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MATTER - ENERGY EXCHANGE

Of all the surprises in the UFO bag of tricks, perhaps most bewildering is the disappearing act. Whether it is performed visually or, as often happens, on radar, this performance leaves the witness with a weird feeling he must have seen something that wasn't there.

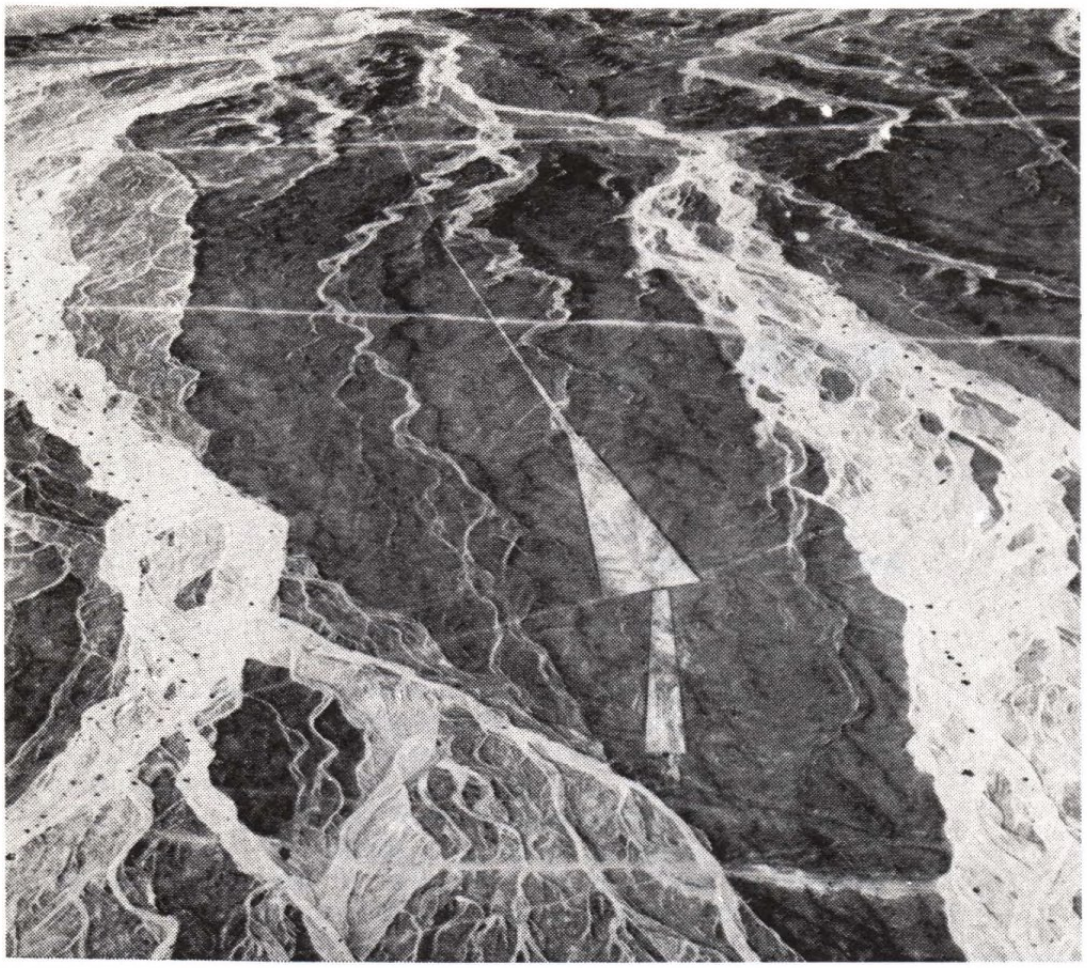
It is an act just as puzzling to seasoned ufologists and one that has to lie behind every theory about the nature of UFOs. Abrupt disappearance of these apprently solid objects is a favorite argument to support the other-dimension, other-universe or ultra-terrestrial line of reasoning, and it fits in well with the logic of those who perfer to talk in terms of "etherics," which is an extension of the same thought. Analysts who regard these objects simply as technically advanced craft from other parts of the known universe believe the answer lies in speed so great it baffles the eye.

While we favor the known-universe school of thought - at least, for now - we do not believe the last idea is quite sufficient, It fails to explain those cases where UFOs dwindle from sight while apparently in fixed position. Still less does it explain cases where the objects become transparent without disappearing entirely.

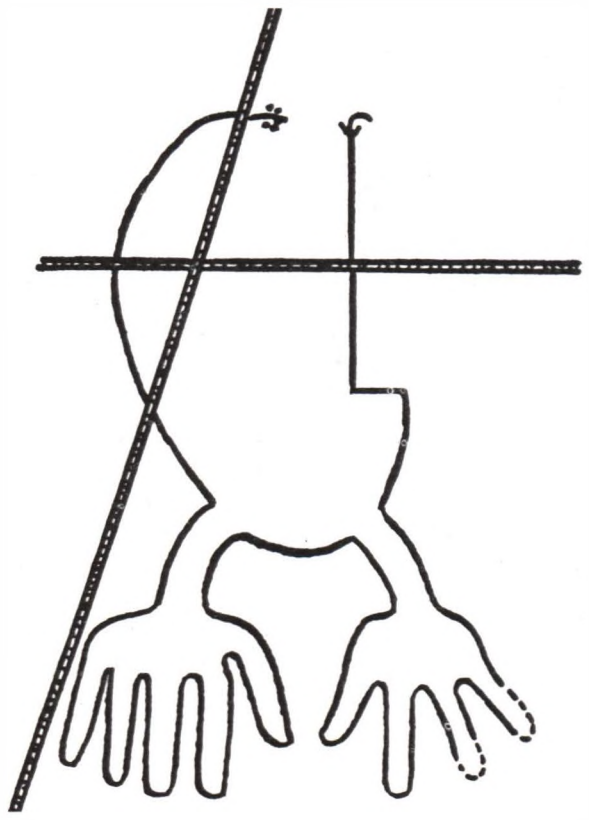
In an article in this issue there is a possible answer to the mystery and one that, if correct, keeps the known-universe theory intact. The report describes how a New Zealand couple saw what might have been a solid object converted to a form of energy. The evident purpose was to sink an instrument in this form far into the ground where it would resume its shape and substance. If our UFO visitors are capable of doing this, it means simply that they are well along the road our own scientists are now gingerly entering.

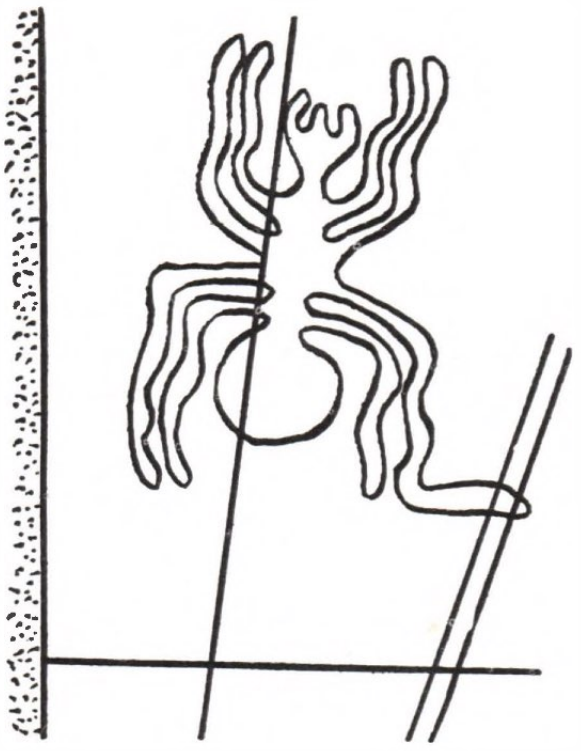
Matter and energy are variations of the same basic property - in fact, if scientists will excuse the rough definition, it might be said that matter is energy compacted - and the ability to convert one to the other would carry with it the incidental but marvellous gift of making things invisible, wholly or in part. Naturally, too, conversion of matter to energy would release it from the force of gravity - except for the miniscule degree that gravity affects energy waves as, for instance, it affects light.

All this can, and undoubtedly will, be accomplished in our own realm of physics. We do not need to explore other dimensions to find the answer.



Left: These ancient signs seen from air over Peru may have guided UFO pilot.
Below: Desert tracings like these are unexplained.





"AVIATORS" OF ANTIQUITY

An absorbing aspect of ufology is the study of evidence suggesting that advanced beings from space may have landed on earth in ancient times beyond record and had a part in the growth of our civilization. Possibly, in fact, they shared in our evolution.

Consider these words in Genesis VI-1: ". . . the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair; and they took to wife such of them as they chose."

Reference to the "sons of God" is frequent in the Bible yet there is no real certainty as to exactly who they were.

In his book 'Flying Saucers Are Watching Us' Otto Binder suggests this: "remember that all theologians do not agree that the words God, Jehovah, Elohim and such necessarily all meant the God. It is open to question whether in many cases a nondivine being was meant, a messenger from the sky. Reinterpreting the Bible freely, and more logically, the Adam and Eve story might really be a garbled account of how men in flying saucers landed on earth and intermarried with earthly women of some prehistoric type. Or even more likely, with a sub-human species more than a million years ago."

While it is hard to believe that beings so mature would have any taste for apelike females, it is possible they used artificial insemination as part of some plan to colonize our embryonic planet with an intelligent species. Then perhaps returning long afterward as what were thought to be "sons of God," they were pleased with what they had wrought and took unto themselves wives.

It is theorizing of this sort that sends orthodox scholars groping for the nearest wall but these same scholars are often notably lacking in answers of their own. Here, for instance, are significantly unanswered questions concerning the biological development of man listed by Max H. Flindt in his studious work 'On Tiptoe Beyond Darwin':

A. Why did the race of Aurignacian Man (circa 30,000 B.C.) according to his fossil bones, have a brain case 100 cubic centimeters bigger than that of modern man with 1,300 cc capacity? Where did this huge brain case, three times that of a gorilla, come from? And was this large-brained sub-man one of our immediate ancestors, through some unknown biogenetic program of interbreeding with men of space?

B. Why is a man's brain weight more than triple that of other animals, in proportion to body weight, with a thinking capacity ten times greater than any species of the primates?

C. Why did man alone, out of hundreds of rival mammalian species, develop this tremendous brain power? (Recent studies of the mental behavior of dolphins indicate man may not have been alone. Possibly space visitors also carried out their experiment on aquatic life where diversity was infinitely greater — Ed.) All other creatures had just as many millions of years to evolve their nervous systems and brains.

D. Why is it that the fertilized ovum of the human female buries itself in the uterus wall, something that happens with no other creature on earth?

E. Why does man, unlike all other animals in nature, come in a wide variety of skin colors, statures, cranial shapes, color of head hair, and facial features? Why does man in that sense resemble domesticated dogs, cats and cattle, who have been bred by us — much as we may have been bred — into a great variety of types?

As Binder remarks: "None of these riddles is fully explained by the theory of evolution. Max Flindt quotes from Sir Arthur Keith, the great anthropologist, who states that 'thirty percent of man's

structural details (of his body) are peculiar to man himself and not shared with any other of the primates.'"

While the theory of 'manipulated' evolution seems to answer such riddles, there is danger of over-simplification if we follow this line of thought without considering other riddles in man's development. To judge from the discovery of miraculously contrived artifacts far older than the most primitive kind of relics, man's growth has been a history of interruptions. There must have been periods of tremendous accomplishment followed by others of near extinction.

This view has been notably developed in the prodigious studies of scientist and historian Immanuel Velikovsky, and in issue no. 2 we listed some of the remarkable relics tending to support it. But with the exception of the ancient Piri Reis maps showing areas of the world thought to be unknown to earthbound explorers, these particular examples gave no evidence that their creators were masters of flight — though some of the building feats suggested the use of flying craft.

(A friend of ours who recently questioned Velikovsky on the subject found that, understandably because of his preoccupation with other avenues of his immense study, he had not concerned himself with the possibility of manned flight in ancient times. Thus he has not paid particular attention to the controversy over UFOs. Interestingly, however, Velikovsky makes this statement in his 'Ages in Chaos': "With colorful imagaination 'Kebra Nagast' recounts the bridal night of Solomon and the Queen of the South; among the presents he gave her there were 'a vessel wherein one could travel over the sea, and a vessel where one could travel by air.'")

So now let's look at another centuries-old creation of skillful design where the involvement of flight seems unmistakable. In fact, more than anything it resembles a set of navigation aids for aviators arriving from great altitudes.

The scene is the unbelievably dry coastal desert about 250 miles south of Lima, capital of Peru. There, between the Ica and Nazca valleys, are vast tracings on the pebbley surface that obviously have a connection with astronomy as well as being symbols of an unknown culture. Mystifying as the tracings are for their design alone, the real puzzle is that their outline becomes apparent only when seen from the air. While for countless years travelers must have trudged right through them, they were hardly noticed until a commercial airline was established in the region. Passengers and crewmen observed a bewildering maze of designs covering the mesa-like uplands, and soon the tracings became a scientific curiosity.

The manner in which they were etched on the desert was simply explained. The originators had removed a thin layer of weather-darkened pebbles where they wished to show the outlines and piled these along the border of the exposed subsurface. The result was yellowish inner strips bounded by dark edges which were immediately noticeable when viewed from a height.

But how these early-day "sidewalk" artists completed their enormous patterns if they had no help above ground level is so far unexplained. Now known simply as the Nazca Lines, the tracings in some cases represent huge men with arms aloft and bird-like creatures or insects. In other cases the drawings are geometric, with lines running parallel for miles or fashioned as triangles that seem to have a directional purpose. Some of the lines appear to go straight into the bases of mountains and come out again on the other side, at the same level and in complete alignment.

Still more mystifying is how several of the lines were given a precise astronomical bearing. First scientist to discover this remarkable fact was U.S. anthropologist Paul Kosok who went to Peru in 1940 to study the development of remote "irrigation societies." Having heard of the lines and thinking they might throw light on his subject, he went to investigate.

Like others before him, he failed at first to see any meaning in the designs. Then one evening on a second visit a year later

Kosok and his wife were studying a series of lines at the top of a mesa when they were surprised to notice that the setting sun touched the horizon precisely over one of them. Immediately they recalled the date was June 22, the day of the winter solstice in the southern hemisphere. Surely this was a solstice line!

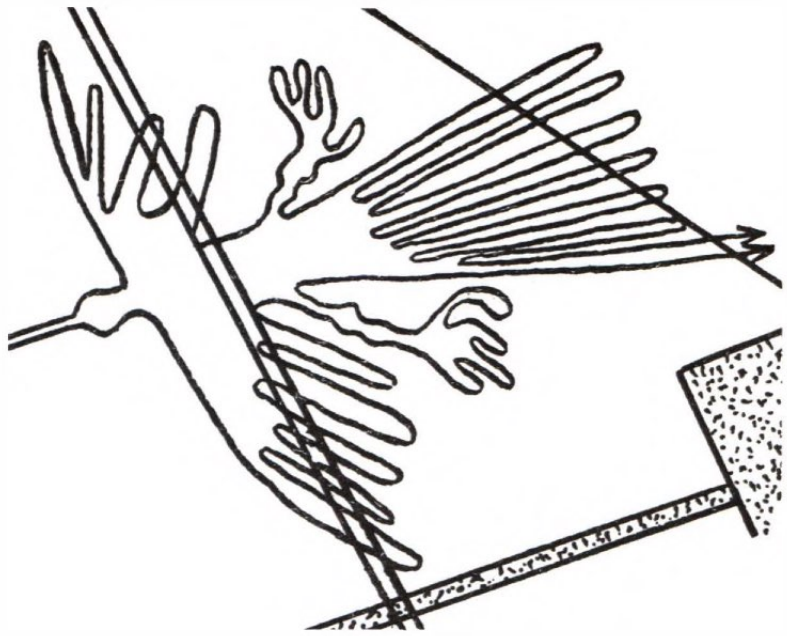
From that chance beginning Kosok came to conclude that the markings were nothing less than the "Largest Astronomy Book in the World." Other commitments obliged him to leave the region before his work there was finished but in Lima he had the good luck to meet a German-born scientist, Dr. Maria Reiche, who was trained in both mathematics and astronomy.

Instantly captivated by what Kosok told her about the lines, Dr. Reiche became something of a miracle in her own right. Going to see the tracings for herself, she has never departed. Today she lives in a simple abode hut near the desert and spends her days charting and measuring the lines and comparing them with the positions of the stars and planets at different times of the year.

While Dr. Reiche, as far as we know, never assumed that space beings had a part in the history of the tracings, she did at one stage admit by her own actions that height was needed to study the lines properly. This occurred when, to photograph the maze of drawings, she had herself strapped to the outside of an airplane so she would have an unobstructed bird's-eye view of all the configurations.

Speculation about why the drawings were ever put there usually proceeds from the premise that they were an aid to early inhabitants in forecasting seasons favorable to crops, with some religious connotation possibly included. Since no rain ever falls on those particular plains — which explains why the lines have not been erased — the people who would benefit were presumably those who lived in the valleys where irrigation was possible.

While this reasoning is probably correct to some degree, it fails to account for the seemingly endless complexity of



the drawings. Although she is making a life-study of the mystery, Dr. Reiche still has not exhausted its astronomical possibilities. How simple farmers, even with the help of their more knowledgable high priests could fare any better — to say nothing of creating the diagrams in the first place — remains completely unexplained.

So here again we run into the stiff academic attitude that if anything scientifically unacceptable, such as UFOs, must be introduced to solve a mystery, it is better to let the mystery remain.

If the Nazca lines were strictly a local feature, without anything similar elsewhere, it might be stretching the case a bit to suggest ufoperators found this particular spot sufficient for their navigational aids. But these strange drawings are not an isolated instance of their kind, though they are certainly the most complex. In the Zana and Lambayesque valleys of northern Peru there are "roads" similar to those in Nazca, while other drawings that take on form only when viewed from the air are located just outside Lima and in northern Chile. A 602-foot-high candelabra-like figure is carved into a cliff above the Pacific near Pisco, also in Peru. It points exactly north and south.

In the midwest U.S. there are unexplained mounds that are more apparent seen from above than on the ground, and there are giant pictographs on the sun-parched

mesas of California. One hundred miles from them upstream, on the Colorado is a mysterious rock "maze" consisting of many acres of ground covered with a patchwork of parallel roads of small stones, scraped together in small ridges. This is called the "Mojave Maze" but the Mojave deny having built it, nor do they know who did.

The confusion of designs and forms suggests these puzzling relics of a time before recorded history had more than a single purpose. If we are bold enough to assume they were created by a civilization in space, we might also assume the creatures depicted are symbols of another world where such creatures exist. Perhaps they have a religious intent or perhaps they serve the more earthy purpose of identifying the region in which they are located, much as we identify our airfields by particular radio signals.

Going a step further with the idea of a relationship with space beings, we can wonder if the drawings so like direction signs on the changeless sands of South America have some connection with the UFO power-grid theorized by Capt. Bruce Cathie of New Zealand and mentioned later in this issue. Could these signs be used to take bearings on important sectors of the grid? To orthodox scholars this may seem to be heaping wild guess on wild guess but at least it suggests a purpose that is so far utterly lacking.

There are two other pieces of evidence that may not fit into this particular puzzle but are so similar in format they might have been cut with the same jigsaw. One is this item from an article in 'Astroview' by Joseph F. Goodavage on lost continents and civilizations:

"Now, however, we have a newer, even more mysterious discovery (Goodavage had been discussing five miles of enormous submarine stairs off the northern coast of Puerto Rico) — the remnants of an ancient 'Atlantis' in the depths of the Pacific off the coast of Peru. These rock columns jut from the silt of the ocean's bed in the middle of a zone of submarine earthquakes and belching volcanoes that encircles the entire Pacific.

"Dr. Robert Menzies, director of ocean research at the Duke University Marine Laboratory, recently lowered his cameras from the research ship 'Anton Brunn' beneath a few thousand fathoms of water to within a few feet of the bottom and switched on his lights . . . Dr. Menzies' cameras accidentally photographed unnatural rock columns, several of them with engraving in some totally alien-seeming language.

"Was this some new Atlantis or Lemuria? There are no islands nearby from which they could recently have fallen; experts who studied the pictures believe they predate the ancient Inca civilizations by centuries — perhaps millenia! It happens that the people of ancient Peru had one of the most magnificent civilizations on earth when Europe was still in the Dark Ages. In addition to their well-known temples and pyramids, they also built what we call macadamized highways several miles long and high suspension bridges!"

The other bit of evidence that may help explain the strange desert patterns in Peru is contained in an article in 'Esquire' on mod movie director Dennis Hopper, of all unlikely people, who made a hit with 'Easy Rider'. Describing an interview with Hopper on location for shooting a movie in Peru, the article said:

"Beside him is the beautiful Pilar, staring moodily out at the dirt road, at brown Indians on muddy hillsides herding testy foolish-looking llamas, at the occasional brown cluster of roadside huts, and at the highest Andes jutting too abruptly and independently back-lot peaks painted on expertly stretched canvas.

" 'Dig those mountains, man. Far out. The Indians have seen flying saucers land up there.' "

This will not come as news to ufologists. The Andes, and in fact most of South America, are known by them to have a special attraction for our visitors from space. But the point is lost on orthodox scholars who try vainly to identify the ancient civilizations of that continent while ignoring our "ancestors" from other worlds.

Ancient lines etched into Peruvian hillside.

In varying degrees of size and feature, UFO occupants have been observed to resemble ourselves. If there were not some relationship, the odds against this being so would be beyond calculation. So out in space, it would seem, is the connecting link between us and the great cultures lost in upheavals researched so carefully by Velikovsky. Evidently we have been fathered or colonized not once or twice, but several times, by our other-world visitors.

In Peru, as elsewhere, the history of their earthly association is still being written.

H-BOMB 10,000 YEARS AGO?

Horror hit the Japanese city of Hiroshima in a split-second of nuclear explosion on August 6, 1945. The world shuddered at the incredible devastation caused by this new weapon the atom bomb.

But are nuclear weapons really new? It is possible that, 10,000 years ago, an entire civilization was wiped out in a dreadful nuclear war.

Students of the world's most ancient books, the collection of India's Sanskrit writings known as the "mahabharata" have found astonishing reports which suggest that something very like the H-bomb was used thousands of years before the birth of Christ.

The "mahabharata" are believed to have been written in their present form more than 3,000 years ago, but they were based on much older works no longer in existence.

In these ancient pages are to be found descriptions of death and destruction which so closely resemble accounts of the havoc at Hiroshima, that it seems nothing short of nuclear weapons could have been used.

"When this weapon was discharged smoke like 10,000 suns blazed up in splendour . . . then a thick gloom suddenly encompassed the hosts. All points of the compass were suddenly enveloped in darkness. Clouds roared into the higher air, showering blood . . . the world, scorched by the heat of that weapon, seemed to be in a fever. Darkness hid the entire army. Then we beheld a wondrous sight: burned by the power of that weapon, the forms of the slain could not even be distinguished."

It is difficult to believe that this account, with so many frightening similarities to our own time, was written thousands of years ago. *Reprinted from the Australian UFO Bulletin, Victoria, Australia.*

DISAPPEARING STARS

Are there intelligent forces in the universe that can move stars at will?

Preposterous as the idea may sound, let's look at a mystery of the 19th century when three well documented stars disappeared almost directly under the gaze of searching astronomers. The first of these was a variable star called T Bootis, announced by the English amateur astronomer Joseph Baxendall, Sr. in the *Monthly Notices* of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1861.

The errant T Bootis was observed by Baxendall in the southern vicinity of Arcturus. Here is his account:

"It was mapped down as a 9¾ magnitude star on the 9th of April last (1860), and on the 11th it was again seen and estimated to be of the 10th magnitude; but on the 22nd it had diminished to the 12.8 magnitude, and on the following night it was invisible with Mr. Worthington's 13-inch reflector (he had erected an observatory with his friend Robert Worthington), in a sky which permitted stars of the 14th magnitude to be seen. It has frequently been looked for since, but not seen."

Nor has it ever been seen since! At Bonn Observatory in Germany the variable star specialist E. Schonfield searched for T Bootis on various occasions between 1865 and 1875 but in vain. He finally concluded that Baxendall had found a nova (exploding star) which had collapsed from view.

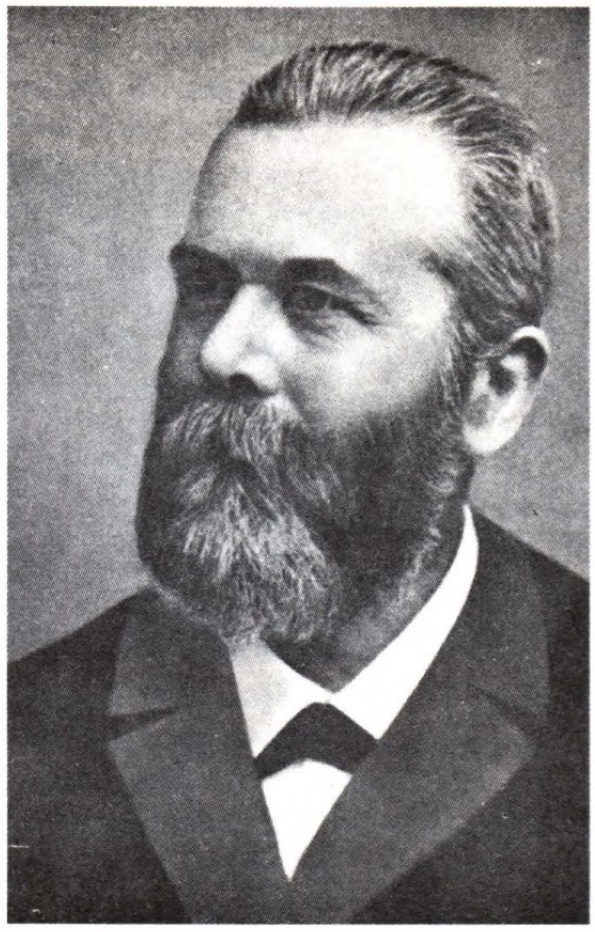
Not satisfied with that as an answer, other astronomers around the world took up the search but without any more success.

Then in 1885 the mystery suddenly became much deeper when it was found that two others stars — unnamed but catalogued by location in the same area as the departed T Bootis were also missing. Their absence was discovered by the Czech variable star observer Vojtech Safarik, professor of astronomy at Prague, who immediately checked with the Bonn Observatory to make sure his map giving the stars' position was correct. There was no doubt about it. They were not where they should have been.

Further checking showed their presence had last been officially noted in 1855, five years before T Bootis disappeared. This raised the possibility that all three stars may have vanished within a short period of each other, if not simultaneously.

The new findings made the nova theory virtually untenable. It was inconceivable that three stars in the same location would go through the same evolutionary process in the same period.

But what other answer is there? If we agree there is little or no chance of nature performing such a feat of coincidence, then we must look for something more



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organized and deliberate. We must accept the possibility there are intelligent forces in space so infinitely beyond our own development that they can shape pieces of the universe to their own design.

MATCHING CASES

A gratifying experience in ufology is to come across accounts of widely separated incidents with certain striking and unusual details that are closely similar, if not identical. In our opinion this matching of rare detail is perhaps the strongest answer of all to those skeptics who still maintain UFO witnesses are having some kind of pipedream.

In our last issue we reprinted an article from Britain's 'Flying Saucer Review' reporting how a disc-shaped object seen over Romania in 1968 bore an extraordinary resemblance to one observed over California three years earlier. There was close similarity in the shape, proportions and metallic lustre of the objects but what struck us as particularly significant was

that, in the photos there was an uneven shadowy band around each disc which suggested exactly the same degree of asymmetry in their design. It would appear beyond question that the devices were of identical, yet non-terrestrial, manufacture.

Now we have come across a case of two other incidents revealing notable similarity, not particularly of design but of behavior — and we mean behavior of a unique sort.

In issue no. 4 we reported that in March, 1966, a strange event occurred over the logging slopes of Vancouver Island, B.C., when a long thin-looking object flew low between the hills and crossed a road directly in front of Albert Kershaw who had stopped to check the brakes of his logging truck.

While Kershaw watched in amazement, the object seemed to flip over edgewise as it approached trees on the other side of the road, revealing a somewhat circular shape, and travelled slowly along a trail in the woods like a giant airborne wheel until it disappeared from view. Somehow the picture of this huge craft, possibly weighing many tons, weaving its way easily on edge at less than tree-top altitude struck as one of the most vivid UFO reports we had ever heard of.

We read of the other matching incident when, going through our files, we happened to find an old copy of the 'Saturday Evening Post' carrying an article by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the eminent astronomer who became a ufologist after investigating cases for the U.S. Air Force.

After describing the case of a UFO picked up visually and by radar over a missile base in North Dakota in August, 1966 — note the same year — Dr. Hynek continued:

"What makes the report especially arresting is the fact that another incident occurred near the base a few days earlier. A police officer — a reliable man — saw in broad daylight what he called 'an object on its edge floating down the side of a hill, wobbling from side to side about 10 feet from the ground. When it reached the valley floor, it climbed to about 100 feet, still tipped on its edge, and moved across the valley . . . ' "

From then on there was no particular similarity to the first incident. In the second case the object appeared to flatten out disclosing a smal dome on top, a feature which was definitely absent in the Kershaw sighting. Also Kershaw figured the object he saw was about 100 feet in diameter, while the width of the second UFO was estimated at about 30 feet.

Being different in shape and dimension, the two were obviously not the same craft but they did have that remarkable characteristic in common — the ability to travel a few feet up, on edge, and follow the profile of the ground. While the capacity of UFOs for free unorthodox flight is well enough known we have seen considerably less of their astonishing low-level control — involving, as it must, a sharp perception of obstacles ahead — while operating in seemingly awkward positions.

In cases like this where detail is so important, everything depends on the accuracy of the witnesses. While we know nothing of the police officer in the first instance, except he was described as reliable, we did interview Kershaw closely and are convinced he saw exactly what he claimed. In fact, his experience made such impact on him that he afterwards took flying lessons and obtained a pilot's licence. He reasoned that if ever again such a thing was seen around those hills, he must be in a position immediately to track it down himself.

Putting these two cases together, we have a small but substantiated detail about UFO operation: they can "see" within immediate radius of their shell for operating at any angle through and over obstacles. We wonder about the sensation of the occupants as they skim the ground tilted sideways but we do not wonder too long. Having presumably travelled vast distances through the violent hazards of space, they might consider it boring or, at best, a bit of mild fun.

UFOs MAY BE PLANTING AERIALS

Occasionally news items pointing to some kind of aerial mystery, but seemingly disconnected, become significant in ufology when pieced together and compared to a similar set of incidents elsewhere.

Consider first of all this report from the 'Victoria (B.C.) Colonist' carried last July:

"A Durrance Road resident and Saanich police are puzzled over a mysterious hole apparently punched through an aluminum roof of a shed. The hole was reported by the shed's owner, F.H. Adams. In addition to the roof, the mystery missile went through a piece of one-inch board and shattered a 4-by-10 beam. Police said the hole in the roof was about six by three inches. 'We were busy breaking horses most of the day,' said Adams. 'My son was the first to notice it. We went to the shed to get a piece of equipment and he looked up and said, 'God, look at that, Dad!'

" 'We looked all around but couldn't find anything. The pieces of wood from the beam are lying on the ground, but there is nothing to show what caused it.'

"He said they didn't do anything about the matter until late in the day when he decided to call the police who are investigating the incident and have roped off the area."

This item was brought to our attention by Dr. P.M.H. Edwards, professor of languages at the University of Victoria and widely known student of ufology whose views are expressed elsewhere in this issue. Lacking any evidence but stretching the point a bit, one might suggest that because nothing was seen or heard to cause the hole, perhaps this was the mysterious work of a UFO.

Dr. Edwards did not make any such assumption but did include this further note in his letter:

"Daryl Brachat of Victoria, B.C. was lying in bed at 11:35 p.m. when suddenly he saw a line of yellowish-white light about the width of a fingernail at arm's length (perhaps three or four miles away?). It quickly darted eastwards, stopped dead, then retraced its tracks part-way, then went off fast southwards towards Port Angeles, Wash. Mr. Brachat, recently graduated with a B.Sc. from the University of Victoria, has often seen satellites that might pass overhead. He knows that what he saw was by no means a satellite."

This sighting occurred at approximately — or, for all we know, exactly — the same time as the incident at the Adams' place. However, since the Adams live north of Victoria and the beam of light was south of the city, there seemed little reason to connect the two.

But taken together they reminded us of an episode in Auckland City, N.Z., related by Capt. Bruce Cathie in his book 'Harmonic 33'. In this book Capt. Cathie, a commercial airlines pilot, develops his theory that visitors from space use earth as a massive power plant to conduct flights through our atmosphere. With much convincing visible evidence to support his case, and calculations we do not pretend to joust with, he suggests that untold ages ago UFOs implanted a gridwork of power outlets beneath the surface of our planet which gradually became dislodged over the centuries and which they are now in the process of repairing.

In the chapter to which we refer he describes what may have been the actual moment when a new power capsul or aerial was driven into New Zealand soil. He starts with this report from the 'Auckland Star':

"Thousands of Aucklanders were awakened at 4 a.m. today by a massive explosion which tore apart a foundry at Rosebank Road, Avondale, and caused widespread damage to adjoining buildings.

"No one was injured in the explosion. But one family, whose house about 60 yards from the blast was lifted from its foundations, said everything 'lit up like day' as glass showered into the house from blown windows.

"The blast, which was heard as far as Waiuku, 27 miles away, ripped 30 ft. long sheets of roofing iron from their supports, and tossed them into twisted heaps on neighboring gardens up to 100 yards away. It snapped heavy steel reinforcing beams supporting the foundry roof, tore concrete blocks from the foundry walls and threw them into the gardens."

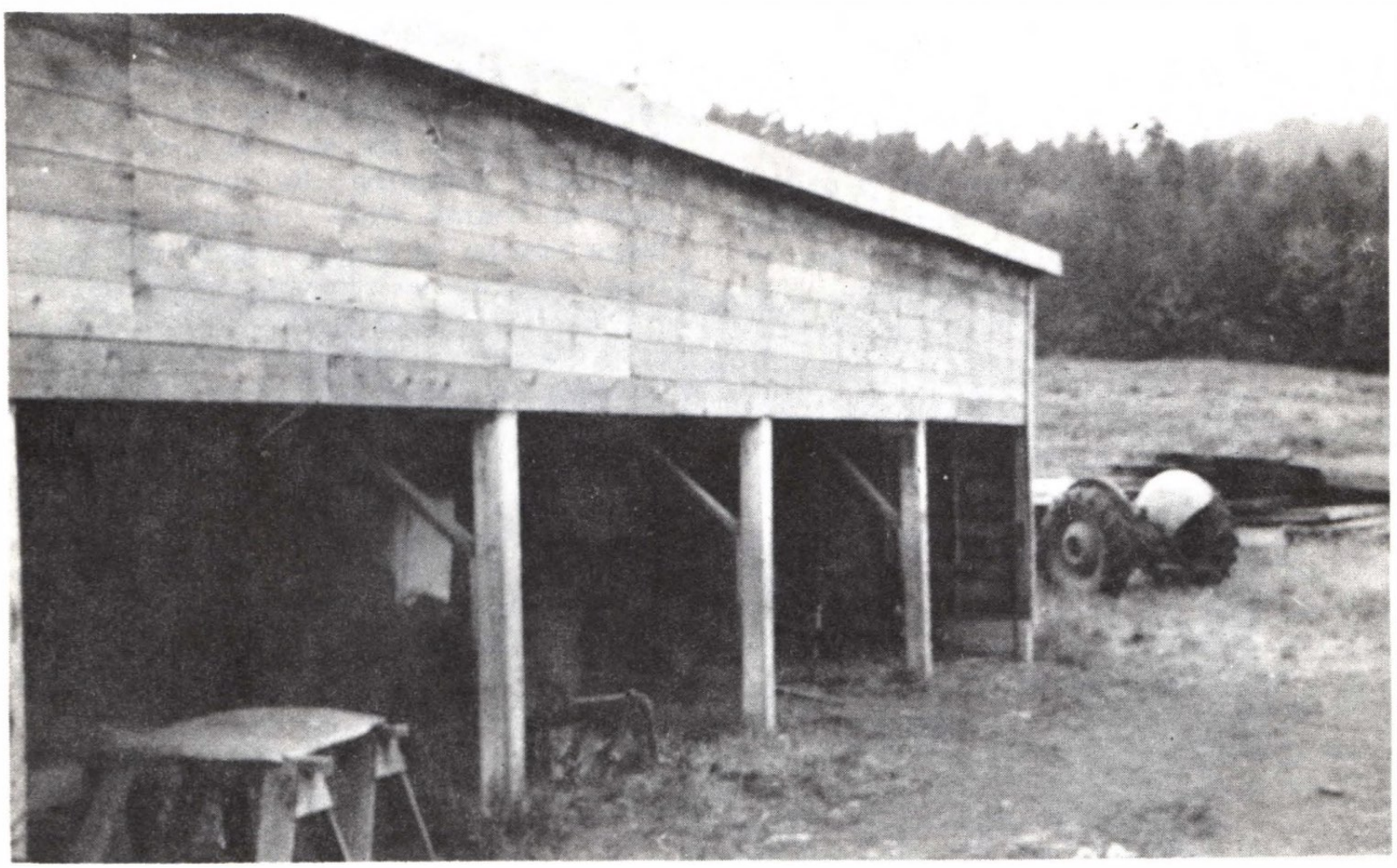
The report was followed by an interview with E.C. Knibbs, owner of the house next door, during which it was learned that immediately before the explosion Knibb's son, Kenneth, was awakened by an unusual sound. He described it as a "loud hissing noise."

Suspecting that the factory site might prove to be UFO grid position, Cathie went out to investigate. He found several significant points. One was that a small crater-like hole had been punched into the concrete floor of the foundry and that across this was a circular marking about nine inches in width. Cause of this could not be explained any more than the rest of the accident and Cathie suspected the hole marked the spot where the aerial had entered the ground.

Also he learned of the strange experience of the residents next door.

"Mr. and Mrs. Knibbs said they were first awakened by a muffled crump, like a bomb explosion in the distance, followed by an extremely loud crack like a monster firework. The house shook and rolled, and all the windows blew in, showering the house with glass.

"After the initial shock they climbed out of bed and peered through the window which overlooked the factory next door.



Roof of this shed was mysteriously puctured.

They found that most of it had disintegrated and that they could see right through the wrecked structure.

"The sight that confronted them was most unusual. A thin pencil of light extended vertically from the floor level of the factory where the hole was later found, to about roof-level. This beam of light was clearly defined, without any fuzzy edges, and of brilliant color. Both Mr. and Mrs. Knibbs had great difficulty describing the exact color, and both said it was like the flame of an acetylene welding torch, with brilliant red, orange and yellow all mixed up together.

"As they watched, the beam slowly disappeared from roof-level to the floor, as if it were descending into the ground, and as it reached the floor, a small dome of light, or ball of fire, formed. This quickly spread, and in less than a minute this section of the factory was ablaze."

Other pieces fitting into the puzzle were a light in the sky in the vicinity of the factory, observed from a point about two miles away, just before the explosion occurred; and reports of a clicking noise preceding the explosion that was similar to those associated with other UFO sightings.

Adding it all up, Cathie formed the following theory:

1. The light seen in the vicinity of the factory was a saucer-type craft hovering immediately over the roof, in order to fire an aerial into the ground.

2. The hissing noise heard by Kenneth Knibbs was caused by the saucer vehicle, which was hovering high enough to be out of his sight. If he had been able to look up into the sky, he would probably have seen it.

3. The first crump heard by Knibbs was the roof of the factory collapsing, which took the first impact of the energy emitted by the saucer.

4. The loud crack immediately following was the reinforced floor collapsing after the energy had increased sufficiently to fracture it, and so cause the nitrate bath to explode, which demolished the factory.

5. The beam of light was a column of pure energy, similar to a laser beam, which penetrated into the earth.

6. Once the energy had penetrated to the correct depth, it was probably reconverted into a material state in order to form the required aerial.

Although demolition of the factory was a more spectacular and better documented event than the puncture of the shed-roof outside Victoria, B.C., we were intrigued by certain similarities in the two cases and, like Cathie, went out to investigate.

A dealer in livestock, Adams has several open acres near Brentwood, a few miles north of Victoria where he grazes horses and does some farming. He lives there with his family and, constantly busy tending the place, has no time to romanticize about such weird events as visits by flying saucers.

But the day his son Bruce discovered the hole in the roof of their shed he was puzzled and could not quite shake the matter from his mind. The shed is a catch-all for odd pieces of equipment and waste articles and has nothing in it to attract vandals who might have done the damage.

Besides, it was obvious the damage was done from above and by a force of considerable strength. The broken edges of the aluminum shielding were curled downward and for several feet around the nails fastening the metal to supporting beams were loosened as if a large section of the roof had rebounded from the impact. An odd feature here was that it looked as if the composition of the metal itself might have been affected. The upper surface of the aluminum had been marked by the manufacturer with fine parallel lines an inch or so apart so that, nailed down, the various sheets presented a uniform appearance. But in the area of the puncture these lines were twisted and irregular. It was difficult to see how a blow from a simple solid object could have caused such an effect.

An important question, of course, was whether there was anything on the floor of the shed to disclose what might have happened. But here we drew a blank. Immediately below the hole the flooring planks had become broken and separated

under long heavy use, exposing patches of the dark loose soil underneath. Into any one of these patches a bolt of energy like that described by Cathie could have disappeared without a trace. Also, there was nothing in the perimeter of the accident that would have caused an explosion of the sort that occurred in Auckland.

On the chance a meteorite was involved, a representative of the nearby astrophysical observatory examined the scene but had to be content with splinters from the shattered beam to see if they held any residue. There was no sign of gunfire being the cause, and someone who suggested it was ice plummeting down from the wings of an aircraft failed to explain how this could occur in unusually hot July weather.

Admittedly, however, we had nothing much to offer in support of our UFO idea. There was, of course, the beam of light seen by Daryl Brachat about 25 miles to the south, an incident not necessarily ruled out by the distance involved. Conceivably our aerial visitors are able to haul their shafts of energy around like a bomb load until they find exactly where they wish to sink them. Alternatively, what Brachat saw might have been another new aerial that was being placed elsewhere in the grid about the same time.

Yet, aside from the mystery of the case, there was no reason to suppose that a UFO had any part in the incident at the Adams' place. That is, there was none until Adams made a chance remark just as we were on the point of leaving.

"You know," he said, "there was someone else who came around thinking there must have been some kind of spaceship around here but I can't help much when it comes to things like that. Sure, you're welcome to look around but I just don't know anything about it. The only thing is, though, about a year ago my daughter, Shirley, and I were standing outside one evening when we saw a ball of light come over that hill over there." He pointed to a small hill about two miles east.

"It was red, about the size of a grapefruit, and it was moving very slowly, just

Bruce Adams stands beside damaged shed. Red light was seen over hill in background.

about northeast. I asked Shirley what she thought it was, and she didn't know. I didn't know either, but whatever it was, I'd say it was looking for something."

Perhaps, last July, that something was found.

ABOUT BRUCE CATHIE . . .

Having seen a syndicated newspaper article on the work being done by Bruce Cathie, which we reprinted in issue no. 1, and finally having read his book, we decided here was a man we must know better. Even conceding that some of his calculations might be in error, as critics have claimed, we felt his book revealed a writer of tremendous perception and imagination who could well be far on the way to penetrating the mysteries of ufology.

Thanks to the help of John Pearson of Victoria, B.C., whose spare-time pursuit is to bring together those interested in ufology and related subjects, we addressed a taperecording to Capt. Cathie, asking questions raised by his book that we considered of particular interest.

Since he is now hard at work on a second book, he did not have time just then to reply in full but did send a photostat copy of remarks made by him recently as carried in the 'New Zealand Airline Pilots' Magazine.' Among them were these:

"I was informed during an interview at the United States Embassy in Wellington that at Wright Patterson Airfield in the U.S., a scientific base has been established since the early 1950's for the purpose of UFO research. The laboratory is staffed by top scientists and work is carried on round the clock, 365 days a year.

"I was also informed at a subsequent interview at the Embassy that my grid theory is correct; this, of course, will be denied.

"A check of the positioning of many scientific stations round the world will show their correlation with the harmonic geometric coordinates derived from the UFO grid; which proves without doubt that the scientists are aware of the system.

"I have been asked twice if I can be bought off; I have been warned twice to stop my investigations."

In his covering letter Capt. Cathie made this eye-arresting statement:

"We have direct evidence that scientists have communication with UFOs and are experimenting with the UFO grid. All this evidence is to be published in my book. I have been told by a scientist that my book will be stopped, but I believe they are too late to do this."

Meanwhile, 'Harmonic 33' now being out of print, the publishers are debating whether to print a new edition. Those interested in obtaining a copy if this is done should write: A.H. & A.W. Reed, Box 6002, Wellington, N.Z.

OTTAWA'S "CHUNK" AGAIN

As readers of previous issues know, there is in Ottawa a 3000-pound slab of metal which 10 years ago appeared mysteriously on the shore of the St. Lawrence River near Les Ecureils, Quebec. A local newspaper reported there had been an explosion in the sky the night before which led to a theory that the iron-like chunk, and a smaller companion piece sold by the scrap-dealer who found them, were fragments of a spaceship.

The theory gained ground when the late Wilbert B. Smith, heading the government's UFO research program, noted the surface of the metal contained what appeared to be micro-meteorites. This, he suggested, indicated the metal had been in space for many years. Moreover, certain unofficial tests failed to prove its exact composition, though there were others which classified it as nothing unusual.

One of those who has taken an interest in the metal is Arthur Matthews who, as

a member of the Ottawa New Sciences group which has pressed for more testing, knows all about its checkered history. In fact, as already reported, Matthews a year ago made a test of the metal with his Tesla Bridge and concluded it was a "man-made form of iron."

Recently, in conversation with the editor of 'Canadian UFO Report', Matthews disclosed something else that seemed to

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Matthews

be a final answer to the mystery. He said the scrap-dealer who found the metal had finally admitted to him that he had removed it from the site of the old Quebec bridge that collapsed in 1907. In this tragedy more than 100 workers were pinned under the wreckage, and many of those not killed outright were in danger of drowning under the rising tide, the St. Lawrence being an estuary.

Working desperately with acetylene torches, rescue crews were able to save some lives by cutting the wreckage apart. According to the scrap-dealer's story, he had extracted two pieces from the old debris and towed them to the beach near his home about 20 miles away where he first reported he had found them. He said he had been hesitant about telling the real story in case he was accused of taking government property.

The truth of this could be quickly checked by comparing the Ottawa chunk with the bridge relics, which hopefully will be done. Meanwhile there is much to be answered. According to the original account, the scrap-dealer did not bother about the larger pieces because he could not handle it. Yet now he claims to have lugged it, plus the other 800-pound slab, 20 miles. Also it is strange that government officials have not considered a possible connection with the Quebec bridge debris. Instead they prefer to think the metal is ladle residue from the foundry at Sorel, and this was the impression given to the Condon committee investigator. Finally, what of the grainy surface bits that look like micro-meteorites?

Until there are more answers, the case of the Ottawa chunk stays open.

Ever since we first mentioned the Ottawa "chunk" in issue no. 1, the story of this metal has brought noticeable reaction from readers, most of them being anxious to see more done about solving the mystery.

The latest, and so far most distant, comment comes from Florin Gheorghita, an engineer in Cluj, Romania, who described a UFO incident in his country as reported in issue no. 7. He writes:

"As regards an analysis of that mysterious steel "chunk" I take the liberty of suggesting a completion to the inquiry. In Romania it was published 3-4 years ago that English specialists have extracted a sample and made a metallographic analysis of a queer 'steel' column staying for thousands of years in the yard of a temple on the outskirts of Delhi, India. It would be interesting to make a comparison between the results of this analysis and those obtained from the Canada Chunk. What if the composition is found to be the same? English specialists have stated that the Delhi column is a mystery since the technology of the alloy could not have been known in ancient times."

PROJECT INTERNATIONAL FOR UN

"We fear the unknown so all publicity should be given. Argentina has officially recognized that UFOs have landed there. These people have been checking the earth for centuries without being warlike. We should post severe penalties for any harm to them."

"I am concerned by the apathy shown by persons who are in a position to investigate."

"I feel that we are on the brink of contact with intelligent life beyond our world. As part of this effort we must try to contact occupants of UFOs."

"Fear of hysteria is not reason enough to conceal facts."

"Yes, I feel some type of explanation about UFOs should be made available to the public; even if it is only to acknowledge the concern that warrants further investigation, in an harmonious global effort."

"If we all lived with the knowledge that there are such things, there would be no reason to panic."

These are some of the comments, picked at random, that continue to arrive in steady number in reply to the questionnaire distributed for Project International to refer study of the UFO enigma to the UN. The results are an impressive commentary on interest in the UFO question and point overwhelmingly to the public wish for official international inquiry.

Some of the comments are in form of a letter or question to our editorial staff. While finding them pertinent and informative, we regret there are too many to permit individual replies. All completed forms are carefully read, however, and as a double-check will be studied again when they are referred to the project's international coordinator for North America, Mrs. Carol Halford-Watkins of Ottawa, editor of the UFO publication 'Topside'. Our consulting editor, Brian C. Cannon of Winnipeg, is assisting in supervision of Canadian arrangements.

Final reference of the results as a whole will be made to the project's organization in London, Eng., where Antoni W. Szachnowski of the Anglo-Polish Research Club heads up the entire program.

Meanwhile we welcome the help of all those taking part in distribution of the questionnaire and, since the project has not entered its final stage of presentation to the UN, invite others to help if they wish. Also, if because of the volume of mail we have overlooked any readers offering to help, we ask these volunteers to write again and are sorry we missed them the first time. We have plenty of questionnaire forms available in English and French. Our address is: Canadian UFO Report, Box 758, Duncan, B.C.

Those helping in distribution are named Regional Coordinators. In alphabetical order on the steadily growing list are the following:

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Mrs. F. Blakeney, Kingston, Ont.
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Hermanus Voorsluys, Victoria, B.C.

Distributing the questionnaire in the U.S.A. are: Donald Boates, Portland, Ore.; L.L. Fairbairn, San Carlos, Calif.; Miss Lucinda Ann Rexford, Birmingham, Mich. Replies from the States will be referred separately to Mrs. Halford-Watkins at Ottawa.

CANADA'S YEAR OF "INVASION"
PART 3

In this third and final instalment of the story of Canada's UFO "invasion" in 1967 we had expected to deal solely with eastern Canada, having covered the action over British Columbia and the prairies in our two previous issues.

But while we were preparing the report, we happened to see an old copy of the Fort Nelson (B.C.) News which, though sent in by a reader some time ago, had escaped our close attention. Coming across this paper, we abruptly changed our plans, for it was dated in that fateful year of 1967 and on the front page were five columns of interviews with people who had seen spectacular UFO displays in one momentous week in March.

Obviously, like the Cariboo country, covered in issue No. 6, the Fort Nelson area bordering the Alaska Highway was a focal point of the invasion. In fact, it appears now that all of the Alaska Highway country must have been under special surveillance by our strange visitors for, as reported in the story that introduced this magazine, the Yukon too was having a remarkable number of sightings in 1967.

In a way, therefore, it is appropriate to carry the Fort Nelson story in this last instalment. It brings us back to that north country where we wrote our first account of UFOs over Canada.

To turn first to eastern Canada, a measure of the intensity of action there was provided in a collection of UFO press reports dating back to 1957 sent to us by Homer Schaefer of Kitchener, Ont. These showed that 1967 was undeniably a peak year in that part of the country just as it was elsewhere. From April to August there were eight sightings in the Kitchener area alone sufficiently impressive to rate space in the local papers, with some being picked up by Canadian Press. Of the latter, three concerned sightings by police.

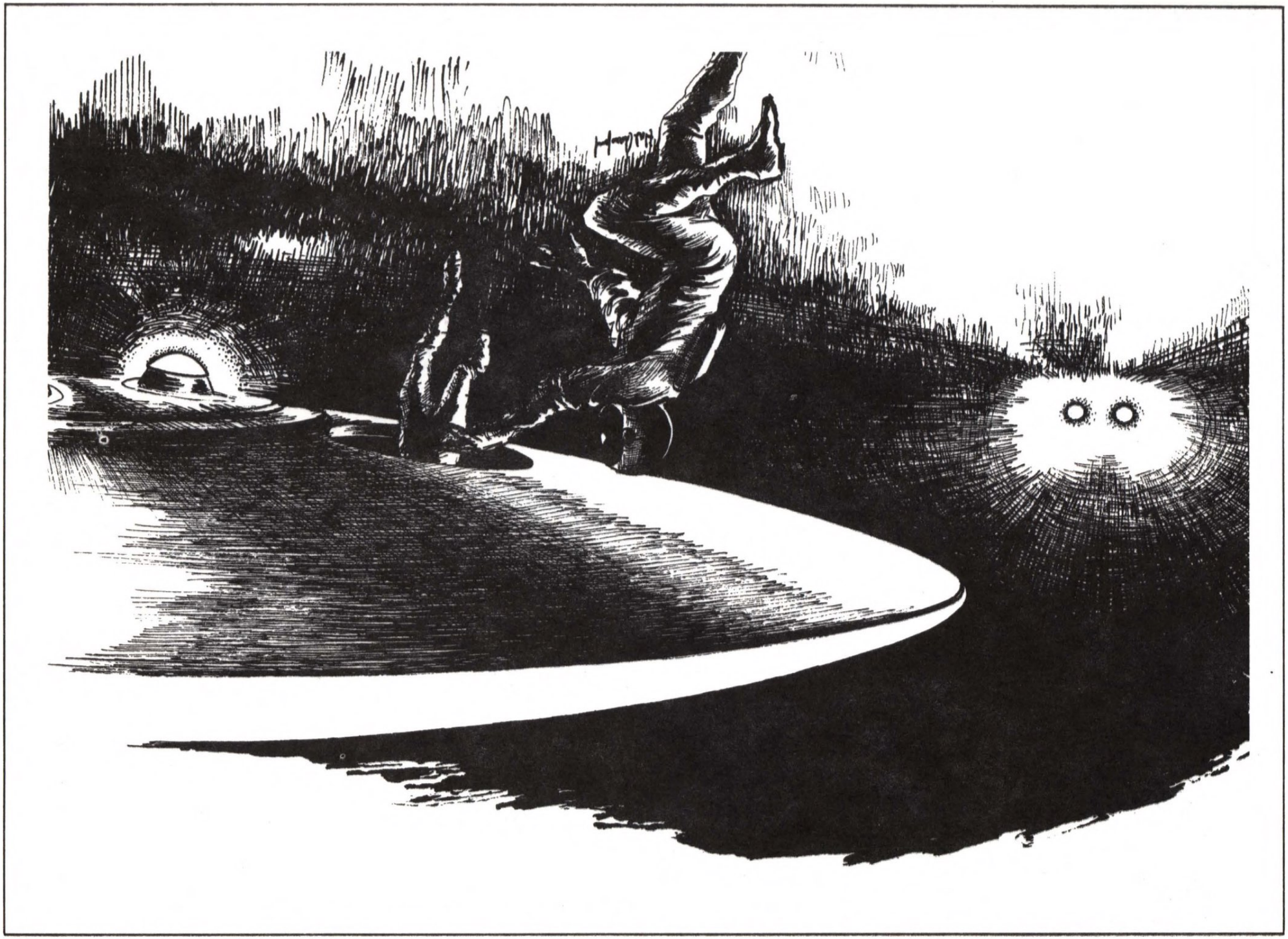
But to narrow the field in the total area of eastern Canada, let's have a look at two incidents in particular. First there was a report carried by the Toronto Telegram on August 23.

According to the report, a Toronto man named Stanley Moxon appeared at the police station in Smith Falls that morning and told of a weird experience he had been through on the highway from Kingston the night before. He said that just after he had passed the town of Joyceville he had seen a green light in a field to his right. Feeling something strange was going on, he turned off his lights and swung into a side road. When he was close to the puzzling light and facing toward it, he turned his headlights on again.

Moxon claimed that when he did so he saw a huge object, 30 or more feet in diameter, that resembled two plates with their rims pressed against each other. Outside were two figures in white uniforms topped by what appeared to be helmets. The figures were about four feet tall, and as soon as the lights struck them, "they almost flew" inside the object. The craft rose off the ground without a sound to fly away at high speed and disappear into the night sky.

This incident stirs our curiosity not only because occupants were involved but because of a similarity to events that occurred far to the west in British Columbia about two months later. As described in our first report of the invasion in issue no. 6, Herman Sten, a heavy equipment mechanic, was startled to see a huge circular object by the highway as he drove home one early November night from Lac La Hache in the Cariboo country. With certain details added, his general description of the craft tallied with Moxon's account.

Then, on what was very likely the same night, two Navajo youths in Idaho immediately to the south had a frightening



encounter with two diminutive occupants of a UFO who commandeered their car. In our account we considered the possibility that the UFO was the same in each case.

So now at least two aspects of the invasion come into clearer focus. Small creatures in pairs were making actual landings and their craft for this purpose was the more or less conventional saucer type. But the striking difference between the east and west landings is that in the first instance the occupants appeared shy of attention while in the second they were aggressive.

One explanation might be that they differed in temperament, but the closer we look at the whole UFO mystery the more it appears out visitors have no such human frailties. In fact their organization is so superb that in what may be thousands of years of visiting us they have never made a blunder that has revealed either their purpose or identity — as far as we know. We may take it, therefore, that if they avoided an encounter with Moxon, yet accosted the two Indian boys, they did so because that suited their business at the time.

Now let's turn to the second significant incident of the invasion of eastern Canada. Although this vividly witnessed case was widely publicized, we include it because there may be readers who missed the account and because it points up the fact that this was an invasion not only over land but over sea as well.

On the night of October 4 (the height of activity was in the fall) residents at Shag Harbor, Nova Scotia, observed a row of four yellowish-white lights gliding at a 45-degree angle toward the water. They noted the lights went on and off in sequence, one at a time, and that this continued until the formation reached the water. One of a group of young people watching this strange action from a car said that when the lights hit the surface he heard a whistling, hissing noise. Afterward a single white light was seen bobbing offshore.

Called to the scene, Constable Ron O'Brien of the RCMP said that, when he arrived he could see the light floating on the water about half a mile offshore. It seemed to him that it was being carried to sea by the tide, and it disappeared before a boat could be taken to the spot. Reports from various points started to come in, confirming what had happened. Statements by Canadian and U.S. navy officials later denied there was any possibility of known ships or aircraft being involved.

Two days after the occurrence naval divers went out to the spot of impact to investigate. The only residual evidence was a patch of yellowish foam, about 80 feet wide, which they said was unlike anything familiar to them. Underwater, however, nothing was found to explain the mystery.

Meanwhile another report filtered in to give support to eyewitness accounts that something extremely strange had occurred off Canada's east coast that October night. This was from the crew on a fishing boat 16 miles offshore who said that visually they had seen three unexplainable red lights hovering nearby on a horizontal plane and that they had spotted them on their radar as well. The crew reported one of the lights had shot straight up in the air and disappeared.

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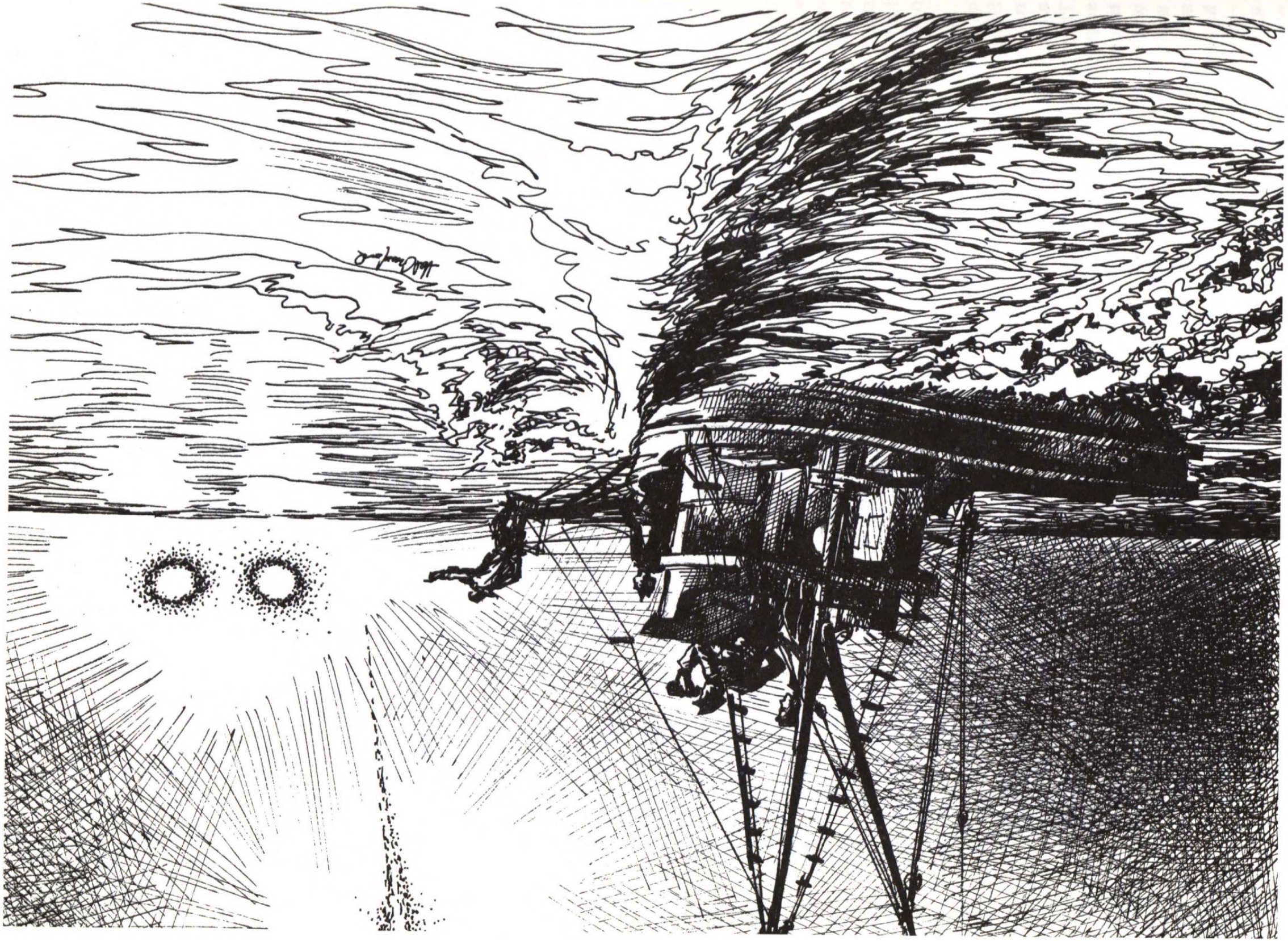
Now let's have a look at the 1967 action in the Alaska Highway area. Of the numerous sightings reported by the Fort Nelson News, we have selected these three which we carry verbatim as carried by the paper.

Report no. 1:

"Flabbergasted, dumfounded, almost hypnotized by the light, chills up and down my spine, feeling like a porcupine looks." These were all expressions used by Ed Yamitski as he told us of his mystifying experience the other night.

Witness in car saw two small figures who "almost flew" into craft. — This and next two illustrations by Hall Crawford.



"He and Jim Marshall were driving north between 10 and 11 p.m. Saturday March 4. On Steamboat Mountain, at Mile 368 of the Alaska Highway they suddenly saw a great yellowish-white light, ahead and quite high. Like the glare from an arc welder the light was so intense that they frequently had to turn their eyes away. Suddenly it disappeared and they continued northward, somewhat shaken.

"Just past the camp at Summit Lake the object appeared once again, across the lake and to their left. Ed describes its position thus: "I could see it at a point in the windshield about two inches below the highest spot that the wiper covers.' It hovered for 10 minutes, then zoomed downwards about six inches on the windshield — then moved horizontally to the left and seemed to land on the side of Summit Mountain at a point slightly higher than the micro-wave site.

"Both men described the object as radiating light as the sun would do; both also saw a red light although it was still impossible to gaze for long.

"Jim tells of stopping a car, a Cadillac with American plates, and in the excitement scaring the driver who thought he must be in for highway robbery. However, the two occupants of the car also watched the bright light and agreed they had never before seen anything like it.

"After watching for an hour and a half the two Fort Nelson men drove on to Mile 408 and told their story to Mr. and Mrs. Les Freeman of the Circle T Ranch. Ed says they were not surprised and they told of a similar sighting on Flat Top Mountain in the area."

It is interesting to note here the reference to a micro-wave site. In commenting on UFO activity in the Yukon in our first issue, we said: "Ufoperators evidently understand the importance of the Canadian National telecommunications system that skirts the entire length of the Alaska Highway, and perhaps in some way draw propulsion from it. This system, consisting of micro-wave stations that power messages through the atmosphere, is the language link between the northwest and the rest of the continent. As such, it is vital to the whole North American defence complex. To ensure its uninterrupted operation each station has auxiliary diesel-power units that snap on immediately a fault occurs. For size and function it must rate as one of the great communications systems of the world. Apparently ufoperators appreciate this and are interested.

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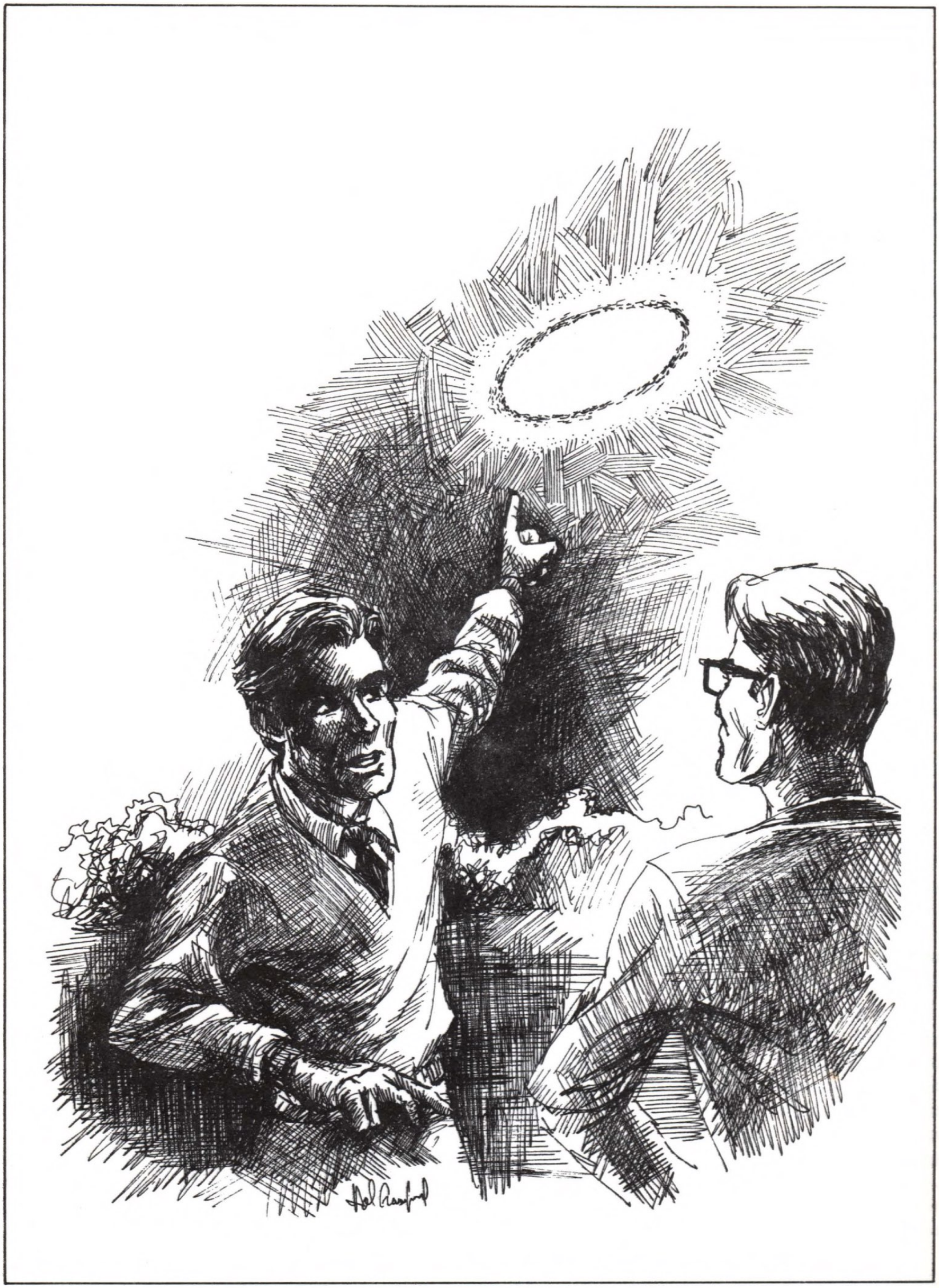
Report no. 2:

"Another report came from a Fort Nelson couple travelling by truck on the Kotcho Lake road from Cascade rig no. 2 on Saturday night at about 10:30 p.m. They saw at first what appeared to be a rig away in the trees ahead of them. Three lights in a triangular formation of red, green color hung motionless apparently in the trees. They approached and passed under the object which remained stationary all the time. The husband was skeptical and said it was an aircraft but the wife reported to the News that she particularly noticed there wasn't a white light, which is necessary on an aircraft."

In our opinion the wife was right in thinking the lights were something strange, for the triangular formation of red lights (often with a green tinge as in this case) has been observed before in UFO sightings. In issue no. 3 consulting editor Brian Cannon wrote from Winnipeg: "On Oct. 22, 1967 (note the year) we had a good sighting over Charleswood, Man., (a suburb of Winnipeg) where five lights were observed hovering over or on a field about 100 yards from the witnesses. When the lights rose into the air, three of them formed a perfect triangle and hovered over a TV transmission tower a short distance away."

Cannon's remarks were prompted by a story in the previous issue describing an incident in the summer of 1968 when two men out fishing saw a formation of lights over the southern B.C. coast.

These strange red lights puzzled east coast fisherman.



As one of them said: "The lights — there were seven of them — were in the form of a rough triangle, wider at the bottom than the top, and they were too high to be a fire. The sky was in the background. Also each light was shaped like a triangle, bright red with a sharply defined outline. The whole thing looked like a neon sign up there.

"There was a light wind blowing but the lights stayed absolutely motionless, and they certainly weren't shining from a helicopter. We could see the sky between them. There was no moon that night but there were lots of stars and visibility was good."

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Report no. 3:

"We (News reporters Lloyd Arychuk and Jim Harrold) had worked all day on the UFO story and were waiting for Jim Marshall to come for a photograph when at 9:30 p.m. he walked in. 'Come and look at this,' he said. 'Oh, no, not a flying saucer,' we cried in unison. 'No, I'm serious,' so we went to the door and looked out. Sure enough, there it was. It hung over the horizon in the Steamboat Mountain direction. When we first watched it, it was motionless and a deep orange, rather unexciting. Then it began to change color and turned from orange to red and green, the whole appearing to move on an axis, and slowly it travelled in a downward curve to the right until it disappeared from our view, although the Chapples at Mile 308 watched it for a further 15 minutes or so.

"We reported it to the RCMP who sent an observer, and there were about seven other people watching it with us. The CNT microwave chief engineer reported 'no deterioration or interruptions of any kind during the past week.' So it's something of a mystery still, although explanations range from it being a weather satellite to 'you should take more water with it.' "

Here again we have striking similarity of detail to other cases we have written or read about. In issue no. 2 we reported a sighting by Darwin Bjornson of Parksville in southern B.C. This occurred in June, 1967 — note that same eventful year — and these were Bjornson's words:

"It was an incredible sight. For a few minutes the ball of light just hung there and then it started to move slowly to the left, and as it moved it seemed to start rotating. The colors changed like a colored beach-ball going round. They were mostly green, blue and reddish. Then it would stop and just one color would be showing."

Except for the fact that the color blue was not mentioned in the first incident far to the north, the two sightings were apparently almost identical and we must conclude that the same object was involved in each case or that there were two objects of the same manufacture.

Over two years later a family in Sweden had a sighting which suggested this particular type of object was still operating around the earth even though the 1967 flap was long past. It will be seen in this report from UFO — Sweden Newsletter that there are several variations on the Canadian sightings but note how all the same colors are involved in much the same way:

"Mr. Bertil Andersson of Alingsas, his wife and daughter were at their summer cottage, situated on Lake Anten. All three of them watched a strange phenomenon for an hour and a half one early September night.

"First they heard a hissing sound and saw an orange-like object advancing in the sky. It couldn't have been a satellite or weather balloon, they said. To the naked eye the object was greater than a star (it was a starlight night). The colors shifted in green, bluish and reddish-violet, sometimes all three colors were visible. All the time it had a luminous white glow. The object seemed to "jump and dance" in the air. Sometimes it hovered in a slanting position and emitted a very strong blinking light which hurt the eyes. Through binoculars it seemed to be the size of a melon and small gleams, as from windows, could be seen on the body. After

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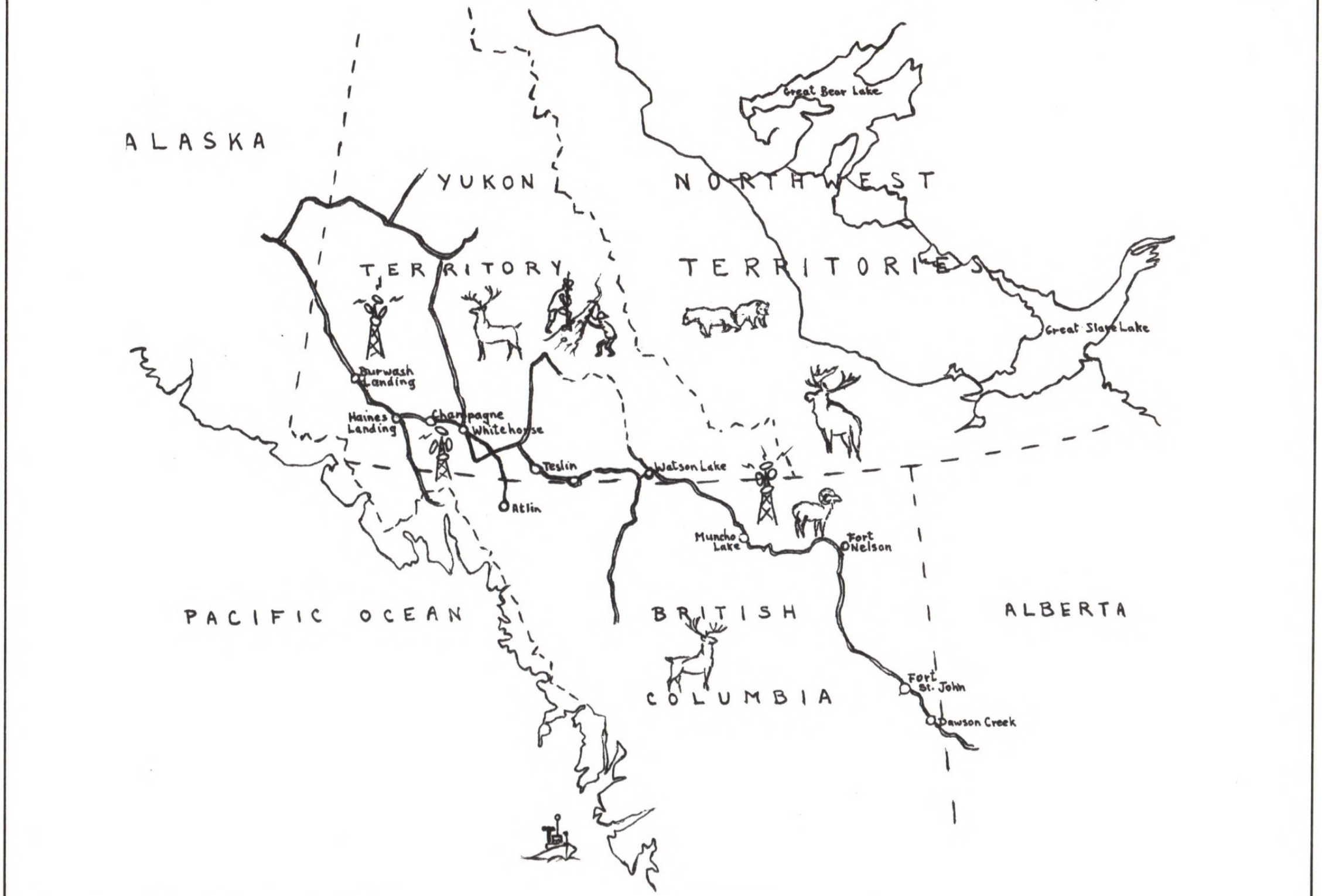
Motorist at first thought excited witness was about to rob him.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an hour and a half it started moving towards Kvarnebo on the other shore of Lane Anten and was soon hidden by the forest."

The principal difference here would seem to be the "jump and dance" action but note that the witnesses observed the object through binoculars. Unless these were kept absolutely steady, a jumping motion would appear to occur.

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That, then, is an outline of what Canada experienced in the worldwide "invasion" of 1967. On basis of the theory that UFO activity becomes pronounced after every 26 months, besides coming in a larger wave after every five years, there should have been another occurrence early this year — calculating that the 1967 invasion ended, as it seemed to, in the late fall of that year — and indeed there was.

As described in our previous issue, New Year's Day on the west coast dawned on one of the most spectacular UFO incidents ever witnessed in Canada. Elsewhere, too, there seemed to be a flurry of activity, though we do not know yet how this compared with the long-term seasonal level.

This much, however, is increasingly obvious: over certain cycles of time our planet moves into a position where it is more accessible to our visitors. What other habitable celestial body, or bodies, finds us approachable every 26 months and, more particularly, every five years? If we can find the answers to these questions, we may discover what our visitors call home.

LIGHTS WERE HER GUIDE

by

M.B. GAUNT

. . (Without pretending that all, or perhaps any, of the mysterious chapters of earthly history are attributable to the influence of beings outside this world, we must nevertheless admit the possibility that much of our past has been shaped by intelli*gent forces beyond our present knowledge.*

(As readers who have been with us from the beginning will realize, Mr. Gaunt, Canadian historian and author, has made a special study of aspects of our history which defy ready explanation. This is not a study of the occult but simply an examination of unaccountable episodes of human endeavor. A memorable one of these is the story of Jeanne D'Arc. — Ed.)

Women, as well as men, have left their imprint on the sands of history. When they have done so their impact on the future has been as great and sometimes greater than that of the opposite sex. Also, it may be said, the reward handed out to them for their good endeavors has usually been far less than their just deserts. On occasion the reward has been a cruel and an agonizing death. Which brings us to the story of Jeanne D'Arc who received advice and help from sources beyond this mundane world of ours.

Let's look into her story with a mind that is unprejudiced by the religious bigotries of her time or patriotic bigotry either, for that matter.

Jeanne, humbly born, totally illiterate, succeeded in regenerating France by her dedication to her cause and by her skill in debate, her brilliant leadership in the art of war. Where did this power come from?

This girl, who was to change the course of history, was born at Domremy in the province of Lorraine on the border of France on January 6, 1412. She was the fourth child of Jacques and Isabelle D'Arc who rented a bit of farmland from the Lord of the Manor. Through childhood Jeanne worked on the farm, tending the sheep and goats sometimes alone and sometimes in the company of other village children. All this was normal for the age in which she lived. As also was the fact that she never knew her exact age, and when she reached the day of her death she had not yet learned

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Max shows Alaska Highway through northern Canada, scene of much UFO activity.

— Drawn by Lesley Footner

to sign her own name. She was a deeply religious girl who had learned by heart the Paternoster, the Ave Maria and the Credo. Beyond this she knew nothing of life as it was lived beyond the village of Domremay.

On Feast Days Jeanne and her small girl friends would pay visits to a small glade in the forest where local tradition reputed that a certain tree had been especially blessed by fairies. Near this tree was a spring of water which legend said had the power to allay fevers and cure all minor ills of the body and spirit. This lonely place became a favorite haunt of Jeanne and often in the Fall of the year, when the acorns had fallen from the ancient oak trees, she would take her young pigs and allow them to feed at will.

When Jeanne reached the age of 13 strange things began to happen to her. She saw great lights in the sky and often in the centre of the light she saw a man in armor with a sword in his hand. She believed him to be the Archangel Michael who was occasionally accompanied by two angels whom Jeanne took to be Sts. Catherine and Margaret.

Five years went by, the visions still persisting. Time after time the man in armor requested her to go and see the King of France and place her services at his disposal. Jeanne gave the matter much thought during the passing years. During this time a series of dreadful defeats had brought low the chivalry of France and had lowered the fighting spirits of the soldiers to the vanishing point.

The whole of France was in a state of chaos. The English army was triumphant everywhere and the French Prince was a weak vacillating man whose soldiers had murdered, in the Prince's very presence, the old Duke of Burgandy, his own most powerful noble. His successor, the new Duke, had in understandable rage joined the English and was helping them ravage the fair land of France. A large number of France's own nobility, in disgust at the weakness of their own royal Prince, had sworn fealty to the English King. The lot of the French peasantry, to which Jeanne belonged, was horrible and wretched.

By autumn of 1428 the English were masters of the whole of France north of the river Loire and had now begun to concentrate for the conquest of the sourth of France. The great city of Orleans stood in the way of their next move and should it fall nothing stood in the way to their ultimate objective of the occupation of the whole of France. In consequence England's greatest general, the Earl of Salisbury, marched to attack this last great French stronghold.

This city on the north bank of the Loire was heavily defended and had thick walls, a deep moat and a large number of cannon and catapults. A strong bridge crossed the Loire from a gate of the city to a small island near the south bank of the river. At its end twin towers guarded the approach to a drawbridge. The French had strengthened their defences at this point by building a fort and staffing it with a large garrison.

When Salisbury with his English force reached the city, he saw at once that the bridge was the key to the city and began his attack at that point. After an initial failure he renewed his efforts and his troops stormed the towers and held them. The French retreated but managed to completely destroy the end of the bridge that connected with the city. The English now placed cannon on the towers and found that they could fire on the main streets of Orleans.

One great piece of luck now fell to the French. The great Earl of Salisbury was mortally wounded and was succeeded in his command by Lord Suffolk. A large body of French soldiers, realizing that Orleans was short of food, attempted a raid on the English supply lines. The Battle of Rouvry resulted and, though the French out-numbered the English by four to one, the archers of the latter army scored a complete victory. In utter distress the Orleanists offered to surrender the city but would only do so if they could capitulate to the Duke of Burgundy who, though allied with the English, was after all, one of their own Princes. The English refused this offer, so changing the tide of history.

Jeanne D'Arc was now seventeen and the voices from space still spoke to her, though of late they had become more and more demanding. They told her that France could be saved, that it was not too late and that she was the only person on earth who could save the country she loved.

The news of the siege of Orleans now reached Domremy. Its people were dying and suffering the pangs of hunger and despair. The hated English would soon be in control of the whole of France and a new Royal House would rule the land.

On her knees in the forest glade Jeanne heard the voices become more and more insistent that she depart at once and seek out the Dauphin of France. After much soul searching Jeanne now made confession to her parents concerning the voices and the orders they had given to her. She said to them that she had been told to go at once to the Sire de Baudricourt who commanded the French at Vaucouleurs as he was the one that the Voices had ordered to take her to the Royal presence.

Her parents replied very promptly that they would sooner see her lying dead at their feet than amongst the soldiers in the French camp. She was adamant in her ordained purpose and could not be moved by either entreaty or prayer.

Jeanne arrived at Vaucouleurs and somehow got an interview with Robert de Baudricourt who at first thought she was completely insane but who gradually formed the opinion that even if she was mad and her voices nothing but a dream, she could perhaps by her presence revitalize the morale of the French army. Surely, he thought, her great enthusiasm for the French cause could only be a good thing and useful to the royal House. The obvious piety of Joan and her utter devoutness impressed Baudicourt and all about him. He sent her with an escort to Chinon where the Dauphin Charles had set up his remnant of a Court.

Charles heard her story from one of his officials and then decided to test her intuition by dressing

himself in poor clothes and standing amongst his more elaborately dressed courtiers. Jeanne was then admitted to the room.

She stood for a minute or so looking about her and listened for her voices. They spoke to her. Without any hesitation she crossed the floor and knelt at the feet of the Dauphin.

She said: "Most noble Dauphin, Heaven announces to you by me that you shall be annoited and crowned King in the city of Reims."

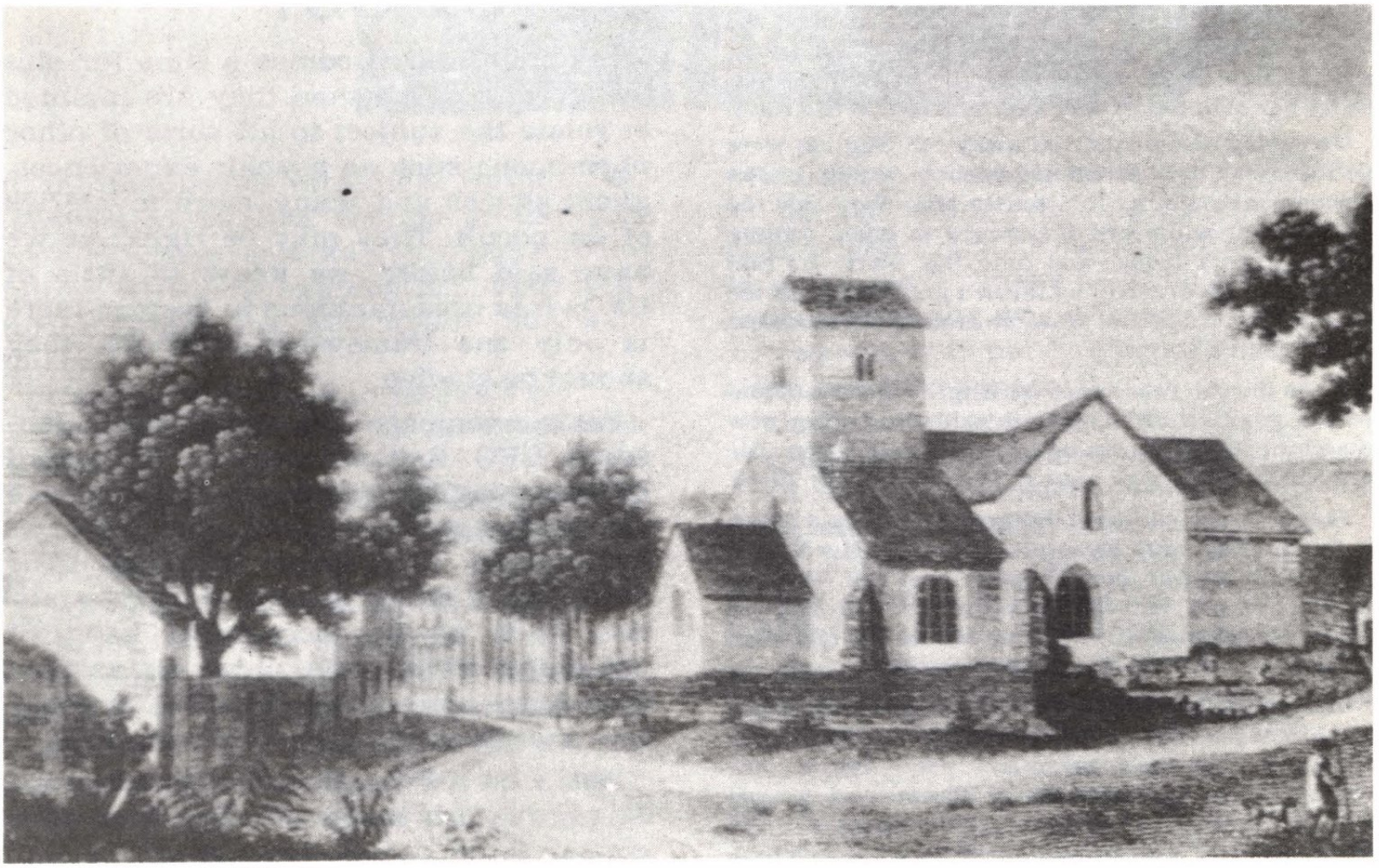
From that moment her fame spread throughout France and her renown increased with each telling of the tale. Her Voices were a miracle. She was a miracle. Her influence grew steadily. And then even the English and the Burgundians began to believe, as they saw the optimistic change in the French character, that the voices not of this world were becoming a power to be reckoned with.

Charles had managed to assemble a small army and he decided to send Jeanne in command of it to the city of Orleans. She was to take with her a wagon train of food and supplies for the relief of the beleagured garrison. The girl was clad in a suit of white armour and mounted on a magnificent black war-horse. Her weapons, a light battle-axe and a consecrated sword, hung at her side and she rode under a banner of white satin.

On the evening of April 28, 1429, Jeanne and her small army reached the outskirts of Orleans. During the previous night her voices had told her to enter the city from the north, though her generals insisted that this was impossible as being too dangerous and wished to try and get into the city from the south. Jeanne countermanded the orders the generals had given and that night, under cover of the deep darkness and the pouring rain, the whole force entered the northern gate of the city without any opposition from the English army. The English, so certain were they of the imminent surrender of the city, had neglected to take ordinary precautions against any relief coming from outside the city.

When the English realized what exactly Jeanne had achieved in entering a besieged city, they at once accused her of being the most diabolical form of a witch, though the French naturally enough believed that she was divinely inspired. Be it as it may, from now on her reputation was enormous. There had long been a legend that the English would be driven into the sea by a maid from Lorraine. The English knew of the legend and as they were living in the great age of superstition, the thin edge of the wedge of possible defeat began to enter their minds.

The day after her entry into the city Jeanne visited the destroyed bridge and the south end of the city and, across the gap, entered into conversation with the English. She said that she did not wish that their blood should be shed in a hopeless cause and advised them to leave France before worse befell them and they met with shame and woe.



Domremy, birthplace of Joan of Arc.

The amazed commander of the English troops at that point, one Sir William Gladsdale, replied to her in typical English fashion. He shouted to her to go back home and look after the cows and leave soldiering to those who better understood the gruesome business.

A few days later Jeanne led an attack on a large fort to the east of the city. After a protracted struggle she headed the final assault. Waving her silken banner in her left hand and her sword in the right, she led her men over the walls. The fort fell to the French. It was their first victory in a long, long time, and it opened the way to the town of Jargeau.

The next day was Ascension Day and Jeanne committed herself to prayer and went into communion with her guiding Voices with very desastrous results for the English. The following morning she led her army and attacked the strong enemy positions on the south bank of the Loire. By dusk all the forts occupied by the English had been captured. Now all that was left in English hands was the shattered bridge and the strong towers that guarded it. Jeanne suggested that they should now go ahead and capture this last fortress of the enemy. Her generals demurred at this and said that the position was impregnable. The Maid now turned her suggestion into an order and the Generals had to fall into line.

The next morning Jeanne, in command of 2,000 soldiers, attacked the position which was defended by 500 English archers who had never known defeat. In the first rush of the French soldiers, Jeanne mounted a ladder to scale the walls and received an arrow through shoulder. She was taken to the rear of the French position, the arrow was extracted by her own hands and she returned to the fight.

On seeing Jeanne carried away the English were sure she had been killed and cheered wildly. It was premature rejoicing, for shortly after they saw the Maid in her white armour, sword in hand, forcing her way up a ladder and onto the walls. At that moment more French had thrown planks across the gap in the bridge and were swarming across them from the city.

When the sun rose again the English had abandoned the position as being untenable and were now marching away across country in good order. The city of Orleans was saved. The siege was lifted.

Jeanne had made good the promise she had given to the Dauphin only three months before. Her Voices had not failed her once in those long and arduous weeks. As the Voices had promised, the English had been defeated and their invincibility had been broken.

In the next few weeks she captured several cities and towns destroying the prestige of the English in each battle for their possession. Now she led her triumphant army to the city of Rheims and entered it in glory amid the adulation and admiration of the great, and the prayers and thanks of the humble.

In the forefront of everyone she attended the coronation in the Cathedral of Rheims and saw the Dauphin become a King at last. He was to prove unworthy of the great efforts she had made in his behalf. But that was in the future and fortunately hidden from her sight.

It was now that Jeanne knelt before the King and asked him for permission to go home and take up once more her humble duties on the farm. Charles denied her request as he thought she brought him nothing but good fortune. It is believed that at this point in her career the Voices had ceased to communicate with her and that she did not wish to carry on her work without their guidance. Now that her request had been denied the Maid was sure that her life would be a short one.

She was right in her surmise. During an attack on Paris she was severely wounded and later at Compiegne she was captured by the Burgundians and sold to the English for gold.

Jeanne was tried at Rouen on the charges of practicing sorcery and witchcraft. She was found guilty and burned at the stake before the great cathedral in the city. The Voices were silent during her last ordeal but her bravery cried out loudly to the heavens from which the Voices had come.

PROPHETESS OF UFOs?

Inevitably there comes a time for students of ufology when they are inclined to relate the subject to all sorts of other phenomena such as psychic experiences, ghost stories and many more mysteries of the occult. They may be right. As we have said before, we know so little of UFOs it is presumptuous to pretend there is only one framework in which they should be studied.

For convenience, if nothing else, 'Canadian UFO Report' chooses to regard UFOs as tangible objects which have some extraordinary but nevertheless material explanation. If at times they and their occupants display almost ghostly qualities, such as the occasional habit of vanishing from plain view, we assume they must have some physical mastery over matter which makes this possible.

But a closed mind is the worst of all dangers in this study, so when there does appear to be a link between UFOs and the occult, let's by all means have a look at it. We think one of these is provided

Early print of Mother Shipton with a devil.

in the prophecies of Mother Shipton, an uneducated English woman of the 16th century whose remarkable visions into the future still defy explanation. Four centuries before the automobile she said this:

"Carriages without horse shall go,
"And accidents shall fill the world with woe."

In another vision she saw what could only be our most up-to-date communication devices:

"Around the world thoughts shall fly
"In the twinkling of an eye."

Although Mother Shipton lived in literally the most narrow circumstances, her home for most of her life being a cave, she evidently foresaw great world events such as the development of mineral-rich North America:

"Gold shall be found, and found,
"In a land that's not yet known."

Remarkable prophecies all but here is one that, aside from its prediction of submarines, made us pause as we prepared an article for issue no. 7 on UFO incidents around the world in which humanoids were seen in pairs wearing strikingly black or white apparel:

"Under water men shall walk,
"Shall ride, shall sleep, and talk.
"In the air men shall be seen,
"In white, in black, and in green."

All right, let's say, so she was predicting the airplane as well, but her specific reference to color of uniform does not fit in that easily. Aside from the notably white garb of lunar explorers, there is no single color that comes immediately to mind when we think of modern aviation apparel.

Not so, however, in the case of UFOs. While white or very dark, if not black, outfits are often described in sighting

reports, green in all its variations occurs even more frequently. Our strange visitors not only wear green but sometimes appear to have skin of a greenish tone, and the times are countless when their craft are surrounded by a greenish light.

Mother Shipton's last prediction was the time and place of her death. When that day arrived in 1561, the 73-year-old woman said goodbye to the few who knew her, lay down on her bed and died. She did so without saying anything more about the men in white, in black and in green.

UFO FORUM

A Scientific Commentary
Prepared by Brian C. Cannon

"Something is out there. What, I don't know, but whatever it is, it's nothing that we know about in terms of power or speed." On the surface, this statement by Dr. Paul S. Moller of the mechanical engineering department at the University of California, seems to be pretty general. But Dr. Moller is one among a growing number of scientists and educators who is willing to offer his views on UFO philosophy and where future research, if needed, should go.

Like Dr. Moller, *Canadian UFO Report* believes that a significant segment of the population is seeing "something" and we were interested in finding out what some of the scientists, who are actively pursuing the "what" question, really think about UFOs in a broad sense. Is there really any necessity to stress the statistical angle of the UFO mystery that points to a rather substantial number of unanswered reports or should we simply deduce that all sightings can be rationally explained in one way or another? We posed this and other questions to four knowledgeable men who have gained some insight into the phenomenon through their own personal research. They are:

P.M.H. Edwards, PH.D. Teaching linguistics at the University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C., and formerly with the University of Saskatchewan, University of Pennsylvania, University of Otago in New Zealand and the University of British Columbia. He received his B.A. in Slavic studies at UBC; his M.A. in Linguistics at Harvard University; Ph. D. in Romance Linguistics at the University of Pennsylvania; F.T.C.L. (London) in Music and A.R.C.M. and L.R.A.M. (both London) in Music. Dr. Edwards is an adviser to the highly respected Aerial Phenomena Research Organization of Tucson, Arizona.

Berthold E. Schwarz, M.D. Graduated from Dartmouth College and Dartmouth Medical School and received his M.D. from Bellevue Medical Centre, New York University. After interning at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover, N.H., he was a Fellow in Psychiatry at the Mayo Clinic, where he received an M.S. from the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine. Dr. Schwarz is a Diplomat of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and also of the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey and a member of several other medical associations.

Peter M. Millman, Ph.D. Obtained his high school education at the Canadian Academy in Kobe, Japan and graduated with a B.A. from the University of Toronto in 1929. He attended Harvard University where, in 1931, he received his A.M. and Ph.D. in 1932. Since 1930 Dr. Millman's scientific work has been chiefly in the field of meteoritics, that is the study of meteors, meteorites and related problems. He is a past-president of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, the Meteoritical Society, and Commission 22 of the International Astronomical Union. He is Associate of the Harvard College Observatory and a counsellor of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. At present he is head of Upper Atmosphere Research at the National Research Council, Ottawa, Ont.

Rupert H. MacNeill, M.A. Entered Prince of Wales College and Normal School in Prince Edward Island in 1930, graduating in 1932. From 1930 through 1940 he taught in ungraded schools in P.E.I. then served in the R.C.A.F. until 1945. In 1945 he entered Acadia University at Wolfville, N.S., and graduated in 1950 with double majors in physics and geology. On completing the work for the Master's degree (geology) in 1951, Professor MacNeill was appointed to the staff at Acadia and is now director of the Department of Extension and Summer School as well as director of student assistance there. For the last several years Prof. MacNeill has been active in gathering information on sightings of meteorites or unidentified flying objects for the National Research Council. He is a member of the N.R.C. sub-committee on meteorites.

QUESTION: Do you consider that UFOs do indeed exist or can all such reports be attributed to

mistaken identification of aircraft, satellites, natural phenomena and other soluble occurences observed under unusual conditions?

Professor MacNeill: There is no question in my mind that UFOs do exist but what they are, is another matter. I am firmly convinced that these are not all mistaken identification of aircraft or satellites or meteorites but they are indeed guided vehicles of some sort — whether the vehicles are guided by some person or persons within it or by remote control, I am not prepared to guess.

Dr. Schwarz: UFOs exist. Many well-documented and intriguing reports can be found in various publications, including this journal *(Canadian UFO Report), Flying Saucer Review,* APRO, NICAP, the Symposium on UFOs (90th Congress, July 29, 1968,) and even in the controversial University of Colorado UFO report. Eminent scientists such as Doctors Hynek and McDonald, who have studied UFOs over many years and have conducted field trips and made investigations, have found the phenomena of the reports to be very real and in need of continued study. Challenging articles and books by astute observers present a melange of cold facts and often highly original and conflicting interpretations; for example, Fort, Binder, Edwards, Friedman, Fuller, Jung, Keel, Michael, Sanderson, Steiger, Vallee and others. Even allowing for the paucity of highly desirable hard-core UFO data, there still exists an overwhelming amount of worldwide material that, by analogy to data acceptable to other branches of science, should receive careful investigation. Many who deny or ridicule the possibility of UFOs are, in all too many instances, armchair experts who have either not been thoroughly familiar with the literature or who have not investigated the data and the witnesses at firsthand.

My own psychiatric investigations of many witnesses to close UFO sightings, presumed landings, and occupants leave no doubt in my mind as to the overall emotional health of the people involved, what they experienced, and the existence of UFOs. What is not yet resolved is what UFOs are, where they come from, and what they mean.

Dr. Millman: Many strange sights are seen in the sky by people in all walks of life. The explanations for some of these events involve a most peculiar set of circumstances. Statistical probability necessitates that some sightings will never be explained because the significant clues never turn up.

Dr. Edwards: The matter of belief is a subjective one, and people have the privilege of believing or disbelieving in a phenomenon, as they choose. Unfortunately, some people make this decision before looking thoroughly into the facts for themselves. The UFO question has raised this matter of "belief" almost to a pseudo-religious level, and now cults exist which seem to fill a psychological need in their members, rather than to contribute to our understanding of the phenomenon as an objective fact.

An individual may, if he wishes, rest his "belief" upon the mass of evidence which now exists: it is not necessary that he see a UFO, although it is preferable that he have a first-hand sighting. However, we all accept *other* evidence by scanning the literature of a given subject, then forming our own opinions in the light of what we have read. But there are reasons why most people illogically prefer not to do this, in the case of ufology: minds that are intrigued by the Unknown as portrayed in science-fiction books and films, resist this very Unknown when they feel that it may after all be real!

Then, there are those who refuse to believe the evidence of their own senses, preferring to persuade themselves that what they saw must have been some natural phenomenon, and that it is their interpretation of the thing which must be incorrect: they feel better when they believe there is nothing in Nature that they can not explain away. These are human ostriches.

The dishonest man, on the other hand, takes only some bits of the UFO evidence which he can twist to fit into his theories, and proceeds to disregard completely all the rest of the evidence: if such a man publishes articles or books in this vein, he is doing a disservice to humanity, and will some day be condemned by all. People of this kind have some psychological imbalance, possibly derived from a shock or an unpleasant encounter with a UFO which their subconscious minds have endeavored to block-off from their memories: it would consequently be "normal for them to act as they do.

The only honest approach to the UFO enigma is to accept the evidence of one's own senses if one has had a sighting, or to respect the evidence given by reliable people who have seen the craft and described them in writing: then the researcher should attempt to find some "natural" explanation for the phenomenon; if he is unable to do so without distorting the evidence, he should retain an open mind, neither believing nor disbelieving, until further evidence confirms or disproves what was seen. I have never, to my knowledge, seen a UFO; but then, I have never seen a murder being committed, either. A sufficiently large and reliable group of people throughout the world have seen both. Why should I accept their evidence that murders are sometimes witnessed, but reject their evidence of seeing a UFO in the air, or on the ground? As Aime Michel has so ably pointed out on numerous occasions, how can we persist in foolishly attributing UFO sightings to mistaken identification of air-craft, satellites, or natural phenomena, when we know that UFOs perform feats that no aircraft, satellites, or natural phenomena ever perform? Optical illusions? If so, then why do we not suffer from optical illusions when we are looking at any other objects, also? To anyone who is honest with himself, and stops to reason with the evidence as he would do with evidence of any *other* event, it should be obvious that the body of argument levelled against the reality of sightings reported by normal people, is clearly based on psychological reluctance to come to grips with an unknown quantity.

And, the very people who should be exploring the Unknown — the scientists — are the ones who tend

as a rule to ridicule this very phenomenon: for there is nothing that orthodox scientists hate more than a new concept: to accept it, they would need to go back to college again, and to rewrite all their textbooks. How much easier, then, to preach that flying saucers do not exist, simply because there *is* no such thing!

But, to be consistent, we should expect them to apply the same "logic" to the "existence" of the planet Pluto. Have debunkers ever taken the trouble to peruse all the serious UFO literature so as to acquaint themselves with the bare historical facts, or have they ever crossed the country to speak at length to witnesses? Have they ever enquired why ufological matters are treated as scientific-military secrets, and why there is U.S. service regulation JANAP-146 (10 years imprisonment and $10,000.00 fine is still very much in force, in spite of the so-called "findings" of the Colorado-Condon report?) Have they ever felt uneasy in the knowledge that even most civilian scientists may not share certain facts that the C.I.A. knows about UFOs. And have all these and other considerations bothered them at all, when they "prove" to us that there *is* nothing up there? Such debunkers, and especially those who dare to publish, are of course acting most wisely; for they know that the Establishment will look upon them with favor, that their peers will think highly of them for not rocking the boat, that their writings will sell, and that they need have no worries (one is reminded of St. Luke XVI, 9)! That is, so long as UFOs do not land in large enough numbers for the public to realize the absurdity of their "explanations".

But, there is solid evidence of innumerable landings, and to an honest investigator this constitutes an alarming realization that the fantastic has suddenly become a reality; once we see that these visitors are here with us, that space visitation is visible enough for a researcher to recognize it but reticent enough for others still plausibly to be able with umpunity to deny its existence — once we see this happening throughout the whole world, we can no longer view things as we previously did. Once we admit that the evidence constrains us to accept the truth of a planned and subtle strategy from without, inexorably pulling us all towards something that may well be less believable than science fiction, we can no longer remain cool when we discover that people are just not interested. (1)

Recently, an important article by Mr. Michel appeared in the English *Flying Saucer Review*, Nov.-Dec. 1969, London. A survey of mile-long prehistoric caverns in southern France and northern Spain has shown that Stone Age man mingled with his beautiful paintings of animals, certain designs which exactly resemble our contemporary witnesses' drawings of the UFOs that they claim to have seen. Moreover, Mr. Michel tells us that they appear only in caverns located on or close to BAVIC line, (2) a trajectory which he discovered between 1954 and 1958. In one of these caves, moreover, are designs that are alarmingly similar to the insignia seen by policeman L. Zamora on the side of the landed UFO at Socorro, New Mexico, in April 1964. The mind boggles at the contemplation of a phenomenon that has evidently been with us for over 30,000 years, and which we have taken 30,000 years to accept for what it is. One is perturbed by the uncomfortable suspicion that — who knows? — many aspects of religion might eventually be shown to boil down to some ufological activity during the primitive era of our own history. As it is, Jacques Vallee in his superb book, *Passport to Magonia* (Regnery, Chicago, 1969), shows pretty conclusively that legends can nearly always be reduced to our subject, which seems to be a common denominator to a great many phenomena in this world.

The Evidence pointing to the reality of the UFOs is now so colossal, that it is impossible for anyone *knowing* it, to turn aside from it and continue to ignore the facts. Or, to put it much more bluntly in the words of an internationally-known scientist of high calibre: anybody who refuses to face up to the UFO reality, needs his head examined. However, perhaps the most convincing evidence comes from our own animals: their behavior-pattern in the proximity of a UFO is so consistent, the world over, that it is impossible to deny the reality of objects which bring about such regular reactions in animals: the literature is already rich in examples of this, and the interested researcher has but to search. He will be rewarded.

QUESTION: Is there any evidence that would support the theory that UFOs are intelligently guided vehicles from space, either originating in our own galaxy or beyond?

Professor MacNeill: I do not believe that these objects came in from beyond our own solar system and perhaps not from beyond our own planet. This, of course, could be false if there was some way of accelerating these objects to such a speed that they would exceed the speed of light considerably and so could travel the immense spaces within a reasonable length of time. I find this very difficult to accept.

Dr. Edwards: There is now overwhelming evidence from all quarters, that UFOs are intelligently-guided vehicles and /or missiles from elsewhere. Some reputable scientists have suggested that their origin(s) may conceivably be outside our solar system; others suggest they may be coming from, say, one of the giant satellites of Jupiter or Saturn, with advance-bases perhaps underground on Mars and on our Moon. We do not know. But we do know a great deal about their manoeuvers, and this evidence is more than enough to persuade the most hardened skeptic of the certainty that they are intelligently guided. However, most skeptics remain skeptics, just because they *do not* want to peruse the evidence.

In addition to what is now known about the UFOs (and one European scientist has stated flatly that we already know a great deal about the UFOs, and that some of this information is of extreme precision), we also have close to 1,000 cases where "occupants" were seen either inside or near the UFOs. It is difficult to ignore so many clues: for even though

many of them could be spurious, it would confirm that "we are not alone." And with so many hundreds of cases, it is nearly unthinkable that they would all be unreliable.

Another important aspect is that of Selectivity. UFOs have shown interest in several distinct categories of human activity: for a number of years, they have been seen to follow planes, trains and automobiles, and to hover over airfields; during a few more years, they specialized on bodies of fresh water, lakes, and reservoirs; then they showed great interest in electrical transmission cross-country cables on pylons, and in sundry electrical, radio, and TV, etc. installations; then, they became interested in our children, their schools and playgrounds; they are currently very interested in hospitals, including the children's wards in those institutions; and they have a perennial interest, also, in modern cemeteries and ancient burial mounds. We do not know the reasons behind all this; but these facts alone point unmistakably to intelligent control behind the mysterious craft.

As for their origin(s), there are many theories in the literature: some researchers maintain that they come from inside our Earth; others say that they come from our future, or from a fourth dimension; others prefer to regard the occupants as spirit-beings, or "elementals", although they do not explain why spirits should need to travel in metallic vehicles; but the theory of some extra-terrestrial origin(s) has the fewest drawbacks of all the theories propounded to date. The big question remains: if, as the evidence shows, they have been visiting us for at least 30,000 years, what has been their purpose, other than to observe us, and at times to abduct some of us and our animals? The recent upsurge in the numbers of sightings and landings, all over the world, is the one ray of hope that we may be near a solution. But they have the undisputed initiative: we can do little more than wait — and study them in the meantime.

Dr. Schwarz: Unfortunately, we lack solid, direct evidence to support the theory that UFOs are intelligently guided vehicles from space, etc. Although some circumstantial and exclusionary evidence for this viewpoint exists — and the need for continued study is apparent — alternative hypotheses (see some of the previously-mentioned works) have not been adequately explored.

My own limited investigations baffle me. The facts are complex, clash with knowledge as we understand it, and resist interpretation. For example, various investigations have shown how in some cases there is a possible tie-in between UFO experiences and such para-psychological factors as telepathy, telekinesis, precognition, materialization and dematerialization, etc. Thus, the association of "way-out" facts that are disputed by much of science not only makes an already complex situation more difficult but also might mobilize the investigators' psychological defenses of denial, isolation, and dissociation. Whether one is an expert in physics, psychiatry, or what not, he is still subject to human resistences of the unknown via the specific mechanisms mentioned above.

Dr. Millman: In my own personal experience in investigating peculiar sightings in the sky I have seen no clear evidence of any extra-terrestrial intelligence.

QUESTION: The University of Colorado UFO project concluded that, as far as UFO reports are concerned, " . . . nothing should be done with them in the expectation that they are going to contribute to the advance of science." Do you concur with this opinion? If not, in what direction should further research be extended?

Dr. Millman: I feel that extensive investigation of UFOs at the present time is not likely to result in a complete explanation of all sightings, no matter how much money is spent on the project. I am in favour of treating the subject scientifically, without emotion, and without ridicule, and of keeping a record of peculiar events without spending large amounts of public funds until we have a clear expectation of acquiring new and valuable scientific information.

Professor MacNeill: With respect to ". . . nothing should be done with them in the expectation that they are going to contribute to the advance of science" that might well be answered by saying we would be able to determine an answer to that question if we were able to secure one of these for study. The possibility, at the moment, seems rather remote.

Dr. Edwards: One does not cease to be astonished that the University of Colorado should permit a statement of this kind to be published in its name or in that of the Condon Committee that operated within its walls. Universities are supposed to be places of higher learning *and research;* and it would be strange indeed if the University of Colorado were not of this ilk, too. Therefore, the statement that ufology should not be studied further in the expectation that it would contribute to the advance of science, can only be *either* hypocritical, *or* foolish and erroneous. And one does not like to think that a prestigious institution is going to lend its name to anything that smacks of persiflage or of chicanery.

Can any thinking reader honestly think that a nation in its right mind will calmly discontinue investigating the scientific aspect of craft that seem to have overcome all the obstacles to space flight, at the precise moment in history when we are striving to conquer, first, our moon, and then to venture to other planets? The notion is utterly preposterous, for it should be clear to a mere child that the first nation to discover the secret of the UFOs will, *ipso facto,* become the rulers of this planet. Of course, the U.S. Government has not discontinued its intensive research in this direction; this matter has been discussed in detail by the French mathematician, Aime Michel, in his recent book, *Pour Les Soucoupes Volantes* (Berger-Levrault, Nancy, 1969), where he shows that the C.I.A. is indeed vitally interested

in all that pertains to this subject. We may still have a long way to go, but eventually someone will discover the secret, just as they finally split the atom. More amazing even than the reality of the so-called flying saucers would be an honest refusal on the part of any government to analyze the enigma with a view to discovering in it something that would increase its political power in the world!

It seems that the best direction for research may be towards the elucidation of the nature of gravity, and the development of electro-magnetic force-fields. There seems to be some "force" in space, all around us, which UFOs may be utilizing freely; we do not yet know what that force is; but, then, our dogs know nothing of the propulsion system of the cars in which we sometimes take them for a ride.

As Dr. J. Allen Hynek has said, there is certainly paydirt in the future study of UFOs, and this study should be pursued with energy. It is manifestly foolish to complain that, since UFOs seem to "break some of the laws of Nature", they cannot possibly be real. Within universal nature, no laws can ever be "broken." It is obvious that the craft are utilizing some laws of which we are still ignorant. One century or less ago, were we to have seen an airplane in the sky, our orthodox scientists would have refused to believe in its existence, for they maintained that nothing heavier than air could possibly rise off the ground, and fly. And yet, they have not learnt their lesson, for they are making the self-same mistake today when they say that the UFOs break the laws of nature! One of the reasons for studying history is to teach us to avoid making the same mistakes again. But it is unpleasant, especially when one is a scientist, to be reminded of one's ignorance and limitations. It is this attitude that is responsible for our slow progress towards solving the UFO enigma. Orthodox scientists in the past have *always* impeded progress by their short-sightedness, and they have *always* finally been proven wrong.

In order to hasten UFO research, all governments should take their people into their confidence insofar as this is compatible with national security research. Next, all governments should pool their files on UFOs and create within the United Nations an international bureau for studying this worldwide problem, at the highest scientific level. Then, all citizens, everywhere, should be urged by the authorities to submit every sighting and landing that they have witnessed. For, while the subject remains a laughing-stock, many genuine witnesses are concealing evidence that could well be vital. Lastly, the United Nations should publish a fully-documented history of UFOs from the earliest times to the present day, based upon all the available serious literature and bibliographies. This history should be continually kept up-to-date by the same institution, and bibliographies will have to be maintained at the same time, so that an international research center and library can supply facts to researchers, when these request them. Many years ago, I made this suggestion, but no reply was ever received.

If, as Otto Binder has recently said (3), there are about 57 known UFO incidents per hour, somewhere or other on this globe, it goes without saying that there must be very many more (unreported) incidents. This fact alone should point to the urgency of the matter. The citizens must arouse themselves to demand positive action of their governments. Perhaps, "history is about to begin at last" (1).

Dr. Schwarz: The quotation from the University of Colorado report will be recorded in history in the same vein as the celebrated opinions of the French Academy of Sciences, which denied the existence of meteorites (1772) and of hypnotism (1784). The UFO problem is exciting and enthralling, frustrating and mystifying. The need is urgent for a thorough, continuing investigation by a variety of specialists. The multifaceted UFO data begs for scrutiny by biologists, psychologists, sociologists, anthropologists, and the medically-trained, as well as astronomers, meteorologists, and physicists. The advantages of university, government-sponsored, or even UN-collated study are obvious; however, the lack of such recognition should not be disastrous. The history of science and discovery suggests that the UFO problem can be successfully explored by individuals.

Since a function of science is to delineate facts and seek explanations, the wide array of often incomprehensible UFO data must be approached with an open-minded, eclectic attitude. Even though such data might appear "way out" and clash with our present knowledge of the world, and a *priori* opinions, no shred of information should be discarded. Every well-documented report — no matter how unusual the investigator's interpretation — should be treated with respect and carefully evaluated on its own merits.

One aspect of UFO research that might be fruitfully expanded is that undertaken by the varied branches of medicine. All too little has been done in the clinical and laboratory study of such alleged UFO-related psychic and psyciological effects as anxiety and panic reactions, confusion, mood and personality changes, loss of consciousness, automatisms, amnesia, paralysis, paresthesia, weakness, wasting, burns, heat sensations, eye injury, transitory blindness, hoarseness, skin lesions, purported radiation effects and healings. Although the claims of various contactee experiences are fraught with psychopathological booby traps, they are, nonetheless, part of the picture and must not be discarded. Psychiatrists who are skilled in psychodynamics and interviewing techniques might be able to make valuable contributions here.

The well-organized and financed nuclear researches have been spectacularly (or infamously) successful, but for the present ufology must be content with a modest, chipping-away research technique. But I am optimistic that continued progress will be made and that gradually some of the disparate and enigmatic data will come into clearer focus and find

access to various scientific journals. Whatever the upshot of all the studies, I feel that — even if not obtaining clearcut answers to the UFO mystery — man will learn to better understand himself and his environment.

Sources of Information

(1) Aime Michel: *Pour Les Soucoupes Volantes (Ed. Berger-Levrault, Nancy, France; 1969)*

(2) (Editor's note): The BAVIC is an orthotenic line proposed by author Michel. The line runs from Bayonne, France to Vichy, France, upon which a number of UFO sightings were plotted by Michel.

(3) Otto Binder: What We Really Know About Flying Saucers (Fawcett, Greenwich, Conn., 1967)

LETTERS

Sir:

Enclosed is a UFO report of two occupants being seen in a UFO in Indiana, Pennsylvania. In your Vol. 1 No. 7 I read your interesting story "UFO occupants seen near hospital." The similarity between these reports is amazing.

Case 1: Duncan, B.C. Jan. 1, 1970. Miss Doreen Kendall, a nurse, saw a UFO with two occupants. The occupants had tight-fitting suits, and one was taller than the other. The UFO had a transparent dome top and an instrument panel inside. When the occupants saw Miss Kendall, one of them moved a lever or control and the UFO circled.

Case 2: Olds, Alberta. Witness, Fred Yoos, July 1, 1969. Witness saw a UFO with two occupants. Object was egg-shaped. The two figures turned toward the witness and the object rose straight up.

Case 3: Blenheim, New Zealand. July 13, 1959. Observer saw a green glow. Then she saw a UFO with a glass (?) dome. Object was 20-30 feet in diameter. There were two occupants dressed in close-fitting suits. The object took off at great speed and disappeared.

Case 4: Baros, Phillipines. Nov. 1, 1968. Witness saw a UFO. The object was white with red lights. It had a transparent canopy. Two occupants with white coveralls were seen. One was taller than the other.

Case 5: Indiana, Penn. Jan. 24, 1968. The witness observed a saucer-shaped object. The UFO had the color of dull aluminum. The top front was transparent and the interior was clearly visible. Two men (?) were inside, both average in height and appearance. They wore coverall-type clothing. One of the occupants looked at the witness and the other ran over to a console and pulled two levers. The object disappeared.

Cases 1 and 5 are almost identical. In both cases the witness saw a UFO with two occupants. They had coverall-type clothing. In Case 1 one occupant was taller than the other but since the UFO was tilted they could have been the same height. In both cases the object had a console or instrument panel. In both cases the occupants seemed to be working on an instrument panel.

In Case 1 one occupant touched the other on the back, then that occupant moved a lever and the UFO started to circle. In Case 5 one of the occupants looked at the witness and the other went over to a console and moved levers. The object disappeared.

Although the separation in time was almost two years, the similarity of the two reports is so close that the UFO and occupants could be the same.

Mark Herbstritt,
St. Marys, Pa.

Thanks to Mr. Herbstritt for his sharp observation. His item reporting Case 5 was from The Researcher put out by UFO Research Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa. The object was seen over a pond by a motorist about 100 yards away. For readers interested in back-checking, Cases 2-4 are also described in some detail in issue no. 7. — Ed.

Sir:

To begin with let me compliment you on your most informative magazine, with which I only recently became acquainted.

I can't remember how I first became interested in UFOs but it was some time around Christmas, 1969. At this time a relative of mine saw a UFO from his front lawn. He saw it very clearly through his binoculars and described to me in considerable detail how it hovered, pulsated and seemed to change colors. His description was so convincing that I started extensive research on the subject in connection with a university project. It was most difficult to find information on any recent local sightings, even limited to B.C. People will not talk about it unless they are asked first and one certainly hears nothing on the news. For this reason I was very glad indeed to find your magazine.

Now I must relate what I myself saw one night. This was almost a month ago (placing it in May). I do not recall the exact date. It was about 11:30 and a clear and bright night. A red light through my window attracted my attention. It was sort of blinking or pulsating and seemed round about the size of a basketball. I was particularly amazed because it darted around rapidly in the sky; periodically the light would dim. I would compare it to a fish darting around in the water. When I saw this I thought it was no airplane so I immediately opened the window wide to see if there was any noise. There was absolutely none. After a few minutes the light cruised slowly across the back of our garden and moved off towards the right (approx. south). It then went out and I saw it no more. All the time it moved below the tree tops but I had no way of judging its distance. My mother arrived just in time to see a faint red light disappear as all this happened very fast.

The next morning my mother was talking to a friend on the phone, and this friend happened to

mention that her son and husband had seen a UFO through the binoculars the night before about 9:30. They described it the same as a red light but through the binoculars it gave off a red light like a tail.

I was very pleased to read about the petition to the UN. If you are still conducting this survey I think I could have about 30 or so questionnaires filled out if you could send them to me.

Linda L. Brown,
Victoria, B.C.

Sir:

After looking through the summer, 1970 issue I can truthfully say that your publication is one of the best I have seen. In a recent letter a prominent UFO researcher called it "the Flying Saucer Review of North America" and now I must agree with this description. Your artwork, layouts, text, and general high quality make it a magazine to be proud of. All I can do is to wish you continued success in what promises to be an exciting venture.

Paul Braczyk,
Webster, Mass.

Sir:

After reading your *Canadian UFO Report* I am unable to resist writing about a little incident that happened to me in Duncan, B.C., away back in 1908 when I was 12 years old. It is one thing in my life I shall never forget.

As we had never heard of UFOs or flying saucers in those days, I have never claimed to have seen one until I heard just recently that an old neighbor of ours, Mrs. James Campbell, claimed to have seen a UFO away back in the early days and I think it would have been about the same year that I saw mine. She described it almost exactly the same as mine but like me she didn't tell anyone — that is, I did tell my young friends and was considered a little bit — well, you know — ever since.

We lived the good life in those days, close to the river on three acres, with a cow, chickens etc. but no electric light, no running water, no phone nor cars, and nothing ever flew without wings — except maybe the thistle seeds.

It was a beautiful evening in late summer and after supper we had all gone for a walk down to the river and, as it was quite dark coming home, I ran on ahead of the others to shut the chickenyard door (lots of mink and 'coons around so it had to be tight) which was well out of sight of the others.

As I was about to shut the door the whole opening was filled with a flash of very bright light. I jumped back stunned, my eyes on the light. It rose on an angle to about 30 feet, judging by trees in the background, and then it changed to a dark mass with a cluster of red, blue and green lights on it, not bright enough to cast a glow. And then in a changed direction it moved quite slowly for maybe 200 or 300 feet and just disappeared. There was no sound or heat that I remember.

I was absolutely in a panic. I ran into the dark house and lay down on the floor under a window so the thing couldn't see me, I suppose — but that's panic!

When the rest of them came into the house I got up off the floor but was quite unable to speak, and I couldn't tell anyone about it for weeks afterward and then only to my young friends and was ridiculed and considered a bit queer after that — and I surely felt queer, too!

My neighbor's sighting was different from mine only in that hers was on the ground, but it moved away horizontally and disappeared as mine did. Both seemed to need urgently to avoid us. But what on earth could that thing have been doing in our chicken-yard?

I wonder if any other old-timers around there have seen any such thing and I wonder also about Angel Hair!

We were coming home from school between Duncan's Hill and Mr. Robertson's Indian Office when we noticed that the air was filled with long strings of something white drifting down from the sky. It was after the thistle seeds had finished their flight, so the time would be late summer, too. We tried to catch them but there was nothing there, and there were none on the ground either. I was too young to wonder about it much, and I never remember hearing any explanation.

I wonder if anyone around there remembers that. I don't know why it stays in my memory.

So that is the story of My Funny Foo and the greatest mystery of my life.

(Mrs. Frank) Win Dovey,
Victoria, B.C.

In his new book 'UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse', to be reviewed in our next issue, John Keel reports the year 1908 brought a "minor flap" to parts of Washington immediately south of British Columbia where the two sightings mentioned here occurred. Also in the summer of that year there was a tremendous explosion over Siberia which is still unexplained. We welcome any other reports that will enlarge on the activity of that eventful year. — Ed.

Sir:

On receiving my first issue of *Canadian UFO Report*, I have just learned of the "Project International UFO Petition to United Nations." This, in my opinion, is one of the strongest steps ever taken in search for the solution to the deepening mystery of "flying saucers." Although I have never truly witnessed a UFO spectacular or any small indication of the landing of one, I express no doubt of their existence.

Pertaining to the petition, I am extremely interested in obtaining some 20 odd copies, and if possible no less than 10. Many of my friends are deeply interested in ufology and, all in all, we have acquired quite a thorough and factual "library" of incidents and stories. Even now I have the pocketbook *The Truth about Flying Saucers* by Aime Michel. Although

put on market in 1967, it still contains fairly recent "flap" reports and photographs. So, in ending this letter, I express my thanks and gratitude for a very interesting and factual magazine, and also I would be very grateful if I could obtain those copies.

Robert Maskell,
Dartmouth, N.S.

Sir:

Recently I was looking out my bedroom window towards Mt. Benson which is about four to five miles away when I noticed lights which seemed to rise to a high altitude and then to decrease in altitude immediately. I watched this display for about an hour before leaving the room.

The night was clear and there was no obstruction to interfere with my view. The temperature was moderate and a light breeze was coming from the southeast.

When I returned to the room an hour later I watched again for about 15 minutes but did not see any more sign of activity. When I looked through my field glasses I saw a few stars which were too dim to be seen by the naked eye, so I concluded that what I saw could not be stars unless they increased and decreased in magnitude with a few seconds.

But I have saved a part of my description which I think might be of value to you in your conclusion of this case. Before I left, I asked my brother to come in and keep watch, which he did for about 10 minutes. When I returned he told me that he had seen vertical red strips coming from a shimmering white object above the lights. They lasted for about 15 seconds, then they vanished while the white object flicked out.

Wesley Palmer,
Nanaimo, B.C.

Sir:

Your periodical *Canadian UFO Report* is excellent. It is thoughtful, carefully written and nicely assembled. I was especially interested, for instance, in one of your recent editorials in which you tried to draw a line between physical reality and "magic", between flying saucers and ghosts — as you suggest, a rather difficult thing to do. You propose that examining and trying to explain flying saucers on the basis of traditional physics is far out enough without adding even more radical concepts of parallel worlds, inner earths and instant teleportation. But you are willing to keep an open mind on the latter. Very sensible.

I am a licensed ham operator, though I don't just at the moment have a station of my own set up. I did see in a recent issue of the *Report* a letter suggesting a ham radio UFO warning network. Indeed, this has been talked up quite a bit in ham radio publications. As far as I know, nothing much has come of it. What I would guess is that UFO sightings are so infrequent that most amateurs are unwilling to stand at the ready by their stations for hours on end only to handle A UFO message once in a while. This is not to say that amateur radio is no use whatever. It is certainly useful in the isolated case, for instance, where perhaps a radio operator with mobile equipment happens to be driving in some lonely spot in the country and sights a UFO. In this case he can use his gear to warn other locations in the UFO's path. No, I think that probably a better system than amateur radio is the automatic network that is already set up across the continent for meteor study. At the present time all spurious objects, other than what are obviously meteors, are automatically screened out upon examination of the monitoring device's record. What we have to do is get this changed. An *automatic* monitoring network, if properly operated, could tell us a lot about UFO characteristics. But don't please take this as my last word on the subject of a ham radio network: I am quite willing to listen to other amateurs in the vicinity who have ideas on this question. Trouble is I haven't come across any other hams so far in B.C. possessing the requisite enthusiasm for UFOs.

Thomas House,
Vancouver, B.C.

May we have other comments from ham operators? — Ed.

Sir:

I did not think that I would relate my experience to anyone except close friends. But after reading Vol. 1 No. 7 of *Canadian UFO Report* I feel I should. On page 11 paragraph 2 you describe a light that was many times brighter than a star performing spectacular maneouvres in the sky.

The experience which I, my wife, oldest son and a friend witnessed occurred about the middle of June of this year at about 10:30 p.m.

My friend was just leaving for his home and when we went outside we both looked up to the sky to look at the stars as we are all interested in astronomy and space travel. As I glanced towards the northwest I noticed a light the size of a star, but many times brighter, moving in a northerly direction towards the Big Dipper.

At first I thought it was a plane or satellite, but this could not be. The light was travelling too fast to be a satellite and too slow to be a plane of any kind. For one thing it seemed to be too high and only one light was visible. One other thing that convinced me was that after the light reached the vicinity of the Big Dipper it stopped and remained there for about three minutes.

In the meantime my friend and I called my wife and she came outside shortly before the light stopped. Then all of a sudden it moved south and proceeded so for almost one minute, then it went in a southeastern direction. It was still well above the horizon when all of a sudden it just disappeared. The next night we were watching for it again. Sure enough, around 11 p.m. this time, we all saw it again, only this time we were in the backyard and the light was two-thirds of the way above the eastern horizon, heading in a northern direction. Once more it stopped near a cluster of stars a little past the

halfway point in the northeastern direction. It was easy to see as it was brighter than any star.

This time after about two minutes the light moved again, this time as before in a southeastern direction, and disappeared again about the same distance above the horizon as the previous night.

We have since looked for it on occasion but have not sighted it again. I plan to buy a telescope in the near future. My friend, wife and son are more convinced than ever that this was not an aircraft of any type, and not a satellite, as I have seen satellites and they do not move as quickly as that.

We are all very interested in UFOs, and I have been since childhood. I hope that this information will be of interest to you.

Peter Borkent,
North Surrey, B.C.

The object's flight in the direction of the Big Dipper may have been deliberate. In our issue no. 1 we reported this sighting by Marina McCreedy, then 13, at Swift River on the Alaska Highway: "On one occasion, playing outside in the evening, she and other children noticed a strange star in the middle of the Big Dipper. As they watched, it started to move. Marina went in to call her mother but by the time Mrs. McCreedy came out the object had disappeared. As the children continued playing, they saw the object move slowly in sight again toward the Big Dipper where it resumed its exact previous position. Then abruptly it disappeared."

Sir:

I have been a UFO buff for several years and have been avidly reading all I can on this subject. I have come to the conclusion that we on the planet earth are not the only ones inhabiting the universe. Why should we be the only living entities in this vast mostly unexplored universe?

I have seen UFOs both here and in the Williams Lake area. Just recently here in Vancouver I have seen two. The most recent was a blue-white bright light moving west to east along the skyline of the city. It was going about the speed of a jetliner coming in for a landing, which I believe is between 160-170 m.p.h.

At the same time the object was moving along the skyline, a jetliner passed right underneath it. The jetliner was easily distinguished from the other moving object by its two flashing red lights, one on top and one on the bottom. The time of the sighting was about 11 p.m. The UFO finally disappeared over the hills to the east. Total time of sighting was approximately five minutes.

I also sighted a similar blue-white object a couple of weeks before going east to west and under the same conditions. The sky in both sightings was clear with a skiff of clouds.

L. Beaulieu,
North Vancouver, B.C.

Williams Lake is in the Cariboo country, B.C., scene of much UFO activity in 1967. See issue no. 6. — Ed.

Sir:

About 10:40 p.m. while watching television I noticed a moderately bright orange light travelling across the sky. It was at an angle of about 30 degrees and was travelling parallel to the horizon. I called to my brother and he also observed it. While I watched from one window my brother moved to another but his view was obscured by a street light. While he was still at this window I saw the object dim and vanish in a matter of two seconds. The whole period of observations was about 45 seconds.

The light was of unchanging intensity although my brother seemed to think it travelled in jerks, but this could be attributed to the window through which it was observed. Hoping this letter will be of use and interest,

Andrew Charles Birch,
Victoria, B.C.

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