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## A Message From Your Director

As a result of the Colorado MUFON organizational meeting in Denver on Oct. 13, Ken Steinmetz is pleased to announce two new State-Section Directors. James Ballard, 50693 Highway 6&24, Glenwood Springs, Colo. 81601, telephone AC303 945-8497, will be responsible for Garfield, Lake, Eagle, Mesa, and Pitkin counties. Jim's specialized training in Criminology and Theology is not only apropos in his vocation as a police officer, but is applicable to his avocation. State-Section Director for Jefferson and Clear Creek counties is William F. Coellen, Jr., 11143 W. Ohio Place, Lakewood, Colo. 80226, telephone AC 303 985-1268. Bill, a computer system programmer, is a graduate of the University of Colorado and an amateur astronomer.

John Schuessler is very proud to announce the appointment of Irvin Summers, Ph.D., 1350 E. Walnut Lawn, Springfield, Mo. 65807, telephone AC 417 883-7161, as State-Section Director for the Missouri counties of Greene, Christian, Stone, Taney and Webster. Dr. Summers is a professor at Southwest Missouri State University and will serve MUFON as a Consultant in Geology.

Larry Speigel, 3 Pearl Street, Plymouth, N. H. 03264, telephone AC 603 536-1340, has volunteered to serve as State-Section Director for Grafton and Carroll counties in New Hampshire. He has taught UFO courses at the local college.

Mrs. John S. (Margaret) Pine, 506 Central Ave., Mauldin, S. C. 29662, telephone AC 803 963-8300, has been selected as the State-Section Director for Greenville, Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee counties in South Carolina. Margaret is Chairman of their local UFO group in Greenville (A.P.I.O.).

Robert Smulling, State Director for Illinois, has appointed Richard M. Schell, Jr., 904 N. Broadway #219, Urbana, Ill. 61801, telephone AC 217 344-1150, as State-Section Director for Champaign and Douglas counties. Rick is a computer education specialist and a graduate of the University of Illinois. MUFON's legal staff expanded when Joseph M. Gughemetti, 400 Davey Glen Road #4503, Belmont, Ca. 94002 telephone AC 415 592-1459, volunteered his services as a Legal Advisor and Field Investigator. Joe is a practicing attorney and a graduate of the University of San Francisco Law School.

It would be difficult to include all of the fabulous news that has occurred during the past month with respect to MUFON; we will only touch on the high points.

Additional speakers for the 1974 MUFON Symposium in Akron, Ohio, on June 22, 1974, will be Berthold E. Schwarz, M. D., from Montclair, N. J., who has titled his presentation "PSI, Saucers, and Psychiatry." Dr. Schwarz is internationally known for his applications of psychiatry to the study of UFO percipients and as a contributor to Flying Saucer Review.

Stanton T. Friedman, Nuclear Physicist and popular UFO lecturer at colleges and universities, will again be featured at our 1974 Symposium. Stan, a Consultant to MUFON, is a dynamic, appealing speaker and an enthusiastic MUFON emissary.

### The DICK CAVETT Show

On November 2, Dick Cavett gave the Mutual UFO Network nationwide TV publicity when he acknowledged the use of nine UFO photographs on his show devoted entirely to UFOs. Participants appearing as Dick's guests were Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Brig. General James McDivitt (astronaut), Dr. Carl Sagan (astronomer), Capt. Lawrence Coyne (helicopter pilot), Charles Hickson (Pascagoula, Miss.), and John Wallace Spencer (author). "The Dick Cavett Show," Daphne Productions, Inc., is to be commended for their outstanding programming and selection of guests, making it undoubtedly the finest UFO TV program in recent years. Our personal thanks not only to Dick Cavett, but to John Berendt and Joan Kramer, who worked with your director behind the scenes.

### Center For UFO Studies

Dr. J. Allen Hynek took the "Dick Cavett Show" as an opportunity to announce the founding of the new "Center for UFO Studies" and the nationwide toll-free telephone number to make UFO sighting reports. The "Enterprise Number" 800-621-7725 has been established for the purpose of answering the question, "Where does one report a UFO sighting in localities where Field Investigators or Research Teams do not exist?" Effective Dec. 1, 1973, the operator will request the name and

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When asked for a one-page article on SKYNET's purpose and function, I thought it would be easy to describe the project which has occupied a great part of my research time during the past eight years. It has proved a difficult task, however, to summarize SKYNET's multiple purposes and results.

Originally conceived by the Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee in 1965, SKYNET, a unique UFO tracking/identification system, is now an official adjunct of the Mutual UFO Network and its Southern California Section.

In view of the present nationwide flap and the heightened scientific approach to UFO research, Walt Andrus, MUFON Director, and the MUFON members in our area feel it is time to spread the idea of SKYNET to other cities and rural localities throughout the country.

Basically, SKYNET is a group of dedicated UFO researchers and other interested citizens, comprising a loosely-knit skywatch team. It involves immediate dissemination of sighting information, prompt investigation and analysis of results for correlative purposes.

The heart of the system is the SKYNET map. Though concentrated in the Los Angeles Basin, the map's southern limit is San Diego near the Mexican border, its northern rim is the Antelope Valley, its eastern edge is the Santa Ana-Orange County area of Heflin fame, and the western edge is the Pacific Ocean and its offshore islands.

The location of each of 52 member locations are marked with numbered signal dots, their numbers corresponding to information on a Member List. Each member is provided a map, list, and instructions on Procedure. By means of these, which are kept current through laborious detailed work, each member knows who lives in line-of-sight of any unexplained object in the sky. The equipment available to SKYNET runs through the usual cameras, binoculars, elevation-finders, compasses, recorders, telescopes etc up to such exotic devices as UFO detectors, a radio telescope, and an advanced design fisheye camera/magnetometer invention!

The gathering of good UFO reports is SKYNET's main task. But we have gained spinoff results such as the sharpening of identification skills. Having become familiar with local atmospheric conditions, some peculiar to the Los Angeles area, we have learned to recognize many conventional objects which can become twisted into weird and puzzling shadows of their real selves. In addition, we have detected recurring phenomena such as mystifying "cloud cigars" in the Santa Catalina Channel and small, craft-like objects in Orange County which have a penchant for close approaches to witnesses.

In spite of all its exhausting and time-consuming work, SKYNET has proved well worthwhile. Statistical studies are now being made on the more than 200 cases already on our report charts. The data is being fed into the MUFON computer lists and Dave Saunder's UFOCAT. If there are readers out there who feel they might like to begin a SKYNET system in their area, they are invited to write me at 257 Sycamore Glen, Pasadena, California 91105.

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## California Man Has Good View of UFO—And Occupant!

In Simi Valley, California, about 30 miles northwest of Los Angeles, Gary J. Chopic, saw an unidentified object and an occupant on October 4, 1973. Several reports have reached SKYLOOK, and—as usual—we draw on the reporting by David Branch and Robert B. Klimm ("The Register," Santa Ana, Calif.) for the best account of the event.

The authors went first to police department headquarters, Simi Valley, and obtained a copy of the police report. Lt. C. G. Chrestman said, "The first thing Chopic said to me was 'I'm not a drinking man, and I just got through eating dinner. .'"

The official report follows:

City of Simi Valley

Case No. 73-20548

Date 10-4-73

Time 1850 (6:50 p.m.)

Type of Complaint

U.F.O.

Person Reporting, Chopic, Gary Jay

R-P (person reporting) states he was W-B (westbound) on the Simi Fwy (freeway) at approx. 1850 hrs, driving his 1973 Chev wagon in the NR (number) 2 lane. R-P states as he was climbing the hill towards Pass Road, he obs (observed) an unk (unknown) object, just above the top of the hills. R-P states the object appeared to look like a space cone. The object dropped behind the hills and out of sight. R-P states he pulled to the slow lane of traffic and reduced his speed. R-P stated as he approached the off ramp for Kuehner Dr he obs a cloud of dust off to right side of the Fwy and below it. R-P stated he stopped on the Fwy shoulder and above the Kuehner off ramp and got out of his veh (vehicle) to see where the dust was coming from.

R-P states he obs a large object approx 30' X 50', triangle shape with a 10' blunt nose on it. R-P states it was pink-gray in color, with no visible lights. R-P states he obs this object for approx 3 min, and during this time it did not appear to touch the ground.

R-P states while watching the object a man came out of the front and crawled to the rear and out of sight. The object had what appeared to be a bubble on top, and it rolled over after the man was gone. R-P states at this time dust engulfed the object and whole area. R-P stated when the dust cleared the object was gone, and so was the man.

Reporting Officer W. Nelson 115

Reviewed by Officer C. G. Chrestman 4 Oct 73

That is the basic story, without a fill-in of details. We obtained these from the "Register" report of Oct. 31, 1973 and also from Bob Engels report in Oct. 12 edition of "The Enterprise Sun & News."

Chopic estimated his distance from object as 80 to 100 feet. As it hovered about 10 feet above the ground, it swayed "like a boat at anchor."

Chopic said a large insignia covered the entire side of the craft. He said it looked like a huge V with progressively smaller Vs inside the larger figure. In the waning light of twilight, he could not discern whether colors were involved or whether it was, indeed, an insignia at all, but perhaps a series of vents. There were no visible windows or doors but from the bottom of the craft protruded a hose-like object approximately eight feet long and about one foot in diameter that not quite reached the ground.

At the top of the vehicle, Chopic noted a clear glass-like bubble approximately three feet in diameter which swiveled "like a ball."

"From inside the bubble I could see a light colored object moving around, and as I continued to look, an individual came from the opposite side of the machine crawling around the side toward the front—the narrower end of the craft. He looked up toward me and scrambled to the other side of the craft and disappeared. But just

about the time he spotted me, I heard a clicking sound which lasted two to three seconds sounding something like an automatic weapon from a distance."

Chopic said the "being" looked like a man of normal dimensions, but he wore something appearing similar to a wet suit except that it was a lighter color, perhaps silver. While he could not see the man's facial features, the face looked darker than the uniform.

After the man retreated inside the vehicle, the bubble again rotated and disappeared inside, flush with the smooth deck of the craft, Chopic said. Suddenly the vehicle began to make a whirring or low humming sound and at the same time a fog-like substance began to appear, enveloping the entire craft. The "fog" exuded a sweet odor, not flowery, Chopic said, but perhaps close to certain incense scents.

And all disappeared almost immediately.

Chopic said he sat in his car for sometime trying to decide if he should report what he had seen. He felt many would think he was "nuts," but decided to make the report as he felt the authorities should know and consider the fact it might happen again and perhaps involve some danger.

Chopic has never believed in UFOs and isn't sure now that visitors from outer space can come to earth—but he is disturbed by what he saw and has no explanation for it.

It is interesting to note that after the report appeared in "The Enterprise," a woman who declined to identify herself, called Chopic to inform him she and her husband also had seen a similar object in the same locality one week prior to Chopic's sighting. She described the object as round, but Chopic reasoned that if viewed from different angles, it could appear either round or cigar shaped. Source: Newspapers named in article. Credits: Mrs. Idabel Epperson and Prof. C. Kahlert

#### Bright Lights Seen in Monterey And Marin City, California

Pete Hartstra, 19, a Monterey, Calif. parking lot attendant, says he and two friends saw a spherical object surrounded by a bluish green glow and trailing an orange yellow tail come over Cannery Row Tuesday night, Oct. 16. Hartstra described the object which he said was just high enough to clear the buildings as "larger than a Cadillac." It made no noise as it moved rapidly overhead, dropped down behind the restaurant and disappeared. He ran to the Bay side of the restaurant but saw nothing.

Sgt. Ken Froberg, of Marin City, Calif. said he sighted a "bluish-green object like a ball with an orange tail" that streaked through the sky for about five seconds before disappearing. Deputy John Brunsluk, on duty at Point Reyes, reported seeing a "white object like a meteorite falling downward sideways that turned a reddish color and then burst apart." He said it then reappeared and burst apart again.

Calls were received from Los Angeles to San Francisco from people who saw the bright object. A spokesman at Vandenberg Air Force Base in Southern California said no rockets had been fired there Tuesday night.

Source: "Monterey Peninsula Herald," Oct. 17. Credit: L. Hern.

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## Helicopter In Near-Collusion With UFO - "Chopper" Lifted By Unknown Force

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Army Reserve helicopter pilot, Capt. Lawrence Coyne, a member of the 316th Medical Detachment stationed at Cleveland, Ohio, Hopkins Airport, was returning from Columbus at 11 p.m. Oct. 18. They were flying at 2,500 feet when the crew chief, Spec 5 Robert J. Yanacsek, 23, reported a red light about five miles to the east.

Captain Coyne said the crew at first thought it was a radio beacon, but Specialist Yanacsek yelled, "The light is moving. It's coming at us. It's on a collision course!"

Coyne, a veteran of 19 years of military flying, grabbed the controls from his co-pilot, Lt. Arriggo D. Jezzi, 26, of Sandusky.

"It looked like a fighter plane coming straight for us," he said. "I took immediate evasive action. I cut the power and dropped into a shallow dive. We dropped to 2,000 feet, and it was headed right for us. We braced for impact."

Captain Coyne said that when the helicopter reached 1,500 feet, the approaching craft appeared to stop momentarily about 500 feet overhead and banked to one side.

"We looked up and saw it stopped right over us," Coyne said. "It had a big, gray metallic-looking hull about 60 feet long."

"We never saw anything like it before," he said. "It was unreal . . . a cigar shaped craft with a glowing steady red light on its leading edge. A hull was at the very top of it and a green light emitted from the rear of the craft filled our cabin with a green glow. It was eerie."

Captain Coyne said the strange craft hovered over the helicopter only a few seconds. He said he glanced at the altimeter and noticed that the helicopter had risen to 3,800 feet.

None of the crew members felt the gravitational pull normally felt when a helicopter rises, Captain Coyne added.

"We felt a bounce, and then the other craft took off to the northeast." Seconds later the craft disappeared.

The pilot said efforts were made to radio Mansfield Airport immediately, but the helicopter received no response. He said the unusual communications blackout lasted about 10 minutes, until radio contact was established with the Akron-Canton Airport.

Based on the quick appearance and disappearance of the craft, the crew members estimated its speed at more than 600 miles per hour. Captain Coyne said a conventional aircraft flying that close to the helicopter would create a great deal of noise but said no noise was heard.

The crew confirmed Captain Coyne's report and all agreed they had never seen anything like the strange aircraft before. Flight officials contacted after the chopper landed could offer no explanation.

Source: "Cincinnati Enquirer," Oct. 22, 1973, and other news clips sent to SKYLOOK by Nils Paquette, Lou Farish, Shirley Marlowe, Joe Brill, Leonard Sexson--and we also thank other readers whose clips may come in after this report is written. Ye Ed.

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Ohio Governor Sees UFO --Gov. John J. Gilligan, of Ohio, told State House reporters Oct. 17 that he and his wife watched a "vertical shaped, amber colored" object for a period of 30 to 35 minutes the night before while driving toward Ohi near Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Source: "Dayton Daily News." Credit: George Pelizzari.

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## Strange Creature Stalls Auto in Georgia --Car Intensely Hot

The following appeared in the Oct. 30 edition of "The Huntsville Times," Huntsville, Alabama, and was written by Barry Casebolt, Times science writer. Our thank you to Betty R. Parker, one of our new subscribers, for sending us the news clip (also for the others, Betty). Here's the story:

A business woman from Huntsville can't explain her bizarre experience on the Georgia super highway. Nothing like it has ever happened to her before.

The woman, who asked to remain anonymous, said she saw a four-foot-tall "metal man" who appeared to be wearing a metallic pewter-like outfit capped with a "bubble" or dome made of the same material.

She could only see it "from what I would call the waist up" out of her stalled car's window, and the bubble had two, rectangular slits for eyes.

There were no other openings in the football helmet-size dome, she said.

Based on an interview with the Huntsville woman, here is the story that unfolds on the afternoon of Friday, Oct. 19, 1973, on Interstate 75 just south of Atlanta and north of Tifton, Ga.:

(For the purposes of this article, the woman will be identified as Mrs. Robinson.)

Mrs. Robinson said she set out alone in her car on that Friday from Huntsville bound for Tifton.

South of Atlanta on Interstate 75, Mrs. Robinson stopped at a filling station to get gasoline and have her car routinely checked.

The tank was filled and the car certified ready. She was on her way. Traveling at a high rate of speed, Mrs. Robinson was about 20 minutes north of Tifton when her car's engine and all systems mysteriously quit working.

Her power brakes were out. Her power steering was out. Nothing worked. It was about 3:30 p.m.

She managed to guide the car off the interstate onto the shoulder of the road. The countryside is fairly level in that area.

"The car just quit," recalls Mrs. Robinson. "There was no noise . . . absolutely nothing."

So far, that is the only strange thing that had happened. Once she was off the road, however, she said a "strange feeling" began to creep in. Sitting numbly behind the wheel, she sensed something weird and turned her head slightly, slowly, very mechanically to the left towards the road.

It was there. Standing right next to her. Her window was rolled up and she was afraid to look it in the eyes.

"If the window was down, I could have touched it," said Mrs. Robinson. "It was that close."

"I just didn't really believe it was real. But it really was. I could see part of it, from what I would call the waist up. It was dressed in a metallic material, sort of like pewter. The bubble was made of the same material. . . there were two openings for the eyes. The slits were rectangular."

Afraid, Mrs. Robinson said she just could not bring herself to look point blank at the creature.

The whole incident took only five or six minutes before the creature disappeared after walking from the left side of the car to the front and then around to the back.

Its gait was much like anyone's, recalls Mrs. Robinson.

While she could not see below its "waist" to determine whether the strange creature had legs, she did notice that when it walked, its bubble dome--or head?--seemed to be more mechanical than fluid, or skeletal.

The dome went from right to left, left to right, up and down as though it were a programmed robot or automation. A deduction was that it could only see out of the eye slits and those "head" turns were necessary for seeing what was not directly in front.

Mrs. Robinson said she could detect no strange sounds, odors or lights. She did not see any kind of air craft or vehicle.

And, she said she had not had a drink nor was she taking any kind of drug or tranquilizer.

After the creature seemed to have disappeared (she looked through her rear view mirror but was afraid to turn around or make any sudden movements). Mrs. Robinson got out of her car. She said she was afraid it might blow up or something.

She looked around and didn't see the creature. Then, she decided to raise the hood on her car to attract a passing motorist for assistance.

But when she opened the hood to her car, smoke came billowing out. There was no fire. Only smoke.

It was intensely hot, so hot, she said, that once a wrecker got the car to a garage the hood was nearly at the melting stage. "It was so hot and the metal so soft, that it looked like you could poke your thumb through it. But the paint was not affected."

It was about an hour and a half after the car quit and the creature appeared that a Georgia state trooper's car stopped and called for a wrecker.

Then, another hour and a half passed (a total of three hours since the car quit) before a mechanic could touch the engine because of the heat.

Mrs. Robinson said the trooper told her there had been several other reports from motorists like hers that day.

#### Witnesses Watch UFO Landing in Pennsylvania - Hairy Creatures Seen

Some 15 persons said they witnessed the landing of a huge, reddish, ball-like object on a farm field along the Vances Mill-Bute Road in North Union township, Thursday night, Oct. 25, and several saw "hairy creatures" in the area.

Stanley Gordon, director of the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group, and his team of investigators were at the scene the next day to talk to witnesses and take tests of the area. Nothing but normal background radiation was found; however, Gordon told the Uniontown "Evening Standard" (from which this account is written) that farm animals in the area, dogs or cows, would not go near the area where the creatures were seen and the UFO reportedly landed, because of fear.

George Kowalczyk probably had the best view of the happening on his father's farm. He was driving along the road when he saw an orange light in the sky over his father's field. He parked his truck, took his rifle and two neighbor boys to investigate.

"He said he watched the thing descend slowly to the ground," Gordon reported. "This time it was completely white. It was about 100 feet in diameter, as big as a house, with a dome on top. It was very, very bright."

The object made a sound similar to that of a large lawnmower. Meanwhile, one of the youths with Kowalczyk spotted something moving along a fence.

Kowalczyk described two creatures, one about eight feet tall and the other about seven feet, walking stiff-legged. They were completely covered with a dark, grayish hair, had long arms that extended almost to the ground and they were making crying sounds such as a baby would make. A sharp odor similar to sulphur could be smelled, which has been noted in most of the other sightings of such creatures.

While one of the youths ran away in fear, Kowalczyk fired a shot into the air and then directly at the creatures as they began to approach him.

"The larger creature made a moaning sound, raised his right hand and the light in the field disappeared and the sound stopped. The two creatures then slowly walked away," Kowalczyk, 22, told Gordon.

He added that his eyes began to bother him at this time, and that the lights on his pickup truck dimmed. He got into his truck and called the State Police.

Both Gordon and a trooper at the scene acknowledged that Kowalczyk was visibly shaken the the incident.

No physical signs of a landing were evident and no footprints were found. However, the pasture was cropped low by grazing cattle. The investigation is continuing.

Editor's Note: There have been other UFO and "creature" incidents in Westmoreland County this year, and we have been holding one lengthy article by Mr. Gordon, until we have room for it.

Shock Wave Felt in Several States, October 11— Two loud noises thought to have been sonic booms were heard over portions of Illinois. First reports indicated that they occurred when a military aircraft broke the sound barrier. However, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Authority in Chicago said later that there "was nothing in the area at the time that could account for it." Rock Island area residents reported to officials they heard the boom-like noises around 7:40 p.m. and just before midnight. (Daily Review Atlas, Mornmouth, Ill. Credit: Russel Lusk)

A "loud boom" presumably from a supersonic aircraft "rocked" the northeast area of Allen County and was more noticeable in northwestern Ohio about 8 p.m. Sunday night (Oct. 21). (Ft. Wayne (Indiana) News-Sentinel, Oct. 22. Credit: Francis Ritzenhouse)

City and county police were swamped with calls shortly after 7:30 p.m. Thursday (Oct. 11) from persons throughout Delaware County (Indiana) who thought they heard an explosion. Callers said windows rattled and the ground shook. In an unrelated matter, county police also received a few calls Thursday night from persons who said they observed more UFOs over the county. The first call came just before 7 p.m. (The Muncie Star, Oct. 12. Credit: Joe Brill)

The "Sun-Bulletin," Binghamton, N. Y., Friday, Oct. 12, reported that a loud noise rattled windows, scared children and flooded local police switchboards with calls shortly before 9 last night (again, Oct. 11). A spokesman in the Air Force in the Pentagon said the boom was heard over a large portion of the United States, stretching from Maryland to Cleveland, Ohio, to Stroudsburg, Pa. to Binghamton. Many local residents reported seeing a vapor trail flowing from north to south shortly after hearing the boom. State police in Gibson, Pa., reported a house had buckled in Lawton, Pa., and windows had been broken in Gibson as a result of the boom. Clayton W. Coleman, acting Broome County commissioner of aviation, said he was told by the controller at the Broome County Airport that whatever caused the noise "was flying too high and too fast to be tracked by their radar." (Credit: Doug Dains).

The "Toledo, Ohio Blade" also reported on Oct. 12 that "Police officers, newspapers, and radio stations in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia were flooded with calls from residents asking about the shock wave Thursday night." (Credit: N. Paquette)

In a news item out of Philadelphia in the Oct. 12 edition of the "Arkansas Democrat" it was stated that scientists have speculated that a meteorite entering earth's atmosphere may have caused a mysterious shock wave felt over several states. (Credit: Lou Farish).

Editor's Note: See what results when you all send in reports from your area—we get a much better picture than from any single report. It's interesting to note that UFOs were mentioned once altho the "Muncie Star" considered that an "unrelated matter."

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#### AF Chief of Staff Says UFOs "Plagued us in Vietnam."

U. S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. George S. Brown said Thursday unidentified flying objects (UFOs) were reported in Vietnam during the war and even triggered an air-sea battle in which an Australian destroyer was hit.

"I don't know if this story has ever been told," Brown told a news conference, "but they (UFOs) plagued us in Vietnam during the war."

Brown, a former commander of the 7th Air Force in Southeast Asia, said "We didn't call them that. They could only be seen at night in certain places."

He said early in the summer of 1968 near the Demilitarized Zone there were a series of sightings which set off "quite a battle with an Australian destroyer taking a hit." He said there was also "some shooting" near Pleiju in the Central Highlands in 1969. There was no evidence in either case that North Vietnamese forces were involved.

The four-star general said the best answer the Air Force could find was "heavy temperature inversion" which apparently caused a return on a radar screen that

moved about the same speed as an aircraft.

He said some reported visual sightings may have been caused by refraction or the bending of light rays as they pass through the atmosphere."

Brown said the Air Force had no information about the UFOs reported sighted in the United States in recent days. "We haven't been in the UFO business for years," he said.

Source: "Stars and Stripes," Oct. 18. Credit: Charles C. Everman.

UFO Spins Car Around; Projects Deer "Backward" In Pennsylvania — A Columbia County (Pennsylvania) man says a UFO circled his auto as he was driving to work yesterday and caused his car to be turned around on a mountainous rural road.

"It was right above the car going around and around," said Edward Deutsch, 47. "When I got to the top of the mountain, it lit up the whole car, and before I knew what happened the car was turned around and I was headed back home."

Deutsch, who commutes 70 miles daily to the Mack Truck plant in Allentown from Hazleton, said he was so frightened "it took me 10 minutes to figure out actually which way I was going." The car's body was extremely hot afterward, he said.

He said the object appeared to be about the size of a tractor-trailer tire and was flying at about the level of the trees. It stayed with him about five minutes.

Deutsch also told of meeting a deer hunter who saw the unidentified flying object hovering while two deer walking across the road were projected backward.

After that experience, he decided to call his hunting trip off.

Source: Pennsylvania "Harrisburg Evening News," Oct. 18, 1973. Credit: Ruth Gamble.

UFOs In Minnesota -- The Olmsted County sheriff's office got two calls about 8 p.m. from Rochester and Chatfield, Tuesday night, Oct. 16, reporting UFOs. Radar at Rochester Airport reported no unusual blips on the screen and said the callers probably saw a helicopter that flew over about that time.

That satisfied everyone until about 9:45 p.m. when a deputy sheriff on patrol in Stewartville radioed the sheriff's office he had just spotted "an object east of Stewartville, flying quite high." (Rochester "Post-Bulletin," Oct. 17; Credit, Ed Scott).

Just after sunrise Thursday, Oct. 18, a weather service meteorologist and a Federal Aviation Administration flight controller at Rochester said they watched an unidentified flying object flash across the eastern sky.

Carl Schilling, flight controller, said the silver object "was too fast for a jet or balloon." He said it disappeared when it arrived at another unidentified occurrence—a narrow line across the sky which appeared a short time earlier.

Leroy Martell, the weatherman, called the narrow line "the weirdest formation I've ever seen."

Source: "Oelwein Daily Register," Ia., Oct. 18. Credit: Patrick Crowley.

UFO Over Arizona Makes "Swishing" Sound — An oval-shaped flying object with bright blue lights was sighted by an Army military policeman at the Yuma Proving Grounds Thursday, Oct. 18.

Sgt. Thomas Spilde saw the strange flying object while on patrol late Thursday night just west of Highway 95 and north of the Martinez Lake Road. He said he was driving up a small hill for a security check on three trailers when he saw the object approaching from the east. He lost visual contact momentarily, but stopped his vehicle and located the object again. It was stopped about 500 yards to the north at eye level. It hovered about three minutes, giving Spilde time to hold a radio microphone out of the jeep so that a dispatcher at the proving grounds could hear the noise, reported to be a swishing sound similar to that of a rope being twisted in the air.

Spilde told Yuma County sheriff's deputies the object was surrounded by bright blue, strobe-type lights. It was much larger than a fighter plane, he said. It moved toward a chemical testing area, hovered a couple of seconds, then headed north and upward at a high rate of speed. Another guard on patrol also saw the object.

Source: "The Arizona Republic," Oct. 20. Credit: Shirley Marlowe.

Another strange object has been sighted on the Pascagoula River in Mississippi where Calvin Parker and Charles Hickson reported being taken aboard a spacecraft by weird creatures Oct. 11 (complete report in November SKYLOOK).

The Coast Guard called the latest sighting "an unidentified submerged illuminating object."

Raymond Ryan, 42, said he saw the object while fishing on the river Tuesday night, Nov. 6. The Coast Guard confirmed the sighting. Ryan said the underwater light followed his boat and repeated efforts to beat the thing away with an oar only made the light get dimmer.

At first, he related, he decided not to tell anyone about the sighting. Much publicity has surrounded the reported sighting several weeks ago of an unidentified flying object in the same vicinity by two other fishermen.

But Ryan said he finally summoned his twin brother, Rayme, and the two of them went back to the brackish waters and poked at the light with oars again.

The Coast Guard station in New Orleans said Wednesday the Ryan brothers went to Coast Guard officials in Pascagoula.

At 9:40 p.m. the Coast Guard dispatched a 16-foot boat to investigate the object, a spokesman said. The object was located in four to six feet of water, moving at 4 to 6 knots. The officers described it as "an amber beam, 4 to 6 inches in diameter, attached to a bright metal object."

Coast Guard officials said they tried to retrieve the object, but "it would appear to go out and move away and then reappear." The report said the object traveled on several different courses during the hour they had it under surveillance.

The spokesman said the Ryan brothers were sober and concerned when they reported the light. The Coast Guard said it would forward the report to Washington, D. C.

Editor's Note: Our staff reporter, Joe Brill, typed this as it came off the wire, Nov. 8; and, as we go to press (Nov. 20) nothing more has been heard of this. Another government clamp down?

Hickson and Parker have willingly undergone various tests and interviews, with results all indicating they told the truth about their experience.

There have been other reports from Mississippi. On Friday, Oct. 12, Lt. Robert A. Leonardo of the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office said he, about nine deputies and some civilians saw a huge light which hovered about 800 to 1,000 feet over the Avery Estates area, early Monday, Oct. 8.

Leonardo, who said the object appeared larger than a 747, added the light was brighter than the moon yet did not illuminate the landscape. He said while the object was in the area all radio transmission was impossible. Lt. Julius Payton, who was also at the scene, said he and his men took both still pictures and movies of the object. He said the still pictures did not come out and the movie film is being processed. He and his deputies did, however, play for reporters a recording of what they said was the sound the craft made, a rather high pitched whirring noise.

Lt. Payton said the deputies went to the area when they were notified by a deputy who was listening to his citizen's band radio and heard Miss Barbara Smith, Rt. 6, Slidell, had recorded unusual sounds on her CB radio, sounds which later appeared to be emanating from the strange craft.

Lt. Leonardo said the UFO hovered over the scene for about an hour after he got there then "the noise increased and it shot straight up out of sight."

The officer said a little later the craft appeared in the distance going towards New Orleans and again later, appeared coming back in the opposite direction at a great altitude. He said the last time they saw the craft it appeared to be pursued by a jet, but "its speed was about 100 times greater than the plane." ("The Times Picayune," New Orleans, La. Oct. 14. Credit: Walt Andrus).

UFO's Over Czechoslovakia

The following article is from the September 16, 1973 edition of SMENA and was titled "A Wonder in the Sky" (Published in Bratislav)

What have the citizens of Bratislav observed in the sky? Yesterday perhaps many people were disappointed not to find any mention in their newspapers of the fact of a strange appearance in the sky Thursday, September 13th. They looked in vain, because no public information was released in the press, that, on Thursday afternoon at about 6:00 p.m. many citizens of Bratislav were looking up intensively at the sky and hotly, debating what that mysterious object in the sky, lighted by the rays of the setting sun might be. Hviezdoslav Square looked like a big public exhibition center. At the bus stops you could see groups of people looking up, debating if that mysterious bright object might be a flying saucer. Total strangers began lively discussions about it and many foreign tourists in front of the Carlton Hotel were taking photographs of the object and using their binoculars to get a better look at it. "I see small atenaes." one girl was saying, trying to convince the rest of the passengers, as she entered the bus. For a change the passengers were not silent and somber looking but all of them were deeply interested in that mysterious object up there in the sky. From all Bratislav windows the people were using even their theater binoculars trying to locate the "Invading Martians".

What was it to upset the entire city of Bratislav? Early the next morning the Astronomical Institute (SAV) was flooded with telephone calls. "What was it?" Members of the institute also observed the object and thought perhaps it was a baloon. What was strange, however was that the object had an irregular form and through binoculars one could see a structure of some sort of balloon divided by plastic panels. At the same time telephone calls were received from Zilina that they were observing the same strange object. The problem was, that the mysterious object was not that high that it would have been possible to see it at the same time in Bratislav and Zilina. Therefore the people in Zilina must have been observing some other object. Military jet fighters (MIG 21's) from Piestiany were dispatched to investigate and identify the strange object. They climbed to an altitude of 19 kilometers, but the unidentified object was more than 10 kilometers higher. This we learned from the workers of the Meteorological Institute in Ivanke. There we also learned that at that height the wind current was blowing from the Southwest. In other words, that mysterious object would have to have come from somewhere Southwest of Bratislav if it was dependent of the wind current for it's flight direction.

At the Ivanke Airport the workers rebuked us that as newsmen we did not write anything about the appearance of this "wonder". They informed us that they had observed five unidentified flying objects for twenty minutes. First they appeared as saucer shaped craft, turned upsidedown, then they changed to a pyramid form, from which a brilliant white light was emitted, such as that as was seen in Bratislav. They were unwilling to give out any more information than that.

By telephone we called the Meteorological Institute on the top of Lomnicky Stit Mountain in High Tatra. They had seen nothing strange and (continued)

had been observing Jupiter and it's three little moons at the time; but they were positive that as experts of sky watching they would not confuse them with whatever mysterious objects we observed and which are described above.

In Prague at the observatory, they were informed about the strange object seen in Zilina, but had not seen anything themselves strange or unusual. They called Ondrejov, but the officials there had not seen anything mysterious either. They did admit, however, that it may have been a meteorological balloon, which could have angular forms, especially, when we discussed the French and Austrian balloons. They might have been reflecting the sunlight of the setting sun, since a balloon would be at a great height.

From all this information and conversation we can not say for sure what the real answer is for all this attention and disturbance in our cities, but the most logical and easiest explanation is the one that was given to us. That was that those strange objects that were seen were probably just meteorological balloons that went astray.

by: Bubos Kriz

### NBC TV News White Paper on UFO's Cancelled

It was a great disappointment to learn from Ralph Blum (writer) that the one-hour TV News Special on "UFO's Over America" had been cancelled due to budgeting reasons. The Directors, film and sound crews from Los Angeles, were already in Pascagoula, Mississippi, to start filming, when the word was received from New York City.

The November issue of SKYLOOK was in the mail when we regretfully were informed of this decision; therefore, the announcement could not be retracted.

### UFO's Over Chicago

Source: Chicago Tribune, November 8th, Credit: Joe Brill --Those UFO's which have been causing mouth-gaping in the Southeast now are being reported in the Chicago area. Hazel Crest Police Sgt. Andrew Gammill and Patrolman Wayne Wolfe radioed their station they saw UFO's three times within 40 minutes starting at 6:51 a.m. yesterday. Then the flying amber-colored whatever-it-is headed for neighboring Homewood and then appeared over the Dixie Square Shopping Center, 15201 Dixie Hwy, Harvey, where a citizen told Harvey police about it.

### UFO Chases Canadians

Source: Kansas City Star, November 11th, Credit: Larry Wright-- Ottawa, Canada-An Ottawa family says an unidentified flying object with flashing white lights chased their truck along a highway at speeds up to 100 miles an hour.

Rick Bouchard, 25, his wife, Donna, and their three small children were returning to Ottawa Thursday.

"Then I noticed these bright lights in my side-view mirror." said Bouchard.

He said he drove at speeds up to 100 miles an hour to escape a 10-foot wide, oval-shaped object with flashing, white lights. The UFO came within 15 feet of the truck during the chase and hovered about four feet over the road, he said. It finally disappeared behind trees and the Bouchards telephoned police.

Flying Saucer Is Seen In Peru—A Lima, Peru, architect said Monday, Oct. 22, 1973, he and a client stood 50 yards from a flying saucer "shaped like an overturned soup plate" and he photographed the object and offered his pictures as proof.

Hugo Luyo and his client were in search of a home site for the latter and had driven about 54 miles inland along the Rimac River when they came to a stop near a valley surrounded by tall hills.

In the midst of their survey, the client pointed out a shining object advancing slowly from the bottom of the valley. Luyo ran to his car for his camera.

"When I pointed my camera and took the picture, the object was less than 50 yards away from us and about 20 yards off the ground," he said. "Suddenly the object changed direction, headed toward the east and increased its speed. It rose off the ground as if trying to avoid some high tension wires that came down from the top of one of the hills and crossed the valley, and disappeared from view."

Luyo said the object "was the color of burnished silver. It was shaped like an overturned soup plate with a cupola on the top. At the very top of the cupola, there was a round object giving off a fixed sky-blue light. Lower on the cupola, we could see a row of small windows like portholes in a ship."

On the bottom of the object, he said, was what appeared to be "the propulsive force of the object—a dark red throbbing light that was aimed toward the ground from a sort of turbine in the middle of the upside down plate. Near the turbine-like part, we could see protuberances like half-eggs."

The object picked up speed and disappeared in less than 30 seconds.

"But from the minute that I held in my hand the Polaroid photograph, I had proof that what my client and I saw was not an optical illusion," Luyo said. "In the middle of the three-by-four-inch photograph, we could see the flying saucer, even the row of rounded windows. After this experience I am really convinced that flying saucers exist. So is my client."

Source: UPI report in "Kirksville Daily Express" (Mo.), Oct. 23, 1973. Credit: Joe Brill

Orange Lights Over Belgium—During the first half of this year 1973, many sightings were reported to the Belgian UFO groups and concerned mainly lights in motion. Many were probably passages of the SKYLAB capsule and debris, as the Pageos satellite was visible in Belgium. . . . The valuable case concerns three snapshots showing a group of orange lights traveling in the sky. Many rows of houses are visible in the shadow. The sighting took place between 8:00 PM and 11:00 PM in the night of Feb. 27, 1973. Credit: Jacques Bonabot, MUFON Representative, Bruges, Belgium.

Argentines Sight UFO—Bahia Blanca, Argentine (AP). Six persons in an airbase control tower watched a flying sphere for 20 minutes yesterday, then entered it in the log as an unidentified flying object, the Argentine navy reported. The navy said visibility was excellent at the time, and it knew of no aircraft, satellites or balloons in the area, 360 miles south of Buenos Aires.

Source: "The Kansas City Star," Nov. 4, 1973.

Outbuilding Roofs Lifted and Crash on Roof of House, UFO Seen, Roodepoort, Africa

A startled Roodepoort (S.A.) couple saw a large flaming object with a smoke trail disappearing over the trees near their home after the roof of their outbuildings was dumped on their home the night of Sept. 13, 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Piet Mans had just gone to bed at 9:30 at their home on Main Reef Road. Suddenly their little dog, Baksie, started barking frantically; at the same time Johan, the 9-year old son, ran into their bedroom and said he felt as if something was going to happen.

And it did! Out of the still, calm night came a thunderous explosion and then something crashed on the roof of their house.

The Mans jumped out of bed and ran to the back door. Their plot appeared to be lit up as if the sun had risen.

"It was eerie," Mrs. Mans said. "Then I saw a flaming saucer-like object with a smaller golden ball beneath it emitting sparks and smoke, disappear over the trees about 90m from the house. I thought it was an optical illusion and wiped my eyes

but then my husband said he also saw the ball of fire."

Mr. Mans said he then saw that the corrugated-iron roof of the double garage and store room next to the house, had lifted and landed on the back of the roof of their home.

People in an excited state then arrived and said they saw the UFO. The Mans called the Roodepoort Fire Brigade who removed the corrugated iron sheets. They said they saw a black patch on the roof. Firemen searched the plot but could not find anything unusual.

Mr. L. Smith, of Discovery, said he and his wife were traveling on Ontdekkers Road when they saw the UFO briefly.

Source: "Johannesburg Star," Africa, Sept. 14, 1973. Credit: Joe Brill.

African Astronomer Watches Bright Object— At 7:45 p.m. on Thursday evening of this week, Frans de Bruyn, of Adamayview, Klerksdorp (Africa) was looking at the night sky (he is a keen amateur astronomer) when he saw a "bright, luminous object moving from east to west at an angle of 30 degrees above the horizon."

Mr. de Bruyn ran in to call his father, who came out immediately. As they watched, the UFO moved upward at an angle of 90 degrees to its original course.

"It moved through the clouds which I judged to be at a height of about 3,000 meters."

A similar claim was made by a resident of Roodeport, who said that shortly after he had seen it, the roof was blown off his house.

Source: Western TVL Record, Sept. 21, 1973. Credit: Lou Farish.

More UFOs Seen In Africa — Six Berea residents watched an unidentified flying object through binoculars last night (Oct. 3) while another sighting was reported over a different part of Durban.

One of the reports had air traffic controllers scurrying to their radar, only to find a blank screen.

The six residents watched a pulsating, blue-rimmed object for more than half an hour from the top of Hopelands Court in Hopelands Road on the Berea about 8 P.M.

"It was rimmed with blue, but the colours inside continually changed from red to green and yellow," said sales representative Mr. Rob Louw.

"Other people in the block came running up to see what it was, and we watched it sink gently down about over Pinetown. It was lost to view while still quite high from the ground," he said.

Meanwhile an independent report of a similar object over Jacobs had the air traffic controllers searching blank skies about the same time.

Source: "Daily News," Durban, S. Africa, Oct. 4, 1973 Credit: Joe Brill.

Gisborne, Australia Residents See Glowing Disc With Rotating Lights and Bright Jets

Harold H. Fulton, MUFON Director for New Zealand, continues to send in reports from his country. On the night of Nov 9, 1973, T. C. Foss and his son John, 15, of Gisborne, watched a glowing disc for eight minutes with binoculars.

He described the object as shaped like a disc with fanned sides and straight at the back.

"There was a series of blue glows on the side which seemed to rotate, and a straight series of bright jets at the back. The object was very large and traveling in a definite flight course at a rapid speed," the Morere farmer said. He added that one of the farm workers and several neighbors also saw the object, but not as clearly, as they did not have binoculars.

UFO Books for sale -- "Flying Saucers Serious Business" by Frank Edwards, \$7.95. Write for a listing on others: Wm. Bemis

P. O. Box 35  
Versailles, Ill.

Recent issues of NATIONAL ENQUIRER have continued to feature UFO articles. The Nov. 4 issue reported on September sightings in Georgia and Alabama; the Nov. 25 issue contained a very interesting article on Soviet interception of apparently intelligent radio signals from space; and the Dec. 2 issue told of recent UFO sightings in Michigan.

The Nov. 18 NATIONAL TATTLER devoted considerable space to the Pascagoula, Miss. incident and other recent reports, and also contained an "ancient astronauts"-type article dealing with ancient stone figures in Mexico.

NATIONAL INSIDER for Nov. 11 published a photo of a UFO allegedly seen in Florida, as well as reviewing recent UFO activity.

The only UFO material in Dec. SAGA is that contained in John Keel's regular column, "Ancient Astronauts, Modern Mysteries."

The Dec. issue of PROBE THE UNKNOWN features Hayden Hewes' version of the Aurora, Texas "crashed airship" investigations.

Peter Kolosimo's book, NOT OF THIS WORLD, is now available in paperback from Bantam Books for \$1.25.

For persons interested in the "Bermuda Triangle," there is now a bibliography of books, periodicals articles, newspaper stories, etc., which is a valuable research guide. Although it runs to seven pages, it is not all-inclusive and the compilers welcome additional items for future editions. The bibliography may be obtained from Larry Kusche, University Library, Arizona State U., Tempe, AZ 85281. The price is \$2.00 plus a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Jean Sedy's most recent paperback is entitled THE COMING OF THE GODS and is well worth reading. I was not too impressed by the author's previous work, THOSE GODS WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH, but this new title is far more interesting and helpful. Basically, Sedy is a proponent of the theory that the legendary "gods" were space visitors who played a major role in the development of early man. His interpretations of Biblical events in the light of his theory are certainly food for thought. I consider his comments of UFOs to be "all wet," but I would definitely recommend the book for those who are fascinated (as I am) by such speculations. The Sedy book may be obtained from Berkley Publishing Corp., 200 Madison Ave., N. Y., N. Y. 10016 for 95¢ (plus 15¢ postage, if ordered by mail).

Brinsley LePoer Trench is one of England's most prolific authors of books on UFOs, having now written six books on the subject. His latest is entitled MYSTERIOUS VISITORS--THE UFO STORY. Most of the book is taken up with a summary of UFO events and thinking over the past few years and may be a bit on the re-hash side for ufologists. All the familiar subjects are here--UFOs and religion, UFOs in history, teleportations, parapsychology and UFOs, "window" areas, etc. In the latter part of the book, Trench discusses the concept that man is a hybrid being, quoting from other writers on the subject. Perhaps the most valuable material is found in Chapter 29, "The Instantaneous Way to the Stars," wherein Trench covers the theories of so-called "hyperspace" or shortcuts to the stars. Two appendices list descriptions of UFO shapes and give the names/addresses of the members of CONTACT, the UFO group headed by Trench. The book also contains some interesting photos and illustrations. It is available for \$6.95 from Stein & Day, 7 East 48 St., N. Y., N. Y. 10017

The Pascagoula paper has put out a booklet, UFO'S OVER MISSISSIPPI, which contains reprints of the articles they've carried since the Hickson/Parker incident. I understand the copies are limited, so can't guarantee that the readers would be able to get one, but the address is: UFO'S c/o MISSISSIPPI PRESS, P. O. Box 849, Pascagoula, Mississippi, 39567. The price is \$1.00.

Another cartoon. One be-ribboned General to another in Pentagon office: "Another unidentified flying object sighting. Isn't it your turn to poo-poo it?"  
Credit: Paul Cerny.

## ASTRONOMY NOTES

The December Sky Venus is seen as a very bright object in the southwestern sky just after sunset, the planet sets at 8:15 PM Dec. 1st and at 7:30 PM Jan. 1st. Mars is now fading in brightness and may be seen in the high southern sky, setting at 3:30 AM Dec. 1st and at 2:00 AM Jan. 1st. Jupiter, located between Venus and Mars, is seen in the southern sky after sunset. Jupiter sets at 8:00 PM Dec. 1st and at 7:30 PM Jan. 1st. Saturn may be seen in the high southern sky as it rises at 6:30 PM on Dec. 1st and at 6:40 PM on Jan. 1st. --Ted Phillips.

Comet Kohoutek -- The comet should be visible to the unaided eye on Nov. 14th. It will be visible in the low southeast about 2 to 3 hours before sunrise. It will at first appear as a rather faint, fuzzy object. It should appear to be slightly elongated with little tail visible. Nov. 15 to Nov. 30--visible about 3 hours before sunrise, low southeast near horizon, this will probably be the best observation time period before the comet passes into the evening sky. Dec. 1 to Dec. 15--about 2 hours before sunrise, southeast low to the horizon. From Dec. 15 to Dec. 28 it will be much nearer the position of the sun before sunrise. Jan. 1st to Jan. 15--visible from sunset until about 2 hours after sunset, southwestern sky. January 15 should be the best time to observe the comet during its visible period. It should be visible to the unaided eye until about Feb. 15th. --Ted Phillips.

The Constellations - Triangulum (The Triangle) -- The Triangle is one of the older constellations, apparently given a place of its own from ancient times in spite of its lack of bright stars. The Greeks called it Deltoton and it was so known to the early astronomers. The delta is the Greek Letter D, which is a triangle. Triangulum culminates at 9PM on Dec. 7.

Almost on the eastern edge of Triangulum is M-33, the great spiral galaxy in Triangulum. This galaxy is at about the same distance from our galaxy as M-31, the Andromeda galaxy--about 2 million light years. M-33 is diffuse and without definite arm structure.

This concludes my series of constellations. I hope our readers found it interesting and informative. In closing I would like to quote the following from a book published by the Knights of Columbus: "God can be found anywhere, particularly at the end of a telescope. The earth, the moon, the planets, the sun and millions of stars billions of miles away all prove that a superhuman power put them there. Men like Columbus who sailed into the unknown seas or the astronauts who have rocketed into unexplored space have been impressed by that superhuman power and have prayed to it because that power is God."

In this constellation series I have covered some of the most prominent constellations seen in the northern hemisphere at a latitude of approximately 40 degrees north. Constellations like Orion, and Aurus, Leo and Ursa Major have been known since ancient times.

Since Galileo invented the first astronomical telescope in 1609 many new discoveries have been made by astronomers--as John and William Herschel, Kepler, Copernicus and more recently Dr. Clyde Tombaugh and Dr. Harlow Shapley. From the primitive telescope of Galileo to the 200 inch reflector at Mt. Palomar, millions of new galaxies, nebulae etc have been observed. Perhaps the most significant being the recent discovery of pulsars and quasars. The last objects, according to astronomers, could be at the very edge of the universe about 12 billion light years away.

Editor's Note: We can assure Mark his series has been read and enjoyed, as this page has always been the subject of favorable comment from our readers. We only wish we could give it more space. And we'll be hearing more from Mark.

Did you see this cartoon? Two little flying occupants are peering into a window of Skylab. Says one: "It appears to be powered by that guy on the bicycle."

Stan Gordon, Director of the Westmoreland County, (Pa.) UFO Study Group, and MUFON's state director, spoke on

UFOs on radio station WMAQ, Chicago, Ill., Oct. 31; on WJW, Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 3 and WOC, Davenport, Iowa, Nov. 4, 1973. He continues to receive fine cooperation from the news media around Greensburg and beyond, and has been having more UFO sightings referred to him than he and his investigators can keep up with—a statement that is being made all over MUFONland these days. Ted Phillips, of Sedalia, Mo., and MUFON Secretary, appeared on the Show-Me Forum, Channel 7 TV, Central Missouri State University TV station, Warrensburg, on an hour-long UFO program with reporters from local radio stations and newspapers present. On Nov. 8 Mr. Phillips addressed the Psychical Research Society in Kansas City; Nov. 14 the Fulton Jaycees 25th Reunion Dinner at Fulton; and will speak Dec. 18 in Blue Springs, Mo., to the Chamber of Commerce. Clarence Dargie, of O'Fallon, Ill., made six lectures in October; five for November and is booked until May. He reports he enjoyed meeting Erich von Daniken and appearing on the program with him at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville the latter part of October. The two promised to keep in touch with each other. On October 26 Mr. Dargie addressed the students at Collinsville High School (Ill.) and was told he could have all the time he wanted. The session started at 7:30 A.M. and he managed to break away from the enthusiastic and interested students at 12:30 p.m. George D. Fawcett, of Mount Airy, N.C., appeared on the Bill Boggs Interview Program, Nov. 12 over WGHP TV with a panel of Astronaut James Irwin and Astronomy Professor Wayne Christianson of the University of North Carolina. He addressed his hometown high school (Mount Airy Senior High) and faculty and the large student body at George Witt High School in Whythesville, Virginia recently. On Nov. 20, Mr. Fawcett gives his 2½ hour lecture "UFOs—Still Unknown" at the M.C. Benton Convention Center in downtown Winston-Salem. He states UFO reports have been received from 35 cities and towns in North Carolina, with more than 100 cases during the past three weeks. We are "swamped," he writes. The October meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis was held Sunday, the 21st, at the Lemay Bank & Trust Co., 152 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis, with nearly one hundred persons present. There will be no meeting in November, but the December meeting will be held at 2 PM Sunday, Dec. 2, at the regular meeting place. Dr. Peter R. Phillips, Professor of Physics at the Washington University in St. Louis, was the guest speaker at the October meeting and discussed representative examples of parapsychological phenomena, psychokinesis, telepathy and the paranormal "talents" of Uri Geller and Ted Serios, then answered questions from the audience. John F. Schuessler, Director of the Group, gave an account of the UFO reports through September and early October, including the Pascagoula, Mississippi, case. Dr. W. P. Armstrong lauded the increased news coverage of UFO reports, citing specifically recent programs, interviews, or articles carried by NB C-TV, KMOX radio and the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch." Several members of the UFO Study Group were interviewed by Mr. John Moore, a reporter for the newly established bi-weekly journal "St. Louis Today." Our new SKYLOOK reporter, David A. Schroth, who keeps us up to date on St. Louis news, sent us a copy of "St. Louis Today" and the Nov. 9-23 edition carried a page and a half of UFO news, featuring recent reports and the work being done by the St. Louis Group and MUFON. By the way, if you noticed Dave wasn't listed on the staff in the November issue, it was because the printer made a mistake and used the old September plate instead of the new one for October. We are sure Page 1 in this issue will be "right on." Dr. W. P. Armstrong presented an illustrated talk entitled "UFOs Are Real" to the Forder School P.T.A. in St. Louis, Nov. 2. WIL radio, St. Louis, conducted a number of brief interviews with John Schuessler, Bill Christian, John Preisack, Dennis Hovis and others during the daylight and evening hours of Oct. 31. Leonard Sturm appeared on a radio talk show in Decatur, Ill. Oct. 30.

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address of the person reporting the sighting. A UFO sighting report form will be mailed to the "caller" for completion. If the "caller" desires to give a verbal report immediately, they will be given another telephone number to call (long distance toll charges paid by the caller) at which time their report will be recorded by the operator. Sherman Larson, Director of the "Public Education Group" (P.E.G.), a tax exempt non-profit corporation, is the organization that is spearheading this "breakthrough" in UFO research. (Sherm is MUFON's State-Section Director for Cook County in Illinois.) Dr. Hynek is one of the Corporate Directors of P.E.G. MUFON heartily endorses this effort and has committed its support.

I want to thank all of the wonderful people who have flooded us with newspaper clippings and UFO sighting reports during the past two months. If you think the UFO flap in the southeastern states has subsided, simply turn your attention to California, which has now attracted the attention of the wire services. Both Idabel Epperson and Paul Cerny are being deluged with reports.

It would be impossible to list all of the radio and television program that MUFON members have participated in from coast to coast during the past month. The great influx of mail is evidence of the public relations effectiveness of these appearances. May we express our appreciation to all of you who either carried the UFO story to the public via electronics or were interviewed by your local newspapers and the national wire services.

Walt Andrus  
Director, MUFON

To All Of Our Readers: A warm thank you for your support and cooperation during 1973, and our very best wishes for Happy Holidays and a true Christmas spirit that will carry over all through 1974.--Your Editor and Staff.

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