

# Count me out if it's UFOs!

**W**ELL, it's the time to make predictions again. What will this new year bring? That sort of stuff. Where will we be in 1995?

I'll tell you where I certainly WILL NOT be in June 1995 - always assuming I'm not abducted by aliens, as one letter threatened this year.

I will not be in Cardiff's City Hall on Saturday, June 17.

And why not, you are wondering? I'll tell you. Because that's the day those celestial train-spotters known as UFOlogists come to town, the day when our staid old City Hall surrenders to a bizarre band who know, really KNOW, that flying saucers haven't only landed but are still landing - many of 'em scooping up Earthlings for various dubious experiments.

I've been interested in the subject ever since running into the followers of George King, founder of the Aetherius Society. George, now a sort of self-propelled Space Age Pope, entranced his followers with tales

## I'll consider them if one actually LANDS

of battles on the moon, of saving our earth from evil scaley entities from the Black Planet Shan, and of taking a trip in a Flying Saucer piloted by no less a personage than Jesus himself.

**T**he fact that thousands of people believed this gibberish only confirmed my opinion - still held, by the way - that if you're looking for the one Barnum said is born every minute, you should attend a UFO conference.

Then you have the team led by Eric von Daniken, who makes the Gospel sound like Flash Gordon's Trip To Mars.

Ah, say the UFOlogists who will congregate in Cardiff next June, ah, that's not the REAL story. The real story of UFO visits and abductions is there for all to see - trapped on tape, and they'll be showing the evidence at City Hall. The camera, you see, cannot lie.

Tell that to Jeff Llewellyn, of the Swansea Valley.

Jeff is what the faithful call a "UFO expert," a phrase with no meaning at all, for to be an expert you need a solid specimen or unarguable proof of whatever you're an expert on. Anyway Jeff was, to stay in context, over the moon when a photograph turned up at his house one day last year. This was it. A genuine photograph of a UFO.

Jeff preached the Word. Until he discovered that his UFO was a picture of a weight-training dumb-bell wrapped in tinfoil before being tossed into the air. But . . . say those men and women who will be in Cardiff, but that doesn't invalidate all the other evidence.

Listen, I've SEEN the other evidence. Showing odd shapes in the skies.

I've seen the famous tape of

the alleged UFO hovering in the woods near a US airbase in Suffolk - and read the put-downs. I've seen Star Wars - and I still don't believe in Darth Vader. I'll believe in UFO's when one actually LANDS.

Since I came away from last year's UFO conference in Cardiff unconvinced, I have been, well, not flooded, maybe trickled with letters and phone calls, and presented with a tape purporting to show UFO's zooming over Mexico. The tape intrigues me because something is definitely Up There. But if it's a visitor from Out There, why ain't it Down Here to end the arguments once and for all?

Incidentally, I've also the famous photograph of the Loch Ness Monster, the one offering PROOF. It was exposed last year as a fake.

**T**he UFOlogists insist that there is a world-wide conspiracy aimed at covering up all the evidence - which includes the bodies of aliens kept in cold storage by our American friends. After browsing through UFO Magazine I suggest there is a world-wide conspiracy aimed at keeping the pot boiling. 'Cos thar's gold in them thar aliens, friends. As a glance at the magazine shows.

The thing itself costs £1.75. And it's packed with advertisements for videos, tapes, books, conferences and such oddities as the Urane UFO Model "based upon decades of eye-witness accounts." Just fifty quid. But the daftest one of all is the "Pocket UFO Detector, with Alarm Sounder and Tone-Pip Status". Yours for a mere £47.

Okay, those are my reasons for not going to the City Hall in June. So I will not be following up UFO Magazine's revelation that Marilyn Monroe was murdered to stop her leaking space secrets. . .



UFO MAGAZINE: A world-wide conspiracy to keep the pot boiling?