



CINEMA
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Look out

for the new aliens

Deep down in most of us is the feeling that no matter how odd and weird U.F.O. sightings may seem it could open up new fields of life and knowledge if they turned out to be true.

"Close Encounters of the Third Kind" — sometimes known in the trade as "CE3K" — explored some of the stranger sides of the subject under the direction of Steven Spielberg, who went on to make the appealing "E.T. The Extra Terrestrial."

That gave us the alien as playmate for the little boy in the film — a leathery, bug-eyed playmate to be sure, and with powers quite out of this world, but a playmate nevertheless.

Now we are to have a new slant on the U.F.O. scene with a film called "Strange Invaders," which is due to be shown in Leeds next month.

Described as a science fiction and

special effects film, it is said to have its tongue placed firmly in its cheek, "highlighting the old question of whether U.F.O.'s and aliens from other planets really do exist."

Between the supposed U.F.O. landing at a place called Centreville in America's mid-West and the film action is a lapse of around 30 years. It leads to a very strange set of experiences for a professor called Charlie Bigelow, his ex-wife and a magazine feature writer.

There's something very much off-centre in Centreville... I'll tell you more when I've seen it.



Well, hello there stranger... an alien in a scene from "Strange Invaders", due here soon.