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SPECIAL REPORT by JEAN CARR

JOHN MANN and his family—sister Frances, wife Gloria and children Tanya and Natasha—never thought about flying saucers and little green men except when they turned up on the far-fetched TV screen. Until the night of Monday, June 19, 1978.

● The Manns were on a familiar journey from Berkshire to their home in Gloucestershire where, they claim, they found themselves on a strange road, and afterwards were followed by a brilliant ball of white light.

● On arriving home they realised

they had "lost" an hour from their lives. Strange dreams convinced them that something weird had occurred in that missing hour. Had they been kidnapped by aliens from space?

● Hypnotherapist Geoffrey M'Cartney took Frances and John back in time to try to track that "lost" hour. The tapes of their experiences are truly remarkable.

● He told them that later they would probably recall more details without hypnosis—and they did—to the Sunday Mirror.

The father's story

THIS IS what John Mann now confidently remembers of that eerie night two years ago:

"I now know I did not get lost on a road that does not exist," he says. "What really happened was that the space ship hovered in front of the car about 100 feet off the ground.

"A white mist covered the road in front of me. I stopped the car, got out and walked towards the mist.

"I became aware of eight or ten shadowy figures.

"They did not approach me directly or say anything, but walked silently to the car.

"They returned with Gloria and Frances and the children and we walked towards a brilliant column of light. As we entered the light beam we seemed to float upwards.

"I then remember being in a large circular room.

Silver suits

"There were three men wearing close-fitting metallic silver suits with balaclava type helmets.

"They had pale complexions and their eyes were pale blue.

"One of them said in perfect English: 'Welcome to our ship. No harm will come to you. We wish to examine you.'

"A man asked me to step through a door and leave the others behind.

"In the middle of the room was a sort of dentist's chair.

"Two women came into the room. One told me to sit in the chair and she strapped my wrists to the chair arms.

"The other woman was pressing buttons on a desk.

"An intense beam of white light shone on to my face.

"Then one of the women pulled something black down from the ceiling.

"I was left completely dazed. I could hear a woman's voice saying, 'Wake up John, wake up.'

"She said she was cal-



John with his wife Gloria (left), sister Frances and children, Tanya and Natasha. Did they meet space creatures?

The sister's story

WHAT happened during that lost hour is now quite vivid to John's sister, Frances, as the hypnotherapist predicted.

"When John was taken for his medical I was separated from Gloria and the children and taken into another room.

"I remember very little about the examination.

The planet

"I was escorted by a man with a plain white disc on his silver uniform to a room where there were about fifteen to twenty people.

"The man told me his name was Uxiaulia.

"He said: 'I am an explorer pilot from the planet Janos.'

"He said he would show me a film which would explain why they had left Janos and were now searching for somewhere to live.

"A panel on one of the walls lit up like a large television screen. There were three planets on the screen which he called Sarnia, Sarton and Janos, his home.

"He told how Sarton, the planet nearest their sun, came too close to Janos and started to disintegrate and shower them with meteorites.

"Uxiaulia pointed at a

led Akillas and her friend's name was Cosentia.

"A man then came into the room, spoke to the women in a language I did not understand and, telling me he was called Anouxia, told me to follow him.

"We returned to the first room. He spoke into a recessed wall microphone and his voice echoed like a tannoy system.

"About fifty people entered the room.

"Anouxia said to me, 'Do not be alarmed. Something is coming and we must move a short distance.'

"The floor seemed to tip to the left.

"Anouxia said, 'You are very fortunate to have been in the engine rooms when the ship was moving.'

"Much later on when I asked what powered the ship he said it was a process they were prepared to bargain with for the possibility of living peacefully on Earth.

"We then went to a large room which Anouxia said was used for navigation.

"Anouxia pointed to a desk, pressed a button and a screen lit up. He told me he wanted to show me a film of his home.

"I had the impression the film was being taken from an aircraft coming

into land and I felt I was actually on board.

"We flew over a desolate landscape of grey boulders and rocks and I could see some of the rocks parting and a craft emerging.

"It was about the size of a single decker bus, and went into a tunnel.

"I saw six figures carrying a makeshift crate. They were dressed in monk-like habits.

"Anouxia said sadly that the crate was a coffin and the craft had come to collect their dead.

"The film ended and I remember feeling a great sadness as I went into another room where Frances, Gloria and the children were waiting."

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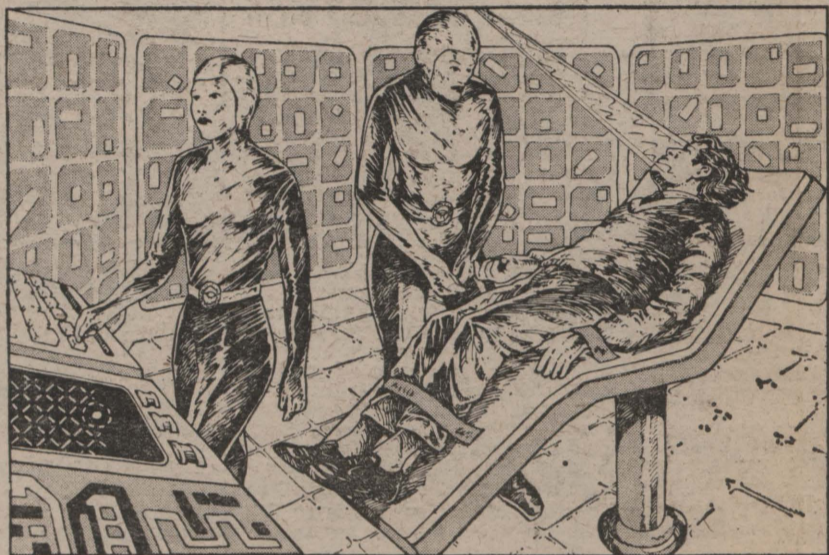
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"A beam of white light shone on to my face" says John.

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picture of what he said were nuclear power stations and explained that after the first one was hit by a meteor it set off a chain reaction which devastated the remainder of Janos.

"Then a coloured picture flashed on the screen of a young woman with blonde hair and features like those of the space ship crew. She was holding hands with a small boy and girl.

"Uxiaulia appeared upset. He said the woman was his 23-year-old wife Vurna and the children his five-year-old daughter and three-year-old son. They had

died during the nuclear explosions.

"He told me that explorer space ships from the master base ship, the temporary home of the Janos survivors, had been sent to find a new home for their people. From what they had seen of Earth, they would like to live there.

"Then I was taken into a room where Gloria was waiting with Natasha and Tanya.

"John appeared a few seconds later."

John and Frances

remember a woman offering them colourless fizzy drinks.

Natasha and Tanya refused their drinks and she said: "It doesn't matter, they are too young to remember, besides, no one would believe them."

John asked if the drinks were alcoholic and was told: "No, it is to help you forget."

"You must forget because you will be exploited. In time you will remember. We will meet again and you will know us."

Anouxia, who had

shown John round the ship, then shook hands with John and kissed the women on the cheek. Frances remembers his lips felt perfectly normal.

He then indicated that the family should step out through the open hatchway.

John says: "As soon as our feet touched the ground the shaft of light moved away from us and the man who had accompanied us walked slowly backwards into the light saying, 'You will remember nothing.'"



The child's story

JOHN MANN'S children, Natasha and Tanya did not undergo hypnosis because they were too young. But, Natasha repeated her story for me:

"There was a lady on the space ship who told me her name was Serkillas.

"The lady took me, Mummy, Tanya, Auntie Frances and Daddy into a room.

"Then one of the men took Frances and Daddy somewhere and Mummy lay down on a bed.

"Serkillas said: 'Come with me.'

"We went in to a room and Serkillas showed me the pictures, like on a television screen."

Green boys

"It was a coloured film and first of all she showed me a few monsters. The monsters looked like men with long hair but they lived in caves.

"Then she showed me little green boys and girls. They were called Phusantheas—Mummy later helped me spell their name.

"The Phusantheas lived on another planet, but Serkillas said she had been on their planet and seen them and some of them had guns.

"Serkillas told me her planet was too near a sun and it got too hot and burnt up so they had to leave.

"I saw her planet that got burnt on the pictures.

"Serkillas and the other ladies wore silver clothes.

"She offered me a drink, but I did not want it. We then went down on the beam and went to the car and went home."

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