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## FANTASIC U.S.S.R. UFO ENCOUNTERS REVEALED

A pilot who was forced down twice by a UFO; an object that "scraped the ground," leaving behind unknown metal particles; and sightings by top scientists highlight UFO encounters over the Soviet Union, according to the *National Enquirer* in its July 15, 1975, edition. (See Book Reviews, p. 8). The paper, which offers a \$100,000 reward for proof that UFOs are extraterrestrial (ET) obtained an exclusive interview with Dr. Felix Zigel, who has trained "just about every cosmonaut." The prominent astronomer is also a professor at the Moscow Aviation Institute and was instrumental in setting up the short-lived, nonofficial scientific UFO commission in his country in 1967.

"Based on hundreds of sightings reported by respected people and actual evidence taken to our laboratories," Zigel stated, "there is no doubt that extraterrestrial probes have been reconnoitering Russia."

The evidence rivals -- even surpasses -- the best the U.S. has to offer for the ET theory.

- June 16, 1948. Baskunchak. Arkadiy Arpraksin, "a highly decorated test pilot," was "flying a jet at 31,000 feet" when he saw "a cucumber-shaped object which was sending out beams of light." Radar at the pilot's air base tracked the UFO and Arpraksin was ordered to force the object down or fire on it. As he approached, light beams from the UFO "opened up in a fan and momentarily blinded him." All the electricity aboard his plane failed, his motor conked out, and he crash landed "without major damage."

- May 6, 1949. Once again, Arpraksin was forced down by the same or a similar UFO under identical circumstances.

- April 27, 1961. Lake Onega. A mysterious object that "scraped the frozen shoreline but managed to continue despite some minor damage" was seen by 25 witnesses. The UFO left a trench approximately 50 feet long and 10 feet deep. A joint military-civilian investigating team found strange metals which "are unexplainable at the present time, but they are clearly of artificial origin."

- December 3, 1967. Cape Kamenny. Members of a test flight for the State Scientific Institute of Civil Aviation were followed by a UFO, which emitted a light beam that illuminated the ground. It also beamed, then extinguished, "several cones of light" as the aircraft approached.

- September 19, 1968. Gagra. L.S. Tsekhanovich, a Moscow Planetarium astronomer and lecturer, watched as five orange balls maneuvered in the sky. All disappeared in "a flash of light."

- September 21, 1968. Tsekhanovich and numerous others observed a bright, "crescent-shaped UFO with a dome-like protrusion."

- July 31, 1969. Usovo. Dr. L.I. Kuprianov, of the Academy of Sciences, and some friends saw "two silver-colored discs" that caused electro-magnetic (E-M) effects to the automobiles in the area.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC CASES ENHANCE 1975 REPORTS

UFOs that were photographed; objects that caused physiological and E-M effects; others that caused animals to react, left behind physical evidence, emitted light beams and sounds, landed and frightened witnesses; a witness who thinks he may have been taken aboard a UFO; a plane that dipped as an object flew overhead; police who chased a UFO; and an object that raced a car are characteristics of sighting reports from six states and three foreign countries during the period January-August, 1975. Among the witnesses were a control tower sensor operator, police, police dispatchers, an air policeman, military personnel, fire and

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rescue workers, a game warden, amateur photographers, a newspaper reporter and a UFO investigator.

Two separate sightings of three mysterious lights were made at approximately 9 p.m., March 6, in Conneaut, Ohio.

A husband and wife were heading south on Mill Street when they saw the yellow-amber lights pace their car.

"When we finally pulled into our driveway, they seemed to hover right over us," the woman stated in the *Conneaut News-Herald*, March 7, 1975.

At about the same time, another couple saw the lights, which they described as having "a reddish hue," on Broad Street. The objects flew in a single-

line formation, "then hovered for some minutes." Two of the UFOs then began moving again and "the third branched off in a different direction."

Minnesota observers also saw UFOs.

Residents -- including nine deputy sheriffs in Ashland and Iron Counties -- in a four-county area of the northern part of the state saw the objects late on the evening of March 13. Mrs. Phil Baker and her daughter, Jane, of Mellen, said they saw a UFO land on a road near their home. It emitted "high-pitched sounds and had red and green lights around it."

Ashland County Undersheriff George Ree investigated, but found no evidence. Then he left the Baker home and drove to meet with deputies about two miles away. The officers saw four UFOs, "one brighter than the others." The brightest object "moved, changed colors, and then became stationary while three smaller objects headed toward it."

The law officers reported their "radios were garbled or went out of service," stated the March 20, 1975, edition of the *Rochester (Minn.) Post-Bulletin*.

Police officers and others in the Ellsworth-Elmswood-Maiden Rock areas spotted UFOs during the night of April 6-7.

James Koehler and his family, who live 12 miles southeast of Ellsworth, saw a huge, "luminous object in their yard that lit up their property and their neighbor's" at about 11:15 p.m., April 6. Their three-year old daughter "became very frightened." They contacted the Pierce County Sheriff's office. The investigating officers did not see the UFO at that time, but reported "dogs at the house were extremely nervous."

At approximately 12:45 a.m., April 7, Police Officer George Wheeler was driving outside Elmswood when he saw "a huge, flaming object about the size of a football field or a 747."

"My first thoughts were that there was a 747 and it was on fire and about to crash and wipe out the town of Elmswood," he stated in the *St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press*, April 8, 1975.

As Wheeler watched the UFO heading fast toward the east, he dove for cover in a ditch. He looked up, but the object was gone. Then he drove to higher ground and saw a glowing, cigar-shaped, whitish-orange UFO which emitted blue flames from its rear. It was flying at an estimated altitude of 2,000 feet and a speed of 15,000-18,000 m.p.h.

At 12:55, Nancy Theis, two miles south of Ellsworth, called the sheriff's office to report she was observing a glowing object. The frightened witness called back seven minutes later and said there were now two UFOs. She saw a total of four.

Sheriff's deputies also reported seeing four objects, one larger than the rest.

It was the afternoon of January 5. David Mahon was walking on his father's farm three miles south of Brownstown, Ill., on a picture-taking expedition when he heard a sound "like an electric motor" and saw a UFO.

"It was black and shaped like a saucer," the witness stated in the February 4, 1974, edition of the *Vandalia, Ill., Union*. "And it had a sort of glowing haze around its edges. It came from the southeast toward me and then hovered maybe 1,500 feet away and some distance in the air.... It was about 100 feet in diameter and had a dome on top of it; and there were circular-like markings on its bottom that looked like they were built in as part of the machine."

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Photographic Cases (Continued from page 2)



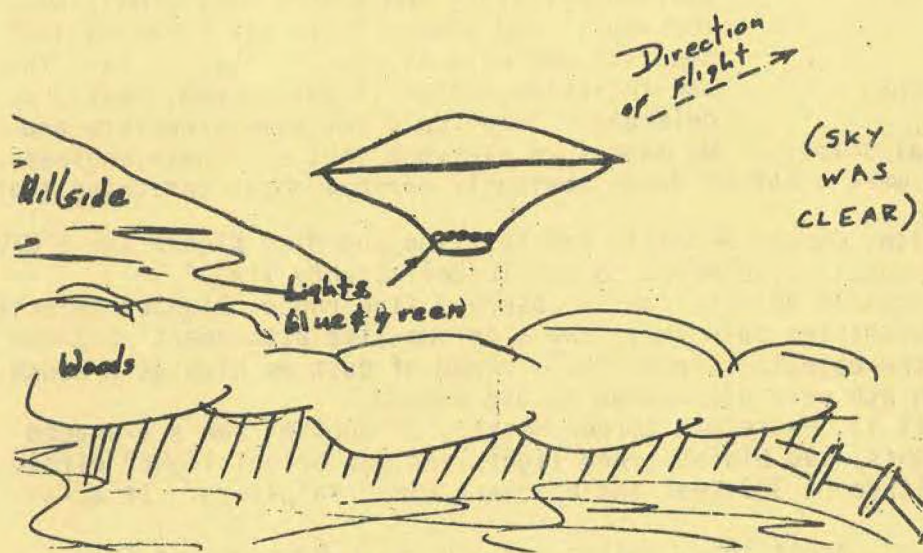
UFO Photo by David Mahon,  
Near Brownstown, Ill.,  
January 5, 1975

(Courtesy: the Union)

Before the object disappeared to the west, David snapped pictures of it. (See photo, left).

"I was scared," the witness remarked. "I could hardly get my breath. And this part of it may be a dream, but I think I was in it.... It seemed like levitation... Like I was drawn to it and up inside it several feet off the ground.... I was in a room, maybe five feet in diameter with walls that looked like brushed aluminum. And on the wall were things that looked like camera lenses with a glow that came and went. It seems like I was in there for about 25 seconds.... I could not move."

Robert James Wilson, of Morehead, N.C., was driving on Virginia Street, just north of the state line in Virginia, at 9:15 p.m., March 6, when he saw a UFO with rotating, flashing blue and green lights at its base, according to the March 13, 1975, edition of the *Eden* (N.C.) *News*. (See sketch, left).



UFO Sketch by Robert James Wilson, March 6, 1975

(Courtesy: Eden News)

In April, North Carolina residents experienced a UFO flap. Police officers and others in the Clinton-Dublin-Fairmont-Garland-Kenansville-Lumberton-Mount Olive-Newton Grove-Pembroke-Pope Air Force (AF) Base-Purvis-Robeson-Roseboro-Salisbury-Seven Springs areas observed strange flying objects. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. IV, No. 6, pgs. 3-4). E. Lee Spiegel investigated some of the reports for the Center for UFO Studies.

"The Lumberton sightings are very significant in that most center around a V-shaped object that has one, sometimes two, bright searchlights with an alternating row of red lights all around the outside of the vehicle," Spiegel related.

The investigator said more than 30 law enforcement officers in a six-county area saw UFOs.

On the evening of the third, Roseboro Police Officer Jim Driver saw a "V-shaped object" on Highway 24. The slowly-moving UFO stopped and hovered above a grove of pecan trees.

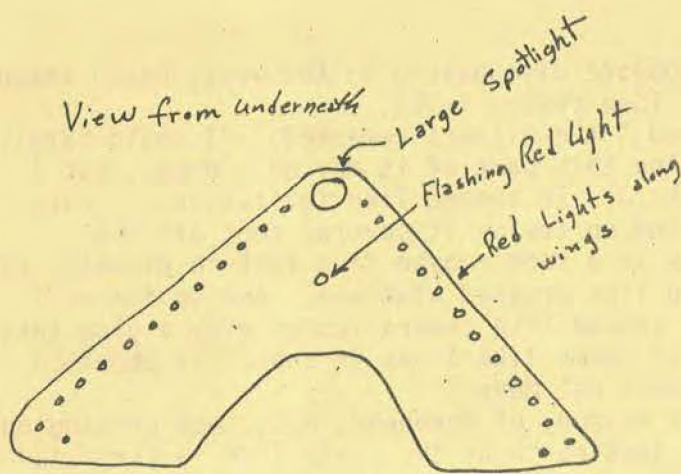
"It stayed there about a minute," he stated. "Then there was a flash of light -- a wide beam -- like the spotlights police helicopters use. It lit the top of a pecan tree. There were quite a few lights on the vehicle -- I saw the red and blue lights best."

Driver said the object was "bigger than a police car."

Meanwhile, Deputy Sheriff Marshall Gilbert, who was patrolling north of Clinton, on Highway 427, spotted an object with flashing lights.

At about the same time -- and a dozen miles away -- Newton Grove Police Officer John Hayes saw apparently the same object that "made a slight humming sound" pass over the town toward the southeast. (See sketch, p. 4, top left). Then it turned toward Mount Olive and disappeared.

Hayes said the UFO, which was at an estimated altitude of 300 feet and had a 50-foot wing span, apparently caused E-M effects to his police car radio.



Sketch of UFO by Police Officer John Hayes, Near Mount Olive, N.C., April 3, 1975

(Courtesy: Mount Olive Tribune)

said it was round, basic elliptical shape... The only thing we heard out there were a lot of dogs, obviously nervous about something that was happening."

At about 1:30 a.m. on the sixth, Deputy Sheriffs Bob Harrison and Mike Klutzz saw a UFO near Salisbury and "chased it for about seven miles to the Iredell County line."

That same afternoon, Ray Strickland and his family observed five round, lighted objects land near Pembroke. Some of the witnesses said they "saw a chrome-like attachment" between each UFO. One boy stated one of the objects stirred "up a cloud of dust as high as a house." A circular impression and a bluish ash were discovered on the ground.

At approximately 3 a.m., April 13, Patrolman Gordon Hester, of Dublin, saw a V-shaped object "with two revolving red lights, two bluish-green lights and one bright light" circle a water tower at an estimated altitude of 300 feet and approach him "real fast." It accelerated and disappeared.

Two days later -- at 12:10 a.m., April 15 -- police and others in Robeson and Bladen Counties saw a V-shaped object that hovered and moved erratically.

Bladen County police officers chased a UFO into Robeson. At about the same time, Fred Barnes and Ben Smith, Robeson County police dispatchers, followed an object near Lumberton. Meanwhile, Police Officer Carl Locklear, who was off-duty at the time, watched a V-shaped object that hovered at treetop level and shone "a searchlight down onto the trees" near Purvis.

At about 9:15 p.m., April 20, Barry Whitley and Judith Johnson observed a square UFO "with an orange light at each corner" that emitted a humming sound over a field near Seven Springs. The UFO passed directly over the witnesses' car "at a very low speed and altitude," then hovered over another field "and departed at high speed."

Fifteen minutes later, police and two fire and rescue workers saw a bright object with multi-colored lights in Garland.

"It came above the treetops about half a mile away..." Garland Police Chief N.L. Gooding, one of the witnesses, stated. "There was a real bright front light. It cut off for about 15 seconds, then came back on again, then went off again. It was brilliant, phosphorescent white, maybe 30 feet across."

Suddenly, the UFO "shot off like a comet streak and was gone, heading west."

Fairmont residents also reported seeing a V-shaped UFO that emitted "a whistling noise" and had "a big shield of some kind of glass in front."

Police officers and college students were among the witnesses to a UFO over the Mount Olive area on the evening of the 21st.

At about 9:10 p.m., May 5, two Ft. Bragg soldiers, a sensor operator in the control tower at Pope AF Base, and a Hope Mills police officer spotted a UFO over the air base. The object circled the field and flew faster than any known aircraft.

Deputy Sheriff Jack Brewer reported seeing it a short time later over Highway 403, east of Newton Grove.

On the evening of the fourth, Deputy Sheriff Ronn Thompson was watching a UFO in Robeson County when Spiegel joined him. The men made four separate sightings that night.

"At first it was a white light..." Spiegel said of the best sighting. "The object was just above the treetops, going in a northerly direction very slowly... It would stop and start up again, just hanging over the trees and then it began to pulsate white and, at one particular moment, it just stopped dead in its tracks.... It became... so bright that you could hardly look at it. Then..., in just the flash of an eye, this thing turned totally red and it started pulsating and moving very slowly away, the way it had come. There was a car full of deputies who were closer... They... said they saw the thing, after it turned red, really accelerate. They could see some structure and We made sure everyone shut off their engines.

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(Sources: the April 8, 1975, editions of the *Salisbury Post*, the *Mount Olive Tribune*, and the *Clinton Sampson Independent*; the April 13, 14, 17, and 24, 1975, editions of *The (Lumberton) Robesonian*; the *Goldsboro News-Argus*, April 22, 1975; the *Mount Olive Tribune*, April 25, 1975; and the *Lumberton Post*, May 8, 1975).

It was about 9 p.m., February 17. The Wheatland County (Mont.) Sheriff's office was contacted by Highway Patrol radio station operators, who said three deputies in Roundup had seen three UFOs near Harlowton. Special Deputy Herb Lynn was contacted at Shawmut. He investigated and, north of Hedgesville, spotted a UFO.

Meanwhile, Deputy Sheriff Larry Clifford and Game Warden Gene Tierney also saw two objects approximately 12 miles east of U.S. 191. The first UFO, at an estimated altitude of 2,000-3,000 feet, changed colors from amber to white to red to blue. A second, smaller UFO was seen 200-300 feet below the larger object, which was moving up and toward the west. Sheriff Richard Egebakken and Patrolman Tony Hensel arrived on the scene and also viewed the objects, stated *The (Harlowton) Times*, February 20, 1975. The UFOs eventually disappeared into a cloud bank.

Between 10 and 11 p.m., Keith Clark and Edgar Langston were south of Harlowton when they saw an object with red, blue and green blinking lights. They also saw "protrusions" with lights "running up and down them."

Again, Lynn investigated and saw a UFO at treetop level moving along the Musselshell River. It disappeared as the law officer maneuvered for a better view.

At 2 a.m., February 18, air policemen from the K-1 missile base north of Harlowton observed a UFO hovering seven miles north of the Harlowton Airport. Clifford and Deputy Sheriff Richard Mull investigated and also saw it. The blue object hovered, dipped below the horizon, then ascended. It finally disappeared below the horizon.

None of the AF bases in the area reportedly had any aircraft operating during the sighting periods.

California residents were also seeing UFOs.

At about 5:30 a.m., March 19, an unidentified woman in San Martin, near Morgan Hill, observed a "tangerine-orange" UFO fly overhead. It circled the hills east of San Martin and headed south toward Hollister. The object then circled back, headed toward Morgan Hill, and repeated the pattern. The UFO moved gracefully at first, but, when it was over Gilroy, "it went into a jerky, stop-and-start motion." It then headed north, flying directly over the witness' home at an estimated altitude of 500 feet.

"All I could see were three very clear, distinct orange lights, like oval portholes, with a big blue light below the two forward ones," the woman remarked in the *Hollister Free Lance*, March 19, 1975. "There was kind of a white-light glow behind the blue one."

The witness said the UFO, which emitted a sound, flew east, toward the end of her block. It disappeared to the east, toward Pacheco Pass.

#### *UFO Leaves Behind Physical Evidence*

More than a week later -- 12:54 a.m., March 27 -- Keith Nance and Richard Gill, of Brentwood, saw an orange object descending. Going outside, they watched it level off over a field. It was shaped "like a diamond ring standing on its side." The UFO then headed straight for the boys, causing the frightened youngsters to run back into the house. From the house, Keith and Richard watched the object "move from right to left and hover over the field off Balfour Road for several minutes." Then it appeared to change to a hulking, dark, oval shape.

While it hovered, the UFO rotated slowly. Three portholes -- or windows -- emitting lights with lines running from the tops to the bottoms of the portholes were visible. Then the object began to rapidly spin, "taking on an array of colors," and sped off between two pine trees to the northeast.

Shortly after dawn, the witnesses examined the field over which the UFO hovered. They discovered a depression approximately one and one-half feet long and several inches wide "in a small open area of compacted sand in the middle of [the] field." A compacted mound of sand was next to the depression. Keith reported seeing the object emit a tube "with a nozzle on the end the approximate shape of the depression." The limbs at the tops of the pine trees the object flew between were missing.

A local newspaperman, Ben Reed, who investigated the incident and wrote an account of it in the March 29, 1975, edition of the Antioch, Calif., *Daily Ledger*, saw the same or a similar object as he was driving east on Highway 4 about two miles from Antioch at around 9:45 that same evening.

At about 9 p.m., June 6, Carson residents observed a UFO.

Eleven-year old Steven Sisneros had stepped into his back yard at Martin and Millpoint Streets to take the trash out when he noticed a shadow darkening the area. Looking up, he saw a grayish-silver disc estimated to be 100 feet in diameter. Steven told UFOR the UFO, which was about "two telephone poles off the ground," had two domes, one on top the other, with "two big, bright lights" on the middle dome. The object had eight windows or portholes and its top part was rotating.

The boy ran into the house, yelling for his mother. Mrs. Martha J. Sisneros hurried outside and also saw the UFO. She said the windows of the object emitted lights and the light from the dome appeared to accentuate the shadow of the UFO. She added the bottom of the craft was black and looked "like it was corroded... like tar was stuck on it."

The UFO hovered and wobbled slightly over the witnesses' back yard, a neighbor's back yard, and a trailer court for 2-3 minutes. It moved toward the northeast, slowly at first, then very fast.

"I never saw anything move so fast," Mrs. Sisneros said in her interview with UFOR.

The object headed toward the mountains and Big Bear, emitting a "very distinguished hum sound." It passed directly over a small plane, which dipped "like in an air pocket," then quickly returned to its original south-to-north flying position as the UFO continued on and disappeared.

Steven said he heard dogs barking in the area during the sighting.

Mrs. Sisneros stated that, at one point, the UFO hovered over her bedroom, which faces the yard. The next morning she discovered the clock radio and the small electric clock in her bedroom were "exactly five minutes slow." Usually, the clocks keep perfect time, she emphasized. The people in the house behind her said their kitchen clock also ran slow after the sighting, she remarked.

Canadian observers were among the witnesses to UFO sightings.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Simmons spotted two UFOs "about the size of large streetlights" near Irondale, Ontario, at about 8 p.m., February 16.

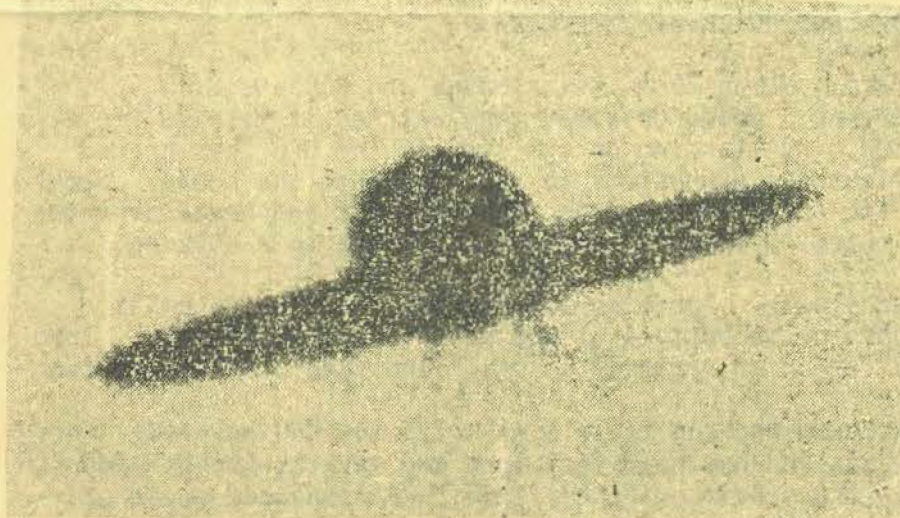
"They were at an angle of about 45 degrees," Simmons related in the February 20, 1975, edition of the *Minden (Ontario) Progress*. "The upper one was simply a very bright, white light. The lower one had an equally bright white light on top with flickering red, green and yellow lights below, like a capsule with lights flickering on the bottom of it. Then we realized that the lower object was descending very slowly."

The couple parked their car at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Graham and "watched with the Grams until the lower UFO disappeared below the trees, 'as though landing.'"

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons continued toward Kinmount. They still had the second object in sight. According to Simmons, it seemed as if the one UFO had deliberately landed while the second stood guard above it.

During the day on March 18, Pat McCarthy was preparing to photograph some birds in a quarry in Hamilton, Ontario, "when I suddenly saw this massive object in the sky." (See photo, left).

"I'd been focusing on a branch when I saw this thing like a frisbee zig-zagging around..." he remarked. "I... started snapping..."



UFO Photographed by Pat McCarthy, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, March 18, 1975

(Courtesy: Free Press)

The witness called *The* (Burlington, Ontario) *Spectator* offices with his sighting and photographic evidence. The film was processed in the newspaper's dark room. Four pictures emerged of a disc with a dome on top and "two thin protrusions" -- possible landing gear -- underneath.

Scientific, military and UFO experts were puzzled. Physicists at McMaster University scrutinized the photographs carefully. Famed UFO scientist, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of the Center for UFO Studies, was also highly interested.

"If they are legitimate photographs -- and all the evidence suggests they are -- then they are among the best ever taken," the Northwestern University astronomer was quoted as saying.

Hynek admitted the "antenna-like protrusions" from the UFO stumped him.

"I honestly have never seen anything like them before," he said. "We're into something completely new -- something I admit is pretty exciting."

According to reports, astronomical and photographic experts from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) believe the photos are "100% genuine... the best daylight UFO photographs we've ever seen."

(Sources: the March 21, 1975, edition of the London, Ontario, *Free Press*; and the March 22 and April 3, 1975, editions of *The Spectator*).

On the evening of March 14, two unidentified girls observed a UFO that hovered over hills in the Derwent Valley, Tasmania, Australia, and emitted "a strong silvery light... which bathed the hillside in bright light," according to the March 21, 1975, edition of the Hobart, Tasmania, *Mercury*. The object, which was flying near the Mt. Lloyd hill area, apparently landed "before it finally flew off along the valley."

Six separate reports from the New Norfolk area contained descriptions of the same or a similar craft "which alternately hovered, rose and fell in a zig-zag, and then shot off at high speed to the east."

Numerous UFO sightings were reported from Rhodesia, Africa, during July and August. The objects -- "described variously as twice as big as the setting sun... very bright and orange... big as a house with red and green lights... white, sort of cigar-shaped" -- were chased by police, paced motorists and emitted odors. One UFO hovered over a salesman's house and emitted a light which "paralyzed" him and caused his cat to react, stated the *Los Angeles* (Calif.) *Times*, August 6, 1975. There was a call in Parliament for an official inquiry.

#### IRON CURTAIN UFOs SUBJECT OF IMPORTANT BOOK (Book Reviews)

*UFOs From Behind the Iron Curtain* is the subject of an important book by Ion Hobana, scientific editor of the Bucharest daily newspaper, *Scinteia*, and secretary of the Rumanian Writer's Union; and Julien Weverbergh, a Brussels publisher and author of fiction, literary criticisms and essays. Both authors previously collaborated on *UFOs: A Challenge to the Human Spirit*, published in Rumania in 1971.

Though its translation into English by A.D. Hills is atrocious, the work adequately covers the history of UFO sightings in the U.S.S.R., Poland, Rumania, Hungary and Czechoslovakia from early times to the 1970s. As in other countries, the sighting characteristics include occupants, radar trackings, E-M effects, landings, physical evidence and animal reactions. Witnesses include pilots, scientists, medical doctors, military personnel, engineers, journalists and publishers. In Eastern Europe, the UFO phenomenon is "exactly the same as anywhere else in the world, as is also the case with the 'rumors' about such phenomena." (*Italics original*).

The authors present an in-depth study of the Tunguska "meteorite" explosion of June 30, 1908. Numerous witnesses saw "a light more dazzling than the sun" and heard "a deafening noise." Whole forests were scorched; there was a "hurricane," a shock wave and huge waves flooded river banks. A prominent geophysicist, A.V. Zolotov, one of many who led expeditions to the Siberian site, concluded there was a nuclear explosion "of cosmic origin." When seen, the "fireball" reportedly changed course several times, giving it the appearance

of being intelligently controlled. After scrutinizing the meticulous detail of the Tunguska chapter, it will be difficult for the reader to definitely conclude that a meteorite did crash in Siberia not long after the turn of the century.

Background on Russian scientists' attempts to establish a UFO commission in 1967 is also given. The Western press erroneously reported the commission as "official." Actually, it "was simply a free association of Russian scientists who wished to spend their spare time pursuing" the UFO problem. By the end of 1968, however, authorities called a halt to all UFO research in the Soviet Union "when reports about the Condon Committee became gloomier."

Other interesting tidbits of information -- Russian UFO waves in 1966 and 1967, coinciding with similar waves in the U.S.; and the fact that some Russian scientists, as their counterparts in the U.S., are looking into a possible connection between UFOs and paranormal phenomena -- whet the appetite.

In general, the book is a welcome and important addition to UFO literature and gives the Western world the most complete glimpse to date into what is happening, UFO-wise, behind the Iron Curtain.

[Ion Hobana and Julien Weverbergh, *UFOs From Behind the Iron Curtain* (Bantam Books, 666 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10019, 1975), 308 pgs., \$1.95 (paperback), Photographs, Appendices].

In *Sons of God Return*, Kelly L. Segraves espouses his theory that the "sons of God" (e.g., UFO occupants) are really "Satanic entities posing as angels or ministers of light" bent on earthly destruction by planning the "final battle of Armageddon." Therefore, these demons are promoting "the great flying saucer myth" and "man is being manipulated" by ETs who "fly through the heavens... with spiritual power." Unscientific "dissertations" abound. Example: our "photographs of Mars and Mercury reveal the impossibility of life in our solar system, so Satan is using this deception to fool and gain control of the population of this earth." The idea seems to be that we are all heathens and if we do not return to the teachings of Christ, we will all "be condemned to an eternity of misery and suffering."

[Kelly L. Segraves, *Sons of God Return* (Pyramid Books, 919 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022, 1975), 191 pgs., \$1.50 (paperback)].

Even the most respectable publishing houses, it seems, will publish almost anything as long as they believe it will sell. Such is the case with *The New UFO Sightings*, by Glenn McWane and David Graham, associated with Other Dimensions. Very few more worthless books in any vein have disgraced the bookstalls. The writing style approaches imbecility and the authors of a book who proclaim they see UFOs "on almost any night in the skies of Decorah, Iowa," should be summarily dismissed.

[Glenn McWane and David Graham, *The New UFO Sightings* (Warner Paperback Library, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10019, 1974), 173 pgs., \$1.25, Introduction by Brad Steiger, Photographs].

#### UFO WITH HUGE LEGS REPORTED

Mrs. Terri Smith and her cousin, Imelda Lugo, were driving in Gilroy, Calif., at about 11 p.m., August 10, 1975, when they spotted a large, bright, gray, metallic disc that had three huge, long legs extending from the bottom. There were green, red and "tiny little white lights" on the legs "and around the disc part," Mrs. Smith stated in her report to UFOR. The object brightened and had a blue haze around it as the witnesses paced it. The UFO moved slowly and turned as their van turned.

Parking in front of the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Lugo -- and while Imelda was "in hysterics" -- Mrs. Smith alerted Mr. and Mrs. Lugo, who also saw the object as it flew north, accelerated and was gone "at a terrific speed."

As Mrs. Smith paced the object, she felt "spaced out and light-headed." That night and the following day she felt nauseous. Both witnesses noticed small scratches with tiny inflamed holes on the backs of their hands that were not present before the sighting. Mrs. Smith said the scratch on her hand mysteriously disappeared overnight, but the inflammation and hole remained.