

Alien made Voronezh boy disappear, Soviet newspaper claims

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THE SOVIET press yesterday gave further amazing details of an alleged UFO landing in Russia, citing witnesses who claimed a three-eyed alien in a silver coat emerged from a space craft carrying a zap gun with which he made a boy invisible.

Sovetskaya Kultura said several people saw the UFO on the evening of September 27th in a park in the city of Voronezh, as it landed in front of a bus queue and two youths playing football.

"They saw a pink shining in the sky and then a deep-red ball 10 metres in diameter which circled the park," the report said, enlarging on the first account of the UFO on Monday by the semi-official Soviet news agency, Tass.

"The ball disappeared and then came back, as onlookers rushed to the spot. People could clearly see a hatch opening in the lower part and a humanoid in the doorway."

"The alien was about three metres (ten feet) tall, had three eyes, was clad in silvery overalls and bronze boots and had a disc on its chest," the newspaper alleged.

"These fantastic claims were not seriously challenged in the press or by Tass, but the Yegorlav

Soviet television ran a last-night broadcast on Monday on the assassination of Leon Trotsky, which showed that his killer, Ramon Mercader, had fished with the KGB's forerunner, The NKVD.

Viewers were able to see a documentary piece together from Soviet and Mexican film footage which ends with a shot of Trotsky's tomb in Mexico and Mercader in Moscow.

The anonymous explained that the late revolutionary leader's image was changing and the film, a Soviet production, was meant to "fill in a blank page in the history of our country." — (APY).

news agency, Tass, poured scorn on the reports, saying at least four UFO sightings had recently been recorded in the Soviet media.

"Aliens have carried out a real invasion in the Soviet Union over the past few days," Tass said. "It is very strange there has been no reaction from the Soviet Defence Ministry."

The Soviet reports are largely based on the evidence of two youths and a girl in the park, though many other people were said to be witnesses.

"The humanoid looked the place over," *Sovetskaya Kultura* said. "The hatch closed and the

craft descended. Two creatures came out, one apparently a robot. The alien touched the robot's body and it started moving. They took a short walk round the park. "A boy screamed with fear but the alien silenced him with his shining eyes. Then the ball and the creatures disappeared, only to return five minutes later.

"The alien had what looked like a gun by his side, a tube about 50 centimetres long. He directed it at the 16-year-old boy and the latter disappeared. The alien then went inside the ball which took off and the boy reappeared."

The newspaper's Voronezh correspondent said "it's hard to believe what happened. It's harder yet to explain. But there is no doubt that something really happened."

Children who saw the phenomenon are still frightened, he reported, adding that militia investigators interviewed witnesses who claimed repeated sightings of the UFO between September 23rd and 29th and found no discrepancies in their evidence.

On Monday, Tass reported that two stones, like deep-red sandstone, had been found on the site and that "interim analysis showed the substance cannot be found on Earth," though tests were continuing.