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SAUCER BLOCKED ROAD IN NORWAY

Connecticut Landing, 1957

Harvey B. Courtney forwarded the following report derived from an interview with the witness:

First or second Sunday, February, 1957 (sure of the date as she was visiting her daughter who just moved to a new home that month).

Time: Between 10-10:30 p.m. Night clear and bitter cold, bright moon. Returning home from visiting daughter.

Had turned off Redding Glen Road on to Route 53 (heads toward Georgetown). Very desolate area. Stopped for stop sign at foot of hill and just saw object as she was driving up the hill. Object was hidden by trees and she was almost upon object before she saw it. In her excitement she took her foot off the accelerator and the car almost came to a stop.

Object was cigar shaped without wings or fins of any kind. "Looked as if someone was holding a giant cigar in the air," she said.

Object was approximately 10-15 feet to the left of the road, "Hovering not too far off the ground." There were 3 or 4 portholes along the side of the object and they were illuminated with a yellowish light. Portholes were approximately 18-20 inches in diameter.

Noticed movement inside through portholes—"looked like shadows moving past the windows." Object had large square on the bottom and was illuminated with same yellowish light. Had the impression that the square was an opening because the light instead of going out, got smaller "as if a door was sliding along, the length of the square, sealing off the light."

When she was abreast of the object it suddenly rose straight up, staying parallel to the ground. It hovered for a second or two at just about tree top height, then "sped away very purposefully" still staying parallel to the ground.

Couldn't tell if object made any noise because car heater made too much noise.

"Those red lights by the road were

very bright" — referring to reflector posts alongside the road. She said she never noticed them so bright before. Sighting made by Mrs. Ina Salter, Ridgefield, Connecticut.

This report compares very favorably to that of an elderly lady at Old Saybrook, Massachusetts, several years ago.

Las Cruces Lights

The El Paso, Texas Herald-Post for 16 January 1962 recounted rather sketchy details of sightings in the Las Cruces, New Mexico area on the 15th.

Dan Garcia, Las Cruces police officer, reported seeing a red flash at about 5 a. m. which appeared to be moving in the direction of the Organ Mountains—15 miles east of the city. Later, just before dawn, Garcia saw a stationary light which eventually began to circle around and a few minutes later disappeared.

The radio at White Sands Proving Ground (east of the Organ Mountains) told police officers, upon inquiry, that a "falling star" had just missed an aircraft over Las Cruces. The plane was enroute to El Paso, about 40 miles southeast.

The Herald-Post said White Sands Proving Ground was checking for further reports but apparently none were forwarded to the newspaper as there was no follow-up in later issues.

Light Buzzes Youth's Car

Jerry Hislope, 20-year-old Kentland High School senior (Kentland, Indiana, USA) claims a UFO buzzed his car two miles north of Lafayette, Indiana in late December. The incident was related in the 28 December 1961 Indiana Journal.

At 9:45 p. m. on Thursday night, Hislope was driving toward Kentland when he noticed the object "diving straight at him." He described the object as dull, glowing white in color, and about 8 feet in diameter and three feet thick. Hislope said it passed over the top of his car, about 10 feet from the ground. He stopped his car and watched it disappear back up into the sky.

By K. Gosta (Gus) Rehn

In 1954 as a novice in the study of the saucer problem I regarded the following story too fantastic to be seriously considered. Now I think otherwise. Authentic close range observations like the following are extremely important in the way of proof. Our military mentors try to pooh-pooh them; they shun such cases because they are red-hot. If forced to investigate such as happened in the Gotland case (APRO 1/1959) and in the Lock Raven Dam case (APRO 11/1959) they are completely stumped. Cudgeling his brains the scientist-aide can find no loophole, so frequently offered by the long range sky cases ("hallucinations" ruled out). Now, these close range cases have grown in number (flying, hovering near ground or landed). The descriptions of details show a remarkable agreement. And there are other proofs of the sightings, promising to build up the best evidence we have that UFOs are interplanetary space ships.

Paint contractor M. Tryggve Jansen told his story to Miss Inga Moller, who was sent to see Mr. Jansen in his house at Ski, Norway, by her paper, a well-known Swedish weekly, "The Allers."

"It happened one evening in November 1953. I had finished my work and picked up Mrs. Gudrun Buflod in my car. She had arrived from Trysil and was invited to visit us in our home. We were sitting and talking about trivial things. Reaching the Gjersjo bridge on the Mossevei road we noticed a luminous object, that did not go straight ahead high up, but that really was maneuvering around on a low altitude. Sometimes it disappeared out of sight, but all of a sudden it was back again, flying in wide circles over the woods and the lake. Then it came down low close to the sides of the car. On one occasion I had to move away as far as I could when the thing swept close past the door of the car.

"Another thing like that and I stop the car," I told my companion. Just as if my words have been comprehended by the driver of the strange craft, it

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Ohio Sightings

An object (or objects) was reported in Ohio from Toledo in a line extending over Lima and on down to the west of Dayton and Cincinnati on the 3rd of January 1961.

Sheriff's deputies Hicks and Baker spotted something from their patrol car on Ohio Highway 117 between Lima and Spencerville at about 7 p. m.—a bright green light which did not blink, moving very fast to the southwest, in view 5 or 6 seconds.

Paul D. Carroll, a reserve Air Force navigator made a sighting at about 6:09 p. m. It looked like a ball of green and orange, flashing red. It was traveling southwest from the north. "I would have thought it was a jet exploding only it moved faster than a jet," he said.

The most impressive report came from Paul Plescher and four companions at Cairo. Paul thought the object they saw looked about the size of a light bulb. It did not flash but was a steady green color. They saw it seemingly headed toward Lima (south) but as they watched it seemed to circle slowly and headed in a southwesterly direction. No sound was heard. Time: 8:30 p. m.

Webb Says Mars May Be Inhabited

Wells Alan Webb, a research chemist at Hexcel Corporation, Berkeley, California, stated in a paper delivered before the International Astronautics Congress, a meeting of more than 500 Space experts from 27 countries, that Mars "canals" bear great resemblance to man-made rail networks. He suggested unmanned space probes for Mars which would "provoke a reaction" and thus determine if it is inhabited.

Webb also said a flight near Mars would yield accurate shots of the canals but not enough other information. He said a second kind of probe should be utilized to give out strong signals and monitor the Mars radio spectrum. He suggested a means of establishing a colony on Mars and keeping it supplied using the Sun as the primary source of energy.

Maneuvering "Star"

Mary C. Kimball of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, sighted another most unusual "star" at between 6 and 6:15 p. m. on 23 January 1962. When first seen it was stationary and to the left of Betelgeuse. Miss K. had just spotted the light which she knew was "out of place," when it flew right at Betelgeuse at a very high rate of speed. As suddenly as it had begun its flight, the object reversed course until it reached the point where it was first seen, after which it slowed considerably and moved slowly eastward. At about this time an "object" went over Miss K.'s house, which she felt at the time must have been an airplane. In reporting the event, she noted three unusual things about the second object: 1. It had one red, one yellow light outlining what she thought was a window. 2. It made no sound. 3. The shape of the plane couldn't be discerned. After the object disappeared behind trees, she looked again for the star-like light which she had seen first but it was also gone. Sky conditions were very clear.

Balloon-Shape Object In South Dakota. USA

On the 2nd of October 1961 at 6:20 Leon Jurgens saw a bright red ball-shaped object which he first thought was a balloon until it disappeared and showed up near the ground still ball-shaped and not deflated. Several minutes later it zoomed up into the sky and was not seen again. Also witnessed by Jerry Doschadis, also of Wilnot.

More Discs In Utah

On Saturday 14 October 1961, Mrs. Michel Burson, wife of Sunset, Utah's mayor, reported seeing four white, circular objects traveling east at 5:30 p. m. The mayor also spotted the objects several moments earlier. What seemed to be the same or similar objects were also reported by Thomas Kay and Kent Draper of Sunset.

On the 15th, R. A. Miskin, APRO member and head of SASIO (Strange Aerial Objects Information Organization), just being organized at the time, went to interview Mr. and Mrs. Burson. At 4:20 as the trio stood in the yard, Burson pointing out where the objects were seen, a small white object flew into view. Another followed and they sped across the sky at high speed, in the same line of flight as the discs seen on Saturday by the Bursons.

Miskin described the first as the color of the moon, rather "puffy and irregular" and "like puffs of cotton," the second as having different shape, smooth and disc-shaped but of the same color as the first.

In giving a description of the four objects seen Saturday, Burson said two of them had the appearance of fluffiness and appeared to be attached together with "long stringy stuff." No sound was heard.

On the 5th of October, Mrs. Marian Southam of Naples, Utah, watched a dinner-plate-shaped object which rocked back and forth as it hovered in the sky in the direction of Vernal, Utah at 9:50 a. m. She watched the object for 10 minutes, then went inside to get field glasses when it began moving east, toward Diamond Mountain, at high speed. When she returned outdoors, she said, it was gone.

"Who Put The Plastic In The Perth Apple Tree?"

Is the headline on a news story in the West Ontario edition of the London Free Press for 7 December 1961. Seems several citizens of North Easthope Township reported that what sounded like at least two low-flying aircraft were heard at about 3 a.m.

Next morning inquiries revealed no aircraft missing or in trouble. The big puzzle: a 15x20 foot piece of plastic in an apple tree in the back yard of Victor Neeb's farm at Hampstead. This report doesn't involve a UFO, but the sounds and the plastic were off the ground and therefore aerial — and unexplained or unconventional, so—aerial phenomena!

Saucer Blocked . . .

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made an abrupt turn and kept right toward us. It came down over the road, some ten meters in front of us. It did not land on the road but hovered a bit above it. Nor did it stand still but moved gently to and fro in our direction.

When "landing" the craft had executed an elegant right-about-turn. All of its movement seemed to be consciously calculated and intelligently executed.

"Well, there it was, a flying saucer, but as unlike a saucer as is possible. Yes, true that its form was that of a plate, but this one was not flat but very bulging in the middle and tapering off toward the sides. The diameter looked to me to be about 1½ m. (Note: probably underestimated), and the greatest bulge perhaps 2 m. The side that was up in flight had a domelike enlargement, underneath the craft some shorter things were sticking out, which I cannot tell exactly how they looked. The body was yellow, it seemed to have the same color as the sun when it sets. In the center of the side turned against us, some dark fields appeared, marked out by light sections and around this kernel there was a very bright glowing ring, ca 40 cm broad, that looked like melting iron. Beaming out from both sides we saw a sort of wings, certainly 15 m long, which appeared to have been formed from some sort of luminous gas. When the craft was flying these wings were lengthened and when the craft stood still they were pulled inwards and were shortened. The luminous sections did not blind us when we looked at them. (Note: This wing observation is most remarkable. The Editor might know. My suggestion is that the gas or jets pertain to the propulsion system and that it has caused some confusion in the descriptions of the shape of the saucers (triangular or square or delta). The only similar case that comes to my mind is the Redmond, Oregon, FAA case of Sept. 24, 1959" . . . The hovering disc glowed brightly, tongues of "flame" periodically extending from the rim."—Rich. Hall's "Challenge" p. 7).

"Whatever the dark spaces inside the craft's body contained I could not see, but I had an intense feeling that something or somebody within gazed at the two creatures who were sitting in that earthbound vehicle, feeling small and foolish. For my part I have never felt to small or gotten such a dizzying perception of the infiniteness of the universe and of the brittleness of our earth's crust.

"Really, I was never scared stiff. In a manner unexplainable but yet obvious

it felt as if a message from the space visitor had reached me. It told me he was friendly inclined and that we had nothing to fear. This soothing influence was indeed needed: we had no idea what might happen in the next second. We could fancy also that the bright fantom might explode. Then we would be worth nothing.

(Note: Anybody in the same situation as Jansen would get the same bodily-mental feeling, due to the physical effects from radiations (gamma rays?), and without succumbing to occult telepathic interpretations. Jansen just describes!)

"About a minute the apparition hovered there close to us. But these 60 seconds seemed to last as long as 60 hours.

Presently the brilliancy increased, the wings extended and the craft took off. It went over the automobile so low that I felt it grazed the top. Then it climbed right up, flew across the lake away over the woods.

During the flight the craft radiated a glimmering green light so that the woods shone brightly emerald green during some seconds. All the time it moved absolutely without a sound! It disappeared from sight and did not return. A while later a dull bang was heard from the air like a thunder. What happened then? Perhaps the unknown explorer never reached his home in order to report what he had seen on the planet Tellus?

"I did not experience any bodily discomfort except a stinging, burning sensation in my face and on my hands, just like I would feel after having been exposed to an intensive sunbath. This irritation persisted during the entire evening and the following day. My co-passenger was, on the other hand, as good as paralyzed in her arms. She could not even lift her little handbag. Well, it could have been the effect of shock.

"Just before I stopped the car I had looked at my wrist watch. It was a precision watch that had worked perfectly during 10 years. At that time it showed 35 min. past six (P.M.). When I climbed out of the car at home on our yard I happened to look at the watch again. It showed still the same time, 35 min. past 6. The watch had stopped at the same instance when the saucer blocked our road. The watchmaker who took care of it later, explained that the watch was overmagnetized.

"But this was not the only concrete evidence of our peculiar experience. When my wife came out to bid us welcome home, the first thing she exclaimed was: "Heavens, Tryggve, have you

bought a new car?" She could not get convinced that the car was the usual old one until she had inspected its interior. Indeed, its exterior showed something different! Its usual beige-yellow color has disappeared, instead it shone beautifully verdigris green, like phosphorizing. Unfortunately this new color faded away very slowly, just like when you have ironed some clothes with a hot iron and they turn colors. So this could not be due to any imagination of my wife — certainly she had not the faintest idea of our strange encounter.

(Note: Wanted: A test to ascertain if any kind of electromagnetic radiation may change lacquer colors on a car!)

"That Saturday eve we had a little party with some guests. But neither Mrs. Buford nor I could get down the slightest bit of food. Nor did we feel like telling the people of our experience. We felt altogether too dazed and overwhelmed. It is no fun, either, to start to tell that you have made the personal acquaintance of a space visitor. If there was one in the craft. I don't know what it was. Just that it was not ball lighting or a mirage or a light reflection or a meteorological balloon or anything else that all the clever and skeptical persons have suggested.

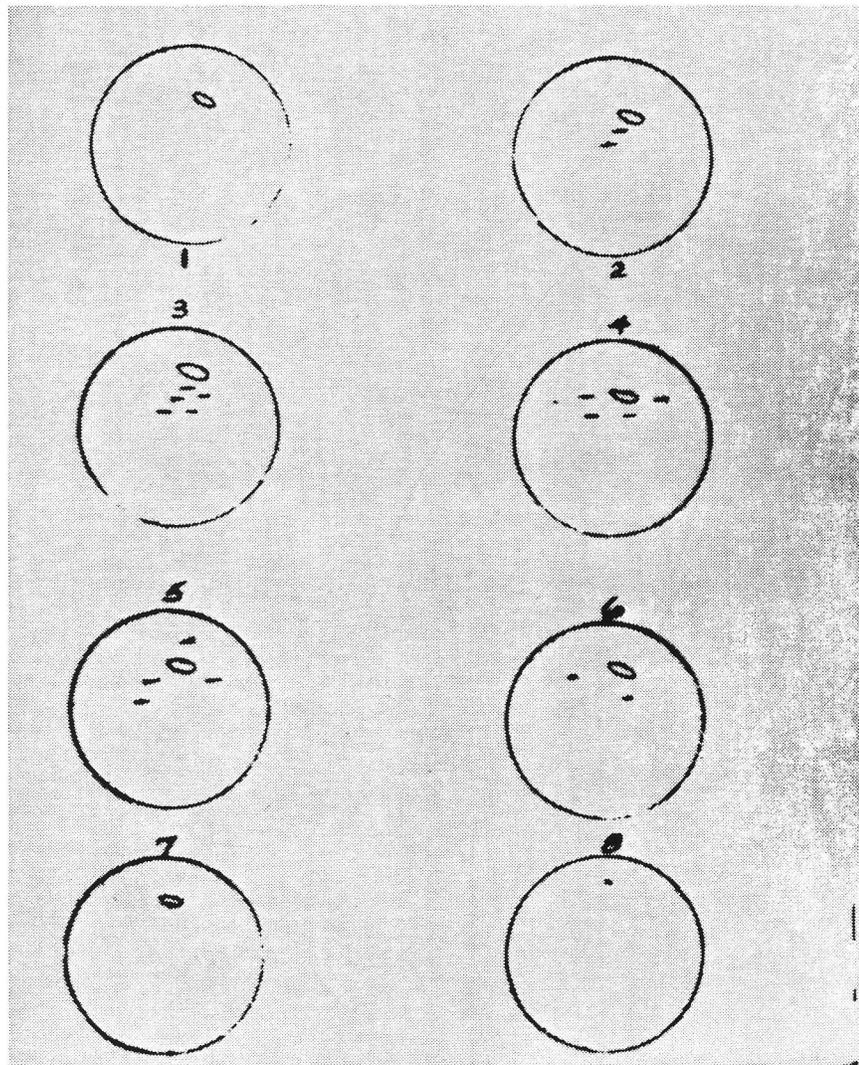
"I have never been specially interested in the phenomenon called flying saucers. I have never believed, nor disbelieved, even if I, like many others, have found it fascinating to speculate about visitors from other planets. Now I am compelled to believe in what I myself and another person of good judgment have seen.

The same evening flying lights had been seen in many places of Norway, such as Frogn and Langhus. The bang had also been heard and been taken as thunder.

The most peculiar thing was, I thought that the mystical stranger chose my little station car as an object for study. And I am glad I was not alone. Had I been alone I am afraid that I at times would have doubted what I myself had experienced. I repent one thing: that I had not brought my camera with me, as I planned to do the morning before. From that time on I have it with me in my car most of the time. But I rather wish I would be spared from meeting another saucer!

Aerial Phenomena— Radio Failure

On January 16, 1962, a blue-white streak passed over Santa Fe, New Mexico at about 5:30 a.m. From 5:30 until 6:04 police headquarters reported a complete radio failure.



Large, Small UAOS Over Tucson In 1957

Earl E. Sydow, engineer and amateur astronomer of Tucson, submitted the following account of a sighting of unconventional aerial objects to APRO in 1962. The original account and drawing were sent to Dr. McDonald of the Atmospheric Physics Institute, University of Arizona, in 1958.

DRAWING: The drawing shown above illustrates objects seen by Earl C. Sydow on October 6, 1957 with aid of telescope (see text).

Sunday, Oct. 6, 1957 — 4:15-4:30 p. m. MST. Observed UFO's at 60 degrees elevation, 135 degrees Az.

Bright object was seen having the magnitude approximately of the planet Venus or approximately —3. The single object measured approximately 3 minutes in diameter along the major axis and measured about 1 minute along the minor axis.

Smaller objects seemed to exit from the larger object as observations con-

tinued. A total of 6 objects were seen at one instant, but other observers noted a total of 10 objects.

The objects appeared to be flat white to a silver white. The shape of the smaller objects appeared to be short traces of light at times and at other times appeared to be somewhat semi-wedge shaped.

The objects moved from the SE toward the NW. The smaller objects disappeared from the field of the telescope until in the final phases of observations there was only one object still in the field of view. This object was the original object sighted and it slowly disappeared from view as if it were moving away from the observer.

I would estimate the diameter of the smaller objects to be about 15 to 30 seconds. The last object was observed at about 180 degrees Az. and 85 degrees elevation.

Condition of sky: Clear, light blue.

Wind conditions: None.

Type of instruments used: 1 20mm x 15x; 1 70mm x 140x Astro scope.

Number of observers: 7.

New Guinea Sightings

(Conclusion)

By Rev. N. C. G. Cruttwell

The object remained stationary for some time and then slowly began moving across the sky in a westerly direction.

"It had the appearance of a 'sparkler' which is commonly used in fireworks displays. Also shafts of green light emanating from the base of the object appeared to be blotted out at regular intervals. A green light also appeared at regular intervals at various points of the object. There did not appear to be any definite order in the appearance of this light. The object looked as if it had a red base, or that a red glow was emanating from its base.

"At the time of sighting and while the object was under observation, there were many stars present and few clouds in the area where the object was to be seen. There was a definite reflected glow on the few clouds in the area, when the object passed in close proximity to them. It was also noticed that there was a reflection like a beam of light on the water between the mainland and the island and this emanated from the object. In contrast the reflection of the stars in the water, which was very smooth, were similar to pin points only.

"As the object moved slowly across and downwards in a westerly direction, it was kept under constant observation. From the wharf it was then seen that there was what appeared to be a round bronze colored disc below and to the right of the bright light. As the light moved so did this disc, keeping the same distance, about 500 to 1000 feet, each time. This was first noticed at 2025 hours.

"The bright light and the disc both finally disappeared behind cloud low in the western horizon at 2045 hours."

In questioning Mr. Smith, who also witnessed the sighting, I asked him about the curious shafts of light. He said that they emanated from the base of the object, which was about the size of a sixpence at arm's length. There were three of these thin needle-like shafts of green light, one vertical, and one on each side diverging from it at an angle of approximately 15 degrees. They extended for a distance equal to about 3 inches at arm's length. They did not exactly flash on and off but seemed to lengthen and shorten in a most peculiar way, as if they were objects being protruded and withdrawn.

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New Guinea . . .

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They did not appear to be solid legs but only rays of light.

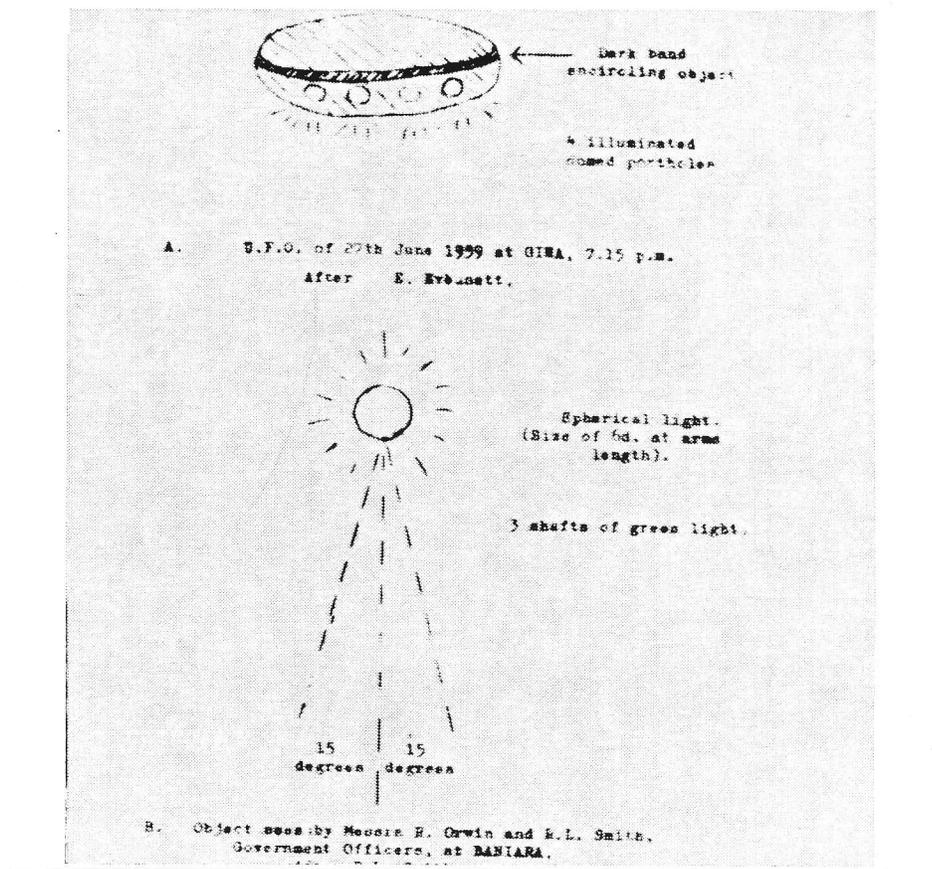
This sighting is a most remarkable one, first because it was on the same night as the Boianai one, which was not itself seen at Baniara (20 miles away). But secondly it is important for the remarkable details of the green shafts and the bronze disc. Evidently the object was of quite a different type from the Boianai objects, but equally fantastic in a different way. It is hard to believe that such curious details should be invented. They are so unlikely. They were observed later in several subsequent sightings.

Mr. Orwin and Mr. Smith are both intelligent and observant men, and it is reasonable to suppose that their descriptions are accurate.

The same object was sighted again the following night. Continuing the report:

"On Sunday, 28th, at 1820 hours, the bright light was again seen by Mr. and Mrs. Orwin. It appeared in the same position as on the previous night, although it was not as bright at first. At 2001 hours the bright light moved at great speed along the same track as the previous night, but in a minute covered the same distance it had taken half an hour to cover previously. The light became very bright during this rapid movement, as did its reflection on the sea. It dropped about 5000 feet during the period, and in my opinion it looked as though it was going to land to the northwest of the station on the mainland. The light was kept under observation during this rapid movement, and Mr. Orwin ran to the wharf for this purpose. It slowed up and remained in the western sky until it slowly disappeared again low on the horizon at 2115 hours. The bronze disc was again sighted in the same relative position as the night before. Mr. Smith was present with Mr. Orwin to keep the bright light under observation from 2005 until it disappeared."

Mr. Orwin gave me some more details of this sighting. He mentioned that when the light moved rapidly, it became dazzlingly bright and, when it dropped as if it was going to land, it was 'like a thousand searchlights'. He was so concerned about its apparent intention to land that he ran in his pajamas with no shoes down to the wharf. He mentions that the bronze disc which accompanied the object appeared to jump up towards the object when it descended and seemed to vanish into it.



A Naval Intelligence Officer visiting the District, suggested that it might have been Venus, which could be expected to be seen from the station in the approximate direction of the bright light. Mr. Orwin replies:

"I am of the opinion that the bright light was not Venus, as this light was much lower than the position of Venus and more to the north."

Apart from that, it is hard to imagine how Venus could appear to perform all the extraordinary maneuvers and manifestations attributed to this light.

It will be noticed that this sighting coincided with the third night of UFO activity at Boianai.

4. Sideia Saw Something Too

The last report for this period comes from the Roman Catholic Mission at Sideia again, perhaps 90 miles southeast of Boianai.

"At 8:30 p.m. on June 27th (Boianai's second night, Baniara's first) two of the Brothers saw a large fiery object about half the size of the full moon in the western sky, moving slowly either down the western sky or away from the observers in a westerly direction. At one stage the object, of which the light was appearing to diminish to a pinpoint, suddenly glowed brightly again. It turned blue before finally disappearing. The whole phenomenon lasted about 10 minutes."

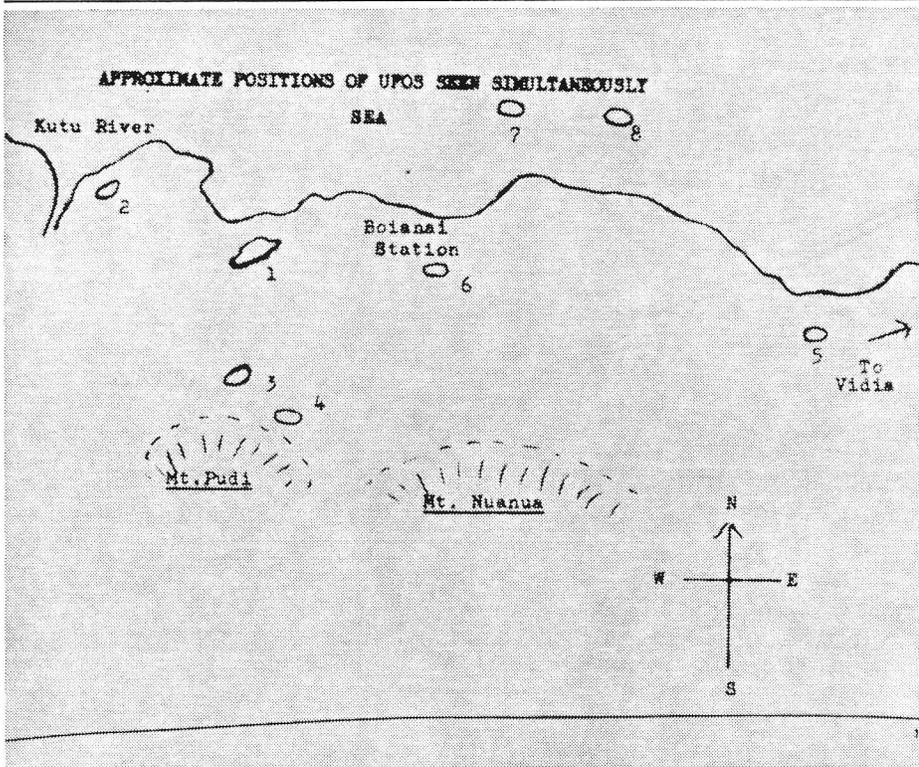
Venus was also held responsible for this light. The Harbour Master of Samarai Mr. H. Riding, is quoted as saying

"This planet sometimes has the habit of emitting blue, green and red flashes of light, and also light refraction due to temperature changes in the atmosphere gives the impression of the planet moving."

It is of course quite conceivable that some of the sightings may be explicable by the vagaries of Venus, but what stands out is the remarkable consistency of certain features of the sightings, from quite independent witnesses. That there appears to be a definite pattern running through them seems to become more and more evident. In any case many of the sightings were made long after Venus had set.

This completes the large body of corroborative evidence indicating that during the nights of 26th, 27th and 28th of June 1959 South East Papua was visited by a number of unknown aircraft manned by intelligent and apparently human beings. So far no one has been able to offer any explanation of who they are and where they came from, let alone their purpose in examining so closely such a remote and unimportant corner of our planet.

(Concluded, See Additional Diagram Next Page)



11:20 p.m. A sharp metallic and loud bang on Mission House Roof, as though a piece of metal had dropped from a great height. No roll of 'object' down roof slope afterwards. Outside, 4 U.F.O.s in a circle round station. All high.

11:30 p.m. To bed, and U.F.O.s still there.

Monday 29/6/59.

Roof examined. No apparent sign of mark or dent, which one might expect from last night's noise.

This appears to have been the end of the activity at Boianai. Fr. Gill says that nothing more was seen at Boianai, apart from what is contained in the reports.

Mysterious Flash In Nevada, U.S.A.

On February 1, 1962, Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) stations at Elko, Ely and Battle Mountain, Nevada, reported a curious split-second flash of light near Austin. The three stations took bearings and placed the flash northeast of Austin near Mt. Callaghan. No aircraft were reported missing. Stead AFB near Reno and the Reno airport also had reports of the strange occurrence but both had little recent air traffic because of dense fog.

One of the FAA observers at Elko who declined to be named said he saw a flash accompanied by falling debris.

An Austin rancher, Dick Magee, was driving home from Reno on Highway 30 at 4:30 p. m.: "It flashed quickly, then disappeared," he said. "There was no smoke or debris and it didn't look like an airplane."

Air Force authorities said helicopters might be dispatched to search for wreckage. At the risk of seeming snide,

Strange "Jelly" Fires Truck

Boiestown, N. B., Canada—On April 4th, a mysterious object lit up the sky over a large part of New Brunswick and was believed to have set fire to a truck parked in Wendell McFagden's mill yard near Boiestown. The fire was extinguished with mud and the object, not identified two days later, was described as having been very hot and looking like jelly after it cooled off.

A sighting involving strange globe-like objects and a later discovery of a jelly-like residue will be described in this or a future issue.

It occurs to us that the strangest part of this sighting is that no one, especially the Air Force, suggested a meteor as an explanation. There were no aircraft in trouble or missing—yet the AF was looking for wreckage. This bolsters our policy to keep an eye on these mysterious atmospheric concussions, especially when accompanied by a flash or fire ball.

Red Ball Flies Erratically In Indiana

On September 28, 1961, John R. Bernstein, 13, and his mother, Mrs. Jeanne Bernstein, of Lawrence, Indiana, at about 5:50 or 6 p. m., saw in the north-west sky a red ball-like object. Mrs. Bernstein thought that it appeared to be made of red glass. It flew in an erratic path blinking off and on in an irregular manner. John said that it once moved between the observers and an airplane. It was seen only for a few seconds.

At the same time and in the same area of the sky the same witnesses saw a pair of shiny objects. John described them as silvery—his mother said "opal—not so shiny as aluminum."

These two objects alternately hovered and maneuvered, sometimes cutting across each other's paths. They were seen intermittently for a half hour period. The edges were clearly outlined.

Pilot Sights Object Twice

Ernie Stadvec, pilot and owner-operator of Stadvec Aviation, Incorporated, at Akron, Ohio, reported seeing a UFO at about 10:15 p. m. on July 4, 1961 and again on July 5 at about the same time.

Stadvec said that he first spotted the greenish object at 1 o'clock high coming down on collision course with his plane. It then stopped, moved off to the northwest (330 degrees azimuth) stopped again, then moved up and disappeared. The next night it did approximately the same thing.

Major Robert Friend of Wright-Patterson Field suggested "atmospheric refraction of the star Capella."

It is interesting to note that Capella, a first magnitude star, appears in Auriga in close proximity to two second magnitude stars. What sort of selective refraction bent the light of Capella through many degrees without breaking it up into its composite spectrum, while successfully ignoring its second magnitude companions? We might recall here that the refraction index of the atmosphere only approaches one-half degree at the horizon.

Correction . . .

Jerome K. Clark writes to point out an alleged error in the September 1961 Bulletin in that it was stated that NICAP did not analyze the Simonton "pancakes." What we should have said was that NICAP did not report any analysis made. Judge Carter, who turned the sample over to NICAP had not received any feedback on the subject at the time the Bulletin was issued—or at least we were not informed.