

# UFO HOAX GETS <sup>SW</sup> TV MEN A ROCKET!

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**A COSTLY UFO publicity stunt backfired on a new TV company yesterday.**

The company put mysterious full-page adverts in two national newspapers describing how a "white globe" was spotted hovering over a city centre.

But the hoax—by Nottingham-based Central TV—had police fuming.

They slammed the company — which takes over from ATV on January 1 — for "wasting valuable time" and "creating public concern."

The adverts claimed that a Mrs. Betty Davies spotted the white globe over Nottingham while walking her dog.

*Such a globe just happens to be Central TV's new emblem.*

The adverts said Mrs. Davies reported the sighting to Nottingham police and the US Air Force base at Mildenhall, Suffolk, for "further investigation."

## Exposed

The hoax was later exposed by a local radio station.

But by then police had already been bombarded with calls from "curious and frightened people."

Angry Inspector Ron Leivers said: "We are not amused—we've better things to do with our time."

And Sidney Henley, of Nottingham UFO Investigation Society, said: "Many people, especially pensioners, were frightened

"These TV people should be more responsible in their attitude."

Last night no one was available for comment at Central TV's new offices in Nottingham.