

Irene (Mrs. Ernest) Bourgeois. Graysville, Manitoba, 204-828-3507 (personal interview 8/28/76)

There isn't too much to tell (about sighting on March 27, 1975). It's just what we heard. My daughter (Sharon) woke me up about 2 o'clock in the morning and she wanted me to get up. She'd been sleeping in the front room and the whole front room was red. And she thought the house was on fire, so she called me and I got up and by the time I got my housecoat on, it (the object) was way to the south there (waving her arm), like the sun coming up in the south.

Q. You could see it out there?

A. Yes, it was an orange . . .

Q. How far to the south?

A. To me, it looked just over the bush, about 3 miles. But it was the noise that woke us up.

Q. What kind of noise?

A. It's kind of hard to describe. It was just so fast and so loud that, just like a real shrill siren, like pulsating, eh? Just a steady, noise.

Q. Have you ever heard any other sound like that?

A. No. I thought it was something tangled up in the big evergreen trees. I didn't know what it was. The noise woke me up. It was so fast I didn't know whether I was dreaming or what, but she told me because she got so scared. She was ~~xxxxxx~~ afraid. So I got up and we looked out the window to the south where the noise went. It seemed to come this way (sweeping her hand from north to south over roof of house)

~~Q~~Q. It seemed to come over your house from the north?

A. From the north going south.

Q. And it went right over your house?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you see the red light in the livingroom?

A. No, but by the time I got my housecoat on it was already to the south, but but it was the light that woke her up. She--I had my mother staying here

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and she/was asleep in the front room and the noise woke her up too but when she ~~x~~ opened her eyes it was just all red in the front room.

Q. Did your mother wake up?

A. No. My husband, it woke my husband up. but he wouldn't admit it for a long time, but he wouldn't get up soon enough. He did ~~get~~ up soon after but he didn't get up soon enough to see the light in the sky.

Q. Did it (the light) just keep going?

A. It just seemed to go ~~x~~ over the trees and disappear. Whether it went down or what, I don't know.

Q. When Sharon woke up, you say it was the light that woke her up?

A. The noise.

Q. But when she woke up she saw the whole room was--

A. Red.

Q. And how long did that last?

A. I don't⁺ know, but by the time she called me and I got up it was way to the south already.

Q. Was she frightened by this?

A. Was she ever. She still won't sleep in the front room yet. For 3 weeks she slept right by our bedroom door with a mattress/ It really, she was pretty near sick after that. She didn't know what it was.

Q. She was 14 at the time?

A. She was 14 in April that year and 15 this april. . .

Q. Did it frighten you?

A. The noise did, because know, I thought it was something hitting the house or something. I didn't know what it was, and it just went ~~x~~ so fast, it was here and gone. So fast it went. The RCMP asked me how fast I figured it was going. Well, there was no way I could tell how fast. It was just a noise and it was gone.

Q. Did you call the RCMP? At that time?

A. No.

A. It was a month after. I didn't know it was supposed to be reported. Well, we didn't know what it was.

Q. It was after the Diemerts--theirs was April 9th or 10th?

A. Shortly after, like my daughter went to school the next day, and she told ~~xxxx~~--I think it was the minister's daughter, and she told the kids and they didn't really believe her. They thought she was making up the story. So, anyway about a month passed. It was about a month ^{when} after it came out in the paper and it was about a month ~~xxxx~~ past and one night the phone rang and I think it was Mr. McLaughlin (minister) and he asked Sharon about it, and the next thing the RCMP is phoning, wanting a report on it and he told me I should have reported it. Well, I didn't . . . They just told me if I ever see anything like that again to report it. And then Diemert came out here with his airplane and looked around.

Q. Did you talk to any of your neighbors about this?

A. No.

Q. None of your neighbors heard or saw anything?

A. Well, there was a man in Graysville. He seen it too but I don't know if I should give you his name, 'cause I don't know if he'd say anything.

Q. Give us his name and we'll find out.

A. It's Jimmy Owens. He lives right in Graysville.

Q. How far are you from Graysville?

A. About 5 miles.

Q. He saw something the same night?

A. Yeah, well, he was talking to my husband. He told Ernie not to tell anybody. I'm not even supposed to know about it. That's why I don't know if I should give you his name or not. He was watching TV and he seen it in the kitchen window and he went and looked and then he went around over his house and watched. And He never did tell his wife. Would have scared her to ~~xxx~~ death.

Q. He saw it the same night?

A. Yes, the same night.

Q. The same time, around 2 a.m.?

A. Yes, he was watching TV.

Q. How does Sharon feel now (Sharon was away the day of the interview)?

A. I don't know. I think if she ever seen anything in the sky that didn't look like an airplane, she'd be taking off. It really frightened her.

Q. And for 3 weeks she slept outside your bedroom door?

A. Yes, with all the curtains closed . . . She was so sure, she was positive it was right out here in the pasture. She went out the next day and looked, that's how positive she was. She thought it was setting right there, something in the pasture there.

Q. Did she look out the window before she called you?

A. Well, yeah. That's when she seen it--to her she said it was right her beside the trees.

Q. Did she say it was sitting there for a moment or what?

A. I don't know whether she figured it was setting there or no but she was so sure it was there that she went out the next morning and looked, but there was no marks or nothing. I even went and looked at all my calves

Q. And they were all there?

A. Oh yeah (laughs). . . .

Q. You've got 3 boys?

A. Yeah, there was the three boys upstairs too.

Q. Did they wake up?

A. They woke up, but it was so fast they don't know whether they heard anything or not. The oldest one, he got up and came down stairs. He was mad because we didn't wake him up (earlier) but there was nothing to see.

Q. What's his name?

A. Roy, he's 21.

Q. Who are the other two boys?

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A. Jimmy and Danny. Danny's 13 and Jimmy's 17.

Q. And your mother--

A. She heard the noise but she didn't get up. She'd just been in the hospital for an operation and she's quite old and didn't get up.

There was just the three of us--Ernie, Sharon and me--who got up.

Q. What about your dog--did he act any different than normal?

A. Never noticed. He jumped up and looked out the window like the rest of us. I never paid any real attention to him.

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Mrs. Peter Zazulinsky, Gimli, Manitoba 204-642-8388 (by phone 826/78)

It was a red light. It was a long time ago. Every time I think about it I get scary (laughs). We were coming home from Winnipeg and Peter never showed it to me for a long time. And he said, 'Look at that light in the sky--it's going the same speed we were,' and it seemed we were keeping up with it. And so then we came a l the way to Gimli and when we got about a mile before town or so it crossed the road and was going into town and then it decided to goback into the base (airport west of town) and then it crossed the road again and it started going further and we followedit north and it stopped so we went to this guy's yard (Walter Zabirka, north of Gimli) and we were watching it and it seemed like every time lights would come down the highway it would go back. And when there would be no lights it would come closer to us. We didn't have any lights on in the car and we were sitting watching it and you ~~couldn't~~ couldn't hear nothing. Peter seen it through ~~binoculars~~ binoculars. I didn't. And then it started going back so we w followed it it without lights for quite a while. and over in (Joe) Malinowski's yard (west of Gimli), it stopped over the yard, like hovered over the yard, Peter got out of the car, and I decided like that I'm going to be brave and ot out, so Peter ran for the house and called Joe. It started coming lower and lower and that 's when I seen it. It was in the shape of a saucer and it had these little windows. Peter seen it through the binoculars, different colored lights through the windows. I didn't see it through the binoculars. Peter seen more of it than I did. I just seen it when it was coming over Joe's. You could see the shape. . . . I could just see it was the shape of a saucer.

Q. What was it doing over Malinowski's yard?

A. Well, it came down. It landed and when it landed the lights went out and we couldn't find it and we looked and looked and drove around, shone the lights on the field and we just couldn't find it. and after we came back to Joe's yard and shut the lights off, about 2 or 3 seconds after

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we shut the lights off it took off again and when we seen it take off it had landed on the runway

Q. Over at Apsen?

A. Yeah. It landed in there and when it took off, it took ~~off~~ ^{di ferently than like} a plane took off, and we followed it for a while and it kept going ~~xx~~ further and further.

Q. Did you ever get real close to it?

A. No. . . . It seemed like it landed behind Joe Malinowski's barn, but it ~~xx~~ didn't . . .

Q. Were your children with you?

A. Wel^w, we have only one girl.

Q. How old is she?

A. 4.

Q. What s her name?

A. Sheri.

Q. What was she doing at this time?

A. She was scared.. She was saying, 'Let's go home, Daddy, let's go home.'

Q. What were you doing?

A. I wanted to go home! (laughs) I was pretty scared. I didn't want to follow it. I wanted to leave it and go but he didn't want to, he wanted to follow it.

Q. What is your name?

A. Linda.

Q. How old are you?

A. 24.

Q. How old is Peter?

A. 27.

Q. And he works at the (Calvert's) distillery?

A. ⁴es.

Q. What does he do? A. He's a cooker operator.

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Q. You followed this all the way from Clandeboye?

A. Yes.

Q. On Route 9 or 8?

A. 8.

Q. Were the windows open in the car?

A. They were closed when we were following it, but when we came to Walter's (Zabirka's) I think they were open. . . . There was no noise. I was so scared I didn't want to look at it.

Q. What was date of this?

A. April 23 or 24, I think, it was a Friday night. We had gone shopping in Winnipeg and started back home after the stores closed at 9:30.

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Peter Zazulinsky, Gimli, Manitoba, ~~204-642-208~~ 204-642-5734, cooker operator at Calvert's distillery, phone interview ~~8/27/76~~ 8/28/76 morning.

Q. I understand you spotted it around Caldeboye on your way bac from a shopping trip to Winnpieg, is that right?

A. Yes. . . It was shaped like a saucer. Had rectangular windows around it, on the upper side.

Q. Was light coming out of them?

A. There was different colors. lighter and duller, brighter and duller.

Q. Were the colors ^{changing} or just getting brighter and duller?

A. Brighter and duller. They were differnt colors to begin with.

Q. Do you recall the colors.

A. Not offhand.

Q. Like a light bulb?

A. Yeah.

Q. How did you happen to notice it--you were comin north on Route 8?

A. 8. When I first spotted it it was just a blinking red light, which looked like an airplane, really. But after a couple of miles I noticed I was psssing the light. Approximately 60 mph I was going, and I started passing it and that's when I realized something was not right. that's why I kept watching it . . .

A. Gimli and

Q. You follow it all the way up to Gimli/and Camp Morton area (Morton is a few miles north of Gimli).

Q. From Zabirka's place, where did it go?

~~xx~~ A. Well, it went to Joe's (Malinowski's farm on route 231, west of Gimli) That's where I really saw it close . . . I pulled into Joe's yard. it was so close, I don't know how far. 50 yards maybe it was so close overhead.

Q. Was this i his front yard or what?

A. Just h the side of his house, the south side. It was low. ^{You} ~~x~~ could have hit it with a rock if you threw it hard. it was that close.

Q. Was it just sitting there, hovering?

A. Hovering.

Q. How high off the ground?

A. Well, ^{le little better than} antenna ~~xx~~ height maybe

Q. At that time, what did it look like, all lit up?

A. Just lit up, everything was moving around, blinking.

Q. Could you estimate the size? Was it as big as a--

A. Approximately, uh, it was pretty big. 30 feet in diameter, roughly, I don't know. 15 feet, 12 high. You could see the outline when it was lit up.

Q. Were these windows rotating?

A. Stationary.

Q. But they were blinking on and off. Were there lights on top of this?

A. They were right around the center, but higher up.

Q. I understand you got Joe Malinowski up?

A. Yeah, I went up and was knocking on his door. then the thing started moving. off toward Gimli. It was silent. no noise at all.

Q. Did he see it?

A. By the time I got him out it --I was knocking and watching at the same time--it went east and descended just like a helicopter.

Q. Like it landed over at the air port there?

A. Further west (betwen airport, a mile east of Malinowski's farm, and Malinowski's farm).

Q. Did Joe see it right away.

A. By the time he gotout and the lights went down, he didn't see it right after. so we left looking for it.

Q. He went with you?

A, Yeah. We went friving around, couldn't find nothing. no lights or anything, and cameback to the yard (Malinowski's) and talked for a while, and he still didn't believe me, and all of a sudden the lights all come on again, blinking again==

Q. Was it still over on the base?

A. On base property.

Q. On the base itself but not near the runways?

A. I can't say.

Q. Were you looking south?

A. From Joe's it would be looking east. So, the thing lit up and lifted up. It didn't go straihht up. It went along above the ground maybe 100 yards and lifted up and went south. But the funny thing about it, Joe said "it's an airplane." But it gave a roar when it took off and then went silent. There was a pretty strong wind that night and the s thing took off south, so he was pretty convinced. Then right after that we (he, wife, daughter) jumped in my car and followedit again, shit I h guess 10 miles maybe.

Q. Back down toward--

A. South.

Q. What happened then?

A. Well, we just left it, she (wife) was giving me shit and my (gas) tank was near empty. 2 hours already, we'd been following it.

Q. Do you recall the exact date this happened?

A. You got me. It was a Friday night. . . .

Q. Wakter Zabirka said when you cme in his yard, you pointed it out to him and that it circled off toward Aspen Park (southwest) and then it came back around his house again--

A, It didn't actually leave. It made a circle west and it came back . . .

Q. And you followed it over to Malinowski's place?

A. Yeah.

Q. It wasn't following the road (route 8 to route 231 west) was it

A. It actually was. All the way from Calndeboye, it was within a 10th or 8th of a mile from the highway. It was always within a quarter of a mile or so of the highway.

Q. When it hovered over Malinowski's place, was it behind his house?

A/ It was the south side.

Q. Was it very far from his house?

A. No, as I say, you could hit it with a rock

Q. Was it very bright around it?

A. Yeah, it was really lit up.

Q. Did it light up the ground any?

A. No.

Q. Any idea how many rectangular windows there were?

A. On one side, maybe 4 or 5

Q. They were wider than they were higher?

A Yeah.

Q. and they were on the upper side

A. yeah.

Q. And this was a general disc shaped thing?

A. Yeah.

Q. Could you see a clear outline at any time?

A. The only time we seen it was when it was over Joe's house. You could see it against the sky with the windows lighting up the sky, and the red pulsing light on top.

Q. Have you see anything more since then?

A. Well, after that I was keeping a pretty close watch and I was working the midnight shift and we seen something one night, six of us guys, but I can't talk about it. There was a light hovering west of the distillery, for 40 minutes we watched it. but I 'm sorry, I can't say anything about it.

. . . when you see something that close (original sighting) for 2 hours, you know it's no aircraft. you're so convinced. there's no doubt . . . it was around 11 o'clock when I was at Zabirka's

Woman who refused to give name, but said she lives in ~~Canton~~, a small community near Brandon, Manitoba. 204-838-2038. By phone 8/26/76

It (the UFO) was a fiery, fiery red and it was in the shape of an ice cream sundae. That's what it looked like, like it had a cherry on top of it? And it, we couldn't really distinguish any marks on it. There was kind of a couple of strips around the top, I think. And we could see it rotating around. And it kept ahead of us just a wee bit. And I stopped the car twice and each time I stopped it, that darned thing stopped and backed up.

Q. Did you say something about a ~~xxxx~~ school van (Woman had called in to a radio talk show on which UFOs were being discussed)?

A. Yeah. I was driving a school van at the time.

Q. This is just a van, not a school bus?

A. No--

Q. How many children were aboard the van?

A. Three of my own and three other ones. Seven of us.

Q. You don't remember what date this was?

A. No, I can't even remember what month. It was in the fall (last year, 1975) before the snow ~~x~~ came but I'm not sure really just when.

Q. What time of day was this?

A. About 8:30 in the morning.

Q. And it was pretty light at that time, daylight at that time?

A. Yes it was.

Q. And what direction were you going?

A. Uh--we were going south.

Q. Were you going to school at that time?

A. Yes, I was.

Q. And, where were you at that time?

A. What do you mean?

Q. Do you live in ~~Canton~~ ^{Kenton}?

A. No, we live on a farm and I was driving ~~xxxx~~ from the farm into ~~Canton~~ ^{KENTON}.

Q. Where is Canton in relation to Winnipeg?

QA. Oh, it's west and maybe a bit north. I'm not too sure of the direction.

Q. How far ~~x~~ from Winnipeg?

A. Oh, uh, 170, 180 miles maybe.

Q. Any big towns near you?

A. Brandon. We're about 40 miles from Brandon.

Q. You were taking the children to school?

QA. Yes, I was.

Q. And were you out on the open highway or what?

A. No, I was on a side road and--yes, I did go on the open highway for about 3 miles.

Q. I was just trying to get the exact location of this. . . And how did you notice it (the object)?

A. The kids ~~to him~~ told me, 'Mom, look at the sun,' and I looked, and I looked again and I said, 'Kids, that's not the sun.' I mean, seeing is ^{really} believing, and I didn't ~~x~~ believe in the darned things but I'm so positive that had to be something like that.

Q. Did you say you were driving south toward the school?

A. Yes, I was.

Q. And what direction--where did you see this in the sky?

A. Well, to the east.

Q. To the east, off to your left, then?

A. Yes.

Q. And was it very high in the sky?

A. No, it wasn't, because when we went by trees, it was partially shielded by the tops. And I really believe it would be, to me it looked as high as an elevator. It was enormous. It really was.

Q. You mean it was that big?

A. Yes, it was.

Q. As big as a grain elevator?

A. Well, I'd say about as high, yeah. You know, that's approximately,

because

because it was just unbelievable. Well, it was unbelievable, period.

Q. Could you estimate how far away it might have been?

A. No, I have no idea.

Q. It was off to the left of you. Where was the sun in relation to this. Could you see any sun?

A. No, I couldn't see ~~it~~ any sun at all.

Q. But it was daylight?

A. Yes, it was.

Q. Was it overcast? ~~Was~~ Cloudy?

A. No, it wasn't. And you could look at that thing and when you turned your eyes away you couldn't see at all. You were blinded for a minute or two.

Q. Well, what color was it then?

A. It was just a deep, deep fiery red.

Q. And you're positive this was not the sun?

A. No, no way. In my own mind, I'm positive it was not. It wasn't shaped that way and we couldn't see it rotate if it was the sun.

Q. You say shaped like a sundae. Are you talking about a dish holding a scoop or two of ice cream on top--

A. Yes--

Q. Sort of cone shaped then?

A. No. You know how you get a dish of ice cream? I'm a container, you know, that has a base? Then rounded out? That's just what it looked like.

Q. What was it doing?

A. It was just going ahead of us, rotating around. I kept ahead of us a bit.

Q. Was this sort of like a top, then? A children's toy, a top spinning?

A. Well, kind of, yet it wasn't. To me, I never thought of a top when I looked at it. Just a dish of ice cream.

Q. And it was going parallel to you?

A. Yes. Ahead of us a wee bit.

Q. And how far did you see this thing?

A. For about 5 miles until we turned west.

Q. Did you see any other cars?

A. I did and I tried to get it to stop but it didn't stop.

Q. You saw another car?

A. Yeah.

Q. Going in the other direction?

A. No, I met a car going west. Like I had to turn a mile west for a mile and I met this car and it was going east. I tried to get it to stop but it wouldn't stop.

Q. Was the object going parallel to you when you were going west?

A. No, it was still going straight south.

Q. And then what happened?

A. Well, when we got to the corner where we turned off ~~Canton~~ ^{Kenton} to go west, we could see it a bit, and the kids could hardly wait to get to school, and we turned west and the darned thing just vanished. We don't know where it vanished or anything.

Q. You saw it for ~~xxx~~ about 5 miles--did you say you stopped your van?

A. ~~x~~ Yes I did, twice.

Q. And what happened--did you get out or what?

A. No, we just sat there and watched. The darned thing seemed to stop and back up.

Q. And did it change color or anything when it--

A. No.

Q. All right, fromtop to bottom can you describe--was the whole thing just fiery, fiery red or could you distin~~x~~guish parts of it?

A. No, as far as we could see--

Q. You couldn't distinguish any featureson it?

A. No, we couldn't. we could see a couple of strips, ~~m~~kind of strips around

it, just two strips. This is the thing that really made ~~it~~ made us notice it was rotating.

Q. You could tell it was rotating--could you tell if it was rotating from your left to your right or from your right to your left?

A. You know, I couldn't tell you. I mean, people think I'm crazy but I sure did see it.

Q. Did you report this to the RCMP?

A. No, I didn't.

Q. You didn't report it to anybody?

A. No, I didn't, but I should have because apparently the next day I heard that on the Brandon talk back (radio talk show?), ~~somebody said~~ now, I didn't hear it myself, somebody else said ~~that somebody else~~ that somebody else had reported one. Now, I never heard the details

Q. What were your feelings when you saw this thing?

A. (Laughs) I don't know. I was just so excited. I never really believed in the darned things. But I had two little girls (on the van) who were really terrified by this thing.

Q. The girls were terrified?

A. Yes.

Q. Were they ~~a~~ crying or what?

A. No, they just turned white and never said a word.

Q. Were the rest boys?

A. Yes.

Q. What grades are they in? Are they in grade school?

A. Yes, they are. One was grade 8, 7, 6, 4, 3--

Q. How did the boys take it?

A. They were quite excited?

Q. Were they scared too?

A. No, I don't think they were. Just real excited.

Q. What about you--were you frightened by this at all?

A. No, I don't know how to describe it. I was shook up.

Q. Did you feel threatened in any way by this thing?

A. No, no, I did get a funny feeling when the darned thing stopped.

Q. And it came back?

A. Yeah. And then when I moved on it moved on.

Q. And how far away do you think it might have been?

A. Oh, I have no idea. It had to be quite a distance.

Q. Did you get the feeling that it was aware of you at all?

A. No.

Q. And you live on a farm there?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you do anything else or are you a housewife?

A. Not now. At the time I was working in a grocery store.

Q. And you don't want to give me your name for the local investigators?

A. No, I'd rather not.

Q. Because one of the investigators here is Grant Cameron, who would probably try to follow up on it some time . . . All you know is that it was last fall, right?

A. Yes. I should have written it down but I didn't. Some people believed me and some didn't, but I didn't care.

Q. Did they make fun of you?

A. Some of them did, but I believed it so much it didn't bother me. Does that sound feasible to you?

*Q. The whole thing?

A. Yes.

Q. Yes, it does, really. * I've heard an awful lot of stories like this and I don't have any reason to disbelieve people. I think I have a more open mind than Peter Warren or some of those other people on the radio this morning.

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A. I didn't really believe in the darned things, yet you hear so much about it you can't disbelieve. Boy, when I saw this one. I'm telling you. In my own mind I'm positive that had to be something.

Grant Cameron: Are you near ~~re~~ Carberry?

A. Maybe about 70 miles or so.

Q. The other side of Brandon?

A. Yes we are. West of Brandon and north. . . .

Q. You got to school on time that morning?

A. It's a miracle but we did (laughing).

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Hynek 6/5/75

Q. Have you found this type ⁺ of radiation before where UFOs are believed to have landed?

A. Yes we have, but in most cases it ~~has been suspect~~ has been suspect because we never could make sure the guy ~~was~~ who was doing the radiation countings really knew what he was doing. We've had about 2 or 3 cases where it seemed fairly definite that the radiation was indeed higher.

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THE WORLD OF UFOS

By Bob Pratt

UFO's Performance Amazes Veteran Pilot

The Ontario Central Airways DC-3 cargo plane was flying south from Churchill on Hudson Bay en route to its home base at Gimli, located on the southwestern shore of Lake Winnipeg in Manitoba, Canada.

Piloting the plane were Captain Lorne Goulet and First Officer John Wilson. Riding in back as a passenger was Jim Rogoza, another Ontario Central captain who was hitching a ride home to Gimli.

"We were at 6,000 feet, coming up on the Berens River about 150 miles north of Gimli when we spotted what appeared to be an aircraft coming towards us at quite a distance," Goulet recalled.

It was a bright, sunny afternoon in May 1975 and Goulet, then 50, had been a professional pilot for 25 years.

"It was about 10 degrees off to our left. We were both watching it, trying to determine just what it was.

"Then we noticed that it wasn't flying straight and level. It was flying at an angle of about a 45-degree bank, slanted down toward our right.

"We yelled at Rogoza. He was well back in the aircraft and he took his time coming up front. Then as we watched this thing, it just went directly in the other direction . . . but it didn't turn around!

"Without changing its angle or bank or anything else, it just went off in the distance directly away from us. And as it did, a puff of smoke appeared, an odd shape like a small cloud. And it disappeared in that!"

As the three pilots puzzled over this, something else caught their attention.

"Another one appeared over toward our right, approximately 20 miles away," said Goulet. "But all we got of that was a dot and a puff of smoke and it disappeared. It was so similar to the other one, almost identical.

"Then the one we were previously looking at re-appeared. It came back toward us, again at a 45-degree angle.

"Then it did exactly the same thing. It reversed without turning around and it disappeared! We lost sight of it and we never saw it again.

"Unfortunately, it didn't get close enough that we could positively identify it. We couldn't get a real good look at it to see if it had windows, but it was a flat, cylindrical shape.

"We couldn't distinguish the color. All we could see was the form at that distance.

"I've got 17,000 hours in the air and I've flown all types of aircraft, including Boeing 737s, and all types of small aircraft. And there's nothing I can imagine that could perform like that.

"There's just no way that anything I know of could come directly towards us and not turn around to retreat.

"We'd just heard of some UFO sightings in the Sioux Lookout and Thunder Bay area of Ontario the previous day. It's a few hundred miles east of where we saw these things.

"I thought to myself that in view of all the rumors I'd heard that I could actually say that I felt I had seen something that I couldn't describe, that I could possibly say was a UFO.

"I've never gone out of my way to deliberately look for them but we've had reports from some airline pilots who've seen them.

"I felt at that point that that was an actual sighting, something that I couldn't explain in any other way than that it could have been a UFO."

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Three veteran airline pilots flying a cargo plane see a strange craft approach--and then go back away from them without ever turning around!

Two school principals driving home late one night are startled to see a huge object swoop down and hover over the car for several miles, lighting up the countryside!

A mechanic watching friends take off in a plane is awestruck as a small "cloud" zooms up to the edge of the airfield and reveals itself as a flying saucer with a purple halo around it!

These and many other bizarre stories are being reported in Manitoba, Canada--which could well be the UFO capital of the world.

Manitoba is the Canadian province that lies directly north of North Dakota and Minnesota. No one knows how many of its ^{ONE} million residents have seen UFOs, but hundreds and perhaps thousands of sightings have been made since early 1975.

Experts consider an area to be "UFO hot" if unidentified flying objects are seen for as long as three or four weeks--but in Manitoba they have been spotted almost daily for at least 17 months now!

"We've received at least 300 reports at the planetarium in that time," said Ed Barker, an artist and UFO researcher who investigates UFO reports for the Winnipeg Planetarium.

"And we estimate that for every one reported there are four or five that go unreported because people don't want to be laughed at," Barker told The ENQUIRER.

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Chris Rutkowski, 20, a UFO researcher who is a science student at the University of Manitoba, cites similar figures.

"We've had several hundred reports since early 1975," said Rutkowski, referring to members of UFORUM, a loose organization of UFO researchers who meet from time to time at the University of Manitoba's science library.

"Reports have been made almost steadily since early 1975 and they're still continuing," Rutkowski told The ENQUIRER. "I just received a report of a strange sighting in the Northwest Territories due north of Manitoba from a man who has a master's degree in astronomy."

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Rutkowski and Grant Cameron, 22, a political science student at the university, are considered the two most active UFO researchers in the province at this time (according to the science librarian at the university, who wishes not to be named.).

"There have probably been 2,000 sightings since this all began early last year," Cameron told The ENQUIRER.

"You can go into almost any community in Manitoba and find someone who has seen UFOs--and many people have actually made a dozen or more sightings.

"Although there were one or two sightings earlier, the first report in the current 'flap' was made on April 10, 1975, by Bob Diemert, a pilot who rebuilds vintage planes at Carman. He's familiar with all kinds of aircraft and he saw a red object moving in the sky that was like nothing he'd ever seen before.

"That was the beginning. Sightings were fairly heavy during the rest of April and during May, July, October, November and December and on into January of this year. They came almost nightly in March and were very heavy in July and into August. And there were scattered sightings during the other months."

All UFO researchers agree that the vast majority of the sightings were of strange lights doing strange things in the night skies. In fact, one red object was seen so often that residents began referring to it as "Charlie Red Star" and--eventually, just as "Charlie."

But a number of objects were also seen in the daytime or up fairly close at night. For example:

Bullet — One day last May, Captain Lorne Goulet and First Officer John Wilson of Ontario Central Airways were flying a DC3 cargo plane south out of Churchill bound for Gimli, 60 miles north of Winnipeg. Riding as a passenger was another OCA captain, Jim Rogoza.

"We were at 6,000 feet, coming up on Berens River about 150 miles north of Gimli when we spotted what appeared to be an aircraft coming toward us," Goulet, 51, a pilot for 26 years, told The ENQUIRER.

"It drew closer and closer and we were trying to determine what it was--and then we noticed it wasn't flying straight and level. It was flying at an angle of about 45 degrees, slanting down to our right, but it was still coming straight toward us!

"It was flat and cylindrical but it didn't come close enough that we could see whether it had windows. Then--without changing its angle of bank or anything--it just went off into the distance ~~away from~~ directly away from us and a puff of smoke appeared.

"Then over to our right about 20 miles another one appeared. All we got of that was just a dot, ~~a~~ and a puff of smoke and then it disappeared.

"Then the first one re-appeared and came back toward us again. It did the same thing--and then it went back away from us without turning around and disappeared.

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"I've got over 17,000 hours in the air and I've flown all types of aircraft including Boeing 737 jetliners and there's nothing that I can^N imagine that could perform like that. There's just^{no} way that anything I know of could come directly toward us and not turn around to ~~back~~ retreat."

Gullet — Two elementary school principals, Mrs. Marnie Herb of Sanford and Mrs. Phyllis Johnson of Starbuck, were driving home from a banquet about 11:30 p.m. last February 20.

"About 3 miles west of Domain on Route 334 I saw a bright light just above the bush (trees) off to our right," Mrs. Herb told The ENQUIRER. "You could see the shadow of every tree in the bush.

"Then we crossed a river and the light came right down the river and it was just like the sun had come out. It was just as bright as the brightest day in summer.

"It came down right over us and followed us for about 2 miles. It was right over the top of us as we were driving along and you could see the shadow of the hydroelectric poles.

"I was going to turn into a farm home but when I got to the lane it just lifted up and shot straight off to the southwest^S toward a microwave tower at Brunkild. Then it came right back and sat right above us."

By this time the two women were⁹ approaching a stop sign at Route 3, a major highway.

"I¹ told Mrs. Johnson I wasn't going to stop¹¹ ~~for the stop sign~~," said Mrs. Herb. "There was no traffic and I came across the highway. When we got about two telephone poles beyond the highway, the object just put its lights out and went off toward Winnipeg.

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"I wasn't really frightened," she said. "The one thing I was afraid of was the car stopping, the engine stalling. I felt that if the car didn't stop I was in control of the situation, but if the car stopped I wasn't."

Mrs. Johnson, who was sitting in the passenger seat, said she could see the object above the car.

"I could see four lights, like one in each corner of a large square, and a little one in the middle," Mrs. Johnson told The ENQUIRER. "I couldn't tell if there was any shape to it other than these lights."

"My eyes hurt for several weeks afterward."

Bullet • Shortly after 9 p.m. last July 23, farm mechanic Ed Heesaker, 49, watched Bob and Elaine Diemert, ^{and two other people} take off in a private plane ~~with another couple~~ from Diemert's small airport at Carman.

"As he was going down the runway I noticed this gray cloud above him," Heesaker told The ENQUIRER. "It was a long ways away and kind of egg shaped. The sky was clear and the sun was just going down."

"Just as soon as Bob took off and banked to the east, there was a gray streak in the air and suddenly I'm looking at a saucer sitting right above a sunflower field at the end of the runway."

"It couldn't have been more than 400 to 500 feet away and maybe a couple of hundred feet in the air. It just hung there perfectly stationary and you could actually see it spinning."

"There was a ~~very~~ light purplish halo around it and the saucer itself was completely the same color as the sky itself except for three dark streaks across it."

"It was a good 80 feet across and what surprised me was the depth of this thing. Of all the pictures I've seen of these things, they're called saucers and they're always shallow. But I couldn't get over the depth of this thing. It had to be at least 60 feet deep from the top
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to the bubble on the bottom. The top was a shallow dome.

"It was the prettiest thing you ever saw with the sun shining on the halo effect. It hung there for about 10 seconds and then just began to fade out. It went back into that same cloud formation.

"It went away from me for about a mile or so and suddenly it shot up in an arc into the sky and disappeared, leaving some black stuff, like tendrils of smoke, hanging in the air for a few seconds."

bullet On the night of April 23, Mr. and Mrs. Peter ~~Zazulinski~~ Zazulinski and their 4-year-old daughter were driving home to Gimli after an evening of ~~shopping~~ shopping in Winnipeg.

"We were coming north on Route 8 and north of Clandeboye I spotted a blinking red light off to the left a quarter of a mile or so," said Zazulinski, 27, a distillery worker.

"I thought it was an airplane--but after a ^Ucouple of miles I realized we were passing it! I was going about 60 miles an hour."

He kept pace with it and followed it for about 25 miles, going a little beyond Gimli, where the object ^Cturned and went back south and then turned west. Zazulinski followed and saw it stop 4 miles west of Gimli over a farm owned by Joe Malinowski, a fellow distillery worker.

"That's where I really saw it close," Zazulinski told The ENQUIRER. "I pulled into Joe's yard. It was so close, 50 yards away maybe. You could have hit it with a rock.

"It was just hovering there, a little better than antenna height. It was shaped like a saucer and had four or five ~~was~~ rectangular windows on the upper side. It was pretty big, maybe 30 feet in diameter and 12 to 15 ~~feet~~ feet high. Everything was blinking, the lights in the windows getting brighter and duller. It was silent. No noise at all.

"I went up to Joe's door and was knocking on it and as I did the thing started moving off toward Gimli. It went east and then descended

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beyond the trees like a helicopter. By the time Joe came out, the lights had gone."

bullet — ① An enormous glowing disc was seen just at dusk one day toward the end of the second week in June by Scotty Sisson, 55, a farm equipment dealer and farmer at Elm Creek.

"I was planting buckwheat in a field a mile south of town when I looked up and saw ^a ~~the~~ large ^{bright} ~~glowing~~ disc go down beyond the bush (trees)," Sisson told The ENQUIRER.

"It looked quite close and quite large," he added, drawing a ^b sketch of a round object 2½ inches across. "It looked that large in the distance," he said.

"I figured it was only 3 to 4 miles away and if I hadn't looked up at that very moment I never would have seen it. It was a very bright orange except for a golden color in the upper left part. It was just an unbelievable thing."

bullet — ② Around midnight one night late in May 1975, farmer Jim Shirtliffe, 36, was seeding a field on his farm 4 miles southeast of Elie.

"An enormous light suddenly appeared near a microwave tower about a mile west of the field," Shirtliffe told The ENQUIRER. He said his father, Hector, and a farm hand, Harry Wipf, were working with him.

"We were seeding, going around the field, and one time there's nothing and the next time we turn the corner there's the light.

"It sat there for about 5 minutes and then all of a sudden four small white lights appeared to come out of the big bright light. Two of them moved up high above the big light and just sat there like two guards.

"The other two little lights moved around a bit and then one flew east toward Winnipeg and the other west toward Portage la Prairie, like scouts or explorers.

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"And they didn't go straight through the air. They sort of went in an up-and-down wave-like motion. They were gone only 2 or 3 minutes--we could see them all the way--before they returned."

After the two "scouts" returned, the big object and the four small ones gathered together and disappeared off toward the northwest, he said.

"We saw them do this three nights in a row," said Shirtliffe. He said the objects were also seen by his mother and his two younger ~~brothers~~ brothers, Ladimir, a loan administration officer for the Farm Credit Corp. and Verne, a geology student at the University of Manitoba, ~~and~~ both of whom had come out for the weekend to help with the seeding.

(Handwritten: Middle) • Because of the short growing season in Manitoba, farmers and farm helpers work around the clock, working in shifts. Thus, Ronald Middleton, ~~21-year-old~~ a husy 21-year-old, was cultivating a field on his father's farm 5 miles north and 6½ miles west of Carman at 4 a.m. last October 31 when he saw a strange light

"It was a bright orange light in the sky to the east and it kept getting bigger and bigger and bigger," Middleton told The NEQUIZER.

"Finally it came right up within 500 to 1,000 feet from me, just sitting over the bush. It turned ~~the~~ the trees all orange

~~Myself,~~ "I had the feeling I was being observed. I was pretty scared. I tried to light a cigarette but my hands shook so bad I couldn't hold it. I figured it was time to go home."

He said he turned his tractor around and headed for the house, about a quarter of a mile away.

"I swear, that thing looked like it followed me for a little ways," said Middleton. "And then it just vanished as fast as it came, going back to the east."

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● About 8:30 one morning last fall near the small community of Kenton, 40 miles northwest of Brandon, a mother driving a school van with six children in it was startled to see an enormous glowing object ~~near a grain elevator~~ apparently pacing the van.

"It was off to our left a ways and was a fiery, fiery red," said the woman, who declined to give her name. "It was shaped like an ice cream sundae and we could see it rotating.

"It wasn't very high because it was partially shielded by the tops of the trees. It was enormous. It looked to me to be as high as a grain elevator."

Manitoba ~~area~~ has very fertile farmland and virtually every community has two or more grain elevators that are anywhere from 80 to 120 feet tall.

"This thing kept just a wee bit ahead of us," she said. "I stopped the car twice and each time I stopped, that darned thing stopped and backed up. I wasn't frightened but I got a funny feeling when that thing stopped.

"We met a car once and I tried to stop it but it wouldn't stop. We turned off Kenton Road to go west and the thing just vanished. We don't know where it went.

"All the kids were very excited and couldn't wait to get to school, but I had two little girls aboard who were really terrified by this thing."

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"This has been going on for at least 17 months now, although we hear occasional stories about earlier sightings throughout Manitoba," Rutkowski said (on Sept. 2, 1976).

No one has any idea why Manitoba attracts UFOs, he continued.

"That's a real puzzle, because Manitoba really doesn't have that much to offer," said Rutkowski. "It would be interesting if these things were sighted around the Pinawa nuclear plant ^anortheast of Winnipeg, but they're not reported there.

"Manitoba has very little ~~in~~ the way of minerals and mostly it's just flat, rich farmland. Actually, there aren't very many trees until you get out away from ~~the~~ Winnipeg.

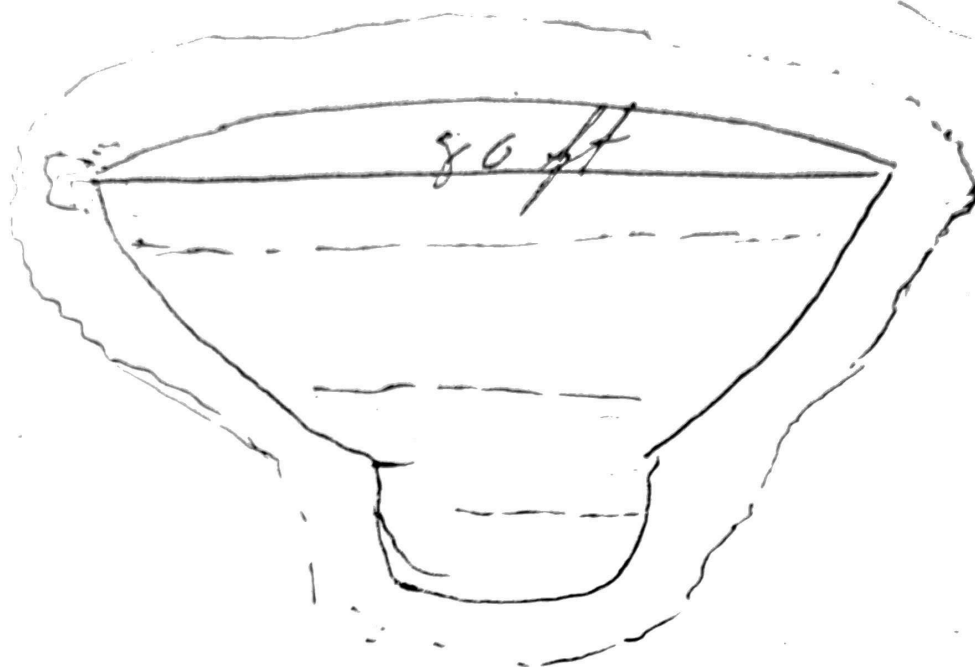
"There are no military bases around here other than an air training base at Portage la Prairie and the Shilo artillery ^{range} ~~range~~ about 75 miles west of Carman.

"The Americans have a laser tracking system for antiballistic missile defense at Walhalla, N.D., just across the border, and a missile base at Minot, N.D., and a NORAD base at Grand Forks, N.D. It is ~~a~~ interesting that a lot of UFOs are reported seen coming from the south or heading back into the south--but, then, a roughly equal amount head off into the north, so they could come from anywhere.

"We've also looked into the possibilities that the microwave towers or hydroelectric transmission lines attract UFOs, but there's been no substantial evidence to indicate anything one way or the other.

"It's a mystery."

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THE WORLD OF UFOS

By Bob Pratt

Eerie Glow Leaves Marks in Ground

Abe and Betty Hildebrand were awakened from a deep sleep by the furious barking of their two dogs, Tommy and Fuzzy.

The Hildebrands and their two young daughters had moved into the 70-year-old stone house just three weeks earlier. It is on a farm 6½ miles south of Morden, Manitoba, not far from the North Dakota border. The date was May 2, 1975.

"It was 4:15 a.m. and the dogs woke us up with their barking, which usually means the horses are out or something," said Hildebrand, then 32. Just the year before he had given up teaching high school math after 10 years to sell real estate.

"We looked out our windows and we immediately noticed there was a light in the corner of the driveway out there."

Their bedroom is on the second floor of the house, which sits on a hill. The driveway runs about 100 yards down from the house, bends around a big oak tree and goes on out to the road.

"It wasn't a bright light," said Hildebrand. "It was more like a fluorescent glow with no focus on it or anything.

"It was about twice the size of a car, maybe 15 or 20 feet long and 10 or 12 feet high. I didn't notice any edges to it, so it's hard to say exactly what shape it was."

The object was perhaps 50 yards from the house. The oak tree was between them and the object, but there were no leaves on the tree yet and they could see the glowing light very clearly.

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"Betty and I sat at the windows watching it. It was a clear night but there was no moon. It was windy. I know because I went downstairs and stuck my head out the door to see if I could hear anything.

"I wasn't really tempted to go outside. The dogs wouldn't go down there. They stayed right by the house barking. I figured if they weren't going down there I wasn't either.

"I don't know if I heard anything. When I stuck my head out for a minute I thought I heard what sounded like a neighbor's tractor. But it was too windy to tell."

It would not be unusual for a tractor to be working at that time of night. With Canada's short growing season, farmers work around the clock.

"We watched for about 45 minutes and it started getting light in the east, and in a very short time the glow just faded and was gone," said Hildebrand.

"There was no movement that we could see. It didn't take off or anything. It just faded and was gone."

Later that morning, in the daylight, Hildebrand found something interesting.

"I went out there to see if there was any evidence and I found four round holes in the ground maybe two inches in diameter and three inches deep. They were in the sod on the far side of the driveway.

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"The holes were not symmetrical. Two of them were 29 inches apart and the other two were closer, about 22 inches. The two sets of holes were maybe four feet apart."

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UFO Covers 'the Whole Horizon'

Hartley Weston steadied the single-engine Beaver with one hand as he reached over for the microphone with the other to call his dispatcher. The veteran bush pilot had flown supplies to a mineral exploration camp 180 miles to the north and was returning to his base at Pickle Lake in Ontario, Canada.

"It had been a routine flight until then, but suddenly off my left wing I saw a very bright flash," said Weston, a big man with a shock of dark, wavy hair.

It was early afternoon in March 1971. Weston, then 36 and with 10,500 hours of flying time behind him, thought it was just another plane.

"But as I watched, this bright flash got increasingly bigger and bigger and then grew to some unbelievable proportions. I just watched as it came up to me and seemed to cover the whole horizon.

"I was paralyzed with fright. I didn't know what it was. I didn't know what to do. It was coming at me and I thought it was going to ram me.

"There was no way I could get out of its way. But then it seemed to just stop in the air in front of me. I was stunned.

"It appeared to just sit there in front of me, yet I didn't come any closer to it. That was the oddest part about it. It was just like everything stopped.

"It was unbelievably huge, like a silver-colored rocket with short reddish-gray flames coming out the back and followed by a contrail.

"There were no windows, no openings, nothing. It was perfectly smooth in appearance. The contrail was very short, maybe 300 feet."

The object gave off a flash of blue light, off and on, like someone switching a light off and on. It hurt Weston's eyes.

"I swear I hung there, too. I didn't realize it at the time but I don't think I was moving. It was such a queer sensation.

"I had time to study the thing. I'm a licensed engineer and I looked for details, anything, but there was nothing. This contrail was full of little sparkles. I found out afterwards this is called ionization. The air was being ionized."

Weston doesn't know how long he watched this thing.

"I was so stunned by it all. And all of a sudden it started to go again, off to my right, and it disappeared the same way it came, just a sudden flash and it was gone.

"It seemed to travel just so far and in a very sharp flash it was gone. It was like stopping a motion picture and starting up again. It was gone just as fast as it came, out of nowhere and it went nowhere. It was like it had gone into another dimension."

Then Weston discovered his plane was going down.

"A Beaver floats like a glider and it suddenly dawned on me that the engine wasn't running and I was down to about 1,000 feet. I started looking for a place to land.

"I had started turning towards a lake when the engine started again with a terrible roar. That was the most frightening part. I'd psyched myself up to land with a dead engine and when it started again it gave me a bad start. I just about came out of the seat.

"This whole thing left a deep impression on me. For a year after I felt very uncomfortable flying.

"It makes you feel rather humble and insignificant. You're sitting there in your iron bird and this thing comes along and takes a peek at you. You know you've been had. There's nothing you can do about it.

"You feel like you're being looked over. I felt very frightened because I was helpless and couldn't do anything about it."

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