

EXCLUSIVE Pilot shocked by close encounter

CHARLES IN UFO RIDDLE

PRINCE Charles is at the centre of a bizarre UFO mystery.

The Prince had a close encounter during a flight home from the U.S.A. last week.

The pilot of his RAF VC-10 radioed air traffic control to say

By **MARTIN BRUNT**

he had been startled by a "glowing red object" in the sky.

Incredibly, **FOUR** other aircraft reported sighting the "UFO" over the same stretch of the Irish Sea.

An immediate investigation was launched—but no trace of

the unidentified aircraft has been found.

Other explanations—such as meteors or debris from a satellite—have also been ruled out by experts.

Charles was nearing the end of a 12-hour flight from California when the incident happened.

A source at West Drayton air traffic control near London's Heathrow airport said: "The object was reported by five different aircraft, including the Prince's."

"The pilot described seeing a red glowing object. The light from it lit up his cockpit."

"We just don't know what it was. It's a complete mystery."

A Ministry of Defence spokesman confirmed: "Prince Charles's pilot did report seeing a bright flash, but we are satisfied there was no danger to the Prince's aircraft."

UFO expert Tim Good, an author and lecturer, said last week: "It may not be pure coincidence

"It is likely that any creature from outer space that is more advanced than us would be aware of the significance of a Royal flight."

Dad is a flying saucer believer

PRINCE PHILIP has been a keen UFO follower for the past 30 years.

He is a keen reader of the magazine, Flying Saucer Review.

And he once invited a man who claimed to have seen a UFO landing to



Philip—follower

come to Buckingham Palace to tell his story to a Royal aide.

Philip's uncle, the late Lord Mountbatten, was also obsessed with alien spacecraft.

HIS Royal PIE NESS

COURT jester Prince Andrew was crowned Custard Pie King in a student stunt yesterday.

Fellow Cambridge undergraduates pelted him with custard pies to raise cash for Rag Week charities.

Then, as the riotous royal roadshow wound through the snow-bound city on a carnival float, shivering shoppers were threatened with the same treatment... unless they coughed up.

Prince Edward, who is studying history at Jesus College, worked out all the custard pie routines himself.

"I learned the sequences from a student show I was in when I first came to Cambridge," he said.

"They are very funny—but you have to keep a straight face all the time."

When the clown prince shouted: "Who wants to pie me?", giggling Andrea Vidler, 19, leaped at the chance.



Picture: MICHAEL MANNING

Take that!—Student Andrea Vidler gives Prince Edward a faceful.



Stiff upper lip!—Edward keeps a poker face as pie drips from his chin.

OLD FLAME FOR RED-HOT LOVERS

FIERY lovers are tuning in to a red-hot new video—of a roaring blaze. The sexy couples are stripping off and making love in their living rooms in front of the 90-minute film.

The video is on sale at top people's store Harrods. "The feedback we've had is amazing," said Terry Scown-Geary, who produced the cassette.

"Couples who have got boring old central heating, are tuning in, turning on, and then making passionate love in front of our crackling TV fire."

Most of the customers for the £10 video have been bachelors.

"Our researchers have uncovered some remarkable facts," said Terry. "Many of the chaps take their ladies back to their pads for a cosy candle-lit meal."

"And they're reporting great success when they turn the film on. The TV becomes a focal point for romance, especially when there is a nearby goatskin rug."

Tebbit in blast at 'hijack'

By **VICTOR KNIGHT**
TORY chairman Norman Tebbit yesterday attacked Neil Kinnock for not being tough enough on Left-wingers.

He said the Labour leader had to realise that the party had been "hijacked" by 1,600 extremists throughout Britain — not just by 16 Liverpool Militants.

Speaking at a Tory local government conference in London, Mr Tebbit branded Left-wingers a "cancerous growth".

He said Conservative councillors were a "thin blue line" protecting their communities.

Quaker's Millions

NEIL WATES, the former building firm chief, who died last Sept, aged 53, left £7,311,069 gross (£6,841,732 net) in his will published yesterday.

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