

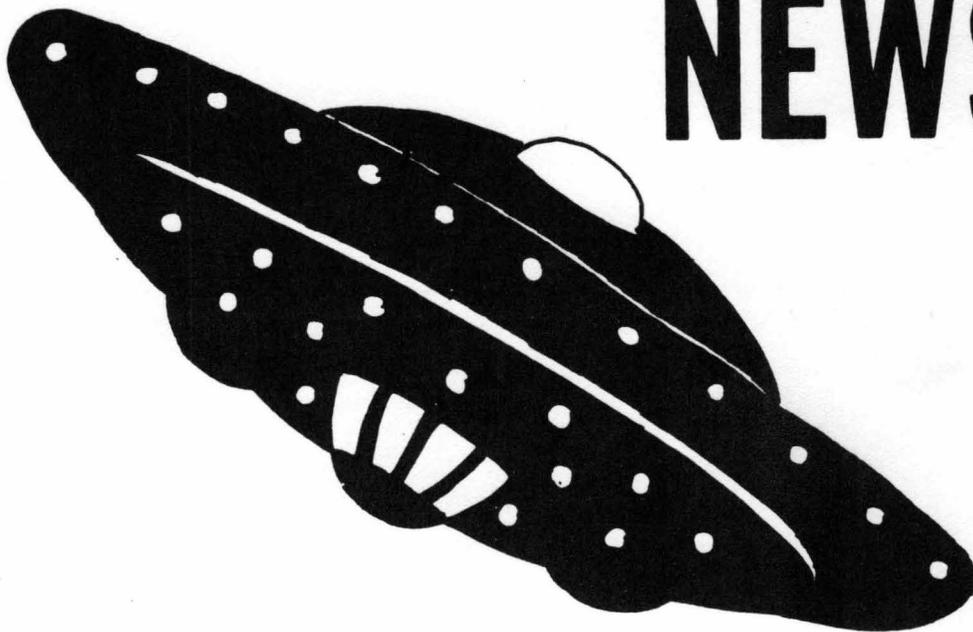
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# Mystery lights make encore

By E.B. Walzer  
Staff Writer

A set of mysterious lights closely resembling those seen in local skies by hundreds of people this spring and summer reappeared Sunday night — this time over the Carmel police station in Putnam County.

The lights, watched by a handful of policemen and passers-by, moved slowly across the sky for about 10 minutes and then banked to the north.

An employee at Stormville Airport in Dutchess County said Monday that she believed a flight of planes had left the airport Sunday night. But she said the pilots — who are suspected of flying the planes thought to have been unidentified flying objects in similar sightings over the past six months — are not known to authorities because they use the airport

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after it is closed at night.

Witnesses to the Sunday sighting said they did not think what they saw were airplanes.

"It was very strange," said John Torpey of Mahopac, whose wife, Linda, also saw the lights as they were driving in separate cars in Mahopac Sunday night.

"I would say it was about 200 yards up, and almost overhead at one point, right opposite police headquarters," Torpey said. "It really was very close, and it made no noise whatsoever. If I had to draw a picture of it, it would be a boomerang, probably about 200 feet across.

According to Carmel patrolman Thomas Budington, about a half-dozen people from the Croton Falls area of town called police headquarters at 10:30 p.m. to report the V-shape of

lights, which appeared to be over nearby Lake Casse.

Kent police said they received no calls about the lights, but Yorktown police reported getting several calls from residents who saw the lights.

So far, the lights have been seen not only in Putnam, Westchester, Dutchess, and Connecticut, but also across the Hudson River in Rockland and Ulster counties. On Aug. 21, at 10:30 p.m., scores of people saw a large oval-shaped object with multicolored lights hovering above New Haven, Conn. The lights, which were also seen in nearby West Haven, Conn., and then two days later in Bridgeport, Conn., hovered for a time above the Yale Bowl football stadium, and over the offices of the New Haven Journal-Courier and New Haven Register newspapers, which have a central plant near Interstate 95.

## READER DIGEST

### UFOs? OR SOVIET SATELLITES?

SIGHTINGS of giant luminous objects passing over South America and the U.S.S.R. began in 1980. They have been accompanied by reports of UFOs chasing cars, interfering with television and even launching small scout ships with alien creatures aboard.

The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal believes that these UFOs are actually part of a Soviet satellite network keeping tabs on U.S. rocket launches. Committee member James Oberg of the Johnson Space Center in Houston, who is a leading authority on the Soviet space program, has been able to match the UFO sightings with specific Soviet launches. Oberg notes that all of the Soviet rockets involved were launched from the secret spaceport at Plesetsk. They follow an orbit that brings them over Argentina and Brazil an hour after launch.

The Soviet government, however, does not admit the existence of Plesetsk. Thus it won't own up to the space shots. Oberg suggests that UFO speculation provides a convenient cover, helping to keep Soviet citizens in the dark. To encourage the UFO image of their secret launches, Soviet authorities reportedly conduct official investigations in which UFO witnesses are interviewed extensively.

As for the reports of UFOs chasing cars and so on, Oberg dismisses these as the usual "random noise, coinci-

dence and embellishments" that confuse legitimate UFO sightings.

—Robert C. Cowen in *The Christian Science Monitor*

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## Proof that UFOs landed in 500,000 B.C.

SPACE ALIENS of superior intelligence may have created modern man, giving him advanced technology as long ago as 500,000 B.C., a leading archaeologist says.

Humans underwent a dramatic "quantum leap" in evolution that suggests outside intervention, according to Dr. Jeffrey Goodman, of Tucson, Arizona, author of *The Genesis Mystery* (Times Books).

"There is evidence that humans had advanced technology 500,000 years ago," he explains. "We used to think they didn't even exist that long ago."

Goodman says the change from primitive man to modern man was so drastic that a "natural progression" is unlikely.

"Neanderthals had a very thick skull, and all of a sudden, humans, or homo sapiens, have a thin brow," he points out, adding that humans of every race not only mysteriously developed the ability to speak but also became technologically competent

and philosophically aware. "That is why the idea of outside intervention, a superior intelligence engineering these changes, is so appealing," he explains.

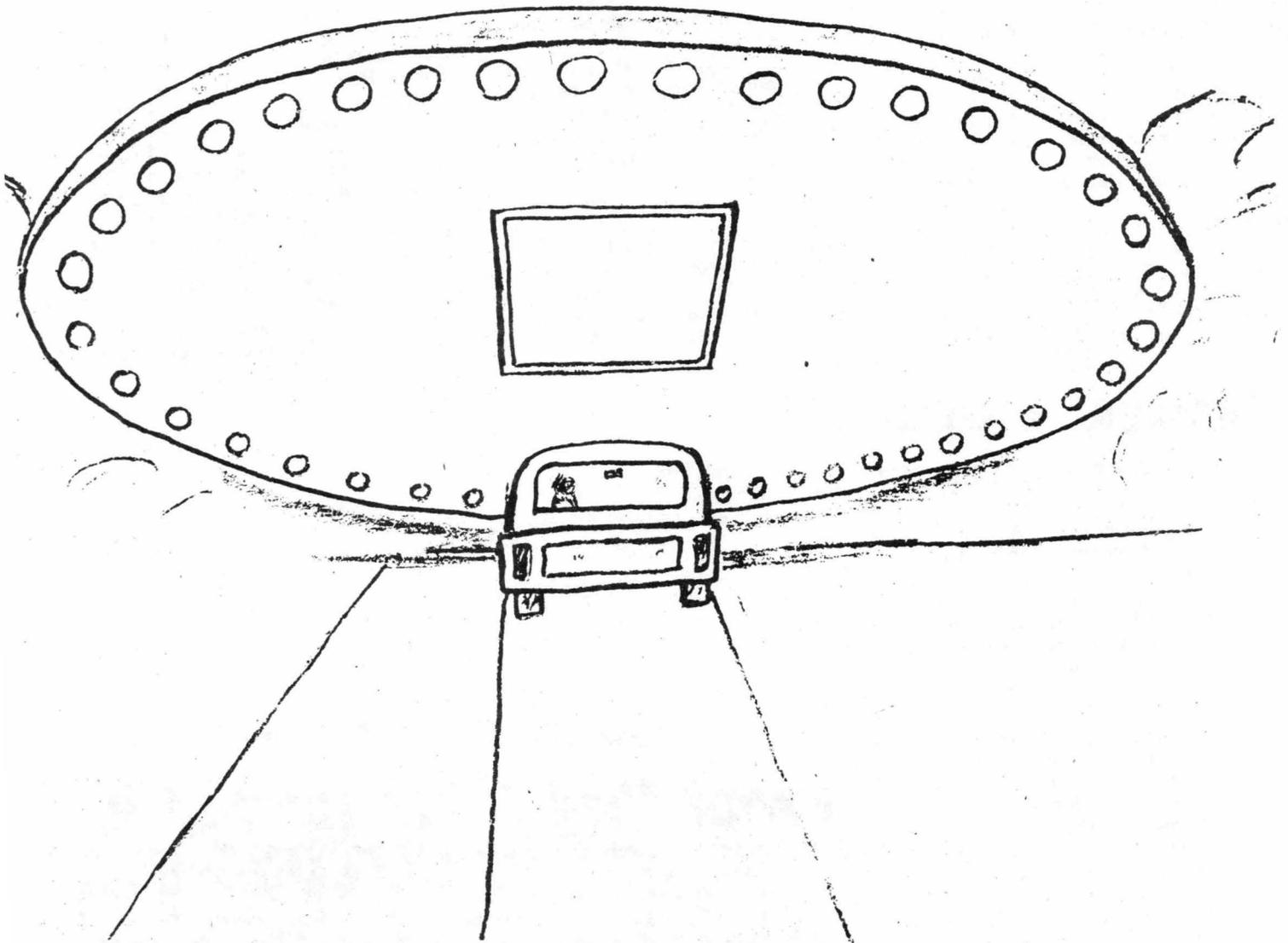
Goodman says that despite the accepted belief that human beings began using tools and technology only 10,000 years ago, archaeologists have now found that humans mined iron ore in South Africa more than 100,000 years ago and that they invented an alphabet more than 35,000 years ago.

Goodman also has a theory about why the alien benefactors decided to take humans out of the caves and give them better brains.

"I would suspect the motivation is much the same as when we try to do everything we can to improve the quality of life for our puppy dog or cat," he says.

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UFO spotted  
near Latrobe  
in past month



This is an artist's conception of a UFO spotted in the Latrobe-Derry area in recent weeks. A Derry man reported seeing the object on Route 217 at the Kingston Hill cutoff area at 11:55 p.m. Aug. 30. The man observed a series of bright lights above his vehicle, about 40 feet overhead. The object was round, battleship gray and emitted a high-pitched sound. The man tried to flee, but the object moved with the vehicle and again appeared above and to the front of his vehicle. After trying to flee the area a third time, the object continued to follow his vehicle. He said the bottom appeared to have a door in the center with amber-colored lights around the perimeter. Stan Gordon, director of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, said his group has received a rash of calls of similar sightings all summer, especially since June in the western Pennsylvania area. A great many of the sightings have been in the Latrobe-Derry area, particularly near the sewage plant and in the Teledyne Vasco area. Gordon asked that anyone who has seen a UFO or Bigfoot to contact him at 838-7768 or via mail at 6 Oakhill Avenue, Greensburg. All reports are held in strict confidence and the names are never made public. An object similar to the one in the drawing was later reported near Jeannette and at another location in Westmoreland County. The drawing was done by Bob McCurry.

Stunned army officer witnesses...

# AMAZING UFO RESCUE

A UFO crash in Sweden forced aliens to form a search-and-rescue mission with several ships swooping in from space to collect the wreckage, according to astonished witnesses.

## Huge silent 'airbus' moves in after flying saucer crash

"It was an incredible sight to see," says Army Capt. Lennart Bergstrom. He spotted a huge flying "bus" while jogging one night near his house in Malmby, Sweden, 60 miles east of Stockholm.

"I thought it might have been a military transport helicopter but there was just no noise apart from a barely imperceptible whine," he told GLOBE.

"It appeared to sink into a forest clearing about two miles from where I stood. Then two other, smaller objects came hurtling out of nowhere and seemed to settle with the bigger UFO into the clearing."

Another witness, Marie Bosund, was leaving a grocer's shop when she saw "a huge lighted shape" slowly rise from the forest about a mile away.

"I thought there must have been a crash or something," she told GLOBE. "But there was no sound. I could hear the wind. It was very puzzling."

Just then the larger UFO rose slowly to treetop level, then took off at amazing speed over the north horizon.

By **LEN STONE**

It was followed by three smaller UFOs, says Bosund, each darting off in different directions.

The Rev. Karl-Erik Dalsgaard, another witness, adds: "I was driving into the village and I saw bright lights at a spot in the forest a mile or so on the other side of the town.

"The thing was very large — about 100 feet long and perhaps about 12 feet high.

"The craft lifted, and hung momentarily in the air above the treetops. Its base seemed to glow redder, raising from deep, dark blood red to white-hot — and then it was off and away. Three other objects left, too, in different directions."

Swedish military author-

ities sent an army helicopter to the site, but found nothing. They report no aircraft were known to be in the area.

Swedish UFO experts believe the big UFO was a mothership brought in on a search-and-rescue mission following an unprecedented UFO crash.

"There is no way they would leave bits and pieces of a flying saucer lying around for humans to find," says Kjell Hagglund, who has studied UFOs for more than 30 years.

"I feel it must have been from one of the more distant galaxies since galactic travelers from nearer systems would almost certainly have had much more light years of navigational experience on earth than these appear to have had."

STUEBENVILLE, OHIO

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### UFO Sighting Reported

WELLSBURG — At least three people saw something hovering in the sky across the river from Wellsburg around 11 p.m. Wednesday.

It reportedly had green, blue and red blinking lights.

Brooke County sheriff's radio dispatchers received three separate reports of something in the sky but visual checks by police and deputies revealed nothing.

Dispatchers report the Pitt-

sburgh airport was advised of the sighting.

Airport officials told dispatchers something was showing on air traffic radar, but there were no radio communications with the unidentified craft.

Callers reporting the sighting were from the Rabbit Hill area and from the downtown section of the city.

No reports of similar sightings were filed with Jefferson County sheriff deputies.

# UFO LEADS COPS ON ROUSE POINT, N.Y. GLOBE SER. 13 1983 6-HOUR CHASE

**'It was playing with us — but we couldn't forget that we were in an area where a victim once vanished'**

**TERRIFIED police played cat-and-mouse for six hours with a mysterious UFO that had them racing across roads, a freeway and through a huge shopping center.**

Australian officials are still baffled by the drama, which began just after midnight when two cops in a patrol car spotted the UFO hovering over a freeway leading into Melbourne.

"It had two headlights like a car with high beams on and red tail lights, but it did not make any noise," says Officer Peter Ferguson, one of the policemen.

"When it turned around and headed slowly down the middle of the freeway, we thought 'what in the hell is going on?' We followed it to a big shopping center where it hovered about 100 yards off the ground.

"As we put our spotlights on, it turned its lights off and disappeared from sight."

The cigar-shaped vehicle led the police on a game of hide-and-seek for the next six hours. Another patrol car

was summoned to the scene and the UFO appeared again, flashing its lights and hovering about 100 feet over them.

By **LEN STONE**

The four policemen in the two cars were both frustrated and frightened.

"I believe in God, and I must admit I was doing some heavy praying," Ferguson says. "All I could think of was the thought of being abducted by space aliens and never seeing my family again. "We all remember

what happened to Frederick Valentich."

Valentich was an experienced pilot who caused a world-wide sensation in 1978 when he mysteriously vanished after he took off from a Melbourne airport and reported seeing a bright, cigar-shaped object hovering over his plane. During his last, desperate message, a long, metallic noise was

heard on the airport radio.

"It was very hard to keep our minds on chasing the UFO because of the thought of what happened to Valentich," says Officer Ray Ellens, who was with Ferguson. "But once we calmed down, we got pretty annoyed — it was just too quick for us.

"At one stage it landed with its lights off. We got to within 300 feet of it and thought: 'We got it this time.' But the next thing we knew it was back in the air and behind us again."

Civil Aviation authorities, who first called in the police when the UFO appeared on their radar screen, could not help in identifying the object.

And Australian military authorities claim they know of "no aerial operations carried out over Melbourne at that time."

The UFO passed over a police precinct headquarters where Police Inspector Paul Hickman spotted it early in the morning.

"The UFO was obviously playing fun and games with us," says Hickman, a 25-year police veteran. "It reminded me of a cross between a Harrier jet and a helicopter.

"When we first spotted it, we put a spotlight on this strange object in the sky, which showed it was gray, about 30 feet long and 20 feet wide shaped like a cigar. We believed at one stage that it could have been two UFOs.

"It definitely was not a helicopter or a gyrocopter," Hickman adds.

"I've never seen anything like it before. It was awesome and, I must admit, frightening."

# UFOs remain hot topic — among select few

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## Enthusiasts investigate any reported sightings

By Jim Myers

Democrat and Chronicle

Last week at his home on East Ridge Road in Irondequoit, Daryl Hardes produced recently gathered twigs from a site in Ontario, Wayne County, where some believe an alien space ship may have landed in 1979.

About the same time Hardes was studying his twigs, William Sherwood was leaving his Henrietta home for Wiesbaden, West Germany, where he is to address a German

organization studying "Interplanetary Flying Objects."

Hardes and Sherwood are members of the Rochester UFO Study Group, an organization of about 50 self-styled UFO researchers who say the shadow of unexplained events still falls over Rochester and the rest of the world.

As a popular fad — if that is what it was — spotting flying saucers may seem as passe as hula hoops. The Strasenburgh Planetarium — and even the *Democrat and Chronicle* — get few calls about UFOs, much fewer than in the 1950s and '60s. The current rate appears to be about one every month or two.

It might even beg the question: "Where have all the flying saucers gone?"

Hardes and his associates say they — a ubiquitous "they" — are still with us as much as ever.

But the group has also advanced from an interest in mere sightings of flying objects to newer frontiers of psychic experience that could also be related to visits from aliens.

Calling their work research, members regularly investigate reports of objects sighted, possible landing sites uncovered and other phenomena connected with possible alien visits.

If aliens exist, the question arises, would they have any interest in Rochester?

Maybe, maybe not.

To date, no Rochesterian has publicly claimed to have conversed with aliens or boarded an alien spaceship.

The nearest such case — and there have been many all over the world — involved a farmer near Binghamton who claimed to

A retired Eastman Kodak Co. optical engineer, Sherwood, of 200 S. Pinnacle Road, founded the group in 1964. But he has also become known as an expert in the examination of photographic evidence of unexplained objects.

Hardes, current chairman of the local UFO group, said the group regularly receives local reports of unusual happenings, some going back years or decades. But he says such reports still could involve evidence of alien visits that should be investigated.

Hardes, of 1826 E. Ridge Road, said he approaches such investigations with skepticism.

He makes no claim that a spaceship actually landed in Wayne County, where he found the twigs. He said the group plans further investigations of the soil at the site.

The UFO group also has gathered reports in recent weeks of unusual lights or objects over Seneca Lake and the Seneca Army Depot.

These observations make sense, Hardes says. For some reason, UFOs are often spotted near

power plants, power lines and nuclear facilities, as many presume the Army depot to be.

He says the UFO group also protects the anonymity of its informants because people fear being ridiculed.

This fear — and federal government's insistence that nothing of note is happening — has also driven too many interesting reports underground, Hardes says.

This has not always been the case.

Beginning after World War II, Rochester and the country were awash in UFO sightings.

This veritable invasion of flying saucer reports began on June 25, 1947, with a report of flying objects seen by a pilot flying near Mt. Rainier in Washington.

Newspapers called them flying discs. (The pilot, however, has subsequently maintained that is wrong; they were actually triangular in shape or something like a boomerang.)

Following the first report from Mt. Rainier, the phenomenon quickly spread eastward. On July 4, 1947, disc sightings were reported across the country.

On July 5, 1967, the *Democrat and Chronicle*

first mentioned the phenomenon in a front page story about sightings in 14 states.

The first reported sighting in Rochester came the next day, July 6, and was reported in the *Democrat and Chronicle* under the headline, "Yep, Here, Too!" The brief story said a Villa Street couple saw a flying disc from their backyard at about 8:30 p.m.

On July 9, a pedestrian on Main Street reported seeing a flying disc above the Powers Building. "It just missed the top of the building, it did, and I thought for a minute it was going to wind up with office space on the top floor," the man said.

Studies of news reports worldwide show UFO reports generally changed in the 1960s. Saucers were replaced by "cigar-shaped" objects. This was also true in Rochester.

In 1967, there had been sightings in Genesee, Orleans, Wyoming and Seneca counties, in Webster, Irondequoit and Greece and in Rochester.

But the most unusual 1967 tale involved a space ship and two little men in shiny black suits reportedly spotted in the parking lot of Churchville Park.

On July 31, 1967, Sidney Zipkin reported he had seen the cigar-shaped space ship and aliens while on duty as a park guard.

Zipkin said he parked his truck about 100 feet away. The first published account reads: "As he gaped in disbelief, two midget-like men, dressed in shiny black uniforms, ran past the truck and boarded the saucer. Within a minute, it ascended vertically until the green lights disappeared into the black Churchville night."

To date, it has been the only publicized report of alien beings in the area, but local UFO buffs say Zipkin was never a truly convincing witness.

Zipkin's name returned to the news last month when he was convicted of robbing a Pittsford bank, after saying in court he didn't remember doing it.

UFO buffs say the popular fascination with flying saucers climaxed in 1969, when the federal government reported it found no evidence that unexplained objects came from outer space, and stopped investigating such reports.

UFO enthusiasts sometimes say the government has been trying to cover up the truth ever since.

have discussed crops with aliens who landed in his field in the late 1960s. He says he even donated a sack of manure to their research efforts.

"Some people say, 'What is there to attract them (the aliens) around here,'" said William Sherwood, founder of the Rochester UFO Study Group.

But Sherwood says he takes the idea of alien contact seriously, even if it hasn't happened here. He says the human race may even have evolved from an alien colony.

"Just considering that aliens exist creates a whole new world view," he said. "It alters our understanding of science, religion, philosophy, our place in the universe and our reason for being."

Daryl Hardes, chairman of the local UFO group, says more may be happening here than meets the eye. Just because contacts haven't been reported, he says, doesn't mean they haven't happened.

Hardes says he is interested in the search for evidence that creatures from outer space regularly abduct humans and subject them to examinations aboard flying saucers.

Hardes and his wife, Connie, may have had such an experience in 1969, he says. They are not sure.

He says he also has found six other people who may have had such experiences — three in the Rochester area, including two near Palmyra and

four others in the Southern Tier near the Pennsylvania border.

Hardes says the problem is that abductees rarely remember the experience.

He says the arresting evidence that something happened involves what UFO buffs now call "missing time events."

According to this theory, an individual may briefly see a UFO at relatively close range and assume that is the sum of the experience.

It is not.

After sighting the UFO, the individual discovers the hour is suddenly much later than it should be. According to the theory, the lost time may have been spent on an alien space ship.

The Hardes couple say their own strange experience took place on Route 104, while they were returning to their home on East Ridge Road from a trip to Camden, in Oneida County. At a spot near Red Creek, they both noticed a disc-shaped object coming toward their car, just above the tops of the trees.

But the incident seemed of only passing interest until the couple arrived home.

They found it was 4 a.m. They should have arrived at about 1:30.

Still, they made little of it until several years later when they heard of similar cases.

They have since made a study of them.

Hardes says most presumed abductees make no claims and usually remain totally unaware of the experience.

Some, however, exhibit unexplained psychological and medical problems. To date, Hardes and his wife say they have not encountered this.

Hardes says the local cases of possible abduction remain unexplored because the local UFO group lacks the means to loosen memories from the subconscious.

The group is seeking a good hypnotist to do

this — one who can handle powerful emotions that are released if a traumatic story of alien contact is revealed, he said.

Hardes also is seeking local evidence of another phenomenon other UFO research groups say they have found.

These cases involve people born in 1943, who in 1950, at age 7, disappeared mysteriously for several hours, and have ever since had an unexplained 2-to-3-inch scar on the inside of their left calf.

"Apparently, it was an experiment the aliens were doing that year," Hardes said.

Hardes says he has found one potential Rochester subject who fit this pattern and asked to see the scar on his leg. "He asked me, 'How did

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# UFO HOT TOPIC CAN'T

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## Any visits with aliens?

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you know about that?" Hardes said. "He has no idea where he got it."

Hardes says one other striking coincidence has been uncovered in investigations of missing time events: Descriptions of the aliens involved tend to have a remarkable consistency.

"They're often described as a marshmallowy white, pasty and very skinny," he said. "They have large eyes, a nose and very flat ears. They're usually described as being small."

Hardes says he would welcome contact with such beings, but he does have reservations about the aliens seeming to subscribe to a totalitarian order.

"First, if they're involved in the involuntary abduction of people, they treat people like animals," Hardes said.

"And I also wonder about their non-individualist make-up. They're always all dressed the same, look the same, act the same.

"It's not necessarily the way we'd want things to be."

## Unanswered questions help keep stories alive

UFO buffs claim reports of flying saucers and other objects have long been known to occur around power lines, power plants and nuclear facilities.

One popular theory is that aliens may be merely interested in these things.

Another is that they use power stations to recharge their energy systems or the anti-gravity devices that make their spaceships fly.

Some unexplained sightings include claims that automobile electrical systems and other machines mysteriously went dead.

A rash of UFO sightings was reported during the 1965 power blackout — as if aliens were somehow involved.

As rich as the lore and theories about flying saucers have become, other explanations often exist.

John Elvert, an astronomer at the Strasenburgh Planetarium, said nine out of 10 UFO calls to the planetarium can be easily explained

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### UFOs sighted

Reports of three UFOs hovering over the Hillside Acres area of the town of Ulster are currently under investigation. Town police say Lakeview Terrace residents watched the objects for about 1½ hours before reporting the sighting about 12:15 a.m. Friday.

A police dispatcher said, "the people apparently were so enthralled watching it, they didn't call right away (and) they stood staring."

The objects were said to be flashing with a red, white, and green light. They were said to have been mushroom-shaped. One moved very fast while circling a wide area, and another object hovered in the same position for long period, according to the report.

When police arrived on the scene they saw nothing unusual, but the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle was notified and said they would investigate.

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## Now you can help find E.T.

A HIGHLY-RESPECTED UFO investigative group is looking for sharp-eyed Americans willing to spend some time scanning the skies.

The Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network (MUFON) boasts more than 1,100 spotters in 75 nations around the globe, and organizers are always on the lookout for more folks who show a serious interest in what the group sees as a dead serious subject.

UFO investigator Walter Andrus helped organize MUFON in 1969.

Its designated purpose is to subject all

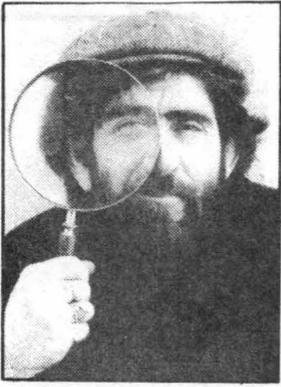
reports of UFO sightings to rigorous scientific investigation.

Members are given a 160-page manual that provides instructions on how to go about investigating alleged sightings.

MUFON works with the computer-assisted Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, where extensive files are maintained in computer memory banks.

MUFON is headquartered at 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, Texas.

Write the organization so that it can add your name to its rolls of official UFO spotters.



# van gogh's ear

george montgomery

KINGSTON, N.Y.  
FREE MAN  
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## Todd R. comes to town

Last week a few people were spotting flying saucers over the Kingston area, especially over the cornfields in Hurley and over IBM. A lot of people see them, but few report what they've seen.

Just recently I was sitting at the bar in the Foxhall Tavern, formerly run by the Hodges family and now run by Charlie Thomas, who gives everybody a baseball hat except me. Sitting a few stools down were two guys discussing what they had seen the night before, "those lights of different colors." (I thought of Todd Rundgren's hair.) The two guys had seen lights over IBM and also over the Hurley flats.

An eavesdropper asked these guys how large the aircraft was. "Oh, about as big as that factory across the street!" Then I asked them if they'd have taken a ride had they been asked. "First, I'd have to go home and get my shotgun," answered one fellow. The other man said as he raised his beer, "I'd go, but my wife would never believe that story about getting home late."

I told them about a woman named Betty Hill who lives in New Hampshire. She and her husband Barney were taken captive for a ride in a saucer. Her husband has since died. Would she do it again, Betty was asked? "Of course not," she said. "No person in his right mind would have any desire to repeat a disaster. When a person approaches me smiling and gay and says, 'I too have been captured,' I put on my best social worker face and say, OK, tell me about your experiences."

Betty recently told me, "A coincidence: I came from Kingston, N.H. and you're in Kingston, N.Y. — and I've seen UFOs in both Kingstons. As for coping with my experience, Barney and I had intensive therapy for seven months with one of the best psychiatrists in the world ... Anyone who really has been captured must have help professionally to learn to live with the experience."

I told the two fellows at the bar about "The Interrupted Journey," Betty's story as told by John C. Fuller (Berkeley Press). She now lives in Portsmouth, N.H., but I wish she would have been at the bar that night. And I bet the two adventurers would change their minds about a ride into space.

Kingston resident George Montgomery is a roving poet and bon vivant.

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## Arundel police investigating UFO sighting

News American Staff

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Anne Arundel County police and fire officials are investigating the reported sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object in Pasadena.

Charles Williams Knight, of the 7000 block of Fort Smallwood Road, told police he was watching television in the living room of his home Wednesday when the room was illuminated by an extremely bright light.

Knight said he saw a large round object fly by his house when he went to the window. The saucer-like object had landed on his front lawn by the time he got to the front porch, he said.

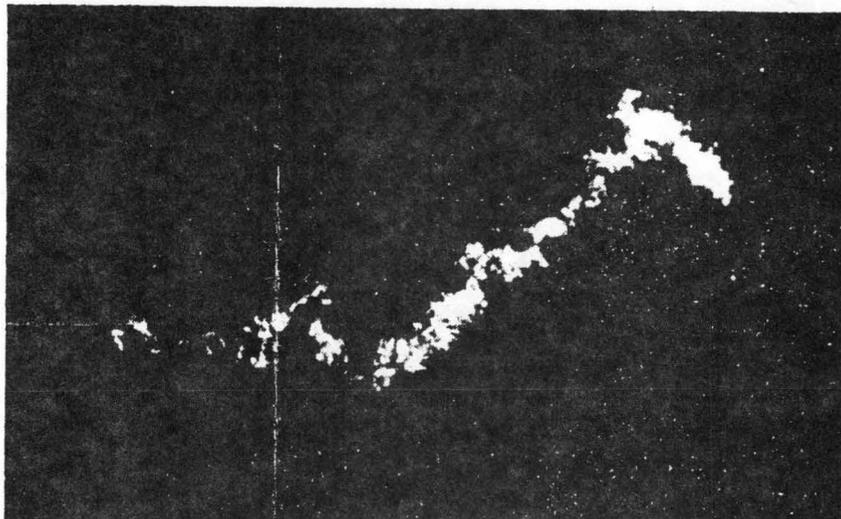
Knight described the object as 2 or 3 feet high and 12 feet wide.

The front of the aircraft was raised off the ground by a stanchion, he said.

According to Knight, the object lifted itself off the ground and vanished without making any noise.

Several dark spots were left on his grass in a circular shape by the UFO, Knight said. County fire officials went to the home and took samples of the grassy area.

# UFOmystery



UFO . . . this time exposure picture taken by Mr. Michael Tebbs shows the strange lights hovering over Adel. Mr. Tebbs used a 30-second exposure to show the trail left by the UFO.

## . . . And this is what the Adel sky-watchers saw

By TONY HARNEY

**This is the first startling picture of the Adel UFO that has baffled Leeds residents.**



Mr. Michael Tebbs . . . the man who took the startling picture.

Yet three days after scores of families in the Adel area of Leeds watched the strange flickering lights hovering and banking in the night sky for over an hour there was still no official explanation of the sightings today.

This picture, taken by an Adel resident, shows just what the sky-watchers saw.

Armed with a telephoto lens amateur photographer Michael Tebbs, an insurance broker, of The Meadows, Adel, took a series of time exposure photographs of the mystery lights.

### Hovered

"A friend rang me from Oakwood and asked if I could see the lights and both my mother and myself looked out of the window of our house.

"We sat and watched the lights for about an hour, turning red, blue, green and white. At first I thought it must be a plane until it disappeared at tremendous speed and then returned hovering and banking in the sky," he said.

"At the same time there were other lights flashing across the sky and then we saw something which looked like a fireball flash across the night sky.

"I am not a UFO nut and can only say what I saw, but of course I have no idea what it was.

Since the Yorkshire Evening Post first received reports of the strange sighting there has been no explanation forthcoming for their presence in the sky despite widespread inquiries by the paper.

A spokesman for the Air Traffic Controllers at Leeds Bradford Airport said: "It was certainly not one of our aircraft.

"We had nothing in the sky at this time. We did receive reports of the lights, but could not trace or see anything from here.

"One thought at the time from our senior air traffic controller was that it might have been an aircraft climbing from Manchester Airport into our area and they do sometimes seem to stand still in the sky.

Mr. Graham Birdsall, chairman of the Yorkshire UFO Society, said investigators would be interviewing some of the witnesses.

● Starting next week — YEP spotlight on UFO sightings in Yorks.

SEP 7 1983

# UFO sightings still a mystery

**ASHBOURNE'S mysterious UFO sightings of three years ago are still a mystery despite intensive investigations by a UFO group.**

The Nottingham UFO Investigation Society launched the probe after the sightings in August, 1980, when bright lights were seen in the sky over the Ashbourne area during a half-hour period.

And the group's report of the investigations, which has just been published, says there is no clear explanation.

"We maintain that an airship or airships might be responsible but we have been totally unable to find the operator of such craft after three years' intensive investigation," said Mr Peter Ann, Derbyshire group leader of the society.

Some witnesses said the lights were silent but others described a buzzing noise or a sound like a milking machine.

The report concludes that the objects sighted were of a physical nature and classifies them as Unidentified Flying Objects.

But it adds: "In spite of this classification we are not

claiming that these objects are of an extra-terrestrial origin, though the possibility cannot be ruled out."

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## UFO seen in Oxon skies

A mysterious flying object was spotted over Kennington on Wednesday night.

The object was seen at 6.20 p.m. by Mr Fred Bradley and his wife, Gertrude, who live in Bagley Wood Road, Kennington.

Mr Bradley said: "It was a sphere and it was silver on top and black at the bottom. It wobbled slightly and flew in a straight line parallel to the ground roughly along the Oxford to Didcot railway line at a height of 450 to 500 feet.

"It travelled at about 50 mph and gave out a hissing sound or engine noise.

He said the object travelled in a northerly direction towards Oxford.

Mr Bradley watched the object for about 30 seconds before it disappeared behind some trees.

He said he hadn't a clue what the object was, but did not think it was a flying saucer.

"As far as I could make out it was something terrestrial," said Mr Bradley.

## New UFO mystery

County council roadman Tony Rees, of Neyland, is puzzling this week over a UFO he and his girlfriend saw over Pembroke Dock on Sunday night.

Twenty-one-year-old Mr. Rees, of 94, Cambrian Road, was walking home his girlfriend Helen Reid, aged 18, of 13, King Street, Pembroke Dock, from the Rose and Crown pub in Queen Street, when they saw the mysterious object.

"We watched it for about 30 seconds," said Mr. Rees. "It was orange with two tails on either end. It hovered in the direction of Pembroke for a while, and then shot off at great speed.

"It was noiseless and I thought at first it was a shooting star, but when it stopped and suddenly zoomed off I knew it couldn't be."

Mr. Rees believes that two other people nearby witnessed the incident.

"I know people will say I'd just come out of a pub, but I had the car with me that night, and I never drink and drive," he went on.

"It was really quite unnerving. I watched the skies for quite a bit afterwards, but it didn't reappear.

WEST CHESTER, PA  
LOCAL NEWS  
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## What were all those lights in the sky Saturday night?

7424 UFO  
Editor News: To anyone who was awake at 1:21 Saturday evening:

Yes, we saw it! Did you? We are writing to explain what we saw on Saturday evening, Oct. 1.

As anyone knows who was out Saturday night, it was quite foggy and very difficult to see. But regardless, in the sky we saw a series of flashing lights. The lights looked like an enlarged version of a flashbulb going off, except they were colored — green, blue and red. They alternately flashed these colors with a bright flame center and the color fading outward.

It was exactly 1:21, we are sure of it. We even think there might have been others who saw the lights. Did anyone? We have been trying to come up with a logical explanation and cannot find one. For any skeptics, we were not under any influences!

(The lights seemed to come from the Lenape area, but we cannot be sure how far away they were.)

QUENTIN SENISE  
JACQUIE WOLFGANG  
Westtown

# 'Whatever It Was, It Was Big'

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Melody Allen of Sonora still isn't sure what she saw in the sky last night, but whatever it was, "it was either really close or really big because it lit up the whole ground."

Allen, 22, is just one of thousands of Northern Californians who saw the gigantic flash of red light slash through the night around 11 p.m. But not a one is sure what it was.

After seeing it, Allen said she began thinking of the story of Revelation, noting that the last book of the Bible talks of "comets" preceding the end of the world.

She described the sighting as a "big fireball with a long tail with sparks coming off of it." Allen said she first noticed it from the light it put out on the ground "like lightning."

According to United Press International reports, astronomers from Lick Observatory above San Jose said today they believed the spectacle was a meteorite, although nobody at the observatory saw it.

"But we did get lots of calls from people who did, and as near as we can tell, it must have been some kind of large meteor," a spokesman said. Neither military nor civilian radars tracked the big red ball with a yellow tail but the UFO was reported seen as far south as Santa Barbara and as far east as Lake Tahoe.

"It looked like it started burning up when it re-entered the atmosphere, and it kept on burning until it went out of sight," said John Ford of San Francisco, who saw the flash from a downtown hotel. "Whatever it was, it had to be awfully large to have been burning for that long."

Other observers said the flash started out as a ruddy red, then grew in intensity as it fell, trailing what looked like a long tail of sparks or cinders behind it.

"It really lasted a long time," an eyewitness said. "My little brother got binoculars on it as soon as it started falling, and said it just looked like a huge ball of fire."

"It must have been as big as a house," he said. "I just got out of the movie, 'Return of the Jedi,' and I have to tell you, I wasn't ready for this."

"We have something like 500 satellites, rocket boosters and other pieces of space junk reentering the Earth's atmosphere every year," said Major Robert Tracy of the North American Aerospace Defense Command. "That's almost one and a half pieces a day. Now, a lot of those are not going to be seen when they fall because they come down in the daytime or in heavy cloud cover."

"But some of them you will see, and it's possible this is one of them."

"We had numerous reports about it, but nobody is sure exactly what it was or where it landed," said Mike Brown of the California Office of Emergency Services.

"It could have been one of any number of different things," he said. "If I go out tomorrow and find a big crater in my swimming pool and Orson Wells is standing around talking into a microphone, I'll let you know."

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## Bright ball lights up sky

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Officials from Santa Barbara to Placer County Thursday night received reports of a bright ball of light moving across the sky from the Pacific.

"It was a white glow coming down across the sky with a green tail," said Mimi Johnson, dispatcher for the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department. "I thought it was a shooting star but it was moving too slowly."

"It was a black object that was traveling across the sky and it had a blue glow ... trailed with a yellow tail," said Don Adams of Fremont in Northern California.

Bob Krueger, warning controller for the state Office of Emergency Services, said he received calls from sheriff's dispatchers in eight counties, including Ventura, San Luis Obispo, Madera and Sonoma, of reports that a ball of light was spotted about 10:35 p.m.

A spokesman for the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle said he received 18 calls from Northern California reporting the sighting of a bright object drifting across the sky.

He said the reports fit the description of a meteor. Vandenberg Air Force Base officials said no missiles were launched Thursday night that would account for the light.

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# Seeing is believing Strange lights in the sky'

DAVID and Dorothy King were cynical.

Despite the fact their daughter Dot is almost obsessed with the subject, the Kings just did not believe in the existence of unidentified flying objects. Until now.

Two years ago they were watching television in the front room of their two bedroomed mobile home in Winehouse Lane, Capel.

Dorothy got up to pull the blinds down and saw a brilliant white light hovering over Folkestone.

"I called Dave to the window and we watched as it moved away in the direction of Dover at a terrific speed," she said.

Today the couple are firmly convinced that what they saw was a UFO.

"The brilliant light lit everything up around, and it moved at such a remarkable speed it has convinced me that it was a UFO," said David.

And he takes a lot of convincing. "I thought this talk of UFOs was a load of old rubbish but now I firmly believe in their existence. I've seen one. How can I doubt it?" said David, a retired catering manager.

Their only daughter, Dot, a Suffolk housewife, is a UFO investigator, and her picture appeared in Sunday's News of The World, standing on the site where a UFO was spotted in 1980.

Father and daughter often had rows over her passion for unknown phenomena.

David disapproved of the time and money she spent on the subject, even though as a little girl Dot showed an interest in the unknown.

She became convinced following her first sighting in Great Yarmouth when she saw an oval amber-coloured shape the size of the moon moving at a tremendous speed.

It was not until two months later that the enormity of what she had seen sunk in. "I was scared to go out," said Dot.

She then joined a UFO club in Lowestoft and is a member of the British Unidentified Object Research Association.

The day after David and Dorothy saw the bright light from their window they told Dot.

"I know my parents well enough to know that they would never exaggerate and I am totally convinced that what they saw was a UFO," she said.

Following recent publicity surrounding UFOs the Kings decided to get in touch with the Dover Express.

"We know that sightings have been made on Sugar Loaf Hill in Folkestone but we'd be interested to know if anyone else has had a similar experience," said Dorothy.

UNIDENTIFIED Flying Objects — flying saucers, tricks of light, or figments of the imagination? That's the question a dedicated band of local enthusiasts are trying to answer.

The Yorkshire UFO Society records and investigates every unusual sighting in the hope of solving the mystery. Mr Philip Mantle, of East Leigh Drive, Tingley, is their Official Investigator for the Wakefield area.

He joined the society two years ago. "I saw something myself about five years ago — I wasn't interested until then — but I was on holiday in Wiltshire and saw some really strange lights in the sky, a white ball of light with a yellow halo around it, about a quarter of a mile to half a mile away. It zig-zagged all over the sky.

He asked everyone he could think of but still doesn't know what it was.

## Baffling

Ufologists see their hobby as a science. They don't claim to know what is behind sightings, but do go to a lot of trouble to try and find explanations.

So far this year Philip has been involved in six investiga-

tions. They involve interviews with witnesses, filling out detailed sightings reports, visiting spots where sightings were made and checking out alternative explanations for the phenomena.

Sometimes the answer is straightforward — an electrical storm, a reflection, or an aircraft. Other incidents leave the experts baffled.

Philip doesn't claim to have all the answers: "Obviously there are some misidentifications, but there again people are seeing things that as yet we can't explain. There is no evidence to say there really are little green men flying about . . . but 50 per cent of cases we have on file we can't explain."

## Information

Ufologists believe the more information they collect the closer they will get to the solution.

"I would like people to come forward with any information they have, no matter how old. All the information we get is important — one day it will make sense.

"We have had people from all walks of life contacting us. No one particular type of person is likely to see a UFO, it's just a question of being in the right place at the right time."

Mr Mantle can be contacted at 49 East Leigh Drive, or on Morley 522411.

## Light touch of the UFOs

<sup>3128</sup>  
**ONE swallow does not make a summer — but a fairly tight group of lights in the sky apparently make more than an aircraft.**

A Heighington reader who saw the story in Wednesday's Echo of Mr. Benjamin Franklin sighting a UFO believes he may have shared the experience.

"I was travelling from Lincoln with my wife shortly after nine o'clock when I saw a group of red and white lights in the sky north-east of Lincoln.

"They were an appreciable distance away, but gave the impression of being virtually stationary.

He said he had many times seen aircraft lights at night — civil and military — and these were totally different.

There were far too many of them too close together for them to have been from any aircraft he had seen.

"I was so intrigued, I asked my wife, who was driving, to stop the car.

"We both watched the lights for two or three minutes. Eventually, they moved away — very rapidly. We heard nothing and saw nothing except the lights.

"Whatever they were they were nothing like anything I have seen from aircraft."

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## 'Strange lights'

### near air base

REPORTS of strange lights in the sky near Bentwaters and Woodbridge air bases have revived local interest in Unidentified Flying Objects.

The reported new sightings, at Hollesley and Alderton, come in the wake of official confirmation from USAF authorities of a report of a UFO landing in nearby Rendlesham Forest three years ago.

And while people are keeping an open mind on the latest reports, the lights were seen by at least eight people in the two villages.

On Friday evening at about 7.45 p.m. Mrs. Sandra Button, 37, of Coronation Drive, Hollesley, saw three lights forming a triangle in the sky, as she walked down her garden path to a baker's van.

"I did not take much notice as we are used to planes and helicopters passing over," she said.

#### High up

About five minutes later she was joined by her neighbour, Mrs. Mary Potter, who drew her attention to the lights.

"They were still there," said Mrs. Button. "They were high up over the marshes. We watched them for about 20 minutes and they did not move."

The two women were joined by Mrs. Button's husband John, 40, and the couple's three children, Stephen, 16, Sharon, 13, and Darren, nine.

"The baker turned off the engine of the van so we could hear the noise of the planes, but there was nothing, just a deathly silence," she said.

Eventually the centre light dimmed two or three times and then the three rose higher in the sky and passed

slowly overhead towards the USAF bases.

"As the lights rose we could see small red and green lights, and we could make out three triangular shapes," she said. "There was a weird humming noise as they passed overhead."

#### Tail lights

"My husband was very sceptical about it all until he heard the noise. It was unlike anything we had heard before — in no way was it a plane."

A few miles away at Alderton, Mr. William Wright, 34, of Mill Hoo, was preparing for a fishing trip at about 8.15 p.m. when he saw the lights from his garden.

He described them as three large white lights forming a triangle. He said that as they moved towards him over the sea the formation altered slightly, suggesting three separate aircraft. As the lights passed slowly overhead he could see a red tail light behind each main light.

"The lights were constant, they were not flashing," he said.

"There had been no noise at all but as they came nearer I heard a sort of drone, unlike the noise of jets which we are used to."

#### Open mind

"I am keeping an open mind on the subject. We see a lot of aircraft in this area but this did not have the same speed or noise or feel about it."

The public affairs department at Bentwaters air base was unable to comment on the sightings, but spokeswoman Captain Kathy McCollom confirmed that a C130 Hercules transport aircraft was due at that time on Friday evening.

HULL DAILY MAIL

OCT 17 1983

# UFO sighted

## over

# North Hull

HULL MAINTENANCE worker, Mr Gary Clark was today still puzzling over a weekend close encounter.

"I was putting the car away in the garage when I suddenly saw this bright light above the trees on the skyline over the Old Hymersians sports ground.

"It had a small trail behind it like a comet. There was no sound coming from it and no flashing lights so it wasn't an aircraft.

"It was a brilliant white light like a fluorescent tube, quite low in the sky and it was moving very slowly," he said.

Mr Clarke, of Oxenhope Road, Hayward Park, Hull, watched the unidentified flying object for about three minutes before it disappeared on the horizon over the city centre.

"It is the first time I have ever seen anything like this. It was most interesting. I wish I had taken a photograph," he said.

Mr Clark's two daughters Donna, eight, and Eve, four, were with him when the light appeared at 9 pm on Friday night. His wife Karen Clark, also saw it.

He joked that it might be a flying saucer and thought no more of the sighting.

That was until yesterday morning when a Sunday newspaper contained reports about a UFO seen by radio presenter David Jacobs on Friday night. The switchboard at Broadcasting House was jammed when Mr Jacobs mentioned on the air that he had seen the white light in the sky over Leicestershire.

"It looks as though I wasn't the only person to see it," said Mr Clarke, today.

## Another sighting

FOLLOWING this newspaper's account of a UFO encounter near Throop, a Christchurch woman has come forward to report a similar sighting in the area.

It happened two months ago as Mrs. Sally Vowles was looking out of an upstairs window at her home in Links Drive, Christchurch, around 10 pm.

She reports she saw an object ringed by red and green lights hovering over the new hospital site to one side of the construction crane.

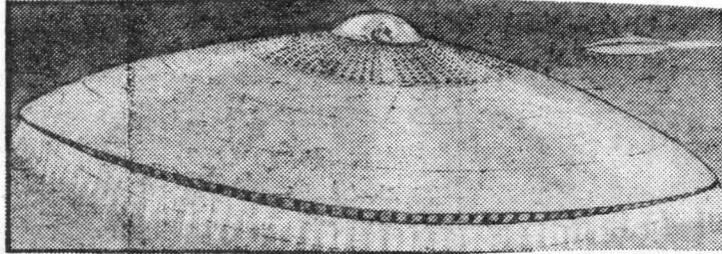
She said: "I'm sure it wasn't a helicopter. It hovered for a full 10 minutes then slowly descended and I lost sight of it. It was definitely controlled."

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# UFOs

FOLLOWING our series on UFOs, we invited your comments and experiences. Here is a selection of points from your letters.



# Green glow 3128 over the Reds

DAILY TELEGRAPH  
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1,400 UFO REPORTS  
By <sup>3128</sup>Our Political Staff

THE REPORT that scientists are endeavouring to track down unidentified flying objects from extra terrestrial haunts at Jodrell Bank is a welcome sign that the powers that be are at last taking UFOs seriously.

Several years ago on a warm September night in the vicinity of Old Trafford football ground, I had an unusual sighting of an apparent UFO circling near the centre of the ground's floodlights.

It was shimmering with a phosphorescent green glow, and shaped like a huge spinning bowler hat. A strange humming tone emanated from within its peculiar shape, and as it hovered the tone turned into an ear shattering whistle that gave one a head buzzing sensation. Suddenly, the quivering object began to rapidly revolve, and as it did so, it gradually rose till it was almost lost from sight, and then veered off into the unknown.

An awesome experience and one that I will never forget. I found out later, that homes in the area had suffered from an electricity black out. As far as I know, no one has ever been able to work out the reason why, let alone

explain such a mysterious object flying over Old Trafford.

John Docherty, Old Trafford.

## Other life

Astronomers, astro physicists, and others in the last two decades have opened up new frontiers of knowledge about the universe.

In our galaxy alone there are millions of suns of the same type as our own.

I therefore suggest that life in various stages of evolution, technically and socially, exists elsewhere in the universe.

D J Lees, Heathbank Road, Blackley.

## Seeing ...

I hesitate to believe that UFO's exist. Even should there be life on other planets I doubt if they would reach earth. Like our own astronauts, occupants of UFOs couldn't land unless they were equipped with suits and breathing apparatus.

If these so-called flying saucers could flit about the sky from one planet to another how come we haven't built anything like them Why do we have

rockets while they can have these rounded objects? No, seeing is believing and I haven't seen one yet.

Ada Holmes, Kingsbridge, Harpurhey.

## Old gods

I have seen UFOs. I know what I saw, and no one will make me believe otherwise.

The UFOs herald the return of the ancient gods, but their science is far advanced above man's.

Grandmother, Leigh.

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# What was that?

I USED to exercise my dog on a field off Simonsway, Wythenshawe, always accompanied with a friend and her dog.

Mr friend Beryl and I used to wait for a red star which used to appear at dusk and stay in one spot in the sky for about half an hour. Then it would vanish. After a few weeks we told some boys about it, but it never appeared again.

Some 10 years later I was with my boyfriend in his home, we were listening to records with the

light out, having a kiss'n' cuddle when a red light appeared on the top left corner of the room. We both looked and our eyes followed it right round the room and out of the closed window!

We both went to the front door only to see the red light disappear into the star-lit sky.

All this time neither of us spoke. After we said to each other "what was that?" That was 18 years ago in Stockport.

Mrs Margaret Doyle, Station Road, Pendlebury.

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# UFO alert 3128 in village

POLICE rushed to Stock after a call that the village was about to have a close encounter with a UFO amid the gales and lashing rain on Saturday evening.

The caller to Chelmsford police HQ claimed that a flying saucer was hanging low in the night sky.

It was a large bright white light with a red one around it.

A police spokesman said: "We sent some of our astronomy policemen to have a look.

"But, after studying the light, they came to the conclusion that Stock was not being invaded.

"They thought it was a planet or a rather bright star."

# UFO spotters jam BBC switchboard

3128

A UFO spotted over Leicestershire by radio star David Jacobs caused a furore after the Radio Two presenter mentioned it on his show.

Callers jammed the BBC switchboard after Mr. Jacobs described seeing a mysterious ball of light hurtle across the sky while he was travelling along the motorway.

The sighting happened while Mr. Jacobs was between junctions 21 and 22 on the M1, returning to London from an Any Questions programme recorded in Mansfield.

His driver also saw the mysterious object, but politician Mrs. Shirley Williams and fellow panellist Mr. Jonathan Porritt, who were also in the car, could not see the phenomenon from their seats in the back of the car.

## Radar

Mr. Jacobs said: "It was extraordinary. Suddenly, a brilliant white light with a tail shot from left to right in front of us at a height of about 250 to 300 feet, then disappeared."

Listeners telephoned the BBC from all over the country with similar tales of sightings.

But nearby East Midlands Airport recorded nothing on their radar.

Mr. Graham Hall, a leading Midlands UFO researcher, said: "We have had several reports over the past month of unusual objects and it seems there is definitely something going on at the moment."

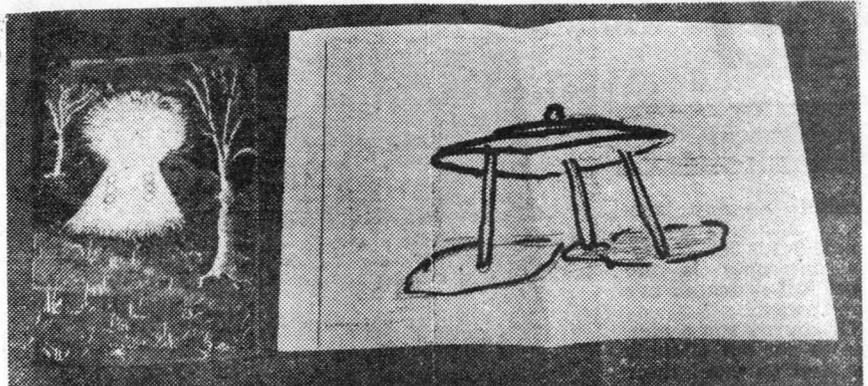
## Asteroid

A spokesman for Leicester University's astronomy department said that in principle the sighting could have been anything.

"There is no use in jumping to conclusions and assuming that this was a UFO. It could have been a meteorite, an asteroid or any object falling back to earth and burning up," he said.

"But while there is no concrete evidence to show that this was an extra terrestrial visitation, nobody can say with certainty that it was not," he added.

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WITNESSES' SKETCHES of the "space craft" as it lands (left) and at rest.

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## 'Space craft landing' — call for inquiry

By BERNARD SPILSBURY

A TEAM of Manchester UFO researchers is to call for a public inquiry by a High Court judge into reports of "flying saucer" landings near an air base in Suffolk.

Jenny Randles, national director of research for the UFO Research Association, added: "We are so convinced that the evidence we have makes a case that we are fully prepared to hand it over to an independent panel of scientists. We are totally aware that we already have a case which unquestionably demands an answer."

The researchers claim official documents prove

that United States Air Force security men had a "close encounter" with an unidentified flying object which landed in a forest half a mile from the RAF Bentwaters base near Woodbridge, Suffolk, in the early hours of December 27, 1980.

Three days later there was another sighting of the UFO, also in Rendlesham Forest near the NATO air base, by USAF and RAF men, say the researchers, who include Det

Chief Inspector Norman Collinson, deputy head of the Greater Manchester Police fraud squad, and Altrincham solicitor Mr Harry Harris.

A report on the incident was written by Lt Col Charles Halt, the deputy base commander, on January 13, 1981, and sent to the British Ministry of Defence. It is a copy of this document, obtained from the US government by means of the Americans' freedom of information legislation, which has persuaded the UFO researchers that it is in the public interest that there should be a full inquiry.

# DJ DAVID STIRS UP UFO FEVER

3128

**UFO fever hit Britain yesterday, after a close encounter by radio star David Jacobs.**

Callers jammed BBC switch boards after Jacobs mentioned briefly on his Radio Two show that he had seen a mysterious ball of light as he travelled to London on the M1.

The callers reported similar sightings and pieced together, they gave the path of the UFO as a great swathe from Yorkshire, through the Midlands to the West Country.

Jacobs was returning from the 35th Any Questions anniversary pro-

By STEVE BAILEY

gramme in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, with panelist, politician Shirley Williams.

He said: "It was extraordinary. I've never seen anything move so quickly.

"Suddenly, a brilliant white light with a 'tail' shot from left to right in front of us, at a height of about 250 to 300 feet—then disappeared."

The spot where 57-year-old Jacobs saw the light was between M1 junctions 21 and 22 in Leicestershire, at 10.30 pm on Friday



## Trail of the UFO

The UFO path plotted by spotters along the length of Britain from Yorkshire to Devon

gave a sharp intake of breath, and his first words were 'My goodness. That's impossible'."

Listeners' calls confirming or adding to Jacobs' sighting came from as far away as Seaton in Devon and Market Weighton in Yorkshire.

There were so many that the popular broadcaster had to appeal to people to stop telephoning Broadcasting House because the switchboard could not cope.

Air Traffic Control at nearby East Midlands International airport recorded nothing on their radar

Did Jacobs believe in UFOs? He said later: "There's no way I would close my mind to anything like that—and this is the first time anything like this has happened to me."

night. His driver saw the phenomenon, too, and thought it might have been a shooting star.

Jacobs said: "It was travelling too low and too fast for that to be a possi-

bility." Shirley Williams and fellow panelist Jonathan Porritt missed the light from their rear seats.

Shirley said: "David was clearly taken aback. He

# The big orange fireball

By CAROLINE HOLLAND

## bound for Dalston . . .

A STRANGE ball of fire moving across the night sky held Brenda Gray spellbound.

Mrs Gray, of Liverpool Road, Islington, still can't explain away the eerie experience.

She was putting the cat out before going to bed last week when a shaft of light fell on the wall beside her.

As she looked up she saw a large sphere at about tower block height "like a

ball of fire that seemed to move steadily from west to east, towards Dalston. It was moving too quickly to call anyone else.

"I just stared at it until it suddenly disappeared. It was so bright it hurt my eyes. I wish someone else had seen it."

Mrs Gray, who manages a firm supplying audio-visual equipment, rushed inside to her husband—but he hadn't seen it. And

nobody else seems to have shared the mysterious sight.

At first she thought it might have been a meteorite or a piece of burning debris—from outer space. But, she pointed out, they would not be shifting horizontally.

A spokesman at the Royal Observatory said Mrs Gray might have seen a satellite, although they were not usually so big or

bright and they moved slowly.

"If her description is a little exaggerated then it might be a satellite. Other than that I cannot say."

The night in question was very clear which could account for the brightness.

There are three or four visible satellites in the sky every night and their passages is reported in some daily papers.

# UFO lands in Suffolk—

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LONDON

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## the airman's story

# THE FOREST EXPLODED WITH BLINDING LIGHT

**THE FIRST** terrified thought to penetrate U.S. airman Art Wallace's brain as he saw Britain's first authenticated UFO landing was that he was seeing something from Star Wars.

To Art, the mystery machine that landed silently in a forest in an explosion of red light looked like "the spaceship from the movie."

He told me: "It appeared to have a triangular shape and was covered with pipes and valves and things.

"It was about 20ft across the bottom with sloping sides up to the top 12ft to 15ft high . . . certainly big enough to handle people."

Art's rendezvous with the unbelievable came in the early hours of December 27, 1980, after he was ordered into a jeep at RAF Bentwaters, Suffolk, where he was a security guard.

The jeep drove in convoy towards nearby RAF Woodbridge, then pulled up on the edge of lonely Tangham Wood. Said Art:

☉ We were all told to hand in our weapons. I had an M16 rifle. Then we took lights into the woods.

Amazing things seemed to happen even then. I noticed animals running in panic from the forest.

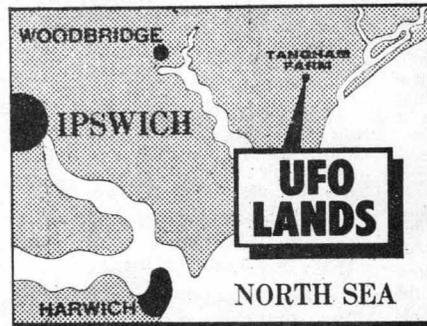
Fuel gauges on the vehicles registered empty when we knew they were full.

As we approached a clearing we could see some very bright lights.

We were a bit shook up to come across a U.S. medic treating one of our security police who appeared to have broken down and was crying.

The clearing was full of RAF and USAF security people—about 200 of them. Several movie cameras had been set up and choppers were flying above.

Then we saw an object. It appeared to be resting



MAP showing where it happened

From BOB SMITH  
in New York

on the ground and looked like a giant aspirin. It was transparent.

We were in awe, never having seen anything remotely like this. Nearby, there was an airman carrying a radio. Suddenly, we heard a chopper pilot telling him: "Here it comes."

We looked up and saw a red ball of light coming towards us from over the trees. In the distance, it looked about 100ft high

and appeared to be coming in to land.

It came down right over the transparent aspirin on the ground. There was no sound at all.

We were all mesmerised. All of a sudden, the red light exploded. The place was filled with an explosion of all kinds of colours.

We were blinded. When the colours died down, we looked again, and there was a machine there.

A captain motioned us to approach the ship. We walked up close enough to touch it. It was giving off a metallic bluish light.

There were three groups of about four security men

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## THE FOREST EXPLODED (CONT)



LANDING SITE: UFO hunters Brenda (left) and Dorothy at Tangham Wood, where the craft landed

each circling the thing. I could see our shadows on the craft. As we walked, they moved.

But when we stopped, the shadows seemed to take another pace. It was weird.

Suddenly, a green light came on at the top of the spaceship.

It moved down the sides of the craft until it reached our heads then bounced from one to the other along the side. Just like the ball bounces in a video game.

### SHADOWS

*Then I realised the spaceship was inhabited. There were beings aboard.*

I didn't see them because I was on the wrong side of the craft. But others did.

They said there were three, and they were wearing silver suits. I had a strange feeling and seemed to black out.

The next thing I knew, it was about 5 a.m. and I was waking up, lying half across my bunk. I still had my uniform on and was up to my knees in mud.

To this day, I don't know how I got back to the barracks, or what happened after I saw the green light bounce off our shadows.

My roommate said I'd been brought into the room by some people—he didn't know who—and just dumped on the bed.

Later that day, myself

and several of the guys who had been at the field were given the once-over with a geiger counter but we were never told why or what the results were.

We were all called to the base security office at Bentwaters and told what we'd seen had been classified top secret.

Several civilians were doing all the talking. We took them for CIA.

*They said if we ever told the story, no one would believe us. One guy added that if we did talk, then bullets were cheap.*

I thought, "This guy is actually threatening our lives. He obviously meant it."

Looking back, the one thing that bothers me is

that the officers and civilians present seemed to know all about it—they weren't all that surprised.

Art Wallace — that isn't his real name — was honourably discharged from the USAF in June, 1981. He is now aged 22.

If named, he could be jailed for saying what he saw.

Attempts to penetrate the mystery have been made by two Suffolk UFO spotters, Mrs Brenda Cutler, 38, of Leiston, and Mrs Dorothy Street, of Oulton Broad.

Said Brenda: "We met a wall of secrecy."

But they linked up with American UFO expert Larry Fawcett, who ques-

tioned Art Wallace and obtained a copy of the report on the incident by Lieutenant Colonel Halt, USAF deputy commander at RAF Woodbridge.

The colonel later saw us in his office," said Brenda.

"He was upset because the report had leaked out, but then became helpful.

"He even pointed out on our map the place he said the craft had landed."

At the Defence Ministry in London, a spokesman would only say: "We are aware of the report, but this is a matter for the USAF, not us."

But a USAF spokesman at Mildenhall, Suffolk, said: "All reports of this incident are now with your Defence Ministry."

## Yes, it is true

UFO expert Larry Fawcett (right), a police lieutenant in Connecticut, says: "I am sure an alien flying craft did land in that forest."

"Despite intensive questioning, Airman Wallace has never been caught out in a lie."

"We also have corroboration of his account. It is

doubtful if any person, never mind several, could make up such a story."

Lieut. Fawcett, 44, a chief of the American organisation Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, added: "Both the British and American military know an awful lot more about this than they have ever told."



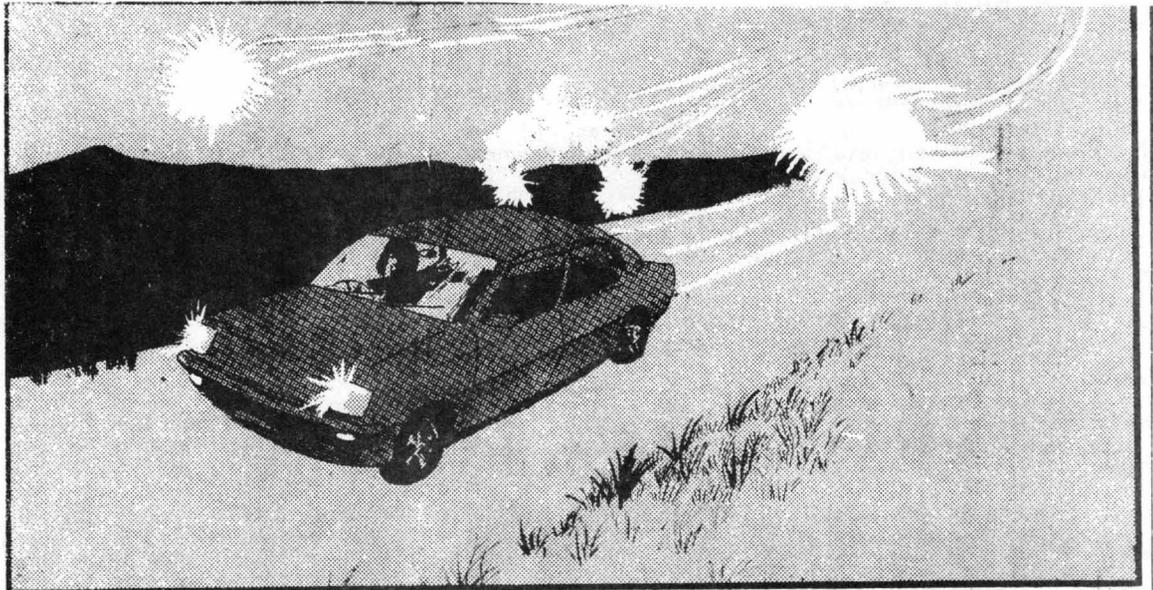
**NEXT WEEK—The big cover-up**

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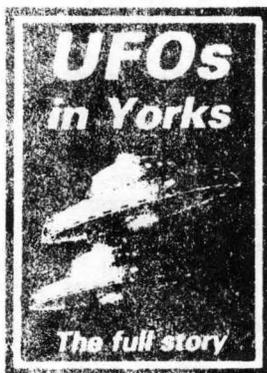
IN the second of our five-part series on Yorkshire UFO sightings, GRAHAM W. BIRDSALL, Chairman of the Yorkshire UFO Society, recounts a woman's strange encounter on the A65 Keighley-Kendal Road.

● Illustration by MARK BIRDSALL.



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# Close encounter on the A65 road



Graham Birdsall, left, and his brother, Mark.

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## CLOSE ENCOUNTER ON THE A65 ROAD

THE area around Carleton, North Yorkshire, is made up of remote moorland, high and hilly terrain, and only experienced fell walkers and the occasional climbing party venture out into the area during the bleak and wintry months.

Cononley, just to the south-east is much the same, and it was here in the month of January 1978 that two experienced witnesses came face to face with a massive object. It remains to this day, unidentified. It was 3.20 a.m. when two men observed from their vehicle an extremely bright light, some 200 feet above the ground, moving slowly toward their position.

No definition could be seen at this time, but once overhead it tilted to one side. At this moment they were unnerved at the actual size of their object, estimated to be 100 feet in length, and the fact that no sound could be heard. The object was now glowing brightly, and they could see a "skirt" of sorts underneath it which was slowly revolving. Three large balls of light could also be seen underneath, as could portholes, somewhat darker than the rest of the object, which was now slowly moving away from both men.

### Peaceful

The description of the object, and reference to "three large balls of light" located on the underside, was later to be repeated to us in later years by independent witnesses, and captured on film by two police officers.

Just four months later, in May 1978, a construction worker was startled to see a large silver dome, or disc, at Foulridge, near Colne. The object was some 250 feet above the ground, and sharply outlined against the sky. Our witness, who requested confidentiality, estimated its size to be around 130 feet in diameter, and during the 15 minute period in which the object hovered in the sky, it made no sound whatsoever. The witness, who was viewing the incident from his car at the time, decided to get a closer look. He drove down to the spot, but when he emerged from the back of some buildings, it had vanished completely.

The witness recalled that

the oval looking object had a definite black line running around the base, but has "no clue" as to what it may have been. As the sightings continued to flow into the Yorkshire UFO Society's files, it became obvious that something extraordinary was happening in this peaceful and serene area.

On an early evening in March 1982, a Skipton family decided to visit a large supermarket in Colne, where they regularly went about their weekly shopping. They requested no publicity in this instance so we shall refer to them as the "Smith" family. Mr. Smith, together with his wife, two children and pet alsatian dog, travelled by car on the road that leaves the village of Carleton, near Skipton, and rises over the tops of Elslack Moor. Mr. Smith was driving, his wife sat alongside with the dog at her feet, the two youngsters were in the back.

They reached an area around Standrise plantation, when Mr. Smith's attention was drawn to his rear view mirror. Two brightly coloured balls of light, one red, the other green, were swooping down on the car.

The lights, both football sized, drew up alongside the vehicle, and kept pace with it. At one time there was a ball of light on either side of the car, at window height. The family were extremely frightened, and the children sat at the back were crying, even the dog cowered and tried to get as far down into the footwell as possible.

### Isolated

Mrs. Smith screamed at her husband to turn the car around and head back for home, but when he stopped the vehicle and set off back down the same stretch of road, the objects continued to follow. After a short time, however, the lights, or objects, disappeared. The family returned home in a distressed state, and since this incident have not returned to the moors, they now avoid this route to travel the long way around Skipton when visiting Colne.

This family may have encountered the same phenomenon which intercepted a happily married business woman, travelling from Lancashire to North Yorkshire along the A65 Keighley-Kendal road on March 4, 1982. She had reached an area known as Coniston cutting at around 10.30 p.m. She was alone, apart from her dog, and her vehicle was travelling over remote and isolated moorland road. A blue light came from nowhere and lit up the whole offside of the car, yet no other vehicles were in sight.

Then she noticed in her rear view mirror one red light, and next to it, a blue light, roughly the size of car headlights. The lights disappeared for a while, but then reappeared on the nearside of the car. Suddenly a white beam of light came down from above the car. This lit up the roadside and grass verge and was about thirty feet in diameter. Then total silence enveloped the car, the woman then noticed that the car engine began to rev much louder.

The lights continued to envelope the roadside, and car itself, until after travelling for one mile, a lorry came into view in the opposite direction. As soon as the lorry appeared, the lights around the vehicle went out, and were not seen again. It then transpired that some 30 minutes had been lost from the woman's memory, for the journey had taken her far longer than normal on a route she travels regularly.

She was amazed at the time when she finally arrived home. Subsequent investigation on this case revealed a fascinating encounter, and with the permission of the woman, and her husband, it was decided that hypnotic regression should be tried, to discover just what did happen on that cold March night. A consultant hypnotist from Lancashire was brought in, and over the next few months, no less than five regressions occurred.

Each session was tape recorded, and transcripts followed, as did numerous questions put to her by two investigators who dealt with

the case. Piece by piece we began to put together the encounter itself, and the details slowly emerged. Yet it was not until the third regression, and only after great discomfort to the witness herself, that the missing time lapse showed itself.

### Whisper

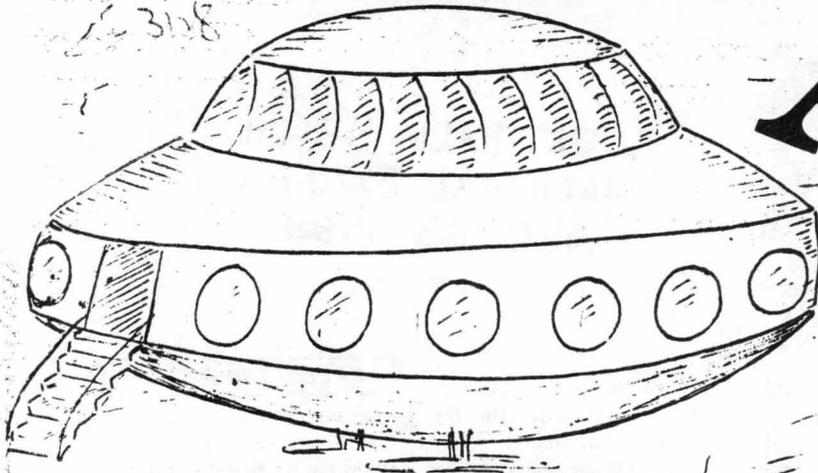
This particular session had begun normally enough, with the hypnotist spending much time in relaxing the witness, then taking her into a deep trance-like state. The room lights were dimmed as normal, as the woman began to answer our questions in a soft whisper, sometimes taking up to three minutes to do so.

Suddenly she sat up, and with her arms outstretched (she held this position for 10 minutes and showed no signs of discomfort) spoke to us in a firm, but authoritative voice. We were about to enter the realms of the unknown, the fantastic, yet it was true, whoever had intercepted the woman's car that night were using her as a medium to speak directly to us, and answer questions.

The transcripts run into many dozens of pages, some of which contain frightening paragraphs like: Question: "have we got enemies?" Answer: "Yes, from far away, out there. They are evil, evil, evil, evil." The witness is a well educated woman, who with her husband owns several businesses. She is a VERY intelligent woman, and articulate, and both investigators are at this moment continuing to research this case.

Masses of documentation have built up, and locations given by the witness have taken our research from the islands off Greece, to the sprawling mass that is Africa. More experts are being called in, but the confidentiality of the witness remains, as it does with any of our witnesses who request it. As a result, one of the most incredible files on UFO encounters continues to be added to, and one day, the conclusions could have repercussions for all of us.

**Tomorrow — Strange lights over Yorkshire.**



Mr. Fowler's impression of the "flying saucer" described by Mr. Burtoo.

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# ENCOUNTER CLOSE COUNTER

by DEBBIE COLLINS

**PENSIONER Alfred Burtoo's close encounter with little green men while he was angling on the canal bank at Aldershot is no fisherman's tale.**

That is the opinion of UFO experts who are convinced that his amazing story is "absolutely true."

Not only did the beings from outer space speak to 77-year-old Mr. Burtoo, of Pegasus Avenue, Aldershot, but he claims they also took him aboard their flying saucer:

After a thorough investigation of the alleged happening, Mr. Omar Fowler, of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena, said: "I have been investigating UFO sightings for 16 years, and this is the most sensational thing that has ever happened!"

Mr. Burtoo, accompanied by his dog Tiny, was fishing in the Basingstoke Canal, near the Government Road bridge, when, he says, the flying saucer landed.

"I saw a bright light coming towards me over North Town and it hovered just over the railway line.

## Accent

"It then settled down on the bank. I went to have a look and two forms came towards me dressed in pale green suits. They were about 4ft. tall and had dark visors covering their faces.

One of them beckoned me, and I followed them to the steps. I wasn't afraid — I was more curious than anything."

Mr. Burtoo went on: "The object was made of a kind of burnished aluminium and I climbed some steps and went inside.

"I walked across the room and one of them spoke to me in a kind of sing-song voice, with an accent something between Russian and Chinese.

"He asked me to stand under the amber light. I could not see it at first because there was a kind of black tube blocking my view. Then I saw it and went and did as I was told.

"After a few moments they asked me to turn round, which I did. They asked me how old I was and I said 78 next birthday. Then they said I could go because I was too old and infirm for their purpose."

Mr. Burtoo says he then left the spaceship, and was halfway along the towpath when it took off. It went over the military cemetery and then off towards Tongham.

Mr. Burtoo's "close encounter" happened at about 1.15 a.m. on August 12. He told his wife and son and a neighbour about it the next day but did not report it officially because

he did not think people would believe him.

"It was not until last week when an American air force officer revealed he had seen UFOs in Norfolk I decided to speak out. I am now inclined to think that lots of people have seen these things but don't report them because they do not want to be made fools of.

"I did not believe in flying saucers until this happened to me."

His wife Margery said: "I was a bit frightened when he told me, but I did not take any more notice. It has been bothering him ever since and he has been losing sleep over it.

"He obviously believes he saw what he saw and I believe him."

A sceptical Mr. Fowler went to interview Mr. Burtoo at his home on Monday evening this week. But next day, his group issued an official statement, saying it was convinced his story was true.

Said Mr. Fowler: "We can confirm that a number of the incidents he said occurred are consistent with known UFO characteristics."

## Unexplained

He added: "I was very sceptical about this when I went to interview Mr. Burtoo and I expected it to be fantasy. But he came out with things he could not possibly have known about unless he had been studying UFOs for years — things about the shape and inside of the object.

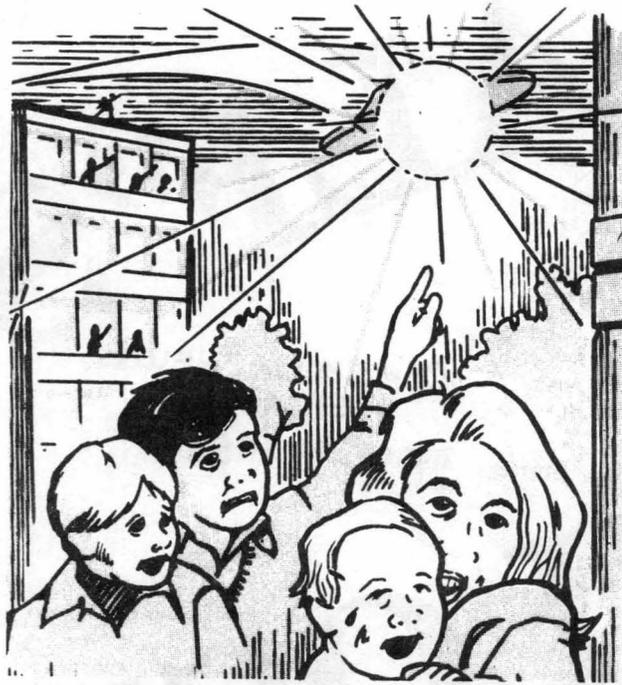
"I am convinced his story is absolutely true and this actually happened."

The Surrey branch will now be carrying out a detailed investigation.

Mr. Fowler would like to hear from anyone who has had a similar experience or saw anything on that night.

•There have been dozens of unexplained reports of unidentified flying objects in this area over the past 15 years.

In April, 1978, eight people, including a policeman, reported clear sightings of a UFO in the skies above Farnborough and Ash.



• UFO PANICS families as it lights up the sky

## GLOWING UFO PANICS FAMILIES

AUTHORITIES WERE baffled after a UFO panicked a group of mothers and their children when it suddenly lighted up the early evening sky as bright as day.

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By CLIFF LINEDECKER

"I hollered," shuddered Ottie Maltbia after the terrifying occurrence.

She said she squeezed her eyes shut once, twice, then three times before the mysterious light vanished.

"It scared me, it scared my baby half to death," confided Margaret Abrams. "I didn't know what it was."

The women and children were seated under a sheltered porch outside their apartments in the Conway Housing Authority complex in Conway, Arkansas, and relaxing as a light rain dripped off the roof and a gentle breeze cooled the air.

Suddenly the air became deathly still, and curious bright lights like two huge

glowing eyes of celestial fire flared several yards away, illuminating the sky with an eerie sunlike glow.

The women said the lights looked like two huge circles, each about five feet or more in diameter and hovering horizontally about three feet off the ground.

The ghostly lights vanished as mysteriously as they had appeared.

"You know, a thousand things can run through your mind when something like this happens," Mrs. Abrams said.

"I didn't go to sleep that night," she said. "We were just sick trying to figure out what we had seen."

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## UFO sighted in Rye sky

An unidentified flying object with flashing green, red and yellow lights was reported Wednesday night in Rye, police said.

Daniel O'Keefe of 42 Davis Ave. sighted the object at about 10:30 p.m. in the west-northwest for the second night in a row, police said.

O'Keefe, eight neighbors and two police officers watched the object remain absolutely still for

about a half hour before it moved off in a northwesterly direction.

After seeing the lights Tuesday night, O'Keefe called police, who thought he was seeing a plane. But Wednesday night, police took him more seriously, O'Keefe said today.

O'Keefe estimated the altitude of the lights at about 20,000 feet.

— Greg Burke