

Truckers report attack by bird-creatures from space ship

SAUK CENTRE, Minn. (AP) — The most exciting thing scheduled to happen this week at the Truckers Inn in Sauk Centre was the switch to new owners. That was before the truck-driving team of Robert and Jackie Bair of Selah, Wash., showed up.

They had parked their tanker truck of vegetable fat and weren't going to drive any more, they told truck stop attendants Monday, because they had been attacked on the road from Montana to Minnesota by bird-like creatures from a space ship.

The creatures — about 8 inches high, with V-shaped heads and human legs — had followed them to the truck stop and now were surrounding it, the couple said. Then they asked to use the telephone.

"They came into the station all upset and excited and said they weren't going any further because the UFO was shooting at them," said

Dorothy Sills, the office manager for Truckers Inn.

"It was strange," she continued. "We couldn't see what they were seeing, let's put it that way."

The Bairs repeated their story to Sauk Centre Police Chief George Trierweiler, who had received a call that morning from Jim Ketchum, general manager of Davis Transport Inc., the Yakima, Wash., firm that employs the Bairs.

"He asked me to go check on a pair of drivers of his at the Getty station and I asked him, 'What for?' and he said, 'I can't say over the telephone, but I want you to go over and see if they're OK,'" Trierweiler related.

The Bairs — he's 45, she's 21 — told the chief that somewhere around Billings, Mont., a bubble-shaped space ship emerged from a dark cloud and crashed into the road beside them.

"A peanut-shaped cylinder fell out of the ship

and these creatures came out of the peanut-shaped cylinder," Trierweiler said the couple told him. "These creatures followed them from Billings to Sauk Centre and there were metal filings shot at their vehicle."

Trierweiler said he inspected the truck windshield for the filings they said were embedded in it, but "I didn't see anything. There were some metal filings in the truck, but maybe they had some work done in the truck."

Trierweiler later returned with State Patrol Sgt. Fred Korte, who also inspected the truck. They both strained to see the creatures that the Bairs complained were standing guard in the telephone poles.

"I know there are certain things you can't see that you're supposed to believe — like the Lord," Trierweiler said. "But when someone starts telling me there are bird creatures on top of the lamp posts at the Getty station and I can't

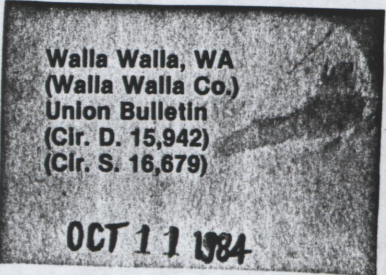
see it, in my mind, it's not there."

"As far as I'm concerned, there's nothing to it," Korte said.

Sills described the Bairs as clean, neatly dressed and quiet. "They seemed to believe what they were saying," she said.

The Bairs spent Monday night at a motel where, they told a reporter, they saw metal shavings in the room and writing appeared on Jackie Bair's thigh.

The National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle confirmed that the Bairs had filed a report with the private organization. There also was a report in South Dakota of large bright objects in the sky, but no peanut-shaped cylinders, said spokesman Robert Gribble. The Bairs left Sauk Centre for Washington Tuesday afternoon in the truck, with a driver flown in by Davis Transport.



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