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Olaf Davy and the Wroxham UFO

with remembrances of two earlier events

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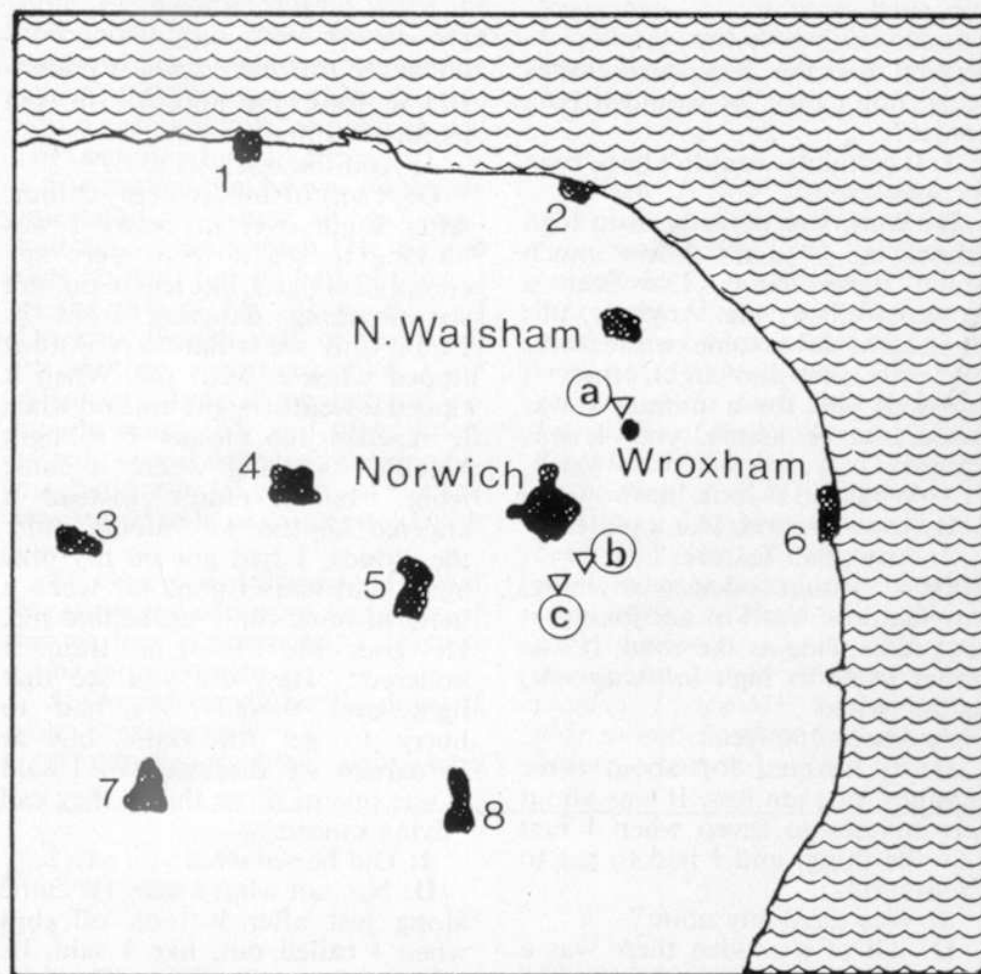
WHEN Dr. J. Allen Hynek drew our attention to "repeaters" in an answer to a question at the *Flying Saucer Review* meeting at Kensington Library on August 28, 1970, I little thought I would meet one of this category of witnesses within so short a time. For, where UFOs are concerned, it would seem that Olaf Davy is a "repeater". Not for this witness a once-for-all-time sighting experience. Instead, he admits quite cheerfully to having been involved over the years in three separate UFO incidents.

Mr. Davy, of Turner's Farm Cottage, is a bachelor, aged 62, who lives alone, and rises every working day at 6.00 a.m. to cycle the two miles into Wroxham to catch the train to Norwich where he works.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1970, at 6.45 a.m., when half way to Wroxham, he noticed a bright light in the sky which, according to him, heralded a remarkable UFO event. His story was published in the local newspaper, and I was able to follow this up with a taped interview at the home of the witness. Mr. Davy spoke rapidly in the local dialect, and gave a graphic description of the affair. It has been necessary to make selections from the dialogue to avoid repetitions and occasional divergences.

Johnson: Will you please tell me about your experience on November 24 while cycling to Wroxham.

Davy: I was definitely on my own . . . and until it went up and left me it seemed to be beneath the clouds all the time . . . I started away from home at 6.35 as near as I can tell. I have to get to Wroxham to catch the 7.07 train. I turned out of the bottom of this lane on to the



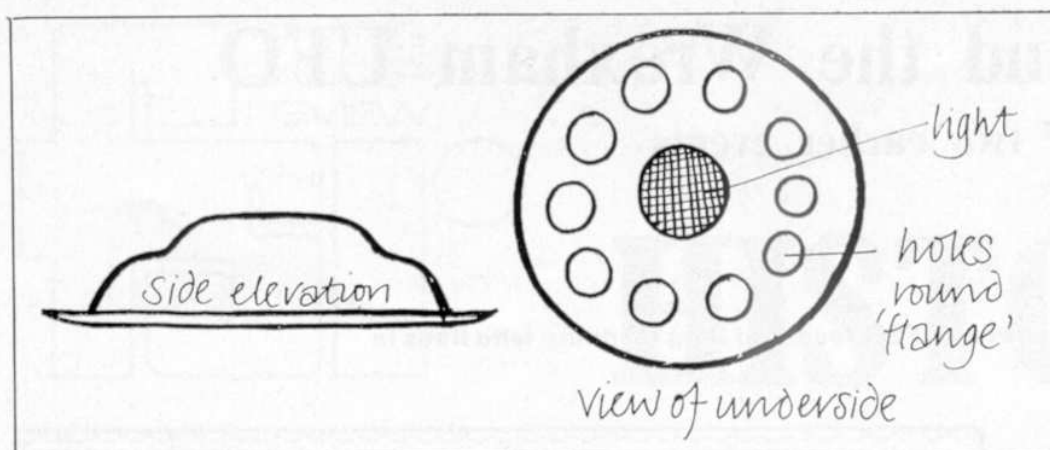
Norfolk: Locations of Olaf Davy's sightings

KEY: a. November 25, 1970 b. September 1962 c. 1957 (?)
1. Wells 2. Cromer 3. Swaffham 4. E. Dereham
5. Wymondham 6. Gt. Yarmouth 7. Thetford 8. Diss

North Walsham-Wroxham main road. About half way to Wroxham at a rough estimate, I was cycling along when, from out of the blue you might say—I've only got one eye—I was attracted by a bright light from the heavens. "What the hell's that," I thought, like anyone would. It was well above the clouds. It was a very heavy, cloudy day, and I could see the reflection of the light before it came through the cloud.

J: You were still on your bike?

D: When I saw the reflection I hopped off my bicycle. "Something coming to earth" I thought. It seemed to be getting bigger, whatever it was, then all of a sudden it came through the clouds, and it didn't seem to be more than 10 or 20 seconds before it came through. Then the light went dim. It was still coming down and I stood hugging a tree . . . I was all tensed up and was



The object seen by Olaf Davy — based on his original sketches

waiting for the bang—meteorites bang, don't they, or would it be a comet?

J: It certainly wouldn't have been a comet.

D: Well, I've never been to high school, so I don't know much about these things. I've been a gardener all my life. Anyhow, this thing came down some considerable bit with the dim light, then it stopped, and for a minute I was eased, for I assure you I was scared.

J: What did it look like?

D: It was round, like a plate.

J: Any other features?

D: I couldn't detect anything, any features, but I'm not joking, it looked as wide as the road. It was about twice as high (*altitude—PJ*) as the pylons.

J: About 360 feet.

D: It hovered for about three minutes, or even less. It was about ten minutes to seven when I first saw the thing, and I had to get to the station.

J: Was there any noise?

D: All of a sudden there was a noise like a dynamo singing, then it would stop and there'd be a sort of throb. Now this is the uncanny thing about it . . . listen . . . there was a very uncanny, horrible feeling descending on me, like as though I was in a magnetic field . . . would that be it? I believe if it had stopped there I wouldn't have survived . . . seemed to be sapping the strength from me. I was hoping my letter to the paper would bring someone in authority to speak to me about it.

J: Was it phosphorescent?

D: Seemed very fluorescent-like when I first saw it, but not when it had come through the cloud.

J: Was the whole thing glowing?

D: Say that plate was upside

down (*he indicated a dinner plate—PJ*) it took up about $\frac{1}{2}$ in the middle . . . underneath.

J: And the rest was dark?

D: A sort of dull, cementy colour. After I got over my scare I was looking to see if there were any component parts, like legs. Couldn't see anything dangling from it. Could only see it flat-ways until it tipped when it went off. When it tipped it went straight up, and when it reached the clouds I thought "Hallo, its going where it came from," but it didn't. Instead it crawled all the way along under the clouds. I had got on my bike again and hadn't gone far when a mate of mine came up behind me. He goes on the same train. I hollered: "Hey, did you see that light over there?" We had to hurry to get the train, but at Wroxham we discussed it. I said it was one of those things they call "flying saucers".

J: Did he see what you saw?

D: No, not what I saw. He came along just after it took off, but when I called out, like I said, he said he saw the light. Then he asked: "Hey, what the bloody hell is that, Joe?"—he calls me Joe.

J: Did anyone else see it?

D: A boy, but where he saw it from I don't know. I kept taking a look to see it until we got to Wroxham station, then it went straight up. It was difficult to judge in the dark, but I'd say it was about three miles away, going towards the coast.

Near Kirby Bedon

Before we began the recording session, Mr. Davy told me that he had had two previous UFO experiences. The more recent of these was

near Kirby Bedon, south-east of Norwich.

J: You say you had previous experiences?

D: Yes. You'll laugh about this one. This was an experience like the one near Wroxham I've just told you about. I'm a lover of mushrooms. I was out mushrooming in a field where there was a herd of cows, gathering a lovely crop and picking the best, for some had been trampled. All of a sudden these cows went delirious, scampering about.

J: Animals seem to sense these things.

D: Yes, I think they did. It was a warning to me and I was afraid they might trample me. I thought: "What the hell's the matter," then I saw a shape—no light—exactly like the one I saw this previous Tuesday near Wroxham.

J: Did your hair stand on end, or anything like that?

D: Well no . . . but I had a pin stuck in my tunic, and I'm sure this pin was being drawn out of my clothes.

J: What sort of pin was it?

D: An ordinary sort of dress-maker's steel pin. I felt as though I was being pressed to the ground. Horrible sensation.

J: And then the thing went?

D: No. I felt this sensation first—I hadn't thought about flying saucers then, you see—then suddenly I heard this noise, and I knew it was no aeroplane. There was a slight mist, and I could hear this noise, and I thought the thing was after the animals. I looked up, and I could see this round form well above me, just like the one last Tuesday. The sensation I got was much stronger, and I'm not kidding

you, I felt weak after the thing left. Went straight up . . . just the same. I never mentioned it. I'd have been laughed at!

Near Shotesham

The earliest of Mr. Olaf Davy's experiences was near Shotesham, which is about five miles SSE of Norwich.

J: Now you say you've had yet another experience.

D: Yes. I was with another chap, and we'd been to a party. We hadn't been drinking . . . no more than a glass of wine. Nothing particular to affect us. We'd got to ride bicycles nine miles, and we both got home all right. On the way home we'd gone through Shotesham when, all of a sudden, my mate called out: "Hey, what's that up there? It's not an aeroplane." It was coming towards us. A long thing like an airship, but not so big. Now there were various lights on it, and however they were fixed they were either going round, the lights were, or there was something going round the lights.

J: What happened then?

D: It was a dark night, and it came so close to us that we dived off our bicycles into a ditch. My mate would have told you that.

J: How were the lights arranged?

D: As near as I can remember the back light was red, the next was

green, and then there was a hideous-coloured blue light. Then there was a white light. This one went past us, not over us.

J: How high was it when it went past you?

D: About three times the height of the towers (*pylons—PJ*).

J: I see. About 1,000 feet.

D: Aye, it went past us.

* * *

Mr. Davy introduced a bizarre note of science fiction when he speculated that these things were equipped with some powerful device which, "if you gave them trouble could even kill you, or polarise you (*sic*) or something like that."

I remarked that he was obviously interested in "these things", and had read about them. He agreed that he had, but he had not heard of the case of Mr. Robin Peck of Docking (which will be described in another report to *FSR Case Histories*). Indeed, he became excitedly interested, and often interjected, when I described the electromagnetic effects which Mr. Peck was stated to have experienced with his car.

To close our discussion, I asked for some indication of the dates of his earlier experiences. I learned some more besides.

J: Do you remember the dates of your experiences?

D: Mushroom time, eight years

ago. That would be September . . . 1962 . . . last half of September. The first one was all of thirteen years ago. That would make it 1957. I wish now that the other fellow was alive. Now, you may not know it, but I'm a psychic sort of a fellow, and I can see things happen. One may live a bit rough, but one's heart can be good. Now I try to help people when I can by sending them to a healer I know. Now what was I trying to dig up? Ah, yes. Thirteen years ago . . . it must have been Christmas time, either just before or after. That was when we had the parties.

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[When I first listened to Mr. Davy's recording, and heard talk of "magnetic fields" and "polarising" (*paralysing?*) I thought: "Hullo, he's been reading the literature!" And, indeed, he said later that he had read about "these things" (UFOs). In view of the facts that he had no knowledge of the Peck case of nearby Docking, in Norfolk, and seemed to be hearing of E.M. effects for the first time, I suspect his reading has been very limited: maybe nothing more than the occasional newspaper item. Owing to the postal strike we were unable to clarify this point about the extent of Mr. Davy's reading: I hope Mr. Johnson will be able to enlighten us further on this matter.—EDITOR.]

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Strange Norwegian Encounter near Helleland

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Reidar Salvesen

THE case of Reidar Salvesen, reported briefly in *FSR*, has been one of the highlights of the recent Scandinavian UFO "flap", which started last autumn (1970). It has affected all the Scandinavian countries, and produced an increase in public interest in the matter. Other highlights of the autumn/winter flap are the cases of policeman Maarup (Denmark), the landing marks at Lake Anten (Sweden), the observation from a Finnish airliner of a UFO with subsequent radar "blip", a UFO photographed over Helsinki, Finland (possible fake?), a brilliant red object which landed on a Norwegian islet, a light phenomenon that damaged the wall of a house in Medelpad (Sweden), a UFO that stopped a car near Ramsele (northern Sweden), a UFO that landed at Kuusamo (Finland) and transformed snow to deep-green coloured ice, the sighting of 16 objects at the same place (Kuusamo) one week later, and so on. Many of these reports have already appeared in the columns of *FSR*.

I have collected newspaper and magazine clippings on the Salvesen case, and I have also been in contact, by letter, with Mr. Halvor Toreskaas, a journalist with the *Christiansands Tidende*, and Mr. Reidar Salvesen, the witness. The following case report has been adapted from these sources (readers will find a full list at end of article) and put into proper sequence.

Sequence of events

On October 29, 1970, Mr. Reidar Salvesen was driving on road E-18 from Stavanger to his home at Vågsbygd, Kristiansand. Reidar Salvesen is a 35-year-old salesman (marketing consultant) with the Norwegian "Butcheries Sales Central". He had been on a business trip to Stavanger and was glad to be on his way home to see his family (wife Synnøve and children Karsten and Gerd); he had not had much family life during the last few weeks.

He had passed the densely-populated area of Helle-

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our thanks are due to **Nils Jacob Jacobsen**, a correspondent of *FSR Case Histories* in Norway, who sent us an earlier, but less detailed account of the alleged event at Helleland. Mr. Jacobsen also sent the photograph of Reidar Salvesen which appears on this page.

land (in the province of Rogaland) and was now about 3 kilometres east of that district. It was about 16.40 hours when his Hillman *Sunbeam** sped up a little slope. He passed a transformer station close to the road on his right. His parking lights were on. There was no traffic on the road. Mr. Salvesen takes up the story:

"Suddenly, I was blinded by a very strong light, blue-white, like the light from a welding flame. It hurt my eyes and I had to stop the car (some 10-12 metres past the transformer station). The intense light-body, maybe 20 metres in diameter, came down the slope and hovered over my car. The light lasted only for a few seconds. I opened the door and looked up. I will never forget what I saw. About 10 metres above, an object, round, shiny and smooth, was hovering, which resembled descriptions I have seen of flying saucers. It stopped there in the air, without any motion or noise at all.

"I stopped the motor and got out, standing by the side of the car. Then the object moved some seven or eight metres forwards and stopped almost as though sliding in front of the car.

"Instinctively I took my note book from its place between the front seats and started to sketch the object. Now I was convinced it was a flying saucer. I thought: This is something important and I will hardly get another chance to see it. I was not afraid, maybe because I hadn't the time to be afraid.

* Possibly the Hillman *Minx* is exported under this name—
EDITOR.

"By comparison with the size of the car, I estimated the diameter of the 'machine' to be about 10 metres. The width was hard to judge (seen from below or at a slight angle—AL), but I think it was $3\text{--}3\frac{1}{2}$ metres at the centre and about 50 centimetres on the rim. On the underside was a shallow cylindrical section about 2 metres in diameter, and on the upper side a cupola of the same diameter. The rim of the object was marked by a 'wave belt', shining like gold. The material was completely smooth, with a glint of steel-blue.

"The hull had neither doors, port-holes nor joints. No signs of flags, letters or numbers—just a smooth and shining surface. No signs of life. No noise. Not even a vibration.

"Some 50 seconds later, without experiencing any form of violence, pressure or physical pain, I suddenly fell on my back. I simply couldn't stand on my legs. By putting out my right hand I broke my fall fairly well. At the same moment I heard the sound of the front screen going to pieces. Most of the pieces fell inside the car.

"As I was rising from the ground the object lifted straight up into the air. Within 2-3 seconds it was small, like a 10-öre coin (about 15 mm.). I estimate it was at an altitude of 1 kilometre. Once again it was surrounded by an intense light, and it disappeared in the next second. The clouds were rather low."

At this time Salvesen noticed he was bleeding from a scratch on his right hand. This must have come about when he put out his hand when falling to the ground, although he cannot fully understand how he came by the scratch.

He started the car and drove over to the lay-by on the other side of the road. There he got rid of the broken pieces of the windscreen. Then he realised he had to hurry to be in Ualand before closing time to get a piece of plastic to replace the broken windscreen.

While driving to Ualand, he noticed a strange feeling in his tongue and mouth, like the post-anaesthetic numb-

ness after a visit to the dentist. Exactly at 1700 hours he stopped his car outside a co-operative shop at Ualand. There he got a piece of plastic and also dried the blood from his hands. He said nothing about an experience with a "flying saucer" to the man in the shop.

At 23.30 hours the same evening he arrived at his home and was greeted by his wife, Synnøve.

"Synnøve," he said, "I have had a remarkable experience. I cannot explain, I must draw it for you. . . ."

Credibility of Witness

Halvor Toreskaas, journalist with the *Christiansands Tidende*, was the first press man to hear about the incident. The story "leaked" through a mutual friend. At first, Salvesen was reluctant to release his story. At the end, and after talks with the local superintendent of the police, Toreskaas was able to print the testimony in the November 2 issue of *Christiansands Tidende*.

Toreskaas: "I have undertaken extensive investigations to check the witness' credibility, and all has been positive in his favour."

To check Salvesen's story, Toreskaas rang up the co-operative shop where Salvesen said he had obtained the plastic cloth. Ragnar Risa, the manager, confirmed the story about Salvesen's visit in every detail.

"Did he seem excited?"

"Now that you say so, I remember he seemed to be either very cold, or to have a chill. I thought this was not surprising after driving a distance without a wind-screen. By the way, it couldn't have been such a long distance, because there is gravel on the road only 5 kilometres from here."

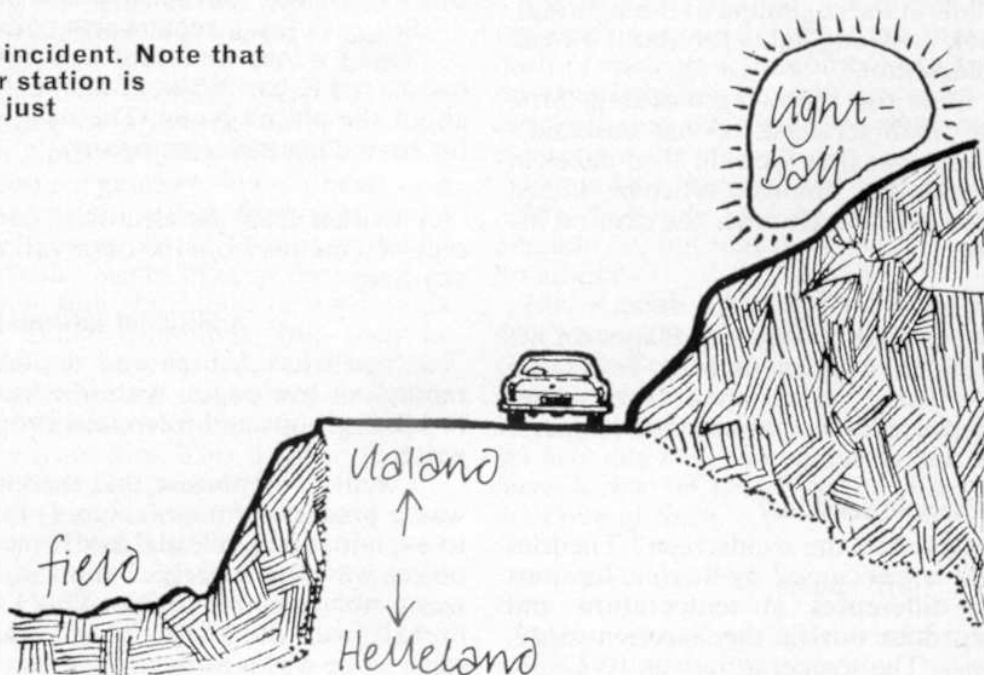
"In fact, the incident occurred 12 kilometres from Ualand."

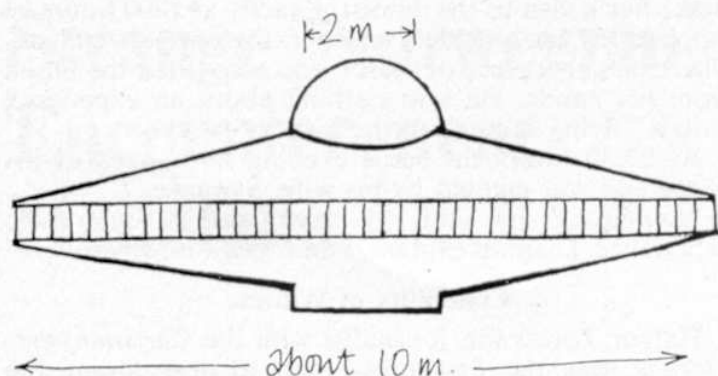
"That's impossible. It was a stone, wasn't it?"

"No. It was a flying saucer."

Risa, in his surprise, was quiet for quite a while. (He still does not believe it was a "flying saucer" Salvesen saw.)

Phase 1 of the incident. Note that the transformer station is approximately just off frame to the right





The object according to Reidar Salvesen

Police investigation

The observation took place on an asphalt road, so the chance of a stone having smashed the windscreen is remote. The district superintendent at Helleland paid a visit to the observation site on November 2 and found pieces of the pulverised front screen, exactly on the spot Salvesen indicated. At the end of November Salvesen wrote:

"I have not been in touch with the police lately. The case has been turned over to Oslo. The police regard the sighting as 'interesting', but they offer no official explanation as to what the object was."

Superintendent Eckhoff of the Kristiansand police (where Salvesen first told his story on October 31) says: "I have known Salvesen for a couple of years; not a near relationship, but I have had some contact with him. I regard him as a sensible and credible person."

Physiological effects

As reported above, Salvesen felt a numbed feeling in his mouth and tongue immediately after the incident. He looked in the car's mirror but noticed nothing and the feeling was soon gone.

Salvesen had trouble with his eyes: "I was so blinded for 2-3 days that I could hardly see (due to the strong light during 2-3 seconds at the beginning of the sighting). It was difficult to look at strong lights for about a week and my eyes were bloodshot."

At the breakfast table the following morning, Mrs. Salvesen noticed the small scratches on her husband's hand. The strange thing was that the skin shed flakes in the same way as it would after sunburn. When he rubbed the flats of his hands against each other the skin on his right hand "rolled off".

Car's paintwork dulled

After the incident Salvesen noticed a dull spot on the car. It was on the roof above the windscreen. Tests from this spot, as well as from neutral spots, showed no radioactivity. The same can be said about tests on pieces of glass from the broken screen.

Thermic tensions?

What was it that smashed the windscreen? Theories are many. One is that it was caused by thermic tensions arising from great differences in temperature and altitude. This theory does not fit the Salvesen story, according to *Hjemmet*. The temperature was 10-12° C, and it was cloudy with a light rain.



Phase 2

Phase 3

The windscreen was made of hardened glass which fragments into small pieces when hit by a stone.

The alarm clock

Salvesen's alarm clock (which he uses on his travels) performed in an erratic manner after the incident. This was strange as it had worked properly before the incident. A check, three weeks later, by a watchmaker, revealed no faults, or magnetism, etc.

Doubts about the case

Testimony by Mrs. Sigrun Skipstad of Egersund: "On Thursday, November 29, at about half past five, I was driving westwards towards Helleland on my way home to Egersund after a visit to my mother. Three hundred metres east of Helleland I met a red K-car with a broken windscreen. Poor man, I thought, who has to drive all the way to Flekkefjord to get a new screen."

"Are you sure of time and place?"

"Completely. The car was red. It looked like a Ford *Taurus*, but it could have been of some similar type."

Salvesen owns a red Hillman *Sunbeam*, registration number K-52102.

Says Salvesen: "The red K-car wasn't mine. My windscreen was smashed on the place I have stated. But what it was that hit it, I can't tell."

"But isn't this a remarkable coincidence?"

"Yes, I admit that. But I'm not the only one who owns a red K-car. What would be the point in telling lies about the place? None. The new windscreen was paid for by the insurance company."

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A worker from an electricity company was working only 600 metres from the observation site, but didn't see anything.

Additional information

Salvesen has written and duplicated an "additional report" of five pages, with illustrations, which he sent to UFO groups and interested people. In this report he writes:

"I want to emphasise that there is no doubt that this was a produced (manufactured) thing. It is impossible to explain it as a celestial body, meteor, and so on. The object was seen clearly. I think it is impossible that it was a non-manned vehicle. This I base on the way the fireball (with the 'thing' inside, I suppose) followed the steep slope down at the beginning. It also stopped with precision right over the car, and 'slid' a few metres so

that I had an ideal position from which to view it. (Compare similarity with the Maarup case where Police Officer Maarup saw the object move forward a little so that he, Maarup, could have a better look.) Later I realised that any 'individuals' who may have been inside the vehicle could have had an equally good chance to look at me.

"I have heard that the thing 'attacked' me. I myself did not have the impression it was an 'attack'. I stood there, sketching it, and I was not afraid but merely astonished at what I saw. I felt no pressure when I fell, and there was no air pressure, sound or odour when it ascended.

"The object was very beautiful. It was pleasing to

study its construction—in my opinion a perfect one.

"I wish I had the opportunity to see it again, and to see it land, but the chances of that are small, I suppose."

Sources and references:

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- ⁴ Letter received from Mr. Salvesen, about a month after the incident, including his duplicated "additional report".
- ⁵ Article by P. Øderud in Norwegian weekly *Hjemmet*, No. 4/71, issued 19.1.71.

"Water-happenings" in Indonesia

Gordon Creighton

I AM indebted to Mr. W. L. Tobing of Bandung, Indonesia, for this report of what looks like another underwater UFO "base". The account first appeared in the Indonesian-language journal *Intisari*, No. 78, of January 1970 (a well-known popular science monthly published in Djakarta), the author being Mr. S. Kamah.

Is it possible that Lake Poso in North Sulawesi¹ is a UFO base? The largest lake on the Island of North Sulawesi, it is about 800 square kilometres in area and is three times as deep as the Java Sea². The pleasant town of Tentana lies beside the lake.

Not long ago, accompanied by Mr. J. Gintu, Chief of the District, Mr. S. Walenta, Member of the Poso Council, Mr. Togobu, Head of the Art and Culture Service, and Mr. Pobonde, Chairman of the Adat, Mr. Kamah made an investigation of the lake and its surroundings, for it is the belief of the local populace that something very mysterious is going on in the lake.

According to the account given to Mr. Kamah by the four above-named local officials, there has been some mysterious creature or phenomenon in the lake for the past five years. Until now they still have no idea as to whether this is some gigantic unknown beast or a ghost. What does seem certain is that, five years ago, a certain fisherman was fishing on the lake at midnight when he observed a vividly bright light in the centre of the lake. At first the man thought it must be a *petromax* lamp used by some other fisherman. But then he observed that the light was moving from one bank of the lake to the other and back again, at times extremely rapidly. Then, at one moment, it came to a distance of only about 100 metres from him. This terrified him so much that he went off home at once.

When he first told the neighbours and villagers what he had seen, they all jeered and made fun of him. Until, about a week later, the light was also seen by other fishermen. Since then the light has been seen so often that it has come to be regarded as quite customary. Opinions among the populace vary greatly however as to what the explanation of the light could be,

The local District Chief, Mr. Gintu, said: "Until 1966 I did not believe this story that the people were telling about the light in the lake. I thought it was just their superstitious talk. But, one night, at 9.00 p.m., as I myself was going home by boat, the sailors pointed out to me this vivid light in the middle of the lake. So I saw it for myself, and I saw that it moved with extraordinary speed from one shore of the lake to the other. An hour later, it approached our boat and came to a distance of only 20 metres from us. I stood watching it very attentively. The water seemed to be bubbling. It seemed to be a body surrounded by light. Although I was able to observe it at leisure, I was never able to make out its precise shape."

On another occasion Mr. Gintu and his wife both saw it, quite close to them.

Mr. Togobu also said that at first he had not believed the reports about the light, and thought it must be the flash of meteors falling into Lake Poso. But at last he saw the light for himself, and then he was forced to conclude that there must be some mysterious entity or creature in the lake.

Councillor Walenta said that he too had seen it.

Mr. Pobonde said he had no idea what it could possibly be, but that in his opinion it was no ghost and no animal.

Mr. Kamah ascertained that in the course of these five years the behaviour of the mystery light has changed. For example, *whereas to begin with it was always seen in or on the lake itself, it has now begun to be seen flying around over the fields and hills around the lake and then plunging back into the lake. Moreover, there is now no longer only one light. Sometimes there are three of them.*

Giant "fish"

About a year ago a fisherman told Mr. Gintu that, while out on the lake one day, he had seen a gigantic fish in the water. The creature had two horns about 2

metres long. The colour of the body was black. The portion of the body visible above the water was about 3 metres wide. The creature immediately dived, creating a powerful wave. Some learned men who visited the area and heard about it thought that this might be a species of creature thousands of years old.

Mystery stone

Another local belief among the populace is that there are some creatures, called *Torandauwe* in their language, which dwell in the lake. In order to investigate this story, Mr. Kamah and his four companions visited a place called Tandjung Anker, about 3 kilometres from Tentane. At this spot there is a mysterious black stone known to the people as the *Watu Mpangsa Angga* or "Devil's Whetstone". It is of the width of a petrol drum and 2 metres long, and it has a hole which is full of water. The curious thing is that on this black stone there are eight marks where it has been used as a whetstone to sharpen instruments.

Mr. Gintu said that if one went there at about 6.00 a.m. one could see that somebody had just been using the whetstone, and according to local belief this had been going on for hundreds of years past. But, said Mr. Gintu, the odd thing was that up to five years ago there were only five of these whetstone grooves, whereas now there are eight.

Very frequently, it seems, government officials have actually kept watch on the stone in the early morning hours, but never has any "ghost" or other mysterious creature been seen by them at the stone. But careful scrutiny suggests that the whetstone marks are *human handiwork*.

On one occasion, however, a soldier, rather bolder than most folk, was keeping watch and saw a shadowy figure leaving the stone.

Mr. Togopu said, nevertheless, that there was no mystery about the stone, and that the lake and its surroundings had been well studied for years past. As

for the whetstone marks, he said that he agreed that such they were, but that they were prehistoric, having been there for hundreds or even thousands of years.

As regards the mystery light, Mr. Togopu agreed that there might well be some intelligent creature dwelling in the lake, but he said he was sure that any such creature had no connection with the marks on the stone. He said that he firmly rejected all superstition, but that nevertheless he was convinced that the lake contains something very mysterious for which so far no explanation has been found, and he felt that the matter called for thorough investigation.

NOTES

- ¹ The large island formerly known to Europeans as Celebes.
- ² While most of the Java Sea is quite shallow, certainly not more than a few hundred feet deep, there are trenches just off the whole coast of the Celebes that are thousands of feet deep.

NOTE by Gordon Creighton

This is indeed a special case, for it is one of the very few UFO happenings ever to have got into the columns of the *London Times*!

Under the headline SIGNALS "ANSWERED FROM SKY" the *Times* of August 15, 1967, carried the following:

"Flying saucer fever has gripped Brazil again after a lawyer reported that one hovered over his car for 40 minutes, flashing yellow and blue lights in reply to his headlight signals. Two other witnesses corroborated the story of Senhor Jonil Feydit Vieira, aged 28, published in the morning newspaper *Correio da Manhã* here.

"He said the unidentified flying object made several zig-zag passes over his car near the Rio de Janeiro State town of Francisco Fragoso.

"'After it followed my car for a while I began to get nervous, and flicked my headlights on and off. To my amazement, blue and yellow lights also flickered on and off, and then the object suddenly disappeared at a fantastic speed.'—REUTER."

Flying Saucer over Immingham

David Shaw

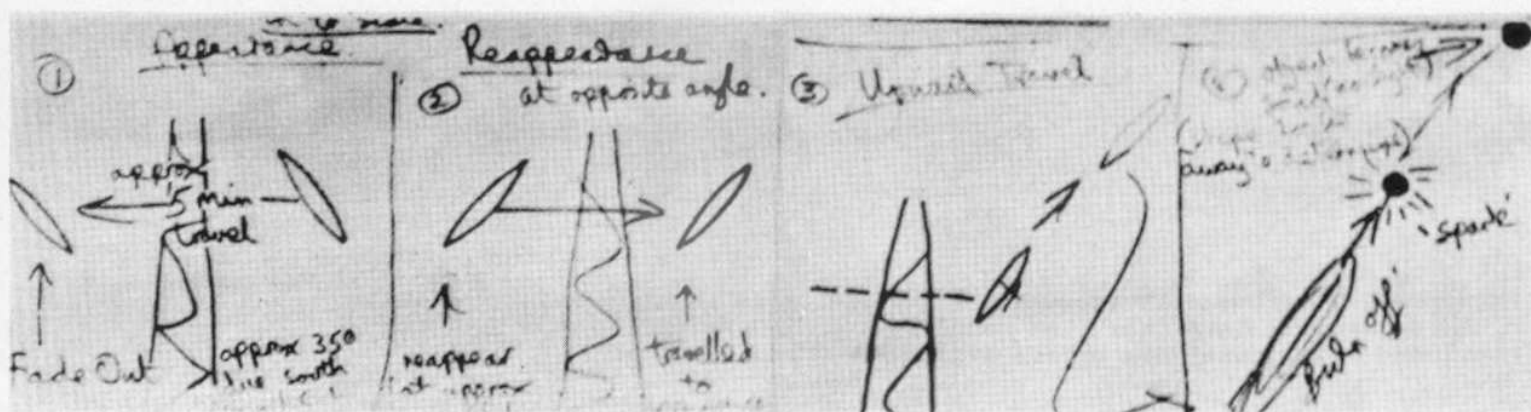
The sighting of an unusual aerial object over Lincolnshire's busy South Humberside port and factory complex at Immingham, near Grimsby, was reported in the *Immingham News* of November 27, 1970. At the suggestion of a reader of FSR, our contributor, a member of the editorial staff of the newspaper, sent us his story, and it appears below with a few additional details which we requested.

ON Monday, November 16, 1970, at about 4.30 p.m., just as the sun had gone down, two Immingham men witnessed the flight of a UFO—an Unidentified Flying Object—while working on a local industrial site works. Now they may consider reporting their find to an authority like the Defence Ministry who have been approached over sightings from all over the country.

The men are twenty-five-year-old Allan McGregor, of "Square One", Beechwood Avenue, Immingham, and

Malcolm Dunwell (18), of 20 Pilgrim Avenue, who were working at the Immingham Imperial Chemical Industries works on the docks. Allan McGregor is a mechanical fitter and Malcolm Dunwell was employed as a fitter's mate.

A series of sketch drawings have been made by Allan showing the stages of "flight" which the object took during the period of observation which lasted for some fifteen minutes.



Sketches by Allan McGregor, reproduced from the *Immingham News*

The UFO was first seen by Malcolm Dunwell at dusk when he and Allan were working on a pipeline at the ICI plant. Allan was called to come and look at the elliptical-shaped light which hung motionless until it flew at an angle of about 45 degrees from right to left.

"It was stationary for a good while," explained Allan. "As for its size and approximate height—well, it would be very difficult to say. Five hundred feet is not particularly high, but as the sun had disappeared, it is hard to say how close we were to it."

The two decided that they would not be believed by anyone and so while Malcolm Dunwell stayed to keep an eye on the shape, Allan ran off to fetch other nearby workmates.

"When they saw it they just laughed. Some of them tried to make out that it was a conventional aircraft and someone else said that it was a firefly or something. I can't agree with them. To my mind, a conventional aircraft couldn't have behaved like this light did: it hung in the air without moving, and then when it did start to move across the sky it was so slow that I know of nothing that could have copied it. It was almost unbelievable," said Allan.

The object was being viewed from about twenty feet up a stairway and though it is possible that the vision could have been a reflection of the sun going down behind the horizon, this does not alter the views of Malcolm and Allan.

During the few seconds before the UFO finally disappeared, it appeared to have given off a small vapour trail which burned itself out almost immediately. An arc accelerated off skyward at what is described as a "hell of a speed."

Both men have now left the ICI site because the contract under which they were employed has now ended. Their stay at the site lasted some nine days with Eako Engineering of Healing.

A move-by-move account of the sighting as shown in the diagrams is: (1) sphere moved past Fisons' tower very slowly, eventually fading out when it reached a point to the left of ICI; (2) the object reappears to the left and moves slowly to a spot approximately where it was first seen; (3) the shape then started to move upwards at a slow speed, and then the "burn-off" took place, followed by the object darkening. It then disappeared.

A series of UFO sightings were reported in this area some five years ago and these were taken very seriously by an investigating authority and by people around the



Allan McGregor (left) and Malcolm Dunwell: "It moved so slowly that nothing I know of could have copied it."

Louth and Humberston areas. A police patrol car spotted a UFO last year around Waltham.

IMPORTANT NOTICE · Change of address

We regret to announce that after more than sixteen years as subscriptions secretary of *Flying Saucer Review*—and for the first numbers of *FSR Case Histories*—Mrs. Ellen Spencer has been forced by ill health to relinquish her post. This has led to a change of address for our subscriptions office, and it should be noted that all subscriptions and correspondence should now be sent to:

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Encounter at Kilometre 15

Nigel Rimes

Publication of this important account of an incident on a main highway in the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, has been delayed for various reasons, one of which is mentioned by our contributor in his text.

THE following is a translation of an article entitled *I Watched a Flying Saucer For Forty Minutes*, by the journalist José Belém. It appeared in the Rio magazine *O Cruzeiro* for October 7, 1967, and describes the experience of a well-known Rio lawyer, Jonil Feydit Vieira. The article is as follows:

"Some believe. Others say they don't. What is certain is that every bit of news published about flying saucers is read avidly by everyone. Even the scientists are divided on the matter, but most of them study the reports of those who say they have seen the flying objects. The innumerable statements made about the matter make up most of the principal material available for study up till now. And this is our object in printing in this report, in full, the testimony given by the Rio de Janeiro lawyer Jonil Feydit Vieira about his experience, which was more than just a simple sighting as there was also an attempt at contact by telepathy (the contact was, however, not answered) with a flying saucer on the night of August 3, 1967, when the lawyer was travelling by car from Rio de Janeiro to a place near Francisco Fragoso, in the State of Rio de Janeiro.

"Sr. Jonil Feydit Vieira said: 'We left Rio in a pickup belonging to the Union of Telephone Employees of the State of Guanabara, driven by Amauri Barbosa da Silva, and we set out for Francisco Fragoso, in the State of Rio de Janeiro, where the Graham Bell Holiday Colony is situated. I am the Union's lawyer, and I was going to spend the night at the Colony and then, on the following day, have an audience with the District Judge of the town of Miguel Pereira.

"It was about 8.00 p.m., and we were at kilometre 15 on the road linking the Presidente Dutra Highway and Miguel Pereira, when the driver drew my attention to some powerful lights to the right of the road, about 500 metres from us, that resembled a carnival float. As I did not know the district, I could see nothing remarkable about the lights. But the driver, who makes trips to the Colony every day, insisted that he had never seen any lights at that spot before. Then he recalled that perhaps there might have been a military camp installed there, or something of the sort. Even so, we went on watching the lights. I remember well: there were five lights, counting from left to right, three of varying shades of yellow, one of bluish-green, and one of the bright blue colour of a swimming-pool. Suddenly the lights began to go out, one after the other, from left to right. Immediately after that, the two lights at the extremities started flashing on and off alternately, and then after a time went out.

"All this happened in a very short space of time. Actually we were travelling at about 80 km.p.h. And, after all, there could have been innumerable explanations for those lights. We continued on our journey without the least of worries until, further along the road, we again saw the lights (they could not have been different ones, in view of the similarity and the same positions of the colours). Except that this time they were on the *left-hand side* of the road. But now we could see that they came from an oval object of a bluish colour.

"Faced with this new apparition, we began to get worried. The driver—I don't yet know whether to explain it as an instinctive action on his part or a command by an external power—began to flash the headlights of our pickup. And, to our greater alarm, the object also flashed its lights in synchronisation with the headlights of our vehicle. "It can't be an aeroplane," said the driver, "and certainly not a helicopter, which couldn't move at such speed without making any noise!"

"From then on, we continued to see the object always in front of us, travelling rapidly from one side of the road to the other as if it were observing us. Several times we switched off our headlights in an attempt to escape from this observation. But it did no good. The object, although it disappeared, would suddenly re-appear before us.

"At first we passed most of the time in silence. Afterwards, however, already very frightened, we kept talking about the strange object, putting forward the most varied theories about it, including the theory that it might be a flying saucer.

"At one time I had the intuitive feeling that someone was trying to communicate with us (and the driver was getting the same feeling too, as he confirmed to me the following day). I felt an intense headache, localised between my eyes. And a thought, which was not mine, asked: "*How will this vision before you be received?*"

"I don't quite know how to explain the sensation, but I am certain that I was not asked this question in words. Perhaps it was a telepathic contact?

"As if to get away from the thought—or perhaps to respond to the question—I said to the driver that I believed in the existence of beings from other planets because, by logic, if there are planets older than ours, then it would be quite probable that other forms of life exist on them. And that, if by chance a flying saucer appeared, I should, provided that my physical well-being was respected, like to get a better look at it, especially from the side view. But that I didn't know

whether I would have the courage to meet one face to face. In fact I said I didn't know what my reactions would be.

"The driver argued that if by chance the object (which at that moment was not visible to us) should appear before us on the road, the least that would happen would be that it would blind us, because the light was so bright that it would burn our eyes.

"While we were talking, I was happy that we were getting near to the Colony. I didn't like the experience we were having at all. After all, my knowledge of the object, whatever it was, was nil.

"We were now travelling along a dirt road. We could not see the object, but we had the clear sensation that we were still being watched. When we reached Barão de Javari, the driver alerted me to the fact that the lights were once more to the right-hand side of the road, exactly over Sítio Lachoumière. One of the lights was yellow, the other blue. Both were very powerful, like the searchlights used by the Artillery. But they didn't emit beams of light, but rather illuminated the whole of the Bush all around them. They were about 300 metres from the edge of the road, right beside us. I suggested to the driver that we stop in order to get a better look at them. Thus we noticed that the distance between the two lights seemed to be about ten metres, and by their colours—yellow and blue respectively—we judged that the two lights were at the exact extremities of the object.

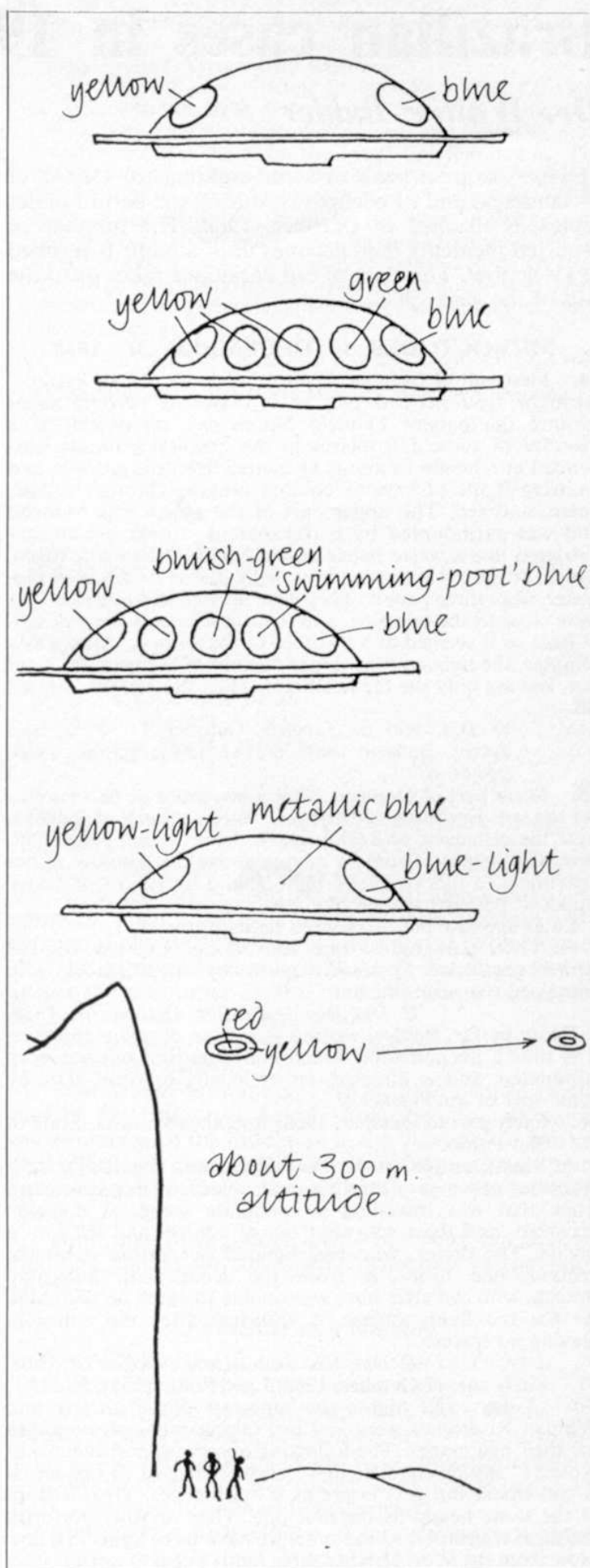
"I must confess that at that moment I felt real fear, and I asked the driver to switch off the headlights so that we couldn't be seen, and so that we might observe the object better. It was then that we saw that it was an enormous dome of bluish light. It was resting about one metre above the ground, and we could see no light underneath it. Our fear grew. The sweat poured out from all over our bodies, and our hands dripped. By this time I was no longer looking at the object. I was praying. By the time that the driver warned me that the object was slowly moving in our direction, I was already going through the fourth *Lord's Prayer*. Fearfully I looked at the light. And then it went out. It was a relief.

"I told the driver to switch on the lights again and get going, now fully determined to reach the Colony as soon as possible. My fear was already very great, and, after all, that thing was definitely not of this world.

"Happily we saw nothing more from there onwards, which gave us time to come to the mutual agreement that we would say nothing of what we had seen to anyone. Otherwise we might be looked upon as madmen, which would be fatal, unless somebody else could testify with us.

"At last we reached the Colony, right in front of the Francisco Fragoso railway-station. We had to wait for ten minutes while the Administrator of the Colony, Nelson Gonçalves Ferreira, could let us in through the side gate, as he had forgotten the key to the main entrance.

"On starting up the engine again, my driver, who still had not yet fully recovered from the shock, gave a shout and pointed to an object that was going away behind the mountain that is near the Colony. We saw



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Brazilian cases in 1968 and 1969—3

Dr. Walter Buhler

THE first great peak of aerial sightings of UFOs, of landings, and of occupants, during the period under review is reached in October, 1968. The number of reported incidents then declines until a nadir is reached in December. This part of our catalogue takes us to the end of the year 1968.

MID-OCTOBER to DECEMBER 31, 1968

54. First half of October, 1968. Lins, State of São Paulo. At night, from his bed, No. 59, in Clemente Ferreira Sanatorium, the patient Leôncio Nunes saw an object, at a distance of some 150 metres in the hospital grounds, suspended at a height of about 1½ metres from the ground, and emitting lights of various colours ranging through yellow, green, and red. The upper part of the object was rounded and was surmounted by a transparent cupola, which was "striated like a waste paper basket." Underneath the cabin, which possessed a tremendous light about a metre in diameter, were three people. They were dressed in white clothing, were close to the machine, and their movements were slow—at least so it seemed at a distance to the witness. After a few minutes, the lights on the upper portion of the machine went out, leaving only the big headlight. Then this too was turned off.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, October 16, 1968, and SBEDV Bulletin No. 66/68, January/June 1969, pp. 66-67.

55. Early part of October, 1968. Lins, State of São Paulo. As she was returning to her home in the suburb of Ribeiro, near the cemetery, at 8.00 p.m., Senhora Adélia Figueiredo saw, at a height of some 5 metres above the window of her apartment, a moon-shaped light. (Note by Editor of SBEDV Bulletin: perhaps shaped like a half-moon?)

Later she saw multi-coloured lights in the sky.

At 11.00 p.m. lights were seen along Highway BR-153 which responded to signals given by investigators who witnessed the phenomenon.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, October 18, 1968.

[Note by Dr. Buhler, writing as Editor of SBEDV Bulletin: it is thus a phenomenon which is not natural but has been stimulated, and is directed, either locally or from afar, by some sort of intelligence.]

56. Early part of October, 1968. Bragança Paulista, State of São Paulo.

At kilometre 168 on the Via Anhanguera (highway), three witnesses saw a very bright round object moving towards a truck that was travelling at moderate speed. A collision occurred, and the truck went out of control and fell into a ravine. The driver, who had jumped out before it hit the ground, fled headlong from the scene, and Sebastião Batista, who ran after him, was unable to catch up with him. As for the flying object, it vanished after the collision, leaving no traces.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, October 20, 1968.

57. Early part of October, 1968. Lins, State of São Paulo. For 13 days and nights the reporters Josué Duarte and Wilman Rodrigues were in Lins, taking night photographs for their newspaper. The following observation of theirs was typical: "Beside the first light, another begins to appear. It is still small, but gets larger as it approaches. Then it stops at the same height as the first one. Then another performs the same trajectory, so that now we have three lights in a line. Now from the West another three lights begin to appear, also

all in line. Like the first ones, they reveal no variation in size or in colours (red, orange). They set out from there . . . they completed their mission . . . and then they returned. This must be the centre for a saucer network, where at certain determined times only a light remained. Lins then would be on the line of flight of some of these lights . . ."

Última Hora, São Paulo, October 21, 1968, which included samples of the Duarte and Rodrigues photos.

58. October 24, 1968. Itaperuna, State of Rio de Janeiro. Various people heard a loud crash during the night. A farmer named José Joaquim, of the ranch called Fazenda da Barra, found a piece of metal resembling aluminium and gave it to the president of the local Chamber.

Diário de Notícias, Rio de Janeiro, October 26, 1968; *O Cruzeiro*, Rio de Janeiro, May 5, 22, 29, 1969, and June 5 and June 19, 1969; SBEDV Bulletin No. 69/70, July/October 1969.

59. October 30, 1968. Passo Fundo, State of Rio Grande do Sul (R.G.S.).

When travelling in a car in the vicinity of the Garden Club Park in the suburb of Boqueirão, four witnesses saw a ball of fire shoot down to the ground near the Francisco Quadro Building. After waiting fifteen minutes, they saw the ball of fire rise up into the air again and vanish in space.

A Platéia, Santana do Livramento, November 11, 1968.

60. November 5, 1968. Tapiratiba, State of São Paulo. At 8.00 p.m. Sr. José Ribeiro Neto was driving his jeep towards Tapiratiba, with some friends. They saw a strange reddish light at a distance of some 2 kilometres or so. It was rising and falling rapidly in the air and the experience left them with a feeling of apprehension.

Notícias Populares, São Paulo, November 8, 1968.

61. November 6, 1968. São Paulo. At 8.05 p.m., Helmut Baer, a technician with the Coroados TV, saw a reddish-orange object flying on a west-east course, at low altitude, making no sound, and performing sudden manoeuvres at high speed.

Notícias Populares, São Paulo, November 10, 1968.

62. November 8, 1968. Taguatinga, Brasília. At 8.05 p.m., in the vicinity of the Army Radio Station, an object shaped like two basins placed face to face became stationary and remained there for some time. It was illuminated with flashing red and green lights, and its lower "basin" was spinning rapidly. A few moments later it moved off and performed evolutions above the town.

Last year, at 11.00 p.m. one night in the middle of October, a rounded object flew over the Army Radio Station.

O Globo, Rio de Janeiro, November 11, 1968.

63. Early part of November, 1968. Areembepe, Salvador, State of Bahia.

Ten people were travelling in a motor vehicle, when there appeared in front of them an object which flew in circles around them and emitted a greenish light.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, November 10, 1968.

64. November 19, 1968. Guarulhos, State of São Paulo. Watching from No. 3, rua Bahia (Jardim Santa Bárbara) Sr. Antônio Rocha Corrêa Estêves saw a red ball moving in a straight line and at times turning right. He called his wife and got out his binoculars. The Cumbica airport informed him that it was an "aeroplane". Time: 9.00 p.m. (See also next case.)

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, November 21, 1968.

65. **November 19, 1968.** Cumbica, State of São Paulo. During the night the radar at the Air Force Base registered the presence of an unknown object over Guarulhos. This took place after the local Chief of Police had reported the matter to the Air Force Base under the "Identification Service" (Serviço de Identificação).

According to the Chief of Police, a luminous orange object had appeared at 8.45 p.m., at a low altitude, and had been observed for fifteen minutes, after which it disappeared.

Correio da Manhã, Rio de Janeiro, November 20, 1968.

66. **November, 1968** (precise date not given). São Paulo. An object was seen which at times was so bright that it dazzled the eyes, while at other times its light went out. It was moving up and down vertically in the sky, and was observed from the rua Paul Nei, in the Bairro da Acclimação suburb, by Justo Vedela Junco, and was photographed by Sr. Mateus Schwarz.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, November 24, 1968.

67. **December 12, 1968.** Botafogo, State of Guanabara. A youth named Ulisses, living in the rua Voluntários da Pátria, saw an object giving off a reddish light near the Pasmado tunnel. Time: early morning.

A Notícia, Rio de Janeiro, December 12, 1968.

68. **December 25, 1968.** Guarulhos, State of São Paulo. At 11.00 p.m. a luminous globe was seen at a height of some 50 metres above a house on the Praça dos Estudantes. The light was of the type emitted by mercury vapour, and as it went out it looked red. The local Chief of Police, Sr. Hildebrando Alves Paranhos, went to the spot, together with investigators. Half an hour later, the object approached the Police Station. Then a basin-shaped object separated itself from the globe and moved off towards the north-east, where it vanished. The globe remained there, still luminous, until it disappeared at 2.30 a.m.

Última Hora, São Paulo, December 26, 1968.

[Translated from the Portuguese by Gordon Creighton.]

The Little Man of Norrbotten

Åke Franzen

Our contributor, a Swedish UFO-researcher, has not only supplied FSR with news-cuttings in the past but also provided John Keel with material for his article, "Mystery Aeroplanes of the 1930s" which has appeared in recent issues of the *Review*.

RECENTLY I found reports about a strange little man in the small Swedish newspaper *Norrländska Social-Demokraten*. An item in the February 2, 1971, edition reads:

"Many people have seen the mysterious dwarf, but only a few dare mention it. Three people in Gammelstad aren't afraid to step forward and speak about their experiences. They are: Olaf Mohlinder, ironworker, aged 44, his wife Märta, 43, female cook in a Luleå school, and truck driver Assar Sandberg, 51; all of them live in Gammelstad.

"Mr. Mohlinder says: 'My wife and I were driving with Assar through Jokkfall, from Narken towards Luleå. The date was August 19, 1970. It was dark and rainy. In the wilds, about a mile south of Narken, we suddenly saw a small figure near the road. It was a little man standing on a pathway in the forest. He wasn't more than 1 metre in height. When the car headlights struck him, he raised both arms and covered his face. When only a few metres away from him, everything inside the car went totally white and a sound like a shot was heard. Assar had to slow the car down.'

"Mrs. Mohlinder: 'The road became white, as if crossed by a flash. The little man was still at the same spot. We didn't stop, but continued driving. Afterwards we discussed the little man for some time, and whether he had aimed some weapon at us. We got a short glimpse of his clothing. He wore a greyish-coloured raincoat and had a helmet or sou'-wester on his head. We didn't see his face because he covered it with his arms. Everything happened so quickly.'

"Assar Sandberg: 'When I saw the figure beside the road I wondered: What in the world is that little thing doing out here? He seemed to have a raincoat on. When we came near to him in the car, I suddenly heard the sound of a shot, and everything became blinding white all over. I couldn't see a thing and stepped on the brake.'

"The Mohlinder family and Assar Sandberg cannot forget the encounter on the road: 'It seems unreal, but we can only say what happened.'

"Not one of them wants to speculate who or what the little man can be.

"Said Märta Mohlinder: 'We wouldn't speak of this earlier, but later we heard other people talk about encounters with the little man in the vicinities of Narken and Ullatti. At first we thought it was some dwarf living in the area, but now we know that no such person exists there.'

"Both the Mohlinders and Mr. Sandberg say the blinding light is the most mysterious part of the whole story."

Encounter at a bus stop

The *Norrländska Social-Demokraten* of February 26, 1971, carried a further item on the mystery:

"The little man has shown up again. Åke Westerberg, aged 20, from Stråken, has this to say: 'When I took a look at the little figure, a bright light suddenly appeared—so bright that I had to close my eyes fast. When it was dark again the little man had vanished.'

"Stråken is a little village of just eleven farmhouses situated a mile north of Överkalix. The experience took



On this page are two views of a model of the little man of Norrbotten, the construction of which was based on the descriptions by the witnesses. . .

place near Mr. Westerberg's home on February 16, 1971. In his own words: 'It was about six o'clock in the evening. I had to go by bus to a neighbour to buy some milk. When I left my home it was already dark. At the bus stop my eyes fell on a dark form in the middle of the road, approximately 15 metres away. It looked like a little man to me. I couldn't see his face; there was just a grey spot there.

"The little man didn't move at all and seemed to be rooted to the ground. I became curious and stepped closer. Then I heard a sudden growl come from him. Afraid, I retreated, but he did not move. Without warning, an intense white light appeared, so bright I had to tightly close my eyes. The light lasted for 5 or 6 seconds. When I carefully opened my eyes again, the little man was gone."

"Mr. Westerberg says he was really shaken by his experience, so he did not think to examine the spot where the little figure had been. The bus arrived after five minutes and he left to fetch the milk.

"When I got back home I went inside for my rifle. I searched the road and all around for tracks but found nothing."

"He also said he had had a very blurred impression of the man's clothes. 'He was black and looked clumsy in a way. The thing on his head was difficult to discern

but he wore something on his stomach, a lamp or box of some kind.' "

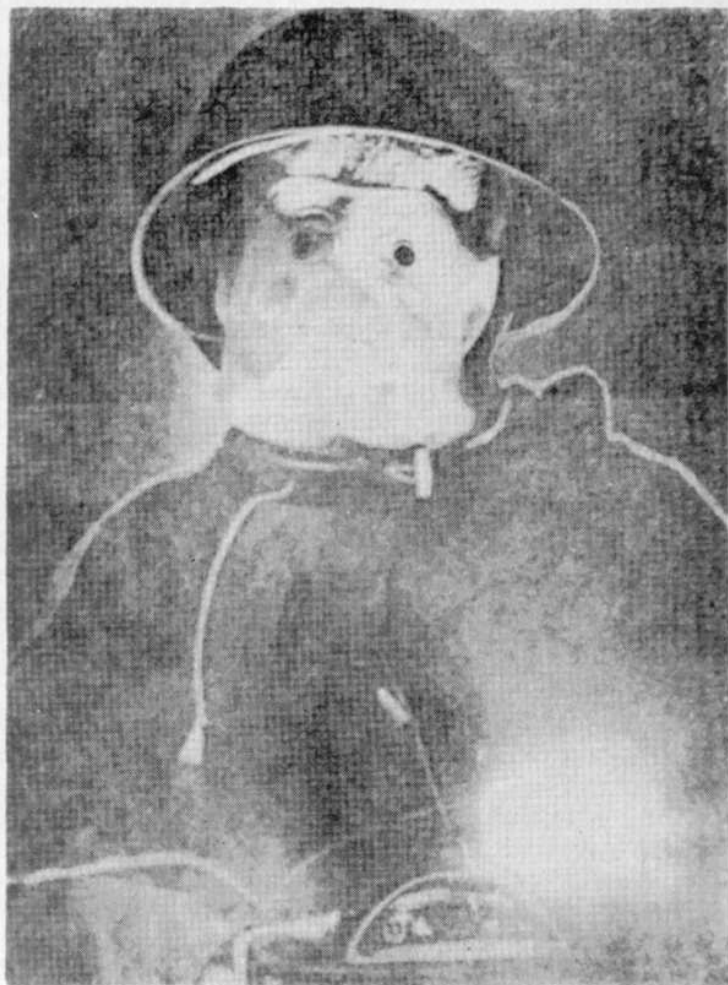
Åke Westerberg's experience is similar to that of the three other people in Gammelstad earlier. The enigma of the little man is unsolved, but those who are convinced about the existence of UFOs can see a connection between them and small men. This was the story about the little man in Norrbotten and I'm still looking for more material about him.

Postscript—the little man again?

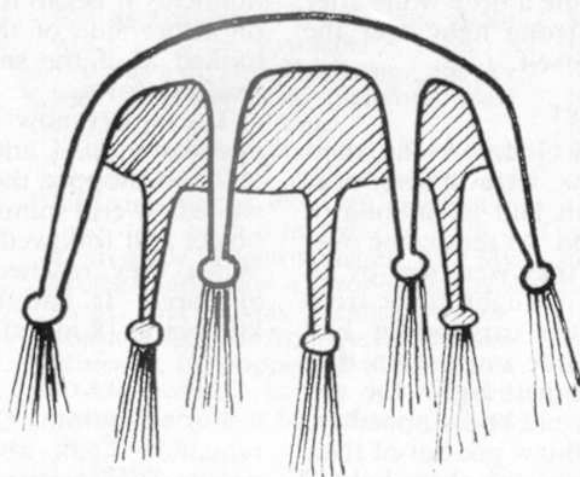
The following item also came from *Norrländska Social-Demokraten*. The happening took place in Rovaniemi, Finland, on March 4, 1971.

"When Viljo Sotaniemi was driving his truck 3 kilometres from Pernu at the point where the roads from Poiso and Rovaniemi cross, he suddenly saw a light phenomenon behind him.

"At first he thought the light emanated from a car and drove the truck to the side of the road. But nothing happened. Instead, the light moved diagonally from the side of the road to the front, and Sotaniemi stopped the truck to take a close look at it. It looked like a beam of light measuring approximately 3 metres. It slowly moved away from him at an altitude of 20 metres, and finally disappeared over the tree-tops. The upper part of the light was clear yellow and the lower part bluish, being darker blue at the end."



. . . model and pictures by a photographer of the *Norrländska Social-Demokraten*.



Drawing of the object according to Ole Birkeland

Strange object over Southern Norway

Richard Farrow

THIS account consists of stories of two similar happenings in the same area at an interval of 24 hours. It seems that the same object was involved in each incident, which occurred only a few miles apart over the Tronstad Moor a short distance to the north-west of Kristiansand on the southern coast of Norway.

The reports of the incidents were investigated by UFO-Informasjon of Norway, and accounts on which I have based my translations were published in the magazine *Vi Menn*.

The first report

It was almost 9.30 p.m. on an evening in January, 1970, when Ole Birkeland, workshop employee and farmer, got into his car to drive home across the moor to Tronstad. He had driven barely a kilometre from the built-up area when he noticed a brightly-lit object which had come over the rise at the side of the road. The object stopped abruptly, changed direction, and

then flew slowly in front of the car.

Ole Birkeland said the object looked like an illuminated baking tray, with insect-like legs—only there were seven of them—each ending in a knob. From these knobs came flames, similar to those of welding torches. He could hear no sound from the craft, but conceded that any noise it may have been making could have been drowned by the noise of the car's engine.

The road and surrounding area were illuminated like a sports stadium, the light being so intense that Birkeland was temporarily blinded, and had to ease the throttle. The car's headlights were completely out-shone by the light from the object. For three kilometres the weird object stayed above the car at an estimated altitude of 80-100 metres. Just short of Greipstad, where the road bears down to Tronstad, the craft gave up the pursuit and disappeared behind a hill in a westerly direction.

A Kristiansander, who has a summer house at

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Tronstad, drove along the same route a little while after Ole Birkeland. He too saw the strong light over the moors, but did not see the object itself.

The second report

The following evening Arne and Gudny Åsene, their three children and their son-in-law, were driving over the Tronstad moor. None of them had an inkling of what had happened to Ole Birkeland. As they came over the top of the hill from Tronstad they were met by an intense light which, at first, they thought came from another car. They drove past two cars which had stopped by the roadside. Getting the impression that the passengers were looking at something in the air, they also drove to the side of the road and stopped.

When Arne Åsene and his son-in-law got out of their car, they saw a "cigar-shaped object with three lighted points" which sent a strong beam of light down to the road not far from where they had parked the car.

They then continued their journey, but stopped several times, and switched off the car lights so as to observe the UFO. At Sjøvatn the object went back and forth over the road, then followed the car for a few more kilometres until they reached the junction where the road turns off to Finsland. The light beam then followed this road and the family thought that was the end of the phenomenon.

A little further on, however, near Høyevannet Lake, the object popped up again, and by the time they reached Høye station on the southern railway, they noticed that the light was once again almost over them.

Suddenly it began to blast out flames which came down on either side of the road, and in the bright light it looked as if the snow was melting where the flames reached down.

The object now appeared to be about 200 metres above the road and the family, having become very alarmed, stopped the car under the railway bridge. They waited several minutes before venturing forth, but the object still followed them for another four kilometres. When they reached Oyslebo, the object finally disappeared. It had followed them for a total of 13 kilometres (8 miles).

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For six months Ole Birkeland and the Åsene family remained silent about their experiences for fear of people thinking they were mad. Only after the publication of reports in the press of the Danish policeman Maarup [see *FSR Case Histories* Supplement 1—ED.] did they feel they could tell their stories.

None of these witnesses had read much about UFOs, nor had they any particular interest in the subject. They know what they saw but have no idea what it was. Indeed they would prefer that someone could give them a simple explanation.

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[After a lapse of six months it was still known that the incidents took place within 24 hours of each other, so the dates were known. What a pity these dates were not given.—EDITOR.]

Readers' Reports

Flying object over Seoul

Sir,—A mysterious flying object which appeared over the Blue House (the president's official residence), Seoul, South Korea, and hovered for some minutes, was fired at by anti-aircraft guns at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 1970.

The headquarters of the Capital Defence Forces in Seoul announced on the Wednesday morning: "The object was a JAL (Japanese Air Lines) plane which had taken off from Kimpo Airport and flown in the forbidden area over the Blue House by mistake. An anti-aircraft battery fired warning shots for about 2 minutes. Any aircraft flying in the area in the future will be shot down."

Meanwhile, the Secretary of State, Po, reported at a conference of the Audit Committee that the aircraft was a JAL plane flying from Kimpo Airport to Japan. Prime Minister Ting asked the Minister of Transportation, Fai, who ought to make the forbidden area known to the persons concerned.

However, officials of Japanese Air

Lines positively denied the incident, because the JAL Convair 880 air cargo plane took off from Kimpo Airport at 7.16 p.m. and did not fly to the area, but turned left over the airport and went away from Seoul. According to the track record of the JAL Convair 880, followed by radar at the Kimpo Airport Control Centre, the plane, when it took off from the airport, flew to Inchon, on the opposite side from Seoul, then turned to the east and over Anyangni and the Sea of Japan. It was the normal course of the JAL plane, and thus the Convair 880 air cargo flight was proved not to have flown over the Blue House.

The *Mainichi Shinbun* correspondent, Mr. Nakano, reported by wire: "Nobody saw or heard the JAL aircraft and its roar. It was a very clear evening and anyone who looked up at the sky could easily distinguish JALs and others."

Finally, the Minister of Transportation, Fai, concluded: "I could not prove it to have been the JAL plane." Then what was it? Was the object

hovering over the Blue House and disappearing without sound a *real* UFO? **Kunimoto Ohishi**, Japanese Universities Students Aero-Space Research Group Union (JUSARGU) Overseas Department, 1-49 Ohyaguchi, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

UFO over Tokyo

Sir,—An unidentified flying object was sighted over the central district of Tokyo by eight engineers of Japanese National Railways (JNR) on the afternoon of August 20, 1970.

According to NTV-TV (Tokyo), Mr. Katsumi Yonezawa who works for the Planning Control Office of the First Construction Department of JNR, witnessed a strange flying object from the sixth floor of the JNR Centre Building in Shinjuku, Tokyo.

"When I casually looked out of the window," explained the engineer, "I noticed a vague diamond-shaped object in the sky. At first I thought it was just an image, but I found that it was a real object. I moved to the other

side of the building and observed it for about 30 minutes. Then I called Mr. Kunihiro Imai, chief of our section, to confirm the sighting himself."

"It was a dark red-coloured object, like a bottle of Coca Cola," said Imai. "When I observed it with my six colleagues, the object began to move, but I felt it was not flying, but rather sliding in the air above the skyline. The diamond-shaped object appeared above the 36-floor Kasumigaseki Building in the street of government offices in Tokyo, then it moved to the north west for several minutes and disappeared from my sight."

Kumimoto Ohishi,
Jusargu, Tokyo, Japan.

Object east of Edinburgh

Dear Sir,—I have just received my December edition of *FSR Case Histories*, and was very interested to find an article on an object seen and filmed by a Mr. Huntington of Doncaster.

This is identical to an object I saw nearly two weeks ago. It was on the morning of Tuesday, March 2, at about 7.45 when I happened to notice (from my house) fairly low down in the east an object similar to a

high-flying aircraft. It was the same size as the object I told you about which I saw on November 3, 1970.

It was a dry, bright morning, the sky was cloudless and therefore ideal conditions for spotting.

The object was stationary for about 30 seconds and I rushed to get our telescope (power 30×40), but by the time I got back it had started to dive at an angle of approximately 45° . My brother and I saw it through the telescope, and it was identical to the object in the stills from the film in *Case Histories*. It disappeared within about 30-45 seconds, having been under observation for a total time of about two minutes.

I. Hunter,
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UFO with fiery tail over Arendal

Dear Sir,—Was it an aeroplane, a rocket, a comet, or just a UFO? That was the question asked by a man and his wife [unfortunately un-named—ED.] when they watched an unusual sky object, at 16.30 hours on November 9, 1970.

They were looking through a window of their house down at Tyhol-

men, in Arendal, a little town on the southern coast of Norway. Both of them say they have never seen a thing like it before. They got a glimpse of the object over a place called Skibberheia. At first they thought it was a regular aeroplane, but on looking closer at the thing, it was seen to have the shape of a big, round, shining ball, with a metallic look about it, while it also had a fiery tail.

The thing moved out over the small fjord Galtesund. It went a long way out from Galtesund, and after a few minutes it disappeared beyond the horizon. The couple wondered if it had been a comet, but it didn't seem to fit in with pictures of comets they had seen; and it seemed to move rather quicker than does a comet.

Lately there have been many strange sightings in the south coast area of Norway, and many people have seen these objects, and happily they no longer seem afraid to report these happenings. Be that as it may, there are still no comments from official sources such as the Air Force or the Military. Maybe they don't know what to say.

Nils Jacob Jacobsen,
Disenveien 15III, Oslo, 5, Norway.

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two lights, one red and brighter, and the other yellow. Without making a sound, the object described a curve, first to the left and then to the right, and then vanished over the horizon.

"The Administrator, who still knew nothing of what had happened to us, said that it was a helicopter, but the absence of noise and the high speed of the lights made him go off quickly towards the headquarters of the Colony, saying that he didn't want to know anything about "that thing". We followed him.

"The driver entered up the details of the journey in the appropriate book. Among them, the time of arrival: 8.40 p.m."

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I am inclined to think that this case may be a very important one (or at least it is possible that it may have been thought by *somebody else* to be a very important one!), for it is a curious fact that, early in 1968, I discovered that all my files for the period April-November 1967 had mysteriously vanished. And I have the feeling that this might mean that there was something "very

hot" among the cases covered, which of course included the story of the experience of the Rio de Janeiro lawyer.

The striking aspect of the affair concerns the UFO's lights and their changes of colour, and certain other considerations to which, however, only the barest reference has been made.

For example, has anyone yet studied the properties and the effects of powerful beams of coloured light on a highly-ionised magnetic field, or upon a body lying within that field?

Up to now the glow from UFOs has been attributed to the ionised field. There may be truth in this. But what is the explanation for the intensely brilliant lights of different colours, which change their configurations and change their colours as the UFO performs certain manoeuvres? There must be an important reason for these features, and I now feel certain that we must look far beyond our present-day knowledge of the properties and forces of light if we want to know what it is. Nor, of course, must our attention be confined to visible light. The *invisible* will be equally important.

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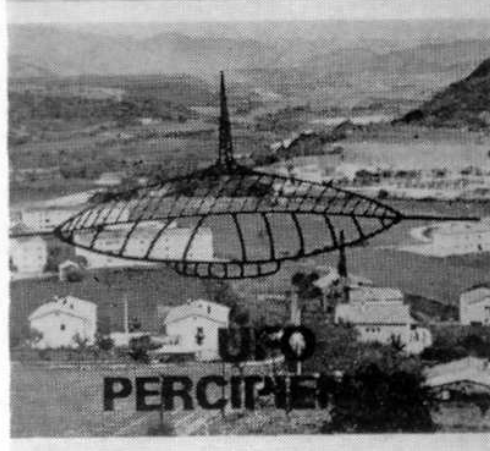
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