

# UFO cynic: Now I'm a believer!

By **Helen Morgan**

A BALL of fire in the night sky over the valleys has prompted one Newbridge "cynic" to consider the possibility that UFOs really do exist.

Fuad Abbas claims he spotted the circle of orange light in the sky between Risca and Newbridge late on Tuesday evening.

Mr Abbas, who lives in Stonewood View, Pantside, said he was looking out of his window towards Risca at about 10.40pm when he spotted what appeared to be a luminous object about the size of a football.

"I just thought 'what is this?'" he told the Argus yesterday.

"I have always been very sceptical about this sort of thing - now I have seen it with my own eyes."

He said at first he thought the light could be a firework or an aeroplane's rear flame, but did not believe either theory was correct.

He said there was no noise to indicate it may have been either of those explanations.

"For a second the light became intense like a projector then. It suddenly zoomed away shrinking very speedily in size and intensity, disappearing completely in about three seconds," he added.

"It was my very first time seeing such a spectacle in my whole life and made me reconsider my earlier attitude towards UFOs.

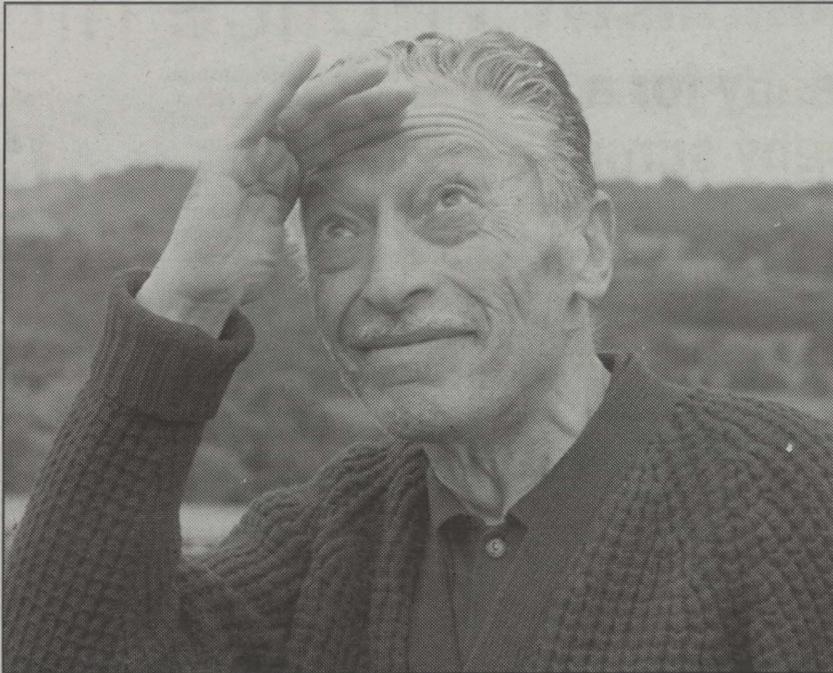
"I am not sure what it was - but I am not as sceptical as I used to be."

Mr Abbas's two sons Hadeel and Rldwan asked him what he had seen, but the object had disappeared before they could look out.

Blackwood Police said that no reports of any unusual sightings had been reported to them.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence, which deals with possible UFO sightings, said anyone who spots anything unusual can report it on a special UFO line on 0207 218 2140.

He added: "We will investigate if we feel there is any merit in following up the sighting."



FUAD ABBAS: He's convinced he saw a UFO from his bedroom window