

AMAZING UFO DEATH RIDDLE

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A MAN'S mysterious death is at the centre of one of the biggest UFO riddles in years.

His body was found with strange, unexplained burns in a town he had never visited before.

Experts believe that Polish-born Zygmunt Adamski, 56, could have died of fright.

And one of two policemen

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called to the scene is said to have told of seeing a flying saucer only hours before.

Extensive inquiries ordered by West Yorkshire coroner Mr. James Turnbull failed to reveal any "ordinary" reasons for Mr. Adamski's death.

And last week Mr. Turnbull told us: "It is quite the most mysterious death I

have investigated in 12 years."

Mr. Adamski, who lived quietly with his wife Lottie in Thornfield Crescent, Tingley, near Leeds, was found on a pile of coal in a yard at Todmorden 30 miles away.

He had been missing for five days.

There were burns on his scalp, neck and the back of his head from a corrosive substance that experts have failed to identify.

Mr. Turnbull said: "As a trained lawyer I have to

rely on facts. Unfortunately we have not been able to uncover any facts which may have contributed to this death.

"I tend to believe that there may be some simple explanation.

"However, I do admit that the failure of forensic scientists to identify the corrosive substance which

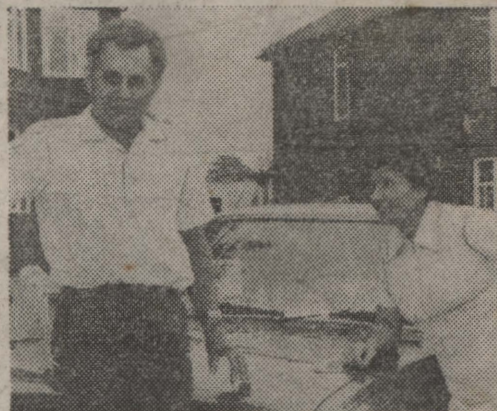
caused Mr. Adamski's burns could lend some weight to the UFO theory.

"As a coroner I cannot speculate. But I must admit that if I was walking over Ilkley Moor tomorrow and a UFO came down I would not be surprised. I might be terrified, but not surprised.

"I cannot believe that all the thousands of reports of this sort of phenomenon—covering almost every country in the world and going back through the ages—result from human error."

UFO investigators say

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Victim — Mr. Adamski with his wife Lottie

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MYSTERY OF BURNS ON UFO CASE MAN



Mr. Trevor Parker who found the mystery body

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they interviewed the policeman who spoke of the sighting.

They say he agreed to undergo hypnosis and while in a trance he recalled seeing a flying saucer earlier on the day that Mr. Adamski was found.

West Yorkshire police would not allow us to interview the officer.

This is the unbelievable story uncovered by Sunday Mirror investigators.

Mr. Adamski vanished on June 11 last year after setting off on foot from his home to buy potatoes at a corner shop.

Pile of coal

Coal merchant's son Mr. Trevor Parker found his body in a hollow on top of the pile of coal in Todmorden where Mr. Adamski had no known connections.

There was no indication as to how he got there.

His face, cheeks, forehead



Coroner James Turnbull

and clothes were NOT marked by the corrosive substance, suggesting that when the burns were inflicted the top half of his body was naked.

Mr. Adamski, who became a soldier and later a miner after fleeing Poland in the war, was found wearing a jacket but without a shirt.

His watch and wallet were missing but he had £5 in his pocket.

Consultant pathologist Dr Alan Edwards said death was caused by heart failure, possibly due to "a severe shock or fright".

Police probed Mr Adamski's background in an attempt to find clues to his death.

But they found that he drank little, did not gamble, showed no interest in politics and was unlikely to have enemies.

Coroner Mr Turnbull adjourned the inquest three times and appealed for anyone who could solve the riddle to come forward.

Eventually he recorded an open verdict.

Mr Turnbull said: "An open verdict means that this case is still technically under investigation."

Hypnosis

Mr Graham Birdsall, area co-ordinator for Contact International UK, the largest UFO study movement, said: "There is worldwide interest in this case. It is the biggest UFO story for many years.

"The fact that the police have even considered the

possibility of UFO involvement is unique."

Mr Birdsall and Mr Walter Reid, of the British UFO Research Association, confirmed that the PC involved underwent hypnosis.

"There is no obvious explanation why the body was there", said Mr Reid. "It would seem he was literally dropped there".

Mr Adamski's widow, who is confined to a wheelchair, said: "He was a good man with no enemies.

"He must have been kidnapped, by who or what and for what reason, I don't think I will ever know."

Police files remain open on Mr Adamski. UFO enthusiasts' files list him as a CE-3—Close Encounter of the Third Kind.

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