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Musical thief's raid ended on low note

A RUSSIAN burglar's love of the comforts of home led to his arrest. For during a raid on a flat in the town of Baku he paused to have a bath, a meal and a drink before playing the piano, the noise of which alerted neighbours. Police called to the scene escorted the 20-year-old to less comfortable surroundings.

THOUGHTS ONLY

A WEALTHY Austrian left his relatives a few thoughts in his will and, to their surprise, absolutely nothing else. For example, to his nephew he left the thought of the £25,000 he would have given him, and to his brother he left the thought of the £50,000 country house he would have in-

herited. That is had they not neglected him so much in his old age, he said.

SHOWER SHOCK

WHEN Jose Aguilca dropped in on two girls staying in the same Majorcan hotel it certainly surprised them—he came crashing through the ceiling. Jose was taking a shower in his room above the girls' when suddenly the floor collapsed beneath his 28-stone weight. After treatment for shock he was moved to a room on the ground floor.

WESTERN FOOD

BECAUSE of the increased demand for western foods in Japan, more people are becoming overweight. Gone are the days of rice and raw fish. Now housewives are packing their shopping bags with pizzas and hamburgers and French cakes.

LONG SPEECH

DURING a debate in the Italian Chamber of Deputies, one M.P., Mr Massimo Teodori, proved himself as a talker—for 16 hours and five minutes! Mr Teodori, of the Italian Radical Party, made his lengthy speech as part of an attempt to prevent the renewal of an anti-terrorist decree.

NEW FASHION

HAWAIIAN girls seem to be discarding their traditional grass skirts for what would appear to be less exotic attire — "granny undies!" A British firm has sold around 3000 pairs of the winter warmers in Hawaii at £20 a time. It is believed they're not being used as a new line of beach wear but for winter skiing holidays in America.

MYSTERY CRAFT SWOOPED

AS SHE TOOK WASHING

OFF THE LINE

RIDDLE OF THE AGE

FLYING SAUCERS

PROBED FOR THE WEEKLY NEWS BY A SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR

LATE at night a Dorset housewife suddenly remembered she had left washing out on the line.

Leaving her husband watching TV, she stepped out into the back garden—and became transfixed with fear.

For on that night, April 3, 1978 Mrs Ethel Field was to become yet another witness to upset the claims of top scientists that UFOs do not exist.

Humming noise

Ethel saw a spacecraft manned by silver-clad men hover over the garden of her Parkstone home, flooding it with light. Two crewmen stared unwavering down at her. "I stood rooted to the spot," Ethel, now 65, told "The Weekly News." "The UFO was oval-shaped and the size of a double-decker bus. "It was a dark grey colour but the lower half was bathed in a bluish light. There was a large dome on top.

"The roar of the thing died into a humming noise like a vacuum cleaner but I could feel the ground vibrating under my feet.

"It moved towards me and I found I just couldn't budge, at all. Then from underneath the craft came brilliant multi-coloured lights which lit up the entire garden. "To my horror I saw two figures inside the dome. They were both clad in a silver-coloured uniform and wore tight-fitting helmets, like caps.

Frightened

"What was most unnerving was the fact I could not move my legs. One of the men was looking right at me and I became very frightened. "Strangely, the moment he took his eyes off me I could move. I turned and ran up the garden path towards the house.

"As I was running I turned in time to see the huge thing coming after me. But at the last moment it zoomed up over the house at an incredible speed. And all the lights on the craft went out.

"I ran into the house, told my husband what I had seen and urged him to come out and see if he could spot the craft in the air.

"He refused and laughed. He thought I was joking



Amazing eye-witness stories that challenge experts who deny the existence of alien spacecraft

although he did say the television had gone haywire and the dog had barked furiously after I'd gone out to pick up the washing. "Because my husband laughed at me I didn't phone the police to tell them of my fearful experience. I didn't want them thinking I was crazy.

"But I was very relieved to read in the papers that coastguards in Bournemouth had reported seeing an oval-shaped UFO moving out to sea at great speed on the same night it had hovered over my garden."

"Perhaps the most amazing case was that of Mrs Joyce Bowles who, along with a close friend, apparently had two encounters with men from outer space," said Norman Oliver.

Around 9 p.m. on November 14, 1976, Joyce Bowles and a family friend Ted Pratt, were driving home from Winchester to Chilcomb in Hampshire, when they saw an orange glow in the sky.

Then something seemed to lift the car off the road and move it sideways on to the grass verge bordering the narrow lane they were in.

But more unnerving things were to follow. In front of them was a glowing cigar-shaped object hovering about a foot off the ground.

As Joyce and Ted watched in utter amazement, one of the men, very tall with long fair hair down to his shoulders, stepped out of the craft. The man walked towards the car with very long strides indeed. And as he walked a high-pitched whistling noise seemed to come from him.

The alien put his head through the open car window. Mrs Bowles, now naturally terrified, noticed the man had very pale white skin and pink eyes with hardly any iris showing.

For Joyce it was too much. She collapsed in hysterics.

The man from space withdrew his head, walked to the rear of the car and disappeared. Almost at the same time the strange cigar-shaped UFO vanished.

Ted and Joyce's terrifying experience had lasted barely five minutes but it seemed a life-time.

Frightened, they hurried home and reported the incident to the police, who had received other calls from motorists claiming they had seen a UFO flying low over the Winchester by-pass.

More terror

The shock brought Mrs Bowles out in a rash and she could not eat for three days.

But more terror was to come to Mrs Bowles and her friend.

About six weeks later at around 7 p.m. on December 30 they drove off to get some petrol.

On the way back they were apprehensive when an orange glow lit up the sky.

Suddenly the car began to shudder and swerve from



"Mind you, I wouldn't be doing this if I didn't know my mum uses biological washing powder!"

side to side. A high-pitched whistling noise was heard.

Next moment they found themselves standing beside their Mini... in a dome-shaped room. And facing them were the three men they had seen on their previous encounter.

The man with the long stride stepped forward and startled Joyce and Ted by speaking in broken English. "We are not hostile towards you."

Joyce noticed on one side of the dome was a control desk with multi-coloured flashing lights. On the walls were strange charts of circles and lines.

One of the aliens talked to Ted but in a language he didn't understand.

The next thing Mrs Bowles recalled was being back in the car with bright lights shining through the window. Headlights from other cars.

But the odd thing was their car was parked beside a river outside Winchester. And on the other side of the town from where they had last been driving.

Silver craft

Another spine-chilling

UFO encounter occurred in West Lothian on November 9, 1979.

Forester Bob Taylor had been working alone in the forest at Dechmont Hill. Around 10 a.m. he rounded a path in the forest and was confronted by a silver craft in the shape of a toy spinning top.

The craft was standing in a clearing and seemed to be supported on narrow rails. There was no sign of life.

As he watched in amazement, two balls, each about a yard in diameter, shot out from the craft. They brushed past him and thudded to the ground.

Bob staggered and collapsed as a sickening, powerful smell came from the objects. He lapsed into unconsciousness.

When he came to half an hour later there was no sign of the craft. The clearing was empty but he did see a pattern of deep triangular marks in the earth.

Raised alarm

The forester managed to reach his van but was so shocked he was unable to drive it. Instead he staggered the mile or so to his home in Livingston.

Where the objects had brushed against him, there were neat, identical tears near the pockets of the trousers.

After hearing the weird story, Bob's boss raised the alarm. He knew Bob was a quiet, level-headed man.

The police rushed to the forest clearing where the craft had been seen by the forester and found distinct triangular marks in the earth.

"This is certainly a case where we have a sighting of a UFO on the ground. Yet another sighting which cannot be logically explained," said Mr Norman Oliver of BUFORA.



TV crew film UFO fleet surrounding their plane.