

REVUE

Part Two of an investigation by **John Kercher**

★ **FLYING saucers . . . do they really exist? Are we being watched, visited — and even used — by a force of no known origin? And if so . . . why? For more than 25 years, people have been telling of their close encounters. Many of them have been dismissed as cranks . . . or accused of plain mischief-making.**

But more and more people are talking openly about the strange sights they see in the sky. Even Jimmy Carter, President of America, has gone on record to say that he believes in UFOs.

In this exciting series, REVUE examines the "flying saucer" phenomenon.

I SAW A UFO, SAYS LIVVY



● **SINGER** Olivia Newton-John, star of the movie Grease, says she saw a UFO 12 years ago in Australia.

She says: "I used to go to car races with friends and one of the road took us through open country.

"Once I saw a bright, shining object in the sky. It was unlike anything else I had ever seen.

"I'm convinced it wasn't a weather balloon or an aircraft.

"I tried to get it checked out, but nobody seemed to be able to help.

"You think it's all nonsense . . . until you actually come up against a situation like this."



★ **MELINDA DILLON**, star of the film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, believes she saw a UFO once. "It was an unusually bright light that kept changing shape and travelled very quickly," she says.

● **HAVE** you ever seen a UFO? Tell REVUE of your strange experiences. But no more than 300 words, please. Write to UFO REVUE, 10-12 Carlisle Street, London, W1.

SCARRRED!

MRS Ethel Field says she saw a UFO and, she claims it left its mark on her.

Ethel, of Parkstone, Dorset, says: "It was late in the evening in March, 1978.

"My husband and daughter were watching television.

"I told them I was just going out into the garden to bring in the washing.

"As I went into the garden I suddenly saw this object in the distance rise from the sea.

"As it ascended and came closer, it appeared to have water dripping from it.

"I could have been mistaken about that, but I don't think so.

"What followed, I was not inventing or mistaken about," she says.

Suits

● The object was circular with a dome on the top. And beneath it were several lights.

These lights were shielded by hoods, like eyelids.

When the 'eyelids' slid

back the light shone out like spotlights — lighting up the ground below.

I was frightened and stunned by what I saw.

It hovered directly above me. The lights were so strong that I put my hands up to screen my eyes.

I could see two figures standing in front of an oblong window.

They had longish faces and were wearing silver suits and what looked like skull caps.

I couldn't swear to it, but to me it seemed that they were standing in front on the controls.

Then Ethel adds: "I find this hard to describe . . . but I felt that something — whatever it was — was holding me there."

'HE TALKED TO ME'

HOUSEWIFE Mrs Joyce Bowles also claims she had contact with a "space being."

Mrs Bowles, from Warminster, Wilts., was driving home with a friend when the car engine suddenly stopped.

"I waited, shielding my eyes. Then one of the men turned away from me to look at his companion.

"The minute he did that I felt a release — and ran petrified to call my husband and daughter.

"They were so wrapped up in their TV programme that they wouldn't come out.

"And when I managed to tell them of everything they laughed themselves silly and didn't believe me."

Ethel went back into the garden — but the object had gone, however, it left is after-effects on her. She says:

Tests

● A short while after three blotches appeared on the palms of

my hands where I had them turned towards the bright lights on the object.

They worsened until my hands were raw and a scaling had appeared over them.

I went to several doctors about it and only one seriously listened to what I told him.

He sent samples of skin-tissue to a hospital in Southampton. I don't know the results of those tests — because I was never told.

standable if not fluent way."

After the incident, Mrs Bowles' hands peeled and became raw . . . just as Ethel's did. Again, no explanation has ever been given.

— MRS ETHEL FIELD

'I could see their faces in the 'dome' . . . I shielded my eyes from the lights . . . suddenly my hands turned red raw'

Ethel had several sleepless nights after the "incident".

But she did not report her close encounter until some time later.

She went to a local meeting of people who had claimed to have had experiences of UFOs.

She says: "One woman told me that her daughter had been chased by several objects and had been in a state of shock for a long time afterwards."

Coastguards approached later for a possible explanation, said a meteorite had fallen in the area about the same time.

A fire had broken out and firemen were called to deal with it.

However, newspaper reports show that the fire was on April 6 . . . some time after Ethel's experience



Vanished . . .

STATE police guard two "aircraft" — looking just like flying saucers — found abandoned in a tool shed in Maryland in 1949. They were built before the war by Jonathan Caldwell, who then just vanished.

SCARRRED!

THE Coombs family say they had a close encounter . . . twice.

And it was the most terrifying time of their lives.

FIRST, Mrs Pauline Coombs and her two children were driving back to their farm in Dyfed, South Wales.

A "glowing object" descended from the sky and began to "chase" them.

Room

She accelerated and raced home . . . scared out of her life.

THEN, several days later, another frightening thing happened.

Mrs Coombs was sitting in her front room at the time.

Suddenly, she says, she was aware that someone or "something" was watching her.

'He was 7ft. tall . . . in our front room . . . he stared at us . . . we fled'

She saw a figure about seven feet tall, clothed in what appeared to be shimmering silver suit and surrounded by a halo of light.

"The head of the figure was covered by a large, square helmet," she says.

Her husband, seeing his wife's horrified expression, looked over his shoulder.

What he saw frightened him, too.

He leapt from his seat, grabbed his wife and the pair of them fled to make sure their children were safe.

Then Mrs Coombs telephoned the police.

The Coombs experience is told in the book, *The Uninvited*, by Clive Harold.

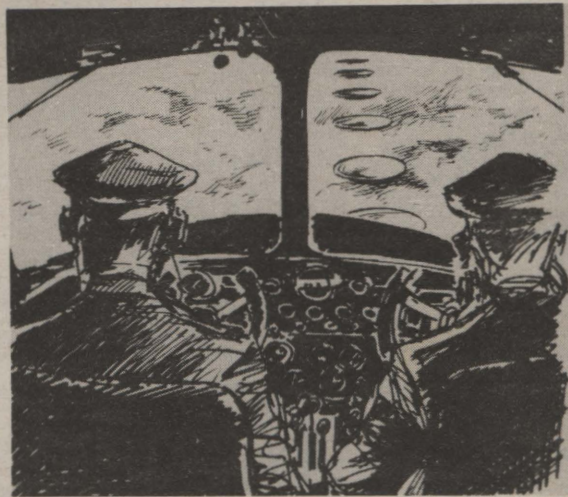
Dog

According to the book, electricity was sucked from the Coombs' meter.

Five televisions and eight cars in the surrounding area had their wiring burnt out.

Billy Coombs says: "Our labrador, Blackie, went mad after the incident and we had to have him destroyed."

After the terrifying experience, the family decided to move.



● 1953 . . . an artist's impression of how Capt. Ulf Christiansson saw a mystery missile between Malmo and Stockholm.

OVER TO YOU

★ **POLICEWOMAN** Louise Lee says she and a colleague saw a bright light in the sky over Sale, Greater Manchester, in 1978.

She says: "It was too bright and too low for a plane," she told Jodrell Bank Observatory.

"It moved across the sky completely noiselessly and at a speed that was way beyond the capabilities of any known aircraft.

"It was a frightening experience."

Day 1

THE Welsh Triangle. Elevelt Dwyer, a company director, did not believe in UFOs. Until February, 1978, that is. Driving home in Carmarthen, he saw a mystery object.

"I have never seen anything like it before," he said. "Clearly it was not a plane. It was more like a cigar-shaped machine about 20ft. long. It made no sound and was flying

A COUNTRY IS 'INVADED'

PORTUGAL seemed to be "invaded" by flying objects in August and September 1977.

And it ended with a senior British diplomat being called in to investigate.

FIRST, dozens of people from the town of Viano do Castelo reported a strange object in the sky at night.

SECOND, fishermen from the town of Portimao claimed they had seen a curious light — again at night.

They were familiar with the star patterns. But what they saw defied any explanation.

The strange object, they said, gave off an intense light.

THIRD, 12 firemen from Guards City returning from a call-out spotted a strange shining object circling in the sky.

The incident, over Central Portugal, was never fully explained.

But more and more people continued to file reports of the "sighting."

The matter came to a head when the Pro Consul of the British Diplomatic Corps for the

Algarve region wrote a letter to Lord Clancarty.

Lord Clancarty had already tried to get the UFO mystery debated in the Lords and an official investigation started.

The Pro Consul, Mr D. Armstrong, is said to have written a report on the matter.

He said he had received a report from a friend that a strange object had been hovering over her house — and would investigate.

"Having looked through my binoculars I could see it easily," he said.

"I was able to see at least one — and sometimes four — every night until mid-November when bad weather prevented full vision."

Pilot

He added: "Once I was watching two over the sea — one suddenly moved rapidly higher. Then the second one followed it and joined it."

"The effect," he added "was always the same. A rapid red-green-white flashing around what would appear to be a circular base."

The Portuguese authorities were unable to give any explanations.

But their embassy in London says there was an "incident" involving a Portuguese airliner

The pilot reported being circled by a UFO. He made it clear that whatever was "buzzing" him was not like any aircraft that he had seen before.

Diplomat who probed strange 'goings on'



● A U.S. coastguard took this picture at Salem, Massachusetts. The "sighting" was witnessed by other officers.

★ Many reports of strange "sightings" have come from Bulawayo, Rhodesia. This picture was taken by Mr Barney Wayne. The negatives were examined by newspapermen — and found to be genuine.



Night Army chief's car stalled

MYTHS and legends have always been linked with the West Country.

From Wales to the South West, the countryside is littered with ancient stone formations.

And Glastonbury and the surrounding area is reputedly a large map of the Zodiac when seen from the air.

One area, from Swansea to Broad Haven and up to Mid-Wales, is known as the Welsh Triangle.

Another area, in Wiltshire, is known as the Warminster Triangle. This is close to Stonehenge.

For some inexplicable reason, both these areas have

acquired more sightings of UFOs than any other parts of Britain.

People studying the UFO phenomenon flock to these areas on the hope of seeing strange lights in the sky.

A Territorial Army commander claimed he saw a cigar-shaped object hovering one night in January last year.

His car stalled — and so did vehicles belonging to other people in the area.

Not only that, electrical

appliances went haywire and animals became agitated.

Police also reported a UFO over Salisbury Plain.

It was said to be "oblong with a domed top and flat bottom which travelled slowly before shooting off at tremendous speed."

There was never any real explanation for this.

One of the popular "explanations" in the Sixties was the refuelling of two planes in mid-air.

However, often the sightings took place on "non-refuelling" routes.

In April, 1978, police near Ashdown Forest reported seeing a UFO.

P.C. Alan Craggs watched the object for almost 30 minutes over Twesledown, near Aldershot.

"The object changed colour several times," he said. "At first it appeared to be red before changing to blue and then white. It eventually turned green."

chased a mystery craft

very low about 100 yards ahead of us.

"Suddenly we lost sight of it as it passed over a nearby field. I raced with my colleague to investigate.

"We had assumed by now that it must have been in trouble because of the lack of engine noise and low trajectory.

"But when we reached the field we were astounded to find that the

machine wasn't anywhere to be seen.

"It was as if the object had disappeared into thin air."

This sudden disappearance is a familiar pattern with UFOs.

Radar

Reports in America reveal that when aircraft are scrambled to investi-

gate UFOs, the objects disappear.

And when the aircraft have gone, the objects become traceable on the radar again.

The experience of My Dwyer is just one of dozens that have been filed in the area.

As we enter the 1980s, still more mysteries in the Welsh Triangle are arising.