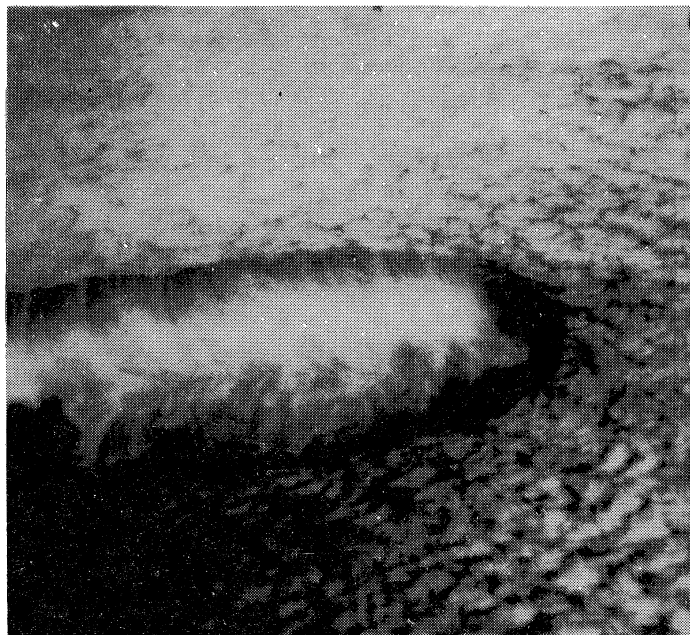


GIANT "CIGAR" OVER ARIZONA



"Cigar-shaped object over Florence, Az.-See Column One.

STRANGE LIGHTS SEEN NEAR MT. ST. HELENS

In late March or early April, an article appeared in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer describing unusual light phenomena in the vicinity of Mt. St. Helens, which, at least in the United States has gained some notoriety for its unexpected eruptions in the last year. Member Mike Howard, who forwarded the clipping said the article from the paper was dated in late March or early April and we opt for early April as one of the sightings indicated that it took place on March 31st, a Tuesday. To wit:

Police at St. Helens were at loss the explain bright orange lights they saw in the sky over the Columbia River between Vancouver, Washington and St. Helens.

Sgt. Russ Yokum of the St. Helens Police

On January 30, 1981, Mr. William E. Heft of Mesa, Arizona, and five other men were on duty at an isolated Army installation 1½ miles north of Florence, Arizona. The terrain is strictly desert and the location is very isolated.

At 1 p.m. a strange object was sighted at about 40 degrees elevation in the west. It had the apparent shape of a cigar, was dark, with misty cloudlike vapor along the ends and middle part of its bulk. The sky had 85% cloud cover consisting of mainly alto-cumulous clouds. The object was going from west to east, its widest dimension being its leading edge, at a steady pace, and either it was going in and out of the clouds occasionally moving some of the cloud cover with it, or was moving in and out of the clouds and giving off vapor or it was "sucking up" the clouds and dispelling them out the rear.

Heft had his Kodak Instamatic fixed-focus (X15-F with C-126 Kodacolor film) with him and when the object had reached an elevation of 70 degrees in the West (20 degrees from zenith) he took three photos. He could not get the whole object in the photo, took two of the right hand edge, getting a slightly larger portion of it in one frame than the other and one of the midsection. Before he had a chance to take any more pictures the object had disappeared into the clouds.

Heft estimates that the object was at between 5,000 and 6,000 feet altitude and during the 15 minutes that the six men observed it, it had moved from 40 degrees to 90 degrees elevation in 15 minutes before being obscured by the clouds while directly overhead. Heft said it was so huge that he would have had to hold a 1-foot ruler at arm's length to cover its length. He said it was "as big as a football field".

Later checking with civilian and military authorities yielded the information that the ground wind was between three and five miles per hour and by the time Heft got his photos back from the processor it was next to impossible to obtain information on winds aloft.

Although the photograph is clear enough, it does little to enlighten us as to the nature of the UFOs. This looks like a giant cigar or a worm tooling across the cloud-filled sky. Any comments or speculation are welcome and will be added to the case file.

(See page two for a composite of two of the photos.)

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Department said he saw a light northeast of St. Helens at 4:10 a.m. Tuesday (presumably March 31st) and alerted other officers. Trooper Ron McCartney of the Oregon State Police at Columbia City and three other officers claimed they had seen the light also. McCartney described the light as "dome-shaped", and "as if the moon was coming up behind the hill." Yokum said the officers and about 15 other people as well, including some newspaper carriers, saw another light to the southeast at about the same time the first light became obscured by fog.

Yokum also said that a citizen's band radio operator (call name Lucky 13) named Donald Atkin of Ridgefield, Washington, a few miles south of St. Helens, reported that the second light was near his home and emitting a whining sound. McCartney and Yokum reported that they talked to Atkin over their police radio and tape-recorded the sound. Yokum played the recording for an Associated Press Reporter and said that the sound was similar to the sound of a

ship's sonar.

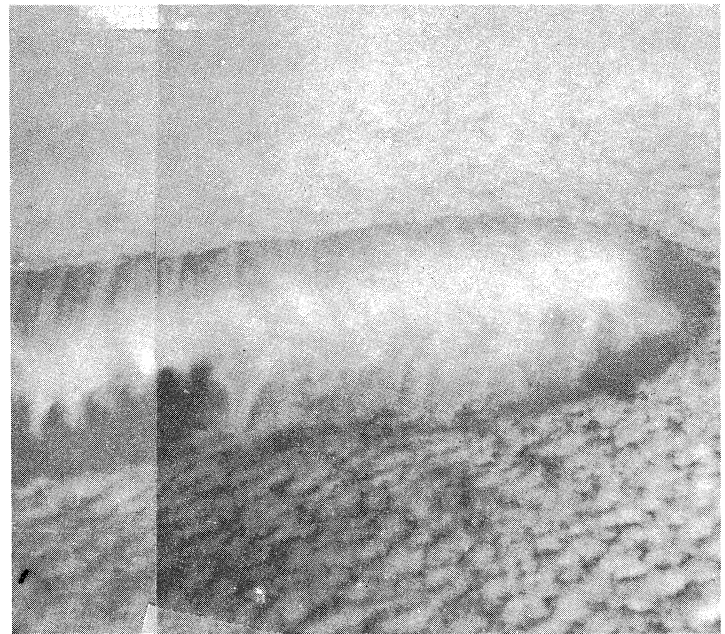
"It was a whining sound, not like any aircraft engine I have heard," McCartney reported.

Yokum said that Atkin reported seeing the light dip toward the river and heard the sound of a crash and a few minutes later, according to the officers and the Associated Press, Atkin reported that the light moved away from the river and disappeared,

The Associated Press reported, (probably carried on the wire on April 1st or second or at least around those dates), that Atkin could not be reached on Tuesday (date?) and that he allegedly photographed the light.

McCartney and Yokum said that there had been no reports of aircraft in the area and there were no reports of aircraft crashes.

If any member has any information, first-hand, through newspaper clippings, or otherwise, they should forward such to APRO Headquarters. It would be deeply appreciated.



A composite of two of the Florence "cigar" photos [see page one for details]. The black dots at above left and below right are merely the material on which the photos were mounted to be photographed at the printers.

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 CHANGES.**

In general the year 1980 was rather interesting in Finland. The first Finnish-language UFO documentary movie was made with the help of The UFO Research of Finland, and an interesting UFO book written by our leading astronomers Juhani Kyrolainen and Pekka Teerikorpi appeared in our bookstores. However, in the media there were only about one hundred articles or transmissions dealing with UFOs instead of the normal several hundred.

UFO Near Vaasa

This incident took place on a Sunday evening in September 1980. There were two witnesses, one near the object and one at a distance of about one kilometer. The time was a little after 9 p.m., and the evening was clear and calm. The temperature was 10 degrees centigrade. The encounter happened at sea in the municipality of Mustasaari near the city of Vaasa.

Ake Hurin, a car mechanic, had been fishing with a friend of his, Kurt Bergfors. When they had finished they went to the Bergfors villa to have a cup of coffee. At about 9 p.m. Hurin started heading back home in his boat and Bergfors watched him from the shore.

After having sailed about one kilometer Hurin passed the cape of Osteroren and suddenly saw a bright light approaching from the right. He thought it was a large boat with a powerful light and he slowed the speed of his boat to three knots to give way to the other boat. But as the light continued to approach, he began to fear a collision. He turned off his lights, stopped the motor, and turned the boat radically to the left.

Now the bright object was so close that he feared he would be run over by it and he bent himself down. He felt heat radiating from the object, but he heard no sound. The object was so bright that it lighted up the whole neighborhood. Mr. Hurin estimated the object's diameter to be one and a half meters and the altitude from the surface of the sea as three or four meters. He is not sure what the shape of the object was, but it was orange in color. The object did not fly directly over him, but it did make a close fly-by. Now the object just disappeared. Mr. Hurin is unable to say how it happened. I just disappeared. He was somewhat shocked by his encounter and he sailed in the area for some time before he found his way back home. He reached home at 11:30 p.m.

His friend Kurt Bergfors saw the encounter from the shore. He saw how the object lowered itself toward Hurin's boat and hovered about 150 meters above the boat. To Bergfors the object appeared to have the shape of a saucer with a diameter of three meters. The object remained in the area for 5 minutes, then gained altitude and disappeared in the same direction it had come from. Now the time was 9:15 p.m. (classified as UFO).

For a couple of days after the incident Mr. Hurin found it difficult to maintain his physical balance. He was so frightened by the encounter that he later bought a gun to protect himself.

Humanoids In Rauma

June 19, 1979 at 12:30 p.m., Rauma, two witnesses. A couple, Allan V. and Maila K. observed a bright silver-gray object through their home window. The object was domed and it scanned the nearby forest with a blue beam of light.

Maila put on her boots and walked slowly toward the object. She climbed on a boulder right next to the object which was now resting on landing gear. Allan, who is an invalid, followed the incident from the house. The dome was transparent and she saw two "awful creatures" inside the object. They had big eyes and a frog-like skin. The creatures were only about half a meter tall and the object had a diameter of one meter. When she was about to touch the object she was temporarily blinded by something and the object zoomed to the sky. Her eyes ached for the rest of the day.

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Shown above is Mr. Jun' Ichi Yaoi of NIPPON-TV in Japan, during a recent visit to APRO Headquarters when he photographed Mr. Lorenzen and others as well as our office accommodations.

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MISSOURIAN RELATES UFO ENCOUNTERS

Charles Fiorita and his wife, Maedean, have been reporting their encounters with UFOs in Missouri newspapers for many years. Several of the stories prove to be both interesting and enlightening.

A few years ago, Charles received a phone call from a man in Rochester, New York who had read about one of his sightings in the Moberly Monitor-Index. The man interrogated Charles for 25 or 30 minutes, asking