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PILOTS REPORT NEW WAVE OF UFO SIGHTINGS

Newspaper accounts of UFOs appear almost daily in various parts of the world. Many of these accounts are considered less than credible because of the background or educational level of the witnesses. However, there remains a significant number of highly credible UFO encounters -- many of them reported by pilots.

The new wave of pilot reports is both exciting and puzzling. For example, the Chinese newspaper, *People's Daily*, reported that a Chinese Boeing 747 jetliner encountered, a large, bright unidentified flying object over the city of Gansu on June 11, 1985. The UFO and the aircraft were both flying at an altitude of 32,800 feet when the incident occurred.

The pilot described the object as 30 feet in diameter, encircled with brilliant light and having an extremely bright spot radiating from its center. He said, "the object traveled extremely fast, pacing the aircraft in

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a southerly direction for about two minutes." Just as he reported the encounter to flight controllers in anticipation of making an emergency landing, the UFO disappeared from view.

In late July scores of people in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, described a reddish and rounded object hovering at an altitude of 7,000 feet above the city. Two Zimbabwean Hawk jet fighters were scrambled from the Thornhill Air Base. The pilots had visual contact with the UFO as they tried for an intercept. Suddenly, the object climbed vertically at high speed, easily avoiding the approaching jets. The Air Commodore reported that the UFO then followed the jets as they returned to Thornhill, and hovered over the base for several minutes before flying east.

And if that is not enough, Iranian anti-aircraft batteries fired on a UFO over northeastern Tehran in early August. Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency quoted a source at the Joint Staff Command as saying the shining object flew from west to east over Tehran at 8:15 p.m. on August 5th. There were no reports that the UFO had been hit or downed.

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Stories continue of outer space alien buried in Aurora Cemetery

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Several years ago I heard stories about a spaceman being buried in Wise County. This spaceman was supposed to be someone or something from outer space. I can't remember the whole story. Can you find out anything about this for me? — T.W.

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In 1973 a visit was made to the Aurora Cemetery in Wise County by officials of the International UFO Bureau from Oklahoma City. They were there to investigate the possibility of an outer space alien buried there.

The group said they were looking for witnesses to the crash of a spaceship in 1897. They were checking out a legend that a cigar-shaped spacecraft crashed into a windmill on a Judge Proctor's farm on April 17, 1897. It was said that the people of the town of Aurora cleaned up the wreckage and buried the pilot in the town cemetery. The Dallas Morning News carried a story about the incident the next day. The entire story, written by S.E. Hayden follows:

"AURORA, WISE COUNTY, TEXAS. April 17 — About 6 o'clock this morning the early risers of Aurora were astonished at the sudden appearance of the airship which has been sailing throughout the country.

"It sailed directly over the public square, and when it reached the north part of town collided with the tower of Judge Proctor's windmill and went to pieces with a terrific explosion

scattering debris over several acres of ground, wrecking the windmill and water tank and destroying the judge's flower garden.

"The pilot of the ship is supposed to have been the only one aboard, and while his remains are badly disfigured enough of the original has been picked up to show that he was not an inhabitant of this world.

"T.J. Weems, the U.S. signal service officer at this place and an authority on astronomy, gives it as his opinion that he (the pilot) was a native of the planet Mars.

"Papers found on his person — evidently the records of his travels — are written in some unknown hieroglyphics, and cannot be deciphered. The ship was too badly wrecked to form any conclusion as to its constrictive or motive power.

"The town is full of people today who are viewing the wreck and gathered specimens of strange metal from the debris. The pilot's funeral will take place tomorrow. Signed, S.E. Hayden.

During this investigation by the UFO officials in 1973, Wise County historians said the entire Hayden story was fiction. Most citizens said they thought the story was a hoax.

Dr. Tom Gray, a physicist from North Texas State University, was asked to analyze some samples of metal that had been dug up near the site of the windmill where the spaceship crashed. He found the metal to be somewhat different from most metals, but said "Given the fact the earth is struck by meteorites of all shapes and sizes on occasion, it would be difficult to rule on the origin of the metal."

The UFO group wanted to dig into the grave that was said to be where the little spaceman was buried. The cemetery association an injunction to stop any

digging not authorized by the courts. The UFO group did not seek a court order to dig.

Metal detectors were used by the UFO hunters. They claimed the signals received from the grave matched those recorded at the crash site. They also made the claim, based on the signals from the metal detectors, that the person buried there was not an inhabitant of this world.

Local citizens said the grave contains the body of an itinerant farm worker named Carr, who had died of spotted fever about the time of the alleged spacecraft crash.

After all investigations were completed in 1973, it is still not known who or what is buried in that unmarked grave in the Aurora Cemetery.

(Sources: Denton Record-Chronicle files and Dallas Morning News.)

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