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WAS THE MINER TAKEN BY A UFO?

MINER Zygmunt Adamski went to buy potatoes from a shop 200yds. from his home—and never returned.

Five days later, the partially-clothed body of the 57-year-old Pole—who lived quietly in Leeds, W. Yorks, did not drink and had no known enemies—was found on a coal tip at Todmorden railway station, 30 miles away.

Many people believe he had been frightened to death by creatures from outer space.

Adamski, a married man, was wearing the clothes in which he had last been seen alive, but his shirt was missing, along with his wristwatch and wallet containing £20. His pockets were empty.

There was no indication that he had been sleeping rough. Grazes on his palms and knees could have been caused by his work at the coal-face. He had only a day's growth of beard, and part of his head had been shaved.

SCARRED

But the back of his head and the side of his neck had been badly scarred two days before his death by acid or boiling water. An ointment had been used on the burns.

A post mortem showed that Adamski had died of a heart attack eight or 10 hours before his body was found, on June 11, 1980.

After extensive inquiries, including Press, radio and TV appeals, police remain baffled.

Why should Adamski

He vanished on a shopping trip and his body was strangely burned

have wandered so far from home to a town about which he knew nothing, even though Todmorden has many eastern European emigrés?

His widow told police that he had no links there.

A pathologist's examination ruled out amnesia and there was no indication that he might simply have wished to vanish.

In fact, he had been telling friends how much he was looking forward to his god-daughter's wedding, which took place two days after he vanished.

Police are satisfied that the burns to his head were caused by acid. They say these had nothing to do with his death, even though they do not know how they happened. A check with hospitals and surgeries was unsuccessful.

The dead man was wearing a brown jacket over his vest, and of the missing shirt a police officer said, "No thief would have been crazy enough to remove a jacket from a corpse, steal the shirt and then replace the jacket. It just doesn't make sense.

"If Adamski had been a hospital in-patient, his shirt and valuables would have been temporarily removed. But the hospital check, of course, killed that theory."

FACE-UP

Police say there is nothing to suggest that Adamski, after his death, had been carried to the coaltip on which he had been found face up, and there were no signs of violence.

The sides of the top were smooth, so nobody could have climbed it. Yet Adamski's body was

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Adamski: Was he killed by fear?

spotlessly clean, "as if Adamski had stepped from a shower," say police. He had been laid gently on the tip, 6ft. from the ground.

A police officer claimed that only somebody using something like a helicopter could possibly have done that.

Doctors admit that Adamski's heart attack could have been caused by fear. His invalid widow, Leokia, said: "His expression was one of horror."

SIGHTINGS

Recording a verdict of death from natural causes, Calderdale, W. Yorkshire, coroner, James Turnbull, described the case as: "Quite the most mysterious death I have investigated in 12 years."

At the time and place of his death, sightings were reported of huge orange balls, but police dismiss

the suggestion that Adamski had been seized by aliens from a UFO, frightened to death and dumped.

One of the investigating officers made the astonishing claim, under hypnosis, however, that he had been snatched into a UFO hovering over Todmorden's Ukrainian Club five months after Adamski's death.

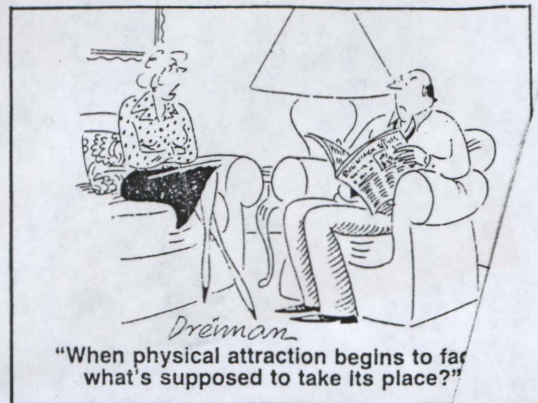
He claimed he was given a weird medical examination by a humanoid figure called Joseph, assisted by eight small lamp-headed robots.

One man with an open mind is Graham Birdsall, a Leeds local government officer, who is a researcher for Contact, the world's largest UFO study organisation.

"The more you look at the Adamski case," he says, "the more uncomfortable you feel."

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