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Bomb gang score killer own goal

By JOHN MAHONEY

A TERRORIST team blew themselves to pieces with their own bomb yesterday in an astonishing "own goal".

Two IRA men died. Security forces in Crossmaglen, Co. Armagh, are convinced they were plotting a massive ambush for British troops on patrol.

But RUC chiefs believe they bungled when they tried to lift a mortar bomb from a barn into a hijacked van about a mile outside the village.

It exploded in their hands, blowing them and the van sky-high.

Earlier two vehicles, including a Department of Environment works van, were stolen.

Shattered

Two workmen and another driver were held at gunpoint in a field and told not to move for 15 minutes.

Around noon the terrorists arrived outside a barn on a pig farm and tried to move the bomb.

Seconds later they were blasted to bits. The massive explosion shattered windows all around the scene.

An elderly woman and a child in a nearby house narrowly escaped injury from flying glass.

Security forces moved in and sealed off the farm while forensic experts tried to piece together the bodies.

An RUC spokesman said Turn to Page 2, Col. 2

JAPS PAY

JAGGER

£1M

ANIGHT

By GEOFF BAKER

MICK JAGGER will this month stage the richest concerts in rock history.

The Stone who's already rolling in cash will earn up to £1 MILLION a night!

Jagger's amazing deal is for a short solo tour of Japan.

It's the first time the 43-year-old singer has hit the road alone.

On March 22 and 23 Jagger will perform at the brand-new Tokyo Dome—a massive indoor stadium seating 56,000. Sources in Japan say he'll be picking up £2 million.

On the same trip the veteran rocker will play four nights in Osaka, which it's

said will add another £1 million to his £15 million personal fortune.

Jagger's aides in London could not confirm or deny the huge fees. A spokesman said: "We have no idea what he is getting paid. That's a subject of private negotiation."

Enormous

But in the Land of the Rising Sun a source revealed: "The demand for Jagger over here is enormous. He's one of the few top stars who haven't played in Japan. All tickets for the Tokyo



Stone's solo stunner

Dome sold out on the day the concerts were announced.

Up to now Bruce Springsteen has probably been the biggest earner from live shows. In 1984 he played 158 dates, making around £750,000 per show.

Michael Jackson is currently netting £500,000 a night on his world tour.

It's believed that Jagger's monster fee has been justified by arranging live TV screening of the Tokyo gigs.

The singer's only major solo appearance until now has been his Live Aid spot.

His backing band for the Japanese

concerts will include famed guitarist Jeff Beck. No Stones are expected to appear.

Concerts

Instead of drummer Charlie Watts, Jagger is said to be planning to use Japanese master-percussionist Stomu Yamashita—who plays 60 instruments on stage.

The Stones last played together in public at Roundhay Park, Leeds, in 1982. But insiders say the group is planning a string of concerts later this year.

GIRL GRABBED BY ALIENS: PAGES 14 & 15

DAY TWO OF THE FANTASTIC STAR SERIES THAT'S OUT OF THIS WORLD

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● ALL over the world, people are claiming bizarre experiences involving weird aliens who arrive from space in UFOs.

● S O M E remarkable accounts say that humans are being kidnapped by creatures then subjected to gruesome medical tests.

● A U T H O R Jenny Randles, Britain's top UFO investigator, catalogues some of the astonishing cases.

T EENAGER Shelley Brown had a pressing appointment with a UFO on her way home from work one evening. She had to push her umbrella into the ground to steady herself against the pressure from an alien craft hovering above her.

But receptionist Shelley, 17, who was only a few hundred yards from her home in Bolton when the UFO swooped, could not fight it.

The pressure on her shoulders forced her down, even making her teeth rattle.

Afterwards, she found burns on her arms and down one side. Her eyes were sore, she felt sick and dizzy—and the fillings in her teeth had simply crumbled into powder.

Most mysterious of all, about 45 minutes could not be accounted for that night.

Only under hypnosis did

Young Shelley was being
examined by a creature

the full story emerge. Shelley told of being taken aboard the UFO and examined.

This is what happened... At 5.15 p.m. on January 23, 1976, Shelley got off a bus and began the short walk to her home on a quiet

housing estate at the edge of town.

Suddenly she saw two lights in the sky—one amber, the other red. They appeared to be bumping into one another.

Then an object seemed to swoop down and was

virtually on top of her. It had a curved base, a flat top, and lights were set into the side.

It was the size of a small house, hovering at rooftop height. Shelley was terrified.

The pressure from the down-draught hurt her, and she tried to run away—but she could only move in a sort of slow motion.

Struggled

As the craft turned on its edge, Shelley managed to struggle free and run home to safety. The time was 6.05 p.m.—a good 45 minutes after she should have been home.

When the time lapse was probed under hypnosis, she told of lying on a bed and being examined by a female alien in a long gown.

The woman was tall and blonde. Somehow, Shelley

felt, information was being put into her head.

The phrase "We will not harm you—do not be afraid" kept going through her mind, as if it was being played by a tape recorder.

And there was another strange twist, witnessed by Shelley's parents.

Shortly after Shelley's

UFO sighting was reported, she was plagued by a series of weird phone calls.

These were followed by a visit from two men in dark suits who spent hours interrogating her about what she had seen.

They used a box-like gadget during the interview, and there is some

evidence that they used telepathy to condition her.

Their identity and purpose is not known, although one of them, a one-armed man, was called "The Commander."

There is more to this case, and at some time it may be told. But, for the moment, Shelley wants some facts held back.

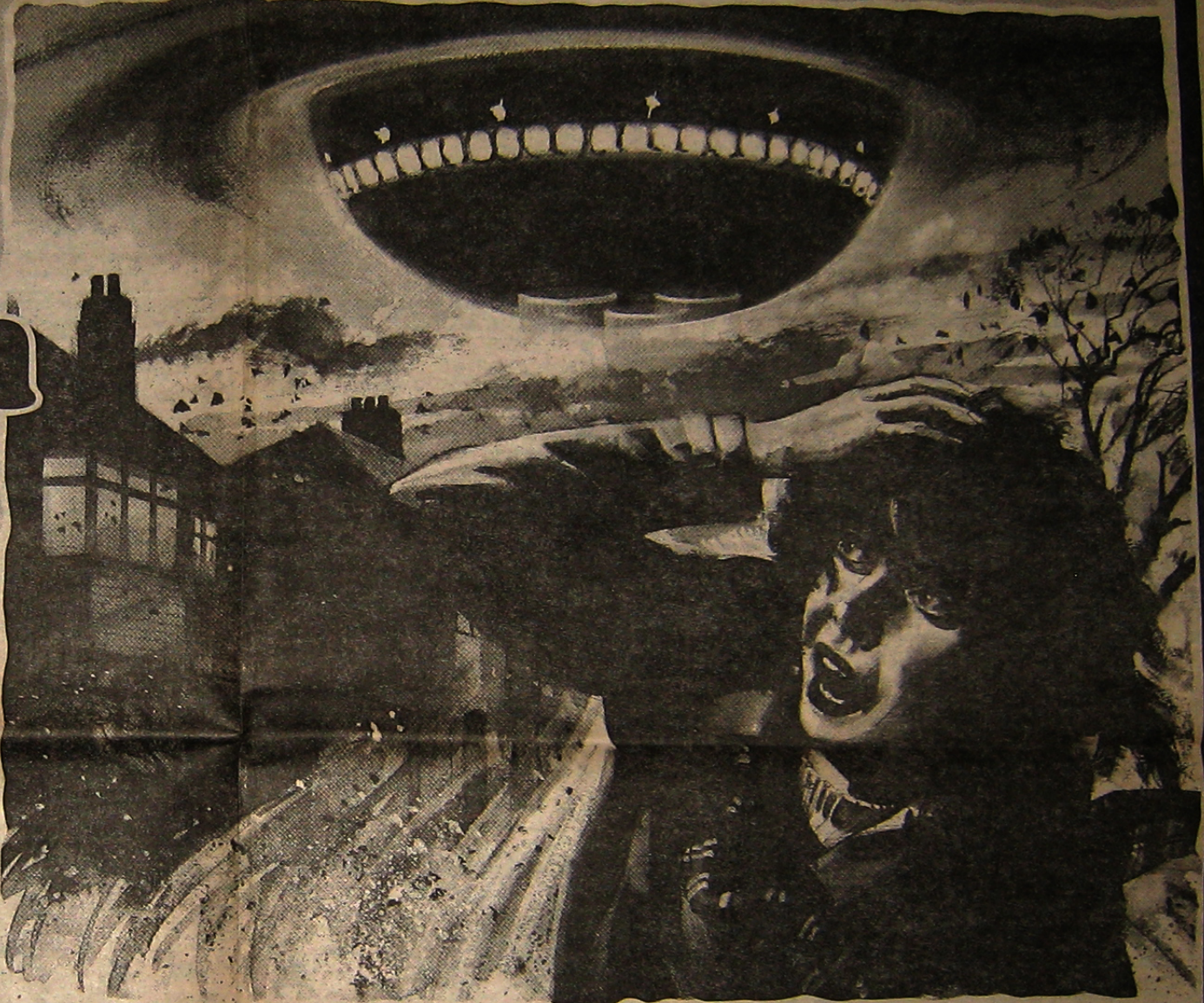
However, the story as it stands is astonishing.

In her no-nonsense Lancashire fashion Shelley says: "I saw a UFO that night."

"It was UNIDENTIFIED, because I don't know what it is. FLYING, because it certainly was. OBJECT, it also was."

"Beyond that, I cannot say..."

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TERROR as the UFO swoops. Shelley could not fight the pressure—and even her teeth rattled

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MYSTERY MAN FROM
GHARNASVARN

YOU won't find Gharnasvarn listed on a map of the galaxy.

But that's where Cynthia Applegate's mysterious visitor said he came from.

It happened at 3 p.m. one November afternoon. There was a whistling sound, and a figure materialised in the living room of her home in Aston, Birmingham.

It was a man—more than six feet tall, with long blond hair. His complexion was pale, and his features were elongated.

Cynthia says: "He told me not to be afraid. He seemed to have control

over me—I felt I'd been hypnotised."

His home planet, he said, was Gharnasvarn. His people wanted to live in harmony with Earth, but they did not dare make overt contact until we stopped having wars.

Wounds

The man visited Cynthia four times. Once, she says, she touched his silver suit and found it horribly slimy.

Her young daughter saw the man, too. On that visit, he wore a dark suit and an old-fashioned hat, and left in a big black car.

On another occasion, he burned his finger and asked Cynthia to bathe it. Then he injected himself from a tube, and put some kind of jelly on the wound to make it heal immediately.

Cynthia's story impressed psychologist Dr. John Dale, who interviewed her many times.

One of the strangest aspects of this case is that the being from Gharnasvarn gave her a lot of detailed information about scientific discoveries which could not have been envisaged at the time.

JEAN'S PIES IN
THE
SKY!

SOMEWHERE in space, alien scientists are puzzling over a great British dish—mince pies.

A plateful of the pies were taken from Jean Hingley's home at Rowley Regis, West Midlands, by three strange figures who visited her one Christmas. The snatch happened when she showed the creatures how to light a cigarette. They fled in terror—grabbing the pies as they went!

It was 7 a.m. when the

silver-coloured clothes, had wings, and seemed to float.

Jean's visitors complained to her: "We come from the sky to talk to people, but they don't seem interested."

Later, Jean watched the trio take off in an egg-shaped object from her snow-covered garden.

And a local UFO investigation team, alerted by her quick report, photographed the UFO's track before the snow melted.

three visitors arrived in 45-year-old Jean's lounge. They were only about 3ft. 6ins. tall and had waxy white faces, coal-black eyes with no eyebrows, and very thin mouths. The creatures wore



SMOKED OUT... the aliens fled as Jean lit a cigarette

TOMORROW: A family's night of fear