

DIGEST**Cheque up**

BRITAIN yesterday gave the United Nations £1.75 million for family planning programmes in Pakistan. Mr Crispin Tickell, who delivered the cheque to Nafis Sadik, head of the UN population fund, said it was an expression of confidence in her leadership and in the agency.

Hi guys! *

A two square-mile concrete "welcome mat" for unidentified flying objects to land on is being planned for an American village in Wisconsin, it was announced yesterday. "We believe these spaceships are manned by an intelligence which has been watching us for a long time," said Tom Weber, whose brain-child this is."

ANC fears

EVENTS following the release of black nationalist leader Govan Mbeki have damaged prospects for the freeing of other political prisoners, including Nelson Mandela, a senior South African official said yesterday. Mbeki (77), a lieutenant of African National Congress leader Mandela, was freed last November after 23 years in jail.

Totting up *

A PRIMITIVE peasant village in Inner Mongolia is producing child prodigies who can work out mathematical sums as fast as an electronic calculator. Children in a primary school at the poor Yihe mountain village have been systematically taught a special fast-calculation method with startling results, the Chinese News Agency said yesterday.

'UFO' mystery

AN ILLOGAN woman claims that the ball of white and multi-coloured lights she saw speeding in the sky over Carn Brea last week was a UFO.

Mrs. Sonia Wells, of Broad-lane, was looking out of her bedroom window at midnight last Tuesday after the storm in which lightning struck the historic East Pool "Whim" engine house had abated.

"I saw that the TV mast on Carn Brea was lit so I thought, that's O.K. Then next to it, in the sky I saw a very big white light with a lot of smaller multi-coloured lights all round the sides of it.

"It seemed to be travelling fast, moving away from me

towards Redruth. I only saw it for a couple of seconds before it disappeared."

Mrs. Wells added: "It must have been a UFO — I can't think of anything else it could have been."

Her husband, Steve, who was out at the time, said the light was a mystery. "I didn't see it myself but Sonia isn't the sort of person to imagine she's seen a UFO if she hasn't. It certainly had no connectin with the thunder and lightning we'd had, because the storm had abated two or so hours earlier."

The police at Camborne said they had received no reports of similar sightings. "I can only think it must have been a thunderbolt," said a spokesman.

Late-night lesson

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Police UFO mystery

SEASONED policemen smiled when a woman PC radioed in to say she had spotted a UFO ... until they heard engines droning above their station.

PC Susan Jackson went to investigate when dozens of sightings were reported to Ecclesfield police station near Sheffield. Minutes later she saw a V-shaped craft hovering close by. Even above the car engine, Susan (29), could hear its motors and saw a row of red flashing lights.

A few hundred yards away PC John Boam spotted the mystery object for 30 seconds before it flew away.

They checked with RAF Finningley near Doncaster, which covers the area by radar — but nothing had shown up on its screens.

Flying squad...

A SPATE of bird thefts in Exeter, Devon, has been solved — by two police officers called Parrott and Coop.

Seventy finches, budgies and canaries were found after four juveniles were taken in for questioning by PC Michael Parrott — a policeman for only three weeks — and Sergeant Tony Coop.

The birds, which went missing in a series of thefts in the St Thomas area of Exeter, are now in an aviary while PC Parrott tries to find their owners.

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