

You never know who you'll bump into at the local store

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THE Russians started it by announcing a visitation of creatures from outer space. Twelve feet tall, they were, with tiny heads.

They landed in a park 300 miles south of Moscow, reported the normally down-to-earth Soviet news agency Tass. And they had three eyes and carried zap guns.

Not to be outdone, America has hit back. It, too, has been invaded, it claims... by 500 extra-terrestrials in search of shopping bargains.

Now star wars have broken out between East and West as UFO spotters race to be first to produce proof that there really is somebody out there.

And, even more startling, that some of them are down here.

by MARTIN PHILLIPS

The American UFO Universe magazine has no doubt. Aliens have been among us for years, it says... though unwitting earthlings usually fail to recognise them.

But this is not the case, it adds, with those from the far-off planet Lanulos. They can easily be spotted as they push their supermarket trolleys - by their Paul Newman eyes and lack of fingerprints.

Bases

Among close encounters of the Tesco kind, it tells of:

A NURSE who confronted aliens leaving a huge spacecraft and later saw them bargain-hunting in the local high street.

A MYSTERY woman who bolted out of a supermarket, leaving her groceries at the till, after an investigator publicly identified her as being from outer space.

SCORES of highly intelligent aliens, code-named The Group, who have set up nearly 20 secret bases on our planet... just round the corner from their favourite shops.

Dallas-based Bertie Catchings, a top UFOlogist, told the magazine: "They disguise themselves to look as normal as possible."

"The startling thing is



By NICHOLAS DAVIES, Foreign Editor... IT'S OFFICIAL comrades! Aliens have landed their spaceship in a Russian park. In a typically deadpan announcement, the Soviet news agency Tass revealed that the visitors from outer space were up to 12ft tall and had little heads. They went for a short walk, but didn't stay long. And the three strangers had a small robot-like creature with them.

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that some of your best friends could be from another planet and you would never know it."

Such revelations go down well in the United States, where more than 57 per cent believe in extra-terrestrials and UFOs are big money.

So sold on UFOs are Americans that one insurance company is offering a £5-a-year UFO abduction and casualty policy, covering you for £6 million against kidnap by aliens.

Britons are somewhat more sceptical.

But not sceptical enough to stop book-makers William Hill cutting from 500-1 to 300-1 their odds on a Government minister acknowledging the existence of extra-terrestrials.

"We got our fingers burned in the Sixties

'They had three eyes and carried zap guns'

when we gave odds of 1,000-1 against a man walking on the moon, so we are taking no chances," said spokesman Graham Sharpe.

His words may give hope to punters like the man from Batley who stands to win £700,000 with his £7 double, at 100,000-1, that a UFO will crash on earth and that a Yeti will walk out.

Action

But avid UFOlogist Simon Carreck, who has just laid out £100 at 300-1 on an alien landing, is treating the reports from Russia and America cautiously.

"I would like to see some visual documentation before I could

THEY'RE HERE: But not all aliens are as easy to spot as ET.



accept it is genuine," he said.

The Ministry of Defence will be taking no action on the latest alleged sightings.

"The ministry's sole interest in reported sightings of UFOs is to establish whether or not they have any

bearing on the defence of the country," a spokesman said yesterday.

Asked if another Whitehall department would be watching for a mysterious run on supermarket supplies of Mars Bars, Milky Ways and Galaxy, he was unable to comment.

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