

RETURN OF THE "MONSTER"

Jerome Clark

ON September 19, 1963, about 8.00 p.m., four children were playing on the swings behind a school in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, when they saw a bright oval-shaped light come out of the north. Startled, the children watched the object carefully, realizing immediately that it was not an airplane. The UFO lit up a vacant field across from the playground "like day", one of the witnesses said later.

Brian Whitehead, 11, told investigators from the Saskatoon UFO Club that the aerial phenomenon resembled a "vague oval" with "funny wings, like circles in circles". He could see a telephone pole through a part of it, as if the object were transparent.

From their vantage point across the street the children saw a box-like device fall out of the UFO, which hovered not more than 20ft. off the ground. Shortly afterwards, the object returned to the direction from which it had come and was soon lost to view.

The four youngsters, curious and excited, walked across the street to examine the "box". But before they got more than 10 or 15ft. from it, a "man" stood up, and, as Brian said: "After that we didn't see any box."

The "man" stood about 10ft. in height, and was dressed in clothes that "were like a monk's". The clothes were "white like a crayon", according to Brian's testimony. "Sometimes I could see right through him." The children did not see his face.

The "man" made a moaning sound, held out his hands, and

moved toward the children, who then turned and fled in terror. One girl was so distraught from the experience that she had to be hospitalized for two weeks.

Seeing the fear and hysteria their youngsters exhibited, the parents summoned the police, who spent some time at the vacant field questioning the witnesses. The officers tried standing on each other's shoulders, apparently trying to duplicate the stranger's height on the theory that two men had hoaxed the children. They discovered that they were unable to carry out the stunt and finally gave up trying. Later, when approached by members of the Saskatoon club, the police refused to answer their questions and denied any knowledge of the incident.

The next evening, the 20th, Brian Whitehead and several other boys saw an identical (perhaps the same) UFO return to the field, hover, and fly away. On the ground lay a "man", his arms and legs moving. This time the observers did not approach the field.

The same night a resident of Mount Royal, Sask., not far from Saskatoon, viewed a pink light cross the sky from the north-west to the south-east in less than two minutes.

Of the chief witness, Mrs. Mary Lou Guenther of the Saskatoon UFO Club has written: "Brian is a quiet, well-mannered boy. He had no conclusions about what he saw. His humble attitude, his sincerity, and complete lack of drama or plot convinced the investigators that he was honestly trying to report a very baffling experience."

The Saskatoon incident is little known (to my knowledge the only published account appeared in a 1964 issue of Timothy Green Beckley's defunct *Interplanetary News Service Report*¹), but it is quite interesting to me for several reasons.

First, there is the obvious similarity to the famous Flatwoods, West Virginia, landing of September 12, 1952. The parallels are striking. In both cases the witnesses were children (except for one adult among the seven at Flatwoods), and on both occasions the objects flew over an abandoned site and hovered, attracting the viewers' attention. At Flatwoods, all the young people were in a playground when they sighted the UFO—and it was not until two of the children told their mother that an adult became involved.

The "monster", like the one at Saskatoon, wore a "monk's cape" and emitted a weird sound ("something between a hiss and a high-pitched squeal," by one account²) as it approached the witnesses, causing them to flee. The Flatwoods creature did not seem completely physical either, to the degree that Ivan Sanderson thinks it may have been disintegrating³—an explanation, incidentally, which may account for certain features in the Saskatoon story.

Three details in the Saskatoon incident have a special significance to me, because they relate to certain mysterious events that I have been investigating over the last three months (I am writing these words on July 31, 1968).

In the first of these, an intelligent

young woman of my acquaintance related to me that one night in 1954, when she was about seven years old, she awoke to go to the bathroom. When she opened her bedroom door, she was terrified to see a huge figure blocking her way. It was very tall, between 7 and 10ft. in height, dressed in what looked like long white underwear. As in the Saskatoon sighting, *she did not or could not see its face*. She screamed, slammed the door and did not leave her room until daylight.

The young lady's home has been "haunted" for years by noisy but usually invisible manifestations. This was one of the very few times she has ever actually seen anything. It is perhaps significant that the manifestations appear to follow her wherever she goes, even now that she has moved out of her parents' house.

Another young lady I have inter-

viewed could also be termed, *à la* Nandor Fodor, a "haunted person". Her family home has hosted manifestations for years, and some of them have stayed with her long after she has gone into the outside world. One of her more recent encounters (late May, 1968) is relevant to our present area of study:

While staying at a friend's home in a small Minnesota city, she awoke suddenly—it was about 4.00 a.m.—to see a huge figure, between 7 and 10ft. tall, at her bedside. The "man", *whose face she did not see*, wore a white robe, "like a religious person or a monk". The entity gave her a message (apparently via telepathy) and vanished.

So here we see the similarities in height, dress, and in the curious inability of the witnesses to discern facial features, just as at Saskatoon. Both of these young women, it

might be noted, have seen UFOs on several occasions.

There is also a very interesting overlap into "psychic" matters here, in all four of the cases I have mentioned. The deeper I go into the UFO problem, the more convinced I become that there is a direct connection between aerial phenomena and psychic phenomena. In fact, I suspect that they may simply (or, rather, not so simply) be products of the same forces. Perhaps very soon we shall come to realize that the distinctions we draw between the various classes of odd happenings are purely arbitrary and artificial.

NOTES

¹ Mary Lou Guenther, "A Canadian Saucer Encounter," *I.N.S. Report No. 10*, Vol. 2, No. 4.

² Gray Barker, "The Monster and the Saucer," *Fate*, January, 1953.

³ Ivan T. Sanderson, *Uninvited Visitors* (Cowles, 1967).

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THE CAPE MAY INCIDENT

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Throughout 1966 and 1967 I investigated a long series of unusual UFO incidents in the state of New Jersey. Reports on most of these cases have gone unpublished but have been circulated privately to responsible researchers around the world. The following article is condensed from my extensive review of a strange series of situations in Cape May, N.J. I purposely withheld this report from print for two years, waiting to see if similar or identical events might occur elsewhere. Several of the apparently trivial or even coincidental details in this case have now been repeated consistently throughout the U.S. even though they have received no publicity and are largely unknown to the ufological mainstream. The telephone "wrong numbers" have become a common correlative factor in many cases, to cite one example. The inexplicable radio signals are another.

Ivan T. Sanderson summarised very briefly the appearance of "Tiny", described here, in his book, *Uninvited Visitors* (page 163), but I never intended to publish the full

report since it was certain to raise more controversy, and was inconclusive. Now, however, we have corroborative incidents from many other areas and I feel that publication of this report might lead other researchers to more fruitful investigations in their own locales. Essentially we seem to be dealing with an elaborate and carefully executed plan designed to attract little or no notice even among ufologists. The use of telephones, automobiles and other mundane objects has been ignored by UFO-philes obsessed with the extraterrestrial concept. In fact, 90 per cent of all the techniques employed by the UFO-related entities are impressively ordinary and unobtrusive. These techniques can be easily overlooked by investigators who fail to extract every minute detail from the witnesses. And it is necessary to collect and scrutinise the details from many such cases before the broader "plan" becomes apparent.

In the Cape May incident, as in so many others, you will see that the objects sighted are of less importance than the other events surrounding this family.

PART ONE: PRELUDE TO CONTACT

PHASE ONE: THE SIGHTINGS

The witnesses

Edward Christiansen (40)
Arline Christiansen (wife) (38)
Children: Connie (17)
Debby (13)
Eric (9)
Gwendoline Martino (26)
(Arline's sister)
Debbie Martino (7)

[The addresses (and unlisted telephone numbers) of the witnesses are on file with FSR.]

The locale

WILDWOOD CREST, New Jersey, is actually located on a thinly-populated island near the tip of Cape May, a peninsula in southern New Jersey. Several good highways link Wildwood with the mainland and the entire area is a popular summer resort and haven for yachtsmen. The U.S. Coast Guard maintains a number of large installations nearby. Directly across Jarvis Sound there is a large Coast Guard "Electronic Station" which is fenced off and guarded. Two very high antennae are located at this station and few of the local

inhabitants have ever been inside the grounds. No one knows precisely what the function of the station is, or what kind of equipment it contains. This station and its towers are plainly visible from the Christiansen residence.

In the winter-time this entire region is rather desolate, isolated, and most of the summer homes are closed. The total population of the island is about 8,000, spread over four small communities.

Sighting No. 1, November 22, 1966 (Wednesday), 7.45 p.m. The seven witnesses listed above were driving southwards along the Garden State Parkway at a point just north of Mayville, when they all observed a large luminous object directly in front of them and falling straight downwards. It was bright red, green and white and plummeted straight down until it disappeared from sight. Their first reaction was that it was a crashing airplane. They continued driving until they were parallel to Burleigh, N.J. They then saw a large glowing sphere hovering just above the treetops a few miles to the front and right. Thinking that it was a fire from the crashed plane, they pulled over to the side of the road and stopped (it is illegal to stop on a four-lane parkway . . . but they did anyway).

All the witnesses got out of the car (a 1966 Cadillac) to watch. Traffic was light, but several other cars did speed past them. They later estimated that the object