

# Flying saucer alert after jazz band children collapsed

**A**NGRY doctors yesterday attacked critics who claimed there had been a cover-up of the investigation into the cause of a mystery illness which hit a juvenile jazz-band contest.

Dr Michael Lewis, director of Nottingham public health laboratory, said: "There has been no cover-up. We have looked at every conceivable possibility."

"We even sent an officer to investigate when someone reported that a flying saucer had landed in the next field."

Dr Lewis said the experts were sticking to the theory of mass hysteria.

## Skinner attack

Dr Alan Scott, of Nottingham's Queen's Medical Centre, said: "I find it distasteful that people who cannot even be bothered to come to the meeting can accuse us of a cover-up."

He was one of a panel of medical and environmental experts addressing a news conference at Sutton-in-Ashfield.

One of the critics was the Left-wing Labour MP for Bolsover, Mr Dennis Skinner, who has demanded a public inquiry.

In an apparent reference to Mr Skinner, Dr Scott said: "I have no political mileage to make out of this matter as some people seem to have."

Dr Richard Knight, a Mansfield General Hospital consultant said: "When I arrived at the show site there were police cars everywhere and a lot of excitement. I am sure the kids were frightened to death.

"If someone could have stepped in immediately to stop the hysteria, things would have been a lot better."

The findings of the experts will be published later.