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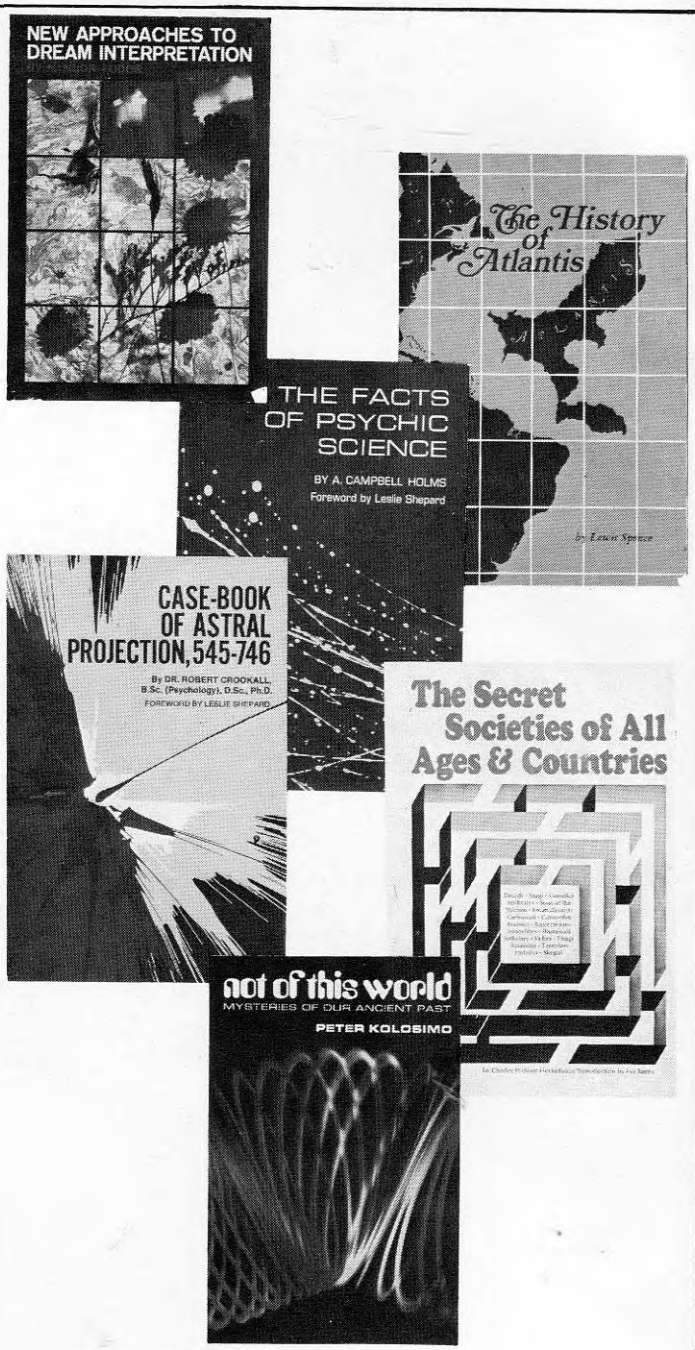
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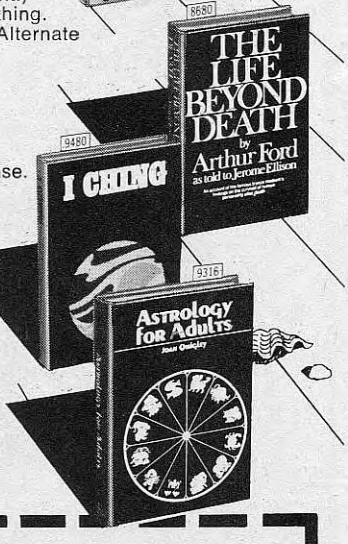
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ASTROLOGER LOYAL TO FUEHRER—TO A POINT

With regard to Mrs. Paul Word's letter (February PROBE), I would like to say that Karl Ernst Kraft's statistical astrology was accurate enough for the purposes of warfare, and during the Blitz Krieg phase of the war, Hitler proceeded, much to the consternation of his generals, with a rationale inspired perhaps more by his intuition and astrological advice than sound strategy.

Again, the invasion of Britain, a logical step of strategy, was never carried out because of Hitler's intuition or astrological advice.

While he enjoyed Hitler's confidence, Kraft was quite loyal. He even wrote a letter to Ambassador Viorel Tilea of Romania, via Switzerland, praising the new order.

Concerning Hitler's own adverse aspects as reflected in his personal chart, they were privileged information. Not even Kraft would have dared to disclose them to the Fuehrer. Hitler's chart showed his psychopathic tendencies, and Kraft would not have estranged Hitler by being overly candid.

It is true that after Stalingrad, when Kraft was incarcerated, presumably because his advice was no longer valid, he turned to some extent against Hitler. There were accusations formulated against Kraft that he was pro-Allied, but such accusations were never proved.

John Manolesco, Ph.D.
Laval, Quebec, Canada

DISAPPOINTED IN FANTASY

What first attracted me to PROBE was its concentration on the facts in the field. Speculation and theory are, of course, important, but I was very disappointed in the article "The Phantom Hound" (December 1973), which seemed to me to be fantasy, and not very provocative fantasy at that. I would think that would be the kind of article to avoid.

If you have space, I think it would be a good idea to have a short verifying bibliography accompanying each article (as was done in "Brain Holograms" in the same issue). Because of all the quacks in the field, I think it is important to keep it as factual as possible.

Arthur Rosenstein
Hollywood, California

SAMPLE NO. 1 NOT NORMAL

I must take exception to some of the statements in the article "Search for the Aurora Astronaut" (December 1973).

Your article lists an analysis of an aluminum fragment "Sample No. 1" and the statement, "The metal was nothing more than 98 percent aluminum-normal cast aluminum."

I have over 20 years experience with normal cast aluminum and have never seen an analysis resembling the Sample No. 1 that you list. Furthermore, I checked the list of Aluminum Association Standards, and nothing resembling this analysis is registered in this country, nor can I think of any practical purpose for an alloy of this composition.

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On the other hand, since we are assured that the elements found on this planet occur throughout the universe, this might be the normal composition of aluminum somewhere else where the technology in 1897 was slightly ahead of where we are today.

Edward E. Dickey
Millersport, Ohio

DON'T ASK THE BUTCHER FOR LEGAL ADVICE!

Your rebuttal to Serge King's letter (February PROBE) reveals a rather irresponsible attitude toward editorial privilege as well as a strong prejudice against Dr. Wilhelm Reich. You admit to making "the subjective decision" that Doctor Reich was convicted of "malpractice of medicine", after you had a conference with a medical doctor. How sagacious of you to seek medical advice on matters of jurisprudence! When you need legal advice, do you ask your butcher?

The facts regarding the Reich court case are fully available, parts of which appear in my books *Orgone Energy* and *Planet in Trouble*—assuming, of course, you are looking for facts and not mere opinions.

You further state, "Reich was often accused of malpractice." By whom, pray tell? I challenge you or your medical mentor to produce a single name of anyone who so accused Doctor Reich. Had you studied the Reich court records, you would have noted that the existence of Orgone energy was never at issue in the case, nor was the efficacy of the Orgone accumulator at issue. Time and again the presiding judge made this very clear indeed. Reich was charged with refusing to obey the FDA injunction which prohibited him from disseminating any information about Orgone energy. The very words "Orgone energy" were ordered expunged from all of his books. Reich said that he could not and would not obey this FDA order; and for that reason he was convicted and jailed.

This FDA dictum is still legally in effect to this very day—which brings us to Mr. King's arguments that Reich's books are not "banned". The fact that some of Reich's books are being published does not remove the legal restrictions in the slightest: they are being published despite the FDA injunction. Or haven't you read the FDA injunction?

Apparently, one of Mr. King's problems is an inability to read simple English, not to mention 18th-century French. If he read Reich's "Oranur Report", he would know that the high excitation of Orgone energy into Oranur is not limited to nuclear excitation. The Oranur effect can be produced by other highly exciting agents, such as high-voltage electricity, TV sets, or even fluorescent lights.

Mr. King expresses "amazement" that I call Mesmer's energy the "Universal Life Fluid"; so do I, since I never called it that. Both Mesmer and I refer to it as the "Universal Fluid". But, as I said, since Mr. King apparently misreads the English language, he cannot be expected to correctly read ancient French. Mesmer's term "Animal Magnetism" is applicable to his total system of principles and procedures, just as the word "Orgonomy" refers to the totality of functions of Orgone energy. Mr. King's further confusion with regard to the "production" of Orgone energy is simply a matter of his own lack of contact with the laws of the Life Energy.

Finally, for PROBE to compare the person and stature of Dr. Wilhelm Reich with the activities of Al Capone is a pretty low blow. It indicates a rather shallow and sophomoric attitude toward truth and fact and does a grave injustice to the name and work of a great scientist and human being.

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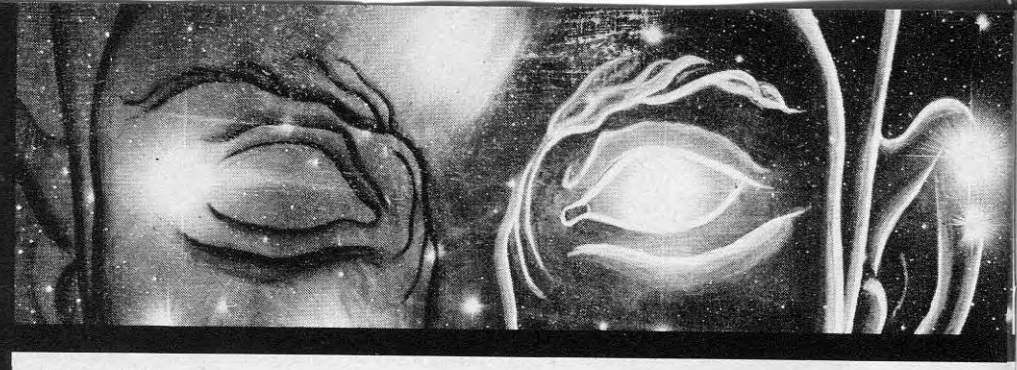
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EDITORIAL

NEW HORIZONS

This issue of PROBE is devoted primarily to the subject of UFOs—those elusive "frisbies" which for the past 25 years have mystified and excited the imaginations of Homo sapiens. Unfortunately, we've allowed fear of alleged interplanetary invasions by "little green men" to frighten us away from one of the most far-reaching challenges in Earth's history: the serious investigation of extraterrestrial life.

Why are we on the defensive? What is it that we're afraid of—that some other civilization will prove its technological superiority over our own, that the great planet Earth is behind the times?

It's time to rid ourselves of dangerous complacency and take a good look at the prospects for our future. For example, heat pollution is already causing serious problems in major U.S. cities. According to physicist and U.S. Navy consultant Howard A. Wilcox, all heat produced by man does not escape into outer space; rather, much is absorbed into the Earth's atmosphere, causing the mean global temperature to steadily increase. Such thermal pollution (which comes from fossil fuel, nuclear and geothermal sources—processes by which man adds to the Earth's temperature) is bound to melt the polar ice caps if we continue to increase energy consumption each year as we have been doing. It could conceivably take only 150 years for the melted ice caps to raise sea levels 200 feet, flooding 10 percent of the Earth's land surface, including such major cities as New York and London.

Are we going to sit back in the next century and helplessly watch ourselves disintegrate with a dying planet? Instead of discouraging interplanetary communications, now is the time to broaden our own horizons and become receptive to the advancements already made by pioneering societies on other planets. And the first step should be an attempt to communicate with any extraterrestrial inhabitants who might have the courage to approach our hostile society. After all, *we* may be the terrifying strangers one day.

Picture the year 2124:

The government signals the red alert. "Invasion, invasion! Take up arms! Defend your cities from the onslaught of savage aliens! Don't let these ugly creatures get a foothold on our precious soil—land we've had to struggle for. Kill, kill, for the sake of our beloved country!"

Shots ring out. One of the mysterious "things" lies dying, its silvery, wrinkled skin shriveling in a pool of crimson muck. A sentry cautiously approaches the creature, yanking a silver medallion from around its neck—the creature's only mark of identification:



Pat Alston

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UFOs IN THE NEWS
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FROM BANGKOK TO MOSCOW, Los Angeles to Baton Rouge, UFO sightings are creating excitement and havoc. In the United States alone, more than 15 million adults claim to have sighted unidentified flying objects, despite government officials' refusal to comment on the validity of such saucer reports. Pictured above, UFOs filled the skies over Marseilles, France in 1955. UPI Photo

UFO: FACT OR FICTION?

Not since Kenneth Arnold first reported 26 years ago that he had sighted what eventually came to be known as "Flying Saucers" during a flight over Washington's Mt. Rainier have there been as many numerous reports of UFOs as in recent months.

The reports are coming from such widespread areas as Rochester, New York; Gulfport, Mississippi; Grand Rapids, Michigan; Los Angeles; and even the Soviet Union.

Tremors characteristic of sonic booms were recorded on October 11 and 17 by earthquake detectors at Pennsylvania State University, State University of New York, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

That same night three Delaware women in Dover reported watching a brilliant light in the sky for 45 minutes. According to a spokesman at Dover Air Force Base, a helicopter sent to investigate the incident was unable to overtake or determine the distance to the light.

In Louisiana, sheriff's deputies reported chasing five orange-red lights for 12 miles through the Piney Woods.

In Indiana, a man said a night UFO "followed" him home and elsewhere the same night Indiana police reported having been "buzzed" by a swooping UFO while on patrol. But a spokesman for the North American Air Defense Command denied any UFOs had been detected that night. The command, known as NORAD, operates a space tracking system that monitors earth satellites and keeps a watch for oncoming missiles.

A considerable number of reports that same week originated in Ohio near Wright-Patterson Air Force Base which, for years, was the headquarters for Air Force cataloguing of UFO reports.

BANGKOK POLICE IGNORE UFO REPORTS

BANGKOK, Thailand—Although two staff photographers of the *Nation* reported spotting an unidentified flying object recently, police officials dismissed the incident. Thewin Chanyawong and Vinit Thinviratana allegedly spotted the "thing" from their car as they drove through Bangkapi. The photographers said it was flashing red lights, with "some green and blue in between".

The same night, a Bangkapi gas station attendant reported a similar sighting. "At eight o'clock, I saw a flying object passing right over me," 19-year-old Sombat SriChurot claimed. "It wasn't too high and went very slowly. No plane could go that slow. It was also completely noiseless and was flashing red, green, and blue lights."

Military and civil aviation stations announced they had seen nothing unusual on their radar screens at the time. No planes or helicopters had been in the air that night, reported the Royal Thai Air Force, and regular aircraft do not fly over Bangkapi.

ANTI-UFO PROPAGANDA SHOT DOWN

BOULDER, Colorado—A computer study of 18,000 UFO reports should put to rest the all-too-popular notion that such sightings are merely the result of too much weekend partying.

According to Dr. David Saunders, psychology professor at the University of Colorado here, more unidentified flying objects are sighted on Wednesdays than on any other day of the week. Doctor Saunders' computer findings also reveal that most UFOs are seen during daylight hours, and reports most frequently come from areas where the education level is high.

Doctor Saunders says the tendency to ridicule those people who report such sightings as having had too much to drink "is just one example of the effect the U.S. Air Force's anti-UFO propaganda has had on popular thinking."

TAKE ME TO YOUR COMMISSAR, COMRADE

MOSCOW—The official TASS news agency here reports that Soviet scientists are picking up unusual radio signals, which have never been heard before. Coming in pulses after definite lapses of time, the signals last for several minutes and are repeated many times a day.

"It is not precluded they [the signals] may be sent by a technically developed extraterrestrial civilization," the Russians report.

UFOs HOVER OVER ITALY

TURIN, Italy—A mysterious flying object over this northern Italian city

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KIDNAPPED

The International UFO Bureau investigates the incredible Pascagoula, Mississippi UFO incident, raising questions that boggle the mind

By HAYDEN C. HEWES

A ZIPPING SOUND streaked through the silence of the abandoned pier as two men fished in the coolness of the black, semi-tropical night sky. Surprised, the men jerked around to locate the source of the strange noise. To their astonishment, a "huge, egg-shaped object glowing bluish-white" hovered over the river only a short distance away.

It was not fear. It was a shocking surprise. Both men tried to look into each other's eyes, but they were completely "immobile and unable to move". They had not felt a thing—only surprise.

Although paralyzed, they clearly saw three humanoid-type beings exit the craft through "a hole that appeared in front of the object". The beings "floated above the ground and approached the men, grabbing them by the armpits with claw-like hands and then transporting them inside the craft" that still hovered quietly above the muddy Pascagoula River waters.

For Charles Hickson, 42, and Calvin Parker, 19, what happened the night of October 11, 1973 was an unbelievable and shocking experience, an eerie nightmare that would send the two small-town, unassuming shipyard workers crashing into the headlines of newspapers across the country.

The humanoids took only one conscious man to their craft, for young Parker "lapsed into unconsciousness when the three things approached him and Hickson".

Both Hickson and Parker believe they were under the control and in the immediate presence of these "things" for approximately 25 minutes before they were released onto the pier where they had been abducted. The next thing they saw was the craft lifting from the ground at a high rate of speed and leaving in "an easterly direction".

What were these humanoids?

The two men agree the beings were approximately five feet tall, had a protruding object positioned near the front-center of their large heads and a small hole directly below these protrusions. They also observed the beings as having long arms extending down to their knees, their heads growing straight into the torso area, with no necks. Their short legs extended straight down into round-like feet, and there was no visual evidence of ankles.

A BOTTLE OF COURAGE

"Oh, man," Parker moaned, shaking his head in disbelief as the craft disappeared in the night skies. "They are not going to believe this."

Hickson did not bother to reply. He just slowly walked to their fishing tackle, produced a bottle of whiskey, and took a long, strong drink. It was then they decided to contact the Jackson County Sheriff's Department and the Pascagoula Police.

Pascagoula Sheriff Fred Diamond, who has known both men for some time, realized they were in a state of semi-shock, but he was a bit incredulous at first when he smelled Hickson's breath, reeking with whiskey.

"Something happened to those two," Sheriff Diamond said, "because they were scared to death and seemed on the verge of a heart attack."

On Friday, October 12, Hickson and Parker, accompanied by their lawyer Joseph Calingo and Sheriff Diamond, traveled to nearby Keesler Air Force Base, at Biloxi, for a radiation test and to "officially" report the incident to federal government authorities.

At Keesler, both men were interviewed by the Air Force security police about the alleged incident and were later tested by base hospital doctors for the presence of Alpha, Beta, and Gamma rays on their bodies and clothing. Radiological tests revealed the men were not suffering from radioactive contamination.

The two men were then interviewed by Colonel Robert E. Smith and the chairman of the Department of Medicine at Keesler about the incident and were found to be generally calm, although emotionally frightened, and apparently sincere and convincing regarding the story.

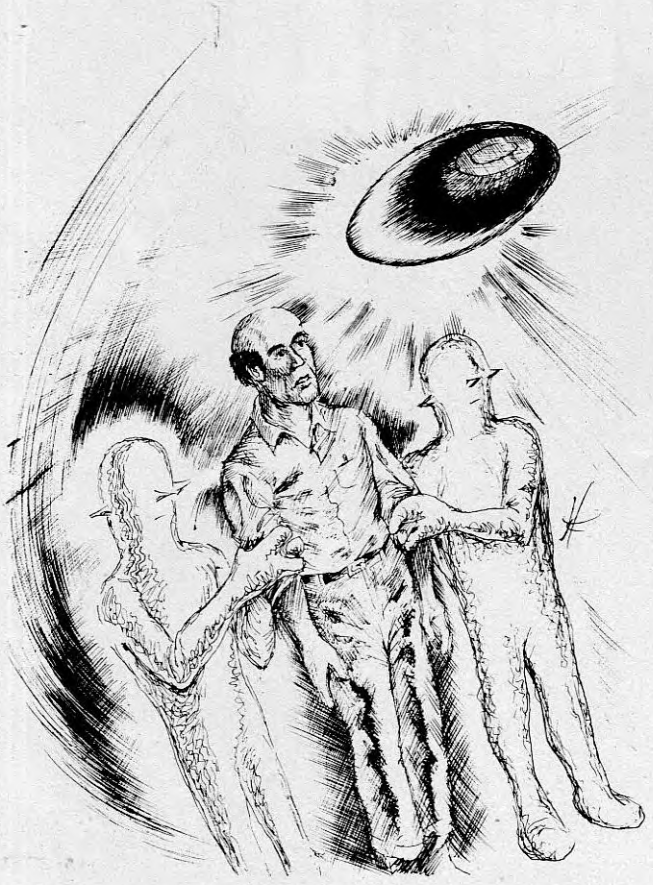
Hickson and Parker described the interior of the unidentified craft to authorities as "radiating a bluish-white light, similar to the light seen on the exterior of the craft". Yet they said there was a total absence of lighting fixtures inside. Hickson stated that the room in which he was placed was "square shaped, but it was rounded off. The ceiling was also rounded, and there were no corners in there." He further described the walls of the room as being covered with unfamiliar types of gauges or instrumentation dials.

Hickson said he was placed in a room with three of the humanoid-type beings. However, when he was taken outside the craft, he observed other humanoid-type beings taking Parker out of the unidentified craft.

While inside the UFO, Hickson allegedly observed that the creatures were wrinkled and silvery looking, with folds over their heads and bodies, and glowed in the same bluish-white light of the craft. Further, Hickson saw one of the beings leaning over him inside the craft and making a "buzzing sound".

Hickson said he had the feeling he was being "analysed" by means of some type of unrecognizable lens housed in the ceiling of the room, which was bathed in the same bluish-white light but with greater intensity than the other lighting on the interior of the object.

TERRIFIED BY HUMANOIDS, Charles Hickson (top) and Calvin Parker claim they were taken aboard a UFO October 11, 1973.



IN A STATE OF SHOCK, Charles Hickson does not attempt to resist the silvery-looking creatures who lead him into the examination room of their craft. **Artwork by Hal Crawford**

Parker was unable to relate any experiences undergone while inside the craft because he was unconscious during that time. Only after being returned to the pier did Parker regain consciousness.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, formerly a top-level scientific advisor to the Air Force's "Project Blue Book", was near Keesler Air Force Base at the time of the Pascagoula event and was asked by Air Force officials to investigate the Hickson-Parker incident. He had functioned with "Project Blue Book" for almost 20 years and is presently chairman of the Department of Astronomy and director of Linheimer Astronomical Research Center at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

On Saturday, October 13, Doctor Hynek, assisted by Dr. James Harter, professor of civil engineering at the University of California at Berkeley, placed both Hickson and Parker under hypnosis. The results of this operation revealed that their experience on the night of October 11 was "traumatic". The scientists added, "Their emotions and very strong feelings of terror are impossible to fake under hypnosis." Doctor Hynek further observed, "There is no question in my mind that these men have had a very terrifying experience. Under no circumstances should they be ridiculed. Let's protect these men."

Prior to the discontinuation of "Project Blue Book" by the Air Force, and while still a top-level scientific advisor investigating unidentified or unexplained aerial phenomena for that department, Doctor Hynek once declared, "I don't for a moment hold we are being visited by people from outer space." However, on that same occasion, during a Chicago television panel program, Doctor Hynek went on to state, "UFOs exist as reports. This is all they are—reports. There seems to be a great fad to jump to the conclusion that, just because something is unidentified, it must be the product of some other civilization. Any scientist would admit this is possible, but the probability is extremely small."

Doctor Hynek had also observed and stated that what puzzles him "is that the [UFO] reports persist. The Air Force gets better than one UFO report a day—not from crackpots, but from solid citizens and even technically-trained men. It deserves scientific attention. I am interested in the kinds of reports coming in and the people who make the reports. You think we must have a very sick society at times, but I have to rule out hoax in most cases because of the people who make the reports."

The evidence of the Pascagoula incident has further convinced even Doctor Hynek that something highly unusual and unexplainable has occurred, requiring close scrutiny and scientific investigation for the protection of Hickson and Parker.

On Tuesday, October 30, Hickson voluntarily consented to a polygraph examination in New Orleans. Scott Glasgow, a certified polygraph examiner, administered the examination. The tests lasted for two-and-one-half hours, and the results reflected that Hickson "*believed* he saw a spaceship, *believed* he was taken into the space ship, and *believes* he saw three space creatures".

Reflecting back to the Air Force medical examination of the two men, Col. Robert E. Smith told Tommy Blann, the IUFO Bureau representative, "They [Hickson and Parker] were observed by myself; Colonel Randolph, chief of Professional Services at Keesler Air Force Base; and the chairman of the Department of Medicine [another USAF colonel] while they were giving their story, and we were all convinced they were not hysterical, that they truly believed and had suffered some kind of frightening experience. We were convinced they were not lying or seeking publicity or anything of that sort."

Blann reported that Charles Hickson is married, the father of two children (aged 12 and 18). His residence is Gautier, just outside Pascagoula. He is employed as a foreman at the Westbank Shipyards near Pascagoula and is a veteran of the Korean War.

Calvin Parker is single, lives in Gautier, and is also employed at the Westbank Shipyards.

RESPECTED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Captain Glen Ryder of the Pascagoula Police Department described the men as very stable. He said he "had no reason to disbelieve what they [Hickson and Parker] said". Investigation revealed that both Hickson and Parker are respected members of their community and are said to be very reliable persons among their fellow employees.

Interestingly, shortly after the incident, the Pascagoula Police Department and the Jackson County Sheriff's Department were flooded that same night with numerous UFO sightings in the Pascagoula area. All the UFOs were described as fast-moving, pulsating bluish-white objects moving toward Mobile, Alabama.

IUFO Bureau representatives discovered that on Sunday, October 14, a Marion County civil defense official reported an unidentified flying object knocked out his radar during the

late evening hours. Shortly thereafter, James Thornhill, of Columbia, Mississippi, said he had picked up an object on his radar set. He said the object came close to the radar site, about three miles away, became stationary, and then his radar unit completely stopped functioning, apparently jammed by some unexplained cause.

IUFO Bureau representatives conducted inquiries into the reporting of other unexplained or unusual aerial phenomena throughout the United States prior to, during, and after the Pascagoula incident. It was learned that at approximately 11:10 p.m. on October 18, a U.S. Army Reserve helicopter pilot, Captain Lawrence Coyne, a UFO "non-believer", was flying a helicopter near Cleveland, Ohio when a red light appeared on the eastern horizon, traveling in excess, at time of sighting, of 600 knots. Captain Coyne said his aircraft crew first spotted the UFO then reported their observations to him. He observed the object as being on a collision course with the helicopter, and he was forced to take evasive action to prevent a possible collision.

While the UFO hovered directly above the helicopter, Captain Coyne said, the chopper seemed to maneuver without touching the controls, rising and dropping several hundreds of feet at a time. Captain Coyne saw a big red light in front of the object and a leading edge that appeared to glow red a short distance from back of the nose. He said the craft had a "center dome and a green light at the rear which reflected on the hull".

On Tuesday, October 16, scientists in the Soviet Union announced they were receiving radio signals from an unidentified source in outer space. Doctor Kardashev, of the Research Radiophysical Institute in Gorky, reported, "Their character, their consistent pattern, and their regular transmissions leave us in no doubt that they are of artificial origin; that is, they are not natural signals but have to be transmitted by civilized beings with sophisticated transmission equipment."

Soviet scientists added, "So far, we have not been able to establish exactly from where the signals emanate. But we can say the source is located in our own solar system. They are definitely call signs from an extraterrestrial civilization." The signals were picked up in four widely separated parts of the USSR.

The question of whether recent sightings are connected in some way with the intercepted radio signals claimed by Soviet Union scientists remains unanswered at this time.

A "LOGICAL" EXPLANATION

In view of the fact that several hundred sightings were reported at the time of the Pascagoula incident in the southeastern United States and progressively moved in a westerly direction across the country, approximately 80 percent can be explained scientifically.

Many observers sighted Venus low in the western sky. Mars and Jupiter were also visible during the evening hours. And Saturn was low on the horizon. The planets, combined with identified aircraft, weather balloons, satellites, clouds, and

SCENE OF THE ALLEGED ABDUCTION is an abandoned fishing pier at Pascagoula River. Although Hickson's polygraph tests revealed he *believes* he was taken aboard an extraterrestrial space ship, the operator of the railroad drawbridge (in background), who was on duty the entire night of the incident, says he didn't see anything unusual.





FEDERAL AUTHORITIES AT KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE questioned Hickson and Parker the day after the incident. Later, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, of Northwestern U. in Illinois, and Dr. James Harter, of UC Berkeley, placed the men under hypnosis. "There is no question in my mind," Hynek stated, "that these men have had a very terrifying experience."

birds, could have been honestly mistaken by well-meaning people as UFOs. However, nearly 20 percent of reported sightings remain unexplained.

Investigative representatives of the IUFO Bureau reported their findings of the Pascagoula incident to Bureau headquarters. These findings are as follows:

The geographical location where Hickson and Parker claim the UFO landed did not appear to be abnormally disturbed. The weeds in the immediate area did not appear to have suffered from burns or chemical and biological changes. The area was tested extensively for possible signs of radioactive contamination, but it was found to be clean.

The clothing worn by the two men was also thoroughly tested, and no discernible evidence was found to indicate radiation or organic substances of an unusual nature were present.

Metallic articles or ornaments worn by Hickson and Parker during the incident (i.e. belt buckles and shoe eyelets) were examined for possible magnetic properties which such items may have adopted, but no change in magnetic properties had occurred.

IUFO Bureau representative Tommy Blann noticed the pallor of Parker's skin was still flushed, possibly because of an extremely nervous state. His body temperature was reported to be low, and he felt very cold at the time Blann interviewed him.

Blann observed that "both men have indeed undergone a very traumatic experience—terrifying and very real. Neither will talk in length about what has taken place; the emotional state of both appears to prohibit an interview at present. I found it very hard to talk to the men directly and remain on the [UFO] subject."

Investigation also revealed Hickson suffered some unexplained scratches or punctures on his left arm, either during the incident or immediately following. There are no other marks at present on the men. Both Hickson and Parker were thoroughly questioned in regards to the presence of unusual or unexplained welts, rashes, and punctures on their bodies. However, with the exception of the scratches or punctures on Hickson, IUFO Bureau representatives could not locate any unusual physiological damage to the men.

The official position of the IUFO Bureau regarding the Pascagoula incident is that there is definitely a substantial amount of factual evidence connected with it, leading the Bureau to believe something extremely unusual occurred involving Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker. But it will take a continued in-depth investigation into the matter to determine just what exactly did happen the night of October 11, 1973. □

The prime purpose of the International UFO Bureau is to investigate such incidents as the Pascagoula event whenever feasible and wherever UFOs are reported. The IUFO Bureau is interested in any and all UFO reports. Anyone who has observed an unidentified flying object is urged to contact Bureau director Hayden C. Hewes at Post Office Box 1281, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101.

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Erich von Daniken rides his chariot to million dollar sales

WHEN A YOUNG SWISS CITIZEN submitted his first manuscript to a German publisher in 1968, editors could not help but wince at the far-out theories the tome expounded. Here was an unknown innkeeper with no degrees or background in archeology, history, or religion trying to use the *Bible* to prove a highly sophisticated race from outer space visited Earth thousands of years ago and helped apes develop into humans! It was just a wild enough hypothesis for Econ Verlag Publishers in Dusseldorf to gamble in giving Erich von Daniken a chance, and they decided on a 6000-copy first printing of *Memories of the Future.*

The conservative publishers were in for a surprise. Von Daniken's book was quoted in newspapers and magazines throughout the world, and the first copies were sold in record time. The theories, however, were not new. Several authors and scientists had made similar claims more than 40 years before, but now—in 1968—space-age readers had a greater appreciation for fantastic expoundings and a wider knowledge that allowed the public to receive *Memories of the Future* with more open minds. Econ Verlag rushed the book for re-prints, which were almost sold at once, and in 1969 *Memories* was translated into English and given the title *Chariots of the Gods?*

Von Daniken's book was selling at tremendous speed in America and England, and he was approached to do a sequel to *Chariots* that was already on its 11th paperback printing only one year after its introduction.

His name became a house-hold word, and he appeased his followers by churning out new books, including *Gods From Outer Space?* and *The Gold of the Gods* (originally entitled *Return to the Stars* and *Sowing in Space*, respectively).

In the short span of four years von Daniken's books were translated into 38 languages and sold more than 14 million copies. The author's publishers have estimated that close to one billion excerpts from the three volumes have been printed in newspapers and magazines throughout the world.

MYSTERIES OF THE PAST

In his three books, Erich von Daniken argues extensively how, when, and why some "unknown" species from a distant world visited Earth and how these "gods" became beliefs and the religion of mankind.

In a machine-gun style delivery, von Daniken spurts out "proof" of his theory by citing every corner of the archeological world. Many scientists, though, have ignored everything the enterprising young Swiss held as solid proof. But their indifference has not discouraged von Daniken, who says that "many mysteries of the past could be found in ancient ruins" and that no matter what the scientific world thinks of his hypothesis, it does not matter. "Scientists," he says, "use only one way of thought and never allow *heretical* thinkers a chance." Von Daniken labels himself a "passionate heretic, unyielding and stubborn enough to challenge the entire scope of modern science."

How does von Daniken challenge modern science?

Although many of his theories are not new (even before von Daniken, some people suggested the halos saints are shown to wear around their heads on innumerable paintings resemble space helmets), von Daniken has gone one step further and given proof that ancient pictures of gods have curious, antenna-like excrescences on their halo-space-helmets. He has also found old Japanese bronze statues resembling modern astronauts down to the goggles and openings on their suits for connecting "air lines" when re-entering their mother ship.

Von Daniken goes on endlessly. The pyramids of Egypt were built by the "gods", who used primitive slave help, but some other ancient wonders cannot be explained so easily. The gigantic, myth-ridden statues of Easter Island, the enormous Great Idol of Tihuanaco in South America, the Gate of the Sun in the same mysterious Inca city, the so-called Inca-Roads that lead nowhere in Peru, and the great stone sphere of Costa Rica all defy scientists. But von Daniken does not hesitate to credit these works to ancient god-astronauts. He is heavy on archeology, and he mentions hundreds of other ancient wonders as his proof of the technical "advances" of our ancestors. *Example:* electric batteries thousands of years old are on display in Baghdad Museum in Iraq. A column of iron more than 4000 years old stands in the courtyard of a temple in New Delhi in India and actually shows *no trace* of rust.

The successful author does not only lay heavy things like that on his readers, but he rampages through age-old scriptures and myths from all nations that actually mention living gods and solid creatures coming from the heavens in flying machines.

IN SEARCH OF THE ANCIENT ASTRONAUTS

Perhaps the most solid proof of von Daniken's teachings lies in one of the oldest literary works, *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, a sacred scroll for the ancient Sumarians, a tribe of semi-nomads who lived in Babylonia. One of the heroes of the *Epic* is young Enkidu, who was invited by the "gods" to join them in a fiery vehicle. "When heaven roared and the earth quaked the chariot took off," the work reads. Von Daniken points out the similarity of a space launch from the late 20th century to that

THE GODS?

BY ZARKO MODRIC

Photos by Zarko Modric



description. "Enkidu felt the sun-god lay like lead on his body and the weight of his body seemed like the weight of a boulder." Today, when Apollo rockets propel men to the moon, the forces of gravity and "G-forces" press astronauts back to their seats during the initial surge into space. "So how," von Daniken asks, "did the ancient Sumarians who wrote *Epic* thousands of years ago know that? Unless they were in a spaceship during take-off, there is no way."

Moreover, the tale continues, "Enkidu looked down from the chariot and saw the Earth diminishing before his eyes, until it looked like a porridge and water trough." From the photos of Earth made by astronauts, we know the Sumarians were right. But how could they have known that?

Von Daniken points to still another ancient book, *The Mahabharata* from India, which is at least 5000 years old. The book is full of descriptions of flying machines and, strangely, terrific weapons resembling present-day nuclear bombs.

Sumarian and Assyrian tablets often describe strange creatures who "eat no food and drink no water". Von Daniken assumes the "creatures" are robots, often mentioned in other legends.

The *Bible* is probably von Daniken's favorite source of "proof" for his theories. Even the Genesis story of creation is ruthlessly taken by von Daniken as a solid base to establish his theories, especially the part in which he claims astronauts ("Let *us* make man in *our* image") from distant planets created Homosapiens by breeding apes to produce a superior race of humans. The story of Sodom and Gomorrah is another chapter in von Daniken's books that never ceases to raise eyebrows. He says "the gods" used atomic weapons to reduce those cities to ashes, and Moses' Ark of the Covenant was nothing more than a radio transmitter for communications between Moses and God. The giants mentioned in many parts of the *Bible* are described by von Daniken as by-products of breeding between the "gods" and "the daughters of man".

The theories are countless. Von Daniken seems to find "his proof" in everything.

Hundreds of mysterious items from all over the globe are described in von Daniken's books. The author poses question after question, and modern scientists seem incapable of producing the answers. Scientists claim von Daniken is playing in his books. Instead, the Swiss author offers his own explanations. To millions of readers, von Daniken's answers seem acceptable, and some are convinced the revolutionary Swiss is correct, his theories as solid as rock. The fact is they are as hard to believe as they are to disprove. But with no other explanations available, his theories stand unchallenged.

A CARELESS MAN

It is a very good life indeed for Erich von Daniken, but it was not always easy for the ambitious writer. While millions read his books and lauded his talents, many others loathed his theories. Scientists, scholars, and laymen all over the world dismissed his ideas as being "nothing more than science-fiction", and the Swiss authorities went even further. While *Chariots of the Gods?* was selling like hot cakes, von Daniken was tried and sentenced for "embezzlement and fraud". He spent three years in jail and had to finish his second book while incarcerated in Chur Remand Prison.

The reason for his jail term was simple. He was in such a sweat to visit the sights where he could find "proof" for his theories that he blew a pile of money traveling to distant places, spending his time in expensive hotels, which proved too much for the anemic wallet of a lease-holder of a small hotel in the Swiss skiing resort of Davos.

When he read an article by Soviet scientist Vlatcheslav Saizev, entitled "Spaceship in the Himalayas", von Daniken never even considered his finances. He just picked up the phone and charged a plane ticket to Moscow.

Even today, von Daniken has failed to learn how to handle money in the traditional Swiss way. During a visit to Yugoslavia last year, he spent half-an-hour in a Zagreb gambling joint and quickly won a thousand dollars. He suddenly stopped playing and distributed the money among the startled casino staff. "I consider money won in gambling to be dishonestly earned money," he solemnly announced. "And I want no part of it."

That's heavy talk for an ex-convict.

When German magazine *Spiegel* wrote von Daniken had earned 1.5 million dollars in royalties, the author retorted, "That sum is largely exaggerated." He added most of his books are sold in paperback editions and published in countries with non-convertible currencies, preventing him from taking the money he has earned.

"I had to pay my debts and lots of taxes, finance my fact-finding trips all over the world and, even after all that, I am not a rich man," von Daniken explained. "I can live modestly in a small house near Zurich with my wife and ten-year-old daughter."

One of his rare luxuries is driving a Mustang around the Swiss countryside on weekends. He earns some money by lecturing, but has agreed many times to speak without a fee and gives substantial sums to charity. His television special, *In Search of the Ancient Astronauts,* was a smashing success.

CHARLATAN OR MESSIAH?

Von Daniken's books have earned him many enemies. Most scientists dismiss him too easily, and some are constantly battling his theories. Bizarre stories abound, like the one marking him as psychologically marred during his childhood when he saw the crash-landing of an American bomber during World War II, the airmen emerging from the wreck like creatures from some distant world. But von Daniken remains unperturbed.

"I never said all I wrote was correct," von Daniken says. "All I did was collect numerous puzzles from various parts of the world. These were puzzles science never really tried to explain. I explained them in my own way and I dare any scientist to prove I am wrong."

It is a well-known fact that von Daniken has never refused to debate his theories with scientists, laymen, or anyone. In fact, he invites all comers to a round-table debate.

Joseph Blumrich, a reputed NASA engineer, accepted von Daniken's interpretation of Ezekiel's chariot of God in the *Bible.* Blumrich even went further to say that Ezekiel's fiery chariot was a spaceship comparable to the ones modern science is planning.

"It is not the most important thing to prove I am right," von Daniken continues. "Whenever I finish a lecture, I always point that all I've done is place stones of a huge mosaic in a way that may not be right. The important thing now is to begin arranging the stones until the right mosaic is obtained. Science can do that, but scientists are not ready to forget their old way of thinking.

"My wish is to get all scientists to cooperate and discuss all



ERICH VON DANIKEN, ex-convict, successful author, and rumored millionaire, finds the *Bible* to be one of his favorite sources for proof that a highly civilized race of beings once visited our planet and helped found some of mankind's ancient civilizations. The Swiss writer says that these beings are now known as the gods of our legends.

unsolved mysteries, to check my theories and then see what picture we will get."

Von Daniken is a very patient and cordial man who answers all questions—even some rude inquiries from not too tactful newsmen. After his lectures, he often spends hours signing autographs for his fans. He is a short man with vivid, always probing, intelligent eyes who prides himself in being a good listener and an excellent speaker. He never interrupts his opponents during debates, and he shows great tolerance to scientists who oppose his views.

"I don't mind at all people attacking my writings if they have really studied what I had to say," von Daniken insists. "But what makes me really mad is when intolerant people dismiss my theories without as much as having read my books. Recent polls by *Spiegel Magazine* showed eighty percent of persons who actively oppose my views have never even read my works. This really angers me."

Despite all accusations, von Daniken is regarded by multitudes as a sort of "New Messiah". Recent studies point thousands as ready to accept von Daniken's theories as a new religion. The author was even quoted as saying that a new religion will emerge, a religion explaining God in patterns suggested in his writings. His latest book will give more clues and even ultimate proofs, he boasts. "I have all the facts proving I was right from the start, but I will not give them until my new book is out."

According to the author, the book will be entitled *My World in Pictures* and will include more explanations of sacred scriptures. It will also have more new, irreputable facts.

New facts or not, millions will undoubtedly read the book. Even if science discovers von Daniken wrong, he will have become a very rich man. And if, perchance, science fails to disprove him, he might just become a new messiah. □



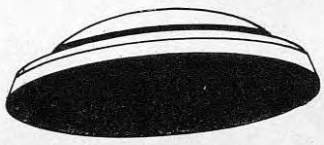
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UFO-GAZING



IN THE LAND OF BLUE GRASS

A new kind of derby excites the imagination of Kentucky

By Glenn O. Rutherford

WHEN A STRANGE RED BALL of light streaked across a dozen southeastern states in March 1968, it left in its wake a startled population and a flood of reports swamping newspaper and law-enforcement offices. But just as suddenly as they had appeared, Unidentified Flying Objects—those strange and bizarre aerial apparitions that have puzzled scientific minds and stirred imaginations—vanished from the North American skies . . . until last year.

The 1968 sightings were said to have merely been the residue of a decaying Russian satellite, though there were many debates over that seemingly over-simplified answer. Still, the "official word" brought an abrupt halt to the 20-year hysteria of UFO-mania—an end marked by talks of "swamp-gas" and a controversial book-length report of a $500,000 government-sponsored "investigation" of aerial phenomena.

At last. UFOs were forever put to rest.

The evidence was overwhelming. Dr. Edward U. Condon, a renowned nuclear physicist, put an end to our fears and solemnly pronounced we should forget about "flying saucers". Science writer Philip Klass postulated that all "they" consisted of were balls of ionized plasma floating around the atmosphere scaring the hell out of everyone. Finally, the U.S. Air Force closed the subject on UFOs—persistent little devils—by locking the doors of "Project Bluebook's" tiny, cramped, and undermanned offices at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. They had, at last, concluded their official UFO investigation.

But lo and behold—Klass, Condon, and the Air Force be damned—UFOs are back! They are everywhere, from the redwood forests to the New York Harbor. They've been seen twinkling and blinking, floating and streaking from California to the Soviet Union. They've been seen rising from the Mississippi Delta to Michigan, from Minnesota to Alaska. They've chased cops in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Maine, and New Hampshire. They've even kidnapped two men in Pascagoula, Mississippi, an event which seems to parallel the 1961 "examination" of Betty and Barney Hill. All the objects reported during the recent flurry have been strikingly similar in appearance to the discs that have haunted us since their initial "discovery" in 1947.

Even network television has dared to slip in a report or two during the latest wave of sightings. But it should be noted UFOs were in American skies long before Pascagoula's Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker sent extraterrestrial visits right to the front pages with their kidnap tale.

THE RETURN OF UFOs

As science writer for Louisville's *Courier-Journal* and chairman of the Louisville UFO Investigations Committee, I began hearing about the return of UFOs last year as early as the first week in March. At that time, a Bardstown, Kentucky businessman showed me a news clipping from Pulaski, Tennessee, which told of a strange event in the nearby town of Anderson, Alabama. Apparently, the sheriff of the small Alabama town was driving near the Tennessee state line when he saw a spherical-shaped object with a flattened dome on the top rise slowly from behind a grove of trees. And as the sheriff was watching the object, the newspaper said, the members of the town's council looked out the window of the police station where they were meeting and saw the same object hovering in the distance.

After that sighting, reports of UFOs began trickling in from all over the south, although not one report gained national news coverage.

It wasn't until late August and September that the objects—most of them reported at low altitudes and of a similar shape as the Anderson, Alabama craft—began to be seen regularly. A photograph of five such objects finally appeared on the front page of September 27's *Birmingham News,* the caption reading that east central Alabama had been swarming with UFOs and that sightings had been corroborated by law enforcement officers.

On the night of October 3, just a week before the Pascagoula incident brought UFO "seers" in droves, Sara Thompson of Franklin, Kentucky told the Kentucky State Police some type of flying object, shaped like those reported in Alabama, followed her as she drove home.

Miss Thompson told officers she saw the object sitting or hovering near a corn field at about 9 p.m. when her car topped a hill near Franklin. The object, which she said "looked like

something out of a science-fiction movie", followed her car nearly four miles to her home. Once inside, she called the police. The three state troopers who responded to her report also said they saw the object and even chased it for several minutes before it disappeared into the night.

Miss Thompson's sighting was followed by similar reports in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where a man said he saw a formation of four UFOs traveling at low altitude across the central Kentucky farmlands. State police also reported that four other Warren County residents claimed to see a bright red object hovering over fields near Franklin and Bowling Green, then disappearing into the sky at about 10:30 p.m.

Though these and scores of other sightings were reported to authorities before the attention-getting event in Mississippi, it's certain that after the Pascagoula incident, many people who "wanted to get into the swing of things", as one psychiatrist put it, started "seeing" UFOs.

FEAR OF RIDICULE

However, perhaps the most interesting and startling sighting in the south occurred three days after the Pascagoula incident, involving people who said they had never heard of the strange Mississippi event. Anthony Sims, 52, a Munfordville, Kentucky farmer, and his son Kenny, 19, unaware that other people in the south had also reported strange things in the sky, at first considered not reporting what they had seen because they feared ridicule.

The strange events that startled them that Sunday began about dusk when Kenny was in the barn tending to some livestock. "I was just preparing to leave the barn–I was putting away some milk cans–when I just felt strange. It's hard to describe, but I heard what sounded like the wind blowing around the corner of a house, so I ran outside the barn all of a sudden, looked up, and there it was."

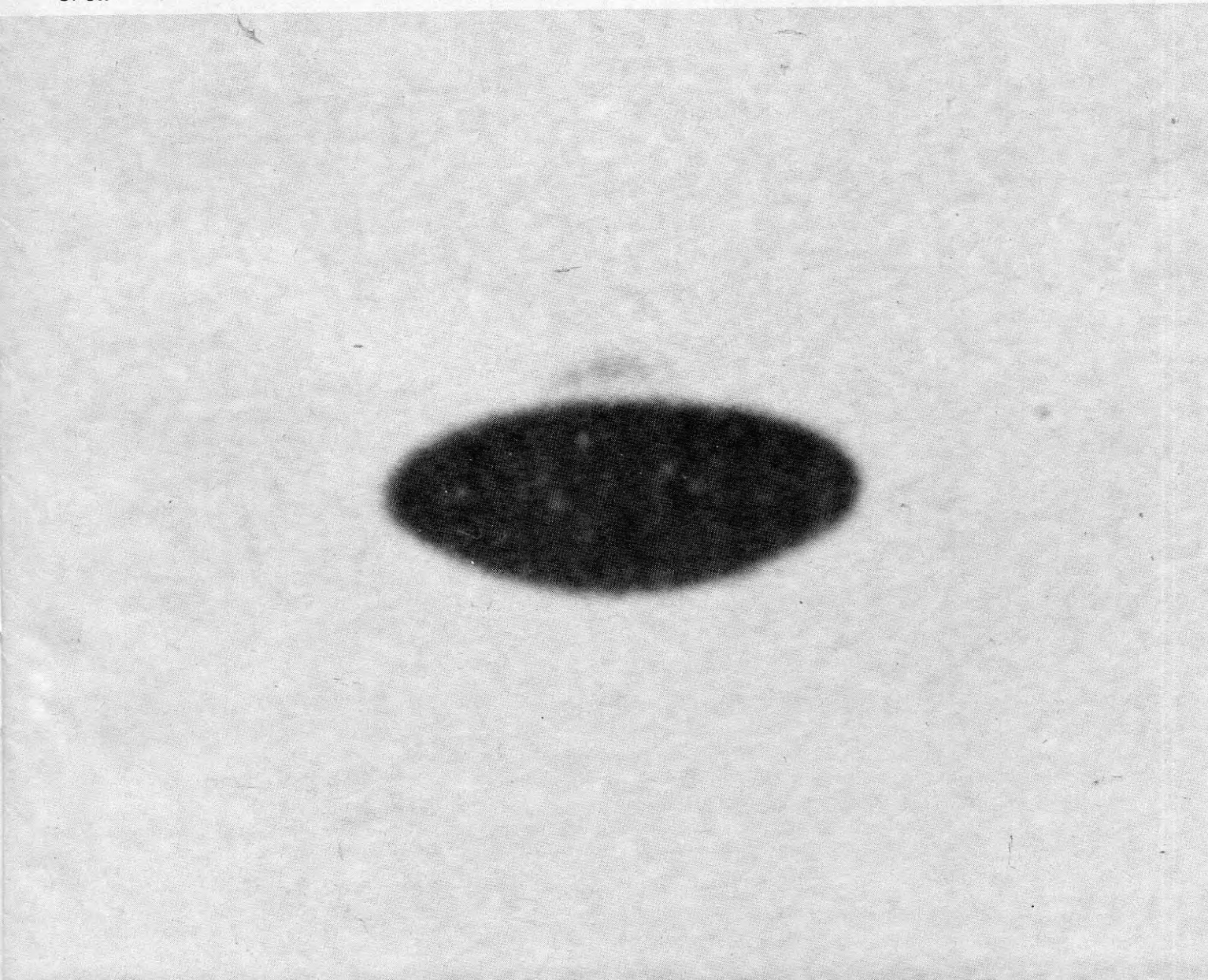
"It" was a spherical-shaped object "about the size of a house", with red lights on its rim, hovering a scant 100 feet above the barn roof.

"I've never been so scared in my life," Kenny continued, "so I ran to the house to get Dad. I wanted to make sure I wasn't going crazy."

The elder Sims came out of the house when he heard his son yelling, and he too saw the "thing as big as a house".

"By the time I'd stepped out the door," Sims reported, "It had moved off a couple hundred yards or so, but it was still

"THAT FELLER THINKS YOU HAVE TO BE FROM THE CITY TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SEEING!" a Hart County, Kentucky farmer recently quipped when a reporter suggested what the citizens have actually been seeing are strobe lights—not UFOs.



big, about the size of a small outbuilding. We watched it, the boy and me, for a good ten minutes I know. Those lights were flashing back and forth on the edge of the thing. I ain't never seen anything like it in my life."

Sims and his son said they had never read books about flying saucers and had only heard of the phenomenon "a couple of times" on television.

"I didn't know anybody else was seeing anything," Sims claimed, "until I called the police and all these people started coming out to the farm."

"What makes me so mad," said his wife, "is that some people are laughing at Anthony and the boy and saying they didn't see anything. They don't have no reason in the world to lie about it."

Just what Sims and his son saw remains a mystery. But when newspapers and radio reported their experience, many UFO stories flooded the Hart County and Munfordville areas of central Kentucky. The town's mayor, James Berry, even asked the state office of Civil Defense for military assistance to determine the origin of the objects.

"If the military boys over at Fort Knox have something they're experimenting with," Berry complained, "I think they ought to tell the people about it so we'll quit being so scared. And if it isn't something belonging to the military, then they ought to try to find out what it was."

WHAT ARE WE SEEING?

I visited the Sims farm the Tuesday after Sims and his son reported the sighting, and I found about 100 people gathered in a pasture near the house, shouting and pointing every time a "UFO" appeared in the night sky. Each time, however, I determined that the people were seeing strobe lights on military and commercial aircraft—and many of them didn't like my explanation.

"That feller thinks you have to be from the city to know what you're seeing," one Hart County farmer quipped.

But the fact is that folks in "the city" have also seen things they can't explain. In fact, one Louisville man, who asks to remain anonymous, was able to photograph a strange object he said appeared in daylight in Bullitt County, Kentucky, just south of Louisville.

The photographs were taken by a Louisville electronics technician—an employee of one of the city's television stations and a man known by his fellow employees to be levelheaded, pragmatic, and practical. On the afternoon of October 3, 1973, he was walking through Bullitt County woods, near Bernheim Forest Wildlife Preserve south of Louisville. Equipped with two cameras, he was hoping to photograph some wildlife that inhabits the area: chipmunks, rabbit, deer, and squirrels. A patient and qualified photographer who received photo honors in 1973's Kentucky State Fair, he settled himself near a grove of trees to watch for creatures visitng a nearby creek for a drink.

"It was about 2 p.m., I'd guess," the photographer said. "I didn't hear a thing. In fact, I'd just seen two chipmunks scampering around at the base of a sycamore tree. Then I looked up and, by God, there it was—this round flying saucer. That's all I know to call it.





"I DON'T KNOW WHAT I THINK," said the Louisville electronics technician who snapped these pictures of an unidentified flying object on October 3, 1973. One critic speculated that the object could be a frisbie, while another professional photographer commented, "If they're fake . . . then somebody worked awfully hard."

"I watched the saucer for perhaps ten or fifteen seconds before I had the presence of mind to take pictures. Luckily, it wasn't moving very quickly . . . just hovering for a second or two, then moving slowly to a new location."

The technician took six pictures, but two were blurred because, he said, of the object's rapid departure.

"I changed location while I was taking the shots," the photographer continued. "I had plenty of time because the saucer must have hovered over that grove for a good two minutes.

"I was in the Air Force, and I've heard talk of flying saucers, but I've never given them serious consideration. Now I don't know what to think. The truth is I'd rather not think about it at all. I don't want to talk to too many people about it, and I don't care to show those pictures around. People will think I'm either crazy or a prankster, but I'm neither. I'm just confused."

The Bullitt County sighting was not reported to law enforcement agencies or other authorities, but the photographer eventually met me through a mutual acquaintance. With great reluctance he agreed to present me with four enlarged prints of the object.

The pictures and negatives were examined by some of the most skeptical minds on the *Courier-Journal* photograph staff, and the concensus was that if the photographs were faked, they were fakes of the highest quality. Jon Webb, photo editor for the *Courier-Journal*, said the photographs "look like the real thing to me. If they're fake, and I don't believe they are, then somebody worked awfully hard, and if they worked that hard, the wouldn't have left a finger print on one of the negatives." A fingerprint was noticed by another *Courier-Journal* photographer, Rich Nugent, who said the flaw could be an indication the negatives were doctored during processing.

"To me, the object looks like a frisbie," Nugent said, "but the fact is I'm not what you'd call a believer."

But Webb took a strongly different attitude. "Everything looks right to me. On the shot where the object is blurred and obviously moving off, the gray in the distance looks right when compared to the gray surrounding the object. It could be, I guess, that the pictures are faked, but it looks more like they're real to me."

While professional photographers might debate the merits of the photographs, my knowledge of the photographer's honesty leads me to conclude the photos are real. He's not the type of man to play hoaxes. If he were, he would not be reticent about publishing his name alongside the photographs.

Unfortunately, no one else reported the strange craft on the day the photos were taken, and the area where the object was photographed is not more than five miles from Interstate 65, a well-traveled expressway. Nevertheless, sightings have been reported in more populated areas than Bullitt County by only a handful of witnesses, so it seems likely that some bonafide UFOs can come and go without being noticed by a great number of people.

Though no one else admits to having seen UFOs the afternoon of October 3, the week after the Pascagoula sighting was one of mass reports, with sightings flooding newspaper and police offices in Kentucky, Indiana, Tennessee, Ohio, and other southeastern states.

"History has taught us," said Dr. William Keller, who recently retired as chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Louisville, "that when somebody has some phenomena observed or experienced, others then experience the same thing.

"There seems to be a need to get into the act, to be a part of the event," Doctor Keller continued. "This need produced one of the worst blots on American history: the Salem witch trials. A few people said they saw something, and then a great number of people said they were seeing the same things."

SIDE EFFECTS

This massive participation of people in the UFO phenomenon may have two bad side effects, Doctor Keller warned. "One, it destroys scientific investigation of whatever might be there, and two, it's a bad thing in general for people to become frightened. Remember the Orson Welles thing which frightened people horribly? It's especially bad for children; they have the greatest imaginations. They can conjure up things of their own making. Then, when the element of horror is added to it, it can be very bad for a young person."

During the latest wave of sightings, more than one astronomer noted an increased visibility of several heavenly bodies and said they might be responsible for many of the UFO reports.

Dr. Benjamin Peery, professor of astronomy at Indiana University, said the clear autumn nights that covered part of the country during the August and September sightings may be responsible for some reports.

"We're not used to nights like we had this fall," the professor explained, "and when they come on us, we see things. I think it would be terribly exciting if there were flying saucers, but we have a duty to be as reasonable as possible."

Doctor Peery believes many of the sightings in Kentucky and Southern Indiana were attributable to the brightness of Venus, Jupiter, Mars, and Saturn, as well as the stars Sirius and Arcturus.

Dr. John Kielkopf, associate professor of physics at the University of Louisville, agrees that at least some of the sightings were the work of heavenly bodies twinkling in the clear night sky.

Any star or planet low on the horizon at dusk is magnified by the atmosphere, Doctor Kielkopf said, and Mars, which normally has a reddish cast to it, sometimes startles persons who aren't accustomed to star-gazing.

On the night of October 18, when literally hundreds of UFO reports flooded the office of *The Courier Journal*, Doctor Kielkopf said some 20 astronomy students were studying the sky with powerful telescopes, but none saw anything unusual.

Another astronomer, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University and the Air Force's chief scientific UFO investigator for 20 years, takes a different approach to the phenomenon. He has already called for a new "totally scientific enquiry" into the latest wave of sightings.

While it's certain that some stars, planets, and aircraft are responsible for the majority of the September and October 1973 sightings, there remains one major difference in this latest "flap" and the sightings of the late 1960s. This time the objects have been reported frequently on or near the ground both day and night. And it's hard to convince a man he has seen Venus when he tells you that what he saw was "big as a house" and hovered just 100 feet above his barn. □

By DENNIS V. WAITE

A Sense of Sport

Once eager to obliterate all the nonsense about "little green men", astronomer J. Allen Hynek now pursues investigations into the UFO phenomenon with vigor, an open mind, and at all times a grain of salt

"PROBABLY NO ONE OUTSIDE OF GOVERNMENT knows the subject [UFOs] better than he."

The man the Department of Defense once praised so highly is a soft-voiced, goateed astronomer, a Midwesterner with a quiet and typical "show me" attitude who worked nearly two decades with the U.S. Air Force as a consultant on unidentified flying objects.

Initially, Prof. J. Allen Hynek admits that he got as big a laugh as anybody else from the whole "silly nonsense" of reports about "flying saucers and little green men".

No longer.

Today, Doctor Hynek is director of the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He is chairman of NU's astronomy department and at one time was associate director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory.

The 63-year-old professor was also head of NASA's Optical Satellite Tracking Program from 1956 to 1960 and is author of the book *The UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry*.

Sitting in a workshop of the research center today, sipping hot cocoa, loosening his tie slightly, Hynek recalls what brought himself and the Air Force together.

It pretty much all started in the early afternoon of June 24, 1947 when pilot-businessman Kenneth Arnold spotted and tried to chase a chain of nine, fast-flying silvery objects which appeared "like saucers" near Mt. Ranier in the State of Washington.

On his way to Seattle, the Boise, Idaho pilot was keeping his eyes peeled for the suspected wreckage of a Marine Corps C-46 transport plane when he saw the saucer-like aircraft which, he estimated, were flying faster than 1300 miles an hour.

In September, 1947, the Air Force—fresh from the experience of World War II and Nazi Germany's secret and deathly V-2 rockets—decided to investigate the saucers. The original codename for its project was SIGN.

The small Air Force UFO-probe team was based at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio under the wing of the Air Technical Intelligence Center. At that time, J. Allen Hynek—the Chicago boy who always dreamed of becoming an astronomer—was director of Ohio State University's McMillin Observatory.

"It wasn't me they were personally interested in," Hynek takes pains to explain today. "It just happened to be that I was the nearest astronomer at hand." The Air Force justifiably felt that most "saucers" could be explained as stars, planets, or meteorites.

POSTWAR SAUCER CRAZE

It was, Hynek recalls, with "a sense of sport" that he took the part-time consultant's job with the military. At that time (1948), he was anxious to punch holes in the postwar craze of saucers in the sky. And the Air Force and its newly-found astronomer proceeded to do just that.

UFOs were identified as weather balloons, night jet refuelings, searchlight reflections on clouds, meteors, comets, stars, planets, birds, kites, rockets, mirages, auroras, satellites, and, of course, outright hoaxes. But not all of the reports were solved.

As the years went by, Allen Hynek became increasingly puzzled by an insistent if small number of reports which were given by highly reliable witnesses. The UFOs were sighted—often in groups—by pilots, police officers, civil defense officials, other astronomers.

Then came the spine-chilling accounts from New England in 1965. In Exeter, New Hampshire, in the middle of a late summer night, a huge, pulsating sphere of light emerged from the sky, red lights outlining its rim. The low-flying object floated and wobbled eerily through the countryside, sending many late-night drivers screaming into police stations.

Corralled horses began kicking, dogs howled, and the Exeter police jumped into their squadcars. From a range of only 100 feet, at least three policemen swore they saw the object hover, rocking teasingly, absolutely silent. (John G. Fuller's book *Incident at Exeter* documents the story. The UFO was seen by more than 60 people.)

Less than a year later, much the same thing happened in Portage County, Ohio. Two sheriff's deputies heard a report over their police radio that a woman in a nearby county had sighted a brightly lit object "as big as a house" flying near tree-top height in her neighborhood. The deputies laughed at the report until they later left their squadcar to investigate an abandoned auto. Suddenly they noticed that a brilliant sphere of light, about 30 yards away, began approaching them.

Frozen with fear at first, the officers later chased the UFO for 70 miles, at times pushing the accelerator to the floor and hitting 105 miles-an-hour. Another police squad joined in the chase. Nothing was caught. The Air Force concluded the police had seen only the planet Venus.

It was at this time—in the Spring of 1966—that a landmark

CHAIRMAN OF NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY'S ASTRONOMY DEPARTMENT and director of Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center in Evanston, Illinois, Prof. J. Allen Hynek once acted as consultant to the Air Force's infamous Project Blue Book. Here, Hynek stands by one of the telescopes at the university.



"I guess I don't frighten easily."

in the history of UFOs would be made. It was also the trigger which pushed Professor Hynek away from the Air Force and into his own systemized and personal study of the phenomenon.

What appeared as an eerie flying object settled in a swamp near a college dormitory in southern Michigan, about 65 miles south of Ann Arbor. Eighty-seven coeds said they saw the "thing" land. The Air Force urged Hynek to investigate. On



ATTACKED AS A "STOOGE" AND A "PATSY" for the Air Force, Hynek found it increasingly difficult to disprove all reports of UFO phenomena. "I was like the innocent bystander who got shot," he now muses.

his way, farmers, police, and civil defense officials reported other sightings.

Hillsdale County Civil Defense director William Van Horn said he joined the college coeds and their housemothers on the second floor of their dormitory in watching the object hover just over the swamp, which was about 1300 yards away.

"It was definitely some kind of vehicle," Van Horn insisted. He said it changed colors, from red to orange, possessed some type of rotating light, and had a white light at one end. Although a severe thunderstorm was in progress at the time, Van Horn told Hynek he watched the object through binoculars for three hours.

Closer to Ann Arbor, a farmer, 47-year-old Frank Mannor, and his son Ronald, 19, spotted what they described as a football-shaped "glowing object" about the length of an automobile and made of waffled metal. They said they came within 500 yards of the object as it lay in a swamp, haloed lights pulsating at each end.

Hynek, dressed in fatigues and hip boots, waded through the swamp waters, looking for clues as to what the coeds and Van Horn had watched during the storm.

The Northwestern University astronomer told reporters that these Michigan sightings were "like reports from people who saw a fire. You get as many different facts as you get people." He added, however, that the sightings were "more consistent than most of the other ones I've investigated. I wish we had some photographs of this."

Hynek was particularly impressed by the sincerity, and number, of the witnesses. He was also affected by the vehemence with which several were ridiculed. Mannor's car windshield was smashed in downtown Dexter, Michigan. A sign taped to it simply read: "Head Martian." Bottles were thrown at the farmer's house, breaking windows, and anonymous callers threatened him.

Hynek began to understand why so many people were reluctant to talk to anybody about what they had seen.

Under pressure from the Air Force to come up with a quick and logical "solution" to prevent panic, the astronomer said the dormitory sightings probably were phosphorescent marsh gas caused by rotting vegetation and nothing more.

The gases—methane, phosphine, hydrosulfuric acid—are sometimes trapped by winter ice then released with a spring thaw, often bursting into flame. The yellow, red, and bluegreen mini-fires go out in one area, then suddenly reappear in another, giving the illusion of flight.

After talking with botanists and chemists at the University of Michigan, Hynek concluded that gas was the most plausible explanation of the swamp UFOs.

THE STOOGE

The astronomer was attacked as a "stooge" and "patsy" for the Air Force. Van Horn said Hynek's explanation was "silly". It could not have been marsh gas, Van Horn retorted, "because of the high winds on the night of the sighting".

Residents of several counties demanded that their Congressmen take action. What was happening? What did they see? They insisted on knowing.

Van Horn and two teenage assistants went over the Dexter area with a geiger counter and a radiological survey meter and claimed that an abnormally high level of radiation was in the area and that the ground and water in the area contained boron, a non-metallic element foreign to that part of the country.

Shaken by the public's criticism and the military's pressure

tactics and attitude, as well as what he called the "hear and run" reaction of the press, which did not listen to his full and qualified explanations, Hynek left Michigan with the resolve to leave PROJECT BLUE BOOK (changed in 1951 from PROJECT GRUDGE, which in 1948 had been PROJECT SIGN).

Spurred by calls from the U.S. Congress to find out once and for all what the hell was happening, the Air Force gratefully dumped its UFO headache into the arms of the University of Colorado, which reluctantly had agreed to investigate. Headed by the highly respected physicist, Dr. Edward U. Condon, the university spent some 18 months questioning and evaluating the saucer puzzle.

Its answer was contained in a 1465-page, nine-pound, three-volume study that concluded there was no further need to investigate the phenomenon. UFOs are not new or dangerous, the university said. Its report, released January 9, 1969, cost American taxpayers $539,740.

Today, Hynek says the Air Force and Condon probes were shams.

Agreeing that some people considered him an Air Force stooge, willing to grab at any explanation, Hynek now says that "as a junior in the ranks of science then, I wasn't inclined to be a martyr, to make a fool of myself, so I decided to remain neutral.

"When the Air Force approached me that first time in Ohio, back in 1948, well, little did I know it would totally change my life. As I explain in my book, I was like the innocent bystander who got shot."

After the Michigan fiasco and Condon Report, Allen Hynek decided to shift out of neutral and drive toward a solution of flying saucers.

Today, hanging on one wall of his university office, is a cartoon with five slightly built aliens whose spacecraft has just landed on a college campus. Ray-guns at their sides, the aliens ask a passer-by: "Could you direct us to that chemistry professor who called us 'swamp gas'?"

Does Hynek—the country's foremost expert on UFOs—now believe that saucers are real? Does some form of other-world intelligence propel spacecraft through our skies? Is there a chance of invasion by little, wrinkled green blobs with laser-guns? Are UFOs a new U.S. or foreign-made rocketplane or weapon?

THE SKY IS NOT FALLING

Hynek says that, scientifically speaking, UFOs are UFO reports. Nothing has fallen out of the sky to be examined by experts. But the reports are real, he claims, and they may prove dangerous.

A new rash of sightings of such objects and their "inhabitants" might spark an Orson-Welles-like panic, he warns. "People who see strange flying objects but are unable to find anyone who will seriously listen to them will assume the worst—perhaps an invasion from outer space."



"THESE REPORTS ARE MORE EXCITING than any Agatha Christie mystery," Hynek exclaims as he talks about UFO Central, the newly created, nation-wide data bank of UFO reports. Northwestern provides a toll-free number for professionals.

As far as believing that UFOs are extraterrestrial, the Evanston academician replies that "belief" is a poor word to use among scientists. A scientist, he explains, hits his head against a problem, an unknown. To solve it, he creates various hypotheses or explanations which he can *test*. But, he adds, how can you test the theory of alien visitors?

"Not that I rule it out, mind you," Hynek interjects. Given the makeup of the universe as we now understand it, "you can be 99.999 percent certain there's intelligent life somewhere out there. To say that life has visited us—that's another question.

"But we have to remember, too, that mankind has gone from Kittyhawk to Apollo in just seventy years. For a civilization one million years older than ours, a visit to a far distant solar system may be feasible."

But, the bearded scientist quickly adds, the "ships from outer space" explanation may just be too pat.

Something is happening, Hynek says, something very real and frightening to many people: housewives, airline pilots, farmers, radar operators, police officers, politicians, civil defense workers, even astronomers—many who have seen but have never reported a UFO.

"Could UFOs be some kind of thought form?"

"There are a lot of ding-a-lings that see UFOs."

"Look at the latest Gallup Poll," Hynek points out. "Most Americans believe that UFOs are real, and some fifteen million Americans say they've actually seen one. We can't dismiss those kinds of figures." (For a breakdown of the latest poll see Page 62.)

So where do we go from here?

Allen Hynek believes that the giggle of science over unidentified flying objects is largely past. Men and women from all areas of physical and social science have volunteered their time and talent to exploring the mystery. "Most, unfortunately, will do the work only on an anonymous basis. Too many still fear ridicule. Remember my age and the fact that I have tenure at Northwestern."

Were the military's UFO probes merely an official smokescreen? Did high-ups in the Pentagon know what was really going on?

"HANDS OFF!"

Hynek doesn't think so, yet he is not totally sure. At one time, he relates, when he was investigating a case, the Pentagon's chief scientist told him that officials higher up said "hands off". Hynek dropped the case. There were similar incidents, such as the University of Colorado report.

"What sort of scientific investigation is it," Hynek snaps, "that assumes the answer before starting." The data selected for study was "poor and sparsely selected," he has written in his book, adding that the project, especially its leader (Dr. Edward Condon), approached the problem (for which his school was so well paid) with bias, ridicule, and prejudice.

But the Condon Report, Hynek goes on, has ignited interest in other scientists—such as Dr. Claude Poher, who works for CES, France's equivalent of NASA.

"Doctor Poher was running an experiment at Cape Kennedy when he asked me if he could see me and discuss UFOs. Later he told me that it was the Condon Report which convinced him there was something happening. Of course, this scientist read more than the report's summary, which is a whitewash; he read the whole thing."

As UFO sightings begin to grow in number, as scientists begin to peer into the puzzle with less bias and more curiosity, Allen Hynek is taking the first steps in building a nationwide—and, hopefully, worldwide-data bank of reports.

"Thanks to Northwestern University, some 4100 police chiefs from across the country are receiving information on the new UFO Central: where people should report, how, what is important."

A toll-free telephone number is being provided to police departments, the military, radar installations, civil defense units, and others, Hynek adds. "I first thought of publishing the number but someone advised me that would be foolish. There would be too many pranksters, too many unreliable reports. That person was right. This way, we can filter the sightings.

"Investigators from NICAP (the National Association for the Investigation of Aerial Phenomena), MUFON (the Mutual UFO Network) and APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization) will help us track down the reports and bring back evidence.

"We'll have medical doctors, engineers, biologists, metallurgists, physicists, psychologists, you name it, going over plant and soil samples, interviewing the people who saw the UFO."



THE NOTORIOUS "SWAMP GAS" UFO SIGHTINGS in 1966 kept Hynek jumping. Here, he interviews a young man near Dexter, Michigan, as two Air Force escorts look on.



HYNEK POINTS OUT THE TRACK OF A SATELLITE in orbit around the Earth. "For a civilization one million years older than ours," the astronomer says, "a visit to a far distant solar system may be feasible."

The UFO Central will cost about $100,000 a year to run, the academician says. He hopes that some foundation will provide most of the money. "I think a foundation would give us a grant or endowment if we could prove our mettle, get enough reputable scientists on our board." The field investigators would have to be volunteers, he states. "Paid investigators would be too much of an expense. But there are many very good people working on the problem; people with a good deal of experience interviewing, who would take cameras, tape recorders, and other equipment to follow up on sightings."

ANALYSIS OF LANDING SPOTS

A major thrust of the investigation would be X-ray, spectographic, photographic, and chemical analysis of soil taken from the "landing spots" as well as injured plants from the area (Hynek has encountered both in his personal investigations). Psychologists would interview the witnesses. Medical doctors would examine any temporary blindness or other ill effects supposedly caused by the phenomenon. A computer would catalogue and compare reports.

Hynek probed one case eight years ago of a man from Winnipeg who suffered temporary blindness and sporadic burns on his chest. The Mayo clinic could not explain the burns.

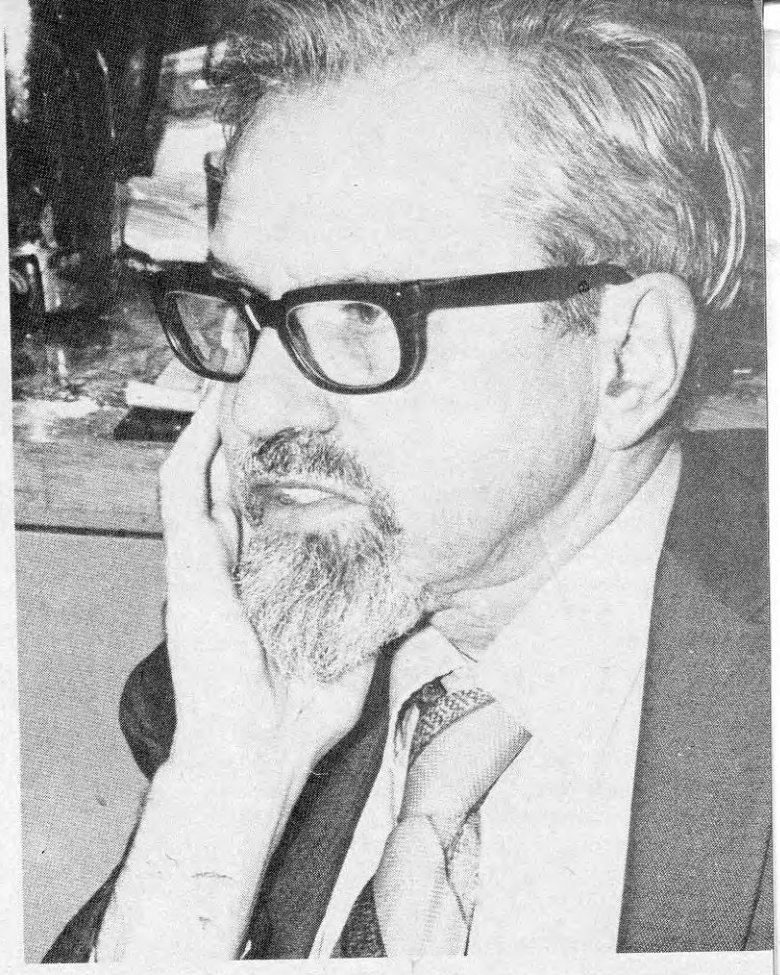
"We're not interested in distant lights," Hynek says in explaining the types of reports his new UFO Central will be searching for. "A light seen in the distance could be almost anything, so we'll ask the witness to write up a detailed written report.

"How long did you see it?" is a question anyone reporting a UFO to the Central would need to answer, the astronomer explains. "If it was a short-term sighting of a strange light in the distance, we'd terminate the call and ask for a written report.

"How many of you saw it?" is another key question, Hynek adds, because "a single witness cannot be of too much interest to us. The ones we want to go after are close encounters, sightings where more than one witness is involved—hopefully, several—and encounters that last for a reasonable length of time.

"We also are trying to answer the question of whether a UFO seen in, say, Australia is the same breed of cat as the ones seen here in the United States and Canada; do UFOs in different countries share the same shapes, colors, have the same general flight characteristics, lack of sound, affect on car motors—things like this."

Then there are what the Northwestern University professor describes as "close encounters of the third kind": the reports of seeing or interreacting with creatures from the UFO—humanoids.



"WE HAVE TO TAKE THIS PHENOMENON SERIOUSLY, whatever it is," Hynek urges. "People who see strange flying objects but are unable to find anyone who will seriously listen to them will assume the worst—perhaps an invasion."

"There are a lot of ding-a-lings and people with severe emotional problems who report seeing humanoids," Hynek says. "But—as with non-humanoid sightings—there are many non-kooky types reluctantly reporting this kind of encounter."

While Hynek says he has never uncovered any pilots, air traffic controllers, radar operators, or scientists with "third kind" encounters, others with responsible positions have, including policemen, members of the clergy, electronics engineers, bank directors, military men, railroad engineers, medical doctors, and bank directors.

A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

One such incident which the astronomer personally investigated occurred in North Dakota in the fall of 1961. The

"Mankind has gone from Kittyhawk to Apollo in 70 years."

"You can be 99.999% certain there's intelligent life somewhere out there."

witnesses were all family men holding responsible jobs (two held military security clearances). Hynek says the report was given to him on a confidential basis because the men feared the resulting publicity and affect it would have on their jobs.

It was late at night; a cold, bitter evening. It had been raining, intermittently turning to sleet, when the four men, who were driving at the time, noticed a lighted craft land in an open field.

Thinking that a plane had made an emergency landing because of the weather, the four men pulled their automobile off to a shoulder and stopped. They rushed to the aircraft, hopping over a fence on their way.

What they saw was a downed craft, but one resembling no plane or vehicle they had seen before. "Humanoids" were around the object and one menacingly waved the men away.

At that point, Hynek relates (the incident and several other close encounter cases are in his book *The UFO Experience*), one of the men took a shot at a creature. It fell to the ground, apparently hurt.

The men told only a few intimates and Hynek of the incident, the scientist relates.

Then there is the great number of UFO reports—many of the close encounter variety—which swept across the United States in the fall of 1973. The more widely quoted include the UFO which flew at and apparently "held" an Army helicopter and its crew over Ohio during a night mission. (Army Reserve Capt. Lawrence Coyne spotted a light approaching him at 600 miles per hour and was then held by a "big, gray, metallic-looking hull about 60 feet long" on October 18, 1973.)

There was the report of the two Pascagoula, Mississippi shipyard workers who, while fishing, watched a UFO land. Three small, mouthless, rough-skinned humanoids floated out of the craft to take them aboard for some kind of physical examination.

Another encounter in the southern United States which Hynek had been investigating involved "humanoids" and a temporary blindness of the witness. "We thought we had a solid case, good evidence of something exterior to this man happening," Hynek recalls. "But now, after extensive interviewing, we're dropping it. This person had . . . well, the closest I can come to describing it is a kind of religious experience."

Has Hynek ever been personally frightened by the many bizarre and eerie reports he has investigated, these "incredible tales told by credible witnesses?"

"No, no, I haven't," the astronomer replies, his head nodding slightly, his words quiet. "I guess I don't frighten easily. I think I'm more intrigued than anything else. These reports are more challenging to track down, more exciting to investigate than reading any Agatha Christie mystery novel."

Is there any one report he's personally inspected which stands out in his mind?

"Well," the university professor replies, "that's like asking—after forty-five years of dining out regularly—what is my favorite restaurant. I mean, there are too many very impressive sightings to pick any particular one as head and shoulders above the rest.

"I do think, however, that the rash of sightings, especially in the southern part of the country recently, marks a watershed. . . . "

AND THE BEAT GOES ON

After the Condon report, many people thought the saucer flap had ended, the 63-year-old Hynek remarks. "But it goes on, reports even appearing to increase, although this is probably due to the fact that more people feel freer to report them.

"We have to take this phenomenon seriously, whatever it is."

Despite the highly detailed, often technical reports, the photographs, radar tracks, and multiple witness sightings, Allen Hynek does not feel that UFOs are necessarily "solid" or "physical" objects. There's no conclusive evidence, he points out, that UFOs are "nuts-and-bolts hardware".

What then?

That, says Hynek, is the challenge we must meet; not with a predetermined judgement that they do not exist or that they are alien spacecraft, but with an open, constantly probing and thorough scientific sleuthing.

In that spirit, he continues, an international conference of scientists from various disciplines is scheduled to meet in Paris in the fall of 1974 to tackle the mystery of unidentified flying objects. One of the coordinators of the meeting, Hynek relates, is mathematician-engineer Jacques Vallee (the author of *Anatomy of A Phenomenon*, an early UFO classic).

Vallee—who has called for computer classification and analysis of UFO reports and other phenomena such as Ezekiel's "chariot of fire" and the "miracle of Fatima", which roughly fit the proper parameters—favors the ETI (extraterrestrial intelligence) hypothesis.

Will the puzzle ever be solved? Can enough evidence—data which can be verified in laboratory analysis—ever be gathered?

Chicago-born J. Allen Hynek answers flatly, "Yes. I definitely think so. I wouldn't be so hot after a UFO Central if I didn't think the mystery was solvable.

"There has been twenty-five years of buffoonery and ridicule, of government neglect and worse. The last chapter of that era, I think, has been written." □

THEY'RE FLYING OVER LOS ANGELES, TOO

TWO LAPD OFFICERS SIGHT AND PHOTOGRAPH A UFO

By Sergio Ortiz

Buried somewhere in the bulky files of the Los Angeles Police Department records is item number 76-631047. The solitary, thin packet sits in the records room probably in a departmental envelope, amidst reports of murders, shootings, and dope-deals. Between "theft" and "vice" in the steel cabinets, the lone report reads, "UFO".

What's a nice envelope like that doing in a place like this?

Its long trek began the night of November 12 when two young LAPD officers, C.C. Smith and John Wynkoop, decided to investigate a sudden torrent of calls tying up the Hollenbeck Police Station in East Los Angeles with reports of an unidentified flying object over the Mexican–American barrio.

Smith recalls the night and grins. "I said, 'Joe, let's go down there and take a picture of this thing and prove it's a weather-balloon or a helicopter or something.' The whole thing was getting awfully wacky and the desk sergeant told us the entire incident was getting blown out of proportion."

Smith and Wynkoop left the station and cruised down Whittier Avenue skeptically looking for what frantic citizens had called a "flying saucer".

"I wasn't expecting to see anything," Smith says, pointing out he has never believed in flying saucers or spacemen. "But right about the time we got to Euclid Avenue I first saw the thing and said, 'Hey, Joe. What the hell is that?' The thing was not moving very fast then. It gave out a radiance and just sat there."

Smith has been on the department for four years and Wynkoop is a five-year veteran. Yet to both men this was an unexpected experience.

Officer Wynkoop quipped the object was about the size of a silver dollar held at arm's length and measured–by their estimation of a supermarket neon sign and the object–about 20 feet in length and eight feet in height.

According to Smith, he photographed the UFO with a department Instamatic camera, but forgot to take off the flash-cube and light reflected from the car's windshield and distorted the image.

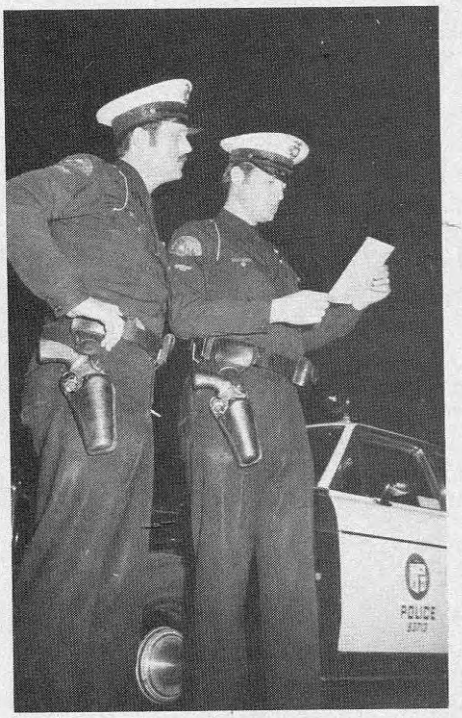
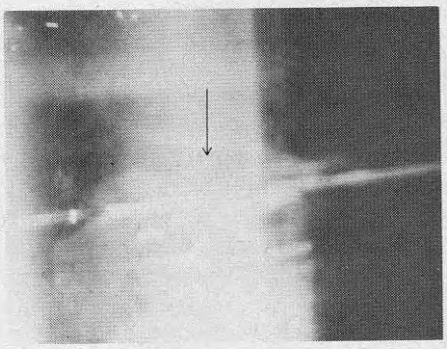


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OFFICERS John Wynkoop, left, and C.C. Smith (above) study their photo of East L.A. UFO (below), which was ruined after Smith inadvertently forgot to take flashcube off the small camera.



Smith says the negative was filed in the department's headquarters at Parker Center and later was requested by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena for analysis.

"The reaction of the people around us has been that of curiosity," Smith continues. "We were not the only two individuals to see this thing. There were two other officers, who do not wish to be named, that observed a similar thing we did, the same description, at the same time.

"We also have numerous people–I would say close to sixty persons whom we know are respectable persons from the neighborhood (who again request we don't use their names)–who have confirmed the same sighting we have seen."

Smith adamantly claims he does not believe in "flying saucers and little green men". But he feels puzzled because no one can give him a satisfactory explanation of what the object was.

"You know," he says, "we've even talked to people at JPL and the Department of Defense. We have talked to *them*; they won't talk to us. They asked us a bunch of questions and finally I got tired and asked if they would speculate on what the thing was and they answered with a flat 'no'. Then I asked them to speculate on what the thing was not and they would not do so."

The two officers have remained puzzled about their sighting, and Wynkoop, who served in special corps in the service, is very familiar with aircraft. They both agree it was definitely not an airplane, balloon, satellite or helicopter.

"I am not saying extraterrestrial things do not exist," Smith says. "I just say that I personally do not believe in them. But as far as saying what this thing we saw was, I would not know how to answer. I wish to hell I did. All I can say is it's unlike anything I've ever seen before." □

BUZZING JAPAN

Although the energy crisis continues to cast a pall over Tokyo's night life, Japanese skies light up with a multitude of mysterious, glowing craft

By RICHARD BLAIR



DESPITE A GOVERNMENT which pooh-poohs the whole idea of UFOs and a public that at best shows only apathy toward the subject, the number of sightings in Japan has skyrocketed during the past year.

Hachiro Kubota, editor of *Cosmo* magazine, and one of the foremost authorities and scholars of UFOs in Japan, has studied this worldwide phenomenon for 20 years. Yet, it was not until September 18, 1972 that he actually witnessed one; in fact, photographed it himself.

"I was with three of my friends driving along the coast of Miura Peninsula, Kanagawa, when I first saw the saucers," Kubota explains. "They were floating in over the roof tops near Kenzeki lighthouse. Three or four of the round-shaped, almost spherical objects just hung there in the air. It was dusk, and we had been driving for about an hour toward the beach area on the tip of the peninsula. All of us were shocked almost out of our senses. I stopped the car, and we all pushed and shoved to get out for a better look.

"By this time," Kubota continues, "they were hovering over some houses on the coast. And, in the distance, as if guarding like a mother over the small spheres, was a much larger, cigar-shaped object. It was almost completely obscured by the evening shadows that were creeping over the bay.

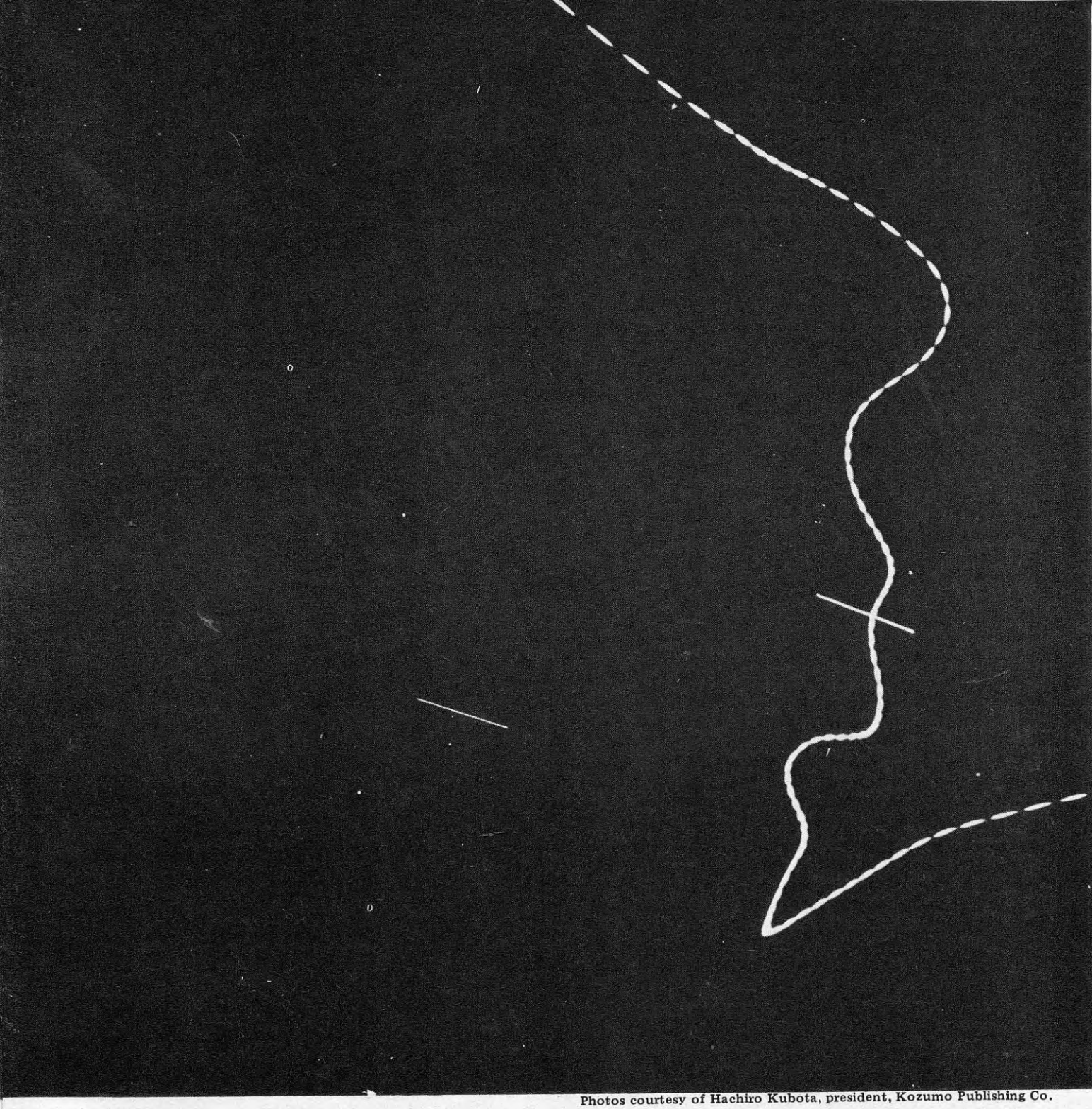
"I grabbed for my keys and fumbled with the lock in the trunk of the car. It finally opened and, frantically, I pulled at my camera case in hopes of getting a picture. However, by the time I could tear the camera from the case and sight on the spot above the farm houses, the graying sky was as clear as if swept clean of alien objects by a huge cosmic broom. I looked again, but there was nothing. The saucers had already soared away at an almost unbelievable speed.

"Even the large cigar-shaped form was now gone, and the sky appeared undisturbed as if there had never been anything there at all."

Disappointed, Kubota scanned the sky and horizon for several minutes, checking every blotch on the now dusk-mottled surface of the heavens, every curious cloud formation among the few scattered cirris now gathering in the last red rays of the sun.

"I was struck by the absolute beauty of the clouds as they hung over Mount Fuji," Kubota says. "The volcano was so solitary, so mighty, so perfect in its prehistoric shape. I decided that since I had missed my shot of a lifetime—a personal photo of a genuine unidentified flying object to add to my growing collection of sighting reports and pictures from all over Japan—that I would at least not miss a picture of the beauty of that mountain.

"While my friends stood around still conjecturing on the estimated speed of the craft and the maneuverability of these alien devices, I trained the sights of my camera on the now cloud-framed cone of Fuji and focused in. As the lens cleared and the horizon came into hair-line preciseness in my powerful



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LIGHTING THE SKIES OF JAPAN, a formation of alleged UFOs was photographed the night of October 9, 1973 at Nachi Katsuura, Wakayama Prefecture, by Kazuya Nojima, who used a Cannon F-1 camera, a 50mm F1.4 FD lens, and shot at F1.4 for a full five minutes.

two hundred-millimeter lens, I began to notice what originally looked like a pinpoint of blackness just off to the side of the mountain. It grew just perceptively larger, though, and then remained about the same position and size in my viewfinder."

A LINGERING MEMORY

"I assumed that it was only an illusion, a spot of dirt on the lens or mirror, or a still-lingering memory of the exciting vision which I had just witnessed," Kubota reminisces. "Dismissing it, I shot off five or six pictures of the mountain for my wife and joined my friends where they waited back at the car for the short drive to our ryokan [hotel].

"It was not until almost a week later, back in Tokyo, as I looked casually over some negatives returned from the shop that I remembered the tiny speck on my lens. Now, as I squinted at the one negative with the form of Fuji rising from the water, I noticed it again in the position in which it has been before. However, in the negative it appeared somehow larger. I rushed the negatives back to the shop and supervised

the printing of that frame. On blowing it up, there was no doubt about it anymore. The spot that had appeared only briefly while I shot the pictures of Fujiyama was definitely a flying saucer. I was shocked to find that I had finally not missed my chance-of-a-lifetime.

"I am now convinced," Kubota says, "that the alien craft must have been soaring by me at some terrific speed to have increased in size so much from the time that I first noticed the black point to the instant that my shutter snapped open and its image was imprinted on the film. Then, in the fraction of a second before the mirror of my camera swung back down into place, the saucer must have veered off sharply to the left of the frame, for it was not to be seen in any of the other photos that I shot of the mountain."

In a way, Kubota's sighting was a milestone in Japanese research on unidentified flying objects since it was almost from that very day that a burgeoning number of new sightings began to be reported.

On October 22, 1973, a 21-year-old correspondence-school student by the name of Kaizo Asanuma, who lives in Nago city, Okinawa, was on an outing with a group of 40 of his friends when one of the group let out a loud scream and pointed flailingly at the sky above one small house. What the boys saw was a very odd-shaped, orange-glowing object. The UFO first appeared in the western sky, streaked across the heavens, then disappeared in the eastern sky—but not before quick-thinking Kaizo had swiftly snapped its picture.

In developing, the UFO turned out to be a very jagged-looking, V-shaped structure with distinct indentations which could only have been purposefully made. At first, the boys thought that it might have been a burning airplane; that is, if it hadn't been for its great speed and, of course, the fact that there was absolutely no sound emitted from the object.

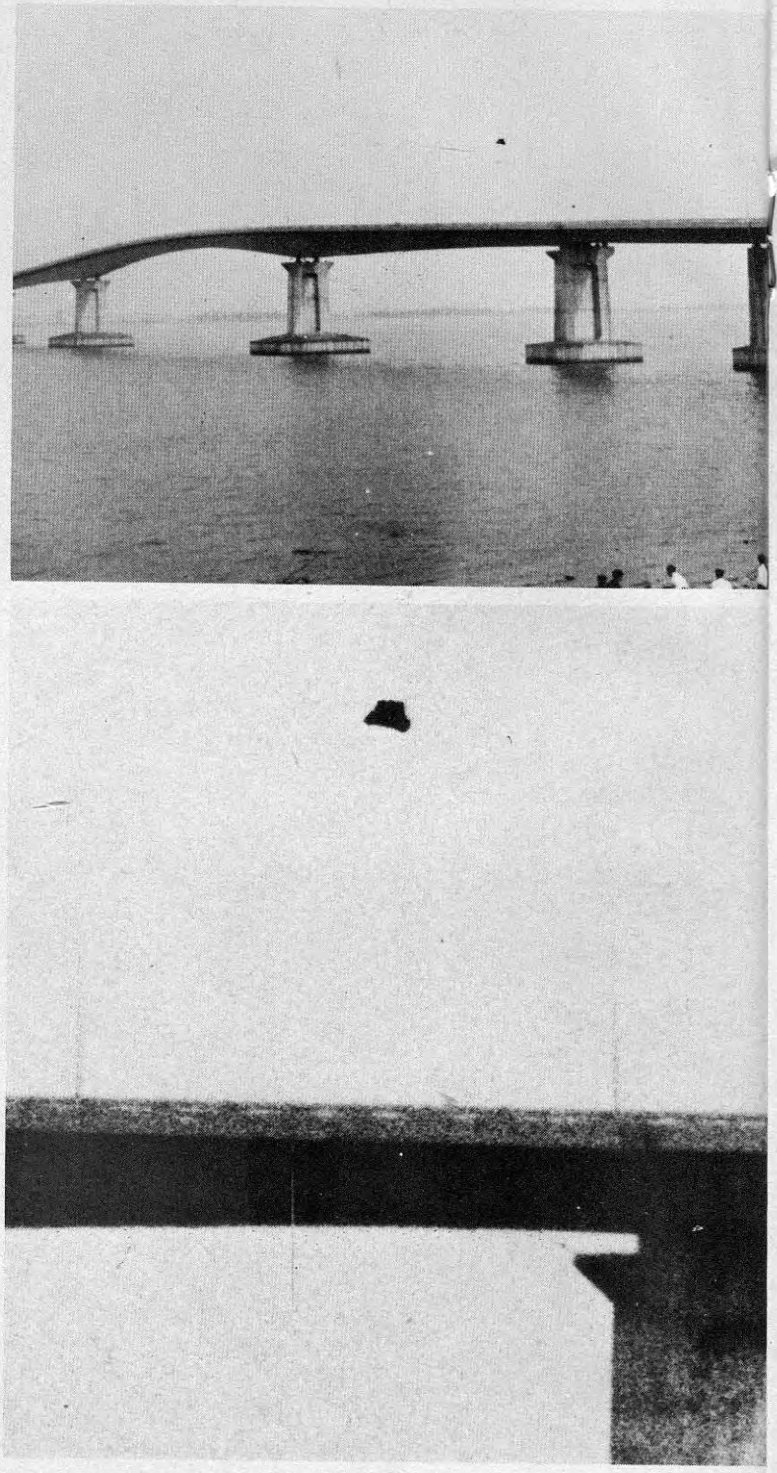
The incident might have died there if the object had not been sighted again at about the same time. An American TWA pilot flying at 28,000 feet over the sea east of Okinawa reported the same strange configuration and orange color. But now it had drastically altered its flight pattern and was flying back and forth within plain view of the pilot. As a result of the combined testimonies of the boys and the flight report of the pilot, it was determined that the object could not have been an airplane, balloon, or shooting star.

PASSAGE ROUTES OF OUR SKIES

The story told by Kaizo and his friends came quite near to eclipsing Japan's single most convincing evidence of the existence of super-earthly beings commanding the passage routes of our skies. The incident was reported and photographed at the end of September 1970, when Kazuhisa Saito, 20, stepped from the front door of his home in Ichikawa, Chiba prefecture, at about five p.m. to catch the last dying rays of the summer sun.

Saito glanced above the roof of his home and was almost spellbound by what he saw. Five small flying saucers hovered threateningly above the house in exact formation, as if planning a landing. In a split second, he ducked back into the house, grabbed his fortunately ready camera, and rushed back outside in time to catch four of the objects on film before they flashed out of sight. In later reports, substantiated by his very clear photograph, Saito claimed the saucers were no more than two feet in diameter.

More recently, on August 25, Masami Oyama, a *Mainichi*



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT Kuzuyoshi Nagashima, Tokyo, hadn't realized he had shot this UFO photo (top) over Lake Biwa the afternoon of May 26, 1973 until he made a blowup. He used an Olympus 35DC camera and Fuji Neopan 35 film.

Newspaper photographer in Hokkaido, received a frantic phone call shortly after nine p.m. by a group of junior high school boys in Yoichi city, who reported the strange appearance of a bright, silver-orange object in the skies over the city. Jumping into his car, Oyama sped to the scene in time to photograph the sighting.

Oyama described it later as being circular in shape and "of a very mystic shade, containing both silver and orange". He said

the object flashed by and sometimes stopped dead in the sky. Then followed a series of erratic maneuvers as the saucer shot away and returned, doing an impossibly tight U-turn considering the speed at which it was traveling. The UFO disappeared to the north at about 9:40 p.m. but appeared again about 10:30 coming from the east. By this time, the group of witnesses had increased to about ten.

The preceding stories, documented by Editor Kubota, are, of course, only the cream of those that have cropped up in the past 12 months or so. But for the past two years, Japan's skies have been virtually peppered with mysterious craft, according to hundreds of witnesses who have turned in reports to Kubota's magazine.

One notable example was the story of police officer Yoshiyuki Matsuda of Nagai city, Yamagata prefecture, who reported coincidentally filming a "round, smoke-like object in the sky" in the background of a picture he was taking of an accident on July 9, 1973. The photo showed a UFO appearing like a round cloud of white smoke with a series of lights dotting it.

What made the isolated report remarkable was that the same exact object was seen again on July 30 and 31 by some 50 persons in the nearby town of Yamagata city. The strange sphere, "with a color like cigarette smoke", appeared in the evening the first day and maneuvered sharply between a television braodcast tower and the Tachiya river. Then again it appeared to make the same maneuvers the following morning while hordes of people looked on for nearly four hours.

MYSTERIES OF THE WORLD BEYOND

Cosmo, which bills itself as a magazine on UFOs and the Universe, does not stop with sightings, however, in its search into the mysteries of the world beyond. The greater realm of mental telepathy and cosmic philosophy is none too large for this new magazine, which has hit Japanese UFO scholars like a bombshell. The editor's justification for the combining of these two distinct sciences is wrapped up in his theory that whoever the alien beings are that are buzzing the skies of this world, they are extremely advanced practitioners of telepathy. It is his belief that not only can the operators of UFOs read the minds of the small group of believers around the world but that, doing so, they actively search these people out in order to "reveal" themselves, or at least their ships.

It is also this theory that guides Kubota's colleagues as members of the Japan Get Acquainted Program, a group of scholars, research personnel, and students of the Universe, in their research into these sciences. The association, which maintains a research arm to investigate and verify UFO sightings in the absence of any organized governmental program, meets annually in Japan to hear the latest in research on all facets of this universal study.

"It is an outgrowth of the international organization set up originally by George Adamsky, the IGAP, which spans the globe in its service as a meeting place for those concerned with phenomena from outside this world," explains Kubota, who corresponded with Adamsky from 1952 until his death in 1965.

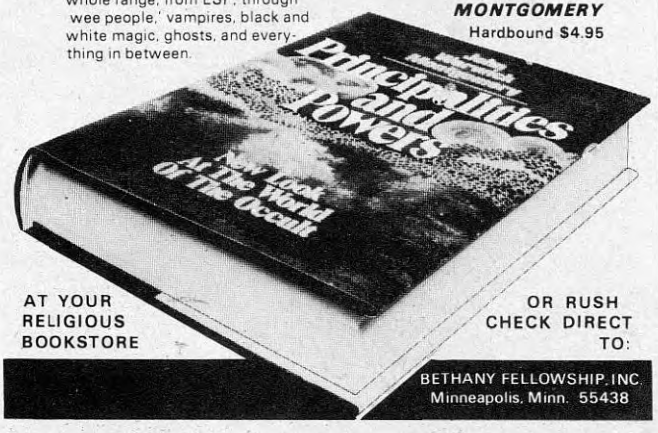
Adamsky was highly interested in early Japanese reports of UFO sightings and filming, according to Kubota, because "he believed the Japanese people have karma." It was because of this karma, or spiritual sensitivity, that Adamsky felt the Japanese might be more receptive to messages from outer space. □

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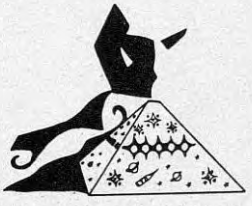


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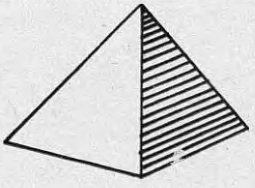


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CALL LETTERS FOR AN OPEN MIND ON AN OPEN MIKE

"I BELIEVE UFOS will eventually make official contact with us. And hopefully, when they do, we'll be receptive enough to neither panic nor react hostilely. I think that time is coming, for both man's attitude and UFO's readiness."

When it comes to UFOs, Hilly Rose has never been a skeptic. In fact, long before they became a national preoccupation and the subject of scores of B-science fiction movies, Rose was personally convinced that man was not alone in the vastness of space.

"I went through no conversion to believer," the radio talk-show host says. "As a kid, when I began to probe deeply into existence just for my own human interest, I felt there had to be something beyond. It was inconceivable that we could be wandering on this little pinprick we call the earth with absolutely no neighbors. But I did little about this conviction of mine because I had never seen anything that could have been construed as an extraterrestrial manifestation."

But in the 25 years since this Chicago-born youth wandered about with an eye for spacemen, his belief has been confirmed a thousand times over in a career that has made him the country's foremost UFO investigative reporter.

While Rose has not devoted his entire radio broadcasting career to UFOs, during the past 10 years the subject has become the main topic of conversation on his Los Angeles-based, radio KFI-640 talk show.

" I'd more or less let my interest lie dormant until I began reading local newspaper articles on UFO sightings in the Northern California area," Rose recalls of his days as host of a late-night political talk show in San Francisco. "More casually than anything, my active curiosity was rekindled, primarily because the inevitable tag on these accounts read, '. . . and no little green men were seen!'

"This began to bother me to no end. While the police reporting on a sighting would be fairly straight-forward, the reporter on the story would invariably take it upon himself to deride the incident on the bottom line with a little joke. Being a reporter myself, I saw this as totally irresponsible journalism. It is not the right of the reporter to inject his personal cynicism or lack of receptivity into a story."

Hilly Rose took it upon himself to do some checking on the increasingly recurrent sightings. And in confirmation of his suspicions, the majority of those claiming to have seen things were rational and responsible individuals.

"There were a number of spurious reports," Rose admits, "but even those weren't from what you'd call 'kooks'; just people who'd mistakenly, but sincerely, thought they'd seen something."

FIRSTHAND FACTS

Gradually becoming aware that if he wanted the facts he'd have to get them firsthand, Rose sought out the chief investigator in the bay area for NICAP, the Washington, D.C.-based National Investigative Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

"I realized I couldn't do it all myself," Rose says. "And since there was little or no likelihood of getting help from the authorities, I began to contact liasons: knowledgeable and experienced investigators of UFOs with whom I could work.

"The more I learned about what was explainable, natural phenomena and what wasn't, the quicker it became for me to weed out invalid sightings. Many of them don't hold water, but those that do meet the specifications of 'unexplainable' . . . who can explain them?"

Rose admits to a certain prejudice about the majority of sightings being in rural areas. But he refuses to write off such accounts as simply the overly imaginative manifestations of the unsophisticated farmer.

"It still bothers me that most sightings seem to be in the country," Rose concedes. "Yet there are many sightings right here in Los Angeles that go unreported because city people are reluctant to put themselves out on the supernatural limb.

"My associate, Dr. Stanton Friedman, and I are constantly receiving information on sightings that witnesses have covered up for fear of being ridiculed. We have voluminous files of accounts that the public has never heard."

Pointing to an incident involving a policeman in Falkville, Alabama last year, Rose reveals that the officer allegedly spotted a wrinkled creature in the road, stopped, and actually got a photo. Yet local authorities scoffed at the report as incompetence on the part of the officer.

Somehow, Rose manages to ferret out those citizens who hesitate to come forward. "What often happens is I'll get a call on the air asking about such-and-such strange sighting, and I've never heard about it. So we investigate. If, given our degree of access due to my public work as a radio host, *we* miss so many, just imagine how many more sightings go unreported.

And a good number of those we catch check out as possible UFOs.

"Also, in the cities, attention is focused to a greater extent on immediate goings-on, such as negotiating traffic and keeping up with the frantic pace of life. Add the fact that the amount of illumination and smog in urban areas makes the sky sometimes imperceptible, it's understandable why most sightings take place in rural areas."

Although some courageous witnesses to sightings have lost their jobs and have even been forced to move as a result of reporting what they've seen, recent incidents have prompted more serious reactions.

"The governor of Illinois says he saw a UFO," Rose says. "Now, when you get someone as credible as that standing up and speaking, these occurrences must be taken seriously by the public. And they have been. The rash of sightings last autumn saw a lot of people with just plain fear on their faces."

UFO AGGRESSION?

Far from postulating that UFOs are visiting earth for aggressive purposes, Rose claims there has not been a single account of a UFO attacking an individual or causing malicious damage.

"We've found burned grass and holes in the ground where UFOs have reportedly landed or hovered," Rose points out, "but nothing that could be interpreted in any way as hostile.

"Look at the two men in Pascagoula, Mississippi who claim to have been taken aboard a spaceship a few months back. Accept it or not, these men reported they were neither forced on board nor molested in any way by their hosts."

The radio personality's trust in the motives of extra-terrestrial beings is so great, in fact, that he claims if UFOs visited us for purposes of the salvation of man from a dying planet, he would go with them. "Only because I've spent so many years thinking about the subject and investigating the UFO phenomenon. I almost feel a kinship to whoever these creatures are. I do not believe they are malevolent but, rather, are seeking the right means of contact with man. They are hesitant, as we would wisely be, to approach inhabitants of other worlds."

Rose recalls that the most unusual incident he and Friedman, a nuclear physicist, have checked out occurred in Evergreen, Florida just eight months ago.

"It was in June. A police dispatcher getting off work late at night was escorted home by a UFO. It hovered over the police station and was seen by six other dispatchers. And when she left, it followed her home and hovered about her house for several minutes."

Though reluctant to conclude that UFOs may choose particular individuals in exposing themselves, Rose does suspect that some people may be more receptive in unknown ways to UFOs.

"It's conceivable that space travelers could be singling out certain people whom they feel would be more open to them. It could be for purposes of establishing immediate contact with a less fearful individual. I don't know. It's pure speculation. But were I visiting another populated planet, I'd hide in the bushes looking for what I interpreted as a friendly face."

While Rose gives sufficient credit to the Air Force and space program in their billion-dollar efforts to extend mankind into the heretofore uncharted heavens, he does suspect the Air Force of a possible cover-up.

"Project Bluebook was the official Air Force investigation of the phenomenon of UFOs," Rose explains. "Over a period of several years, they spent millions of dollars checking out numerous sightings, both by military pilots and civilians. Yet the former scientific liason to the project, Doctor Allen Hynek, an astronomer, now charges that the reason he stayed with them was that it was better than not having any information at all. He feels that the Air Force simply buried all the information—that they had information which should have prompted them to investigate further, information that practically confirmed the existence of extraterrestrial life.

"They closed Project Bluebook about five years ago, and to my knowledge UFOs are being unofficially ignored by the government."

BENIGN NEGLECT

Rose expresses incredulity at the Air Force's "benign neglect" of the subject, particularly in light of recent sightings.

"Maybe they really think it's preposterous," Rose suggests, "but I can't believe that. They've even lost top-notch pilots who've been chasing UFOs at speeds up to Mach II. Yet they claim these men were mistaken, that they were chasing weather balloons.

"Their attitude may be one of pure financial expediency. They spent millions and may not be willing to re-fund a new investigation."

Rose is quick to discount the theory that sightings are actually the testing of secret aircraft by the Air Force.

"Whenever there's been a sighting around Edward Air Force Base, for example, I've had valid information that there was no experimental craft in the sky at the time. I find it totally inconsistent that we could have such incredible craft and at



Photos by Ed Ikuta

ON THE AIR, Hilly Rose treats all callers with respect, even those with absurd UFO accounts. "It's important to remain open-minded and receptive," the Los Angeles-based, KFI-640 radio talk show host emphasizes. "We know so little that everyone deserves at least a token ear."



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the same time spend billions developing SSTs and other craft, only to vacillate as to whether or not we should build them. It just doesn't make sense."

Rose admits to running into a brick wall when it comes to obtaining information from the Air Force and governmental agencies. He claims to have spoken to veterans of both who have told him their sole job was to keep new evidence under wraps.

"They just dismiss all inquiries," Rose says. "I usually can't even get to the right person to ask my questions. They give the usual non-answers that consist of neither a denial or affirmation. At certain lower echelons, we can get certain non-restricted information that would be obtainable through the yellow pages!

"There was a half-a-million dollars spent on the Condon Report, and by his own admission, Doctor Condon never went out to make one investigation. That's part of the reason why I've gotten so involved in UFOs. There's nobody I know who's deeply and totally responsible in this field."

Rose claims the majority of UFO sightings actually take place in South America, although Europe and Russia have had more than their share, too. Yet those nations which share America's official attitude toward UFOs are preventing greater cooperation on the subject on an international basis.

"We're very egocentric about UFOs," Rose criticizes. "While we're saying they don't really exist, we're saying at the same time that whatever they are, they're ours– it's only happening to us. Sightings in other countries are rarely given press attention in America."

Rose's own investigative approach is limited to speaking to witnesses and officials on the phone if they are outside the Los Angeles area. But if they are in town, he usually makes a point of having them either on his show or talking to them in person.

"As an investigative reporter, it is my duty to question and doubt in the most sober manner," Rose maintains. "When one person sees something, it's pretty easy to put it out of your mind, although I have developed a kind of instinct for a hoax. But when a stadium full of people see something, as happened in New Orleans recently, this can't be immediately written off as a simultaneous mass hallucination."

A TOKEN EAR

While Rose does receive an abundance of totally spurious reports from radio listeners, he insists on treating even the most absurd accounts with respect.

"If I came on, under any circumstances, in a condescending or derisive fashion to anyone," Rose says, "the truly valid witnesses might be made reluctant to step forward. Also, it's important to remain open-minded and receptive. We know so little that everyone deserves at least a token ear."

Though the media is still skeptical in their recounting of sightings, Rose feels their UFO attitude has rapidly improved in recent months.

"You can't lump all the media into one bag," the reporter says. "But, generally speaking, these recent sightings have done a lot to change their approach. There are more sober, straight reports, both on the air and in print, than ever before. It's still divided, though. Some papers buried the Pascagoula incident on the back pages; others didn't. Some networks dealt fairly and proportionately with the Ohio governor's experience, while other news shows did a tongue-in-cheek thing with it in a Halloween kind of way.

"Many of the people who claim to have seen something seem to have an inner knowledge that is different from the average person," Rose continues. "This could be a healthy human reaction to a valid experience with extraterrestrial beings.

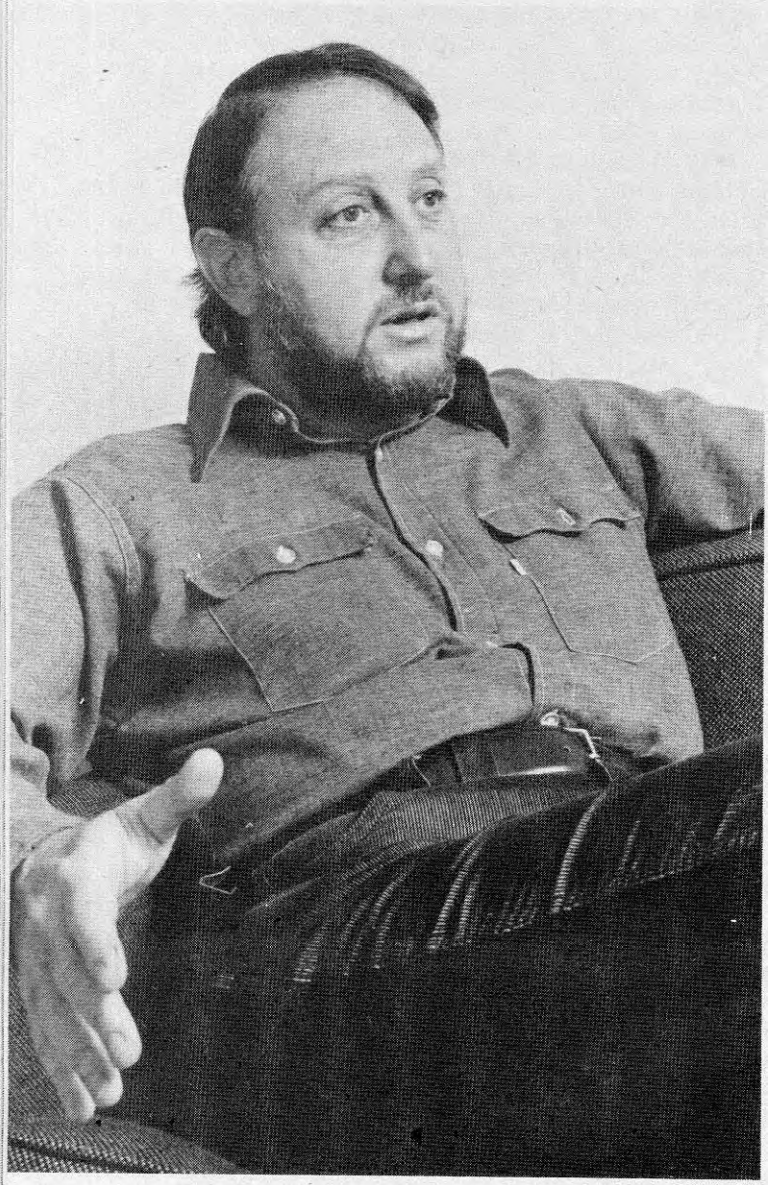
"The thing I don't understand, that confuses me, is that so many of these people who claim to even been visited have tremendous stories. They can tell you hours of material on what happened. Some are so detailed that you almost have to believe it. Yet there are others that are so wild and fanciful that you have to say, 'I just can't accept this.' "

Ironically, the most prominent individuals in the field of UFOs have never had a single firsthand experience. And Rose is no exception.

"In all my years of investigating and reporting on the subject, I have never seen anything. I am convinced there may be a kind of person who has these experiences, but I'm not one of them. Yet many people have. Arthur Godfrey says he saw one years ago, and singer Dick Haymes claims to have cited a UFO when landing in Madrid once. I don't know why, but I can spend all day looking up in the sky and get nothing but a stiff neck!

"I would like to devote more of my time and energies to checking out sightings firsthand," Rose says, "but that would require a constant vigil and a considerable amount of money that few private citizens could afford."

Reasoning that it may be just as well, Rose feels that if he should ever have a personal UFO experience, it could damage his credibility as a spokesman on the subject. While strictly a



A COMMON LINK OF UNDERSTANDING must be found before progress can be made in interplanetary communications, Rose believes. "Attitude is still most important. If they send exploratory robots down and they return full of bullet holes, we'll have definitely made a mistake."

removed investigator at the moment, involvement through a personal sighting would make him immediately subject to skepticism.

Rose believes that the common denominator of accredited "flying saucer" sightings is their pattern of hovering and movement. "If something just falls from the sky, it could be a shooting star or any number of things. And if it hovers within a cloudy area or under conditions that could involve diffused light, this too isn't likely a UFO.

"But if it is cigar-shaped or saucer-shaped and travels across the sky in a very irregular pattern, in a quick and erratic manner, then we've got to take it seriously."

ELECTRICAL INTERFERENCE

Additionally, Rose reports that objects that come swooping down silently and interfere with electrical activity and transmissions might also be UFOs. "A helicopter would make a noise and cause massive air displacement," he explains. "A UFO does not. In Pascagoula, the police reported that shortwave radio calls were reduced to static at the very time those two men [Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker] claimed to have been taken on board the spaceship.

"Officers who claim to have been swooped down upon recall that their squad cars stalled due to the electrical havoc caused by these objects."

Rose totally discredits the theory that UFOs could be elaborate intelligence devices on missions for foreign powers, pointing out that the Russians can't even put a man on the moon yet let alone develop a spacecraft capable of maneuvering in such advanced ways.

"If they had something like this," Rose questions, "why would they be fooling around with missiles and ICBMs? It would mean their technology was so sophisticated they could conceivably rule the world right now."

Soon after the Pascagoula incident, the coast guard reported that an object emerged from a nearby riverway and took off. Although they tried to hit it with their oars, the five-foot saucer-like object eluded them.

"The reason I point this out," Rose says, "is because there's a pretty strong theory that these things could literally be coming from the water. This coincides with the concept that these UFOs are actually Atlantians from the ancient civilization. And who knows? This subject is so vast, it's impossible to pin it all down.

"Consider the Bermuda Triangle incidents in which ships are found floating adrift fully intact but without a single individual on board. They may have been snatched up by extraterrestrial highwaymen, so to speak. But, again, this is all fancy. All we can say we know is that these people are missing."

Another perplexing quality common to many UFO sightings is the sudden scent in the air of crushed roses. "Just more evidence that shows us how little we really know about them," Rose maintains. "This is why I insist on staying close to the established body of scientifically recognized evidence and theory. Also, openly stating that you're investigating UFOs leaves you wide open to a lot of criticism."

The exceptionally provocative aspect of the valid extraterrestrial incidents, according to Rose, is that they can be reasonably interpreted in terms of man's own efforts in space exploration.

"The people who've seen various creatures up close claim their skin was wrinkled and they had antennas. Well, to me, this sounds exactly like a space suit.

"In the Pascagoula incident, these men claim to have been put in front of an electronic eye-scanning device. It's the kind of thing that we would do. If we were going to Mars, for example, rather than sending men at first, we'd send robots that would gather things and examine them with a scanner. Now that we're doing these things on the moon and eventually on other planets, the idea of what they may be doing to us is becoming clearer and much more plausible."

A STUMBLING BLOCK

Yet Rose feels that man's interpretation of everything in terms of his own limited knowledge is the true stumbling block in the way of full acceptance and receptivity toward UFOs.

"People ask, 'How could these beings find us across the vastness of space with so many millions of planets?' I don't know; maybe with lasers or elaborate radar. We don't know what they have at their disposal but automatically assume it's no greater than our technology. Yet the capabilities of their spacecraft seem to be incredibly advanced."

Scientific dogma as well as old-school professionals' refusal to admit their lifelong theories might be invalid have also proven to be obstacles, according to Rose. But he claims that more and more scientists are throwing in their hats and taking a stand for seriously funded UFO investigation.

"Other more immediate problems in gathering information is simply the destruction of evidence," Rose points out. "When this whole rash of UFO sightings occurred in Georgia late last summer, there was an egg-shaped object that hit earth and left a hole in the ground.

"We sent a University of Georgia professor to go out there and take a dirt sample from the hole. He did so, and we discovered it was just a small meteorite. But for days afterward there were reports coming out that a spaceship had hit the earth. No one bothered to do the follow-up and modify the story, so the public was left believing an invalid UFO occurrence.

"Also, many times curiosity seekers go to the site of an incident and take things before scientists have a chance to arrive."

While widespread public awareness of UFOs has only existed since the late 1940s, Rose reveals there were hundreds of reported individual and mass sightings as far back as a century ago.

"There is a documented sighting that took place at the World's Fair in 1890's San Francisco," Rose says. "Hundreds of people saw a large, cigar-shaped object hovering in the air. And this was in the days before man could fly. But it was ignored as unofficial demonology. And things in official circles haven't really changed much since."

Rose believes that, according to various scientific theories put forward by such authors as Erich von Daniken in his bestseller *Chariots of the Gods*, man has been a frequent host to space travelers for thouands of years.

"There are reasonable theories that conclude that ancient Egyptians were visited by UFOs," Rose says. "And, of course, the most widely publicized proposition that the 15th-Century Incas of South America made considerable contact with them is highly provocative."

Where cynics may tend to discount UFOs by pointing to the irregular pattern of sightings as more human mood than true visitation, Rose comes to ample defense of the matter.

"How do we know why they come and go when they do? Maybe their space program funds keep getting cut like ours! It sounds funny, but considering them as three-dimensional creatures, such possibilities must be pondered as viable."

A MUTUAL LANGUAGE

While Rose doesn't presume to know how UFOs should contact us or how we should contact them, he uses the example of man's communication with dolphins to illustrate the possibilities.

"We'd have to develop a mutual language, but not necessarily words.

"Research with dolphin communication will hopefully shed some light on interplanetary contact. It's been shown that dolphins do speak. They say words in their own language. And, interestingly, they interpret and imitate what they believe to be our language."

Supportive of Rose's conjecture was a recent Jacques Cousteau television special in which a dolphin was shown returning to his mates in the sea and imitating siren sounds and man's speech patterns, as if to tell his own kind how man communicates.

"Similarly," Rose explains, "with extraterrestrial life they'll interpret us in their own ways, and we'll interpret them in ours. The key will be to find that common link of understanding, whether it be emotion, or physics, or math. Again, we'll have to see when the time comes.

"But attitude is still the most important factor. If they send a convoy of exploratory robots down and they return full of bullet holes, we'll have definitely made a mistake.

"I would like my contribution in the field simply to have been as a man who helped pave the way for greater understanding and cooperation between and among all beings, both on this earth and in this universe. And the way to do it is through people. If we are closed-minded, it could mean disaster. If we are receptive, it could mean the opening of new worlds of wonder. As Shakespeare said in *Hamlet:*

" 'If it be now, tis not to come,
If it be not to come, it will be now,
If it be not now, it will come,
The readiness is all.' " □

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When the little community of Piedmont, Missouri suddenly finds itself bombarded with the excitement and hysteria of UFO sightings, fears of an "invasion from outer space" create an ideal atmosphere for the nurturing of

THE DISTORTION

"The others have already begun work," said Leavitt. "Right now they are in a helicopter over Piedmont, Arizona."

"Never heard of it," Hall said.

"Nobody has," Leavitt said, "until now."

(Emergency scientists speaking about the infected town in *The Andromeda Strain*)*

IN MICHAEL CRICHTON'S BEST-SELLING NOVEL, a small town in Arizona called Piedmont becomes infected by alien microbes. In February 1973, the town of Piedmont, Missouri also seemed to be plagued by an invasion of aliens. But what really happened?

Clearwater Reservoir is six miles southwest of Piedmont, Missouri, a small town of about 2000 people. The man-made lake is accompanied by a dam 143 feet high and 4425 feet long, and covers about 1650 acres amidst Ozark-type forest and terrain. Its deepest part is about 90 feet.

At Piedmont, the Brown Shoe Company has a factory near the north edge of town where State Routes 49 and 34 merge to become Main Street, next to McKenzi Creek. The Clearwater R-1 High School on Main Street is neighbor to the Zephyr Cafe, where the food and service are recommended. There are more than a few small shops and businesses in town, and three large sawmills and a couple of quarries in the area. Mining for ore has been a part of Piedmont. So has confusion.

When the first reports of UFO sightings in the Brush Creek and Piedmont area broke into the news, a steady wave of reports came from hundreds of people. UFO "hunting" became a nightly ritual as local citizens gathered on high spots in the area. They would scream when an airplane approached and go into a mild form of hysterics over a bright star that twinkled in the sky and appeared to blink out as clouds passed in front of it. Stars, aircraft, and orbiting earth satellites suddenly became spaceships from other worlds.

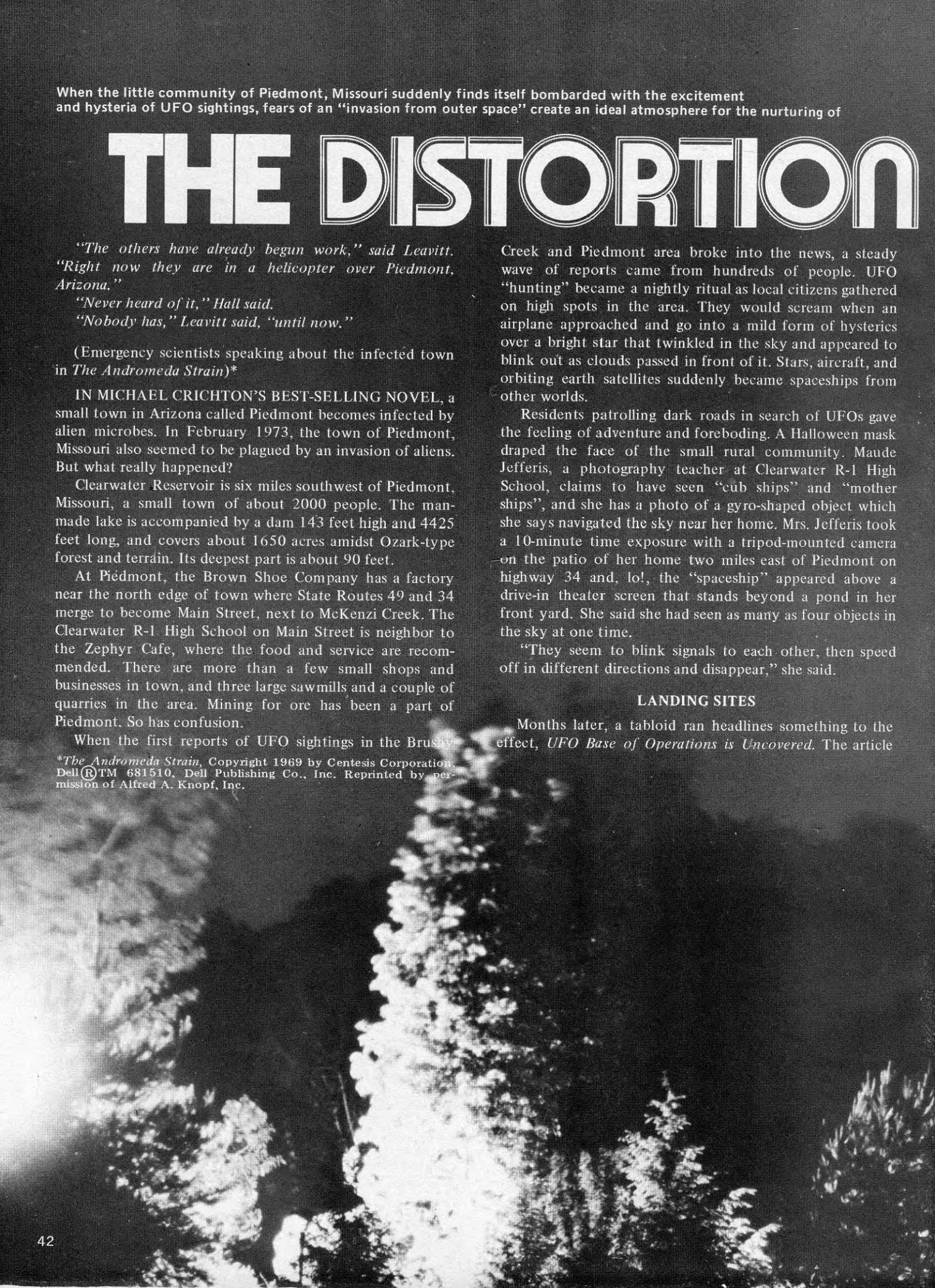
Residents patrolling dark roads in search of UFOs gave the feeling of adventure and foreboding. A Halloween mask draped the face of the small rural community. Maude Jefferis, a photography teacher at Clearwater R-1 High School, claims to have seen "cub ships" and "mother ships", and she has a photo of a gyro-shaped object which she says navigated the sky near her home. Mrs. Jefferis took a 10-minute time exposure with a tripod-mounted camera on the patio of her home two miles east of Piedmont on highway 34 and, lo!, the "spaceship" appeared above a drive-in theater screen that stands beyond a pond in her front yard. She said she had seen as many as four objects in the sky at one time.

"They seem to blink signals to each other, then speed off in different directions and disappear," she said.

LANDING SITES

Months later, a tabloid ran headlines something to the effect, *UFO Base of Operations is Uncovered.* The article

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contained a photograph believed to depict a "saucer landing site" near a large lake in Missouri.

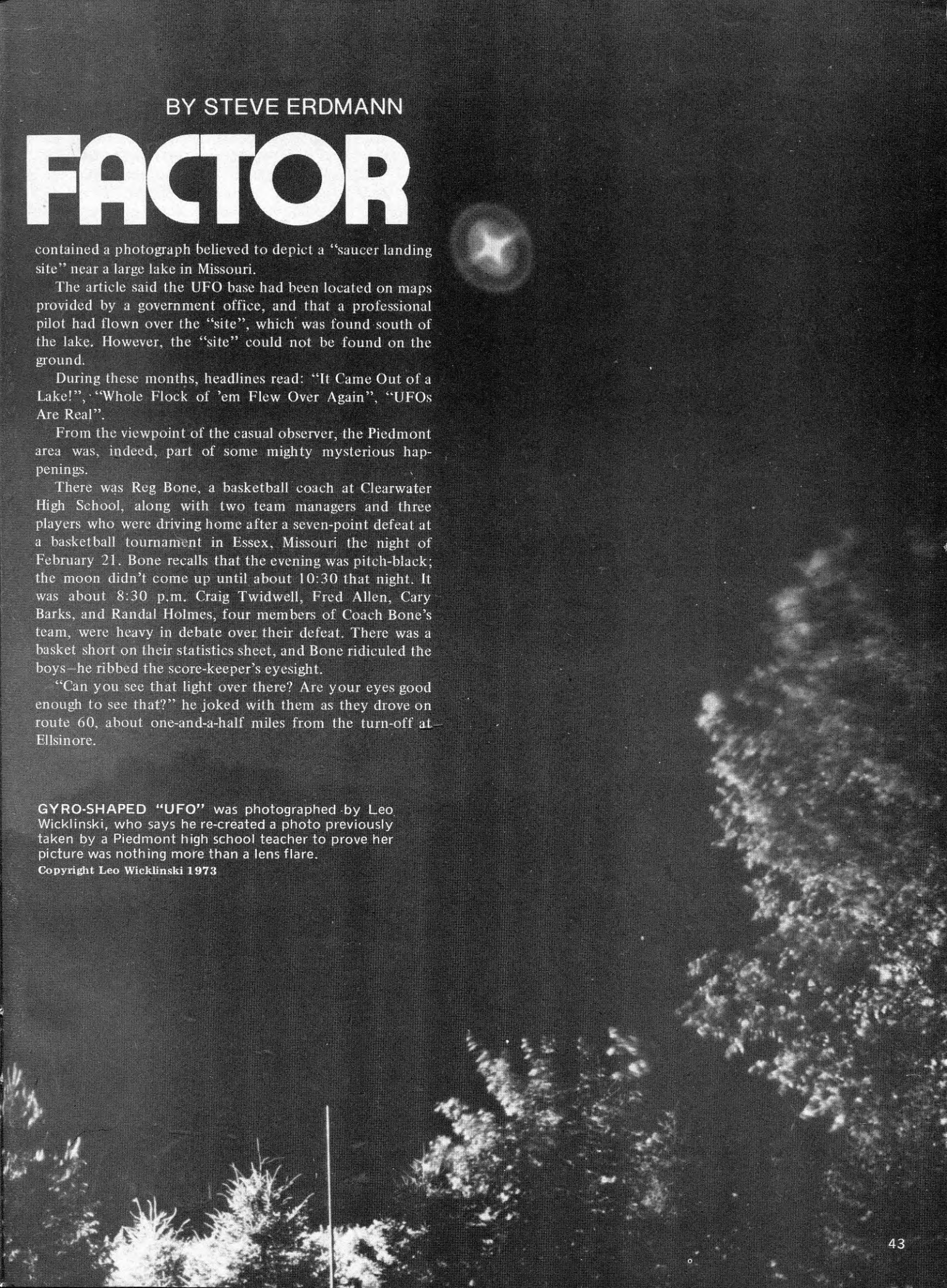
The article said the UFO base had been located on maps provided by a government office, and that a professional pilot had flown over the "site", which was found south of the lake. However, the "site" could not be found on the ground.

During these months, headlines read: "It Came Out of a Lake!", "Whole Flock of 'em Flew Over Again", "UFOs Are Real".

From the viewpoint of the casual observer, the Piedmont area was, indeed, part of some mighty mysterious happenings.

There was Reg Bone, a basketball coach at Clearwater High School, along with two team managers and three players who were driving home after a seven-point defeat at a basketball tournament in Essex, Missouri the night of February 21. Bone recalls that the evening was pitch-black; the moon didn't come up until about 10:30 that night. It was about 8:30 p.m. Craig Twidwell, Fred Allen, Cary Barks, and Randal Holmes, four members of Coach Bone's team, were heavy in debate over their defeat. There was a basket short on their statistics sheet, and Bone ridiculed the boys—he ribbed the score-keeper's eyesight.

"Can you see that light over there? Are your eyes good enough to see that?" he joked with them as they drove on route 60, about one-and-a-half miles from the turn-off at Ellsinore.



GYRO-SHAPED "UFO" was photographed by Leo Wicklinski, who says he re-created a photo previously taken by a Piedmont high school teacher to prove her picture was nothing more than a lens flare.

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Everyone, of course, saw the light, but it was shrugged off as an airplane somewhere near the tree line. When it didn't move and appeared to be near the ground, Coach Bone said a shaft of light was coming from the object. But they just sloughed it off as an unimportant curiosity until it was seen again about nine miles south of Piedmont, at Brushy Creek.

"There's that thing we saw over on highway 60, sitting out in that field," one of the boys said.

Sure enough; this time Reg Bone stopped the car for a closer look. "We stopped, screeched the tires, made a lot of noise, slammed the doors, and ran to the back of the car to look." The object was about 200 yards into a field and about 50 feet in the air. There appeared to be a series of oscillations of flashing lights which were about five feet apart: red, green, amber, white.

"We watched it for five minutes, ten minutes, and then it took off," the coach reported. "It was too dark to be able to make out any size or shape. I would say the lights were revolving, but maybe they blinked.

"There has never been any doubt in my mind—it was hovering, trying to decide whether or not to land. I thought it was a helicopter that had gotten into trouble. Then when it started to move off, I figured I'd hear the noise of the rotors. But when it moved off—off to the tree line behind it—and didn't make a sound, I thought, 'Oh, oh.' "

Cary Barks, one of the team, added, "We stood there and watched it for five to ten minutes, then it went directly up in the air with absolutely no noise and just disappeared over a hill."



Photo by Walt Andrus

GLOOMY DRIVE HOME FROM A BASKETBALL DEFEAT turned into an adventure for Clearwater High School basketball player Cary Barks (foreground) and coach Reggie Bone (at right), who claim they watched a UFO for 10 minutes.

IN THE NEWS

That's the start! The keg exploded, the figurative dam burst, and UFOs were in the national news services! Coach Bone recalls that, previous to the sighting, he and his wife had seen a creature—"a thing in a wet diving suit holding something in his hand"—along a lonely road he was driving when returning from a Christmas party in December, 1972.

"We didn't say anything," Bone says, "just looked at it and then one another. We never did figure out who would be walking down the road at two-thirty a.m. in the middle of December in a wet suit, with water miles away."

The manager of the Piedmont Country Club swears she saw what at first she thought were water-skiers, but was actually a square-topped object which "came up out of the water, made a big turn, and disappeared". A few nights later, her car radio failed to function as she drove over the dam.

The Piedmont Chief of Police reported continual trouble with radio transmissions and also divulged that his policemen had seen UFOs.

"You'd think if the federal government didn't know what these things were, they would send the Army in to investigate them," said Omer Fears, one of the more hard-boiled, pragmatic citizens of Piedmont. "There ain't been one federal agent in town."

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis became aware of the phenomena in that Ozark community when its correspondents relayed clippings, tapes, and reports of the sightings. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the department of astronomy at Northwestern University, said that the situation was hopelessly confused, though several sightings appeared genuine. "There generally is one good case that launches a lot of 'me too' stuff," Hynek said.

John F. Schuessler, director of the UFO Study Group, engineer at McDonnell Douglas Astronautics, and Missouri state director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), said, "I don't know what's at Piedmont. It doesn't fit the normal pattern of UFO activity. It doesn't match the computer charts of how UFOs appear, and when. There have been some poor reports, some normal phenomena, and a lot of chaff, but there have been some very good reports, too. We don't know what these good reports constitute."

Excitement, hysteria, and emotion can suddenly distort human perceptions. In the case of Piedmont, the "distortion factor" was the strong belief that an invasion of spaceships was under way. External stimuli like stars or satellites, along with internal stimuli of emotions brought on by a will-to-believe, created a UFO illusion for many of the people.

EXCITEMENT OF THE TIME

"There may have been genuine UFO experiences, but we feel there was also a lot of reports of natural phenomena by people who were caught up in the excitement of the time," said UFO Study Group member Dr. W.P. Armstrong, a chemical engineer on the faculty of Washington University for 20 years and presently with the Engineering Department of the Nooter Corporation in St. Louis.

"There have been only about three genuine [UFO] sightings," said William F. Christian, associate director of the UFO Study Group and an amateur astronomer. "They were usually 'one person sightings', which rate a low priority—there's no confirmation. Everyone seemed to be caught up in the hysteria."

The Group applied the "kernel from the husk" approach: there was a real "signal" hidden beneath all the "static" at Piedmont. That "signal" was a hard core of reasonably genuine sightings.

On-the-spot investigations of the Piedmont situation were made by UFO Study Group members John Schuessler,

Bill Christian, Larry and Dennis Hanna, Leo Wicklinski, Frank Brown, and Dave Schroth. The following are a few of their findings.

When Maude Jefferis took a 10-minute time exposure with a tripod-mounted Crown Graphic camera at 11 p.m., March 14, 1973, a gyroscope-shaped object was found on the developed Royal Pan 4-by-5 inch film.

J. Allen Hynek suggested that the spot of light on the film was actually "a first-class lens flare". The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* photography department sided with Mrs. Jefferis, however. They said that a lens flare would be widespread over the negative, rather than the well-defined speck on Mrs. Jefferis' photo.

Leo F. Wicklinski, a professional photographer, obtained permission to take a photo from the same spot and at the same time of day as Mrs. Jefferis had. Wicklinski used a camera which was similar, but not identical, to the one used by Mrs. Jefferis, and he went to great trouble to see that it was situated on a tripod and aimed in the same direction.

The developed film not only showed a lens flare in the same spot as that which appeared on Mrs. Jefferis' film, but Wicklinski's flare was of a more convincing quality, having a saucer-like halo around a gyro-shaped flare. Wicklinski theorized that a combination of water vapor from the nearby lake and a light fixture on a post produced the flare. He also had several examples of the "gyro" lens flare on other photographs from other places. The triangulation of the flare, compared to Mrs. Jefferis' flare, was also interestingly similar.

"She didn't fake the photo," said Wicklinski. "She honestly believed she had something—which was easy to do at Piedmont. But as you can see, it's a lens flare. There's no doubt in my mind."

At last mention, Maude Jefferis said the photo stands on its own, and she swears nothing as to its origin.

Jean Coleman and Cathy Leach parked on Clearwater dam about 9 p.m., March 21. They had great hopes of seeing UFOs that night. They wanted to see Bluff View from the dam, and they noticed that another car had started to come across.

"There was a red flash over the lake, lower down the side of the dam," said Mrs. Coleman. "The car was upon us now, and I thought it might have been a reflection from the car. I saw it again before the car passed."

Then Cathy Leach saw it: something flashing red, five or six times, as it moved up in the air. Other lights came on and it stayed a steady white.

"It rose higher than a nearby hill," Mrs. Coleman reported. "It might have been saucer-shaped. I don't know. Next it appeared as a light moving toward the Brushy Creek area."

The only other recognized sighting of an object emerging from the reservoir was the May 25 report of a square object moving below the dam. Mrs. Margerie Cundiff saw it at noon, but it was never established that the object left the water.

Ken Johnson, who saw a bright light over the lake in March, lives along the lake and operates a boat dock there. He was skeptical of UFOs emerging from the lake.

"The lake is two hundred feet from my house," Johnson said. "I can sit and look at it through a large picture window. I've lived here for years, and I've never seen anything like that all the time I've been here."



MEMBERS OF UFO STUDY GROUP of Greater St. Louis, including (from left to right) Dennis Hanna, director John Schuessler, Leo Wicklinski, and Bill Christian, don't know what's been going on at Piedmont. "It doesn't fit the normal pattern of UFO activity," Schuessler says.

When asked why he was skeptical after he himself had seen a strange light, Johnson admitted, "I have no idea what it was I saw. I don't know if it is even related to what other people have seen. I thought it may have been a government jet aircraft."

Bill Christian had a plausible explanation: "They saw nocturnal lights, which are dubious data because they can be caused by so many things. We had someone report a UFO on the lake, and when we checked we found that it was a boat that had either a charcoal fire or a fogger going on it, possibly to keep insects away."

Christian also told of the couple who swore a UFO would come out of the lake and pass overhead. The Group investigated and found out that it was an artificial satellite, which, in its orbit, gave the appearance of a light ascending and crossing the sky.

NOCTURNAL LIGHTS

Christian, who has studied astronomy, said such misinterpretation of heavenly bodies constituted most of the "nocturnal lights" reported as UFOs. He had been there in April, and there had been a lot of water vapor in the air. "The stars would flicker like mad," he said, and would appear as all kinds of colors. People would watch them for hours, claiming that they moved.

"I saw a light from the city dump, while everybody was screaming 'UFO!'," said Leo Wicklinski, "but I could identify it as an airplane."

Fifteen-year-old Ben Baron and his family visited Piedmont on April 7. They drove to the Piedmont city dump, called Pyle's Hill, and watched with binoculars. Suddenly, a glow began to climb over the horizon in the sky to the east. They began to take pictures.

"It was a white glow, without any color, like a beam from hundreds of searchlights," said Baron. "It came and

went quickly." Then they began to notice all kinds of flickering lights in the sky.

Bill Christian knew the phenomena: a barium shot—an aerial experiment.

"I feel that what they photographed were barium clouds from an atmospheric experiment at either Elgin Air Force Base or Wallops Island, Virginia," Christian explained. "We used to get direct confirmation of these barium shots from NASA, but it's hard to get information any more." The flickering lights also mentioned were too reminiscent of scintillating stars, he said.

The Group also investigated six alleged landing sites. They saw no purported "landing holes". Four sites were obviously lightning strikes where a spot had been electrocuted.

"You could see where lightning had struck the tree, jumped off, and then drove a hole in the ground," said Christian.

The fifth site must have been caused by a little tornado or "twister" that had gone through the area several years before. One of the residents said it had been there for five years. The trees were twisted and bent, but still growing. "Any object that landed there would not only have smashed them, but splintered them."

"There was a young sapling and an evergreen," said Larry Hanna, an artist for McDonnell Douglas. "The damage was caused by a tornado which had twisted the evergreen into a knot. You could see through the tree line where the tornado skimmed through the forest."

Mrs. Raymond Stucker originally reported one bright object that she had seen in April. Later, she decided that what she had seen was a UFO landing in a field.

It had been raining heavily on April 6 as Mrs. Stucker drove along highway 60 at Ellsinore. The traffic was heavy, she continually had to watch around her, and once, she glanced to her left and saw a flash of light [lightning], but she recognized it as a UFO. Later, she drew a picture of what she had seen: two legs resting on the ground, with a cabin up above.

"She described the legs to be about sixty feet long, which would have been very unusual," Christian said. "When our men went out there, sure enough, the spot was there, all right, but there were high-voltage lines there, and the posts supporting the lines were right where she saw the 'landing legs'. They were about sixty feet tall, connected with cross arms between them. She assumed that lightning striking the lines was a UFO maneuvering."

The sixth "site" was a fire somebody had built. "There were no landing sites there," said Dennis Hanna. "That was a farce."

Kenneth Pingel's UFO sighting over Farmington, Missouri on April 12 isn't considered upper priority by the Group. Pingel and a friend reported an orange light that kept pace with their single-engine Piper Cherokee as it cruised 150 miles per hour, 3500 feet above Ozark forest. When Pingel first started to land, he noticed the light and pulled back up in the air to follow it. As he turned, he lost the direction of the light, but quickly located it again in the sky. Then it appeared to come straight at them, and Pingel gave chase, only to lose the light. "It reversed its direction and flew away from us at a high rate of speed," Pingel claimed.

Leo Wicklinski was skeptical. "Pingel saw something—but there again, when you see a light at night you can drive yourself crazy trying to figure out what it is. It could be anything—a flare, an airplane. You can't prove anything by seeing only a light.

"But if you see the object itself, and it comes close enough to enable you to see its configuration, then you've got something. Pingel said that at one time the light appeared only a few inches in diameter. Who knows?"

Bill Christian agreed. "All he saw was a light. It might have been another plane, maybe a star—a pilot can become disoriented in the sky, and stars can be misinterpreted. Maybe it was a genuine UFO. I can't say."

Henry Hagger and Bob Malone, students at Mineral Area College, were driving along highway 67 near a popular restaurant at midnight, April 19, when they saw something off the road that glowed and appeared to be on or near the ground. Immediately, one of the boys grabbed a camera and began to take pictures (one of which was printed in the *Daily Journal of Flat River*). Hagger and Malone say the object then moved up into the air and out of sight at a great rate of speed.

Months after the many sightings at Piedmont, UFO Study Group members were diverse in their contemplations. Many agreed that Reg Bone's sighting was a reasonably reported case.

Wicklinski, a pragmatic, no-nonsense man, took a dim view. "There are all kinds of weird stories. Each person gives a more bizarre story. They'd have you running all week and you'd never get anywhere. They're telling tales, fables. I've been able to give an explanation for everything I've seen down there.

"It's been overstated," Wicklinski concluded. "Newspapers created a lot of sensation. They should know better than that."

Dave Schroth, a member of the Group since its inception, concurred. "Probably a tiny minority of all the unfiltered reports from the Piedmont area could be said to represent genuine UFO experiences. Of this minority of 'true' UFO reports, most, if not all, would appear to consist of nocturnal lights cases of generally high credibility but

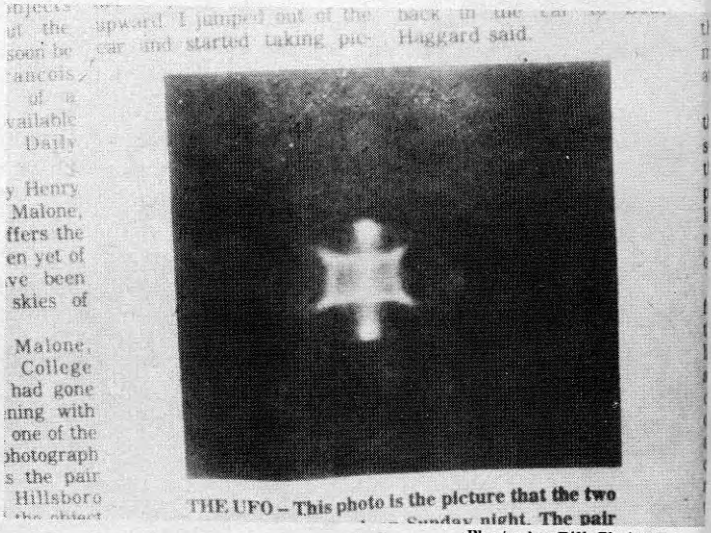


Photo by Bill Christian

A POLOROID SHOT of an alleged UFO taken by college students Henry Hagger and Bob Malone was reprinted by the *St. Francis County Daily Journal*. Photographers have not been able to disprove the claim that it is a UFO.

low strangeness; as such, they are not especially interesting, as UFO reports go."

Bill Christian said that the low percentage of unknowns was not bad compared to world-wide UFO activity. One-witness cases were always a problem, he said. Reg Bone's report, however, involved several witnesses who studied the object for about ten minutes.

ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE

Dennis and Larry Hanna interjected further caution. "The morning we were down there we stopped at the field where Reg Bone had his sighting," Larry explained. "The first thing I said when I saw the sixty-eight to one-hundred-and-ten-kilowatt lines running through the field was 'Beautiful!' No one could have painted a prettier picture. To me, it suggested electrical discharge. If we, as investigators, don't take the power lines into consideration, then we are leaving ourselves open to a broadshot from our critics."

"Piedmont, and the place where Reg Bone saw his UFO, are just honeycombed with power lines—high-tension power lines," Dennis added. "There could have been corona discharges or plasma balls."

But the corona discharge theory does not explain the Reg Bone sighting or similar-caliber sightings.

Since April 6, 1973, Dr. Harley D. Rutledge, chairman of the physics department at Southeast Missouri State University and former president of the Missouri Academy of Sciences, has made intense scientific investigations into the UFO phenomena—investigations sponsored, in part, by the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*. The result has revealed some hard scientific evidence.

During 78 days of investigation at Piedmont, there were 40 days on which nothing unusual was seen. The rest of the days the team most certainly did see UFOs. Rutledge's team, called Project Identification, consisted of Professor Milton W. Ueleke, Dr. Sidney E. Hodges, Dr. James Sage, and student volunteers Drake Kambitch and Steve Huffman. The team broke the observations into several categories.

Nocturnal lights. On May 11, Rutledge was flying in a Cessna 182 with pilot Jim Hickey, an engineer with Missouri Utilities. It was 8:10 p.m. They were cruising south of Piedmont at 100 miles an hour at 4000 feet when an off-color white light blinked on at a 60-degree angle above the plane.

"Hey, we got a friend up here," said Rutledge.

The light began to alternate intensities. Then a second light switched on above them, and suddenly the lights took turns blinking. A row of seven lights switched on that appeared to be angled toward the plane.

Hickey turned the plane toward the lights and they noticed that the first three lights in the row had a corona effect. The light in the center blended toward the color of the sky. The last four lights in line appeared to twinkle.

"We got something weird, pretty weird, going here," Rutledge said afterwards.

Another time, Doctor Rutledge and Doctor Sage had just passed through Fredericktown, Missouri on May 24 when they halted their car to watch a bright flashing light similar to a xenon strobe. Rutledge steadied his binoculars on the top of the car to get a better look.

"To my great surprise the strobe light would flash at the top of my binoculars one second and then at the bottom the next second," he said. "The light continued to jump up and down, then began a sideway jump, occasionally reverting to the vehicle jump pattern."

If the object was 20 miles away, the speed of the light would have been 5000 miles per hour!

And then there were those multi-colored UFOs—shades of Reg Bone's experience. On May 24, Rutledge and Sage saw an object gliding silently to the northwest near the Farmington, Missouri airport.

"The craft had four lights in a row, perpendicular to the direction of motion," Rutledge said. "The lights were equally spaced, and from left-to-right they were white, red, red, white. They appeared to be mounted on the rear of the object because I could see the curvature of the lights through binoculars. Some light reflected from the body of the object."

Scientific Instrumentation. In addition to a photograph of lights that glided over Farmington on May 24, which shows spiral-shaped patterns, possibly indicating an ion energy source, Rutledge's team also had oscilloscope readings.

On May 25, Sage was in Piedmont with a radio spectrum analyzer and oscilloscope. He noted that when a light approached at 330 miles per hour and he attempted to take a picture of it, the light blinked off and a peculiar pattern emerged on the oscilloscope screen 10 minutes later.

"The total display began to move up and down," Rutledge said. "Several spikes raced left and right."

Air Force experts in electronic counter measures studied pictures of the pattern and said that it was similar to *panoramic radio frequency jamming used to render enemy radar useless.*

Daylight sighting. On one other occasion, Doctor Rutledge said he had seen a bullet-like object about 110 feet long heading south down the Mississippi River. The gray-green, bullet-shaped object was about two miles away and was in view less than four seconds.

Rutledge began the UFO study rather cautiously, never having been a UFO enthusiast, but had a different view after months of investigation. "I've seen some mysterious events," he said. "Ten sightings were incredible; eleven were bizarre. I'm not going to attempt to speculate on what those lights are. There is something here that I cannot explain. That's as far as I can go."

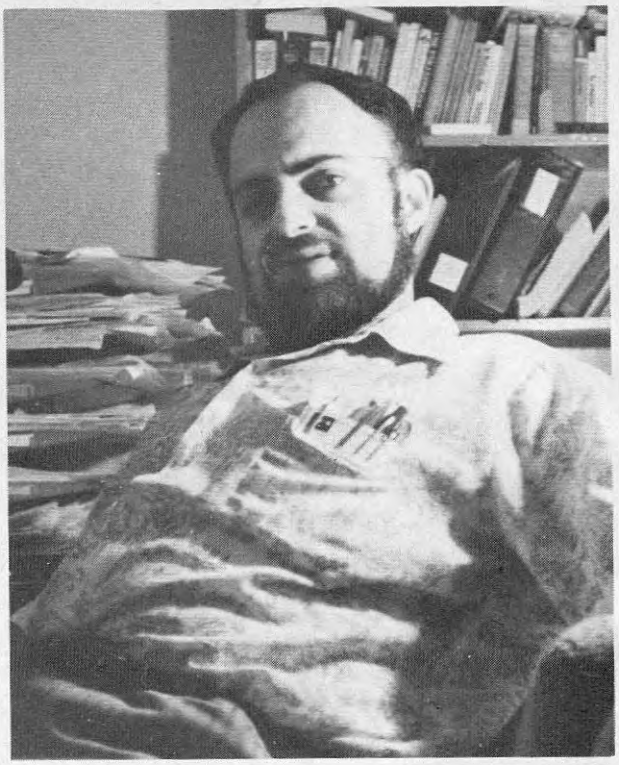
Bill Christian commended Rutledge for his cautious, scientific attitude. He did take issue with one of Rutledge's "unknowns", however—that of April 13.

Rutledge had reported four objects that were points of light and moved from horizon to horizon at 7:28 that evening. Rutledge said they were not artificial satellites, but Christian tried to explain that satellites would have an appearance and trajectory similar to these objects. In fact, the extremely fast objects reported by Rutledge might be attributed to a satellite "burn-out"—a satellite burning as it reenters the atmosphere.

"Blinking, streaking, or bobbing lights are nebulous things," Christian reiterated.

Then there were the numerous reports of scintillating, multi-colored objects seen suddenly from Georgia to California, from Florida to New York. It was as if a hundred Piedmonts—all with their respective Reg Bones, Maude Jefferises, and Harley Rutledges—had suddenly come to life. □

Who will speak for planet EARTH?



Nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman blasts the rigidity of ancient academicians on the subject of UFOs and calls for a concerted effort to study the advanced technology of a superior civilization

By Sergio Ortiz

"IT'S REALLY AGGRAVATING to listen to some of the ancient academics and fossilite physicists who make those stupid pronouncements about UFOs."

Stanton T. Friedman is irritated. Lounging comfortably in an overstuffed gray and stout chair—silent witness and undoubtedly a veteran of endless think-sessions—he scratches his beard, lights a thick, dark, aromatic cigar, and glances around his unbelievable and magnificently cluttered living-work-room.

Friedman takes his UFOs seriously. For close to 20 years, the nuclear physicist has been hot on the trail of UFOs, objects he adamantly believes are as real as the countless tomes and papers that protrude from every inch of his Redondo Beach, California apartment.

"Of course," Friedman qualifies, grinning sheepishly, "I've never seen any of the damned things myself. But I've never seen an atom or a gamma ray and I *know* they're real.

"So, sure. My life has definitely changed. And my wife and I are separated. We had a tough couple of years in there and I am always running around the country. But now things are beginning to move well." One more sheepish grin, one more cigar puff.

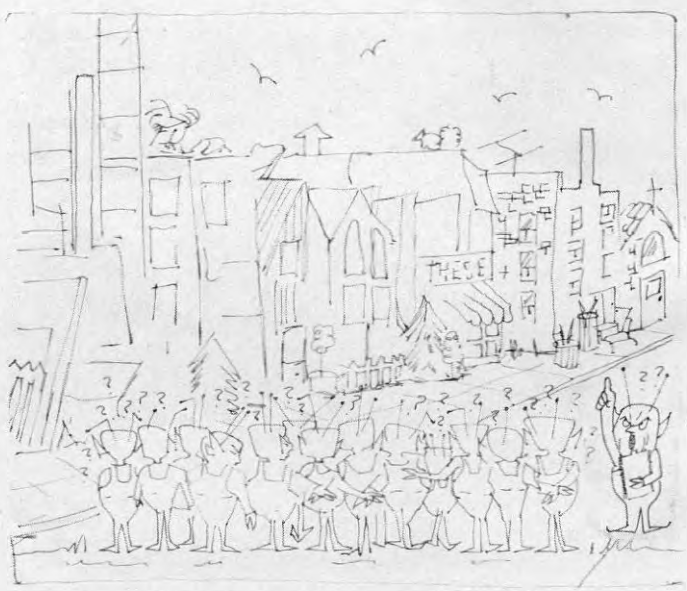
Things are indeed moving well. Friedman, who makes his living by lecturing in universities throughout the country, has made some 90 speaking engagements in 1973 alone. He heads the UFO Research Institute from his apartment in Redondo Beach and hardly has time for other activities.

Unlike other UFO-phites, Friedman does not think the recent wave of UFO sightings is a wave at all. "Sometimes there are sightings and sometimes there are not," he explains. "It all depends on the tone of the times. The only thing that makes the current situation different is that we are more aware of what's going on, probably because the Georgia flurry involved, at least initially, a number of police officers, and the police are considered straight in Georgia.

"I think no one has really established that just because there has been more lineage in the papers—which certainly has been recently—that there has been more sightings.

"So now everybody asks me why there are more and more sightings lately. All I tell them is that it's probably vacation time at their place or that the spacelines are running a special excursion fare, or anything." Friedman chuckles, his eyes glinting. "I love that cartoon that says, 'Hurry up, folks, we've got eight more planets to cover in our nine-day excursion tour.' If it's Tuesday, this must be earth."

Humor aside, Friedman takes UFOs and accepts them as one of the most—if not *the* most—interesting and yet undiscovered enigmas of our time.



"If it's Tuesday, this must be earth."

"All evidence points that the planet earth is actually being visited by intelligent, highly sophisticated extraterrestrial vehicles and beings."

Friedman adopts a somber tone, and his attitude is that of a highly-paid village philosopher.

"TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER!"

"Why should they make contact with us? We are a very primitive society whose major activity is tribal warfare. We hate to admit it, but we are pretty much at their mercy. They can come and go as they please. Let's face it, we have some 'take-me-to-your-leader' jokes which are very funny. But what is *really* funny about them is that there is no leader to take them to. Who speaks for planet earth? Nixon? Mao? Kosygin? Castro? The Pope? Hardly. Nobody speaks for planet earth!"

But that explanation is only brushing the surface, Friedman admits. "The technological progress we are making could only be an area of concern for them, since we are on the brink of space travel and they would know that the only thing we do well is make war. Anybody from outside seeing a planet in which some people are paid for not producing food while other people are starving, would say, 'Wow! These guys are so far behind the times they don't know which side is up!' "

Friedman is quiet for a second and then continues. "What I'm trying to say is that one has to be very careful about separating data, facts, and speculation about somebody else's motivation. In other words, they may find it strange we kill animals for food when we can produce food chemically and starting from inanimate things."

Friedman is a 1955 graduate of the University of Chicago where he earned his bachelors and masters degrees and went into practical applications of nuclear physics immediately after college.

Many of his science colleagues agree with him that there are UFOs in our atmosphere, but they are afraid to back his theories because of fear for their jobs or edicts from their employers. Friedman should know. He was literally ordered by one of his former employers to lay off UFOs because they were working on a big government contract involving millions and the government at the time held a sour view about flying saucers and other things.

"You see," Friedman announces, beaming, ready to state an important fact, "I was able to compare what the Air Force told the public with the data in the Blue Book Report, and they don't match."

Though an avid student of the highly controversial Air Force UFO study known as "Blue Book", Friedman disagrees with many of its findings. "For example," he explains, leaning back on his chair, hands on his head, glancing into space, "once a significant sighting occurred in Salt Lake City. I interviewed the pilot who had seen the UFO. I was able to get the Air Force transcript of the investigation and they had talked to seven people, both ground and aerial observers who had seen the saucer-shaped object hovering in the air. The Air Force labeled it a "sun-dot, a para-helium marked sun caused by reflections of light crystals. But if I hadn't had all the data on the case and talked to the witness myself, I would have really bought their explanation. That is just *one* example of an explanation that did not match the data one little bit."

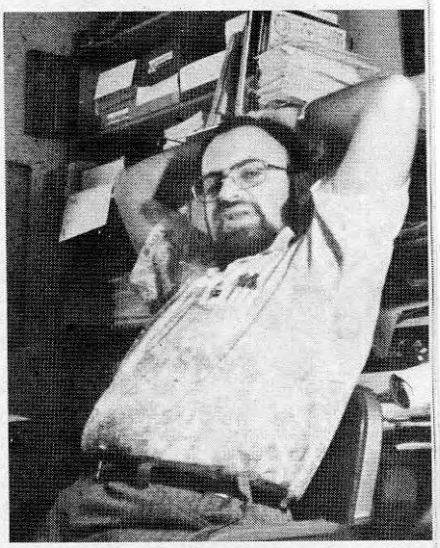
WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

Friedman is also very upset at astronomers. "Astronomy has always been the democratic science," he says. "The wheels get together and decide on 'truth.' And woe be unto he who doesn't accept what the wheels tell us because until recently, there was no way to check on their teachings. They have sold us all kinds of things that were totally incorrect.

"Everything that we've ever done that's important in development has been proved impossible by some idiots, educated idiots, who assumed that what they knew was the ultimate to know.

"In 1957, the guy who invented the vacuum tube said in St. Louis that the notion that man will someday get near the moon or land on it and get chunks of rock from it and bring them back here for analysis was science fiction worthy of Jules Verne. He was bold enough to state that, no matter what discoveries the future held, it would never happen. It took 12 years to prove him wrong."

Though Friedman is convinced of extraterrestrial beings and their earth visits, he has no idea where they come from. "But, if there were no other reason to study UFOs, we should attempt to figure out what makes them work so we could build systems like that. What could it mean to this planet if we could build an entire fleet of things that are able to go up, over, at high speeds, down, without noise, without pollution, without burning up stuff that is valuable for other uses?" His eyes have a far away look again. "The implications of doing something like that is enormous."



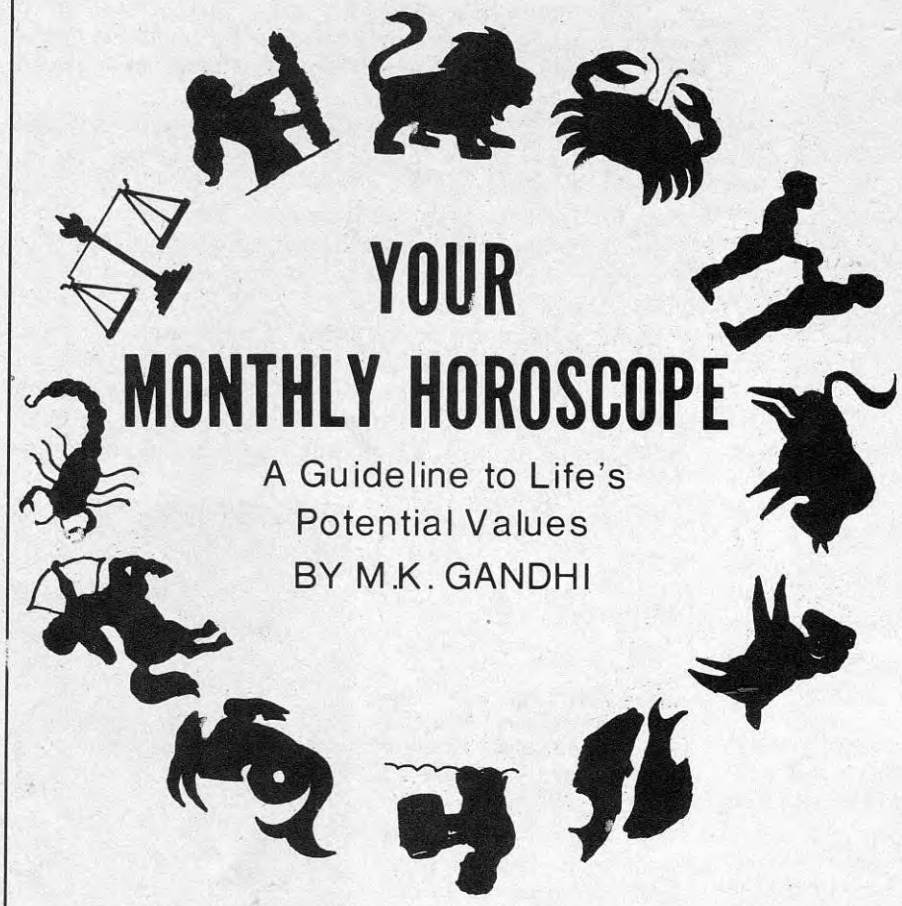
"WHO SPEAKS for planet earth?" Stanton Friedman asks. "Nixon? Mao? Kosygin? Castro? The Pope? Hardly. Nobody speaks for planet earth!"

In a recent interview with Stanton Friedman, the *Los Angeles Times* said that "his occupation places him at the center of one of the nation's most enduring sources of comic relief . . . "

Friedman replied to the newspaper's skepticism by saying that "a very important poll which was published two years ago by *Industrial Research Magazine* covering the views of engineers and scientists showed that 54 percent of the respondents believe that UFOs definitely or probably exist.

"I know," Friedman continues, "that from my own personal experience in lecturing to college and professional audiences in forty states that the majority of the public is not anti-UFO and does not think of UFOs as 'comic relief.' "

When Friedman finally views a UFO, he will undoubtedly tear "the laughter curtain that forces most laymen into a shell when it comes to reporting UFO sightings or openly discussing the phenomenon". □



YOUR MONTHLY HOROSCOPE

A Guideline to Life's Potential Values

BY M.K. GANDHI



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Born in Phaltan, India, Motilal K. Gandhi began his career in astrology in 1950. Since 1958 he has traveled from his home in London, England to countries all over the world, using the ancient system of Jain astrology to chart the forecasts of heads of states, entertainment personalities, and businessmen, alike.

A sought-after speaker, Mr. Gandhi says there are 149 different energies radiated by the planets in different proportions. Every child born at a particular time is impressed with these energies, which then form a basic pattern of destiny.

"Astrology, while valuable, is not absolute," Gandhi points out. It is simply a guideline to help people find the potential values in their lives. "Astrology merely shows the way. . . ."

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ARIES (March 21 – April 20)
A very busy social month until the 18th. Do not take any financial risks on the 8th. Friends will be helpful to your financial plans on the 12th. New friends you make will become helpful to you in the future. Handle personal money interests with caution. Romance will not be important this month. Take care of your health from the 20th to the 28th. Use extra tact with superiors on the 6th and 8th. You can relax in the last week.

TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)
You will have a busy time up to the 17th for your business or public affairs. Around the 8th and 14th be diplomatic with influential people. Expect good luck on the 12th. Superiors will be impressed by your work between the 9th and 12th. Emotional disturbance is possible, so try to relax. Beware of quarrels and misunderstandings on the 27th. The last 10 days of the month will contain more activity with friends, and short trips will be more useful and more numerous.

GEMINI (May 21 – June 20)
In the first two weeks of the month, a lot of dealings with people at a distance or in foreign countries. The 12th is a fortunate time for dealing with professional and influential people. Do not become involved in secret transactions or associations on the 8th and 14th. Health will continue to be a problem this month. The 12th is also a fortunate period for money matters, but around the 14th use a great deal of caution with finances. Use tact with associates at work in the first two weeks. In the last week, influential people will take notice of you.

CANCER (June 21 – July 20)
Avoid any moves in the first week which may affect your joint financial affairs or partnership resources. Caution is also needed on the 14th. Make whatever moves are necessary between the 8th and 12th. Do not travel much this month and avoid long distance travelling in the last week. Attend to creative and artistic projects in the last week. Legal affairs may be important or religious activities will be greater. The 12th is the best day for consulting with employers.

LEO (July 21 – August 21)
Opposition to your plans in the first three weeks of this month. Good cooperation from your partners between the 8th and 13th. However, the 13th and 14th may again contain problems through family issues. Great tact needed on the 6th. Guard against fire in the home. Exercise caution with money on the 14th. Possibility of unexpected financial gains through personal work. Employment affairs are likely to be a little unsettled this month. Superiors may be difficult in the first week. The opposition you have to contend with can produce worry and nervous conditions.

VIRGO (August 22 – September 22)
Work is the important factor in your affairs from February 1st to February 18th. Employees are likely to be difficult in the first week. Everything will work smoothly in the second week. You will experience difficulties on the 14th and will be under pressure. Avoid physical strain and protect your throat, chest, and back. You will have a great thirst for knowledge this month. Make any financial moves on and near the 12th as a bit of luck is possible.

LIBRA (September 23 – October 22)
A relaxed period in the first two weeks. Good month for love and romance, particularly on the 12th. Be tactful with your loved one on the 8th and 14th. Don't gamble or speculate around the 8th and 14th as there is risk of loss. Do not make important changes in or pertaining to your home this month. The last week suggests more care of your health as you may feel a bit below par. Heavy work in the last week.

SCORPIO (October 23 – November 22)
Most activity will center around your home and family in the first three weeks. Confine your activities to painting or repair work, and take on no real estate burdens. Be tactful with the family or there may be severe quarrels. The first 18 days are not especially favorable for cooperative efforts with your mate and partner. Employment affairs are likely to be more strenuous during the first two weeks. The 12th is the best time for asking favors or dealing with people in authority. Many opportunities to further your romantic urges.
SAGITTARIUS (November 23 – December 20
It is advisable to take a little more care of your health this month. There is danger of tension and exhaustion. You will feel restless in the first 3 weeks. Close relatives will be more important to you. Good time to smooth over past differences, particularly on the 12th. The 6th, 8th, and 14th will require a great deal of tact. If you are in business or in a profession this will be an especially active month. A favorable month for marital affairs.
CAPRICORN (December 21 – January 19)
Both love and money are important factors in your activities this month. But you must rely on your personal efforts, not speculation. Take utmost care of your money in the first two weeks. Keep spending to a minimum and postpone important financial action. You will be more susceptible to romance this month, but the first half is likely to be difficult. After the 16th, romance prospects are better. More opportunity to improve your employment affairs. Seek favors from superiors on the 12th.
AQUARIUS (January 20 – February 18)
Difficulties with family members near the 8th and 14th. Around the 12th is a lucky period for you which should be used to promote yourself and to obtain the cooperation of important persons. The 16th favors your distant affairs, and the people involved with them are more likely to be helpful to you. Do not make any real estate transactions. Do not accept the advice or schemes of friends during the last week. Confusion and deception are possible.
PISCES (February 19 – March 20)
This is a useful period for making plans for important action beginning after the 18th and especially next month. Prepare for new experiences. Friends will be active in your affairs this month, with social affairs more numerous. Stay away from their financial propositions. You should handle your financial affairs with much caution this month. Expenses are likely to be higher than usual and important moves must be kept as free from risk as possible. Avoid impulsive and forceful actions. Be cautious with anything you write or say, as words can create problems.

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ARIES (March 21 – April 20)
An eventful month for your relationship with friends. Opportunity for romantic ventures. Engagements formed this month will offer more chance of ending in favorable marriages. Secret affairs, people behind-the-scenes, and your activities away from the public will offer some chance for financial improvement. Money may come unexpectedly. However, investigate all financial propositions which come your way. Around the 26th, opposition from mate or partner is likely to cause some delays and will have to be handled with tact to avoid quarrels.
TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)
Your financial activities demand more caution this month. Do not act on the advice of friends or enter into their financial schemes around the 19th. During the first week, your business affairs contain more opportunity to increase your income. Strengthen your relationship with people under your supervision. Superiors will be easier to influence on the 29th. Pay more attention to your health in the last week. Take time to entertain friends and be more social than you are.
GEMINI (May 21 – June 20)
A busy month with business activity greater. The first three weeks is the time to further your business plans and attract the notice of people in prominent positions. On the 8th, family affairs cause argument. Be tactful with important people on the 19th or you may alienate them. Try to relax, as nervous exhaustion is possible. You have an opportunity now to improve your standing, so make every effort to prove your ability and to show your knowledge. You can make your creative projects more practical this month.
CANCER (June 21 – July 20)
Attend to any artistic or creative projects you may be interested in. Favorable for dealing with publishers, seeking advice from lawyers, and attending to correspondence. Do not attempt to change your job, and guard against worry and exhaustion. Concentrate on your material affairs instead of seeking romance. Long journeys are more likely to attract you this month. All your public affairs, such as business, employment, and career, will offer more opportunity after the 26th.
LEO (July 21 – August 21)
Joint financial affairs offer more opportunity for improvement. Lower your spending and start new saving plans. This month is favorable for love, romance, and marriage. Influence of friends will be helpful in seeking new jobs. The period around the 20th is not favorable for travel, especially by air. Postpone long journeys and use more care with your car around the 26th. Avoid anything speculative, especially during the last few days.
VIRGO (August 22 – September 22)
Strenuous month for your business affairs and activities carried on with the public. Be tactful with business associates and influential people around the 19th. The added effort you put into your affairs can produce some valuable headway. Use the first couple of weeks to push yourself to the notice of superiors, but be tactful with them around the 19th and 22nd. The first two weeks are not unfavorable for seeking new jobs. Romance does not seem to be a very important factor in your activities this month.
LIBRA (September 23 – October 22)
Either as a business owner or as an employee, any efforts you make offer more chance to improve your finances. The year favors staying with your job as there will be more opportunity to earn more money all during the remainder of the year. Exciting month for romance, with a chance for new attachments. Not a favorable month for dealing with people or conditions at a distance from you. Be cautious with foreign dealings as there may be legal difficulties. Short trips can be helpful to your romantic ventures. Opportunity to make a hobby or creative project more valuable as a good investment may come your way.
SCORPIO (October 23 – November 22)
A good time for pleasure and recreation in the first three weeks. Good for taking vacations and for holiday making, which will help to relieve any worries you have. A time also when you will be more enterprising than ever, especially along creative lines. Changing conditions in your financial affairs are likely this month. Do not enter into any joint financial ventures. Speculation will be dangerous. On the 8th and 19th, do not be hasty or impatient with your associates or superiors. The last 10 days will be a period when work will be more important to you and the holiday period will come to an end.
SAGITTARIUS (November 23 – December 20)
A busy month for your home and family affairs. Avoid differences with your mate and partner. Do all you can to cooperate with the desires or needs of those close to you who depend on you. Your financial affairs from now on for a period of a year are likely to depend on your home affairs, land, and products of the earth more than usual. Farming and mining interests will prosper. Use more imagination in your work, as new ideas or new methods can help to increase your efficiency. After the 12th, the short distance type of travel will be more satisfactory.
CAPRICORN (December 21 – January 19)
From now on your financial affairs will have to be handled with more caution than has been necessary in the past. The element of good luck which has been favoring you for the last year will not be so strong. Teachers, lecturers, salesmen, agents, etcetera, are likely to have more financial good luck. Creative work such as writing will contain more chance for success. Hectic conditions at work, so try not to overdo. All your mental pursuits will be emphasized. Guard against accidents in your home.
AQUARIUS (January 20 – February 18)
This is the beginning of a long period in which your financial affairs will contain an element of good luck. This can bring your unexpected gains at various times during the year ahead. An exciting and happy month for romance. You will attract people who will become especially important in matters of affections and lead to favorable marriages. In employment, your magnetism will help to bring more cooperation from colleagues. Work will progress smoothly. Between the 12th and 20th is the best time for travel—either long journeys or short trips.
PISCES (February 19– March 20)
This month you will have more success obtaining what you want from influential people or superiors in your job. On the 8th or 19th, be more diplomatic with important persons. Favorable conditions are developing for good luck at various times of the year. Your optimism and self-assurance will be greater this month. Avoid over-indulgence. You may have a secret love affair. Secret engagements may be made which eventually work out happily, with marriage the result. The first couple of weeks may produce some financial gain through property or your family affairs.

"I'M NOT A PROPHET OF DOOM!"

Psychic Jacqueline Eastlund reveals the heartaches and rewards of ESP

BY HAL JACQUES

"DEATH WILL TAKE YOU on your eighteenth birthday," the gypsy predicted.

The girl laughed nervously, staring at the quarter she had handed the dark-haired fortune teller a few minutes earlier. What a waste of time, the teenager thought. Her friends had promised the outing to the musty little shack just outside town would be fun. Oh, well, you couldn't take what these evil gypsies said seriously, anyway. Besides, the girl was only thirteen. Who cared about the future?

But as the following months turned into years, and the girl came closer to adulthood, her nights became filled with the terror of the gypsy's ominous prediction. It became increasingly more difficult to sleep at night, and she found herself entrapped in a world of constant nightmares. Her days turned cold as she waited for her fate, until on her eighteenth birthday, she collapsed into an abyss of insanity, doomed to a life possessed by a quarter's worth of fortune.

Does the story frighten you? It should—because it's true. It had been told to psychic Jacqueline Eastlund and a class of seventh grade students by a nun at a Catholic junior high school.

"I had never heard of the words ESP," Mrs. Eastlund recalls of her childhood. "This is just something that I grew up with, and I took it for granted.

"I had gone to carnivals, and for twenty-five cents they would look at your palm and tell you something. So it was like a joke. But what *I* did wasn't a joke. Even at that early age, with me it was no joke."

But the nun's horrible tale petrified the young California teenager. "I went home and told my mother. She said, 'Well, honey, don't worry. It's not the same thing. But maybe now it's time to learn when to say something and when *not* to say something.' "

Although Mrs. Eastlund's extraordinary gift had surfaced by the time she was only a few years old, her family neither tried to dissuade nor encourage her abilities.

"My mother brought me up no different from the rest of the kids," Mrs. Eastlund remembers. "I mean, it was just like I was totally unaware of the things I was saying and doing. I thought you, or anyone else, was doing what I was doing. They just sort of let me grow up naturally.

A LABEL FOR SENSITIVITY

"It really wasn't until about fifteen years ago that I even heard, for the first time, the words ESP. It was just something I always did. I didn't know they had a label for it. I wasn't sure what it was. I just knew that I could hear, and I could see, and I could feel, and I could sense certain things.

"It wasn't until Sister brought it up in school that brought me to an awareness that really kind of upset and frightened me."

For the next 10 years, Mrs. Eastlund kept her secret to herself. "I shared it only with my family. But it disturbed me terribly during those years. I would awaken at night screaming, the result of horrible dreams.

"Finally, I realized that I had to do something about it. It was during that interim that I decided I wanted to be a nun. Of course, I was brought up in that atmosphere—you know, love and God and Saint Theresa. I just fell in love with it. I mean, that was for me. I had decided to stay in my room for a month. I was going to pray and meditate to see if that was what God wanted me to do.

Photo by Ed Ikuta



"I came out in three weeks, and I said, 'I've decided not to be a nun; it's not for me.' But I prayed for guidance, and I asked God to either take it away or tell me what to do with it. The answer came to me in a feeling of great peace, and I knew that I had been given this great gift to help do His work."

In the years that have followed, Mrs. Eastlund's reputation as a respected psychic has influenced many celebrities in the arts, who consult her on matters ranging from their careers to their health and well-being.

Maria Cole Devore, the widow of the late great Nat King Cole, is one of many Jacqueline Eastlund fans. When she first met Mrs. Eastlund, Maria introduced herself by her maiden name.

"She proceeded to tell me many things about my past—personal things—which were all true," Maria recalls. "Then suddenly she said, 'I feel very sad,' and told me about the loss of my late husband and certain details which were never made public.

"Another time," Maria continues, "she told me that I would marry the man I was then going out with, that he would be of another race, that he would not be in the musical field. Then she pointed to the chain around my neck on which was the wedding ring my late husband had married me with and told me to take it off, saying, 'You're going to have a new life.' "

Zelda Sands, manager of singer Mel Carter, tells of the time the gold-record star neglected to listen to Mrs. Eastlund's advice. "Jacqueline told Mel, 'On Thursday of next week, don't get into your car after five p.m.' But Mel didn't listen. It was nine p.m. He had dropped someone off at their home and was parked at the curb. His Jaguar was the only car on the street when another car came along and hit him—very badly.

"Mrs. Eastlund then said she saw the initials J.J. around Mel but didn't know what it meant," Miss Sands continues. "A week later he was offered a part in a television segment of 'The Governor and J.J.' "

"BE PREPARED TO MOVE FAST!"

On another occasion, Mrs. Eastlund told the singer, "In five days, at five o'clock, you are going to get a call. Be prepared to move fast. You are going to have to run."

Five days later, at five o'clock, Carter received a call from the "Joey Bishop Show". Apparently, one of the other guests cancelled his appearance on the show at the last minute, and the producers asked if Carter would take his place. "It was so close to air time," Miss Sands recalls, "they didn't even have enough time for Mel to have a rehearsal. He just had time enough to get down there and go right on. He had to run to make it!

"When we were on tour in El Paso," Miss Sands adds, "Mrs. Eastlund said, 'On this trip to El Paso there will be a delay in coming home.' This news upset me because we had to be home for another thing we were to do. Her news stuck with me, so when we got to El Paso, I called the airline and, do you know, they had changed the departure time for our flight, delaying it for several hours. They didn't know the hotel we were staying in so they couldn't tell us about it. So here was a case where I used her gift of prophecy to avoid something. When they told me of the delay, I was able to book a flight out on another airline right away."

Phil Everly of the nationally known singing Everly Brothers went to Mrs. Eastlund at a very difficult period in his life.



SINGER MEL CARTER, known for such million-dollar recordings as "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me", "Band of Gold", "My Heart Sings", and "Love Is All We Need", marvels at the accuracy of Jacqueline Eastlund's predictions.

"When I first met Jacqueline some years back," he explains, "I was going through a divorce, and many of the things she told me of a personal nature were quite accurate. She was able to pinpoint the exact date when my ex-wife would file for divorce and then told me how the settlement would go—and it did, exactly.

"She spoke about a forthcoming television show she said we would do, of which we knew nothing about," Everly recalls. "When we told our manager about her prediction, he too was surprised, but when an offer came in to be the summer replacements for 'The Johnny Cash Summer Show', we felt very secure in our negotiations, knowing that Mrs. Eastlund had said it would come to pass.

"Two years ago," Everly continues, "I owned a large seventeen-room house, which Mrs. Eastlund said would be sold either in February or March of 1972. I got a bid on it—the only one in nine months—in February, but negotiations were held up until March, which is when it was sold.

"I never anticipated going to England and doing television there," Everly says, "nor did I ever think of Australia in that regard, but she said it, and it happened. She also made very unusual predictions concerning recordings, which didn't seem possible since they weren't ordinary industry practice; yet,

that's the kind of an unorthodox contract we got from RCA, which worked out very well.

"Jackie said she saw a girl friend of mine who is in television commercials doing a commercial involving a great number of bubbles. We assumed it meant a soap commercial. It turned out to be a commercial which involved posing in a bathtub filled with plastic bubbles—which is as accurate as you can get."

A HELPLESS SITUATION

Anne Gutcher, who has had her own public affairs interview television show in Bakersfield, California for the past few years, once invited Mrs. Eastlund to appear on the show.

"I asked her if there was ever a time when she foresaw an event that was about to happen and was helpless in doing anything about it," Miss Gutcher recalls. "Tears came to Mrs. Eastlund's eyes, and she said yes, that at the moment she could see a plane crashing in the next several hours and there was nothing she could do about that, and then she gave some of the numbers that she could see on the plane.

"The next day," Miss Gutcher continues, "we heard about a plane crashing in Chicago, and the photographs of the crashed plane showed the numbers as she had predicted them."

"I've prayed to be spared disaster I can do nothing about," the soft-spoken psychic confides. "I like to be able to prevent something from happening when it's a disaster or something bad. If it can't be prevented, I don't want to see it anymore 'cause I'm tired of crying over someone else. Sometimes I don't know whether this is a curse or a blessing, and sometimes I think it's a little of each.

"I don't believe all that I see," Mrs. Eastlund admits. "I'm human. I make mistakes. Only God doesn't make mistakes. In the past I've broken down and cried over many of the things I've been privileged to see, so I've had to learn to try and be detached, and it's still very difficult."

The night before the Sharon Tate murders, Mrs. Eastlund spoke to columnist Rona Barrett on the phone.

"I don't like to intentionally reveal any information foretelling death or grief, because if it can't be prevented, then this is like playing God instead of allowing God to use you. God wants to use us as a channel and as an expression, not for us to use *Him*. But while talking to Miss Barrett, I told her, 'I see you in the midst of a number of bodies, all around you, and it's not far from your home. I see much blood and knife wounds. You are looking at it and you are appalled. It might be a scene from a movie that's being made, but you are so appalled, it must be real.'

"The next morning Miss Barrett phoned me. She told me that she had just come from the Tate mansion not far from where she lived, that she was the first reporter on the scene, and it was just as I had described it."

"Yes, that's true," Miss Barrett confirms, "but if you don't mind, the memory it conjures up is so terrible, I'd rather not talk about it."

Mrs. Eastlund cringes at the thought of the incident. "I don't like to be known for the Sharon Tate murders. I'm not a prophet of doom. I couldn't save them, so it wasn't particularly beneficial. I ask God to help me *prevent* something."

Writer Joe Hyams and his celebrated actress-wife Elke Sommer wish they had heeded the lovely seer's warning.

"In 1966," Hyams recalls, "Jacqueline Eastlund said, 'I see your dining room table in flames next year.' "

In the early morning hours of March 13, 1967, the Hyams awoke to find the place ablaze and were forced to escape through a bedroom window. "The experts who investigated the fire said that it had started on the dining room table," Hyams adds. "Elke and I had considered raising the amount of fire coverage but then forgot about it. I wish now that I'd taken Mrs. Eastlund more seriously."

Damage to the house and its contents was estimated at $25,000.



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"I SEE A DISMISSAL OR A RESIGNATION almost immediately," Mrs. Eastlund told KOST radio personality Rod Roddy on October 4, 1973, when he asked her about Spiro Agnew. Less than a week later, the vice president resigned.

Los Angeles insurance broker Olga Farhit credits Jacqueline Eastlund with saving her life more than seven years ago. "For the past six years, I'd been quite ill," Mrs. Farhit explains. "At the time, I was married to Dr. Fred Lindbergh, a well-known doctor in the area. But I was suffering from a deterioration of the bone marrow that bewildered all the numerous men we consulted. There was excrutiating pain.

"I had innumerable X-rays and biopsies taken in all the top hospitals in Los Angeles. All these doctors felt there had to be a cause, but they just couldn't label it such as tubercular, a malignancy, or fungi. It was unknown.

"It spread from my chest, to the sternum, to the clavicle, to the back of my ear, and finally to the side of my face and the joint there. I was operated on at Mount Sinai Hospital, and they cleaned out as much as they could.

"Then I finally went into UCLA Medical Center for five days where the top men from all over the country came to see me. I was like a guinea pig. They didn't know what was causing this—there was no answer."

The disheartening report finally came back that whatever was closing in on Olga was getting dangerously close to her brain. "If they operated," she recalls the odds, "it might result in paralysis of the face, or it would affect the brain and I could become a vegetable, or, the last thing, it would be absolutely fatal.

"My husband said, 'No, better not.' So, absolutely despondent and disgusted, I left the hospital.

"But as I was watching a local television show one evening, I saw Jacqueline Eastlund—a psychic. She meant nothing to me at the time, but I became interested in her, and I told my husband, 'I must meet this woman.' Eventually, I was able to have a reading with her. She saw this difficulty on my face, but she couldn't see what it was. I told her that I'd been to innumerable doctors and had finally been told I only had six months to live.

"She was embarrassed. She told me she couldn't see it. Then she started to laugh. She told me that she saw good health for me in the future, that I would be as strong as a horse and live to be ninety, and she told me to go see 'Tony'.

"She kept talking about 'Tony', and I thought she meant a man who lived in Pasadena or Glendale, but when she said the Philippines, I flipped. She also told me that September 23, 1966 was a day I would never forget. She didn't say why but that it would leave a mark.

"She said she kept getting the message that I would see Tony and be healed. I told her the Philippines was eleven thousand miles away, and I just discarded the idea. But the more I thought about it, the more I decided it was the thing I should do. I asked my husband if he would come along, but he said he couldn't make the trip at that time. It seemed strange because he was the type of person who was very active and loved traveling, but he gave me no explanation and suggested I take my sister.

"I made arrangements and finally got a booking for November 5, 1966. On September 23, 1966—the date Jacqueline had specifically mentioned as one I would never forget—my husband suddenly passed away.

"Six weeks later I went to the Philippines. I was under terrific strain—my husband's loss, terrible pain. By the time I got there, I wanted to come back, but this little voice told me to go on."

"Tony Agapoa met me in Bagiuo," Mrs. Farhit continues.







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"I ASK GOD TO HELP ME PREVENT DISASTER."

"First he said he had to meditate on me. Then he performed psychic surgery through my chest while my sister and Doctor Jensen were taking pictures. Psychic surgery is done by hand—no instruments are used.

"A great big clot of coagulated blood was taken out and he asked my sister if she would sever a piece of cartilage that also came through. She burst into tears and couldn't do it.

"I was awake and feeling great all through it—all the time he was doing it. When he got through, he prayed and then said, 'Now you are healed.' I looked in a mirror, and it seemed as though I was radiating, as though there was a light all around me. I got right up from the table and felt great.

"Tony had told me not to have any X-rays taken for six weeks after I got home. I could hardly wait, thinking it was all psychosomatic. When the six weeks were up—it was close to Christmas—I went to the neuro-surgeon from Saint Vincent's who knew about my case. He said, 'Olga, leave it alone. You look great!'

"But I didn't tell him what had happened and I insisted. They took this planogram—about eighty of them. The next morning, I came back to his office for the results. He was beaming from ear to ear.

" 'What's the results, doctor?' I asked him.

"He said, 'I can't believe it! It looks like somebody went in there and cleaned you out. I just don't see anything there. It's all clean.'

"I asked him, 'To what do you attribute this, doctor?'

"He replied, 'Well, you know, nature is strange. She gives and she takes away.'

"I walked out being very happy. That was December 1966, and I haven't had any ill-feelings since. And, as Jacqueline had predicted when I first met her, I've had nothing but good health. I feel strong—all thanks to Jacqueline Eastlund."

In her soon-to-be-published book, *A Giant By My Side*, Mrs. Eastlund includes the one prophecy she will never forget—one she gave to a young man named Karl quite a few years ago.

"I was working some place, and I was leaving—going out of state. I had never dated Karl. He was just a nice person. But when he said, 'Jackie, tell me something before you leave' ('cause wherever I went, I was always telling somebody something), I said, 'You're going to be married in eight months, you're going to leave the state, and you're going to get a new car.'

"I met Karl seven months later by accident. Three days later he proposed, and a month later we were married. To me, that's the most amazing prophecy because I prophesied for myself and didn't know it.

"Karl Eastlund went to sleep on June 13, 1973 and woke up in God's arms.

"My husband was and always will be The Giant By My Side. His love, his understanding, his sense of humor, his respect for God made my work easier. Our life together was something not only beautiful but like a rare and precious gift from God."

A few months ago, this writer received a phone call from Jackie. She was concerned.

"Did you say you were going to San Diego in the morning?" she asked.

"Yes," I replied. "I'm driving down. I'll be leaving after breakfast."

"Hal," she asked, "what is a wheel cylinder?"

"It's part of a car's braking system. Each wheel has an individual cylinder that contains brake fluid that goes to work when you depress the brake to stop."



A GIANT BY HER SIDE, Karl Eastlund's proposal of marriage was the lovely psychic's most amazing prophecy. "I prophesied for myself and didn't know it!" she exclaims.

"Well," she replied, "I don't know what it is, and I've never used the expression before, but it just came to me that you ought to have your mechanic look at it before you go on that trip. Will you do it? It's the left rear wheel."

I assured her I would, and that afternoon I had my car up on the rack while the mechanic took the wheels off. A few minutes later, he beckoned me.

"Where did you say you were going?" he asked.

"San Diego," I replied. "In the morning."

"You never would have made it," he said, shaking his head. "The brake cylinder is leaking on the left rear wheel. The lining is being soaked, and the first time you really had to brake hard, you would find yourself in real trouble."

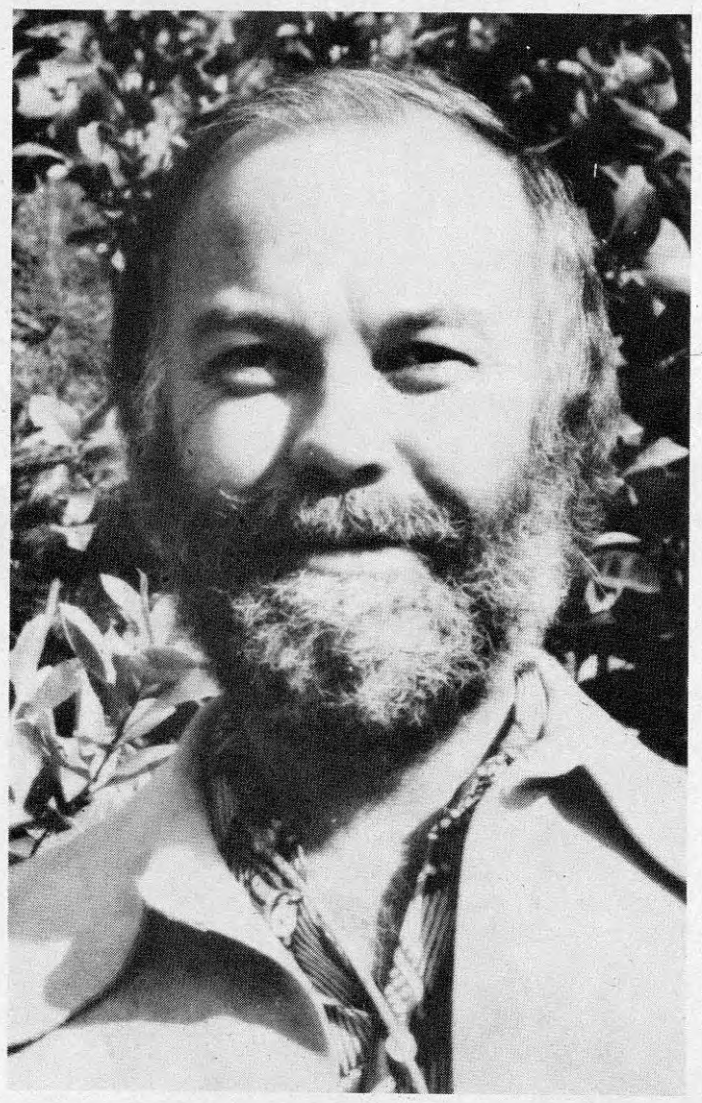
I heaved a sigh of relief and once more was grateful to Jacqueline Eastlund.

"Everybody has extrasensory perception to varying degrees, depending on their growth, dedication, and discipline," Mrs. Eastlund maintains. "It takes self-discipline with self-control, thought control, and mind control. You must not play God. You must realize in the very depth of your soul that you are a child of God and nothing more. If you realize this, you will never have to worry about spiritual pride or an inflated ego. You will always be aware that what you came to do was to extend a hand to help someone else see the way, and, as you do, your own soul climbs the ladder to bring you a little bit closer to God." □

A NEW WAY OF LOOKING AT THE WORLD

Radiation-field photography captures energy, not images

BY KENDALL JOHNSON



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THERE IS NO PERSON ALIVE who has not asked himself when viewing something strange, "What is it that I am seeing? Is this the real world, or does reality somehow escape my vision and lie somewhere beyond its reach?"

Telescopes allow us to see beyond the range of ordinary vision. Electron microscopes are a "peep-hole" to the world of viruses and strands of DNA and RNA. But wherever one looks with unaided eyes, the question about the nature of the "real world" remains somehow out of the limits of vision.

Throughout history, man has toiled to extend a perception of the world and to make visible the edge of creation. And, thus far, wherever he has looked there has been no end, only illimitable "voids" and "beyonds".

But now there is a new way of seeing our world and witnessing the non-material structure of things, a way of making the invisible visible: Kirlian Photography. Discovered in the Soviet Union, the process is referred to as "radiation-field photography" in this country. Neither lens nor camera is used. Instead, it simply employs a film plate, without the use of reflected light as the source which exposes the light-sensitive rays to film.

If no camera and film are used, and there is no reflected light, then how are photographs made?

The simplest way to explain the process is to remember the experience of shuffling across a shaggy carpet on a dry day, then reaching for a metallic doorknob and feeling a sharp, crackling shock. Actually, the spark is nothing more than a tiny electrical charge.

If one were to place a dime or a leaf over a piece of photographic film, then set off a spark of that type, the image of the coin or leaf would be recorded on the developed film.

The interesting riddle of this phenomenon is that somehow the energy of the spark is transformed by the object over the film and recorded. An energetic design of the dime or leaf is transferred by the electric charge into the photographic emulsion.

In the laboratory, it is necessary to precisely control the frequency of the spark, waveform, current, voltage, and exposure time (or spark duration) in order to achieve satisfactory results.

Once the image is formed on the film, three basic parameters occur, all of which are interesting in different ways. The first and most obvious of these phenomena is the appearance of a "corona" or edge effect surrounding the outside shape of the object. This effect is either wide and dramatic or practically non-existent, but it always follows a regular patterning related to the geometry of the object photographed.

The second parameter obvious to the experiment is the effect of the evenness or unevenness of the surface of the object in contact with the film's surface. If the surface is indented and irregular, then these same indentations will appear on the photo. All the cracks, gouges, and scratches on a coin will be visible on the final print, as if made by a fine resolution lens under highly sophisticated lighting conditions.

The third parameter is that, if a flat, even surface such as a cut and polished stone is photographed, the patterns of the

TRANSFERRING A SIMPLE SPARK to a photographic plate, Semyon Kirlian developed radiation-field photography 35 years ago. Perhaps the most astounding application of that research has been the phantom leaf effect.



resulting picture will look very much like an ordinary photograph made with a camera and lens under reflected light.

WHAT CAUSES EFFECTS?

V. Inyushin, a Soviet scientist who has experimented with this type of photography, views this method as a means to study what he describes as "the bioplasma". He believes that the high frequency "discharge luminescence" of living objects—which is known in the USSR as "the Kirlian effect"—permits the study of the plasma state of the organism. The concept of bioplasma opens a door to the study of the energetic organization of living things. If Inyushin is correct, it may be possible, by using a high-frequency electrical field such as the Kirlians have developed, to make visible the energetic counterparts of the physical body.

Another view holds that Kirlian Photography is a method of translating the physics and chemistry of an object into electrical characteristics which, by some complex process, involve but do not limit the corona discharge.

Other scientists contend that the process is nothing more than an actual corona discharge.

Whatever explanation, this new way of looking at our world is offering us some fantastic glimpses into the unknown.

Perhaps the most far-out result among the many unusual and unexpected Kirlian photographic projects is our success in duplicating the Russian work known throughout the world as "The Phantom Leaf Effect".

The Soviets found it possible to cut away a portion of a leaf still attached to a plant, make a Kirlian Photograph of it and, instead of getting a picture of a mutilated leaf, come up with a complete leaf on the final photograph—even the part that had previously been removed. The image appearing in the place where the leaf had been cut corresponded to the specific patterning and structure of the entire leaf.

Soviet scientists do not claim to be able to reproduce this phenomenon at will. They are only able to obtain it in one trial out of several hundred.

Our method differed from the Russian experiment in that the leaf was plucked from the plant before being placed over the film and was weighed down with a disc-shaped piece of metal serving as the ground electrode. It was then exposed at one-twentieth of a second. The only other difference between our experiment and the Russian's was that when the cut portion of the leaf was scraped away, scratch marks were left on the film emulsion. Like the Russian's experiment, our success was the first out of nearly 400 to 500 trials.

So far, there is no explanation for why the method is not successful all the time, but more experiments are being conducted to determine what it was that produced the results seen in the photo.

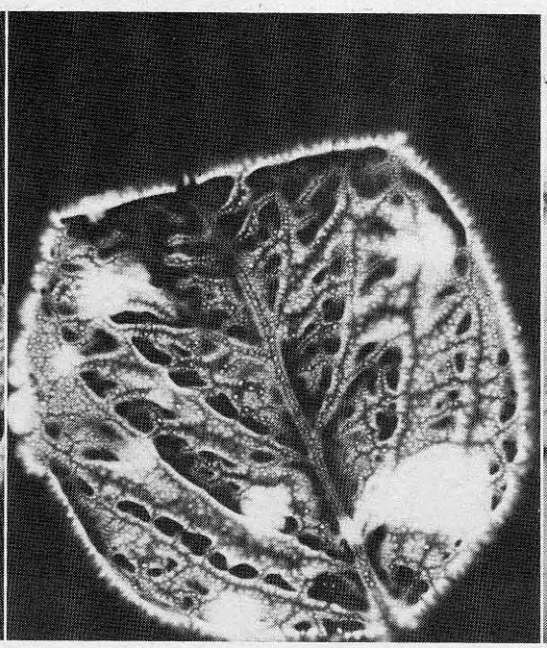
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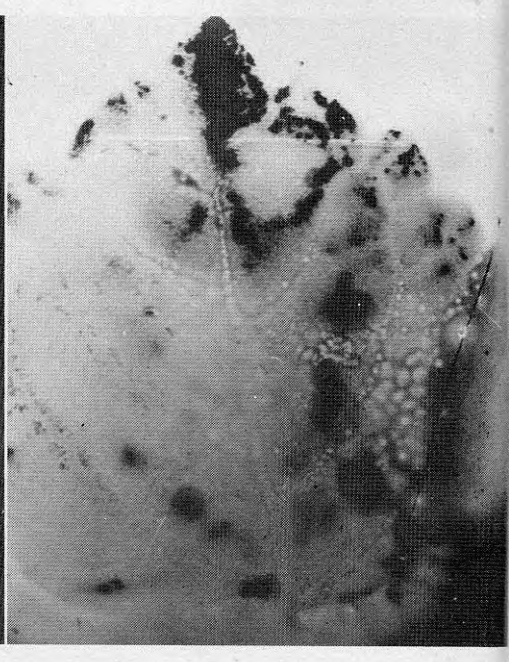
In the meantime, there are many hypotheses to explain the phenomenon of the phantom leaf. Some experts believe the appearance of the "phantom image" to be the residue of juices or fluids that come in contact with the film emulsion, causing changes in either the film's chemical properties or in the electrical parameters of the system, which result in chemo-

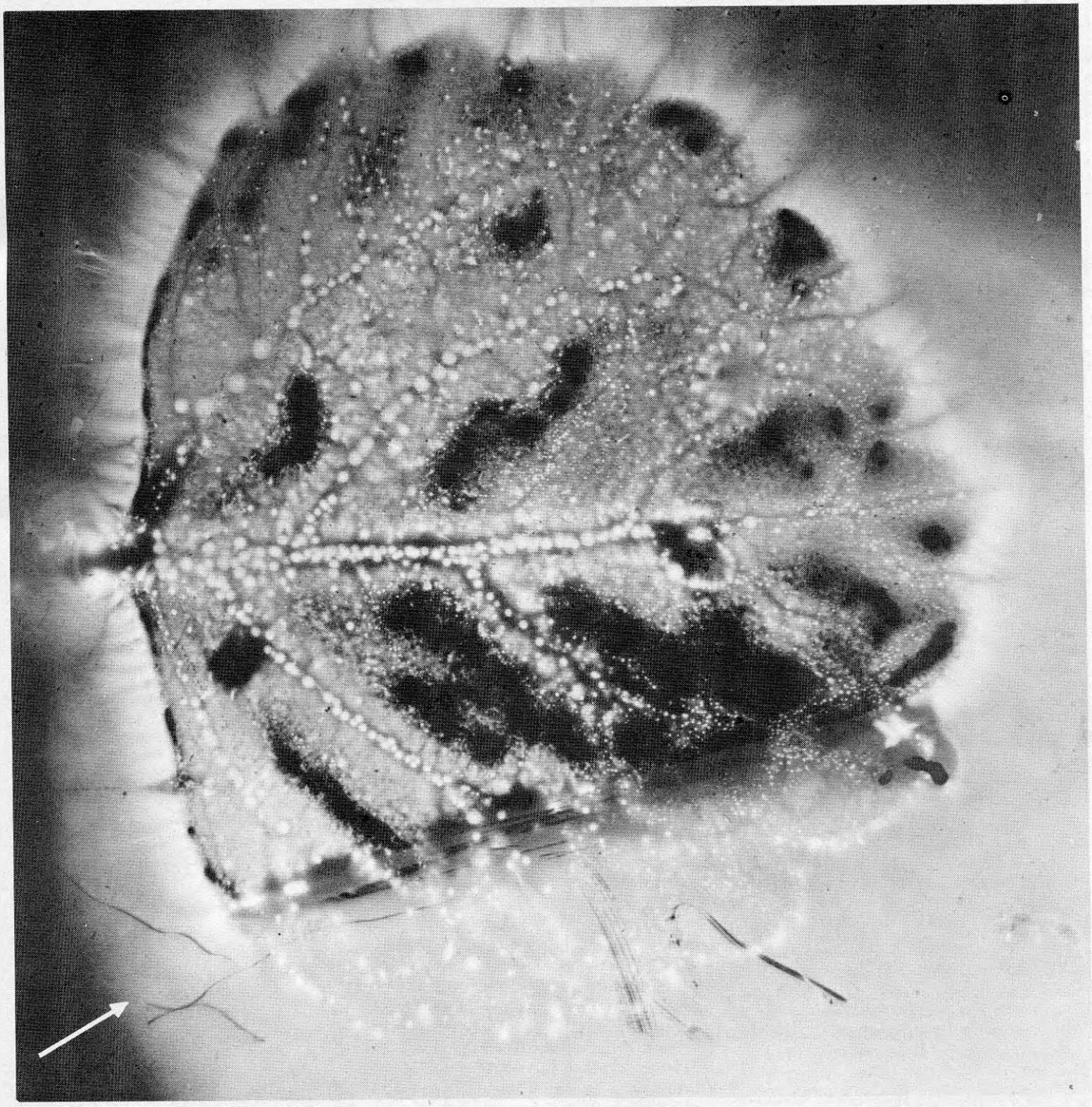
"The Phantom Leaf Effect"

EARLIEST ATTEMPTS TO DUPLICATE THE RUSSIANS' PHANTOM LEAF result in failure. The patterning of the internal structure of a freshly plucked Coleus leaf is seen through a radiation-field photograph (below left). The cut-off segment of the cut leaf (middle) clearly shows its own patterning, with no suggestion of an energy body remaining. An "encouraging failure" (below right) indicates the American is on the right track, but it takes four to five hundred tries before Kendall Johnson successfully reproduces the incredible phantom leaf (far right). (Arrow points to where leaf had previously been cut.)









luminescence. Yet the leaf used in our successful experiment was no different from the many other leaves previously used. So why didn't the other leaves also produce an image? Until this riddle is solved, indications point to the fact that the answer to this problem might not be so simple.

Two other hypotheses—that the image was either created by small, electrostatic charges or deposits of gas molecules on the film—do not explain why the method only worked once during hundreds of tries.

Perhaps the most exciting theory to date explores the possibilities of the existence of biological plasma as a way of exploring the matrix of energetic processes in living organisms. This view looks on living organisms as having an energetic design, and it postulates that Kirlian Photography provides a means of studying this nonmaterial organization of an organism.

There exists in medical literature a phenomenon known as "the phantom limb", in which persons who have lost an arm or a leg still have the sensation of the missing member. Sometimes they complain of pain in the missing leg or arm, yet medical science has not been able to give a satisfactory explanation for the sensation.

Does the phantom leaf tell us something about this riddle? Do we actually have more bodies than our physical body? When a lizard loses a tail, he replaces it with another. Can man learn to do that? So far, it has not been possible to photograph a phantom limb, but studies are being aimed in that direction. □

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was reported by thousands of people recently.

The local police headquarters and the radar screens at Turin Airport also acknowledged the sighting, latest in a series of UFO reports in Italy's northern provinces.

This sighting followed disclosure by executives of Turin's respected newspaper *La Stampa* that the sports editor had managed to photograph a similar object a week previously.

"UFO LANDING SITE" PUZZLES EXPERTS

GRIFFIN, Georgia—Soil scientists from the University of Georgia have found "unexplained" intense concentrations of copper and chromium in dirt taken from the alleged landing site of a UFO here.

Dr. Oscar Anderson and Dr. Larry Shuman of the university experiment station in Griffin announced the test results, which indicate copper concentrations were 2000 times more and chromium 200 times more in regular soil of the area.

Results appear to support an eyewitness report that a small, white, hot metallic object landed and imbedded itself in the ground. Both scientists agreed that the object was probably a small meteorite or part of a disintegrating satellite, but they cannot account for the absence of a crater or depression in the earth around the impact area.

EXTRATERRESTRIAL SUBMARINE BASES?

BAHIA BLANCA, Argentina—Six navy men in a control tower in this town 400 miles south of Buenos Aires reported tracking an unidentified flying object for 20 minutes on November 3, 1973.

The navy radar technicians claimed they followed the course of the object with sophisticated instruments and were certain that no plane, satellite, or other flying object was in the area at the time. The men recorded the incident in the control tower log as having tracked an OVNI (*Objeto Volante No Identificable*), which is Spanish for unidentified flying object.

In the same area near here, a 25-year-old truck driver claimed he saw "a brilliant white light approaching at high speeds" as he changed a tire on the road to Buenos Aires. Dionisio Yanca said three humanoids "with huge bulging eyes, dressed in tight-fitting jumpsuits, stepped out of a strange vehicle that emitted the glow".

When he attempted to flee, Yanca told how "one of them put his hand on my shoulder and immediately a light hit my head, and I don't remember anything else."

The truck driver was found wandering in a daze and garbling when a passerby picked him up and drove him to a hospital.

At least a dozen people in the vicinity of Bahia Blanca annually claim seeing OVNIs or strange beings who presumably step out of space ships.

A national Argentine magazine, *Asi*, recently published an interview with the President of the Society for the Investigation of Unusual Phenomena, Antonio las Heras, who said, "There are extraterrestrial submarine bases in the Argentine coast below Bahia Blanca. This explains the flurry of reports about OVNIs in the area. They do not have war-like intentions; they are only studying our reactions as they have been doing for centuries."

UFO SIGHTINGS JUMP IN LATEST GALLOP POLL

PRINCETON, New Jersey—In the American Institute of Public Opinion's latest survey, 11 percent of the American adult population (more than 15 million people) claim to have sighted an unidentified flying object. This figure is twice the percentage reporting such sightings in the 1966 poll.

Of that 11 percent, 12 percent have a college background, 10 percent completed high school, and another 10 percent went as far as grade school only. Five percent reside in the East, 13 percent are from the Midwest, 14 percent hail from the South, and 10 percent are Westerners.

Interestingly, of those who say they have seen strange flying objects, 28 percent tend to believe such sightings are merely figments of the imagination. Fifty percent believe UFOs are real.

As for life on other planets (a question asked all persons surveyed), 46 percent believe people somewhat like ourselves exist on other planets, while 38 percent do not.

CALIFORNIA SIGHTINGS

LOS ANGELES, California—A local newsman startled his listeners recently when he claimed he saw a fiery glow illuminate the night sky behind the Griffith Park Observatory on Mt. Hollywood.

Bill Morgan, news editor of Radio News West, said he was standing at a bus stop at Lucille Avenue and Sunset Boulevard last October 19 when he spotted a "reddish-orange glow that looked as if there was a fire behind the observatory".

According to Morgan, the flash lasted about 15 seconds and "if it hadn't been for the recent rash of reported UFO sightings, I wouldn't have thought much about it."

Earlier that same evening, two policemen sighted a similar object from the San Fernando Valley which they described as "the shape of a ball traveling at a high rate of speed".

And as if that weren't enough for Southland residents, local security guard John Crocker saw a flying object fall down behind a parking lot. He approached two police officers, who were at the time having a coffee break, and asked them to investigate the occurrence with him.

"We went to look and see if we could find the object," Crocker said, "and when I entered the alley that led to the parking lot, I got cold and shook as if it was 28-degree weather. After I came out of the alleyway, everything was back to normal again.

"I made another turn and came back through the alley again," Crocker continued, "but this time I had a hot feeling like it was 90-degree weather in the hot summer."

Two days later, two Los Angeles Police officers chased what they termed as "a pulsating light" through the streets of Los Angeles and even photographed it. (See story about incident in this issue.)

CATCHING A STAR

DALLAS, Texas—Local authorities here say they actually chased a UFO recently—only to find they had been trying to catch a planet.

According to a spokesman, the police sent one of their helicopters to try to catch up with the source of a bright light reported blinking over the city at dawn.

By the time the helicopter returned to base, an astronomer had explained the bright light was simply the planet Venus, which was giving an added sparkle due to atmospheric conditions.

SKYLAB REPORTS STRANGE LIGHTS

HOUSTON—Skylab II astronauts, who were reportedly doing an "exceptional" job in space and scientific research, photographed a strange light in Earth's upper atmosphere last September while waiting for back-up spider Anita to start spinning a web in space—an experiment conducted to study the reaction of insects while

working outside the earth's gravitational pull.

The disclosure of the spacial mystery lights came amid a nation-wide rash of sightings of unexplained aerial objects. Dr. Owen K. Garriot, one of Skylab's astronauts, says the object was brighter than any of the planets or stars, had a reddish hue, and was not more than 30 to 50 nautical miles from the spacecraft.

The astronauts reportedly saw the lights only once during their extra-terrestrial trek, and they say the lights did not re-appear during their 59-day journey.

UFOs OVER ARIZONA PROBING GROUND

YUMA, Arizona—A Yuma Probing Ground Military policeman recently reported seeing flashing blue lights in the sky during his night patrol of the base.

Sgt. Thomas Stilde claims to have seen the object hovering "momentarily over my vehicle and then taking off vertically, making a vacuum sound".

Sergeant Stilde reported the incident to the desk sergeant, who verified the frantic call.

Meanwhile a civilian guard at the Kofa Shooting Range heard the call on his radio and reported he, too, saw the object flying in the same direction pointed out by Sergeant Stilde.

OHIO GUARDSMAN CHASES UFO

CLEVELAND, Ohio—An Ohio National Guard captain reports having encountered a UFO during a routine nighttime patrol last October 18 while piloting an Army helicopter.

Capt. Lawrence Coyne claims the encounter between his helicopter and the UFO was the "closest thing to a mid-air collision" he has ever seen.

According to the captain, he and his crew of three were cruising at 2500 feet when they spotted a distant red light off to the right on the eastern horizon.

"But the light was traveling in excess of 600 knots," Captain Coyne says. "It came from the horizon to our aircraft in about 10 seconds. We were on a collision course."

At 1700 feet, Captain Coyne braced himself for the inevitable impact, but "the thing stopped right over us. It had a big, gray metallic-looking hull about sixty feet long. It was shaped like an airfoil or a streamlined fat cigar. It was shining brightly through the bubble canopy of our helicopter, completely filling our red instrument lights and turning everything inside green."

Captain Coyne had radio contact with the airfield's tower, but the tapes carried no sign of his conversations.

"I had made no attempt to pull up," Captain Coyne continued. All the controls were set for a twenty-degree dive, yet after the thing made a westerly turn, we had climbed from 1700 to 3500 feet with no power in a couple of seconds, with no G-forces or other noticeable strains. There was no noise or turbulence either."

Doing some investigation of his own, the captain determined there were no Air National Guard F-100 Sabre jets in the area during the time the incident occurred.

"I'm a military commander," Captain Coyne told reporters. "I don't believe in UFOs, little green spacemen, and all that stuff, but I had to file an official Army report in detail on this thing."

PSYCHIC SOCIETY STUDIES UFOs

BEVERLY HILLS, California—An interesting new connection exists between the investigation of UFO and psychic abilities, according to Ms. Frances Brown, President of the Southern California Society for Psychical Research.

It started last August in London when Professor J. Allen Hynek, who had just spoken to a large audience on the subject of UFOs, suggested to Ms. Brown that gifted California psychics might use their clairvoyant abilities to locate the origins of UFOs, in the same manner that the Society's psychics locate missing persons and objects, each giving independent "readings" which are then correlated for agreement.

Although Ms. Brown reports that "we have not as yet found enough clairvoyants who feel sufficiently confident in pinpointing the UFO's home for astronomical verification, we're working on it and would welcome hearing from psychics who feel they could help."

A very solid connection between UFOs and psychical research is currently going on in the form of an objective, scientific study group led by Joel Colman (author of "Faces", December 1973 PROBE), photographic consultant to the Society. Colman reports that a small group of highly motivated and interested people held their first meeting on November 29 to review the significance of the enigma of UFO reports. They examined the curious manner in which the problem has been kept out of sight, and Colman presented detailed sightings dating from the year 1800 to the present time, with special attention to 1947, 1952, 1953, and the early sixties. A thorough analysis was made of project Sign, later superseded by what Colman terms "the infamous Project Bluebook", which purportedly received 1500 reports of UFO sightings.

Tackling the problems of why so many responsible UFO reports have been hushed up, Colman contrasted the reports of two Mississippi dock workers who purportedly were "guests" of a UFO last October with absolutely absurd reports received five days later which he called "systematic debunking of the flying saucer problem to reduce public interest in UFOs".

The group reached the following tentative conclusions: (1) UFOs are some form of extraterrestrial probes. (2) Reports have been hushed up for the reason that it is most uncomfortable to recognize forces greater than that supplied by military power. (3) Photographic proof is a necessity. (4) If psychics can lead photographers to the right place at the right time, they will be contributing enormously to UFO research.

Persons having factual information of sightings or photographs, as well as psychics who feel they could contribute clairvoyant information, are invited to contact the Southern California Society for Psychical Research, Inc., 170 South Beverly Drive, Room 314, Beverly Hills, California 90212.

SNAKE-LIKE SAUCER

KAMPALA, Uganda—According to national radio broadcasts here, Ugandan President Idi Amin was among several persons who recently saw a "spectacular object covered with something like smoke".

The report said Amin estimated the UFO was about 10 miles distant, and the object was "seen lifting off like a rocket being fired, but moving gently"

When disappearing into the sky, the last portion of the UFO appeared like the tail of a big snake.

The broadcast also quoted Amin as saying, "Any person who might have seen the object is advised to go for prayers in their respective places of worship."

ARE HUMANOIDS GRID FANS?

BATON ROUGE, Louisiana—Sixty-seven thousand spectators at the Louisiana State University football stadium were treated to an en-masse UFO sighting in November.

What the crowd saw was described as an unidentified flying object, flashing blue and red beams of light hovering over the stadium.

State police said a division of troopers was sent to track the object which sports commentators said had

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been maneuvering in the sky and "appeared to be attempting to land". But officers refused to comment on the incident, only saying they were "tracking the object".

DETROIT PLANS TO BUST UFOs

DETROIT, Michigan—A full-fledged plan for handling creatures from UFOs was disclosed by the Motortown police recently.

In a seven-point department memo, Detroit's eight field duty inspectors were given detailed instruction on how to handle UFOs, their passengers or crews. Given top priority was the task of bringing UFOs down, even if a bull-horn or public address system is to be used. The next item was the traditional citation for fleeing flying saucers, but the ticker must have a copy for future court appearances.

Diplomatic immunity for UFO passengers and crew members was stressed, and the department cited separation of males and females for questioning as a "must".

GEORGIA GOVERNOR REPORTS UFO

ATLANTA, Georgia—Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter does not scoff at persons who report UFOs because he claims to have seen one himself during what he called "a very sober occasion".

The governor says he saw a blue, disc-shaped object in Leary, a south Georgia town, during a campaign stop there in 1970. That same town has been recently plagued with UFO reports.

Several members of the Leary Lions Club report they also saw the UFO as they stood outside the hall where Carter was to speak. According to Governor Carter, all the members of the group saw the object for about five to 10 minutes. The governor claims he immediately went to a tape recorder and dictated his description of what he termed "a very remarkable sight.

"It was about thirty degrees above the horizon," Governor Carter says, "and (it) looked as large as the moon. It became smaller and changed to a reddish color, and then it got larger again."

Governor Carter speculates his UFO was probably "an electronic occurrence of some sort rather than a visitation from outer space. At any rate, it was obviously there and it was obviously unidentified."

THE MOON IN INDIA— LONAR CRATER

By Dr. Leonard Reiffel

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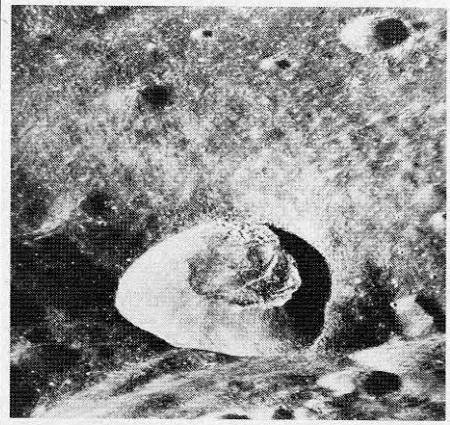
LONAR LAKE, India—During the last decade, the Apollo program has brought an inundation of data about strange craters and other objects that our astronauts have found on the lunar surface. But suddenly, space scientists are busy with expeditions to a place in India called Lonar Lake.

Lonar Lake, a crater located in the Buldana district, is the only known place on the entire Earth where a large meteorite impact has occurred in material almost exactly like that found on the Moon.

The material in which this crater lies is called basalt, which is formed of the hot material that moves out of the deeper layers of the Earth when volcanoes erupt or other cataclysmic events occur. It is this same basalt-like material that has been found on the Moon in enormous quantities. In fact, most lunar craters are formed in basalt-like rock.

Lonar Crater is about 1800 meters across and about 150 meters deep. It was formed only 50,000 years ago, which, as craters on the Earth go, makes it a very young one indeed. It exhibits almost all of the characteristics of a typical lunar crater. Strange coincidence that its name should be Lonar, so close to lunar.

Scientists studying Lonar have come to view it as a Moon crater available right here on Earth. It boasts little glass



A LUNAR CRATER exhibits the same formation of basalt as the base of Lonar Lake in India. Copyright 1973 *Los Angeles Times*

spheres (like those the astronauts got excited about when they first found them on the Moon) and crushed rock that has been shocked and reformed by an enormous impact just as on the Moon.

Before visiting the Moon, we didn't know Lonar was such a close twin to the lunar structures. But now that we do know, we are able to study at leisure what seems to be a perfect example of lunar phenomenon right here on Earth.

THE "LIVING" DOLL

MONJI-SAIWAI-CHO, Japan—While attending an exposition held at Sapporo, Japan, in 1918, Eikichi Suzuki bought a charming little Yamate doll at a nearby sidestreet shop. The doll, a handmade creation, was about a foot tall with short-clipped, dark black hair, a cherubic ceramic face, and was dressed in a fine kimono. It was just the gift for his two-year-old sister Kiku.

Kiku Suzuki fell immediately in love with the cute doll and groomed it daily, taking special care with the locks of short black hair, the traditional style cut for young girls of that day. She especially enjoyed a now-antiquated mechanism built into the doll which made it cry like a baby when laid down.

Then on January 24, 1919, Kiku died, struck down by a strange disease which, until then, had gone undetected by the family doctor. The family grieved deeply and went through crema-



KIKU'S DOLL stands at the alter at Mannen Temple, her strangely growing hair already well below her waist. Only the bangs of the doll have been trimmed.

tion and funeral plans in the depths of sorrow. But, as the hearse pulled away from the family home on its somber trip to the funeral pyre, Suzuki discovered to his shock that he had forgotten to place the doll together with his dead sister in the casket before it was sealed shut. It was to have gone to the crematorium with her as her most precious and beloved possession.

So, instead, when the young girl's ashes were carried back home where they would rest at the family alter, Suzuki placed the doll in its case next to the urn among the other ancient and sentimental family treasures. The doll remained there for some 20 years as the family prayed daily in the memory of unfortunate young Kiku.

Years later, the war intervened, and on August 16, 1939, Suzuki brought his sister's remains along with those of his father, Sukeshichi, to Mannen temple in

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his hometown, Monji Saiwai-cho, for safe keeping from the turmoil that was to rage all over Japan. He was forced to evacuate himself to Karafuto for the duration.

When the war came to an end and occupation forces finally allowed displaced persons to move back to their former homes, Suzuki returned to the temple to retrieve the family relics. He stood awe struck before the case where the doll was kept, unable to speak and hardly able to stand up. The doll's hair, which had been neatly cut just below the ears, now hung in uneven strands long below the shoulders. No one, not even the priests who had been entrusted with the relics, could explain the phenomenon.

Even today, 27 years after the discovery, Junio Imagawa, Buddhist priest at the Mannen Temple where the doll remains, attests to the fact that the doll's hair still grows as if alive. The priest's wife, Takeyo, 67, and a fellow believer, Setsu Shibata, 73, trim only the doll's bangs each day to keep the face visible.

The strange doll has been examined

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by a number of Japanese magazines and newspapers, which have measured and documented succeeding yearly growths. Every investigator, every journalist, no matter how incredulous he is when he visits the temple, comes away completely convinced.

One final fact, meanwhile, has been discovered which makes this mystery even stranger. During the past 32 years, the doll's hair has grown approximately six inches. This rate of growth is not so much when compared with the growth of human hair, but when the size of the doll relative to the human body is considered, investigators have calculated that the hair is growing at approximately the same relative rate as it could be expected to grow from a human head.

COSMIC COLLISION COULD CARRY DISASTER

PASADENA, California–A recent press release from the California Institute of Technology spelled what could undoubtedly be a catastrophe of a huge magnitude when it announced a "near-miss to our planet by a spectacular asteroid about five miles in diameter".

The release roused the question of what could happen if the asteroid had been coming directly at us instead of passing earth by a distance of seven million miles, a minimal stretch in the vastness of space.

According to scientists, it would have been almost impossible to do anything about the crash since the asteroid was traveling at an observed speed of 60,000 mph and because it could hit anywhere in the populated area of the world. They predicted that even if the asteroid hit the ocean, it would flood every coastal city bordering the sea where the impact occurred. "If the celestial body collided on land the release said, "it would mean complete obliteration of the impact zone."

A crash of such dimensions could also cause a huge fracture and disruption on the surface of the planet, bringing an unprecedented volcanic activity that not even computers could estimate.

A Cal-Tech spokesman said that while their computers could predict the exact time and area of impact, the entire world would be subject to a state of panic and hysterical chaos

OLD SEEDS NEVER DIE

AKITA CITY, Japan–The Board of Education in this city of western Japan recently announced that some jointweed seeds excavated in 1972 from ancient ruins located here and estimated to be some 4500 years old are defying all scientific reason–they have sprouted and are currently blooming with an odd shaped flower.

The Board announced the science-stumping fact after a botanist, currently testing the seeds, planted some of them in earth taken from the same era. Following about a month of germination, he discovered the seeds still contained life-creating properties, despite their fantastic age.

The seeds were discovered in an earthenware flask excavated by a member of the Akita Archaeology Association on July 29, 1972. The flask came from the bottom of the Shimotsutsumi ruins at Yotsuyakoya. A total of 200 were found at the ruins, each about two millimeters in size. Archaeologists at the site, among them a botanist, planted about 100 of the seeds in earth surrounding the ruins and were startled a month later to find flowers sprouting from the newly sown seeds.

Of the remaining 100 seeds which were sent to the Akita Prefectural Agriculture Research Institute for examination, botanists there found about half were from a kind of jointweed and the rest from a flower called Inu tade. To determine the age of the amazing seeds, scientists sent material from inside the vessel to Gakushuin University where Dr. Kunihiko Higashi radioactive-carbon dated the material to 4500 years, plus or minus 150 years.

However, a botanist at Chiba University has raised a voice in disbelief. He claims the seeds were probably later deposited in the vessel by field mice. Scientists on the dig disagree. Akita Board of Education member Toshiyuki Sugahara says the vessel was found 10 sub-strata below the surface, too low for any kind of field mouse. In addition, he says, the ground around the find was tightly packed earth and ash, which sealed the find completely from any air or oxygen.

The team claims it worked down to the find from early morning, watching carefully for signs of animal activity, tunnels, or leavings, but nothing was detected. Meanwhile, Takuo Kobayashi, a dating technician from the Prefectural Culture department, cited an earlier case of archaeologists finding walnuts and millet at a similar dig. Although the grains were authenticated to be genuinely some four to five thousand years old, after culturing, botanists found them capable of germinating.

Researchers were not able to apply carbon dating to the seeds due to their size, but even now, nearly 18 months after the find, scientists in Japan are still investigating the strange seeds in addition to the flowers which bloomed–five thousand years later.

ATHLETE CLAIMS WITCH DOCTORS CURE ELBOW

THE PHILIPPINES–Tony Roche, a professional tennis player who with John Newcombe has won the doubles championship at Wimbledon four times, the Australian title three times, the French and Italian twice, and Forest Hills once, startled the sports world recently by revealing how he was cured of an elbow ailment.

The pain, according to Roche, was so unbearable he had to quit in the midst of tournaments and had to undergo surgery twice, to no avail.

Roche tells of how he then visited two men (variously referred to as voodoo practitioners, witch doctors, et-cetera) at an unspecified location in the Philippines after the men had successfully treated some Australian friends of Roche's for minor ailments.

Roche says he intended to see the men just for a consultation. But without warning, one of the men suddenly pointed his forefinger at Roche's elbow, the point of the finger about six inches away from the skin. Roche felt as "if something had been sprayed, and it [the elbow] went numb".

The other man reportedly pointed his finger at the elbow at the same height above the skin and made a downward motion about six inches long. The skin opened, and there was an incision all the way to the bone.

The cut was not bleeding, and the man reached into the opening and worked his fingers around, removing what he later described as a blood clot. In a state of shock, Roche's wife, Sue, who had patiently been standing by, vomited hysterically. The tennis star could not believe it himself.

When the men were through, the athlete says, they made another motion with the forefinger and "zipped up" the wound. They told Roche that he would find a small, white scar when the bandages were removed, but he would have no more trouble.

After a few weeks, Roche did find a small, white scar, and before long he was hitting balls in a Japanese exhibition like never before.

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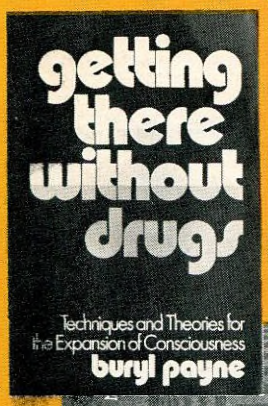
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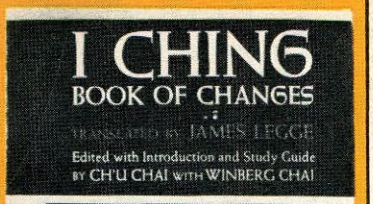
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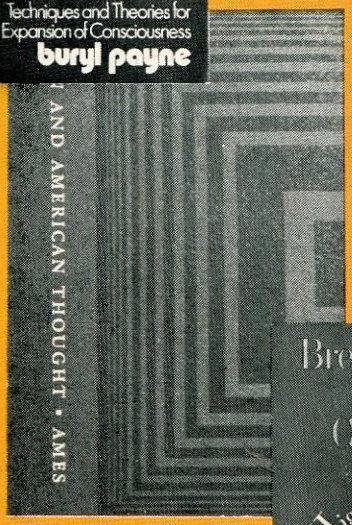
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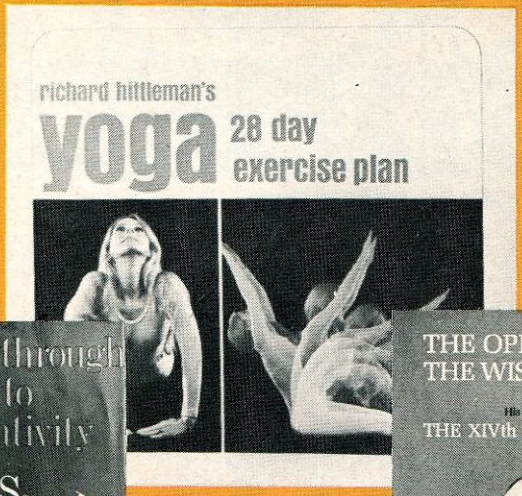
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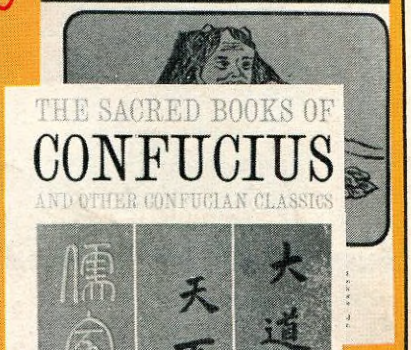
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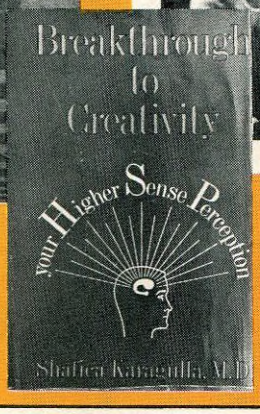


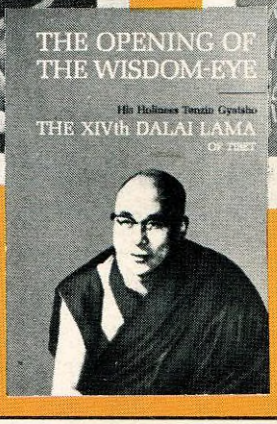












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