

I F extra-terrestrials are preparing to visit earth, they're planning a Russian holiday. DJB

For pilots have reported so many UFO sightings in Russian skies that the Red Air Force has set up a special investigation committee, it was revealed yesterday.

The latest came when the crew of Aeroflot flight 8352 from Rostov to Tallinn saw a bright yellow light shoot a thin ray to the ground.

Ground controllers later told them their radar screens showed the airliner being pursued by unexplained blips.

It was also reported yesterday that Soviet investigations have established at least 300 UFO sightings that cannot be explained away.

They include a 1976 UFO that hovered for 36 hours over the town of Nalchik, a 1961 flying saucer that appeared above a railway crossing near Moscow, stalling all motor engines for 45 minutes, and a series of incidents in which airliners have been "pursued." PTO