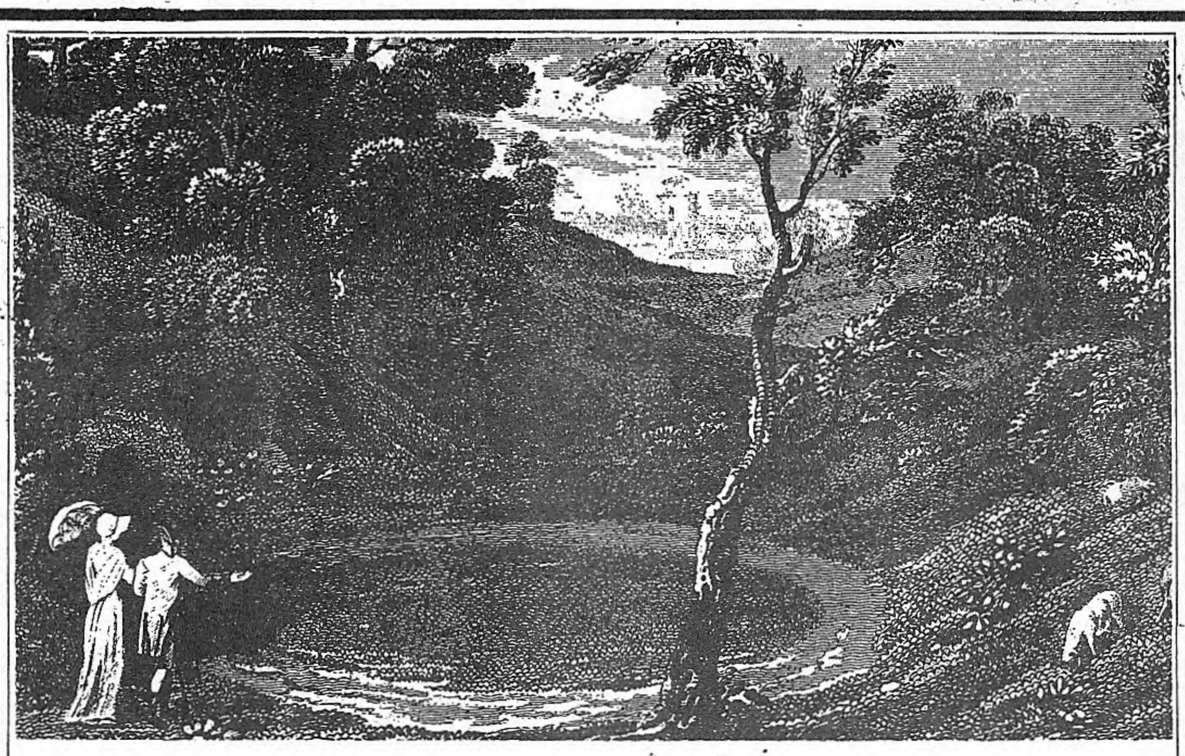
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"FLYING SAUCERS" OR "FAIRY RINGS"?

"Flying saucers" are not exclusive with this generation. We have had many reports about these. Aviators, postmasters, housewives, automobilists—in fact, they have been reported during the last twenty years from almost every walk of life. In many instances, that which had been thought to be a flying saucer has, upon investigation, turned out to be an optical illusion, a satellite, a weather balloon, a reflection, or something readily explained. It seems unfortunate, however, to classify flying saucers with the black panthers and the sea serpents, both of which are rooted in mistaken identification or in the minds of those fond of spoofs. To be sure, a certain percentage of those reporting saucers are also spoofing or too credible. However, it must be granted, whatever their identity is (no one really knows), these flashes of light in circular form have not only been recorded by scientists of the highest standing for the past 150 years but also have left their clearly visible marks on various fields, or forests, upon the earth.

"So from dark clouds the playful lightning springs,
Rives the firm oak or PRINTS THE FAIRY-RINGS."

This couplet is taken from the *Botanic Garden*, a long poem (1789) by Erasmus Darwin (1731-1802), grandfather of the eminent English naturalist, Dr. Charles Darwin. The Fairy-Ring, illustrated above, was sketched at Shrewsbury, England, the birthplace of the latter. His explanation of it is found in a footnote towards the end of the poem on Page 26, note xiii.

"There is a phenomenon, supposed to be electric, which is yet unaccounted for; I mean the Fairy-rings, as they are called, so often seen on the grass. The numerous flashes of lightning which occur every summer are, I believe, generally discharged upon the earth, and but seldom (if ever) from one cloud to another. Moist trees are the most frequent conductors of these flashes of lightning, and I am informed by purchasers of wood that innumerable trees are thus cracked and injured. At other times larger parts or prominences of clouds gradually sinking as they move along, are discharged on the moister parts of grassy plains. Now this knob or corner of a cloud, in being attracted by the earth will become nearly cylindrical, as loose wool would do when drawn out into a thread, and will strike the earth with a stream of electricity perhaps two or ten yards in diameter. Now as a stream of electricity displaces the air it passes through, it is plain no part of the grass can be burnt by it, but just the external ring of this cylinder, where the grass can have access to the air; since without air nothing can be calcined. This earth after having been so calcined becomes a richer soil, and either funguses or a bluer grass for many years mark the place. That lightning displaces the air in its passage is evinced by the loud crack that succeeds it; which is owing to the sides of the aerial vacuum clapping together when the lightning is withdrawn. That nothing will calcine without air is well understood, from the acids produced in the burning of phlogistic substances, and may be agreeably seen by suspending a paper on an iron prong, and putting it into the centre of the blaze of an iron furnace; it may be held there some seconds, and may be again withdrawn, without its being burnt, if it be passed quickly into the flame and out again, through the external part of it which is in contact with the air. I know some circles of many yards diameter of this kind near Foremark, in Derbyshire, which annually produce large white funguses and stronger grass; and have done so, I am informed, above thirty years. This increased fertility of the ground by calcination or charring, and its continuing to operate so many years, is well worth the attention of the farmer; and shews the use of paring and burning new turf in agriculture, which produces its effect, not so much by the ashes of the vegetable fibres, as by charring the soil which adheres to them.

"Those situations, whether from eminence or from moisture, which were proper once to attract and discharge a thunder-cloud, are more liable again to experience the same. Hence many fairy-rings are often seen near each other, either without intersecting each other, as I saw this summer in a garden in Nottinghamshire, or intersecting each other, as described on Arthur's seat, near Edinburgh, in the Edinb. Trans. Vol. II p. 3."

In quoting the above, it may not be amiss to add that in the summer of 1965 a similar Fairy-ring was discovered at Jaffrey, New Hampshire and reported fully in the local *Monadnock-Ledger* as having been left there by a Flying Saucer. The ring, apparently, had been made by the Saucer, at or close to the time when several Jaffrey residents reported they had seen the Saucer close to its location.

RAPID DISORGANIZATION OF THE HUMAN BODY

On the night of the 16th of March, 1802, in one of the towns of the state of Massachusetts, the body of an elderly woman evaporated and disappeared from some internal and unknown cause, in the duration of about one hour and an half. Part of the family had gone to bed, and the rest were abroad. The old woman remained awake to take care of the house. By and by one of the grand-children came home, and discovered the floor near the hearth to be on fire. An alarm was made, a light brought, and means taken to extinguish it. While these things were doing, some singular appearances were observed on the hearth and the contiguous floor. There was a sort of greasy soot and ashes, with remains of a human body, and an unusual smell in the room. All the clothes were consumed; and the grandmother was missing. It was at first supposed she had, in attempting to light her pipe of tobacco, fallen into the fire, and been burned to death. But on considering how small the fire was, and that so total a consumption could scarcely have happened if there had been ten times as much, there is more reason to conclude that this is another case of that spontaneous decomposition of the human body, of which there are several instances on record. It is to be regretted the particulars have not been more carefully noted.

THE COMET IKEYA-SEKI

discovered in September 1965 by two Japanese astronomers, came in full view of Japanese and mid-Pacific observers on October 25, 1965. Good photographs of it were taken by the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory at Woomera, Australia. Other scientists, jet propelled from the NASA Ames Research Center, were foiled by the proximity of the comet and its 4-million-mile-long tail to the brilliance of the sun. It did not collide with the sun or do anything much but disappear.

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New mystery . . . arrow in sea points west

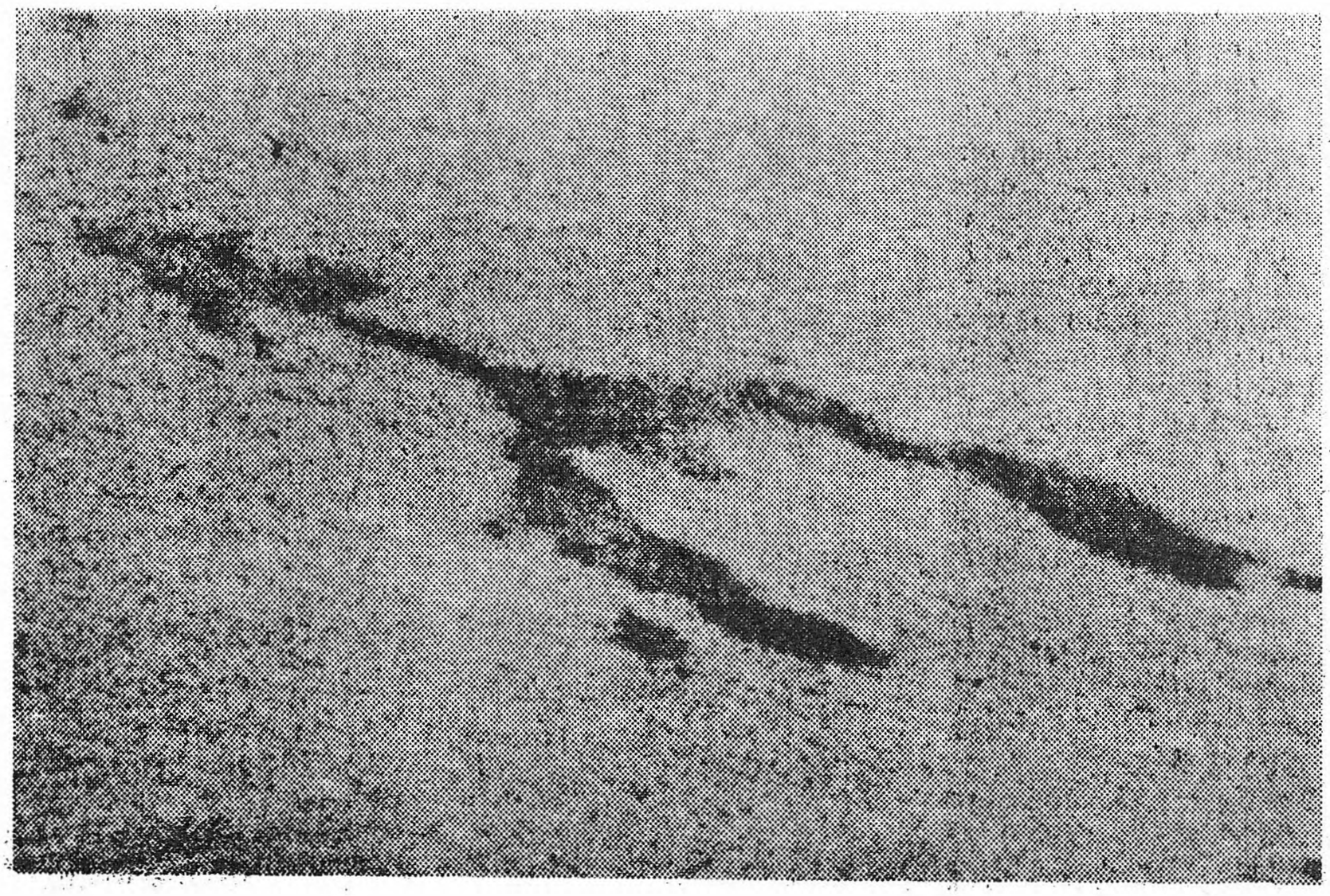


Photo by PINO TUROLLA

This manmade arrow was discovered underwater off the Bahamas this year. It measures 150 feet long and 70 feet wide. Who put it there, when and why remain mysteries.

(Miami News, 4/14/73)

At base, anomalies are of two kinds: (1) *anomalous objects* (things or events), and (2) *anomalous processes* (relationships). An anomalous object consists of the existence (or claimed existence) of some thing or event which is somehow a deviation from the usual, credible order of things, e.g., the sighting of an abominable snowman, a levitated fakir floating in the air, or a giant sea serpent. An anomalous process, however, can consist of quite ordinary things or events in some extraordinary conjunction. Thus, an occultist may believe that a pin placed in a wax image will lead to the death of someone (neither death nor wax images and pins themselves being extraordinary), or that the position of the planets at certain times can effect the personality development of children born at certain places on the earth at those times (planetary positions and children born with personalities in themselves being ordinary events).

By Marcello Truzzi

Anomalies can be further classified as being *isolated* or *integrated* with one another. Thus, some anomalies are quite singular and disconnected from other anomalies. A typical example would be belief in the existence of an Unidentified Flying Object. Though some groups have turned belief in UFOs into an integrated anomaly by seeing flying saucers as vehicles piloted by angelic spacemen,[17] most believers in UFOs see them as unexplained phenonomena within an otherwise normal scientific world-view.

Integrated anomalies seem to more often consist of process anomalies than object anomalies. An occultist who believes in a set of magical processes is often likely to accept (or at least reserve judgment on) the credibility of someone else's claim about other magical processes, but a believer in UFOs is usually no more likely to accept the claims for a Loch Ness Monster than those who disbelieve in UFOs. Since anomalous processes are usually based on the inference of strange causalities among otherwise ordinary events (events the non-occultist would simply label as "coincidences"), the establishment of such anomalies requires more evidence to convince the skeptical than might the anomalous object. This has implications for the frequency of belief in such anomalies

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1973 - A GREAT FORTEAN YEAR

Everything is happening at once! A major UFO flap began in Febr-uary and is still continuing. Monsters and A.S.S. (Abominable Swamp Slobs) have appeared in Pottstown, Pa. and Enfield, Ill. The Enfield critter had three legs, which figures since the chief witness was a crippled war veteran named McDaniel. (Another McDaniel family was the center of the 1966-67 Mothman fracas in W. Va., and the cover story of Anomaly 9 was about a man named McDaniel who encountered "the devil" in the Catskill Mts. one hundred years ago . Old-timers will recall that several different unrelated people, all named Reeve(s), in scattered parts of the country had UFO and monster sightings back in 1965-66. What's in a name?) In Garland, Texas (home of the famed Varo Corporation) a Blob...alive and growing...has appeared.

Several well-financed, well-equipped (including helicopters and electronic gear) expeditions are exploring the northwest this summer in serious efforts to track down and capture the elusive Sasquatch, the legendary tall, hairy humanoid. One group already claims to have taken new photos of the beast.

In Scotland, equally well-equipped groups are launching an all-out attempt to solve the riddle of the Loch Ness monster. And in Florida teams of scientists, including North American Rockwell's massive and somewhat mysterious project, are stepping up their investigations into the notorious Bermuda Triangle...that area of the Atlantic where so many ships and planes have vanished without a trace.

Let's not leave out Lost Atlantis. Mrs. Maxine Asher raised a lot of money from a group of intrepid college students who accompanied her to Cadiz, Spain to find Atlantis. Spanish authorities were not enthused about the project and Mrs. Asher departed with the money, leaving the students behind. Lost Atlantis is still lost.

Lawyer F. Lee Bailey recently told the Treasury Department he has a client who has located the long lost treasure of the Aztecs. It is in a cave in the White Sands Proving Grounds. Bailey produced some of the gold as proof. The government wasn't interested.

Finally, the sun has been misbehaving this year. Unusual magnetic conditions prevail, probably accounting for some of the strange things that have been happening. Both the U.S. and U.S.S.R. have quietly sent a number of rocket probes to the sun to find out if it is planning to blow up on us this year. If not, there is a major comet which will bypass Earth this December and put on a sky spectacular. Maybe even kill us all.

It's going to be a great year.

- John A. Keel

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Other creature sightings recalled

Wabash "monster" being sought

ENFIELD, Ill. (UPI) — An anthropology student who has made a study of sightings of ape-like creatures plans to hunt the "Enfield monster" with a camera and a tape recorder today.

Loren Coleman, 25, who is studying at the University of Illinois at Urbana after putting in three years at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, said he and two friends will attempt to locate a creature reported sighted during the last week around this White County community.

Coleman, who said he has been collecting data on such sightings for 10 years, said he believes the creature may be a type of anthropoid ape. "These are not the first such monster reports and they won't be the last," he said Friday.

Coleman said he decided to look for the creature today after talking with Rick Rainbow, news director at radio station WWKI, Kokomo, Ind., who with three companions said he saw an ape-like creature near Enfield last Sunday. Rainbow tape recorded sounds he said were made by the creature.

The sound on Rainbow's tape is similar to an elephant call, Coleman said. He added he has heard the Saimang ape give such a call.

Rainbow said he and his group saw a 5 to 5½-foot tall creature, grey-black in color, in the open end of an abandoned barn about half a mile north of Enfield. The creature let out a shriek and fled, he said.

First reports of the "Enfield monster" came from Henry McDaniel, a disabled war veteran, who said a hair creature scratched on his door about 9:30 p.m. April 25. He said he saw it again on a railroad track near his home last Sunday.

Coleman said reports of an ape-like creature came from Canton, Ala., in 1960 and casts were made of tracks found in the area.

There was a report of a creature near Bridgeport in Lawrence County in 1962 and another report from Jackson County in 1942 of an ape-like creature that leaped 20 to 40 feet across highways, Coleman said.

"Then in 1971 there was some flack about a 'skunk ape' in Florida because the creature gave off some sort of odor," he said.

In 1941, Coleman said, a Reverend Harpole was hunting in the woods near Bonnie south of Mount Vernon when a creature jumped out of the trees, knocked off the minister's hat and dislodged a pipe in his mouth. The startled clergyman whacked the creature on the head with his shot gun barrel and it fled, Coleman said.

By a Star-News Staff Writer

Heat Stirs Up Crackpots

Whenever an extended heat wave hits the city, the crackpots swarm to City Hall to see the mayor, according to Mrs. Rowena Gordon.

Mrs. Gordon has served as executive secretary to Mayors Ralph J. Perk, Ralph S. Locher and Anthony J. Celebrezze.

The flow of those claiming to hear the voice of God, receive messages from outer space or be secret agents on secret missions started to climb last Monday and remained at a high level all week.

ONE OF THE ODDEST was the man who telephoned from what he said was British Columbia. He claimed to be a representative of billionaire Howard Hughes.

"Mr. Hughes has heard of beautiful downtown Cleveland and wants to know what it needs," the man told Mrs. Gordon.

Mrs. Gordon shot back. "A few million dollars."

The man said he would let her know.

According to local residents, there is a snallygaster loose in Carroll County, Md.

Whatever it is, the residents of Sykesville near the Howard County line, are plenty upset about a creature a number of them have described as between 7 and 10 feet tall, thin of build with long grayish-brown hair and big, big feet.

And, the state police are earnestly seeking the monster, reports of which began pouring in about a week ago.

Trooper Harry Bevard said a woman called to say she had seen "It" as early as two years ago crouching beside an interstate highway in North Carolina, and that it was clearly "working its way north."

WHILE POLICE are loath to laugh or confirm the rumors rippling the county, it probably is certain the whatsit is a homegrown monster.

"Snallygaster" is defined by Webster's Third New International Dictionary as a "mythical, nocturnal creature, half-bird and half-reptile, chiefly reported in rural Maryland, which preys on children and poultry."

As a further clue to the monster's origins, the snallygaster, the dictionary says, is a corruption of the German term "schnelle geeschter," meaning "quick spirits" — not too surprising for a county boardering on Pennsylvania Dutch country and also settled by Germans.

Tales flourished into the middle 1930s, but sightings ceased after a Middletown newspaper published a story saying the winged creature had drowned in a moonshiner's mash barrel.

About eight years ago Frederick once again was the scene of sightings of a monster — this one "about 6 feet tall, with a big bushy tail and black hair."

One explanation had it that the new creature was in fact Son of Snallygaster, or Dwayyo, hatched from one of its late parent's eggs.

POLICE PRESSED a helicopter and searchlights into service last week after Anthony Norris reported finding footprints in his backyard measuring 13½ inches long and nearly 6 inches wide.

The mystery may be over soon, however.

The state police have summoned an expert from the Baltimore Zoo who is combing the area for evidence.

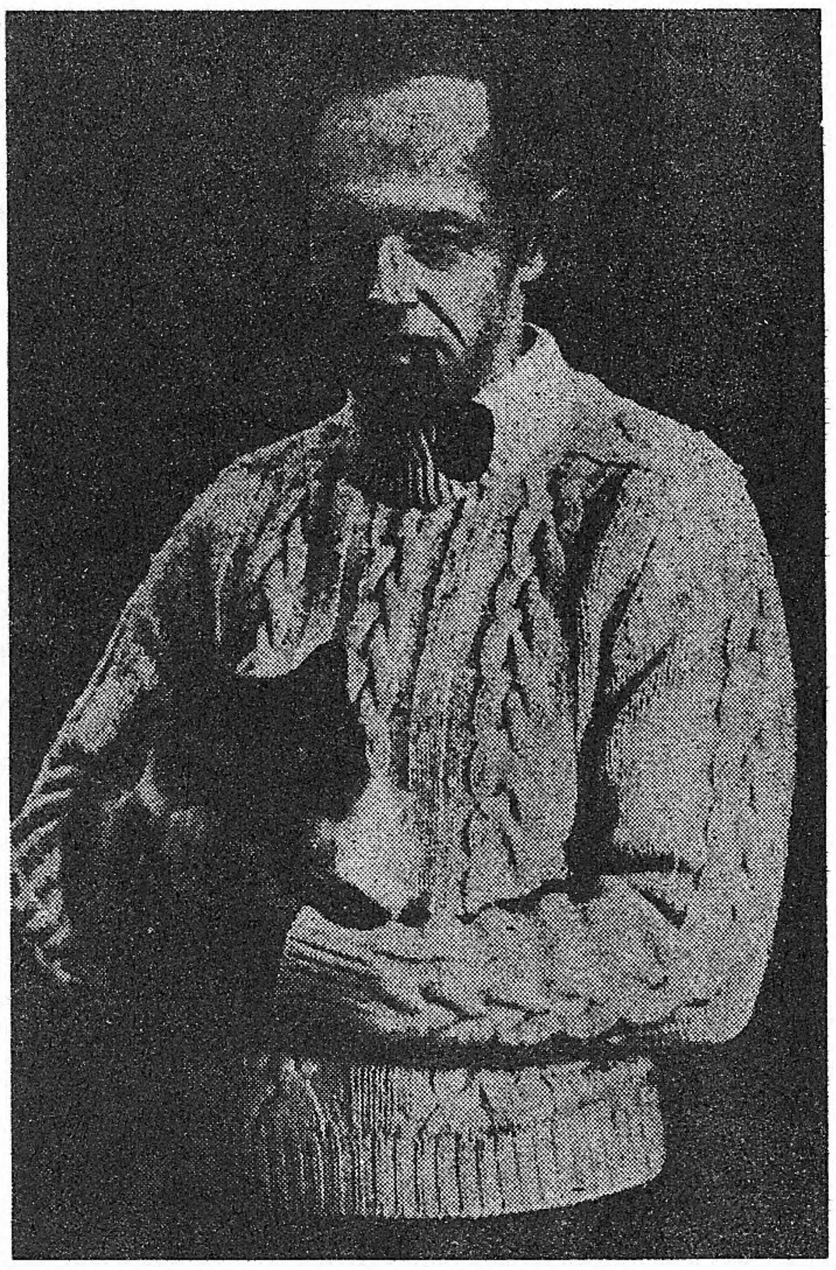
In the meantime, local citizens have begun their own snallygaster hunt, and Sykesville police are a little alarmed the hunters may come to more harm from each other than the hunted.

"They don't know what they're looking for. They're jittery," Police Chief Omer Herbert said. "If one comes over one ridge with a rifle and one come over aonther ridge, well . . ." Herbert said.

— TONI HOUSE

Washington, D.C. Star-News, 12 Jun 73

Hunt: 'A Bit Of a Romantic'



Hunt: Foreign intrigue

Those who have followed the tangled theories of conspiracy woven around the assassination of President Kennedy know that it was an incredibly complex event and certainly not the work of a solitary "nut" with a cheap, inoperable mail order rifle. A handful of hardy civilian investigators have been quietly working for years to put all the pieces together. Some of these people have suffered terrors and harassment which dwarf the antics of ufology's notorious Men In Black. The aftermath of the assassination included the wholesale deaths of key witnesses, the tampering of photographic evidence, and even the falsification of sworn testimony...that is, the text of signed affidavits was altered before publication in the Warren Report.

The soon-to-be-released motion picture Executive Action will demonstrate the probable manner in which the assassination was carried out but, to avoid legal problems, will not name the co-conspirators outright. However there is documented evidence of Lee Harvey Oswald's relationship with both the F.B.I. and the C.I.A. David Ferrie's New Orleans library card was found among Oswald's effects in his room in Dallas. Jack Ruby's connections with both the Mafia and the C.I.A. have also been documented. Ferrie, of course, had once served as a C.I.A. pilot. The drug trade is also implicated. Finally, Cuban gangsters and financiers with Cuban interests appear to have played a role in the plot.

A great many people were directly and indirectly involved in the preparations for the assassination, setting up false trails and patterns of deliberate confusion, and covering the escape of the actual gunmen. The fatal shot was fired by a .45 automatic at close range. (Exactly how this was accomplished is explained in the movie.) Ballistics studies indicate that three gunmen were involved. One rifle shot missed, one hit Governor Connally, one

struck President Kennedy in the throat. The attempt would have failed if a fourth gunman, armed with a .45 loaded with hollow dum dums,had not been in a position to fire the fatal shot.

It is estimated the operation cost from two to five million dollars.

THE BAY OF PIGS

The motives for the killing are as complicated as the modus operandi of the assassination itself. Several different groups, each with their own motive, were apparently involved. Fanatical right-wingers were suckered by the conspirators into taking part. Cuban refugees unwittingly volunteered to participate in the various cover-up deceptions. Victims of the coup in Indochina only weeks before may have also been involved. Madame Nu (remember her?) had fled to the United States after her family, the ruling family of Viet Nam, had been wiped out in the coup. The day before the assassination she boarded a plane to Europe. Known as "the Dragon Lady", she and her family allegedly ruled drug traffic in southeast Asia. It has also been firmly established that members of the C.I.A. in Viet Nam operated a profitable side-line in drugs. In Dallas, Jack Ruby served as "bag man" for gangsters engaged in the illicit drug business.

President Kennedy knew of, and was very disturbed by, the activities of the C.I.A. He intended to put the screws to that organization. He was appalled by the murder of the Viet Namese leaders in the coup of November 1963, and was dismayed by what President Johnson later described as "the C.I.A.'s Murder Inc. in the Carribean".

The Bay of Pigs invasion was planned during the Eisenhower administration, with Vice President Richard Nixon serving as liaison between the White House and the C.I.A. on the project. Various investigative reporters now claim that some of Mr. Nixon's closest associates (e.g., Bebe Rebozo) had business interests in Cuba which they lost when Fidel Castro seized power there.

Invasion plans were in the final stages when Kennedy took office. He ordered U.S. air support removed from the plan and insisted that only Cuban refugees could take part in the actual invasion. The C.I.A. believed the invasion would inspire a popular uprising among the Cuban people. Instead, the Cubans rallied to Castro and the invasion was a failure. The Cuban refugees blamed Kennedy for the failure even though air support would not have altered the course of the battle.

One of the C.I.A. agents in a key position in the planning of the Bay of Pigs was E. Howard Hunt. The army officer who acted as liaison between the Kennedy White House and the C.I.A. was Major Alexander Haig.

NOVEMBER 22, 1963

According to the official records, no members of the Secret Service were stationed in Dallas' Dealey Plaza on the day the President was shot. However, two men claiming to be Secret Service

were present on the grassy knoll that day and were even wearing the small colored pins that identified them as such. (The color of the pins is changed daily...they were wearing the right color.) There were numerous other strangers about. William Allen, a photographer for the Black Star agency, snapped pictures left and right after the assassination. One of his photographs was Dallas policemen leading a man away from the grassy knoll. He was slim, with thinning hair, an angular face, a sharp pointed nose and a determined jaw. The photo is printed here (Figs. 1 & 1a).

There is no official record of this man's presence in Dealey Plaza that day.

Five years pass. The Rev. Martin Luther King is shot down in Memphis. A few days later the F.B.I. announced that the name of the killer was Eric Starvo Galt and they released a drawing (Fig. 2) which was widely published. It was supposedly composed from the descriptions of the people who lived in the rooming house across from the motel balcony where King was shot. The sketch resembles almost exactly the man photographed in Dealey Plaza. It does not resemble James Earl Ray, who was later arrested and convicted of the crime. The rooming house witnesses agreed that the sharp-nosed man was the one who had rented a room. When they were later shown photographs of Ray they said he was not the man.

Apparently the man in Dealey Plaza had been directly involved in the King assassination. The name "Eric Starvo Galt" was from the name of a character in one of Ian Fleming's James Bond novels. A literary conceit.

FINALLY, WATERGATE

When the blundering Cuban Watergate burglars were first arrested they produced false identification bearing names from the novels of a writer called David St. John. Another literary conceit. David St. John specialized in spy novels, and novels based on witchcraft and black magic (he's quite an authority on these subjects). His home in Washington, D.C. is named "Witch's Island". David St. John's real name is E. Howard Hunt. He has an angular face, sharp nose and determined chin. (Figs. 3 & 4)

If we add ten years to "Eric Starvo Galt's" face and subtract some hair do we have E. Howard Hunt? If so, his reputed flair for the romantic has carried him a long way...from Dallas in 1963 to Memphis in 1968 to, finally, jail in 1973. In a review of his more public career, the New York Times recently pointed out that he has published more than forty books and was earning more than $50,000 a year at the time of his arrest. Yet the Times called him a failure. Failing, presumably, is a synonym for getting caught.

Other C.I.A. men have fared better. Alexander Haig skyrocketed from the rank of major in 1962 to the rank of four-star general in 1973. Normally it takes 20-30 years for a career officer to reach such rank...if he is very lucky and well-positioned. This year General Haig resigned from the army to become President Nixon's Chief of Staff, meaning he runs the White House.

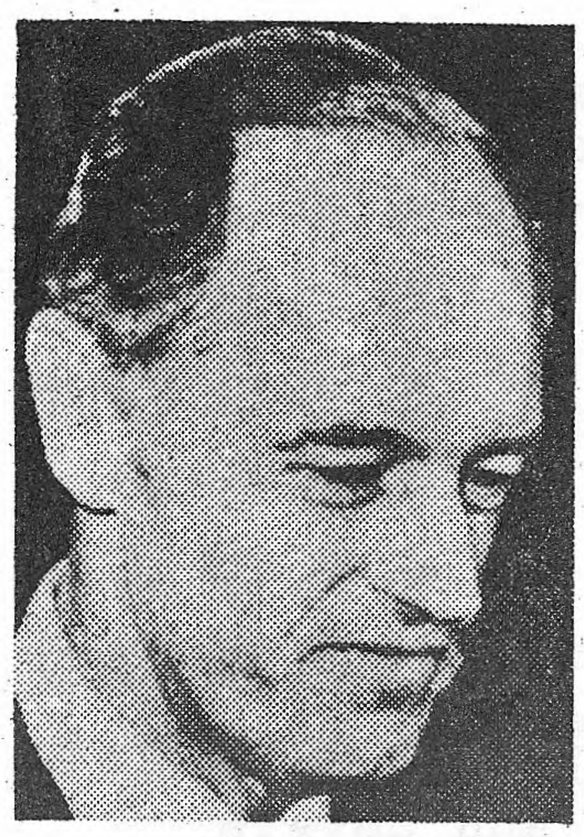
Where is all this leading us? The late Robert Kennedy once

complained that there were guns between him and the White House. He is also supposed to have expressed concern that he and his brother, the President, were facing a revolt of the generals, even a possible military coup.

When a Canadian businessman, Richard Giesbrecht, overheard two men (one of them was apparently Ferrie) discussing the assassination in an airport restaurant he quickly reported the conversation to the F.B.I. Later, he says, they called him back and told him to forget it because "It's too big...We can't protect you."

There seems to be a long-range scenario involved here. The assassinations may have been only small parts of that scenario. Giesbrecht reported that Ferrie said something about "now we're getting all the money we need from Mercury, Nevada." Mercury is a fly speck on the map but is the headquarters for all of the Atomic Energy Commission's underground nuclear tests.

FIGURE 3.



E. HOWARD HUNT Jr.
Dirty tricks and . . .



IGURE 2. Sketch of "Eric tarvo Galt" released by the .B.I. after the assassination f Martin Luther King.



FIGURE 1a. Closeup of unknown person in Dealey Plaza photo.

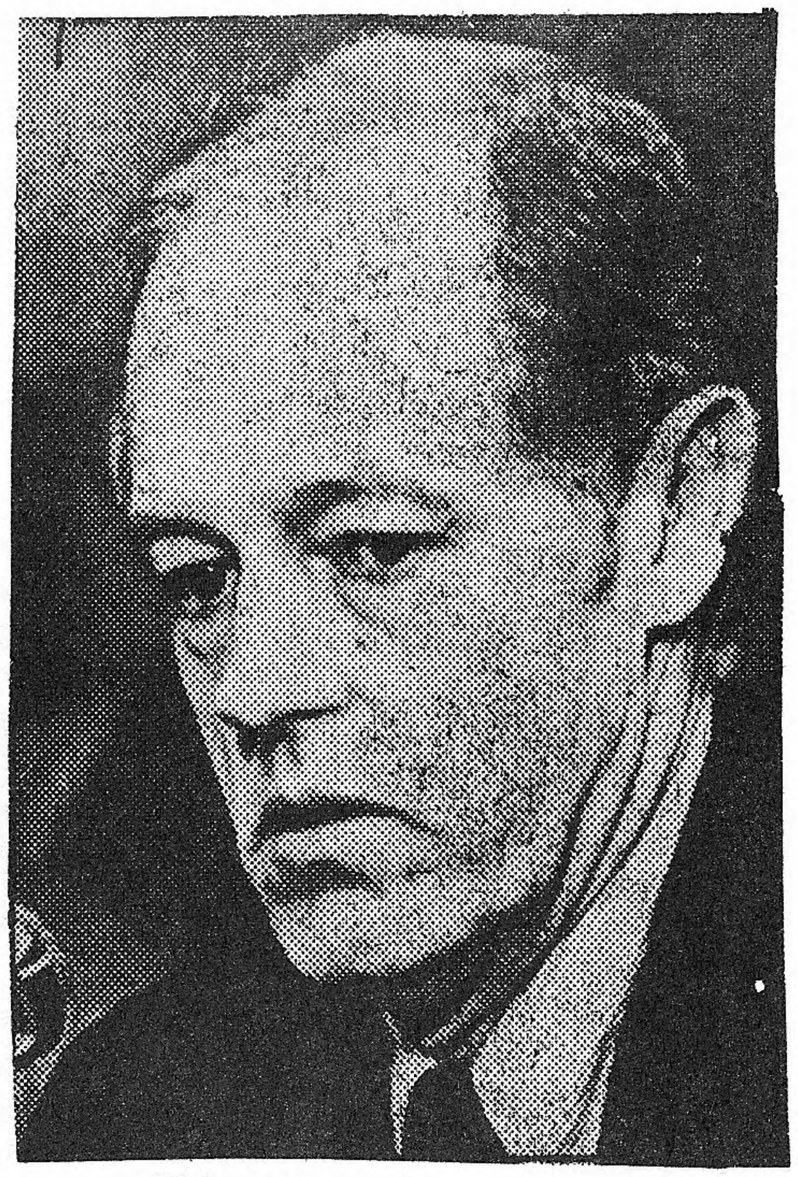


Figure 4. Hunt, 1973. Wan from six months in jail, ill from a stroke.

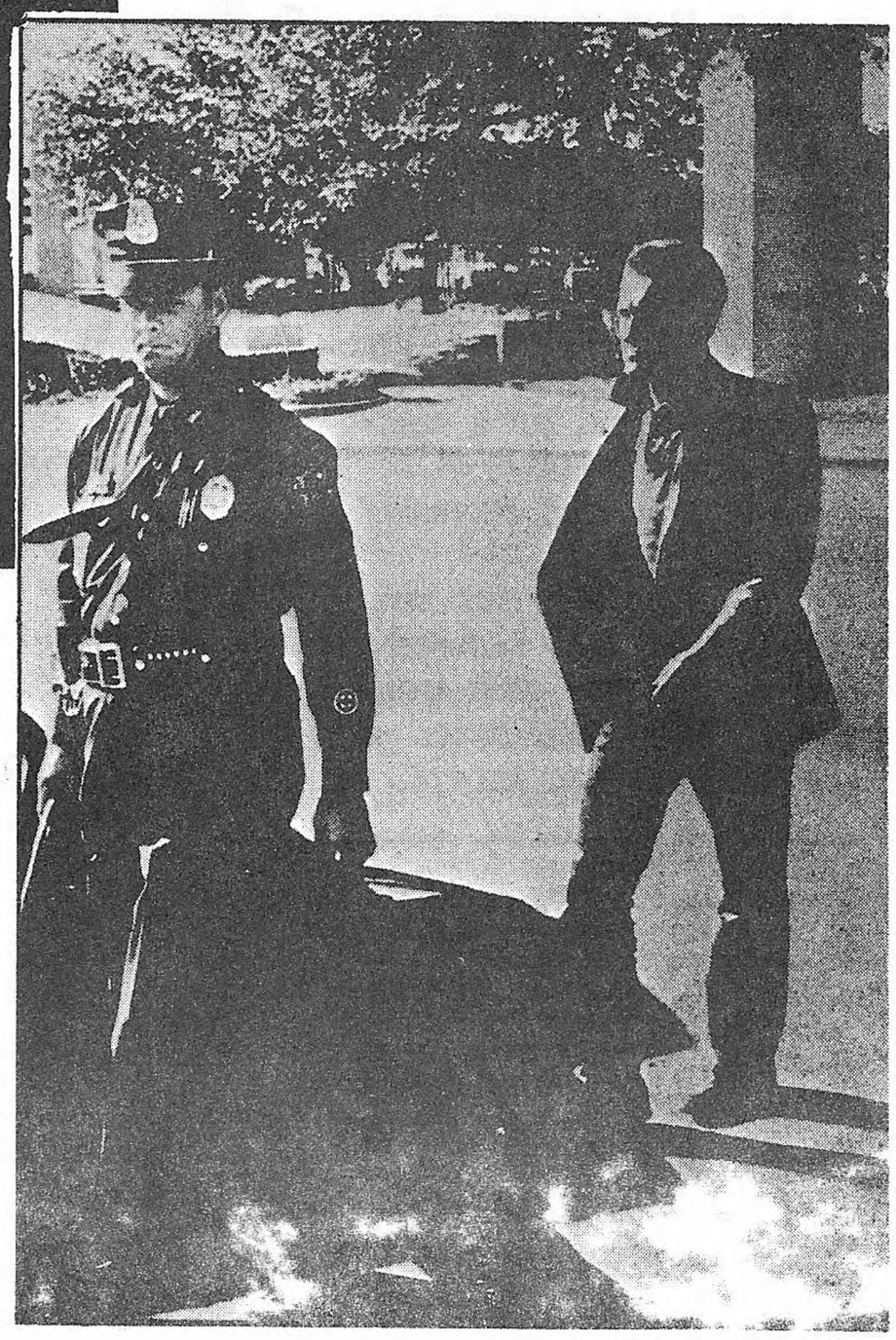


FIGURE 1. Photo taken near grassy knoll, Dealey Plaza, Dallas, Texas, Nov. 22, 1963.

Missouri copter believed spying for cattle rustlers

STE. GENEVIEVE, Mo. (UPI) — Authorities believe an unmarked Army transport-type helicopter hovering over southern Missouri in recent evenings may be piloted by cattle rustlers flying reconnaisance missions.

"In my opinion, the copter is spotting cattle in the early evening and then comes back and picks them up late at night," sheriff's deputy Louis Layton said Saturday. "We're checking furiously everywhere to locate its base of operation."

The huge helicopter has been sighted over cattle ranches in Ste. Genevieve, Iron, St. Francois and Raynolds counties, Layton said. He said similar reports have been received by authorities in Southern Illinois.

The deputy said he saw the helicopter over a ranch in the St. Marys area Friday evening but could get no closer than a quarter mile before the craft moved on.

"Two St. Francois County deputies saw the copter hovering about 20 to 25 feet above some cattle on a ranch in the western part of the county," Layton said. "It took off like lightning when it saw the police car's flashing red light."

There have been no missing cattle reports in recent weeks in Ste. Genevieve or St. Francois counties, but a number of cattle thefts have occurred in Iron and Raynolds counties, police said.

Layton theorized that rustlers aboard the helicopter shoot the animals with tranquilizer guns, then lower a cable and hoist them aboard.

Hovering helicopter 'eyes' cattle in Southern Illinois

By Wanda Barras
and DeMaris Berry
Of The Southern Illinoisan

Helicopter cattle rustlers, sought by police for cattle thefts in Perry and Randolph Counties, apparently struck twice Tuesday night in Union County.

Edwin Peters, a Balcom area farmer, reported sighting a helicopter hovering over his cattle herd about 9 p.m. and Margaret Stone, rural Jonesboro, reported hearing a helicopter about midnight.

Peters apparently chased the rustlers away when he fired two shotgun blasts over the top of the helicopter.

The Union County Sheriff's office said there had been no reports of thefts from county farmers this morning.

Mrs. Peters this morning described the helicopter visit. Peters spotted the helicopter hovering over and shining a light on his cattle. The herd was on a hilltop a short distance from the house.

Mrs. Peters said the helicopter had frightened two mules gathered with the cattle and the mules had stirred the cattle.

Peters grabbed a shotgun and he and Mrs. Peters hurried up the hillside. When they were about halfway there, Peters fired two warning shots over the helicopter.

Mrs. Peters said buckshot fell on the helicopter and the suspected rustlers turned their lights out and fled.

Mrs. Peters said the helicopter motor was quiet-running and apparently muffled by some device.

Mrs. Stone's report of hearing a helicopter came to state police about 12:45 a.m. today.

Delbert Stone, her husband, said they arrived home about midnight from the Anna Fair. After they retired, the Stones heard cattle bawling and the humming of a helicopter motor.

They listened to the hum for about 30 minutes. Then a truck motor started up and the truck changed gears about six times, Stone said, as though it were carrying a heavy load.

After hearing the truck, Mrs. Stone called the state police.

Stone said a helicopter was in the area during daytime hours about a month ago. He thought it was taking pictures for an aerial survey but learned later these pictures are taken from higher altitudes.

James Stevenson, manager of the Meadowlark Farm, near Percy, may have been the first person in Southern Illinois to suspect the use of a helicopter in rustling operations.

"About three months ago, when persons at the farm were loading cattle to ship to Canton, they noticed there was about 35 head of cattle missing. These animals would weight between 700 and 800 pounds. Jim remembered he had seen a green helicopter without markings in the area of the farm for three or four days prior to the day the cattle were missed," said E. W. "Barney" West of the Perry County sheriff's office.

Meadowlark Farm, which is owned by the Southwestern Coal Co., is the only one to report any theft of cattle.

Perry County sheriffs are conducting regular night and day patrols in areas where cattle are kept, said Ed Rainwater, sheriff.

The county is planning to ask farmers to assist in patroling.

"The farmers would not carry guns, but would notify the sheriff's department if they spot anything," said West.

Randolph County Sheriff Ralph Bollinger said, 'The county has been very lucky. About two months ago, three head of cattle were shot near Steeleville, but charges have been filed against a Randolph County man. That is the only report we have had."

Bollinger said several helicopter sightings have been reported. "On Monday, a helicopter matching the description of the one suspected of being used for rustling was seen east of Chester going northwest. It was last seen near Red Bud."

The Randolph County Sheriff's office has regular day and night patrols.

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Locked Doors No Use; Whole House Stolen

NEEHAN, Wis. (AP) — It didn't do any good to lock the house. Thieves stole the house.

Authorities are searching for four men who made off with a 24x32-foot, one-story prefabricated caretaker's house.

The unoccupied house was standing next to the Guest House Inn, an old hotel being razed.

A night watchman said four men driving a truck pulled up to the house Saturday night, loaded it onto a large flatbed trailer and drove off

Mar 28, 1973 PHOENIX GAZETTE

Multi-colored snowfall

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Light brown snow with red hues at times was reported in northeast Bulgaria by the news agency BTA, which said colored snow has fallen in the area before. Meteorologists are at a loss to explain the phenomenon, the agency said.

Mar 18, 1973
ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Entire barn is stolen while owner is away

NEWTON, Utah (AP) — Something new in thefts has been reported to law enforcement officers — the theft of a barn.

Mrs. David Griffon told officers that on her return from a trip of a few days, she found her barn was gone.

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The WEDNESDAY PHENOMENON

Wednesday produces more UFO reports than any other day of the week. When we performed a preliminary study of 730 reports from 1966 we noted this odd phenomenon. Succeeding UFO flaps confirmed it by repeating the pattern. Now several researchers around the world have tested it further by analysing sightings in their own countries.

The Bulletin du Gesag of Belgium (June 1972) published the following table based upon studies of sightings in 1950 as cataloged by Dr. David Saunders, U.S.A.; Ballester-Orlando, Spain; J. Bonabot, Belgium. Wednesday generated the largest number of sightings in all three countries in 1950.

DISTRIBUTION OF UFO REPORTS-1950

DAY	U.S.	SPAIN	BELGIUM	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
Sunday	40	6	23	69	9.8
Monday	53	8	42	103	14.7
Tuesday	44	15	43	102	14.6
WEDNESDAY	57	19	56	132	18.8
Thursday	51	10	55	116	16.5
Friday	40	12	38	90	12.8
Saturday	32	13	44	89	12.7
Totals :	317	83	301	701	99.9

However, Mr. Edgar Simons of Belgium has continued this research using a much larger sampling and has now found that Tuesdays produced the greatest number of sightings in Belgium over a twenty year period.

Dr. David Saunders has been programming thousands of U.S. sightings into a computer at the University of Colorado. Although he has not yet published the final results, the latest report is that Wednesday continues to hold the lead.

Landings and contacts, in particular, seem to follow this timetable. And sightings continue to concentrate around the 10th and 21st of the month (ANOMALY #4, p. 64). Mr. Simons has discovered this latter pattern also holds true in Belgium. It is becoming apparent that UFO sightings are related to sunspot activity and the phases of the moon. Many LITS (lights-in-the-sky) may be of unknown natural phenomena which respond to certain solar conditions.

Periodically there is an epidemic of shattered windows. In the 1950's thousands of automobile windshields across the country were mysteriously smashed simultaneously. Researcher Ronald Dobbins has located the following items.

New York Times, April 24, 1921;2;1;4

London, April 23- The mysterious band of men which has caused great damage by cutting and otherwise damaging plate glass windows in London, causing a large financial loss, has intensified its campaign, which has spread to many places in England.

The plate glass windows ruined in the London area now total more than 2500. The band has been most daring in its operations, but no arrests thus far have been made.

The Arizona Republic
28 ○ Sunday, Jan. 7, 1973

Vandals crack car windows

More than 60 reports of vandals smashing car windows were called in to one police district Friday night.

Sgt. Don Toms of briefing station 3 at 1450 S. 24th St., said the reports came from the area of Willetta Street to South Mountain Avenue between Central and 7th Street.

All the reports pointed out that car windows facing the streets had been broken, he said.

"We didn't find any evidence as to who did the damage," he said. "It was evidently done with a pellet gun, but no one was seen."

Nov 23, 1972
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Windshields Stolen

NAPLES, Italy (UPI)— Forty motorists showed up at police headquarters Tuesday to report their windshields stolen overnight from parked cars.

Astronaut Says UFOs Possible

By JOHN L. CARPENTER

U.S. astronaut Ronald Evans says UFOs (unidentified flying objects) may be real after all.

He told a news conference at Arizona State University today there is "a distinct possibility" that UFOs exist.

But he hasn't seen any around earth or the moon, unless you mean all kinds of particles that are flying around through space.

EVANS SAID when his craft went behind the moon and he left the radios on, even though earth was silent, he heard "a little sound — whoooo."

Evans and the two other Apollo 17 astronauts, geologist Jack Schmitt and Navy Capt. Eugene A. Cernan, were at ASU today, telling about their moon mission.

THE COURIER 20 JULY 1973
CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL.

5-TON WRECKER BALL VANISHES FROM CRANE

Indianapolis, Ind. (AP)
When workers returned to a demolition site Tuesday morning, they found that the company's five-ton wrecking ball was missing.

It had been suspended about 200 feet up on a crane's cable, said Loran Dowling of Dowling Construction Co.

Crude Oil Theft Causes Wonder

RUSSELL, Kan. (AP) — Someone in Russell County apparently is starting his own backyard refinery.

The Russell County Sheriff's office received a report earlier this week from the John O. Farmer Oil Co. that 80 barrels of crude oil had been stolen from a storage tank near here.

The theft was discovered during one of two routine daily readings of gauges on the tank.

Officers said it would take two trucks to haul away that much oil and were more or less at a loss to explain why anyone would want the crude oil.

Mar. 29, 1973

BRIDE DISAPPEARS

CAIRO (UPI) — Under the headline "A Strange Incident," the Middle East News Agency Tuesday carried the tolliwing story:

"A 20-year-old bride, Mrs. Mirfat Ahmed Shihata was walking with her husband, Anwar Said, in an Alexandria Street around midnight last night.

"The couple was returning from a visit to friends when the land suddenly opened up under the woman and swallowed her in an awful moment that sent the husband into a state of shock for which he was hospitalized.

"A rescue squad immediately arrived on the scene. Although they dug to a depth of 10 yards they failed to find the woman. She had been married four months."

Dec 6, 1972
PHOENIX GAZETTE
(Green Edition)

Tarzan's Little Monkey Friends Thrive in Florida

Edgar Rice Burroughs not only inspired a dynasty of movie Tarzans. He apparently was indirectly responsible for a long line of Tarzan's little friends, the not-so-great apes that cavorted along jungle paths with him.

Anthropologist William R. Maples of the University of Florida says that two packs of sturdy rhesus monkeys numbering possibly 200 are prowling the banks of the Silver River downstream from famous Silver Springs in north central Florida. They feed off handouts from tourist boats and range into the woods to gather forest tidbits.

The monkeys, Mr. Maples says, descended from two pairs brought to north central Florida on location in the early 1930s for a Tarzan movie.

The rhesus, which grows to about 30 pounds, has teeth longer and sharper than a dog's of the same size, Mr. Maples says, and "will eat anything." He believes they are the only wild monkeys fully self-sufficient in America. And he worries that they might become so numerous that they might be at least a nuisance.

The monkeys can be friendly, Mr. Maples says, but they could become upset and dangerous "if you run out of food." Then, he warns, "a monkey could take off your arm."

Mannix License Plates Perilous

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (UPI) — Don E. Edwards has learned that having a personalized license plate reading MANNIX, the name of a popular television detective series, can be dangerous business.

Edwards, once associated with the show, told police that two men in a black sedan followed him and fired two bullets through his windshield.

This undated clipping from a Canadian newspaper, apparently circa. 1934, was located by one of our correspondents. Does anybody out there know anything about this photo?



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The Ogopogo in Okanagan Lake.

IT'S settled now for all time. Or is it?

The above picture of Lake Okanagan's Ogopogo was sent in to us by Francis Dickie, Heriot Bay, B.C. Mr. Dickie's letter which accompanied the picture does not make it certain whether he took it, or even if he saw it himself, but his faith is as strong as if he had had hold of it by the tail. "For the first time in history," his letter states, "a photograph has been made. A hasty snapshot by a tiny camera, but close-up and clear. It was made by a startled picnicker before whom the monster appeared close inshore. Two others were nearby and came close to spoiling the picture. But all three have taken affidavits as to the creature's size and rapid movements.

"For those incurably skeptical people whose attitude is 'I would not believe in sea serpents even if I saw one,' and who may raise the argument that this creature is nothing but a log, it should be known that this lake is particularly free of such. Besides, a log that looks like this and swims at the rate of about 20 miles an hour, would be a marvel in itself, equal to any sea serpent."

If there are any hardy doubters whose incredulity persists after this, let them step forth!

PYRAMIDS UNCOVERED

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) -- A city of pyramids and other buildings constructed in the style of the Mayan Indians — the first ever found in Costa Rica — was discovered in thick undergrowth on a mountain north of San Jose, the newspaper La Republica reported.

Well, it could be littering of a sort

NEW YORK, N.Y. (UPI) — A cruising police car discovered a grayish-pink hulk lying in a Bronx intersection. It was determined that the hulk was the skinned, decapitated body of a 300-pound animal, either a gorilla or a bear.

No zoos in the area have reported the loss of a gorilla.

There was no known crime, so police said there would be no investigation.

18 objects orbit with Red craft

Associated Press

BERLIN — A West German space expert said yesterday that 18 unidentified objects accompanying the latest Soviet space probe Salyut 2 were fired into orbit around the earth April 3.

Harro Zimmer, head of the Wilhelm Foerster Observatory in West Berlin, told a newsman the objects joined Salyut 2 on April 4 when the space probe was between its 22nd and 24th orbits around the earth.

Western experts originally expected a manned Soyuz capsule to rendezvous with Salyut. But this had not happened by yesterday, Zimmer said.

Instead, he and other observers made out the objects which Zimmer theorized were either test objects ejected from Salyut to check on the Soviet Union's strategic radar system or some other experiment in which the final stage of the carrier rocket was destroyed.

Zimmer said it was less probable, but not impossible, that Salyut 2 was damaged during a course correction maneuver.

Apr 16, 1973
ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Mysterious fumes again invade City Hall, disabling 2 operators

Mysterious gaseous fumes again invaded the switchboard room of City Hall yesterday, sending two of the telephone operators to a doctor for a precautionary checkup.

Both quickly recovered.

Investigators said the new incident, the fourth to occur and the third within four months, may have been triggered by redecorating to provide the operators with larger quarters.

On previous occasions, some of the operators have been hospitalized briefly.

City maintenance technicians, fire department and police experts and others have worked long hours without finding the source of the mysterious fumes.

But, Ronald W. Jensen, maintenance services director, said the cause of yesterday's problem may have been discovered by chief criminalist Joe Collier.

"It may have been fumes from my old office down the hall," Jensen said Collier told him. "We're remodeling it for them."

The work includes use of an adhesive mastic which produces fumes, Jensen said.

The fumes apparently spread into the hallway, and a positive pressure in the hallway forced the fumes into the switchboard room whenever the door was opened.

An ion detector within the room, sensitive to such fumes, went off, and the two operators complained of feeling ill a short time later.

"We're not sure that the mastic is the cause," Jensen said, "so we're still working on it. We took air samples and they'll be examined."

In the meantime, he added, the air-conditioning ductwork was rearranged so the switchboard area, formerly given recirculated air with 50 per cent of fresh air mixed in, will now receive 100 per cent, fresh air.

A return vent has also been blocked, so there is now a positive pressure within the room. As a result, opening the door forces the air within the room into the hallway, instead of the other way round.

"We hope that will do it," Jensen said. "In any case, they'll be moving into their new quarters in about two weeks.

"The new space is where my old office was, and we never had any such problems in there."

4 phone operators overcome by gaseous fumes

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1972

For the second time in one year, four City Hall telephone operators were overcome by unidentified gaseous fumes at mid-morning yesterday and were given emergency treatment at Good Samaritan Hospital.

The operators who were working in the basement of the Municipal Building at 251 W. Washington, suffered various degrees of nausea and dizziness. There were six operators on duty at the time, officials said.

Switchboard supervisor Lucille Moore said the operators began complaining of dizziness and fainting shortly after 10 a.m.

They were identfied as Mrs. Shiela Bacon, 3143 W. Sahuaro; Mrs. Doris Wilson, 4833 E. Grenada; Mrs. Sharon Childree, 4501 E. Campbell; and Barbara Wood, 5613 W. 63rd Drive.

Hospital officials said the four telephone operators were treated and released.

A similar incident last October also caused four operators to become dizzy and nauseated. One of them was Mrs. Bacon. The incident triggered the installation of monitoring, ventilation and dehumidification equipment.

City fire department officials said they have not yet determined the source or nature of the fumes.

At noon, two hours after the original emergency call, firemen again were called to the scene after operators complained of lingering gas fumes.

City Hall was not evacuated.

Deputy Fire Chief Ted Bently said, "We've searched the entire basement area — the mechanical system, electrical system and ducts — and we can't find anything."

John Harrington, building superintendent, said he was baffled by the existence of the fumes.

"It was an instantaneous gas, a foreign gas, but that's all we know," Harrington said.

He said the battery of equipment to monitor, ventilate and dehumidify the basement switchboard area which was installed during the past year did not indicate any presence of gaseous fumes.

An investigation into the incident is continuing, Harrington added.

Mrs. Moore said she would meet with Harrington to discuss the possible relocation of the City Hall switchboard.

Credit: Ronald Dobbins

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TONS OF FISH DEAD IN GULF MYSTERY

Shores of Texas Area Covered With Victims After Strange Gas Cloud Passes.

SECOND INCIDENT IN WEEKS

Experts Divided on Tragedy to Every Type of Marine Life Near By Except Porpoise.

NYT ~~Sept. 24~~, 1935

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Sept. 23. —Strange marine conditions which several months ago killed millions of fish in the Gulf of Mexico along the northern end of Padre Island recurred the past three days off the coast here. Today the shore for at least fifty miles is lined with tons of dead fish. No fish are favored. The dead range from eight-foot tarpon to two-inch mullet.

As in the previous incident, the dead fish began to wash ashore soon after a stifling gas was noticed all along the shore Friday night by persons living there, which made them cough all night. Some fishermen who went to the shore left because of the gas, which they said caused a burning sensation in the throat.

Saturday the dead fish began to drift in with every wave and in steadily increasing number. By Sunday the shore in every direction was lined with them.

Probably the greatest number are tiny salt water pike or robalo. But almost all kinds of fish known in the ocean waters here are represented except the porpoise, which is a mammal. Even gar, a fresh water fish which follows the waters of the Rio Grande out into the Gulf, suffered.

The Rio Grande for two weeks emptied much fresh water into the Gulf, but the river is now down almost to normal, so that the theory of a sudden change in temperature is being doubted.

The theory advanced by many local people is that the gas kills the fish, but where this gas comes from is undetermined, just as its chemical nature is a matter of guess locally. It was reported here unofficially that Dr. Lund and Dr. Wieber may come here at once to make further investigation.

letters to the editor

I have for years been haunted by a very intense group of people called UFO followers or Ufologists...I have seldom responded to any of their questions or their requests. I had several reasons for not doing so...(1) I soon learned that no matter how logical or straightforward I wrote..it was always turned into something that I did not mean or did not say! (2) Aside from one short period in my experience, I have not had the slightest interest in the world "out there". (3) My life is my own...and my travels and what I do and where I go are of no interest or business to the general public.

The years that have passed have not dimmed the horror of those days and the spot on Maury Island has never re-grown the brush and trees that were destroyed...I am still in full contact with Hal Dahl. I spoke with him yesterday.

I appreciate the kindness with which you handled me in your book.

Fred Crisman

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You have thrown light on a mystery that has been in my family for 75 years... My grandparents as a young married couple lived in rural Georgia...One moonlight night when my grandfather was en route to his home he decided to cut through a small tract of forest. He took a foot path winding through the forest, the path straightened out giving him a look ahead to an open clearing. There in the moonlight stood a young white woman, she was dressed in white, she was very beautiful. My grandfather told of the mixed emotions he had at this encounter. This was in the 1800's, a hysterical or frightened white woman could cause a humble black man to die a horrible death at the hands of a mob. What was she doing in a desolate district at this time of night, alone, how did she get there? My grandfather slowed up and much to his surprise by her actions she appeared to be waiting for him. She approached him smiling and with her arms outstreached as if to embrace him. My grandfather backed away from her and would not allow her to touch him. Keeping the lady at a safe distance he fled back the way he had passed...Other black men of that time have told similar stories...

J. Mae Johnson
Illinois

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ANOMALIES: Continued from page 188. Yet the relationship is not a simple one. For, on the one hand, seeing a demon or an abominable snowman is immediately validated for someone who believes he has seen such a creature; but such direct experiences (even of a mystical, personal kind) are had by only a minority of us.[18] On the other hand, unusual coincidences that seem meaningful but which are causally inexplicable (what C. G. Jung called synchronicity[19]) are commonplace to most of us at some time in our lives. Thus, the "raw materials" for occultism involving anomalous processes is more common than that involving anomalous objects.

In general, anomalous processes seem to be more likely to be integrated with other anomalies than are anomalous objects. It also seems to be the case that anomalous processes are more likely to be integrated with other anomalous processes than with anomalous objects. A network of beliefs in anomalous processes (with or without anomalous objects) constitutes an *occult system.*

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The Last Word

IS THE LOCH NESS MONSTER RELATED TO UFOS? Mr. F. W. Holiday, author of The Great Orm of Loch Ness seems to think so. In his new book, The Dragon & The Disc, he outlines some fascinating evidence- both historical and contemporary- which indicates that Nessie is a psychic apparition instead of a physical creature. Even the problems of photographing the critter parallel the problems of UFO photographers. The book has just been published in England. When it finally reaches our shores grab a copy.

Brinsley Le Poer Trench has just published a concise study of the relationship between UFOs and psychic phenomena; The Eternal Subject. The book has been published in the U.S. under the title of Flying Saucer Mystery. Lots of food for thought in this...the work of one of England's greatest authorities and a long-time advocate of the extraterrestrial hypothesis.

A "revised" edition of Our Haunted Planet will be published by Fawcett paperbacks this fall. If you have the first edition, save your money. This new one is identical except for some minor changes on pages 127 and 160.

DIFFUSIONISM IS SPREADING! Charles Berlitz's new opus, Mysteries From Forgotten Worlds (Dell paperbacks), re-examines the many archaeological and historical erratics and anomalies, and suggests that mankind probably has a much longer history than hitherto supposed. This is a well-researched tome, profusely illustrated and certainly far superior to Von Daniken's half-baked efforts. There is rapidly growing archaeological evidence that a super culture once existed on this planet and influenced life on every continent. This Diffusionist theory was popular in the 1920's and is now being revived...and more and more scientists are jumping on the bandwagon.

Bantam recently had the gall to release a book called God Drives The Flying Saucers. Our copy is free to the person who asks for it first...if you don't mind a book covered with vomit stains.

Cosmopolitan magazine is following up its recent article on the Bermuda Triangle with a piece on flying saucers. It will rehash the classic cases, naturally, and review recent European research. Written by one Ralph Blum, a newcomer to the weirdo scene, the article should appear around Feb. 1974.

The results of our project at the Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare were published in the general news media on Sept. 5, 1973. We saved the taxpayers twenty million dollars. Slight pause while we pat our own back.



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