

# **THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE**

## **UFOS: A HISTORY**

1957 November 6<sup>th</sup>

## **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES**

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“UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse.”

--- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

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6 November. Santa Fe, New Mexico. (Shortly after midnight/1:00 a.m.)

Shaken Santa Feans. (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1957 November 3<sup>rd</sup> – November 5<sup>th</sup>*, page 1) The following account provides more detail than the one in the monograph:

“Four shaken Santa Fe residents told today of seeing a strange ‘blob of light’ zooming over the city early this morning.

“The weird object, described as apparently egg-shaped and apparently huge, was reported shortly after midnight by Joe Martinez, operator of Yellow Cab Company, and Albert Gallegos, an employee, and again about 1 a.m. by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mares, 319 Reed St.

“Mares told officers that he and his wife were driving down Cerrillos Road toward their home when they saw a ‘huge blob of light’ apparently hovering 60 to 70 feet off the ground some six blocks northwest of state capital buildings.

“They said the object later began moving southeastward, at immense speed, leaving a trail of blue and yellow sparks and a stream of light that could have been a vapor trail. When it moved, they said, it ‘looked like a ball of fire.’

“Martinez, of 1224 Cerro Gordo, said he and Gallegos were driving toward his home ‘when this thing came out of the north right at us.’

“‘We were driving very slow at the time. The motor stopped but I may have killed it myself. I know it was right after midnight because the clock in the car stopped too and so did my wristwatch,’ Martinez said.

“‘I can’t describe it. It was huge and so bright that it lit up the inside of the car. We thought it was going to hit the car.’

“‘It seemed to be moving very slowly—coming out of the north towards us. It wasn’t round—more of an egg shape—and very bright.

“‘When it got right over the car, we heard a distinct humming sound very plainly. Then it pulled up and shot away toward the southeast,’ Martinez said.

“‘Tell me one thing,’ he asked, ‘am I going crazy, seeing something like that?’ (xx.)

(xx.) Santa Fe, New Mexico. *The New Mexican*. 6 November 57.

6 November. Waycross, Georgia. (5:45 a.m.)

He saw the thing.

A Georgia paper published:

“A man reported while driving to work he observed a strange light shining through the trees. Then the witness reported...‘he saw the “thing,” which was half round and round on its surface...it seemed to have something in between like a disk and was shaped like two saucers.’ The object was going about 20 miles per hour and flew over a microwave tower. The sighting lasted for several seconds.” (xx.)

(xx.) Waycross, Georgia. *The Journal-Herald*. 7 November 57.

6 November. Between Macon and Atlanta, Georgia. (about 1:30 p.m.)

Strange coincidence.

Tucumcari, New Mexico, police officer Herman DeOliviera, directing traffic at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and U.S. Highway 66, 8:00 in morning of November 6<sup>th</sup>, was handed a 5 by 8 inch sheet of tablet paper by an east bound motorist. The driver of the car was a tourist accompanied by his wife. The couple, who did not give their names, had written a note concerning an encounter with a "strange object" on Highway 54 between the towns of Santa Rosa and Vaughn 6:15 that morning. (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1957 November 6<sup>th</sup>*, page 5)

One should pay attention to the part of the note that states they saw a red round ball: "...sitting on part of the highway, and after being viewed by these unknown tourists for 15 minutes the strange thing just disappeared."

With that in mind, we offer for your consideration the following November 6<sup>th</sup> report from the State of Georgia:

"...a truck dispatcher at an Atlanta terminal said three truck drivers coming into Atlanta from Macon each made an independent report of seeing a red, egg-shaped ball on the highway. Each man said he saw the object between 1 and 1:30 p.m. As the truck approached the object, each driver reported, the ball disappeared. They said it was 'about the size of the moon.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Atlanta, Georgia.  
The Atlanta Constitution.  
7 November 57.

6 November. General turmoil.

The 6<sup>th</sup> of November 1957 has to be one of biggest days in UFO history. We will touch on more of the various events that day not covered before.

Doubter Ed Fransico. (See clipping)

Amen brother.

Reporter Louise Hutchinson of the *Chicago Daily Tribune* asked people on the street about their reaction to the saucer sightings. Hutchinson approached a salesman who was more concerned about the income tax issue but did make this comment: "It's probably those long awaited men from Mars. Frankly, things can't be as bad on Mars as they are here.

## Scientist Urges Devoting Energy To Important Things

By JOE DEMIC

Preoccupation with flying saucers may waste energies needed for more important things—such as survival as a free nation, Ed Francisco, White Sands propulsion and range instrumentation specialist, said Tuesday night.

"I would like to have reports from more competent observers before speculating on sources of power for any unidentified flying objects," Francisco told The Times.

Francisco, a prominent member of the American Rocket Society, said that he did not believe the reported sightings were "flying saucers."

"I would not say they are really 'saucers' at all," Francisco commented. "I would say that I do believe an element of hallucination may be present."

The propulsion expert said that he could imagine several sources of power not in common use, but declined to speculate which, if any, might be put to such use.

He did say, however, that an intense magnetic field might exist, or that reports of intense ultra-violet radiation might be connected with a means of ionization.

Rocket scientists recently suggested in the national magazine, *Missiles and Rockets*, that ion power might be used in long-range space efforts.

Francisco pointed out that mental tension of many people might lead them to believe that they had seen things which actually did not exist.

Extensive experiments investigating ultra-violet radiation have

been carried on from White Sands. Dr. Packer, of the Naval Research Laboratory staff, recently found several sources of the high-energy radiation not detectable visually from the earth.

Most observers in the rocket field declined to speculate whether the unidentified objects may have come from other solar systems.

They pointed out, however, that astronomers generally do not believe that Mars or Venus are capable of sustaining type of life found on this earth, since atmospheric and temperature conditions are not favorable on either.

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I think they ought to stay where they are." (xx.)

(xx.) Chicago, Illinois. *Chicago Daily Tribune*. 6 November 57.

Dr. Frederick W. Brown, director of the U.S. Bureau of Standards Boulder [Colorado] laboratories, finally made a statement worthy of a scientist—get some good data and then open your mouth! (See clipping below)

## Boulder Scientist in the Dark Over Strange Aerial Object

"Without a report from a trained scientific observer, it would be very difficult to determine just what it was that has been seen in Texas."

Dr. Frederick W. Brown, director of the U.S. Bureau of Standards' Boulder laboratories, said Tuesday he had no idea what has been plaguing Texans during the past few weeks.

Dr. Brown ruled out the possibility that it might be a light refraction from Sputnik II. He said, "Some of the reports of persons viewing the strange object were made prior to the launching of the second Russian moon."

### STUDY SUGGESTED

"The best way to really tell what it is, is to get a group of scientists down there to study it. It would be hazardous for a scientist to make a guess without having scientific reports."

Tuesday more than 35 officials of the U.S. National Committee for IGY met at the Bureau of Standards. All are representatives of groups interested in using satellites for research on the atmosphere.

Main topic of discussion was the technical analysis of measurement data compiled by the Bureau of Standards and the Colorado University high altitude research laboratory.

### CONTINUE MEASUREMENTS

Asked about a suggestion that the Bureau of Standards might

discontinue their tracking of Sputnik II, Dr. Brown stated, "We will continue taking measurements just as long as the Russians oblige us

by sending satellites aloft."

"All information collected is important in improving the accuracy of original data," Dr. Brown said.

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James (Jim) Lee.

Unfortunately for Donald Keyhoe, the one NICAP investigator on the scene in Texas was a Mr. James Lee of Abilene. Lee was not the most objective UFO detective. Compounding the problem was the fact Lee headed his own UFO group, "The Interplanetary Space Patrol," a name which sounded like a TV show starring Captain Video. Lee was his own "boss" thus hard to rein

in. Statements on November 6<sup>th</sup> was more about "mass space ship" invasions then discussions of evidence, but while written documents by Lee may have to be treated with caution, it seems he and his fellow investigator Roger Bowen tape recorded interviews with Levelland witnesses, data of value if they are ever found in someone's attic today. (See clipping)

## 'MIRAGE? RIDICULOUS!'

# Did Abilenian's Talk Bring Levelland 'Saucer'?

By WARREN BURKETT  
Reporter-News Staff Writer

The "dateline" is Abilene, Texas, November 6, 1957.

Here is the statement:

"We are referring to the statement of Dr. Donald Menzel of Harvard College Observatory. His remarks to the effect that the Texas 'Bright Lights' are nothing more than a mirage is, to say the least, ridiculous and not based on known facts.

"The days of the skeptics are numbered and they had better find a good place to hide away, for even the entire population of our large cities will see these ships as they come in from outer space. They will soon come in large numbers for all to see, and the skeptics will not have a leg left to stand on.

"There is no need for alarm over the situation at this time."

This statement, given Wednesday morning to one of the nation's news wire services, is signed: "Jim Lee, Director, Interplanetary Space Patrol."

Jim Lee, director, Interplanetary Space Patrol is James L. Lee, 35, of 1834 Ballinger St. in Abilene. He is a 57-year-old businessman.



JAMES A. LEE  
... space patrol president

tall and grey-haired. He was born in the tiny community of Hodges, about 15 miles north of Abilene. He is married and has two sons.

He graduated as the 10th grade in high school. He is a member of the University of Texas at Abilene.

He has a large collection of board bookcases in existence, reaching almost to the wall on either side of his bed.

He builds amateur radio sets and helped a blind man build and operate his own radio set and provides him with recorded tapes from the books in Lee's library.

He speaks in a calm reasonable fashion about the doggondest things.

often." But, says Lee, where there are qualified observers such as newsmen, law enforcement officers or reports confirmed by ship or airplane radar, he believes.

Why did the lights appear Saturday and Sunday? Lee was scheduled to deliver his illustrated lecture on "unidentified flying objects" to the Terry County Amateur Radio Club at Brownfield, 20 miles south of Levelland. Why did the "space ships" appear at Levelland instead of Brownfield? Lee says the roads are more traveled around Levelland, and the "lights" would be seen by more people.

And Lee's free lecture in this tiny radio club shack at Brownfield was delivered at 2 p.m. the Sunday afternoon, complete with his forecast that more of the objects would be sighted. About 15 persons heard him, Lee says.

Lee has been called by more than a dozen radio stations scattered all across the United States since he returned from Levelland, equipped with tape-recorded statements from the people who saw the lights.

"I can tell you it takes guts to say these things," Lee declares. "I'm hubbing up against the big shots now."

He's contradicted statements from engineers and scientists including Dr. Donald H. Menzel, director of the Harvard College Observatory, a man big in Lee's own field of self-study for 20 years, astronomy. And that's about the same length of time he's been fascinated by the thoughts of space travel.

If Lee's contention that the mysterious lights are being used to

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He's currently in the news from Boston, Mass. to California because of the mysterious lights which were seen Saturday night and Sunday morning near Levelland, Tex. By 5 p.m. Sunday Lee, accompanied by blind Roger Bowen, 38, of Hodges, reached Levelland. There they interviewed all the persons who had seen the lights, felt their effects and speculated on what they saw. Lee is convinced these Levelland lights are a space ship from another planet. He notes that the glowing object was seen on four roads around Levelland. And being seen was the purpose of the visit from these interplanetary visitors, says Lee.

Lee says these aerial phenomena are often seen where Lee and others who believe like himself are scheduled to speak on 1. "unidentified flying objects," 2. visitors from outer space and 3. unknown beings who direct the operation of the "lights in the sky" with a plan and a purpose.

Why should these "beings" make the "lights" appear near where they are to be discussed? "It's a matter of conditioning the minds of the people," Lee says. "Remember," he declared, "I don't buy all these stories. That's the problem, we get took in quite

condition the people of the world to the appearance of things from outer space; Abilene may see the lights next Monday night. That's the next meeting date for the Interplanetary Space Patrol, a group of 100 amateur radio operators who tune together around the world each Monday night at 9 p.m. and talk about space visitors. This Monday is the night when Lee's special guest will be Ray Stanford of Corpus Christi, a 19-year-old man who spotted a "flying saucer" on Padre Island, off Texas' Gulf Coast, in 1954.

6 November. Washington D.C. (between 6:40 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.)

"Round with a rim around it like a globe."

A press report states:

"...in Arlington, Sgt. Truman Adams reported that he and more than a dozen other policemen watched a brilliant white light pass from directly overhead to a point on the horizon between 6:40 and 7:30 p.m.

"Arlington police said the object was 'round with a rim around it like a globe.' He said it moved slowly as he and others watched it by Arlington Court House, first to the west and then to the southern horizon." (xx.)

(xx.) Washington D.C. *Washington Post*. 7 November 57. p.1.

6 November. Fairfax?, Virginia. (about 8:45 p.m.)

Glowing red objects.

"In Fairfax, dispatcher Alvin Funk said one of his scout car men reported seeing 'two large objects in the sky' at an elevation of 2300 feet about 8:45 p.m. They gave off a red glow, and appeared to be moving west along Route 50 in the Kamp Washington area. Pvt. Funk said he notified authorities at Andrews Air Force Base." (xx.)

(xx.) Washington D.C. *Washington Post*. 7 November 57. p.1.

6 November. Worth, Crisp, and Dooler Counties, Georgia. (9:00 p.m.)

Forest Rangers see oval-shaped object.

The counties of Worth, Crisp, and Dooler, are arranged north to south with the city of Cordele more or less central to that part of Georgia. Anyway, Forest Rangers in that part of the State saw something interesting:

"The object was described as '...oval-shaped...was lighted, all lights appeared to come from the inside...' The object floated to the northeast and 'then without turning around would float back to the north. It finally left in a northerly direction. One of the rangers stated '...it came close enough that they could see what appeared to be smoke in it.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Tifton, Georgia. *The Tifton Gazette*. 7 November 57.

6 November. Merom, Indiana. The Rene Gilham case. (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1957 November 6<sup>th</sup>*, pages 72-73, which has a news clipping and an investigation by C.W. Fitch)

Here is some of Dr. James McDonald's rough notes on the case:

"About 9:00 p.m. he was in backyard. Was ...[renovating ?—It's hard to read McDonald's handwriting] house, inside in a half-finished addition (bathroom). He first saw it himself—was not his kids as Edwards [UFO book author Frank?] ...[?] said.

"He has never spoken to Edwards in his life. He (Frank) did not check with employer or later. (Gilham sounded bitter or annoyed here)

"Still works for local 439-journeyman...[?] in Terre Haute. He noticed it overhead, looked at it. Called his father-in-law and neighbor. All watched it 15 minutes or so.

"Looked unlike anything he's ever seen. Just a light-too bright to tell shape.

"Seemed 30 feet diameter and maybe [3?]00 feet up —just a guess. Couldn't tell, was so bright.

"Like a searchlight turned upside down. No sharp beam, more like a general glow. Lit up everything for 50-60 feet around on ground. White light, possibility a bit blue. Steady and not blinking. 17 people saw it, but he saw it longest. He ... [saw it?] for 15 minutes and Vaughn Jones of Sullivan also saw it, but from 8 miles away (in Sullivan). He followed it cross-country, moving, in car. It was heading toward Sullivan. When it left, it went to the northeast. Maybe went to Sullivan.



"Charles McKenly, ...[saw it?] from his yard. It was stationary then. McKenly lives...[?] 500 feet from Gilham.

"Father-in-law dead. Neighbors were the Charles McKenlys. His wife & two children saw it.

"Did have rashes, but Army said not to discuss it with anyone. Did you report it to sheriff? No.

"Army got it from Dr. Dules [?]. Dules still in Dugger! [?]. Yes.

"No residual injuries. No ...[?] now.

"When [it?] took off, sound was like a motor, he said. Took only 15-20 seconds to get out of sight. Climbed out at angle toward Sullivan.

"No effect on vision today.

"Gilham seemed to have reservations about discussing this; gave short answer, as if felt imposed on by my questions. Only place he balked was when I asked about burns and rashes. He indicated he'd been told by Army not to talk about that. He was most definite and emphasize[?] his annoyance that Edwards would have claimed to have interviewed him, yet never talked with Edwards in his life." (xx.)

(xx.) Dr. James McDonald papers. University of Arizona Library, Tucson, Arizona. Special Collections Division.

The reference to "Edwards" must refer to Frank Edwards' article in *Fate* magazine "UFO Sightings and Alibis" (March 1958 Issue #96, Vol. II, No.3, p.33). (See the monograph *UFOs: A History 1957 November 7<sup>th</sup>-November 12<sup>th</sup>*, pages 55-56) In keeping with what Dr. Macdonald learned, Edwards' account of the Rene Gilham case must be considered suspect.

A Canadian flap.

## Many Mystery Objects Seen Wednesday Night

DAILY NUGGET, Toronto,  
Ontario, Canada - Nov. 7, 1957

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mystery objects in the sky—ranging in description from "egg-shaped" to "a pinkish thing"—were reported Wednesday night from various parts of Ontario. Most came after 6:25 p.m. EST when Sputnik I was scheduled to pass over the province.

Gustav Bakos, an official at Dunlap Observatory near Toronto, said "red lights" reported could have been Venus which set Wednesday night around 8 p.m. He said the observatory had received several reports of objects.

Mrs. Sheila Funnell of Meadowdale, 11 miles west of Toronto, said she saw a stationary bright

light four times as big as the North Star. When she looked a second time it had turned amber. Then it vanished in a red streak.

At Richmond Hill, a Toronto suburb, a "brilliant glowing star" a "glowing red object" and the "pinkish thing" were reported by residents.

At Belleville, there were several reports of "red lights" in the sky.

Strange lights were also reported in Northern Ontario.

At Port Arthur, on the northwest shore of Lake Superior, residents of the Lakehead and surrounding district saw a "very

light, egg-shaped" object travelling "fairly low on the horizon at a fast speed."

Harold Guest, regional operator for the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission, said several reports had been phoned to him. He also had seen the object.

But air traffic controllers at the Lakehead airport reported nothing unusual.

At Shallow Lake, near Owen Sound, Donald Lennert, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lennert, said he saw a "large, blood red object."

Sputnik II is expected to pass over Ontario at 5.11 a.m. EST Friday.



A flurry of low-grade UFO reports appeared in the media on November 7<sup>th</sup>, mentioning activity the previous evening. Of special interest is a remark in the Canadian press stated sightings: "...came after 6:25 p.m. EST when Sputnik I was scheduled to pass over the province." (See the clipping on the previous page) Does such a correlation hold true for American reports?

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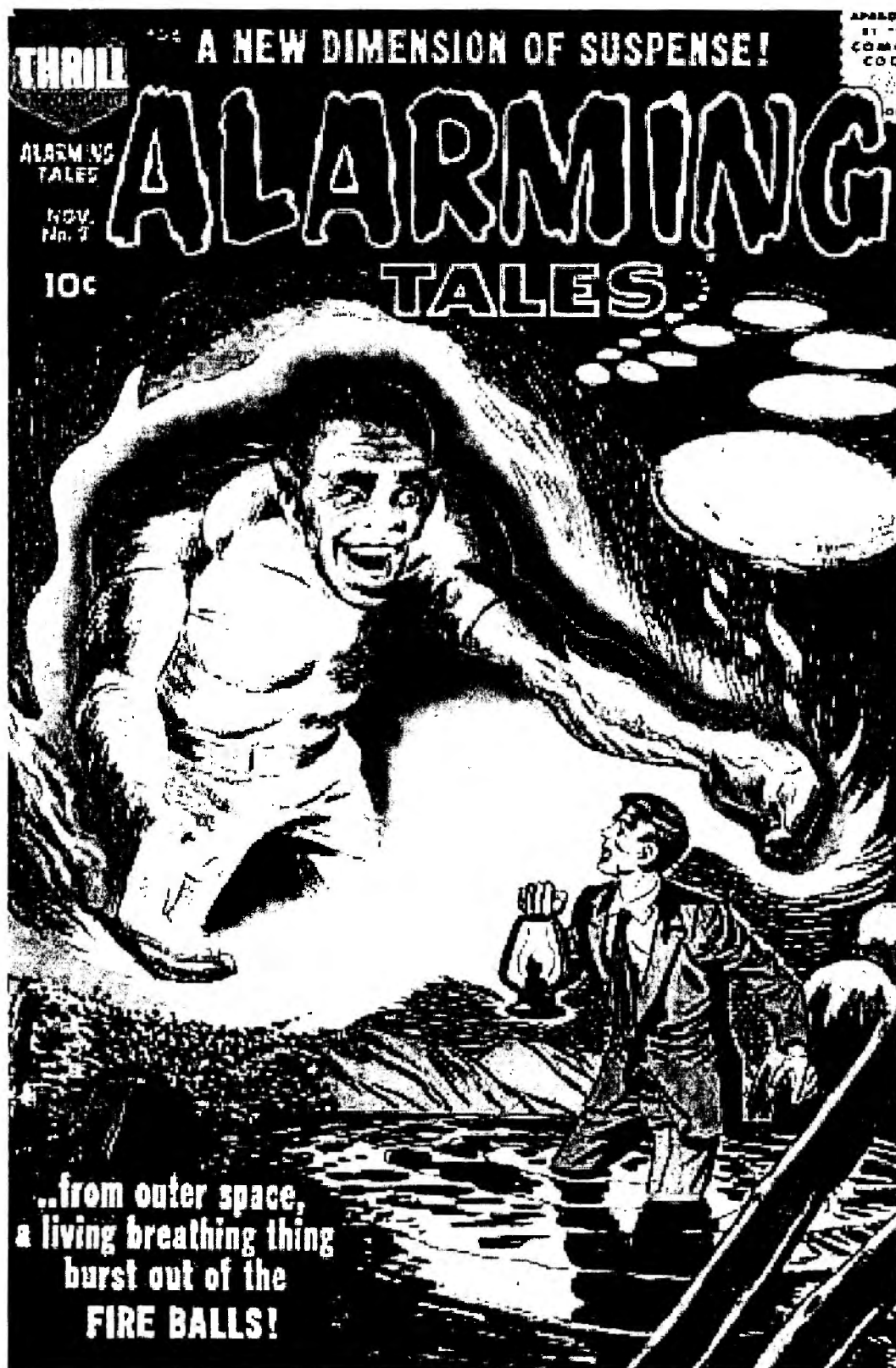
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