

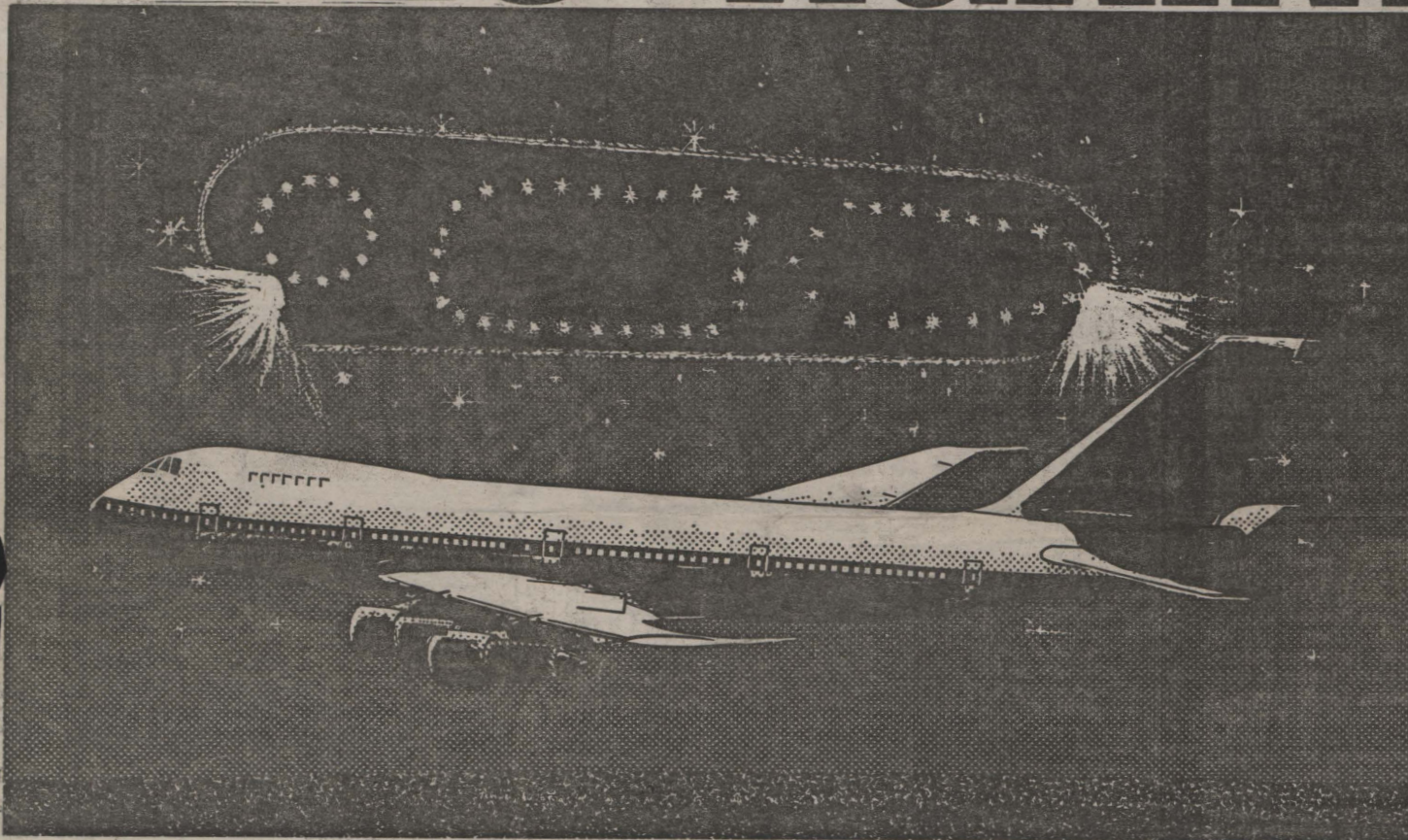
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SUNDAY MIRROR, January 4,

were buzzed for 30 minutes by flashing cigar-shaped object

HELLO AGAIN!



Close encounter—how jumbo jet flight JAL 1628 was shadowed by a UFO.

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■ THESE are some of the most recent sightings of UFOs by pilots around the world:

■ IN February last year the captain of a VC10 carrying Prince Charles home from the US saw "a glowing red object" over the Irish Sea. Four other aircraft reported similar sightings.

■ IN Brazil last May a shower of multi-coloured objects the size of ping-pong balls were spotted travelling at 840 mph. Jets were scrambled to give chase but lost them when they ran out of fuel.

■ TWO years ago the pilot and passengers of a Russian Aeroflot jet saw a bright yellow light from which a thin white ray was shot to the ground near Minsk.

■ IN August 1985 the Greek pilot of a Boeing 747 reported a near-collision with a dark, rocket-shaped craft over Italy. At the same time people on the ground saw a bright circular object which gave off green and orange light.

■ THE same month in Zimbabwe observers in five towns saw an orange, rounded object with wings. Hawk jets found it hovering 7,000 feet above Bulawayo, but it shot away.

UFO experts call for probe

light formations, including a red light. But this machine had an unusual pattern of yellow, green and amber lights—plus rotating strobes.

In desperation Captain Terauchi put the Boeing into a rapid 8,000-foot descent. The shadow craft followed.

It continued to buzz the plane for a total of 30 minutes . . . then vanished as suddenly as it had appeared.

The jet was finally able to land at Anchorage Airport where the shaken crew were closely

questioned by aviation officials.

Captain Terauchi told investigators: "It was as big as my 747 or even bigger. It was moving very erratically."

Report

US Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Paul Steucke said the crew were found to be "normal, professional, rational."

He added: "We have no idea what it was. It wasn't a civil aircraft and it's unlikely to be a military plane which

would almost certainly have stayed behind the jumbo jet.

Two other planes — an airliner and a military jet — flying some distance away both reported seeing the Boeing, but did not see the unidentified craft.

British UFO authority Tim Good, an author and lecturer, described the encounter as "fascinating."

He said: "It could herald a whole wave of sightings and persuade governments to treat the subject more seriously."

"The pilot's unsuccessful attempt to shake the thing off clearly shows that it was something quite unusual.

"And the fact that his VHF radio frequency was affected suggests it was genuinely a mysterious phenomenon.

"Radio interference is a typical by-product of UFO encounters."

Gordon Creighton, editor of Flying Saucer Review, said: "Over the years governments, particularly in the US, have gone to extreme lengths to pooh-pooh such reports, but they will find it difficult to wriggle out of this one.

"The aim of every government is to conceal the fact that there are other beings around. To admit so would cause an uproar and much destabilisation."