

WINGATE RESIDENTS PUZZLED BY U.F.O.

7/6/72

THE MAIL

HARTLEPOOL

A MYSTERIOUS "flying electric light bulb" puzzled Wingate residents last night. For shortly after 10-30 p.m. an unidentified flying object brought people out of their homes, and caused motorists to halt as it lit up the night sky. One eyewitness, Mr James Anderson, of Lake View, Wingate, told the Mail today: "I was driving down through Wingate when the car in front of me pulled up in the middle of the road. The people jumped out and

looked up at the sky.

"There was a brilliant light in the sky—like an electric light bulb. There was a terrific noise with it.

"It seemed to fly along, then it stopped for two or three seconds, and then it shot up vertically at great speed.

"I've never believed in flying saucers and that sort of thing before, but now I don't know.

"My wife Rita, who was in the car with me, was terrified."

DOG WENT MAD

Other people heard the noise as far away as Peterlee. One said: "It was very loud, and my dog went mad. I thought it was an aircraft."

Another motorist who saw the "light bulb" was Mr Richard Roberts, of Roberts Tours (Wingate) Ltd, who was driving home with his two sons from the Fir Tree Inn. He said: "It came from the west towards the east coast. We thought it was a rocket at first.

"It seemed to hover for a few seconds and then it did a vertical climb. It had a hell of a rumble with it.

"It was like a brilliant spinning light, with a centre and

a sort of flare around it. It disappeared upwards in a flash, and must have been travelling faster than sound.

"Quite a few people stopped to watch it."

Green object

seen over

steelworks

SOUTH WALES ARGOS 7/6/72

AN unidentified flying object was seen over Llanwern Steelworks, Newport, on Friday night. It was spotted by Newport minibus driver, Mr. Lesley Pearce. The UFO hovered over the steelworks and disappeared.

Mr. Pearce, of Goossens Close, Ringland, said that he was driving three women home from a night out at Maesteg. All four of them saw the object as they neared Liswerry railway crossing about 3.15 a.m.

"We saw this beautiful thing in the sky," he said. "It was fantastic, as big as the sun and glowed brightly."

The object was green with a tiny tail, he said. "I would say it was about 1,000 feet up and it seemed to go over the steelworks."

The UFO was also spotted by another minibus driver, a friend of Mr. Pearce, who was driving in another direction.

A spokesman for Newport police said that they had not received any reports of unidentified objects.

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UFO over

Blackmill

Mountain

BRIDGEND GAZETTE
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A CIGAR-shaped flying object was seen over Glynogwr mountain heading for Bridgend at 11.45 on Sunday night by a Blackmill policeman.

Pence Constable Harris, who was off duty, was out walking with his father-in-law when he saw the cigar-shaped object about 40 feet above the mountain top. The UFO was about 30 feet long, of darkish colour and with a blue light at either end. It had no wings and made no noise.

P.C. Harris saw the object for about half a minute, as it travelled slowly southwards.

A police spokesman said a farmer living nearby was awakened about the same time and found his sheep in a distressed state.

A member of the South Wales Unidentified Flying Objects Group told the Gazette it was not unusual for animals to be affected in this manner.

"They seem to be more sensitive to the vibrations from such objects," he said.

He confirmed that other sightings had been noted around the area in past years.

Rhoose Airport confirmed they had no planes in the area at the time and RAF St. Athan was closed on Sunday.

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POLICEMAN

SPOTS UFO

AN unidentified flying object was spotted by a police officer last night near Bridgend. It was tubular shaped, without wings, and had lights at both ends.

The object was seen by the constable flying over Glynogwr Mountain, Blackmill.

A police spokesman in Bridgend said a local farmer had also seen the UFO which agitated sheep and birds.

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