

MYSTERIOUS VOICES FROM OUTER SPACE

For the past few years, particularly during UFO flap periods, our airwaves have literally been jammed with eerie voices chattering away in a language unlike any known on Earth. And these strange messages are not coming from a remote galaxy but from very close by

By John A. Keel

You can't say we haven't been warned.

Radio signals of undetermined origin have been flooding our atmosphere since 1899. Two generations of scientists and astronomers have argued indecisively about their possible meaning, and purpose, even though dozens of carefully worded and very explicit messages from some mysterious source have been received all over our muddled little planet. Those messages have been too "far out" to be accepted by either the scientific establishment or the press. They are allegedly from some alien group in outer space. If they are hoaxes, perpetrated by some witty HAM radio operator, he has been risking his coveted license by making such transmissions.

There is now abundant evidence that somebody—apparently a *very foreign somebody*—has developed a technique for broadcasting not only to HAM operators, but to (civilian band) radios, car radios, cheap walkie-talkies, and even over telephones. Television sets have also begun to chatter in strange voices and Morse-code-like signals everywhere. The activity is now almost universal—and is largely unnoticed. A good deal of this "interference" is conducted in a rapid-fire, guttural language that sounds like a bastardized mixture of German and Spanish. Some of it can only be described as excited grunting. It is most

prevalent on the low frequencies (VLF—very low frequencies), on bands used almost exclusively by a few government stations for the transmission of time signals. But if you own a decent short-wave receiver you might be able to pick up this strange chatter at the low end of the amateur band after midnight during UFO "flap" (active) months, March-April and July-August.

I have consulted both top-flight radio amateurs and authorities at the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.). No one knows what these signals are or where they come from. I have heard the signals myself over HAM radios and although I have traveled in over 40 countries and been exposed to all kinds of languages I've never heard anything even remotely like this "chatter." The strength and clarity of these signals strongly suggests that they are coming from very close by and not from some remote galaxy.

From Long Island, N.Y., to Salem, Ore., CB operators have told me of the strange signals, unidentifiable voices, and bizarre interference that pours out of their radio sets during local flaps. In rural America, small, inexpensive CB sets are widely used to supplement or even to replace telephones. Their range is usually limited to 10 miles or less. Walkie-talkies also operate on the CB channels (usually channels 9, 11, or 14, although other channels are used by some American manufacturers), and

have very limited ranges . . . as little as 300 feet for the Japanese makes sold in drugstores, and about two miles for the most expensive models. Yet people with all types of walkie-talkies have sworn to me that they've picked up sounds "like a speeded up phonograph record" while in the vicinity of reported saucer sightings.

Mrs. Bernice Letter, who has a CB radio receiver in her station wagon, claims to have received the eerie chatter during the UFO commotion that struck East Hampton, L.I., in March 1966. In November 1966, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Butler of Owatonna, Minn., were among the many CB owners who told me of receiving the strange voices and signals while UFOs were being reported in their immediate area. A number of newspapers have also commented on the phenomenon.

"One peculiar sidelight of the UFOs off and on appearances," commented the Paragould, Ark., *Daily Press* on Mar. 16, 1967, "is radio interference in the nearby area. Radio operators have noted unusual communication problems, similar to that of 'radio jamming.'"

Police radios often use the CB channels in small communities and, as we have already noted, since 1957 the police in areas have had all kinds of trouble with their radios.

In March-April 1967, I was in Pt. Pleasant, W.Va., a UFO-plagued town

in the Ohio valley. The transmitter for the Mason County Sheriff's Department is located on a high hill just outside of Pt. Pleasant, enclosed in a rugged little building. At 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 31st, Doris Deweese of Pt. Pleasant observed a large "ball of fire" which seemed to drop out of the sky and land on the hill a few yards away from the transmitter building. At that same moment, Sheriff George Johnson's radio went dead. Miss Deweese phoned the Fire Department and police and fire trucks rushed to the hill. Unfortunately, the steep dirt road that led up to the building was virtually impassable after the damage done by the winter's weather. The police and firemen had to proceed on foot. Although there was a circular burn in the grass, no object or fire was in evidence and the building was intact and unharmed. *The transmitter locked inside was a smoldering ruin, however, and several key parts were inexplicably burned out.* The sheriff had to switch to an auxiliary transmitter in the Mason County Court House but it was of little use that night.

I spent part of that evening cruising in a police car with officer Harold "Sonny" Harmon. His police radio was completely jammed with loud static for the entire time. He tried switching to several of the 26 available channels but none of them were working. (Later I learned that police and CB radios all up and down the Ohio valley were equally useless that same night.) Officer Harmon and I visited a prominent resident of Pt. Pleasant at her home in Gallipolis Ferry, and we found her outside watching mysterious lights bobbing around the sky near a large factory which manufactures fuel for jet planes. I took my large, multi-celled flashlight and signaled the objects. *They instantly shifted position.*

Harmon, a bright, serious young man, was no skeptic. He told me that two weeks previously he had been patrolling a desolate section north of Pt. Pleasant, an unlit animal preserve called the McClintic Wildlife Station, when he had seen a large, dark circular object with windows hovering a few feet above an artificial pond. It was absolutely silent, he said, and bobbed up and down gently "like a boat in the waves." Before he could get out of his car it floated quietly away, just above the trees.

The well-known housewife in Gallipolis Ferry, because of her position in the community, was keeping most of her sightings—and she made many—to herself. Harmon didn't tell anyone either. The Pt. Pleasant Chief of Police was anti-UFO at that time. But before

that spring ended, many skeptics in the area changed their minds—and quickly.

A couple of nights later, Mrs. Mary Hyre, a reporter for the Athens, Ohio, *Messenger*, joined me for a couple of hours of skywatching on top of a high hill in Gallipolis Ferry. It was a great place for UFO hunting, dark and quiet, but it was also a good place to scare yourself to death. The nearest farmhouse always went dark at nine p.m.; the occupants were early risers. At 10 p.m. strange lights began to appear on top of the neighboring hills, which were not only unpopulated but nearly inaccessible. There were no roads of any kind leading to their steep, wooded summits. Nevertheless, we watched red and blue lights flash on and flicker through the trees, and then huge glowing balls of brilliant white light would slowly bob into the air. These lights are almost impossible to describe. Their color is very distinctive—crystalline—and they had flashing red lights of a similar undefinable quality on top.

I have seen real "swamp gas" a number of times during my checkered life, and I can assure you that these lights were in no way related to the hazy, diffused clouds that glow over dense swamps during the height of summer.

On this particular night, April 2nd, Mrs. Hyre was tired and decided to leave me alone around midnight. An hour and a half later, at 1:30 a.m., April 3rd, I was sitting in my rented car chewing on a candy bar and listening to a Long John broadcast from far-off New York when—but let me quote directly from the notes I scribbled at the time.

"1:35 a.m. Observed descent of red and green object into ravine a few yards north of (my) position. Object was clearly defined saucer shape, glowing red with greenish upper surface. Red lights or 'portholes' around perimeter. Red light on top in center. Not flashing. Unable to determine size but it appeared small... maybe no more than 20-30 feet. At first thought it descended over hill in background but inspection of terrain with searchlight indicates it landed directly behind trees only a short distance away.

"1:45—Scared. Damn it."

That's right, folks. The fearless world traveler and UFO chaser was scared out of his wits that night! I think I half-expected to see a group of little green men come marching out through those trees and demand: "Are you the nut who's been flashing that light at us every night?" The little men never showed.

At 2:45 a.m. I wrote: "Observed large, brilliant orange sphere maneuver and descend in northwest in distance. Suddenly disappeared. Was definitely not a 'falling star.'"

The next afternoon I led Sheriff George Johnson, Deputy Millard Halstead, and two others up that hill. We searched the area with a Geiger counter but could find no trace of whatever it was that I had seen. But a strange thing did happen. As Sheriff Johnson was driving up the hill, a wild sound suddenly blasted out of his car radio. It sounded like the voices on a speeded-up phonograph record. The puzzling thing was that his radio was not even turned on at the time. What's more, it turned on and off with a key but *the key wasn't even in the lock!*

Deputy Halstead had heard that sound before—five months earlier. He had been called out in the middle of the night to investigate a "monster" sighting in the McClintic Wildlife Station area on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1966, when this noise had come over his radio while he sat in his car with the "monster" witnesses at the site.

Mrs. Hyre, a veteran reporter with 25 years experience as the *Messenger's* chief correspondent in West Virginia and as the local AP stringer, came to me two days after my sighting, looking slightly bewildered. "You know, I just remembered something," she said. "I don't know why I forgot it. Or how I could forget it. But that night after I left you, I was driving up Route 2 along the river when I saw a huge glowing ball sitting right on the water. It wasn't a boat or anything, I'm sure. I didn't stop to see what it was. Frankly, it frightened me. I just stepped on the gas and came straight home. But it's funny that I completely forgot it the next day."

In the weeks that followed, several cars stalled at that exact point on Route 2 where Mrs. Hyre saw that object.

These strange phenomena leave little doubt that flying saucers jam and interfere with radios. They've proven it to me and to thousands of others.

If you live in the country, away from the interference of power lines and generators, you can easily listen to these sounds yourself. Merely string a long antenna, the longer the better, in your back yard, away from telephone poles, and other power sources, and hook up an ordinary stereo amplifier to it. No radio tuner, just the amplifier. Late at night and early in the morning you will hear a wide variety of low frequency noises ranging from hisses to cricket-like chirping sounds. On days when rockets are launched you will be able to hear the strange sounds radiated by the

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object as it shoots into the ionosphere. If UFOs are frequently reported in your immediate area chances are excellent that you will also pick up the eerie guttural voices already described. I have heard these sounds many times, even with a tiny pocket amplifier attached to a telephone coil. If you want proof that there's somebody out there, this is how you can hear it with your own ears.

The guttural voices and the coded signals are not all that have been coming in. There have been most peculiar radio "hoaxes" for years. In January 1954, people through the Midwest allegedly heard a strange voice from radios that were even turned off. This voice stated, in a dull monotone, "I wish no one to be afraid, although I speak from outer space. But if you do not stop preparations for war, you will be destroyed." Even stranger, the same kind of message was supposedly picked up at the London airport that month. "Don't be afraid . . . you will be destroyed." A pleasant little memorandum from "outer space."

Two months earlier, in November 1953, Project Blue Book received a weird registered letter. The letter read like raw "nut" material, but later events might indicate that it deserves reexamination.

"Out craft have prepared and charted facilities for landing on your planet in numerous remote areas," the writer informed the Air Force. "We have given sufficient demonstrations of our abilities in speed and performance. We do not expect to convert nonbelievers at the moment. There is no need to fear of panic among your people at our approach and landings. For we shall previously condition the minds to accept us. The present destructive plans formulated for offensive and defensive war are known to us in their entirety. The surface of your planet is in our photographic records in detail. Through the control of light forces we can instantly terminate production, transportation, and communication at any time, at any place upon your planet. Our methods do not require that

we destroy any single thing. Our laws do not permit us to take human life. They do not however, forbid us to control minds. The present trend toward destructive war will not be interfered with by us, unless the condition warrants our interference in order to secure this solar system. This is a friendly warning."

How's that for a nice "friendly warning"? Desist or "we" will step in and paralyze your whole planet. Say, haven't we heard that someplace before? This particular "hoax" was heard again as a "prophecy" four years later, in November 1957.

The warning was spread to the contactees of 1957, and on Aug. 3, 1958, HAM radio operators throughout the U.S. reportedly picked up a strange broadcast on the 75-meter international band. A male voice purporting to be "Necoma from the planet Jupiter" warned his listeners that the American atomic bomb tests could lead the world to disaster. He spoke for *two and a half hours* in English, German, Norwegian, and his own language which was described as a kind of "musical jibberish."

"It was the most powerful signal ever picked up," one account said. "There was plenty of time during the broadcast for hundreds to listen in, and radio operators called in friends and neighbors and phoned long distance to relatives in other states."

The F.C.C. later denied any knowledge of the broadcast. Once again, as in 1924, we are confronted with an "impossible" hoax. Whoever perpetrated this one had to possess not only a knowledge of several languages, but also extremely powerful equipment.

We "answered" the message three weeks later when Project Argus fired a series of atomic bombs into the upper atmosphere. Those space people can't push us around!

Whenever a HAM operator came forward in the 1950s with a report of a strange message from "outer space" he automatically found himself in the ranks of the "screwballs." In some cases, his license was revoked. Early experimenters with this kind of communication learned to keep their activities a secret. Sincere people who honestly believed that someone else

"out there" was trying to break through ruined their reputations, and sometimes their lives, when they tried to relate their experiences publicly. Many of the "nuts" were not born, but were made. The only ones who would listen at all were the wild-eyed cultists and the little old ladies in tennis shoes who gathered each year at Giant Rock, Calif. So well-meaning "radio contactees" found themselves sucked into the disreputable groups and were thus instantaneously discredited.

Rather than attempt to correlate all of this, or experiment themselves with the radio techniques which were apparently proving effective, the "serious UFO investigators" thundered and ranted and worked to discredit the growing legions of contactees. The ufologists wanted to believe in extraterrestrial visitants but they did not want to believe in any of the surprising "evidence" that was materializing.

All of this was suppressed, but not by the government. It was suppressed by the UFO buffs themselves. They didn't want just any "truth" to be made public. It had to be *their* "truth."

Quite a few amateur radio operators have joined the contactee crowd in recent years, and some of them claim they had no interest whatsoever in flying saucers until they began to get messages.

And radio amateurs are still getting strange messages from somewhere. Several HAMS in Kansas picked up a strange voice in January 1967. The voice carried on a "nonsensical" conversation with C. V. Robinson in Coffeyville, Kan., for 20 minutes. Another hoax? An Air Force officer visited Robinson to listen to the tape he made of the conversation. "The voice came on strong at first," Robinson said, "and then it faded out, apparently moving toward the Tulsa area."

During a trip through the Midwest in the spring of 1967, I met a HAM radio operator who had been undergoing a long series of strange experiences. He asked me not to reveal his name or his location because he is part of the civilian-military communication network known as "MARS" and his radio shack is filled with equipment given to him by

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the Army. His name and address are in my files and are available to all responsible researchers. I'll call him "Sam." Sam has supposedly heard strange voices from his loudspeakers when his receiver was turned off. He lives in a flying saucer flap area and we might speculate that "they" accomplish this little trick through the use of a directional magnetic beam. A loudspeaker consists of an electromagnet which vibrates a cone of paper or stiff cloth. When the cone vibrates, it naturally vibrates the air which creates sound waves. When the electromagnet is turned off, as in Sam's case and many others like it, a modulated magnetic beam aimed either at the wires leading to the speaker, or at the speaker itself, might actually be able to vibrate the cone. So you see, it is possible for a loudspeaker to emit sounds even when the radio is turned off.

Sam owns a rare VLF set and he had been receiving those guttural "space" voices for months when I visited him. He turned the set on for me around 10 p.m., swung the dial to about 150 kilocycles and presto, a foreign voice boomed in as if it were being broadcast from the next room. It sounded like two men conversing in excited grunts. I set up my portable tape recorder and recorded several minutes of it. I had never heard anything like it before. But I, and other interested parties, have heard it several times since.

Included among those interested parties are some of the major powers who have *secret radio stations around the world*. The U.S. Navy maintains several gigantic installations which have cost many millions of dollars and have the announced purpose of communicating with our atomic submarines throughout the world's seas. (VLF can penetrate underwater.) To give you an idea of their size, the largest commercial broadcasting station allowed puts out 50,000 watts of power. The Voice of America has stations which broadcast 500,000 watts. Yet the Soviet Union has a VLF station which is pouring out five million watts! (EWB in Odessa.) And the U.S. VLF station at Cutler, Me., is putting out two million watts. There are now 150 VLF stations all over this planet . . . and, aside from a handful of nuclear subs, there's no one to listen! Very few amateurs have VLF equipment. It is, in fact, rather hard to come by. WW I sets are highly valued prizes on the secondhand market.

What are all these stations broadcasting? Well, they're sending time signals if you need to set your watch. But mostly it is CW stuff . . . teletypes

(which sound somewhat musical, like bagpipes, over a loudspeaker). Voice transmission on VLF is very difficult for a variety of reasons and not much of it is being done. Rather, we aren't broadcasting voices, but somebody else is.

"All manner of strange (and often unexplained) radio sounds and signals . . . mysteriously appear . . . on VLF receivers," noted the *Radio-TV Experimenter* for April-May 1967.

Perhaps many of those "secret" American and Russian VLF stations are also quietly listening in to all of the unearthly chatter coming through on these low frequencies. Since very few amateurs are attempting to broadcast on VLF, there is little chance that these myriad "mysterious signals" could be hoaxes. The 150 stations mentioned above all broadcast at fixed points between 13.6 and 27KHz. But these mystery voices have been heard around 6 and 8 KHz. Occasionally some government experiments for a few hours on a lower frequency but they always carefully inform all VLF equipped HAM stations of the date and time.

No matter how you slice it, somebody, somewhere has been using our airwaves illegally for years. Does the F.C.C. know about flying saucers? Certainly, scientists do. By the late 1950s scientists and astronomers were clamoring to start a serious probe for intelligent extraterrestrial signals. In a speech before the Karl Taylor Compton Seminars at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in November 1959, Dr. Otto Struve said, "The probability of picking up a broadcast from another planet circling a distant star is very small, but we must not absolutely assume that all radio signals from the sky are produced by natural causes." Dr. Struve was then the head of the radio telescope in Green Bank, W. Va., and it was there that he, together with Dr. Frank Drake, planned *Project Ozma*. *Ozma's* purpose was to search for intelligent signals from outer space.

At four a.m. on the morning of Apr. 8, 1960, the great dish-like antenna of Green Bank's radio telescope swept across the skies and focused upon the predetermined target: Epsilon Eridani and Tau Ceti. They tuned their equipment to 1420.4 megacycles (they had calculated that communication over great distances would be most feasible at this wavelength . . . the frequency of hydrogen), and *eureka!* Even before they could switch on their loudspeakers a powerful signal blasted in, "knocking the needles off the dials," as Drake put it. They received a very strong series of pulses, about eight per second, so uniform that they *had* to come from an intelligent source. After recovering from their initial excitement, the scientists

appearance? And if the government had a bonafide flying saucer, it would be worth much more than \$10,000 and the NAS would never get their hands on it—the government) would be off somewhere trying to figure out how it worked. When it was pointed out to Phil that this was a ridiculous, unfair, and not at all open offer, he modified it.

His current offer, which I have accepted, contains another clause, that is, if the President or Vice President states that the planet is being visited by extraterrestrials, that will be enough. Anyone who challenges him has to put up \$100 for 10 years. I wasn't the first to do it. James McCampbell, an engineering physicist from northern California was the first. I'm betting it will happen before 1985. I think it's a good investment.

UFO REPORT: What are your future plans concerning UFOs?

FRIEDMAN: I'm going to continue lecturing that "Flying Saucers Are Real" and have plans for more articles and a book. I want to do more about, encouraging other professional people to get into the act and try to lift the security lid on UFOs. The climate now is right. People, after Watergate, after the CIA revelations, serious people in the government and investigative reporters are much more ready to look into some of the data.

UFO REPORT: What do you consider the major sources of data if one wants to be informed about UFOs?

FRIEDMAN: Blue Book Special Report #14; the 1968 Congressional Hearings on UFOs document; *The UFO Evidence*, NICAP's document; *The UFO Experience* by J. Allen Hynek, and the Condon Report (not just taking Condon's word at the beginning but looking at the individual cases).

UFO REPORT: Have you anything special to impart to our readers?

FRIEDMAN: What I really want to say is the most significant adventure for Mankind, the biggest challenge and the best hope for having a livable future for the people on this planet, is to recognize that we are, indeed, all Earthlings, that whether we like it or not, we're all on this little unimportant planet but there's a big galactic community out there. It's time that we recognize that we have to grow up, sociologically as well as technologically. The time to dispense with the worst "ism" on the planet, namely nationalism, is now, not 10 years from now.

If we don't, there won't be a future for this planet. I'm an optimist. I think we shall. We'll accept the challenge of incorporating the reality of a galactic community into our own lives. ★

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rechecked every part of their equipment but could find nothing wrong. The signals lasted for about five minutes and then stopped abruptly. Later, the Naval Research Laboratory revealed that its staff had been listening to these same signals for the past six months.

Two weeks later, the men at Green Bank tuned into the signals again. This time they carefully moved their antenna away from the two stars as they listened, and they found that the signals continued to come in loud and clear. This proved that the transmissions were *not* coming from a local star but were very probably of local, terrestrial origin.

So now an explanation was in order. The staid *New York Times* announced that "apparently they were related to a secret military experiment in radar countermeasures, making use of airborne transmitters." This explanation makes less sense than the signals themselves. It is true that modern radar uses very high frequencies (VHF), but radar signals do not pulse at eight times per second, nor do the "black boxes" carried on military planes to jam enemy radar. Secondly, both radar and the radio telescope are extremely directional. The telescope's dish picks up and amplifies only a very small portion of sky. A transmitter aboard a plane would have to literally be aimed at the dish and as the plane moved out of range, and modern jet bombers move mighty fast, the signal would fade out. It would not stop abruptly. Furthermore, there are no important radar defense stations in West Virginia and it would be senseless to "experiment" in that area. Finally, since the government not only knew about Project Ozma but was paying for it, you would think that an appropriate order would have passed through channels banning all unusual radio activity in the area during the experiment.

No, something else was afoot here. Once again we had confirmation that unidentified radio signals of great strength were being broadcast by somebody—or something—right here on this planet.

Back during that wild week in November 1957, when UFOs were swarming all over the earth, short wave listeners everywhere were baffled by a strange "tonal pattern" which was being broadcast next to the 20.005 frequency being used by the two Russian satellites. Both Russia and the U.S. stated emphatically that the signals were not related to the satellites. "It isn't classified," an F.C.C. spokesman declared at the time. "We just don't know what it is."

They never found out, either. The signals, much stronger than those

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being broadcast by Sputniks I and II, were worldwide—and they were picked up by stations at times when the satellites were out of range on the other side of the world.

This problem has plagued the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, too. During his fourth pass over Hawaii in MA-9, Faith 7, on May 15, 1963, Astronaut Gordon Cooper's voice radio transmission was suddenly interrupted and drowned out by "an unintelligible foreign language transmission" on the channel reserved for space flights. A VHF frequency which few, if any HAM amateurs are equipped to broadcast on. If the signal came from the ground, it had to come from Hawaii, but the F.C.C. never arrested a Hawaiian HAM for the "hoax." NASA recorded that transmission, a voice grunting and speaking rapidly in a language that has never been identified.

In 1967, Dr. Drake and other scientists working at the Arecibo, Puerto Rico, radio-telescope started to receive new signals from four different points in space. These signals were not coming from any visible object and were pulsing once each 1.3372795 seconds exactly. They are slightly variable and spread over a wide frequency range, from 40 to 2,000 megacycles. An artificial signal, Dr. Drake has pointed out, would probably be confined to a narrower band. Compared to the other apparently coded mystery transmissions that we have been receiving for years, these new signals don't amount to very much. They are just a mild, evenly spaced hissing. It is estimated that they come from points up to 300 light years away.

One of the persistent rumors of the early 1950s was that "a scientist in Washington" had in his possession a tiny box which had been extracted from a "crashed flying saucer in New Mexico" and that this box emitted a loud beep every 15 minutes on the

button. No one, so the story goes, could figure out what it was made of or how it worked, but it was supposed to be some kind of timing device.

Could it be, we might wonder, that we have finally hooked into some sort of "time signal" from another world? A signal made necessary because the UFO occupants cannot comprehend our own time cycle?

"Silent Contactees" have told me repeatedly that the first question they have been asked in their initial encounters is either, "What time is it?" or "What is your time cycle?" Nearly every contactee, of both the "silent" and the loud-mouthed variety, has claimed that the UFO occupants talked about "time" and their confusion in understanding our measurement of it.

While our scientists have been tuning their multimillion-dollar equipment into remote hisses and squeaks from distant stars, hundreds, if not thousands, of HAM radio operators and teen-agers with homemade coils and condensers have been listening with awe to the wild, unidentifiable, and obviously intelligent signals radiating around our own planet. These signals are not a myth. They are not *all* hoaxes. They exist, and have existed for a very long time. Somebody not only invented a marvelous "airship" before man himself learned to fly, but they were also probably using radio waves with impunity long before we even knew such waves existed. When we started to clutter up the electromagnetic spectrum with soap operas and baseball scores, "they" moved into the VLF and VHF bands. And now that we are beginning to explore those frequencies ourselves, we are certain to be hearing more and more from the "pirate" radio stations.

Why don't they contact us? Hell, why don't we contact them?

CQ . . . CQ . . . CQ . . . is there anybody out there? ★

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to drive around them so I wouldn't run over them. The only thing I saw in the sky was a bright light going in a northwesterly direction. However, I heard on the police radio that in the next county (Menominee) their patrol car was chasing a UFO. The morning mail plane was also diverted to look for the UFO and the pilot said he spotted a bright light. This report was called in by a woman at 1:30 a.m. who saw a bright light and heard a high pitched sound.

On July 29, 1972 at 2 a.m. there was a call from the Sheriff's Department saying a UFO was spotted southwest of

Gresham. I called a friend of mine to ride along. As we got on the County Highway west of Gresham we spotted a very bright light going at a high rate of speed in a westerly direction. We stopped to take some pictures with a Polaroid camera but nothing turned out. We then kept after the UFO. As we got to Highway 29 we pulled to the side of the road, never losing sight of it. I then put the spotlight on and shined it toward the UFO. The bright light went out. When I turned the spotlight off it came back on. We did this for about 10 minutes. Finally the light went out permanently and we headed home. This object was about two miles away and a bright orange in color and the size of a volley ball. It was moving in a zigzag