."

Heard during the morning were Barnum, Schuessler and Joseph M Brill of Franklin Park, who spoke on "UFOs Behind the Iron Curtain."

Ted Phillips, Jr. an inspector with the Missouri State Highway Commission, opened the afternoon period with "Landing Traces--Physical Evidence for the UFO."

Dr. R. Cedric Leonard, electronic technician with Western Electric, covered "UFOs in Antiquity," and Brad Steiger, noted author, Lecturer broadcaster, added the literary and philosophical touch with "Flying Saucer Missionaries."

The speakers covered virtually all facets of notions and implications about UFOs. Steiger stirred many imaginations with the theories and questions he expounded from the research for three of his books. "The Aquarian Revelations," "Revelation: The Divine Fire" and "Voices, Visitations and Messages From Other Worlds." * * * * *

Joseph M. Brill of Franklin Park cited published evidence that there have been many UFO sightings behind the Iron Curtain; that the Soviet government admits there are UFOs but says that Russia is making them. He finds, too, that serious studies, occupying some of Russia's best scientists, are presently underway on this very problem.

Dr. R. Cedric Leonard, who has a divinity degree and has switched to anthropology, combining these insights with his knowledge as an electrical engineer, brought all avenues of religion and philosophy to bear in "getting together" man's thoughts on "UFOs of Antiquity!" He traced sightings to 1619 in Switzerland.

"From scraps of evidence," he said, "I feel we can justifiably form hypotheses that earth was visited countless times through its long history back through the time of prehistoric man." * * * * *

Ted Phillips, Jr., with "Landing Traces--Physical Evidence for the UFO" said he has investigated over 150 UFO reports and that 358 such reports are on file * * * * * He described physical traces found as circular marks, burned, depressed or dehydrated, and described "saucer nests"--oval areas of damaged soil or plant life." * * * * *

Schuessler's talk Saturday morning included many fully investigated reports of UFOs stalking automobiles, or menacing airplanes. * * * he says what he believes about "flying saucers" has only been heightened by work in the space program * * * he marvels at the propulsion system, the development of metals for such space exploits and the life and safety protection systems.

"They have a propulsion system, possibly new technology, life support system and perhaps a life form itself," he said; "which may be sufficiently different to preclude any technological exchange."

Sorry for the ****. Didn't have room for the entire article. Ye Ed.

Analysis Continues on Soil from Delphos, Kansas "Ring"

Ted Phillips, whose investigation of the Delphos, Kansas, "ring" has made UFO publications all over the world, fully expected to have a complete report of the soil analysis for this issue of SKYLOOK.

He informs us all reports from several independent laboratories are not in as yet, and he feels he should wait until the final conclusions can be given after studying all reports. He says, "I do promise the Skylook readers a report just as soon as we really see what we have. I can say that in all the reports received to date, it is generally stated that the two samples (ring and normal soil) are markedly different."

He added that Mr. Johnson telephoned him June 14th and said the ring is still visible following a rain shower--which means that after being exposed for 226 days, the ring is still visible. Mr. Johnson is fencing the ringed area to protect it and will obtain a sample of the ring soil every month for further study.

Walter H. Andrus Re-elected as Director of Midwest UFO Network

The annual business meeting of the Midwest UFO Network was held at the Holiday Inn, Quincy, Ill., Sunday morning, June 18, and Walter H. Andrus was re-elected as Director.

Other officers named are: Assistant Director, John F. Schuessler; Secretary, Ted Phillips, Jr., and Treasurer, Fields E. Freeman.

Reports were made by State and State-Section Directors on work being done in their areas, and some of these will be carried in issues of SKYLOOK. Letters from absent members were read.

A new staff position, that of Coordinator of Specialization, has been filled by Ted Phillips, of Sedalia.

Carol Armstrong acted as recording secretary and submitted a well written, detailed report of the meeting, and SKYLOOK will publish excerpts as space permits in future issues.

Several new matters were discussed and some, we are sure, will be brought up in Mr. Andrus' "Message" as being of interest to all MUFON members and non-members as well.

Rosetta Holmes, mindful of her Public Relations position on the SKYLOOK staff, asked all new members to get new subscribers; and invited all to the skywatch and picnic at Carlyle Lake, July 22-23.

Dr. Hynek Gets Fine Publicity

Your editor thanks all who sent in the article by Rich Koster, featuring Dr. J. Allen Hynek, which was published in the Sunday magazine sections in newspapers all over the United States. The article was given different titles in the magazines, but the text itself was the same.

We understand the first edition of Dr. Hynek's book "The UFO Experience" is completely sold out; so no doubt the second printing will be (or already is) under way soon. Many of our readers have expressed the hope a paperback edition will be available soon as the price of \$6.95 (at the book store) is more than many can afford.

Just got our copy of Bonita Roman's "The Ohio UFO Reporter." 36 pages of fine reading. Send 50 cents for a copy to editor, Bonita Roman, Route 3, Yankee Road, Middletown, Ohio, 45042. More on this next ish.

Skywatch July 22nd, Picnic July 23rd at Boulder Access to Carlyle Lake

Dr. Willard P. Armstrong will direct the short wave communications posts set up around Carlyle Lake (Illinois) Saturday night, July 22nd, and asks for more volunteers. Each radio operator will need an observer and a log keeper. Phone Dr. Armstrong at AC 314-836-9177 or write to him at 6908 Kingsbury Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63130.

The all day picnic will be held Sunday, July 23rd with a potluck dinner at noon. This friendly get together of all interested ufologists and their families was initiated four years ago and has become an annual affair with more attending every year. Lou Farish, of the SKYLOOK staff, will be the afternoon speaker. Mr. Farish informs us he is not absolutely certain he can be present, but will make every effort to do so. We know the readers who follow his column in SKYLOOK every month and his articles in other ufazines are looking forward to meeting him in person and to hearing him speak.

Folks in the Carlyle and St. Louis area refer to the gathering as "Rosie and Dicks' Picnic" as Rosetta and Dick Holmes hosted the first one, doing so well, they "inherit" the role from year to year --and they love it. You'll never meet a friendlier couple.

See the June issue of SKYLOOK for further information re the skywatch Saturday night, July 22nd and the picnic on Sunday, July 23rd.

Lights Moving in Circle Sighted in Illinois

At 10 p.m. Sunday, June 11, 1972, Paul and Gloria Dorn, of Millstadt, Ill., were driving west on 59th Street from Belleville, Ill. Gloria noticed a strange configuration of lights which swept in sequence, describing a circle. Paul stopped the car to observe the sweeping arc of lights traveling southwest at about the speed of a descending aircraft and was convinced it was not a conventional aircraft.

They described the circle of flashing lights as "about as large as a fifty cent piece held at arm's length." They were yellow-red in color and could be described "as portholes in something circular, but we never saw the object itself--just the lights--and they lit in arcs of several at a time."

After watching for three minutes, the two reentered the car to pursue the lights. Because of buildings and trees, it was difficult to follow the lights and suddenly they disappeared, leading them to believe the object landed or took off at another angle at extremely high speed. Had it kept the speed it had been traveling, it could have been sighted in the various openings between buildings and trees.

The Dorns said, "If it was some form of aircraft, we'd like to know it because we've seen airplanes, helicopters, and advertising blimps at night but none looked like this. If anyone knows what it was, we would certainly appreciate the answer."

How about it, readers? Any ideas?

Credit: John E. Schroeder.

Back issues of SKYLOOK available at 35¢ each. Better write first, as supplies are short on some.

UFOs Cross Football Field

Paul Seligsohn was one of approximately 75 people watching a fraternity touch football game at the Washington University (St. Louis) practice football field, just east of Francis Field, on a clear, cool November day in 1950 when two unidentified flying objects moved over the field in plain view of all present.

The first object, a dull, metallic cylinder about 10-12 feet long and 2-3 feet in diameter, with no apparent openings or markings, crossed the field from the northwest to the southeast making a "sputtering noise like electrical spark discharges" and leaving a definite smell of ozone. Altho no discharge opening could be seen, there was a diamond-pattered wake "as if hypersonic ionic emission." The entire viewing time was about 30 seconds.

Immediately after losing sight of the object as it disappeared over trees to the east, a second object was observed directly above the witness and slightly to the north at an estimated altitude of 2,000 feet. It appeared to be about the size of a dime and spherical, or possibly bowl-shaped. Sunlight reflected from its silvery metallic surface. It remained in a hovering position for 10-15 seconds; then a definite change took place. It lost its metallic sheen and began to glow with a dead white color. It also seemed to be vibrating, then abruptly accelerated at an unbelievable rate and "streaked" eastward. It was out of sight in one or two seconds.
Credit: John F. Schuessler.

Three Sisters Watch Half-Moon Shaped Object

Janice, Judy and Joyce Schwaegel, three sisters who live on a farm about two miles southwest of Germantown, Ill., watched a brilliantly lighted UFO near their home at dusk, May 14, 1972.

The object was first seen hovering over a neighbor's farm buildings to the southeast. The girls described the object as being of half-moon shape with a dark gray, metallic body. At first the craft displayed two brilliant white lights described as being quite similar to car headlights. After hovering for about 11 minutes, the object began to move slowly to the west. At this point the white lights disappeared and blue, green, red and white lights appeared around the entire rim of the craft. These lights resembled aircraft running lights, but did not flash, and were visible until the craft was out of sight.

Altho the craft had been silent while hovering, when it moved to the west a sound similar to that of a small airplane was heard. However, the airspeed was about half that of a small plane.

The girls observed the craft for about 15 minutes, and all had an opportunity to view it with 7x35 binoculars, and all were sure it was not an ordinary aircraft. The distance from their home to the craft when first seen above the neighbor's farm buildings is roughly a half mile, and they estimated the craft to be about 50 feet in diameter and about 200 feet above ground.

The girls reported they had observed strange, yellowish lights which "sparkled like diamonds" in the southwestern sky, visible for about one minute at dusk, on the nights of April 16 and 19. The sky was clear for all the sightings.

Credit: Terry Turner.

Attention, St. Louis Area Readers . Joe Gurney reports that many UFO reports are made on the "Hot Line" program, radio KXOK, St. Louis, Mo. from eight o'clock to midnight, every Sunday night . Tune in and phone in.

Boy Sees Saucer Land in Mexico - Mother - See UFO Take Off - Trace Left

The following is a translation made by Dr. Willard P. Armstrong of "A Flying Saucer Landed in Acuescoma" from the Mexican weekly Jueves de Excelsior, April 20, 1972, published in Mexico City.

It was about ten o'clock at night on March 19 when the boy, Mario Sanchez Perez, went out to the patio of his house in Acuescoma, State of Mexico, to look for a broom. The night was clear and there were some stars in the sky, but among all of these a bluish light called the attention of the boy as it gradually became larger, as if it were approaching the ground.

He looked at it a moment until he noted that, in effect, it was coming toward where he was. Opposite Mario's house there was a vacant lot some 200 meters in length, at the end of which was located the mausoleum of the village cemetery. The light, on approaching, became bigger, calling powerfully the attention of the boy, who believing that it must be a hot-air balloon like those which they send up at the village feasts, began to run in the direction of the place where he believed it was going to fall.

When the object was on the point of touching the earth, it seemed that it was going to descend inside the mausoleum and the boy began to run towards it. But on arriving and peering inside, he saw nothing. Therefore he continued his running toward the back part. However, before turning the corner he peeked around cautiously because the glow of the light was very intense. Then he saw a kind of luminous sphere which was giving off a bluish glow similar--as he told us--to that given off by welding torches.

Then Mario became frightened and began to run back in order to tell his mother. As he entered his house, some neighbors, Mr. Zacarias Mendoza and Manuela Carlotta de Mendoza, crossed the vacant lot and he called to the attention of the lady the light which was there back of the mausoleum; but Don Zacarias said to him: "They are the rabbit hunters which are walking with their searchlights."

And they gave no greater importance to the affair. But when Mario went out accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Josefina Sanchez de Perez, the object, which had remained on the ground for some seven minutes, began to rise up, producing a hum and casting off more bluish-colored sparks. Little by little the sound was lost in the night, and the light disappeared in the sky.

Neither the mother nor the boy could explain what they had seen. Mario only said, "Tomorrow I am going to see if I can find something." The sun had hardly risen when he got up and went to the place where that object had rested.

That Mario found still can be seen perfectly. They are four deep tracks about 20 centimeters in depth, separated exactly one from the other in the form of a square of 2.50 meters. In the center of the tracks at a point equidistant from what one supposes were the feet of the object, still is seen a black mark on the burned ground. If one considers that the landing of whatever it must have been, occurred March 19, and we were there Sunday, April 9, finding still the holes and the ashes in spite of the fact that it had rained and the wind had blown without anyone taking care to protect the evidence, tells us that the object which Mario and his mother saw must have been very heavy, and moreover must have produced an incandescence so intense

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that the burned ground still can be seen after almost three weeks since the strange event occurred.

Wishing to find out whether the boy had a lively imagination which could have coined in his fantasy what he told us, we asked quite a few questions about what he liked to read, if he watched the TV, or if he read magazines of fantasy. But neither the one thing nor the other. Mario is a reserved boy, who answers only what is asked, without speculating on anything. When we asked him about what he believed he had seen, he only shrugged his shoulders and said, "Who knows?"

Mario's mother is a lady of little more than 40 years, simple, as are the majority of the people of Acuescoma. To our question about what she thought it was that she had seen, she answered us, "I wish that it had not gone away, so that I could have seen it better. I only managed to see it when it was rising up; but my boy really saw it on the ground."

We asked them if they had collected the fresh ashes, which they had, and gave us a tiny sample, explaining that since "some people from outside have come to ask for what we collected and now we have no more than this little bit."

We took pictures of the place, which remains intact. The people who pass by already are getting used to the fact that a flying saucer landed there beside the mausoleum.

The event seems not to have changed anything about the life of the little village, which is located some nine kilometers from Texcoco, on the highway which goes from the latter place to the pyramids of Teotihuacan.

Every night the people of the village look at the sky in search of objects, but among them all only Mario Perez Sanchez is the one who can say that he saw "something which came down from the sky in the form of a sphere, stayed several minutes on the ground, and then took off, making a humming sound."

Editor's Comment: A most interesting report, and we are grateful to the Armstrongs for sending it in. Mrs. Armstrong (Carol) is a member of the SKYLOOK staff.

Illinois Men See UFO in Guatemala

Marvin R. Dick, Controller, and Jim Barry, Credit Manager, for the Gates Radio Company in Quincy, Ill., were in Antigua, Guatemala, May 10, 1972 when they saw a UFO.

It was about 10 p.m. when the two men decided to take a dip in the pool at the resort motel where they were staying. After swimming around for a time, both were floating on their backs and admiring the clear sky and bright stars when suddenly, appearing in the sky as a small dot, a bright orange circular light appeared. "It moved rapidly toward us and at its closest point to us it would have taken a 2" circular disk to cover the object at arm's length," Dick said. "There was no sound coming from this object."

At its closest point to the men, it hovered for approximately 30 to 60 seconds, then moved back up out of sight. It appeared as if it were an orange ball of fire.

The sky was clear with no clouds. The sighting was in a mountainous area with lots of trees "however, the object did not get close enough to be between us and either the trees or the mountains," Dick said. Credit: Walter H. Andrus.

Stan Gordon, Director of Pennsylvania UFO Study Group: A Busy Man
More Than 40 UFO Sightings Investigated in Three Month Period

If there is a busier UFO investigator than Stan Gordon, of Greensburg, Pa., then Ye Ed hasn't heard about it. He and his group have investigated more than forty UFO sightings in Westmoreland County during March, April and May (he hasn't had time to type the June reports as yet) and that represents a lot of work. Stan insists that the UFO Study Group of Westmoreland County be given the credit for all investigative work and published reports, pinning no roses on himself for any individual accomplishment as Director--but we all know it takes a "leader" to organize and activate a group that is covering as much ground as this one.

Stan Gordon is an electronics technician who specializes in radio communication. He became interested in UFO's in high school when his research for a term paper drew him deeper into the field; and he was soon making lectures to any group interested in listening. He organized the study group in September of 1970 and the forty members include scientists, engineers, photographers, and other professional people with a serious interest in UFOs.

"Our main goal is to be able to send out field investigators who know how to gather physical evidence and collect data," Stan told a staff writer on the Greensburg "Tribune Review" recently (and made the front page of the May 5, 1972 edition in a fine article that does credit to the newspaper as well as to the subject matter).

"We try to find a logical explanation for the things people see," Stan said. "And 95 percent of the time we do." And herein lies the "work" involved. Anyone can take a telephone report and jot down a few notes and let it go at that--but this group gets on the job with field investigators with geiger counters, cameras and tape recorders. Witnesses are interviewed, other witnesses are sought; every avenue of investigation is followed and when the report is written and filed, along with taped interviews and physical evidence (if any) the "conclusions" have meaning. The "five percent which defy identification" provides a challenge which involves more hours of work as the "UFO detectives" stubbornly stay on the job.

Monitoring Station WDX3GHF is manned around the clock, along with telephone lines, and the hundreds of sightings reported is evidence that Westmoreland County residents take this group seriously.

Stan is affiliated with several UFO organizations and is a State-Section Director for MUFON. His local group publishes a newsletter on an irregular basis, and this is free (as long as the supply lasts) to anyone sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group, 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, Pa. 15601. If you live in Pennsylvania, get your report to Stan Gordon at this address. The telephone number is 834-8668 or 834-0724.

SKYLOOK is happy to have Stan Gordon reporting to us from his Group and will publish as many of the best reports as space permits. (See earlier reports in the May issue of SKYLOOK) We congratulate Stan on the fine work being done in his area and look forward to monthly reports (always before the 20th, please!)

See the next page for some of the Pennsylvania reports.

If you are a subscriber and would like a friend to have a sample copy of SKYLOOK, send us the name and address AND an 8-cent stamp. This offer to subscribers only. Sample copies are 35¢ each.

UFOs In Pennsylvania - From Westmoreland County UFO Study Group Files
Reported by Stan Gordon, Director, Also MUFON Representative

April 16, 1972 -Greensburg area-At approximately 9:15 P.M. the UFO Control Centers phones began ringing with numerous reports of a large, orange colored object that was dropping residue and moving east over Greensburg. At first the indications were that the object was probably a bolide or a space junk re-entry. After interviewing each witness and correlating the reports, it was soon evident that this was not the case. Two witnesses were in their car when they first noticed the object about 20 feet above the ground, appearing from between two houses. The ground was lit up brightly as soon as the object began to ascend at an angle into the sky.

The witnesses at this point stopped their car and got out so that they could observe the object better. They also noticed several other cars stopped and the passengers were apparently watching the same object. The object turned and began to move over the city of Greensburg and continued to move slowly out of sight. It was described as looking like "a pill capsule with one end on fire and flipping over end to end." The object made a flapping sound and dropped a yellow spark as it continued on. Several of the witnesses had special training in ground observation and stated that many times they had observed large meteors, but that this object was visible for too long and moved too slowly to be a meteor. It was under observation for up to six minutes. About five minutes after the object was observed over Greensburg, we received a report from Pleasant Unity, a small rural community about 7 miles southeast. The witnesses reported that a bright circular object flew over a trailer park and emitted a bright white beam downward on a house trailer, illuminating the trailer and the area around it. The object then continued to move east toward Latrobe. Area radio stations carried news reports on the sightings.

April 17-Greensburg-At 8:19 P.M. the first of two witnesses was out walking a dog when she observed a large object approaching her from the southeast and moving toward the northeast. The object moved directly over the witness and was estimated to be about 150 feet in the air. She described it as being about the size of a "1970 Chevrolet Satellite car" in diameter. It was a large silver disc, with a bright blinking red light on the bottom center, with a blue haze surrounding the entire object. The witness ran home to tell her brother, who then ran outside with a pair of 7x35 power binoculars. He observed the object through the optics and stated that it looked like a silver, round object with a light blue haze around the top. The object continued to move slowly out of sight and was under observation for about ten minutes.

April 18-Greensburg--Four witnesses reported that about 7:30 P.M. they observed an object as large as a Cadillac in diameter. The object was moving north and was seen for about 15 seconds. It was described as an oval-shaped object with a silver exterior. It had a tail fin on the upper side and was flat on the bottom with three rectangular windows through the center, emitting a red light with about the brilliancy of a 200-watt bulb. The object was completely silent and moved steadily out of sight.

April 18-Bovard-Several witnesses reported observing a revolving silver-blue object with a red flame at the bottom. It was seen at 7:59 P.M. moving slowly toward Greensburg and just suddenly disappeared in front of the witnesses' eyes. Field investigators were immediately sent to the area, but nothing more was observed.

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April 19-Crabtree, Greensburg-Several callers reported seeing a bright red beam of light "like a wide flashlight beam appear for a second in the sky and disappear." There are no beacon lights or other sources in the area to produce this condition, observed at 9:15 P.M.

April 21-Greensburg-At 3 A.M. a man reported seeing no object in the sky, but the whole sky and area around his home had lit up for a minute like daylight, then returned to total darkness.

April 21-Waterford-Several witnesses in a trailer court in this isolated area about 22 miles east of Greensburg reported observing a bright orange spherical object hovering low over a group of trees. There appeared to be lights revolving around the base of the object. It rose up a little, then lowered down behind the trees. The sighting lasted about a half hour between 10 and 10:30 P.M. During the time it was observed and later during the night, dogs were very nervous and were scratching on doors, wanting to be permitted inside. TV disturbance was also reported during this period.

Editor's Note: We now depart from Mr. Gordon's account to state we have omitted some of the sightings listed during this period as the investigators established they were planets, balloons or other identified objects. We now turn to a report of physical residue and condense the report because of space limitations:-- on April 22, Mr. Gordon received a call from Mr. "Jones" from his farm in the Greensburg area, saying he had discovered two separate areas of a metallic material "like shredded tin foil but real fine" on his property.

On reaching the farm, the investigators learned the material had been discovered a week earlier. Mr. "Jones" stated his dogs had been barking and unusually nervous during the night, and when he went out the next morning, he discovered the material. He gathered a sample with a knife and placed it in a covered butter dish.

The investigators checked it with a geiger counter and found it clean with no residual tracings. Mr. and Mrs. "Jones" took them to a point about 15 feet from the house where the woods began and all found more of the material interwoven in the grass in an area about five feet in diameter. Some of the heavier material was lying on top and samples were gathered.

The group went from there out into a field about 30 feet from the first point and found more material directly under a high tension line tower. Pictures were taken and more samples gathered.

Mr. Gordon wrote: "The sample was analyzed locally and was found to be almost 99 percent aluminum with minimum tracings of other substances which were too small to be determined. The lab had no idea what the material could have been used for. One metallurgist did say that it was similar to radar chaff, but that he had never seen it so short and narrow."

Also, on April 22nd (and remember the above incident occurred a week earlier) residents of Lloydsville, adjacent to Donahue Road and Latrobe, reported seeing an unusual aircraft so low they thought it would hit a nearby hill. It was moving west and described as being similar to a World War II plane, a dark charcoal gray, and oblong in shape--not "tapered" like an aircraft. No cockpit or windows could be seen, or any markings of any type. It emitted "a funny roaring sound."

Editor's Note: We hate to stop now as we have pages more--but will have to continue these reports next month. Watch for them.

Physical Traces - Material Evidence of UFO's? . . . By Ted Phillips

In looking at the various physical trace reports one always likes to obtain the very latest cases. We are constantly looking for a fresh report in order to obtain the necessary data which may provide the missing piece to the UFO puzzle. However, we must not overlook another piece to the puzzle--the earlier trace reports. Cases in the trace file, which now totals 433 reports, date from 1490 to the current time. The following are but a few of the really old cases which make up a small but important part of the total picture.

Type B, File # 374 Exact date unknown, 1490, A.M. A silvery disc was seen by a priest and others as it passed over a church during morning mass. The object passed over the area several times. A bell was knocked to the ground and cows were singed. (Source - personal)

Type A, File # 261 June 12, 1790, 0500, Alencon, France. Numerous farmers saw a globe surrounded by glazes as it approached the ground. A whistling sound was heard and plants were set afire along its path. The object landed and remained on the ground for several hours. It was seen by various officials such as the mayor, a doctor and other citizens. A human-like figure emerged, paused for a brief time, and ran away into the woods. The object exploded silently and the pieces burned to powder. (Source-Vallee, "Passport to Magonia," "Flying Saucer Review.")

Type D, File # 311, July, 1880, East Aent, Ontario, Canada. David Muckle and W. R. McKay heard a sudden loud report. They turned to see a cloud of stones flying upward from a spot in a field. They examined the spot, which was circular and 16 feet across. There was no sign of an eruption nor anything to indicate the fall of a heavy body. The ground was simply swept clean. They are quite certain that it was not caused by a meteorite, an eruption, or a whirlwind. (Source-"Scientific American," 7-10-1880)

The following is a list of physical trace cases reported before 1947. The symbols indicate the following:

@ landed object . near landing \$occupant seen *multiple witness
b photographs c effects (animal, human, mechanical)

1.	??/1490	-	Ireland	.#c
2.	12/Jun/1790	0500	France	@\$#*
3.	07/Déc/1872	0100	England	#
4.	??/Jul/1880	-	Canada	#*
5.	01/Oct/1887	-	Venezuela	.#c*
6.	26/Mar/1897	-	United States	.#
7.	12/Apr/1897	1800	United States	@\$#
8.	19/Apr/1897	2230	United States	.\$#*
9.	25/APR/1897	-	United States	.\$#
10.	30/Jun/1908	0717	U.S.S.R.	@#*c
11.	??/1909	-	Belgium	b#
12.	18/May/1909	2300	Wales	@\$#
13.	??/Nov/1919	-	United States	@#*
14.	??/Apr/1922	-	Ireland	@#*
15.	??/1923	0100	Philippines	@#*
16.	??/1941	-	United States	@#
17.	??/Sep/1943	0400	Argentina	@#
18.	??/Mar/1945	-	United States	@#

Do you have some physical trace cases in your files? Send them to Ted Phillips, P. O. Box 615, Sedalia, Mo., 65301.

Karel Pacner, Science Editor of "Mlada Fronta," daily newspaper in Prague, Czechoslovakia, continues his report of July 20, 1968

Interview With Engineer Gubarjov

But this did not prove anything in particular, one way or another. Zigel and Stoljarov had asserted the contrary findings. Is it possible that these two experts had erred that much, or are they such enthusiasts that they failed to employ all the usual scientific methods of investigation when examining UFO's and are they getting the results which each really desire to reach? What is the truth?

On the last day before I left Moscow it had become clear to me that none of the authorized experts would ever answer my questions, and so I had started to chat about UFO's at lunch time with Voloda Gubarjov, the chief of the Science Department of 'Komsomolska Pravda.' Just after lunch I taperecorded the following interview with engineer V. Gubarjov, a known skeptic newspaperman, who has a number of good contacts not only with astronomers, physicists, missile specialists, but also with the State Security and the Army as well.

Q: Can you tell me, whether you've seen any UFO's over soviet territory?

A: I have been interested in flying saucers since I was eight years old. The first time I heard of a flying saucer was several years ago. In a meteorological station near the city of Tiksi one of the meteorologists went out early one evening to check his instruments. While doing so he also took several photographs. Then, when he processed the film he noticed an odd shaped object which resembled a cylinder on one of his photographs. Therefore he sent this photo to Moscow and also a copy to our daily. In about two weeks we published an article about this unknown object. And then we received a flood of such 'flying saucer' pictures. Finally, we started to produce them ourselves, above Kreml, just above the house where the former chief editor of Izvestie Mr. Adjubej used to live, on Pravda street. This was really nothing more than a typical light refraction in the camera's objective.

Sometime in the years 1964 or 1965 there was a news story that somewhere in the Ural Mountains there was a group of some six or seven tourists who didn't have any wounds and who apparently had died because of a heart attack, just have expressions of amazement and surprise on their faces. There were some rumors that these people had died after seeing a UFO. I phoned the military Department of Registration of Sudden Deaths, but they didn't know anything of that sort. In the last twenty years, they said that nothing like that had ever happened. Nevertheless, I didn't believe them. I investigated a number of other places, but everywhere they asserted the report of the Security Department.

Q: And what about the various news about the sighting of flying saucers from planes in flight?

A: Two years ago (1966), they wrote a story in the newspapers about a UFO that had been accompanying the plane AN-24 on a flight from Kiev to Moscow where at a certain moment all the engines of the plane failed, and the airplane had started to fall down and only once it had reached a low altitude above the ground the engines had started to

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work again, and all had ended happily. . . Well, I said to myself, I check into it. And again, the Ukrainian Aeroflot (airplanes) didn't know anything about such an event. The Ministry of Civil Aviation of the U.S.S.R. didn't know anything about it. . . it was clear that the article's author had heard something--and not checking the whole story --he wrote a sensational article that was pure fiction.

At another time I participated in the launching of a geophysical rocket, that released a colored cloud at a high altitude so that, it could be observed from ground stations where they indicated the direction and the speed of the air streams in the high atmosphere. And it was at this time, when letters started to come into our editorial office with reader's comments on what they had seen here and there, something that resembled a 'Flying Saucer' and that it shined with wonderful colors.

Beside this there are still a number of phenomenon that cannot be explained by science for the time being. There's a question for instance about what is produced at the unhampered return of an artificial space-body when it breaks apart and burns up on its flight thru our dense stratum of the upper atmosphere. We know that just there a plasma of super high temperatures originates--but that's all we know.

Q: Haven't soviet astronauts ever observed any UFO's? I was present at the last Astronautical Congress in Belgrade, when astronaut Pavel Popvich admitted that he had seen a 'flying saucer' about a half a year ago. Then in Prague where Pavel Beljajev didn't deny the possibility of the existance of the UFOs, but spoke about eventual contacts with rational civilizations emphasizing the necessity to study everything thoroughly. . .

A: As far as I know, the soviet astronauts haven't seen any UFO's, but pilots have seen them. It is apparently due to a reflection of the plane itself that flies through the clouds. For the fact that it isn't anything else, there exists a circumstance that these 'flying saucers' accompanying a plane never make any of their own maneuvers and they seem to disappear when the plane lands.

Q: Alright, and what do the military officials and the scientists have to say about this?

A: Nothing. None of the soviet radar stations have ever registered a UFO. Also our astronomers haven't seen them. For sure if such an object would have ever appeared on our radar screens, the military would immediately pursue it. But, I do not ever remember hearing about any such occurrence.

Q: Which means that the assertion of Dr. Felix Zigel published by you, has not been based on the facts?

A: I am skeptical in regard to his views. As far as I know, the commission of which he has been elected as secretary has not really begun to function at all.

Q: And do the informations sent in by your readers continue to come in to your editorial office?

A: Yes, they do. People see "saucers" from planes and at other times, such as after the launching of the meteorological rockets now used a great deal, and those are gases from operating engines. They also see other things that can always be explained in some way by the astronomers.

Thank you, Vladimir, for this interview. It's a pity that neither the adherents of UFO's nor the official skeptics do not discuss this subject with the same frankness. (End of interview)

Truth or at least a trace of truth, I am afraid I haven't been able
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to uncover. A well known American astronomer Dr. Donald Menzel stated in his book on UFO's that the majority of UFO's can be explained by a very natural method, as reflections of the moon, of planets, as various appearances in Earth's atmosphere, as optical illusions and recently they were mentioned as discharges of overhead power lines, the same type of examples discussed by Gubarjov. However, very few observations, a fraction of one per cent, cannot be explained by contemporary methods. Unfortunately, none of the soviet scientists took a serious stand just to these informations. I rather had the impression of feeling that both sides, the UFO adherents as well as their skeptics, conceive the idea almost as the subject of religion. They either have a belief in "flying saucers" or they do not have a belief in them. The problem of the existance of these objects, however, for the time being has not been solved. The American Air Force, as it is well known, spent a great amount of money for research of these objects in the past years. It also is interesting that the well-known American of Czech. descent Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who has been in charge of this research, and during his last visit to Czechoslovakia announced his wish to establish relations with soviet colleagues, by means of our experts' assistance and to exchange views with them on these unknown objects. It is of course possible that the Americans will issue a report that states the non existance of UFO's. But likewise, we must suspect them, that those facts found out at these researches which could have military or scientific-strategical meaning will be concealed. In other words they will proceed on as all military in the world, including the soviet general staff will proceed. And therefore, I fear that the Soviet Academy of Sciences stand on the non-existence of UFO's has been improvident, if not equally dogmatic, like years ago, when it (Academy of Sciences) officially condemned cybernetics and genetics. Of course, the purpose of academic leaders' articles could be rather to drop a curtain of top secrecy over the research of UFO's in the Soviet Union, and thus to deceive the rest of the world into a false vestige.

Baseball Player Interested in UFOs

Steve Kealey, pitcher for the Chicago White Sox, has never seen a UFO, but he says: "Someday, though, everybody will HAVE to believe in UFOs. . . in life in outer space . . . some day when They finally decide to make themselves known to us."

He doesn't approve of the Air Force sending jets up to scare UFOs away. "Obviously, They are just curious about our civilization. If They had wanted to destroy us, They could have done it years ago."

"You know, that's the thing that really scares me. One of these days, our country will develop sophisticated enough aircraft to keep up with a UFO. And when that happens, our planes probably will start shooting at them, instead of just scaring them away."

And Steve continues, "And when we start shooting at Them, what's going to happen to us? If THEY start shooting back, we're history."

Now there's something to contemplate while facing Harmon Killebrew with the bases loaded.

Source: Dave Nightingale's column in the "Chicago Daily News," May 31

Credit: Thomas E. Miller

Editor's Note: And that's no wild pitch, Steve.

GLOBE TROTTING

Mystery Circle on New Zealand Farm. While wandering through his fields Saturday, March 11, 1972, about 9:30 a.m. Len Baldwin, a Wiltsdown farmer, saw from a distance what he thought was cattle herded together. On closer inspection he found it to be an almost completely circular patch of bare earth.

All the surface grass had disappeared, and so he looked to see if it was grass grub. But it wasn't, because the bare patch was too large (15-17 paces across) and it was too symmetrical, forming almost a perfect circle.

The next door neighbor, Dave Hammond, looked at the circles and said it was exactly the same as the one he had seen at Rotorua last year.

"It was no hoax," he said. "I'm not suggesting it was a flying saucer, but I just don't know what to make of it. The patch is peculiar, the edges are not burnt, but they are sort of frizzled. Everything is dead on the top, but the grass roots are alive."

It was not grass grub that had caused the patch and it was not caused by stock. In fact, says Hammond, sheep did not walk on the circle for some time.

Source: Putaruru Press, Putaruru, N. Z., March 17, 1972.

UFO Interrupts Romance in Brazil Young Lino Osvaldo Saul and his girl were making love on the beach de Assuncao when he saw an object rise from the waters and move in his direction. "Then I grabbed my girl and ran," he said. But despite his fear he still saw that it was gaining altitude, without emitting any sound.

Residents of Sao Leopoldo, Viamao, Carazinho and persons who were on the Guaiba beaches described the object as orange-colored, passing by at low altitude.

Credit: "O Globo," Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Dec. 21, 1971.

Source: Rod Dyke's Clipping Service, 3521 S. W. 104th, Seattle, Wash.

Dark Cloud With Black Circle Over Denmark Mrs. Kirstine Quist and her neighbor, Mrs. Helga Ronde, of Gjesing, Denmark saw an unusual flying object at 1:30 PM June 23, 1971, and watched it for five minutes as it moved out over the sea. Mrs. Quist says it was not a conventional aircraft. "It looked like a dark cloud with a black ring inside," she said.

At about the same time press photographer Kurt Leth Jakobsen, of Grenaa, without noticing it, photographed a mysterious and so far unexplained celestial phenomenon over the sea immediately east of Grenaa harbor.

Credit: "Djursland," Grenaa, Denmark, July 7, 1971. From a translation by Douglas Wilson in Rod Dyke's Clipping Service.

UFO Buzzes Car in Australia M. Boyce, of Kadina was driving home from Wallaroo Sunday night shortly after 6:30 when light coming from behind lit the road in front and on both sides. Boyce thought it was another car with powerful lights, but saw nothing in his rear view window. At the same instant his car engine cut dead and the lights went out. Boyce got out of his car and looked up to see a round object "like a big dish" about 150 feet above him, casting an orange glow over paddocks on one side of the road and the racecourse on the other. There were two red lights and a yellow light on the object. The "buzzing" continued, then the object shot away at high speed. Credit: "Australian UFO Report, P. O. Box 51, Glenside, South Australia. (Sighting Oct. 1, 1971)"

Astronomy Notes

July Sky Venus will now be seen as a brilliant morning object, rising at 3:30 A.M. CST, July 1 and at 2:00 A.M. August 1. Mars is now quite near the position of the sun. Jupiter, second

only to Venus in brightness may be seen during most of the evening hours, setting at 4:15 A.M. July 1 and at 2:00 A.M. August 1. Look for it in the high southern sky. Saturn is now an early morning object, visible as it rises at 3:00 A.M. July 1 and 1:20 A.M. August 1.

(By Ted Phillips)

The Constellations. No. 20 Draco (The Dragon) Draco seems to have been identified with some form of serpent or dragon in most civilizations. About 3000 B.C. the star Thuban was the nearest bright star to the north Celestial Pole. The Greeks depicted this constellation as the dragon that guarded the Gardens of the Hesperides where golden apples grew.

Draco culminates at 9 P.M. on July 8 and is a north circumpolar constellation located between Ursa Major and Ursa Minor. Draco contains only 8 stars brighter than fourth magnitude. The brightest star in Draco is Gamma Drocoris (Eltanin). A study of this star led Bradley to the discovery of the aberration of light. Eltanin is magnitude 2.22 and is 110 light years distant. The north pole of the Ecliptic lies within the confines of Draco. The planetary nebula NGC-6543 in Draco was the first object of its kind to be analyzed with the spectroscope by Huggins on August 29, 1864. This observation solved the riddle of the nebulae since Huggins recognized it as a tenuous luminous gas, rather than a mass of unresolved stars as some observers had thought. (By Mark Herbstritt)

Detailed Report of "Crossed Line" Alert in July issue of SAGA

Lou Farish is on two weeks National Guard duty at Ft. Chaffee, Ark. and sent his copy in early. As he did not have the opportunity to review the July SAGA in his IN OTHERS' WORDS, we are calling an article to your attention so you will know about Hayden C. Hewes' lengthy report on "The UFO 'Raid' That Sparked a White House Alert" while the magazine is still on the news stands.

SKYLOOK published a two-page report on this in the February 1972 issue ("Crossed Lines 'Reveal' Red Alert") and some other ufozines also carried the report, but Hewes' account has a wealth of detail that has not appeared elsewhere (to our knowledge) and we certainly feel he has done an excellent job in digging out and reporting every bit of available information on this interesting case.

Our readers will remember it deals with an Oklahoma City telephone conversation interrupted by what appeared to be a high-level communication involving several Defense Commands and even a top-secret conversation with the President of the United States. This was on January 12, 1972, and the next day the Oklahoma press carried accounts of the "snarl up" and then denials from the Defense Department and the White House. There was never any question of the integrity of the Oklahoma City residents reporting the overheard conversations--and there was never a satisfactory explanation for the conversations--a hoax or a government top secret?

We read Hewes' report with great interest and believe you will too. We'd be interested in knowing your reaction. Drop us a few lines, and we'll print your comments.

UFOs are discussed by Roy Norton, in connection with his speculations on the Egyptian pyramids, in the June issue of SAGA. The UFO material is largely culled from the writings of the late M. K. Jessup, who first discussed the possible connection between "cryptoarcheology" and ancient space visitations.

The June 4 issue of the NATIONAL NEWS EXPLOITER, one of the weekly tabloids, features an article dealing with an alleged UFO report from Talihina, Oklahoma. A rancher reportedly saw a UFO hovering near the ground. Later, "a bunch" of cattle (note how these tabloids always deal in specifics) were said to have been found dead, with flesh stripped from them. The author of this piece, Bart Trembolian (thought to be a pseudonym for a well-known UFO researcher), attempts to link this report to an Arkansas sighting, but the dates must be juggled (as they have been) to make them fit. If you missed the article, don't worry about it!

About a dozen years ago, Project Ozma was established as a listening-post for signals from other worlds. Two stars--Epsilon Eridani and Tau Ceti--were chosen as targets for surveillance. In the case of Tau Ceti, the effort was several thousand years too late. So says Albert Coe in his book, THE SHOCKING TRUTH. Coe claims to have met a "spacesman" descended from a race which once lived on Norca, one of seven planets which circle the star-Tau Ceti. Norca was a dying world, so its inhabitants journeyed to our solar system to seek new homes. A miscalculation of the Sun's magnet pull doomed many of their ships, with the only survivors being those who crash-landed on Mars. From Mars (and later on Venus), they observed and influenced our early ancestors and continue to observe us today. Just another contactee story, you may well say. Well, perhaps so, but it is a very compelling one. If you read the book, overlook the printing errors and the places where editing might have smoothed the flow of words. Coe's sincerity is obvious and he tells his story convincingly. His contacts, begun in 1920, have continued on a regular basis to the present time, he says. Only by investigating all aspects of our subject, including the contactee stories, can we ever hope to arrive at anything resembling a "solution" to the UFO mystery. THE SHOCKING TRUTH may be ordered from International Treasures - P. O. Box 413, Philadelphia, Pa. 19105. The price, including shipping and handling charges, is \$6.70 (Pa. residents add 36¢ tax).

A book dealing with America's psychic/mystic groups and individuals might seem an unlikely place to find a discussion of UFOs. However, such is to be found in John Godwin's OCCULT AMERICA (Doubleday & Co., Inc., 277 Park ave., N. Y., N. Y. 10017 - \$7.95). The UFO material is contained in two chapters and is largely confined to discussions of contactee stories. However, in commenting on "angel hair" reports, Godwin displays his ignorance of the subject by ascribing all such happenings to falls of spiders' webs. The view is largely of "saucerians," rather than "Ufologists," if one may make such a distinction. Godwin would profit from a study of the more serious UFO literature. The remainder of the book deals with Scientology, Spiritualism, Satanism and other assorted cults and groups. An interesting survey of modern "occultism," in the broadest sense of the word.

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Organization Notes
From Around the Network

Of course, the big news is the MUFON Conference, but that is covered elsewhere. . . Ted Phillips, of our staff, addressed the Seawalla, Mo. Kiwanians May 25th and received fine press notices. His work on the Delphos, Kansas case has been reported in several foreign ufozines as well as in States publications and we're happy is receiving well deserved recognition. . . Stan Gordon, MUFON State-Section Director, appeared on Channel 5 TV, Greensburg, Pa., June 5th, reporting on UFO investigation by the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group (see article about Mr. Gordon elsewhere in this issue). . . Jeff Galven, a MUFON member and the editor of the quarterly "Midwest UFO Report" has moved from Oklahoma to 23310 Victory Blvd., Woodland Hills, Calif., 91364, and asks us to tell our readers the next issue of his publication may be a little late. . . the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis met June 4th in a working session in preparation for the MUFON Conference in Quincy, June 17th. Larry Hanna was complimented for his work on illustrations for the 1972 Conference Proceedings and art work for the Conference. The July meeting of the Group will be held the day of the Carlyle Picnic at the Boulder Access Area at Carlyle Lake, July 23rd. There will be no meeting in August, and the September meeting will be held at the regular time and place--2 pm at the Lemay Bank, 152 Lemay Ferry Road. . . . John F. Schuessler, Director of the St. Louis Group, was invited to be a guest on "Community Profile" on radio station KCLC-FM (St. Louis area) Lindenwood College at 7 pm June 14. His topic was UFOs "in general" and the MUFON Conference "in particular". . . John Schroeder, of the St. Louis Group, appeared on "The Hour" hosted by Jim Cox on WSIL TV, Harrisburg, Ill., June 13, and his talk on UFOs aroused so much interest; repeat invitations are sure to follow. . . Rosetta Holmes, our Public Relations gal, is doing a great job--not only for SKYLOOK, but for the St. Louis and Carlyle groups and MUFON as a whole as she continues to spread the word by all news media, speaking engagements and person-to-person interviews, and we ALL appreciate it. . . John Schuessler found time to address the 6th grade class of the Forest Park Elementary School in O'Fallon, Mo., May 26, and his address and the question and answer session was a delightful two hours. Mr. Schuessler was surprised at the amount of knowledge re UFOs the kids' intelligent questions displayed and it all turned out to be a mutual admiration society. This was a day that will be remembered. . . Walter H. Andrus, Director of MUFON, had the support of all the news media in promoting Conference publicity. Fine articles appeared in the Illinois press and elsewhere and Mr. Andrus appeared on TV and radio almost "around the clock" on the days and nights immediately preceding the Conference. When you consider the growth of MUFON from a few interested participants on May 31, 1969 to the members in 21 states today (21 states as we write this--may be more by the next mail) the fact that MUFON is a live and growing organization is self evident. Also self evident is the fact that interest in UFOs is NOT a thing of the past! To the contrary. . . Congratulations to Walter H. Andrus, Joseph Gurney, Lawrence Hanna, Dennis Hanna and Sharon Park for putting all the material together in "MUFON '72 Conference Proceedings"--a book every reader should own.

Thanks to our staff members and others who supplied the information for this section of SKYLOOK--and we thank all the above who work in a plug for SKYLOOK--and we know they do from the subscriptions coming in.

Don't forget the Carlyle Lake Picnic-- Sunday, July 23rd.

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