

# Fireball Tale Offers 'Blast'

By PAUL CARTLEDGE

**TAHLEQUAH** — Saturday's possible meteor shower in eastern Oklahoma may prove significant, a Texas astronomer said Sunday, but members of the news media reported a deluge of telephone calls from tipsters who are "having fun with the story."

Area authorities said no trace of a meteorite had been discovered late Sunday despite claims of informants.

A Tulsa newsman said newsrooms in the city have been "victims" of a Northeastern State College fraternity "having fun with the story."

While serious searching for meteor fragments was being conducted by authorities, the college jokesters, and others, have been reporting "finds" which did not check out, the newsman said.

However, Oscar Manning, a dry goods wholesaler and amateur astronomer from Fort Worth, Tex., was optimistic that the object which lit up Oklahoma skies was a meteorite. "I would guess pieces may be to the east or west of Tahlequah," he said.

There were several reports that a meteorite had hit near Tahlequah.

Highway Patrol trooper Don Fields was three miles west of Tahlequah when he saw a light.

"I was sitting on the side of the highway working radar when everything lit up like daylight," he said. Fields said he jumped out of his patrol car and saw a "big ball of fire" which flashed for "three or four seconds."

"It sounded like an airplane engine cutting out, sputtering and missing," Fields said. "This is what alarmed me. I thought it might have been a crashing airplane."

Manning, who has recovered meteorites several times in both Texas and Oklahoma, said the sounds Fields heard were "pretty significant."

Manning said. "This is not a comet at all. It is strictly a detonated fireball. When you get a sound you are very near a subfinal point of a fireball. That's what the sputtering was."

He said the big boom that many reported hearing was caused by shock waves. "When you hear shock waves the meteor, if it is a meteor, is breaking up."

Manning said he could not tell definitely if there was a meteorite. "Some of the biggest fireballs never yield meteorites," he said.

However, he did contact several newspapers in the Tahlequah area urging people to be on the lookout for pieces of the meteorite.

"The public may stumble into them in places. They don't make as big a hole as the general public thinks," Manning said. "A five pound piece will just fall and lay on the ground. A fifty to one hundred pound piece will make a hole that will look like a dog has been digging."

"The pieces of a meteor resemble black crusted rock. The inside is generally gray and they all have some metallic nickle in them," he said.

Manning said pieces of a meteorite are the property of the person on whose land they are found and could be quite valuable to scientists and astronomers.

Tulsa Police and Fire Commissioner Brad Scheer was in his back yard when he saw the burning objects, but his version differs from others in that he says the object he watched burned itself out while speeding across the sky. Scheer said he would not dispute the accounts of other eyewitnesses who saw the meteor, but he says the one he saw definitely disintegrated before hitting the earth.

# Army

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Cook, inspector general of the Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV), and Col. Dalton C. Carpenter Jr. and several unidentified officers that he did not know.

He said that on each occasion he declined to discuss the Saturday night television newscast and asked for legal counsel.

According to Lawrence, he told Cook, "Sir, I'd like to seek legal counsel before I make any statement according to the (uniform) military code of justice. Don't I have that right?"

He said he was told he had no right to counsel since he had not been accused.

During one session of questioning by four unidentified officers, he said he told them, "I can't believe the American government would condone this. I don't believe Gen. Creighton Abrams would condone this."

Finally, he said, he was taken to the judge advocate general's office where he was told to report Monday to meet his counsel and undergo interrogation.

In a typewritten statement written earlier in the day Lawrence said the AFVN had banned news on a Saigon peace demonstration, black market activities and certain stories about the Vietnamese government.

"Events such as these, plus the dismissal of several conscientious newsmen, lead me to appeal to concerned American servicemen the same unrestricted access to news as all other citizens," the statement said.

The statement said that in August members of the AFVN news staff wrote letters to congressmen asking help in ending censorship. Despite the appeals "censorship still exists," the statement said.

# Texas Busing Plan Reaided

LONGVIEW, Tex. (UPI)—

# Hubert Slaps Chemical War

**CHICAGO (UPI)** — Former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said Sunday continued use of chemical warfare by the United States will leave "more than honor of the U. S. at stake." "This is more than a question of America's image or of the probability of our acts," he said. "It is a question of basic moral commitment and—ultimately—of the very survival of mankind." Humphrey also urged a halt to deployment of all nuclear weapons and testing of the multiple independently-targeted re-entry vehicle (MIRV) warheads while the Strategic Arms Limitation

# Tulsa Race Hearing Set

**DENVER (UPI)**—Government attorneys begin oral arguments Monday in an effort to reverse a lower court decision on the acceptability of the Tulsa school integration plan.

Tulsa Federal District Judge Fred Daugherty ruled the school board's proposal showed "good faith" and would achieve a racial balance without busing students out of their neighborhood districts. He said the plan would achieve a racial balance without burdening the taxpayer with the cost of busing.

Federal attorneys have filed an appeal, asking the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reverse the Daugherty decision.

# Orchestra Starts Tour

**LONDON (UPI)**—The London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Andre Previn, flew to the United States Sunday to give 18 concerts in 13 cities in the northeast.

Talks (SALT) are in session to "demonstrate our good faith."

In a speech to the National Retail Furniture Association here, Humphrey said President Nixon took "a giant step toward peace" when he renounced biological warfare. However, Humphrey criticized the reasoning under which the President announced his interpretation of the Geneva Protocol.

Humphrey said Nixon's interpretation does not prohibit the use of tear gas or of chemicals that destroy plant life.

"Our armed forces have been using both in Vietnam," Humphrey said.

The Army, he said, in its continued use of disease-bearing toxins has used a "semantic evasion" in its contentions that the toxins are chemicals—unlike the germs that produce them—and are therefore exempt from the ban announced by the President.

"This reasoning will raise serious questions about the credibility of the U.S. in opposing this appalling and indiscriminate form of warfare and...may even interfere with the progress of the SALT talks," he said.

Humphrey said nations which cannot acquire nuclear arms "will have added incentive to acquire chemical and biological weapons so long as the United States does not, by example and more suasion, reject these fearsome weapons."

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