

Members of Police S.W.A.T. Team See...

Triangular UFO Big As Football Field

An awesome triangular UFO, big as a football field and lighted "like a flying Christmas tree," was observed soaring over Memphis by five police officers, all members of that city's elite S.W.A.T. squad.

The tactical squad officers, specially chosen for their intelligence, coolness and their skills with weapons, watched the gigantic metallic craft for up to three minutes before it blazed across the clear night sky at astounding speed and disappeared.

"It was approximately as long as a football field and 50 to 75 yards wide," Patrolman Troy L. Todd, 29, told The ENQUIRER.

"I believe what I saw was some aircraft not of this earth," he added with obvious awe.

Todd first spotted the eerie UFO about 3:30 a.m. May 17, hovering over some high-tension wires. Moments later he and his partner, Patrolman Jerry W. Jeter, observed it hovering 500 feet above a golf course.

They got out of their van and watched it for "two to three minutes."

"It was a triangular-shaped object with white, red and green lights, and a white glow about the silhouette itself," said Todd.

Added Jeter: "We were not directly under it, but at a slight angle, about two blocks away, and we could see

By BOB PRATT

the whole belly of the craft. "It had red and green lights flashing alternately with either portholes or real dim lights along the sides.

"We had a rifle with a telescopic sight in the police van, but by the time I got it out and up to my shoulder, this craft turned slightly, two red lights came on at the rear and it just shot out of sight, at such speed it was unbelievable."

Todd said the huge craft

made no noise as it zipped across the sky and vanished over the horizon. He added: "Weather conditions were extremely clear that night.

"Visibility was about 15-20 miles."

As soon as they reported what they had seen to the police radio dispatcher, Patrolman Michael L. Davidson asked them by radio if the object they had seen was triangular and had multicolored lights.

Then Davidson reported that he and two other S.W.A.T. patrolmen, John R. Birdsong and Forrest E. Bartlett, had seen the same object 4½ hours earlier, while they were in a police substation parking lot.

According to Birdsong, when Bartlett first saw the strange object he exclaimed: "It looks like a flying Christmas tree!"

Davidson said they thought it might be some type of aircraft from the Millington Naval Air Station, which is eight miles north of the police substation.

But a Navy spokesman there said, "There is no flight training here, no experimental craft... this is a training base for people who work on airplanes."

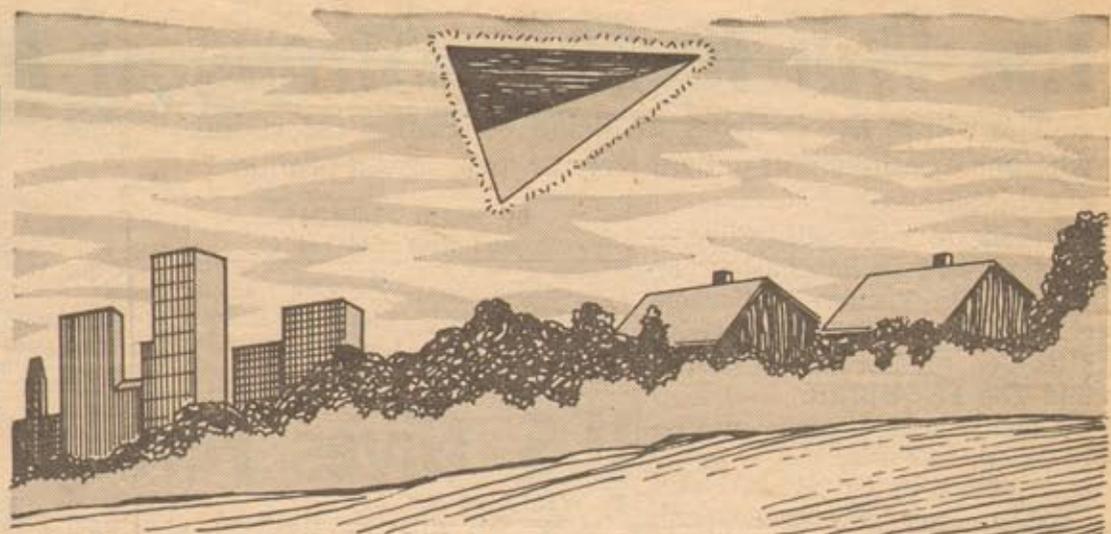
Ed Becton, a supervisor at the Federal Aviation Administration control tower at Memphis International Airport, told The ENQUIRER:

"We checked with all the air traffic controllers who were on duty at the time and they had nothing on radar in that area, and they saw nothing visually."

Capt. O.B. Holcomb, commander of the Memphis Tactical Squad, said the five officers who reported seeing the UFO are "responsible men.

"They're not the type to make up stories," he emphasized.

DRAWING of UFO spotted by police officers over Memphis. "What I saw was some aircraft not of this earth," said one. It had white glow about its silhouette.



Facts About U.S. Farms

The average U.S. farm was 389 acres in 1976, compared to 297 in 1960, according to U.S. Dept. of Agriculture estimates.

And there are now far less people down on the farm — 8.3 million today, compared with 15,635,000 in 1960.

That's a decline from 8.7 percent of the total population to about 3.9 percent today.

Twenty years ago, one farm worker produced enough to feed himself and 19 others.

Today, he can feed himself and 56 others. Farmers today produce 53 percent more crops on 6 percent fewer acres than did their fathers.

Alan Alda Slams TV Violence

The usually mild-mannered "M*A*S*H" star Alan Alda wasn't acting when he recently lashed out at politicians and moral decay before a surprised commencement day audience in Boston.

"There's probably no more violence on TV than in Shakespeare's tragedies," he told 240 graduating students at Emerson College.

"But the difference is that on TV, it is unfelt violence. "In Shakespeare, the characters react... they fear, they hurt, they mourn. But on television... people go about their business as if nothing had happened."

Television is just one symptom of a larger sickness plaguing America, according to Alda.

"Our lives are being run by people of no principle whatsoever," he declared angrily, "and it's in every field, every business.

"When you sell a product you know will fall apart... when you take the money and run... write a television

script that titillates but doesn't lead to understanding, you might as well be poisoning the people. Contempt for common decency can only mean that "we are tampering dangerously with the moral ecology," Alda stressed.

And nowhere is this ecology more corrupted than in politics, said the star, who revealed he has become bitterly disillusioned while campaigning for Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

"One state legislator told a woman who was lobbying for the ERA that he would vote yes for the amendment — if she showed up in his hotel room that night," he recalled.

"A legislator in another state was reported to be willing to change his vote if a few movie stars would call him on the telephone.

"And another would change his vote — if someone would buy him a free trip to Washington so he could meet the President!

"The question is, where were these men's values? All they seemed to care about was sex, money and power."

Urging the graduating class not to fall into the same trap, Alda made a heartfelt appeal:

"If you could put a high value on decency... and on excellence and family... and love the people you share your lives with... If you could learn to love the work you do... and try not to lie or cheat... you will have made a revolution!"

— JOHN BLACKBURN



ALAN ALDA TV is just one symptom of a larger sickness plaguing America, he said.



THEY SAW IT: Patrolman Jerry Jeter shows how he pointed rifle at UFO to watch it through telescopic sight, as colleague Troy Todd stands by.

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by David Smith

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