

Soviets: UFO landed in Russia

MOSCOW — The official Tass news agency said yesterday that scientists have confirmed the landing of an alien spaceship carrying giant people with tiny heads.

The report was the latest strange tale in the official Soviet media, which under the policy of glasnost, "or openness," have recently told of other sightings of unidentified flying objects and alien creatures.

"Scientists have confirmed that an unidentified flying object recently landed in a park in the Rus-

sian city of Voronezh," Tass said in a dispatch from the city, 300 miles southeast of Moscow.

Tass said Voronezh residents saw a large shining ball or disk hovering over the park. They reported that the UFO landed and up to three creatures similar to humans emerged, accompanied by a small robot, Tass said.

"The aliens were 3 or even 4 meters (9 to 12 feet) tall, but with very small heads," the news agency quoted witnesses as saying.

The report was similar to a story last summer in the daily newspaper Socialist Industry, which told of a purported "close encounter" between a milkmaid and an alien in Central Russia's Perm region.

In that report, Lyubov Medvedev was quoted as saying she encountered an alien creature "resembling a man, but taller than average with short legs." The creature, she said, had "only a small knob instead of a head."