

Heart failure

There were burns on the top and back of his head and neck which had been caused by a substance unknown to forensic science.

He had died of heart failure which, the pathologist admitted, could have been caused by fright or shock.

UFO investigators have been recording strange sightings in the Todmorden area for 17 years.

By savage irony, Pc Godfrey, a straight-speaking Yorkshireman with a reputation of being a tough but fair copper, was one of two constables called to the scene when Adamski's body was found.

He did not know that five months later he was to have his own "close encounter of the third kind."

An encounter which leads to speculation that Zygmunt Adamski might have been subjected to a similar examination by aliens—and was not strong enough to bear the terror.

Night shift

But the Adamski affair was far from Alan Godfrey's mind when he left Todmorden police station early on the morning of November 28 last year.

His night shift was due to finish at 6 a.m. and he had decided to drive to a local council estate where people had been reporting cows straying into their gardens.

As he turned his Ford Escort Panda car into Burnley Road at about 5.15 he saw what he thought was a bus.

by JOHN SHEARD

Later, in an interview recorded on tape when he was not under hypnosis, he was to report: "Then I realised it wasn't a bus. It was about 20ft. wide and 14ft. high, hovering about 5ft. above the ground."

"The bottom half was spinning, there was a row of darkened windows and a dome on the top."

He tried to report to his headquarters, but neither of his radios—the one fixed in the car, or his pocket walkie-talkie—would work.

So he decided to draw the object, which looked like a spinning top.

As he was finishing his rather crude sketch on one of his accident report forms, the UFO disappeared.

When he got back to the station, Alan was undecided whether to make an official report about the incident. He was afraid it would cause him to become an object of ridicule.

But later he discovered that four police officers at nearby Halifax had reported a UFO at much the same time—a very bright, steel blue light which moved first north-south then east-west.

So Alan made out an official report, and the story eventually found its way into the local paper.

That brought the matter to the attention of three members of the Manchester UFO Research Association: Solicitor Harry Harris, 39, of Sale, Cheshire; Lancashire tailor Mike Sacks, 40, who has studied 25 sightings in the Todmorden area since 1978; and Detective Chief Inspector Norman Collinson, a member of the Manchester Fraud Squad, who uses his professional skill as an interrogator to assist his part-time hobby as a UFO investigator.

They contacted Alan arranged an interview, and had their first stroke of luck.

Alan's movements to and from the police station during his shift had been logged with great accuracy. Alan estimated that the UFO encounter had lasted three minutes.

Lost minutes

Yet by going over his movements, the investigators found that some 15 minutes were unaccounted for. So what happened during the lost quarter of an hour?

It was some months before solicitor Mr. Harris was able to persuade Alan to undergo regression hypnosis—a technique used by police forces throughout the world to enable witnesses of crime to remember in great detail facts their con-



ALAN'S rough sketches show (top left) the "space-ship" he saw, (bottom left) one of the "lamp-headed robots" and (right) the alien called "Joseph."