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Exclusive Report From Behind the Iron Curtain

The Soviet Union has been the target of an incredible blitz by UFOs. Reports reaching the West from behind the Iron Curtain describe documented UFO sightings, visits by weird humanoids and other amazing phe-

nomena. The ENQUIRER sent a reporter to Russia to investigate these astonishing claims. He obtained documents and interviews from eyewitnesses, scientists, UFO researchers and others — and the results of

his probe are startling. Here, in another installment of this exclusive ENQUIRER series, is a Soviet scientist's hair-raising account of top secret Russian military confrontations with what he is sure are alien spacecraft.

UFOs Play Cat-and-Mouse With Russian Jets in Arctic

Capt. Dubstov's eyes widened in disbelief.

Far below his patrol bomber and hovering motionless over the wind-whipped waves of the frigid Arctic Ocean the Soviet pilot had spotted a gigantic UFO, circular in shape and an incredible 900 feet in diameter.

Impossible, but there it was. Capt. Vladimir Dubstov had heard about these mysterious Arctic visitors from other Russian pilots, but never before had he encountered one.

And he was going to make the most of his opportunity.

Using low-lying clouds to screen his movements, the veteran aviator changed his course, edged his lumbering jet closer to the UFO and circled it.

"It was truly immense!"

By HENRY GRIS

clared Prof. Felix Zigel, the Soviet Union's top UFO expert who investigated the case. "A cone of light protruding downward from it gave it an eerie appearance. But it showed no sign of life."

So Dubstov moved closer. "Then," Prof. Zigel continued, "all of his instruments went haywire. He began to lose altitude."

As he struggled to regain control, Dubstov was horri-

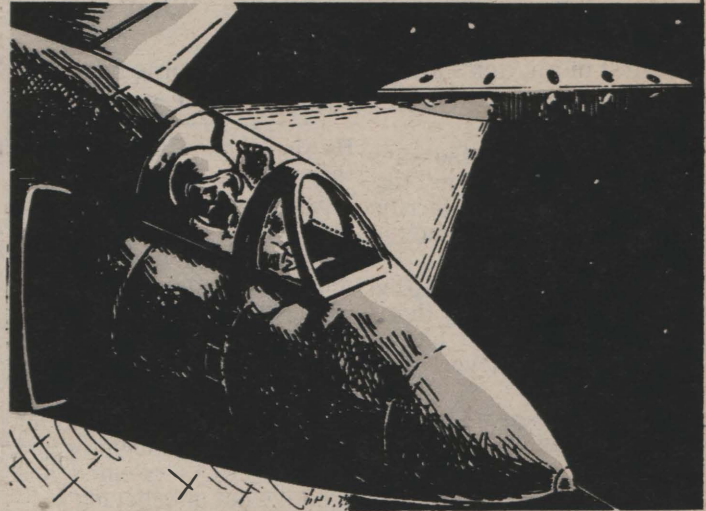
fied to see the UFO accelerate and whish by him in a vertical takeoff, leaving only a greenish-blue cloud behind.

Shaken, Dubstov nursed his crippled jet home and reported his near-disastrous encounter.

"That happened last October 22," Prof. Zigel reported. "And while it may be the latest encounter, it won't be the last. The polar region is the gate through which extraterrestrial ships enter and exit the earth's gravitational field."

In fact, the scientist's files include dozens of similar encounters by Soviet airmen.

On June 14, 1980, for example, a Soviet jet fighter attached to Moscow Air Defense "engaged an alien craft which was approximately the same size as the one Dub-



FAN-SHAPED BEAM from UFO killed the engine of one Russian jet and momentarily blinded the pilot.

stov confronted. First, the alien ship played a cat-and-mouse game. Its maneuvers were too bizarre for our jet to duplicate. Suddenly it took off at incredible speed."

Prof. Zigel, who also lectures at the famed Moscow Aviation Institute, is convinced the alien spaceships are under orders not to get involved in a battle. "When

they are about to be attacked," he explained, "they invariably break away and disappear from sight."

Only one Soviet airman has ever had a "dogfight" with a UFO, Prof. Zigel added.

"His name is Arkady Apraksin," the scientist said. "He was flying a jet fighter when he encountered a cigar-shaped UFO. Radar spotted it and he was ordered to force it to land — or open fire.

"Apraksin began his approach, but the mystery craft fired what he described as a 'fan-shaped beam' which blinded him momentarily. Then he discovered his engine was dead and he had no electrical controls. Somehow he managed to glide to a landing," he said.

NEXT WEEK: A Soviet engineer encounters remote-controlled "midget" UFO.

