

Born with a birth defect — and a will to win

Armless banker's amazing courage!

HARD AT WORK: Richard Satherley gets along perfectly well using his feet instead of hands.



Customers stare in open amazement when they stroll into a London bank and see Richard Satherley sitting behind his desk — writing with his feet.

The brainy banker was born without arms and has battled adversity ever since.



AGILE Richard Satherley presses an elevator button with his toe.

He has a college degree, a good job and a wife.

Satherley, 25, has been using his feet as his hands and arms since childhood.

He scorns artificial arms as cumbersome and cosmetic and uses his feet for all paperwork. He even turns on his office lights and reaches documents on high shelves with his feet.

He has been crippled since birth because his mother took the drug Thalidomide for morning sickness during pregnancy.

"I went to the hospital perfectly happy to see our new baby and was greeted with the news that I had a fine boy — without arms," said Satherley's father, Edward.

The courageous youngster was determined to overcome his handicap. He used his feet for drawing, writing, playing with his toy cars and doing his school work.

Satherley made A's in high school and obtained a college degree. He works in the real estate division of the National Westminster Bank and lives in London with his wife, Teresa.

Like other Thalidomide babies who were given compensation in a global settlement involving the drug, Sather-

ley has learned to live with his handicap.

"It's a bit frustrating at times — like sometimes having to ask other people at work to get files out for me," he said.

"And in supermarkets, getting

things from the shelves. And carrying drinks from the bar in pubs."

But the courageous banker has shown that arms don't necessarily make the man, if the man has guts.

— JOE BERGER

It came through the roof like an ICBM!

A 4-year-old boy barely escaped death when a huge block of ice fell from an airplane — and crashed through his bedroom ceiling.

Nicholas Wieland was lying on his bed watching television only seconds before the chunk of ice ripped a hole in the ceiling and demolished his bedroom.

"He had just walked out to ask what time a certain TV program was on when we heard this terrible noise — like the house was caving in," said the tot's mom, Ursula Wieland of Center- each, N.Y.

"The bedroom was a shambles," she said. "I was ready to kill my cat because I thought he had messed up the room trying to get to our pet bird — and then I saw the hole in the ceiling."

Water leaking from the restroom of a commercial jet had frozen into a large block of ice that melted and fell off when the plane descended to a warmer altitude, said Mrs. Wieland.

The ice tore a 1-foot-square hole in the roof of the one-story home and a 3-foot by 3-foot hole in the youngster's bedroom.

No one was injured in the bizarre accident that caused about \$3,000 damage.

Federal Aviation Administration officials have identified the cause of the mishap, but not the specific plane, said Mrs. Wieland.

The bedroom ceiling has been repaired and the roof temporarily patched up, she said, but toys and

other furnishings had to be thrown out.

"We'd just finished putting in new carpeting and painted the walls," said Mrs. Wieland. "It was a brand new room."

She said her son is still terrified about what happened. "The room is back to normal now," she said. "But he still won't sleep there."

Better late than never!

Michael Conlan, seriously injured in a fall from a hotel fire escape, received an \$87,500 court settlement — nearly two decades after his accident.

Conlan, now 20, suffered a fractured pelvis, a dislocated hip and internal injuries when he toppled from the fire escape of a Philadelphia hotel when he was 13 months old.

A lawsuit filed by his parents in 1968 has been pending in court ever since.

Whistle-stop tour

Presidential hopeful Joseph Biden Jr. gave a new meaning to the term whistle-stop when he made a wrong turn at a campaign luncheon — and found himself face-to-face with a bevy of half-naked swimsuit models.

"I could see my whole political future going down the drain," the Democratic senator from Delaware said later.

Biden was looking for the entrance to a restaurant in Des Moines, Iowa, where he was scheduled to have lunch with a group of party activists when he accidentally walked into the dressing room. He said he blurted out an apology and beat a hasty retreat.

But Carol Riley, one of the models, said none of the ladies was upset by the intrusion.

"I thought he was cute," she said.



'We were sucked into the sky by a beam of light'

Family abducted

by UFO

By DOUG GARDNER, China Correspondent

PEKING — A family of three was kidnapped by child-size space aliens and examined like laboratory guinea pigs aboard a cone-shaped starship, according to a top-secret report.

The incident occurred on March 7 during a UFO sighting in the Szechwan province of China that was reported in newspapers around the world.

"The family is undergoing psychiatric and medical testing at the moment. The mother and father are in their early 30s and the child is 9 years old. Their story is incredible," said a psychologist who worked with the family for nearly a week after they were found dazed and wandering by a roadside near their hometown of Pingwu in central China.

The psychologist, who asked not to be identified because of the tight security surrounding the incident, described tape-recorded interviews with the family from March 9 to 15 at a Peoples' Republic hospital in Chengtu.

"The man, a factory worker and part-time farmer, said he was awakened around midnight on March 7 by a high-pitched hum that seemed to be just outside his small two-room house.

"He went outside to investigate, followed by his wife and child who were also awakened. They were nearly blinded by a beam of yellowish light coming from a huge reddish-orange object that hovered above them, slowly spinning. The woman said it was shaped like a gigantic Chinese straw hat.

"The hum grew so loud that it became painful and they covered their ears, according to the man.

"They then described a floating feeling as if they were being sucked into the craft by the light beam. All three blacked out.

"The woman said she was first to regain consciousness and found herself naked and strapped to a steel table by metallic bands.

"Her husband and son were on duplicate examining tables about 18 inches



MAP shows area in China where aliens swooped down to collect human specimens.

could make no sound, only mouth the words.

"Electrodes were taped to their skulls and the woman said they were almost deafened by the same high-pitched hum they heard outside their house. She said the vibration was extremely painful and she kept trying to scream to the creatures. One of the creatures then took what looked like a scalpel and made a long incision in the child's thigh.

"The boy winced and blacked out.

"She said that the cut was healed seconds later when one of the aliens passed a pencil-like instrument over it.

"The woman said the creatures then took clippings of their hair and fingerprints.

"The room went pitch-black and she felt as though she were spinning on a very slowly turning merry-go-round. She said her sense of time was distort-

high. She said the room was circular with 5-foot ceilings.

"The woman said she began to scream hysterically but her husband and child remained unconscious. She said she was shaking all over and felt

They were strapped to tables and examined like laboratory bugs!

alternately hot and cold. She said the light in the room was purple in hue.

"A tiny hatchway in the wall opened and five creatures she described as child-like and barely three feet tall entered the room.

"They looked human in shape with proportionate arms and legs but their faces were featureless except for three huge whitish eyes in their foreheads. She described their skin as transparent blue color that seemed deepened from time to time.

"The creatures said nothing but immediately took blood from each of their arms.

"They then inserted long needles into their knee and ankle joints but she said there was no pain.

"Her husband and child awakened but seemed to be in a trance, like a half-sleep.

"She tried to speak to them but she

BEIJING

A DIFFERENT DESCRIPTION. The UFO looked like a straw hat. The official *China Daily* Thursday said that was the description given by about 20 people in Sichuan province who said they saw the reddish-orange object in the sky about midnight on March 7. The newspaper quoted Luo Jincheng, a 17-year-old high school student, as saying that he felt dizzy and upset for some time after the sighting.

AMERICAN newspapers ran sketchy reports of the mind-boggling UFO sighting over China. Many experts believe alien visitors are combing the earth for human specimens.

their home. They felt nauseated and the child vomited several times. They also reported blurred vision, numbness and ringing in their ears.

"They were picked up by a passing bus and taken to a medical clinic by the concerned driver. They were then sent here to the hospital in Chengtu.

"These people have experienced something amazing. I only hope someday their whole story will be known. I imagine they will be hospitalized for several more months.

"They still suffer terrifying nightmares, sweats and racing thoughts."

Editors at *China Daily*, the official government newspaper, reported the UFO sighting at length. But the *China Daily* refuses to comment on the family's abduction until all medical findings are in.

CONE-SHAPED starship, upper right, rules the Chinese skies, say observers. The bizarre craft was even sighted over the Great Wall!



Alien kidnappers seek human blood and bo

By ALEX JACKSON

An expert on UFOs says reports of astonished earthlings being kidnapped and used as "medical lab rats" by highly intelligent space aliens from another solar system are not uncommon.

"I've heard of at least 300 documented experiences from Europe, America and Asia in recent years," said Dr. David M. Jacobs, a history professor at Temple

University in Philadelphia. "The extraordinary encounters I'm familiar with seem to involve aliens from another solar system because of the type of medical testing that was involved."

Space aliens have been visiting the planet Earth for 20 or more years and they already know many of the things that earthlings were captured and examined for, the professor said.

"It appears we are dealing with a civilization from another system that is ad-

vanced — very advanced — very advanced mean also that the problem in space isn't meaningful," Dr. Jacobs.

"The aliens have no conducting earthlings and body part samplings,"

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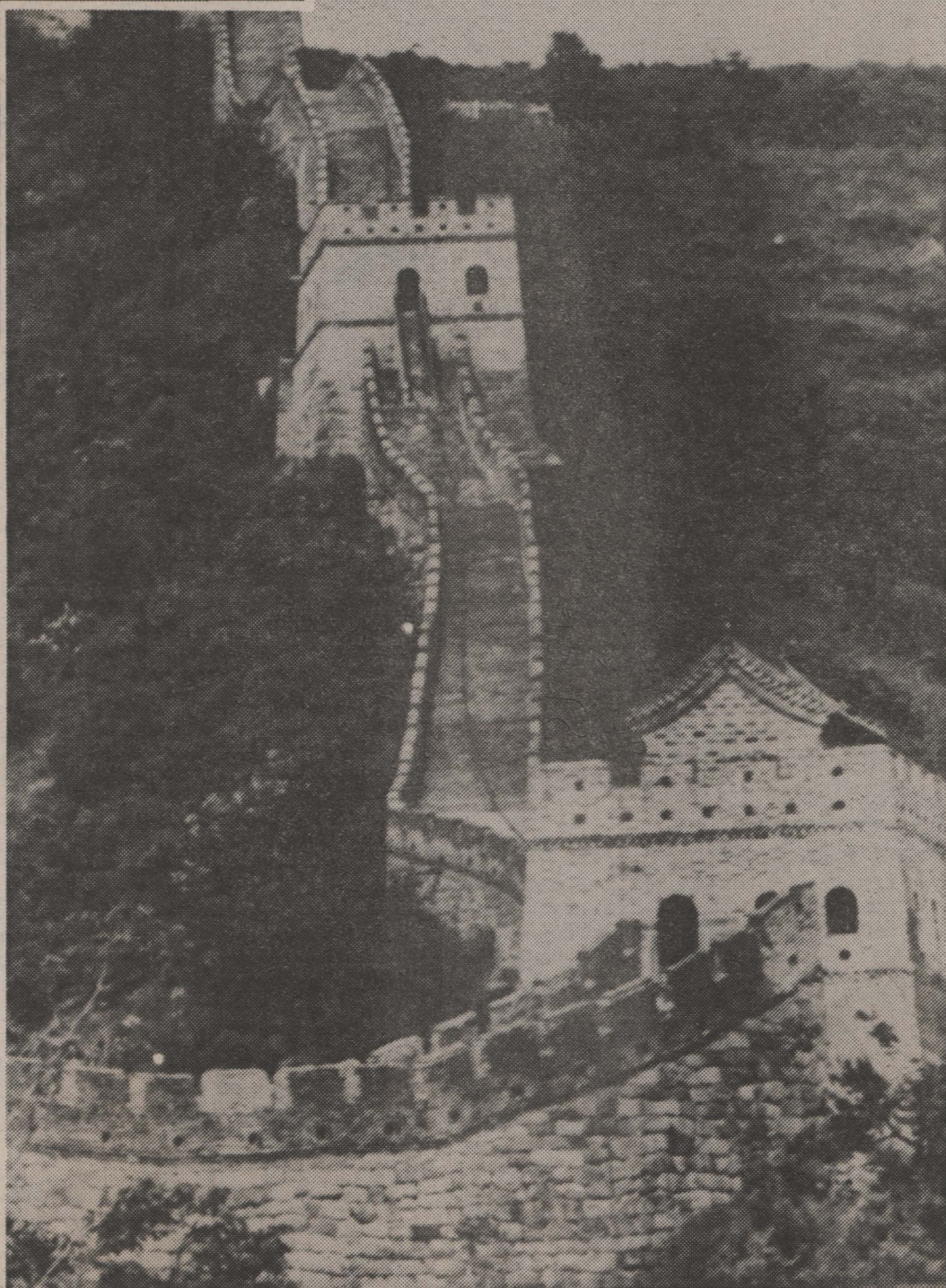
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vanced — very advanced. That would mean also that the problem of distance in space isn't meaningful anymore," said Dr. Jacobs.

"The aliens have no qualms about abducting earthlings and taking blood and body part samplings," he said.

"It's very interesting to me. They seem to be especially interested in our reproduction process."

Dr. Jacobs said the supersmart aliens who kidnap people around the world are

probably quite capable of conquering Earth if they wanted to.

"Encounters with space aliens are becoming a global phenomenon," he said. "The scope and numbers of the reports are very frightening to me."

People from all walks of life, all races, ages and from all educational levels are reporting close encounters with aliens, said Dr. Jacobs.

"These people are just plain folks. They're not crazies!"

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