SHUTTLE'S CREW SAW ALIENS

Discovery 'buzzed'

ALIENS buzzed the space shuttle Discovery high above Earth, it was revealed last night.

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Experts say a UFO tracked the American spaceship during its five-day flight earlier this month.

At one stage, the alien craft "locked" onto the shuttle's controls—causing a sudden loss of power.

The Discovery's five-man crew reported the close encounter with an "alien spacecraft" to NASA ground control.

And the conversation was picked up by astonished radio hams throughout America.

NASA chiefs in Houston, Texas, are refusing to release their recordings of their top-secret chats with Discovery pilot Colonel John Blaha.

But one man in Baltimore, Maryland, claims to have tuned into the NASA-Discovery and taped the talks.

Approached

The tape was played to the Daily Star yesterday—and Col. Blaha is clearly heard saying:

"Houston, this is Discovery. We still have the alien spacecraft under observation."

The radio exchange allegedly happened as Discovery orbited Earth for the 14th time exactly 20 hours, 45 minutes after being laun-

ched from Cape Canaveral on March 14.

Discovery also reported losing power at the time of the sighting—which experts claim means the alien craft was interfering with the supply.

Exception

Another radio ham in Ohio says he listened in just 6½ hours after the shuttle took off and heard the astronaut say:

"Houston, we have a problem. We have a fire"—believed to be a secret NASA codeword for a UFO.

And a third eavesdropper claims to have heard NASA order Col. Blaha to change to a classified radio frequency before continuing to discuss the UFO.

Discovery made a perfect landing in the Californian desert on March 19 after successfully "towing" a £60 million communications satellite

Col. Blaha . . . talks

Blast-off . . . Discovery's launch "led to brush with the unknown."