

four decades from the end of the Second World War," Guido de Marco told the Rome newspaper *La Repubblica*.

Many argue, maybe rightly, that this right of veto does not respect the equality which all countries enjoy in the UN," he said.

Circles puzzle in rice field

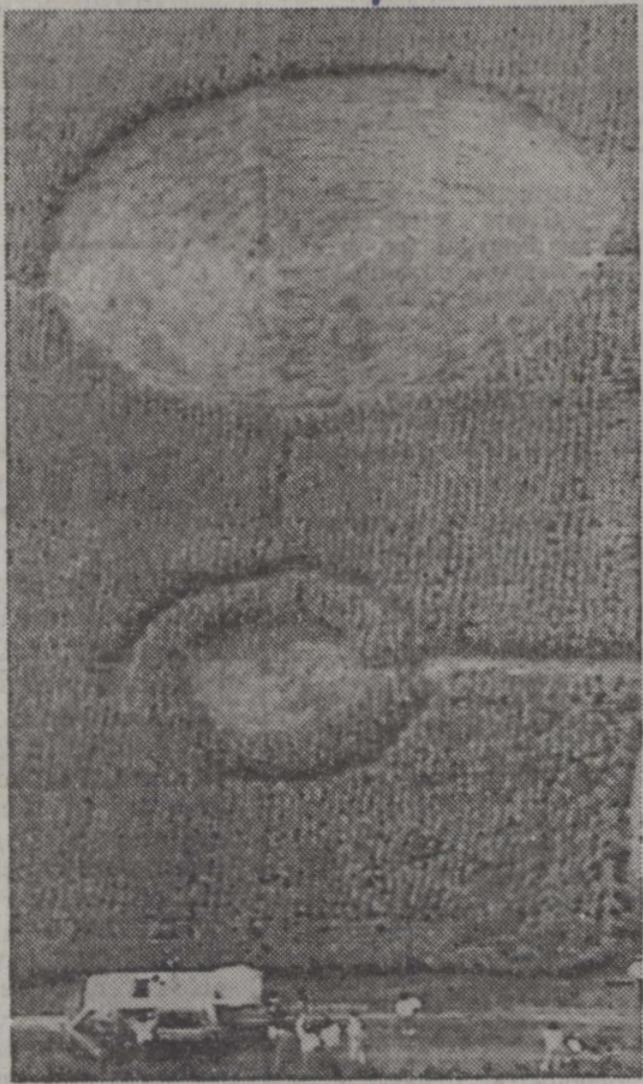
FARMER Shunzo Abe yesterday said two "mystery circles" similar to those causing a stir in Britain flattened grain this week in his western Japan rice paddy.

Kyodo news agency reported there was no evidence that either man or machine had created the perfect circles which caused at least £120 worth of damage to the rice harvest.

It said Abe was bitter because he did not know where to lodge a complaint.

The circles were found in the small town of Shinoguri.

One of them measured 18 metres in diameter.



MYSTERY MARKS: Two circles which inexplicably appeared in the field.

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