

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Mr. Owens, from Virginia sat down at one of our tables thursday night, and within three hours won so many chips and silver we had to stop the game for ten minutes to help him get it to the cashier cage, his streak of luck may have set a record in our casino for our Poker Tables.


MANAGER
THE MONT CASINO
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Witch Doctor Offers Aid To British Soccer Team

NAIROBI, Kenya, Sept. 1 (UPI)—England need worry no more about qualifying or even winning the soccer World Cup next year. A Kenyan witch doctor has written to the national team manager, Sir Alf Ramsey, to offer his services to ensure victory.

Sharriff Omar Abubakr describes himself as one of East Africa's leading witch doctors and this week wrote to the manager:

"Dear Sir Ramsey, I understand that England is anxious to win back the World Cup in Munich and that the chances of this aim are rather slim. I am interested in signing a one to two-year contract with you with a view to improving England's chances...."

England, World Cup winner in 1966, still has a tough qualifying match in October, against Poland, which must be won to ensure a place in the last 16 finalists.

Abubakr, currently guiding the fortune of Kenya's most successful club side, The Breweries, described how his powers work.

"I forecast the result of a game and then make it happen. The first step is to fast. I abstain from sex and recite prayers from the Koran.

"During the game, when an opposing player gets the ball, I often make him see double or even turn the ball into a snake. If the opposing player gets near the goal, I can make the ball go wide of target or if my players begin to get tired I can make them full of life again," he said.

Abubakr said he wanted to turn his powers to the international field.

"If I have no luck with Sir Alf, I shall try to sign up with a club in Germany."

Many East African soccer clubs use the services of witch doctors but the Kenyan Football Association recently began a campaign to expel them from the coaches benches.

"Although it is difficult to legislate against the practice," said the association secretary, Ian Situma, "We are alive to the problem and intend to take every step to stamp it out.

"Players should be encouraged to train hard if they want to succeed instead of relying on witchcraft—which does not help at all."

Most club officials and witch doctors themselves do not agree on that statement.

Major teams for years have purchased the talents of medicine men to cast spells on their opponents. Recently, however, one match had to be abandoned because the 22 players became involved in a brawl over a witch doctor.

Several players were disciplined and the football association of Kenya began a campaign to discourage the use of witch doctors.

Witch doctors such as Sharriff Omar Abubakr often become wealthy as a result of their work in soccer and some find their services are much sought after.

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL TEAMS IN THE U.S.

Gentlemen:

I am, once again...offering my services... to help your team get to the Super Bowl, and win it.

My power...is thousands of times stronger than the African witchdoctor that you can read about here in this newsclip... and he is currently using the powers of his mind to help the top team in Kenya. At least, I seriously doubt if he has been able to create three simultaneous hurricanes; control a radar installation with his mind; control an erupting volcano with his mind; and so forth...as I have done, all documented, and working under the observation of seven scientists.

What fascinated me when I read this article in the New York Times was...without his having any personal knowledge of how I work in controlling sports teams...HE USES SOME OF THE VERY SAME METHODS AND MECHANISMS.

If I work for you and your team...I will attend each and every game your team plays...and use the one-in-a-world powers of my mind (said to be the most powerful human brain in the world by a noted scientist) to make your opponents drop the football and fumble and miss and create situation after situation for your team to score. IN DOZENS AND DOZENS OF PRO FOOTBALL GAMES OVER THE YEARS I HAVE USED MY POWERS TO BRING ABOUT MIRACLES TO ENABLE MY TEAM TO WIN A GAME.

Having an "ace in the hole" like me to work for you...to help make your team a Super Bowl winner...could be of priceless value to you

Send me \$25,000 for my year's work, plus a credit card so that I can travel about the country to follow your team and help it... and you will have all of my fantastic power backing your team this year. And I will keep it in the strictest confidence.

First come first served.

Ted Owens (PK Man)

Owens

Sept. 1973

NY Times
Sept 2, 1973

UFO 'Ride' Really Was Terrifying

Pascagoula, Miss.

Two men who claim they were taken aboard an unidentified flying object by three creatures with crab-like hands and pointed ears definitely underwent a "terrifying experience," according to two scientists who questioned the men under hypnosis.

Allen Hynek, chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University, and James Harder of the Aero-Phenomenon Research Organization and the University of California spent several hours interviewing Charles Hickson, 42, and Calvin Parker, 18, Saturday night.

The two Mississippi men told the Jackson county sheriff's department they were fishing off an old pier on the Pascagoula river Thursday night when they saw a strange object approaching in the sky, emitting a bluish haze.

The men, reportedly "scared to death and shaking all over," told officers they were taken inside the craft by three creatures with big eyes, crab-like hands, wrinkled skin and pointed ears.

Harder said the men's experience as reflected during hypnosis was "traumatic", adding "their emotions and very strong feelings of terror are impossible to fake under hypnosis."

Hynek who was scientific consultant to Project Bluebook a study concluded by the U.S. Air Force on UFOs in 1969 said: "There is no question in my mind that these men have had a very terrifying experience. Under no circumstances should they be ridiculed. Let's protect these men."

Harder said the phenomenon has happened all over the world and seems to follow a definite pattern. "A UFO tale is an incredible tale told by credible persons," Harder said.

Although the men were able to be hypnotized Hynek said "their experience was so traumatic that it was essential to progress slowly."

Sheriff Fred Diamond said he believed "something" happened to the men because they were "scared to death and on the verge of a heart attack."

Associated Press

More UFOs

Sandersville, Ga.

Two more unidentified flying objects appeared over South Georgia last night to keep the week-long mystery going.

Witnesses first reported a very small object in the southwest, its color changing from red to green to blue

and then to gold, moving within a small area.

Later, a second object, larger and multi-colored, was reported in the northwest. It eventually turned white and dwindled in size. Both objects were visible at the same time, witnesses reported.

United Press

New Reports Of UFOs Over Dixie

Savannah, Ga.

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United Press

The Space Signals Soviets Picked Up

Moscow

Soviet scientists have picked up radio signals that could come from a technically advanced civilization. Tass reported yesterday.

The agency said the signals, which had never been heard before, came at regular intervals for a few minutes and were repeated several times a day.

They were picked up in four widely separated parts of the Soviet Union and it was clear they were not due to local disturbances, it said.

Professor Samuel Kaplan of Gorki University, where the signals were first detected, said, however, that it was too soon to be sure whether they were natural or artificial.

"It is possible," he said, "that they come from the upper layers of the atmosphere, but it is not excluded that they are sent by a technically very advanced extraterrestrial civilization. For the moment, one thing is sure — the signals do not come from satellites launched from the earth."

Agence France-Press

Skunk Apes?

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—George R. Prescott

The Quasi-Legendary And Smelly Creatures May Be Tromping Around In Big Cypress Swamp

ST. PETERSBURG (AP) — An expedition will penetrate Big Cypress Swamp within the next few weeks and attempt to prove that Florida is home for an 8-foot ape with a terrible case of body odor, says the head of the Yeti Research Society.

"We formed the society last December. We want to settle down once and for all and try to find one of the things," says Gordon R. Prescott.

Going under its Florida name of Skunk Ape, the quasi-legendary creature came to light a couple of years ago when a group of amateur archaeologists from Miami said they saw a huge, apelike creature while digging on an Indian mound in the tangled wilderness about 100 miles west of Miami.

Within a few weeks, Skunk Apes were being spotted from Naples to Fort Lauderdale, and some people even reported they had got close enough to baby Skunk Apes to feed them.

The reports gained some credence when policemen and other trusted observers said that while they weren't exactly sure what they saw, something big and smelly was tromping around the Everglades.

Going under the aliases of Yeti, Sasquatch and MoMo, the creatures have been reported for many years in the Pacific Northwest. The Florida version has the added dubious attraction of being terribly smelly. During its earlier heyday, while posses of armed men were running around the woods, many

people said they never actually saw the things, but their noses said some had been around.

Prescott said the newest expedition, which he hopes will get underway in about three weeks, will include two anthropologists who "don't want their names known yet, for obvious reasons. They're in scholastic circles, and you can get an awful lot of ridicule by just suggesting it's possible the things might exist."

Prescott says the expedition will try to photograph the creatures, and if the opportunity presents itself, immobilizing some with a tranquilizer gun.

"We're not saying exactly where they are, because we don't want the place overrun by curiosity seekers," he said. "We think there are five of them in two family groups near where we were."

Prescott says he thought he saw a Skunk Ape once, a short glimpse through some trees at a distance of 100 yards. But he said it fit the classic description of height — about 8 feet — and weight — 600 to 1,000 pounds.

"But we heard and smelled them regularly while we were working out there," he says.

"Apparently, they'll eat anything that's left around, including people's lunches. We had that happen many times. They'd sneak up, grab a lunch bag and run."

He said they also like salt and sometimes would steal a saltshaker and return it empty the next night, as if begging for more.

Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press Sunday, Oct. 21, 1973



Associated Press Wirephoto

STRANGE CREATURE NEAR HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

... policeman said he found him in road and took picture

Dateline:

The Nation



Officials Disclaim Reports On UFOs

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Astronomy experts and Air Force officials disclaimed on Monday reports of mysterious flying objects sighted by central Ohioans over the weekend.

Police and sheriff's deputies in Madison, Jefferson and Highland counties said they were investigating a rash of telephone calls involving an amber light that not only hovered over several areas, but reportedly landed, broke fences and killed a cow.

A spokesman for the Astronomy Department at Ohio State University brushed off the sightings as "natural objects or intentional fraud."

NASA engineer sees spacemen in Bible

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — An engineer who helped develop the Skylab, space shuttle and Saturn 5 rocket says he believes beings from outer space landed on earth 2,600 years ago using equipment more advanced than anything man can have within the next 20 years.

During 18 months of working in his spare time, Josef F. Blumrich said he applied space technology to the Old Testament text of Ezekiel and came

up with engineering drawings of what a craft described by the Hebrew prophet looked like and how it moved about.

"It all started in the fall of 1970 when I got a German version of Erich Von Daniken's 'Chariot of the Gods?' and was convinced it was the same old nonsense," he said.

"When I came to the passages about Ezekiel I put Von Daniken's book away and took one of my Bibles. I told my wife,

"I will show you where he is wrong!"

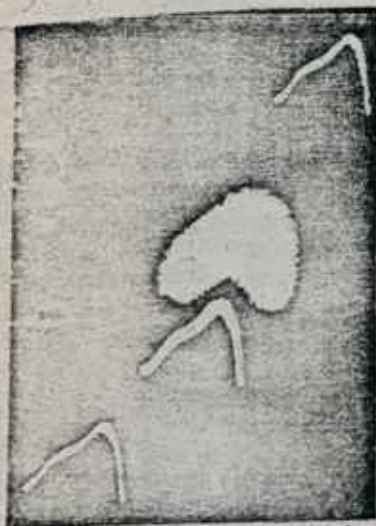
But, to his surprise, Blumrich — chief of the Systems Layout Branch of the Marshall Space Flight Center — saw things that made sense to him:

"In chapter one, Ezekiel speaks at length about the structure. It just so happens that I have myself designed such things here."

From a modern English translation of the Bible, here is part of the passage to which he refers:

"One day late in June when I was 30 ... the heavens were suddenly opened to me.... I saw in this vision, a great storm coming toward me from the north, driving before it a huge cloud glowing with fire, with a mass of fire inside that flashed continually; and in the fire there was something that shone like polished brass.

"Then, from the center of the cloud, four strange forms appeared that looked like men except that each had four faces and two pairs of wings.... And beneath their wings I could see human hands."



—Photofax

Odd lights

A photographer for a Columbus, Ohio newspaper took this picture of four strange lights in the sky last week. Area lawmen reported over 150 calls from persons who saw the lights.

UFO's are sighted in Ohio

DAYTON, Ohio (UPI) — At least 16 sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) were reported within about 12 hours in this southwestern Ohio area, during the night, including one photographed by a policeman, authorities said Thursday.

"They would be behind the trees and come up and fly away...as if you startled it or

something," said Montgomery County sheriff's deputy Michael Sullivan. "No balloon, helicopter or kite can move that fast or has that many lights attached or can go so quickly in a straight up direction."

Sullivan said the first sighting was reported at about 8 p.m. Wednesday, the latest in a host of claimed UFO spottings in several parts of the country.

Fans see UFO

BATON ROUGE, La. (UPI) — An unidentified flying object, flashing blue and red beams of light, hovered briefly over Louisiana State University's football stadium before 67,000 spectators Saturday night and disappeared.

State police said a division of troopers was sent to track the object, which sports commentators said had been maneuvering in the sky and "appeared to be trying to land."

NOTE ON ABOVE ↓

SEVERAL YEARS AGO
I ASKED THE SI'S, AND
DOCUMENTED IT, TO APPEAR
OVER A FOOTBALL FIELD
SOMEWHERE IN THE U.S.
AT HALLOWEEN TIME!

NOTICE, THEY HAVE JUST
DONE THIS, AT APPROX.
HALLOWEEN TIME
(OCT. 21).

OWENS

A Flurry of Blinking UFOs

Atlanta

Despite an unprecedented flurry of unidentified flying object reports by Georgia residents, military and civilian authorities indicated yesterday that they plan no investigation of the sightings.

Police officers, newsmen, surprised citizens and one military policeman turned in reports of the UFOs the past four nights.

The sightings were made in several central and south Georgia towns, with most of the descriptions being similar — blinking, varicolored lights, usually hovering in one position but occasionally showing great bursts of speed.

Chester A. Tatum, publisher of the Sowega Free Press in Camilla, said he photographed one of the UFOs Saturday night. He said it had a "ribbed type design with some sort of center down the middle."

But military spokesmen at Georgia's two main air force installations, Dobbins Air Force Base in Marietta and Warner-Robins Air Force Base, said there would be

no investigation of the sighting reports.

"Most of the calls we've received have been from the press," said Lieutenant Colonel Richard Davies, an information officer at Warner-Robins. "There have been two reports from police and one from a military policeman here, but none from any private citizens."

"These are the first reports of any UFOs I've seen in a number of years. The Air Force used to have a program to check up on this type of thing but they dropped it. I seriously doubt there will be any investigation."

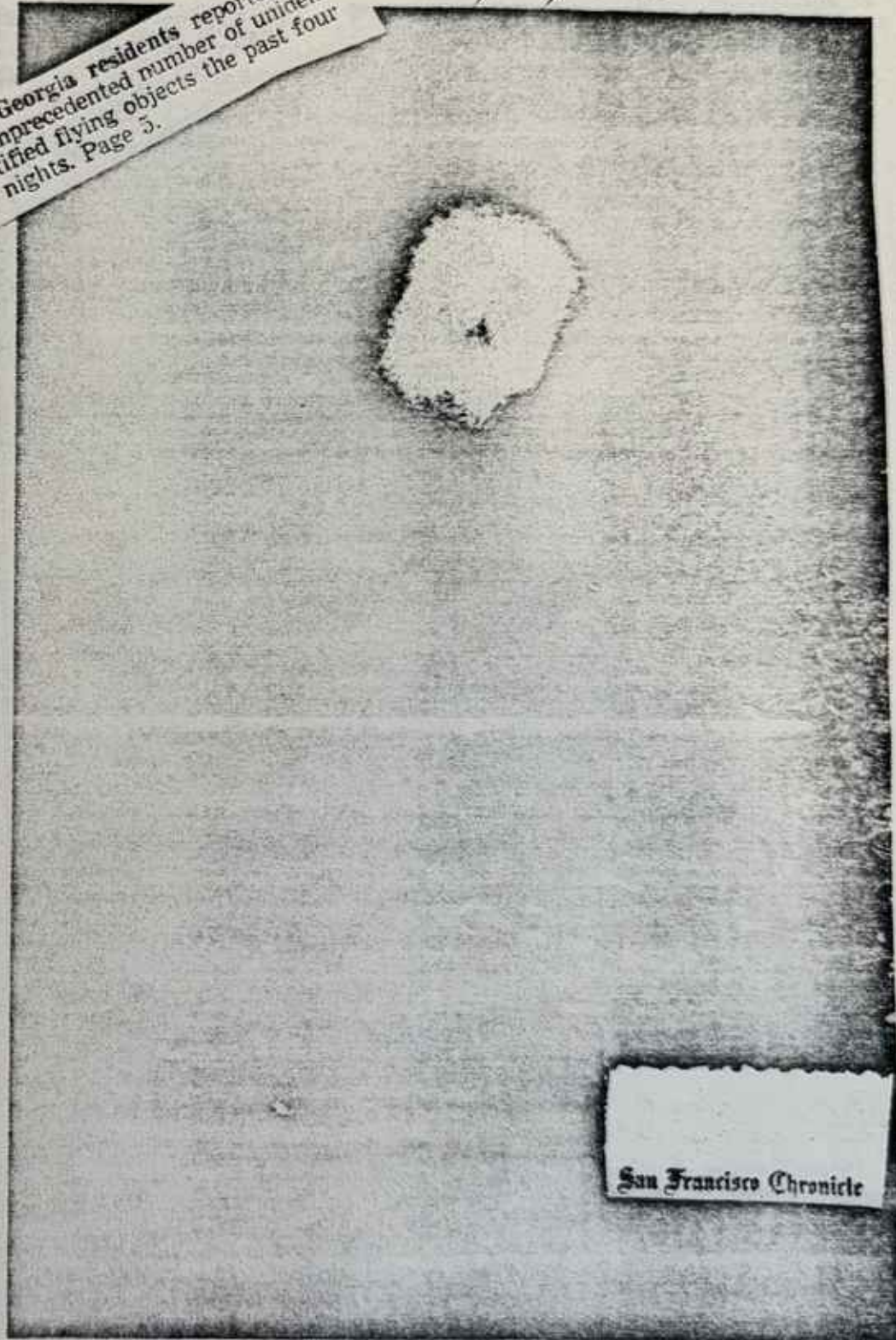
Georgia civil defense public information director Colonel Douglas Embry said all the UFO reports have been logged "but we don't do anything with them or publicize them. They seem to have gotten enough publicity already."

Embry said if there were no "logical explanation" for the sightings, and if there was a "danger to life and property," then the civil defense office would ask the governor to take any necessary steps to investigate the sightings.

United Press

Georgia residents reported an unprecedented number of unidentified flying objects the past four nights. Page 5.

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UPI Telephoto

Photo of alleged UFO was taken by publisher Chester Tatum near Camilla, Ga.

Residents of Midland report sightings of UFOs

BY MARTHA EVANS
Ledger Staff Writer

"Gunsmoke" was about over Monday evening when Mrs. L. H. Webb of Midland announced to her husband, "Sugar, about 10 o'clock I'm going to go out and look for flying objects."

UFO (unidentified flying object) sightings were reported Saturday in the Manchester area and Sunday in the Columbus area.

Webb laughed but agreed to look too. They apparently were successful.

"He started yelling to me like he saw a bugger man," Mrs. Webb reported.

A UFO had appeared from a northwesterly direction.

It disappeared behind a cloud, but in a minute or two another one appeared, said Mrs. Webb.

"In a couple of minutes, here came another one out of the same direction following in the same path just like they were going somewhere," she

recalled.

Although the three unidentified objects were flying at a high altitude, Mrs. Webb said they apparently were circular in shape and had three prongs and something resembling a tail. The objects were a brightly lit yellow which changed to green.

The fourth object to appear came from a more northerly direction and was only about 100 or 200 feet off the ground. It and the fifth object were

somewhat obscured by trees, she reported.

"It didn't take 'em but a minute or two to get out of sight. They weren't fooling around. They were like a homing pigeon going home," she attempted to describe the event.

The Webbs are not among that group with a long-held belief in the existence of UFOs.

"Maybe Russia's got something over here flying around. We've got things over there, so they say. If it is (a Rus-

sian-built surveillance craft), they're getting mighty brave flying so low," she speculated.

Or, an alternative explanation from Webb is that the United States could be responsible for the objects and be testing them in the area.

Whatever, the Webbs are not afraid.

"I just wish I knew what they were. They're really something to see," Mrs. Webb commented.

She'll be on the lookout again tonight, this time equipped with a pair of binoculars.

Our UFO moving on?

'Fireball' sweeps over Texas

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (UPI) —A big ball of fire streaked 225 miles across the Texas sky late Wednesday night, prompting hundreds of calls to law agencies from Kerrville to Corpus Christi.

"I've never seen anything like it," Sgt. David Brown of Brooks Air Force Base said. "It seemed to be yellow on the outside and seemed to be red on the inside."

"Four of us saw it. There seemed to be something trail-

ing behind it."

Roy Butler, a sheriff's department dispatcher at George West, said he saw the object as he took a break outside his office.

"One of our units had been watching it, and a game warden was watching it through binoculars," Butler said. "It went out of sight southeast of us and 30 seconds later we heard a little explosion."

"It started breaking up after it got south of us. Parts

of it went out, and before it hit the ground it was completely out.

"I thought it was a burning airplane, but our unit and the game warden said it looked like a meteor. I don't know what it is," Butler said. "A lady called up and claimed Skylab was coming down."

Sgt. Harry Brelsford of the sheriff's department at Corpus Christi said callers told him the object went down near that city.

Lead
The latest
thing I heard before
I mailed you all this
is that V.F.O.s
were all over the
bay area here last
night. Chico

got V.F.O.s at
5 AM this morning!

So long for now

Your friend
George
Teixeira

9/17

Chasing '5 objects'

United Press

PINE (La.) — Sheriff's deputies chased five orange-reddish flying objects 12 miles through the Louisiana piney woods early today.

Deputy Michael Moore said the ships almost attacked a police car.

"One of our deputies was scared pretty bad," Moore said from the Washington Parish sheriff's department. "He turned on his red lights, and they came down at his patrol car. He turned them off and they just vanished like in a cloud."

Moore said the ships, reported 150 miles northwest of similar sightings at Pascagoula, Miss., "come right down at you and then vanish above the treetops."

Moore said several deputies were out chasing the ships and one of the men tried to take pictures.

"Our deputies spotted five of them, and a bunch of witnesses saw them too," he said.

'UFOs' Air Times Vary --Description Still Fits

Shortly after dark Sunday night, two black and green craft darted across the Memphis sky, swooped down over Millington and landed.

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Yesterday, a spokesman for Memphis Naval Air Station at Millington said two aircraft, fitting the same general size and flying capability were sitting at the NAS landing field as the Memphis Police Department, highway patrol and sheriff's department searched for the UFO.

The NAS spokesman said two Harrier AV8 jets capable of taking off straight up and hovering like a helicopter, or flying with the speed of a normal jet, landed at the Navy base at 7:58 p.m. Sunday.

The spokesman said it was unlikely the two aircraft, which are based at Beaufort Marine Base in South Carolina, were mistaken for UFOs, because they both made conventional landings at the NAS field an hour before the reported sightings and remained on the ground until 8 a.m. Monday.

"I have checked thoroughly and those planes were not even moved on the ground after they landed, until they left," the NAS spokesman said.

The UFO description given by sheriff's deputies T. L. Pilalas and J. O. Davis was of a "round, glowing and bluish" object about 50 feet in width which hovered about 50 feet above the ground.

The officers said that when they turned on their spotlight, the craft turned its spotlight off. The craft then took off "straight up," they said.

At 10:27 the sheriff's radio dispatcher said the UFO was seen moving "backward and forward" over the Frayser area. But no trace of the UFO was found and no explanation given.

The Harrier jets which visited NAS that evening are about the same size—45½ feet long—as the object described and have the flight capabilities of the UFO sighted by the two officers and other witnesses.

The Harrier jet is made in Great Britain and was purchased by the Marines for use in close air support because of its great versatility and firepower.

According to "Military Aircraft of the World" it has a top speed of 737 miles an hour and a flying radius of about 500 miles. The plane can reportedly accelerate from a hovering position to a speed of about 600 miles an hour within seconds.

There are no Harrier jets stationed at Millington and visits by the craft—added to the Marine's inventory of weapons during the last two years—are rare, the NAS spokesman said.

Rash of UFO sightings reported in Southeast

GRiffin, Ga. (UPI) — New reports of strange, hovering objects with brightly-colored lights were received Sunday night by local authorities as part of a rash of recent sightings of unidentified flying objects in the Southeast.

For nearly two weeks, reports of UFOs have flooded authorities in central and south Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Florida. The reports have come from civilians, military policemen, local law enforcement officers and state troopers.

Sunday night, a Spalding County deputy answered a call reporting an object hovering over a house. The deputy radioed his office that he saw "two red lights descending slowly to earth," and then the lights disappeared.

Mrs. Hugh D. Beall told local police an "upside down cup and saucer-shaped object" hovered over her house. She said the object had gold, red and green lights on the bottom.

Mrs. Beall said the object, which she said made a "funny" noise, was too low

for an airplane and was just above tree-top level. She said the lights changed colors.

There were at least two other reports in Griffin and other sightings in Newnan, Ga., 30 miles to the west.

In other weekend sightings, two military policemen at Hunter Army Airfield near Savannah reported something dived at their car as they were on routine patrol and then pursued them as they raced back to headquarters.

Bart J. Burns and Randy Shade said the object, traveling at a high rate of speed with "quick flashing lights," was initially spotted at about 2,000 feet but then it dived at them. They said it hovered near the car and pursued them as they raced back to the base.

A Georgia highway patrolman in Manchester said he saw a UFO hovering at tree-top level Saturday night.

"It went over the unit (patrol car), and was going so fast there was no way he could even get close enough to identify it," said a patrol spokesman.

Flurry of UFOs Reported in South

United Press International

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and forced them off the road. A state patrol trooper based in Manchester said a UFO whisked past his car, going so fast there was "no way" he could get a close look.

A cameraman for WAGA-TV in Atlanta recorded 50 seconds of film of a UFO near Manchester early Sunday. It showed a hovering, glowing light, changing colors rapidly.

Police in five East Central Alabama cities reported sightings early Sunday.

Officer Keith Broach of Auburn, Ala., said he saw something the size of an airplane, which appeared red and white, changed to green and then to white before flying away.

A policeman at Lanett, Ala., said he saw an object about the size of a car, coming to within 150 feet of the ground.

There also were sightings reported by police in Carville, Notasulga and Tuskegee, Ala.

Military Policemen Bert Burns and Randy Shade said in Savannah that an airborne object dived toward their car as they were making a routine patrol near Hunter Air Base. They said it hovered near the car and pursued them as they raced to headquarters.

UFO Drops Golden Egg

Griffin, Ga.

The reports of UFO sightings that have unsettled Georgia for weeks took a sudden twist yesterday when a witness reported that a golden egg fell from the sky in a cloud of smoke, searing the earth where it struck.

"I tell you, I believe it to be a piece of brimstone from heaven come down here to show people how He can burn the earth with it," announced Ress Clanton, who said he saw the object fall.

Clanton said he was in Orchard Hill, about five miles south of here, late yesterday afternoon when he looked up and saw a golden object about the size of a hen egg spinning to the earth.

It apparently destroyed itself upon impact, leaving a hole a foot long and about 5 inches deep.

Researchers from an agricultural experiment station nearby took earth samples but found nothing out of the ordinary — except that after the incident the temperature of the hole was 300 degrees.

Clanton said the object did

not appear to be in free fall, but descended at a controlled rate. He said he saw no aircraft in the area.

For nearly two weeks reports of UFOs have been rampant in central and southern Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Florida. Most of the reports tell of strange, hovering objects with brightly colored lights.

There were four such reports in the Griffin area Sunday night and others in Newnan, Ga., 30 miles to the west.

United Press

Sept 25, 1973

Firemen extinguish Saratoga blaze

NORFOLK, Va. — A major fire broke out aboard the aircraft carrier Saratoga and firemen battled the blaze for nine hours before putting it out. A Navy spokesman said smoke and extreme heat hampered firemen from the Saratoga, the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and civilian agencies after the fire broke out Saturday night. The flames were confined to the ship's third deck just below the flight deck. No injuries were reported.

RADAR DEMO

By CLIFFORD HUBBARD

Virginian-Pilot Staff Writer

YORKTOWN — The Norfolk Naval Supply Center's Cheatham Annex fuel pier through which the state is attempting to stockpile fuel oil for this winter was badly damaged by a spectacular fire Monday morning.

"Once that thing got started, it looked like it was soaked in gasoline. That creosote really burned," said Ray Cavanaugh of Cavanaugh Corp. of Richmond, supervisor of the pier for the state.

No oil was involved. The flames were fed by the bone-dry, creosoted timbers of the pier, which extends 2,600 feet into the York River. Most of the damage was to the "T" at the end.

There was no one on the pier when the fire broke out about 10:40 a.m. Cavanaugh said he

and a helper, however, had been on the pier immediately before and had turned on lights in a shed on the pierhead and hooked a charger to the battery in a cherry-picker crane.

Cavanaugh and his helper were at the tank farm when the alarm went off. They arrived at the pier at the same time the Cheatham Annex Fire Department did, Cavanaugh said.

"I'd of given a \$1,000 for 20 gallons of water right then," he added.

The firemen arrived in a pick-

up truck, which they drove out onto the pier. The fire, however, was between them and firefighting equipment on the end of the pier.

"All they had was an axe and a crowbar," Cavanaugh said. The firemen had to back the pickup the whole length of the pier and then drive a mile to secure hoses before returning to the head of the pier, he added.

"It was going right good when they got back," Cavanaugh said.

"There were only five of us

and two hoses, however, until Williamsburg got here," he added. Shortly after that two Navy tugs and, eventually, eight Coast Guard 31-foot patrol boats from the Yorktown Coast Guard Station joined in the fight.

The fire was under control by 12:30 but only after destroying the 900 foot northern end of the "T."

The state has used the southern end to bring in 6.5 million gallons of kerosene and 870,000 gallons of number two fuel oil,

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Section B

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Radar demo

SCIENTISTS....

You will recall that after my radar demonstration...among other things the aircraft Forrestal had a major fire here at Norfolk. I tried to explain to the authorities that my other-dimensional "attack" had caused it, quite by accident (they blamed it on a sailor)...but they would not listen. Now here is yet another major aircraft carrier fire here at Norfolk...different carrier...and I wonder what poor slob they will blame this one on? Of course, the power from the radar demonstration is still alive and kicking in the Chesapeake Bay area. And another big fire...aimed likewise at the military...is listed here in the second newsclip. You might add these to your "radar demonstration" file. There will be more to add, later...undoubtedly...so keep the file open and active.

Owens
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Shortly after dark Sunday night, two black and green craft darted across the Memphis sky, swooped down over Millington and landed.

About an hour later, two Shelby County sheriff's deputies reported an unidentified flying object—better known as a UFO—hovering over the Tennessee Highway Patrol office at 6348 Highway 70.

Yesterday, a spokesman for Memphis Naval Air Station at Millington said two aircraft, fitting the same general size and flying capability were sitting at the NAS landing field as the Memphis Police Department, highway patrol and sheriff's department searched for the UFO.

The NAS spokesman said two Harrier AV8 jets capable of taking off straight up and hovering like a helicopter, or flying with the speed of a normal jet, landed at the Navy base at 7:58 p.m. Sunday.

The spokesman said it was unlikely the two aircraft, which are based at Beaufort Marine Base in South Carolina, were mistaken for UFOs, because they both made conventional landings at the NAS field an hour before the reported sightings and remained on the ground until 8 a.m. Monday.

"I have checked thoroughly and those planes were not even moved on the ground after they landed, until they left," the NAS spokesman said.

The UFO description given by sheriff's deputies T. L. Pilalas and J. O. Davis was of a "round, glowing and bluish" object about 50 feet in width which hovered about 50 feet above the ground.

The officers said that when they turned on their spotlight, the craft turned its spotlight off. The craft then took off "straight up," they said.

At 10:27 the sheriff's radio dispatcher said the UFO was seen moving "backward and forward" over the Frayser area. But no trace of the UFO was found and no explanation given.

The Harrier jets which visited NAS that evening are about the same size—45½ feet long—as the object described and have the flight capabilities of the UFO sighted by the two officers and other witnesses.

The Harrier jet is made in Great Britain and was purchased by the Marines for use in close air support because of its great versatility and firepower.

According to "Military Aircraft of the World" it has a top speed of 737 miles an hour and a flying radius of about 500 miles. The plane can reportedly accelerate from a hovering position to a speed of about 600 miles an hour within seconds.

There are no Harrier jets stationed at Millington and visits by the craft—added to the Marine's inventory of weapons during the last two years—are rare, the NAS spokesman said.

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the robots did not fit the usual description of creatures which emerge from UFOs, other similar robots have also been sighted.

"There have been so many sightings," he said, "and each is slightly different. It's like going to the freeway and watching different models of cars and trucks."

Last year alone, there were 1042 sightings, some involving incredible tales. "There have been other stories just as bizarre as this one," says Harder.

Harder was asked to fly to Mississippi by the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization of Tucson, Ariz., where he is one of 60 scientists who study extraterrestrial phenomena. He has been an APRO consultant for 10 years.

"They (Hickson and Parker) were telling the truth beyond a reasonable doubt," Harder concluded yesterday. "If this were evidence in a murder case, there is no doubt the culprit would be convicted."

Harder was convinced

that the men were telling the truth because of their reactions while under hypnosis. "Their emotional reaction came out," he said, "their terror and fear."

If they had been lying, Harder continued, such emotions could never have been produced.

Hickson was hypnotized for only 15 minutes, when by a pre-arranged signal, he asked to be awakened. "He got so scared, he couldn't go any farther," Harder said.

Parker was hypnotized for about a half hour, but could not remember being inside the spacecraft. He had lost all sensation the minute the robot touched him, he claimed.

From the interviews, however, Harder said the scientists learned a little more about levitation — it can be imparted to humans by contact, he feels.

They also learned that the UFO pilots know something about gravity. "Apparently

our extraterrestrial friends know as much about gravitational fields as we do about electrical fields," said Harder. "There was some gravity in the propulsion of the spacecraft."

How to convince the skeptics?

Harder notes that hundreds of UFO's have been sighted over the years. "There is a multiplicity of witnesses," he says, adding, "cases have been picked up on radar, and by airborne and ground observers."

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