

67 innocent fairgoers took a terrifying trip into the unknown

Carnival ride was really a

UFO!

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Dozens of carnival patrons got the shock of their lives when they climbed aboard a saucer-shaped "thrill ride" that turned out to be a UFO!

Officials said the 67 men, women and kids could have been kidnapped or killed if the alien crew harbored evil intentions.

Fortunately, the shaken passengers were all released unharmed after a brief but breathtaking ride aboard the brightly lit orange and blue starship.

"It's a miracle we got them back alive," Police Capt. Arne Pedersen told reporters in Askim, Norway.

"We were powerless to help them after they boarded the craft.

"It was up to the extraterrestrials to take care of them at that point. Thank God, they did."

The mind-blowing drama allegedly unfolded just after dusk at the Wulff-Fossen Carnival, one of Norway's largest. According to reports, the carnival featured 32 major rides — not including the UFO.

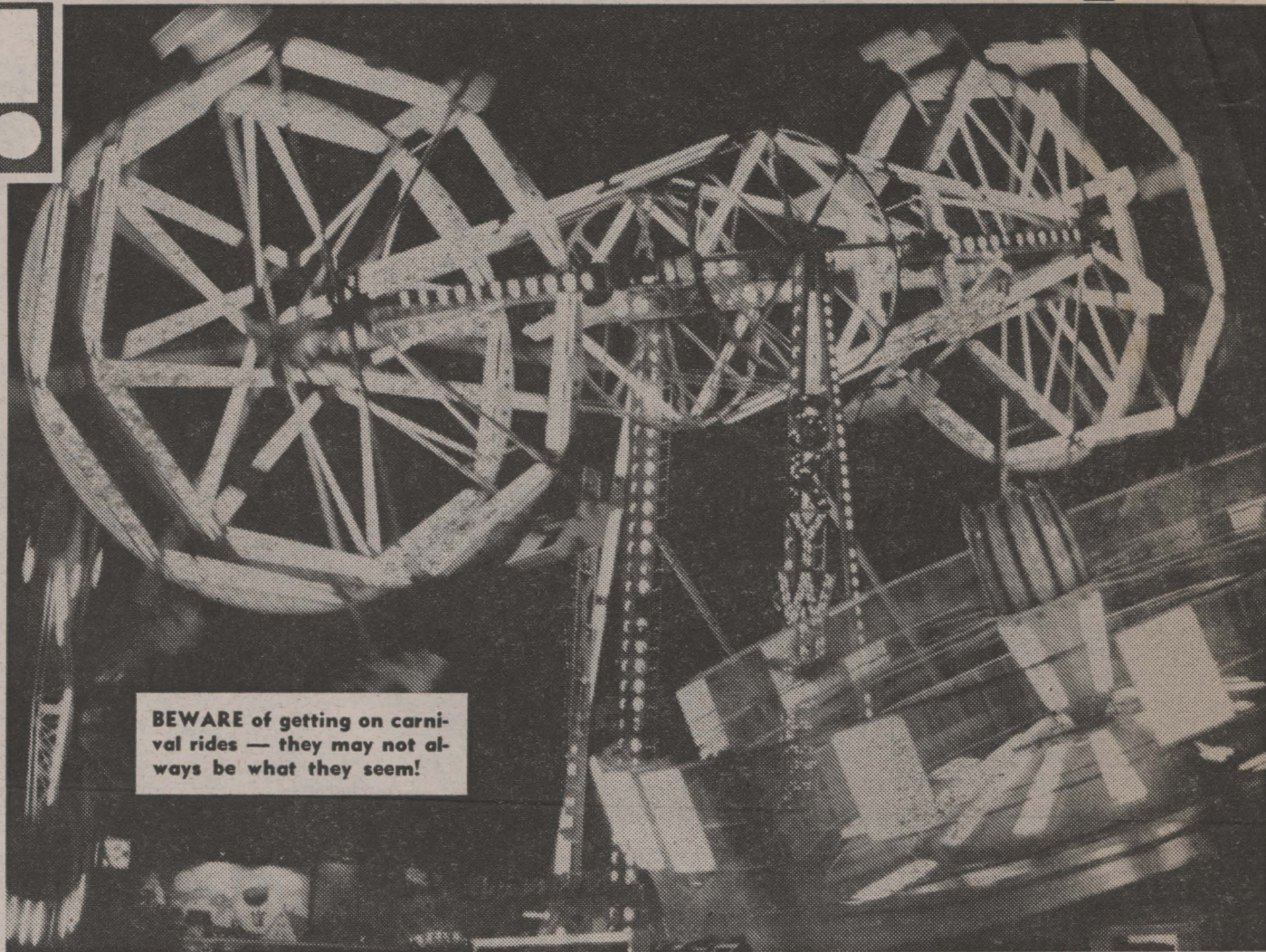
"I don't know how in the hell it got there," Elling Mykland, carnival chief, told reporters. "The first time I saw the thing it was taking off.

"Everybody on the midway started pointing and screaming: 'How much does it cost to ride that?'"

The Norwegian authorities warned the UFO passengers not to discuss the incident with reporters.

But Jan Bach, one of the first people to board the starship, defied the order under threat of arrest.

He said he climbed a metal ramp and was met by "a blond, blue-eyed child in a silver jumpsuit who accepted my ticket and pointed inside



BEWARE of getting on carnival rides — they may not always be what they seem!

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the vehicle. I went into a circular room and stood against the wall," said Bach. "Other people were coming in behind me and they did the same.

"We figured that it was going to spin us around. But when the room was full, the ramp closed. The next thing I know a second kid in a silver jumpsuit walked into the middle of the room. He gazed up at a small blue

light on the ceiling.

"Then we took off."

Bach said the passengers quickly realized that they weren't on any old ordinary amusement park ride.

"Everybody stopped talking and laughing and it got real quiet," he said. "Then one woman looked around and said:

"'We're on a UFO!'"

The entire ride lasted less than a minute but Bach is convinced that the star-

ship took the passengers into space and around the world. The alien spacecraft landed in a hay field about two miles away from the carnival. The ramp was lowered.

And when all the passengers had gotten off, the starship rose straight up and disappeared.

Government officials refused to discuss the incident pending the outcome of an investigation. They did confirm that there were hundreds of reports of a UFO sighting on the night the starship allegedly appeared at the carnival.