

# Gorky UFO starts skywatch

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**MOSCOW :** The Soviet Union has set up a commission to investigate unidentified flying objects, following an incident last year involving a "flying cigar" near Gorky, a Moscow paper reported yesterday.

The trade union daily, Trud, said that the commission had been established in February to vet all sightings of moving objects or flashing lights in the sky. It was headed by Pavel Popovich, a former cosmonaut.

Mr Popovich told the paper that there were hundreds of reports each year in the Soviet Union and that most could be explained away. But scientists had been disturbed by the events which defied rational analysis in Gorky, 250 miles east of here. — Reuter.

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