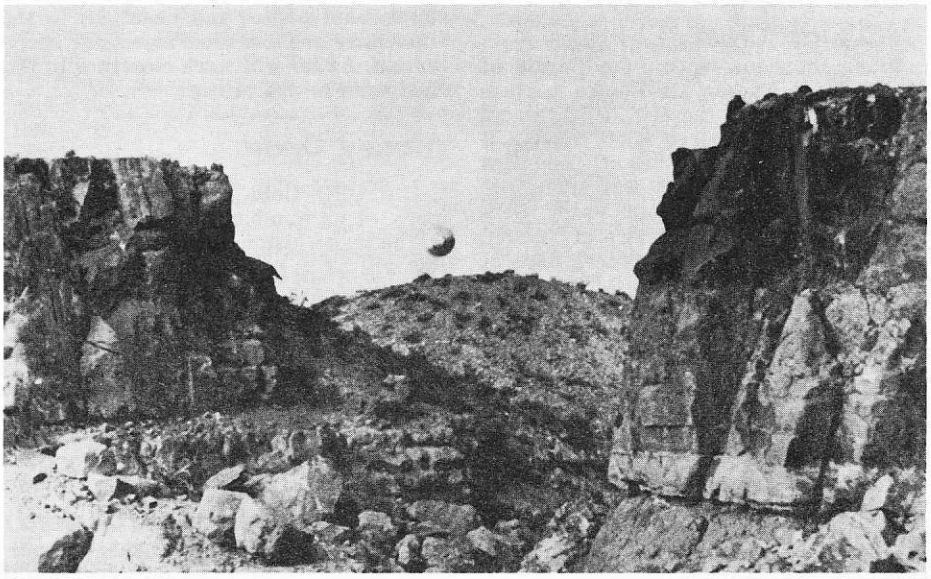
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# THE WHITE SANDS INCIDENTS



The El Paso Times for 5 March 1967 carried an across-the page article on page one concerning an alleged incident of UAOs over the Proving Ground on the evening of the 2nd—a Thursday. When the clipping reached APRO Headquarters attempts were made immediately to learn more from our contacts in the White Sands-Holloman area, with the following results:

To begin with the March 2 sighting was only the most recent in a series of sightings over the Range. The following information was brought to light:

On the evening of 1 September 1966 at approximately 6 p.m., a secretary to one of the Range employees at White Sands Proving Ground was driving on Highway 70 followed by a carload of people who were to be her house guests for the weekend.

Between Mars Site and the Small Missile Range an object suddenly left the ground beside the road, leaving a long streamer of fire behind it. The object resembled a huge toadstool. Upon stopping for coffee later, the people in the second car asked the secretary: "What the hell was that thing that took off back there?" assuming that because of her position and knowledge of test vehicles she might know what the object was. She didn't, however, having no knowledge of such a vehicle being tested at the White Sands-Holloman complex.

At 00:43 hours on the morning of the 2nd of September (about six hours after the secretary's sighting) a light was observed on the flight path of the mission being conducted on the Proving Ground Range at that time. The light appeared to be about as bright as the morning or evening star (Venus or Jupiter) but larger than either of these planets. It was seen by three separate groups of personnel before the final rocket stage ignition of the test vehicle at a point southwest of Stallion Site (which is East of Socorro, N. M.) at an elevation angle of approximately 85 degrees.

The reports from one of the radars indicated that the object was moving in an almost circular motion in a small diameter and first appeared to be between the observers and a small cloud in the area. But after observing stars through the low density clouds it was conceded during questioning later that it could have been observed through the cloud. This object stayed in this general area

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## *Youth's Car Strikes UAO Occupant*

We would like to thank Frank A. Smith of Canton, and Virgil E. Tarlton of Akron, the latter of the Goodyear UFO Society, for basic information on the following incident. Smith forwarded the information as soon as it was available, and Tarlton supplied backup information including data about the principal's character. David Morris, the young man who figures in this case, is unusually well thought of in his community and checks out as a reliable young man. The narrative:

At about 2:20 a. m. on the morning of the 28th of March, David Morris, 20, a factory worker at Munroe Falls, Ohio, was driving home from work at the Lamb Electric Co., at Kent, Ohio, when he noticed an orangish-red glow off to the left and on the other side of the hill on Munroe Falls Rd. He was proceeding slowly because of a thick fog which had settled over the Kent area following an electrical storm.

Upon seeing the glow Morris thought it might be a house on fire and automatically slowed his 1964 Chevrolet. He thought perhaps a house had been struck by lightning.

When he topped the crest of the hill he saw a glowing "wedge or cone-shaped" object 25 to 30 yards off to the left, south of the road, in a wheat field. It appeared

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## *Student Snaps Disc in N. M.*

A New Mexico State University student on a desert stroll to photograph land forms west of Picacho Peak on Sunday afternoon, March 12th, suddenly found a round silver disk in his field of vision above a hill 500 yards away. He snapped his camera and obtained the photograph shown above.

The student (whose name is withheld on request) had ridden his bicycle out a truck by-pass toward Deming, N. M., turned off on a dirt road by the airport, and continued two or three miles from the highway. He walked through the desert searching for land forms to photograph.

West of Picacho Peak, he saw an unusual razor-back formation of sedentary rock. Loading his camera, he focused on the two formations. When he looked up, he saw the round silvery object. Almost automatically he snapped the shutter.

The object was stationary when he sighted it. He looked down to change plates in his camera, which takes approximately three seconds. When he looked up, the object had disappeared.

The student was facing north. He heard no noise and there was no light coming from the object. But he did notice an odor similar to that of electrical machinery or burning electrical insulation.

The March 12, 2 p.m. sighting is one of several reported in this area in early March. (See other story on White Sands).

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## In The Future

New APRO members receive a letter informing them of their function in APRO and it includes the following request for information:

"In the future we will be concerned about the location of the following in relation to the object(s) seen: electrical transmission power lines, power stations, dams, locks, water reservoirs, fresh water lakes, rivers, water pumping stations, and wells, military bases, population centers, state and national capitols, police and commercial radio and TV transmitters, in addition to the information requested in the report form."

We would like to add the following: Fuel production complexes, oil wells, fuel refineries, fuel storage areas as well as chemical plants.

## Fontes Pinpoints 1967 UFO Flap Crest

In an interview with John Cardis of KCUB Radio, Tucson, Dr. Fontes has predicted the crest of the 1967 UFO "flap." Mr. Cardis and George Scott of KCUB produced a 10-week series of programs concerning UFOs, which was sponsored by APRO member Mr. John Vasey, General Manager of General Tire of Tucson. The program consisted of descriptions of outstanding sightings of UFOs and interviews with top authorities in the field, among whom were Horacio Gonzales G. of Venezuela, Peter Norris of Australia, Charles Bowen of England, William Nash of Germany, K. Gosta Rehn of Sweden and Dr. Fontes of Brazil. Some American APRO advisers were interviewed also, including Dr. Sprinkle, Dr. Harder and Dr. Salisbury. The Air Force's top authority, Dr. J. Allen Hynek graciously consented to an interview. The response of listeners was gratifying.

During the course of his interview, Dr. Fontes made the following statement concerning the worth of such a program: "I think this program will be very useful to prepare the American people for the big UFO wave to come this year in September."

Considering the dilemma that the large number of current reports caused insofar as Bulletin material is concerned, it is difficult to envision what September will bring. The files for the first three months of 1967 are bulging with reports—good ones. Of course, increased coverage due to the over 200 per cent increase in APRO members may have something to do with the larger number of reports being gathered.

Inasmuch as Dr. Fontes pinpointed the 1965 "flap," we feel it is important that we keep in mind the September date as the time that a crest of reports can be expected and prepare for it. See "In the Future" in this issue.

## U. of Colorado Group At Tucson

During the week of 13 March Mr. Robert Lowe, Project Co-ordinator for the University of Colorado UFO Project, visited APRO headquarters. Accompanying him were James Wadsworth and Mary Lou Armstrong, graduate students on the Project (psychology and history, respectively). Meetings and talks took place and included Dr. Wm. D. Barnes, Wendell Stevens, a local physicist as well as the Lorenzens and Dr. James Harder flew in from Berkeley, California, to talk with the group. It was decided that APRO should help the project in any way possible. William Hartmann of the Optics Department of the University of Arizona has been contracted to perform photo analysis and photogrammetry on any available photos. APRO has a large collection of photos and asks that members and investigators redouble efforts to either obtain photos (and negatives if possible) or urge those who photograph UFOs to supply said photos and negatives to the University of Colorado Project for examination. APRO will work closely with Mr. Hartmann on his project.

## Maney Dead

The UFO field of research has lost many of its numbers to the grim reaper in the short history of its existence, but few will be as sorely missed as Professor Charles Maney, one of APRO's Advisers and a man who was well-known for his rational approach to the subject. He co-authored the book, "Challenge of the UFOs" with Richard Hall and wrote many articles concerned with UFOs for both FATE and the Flying Saucer Review of England.

## Radio Link Being Established

APRO was approached a short time ago by Michel Jaffe, of DATA-NET Control, a group of amateur radio operators, with a plan to establish a radio net to faciliate fast report of UFO sightings.

We would like to request that APRO members with ham rigs address a card or short note to this office, noting on the outside, the following: "APRO Data-Net," and relating their names, addresses, call letters and hours of operation. This information will be turned over to APRO Hams in Tucson who will then contact the writer. DO NOT EXPECT AN ANSWER DIRECTLY FROM THIS OFFICE. Correspondence is so heavy that there is some difficulty in keeping current with reports. A Tucson "Ham" will contact you as soon as possible to cue you in concerning your part in this effort. We feel this is a worthwhile endeavor and are indebted to Jaffe and DATA-Net for their offer and cooperation.

## Photos Show New Saturn Moon

The 10th moon of Saturn, named Janus, has been confirmed by French astronomers. It is a small body and the closest of the Saturnian moons to the planet's surface. Estimates of its size indicate it may be about 300 miles in diameter.

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until after impact of the rocket, at which time there appeared to be an ignition of the object like the ignition of a rocket motor, which created a streamer of light approximately the size and intensity of a large rocket motor during burning. This ignition sent the object on a southerly path, the same path as the mission. The observers were located on one of the radar sites.

There was no radar fix on the object as the radar was busy tracking the mission.

From another (second) radar site the report was approximately the same as that of the first group with the exception of the information that the overall motion was in a square with a spinning or weaving motion of the object. And the observers from this radar had to come back into the radar building from outside before the exact movement was observed. The location was in the same area but was in a clearer area outside of the cloud coverage that was described in the previous report. Some of the observers at this radar site were located at the same relative location on this radar site as the observers in the other building, and others were on the ground at the Northwest corner of the building.

The third group of observers who indicated that they had observed a similar event were on top of the control building. They indicated they had seen two objects which were east and west of each other at or near the same location indicated by the other groups. These objects varied in distance from each other and both were moving in a zig-zag pattern. From this location they were both seen through the Mark 51 optical tracker. The group observed that the easternmost light travelled off in a north-northeastern direction while the western-most light travelled in the same direction as the missile. From this position they also appeared to be located in a clearing of the cloud coverage. Both of the objects left a large exhaust trail. At both locations where exit acceleration motion was observed it was reported that the acceleration was very rapid and the streamer of light appeared to disappear before the object reached the horizon. Radars did not see any unusual target presentation during this entire mission because, as was mentioned before, they were busy tracking the test vehicle.

The reports of the sighting of the above-described objects, obtained through questioning of all three groups, were sent to the project officer at White Sands and came to the attention of the Command at White Sands. The initial interest by the Project Office (concerned with the particular test vehicle being tested at the time) and Command was whether or not the object or objects seen were a part of the test. It was determined through coordination with the project office that it was not a portion of the test, at which point the report was then directed back to the Air Force for action at Holloman—to the UFO officer.

Further information from various contacts received at APRO Headquarters indicates that there have been frequent repeated sightings of UFOs during the particular test mission which was in progress at 00:43 hours on 2 September 1966. That is, there were sightings of unidentified objects FOLLOWING the 2 September incident—a sufficient number as to be described as fairly frequent. The mission in progress during these sightings was a re-entry physics study.

Which brings us to the incident of 2 March 1967!

The first indication of a UAO in the vicinity of the Holloman-White Sands test complex, came from an Apache Indian at Mescalero Summit, which is an Apache-owned and operated restaurant at the summit of the mountains on Highway 70 on the reservation. The time the objects were sighted was between 10:30 and 11 a. m. on Thursday. After the Indian called Holloman, Mission control (which co-ordinates efforts of all range instrumentation, etc.,) was notified and the objects were acquired by surveillance radars—skin track. There were multiple targets, and they were locked on automatic radar, flying a circular pattern at about 20,000 feet and then suddenly disappeared from the scope.

The complete data received by APRO Headquarters indicates that the objects were first seen from Mescalero Summit in the west toward the Holloman Range, then over Holloman, and that they disappeared south toward Orogrande, New Mexico, and finally disappeared into the east again, over the Sacramento Mountains. This coincides with the reported circular track plotted by surveillance radar at Mission Control.

Eyewitnesses who decline to be identified said the objects were approximately 20 in number, appeared to be disc-shaped and silvery in color. They estimated the speed as approximately 2,000 miles per hour. Pilots in the air at White Sands Proving Ground were notified of the sighting but they were unable to see anything.

Terry Clarke of KALG Radio, Alamogordo, attempted to investigate, contacted the UFO Officer, Major Stephens at Holloman, and was told the investigation would be carried out by the Flight Safety Office at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, New Mexico. When Clarke queried Kirtland he was told all information would have to come from the Pentagon. Clarke called the assigned number at the Pentagon but was told that no information was available.

At about this time sightings were taking place near Las Cruces (see article about object photographed by a New Mexico State University student elsewhere in this issue) to the south and Tularosa, which is north of Holloman and Alamogordo.

Three people at Tularosa reported seeing silvery discs with a greenish glow on the underside, between La Luz, (a small village between Tularosa and Alamogordo) and Tularosa, at about 11:30 a. m. on the second.

A student who was at the NMSU track at about 10 p.m. on the third of March, reported seeing two pale yellow glowing balls resembling flares. One appeared from east of "A" Mountain, and was followed by the second which shortly disappeared.

The first object continued to move slowly across the sky. It appeared to be round and at an approximate altitude of 200 feet. It floated slowly to the west of the track, was in sight for a minute, then it dimmed and went out.

At about the same date, two Las Cruces policemen (New Mexico State University incidentally, is located in Las Cruces) reported seeing a glowing object over the Bellamah addition (housing) about one mile from the University. It flew at low altitude across the city toward the east, appeared to divide into two separate lights and proceeded toward the Organ Mountains after which one stationary light was observed on that range.

On the 9th of March at about 10:30 p.m. four NMSU students sighted a large glowing object over the Organ mountains to the east. It accelerated vertically and they kept it in sight for about 30 seconds before it disappeared.

A half an hour later, a number of students at the Alumni 400 dormitory watched a glowing light in the southwest sky. It appeared to be far away, became brighter, and on one side there was a reddish light. Fifteen minutes after it was first seen the object dimmed, went out, then returned in three to four minutes. The second time it was observed it was visible for seven minutes after which it dimmed out again.

This light never appeared to move horizonally. Fifteen minutes after the second appearance the light appeared again, but its light was much less intense. Two more objects appeared near it, in no particular formation. The observers then looked in the opposite direction (northeast) and saw another object similar to the three in the southwest. After ten minutes the first three disappeared, and the fourth one was visible until 1 a.m. when the students retired. Approximately fifty students observed the strange lights.

A campus patrolman was called to the dormitory at about midnight and observed all four of the lights. In his report he attributed the strange lights to atmospheric conditions which made some stars appear brighter and to change colors.

Two nights later, at 4 a.m. on March 11, four students of NMSU, who were on a road close to the water tanks near "A" Mountain, observed a round glowing white object with a red light on top. It

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descended with great velocity from a high altitude, then its lights went out at about 100 feet altitude. It appeared to be about one mile west of the students, in the direction of Las Cruces.

This latter sighting had been preceded by a display the night before when two students were on campus walking towards Alumni Ave. at 7:15, and saw a stationary white glowing light with a red light which appeared to be on top of it. The light suddenly began moving at high speed from the southern tip of the Organ Mountains to the north of "A" mountain. It made a 90 degree turn without banking, sped back to a point south of "A" Mountain, made another 90 degree turn and began descending toward Alumni Ave., when it disappeared completely. The object had been in sight about 3 minutes.

The final act in the UFO tableau in the Las Cruces-White Sands-Holloman area took place at 9:30 p.m. on the 13th of March when three students in a car riding by the reservoir saw a bright white object descending at high speed from the sky over "A" Mountain. The object "flashed," descended, flashed again, and disappeared. It had been visible for about 10 to 15 seconds.

Some interesting things about the locale in which these sightings were made: In the immediate area of these sightings are: the reservoir and water tanks which supply Las Cruces and White Sands Proving Ground; The Apollo Moon Project Station; White Sands Proving Ground; and last, but not least, the Los Corralitos Observatory, which is located west of Las Cruces a few miles off the Deming highway to the north. This observatory has the specific purpose of constant photography of the Moon.

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to be about 25 feet tall and about 12 feet wide at the base. On top of the object where the triangular shape came to a point was what appeared to be a ball-shaped object.

Morris was non-plussed at the sight of the object, and was more curious than frightened. His estimated speed was about 30 miles an hour. He pulled his eyes from the object and looked back at the highway, whereupon his curiosity turned to horror. About 45 to 50 feet in front of his car were four or five small figures about 3½ to four feet tall, with oversized heads, which gave off the same orangish-red glow as the object sitting in the wheat field. He said he didn't know if the little beings had headpieces on or not—but that their heads were abnormally large. The bodies appeared to be of stocky build. They had two arms, two legs, and were generally humanoid in shape. He could not distinguish any clothing or features, but had the impression that they were wearing an all-encompassing piece of clothing such as a coverall.

The small figures ran very quickly back and forth across the road—with much more speed and agility than Morris felt he could accomplish. They seemed to be moving purposefully, from a drainage ditch on the north side of the road to the south side and then back again.

At first sight of the creatures, Morris slammed on his brakes. The figures had given no indication that they were aware of him, despite his headlights, and he did not stop his car in time. He heard a "thump" as the right front of the auto struck one of the figures as it was crossing the road. The car travelled another 8 to 10 feet before he could bring it to a complete stop. Almost instinctively, Morris put his hand on the door handle to open it, but stopped. He said he had no fear that he had struck down an "ordinary human," but the thought flashed through his mind: "If I killed them, they'll kill me." He then sped away as fast as he dared to in the fog.

Looking into the rear view mirror, he saw that the figures were standing in a group but could not discern whether or not one of them was lying in the road. When he reached home, Morris said, he simply sat in the living room for two hours, then, finally calmed enough, had strength enough to climb the stairs and went to bed.

That afternoon, accompanied by a friend, he went back to the spot. The field where the cone-shaped object had been seen yielded no evidence of its presence there. They did find the skid marks on the road where Morris said he slammed on his brakes and struck the "figure." But there were no footprints or other indication of the presence of the little creatures or that one had been hit.

The front of Morris's car is dented in the chrome trim, in three separate places, and scratches were visible. He did not notify any authorities concerning the incident, fearing ridicule.

Other details: He got the impression that the cone-shaped object was hovering two or three feet above the ground, and that its light came from the inside—it looked translucent. It did not move nor did the glow change in intensity. He saw no markings, windows or doors, nor did he hear any sound. He does recall a smell (his window was rolled part way down) resembling the odor of brass. Morris admited that could have come from the car, but doesn't think so.

The car was apparently not affected by the object — the lights and engine functioned perfectly, and the lights did not dim or brighten. He felt no sensation of heat. He felt "cold and clammy" after the experience of seeing the figures. He was sure of the presence of four figures, but says there could have been five.

Morris says he could not discern that the figures were carrying anything, and that when his skidding car struck one of the figures, it had been running across the road. At the point of impact he saw the figure's hand, and there were no fingers that he could see.

When asked by a reporter for the Kent Courier, he said he couldn't say what he saw—"I've never had an experience like this," he said quietly. He said he did have a feeling that he had encountered something "unearthly" because of the strange orange glow and the object in the field.

Morris usually works from 5 p.m. to 2 or 4 a.m. as a finish grinder at the Lamb Electric Co. in Kent. He left work at 2 a. m., drove out Rt. 5 to Marsh Rd., south to Munroe Falls Rd., which he calls the "back way" to and from work. He claims he will not drive that road any more at night—at least not alone.

With this sighting, perhaps some of the "holdouts" where accepting the eligibility of "creatures" sightings as legitimate cases to be studied are concerned, may begin to realize that they are probably more important than the hundreds of flyovers. We expect that sightings of such "beings" may become more numerous in the time between the present and the fall of this year and would like to ask all members and subscribers to forward any and all clippings pertaining to such incidents immediately! or contact APRO Headquarters through DATA NET. The radio link-up when completed, will be explained and announced in the Bulletin.

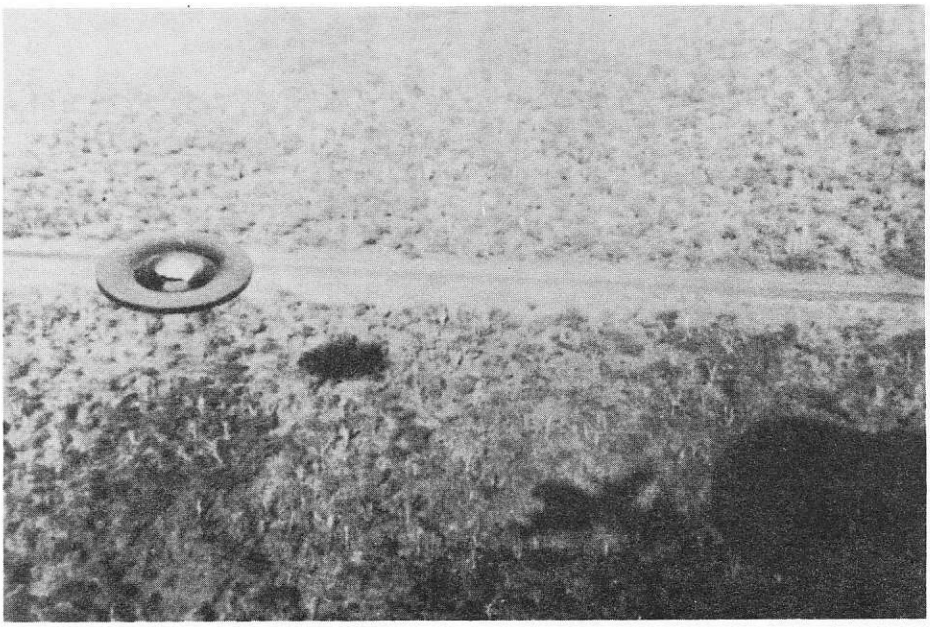
## Soviets Launch UFO Probe

A recent Associated Press dispatch out of Moscow, Russia, indicates what has long been suspected in UFO circles: Russia has had sufficient number of UFO sightings within its borders to warrant a scientific investigation. Among some of the facts made known were these: Soviet radar screens have registered UFOs during the past 20 years. Reports of UFOs in Russia have been ridiculed just as they have been ridiculed in other countries. An unidentified radar return is "constantly" observed by scientists at the Central Aerological Observatory near Moscow.

The scientist quoted in the article is F. Zigel, and much of the information was obviously taken from an article in a current issue of the illustrated Soviet youth magazine "Cmena." Zigel was identified as one of the editors of a book, "Inhabited Cosmos" being prepared for publication in Moscow.

Five possible explanations for the UFOs were listed and all were discounted except the fifth—spaceships. The other four were: 1. Nonsense or hoaxes, 2. Optical illusion, 3. Secret earth-made ships, 4. Unknown natural phenomenon. The chief editor of the book mentioned above is B. P. Konstantinov, one of Russia's most respected scientists.

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## Plane and UAO And Shadows In Photo

Following the publication of the Paso del Cabello photo in "El Universal," the Caracas newspaper received a letter from Mr. Delio Ribas of Valera, State of Trujillo, Venezuela, in October, 1966, enclosing a photo taken three years earlier (1963) on a AVENSA flight from Barcelona to Maiqueta, Venezuela. This photograph is an original from the negative, which is in the possession of the pilot who took the picture.

Mr. Ribas stated that "the airline pilot who took the photograph and myself are absolutely certain that the object is one of the so called flying saucers. The pilot does not wish to speak much on the subject because he has been the object of ridicule by some of his Venezuelan fellow pilots and also certain pilot friends in the USAF . . ."

The authenticity of this photograph was questioned by Capt. Harry Gibson, a skeptical commercial pilot, on the basis that the dark line around the disc which he supposes is shadow, does not coincide with the shadows of the plane and the disc cast on the ground; and that the object seems to be nothing more than the "button which locks the window to the crew compartment." However this objection does not explain how this "button" could cast such a large shadow (almost half the size of the plane itself.)

Mr. Fernando de Calvet a professional topographer and geometrician made a study of the position of the shadows and demonstrated mathematically that all the objects and details in the photograph bear absolutely exact relations with each other. Also, Mr. Konrad Honeck, electronics engineer, and Mr. Miguel Sapowsky, another engineer in charge of the technical department of a large Caracas Television station, have substantiated Calvet's explanation.

## Fourth Unidentified Satellite Disclosed

A dispatch out of Washington, D. C. on January 20 announces the discovery of a fourth unidentified satellite orbiting earth which allegedly fell from orbit on December 30. The dispatch, although it does not disclose the location of the impact, if it did impact, does note that the first three objects which were discovered by U. S. tracking radar in May and June 1966 are objects "that have not been identified with any launching or country of origin." Secrecy policies prohibit government officials from discussing the size of the four objects, the article stated.

## Luminous Oval Over Power Lines In Venezuela

On the morning of the 12th of October, 1966, around 9 a.m., Francisco Arrieta was driving along the highway between El Guapo and Barcelona east of Caracas, Venezuela. High tension cables run almost parallel to the road leading to the sprawling petroleum industrial complex in Caripito, Maturin, El Tigre and Anaco.

Arrieta had acquired a new camera and was photographing various objects to test the camera and its accessories. On arriving at the region of the highway midway between El Guapo and Barcelona he stopped his car to view the scenery and took photos of the electric towers. He then heard a slight but insistent humming sound which increased in intensity and on looking around to see what could be causing it, he saw a strange object of a definite ovoid shape, though somewhat diffuse at the edges, which seemed to be pulsating. It appeared to be following the path of the electric wires on the towers which glowed as the object passed by.

Arrieta became nervous at the strange sight, but remembering he had the camera in his hands, he focussed it on the object which stopped over the tower, and took a photo.

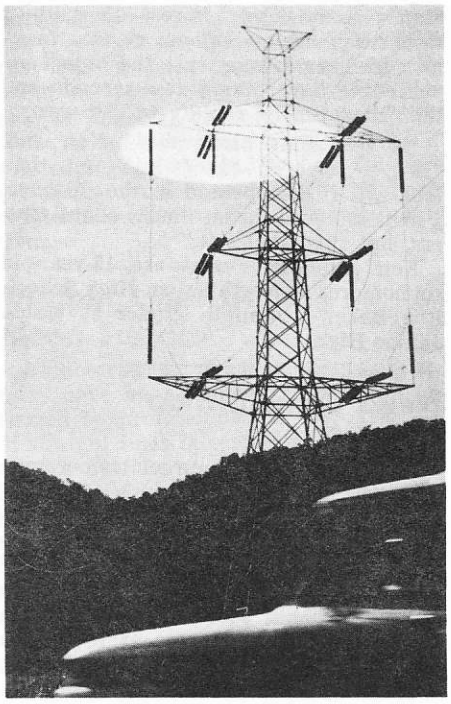
At the same time a pick-up truck which had approached the tower suddenly stalled, and he could see the driver trying to restart the engine. The lighted pulsating object then continued its course along the cable towards Barcelona, the truck engine started and the driver continued on his way, and Arrieta remained standing there, dumbfounded.

When Arrieta reached Barcelona he heard that for two nights in succession people had reported seeing lighted objects in the skies and that the cities of Cumana and Barcelona were subjected to repeated power failures which were attributed to overloading on the transmission lines.

Skeptical photographers of "El Universal" said that the white object shown on the photograph could be the result of a "bubble of air produced on passing the film to the fixer or setter" and the trapped air caused over-development in the white region of the bubble.

The objection however, does not take into consideration the fact that Mr. Arrieta (a) heard a humming sound which was produced by the object; b) saw the luminous object moving precisely over and along the high tension cables; c) saw when it stopped over the tower; d) saw the stalling of the pick-up truck and the fact that it could only start when e) the pulsating luminous object had moved away.

The photographic laboratory that made this reproduction for APRO analyzed the negative and pronounced it authentic stating that no sort of air bubble could have produced the effect on the negative.





## Photo By Oregon Boy

Poloroid pictures of a metallic disc sighted in Salem, Oregon, were obtained on the afternoon of March 16th by one of three boys who witnessed the object. (See above and below).

Ron Forest of 3045 Windsor Ave. NE, was in the back yard of the Thomas Ronald Baker home at 1893 32nd Ave., NE, when he spotted the object. He alerted the Bakers' sons, Kenneth and Ronald, and Ronald ran for the camera and took the pictures at about 3:30 p.m. The first was taken while the object appeared to be hovering and another about four seconds later as it zoomed away and disappeared to the West.

The boys agreed the disc was metallic in color and flying very high. They said it didn't have lights and they heard no sound.

"I'm inclined to believe it was a spaceship of some kind," Forest, 15, said. "I have never seen a balloon go that fast," he added, explaining that the object appeared to hover for a few seconds and then disappeared rapidly to the west.

"It was going pretty fast," Ken said. "But it hovered for awhile and then took off. It disappeared in the distance. I sorta believed in the stories about saucers, but this proves it."

Ken and Ron Forest are 15-year-old sophomores at North Salem High School. Ron Baker is a ninth grader at Waldo Junior High.

## News Camera Man Sees UFO

A Minneapolis newsreel cameraman and former Navy pilot has reported sighting three disc shaped objects move across the horizon "as if they were making a low fighter pass over the area" on the night of February 25. Mr. Joseph E. Sullivan, his wife and five children were driving in their car at 7 p.m. (a clear night) when they observed the saucer-like discs come out of the Northwest and make a banked turn to the Southeast near 1st Ave. and 25th St. in Minneapolis. "As the objects went into the turn the first object glowed a red color like molten iron. There is no doubt in my estimation that they were aircraft of some sort. Over the years I have been skeptical of this phenomena, having interviewed people who saw different objects. I refrained from saying what I saw immediately to my wife, but asked her and she reported exactly what I saw, which was also confirmed by the children."

"I moved my head around in the car so as to discount reflection and saw that they were solid and sharply outlined and not joined together." Mr. Sullivan estimated that they were about 60 feet in diameter and about 30 feet separated from each other, traveling about 200 mph at 1,000 feet. In about seven seconds they disappeared.

Mr. Sullivan notified WCCO-TV where the information was passed on to the Air Force. We have no further knowledge of the disposition of the sighting.

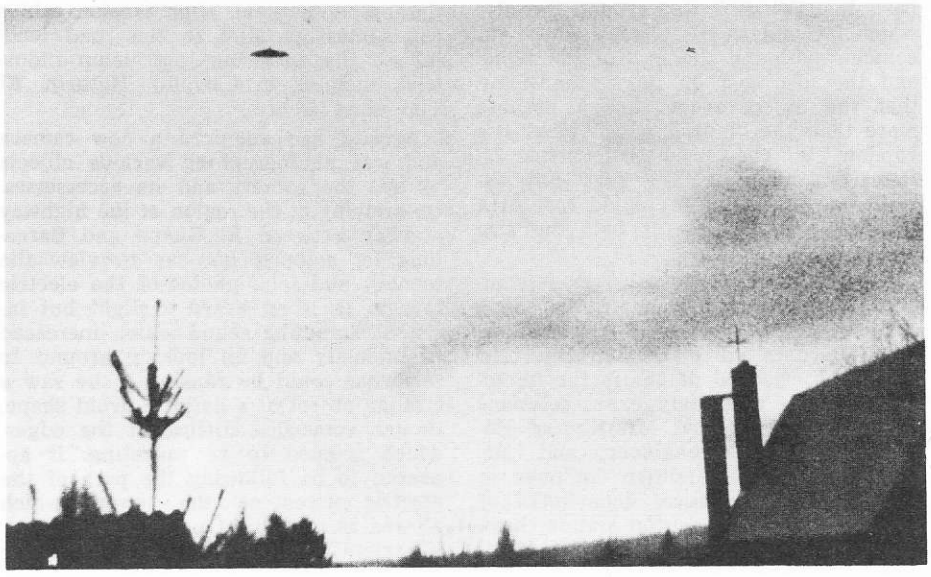
## Strange Object Near Denver In 1965

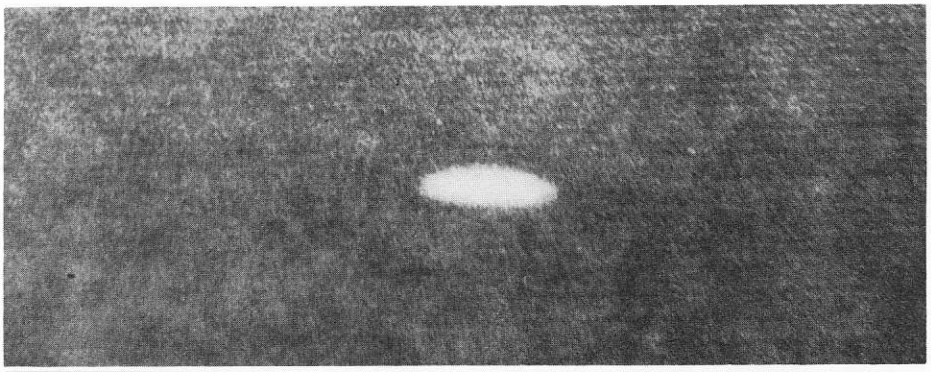
The following report was submitted by Mrs. Lee Trenholm of Boulder, Colorado and relates to what is considered an important and revealing case.

Early in September, 1965, at 11:05 p. m. the senior cottage counselor at the Lookout Mountain School for Boys in Golden, Colorado, was outside on the patio of the cottage when he noticed a strong odor of ozone "like the inside of a welding shop." He looked to his left across a fence to the athletic field, and 25 to 75 yards from him, either on the ground or slightly above it, he saw a translucent, bright white rectangle of light with red sideways V-shaped lights steadily running around the base of it. He estimated its size as 8 to 10 feet high by 25 feet across.

He watched it for a minute or so, but was badly frightened and ran to the Administration Building ¼ mile away. His supervisor made him sit down and wait while he and three other men drove near the field. All four men smelled the odor, but the object evidently took off making a shrill whistling sound which woke several people. There were no marks in the field the next day.

The object was resting or hovering near an electric substation and high tension lines and ¼ mile from a radio transmitter. The weather was pleasant with no clouds. The radio operator at the micro repeater station on Squaw Mountain reported an unusually large amount of non-scheduled military aircraft activity that night. The witness in this case was interviewed in the spring of 1967, but even at that late date was obviously shaken by his experience. Mrs. Trenholm found him to be a calm, well-balanced, intelligent person of excellent character. He is currently principal resident supervisor at the Lookout Mountain school for Boys in Golden, Colorado, and a graduate student in social work at Colorado University.





## The Moline Sighting And Film

Dr. Allen Utke, APRO Consultant and Professor of Chemistry at Wisconsin State University, went to Moline, Illinois, to investigate the March 9th sighting and filming of a UFO by William Fisher. His report follows:

William Fisher is a 32-year-old patrolman on the Moline, Illinois police force. On March 9, 1967 at 1:30 p.m. he claims to have seen a UFO from the schoolyard of the Sacred Heart School in Moline. Fisher does school traffic duty and rides a motorcycle. He claims Mrs. Leo Schmitz and Mrs. Frank Daebelliehn had pulled their cars to the curb and were also watching the object. Dr. Utke tried to contact both of these women but was unable to reach them for comment. According to Fisher, Sister Mary Mark and some children from the school also saw the object, but Sister Mary Mark is reluctant to discuss it.

When Fisher first saw the object he said it was as big as his thumb held at arm's length. He thought it was at an altitude of about 3000-4000 feet and about 1 to 1½ miles away. He estimated it to be about 30-40 feet in length or possibly even larger. The object first seemed to be extremely brilliant and didn't have any definite outline other than that of a football. It then moved away from him into the NNW and seemed to become thinner in shape and less brilliant.

Fisher later called the weather bureau and found that the winds were at 40-45 mph generally from the WNW that day, almost counter to the direction of the object or at least perpendicular to it. Fisher thought the object was following the Mississippi downstream in a rough sort of way. The Mississippi flows from East to West at Moline.

He first thought the object might be an aircraft, but soon realized it was not, and he also said he does not believe it was a weather balloon. There was no sound that he could detect.

Unfortunately, Fisher did not start shooting his 8mm movie camera (which he uses in his work) immediately and also unfortunately the first 10 feet of that he did shoot did not turn out. The 20-30 feet (30-45 seconds) he does have were taken therefore when the object was quite a bit further away than when he first saw it. The movie only shows a small, whitish object slowly moving into the background, although the object does seem to tip slightly at one place. There is no change in altitude and no change in speed. The photograph shown with this article is an enlargement (about 5 times) of one of the frames.

Fisher was very cooperative and Dr. Utke does not feel he elaborated in any way upon what he observed. APRO will obtain a copy of the film as soon as it is available and if additional frames prove of any worth for reproduction in the Bulletin they will be used in a subsequent issue.

## UAO Near WPAFB

A UFO sighting was reported March 18 practically in the back yard of Wright-Patterson-based Project Blue Book by Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Smith, whose home is less than 25 miles from the base.

Mrs. Smith said she, her husband, and two daughters saw a round, brightly-lit object over their rural home, near Lebanon, Ohio, on the night of the 18th. They watched it circle for three-fourths of an hour. She and her daughters, Cindy, 15, and Lee, 3, were returning from nearby Centerville when they spotted the UFO.

"Just as we were coming to our drive, Cindy said 'look up in the sky, mother.'" Mrs. Smith explained. "It was round and shining, almost as big as a house. It had a bright, white light that hurt our eyes. The light sometimes turned to red, and there was a halo around it. I was so fascinated I got out of the car and stood in the driveway waving my arms as it seemed to dip. All of a sudden—pfft—it took off straight up, then it circled the area of the Memorial Gardens Cemetery."

Mrs. Smith said the object gave off a high pitched whine that hurt her ears and sent the family poodle scurrying under the bed. Her youngest daughter, Lee, "didn't realize what was going on but she exclaimed over the bright light."

After getting a Wright Patterson officer on the phone, she relayed the UFO's action to him. Meanwhile, Centerville police had radioed the Warren sheriff's department. The Air Force officer advised that the deputy should get pictures if possible. Dep. Homer Burlisle, then in another part of the county, got the call too late to see the object, however.

At Wright-Patterson officers said they were sending the Smiths a form to fill out in full of the sighting "for technical evaluation."

Still unexplained to the Smiths is the fact the car lights went out. When tried after the excitement died down they were in perfect working order.

"I wasn't frightened but that made me feel peculiar," Mrs. Smith said.

This is the second sighting for the Smith family. About four months ago they saw a simular UFO "but much higher," circling the cemetery across the road and reported it to Wright-Patterson.

## Strange "Hash" Signal In April

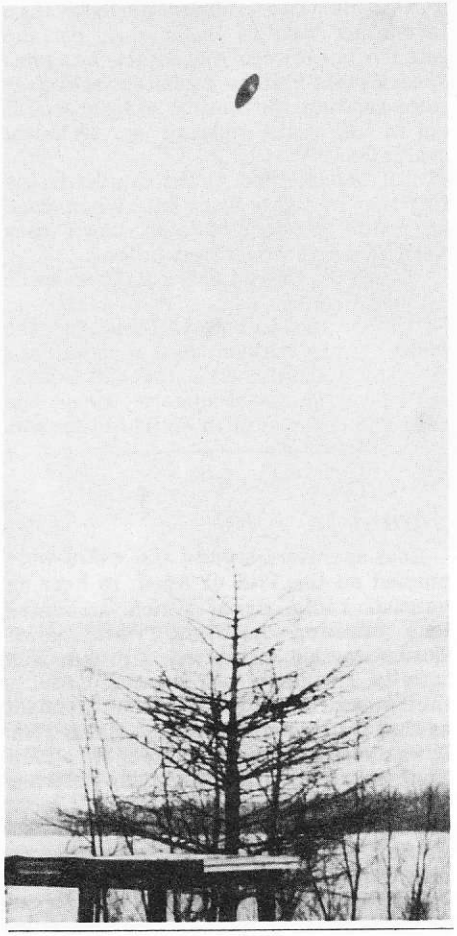
Ham operators around the world were puzzled on the 17th of April, to hear an unusual radio signal which amounted to a pulsating "hash" or "white noise" similar to that connected with sun spot activity. However, with sun spot activity, the interval of noise is not as constant as that of the unusual signal of the 17th. It was heard throughout the U. S., a New York operator reported getting information from England that it was heard there, and fragmentary reports at this writing indicate that the phenomenon was worldwide.

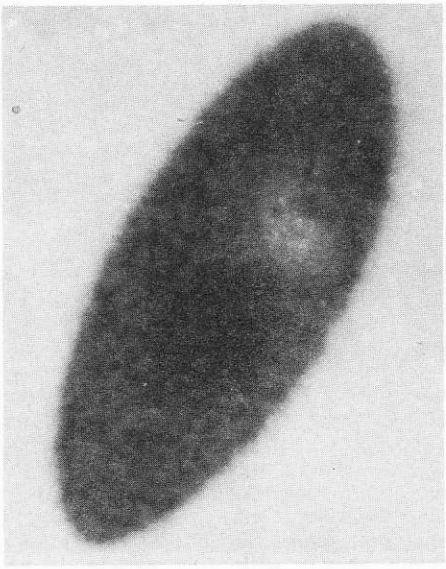
For those unfamiliar with the jargon of amateur radio operators or electronics personnel, the sound of the "hash" sounds like a "jamming" noise which can be best described phonetically as a "sheeow" sound. The pulse period of the "hash" was less than 1 second and could be compared to the way a TV set reacts to a plane going over, causing periodic cancellation of the TV signal.

The most probable immediate explanation is that the sensational new space shot that the Russians have been talking about for some time is a satellite capable of jamming communication. If this is so, it is quite typical—instead of a communication satellite to link the people of the world, they would be likely to create a device to disrupt communications.

## Straight Lines On Moon Surface

An observation which amateur astronomers have been clamoring to have confirmed by professionals is the existence of straight lines in certain craters on the moon's surface. A March 2 Associated Press dispatch announced that two new photographs from the camera-carrying spaceship Lunar Orbiter III were released by NASA but that organization declined to comment on the most striking feature of one of the photos—distinct, straight lines across the floor of a large crater near the equator and about 1,300 miles west of center of the moon's face.





## Three Photos In Louisiana

Encounters with a strange vacuum-cleaner-sounding object north of Baton Rouge on January 12th and 13th have resulted in two photographs and an interesting if eerie account by a Louisiana gentleman who prefers to remain anonymous. Two of the photos and enlargements of the portion showing the object are on this page.

"It was around four in the afternoon when the strange object first caught my attention. I was sitting in my boat on the west side of Old River; the sky was overcast and it was typically cool for a January 12th in this part of Louisiana. It was quite by accident that I glanced to the east and saw the object approaching, almost in a straight line toward me. Instantly I thought of the camera I carry almost everywhere I go. I reached down, snatched it up and by this time it was almost on top of me. But it didn't continue its course, for as I caught it in the viewfinder, it began a rather slow turn to the right. That's when I released the shutter and caught it at about a 45 degree angle. There was no time for a second shot; in about five seconds it had completed its turn and at a high rate of speed, disappeared into the east."

That was how the first of three exceptionally detailed polaroid pictures were taken. But the day wasn't over yet.

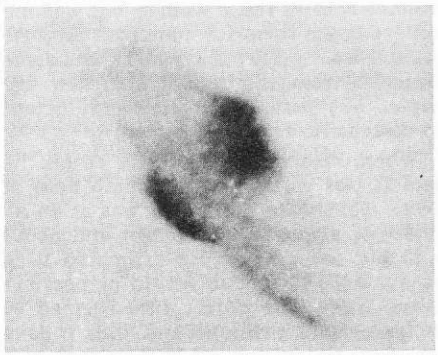
Around 9 o'clock while checking his trout lines two miles south of the north end of Old River the gentlemen above heard an unusual sound, like a huge vacuum cleaner running full blast, but at a distance. He headed in the direction of the sound in his motor boat, unable to see anything because the night was pitch black. He couldn't hear the noise over the boat motor but when he shut it down, the vacuum noise was there again and much stronger than before. He turned the boat around and headed for camp. When he got back and stopped the motor, the sound was gone. He tried to get some sleep.

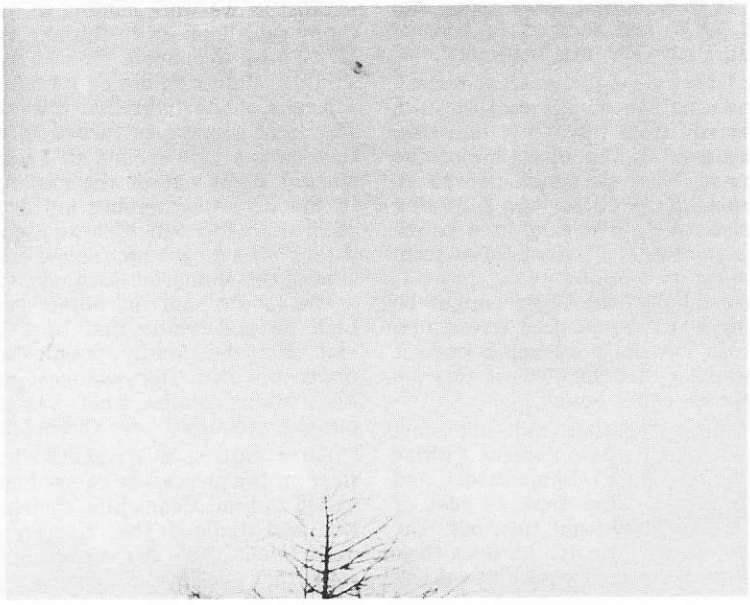
The next morning he was on the lookout for the object. The first thing he noticed was an unusually large number of dead fish along the river bank. He had noticed dead fish before but not so many. He pointed out that his attention may have been drawn to them because the UFO sighting was still fresh in his mind as well as the eerie noise of the night before.

Around 9 a.m. he decided to do some target shooting with his rifle. Taking his camera along he started walking along the bank, keeping the river in sight. Not far from the camp, he heard what sounded like a million crows, "chattering like crazy," in a clump of trees across the river. He looked in the direction and there it was again, that same or a similar object, in the sky above the opposite bank. Again it appeared to move straight toward him, but this time it was further away. He got the camera up to his eye and waited for it to get closer. Then, when it began a turn as it had previously done, he snapped the picture, quickly pulled the exposed film out of the camera and snapped another. By the time the second shot was taken, the object had completed its turn and had risen "like an elevator," up unto the overcast.

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## Two From Sweden

K. Gosta Rehn, APRO's Representative, forwarded the two following reports from his country which are the first interesting sightings in that area in several years:

On March 4th at 1:30 a. .m the two sons of Erik Soderstrom were returning home from a trip in their car. They are Lenny, 18, and Tommy, 14. Upon approaching the farmyard they were amazed to see "two big, monstrous objects" hanging motionless in the air over the yard. Terrified, they got out of the car leaving the lights on and rushed into the house whereupon they awakened their parents.

The whole family, Mr. and Mrs. Soderstrom, the two boys, and daughter, Ebba, 16, stood on the porch and watched the strange object. About 100 meters from them (360 feet) a huge object was silently hovering in the air at 40 meters (150 feet) altitude. It appeared to have a smooth surface, was dark grey in color, thick at the middle, tapering off to a round edge. The witnesses estimated the diameter of the disc-shaped thing to be about 30 or 40 meters (120 feet). The soundless thing had no light coming from it and when it moved a little the group became aware that another, smaller object which they estimated to be 15 or 20 meters (50 or 55 feet) in diameter, was accompanying it.

The night was clear, starlit, with no clouds, and visibility was very good. Erik Soderstrom was plainly shaken by what he was watching, and rushed inside the house to get his rifle. The family had watched the object for about 15 minutes when they suddenly began to float leisurely North across the Voijm River where they accelerated to a very high rate of speed and were soon out of sight.

A few minutes later the family was surprised to see the smaller craft returning. It put on a light which flooded the farm, made a tight turn around the farmhouse, rose abruptly in the sky and disappeared from sight. One of the boys claimed he heard a whining, whistling sound.

Mr. Rehn observes that the same psychological phenomena which has been manifested so often in the U. S. in the past 20 years, was soon evident: the news media immediately began to try to explain the objects as "smokey clouds arising from the river," corona discharge from a 20 kilovolt power line which runs adjacent to the river," or "suggestions from a German science fiction movie recently shown on television." Soderstrom and his family vehemently denied that these explanations were the answer to what they had seen.

## Girl Reconnoitered By Disc

At 11 p.m. on March 22nd, Ann-Lis Danielsson, age 22, the daughter of a policeman and a college girl, was driving her car on the way to her home in Tjuvkil when she became aware of a greenish light. After slowing to get a better look, she caught sight of a disc of about 15 meters (54 feet) in diameter which was hovering at a distance of about 150 meters (500 feet) and about 400 meters altitude (1500 feet). It gave off an intense greenish light. Driving slowly, Miss Danielsson estimated the angular displacement of the object by covering it with the palm of her outstretched hand at arm's length. A whining sound was heard, and the outline of the object was plainly visible.

The machine circled slowly around the vicinity in which her car was located, all the time sinking and rising alternately. It pursued her for 15 minutes during the time that she covered a distance of at least 2 kilometers. She later said that when the object climbed it appeared to oscillate so that its underside and top were alternately exposed to her, and the discus form was clearly observed. She compared the brilliancy of the light to that of a search light.

The 22nd of March was a clear starlit night with no clouds and a soft breeze. The object had come in from the northwest, and after following the girl for awhile it turned around and flew on a straight course to the west.

Miss Danielsson has stated that although she had seen an occasional article about UFOs in the newspapers she had never put much stock in UFO stories. She said: "I definitely got the impression that the object I saw was intelligently controlled. An object helplessly drifting about in the air, a balloon or something else does not move so resolutely."

In his presentation of these two latest sightings of UFOs in Sweden, Mr. Rehn concludes: "This is a new illustration of my thesis that close-range observations form the best evidence, irrefutable and inacessibile to the common objections of astronomers and others."

## Greek Scientist Backs UFO-Connected Blackout Theory

Although some UFOlogists have labeled the theory concerning UFO-caused blackouts as sensational, (see "Flying Saucers" by Coral Lorenzen — Signet T-3058) physicist and engineer Paul Santorini, a pioneer in the development of radar, and a respected fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences, has speculated publicly that the New York blackout and others could have been caused by the UFOs. Some of Santorini's qualifications are the following: He assisted in the development of fuses for the atomic bomb, was educated at Zurich where his professor of physics was Albert Einstein (later a close friend), holds two basic patents of the guidance system used by the U. S. for its Nike missiles, and has represented Greece at 23 international scientific congresses.

The news dispatch out of Athens dated March 12th states that he is not among the "lunatic fringe of scientists attracted by the publicity potential of flying saucers investigation." Speaking before the Greek Astronautical Society, and later on a television interview Santorini said that his research "led him to believe that crews of flying saucers were currently engaged in surveying earth, taking back with them plant and animal samples," and that the big Northeast U. S. blackout coincided with peak flying saucer activity in that area. Santorini further postulated that military authorities are unwilling to admit the existence of an alien force against which earth had "no possibility of defense." See past editorials and features in the APRO Bulletin pertaining to "secrecy."

Santorini said that his personal experience with flying saucers took place in 1947 when the Greek army gave him a team of engineers to investigate what was believed at the time to be Russian missiles flying over Greece. It was established that they were not missiles but before more effort could be applied to the problem, the Greek army, conferring with U. S. authorities, ordered the observation discontinued. Shortly thereafter he (Santorini) was closely questioned by scientists sent from Washington.

## UAO Near AFB In Nevada

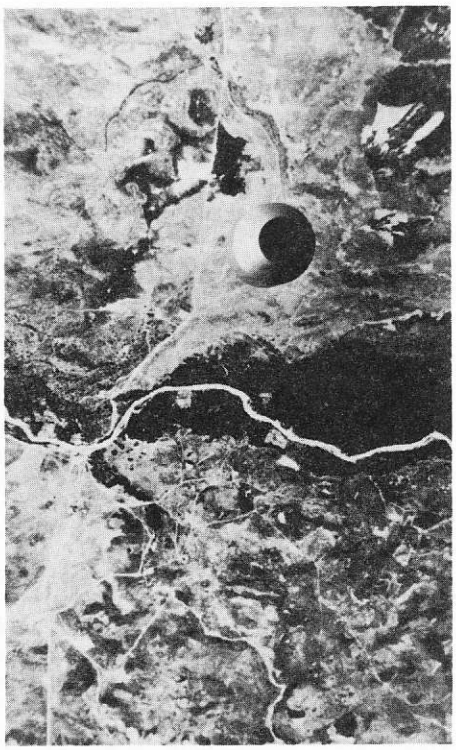
An APRO member in Nevada interviewed two witnesses of a UFO incident which occurred at Fallon Air Force Base on February 28, at 4:15 a.m. The sighting lasted approximately three to five minutes.

An airman on duty saw a red ball come over the mountains, 40 miles north of Fallon, traveling at great speed. The fiery colored object stopped in mid-air approximately one mile away and 1/8 to 1/4 of a mile up, held its position for awhile and then proceeded in a skipping pattern.

The airman telephoned a man on duty in the powerhouse who ran out and saw the object make its last change of position. This last move was a long arc, after which it started to go up at a slower rate, fading as it ascended and slowly passed out of sight.

The object seemed to be a black spot surrounded by rings which glowed bright red. No sound was heard. The size was estimated merely as "very large." It was a clear night and only one large cloud could be seen directly over the area where the object made its appearance. The object's last position change was a large jump that took it out from under the cloud and up.

The airmen were frightened and agreed not to tell anyone about the incident because "no one would believe it."



## UAO Photographed From Airplane

On an aerial photographic flight as part of a geolyphic study for a mining enterprize, Mr. Inake Oses was flying over the southern part of the state of Guarico, Venezuela on the morning of February 13, 1966. Around 10 a.m. the plane was surveying a region 80 kilometers south of the city of Calabozo, flying at 8,000 feet, when suddenly Mr. Oses' attention was attracted by a brilliant yellow incandescent object flying erratically at high speed below the plane. The object would stop suddenly in midair for a few minutes, then rush off again in a different direction. Oses instructed the pilot to try to follow the object while he began taking pictures. The chase continued until both the plane and the object were over a mining site near the "Paso del Caballo dam." Here the object stopped again and was photographed as appears in the picture reproduced above. It then accelerated to fantastic speed and flew off towards the south where it disappeared.

In a written report to the Caracas newspaper, "El Universal," Mr. Oses said: " . . . The object which we saw and appears in this photograph floating in midair, due to its shape and performance in space appears to be a flying machine of some sort completely different than those we know about. . . "

Due to the confidential nature of the aerial survey project that he was engaged in, Oses waited until his contract was terminated and he had left Venezuela before he sent the negative to APRO's Venezuelan representative, Horacio Gonzales G. He was using Kodak fast pan film with a special camera adapted for such aerial photography. The editorial staff of "El Universal" has accepted the authenticity of the negative and the good faith and integrity of Mr. Inake Oses.

## The North Dade Affair

Although at this writing the incident is still being investigated, we will present the basic details of the alleged landing or near landing adjacent to the North Dade Elementary School in Opalocka, Florida. We would like to thank A. K. Breast of Miami for his quick reporting.

On the 7th of April at a little after 10 a. m., a UAO was purportedly observed by two teachers and a group of elementary school children. According to newspaper reports, the object appeared in a tree-dotted field. Mrs. Virginia Martin, a 6th grade teacher, didn't pay much attention when the object was first brought to her attention as she was busy trying to get them in line. A large number of the 200 children at morning recess were running toward the school fence, pointing and trying to get her attention. According to the Miami Herald, the object was seen by fourth grade teacher Bob Apfal, Mrs. Martin, and sixth grade teacher Mrs. Marian Waters, and it was hovering above the ground behind a pine tree in an open field.

Mrs. Martin told the Herald: "It seemed to move in toward the school, then went straight back and dropped below a pine tree. It came up again and went westward." Also: "It was oval-shaped and seemed to hover." While Mrs. Martin hestitated to tack the label "flying saucer" to the object, Bob Apfal had no qualms, said: "It was a flying saucer." Apfal claimed Friday was the second consecutive day that he and his students saw UFOs north of the school grounds. He said they were metallic appearing.

The teachers' afternoon of Friday was spent being interviewed by AF investigators from Homestead AFB.

Later on Friday a Mrs. Mary Troesser called the Miami Herald and said that she had seen an oval object with red lights just over the trees in the direction of Crestview Elementary School.

To continue our log of the Crestview event:

Mr. Breast heard the news of the sighting at noon on Friday, the 7th, and at 1:30 p.m. he went to Crestview Elementary School in Opalocka, Dade County, (on the northwest edge of Miami). He learned that unidentified objects had been seen on two days, Thursday and Friday. The only data he could secure was that the object was "larger than a kite" and when he requested to speak to the principal he was informed that Homestead AFB had been contacted and that an investigator was being sent out and that no information would be given out. He did not even learn the name of the teacher who witnessed the UFO with the school boys on Thursday.

This seems to be a part of a strange series of events. A day or two before the alleged incident, according to very reliable informants in the area, a "psychic" or "mystic" predicted, on radio that UFOs would be seen in the vicinity. Apparently one male teacher was on the lookout for the objects, and had the children outside searching the skies.

The initial story appeared in the 8 April edition of the Miami Herald. Since then, a teacher who has an agent friend, was attempting to sell the story to a New York-based magazine.

On the 13th, John Wolf, 42, printer and student at Dade Junior College, reported that he and his sons, just back from a Scout Camporee, were in the yard back of his home on the 8th of April and saw three or four objects hovering just beyond a line of trees near Crestview Elementary School. According to Bill Barry of the Miami News, there were 30 or 40 people, mostly adults, standing around on the deadend road and in the field looking to the north. Some had binoculars. When John Wolf looked he saw the objects also—three or four of them hovering just behind a line of trees. They appeared to change shape from oval to cigar-shape and back again, the observers told Barry. They appeared as globs of white with red flashes and transparent domes on top—not unlike the glass dome on a coffee pot.

Wolf said that at the same time he watched the objects he could see aircraft from North Perry Airport flying around. He could make out the detail of the airplanes but there was little detail on the objects. When a plane approached one of the objects it "just was not there anymore." When the plane left the thing would reappear and always in the same spot.

Wolf claimed he watched the objects for nearly an hour, went home and got his wife. She didn't believe him until she looked and saw them for herself.

Weather conditions included a bright clear sky with few clouds. The objects seemed to be below the clouds, made no sound, left no trail. Toward afternoon the objects slowed their activity and then went away. Wolf used naked eye observation and 7X50 binoculars, which indicates the objects were a considerable distance away as he was not able to obtain resolution for detail.

The Air Force announced that what everyone saw on Friday (the day before Wolf's sighting) near Crestview Elementary was a Coast Guard helicopter. Wolf states firmly, however, that what he saw was not a helicopter—besides, there were no helicopters in the area on Saturday.

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## Puerto Rican Photo Resembles Strauch Photo

According to Miguel Angel Lopez, of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, he and his friend Manuel Perez observed and photographed a UAO in that area at about 6:15 p.m. on the 14th of March. Manuel was the first to see the object and while Miguel went for his Kodak Instamatic camera the object disappeared. After obtaining the camera from his home, Miguel waited, hoping the object would come back and snapped four pictures. He told the press: "It was flying slower than an airplane and it was quite close and looked like the 'flying saucers' that are shown in the movies. My friend and I thought it was not a thing of the earth and that it didn't belong to the U. S. army."

Sebastian Robiou L. of Mayaguez, P.R., was contacted as soon as the story came in and he went to Bayamon and secured the negatives (two of them—the boy had lost the others) as well as a statement from the boy and his mother. His mother stated that Mike had come into the house very nervous and told her he had seen a UFO and was going to photograph it. She didn't pay any attention to him.

Later Mike said he had obtained four photographs and on the tenth when the film came back from the drug store his mother realized he HAD photographed something.

Mike described the object as "orange, with a darker color on the borders," said that it moved slower than the commercial jet airplanes that fly in the area. He said it moved toward the northwest without making any noise, appeared solid and bright and about 45 to 50 degrees above the horizon. Its brilliance was constant although it became more bright just before disappearing, "going straight up at great speed."

The shape and apparent density of the object are so similar to that of the Strauch photo that it instantly occurs that possibly the boy photographed the Strauch picture out of the LOOK magazine color spread which was recently published. When shown the Strauch photo the boy became quite excited and said that was what he had seen. Further information pertaining to photo analysis will be forthcoming as soon as it is available.

## Sightings Still On Upswing

Although a statistical analysis of the number of reports received in 1967 has not been accomplished to date, it is obvious that we are receiving an unexpected number. We naturally assume that this is partially due to unprecedented interest by the general public, observers are less reserved about reporting than they have been previously, and APRO's coverage is more efficient due to increased membership. At copy deadline, we select the following reports from around the world:

Pierre, South Dakota: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Carter Jr. and two of their three children had a hair-raising experience with an unidentified lighted object while driving to Pierre from Midland on the 5th of March. The light when first noticed was at some distance and gradually closed the gap between it and the car until it was about telephone pole height and less than a mile away. At about 10 miles east of Hayes, they could make out a V-Shape and the road and an area around the car was bathed in a light bright enough so that they could have driven without lights. They heard a humming sound and felt a numbness during the time the road and surrounding area were lit up for a period of about five minutes. Carter kept the car at a speed of 60 miles per hour, and the object shortly took an erratic but rapid trajectory into the distance and disappeared. The family is considered reliable and were saucer skeptics before their experience.

Bartlett, Illinois: In the early morning of the 7th of March Mrs. Lucille Drzonek of Bartlett was driving a niece home to Worth, Illinois and returning with her two daughters. The family Beagle, named Bugle accompanied them. As they passed Kenneyville on U. S. 20 they saw what appeared to be a falling star which stopped in midair and then appeared to take on a round disc shape and started blinking. The girls insisted Mrs. D. stop the car to watch. At that time the object had a circular shape with blinking red lights.

The group turned the car off Rt. 20 at Devon Avenue to enter Bartlett and watched the object from the car windows. Then the object appeared to descend into a wooded area. "The red glare as it lowered to the ground lit the whole woods," Mrs. Drzonek said, "and the dog stood against the windows of the car with all his hair raised in fright."

The women watched in fascination. The trees showed up black against the red glow in the woods. They drove back to an intersection in order to watch what was happening. At this point, "something zoomed up out of the woods and headed straight at the back window of our car," said Mrs. D. The red glare was gone and the object was a brilliant white and Joyce Drzonek saw two white beams of light which shone right into the back window of the car. The group was "frightened out of its wits" by this time, and the dog could not be quieted down. The women then started to drive home and when within two blocks of their home they started to blow the horn and scream but the object stayed right with them and appeared to be only 10 feet over the top of a tall tree in their side yard when they stopped. Mrs. D. attempted to arouse her husband but couldn't, but did succeed in waking her son. He joined his mother and sisters at the window and the group watched the object for an hour. "The disc went high up into the sky and looked gray," said Mrs. D. "It still flickered on and off as though it had lights. After a while a heavy gray matter much like fog seemed to drift down into the yard and around the house. When it cleared, the object was gone," she concluded. In the morning she called police and airports but not one took her story seriously.

Madrid, Spain. On the 8th of March thousands of people in Madrid watched a bright object northwest of Madrid at dusk which followed a slow ellipsoidal trajectory. Air Investigation Centers could not explain the object and the Special Station "Robledo de Chavela" announced that they had observed the object also and heard the sound of motors or engines as it went over.

Lima, Peru. In a crowded sector of Lima, hundreds of persons witnessed the maneuvers of fifteen round, bright objects which followed a general south to north path, at times dipping to low altitudes. The objects appeared to whirl and were described by all as huge and silvery.

Dareton, Australia. Mr. and Mrs. Brian Wilshire and their three children and Mrs. Wilshire's parents were driving along the Silver City Highway to Dareton, Australia, on the night of 10 March when they spotted a "saucer" about halfway between Dareton and Mildura at 6:30 p.m. The object appeared to be dark grey in color, was silhouetted against the sunlit sky and hovering above the road ahead of the car. It was oval-shaped "like a rugby ball" with a high dome on top. Drawings appearing in the newspaper showed an object similar to the Rex Heflin photos taken in California in August, 1965. Mrs. Wilshire admitted later that she was "pretty frightened, had never really believed in flying saucers but I do now." Mrs. Wilshire's father, Hector Coe, estimated the altitude of the object as no more than 90 feet. All declared that its size was difficult to estimate but that it appeared to be much larger than the average airplane. Mr. Coe told the press: "When it shot away and disappeared from view, I would say that its speed was between 200 and 300 miles per hour. I learned to judge the speed of aircraft during the war in aerial observation." He said there seemed to be a haze around the object "something like a heat haze." The object, in full view for at least three minutes, moved away and Mr. Wilshire accelerated in an attempt to keep it in sight and thought it was preparing to land. It soon disappeared, however. A spokesman for the Mildura Balloon launching station announced later after hearing of the sighting that they had no balloons in the air at the time.

Port MacNeil, British Columbia, Canada. On the 12th of March at 7 p.m. D. L. Siemens, a school teacher, and his wife noticed what appeared to be a large bright star to the left of the crescent moon. Both are amateur astronomers. By 7:07 they realized the light was moving towards the horizon and getting smaller. It appeared to have an oval shape and

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appeared brighter at times than others. It first appeared about 20 degrees above the horizon to the left of the crescent moon, about midway from the horizon to Venus. As nearly as the investigators could discern, the object was directly above the Benson Lake Power Generating Station when first seen.

On the 17th of March, the Antares Astronomical Observatory at Montevideo, Uruguay, announced that they had secured colored photographs of a large unidentified aerial object and three smaller ones, apparently emanating from the larger one. The Observatory claimed the object hovered north of Montevideo at about 18,000 feet, was oval-shaped with a saw-toothed rim and a dark-colored dome with a clear white edge, a violet light in its center and what appeared to be an open hatch. The object was observed for one hour and 45 minutes, during which time three smaller egg-shaped objects were ejected from the open hatch. An apparent jettisoning of bluish-colored gas was also observed from the side of the object. Our initial information on this is sketchy and investigations are in progress.

Appleton, Wisconsin. On the 22nd of March Carl Rohde, an engineer for the state radio council at radio station WHAD on Lapham peak near Delafield, Wisconsin, spotted a UFO shortly after 9 p.m. It appeared to be a glowing orange object low on the horizon, emitting a variable high-pitched sound. A few minutes before the Rohde sighting five objects were seen moving across the horizon in single file at Appleton. Rohde had heard the announcement of the sighting of the five, went to look for them. He saw only an orange glow on the horizon and could not distinguish the shape of the object itself. Frank Goddard of Appleton, a navy military affiliate radio operator, reported the first sighting at Appleton, which was viewed by literally hundreds. He said the middle one of the five UFOs moved out of line briefly and circled the other four objects, then moved back into place in line. Military authorities in the area had no comment on the sightings.

Caracas, Venezuela. Six schoolboy residents in an apartment building at the foot of El Calvario Park hill, reported seeing several luminous objects swooping down the hill on the evening of April 3. They pointed out the apparition to their father who made them promise not to discuss the sightings, but did admit that he got on the terrace in time to see a luminous trail going out of sight on the horizon. The time was 8 p.m.

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. On April 6 at 9 p.m. an unidentified radar blip showed on the radar at Edmonton's International Airport and was plotted for two hours. The Airport controller contacted a Pacific Western Airlines pilot and asked him to look for it. "We had turned our radar off and were getting ready to land but the control tower asked us to keep our eyes open," the anonymous pilot told the Edmonton Journal. He said the RCAF Station at Namao also reported sighting the UFO on radar. Namao officials denied any sighting the next day. Officials at Edmonton's Industrial Airport would neither confirm or deny reports that they had tracked the UFO.

The pilot in this instance said that he didn't see any definite object, just unidentified light flashes, but that the airport was receiving "a pretty strong pattern on its radar screen."

On the ground an Edmonton man said he sighted the object about 9:30 p.m. and it appeared to be above the northwest part of the city for about 20 seconds. He described it as having no real shape or distinct outline, but just a vague, dullish orange glow. He could not judge the object's size or speed.

San Juan, Puerto Rico. On the 7th of April the U. S. Navy confirmed receiving a report of the chase of a UFO by a flight instructor and student pilot off Tortuguero on the sixth.

The Isla Grand School flying instructor (who prefers to remain anonymous) and his student, Alvaro Munoz, were flying at 3,000 feet about a mile north of Tortuguero when the instructor sighted the UFO. It was 11:15 a.m. when he noticed the "thing" which appeared to be following another of the school's Cessnas cruising to the west about 1,000 feet below his aircraft. He described the object as dull white, metallic and oval and about 60 feet long—roughly three times the length of the Cessna. It had no wings, tail or windows. The instructor called the other pilot and asked him if he knew he was being followed, and instructed him to make an 180-degree turn and take a good look at it. When the plane began to turn the object stopped and moved down 200 feet off the water, then turned back east. The instructor then told the student to take off his hood and look at the object, whereupon he took the controls and dived at the object to get a better look. He was only able to get to 140 miles per hour and the object made a sharp turn to the north and quickly pulled away.

Munoz said he didn't know what the object was, but that he got a good look at it silhouetted against the water below, and it was not a light or a cloud or a boat. It was in view for 15 to 20 seconds. The pilot of the plane being "followed" could not get into position to see the object. The FAA announced, after the sighting became public, that no UFO had been picked up on the radar in the area.

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## UFO Over Ascension Island

On the 16th of February, 1967, at 0105 hours, a military pilot flying out of Ascension Field reported to the tower that he had an object in sight that had a "definitely pulsating light—not a blinker light, a pulsating light." He said the light appeared to go from an off-white to yellowish—green to occasional blue with a flash of red.

After checking with the tower the pilot announced that he was going to climb in order to see if an increase in altitude would change his altitude perspective where the object was concerned.

After climbing, the pilot observed the object, reported to the tower, and informed the Tower that he would make one more run, to which the Tower operator replied that they wanted to be advised if something was spotted because they had a couple of radars operational at the time.

Shortly, the Tower informed the pilot that one of the radars had locked on something at 276 degrees true and 25K yard range. The radar operator confirmed that it was not the aircraft. Tower asked the pilot if the range was the same as the object the pilot was looking at and the pilot answered in the affirmative.

After a short time the tower informed the pilot that radar had advised that the object seemed to be losing altitude rapidly, but that it did not look like a burst balloon. By this time several radars had a track on the UFO.

When the object had reached an elevation of 7 degrees on a heading of 282 degrees, the Tower informed the pilot that "the radar indicates that it appears it could be a balloon that is leaking but has not busted, but is descending rapidly." Whereupon the pilot called back to the Tower and informed them that he had seen the object in free fall.

After landing the pilot said he did not think the object was a balloon. They had spotted it at take-off; when they reported the UFO they were at 5,000 feet and then climbed to 8,000 feet. The pilot said the UFO "jumped" up to 8,000 feet, and reiterated that the light on the object was not the customary "blinker" light but a pulsating light.

The most illuminating part of this incident, including the description of that unusual light, is the nature of the "fall" of the object. A burst balloon does not behave like an object with weight which is in free fall. And a leaking balloon takes a considerably longer time to fall to earth than a balloon which is burst. Neither, however, gain the speed of a body in "free-fall." What was the object seen that night? A telemetered mission was in progress but in the process of a "hold" during the sighting.

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