

later no aircraft were flying over Lourenco Marques at the time.

"On Wednesday last week a similar object was seen flying in the same area."

Credit: Philipp J. Human

## NICARAGUA

### Military confirm UFO

The introduction: "It was neither a plane, because it made no sound, nor an artificial satellite, because these make no sharp turns, said witnesses," preceded an article in *El Universal* of Caracas, Venezuela, on August 14, 1973. The account was datelined Managua, August 12 (AP),—

"Air Force and Army authorities confirmed yesterday night that a UFO was seen in different places in the country.

"Mateo Gonzales, radio operator in this city, said the object was 'three times larger than the full Moon' and one with an intense light.

"Colonel Orlando Gutierrez, National Guard Commander in Granada, a town 45 kms. S.W. from Managua, declared he saw the object around 19.00 hrs. 'I have seen it with an aircraft shape, but shining with green and red lights that illuminated a good part of the city.'

"The local Control Tower recorded the appearance of the object at 19.30 hrs. The man on duty said he didn't have any information on aeroplanes flying in the area. 'It was not a plane that I saw' said Gonzalez. 'I am accustomed to seeing them, and whatever it was that crossed the sky of Managua tonight, it was not an aircraft.'

"Neighbours of Mazaya village, located between Managua and Granada, 30 kms. from Managua, also said they sighted the object. 'It was bound for the Pacific Ocean,' said a local resident.

"Col. Gutierrez said he was travelling with his daughters in a car when it was illuminated by the UFO. 'I have the impression that we were watched,' he commented during a telephone interview. 'And I am not imagining things. My daughters and many other persons also saw it.'

"Other witnesses from the three towns confirm that the object flew silently at a height of nearly 300 metres. 'Its speed was low,' said the colonel. The Control Tower radio operator insisted: 'It was not a plane because it made no sound, neither was it an artificial satellite because these do not make sharp turns; they have a fixed trajectory, but this thing veered to the West and was lost over the horizon in the direction of the Pacific Ocean, diminishing in size.'"

Credit: Dr. H.C. Clerc of Caracas, Venezuela, to whom we are indebted for the translation. Dr. Clerc added a

note: 'From the timing it seems that the sighting lasted about 30 minutes.'

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### Three-legged, pink-eyed monster

*The News American* (Baltimore, Maryland) of May 7, 1973, published the following extraordinary report, — "Henry McDaniel said he's seen it twice: a grey, hairy, three-legged monster standing tall like a human being with pink reflecting eyes bulging from a huge head.

"The second time was Sunday morning, after his original report on the monster had brought newsmen, police, anthropologists, experts on unidentified flying objects and the just plain curious to the Wabash River Valley to investigate.

"McDaniel, a disabled war veteran, said they found footprints covering the woodland areas around his home. The tracks were three to five inches across with six toes and little hoof marks, he said.

"Ed Phillips, a pet shop owner from Kokomo, Ind., came out to look around and verified McDaniel's description of the tracks.

"'It couldn't be a hoax,' Phillips said. The tracks were hidden under dense bush as well as in the open, he said. Plaster casts were made.

"McDaniel said the first time he saw the monster was about 9.30 p.m. on the night of April 25. His family heard a scratching noise at the back door and he went to investigate.

"'When I first saw it, I thought it was an animal. I went back (inside the house) and got a gun and a flashlight,' he said. 'It was right about three feet from me. I wasn't scared.

"'Then I saw those pink eyes shine at me like a reflector on a car. It had pink eyes, a large head and was a kind of dirtyish grey colour...hairy... about four or five feet tall. Standing right in front of the door on three legs just like a human being.'

"McDaniel said he shot at the monster four times.

"'I knew I hit it once,' he said. The monster, he said, hissed, leaped 75 feet in three jumps and disappeared down the railroad tracks near his home.

"Sunday morning, about 3.00 a.m. CDT, the barking of his dogs awakened McDaniel and he opened his door and looked out. He said he saw the same three-legged monster on the railroad tracks 75 feet away.

"'I wasn't scared,' he said. 'I'd like to have it as a pet and charge admission. It's something that's there and we've got to accept it.'"

Credit: Donald B. Ratsch, Baltimore.

## Georgia Flap

From *The Macon News*, August 31, 1973 we learn that, —

"An unidentified flying object was spotted by two Macon bluecoat officers early this morning, at the same time that sightings were being reported across Central and South Georgia.

"At 2.25 a.m., Cordele police notified Macon police that a UFO was headed in this direction.

"At 2.28 a.m., Officers R.M. Barreth and H.E. Hathaway made this sighting [report]: "We have one of the UFOs spotted. We are at Clisby (Place) in front of Central High School and it is headed in an easterly direction ... it has about six green and red lights around it and it is shaped like a diamond with a tail.'

"Police Chief J.F. Flynt described his men as very reliable and pointed out that other police officers in other areas of the state saw the same thing.

"Robins Air Force Base received calls about the sightings, but officials there had little to report this morning. Orion Hudson of the base information office said the Air Force does not investigate UFO sightings extensively as they once did.

"'We got a lot of reports. There is one unconfirmed report that at least one of our security policemen here saw a light object,' Hudson said.

"However, there was no report of radar contact. Hudson said no planes were sent up from Robins.

"The objects—blinking in various colours, but moving silently—were spotted in Albany, Dawson, Cordele, Leary, Pelham, Ashburn, Vienna, Moultrie, Leesburg and Waycross.

"The sightings started about midnight and continued until after 6 a.m. today. Leesburg police officer Albert Smith described one of the objects he was watching at 5:15: 'The object is round, with orange, red, green and blue lights. It is not moving now.'

"Albany and Dawson police reported five of the flying objects with three of them about five miles ahead of the two others. Susan Shingler, an Albany Herald reporter, said she watched the objects with officers. 'We had three in sight,' she said. 'Then two came flying across the sky. There were five in all and some were larger than the others.'

"Robert Welch, a Camilla police dispatcher, described an object that hung over his city for three and a half hours and was observed by at least seven people. He said it looked like a white light with blinking green and red lights."

Credit: Dr. James N. Hershey, of Vacaville, California.

### More reports from 'Dixie'

In the *San Francisco Chronicle* of September 10, 1973—

"Authorities checked out more reported sightings of unidentified flying objects in the southeast yesterday, but quickly dispelled a fear that something from another world had fallen in a Georgia field.

"The Georgia State Patrol said a glowing green cylinder found near Manchester Saturday night, shortly after several persons said they saw UFOs buzzing the area, turned out to be only a commonly used automobile trouble flare.

"But reports continued to pour in, from police and civilians. Two military policemen said something dived at their car near Hunter Army Air Base south of Savannah and forced them off the road. A state Patrol trooper based in Manchester said a UFO whisked past his car, going so fast there was 'no way' he could get a close look.

"Police in five east central Alabama cities reported sightings early yesterday."

Credit: Mrs. Emmy Suss and other readers to whom many thanks.

### Griffin UFO drops golden egg!

Another report in the *San Francisco Chronicle* (issue of September 11, 1973), datelined Griffin, Georgia, tells how—

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

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

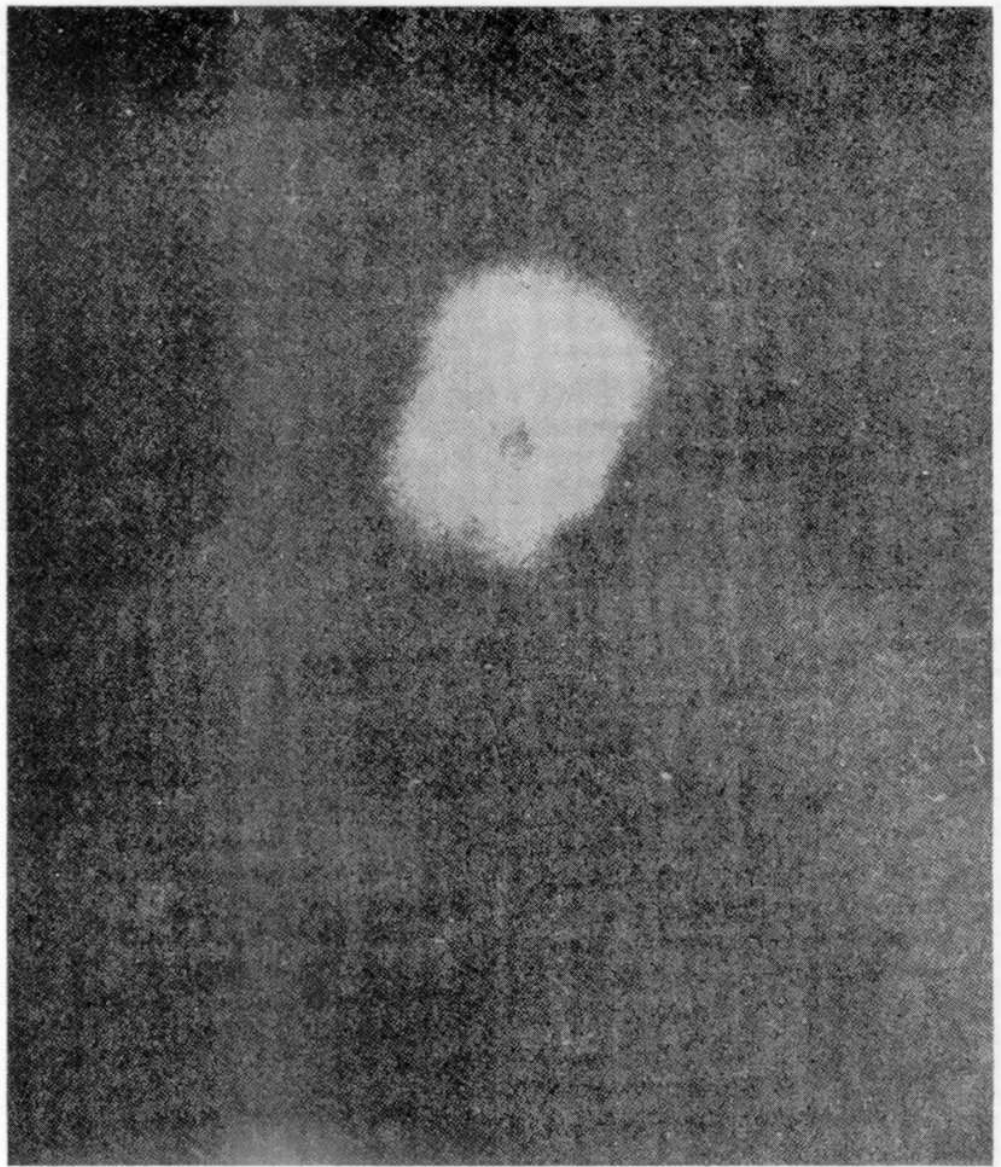
"Clanton said he was in Orchard Hill, about five miles south of here, late yesterday afternoon when he looked up and saw a golden object about the size of a hen egg spinning to the earth.

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

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

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

"For nearly two weeks reports of UFOs have been rampant in central and southern Georgia, Alabama



Chester A. Tatum, publisher of the *Sowega Free Press* in Camilla, said he photographed one of the "blinking" UFOs seen on September 2. It had a ribbed design and "some sort of centre down the middle."

Tennessee, and Florida. Most of the reports tell of strange, hovering objects with brightly coloured lights.

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

Credit: Mrs. Emmy Suss

### WALES

#### Did firemen see a flying saucer?

The above question formed a front page headline in the Radnor and Brecon newspaper *The County Times and Gazette* of Saturday, September 22, 1973. The report ran:

"Firemen at Llandrindod Wells are still trying to work out whether or not they spotted a flying saucer above the town's lakeside on Monday night. Whatever they saw streaking across the late evening sky just before dusk, one

thing is for sure, it has been officially logged as an unidentified flying object.

"The bright light was seen by a group of firemen taking part in an exercise with a hydraulic platform. They spotted the light when it was directly above them, and watched it for 50 seconds before it disappeared in a northerly direction.

"'There was no defined shape, with light and no sound, and it was certainly going too fast for an aeroplane,' said one officer.

"'Could it have been a satellite?'

"'I doubt it, because according to the information, none was visible at that time of night in this part of the world,' said the officer.

"Just to make sure the incident would be recorded, the firemen told the police, who dutifully 'booked' it."

Credit to K.J. Knell of Knighton, Radnorshire.



# MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Sauve qui peut?

Dear Sir,— Oh la la! (as we say in Gallic). What a tragic error for a cunning English!

*Napoleon... "An Italian"!*

As for me myself, I don't care. And, having been, in 1943, in *Le Maquis* (French Resistance), one of the *Founders* of the Free Republic of Saint Vincent-les-Forts (231 citizens), I am not interested in any contentions or differences between Corsica and Italy.

*But... to say that Corsicans are Italians!* Then I must solemnly urge Gordon Creighton to take out insurance policies at once upon his life, against fire, and against explosions! There are assuredly Corsicans in London (there are some of them everywhere). We can only pray to the Almighty that they don't read FSR.

If they do... well, he must just trust in the Mercy of God and draw up his last will and testament.

As for Corsica, be it known to you here and now that it is *Corsica*, i.e. the only country in Europe that has succeeded in colonizing another European country (namely *France*.)

As for me, being attached to my own life, I proclaim that I love the Corsicans; that I respect them; and, above all, I proclaim that they are not Italians! (This is a bit embarrassing for me, because I respect the Italians too! But, anyway, that's how it is.)

Aimé Michel  
Saint Vincent-les-Forts,  
Basses Alpes,  
France.

Gordon Creighton comments: It so happens that the end of September was the date for the regular renewal of my insurance policies on life and property, and my farsighted mind, sweeping ahead, had already taken these considerations into view. However I am deeply grateful to Aimé Michel for his solicitude and his timely warning.

In addition to these steps, I have primed all members of my household to be on the alert to repulse boarders, return missiles from ballistae and other rocket-launching devices, quench attacks of Greek Fire, intercept (and return) "smart bombs", etc., etc., We have also brought our domestic complement of dogs up to two.

Moreover, as this is the season of the year when Britain is traditionally

invaded by hordes of cycling Bretons from France, purveying most tasty onions, I have arranged for a *Welsh-speaking* member of my household to be on permanent duty to interrogate all cyclists wearing berets and striped sailor's jerseys and carrying strings of onions on their bicycles. Should any of these fail to reply satisfactorily when questioned in Welsh, or reveal thick Corsican accents, we shall know they are pseudo-Bretons and shall be forewarned. Should any of them penetrate our defences, then as Tartarin de Tarascon (a celebrated compatriot of Aimé Michel) observed on a famous occasion: "Quelle Marmelade!"

from Dr. Pierre Guérin

Dear Sir,—I read with astonishment your editorial "Champion of Progress", in FSR Vol. 19 No.4. According to this editorial, it is I alone, just I, who have managed to bring about a ufological revolution among the scientists in France and to reverse the thinking of most of them in favour of the reality of the UFOs. Alas, the truth of the matter is a lot less wonderful than that!

To begin with, I must state that I am not the only French scientist who has taken serious action with a view to getting the dignity and importance of the UFO Problem recognized. In particular, I think of certain astronomical colleagues at the Meudon Observatory and at the Pic du Midi Observatory, among them Dr. Ribes, a radioastronomer; Dr. René Boyer, a physicist specializing in the study of the Sun; and Monsieur Charles Boyer, a specialist on the Planets, none of whom ever misses the opportunity to "spread the word" insidiously in their own scientific circles. And I am thinking too, and most particularly, of Dr. Claude Poher, a young physicist and engineer who holds, in the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (France's NASA) the high position of Director of Scientific Programmes. A sceptic to begin with, Dr. Poher embarked, two years ago, on a statistical study of all the observed characteristic features of UFOs, with the intention (as he recently disclosed to me), of proving their non-existence. But, on the contrary, this work furnished him with the proof that the UFOs are indeed real, and from that date onwards Poher's efforts have been directed in the same direction as those of all

Ufologists. He circulated his findings among a certain number of his colleagues, including those both favourable and unfavourable to Ufology, and he took part in on-the-spot investigations of UFO cases. Of these investigations, one of the most important has been an enquiry in the Hautes Alpes Département of France, which has resulted in staggering confirmation of certain of the statements made by the alleged Extraterrestrials who are the operators behind the Spanish UMMO sect. Thus, in the space of two years, Poher covered the whole road that it has taken the veteran Ufologists twenty years to travel! As of the present moment, I consider my friend Claude Poher to be a champion indeed of progress in Ufology, and I hope that his influence in the scientific circles that are close to him will continue to grow.

But, having said this much, what in fact has been the influence that, up to now, the Pohers and the Guérins have been able to exercise in French scientific circles? The answer, most unfortunately, is as follows: once the initial moment of curiosity and interest as regards the UFO Problem had passed — curiosity and interest aroused by such factors as my article in *Science et Avenir*, Poher's work, etc., etc., — the majority of the French astronomers have fallen back again if not into their original hostility, at any rate into a tolerant scepticism, or indeed even into an attitude of total alienation. The only progress that has been achieved is that the Ufologist-scientist is no longer put to death by burning on the public square. *They find it smarter now to pity him in private and to ignore him officially...*

The deepseated reason for this state of affairs lies in the fact that the flying saucer runs counter too much — by virtue of its irrational and parapsychological aspects, contrary as these are to the Laws of Nature as these latter are known to the physicists for whom they constitute the very foundation of their common scientific philosophy — it runs, I say, too much counter and contrary to all this for the existence of the flying saucer to be even admissible to those who profess to embrace that scientific philosophy, that is to say, to the immense majority of scientists who, consciously or unconsciously, are "rationalists" in the modern (and distorted) sense in which this term is used.