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LARGE UFO FORMATION OVER ARIZONA

Mild Flap in New Zealand

Late 1968 and early 1969 brought a few reports of UFOs seen over New Zealand where the objects have been rather scarce in recent years. Before proceeding to the recent sightings, we will recount a June 1968 incident which should be of more than passing interest.

An unidentified cigar-shaped object was tracked by radar from Waihi to Tauranga, New Zealand on the 6th of June. Civil Aviation radar observers in Auckland picked up the object at 5:05 p.m. and tracked it, and at Tauranga two Aero Club members located southeast of the Tauranga airport reported that they observed a "long white cigar-shaped object" for a few minutes before it disappeared into the southeast. The object was first thought to be an aircraft but it was learned by radio with Rotorua and Auckland that no aircraft were scheduled to be in the area. The object was moving at a speed of between 80 and 100 knots.

Pilot Sighting at Manamahu

On the 29th of November, in the early morning hours, two men in an aircraft flying in the vicinity of Manamahu, N. Z., sighted three red lights in a triangular formation. A. Harding and R. G. Peddie, both employees of the Wanganui Aero works said that they spotted the lights at 4:10 a.m. Harding was piloting the aircraft at the time. Peddie told the press that they first thought the lights were navigational lights on an aircraft coming toward them and Harding radioed Ohakea Air Force Base to inquire about low flying night exercises. The Base answered back and said that there were no other aircraft in the area other than Harding's plane. When first sighted the objects were in a triangular formation, then they split up. One disappeared behind a nearby ridge, the other appeared to either hover at very low altitude or land, and the third stayed directly above it. Shortly the first object reappeared, then all three got into formation and they flew off into the night and out of sight. Peddie said that the things were relatively large but they could not discern any configuration outside of the lights. The

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Brazil in Throes of Big Flap

Information arriving at headquarters from Professor Flavio Pereira of Sao Paulo, Mrs. Irene Granchi of Rio de Janeiro and Jader Pereira of Porto Alegre, Brazil indicates that a sighting wave hit Brazil in February and continued through into March. Two rather startling sightings have come to light, the first of which took place in 1967, the investigation of which has just recently been completed. The second is more recent, and, like the 1967 case, it involves humanoids. The latest dispatch from Mrs. Granchi demonstrates that good close-up sightings are being made day by day in nearly every state in Brazil.

The 1967 sighting aroused much interest because for the first time, it seems, a human being has lost his life as a direct result of a confrontation with a UFO. This case was under investigation by Dr. Fontes at the time he became ill and it was some time before Professor Felipe Carrion and Jader Pereira were able to carry on the investigation.

At 4 p.m. on the 13th of August 1967 Inacio de Souza and his wife Maria returned from an outing. They immediately saw a "strange, basin-shaped object" of approximately 35 meters in width (about 115 feet) resting on the landing field used by the owner of the farm. Standing between the craft and the de Souzas were three strange-looking creatures who appeared, to Inacio, to be naked. His wife, however, got the impression that the "men" were dressed in tight-fitting yellow jersey suits. They appeared to have no hair and were playing about like children. When they caught sight of the de Souzas they began running toward them. Inacio sent his wife into the house and he reached for his rifle and began to shoot. At the moment that Inacio began to fire a jet of green-colored light erupted from the disc and struck him in the chest and he fell to the ground. Mrs. de Souza ran out of the house to her husband's aid, and took the gun and flung it away. But the three figures were already running toward the disc which thereafter lifted straight up off the ground making a sound like the

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A spectacular sighting of a group of UFOs was made by two Phoenix private pilots at 3:32 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 1969. Although this incident is still under investigation our preliminary information is sufficient to give a good picture of what was seen.

Herman Slater, 41, was piloting his Cessna 150 and Ben Ripley, 42, was navigating. They had taken off from the airport at Lake Havasu City (on the Colorado River) and were 12 minutes out when Ripley unfastened his seat belt, leaned over and looked out the window to his left. Below and to the left of the plane he spotted 15 to 20 oval-shaped objects in a cluster formation, and headed west. He said nothing, just pointed down, then Slater spotted them. Slater later told the press, "I wondered who in hell could be flying that low, that fast that far out (from the airport). Slater described the objects as "white, opaque, and with a black stripe leading back on the outer edge from a slight protrusion at the forward section of their oval shape." The Cessna was flying at 100 miles per hour at 5,000 feet and heading for 5500, and the objects were headed west at what seemed to be between 250-300 miles per hour. Slater estimated that the objects were from 500 to 1500 feet above the mountainous terrain, and undulated and dipped as they seemed to follow the contour of the ground in unison as if remote-controlled. Both of the observers said they saw the dark ground between the objects which appeared to them to be about three times the size of an automobile. The formation was comprised of "about a dozen in a kind of center cluster with the others grouped around them in no particular arrangement." Ripley estimated that if the objects had maintained their westerly course they would have passed over Lake Havasu City.

Although we do not have the exact information at this time, if Ripley and Slater were heading directly toward Phoenix (a southeasterly course) they would have been 12 miles out of Lake Havasu City, approximately southeast of Larned Landing and probably over or about to pass over Mohave Wash.

Slater, the pilot, is a resident of Phoenix, a former Navy Seabee barber who now owns a barber shop in

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Dues for membership to APRO will be increased from \$4.00 annually to \$5.00 annually beginning with the July-August renewal period.

APRO has always maintained its membership fee as low as possible. The last increase was from \$3.50 to \$4.00 in 1966. However, this increase is warranted in view of higher operat-

ing expenses and forthcoming plans to move APRO to new offices. Also, further research projects are being considered, which will be made public in due course.

Likewise, subscription fee will be raised from the current \$6.00 to \$7.00 annually. For foreign members and subscribers air mail delivery of the Bulletin will be made for \$1.00 extra annually (example: \$6.00 air mail to members, \$8.00 air mail to subscribers).

Those members and subscribers whose payment does not fall due until after the July-August period, and would therefore be obliged to pay at the increased rate, may send in their dues now at the current rate of \$4.00 and \$6.00 if they wish. These advance renewals will be accepted at the current rate until July 1.

APRO Field Investigators Network

APRO is currently conducting a study of its State Sections and members that have participated in field investigations or have expressed their willingness to participate in such projects. Major improvements are planned during 1969 and the creation of a network of Field Investigators, with appropriate documentation, is in progress. All members who wish to become Field Investigators should state so at their next renewal period. At that time, APRO will communicate with each member interested in this project.

It is hoped that APRO's new network of Field Investigators will be operational in every State of the Union, including Alaska and Hawaii, within a year.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

All members are reminded that unless address changes are immediately submitted to APRO, their Bulletins will be delayed considerably. It is also requested that members print their names and addresses to avoid mistakes.

APRO Corrects Condon Error

One of the most significant errors in the *Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects* (Condon Report), appears in Chapter 3, Section V, titled *Official Study Program in Foreign Countries* written by Harriet Hunter.

In this chapter, under the heading "Other Nations" it is stated that: "Countries in which it is known that no Governmental activity concerned with UFOs is being carried on are: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Colombia, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, and Venezuela."

This statement is quite contrary to established facts. The Argentine Government has expressed its concern over UFOs on several occasions and two official UFO projects exist in that country. One study has been conducted by the Argentine Navy for some years and is directed by Captain Omar Pagani, who is subject to the Chief of Staff. This project is located in the Ministry of the Navy in downtown Buenos Aires. The second project is quite independent of the first project and is being conducted by the Argentine Air Force through its Air Intelligence Center, a building also located in downtown Buenos Aires.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen visited the official Navy project in August of 1967 during their Latin America tour and Mr. Richard Greenwell, APRO's new Assistant Director, visited both the Navy and the Air Force projects in February, 1968. The officials in these projects were most cooperative and open.

It is significant that Miss Hunter was present at a briefing session in Boulder in October of 1967, when Mrs. Lorenzen circulated an article describing the Argentine Navy study. Furthermore, Mr. Lorenzen discussed the possibility of the University receiving official UFO reports of the unidentified category from the Argentine Navy, with APRO as the translating go-between. Inasmuch as the University of Colorado UFO Project covered Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen's expenses for the Boulder trip, one might have expected that what the APRO Directors stated would have been noted. No subsequent query was made of APRO on this particular matter prior to the formulation of the Report, in spite of APRO's well known international UFO coverage. In this section, however it is stated that "the project is indebted to Dr. Donald H. Menzel for much of the information presented in this chapter regarding official activity . . . in foreign countries." This statement is also remarkable, in view of the fact that Dr. Menzel, during one of his Latin American tours, also met Captain Pagani, the Director of the Argentine Navy study.

Hynek On Condon

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University and Scientific Consultant to the United States Air Force on UFOs for 20 years, has made public his opinion on the University of Colorado's *Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects* (Condon Report) in the April issue of the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*.

Dr. Hynek refers to the report as "a strange sort of scientific paper and does not fulfill the promise of its title"

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and that the special reports by the Condon staff are "as troublesome and dull to read as they probably were to write." His main criticism is directed to the fact that the Colorado study could not solve some of the truly puzzling cases (in fact, their percentage of "unidentified" is considerably higher than that of the Air Force itself) yet Dr. Condon does not consider them to be of any scientific importance. Dr. Hynek refers to these cases as "an outright challenge to human curiosity, the foundation stone of scientific progress" and expresses his surprise that the National Academy of Sciences fully endorsed Dr. Condon's recommendations.

Another observation made by Dr. Hynek is the strange amount of obviously identifiable cases published in the report (which "clutter up a study") when, on the other hand, only limited time and funds were available. He then asks the question: "Should not the purpose of a study such as Dr. Condon's have been to determine whether there was anything to truly puzzling reports—not to obvious cases of trivial mis-identifications?"

Dr. Hynek, who was involved in the Colorado project since its conception in the fall of 1966, has abstained from making public statements denouncing the negative tone of Dr. Condon and his staff and has patiently awaited the publication of the report to make his views known. APRO fully approves the way in which Dr. Hynek handled the situation and agrees with his general conclusions as published in this interesting article.

Finally, after pointing out that he would have deleted nearly two thirds of the cases in the report as "potentially profitless," Dr. Hynek states: "While it was perhaps laudable to ask an untried, and therefore, presumably, unbiased group to take a fresh look at the UFO problem, this procedure was akin to asking a group of culinary novices to take a fresh look at cooking and then open a restaurant. Without seasoned advice, there would be many burned pots and pans, many burned fingers, and many dissatisfied customers."

New Saunders Publication

Dr. David Saunders, of the Department of Psychology at the University of Colorado, has published two papers: *Factor Analysis of UFO-Related Attitudes* and (with Dr. Peter van Arsdale) *Points of View About UFOs: A Multidimensional Scaling Study* in the bi-monthly specialized publication *Perceptual and Motor Skills* published

by the Southern Universities Press.

Copies of the 30-page booklet may be obtained by interested parties directly from Dr. Saunders by mailing \$1.50 and mentioning APRO. Although Dr. Saunders worked for some time with the University's UFO Project, directed by Dr. Condon, before being dismissed (see *UFOs? YES!* Saunders & Harkins, Signet, New York) he points out in his publication that his work "is based entirely upon data collected and analyzed since that date and independently of that study."

COMMENTS ON THE CONDON REPORT

(The following is a brief appraisal of the Condon Report from the APRO Newsletter which is issued to APRO's Staff, Consultants and Representatives).

by R. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D.

The Condon Committee Report has been released. (Gillmor, D. S. (Ed.) *The Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects*. N. Y.: Bantam Books (YZ4747), 1969). As most observers predicted, the conclusions essentially are negative: no scientific evidence to support the hypothesis that extra-terrestrial spacecraft are surveying the earth. However, the careful reader should be able to see the discrepancies and inaccuracies of many case analyses. Also, the interested investigator should read the "minority report": *Saunders, D. R., & Harkins, R. R. *UFOs? Yes! Where the Condon Committee Went Wrong*. N. Y.: Signet Books (Q3754), 1968. The "shock it to me" aspect of the Condon report is that of recommendations: Dr. Condon recommends that no official agency should be established for UFO investigation. So what happens now? Dr. Condon recommends that individual projects can be planned—and if the projects are deemed worthy, funds should be forthcoming for those projects.

From this observer's point of view, the conclusions and recommendations are disappointing, but not discouraging. (As every "non believer" points out, we "believers" continue to hold on to our irrational beliefs.) I believe that the history of science (see Kuhn, Thomas. *The structure of scientific revolutions*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1962.) gives us a glimpse of possible events in the next phase of scientific development in UFO research.

According to Kuhn, the social stability of science is assured by allowing change to occur, in many cases, only through the death of the older generation, which cannot assimilate new truth. Scientists constitute a self-perpetuating elite, living within the culture but not responsible for its vali-

ation. Moreover, this is an elite whose power rests, not upon the absoluteness of scientific truth, but upon a consensus of opinion that always turns out to be wrong. Thus, science is seen as a process of rebuilding—not a step by step cumulation — but a "new" science with every unusual advance. Kuhn describes two alternating phases: "normal science" and "extraordinary science."

Professor Kuhn argues (using the example of the heliocentric theory of Copernicus versus the geocentric theory of Ptolemy) that peaceful, "normal" science is directed toward the elaboration of a theory which has been accepted by the acknowledged leaders of that field. But, as always, the theory turns out to be wrong or, at least, inadequate to describe nature completely; anomalous discoveries are made which lead to "extraordinary science" in which crisis, followed by revolution, leads to the establishment of a new theory and to the return to "normal science."

If Professor Kuhn's view is accurate, and if UFO research follows a similar cycle, then I believe that scientific historians can look upon the Condon Committee Report as the turning point: where science itself was called upon to change its own present basis. It could not be done—at least by those who presently were established members of that system. But anomalous discoveries will lead to the revolution of "extraordinary science" which is needed to observe, analyze, and explain UFO phenomena. I only hope that the next generation of scientists can be as "cool under fire" as Dr. Condon, when the newer generation begins the cycle once again.

1967 Landing In Colorado

APRO Headquarters recently received a report of an apparent UFO landing about 1 mile east of Texas Creek, Colorado. The main witness was Mr. Kenneth Flack, a student at SCSC and the observation took place on August 27, 1967, at about 11:20 p.m.

Mr. Flack noticed two other cars on the road ahead of him. As he started to overtake them, his engine went dead and the lights went out. This happened also to the other cars. All the passengers got out of their vehicles and spotted an oval object between them and the Arkansas River. Mr. Flack decided to investigate, as he had always been a disbeliever in UFOs. The moon was bright and the object could be clearly seen. It was described as "egg shaped." It was supported on the ground by three "legs."

He started to walk towards the river to get closer to the object and

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when he was about half-way "it rotated on the legs about a quarter of a turn." The back end of the object, the witness stated later, raised up on an angle and he saw a bright flash. The witness then felt unable to proceed; in fact, he felt quite paralyzed and could only stand and watch. As he stood there, and as the other witnesses observed from the highway, the object raised up slowly and headed north at a slow rate. It did not light up or make any sound and the witness claims he saw the "legs" retract into the underside of the object.

As the object was lost from sight, Mr. Flack became unconscious and the other witnesses carried him back to the cars, where they were able to revive him. However, he was still in a state of shock and one of the other drivers took him back to the college dorm. (The vehicles now operated normally). This vehicle was, he recalled later, a pick-up camper from Pueblo. He did not see the license plate. He noticed that the other vehicle was a car bearing a Texas license plate, although he did not recall the number. However, he gave the woman driver from Texas his name and address, and she mentioned something about writing to Dr. Condon at the University of Colorado. Mr. Flack claims that he received a note from the woman afterwards confirming that she had written to Dr. Condon, but had lost the note. APRO queried Dr. Roy Craig, investigator with the Colorado UFO project, but Dr. Craig was apparently unable to find any report from the second witness. Mr. Flack believes her name was either Mitchell Miller or Miller Mitchell. Mr. Flack also placed an ad in a Pueblo newspaper requesting the other witnesses to contact him but he received no reply.

This interesting report reached APRO through Mr. Charles Upp, the father of Mr. Flack's girlfriend. Mr. Upp communicated with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trenholm, the Colorado APRO State Section chiefs, giving them all the information on this case. The similarity between this object and the object observed by Patrolman Lonnie Zamora, in the Socorro, N.M., sighting of 1964, is striking. However, it appears that there are no other confirming witnesses available at this time.

UFO Publication From Britain

Flying Saucer Report, an 87-page fully-documented booklet written by Anthony Pace and Roger H. Stanway of the Newchapel Observatory, appeared during 1968. This publication details observations in the United

Kingdom and subsequent investigations with charts and diagrams. It also formulates recommendations as to what steps the British Government should take in relation to UFOs.

Flying Saucer Report is recommended particularly to our British and Commonwealth members and can be obtained by writing directly to the Observatory, enclosing \$2.20, including postage (add 60 cents for air mail delivery). Address: Newchapel Observatory, Newchapel, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs., England. Mr. Pace, incidentally, is APRO's new British Representative. During 1969, the Observatory, which houses an 18" reflecting telescope, will produce a *Manual for Investigators and Researchers of UFOs*. Further information will be published when available.

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Phoenix. Ripley, a roofing contractor, also lives in Phoenix and is a pilot. The case is under investigation by the APRO Phoenix team and it is hoped that an aerial photograph with the objects superimposed by a competent artist will give a better picture of what was seen. Further information will be presented in a future issue of the Bulletin if warranted.

Large Object Spotted By Many in South Carolina

Several pilots, airport control crews and private citizens observed an unidentified airborne object in the sky between Greenville and Spartanburg, S. C., from 6:30 to 7 p.m., on the night of January 6, 1969. Sighted by Captain Louis Belisle, who was piloting an Eastern Airlines flight from Washington, D.C., to Atlanta, it first appeared as a moon and Belisle thought it was the moon until he realized it was too early and in the wrong direction. Then, he said, it appeared to change colors and to grow in size. It also seemed to be shining from behind clouds, but there were no clouds. This description was fairly consistent among all the observers. Other witnesses reported that a second object appeared to the left and below the object, and Capt Belisle, who had a clear and closer view, said he saw a portion of the object "break off" from the lower left side of the larger object. He could not tell how far away or how large the UFO was. He radioed the control tower at Greenville-Spartanburg Airport and reported the sighting to Charles Harrill, the FAA air traffic controller, who viewed the object with the aid of binoculars. Harrill said that as he watched it the center changed from white to orange and it had rings of blue and gold

color around it. It was visible for two to three minutes before it disappeared leaving two very bright clouds behind. The latter remained visible for 20 minutes after the object disappeared. Radar did not pick up the object but Harrill said that this was meaningless because the object could have been "in the radar antenna's blind spot." Among others who viewed the object from the ground were Jim Ravan, David Kirt and Kathleen Sivak. FAA controllers at the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport watched the object and placed it at about 8,000 feet altitude southwest of the airport.

Object Over Factory In Norway

Our Norwegian representative, Mr. Finn Einar Myhre of Oslo has forwarded the details of a recent incident in that country: On the 13th of February a laborer spotted an illuminated object which almost crashed into the chimneys at Telemark in Southern Norway. Just before 8 p.m. that evening the man spotted the object which approached the Dalen Portland Cement factory at low altitude and high speed. He described the object later as a huge globe lit with many-colored lights. The man thought the object would crash into the building but it veered away and he was not able to see it disappear as he was on a lower floor of the building and could not command a full view of the sky.

On the same night, at 7:40 p.m., a woman reported seeing a cigar-shaped object with a long, reddish tail and a bright white light in front. It flew into the southwest at high speed. Dalen, where the cement factory is located, is 105 kilometers to the southwest of Oslo and despite the fact that nothing unusual registered on radar at the Oslo airport, Myhre feels the objects were at low altitude and might not have been recorded because of that fact. He also feels it is likely that the same object was seen in both instances, despite the widely varying descriptions by witnesses.

Another Hoax

A case reported to have occurred on June 16, 1968, at Boulogne, Argentina (see May-June 1968 Bulletin, page 8), was a hoax. This was determined by an APRO affiliate, AIDOVNI of Buenos Aires, which investigated the case and determined that one of the local residents had decided to perpetrate a joke on his neighbors and pretended that the roof of his house had caved in.

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swarming of bees and was shortly lost to sight.

Inacio de Souza is the manager or foreman of a large farm owned by a wealthy farmer who uses a private plane to travel from his farm to the cities. De Souza is considered sober and reliable, and his wife testifies to the account he gave of the meeting with the humanoids and Inacio's ensuing illness.

Three days after the incident, the owner of the farm, who lives in Sao Paulo, arrived at the farm in his airplane. He found de Souza quite ill. Inacio complained of extreme nausea as well as a tingling feeling and general numbness throughout his body. He was taken to Goiana, the capital of Goias State where a doctor examined him and found burns on his torso. The farm owner (who does not want to be identified) told the doctor the facts surrounding Inacio's condition and the physician decided to do some blood tests. The tests revealed that Inacio was suffering from leukemia and "malignant alterations of the blood." The Doctor took the farm owner aside and told him that Inacio's probable life expectancy was about 60 days. His weight dropped very fast. Inacio suffered great pain and yellowish-white spots appeared all over his body. Within sixty days Inacio de Souza was dead. Before his death he begged his wife to burn his bed and clothing, as he was afraid that what had killed him might have been transmitted to Maria or their 5 children. It is believed by Inacio's family, his employer, the doctor involved as well as investigators, that Inacio de Souza died of radiation poisoning. The incident took place on the above-mentioned farm which is located between Crixas and Pilar de Goias.

The second sighting which also involves humanoids, took place on the 7th of February 1969 at 7 a.m. A parachute or basin-shaped object giving off a blue light was observed by many residents of Pirassununga, in Sao Paulo State, Brazil. Among those who observed the object was 19-year-old Tiago Machado, a fruit peddler who lives there with his family. He had been in bed when he heard people shouting, and looking out his window he saw the object. He grabbed his binoculars and ran to the Zootechnica Institute and excitedly informed two guards, Francisco Hanse and Benedito Joana of what he had seen and asked them to accompany him to the site where the object was located. The three of them set out, running, each by a different route because of the obstacles presented by streams and trees and vegetation. Tiago reached the location of the object first and stopped at about 10 meters from the

object (about 35 feet), which now gave the appearance of an aluminum disc. A lid opened from the upper part of the disc (or "plate" as it was called) and there emerged two smallish men of about 1-meter, 10 centimeters in height (3 feet, 8 inches). Two others could be seen inside the glass-enclosed "cabin". They appeared to "fly" down from the opening to the ground. Tiago described them in the following manner: They wore silvery-colored clothing, including gloves and boots, and through the helmets their faces appeared to have a yellowish tinge, their noses were "squashed" at the ends. A tube projecting down from the area of the chin seemed to be where their hoarse, guttural sounds were coming from. Tiago could not understand the noises they made. They seemed afraid of the binoculars which he had around his neck so he took them off and laid them on the ground and then put them on again, which seemed to reassure the "men". Being nervous, Tiago then lit a cigarette and began smoking. The creatures began to laugh, seemingly very amused, and Tiago took the pack and laid it on the ground, pushing it toward the creatures with his foot. One of them extended his hand above the cigarette pack, and the pack rose up into the air to his palm. He then made a quick movement toward his body and the pack disappeared. (It could be that he inserted the pack into a pocket). The little men seemed to try to converse by sign language and Tiago did likewise. They raised their arms and made the outline of a sphere in the air, then indicating a motion which seemed to Tiago to denote a craft falling or drifting to the ground.

At about this point the shouts of others who were approaching were heard and the little creatures began drifting up to the top of the disc and entered it through the lifted hatch which had opened when they first appeared. The last to enter made a gesture to one of the crew inside, then pointed a pipe-shaped contraption at Tiago. He gave the handle a turn and it flashed a bluish-red ray at the boy's legs and he fell down. The rim of the ship had been turning all the while that the creatures were on the ground, and the central part, which rested on a tripod landing gear remained still. As soon as Tiago fell to the ground the object left the ground and disappeared into the sky at high speed. Others, who were approaching saw the little men and the machine as it took off.

One additional detail which should be mentioned is that when the creatures laughed Tiago noted that their teeth were dark. Mrs. Irene Granchi, who supplied translations from the Portuguese to English, noted that there is a definite similarity between the actions ("flying") of the creatures

in this incident and the creatures involved in the French Cussac Plateau case which was carried in the July-August issue of the Bulletin.

RCMP Observe UFO in Canada

A check with the Canadian Forces revealed that there were no aircraft in the vicinity of Valleyview, Alberta, Canada on the night of the 21st of January 1969 when three Royal Canadian Mounted Police and two civilians spotted an unidentified glowing round, red object over that city. One policeman described the object as much like a star except for the red color, but he was unable to give an approximate altitude or size. The object came out of the southwest, hovered over the town (which is 160 miles northwest of Edmonton), then dropped to a lower altitude, disappeared from sight, then reappeared much higher. It was visible for approximately 45 minutes. A meteorological official at the Edmonton International Airport thought the object might have been one of their balloons which are released regularly from the Industrial Airport to help judge wind speeds and directions. He said the balloons are about two or three feet in diameter, but he did not explain the red color of the object, nor the fact that it was lighted.

UFO Over West Virginia

A UFO was seen by a number of different witnesses over Bluefield, West Virginia during the first days of January. The local police and the Federal Aviation Agency at Mercer County Airport were flooded with calls about an object described as "cone shaped, like a star with a tail" and "pear shaped." Its color was orange and white.

One witness, Miss Pat Ross, a reporter for the Bluefield Daily Telegraph, claims that she spotted the object while driving on the highway and that it approached her as close as 500 feet. "... but it was so bright I could not tell anything about it. It was moving incredibly slow."

On January 5, the object was observed by FAA Flight Service advisor Paul Anderson, who watched it through binoculars. He said its rate of speed "was terrific" and it did not look like any aircraft. On January 6, the object was observed again by Anderson at Mercer County Airport, together with co-workers Ted Curtis and Melvin Grubbs, a local pilot. The Department of the Air Force in Washington, D.C. stated January 6 that they had not received any reports on the sightings. Anderson confirmed that he had made no report to the Air Force.

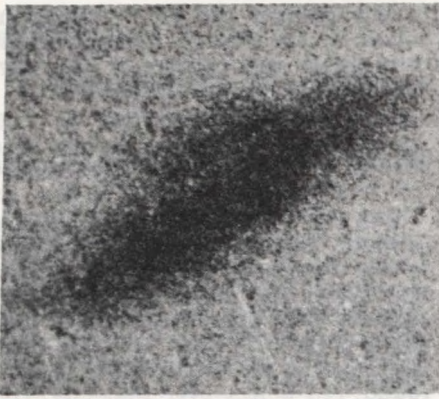


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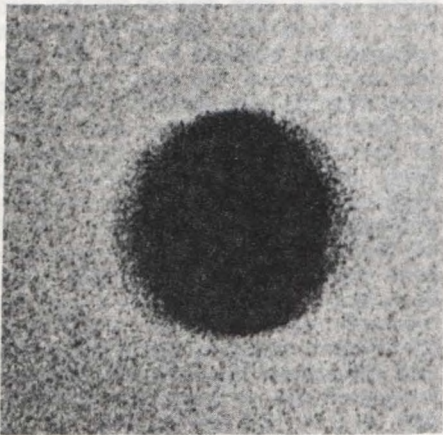


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Two Photos From Sweden

K. Gosta Rehn, APRO's Swedish representative, has forwarded the two photos shown above. The following is the basic information: On the 9th of June, 1968, Thomas Ahren, Jonas Lindh and Mats Erickson, all 13 years of age, were on their way to photograph a boat in Lomma harbor, Skane, Scania, in south Sweden near Malmoe and Lund. The day was cloudy with drizzling rain. They were stopped at a railroad barricade while a train passed and after it rushed by, the bars were released and Thomas watched the bars on their way up. At that instant a strange object lowered itself from the clouds, and Thomas alerted the others. Mats, who had the camera, was excited and fumbling so Jonas snatched it from him and took photo number 1. Ten seconds later the saucer tipped, showing the bottom (photo number 2) and Jonas snapped the second picture. The object then flashed back up into the clouds and out of sight at very high speed. No sound was heard (however the noise of the train could still be heard), and the observation time was approximately 25 seconds. Rehn estimated that the distance from observer to object was about 100 yards or even less, and the object was about 10 meters in diameter (34 feet). The camera was an Instamatic, and the negatives are

quite small. The photos shown here are blow-ups and therefore the grain is quite large. The surrounding area consisted of flat fields with no buildings or trees. The boy had to "pan" his camera in order to get a photo of the moving object. The saucer itself was described as metallic or grey aluminum in color with typical saucer shape and domed area on top.

U.S. Roundup

2 Dec 1968, between 7 and 7:30 p.m., San Manuel, Arizona. Joe Bertoldo, train foreman and an anonymous brakeman (by request) observed three star-like white objects in perfect triangular formation 10 degrees above the northern horizon and heading west. Estimated rate of speed of objects 100 miles per hour. The formation was estimated to have been about the size of a half dollar held at arm's length. Both witnesses on moving ore train between the San Manuel mines and the Plant area. No sound was heard, thus ruling out possibility that objects were jets. Check with San Manuel airport indicated no planes up from there. Clear, moonlit night, no clouds, little wind. Duration of sightings: 5 to 10 seconds.

1 January, 8:20 p. m., 1969, Algonquin, Illinois. An object described as a round, pulsating reddish-orange ball, a white sphere with a red ring around it or a red ball of light, was viewed by many in Barrington, Algonquin, Fox River Grove, Cary and Crystal Lake, Illinois. First spotted by Police Sgt. Russell Hickman at 7:30 it was east of Algonquin and traveling in an easterly direction toward Barrington. He called the Barrington police station to learn that they had already spotted the object and had alerted the other towns mentioned above. To Hickman, the object appeared to pulsate and to move up and down and sideways. The object was apparently in the area for a period of about one and a half hours. At one point Hickman said, the object appeared to light in a field, but then it rose rapidly and disappeared from sight. Mrs. Vera Matter of Algonquin said she was traveling in a car from Cary to Algonquin when her daughter spotted the object which seemed to be following them. She stopped the car, got out and watched it. She said it was bright red on the bottom and greenish-yellow colored on top. Becoming frightened, she stopped at the Robert Williams home where she, her daughter and the Williams' watched the object as it seemed to settle down among some trees, rose again and then flew out of sight. It would appear that Hickman and the Williams and Russell group were watching the same maneuver at the same time. The

object was last seen at about 9 p.m. when it travelled into the west and disappeared from sight.

1 January, 1969, Goodyear Lake, New York. A pair of bright lights which alternately dimmed and brightened touched off a flurry of interest at Goodyear Lake, and two young girls claimed that an unidentifiable flying object followed them. Ten-year-old Debbie Monser and Roberta Currie, 11, who were among a group of girls skating on the frozen lake, said that a light was beamed down on them from the air, and the Dachshunds who were with them laid down on the ice and started to rub their eyes. "It was a glow of light", Roberta said, and "it circled where we were skating." Debbie said the object looked like a football with lights along the bottom, and at one point, arm-like appendages lowered from around the rim of light and "ejected green powder" which did not show up on the lake. Debbie and Roberta then began screaming, and "the lights went back up", Debbie said. They then started home and one of the lights followed them. Roberta stopped off at her home first, they said, and Debbie went the last few hundred yards alone with the light following her. She said that she would stop and look at it and that it would stop also. "The bottom turned green when I stopped," she said, "and then turned white when I started walking." Others who saw the lighted objects were reporter Dick Frosch who described the lights as alternately turning bright and then dim on a regular cycle. Mrs. Nancy Gennarino of Cliffside, who also saw the lights said they seemed to float along toward Route 28, and that they looked like big bright stars from her vantage point. She also stated that one stayed stationary while the other moved in the direction of the Power Dam. No noise was discerned by any of the observers.

16 January, 1969, 7 a.m., Prince William Sound, Alaska. Charles McCracken on Prince William Sound heading Northeast when he saw a very bright white light silhouetted against mountains in the southwest. It slowly moved toward the boat until it was directly over the boat at an estimated 1,000 feet altitude. McCracken viewed the object through binoculars before it reached the boat, described it as generally oval-shaped although the light was too bright to see a distinct shape. One bright red light appeared to be at a 45 degree angle and disappeared from sight at tremendous speed. Observed at closest range for about 5 minutes, the whole sighting lasted 25 minutes. The same object was seen by William Webber, who is the owner of the motor vessel "Norel", which

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was being steered by McCracken. Webber stated that the object was as large as a 5 cent piece held at arm's length when at its closest point. Webber's description tallies with that of McCracken — when viewed through the binoculars he saw six bright yellowish-white lights (two rows) with a bright red light near the middle of the object. He estimated its size at about 100 feet and its altitude above the boat as about 1500 feet. There was dim light and a cloudless, clear sky.

11 and 12 February 1969, Fords, New Jersey. On both of these nights, a yellowish, oval light was reported sighted over the Hatco Chemical Company, Meadow Road, Fords, New Jersey for nearly two hours. Sighted by several, the object hung in the sky, faded out each time an airplane approached, and suddenly vanished from sight at about 9 p.m.

13 February 1969, 8:30 p.m., Beloit, Wisconsin. Several private citizens and police observed what was described as a "shiny" or white object surrounded by red lights. The object was first sighted by Gene Bradzon who notified the sheriff's department at 8:30 p.m. The message was relayed to the Beloit township police department and two men were sent out in a squad car to investigate. Both reported seeing a similar object in the sky. The message was then passed on to the Rock County airport where Bill Leitz, on duty in the observation tower, spotted the object about five miles to the south of Janesville. He could not identify the object so he notified two pilots who were taking off in light planes. Leitz described the object as a brilliant white light 500 to 1000 feet above the ground with "red coloring intermingled." He said that neither pilot could find the object after flying west for a distance of about 15 miles. An hour and a half later a similar object was sighted near Dubuque, Iowa and Monroe authorities also had reports of a similar object. The Police Chief of Clinton Village said he also had observed a similar "white, shiny object with red lights around its edge and heading in a westerly direction." Citizens in Galena, Illinois reported that they had seen a UFO, and the tower at the Greater Rockford, Illinois airport was asked to assist in tracking. Planes in that area which were asked to check found nothing, however.

'Flying Wheel' In Illinois

Several citizens reported unidentified flying objects in the Jerseyville, Illinois, area during January. One good observation took place on January 17 at 12:00 p.m. and involved two witnesses. One was Mr. Edward Clark,

State Highway Maintenance Supervisor, who was driving between Graf-ton and Hardin. His attention was attracted when he saw an automobile parked alongside the highway flashing its lights. Believing that the occupant had mechanical trouble, Mr. Clark stopped his own car. The other driver pointed to the sky and Clark observed what he later described as "a sixteen-inch car wheel floating in the air." He estimated that it was about half a mile distant and between 1,000 and 2,000 feet high. During the observation, which lasted nearly 20 minutes, the object was seen to descend below the tree line on the horizon, (estimated 20 feet from the ground) and then it flew straight up, but not at a great speed.

The other driver, who remained unidentified, observed the phenomena through binoculars. A third driver who stopped to watch the object and who also remains unidentified stated that it might have been a helicopter. However, no sound was heard coming from the object and Clark later stated that it was far too small to be a helicopter. The observation took place between Marquette State Park and the Village of Nutwood.

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objects were under observation for from two to three minutes.

Object Observed By School Children

A half dozen school children and a school teacher at the Te Mata School, Havelock North, N. Z., observed an unidentified object at fairly close range on the 21st of December. At 11:20 a.m. on that date the children spotted the object hovering over some poplar trees near the school. They said that it was saucer-shaped with a hatch and antenna clearly visible. It made a clicking noise and the children compared its size to half the size of the school swimming pool. The children, who spotted the object first, called it to the attention of teachers who saw it just as it shot suddenly upward, then travelled toward Hastings. One teacher said he watched the object for about 10 minutes as it travelled back and forth above Hastings. The teacher said that he thought at times that it could have been an airplane except that during some flight attitudes it appeared to be round and did not fit the description of any aircraft with which he was familiar. A later check with Bridge Pa Aerodrome and the Civil Aviation Department at Napier disclosed the fact that there had been no air traffic of any kind in the Hastings area at that time.

Family Tracked By UFO

A family at Hamilton, N. Z., claims that on the night of the 26th of December they were tracked for more

than an hour by an oblong bright white to yellow light as they drove home. The sighting commenced at 9 p.m.

On the next morning at about 2 a.m. a Blenheim train crew observed an object similar to that seen by the Hamilton family. They watched the thing as they travelled past Parkikawa to the Tar Barrel Hill tunnel. Once through the tunnel, however, fog prevented a clear view and they did not spot the object again.

Pilot, Others Observe UFO

The pilot of an Air New Zealand DC-8 reported that during a flight from Auckland to Nandi at 9:47 p.m. on the 27th of December he observed a bright, pear-shaped light with a tail in the west. Additional reports of what seemed to have been the same object came from Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Addis of Auckland. They claimed they observed the object while driving over the Brynderwyn Hills on the same night. They first thought it was a comet or meteor but it was in sight too long for a shooting star and too short a time for a comet.

On the next night Mr. and Mrs. H. Mole of Whakatane, who were returning home at 9 p.m. observed a brilliant oval orange light which moved slowly over Whakatane. No sound was detected and the two watched as it suddenly turned upward and disappeared into the sky. Two young visitors from Auckland also observed the object and reported it to the police at Whakatane.

White Ovals Over Amberly

Two Christchurch men, Mr. G. W. Kennedy and W. L. Dick, observed two mysterious oval white lights which moved over Amberly at 4:15 a.m. on the 31st of December. The objects were in sight for four minutes as they traveled from horizon to horizon. Although there were low clouds the objects were clearly seen and the observers estimated the altitude of the objects at about 5 to 7,000 feet. The Weather Office at Christchurch announced that the objects were not meteorological balloons and the control tower at Christchurch Airport noted that there were no aircraft aloft.

Lighted Cigar Over Palmerston North

In early January two unidentified (by choice) men of Palmerston North, N. Z., watched a noiseless, cigar-shaped object with bright white lights at each end which hovered over a paddock near the city of Palmerston North. Both men are trained observers. They estimated that they were within a half mile of the object as it hovered about 100 yards above the ground for approximately 10 seconds. The object, first seen as an extremely bright light, came down from the sky over Old West Road near Massey University just before dawn. The exact

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date is not known but is assumed to be about the 15th of January. When the men first spotted it they were a considerable distance away but drove to Old West Road where they got a better look. The light on the front end was very bright, they said, and the light on the trailing end considerably dimmer, and the estimated length of the thing was about 30 feet. After hovering, the object headed north just above the mountain ranges and 20 minutes later another very bright light was observed by the pair as it flitted "from the top to the bottom of the ranges". A check with Ohakea Air Base revealed that weather balloons had not been launched at the time the sighting was made and that nothing was registered on radar between 4:20 and 4:40 a.m. when the sighting was made.

Golden Object at Taradale

Four different observers reported sighting a golden-colored light between 9 and 10 p.m. on the 7th of January. It appeared to change shape and dropped in altitude and became smaller and smaller until it vanished, according to Mr. Peter Watterson of Napier. Watterson observed the object through field glasses and with the use of the optics he was able to see a series of red lights around the edge of the object. He called two friends, Andrew Imire and R. McKenzie who also watched the object from their locations. The fourth witness, Mrs. M. T. Meyer of Taradale said she spotted the object at 9:45 p.m. and it appeared over a hill in the vicinity. All observers agreed that the object was a bright light of a golden color, four or five times the apparent size of the planet Venus. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer used a telescope to view the object and through the telescope it appeared as an egg-shaped object with a red light on the bottom and six or seven jets of blue flame shooting out from it. Mrs. Meyer told the press that "It also had a small indentation, as if someone had taken a chunk out of it, on the other side. It hovered in the sky for a while and then it disappeared altogether."

Meanwhile, on the same night at 9:30 p.m., four nurses at Bridge Pa reported watching a large, bright star-like object which hovered over the area for 20 minutes. All witnesses said that the object appeared to be at low altitude. The nurses said that it appeared to elongate after a time and turned reddish before disappearing from sight.

At Masterton, also on the 7th, a family spotted a hovering bright yellow disc which appeared to be over the Waingawa meat works for more than 20 minutes, before moving off and out of sight.

Multi-Witness Sighting In Nebraska

A woman, her son and her sister-in-law have reported what looked like lighted portholes or windows hovering or moving over fields in the vicinity of Cedar Creek and Louisville, Nebraska, on the 3rd of November. The woman, Mrs. Gerald McGill, 25, was returning to her home from Plattsmouth at about 7 p.m., when she and her son Stephen and Mrs. Kirby McGill saw what appeared to be the light of a huge flashlight moving up and down over a field. It seemed to rotate, they said, and changed from bright to dim. They had stopped the car and watched for about 15 minutes when the object started to move toward them and appeared to become hazy. Frightened, they started the car and left the area. After the three arrived home the two women went back to the area where they had seen the lights and this time they saw what they described as three lighted windows with red blinking lights behind them hovering over the same field. Then the lights disappeared.

The McGills' hired hand came forward and said that on the 1st of November at 4 a.m., while he made coffee he looked out the kitchen window and saw lights over a cornfield near the McGill farmhouse. He said they looked like blue fluorescent lights behind three oblong windows and he watched them for an estimated period of about five minutes before they disappeared.

Report From Ohio

Harold Lamb, a Michigan truck driver and part-time deputy sheriff, reported that he observed a UFO on January 9 at 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. Lamb was driving between Carey and Bowling Green on the 1-75 when he spotted the object out of his left window. He claimed that "it looked and glowed like a light bulb." Lamb thought the object was about 1,000 feet up and he could not observe any distinguishing details.

Lamb then switched on the truck's spotlight, placing its beam on the UFO. He continued to do this until he reached Findlay, where he got out of the truck to get a better look. The object stayed in the light beam. As Lamb was nearing Bowling Green, the object appeared to move away rapidly and it finally disappeared.

A similar object had been sighted some hours earlier (7:00 a.m.) east of Bowling Green by Mr. Eldon Nelson. Mr. Nelson said that while driving north he and two other passengers spotted a blue flash, then three other flashes and then an object "with a light in the center." The witnesses,

claimed Mr. Nelson, observed the phenomena for about 3 minutes. They calculated that the object was at an altitude of about 500 feet and that it was round in the middle and had a domed top.

1967 Sighting In Wales

Many reports reach APRO Headquarters detailing old observations, sometimes up to 20 years old. These are presented if they are considered worthwhile. One interesting report which we received recently directly from the witness corresponds to an observation made on May 13, 1967, at 5:45 a.m. (local time) in North Wales.

The witness, Mr. Martin G. Williams, was in his car when he observed a brilliant flash of light just beneath the clouds. He noticed that an object was approaching his vicinity very rapidly, losing altitude and following an undulating path. It stopped and hovered at about 150 feet altitude without making any sound whatsoever. After a few seconds, "a bluish-white glow enveloping the object dimmed to almost nothing," but it still appeared to be surrounded by a haze "though its solidity was very apparent."

Mr. Williams calculated the object to be about 45-50 feet in diameter and about 15 feet thick. It appeared to be a circular, metallic disk-shaped object "with a sharp-edged ridge encircling its circumference just below its widest point." Its color was described as bluish-grey above the ridge and dull-grey below it. The witness did not observe any windows, doors or openings although he was about 300 feet away watching from the interior of his car (window lowered), which was stationary. "Suddenly, the object became enveloped once again with the bluish-white light which accompanied its arrival and equally as suddenly accelerated at tremendous speed towards the direction from which it first came," Mr. Williams states.

The object gained speed, and grew much brighter before it disappeared. Mr. Williams calculated the time of observation about 5 minutes and he points out three aspects of the object that impressed him most: its size; its silence, and its tremendous speed. This observation is typical of many others received throughout the years, but few have been so carefully described as in this report. The witness is from Wrexham, a town located close to the River Dee, which flows into the Irish Sea.

Anthony Pace, APRO's English Representative is personally investigating this case and if additional information is forthcoming, it will be published in a future issue.