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THE first person on record to be abducted by aliens was a Brazilian cowhand.

A spacecraft dugored four men, five feet tall, who dragged him aboard the craft, gave him a quick rubdown, and then produced an odd looking woman with fair skin, oriental eyes and red hair.

She seized the cowhand and, treating him as an intergalactic toyboy, proceeded to rape him. She then rubbed her belly and pointed to the sky, conveying the message: "I'm going to have your baby up there."

That was in 1957, and since then there have been literally hundreds of "spacnappings" reported all over the world.

During the first 11 weeks of 1988 there were over 300 stories in the Press about UFOs, and every day sees new claims of alien contact, many with evidence of people being interfered with or abducted.

Only this week terrified people saw giant Jaffa oranges the size of semi-detached houses zooming in the skies above Beccles, Notts. "I was gob-smacked," said one witness.

Closer home, in Rowley Regis, back in 1979, we had the Mince Pie Martian Case — or, if you prefer it, Take Me To Your Larder.

This concerned Jean Hingley, who had just waded her husband off to work at 7am when she saw a light in the garden. Then with a zee-

Aliens are the same the whole galaxy over..!

zee-zee noise, three weird creatures flew past her into the lounge.

They were three-and-a-half feet tall with waxy white faces, black eyes, no eyebrows and thin mouths. They wore silvery clothes.

Suddenly Jean floated towards the lounge, where the aliens were examining the ornaments on the Christmas tree. They probed into her mind with telepathy and told her she would not be harmed. She offered them some water and mince pies, as you would do, of course, but they declined.

Space-nappings

"We come down here to talk to people, but they don't seem to be interested," they said. When she showed them how to light a cigarette, they fled in terror, each taking a mince pie.

Outside in her garden was an egg-shaped object with

windows. They floated into it and took off. Later, Jean felt ill, the electric clock in the house had stopped, and all her cassette tapes were magnetised and unplayable.

Golly! In a book out this week — Abduction, by Jenny Randles, published by Robert Hale at £10.95 — more than 200 spacnappings are detailed, along with possible explanations and theories behind these disturbing, and at times frankly comic, incidents.

An Austrian called Josef Wanderka says he drove his moped up a ramp straight into the arms of aliens who had come from "the top point of Cassiopeia." He showed them how his moped worked and then harangued them about anti-Nazi politics until they got bored and dumped him out of the spaceship.

And a Spanish vet named Julio says the aliens were tall Nordic types who wanted

to borrow his dog for examination. At the time, the dog was doing what comes naturally — all over the spaceship.

Most of the cases cited by Ms Randles — who has been at the helm of British UFO investigations for 15 years and a professional investigator for 10 — are of a more disturbing nature.

The abductions invariably involved a loss of time and a medical examination. Oddly, reports are similar in whatever part of the world they occur, apparently uncoloured by the different cultures of people.

"The vast majority of people who have experiences like this don't realise that they have had an abduction," she says. "They tend to dismiss it as a dream, or they are terrified of reporting it for fear of ridicule."

"To come out and say 'I've seen a UFO' is one thing, because that's almost been

hypnotised these days, but to actually say 'I've been abducted and examined by strange and exotic creatures' is completely different. It's virtually booking your ticket to the fancy fair."

It's that kind of attitude that has to be prevented. Most of these people are sincere. Very few of them are fabricating stories or under any kind of mental delusion. That is not to say they have actually had a real physical abduction, but they have had

more very disturbing experience.

"We ought to be more sympathetic and understanding, and more interested in trying to find out what's going on. Some people say these things for publicity, or for money, but the vast majority are totally disinterested in publicity or money."

"In fact you'd have to drag them out of their homes to get them in front of a journalist or TV camera."



Left: UFO Investigator Jenny Randles says that there could be a psychic explanation for abductions. They could even be the result of mind probes by aliens from outer space. Inset: An alleged UFO sighting in America in the 50s.

"The vast majority of scientists agree that there must be life out there. I'm proposing that what they are doing is harnessing the power of consciousness, using our vast ability at extra sensory perception to communicate with people on this planet who are susceptible. Those people are experiencing alien mind probes and an abduction experience," says Ms Randles.

"It's all very puzzling, isn't it? And it must be puzzling for them, too. It can't be very pleasant being harangued by a humanoid on a moped, or having a dog restraining itself against the side of your wrap factor control knob."

But that's life. It's the same the whole galaxy over. Isn't it a crying shame?"