

PANIC AT 30,000ft AS UFO BUZZES HOLIDAY JET

By FRANK GILBRIDE

A JET carrying 140 terrified passengers plunged thousands of feet after a close encounter with a UFO.

The British Island Airways TriStar, which had been cruising at 30,000ft, was sent hurtling downwards as a mysterious glowing craft sped towards it. Panicking passengers on the holiday industry "freebie" hit their heads against the ceiling and stewardesses toppled over in the gangways.

Passenger Susie Walton, 25, said: "I looked out the window and saw what looked like a bright, glistening, multi-coloured cloud that left a trail of smoke behind it.

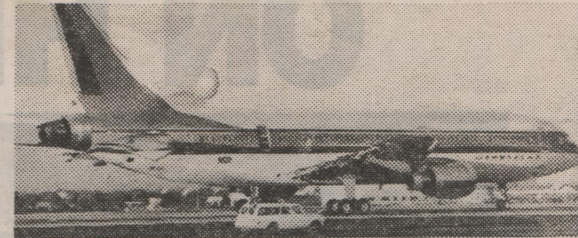
"Then all of a sudden we plunged and it disappeared from the night sky.

"I thought it was the end. It was terrifying.

Packed

"Some passengers started praying and I grabbed hold of the man next to me. I was sure we were going to crash."

But within seconds Captain Bob Taylor had regained control of the



Plane terror . . . TriStar hurtled towards ground

inaugural return flight from Malta to Gatwick airport.

The veteran pilot first spotted the strange object as the jet flew high above the Mediterranean isle of Sardinia.

At first he thought it was another plane — but ruled that out because it was travelling too fast.

He said afterwards: "I've never seen anything like it

"We will probably never know what it was — but it certainly wasn't a plane."

The flight was packed with travel agents and

journalists checking out the new destination.

Last night a British Island Airways spokesman played down the drama.

"We saw some bright lights in the sky, then we experienced some turbulence. It has been blown out of all proportion," he said.

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Mystery craft rocks Britons

UFOs cause of cancer?

By LINDA BARNARD
Toronto Sun

A Canadian professor has made a startling discovery — chasing UFOs could give you cancer.

"I thought it was scientifically responsible to make the possibility known," says Dr. Michael Persinger, one of the world's leading authorities on magnetic fields.

Persinger, who teaches at Laurentian University in Sudbury, says UFOs are actually "luminous phenomena" that pack a huge electromagnetic field.

And that could be dangerous for UFO buffs who spend days out in the field.

Persinger's research into high cancer rates among electrical

engineers and children who grow up near overhead hydro towers led him to his theory.

So far, there's little hard data. But he's looking for more evidence from cancer figures in areas with high UFO activity, like some desert states in the U.S.

"People should be advised of the risk factor without panic," he said.