

At 8.10 p.m. the same night, i.e. five or six minutes later, Ian Squire's grandmother (name withheld at witness' request) was driving uphill along Cadboro Bay Road southwards towards the northern gates into The Uplands district, when suddenly she saw a red and a green light over the roadway at about the height of the roofs of the houses on the upper bank of the roadway, i.e. higher than a very tall tree. The witness, who is known to me personally and through her daughter, and grandson Ian, unfortunately did not stop to investigate. Instead, she continued on right underneath the object which, she said, looked like a very indistinct dark shape which spread entirely over the width of the wide roadway. The two coloured lights, she said, seemed to be shining only forwards, and to be from four to six feet from the extremities of the dark shape behind them. There was a tiny white light behind, which did not seem to be attached to the object in any way; but as the night was very dark, she admits that this could also have been a star. The coloured lights were not blinking, and the object seemed not to move, although she of course was moving towards it in her car. She described the object (which, she admits, she saw very indistinctly in the almost complete darkness), as a black wing-like thing which made no noise. Then she suddenly thought: "Surely it can't be a plane, this low. Perhaps it is a flying-saucer". The size of the two coloured lights was small, about the size of ordinary car blinker-lights. If the witness had stopped to investigate, this could have been a most important sighting. Unfortunately, she preferred to continue on her way, and thus lost a great opportunity.

[This is a most important report. A researcher in the United States, many hundreds of miles from British Columbia, has reported seeing several such dark shapes with lights as described above. And these, when observed at slightly higher altitudes have been mistaken as "star-like objects," so often the target of witch-hunters among ufologists. It was the American report—private, and not yet to be published as the picture is incomplete—which led to the ideas discussed in the May/June editorial. Nor should we forget the report of Miss Bertha Humphries of North Walsham in her Mail Bag letter in the January/February issue. It is also suggested that readers should refer to the case of Mr. Hann whose car was overtaken on the Stroud - Bath road on or about December 9, 1965. This case was reported in the World Round-up

columns of our March-April 1966 issue.—EDITOR].

Victoria Blackout

Thursday, April 13, around 8.15 p.m., Victoria's lights suddenly all dimmed for a couple of seconds; and at that moment, witnesses in town chanced to see a coloured object streak across the sky. The Press tried to "explain" this dimming to lightning up at Campbell River, some 200 miles away: this, however, would seem unconvincing, in view of the numerous past cases where a certain type of UFO has repeatedly caused the dimming, and indeed the blackout, of electric lights in widely separated areas. It is also well-known to researchers that other types of UFSS do not affect electrical installations; on the other hand, it is possible that UFSS may have the ability to affect such installations, or to refrain from doing so, at will.

SOUTH AFRICA Durban UFO and blackout

The Durban *Sunday Tribune* of April 16, 1967, carried the following account—

"As reports of a violent explosion streamed in to the *Sunday Tribune* offices last night from residents living all over Durban, electricity failure plunged most of the southern areas of the city into darkness. Meanwhile, a resident of Woodlands, one of the blacked-out suburbs, telephoned to report a flying saucer high over the city.

"Officials of the Durban Electricity Department reported that the power failure was due to the breakdown of a main electric cable in the Hillary area. But, they added, a cable failure would not normally produce a loud explosion.

"Mrs. Audrey Russell, of Malvern, telephoned to report: 'An explosion which sounded just like the one when an oil tanker blew up in Durban harbour some years ago.' She and her family had rushed into the garden expecting to see another pillar of fire in the city. But there was nothing.

"Ten minutes later, Malvern and all surrounding suburbs were plunged into darkness.

"Meanwhile, Mr. S. T. Thom, of Woodlands, telephoned to report that he had sighted what appeared to be a flying saucer hovering at approximately 35,000ft. over the city. After moving slowly from east to west, the object suddenly flew off rapidly towards the north."

—Credit: Philipp Human.

FRANCE Falling leaf object

From the Caen edition of *Ouest-France* of April 19, we learn that—

"An inhabitant of May-sur-Orne (10 kms. to the south of Caen), M. Joseph Ivanicki, saw, on Monday evening (April 17) at about 8.45 p.m., a luminous object moving through the sky towards the north.

"As big as a football, the mysterious machine fluttered in the manner of a falling leaf. It disappeared from the view of the witness after some ten minutes' observation."

—Credit: Suzette Saunier, Courseulles-sur-Mer.

Sparking object

M. D. Leger reports from Le Mans that on the morning of Friday, March 24, two people who were buying their morning newspapers at 7.0 a.m. saw an orange ball, turning on its axis and emitting sparks.

—Credit: Suzette Saunier.

BULGARIA Deltavolant

The French newspaper *Le Journal du Dimanche* of April 9 carried the following report from Sofia (A.P.)—

"On two days a mysterious celestial body has flown over the South-Eastern part of Bulgaria. The phenomenon was observed from the observatory at Stara Zagora on Thursday, April 6, at 6.30 p.m.

"The object, which was triangular in shape, was followed by a trail which was only just visible, and rapidly lost its luminosity."

—Credit: Suzette Saunier.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Saucer speaks

The Seattle *Post Intelligencer* of April 2, 1967, tells how, late on Friday, March 31, a man encountered a landed flying saucer near Wellington, Texas. When he told his story next morning, he claimed he had spoken to it! The account continues—

"The man, Carroll Watts, said he was returning home from his father's residence about a mile north of his home at about 10.30 Friday night when he saw a light from about where an abandoned house stands.

"He turned off the dirt road and headed toward the light. He said he drove to within about 20 feet of an object which 'appeared to be about 100 feet long and eight or ten feet high.'

"I walked around the side of it, and about 20 feet down the side I found a port or door. I knocked on it three or four times and it opened mechanically," he said.

"A VOICE began speaking to

me—it was an unemotional voice neither masculine nor feminine. It asked me if I would be willing to submit to a rigorous physical examination.

“I asked them why I would want to take a physical and they told me that if I passed it, I would be able to make a flight with them. They said any man who passed the physical could make a flight, but no women or children would be taken.

“They pointed out a machine against the opposite wall from where I was standing outside the door. They said all I had to do was stand before the machine to take a physical.

“About two or three feet forward from the machine was a map. It was about a yard square and began about a foot from the floor. It appeared to be a large-scale land map—but I couldn't tell what it was a map of.

“Then they informed me that they had a machine that, when the ship flew within 300 yards of a building, could tell how many people were in the building and their ages.

“They (the voice) then asked me again to take the physical—and when I declined, they told me that several people had taken the test and had made the flights.

“They, whoever they were, said they were stationed all over the world and could come and go as they pleased—no one could stop them.

“I told them I didn't want to take that physical and left. I got back in my car and turned the lights on the ship.

“As I pulled in front of it, it rose slightly and turned to the south. There was a light, about 20 inches across, on the tip of the nose. As the ship was sitting, it gave off a clear fluorescent light, but when the ship began to move, the light took on a reddish cast.

“As I drove off, the object lifted from the ground and took off, heading to the south. It made no noise whatsoever. I guess the whole thing lasted about ten to 15 minutes.

“As he spoke to UPI by telephone, Watts had two Air Force investigators at his home. The investigators were sent to Wellington from Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

“One man in Wellington said Watts was considered to be ‘above reproach.’

“The incident is the third reported in the Wellington area in the last month. On March 21, Watts reported sighting such a craft flying at about 50 miles an hour over a road for about eight miles.

“On March 23, an Air Force man reported that he was chased along a road by a similar craft for some time.”
—Credit: John A. Keel, New York City.

FSR correspondent sees UFO

John Keel, who has been conducting extensive investigations in the Ohio Valley region, has sent the following account from the Athens, Ohio, newspaper *The Messenger*, of Tuesday, April 4. He states that he himself saw the object described in the report—

“Mrs. Johnny Clendenin, Madison Avenue, reported seeing a UFO above her home at about 8 p.m., Monday. The object was visible for about two minutes and was approximately 50 feet above her house.

“Mrs. Clendenin said it had red and white lights which went on and off alternately. At times it would go in a circle and then it looked as if there was another red light on its top, she said. There was no sound.

“She said that she has seen similar objects in recent evenings, but never for as long a period. Another woman in the same area reported a few nights ago that she saw a UFO fly so low she thought it was landing on a housetop.”

West Virginia flap continues

In a report from Point Pleasant, the April 13 edition of *The Messenger* of Athens, Ohio, tells how—

“The UFO's have been sighted nightly again in many parts of Mason County. The James Lilly family at Camp Conley have seen as many as six in one night for nearly three weeks.

“The Lillys report many people come and watch with them. The objects appear in many different directions, but apparently come from the TNT area. The sightings sometimes are very close. Objects are red and white and sometimes travel very fast while other times go very slow, without sound. Witnesses agree the objects aren't airplanes.

“One UFO came very close to the Lilly home, illuminating the house. Their television went on the blink for a short time.

“Mrs. Lilly and children Linda and Garry said a ‘big bright’ object followed them from Route 62 to their home one night. Their daughter-in-law, Doris Lilly, has also seen these objects. Johnny Lilly said that one night it looked as if an object had diamond-shaped windows in it. . . .

“More than a dozen people saw the UFO Wednesday night at the Lilly home.”

—Credit: John A. Keel.

UFOs and Telephone Mystery voices

In the Point Pleasant *Register* of April 13, Pat Siler writes—

“I went on a watch party for UFOs. I got in my car, travelled nervously out to the designated area,

turned out the lights, parked the car on a street already crowded with cars, and quietly got out to join the watchers.

“It was a lark, and yet I felt a little tense when someone said ‘It's time,’ and there was something in the sky.

“It flies and has terribly bright lights, the brightest one rotating. The family in the house at the end of the street watches every evening. They have sighted the flying objects every half hour or hour each night for three weeks.

“One night it came very close and they reported it is shaped like a ‘slightly-flat diamond.’

One of the vehicles has a blue light, but the others have only red, green, and white lights.

“There is no sound of motors, but the TV set goes awry when the contraction is near.

“Their daughter-in-law, who lives in Point Pleasant, has a phone call five minutes after she enters the house each day after work. No one speaks. The phone has been repaired and repaired, but continues to act up. She reports making calls and hearing garbled voices or voices speaking a language she has never heard.

“This peculiar situation has existed for exactly three weeks.

“Is there a connection between the sightings and the phone calls? She doesn't know, but is cautious and doesn't stay overnight by herself. . . .

“Point Pleasant is keeping the exact location unidentified, and the family will remain anonymous. But everyone will watch.”

—Credit: John A. Keel.

UFO roared like a vacuum cleaner

The *Los Angeles Times* of March 10 published an article (UPI) which headlined the fact that scores of people had reported UFOs over Kansas and Illinois on the night of March 9/10—

“The object sighted over five counties in northwest Kansas reportedly made sounds like a large vacuum cleaner. One observer in Illinois reported he watched an object which made a hissing sound.

“A Goodland (Kan.) policeman reported seeing an object brilliantly white on the front, with red and amber lights on the sides, roaring like a huge vacuum cleaner.

“The editor of the *Goodland Daily News*, Tom Dreiling, said in his four years with the Air Force he never heard propellers, jets or anything else sound like that.

“Frank Courson, a Knox County deputy sheriff who said he had been on the force 19 years and had been a private pilot for three years, said he watched an object, which he said