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'Misted'

over UFOs

PEOPLE were being misled, because world authorities did not know how to explain extra-terrestrial phenomena, Rhodesian UFO watcher Mrs Cynthia Hind said in Cape Town last night.

Speaking at a meeting of Aviation Enthusiasts in Newlands, Mrs Hind said investigation of UFOs should be the responsibility of government officials. Research should not be left to 'unqualified' persons like herself, she said.

Mrs Hind has written a book, UFOs Over Africa — Below the Equator, made a television documentary called Contact UFOs, shown last November.

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She has never seen a UFO and admitted she would probably be terrified if she did.

It was distressing the Press always 'denigrated reports on UFOs by adding snide comments to conform with the more conventional view of these phenomena.'

Mrs Hind is convinced UFOs exist. 'Men piloting these objects are generally about 1.5 m tall with slanted eyes and high cheekbones. They usually wear overalls,' she said.

The pilots are dishy, but the UFOs are not

By TONY JACKMAN

UFOs are generally metallic, silent, white or silver in colour. give off a tremendous heat and — to confound popular theory — are rarely saucer-shaped.

And humanoids — they're the beings who pilot Unidentified Flying Objects — are usually just that: Very human. They do, however, usually have slanted eyes, high cheekbones, a narrow chin, small mouths, wear overalls and are generally good-looking. Mostly, they communicate through telepathy.

These are a few of the points made by Mrs Cynthia Hind, Southern Africa and Rhodesian representative of the Mutual UFO Network, at a meeting of the Cape Town Aviation Enthusiasts Club in Newlands last night.

Mrs Hind, who describes herself as a "nuts and bolts UFO investigator who likes to see the holes in the ground, the burn marks, and so on", related a famous South African case in July, 1975, when a retired Loxton farmer, Mr Danie van Graan, noticed a caravan parked in his sheep kraal.

He went along to offer the occupants a cup of coffee, but on closer inspection found it was not a caravan at all, but a UFO.

A light beam hit him

When he got to about five metres from the craft, he heard "a peculiar tick sound" and a light beam hit him. He remembers nothing more of the encounter, but some rather strange things were found in the aftermath of the encounter.

He vomited, his eyes became sore and he developed acute conjunctivitis (a phenomenon which Mrs Hind says is common to UFO spotters). Sceptical police became less sceptical when they found four arrow-shaped marks in the ground, "absolutely equidistant" from each other. The object that had made the marks was estimated to have weighed three tons. Nothing has grown on the spot where the craft landed since.

Later a piece of "glass" was found, which US experts said was normally only found after an atomic explosion.

And no matter how hard he tried, there was no way Mr Van Graan could coax his sheep to walk over the area where the craft had landed.

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Kirkconnel UFO?

Kirkconnel had a passing visit from an unidentified flying object on Sunday night.

The UFO was seen by two local police officers who were out on car patrol round the village.

The officers, Police Constable Keith Rowlands and Police Constable David Walker were driving along Kirkland Drive around 11 p.m. when, near the top end of the street, they saw a strange object in the sky.

The object, about 200 yards ahead of them, flew south at an estimated height of 150 to 200 feet.

The officers described the object as a complete mystery — "It was like two bright car headlights," they said.

When they stopped their

car and switched off the engine, they could hear a distinct whirring noise like that of a tumble dryer in action.

The noise stopped, then started again and the object veered in an easterly direction.

As it did so the beam of light seemed to pass into thick fog; then the lights went out.

The officers contacted air traffic control who reported no aircraft in the area.

Two years ago P.C. Rowlands observed something of a similar nature in the sky at Dunside.

Over the weekend a local lady said she had observed an object in the sky on Friday night; her description was similar to that of the police officers.