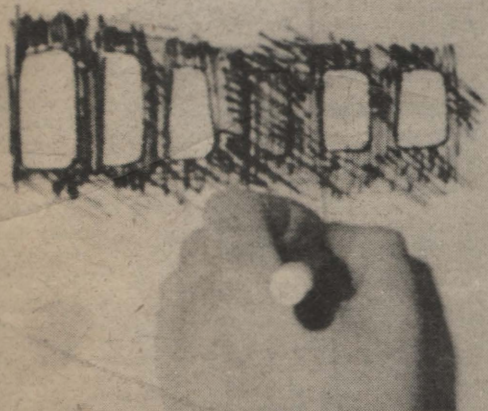


# HELLO HELLO THAT'S A UFO!



PC Jim Smith sketches the UFO for the Mail, watched by Sgt. Bill McDavid.



CLOSE-UP... of PC Smith's sketch.

**POLICE** held a special Press conference yesterday after five officers saw a mysterious brightly-lit object in the sky.

Earlier, reports of UFO sightings had flooded in from around Dumfries.

As well as the police officers, around 20 other people witnessed the oblong-shaped cluster of lights.

A constable said some of the watchers became hysterical before the object vanished over the hills.

It disappeared seconds before a CID camera team arrived.

### MAIL REPORTER

A senior spokesman at Dumfries and Galloway police headquarters said: "We are treating the reports seriously."

"We contacted Prestwick Airport who said they could pick up nothing on their radar but explained the object might have been too low."

Sergeant Bill McDavid, 39, and PC Jim Smith, 30, told how they watched the huge, brightly-lit object for more than half an hour.

Sergeant Smith said: "We're baffled. It was like nothing we've ever seen."

PC Smith and Policewoman Pamela Brown drove to Dunlop Road in Lochside housing scheme, Dumfries after a telephone report about a UFO.

### SHAPE

The caller was builder's labourer Graham Brockie, 17, of 48 Dunlop Road.

He watched the object as it hovered above hills a few miles away.

"There seemed to be four or five lights in a cluster. It was incredible."

"I've never seen anything like it."

PC Smith, who

sketched the object for the Sunday Mail, said: "It's really hard to say what shape it was."

"All we could see was a rectangular lighted section in the dark sky. It could have been any shape."

The constable said: "I've never believed in UFOs up to now."

**THERE SEEMED NO EXPLANATION FOR THIS CLUSTER OF LIGHTS.**

### RAIN

He said they were visible over the town's largest municipal housing estate at Lochside.

Then they vanished over the hills to the west.

He said: "It was raining slightly and the cloud base was low. But the lights were not in line with any hills round about."

"It was impossible to estimate the size or distance."

He added: "The object had a series of lights—three, then a dark space and then another two."

"It looked as if the lights were behind windows in separate compartments."

Sergeant McDavid

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# VICTORY!

## Poland gives in to strikers

**POLAND'S** crippling wave of strikes appeared near an end yesterday after a massive victory for workers.

The government finally gave in and agreed on a plan for "independent, self-governing trade unions."

Hundreds of workers at the

Lenin shipyards in Gdansk threw their old union cards in the air and hoisted strike leader Lech Walesa on their shoulders after the announcement of the tentative agreement.

And within hours, large numbers

of taxis reappeared on the streets for the first time since the strike started.

Mr Mieczyslaw Jagielski, the senior deputy premier who led the government negotiating team was due to present the agreement to the Central Committee of the Polish Communist Party last night.

If the committee ratified the deal, strike leaders said they would call on their followers in the Gdansk-Gdynia area to return to work tomorrow.

Radio Szczecin reported that workers in that Oder River port would return to their jobs on Monday, following signing of a separate agreement, which included the new trade union formula.

Workers on strike elsewhere in Poland had been expected to follow the lead of the Baltic area groups.

Spokesmen for the workers said the new union would not replace the existing state-controlled trade union council, but would operate independently.



Lech Walesa... strike leader.

The workers also agreed that the new union would be established according to "Socialist principles" and that they would recognise the "leading role" of the Communist Party in Polish society.

There will be no repression of strike leaders of strikers and the workers will receive full pay for the time they have been out.

"We now have our new union and the old unions are the government's problem," Mr Walesa told cheering workers.

### THE WORKERS' CHARTER

THE main points of the agreement are:

- The new self-governing trade unions will have a Socialist character in line with the constitution.
- The strike commission will be reformed to a workers' commission which will monitor the elections of the new union leadership.
- There will be no repression of strike leaders or strikers.
- The government will

finalise a food supply plan by December 31.

● A reprinting of the final act of the Helsinki agreement will be distributed.

#### Supply

● Dissidents will not be punished "as long as their activities were not criminally directed against the Socialist system."

● A monument will be erected at the gates of the Szczecin shipyard for the

workers who died in the 1970 strike riots.

● Health services will be improved and a meat supply plan will be finalised by December 31.

● By November 3, the government will present a plan "on ways of curbing censorship."

● The strikers will receive 100 per cent pay for the time they have been out.

● The Church will have better access to the press.

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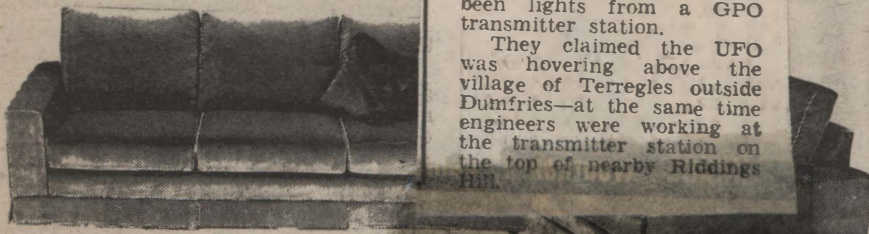
#### Unemployment Charter

In the event of you becoming unemployed your monthly hire purchase instalment can be reduced by half for the period of your unemployment and accordingly, the period of repayment will be extended without additional finance charge until the total value of the agreement has been fully paid.

That's no UFO, just the PO

A UFO which five police officers reported seeing at the weekend may have been lights from a GPO transmitter station.

They claimed the UFO was hovering above the village of Terregles outside Dumfries—at the same time engineers were working at the transmitter station on the top of nearby Riddings Hill.



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## 17 killed in pop show stampede

ELEVEN girls and six boys were killed and 30 youngsters seriously injured in a stampede by hundreds of pop fans yesterday.

The dead, aged between 12 and 18, were crushed when pandemonium broke out as police fired tear gas at the crowd trying to force their way into a concert at Maseru, capital of Lesotho.

## THE UFO MYSTERY

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said: "It looked immense.

"My first reaction was that it was an illuminated airship divided into five or six compartments. It seemed to be stationary."

The sergeant added: "I was sceptical of UFOs before. But I have thought more about them after what I saw."

Mary Blyth, 22, of 127 Dunlop Road, claimed the lights were coloured. She said she couldn't get her portable radio to work at the time of sighting.

#### FAIL

Police reported that their walkie-talkies also seemed to fail at the scene. "But we are not reading anything into that," said Sergeant McDavid.

During the past two or three years a number of sightings of UFOs have been reported in South-West Scotland, particularly around Dumfries and 20 miles away in Moffat.

# NEWS BAR

A PRISONER was found dead in a cell at a police station early yesterday. And last night inquiries were being made into the mystery death at divisional headquarters in Hawick.

A senior spokesman for Lothians and Borders police in Edinburgh said: "At 4 a.m. a prisoner at Hawick was found dead inside the cell."

A report is to be sent to the procurator fiscal at Jedburgh.

The police are withholding the name of the man until relatives have been told.

#### Rig blaze

ELEVEN oilmen were rescued and three were missing yesterday after a rig exploded in flames off the Texas coast in the Gulf of Mexico.

#### Blockade off

IT WAS business as usual on the cross-Channel ferry services yesterday, with all the French ports open to passenger ships. Fishermen decided to lift their blockade at Boulogne, the only remaining port closed.

#### Son killed

THE son of Vanuatu rebel leader Jimmy Stevens was killed in a clash with Papua New Guinea troops. Vanuatu's Prime Minister, Father Walter Lini, said Eddie Stevens, 24, was killed by a hand grenade he was firing at troops.

#### Crash victim

ACCIDENT victim Kenneth Middleton, 24, of Millplough Farm, Arbutnot, Stonehaven, was "satisfactory" after a collision involving his car and a taxi early yesterday. His passenger, David Scott, had treatment for a broken wrist and cuts.

#### Bread tower

THOUSANDS of people at a 15-foot tower of free bread at University College, Dublin, yesterday, for the sake of art. It was the brainchild of Argentine artist Marta Minujin.

#### Death charge

TWO MEN were accused yesterday of the murder of Mrs Colette Meek, 47, of Alliance Avenue, in Belfast, who was killed in crossfire during an ambush on the RUC James McWilliams, 19, and Michael Liggett, 18, were also charged with belonging to the IRA.

#### Heart fight

BRITAIN'S youngest heart transplant patient Richard Brittain, 16, was seriously ill yesterday, and showed

## Riddle of prisoner dead in cell

some deterioration in his condition, a spokesman for Papworth Hospital, Cambridge revealed.

#### Woman shot

ELEVEN people, including a woman, were executed in Teheran yesterday for their part in an alleged coup plot uncovered last month. So far 92 people have been shot.

#### Hope flight

LEUKAEMIA victim Nicky Ellis, 11, from Coseley, West Midlands, flew to Houston Texas yesterday for an appointment with doctors who will assess whether the drug Interferon can help him.

#### Fire suicide

A WOMAN jumped on to the funeral pyre of her husband and burned herself to death in India, following the ancient Hindu practice of "Sati," as 300 people watched on helplessly.

#### Anne's dig

PRINCESS ANNE yesterday took part in a ceremony to mark her grandmother's 80th birthday. Wearing jeans and wielding a spade, she planted an oak tree at Bucklebury, near Newbury, Berkshire, in honour of the Queen Mother.

#### Top shaker

LEIF BJORKMAN, a 20-year-old Swede, has broken the world record for handshaking. He shook hands with 12,200 people at Stockholm's Central Station yesterday. This shatters the record of 8513 by US President Theodore Roosevelt in 1907.

#### Opera arrest

A METROPOLITAN opera