

UFO mystery

... And this is what the Adel sky-watchers saw

By TONY HARNEY

This is the first startling picture of the Adel UFO that has baffled Leeds residents.



Mr. Michael Tebbs — the man who took the starting picture.

Yet three days after scores of families in the Adel area of Leeds watched the strange flickering lights hovering and banking in the night sky for over an hour there was still no official explanation of the sightings today.

This picture, taken by an Adel resident, shows just what the sky-watchers saw.

Armed with a telephoto lens amateur photographer Michael Tebbs, an insurance broker, of The Meadows, Adel, took a series of time exposure photographs of the mystery lights.

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"A friend rang me from Oakwood and asked if I could see the lights and both my mother and myself looked out of the window of our house.

"We sat and watched the lights for about an hour, turning red, blue, green and white. At first I thought it must be a plane until it disappeared at tremendous speed and then returned hovering and banking in the sky," he said.

"At the same time there were other lights flashing across the sky and then we saw something which looked like a fireball flash across the night sky.

"I am not a UFO nut and can only say what I saw, but of course I have no idea what it was.

Since the Yorkshire Evening Post first received reports of the strange sighting there has been no explanation forthcoming for their presence in the sky despite widespread inquiries by the paper.

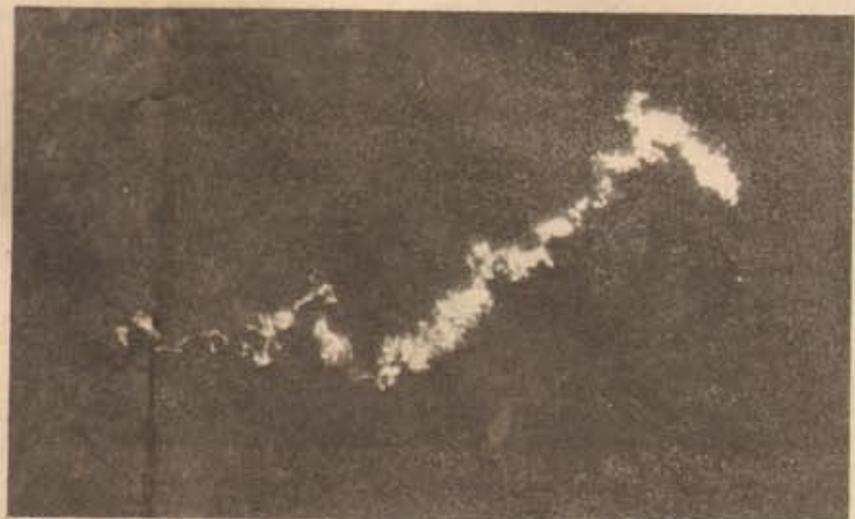
A spokesman for the Air Traffic Controllers at Leeds Bradford Airport said: "It was certainly not one of our aircraft.

"We had nothing in the sky at this time. We did receive reports of the lights, but could not trace or see anything from here.

"One thought at the time from our senior air traffic controller was that it might have been an aircraft climbing from Manchester Airport into our area and they do sometimes seem to stand still in the sky.

Mr. Graham Birdsall, chairman of the Yorkshire UFO Society, said investigators would be interviewing some of the witnesses.

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UFO ... this picture taken by Mr. Michael Tebbs shows the strange lights over Adel. Mr. Tebbs used a 30 second exposure to show the trail left by the UFO.

Police hunt pyjama prisoner

An Armley Jail prisoner who walked out of Leeds Infirmary in his pyjamas early today is being hunted by West Yorkshire Police.

A security inquiry into how the 18-year-old prisoner, David John Hooks, managed to give the two prison officers guarding him the slip, was immediately launched by prison governor Mr. Bill Martin.

Hooks, serving a 30-month youth custody sentence for theft, burglary and taking vehicles, was recuperating in a ward after an operation.

It was about 12.40 a.m. today that Leeds-born Hooks, walked out of the infirmary wearing pale blue pyjamas under a brown dressing gown and slippers.

An immediate search of the grounds of the hospital was made by the officers and police, but no trace could be found of the missing prisoner, said Mr. Martin today.

Hooks is described as white, 5ft. 10in. tall, of proportionate build, with a fresh complexion, blue eyes and short blond hair.

Toddler ran into car's path — Story

An inquest into the death of a three-year-old Leeds boy was adjourned today by Leeds coroner's Court for one month.

The inquest on Faisal Razak, of Brudenell Avenue, Headingley, heard that he had run out from behind a wall into Brudenell Road and into the path of a Mercedes car, driven by Mr. Raymond Wai Tong Wong on September 9. The child died later that evening in Leeds General Infirmary.

Yorks police hold 13 in dawn swoops

By BRUCE SMITH

A top secret West Yorkshire police operation controlled from Dewsbury resulted in 13 people being detained in dawn swoops across the North and the Midlands today.

Believed to be acting on information received from a "supergrass," the unarmed officers of West Yorkshire's No. 3 Regional Crime Squad moved in at first light.

The raids follow inquiries into offences ranging from armed robbery, robbery, burglar, theft, fraud and bogus-official crimes.

Later today those detained were being questioned at police stations across West, North and South Yorkshire, Humberside and the Birmingham area.

The police operation, kept under wraps for some time, was controlled by Det. Chief Supt. Jack Slater, co-ordinator of the No. 3 Regional Crime Squad.

Further raids and arrests are likely, and it is believed that at least another three people are wanted for questioning.

The houses where people were detained were in Leeds, Bradford, Wakefield, Hull, West Bromwich, Birmingham and towns in North Yorkshire.

These latest swoops follow similar police raids on houses in the North, on information received from two "supergrasses" about many offences, including bogus-official con tricks.

PRINCESS FLIES OUT

Princess Margaret will fly to the Caribbean island of St. Kitts tomorrow to represent the Queen at the independence celebrations of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Canal silver ownership

Mystery today surrounds a hoard of valuable silver the Leeds—Liverpool Bramley, Leeds.

The only clue to the ownership of the silver, found in a wicker basket, is a ceramic birth souvenir in the form of a child's crib, which carries the inscription: "J.D.I.E. Louise, 7lb. 13 ounces, 10th February 198 Doncaster Royal Infirmary," said police at Pudsey.

A canal worker discovered the treasure-filled basket while dredging at about 2 p.m. yesterday.

The lid of the basket has the letters: "A.S.(N)." painted in black lettering on it.

Included in the haul, almost certainly stolen, say police, rare silver tea caddies, coffee pots, goblets, sugar bowls and tongs, sweet dishes and silver salvers.

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The items were all wrapped in newspaper before being placed inside the basket.

Police have appealed for anyone who recognises the description of the ceramic crib or any of the silverware to come forward immediately.

They also wish to speak to anyone who may have seen someone acting suspiciously near the canal recently.

Danes 'kop' it from Britons on the rampage

British soccer fans visiting a European Cup match and British Marines on shore leave left a trail of chaos in two Danish towns last night and today.

Twenty soccer fans of the about 300 who had gone to Odense on the Danish island of Funen to watch Liverpool play the local favourites Odense B were arrested for shoplifting, pickpocketing and fighting.

Meanwhile, in Copenhagen, 30 British Marines from HMS Fearless were picked up by Danish Police and British Military police after going berserk in the city's red light district.

In Odense, where Liverpool beat the Danish team 1-0, local police were overrun by emergency calls for help from restaurants, cinemas and private citizens who were attacked, mugged and had their money stolen.

"It seems unbelievable that 300 people can do so much damage in such a short time," said an Odense police officer today.

THROAT SLIT

In Copenhagen, where HMS Fearless is on a courtesy visit before taking part in a NATO exercise in Denmark, the Marines left a trail of blood and destruction in bars around the city's red light district of Istedgade.

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