

Last summer, a number of people in the vicinity of Melbourne, Australia, reported sighting what they termed "flying saucers." Some observers went further, claiming actually to have seen and conversed with pilots from outer space.

Many of the tales were bizarre, but the strangest of all was told by Marlene Travers, 24. The STAR CHRONICLE dispatched a reporter to visit Marlene and hear her story first-hand. Whether what she claims is the product of a fevered imagination or is, in fact, the unvarnished truth, we do not presume to say.

But several factors tend to support Marlene's story. These include a strange indentation in the ground at the point she says the saucer landed, several mysterious burn scars on her body and, most startling of all, the fact that she is pregnant.

This reporter, armed with a notebook and a fair amount of skepticism, arrived last Oct. 6 at Marlene Travers' Melbourne apartment, expecting to find a tense neurotic woman.

Instead, I was greeted by a charming young lady who radiated a great deal of self-possession.

After showing us in and offering us a seat, Marlene said bluntly:

"I'm going to tell you exactly what happened . . . that's why your here, right?"

"All I ask is for you to hear me through before deciding if I'm some kind of a nutty liar.

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I WAS HELD CAPTIVE IN A FLYING SAUCER—RAPED AND MADE PREGNANT BY A MAN FROM OUTER SPACE."

For a moment, a wall of silence hung between Marlene and myself.

Then, after fumbling for and lighting a cigarette, I asked her to tell me of her experience, from beginning to end.

"I was spending the weekend at the country home of my friends, Jack and Paula Maynard," Marlene said.

"One night over dinner — it was Aug. 11 — we'd been talking about the so-called flying saucers; Paula and Jack both swore they'd seen one in the area.

"But I just laughed and told them that living in the country



MARLENE TRAVERS was deathly afraid of a blue-eyed stranger.

was turning them into superstitious hicks.

"I'm a practical girl, you see — science fiction has always left me cold.

"Anyhow, after supper, I volunteered to walk a half-mile down to a little crossroads store for cigarettes.

"I was about halfway there, when I saw a strange light in the sky, and heard a funny, humming noise.

"At first, I thought it was some sort of airplane, but it drew closer, and the humming grew louder.

"And then, so help me God, it landed in a field not 30 feet from me. It was a silvery disc, about 50 feet across and 10 feet high. It seemed to shine there in the dusk, with a light of its own.

"From what Jack and Paula had told me, I recognized it immediately — there was no doubt in my mind that it was a spacecraft from some world beyond our own."

Marlene paused, groping for words to describe what happened next.

"A sliding door opened, and a man — or what looked like a man — stepped out," she



MARLENE'S LEGS were burned when she accidentally tripped a switch in the spacecraft, she claims.

said.

"He was very handsome, well over six-feet tall, and was wearing a sort of loose-fitting, metallic-green tunic. He stared at me with blue eyes that seemed to give off light rays.

"I wanted to run, and I wanted to scream . . . but I was petrified. With those eyes on me, I couldn't move a muscle.

"He opened his mouth, but instead of words, all I could hear was a high-pitched whine. Somehow, though, I knew exactly what he was saying.

"Through a kind of mental telepathy, I guess, he planted his thoughts in my mind."

The spaceman, according to Marlene, took her by the hand and escorted her into the saucer.

"He didn't use physical force," she said. "But when he looked at me and touched me, I felt compelled to obey him.

"I remember passing by a fantastic instrument panel, and then entering a wildly furnished room. The shape of the walls and furnishings were impossible to keep in focus; they seemed to change before my eyes.

"Then the man 'told' me he'd selected me for a great honor.

"He was going to make me pregnant—so I'd be the first woman on earth to bear a child by a man from his planet. It was an experiment his people were conducting.

"Then he led me to a couch and undressed me.

"I managed to blurt out two words: 'Please, don't.'

"But that was all the resistance I could manage before he raped me.

“Afterwards, as he was leading me out of the saucer, I reached out and accidentally tripped some kind of switch. It caused a light ray to hit my legs and ankles.

“The rays burned me very painfully, and I remember screaming. Then I guess I passed out.”

The next thing Marlene remembers is awakening in the field where the saucer had allegedly landed.

“I ran back to the Maynards’ house — and found I’d been gone for nearly seven hours,” she said.

“Jack and Paula and other people had searched for me. During the search, they recall having seen a strange light in the sky.

“The man from out there must have taken me into space, but I have no memory of the saucer moving.”

The Maynards put the nearly hysterical Marlene to bed, and called in a doctor. The doctor, George Bramwell, examined Marlene and found burns on her legs and ankles.

The Maynards, meanwhile, walked to the point where Marlene claimed to have been kidnapped — and noticed a large indentation in the earth.

At Marlene’s insistence, she was later examined for pregnancy.

“She is definitely pregnant,” Dr. Bramwell told the **STAR CHRONICLE**.

“Conception could very well have taken place that night.”

Marlene is convinced that when her time comes, she’ll give birth to a baby from out of this world.

MARLENE SUPPLIED this sketch of the saucer to the interviewer.

