

# World round-up

of news and comment  
about recent sightings

## ENGLAND Ominous?

An extract from *Hansard House of Commons* reports for November 22, 1967—

"Mr. Wall asked the Secretary of State for Defence what exchange of information or other co-operation is taking place between his Department and the official United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics investigations into the problem of unidentified flying objects.

"Mr. Merlyn Rees: We are in touch with the Americans on this subject but not with the Russians. I understand the conclusions which the Americans have reached coincide with ours."

[Did the Minister have the Colorado Project in mind when he replied to Mr. Patrick Wall—or just Project Blue Book?—EDITOR.]

## Malvern schoolboys report landing

A correspondent of the *Malvern Gazette* of November 2, 1967, reported an investigation he had made into a claim by two schoolboys:—

"Then on Tuesday [October 31] I went in search of (a) reported UFO. This had not only been seen, but seen to land, by two boys, both aged 14 years, from the Chase School—Clive Robinson, of Ashdown Close, and Richard Corben, of Pickersleigh Road. With them was David Jennings. They claimed to have seen a 'dome-shaped object with a smaller hump on the top.'

"In company with their headmaster, Mr. P. Garth, I asked them about what they had seen. Mr. Garth had spoken to them of the danger of making up stories, and although I questioned them closely, as did Mr. Garth, they were not to be shaken.

"I must say I was rather sceptical, but they were definite about what they had seen. Though I varied my questions they were not deflected in their answers.

"Clive describes the sighting as a 'dome-shaped object with a smaller hump on the top. It was rather like an apple pie with a hump on it.'

"They saw it between 8.45 p.m. and 9.5 p.m. the previous Wednesday evening [October 25] over the Girls' College playing field. They saw it land behind a pavilion where there was an oak tree and he thought also an ash.

"On the playing field there is a pavilion and some trees, including a large ash.

"My next question referred to reports of them having been 'petrified with fear' on seeing the UFO and then running away. Richard promptly discounted this.

"The object, said Clive, was a 'glimmering, bright light.' No, they did not see any legs under the craft. No, it had no windows.

"How far away from them was it? About 200 yards, said Clive.

"What happened when it landed? Did it disintegrate? 'It was still down when we looked back, then it took off diagonally,' Clive replied.

"Mr. Garth asked him why they did not go over to the object when they saw it land. 'We thought there might have been radio-

activity. We did not know what was happening' the boy explained.

"When I asked about the weather conditions they said these were clear though it had been raining. There was some cloud, but not low cloud.

"Clive said: 'The object was in two halves split vertically down the centre. Suddenly the halves came together and the object drifted down to the ground.'

"He added that a man, who he thinks gave his name as Tandy and was about 35 years old, went to see him on Friday and asked about what they had seen.

"They went back to the field where the man pointed out some triangular marks on the ground about two inches in size and in an arc. They had been marked out with sticks. There was no grass inside the marks, but it had not been burnt.

"Clive added that on the Friday there were about 12 marks but when he went back the next day there appeared to be only about five, the others having been covered up with mud.

"Asked whether he had noticed anything under the craft as it came down and how it had landed, Clive said: 'It came down gently. We saw nothing under it at all. We honestly believe we saw it.'

—Credit: Miss Betty Allen of Malvern.

Miss Allen tells, in her letter, that she also met and questioned Clive Robinson. Her letter continues: "In this report he says he saw no legs under the craft. But he told me it had 'lots of legs.' Yet this report mentions the triangular marks left by the 'feet' of the object."

## "Waves" of UFOs over Stratford-upon-Avon

We learned from the *Stratford Herald* of November 10, 1967, that:—

"When 13-year-old grammar schoolgirl Susan Page looked out of her bedroom window just after 7 a.m. last Thursday morning, the last thing she expected to see were flying saucers. But there, travelling above the scurrying clouds, were two of them, bright and unmistakable. She called her father, Councillor James Page, and her mother, Joyce.

"Mrs. Page takes up the story: 'The first two seemed to be flying one above the other and the top one had another smaller bright light in front of it. They came from

a north-east direction and flew to the south-west. They were completely silent.'

"The Pages live at Blue Cap Road, Stratford, and the back windows of their home have a wide, uninterrupted view.

"After the first two, three more of them came along and one of these also had a little bright light in front of it. They were not quite round—more like the decorations you get on Christmas trees. They were not going as fast as an aeroplane and we watched them for about 15 minutes.

"There were no stars in the sky, but in any case the objects were too bright and travelling too fast to have been stars,' Mrs. Page told the *Herald*.

"Finally, when the first two formations had passed out of sight, yet another two appeared. 'By this time the sun was rising and the light from it blotted out the last two things.'

"All the objects were extremely bright, but they varied slightly in intensity,' she said.

"Councillor Page reported the matter to the police. Inspector T. Barr said, 'We got the report on Saturday. They were described to us as having a round, bright area in the middle with a darker area round the edges—like large hovercraft.'

"County police headquarters at Leek Wootton confirmed that they, too, had received the report from Stratford and added that reports of sightings of UFOs had come in from several other parts of the county."

—Credit: John D. Llewellyn, Stratford-upon-Avon.

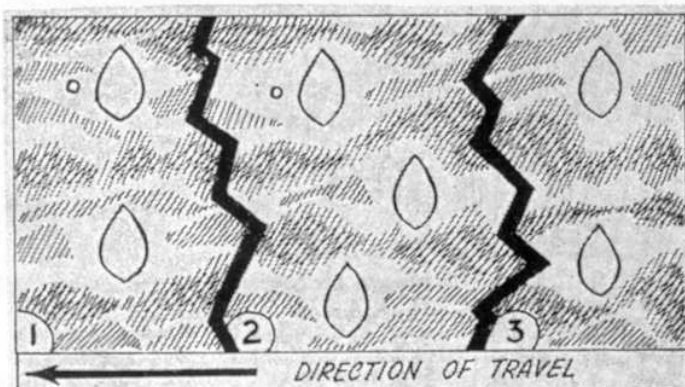
## Explanation launched in Alaska lands in Devon

Under a misleading headline, "Devon UFO launched in Alaska", the *Daily Telegraph* of November 28 published an item which indicates just how easy it is for some people to clutch explanatory straws where UFOs are concerned. It seems to be of no account that the facts don't fit:—

"A giant magnetic survey balloon which landed in a field near Barnstaple, Devon, had drifted nearly from Alaska, a distance of about 5,000 miles, in a week.

"The white balloon, about 80 ft. in diameter, was launched from the College Magnetic and Seismological Observatory, Fairbanks. Scientists there were astonished

Sketch of the  
waves of objects  
(from the  
Stratford Herald)



yesterday to learn where it landed.

"The balloon came down on Sunday at Little Knightacott, near Barnstaple. Devon police said last night it might help explain reports of fiery crosses and other unidentified flying objects seen over the West Country.

"Equipment with the balloon included a parachute, two small boxes of equipment, a flashing red light, a radio transmitter and metal cross antenna. This will be flown back to Alaska by the American Air Force.

"A reward of up to \$100 (£41) was offered by the observatory for recovery of the equipment. Huge balloons have been launched in Alaska for the last two weeks as part of a project to study variations of the earth's magnetic field.

"Mr. Jack Townshend, director of the observatory, said yesterday: 'We thought most of our balloons would come down in remote parts of Alaska and never be found.' He agreed that the balloons, with their flashing red lights, could have prompted reports of flying saucers.

"In the past few days we've been having trouble keeping balloons in the air because of unusual turbulence,' Mr. Townshend said. They were designed to drift at an altitude of 21 miles—a height at which winds had been unusually strong.

"Each balloon is equipped with a device designed to burst it after it has been aloft for a certain time. The object of this is to reduce the danger to aircraft."

[As far as we know there were no UFO reports from Devon on Sunday, November 26. Even with imaginations at full stretch, a random balloon which landed on that date—and which was part of an exercise that commenced in the middle of November—cannot possibly be used to explain away the sightings in southern England during October.—EDITOR.]

## AUSTRALIA

### Saucer lands at Yerecoin

This unusual landing report is taken from *The West Australian* of November 17, 1967:—

"Yerecoin farm manager Alan Pool (43) said yesterday that a flying saucer had landed in one of his paddocks a few feet from him.

"It was so close that he was unable to fully open the door of the vehicle in which he was sitting.

"Mr. Pool's employer, Mr. D. V. Waters, of Yerecoin, who owns the farm, said that Mr. Pool had worked for him for 11 years.

"Mr. Pool said that he was in his vehicle in a paddock about a mile away from the farmhouse at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday when he heard a loud, penetrating humming similar to that of an electric generator.

"He said: 'I thought at first that something was wrong with my vehicle. It sounded like an overtaxed generator. I saw this thing about 400 ft. up in the air, half a mile away, and approaching rapidly from the east. I thought it was an aircraft. It sped

towards me and landed next to the vehicle.

"The whining noise was loud and frightening."

"He said it seemed to land, but when he looked closer it was hovering a few inches from the ground. It was a grey metal colour, about 12 ft. in diameter and about 6 ft. high. There were six portholes. Two in the centre were square and two more on each side were round.

"It looked like an inverted saucer. There were no other protruding features. There were no signs of propulsion and he could not see through the portholes.

"Mr. Pool said: 'I did not know what to do. I partly opened the door and swore aloud.

"To my astonishment the words were repeated.

"It could not have been an echo. There was a strong wind and it would have been impossible to receive an echo in that position.

"I partly opened the door and got one leg out of the vehicle when the saucer took off, vertically. I lost sight of it as it rose above the roof of the vehicle. I pushed my head outside and looked up, but it had vanished."

"He said that he thought he was going mad. He sat in the vehicle in fright and rolled a cigarette. Then he got out of the vehicle and looked at the ground—but there was no sign of where the saucer had been. The grass was undisturbed and there were no burn marks.

"He did not know whether to report the sighting or to say nothing about it. He finally decided to drive home and tell his wife.

"His wife told him that she had been watching television at the time and had noticed the picture roll. The only time this had happened before was when a satellite passed overhead.

"Mr. Pool reported the sighting to the New Norcia police, who advised him to telephone the C.I.B. in Perth.

"He also telephoned the Pearce R.A.A.F. base, but he said the people there sounded sceptical.

"He thought that the white roof of his vehicle might have attracted the flying saucer.

"Mr. Waters said Mr. Pool was very level-headed.

"He said: 'Alan came to see me about an hour afterwards and he was still frightened. He was white-faced.'

"Wing-Commander G. Shadforth, of the R.A.A.F. at Pearce, said that no aircraft from the base was flying at the time of the reported sighting and nothing was picked up on radar.

"Mr. Pool's report of the saucer was the only one received on Wednesday night.

"A spokesman for air traffic control at the Perth airport said there would have been many aircraft in the New Norcia area at the time of the reported sighting. These would range in size from a *Friendship* to light planes.

"A Weather Bureau spokesman said the only weather balloon released on Wednesday evening went from the Perth airport at 7.15 p.m."

—Credit: Roy W. Woodward, Finucane Island, W.A. (And to UFO Information Retrieval Center, Inc., P.O. Box 57, Riderwood, Maryland 21139, who drew our attention to the incident.)

NOTE: The area is some 75 miles north of Perth and 50 miles north of the R.A.A.F. station.

### John Coyle's photographs

Several versions of the story of this witness, who claims to have photographed an alleged UFO, have been seen. Thanks to our friends of the **Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society**, we now have a set of the prints. The following account, taken from the *Australasian Post* of July 6, 1967, is part of an article based on an interview with Paul Norman, well known to **FLYING SAUCER REVIEW** readers for his articles on electromagnetic effects of UFOs:



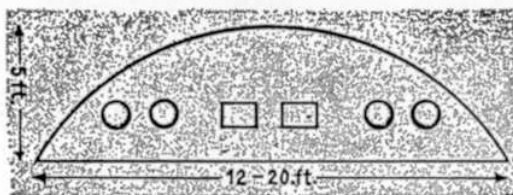
Two of the John Coyle photographs. The other four prints show a (side-on?) view rather like that in the top photograph, but smaller

"Copies of the photographs, taken by John Coyle [15] with a small box-type camera, have been retained by the [Colorado] University experts who say they are authentic.

"The photographs show a saucer-shaped object that hovered over John and his sister, Miriam, for at least 2½ minutes before flying off at a speed they described as 'quicker than sound'.

"This is John Coyle's story: 'We were walking through farmland near the Hallam railway station about 5.30 on the afternoon of March 5 to take photographs of a country train that was to pass through.

"On the way home I saw what I thought was a very fast aeroplane coming towards us. Pretty soon it was right over us and



Artist's impression of the object which Mr. Alan Pool says landed near him



circling around. I was excited and took some snaps of it and hoped they would be clear enough to show other people what we saw.

"Miriam was jumping up and down and squealing, and I got nervous and broke the winding knob off my camera. But I got half a dozen shots of it."

"John described the object as being a silver colour with a dark patch underneath it. He said he thought it had a 'kind of dome in the middle' that came out for an instant and then disappeared."

"Was it a Flying Saucer? 'If it wasn't, what was it, then?' asks Paul Norman. Perhaps the scientists at Colorado University UFO Headquarters will come up with the answers."

Credit: Mrs. Judith Magee, VFSRS, P.O. Box 43, Moorabbin, 3189, Victoria, Australia.

## CANADA

### UFO takes the plunge?

The Johannesburg *Star* of October 9, 1967, carried the following account, dated Monday (October 9), from Montreal, Canada:—

"Canadian Navy divers are conducting a search for an unidentified flying object which was reported to have disappeared under water near Shag Harbour in the province of Nova Scotia."

"So far, the divers have had no success in finding the object, which was seen to fall into the water by Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and private citizens, on Wednesday [October 4]."

"A Navy spokesman said that those who had seen the object could not describe it very clearly, but were agreed that it was over 60 ft. long, and dark, with four white lights."

—Credit: H. Maclear Bate.

## INDIA

### Shillong saucer

Very few reports ever reach this REVIEW from the Indian sub-continent, so it was particularly interesting to read these accounts from *The Times of India* of October 18 and 19 respectively:—

"Shillong, October 17: An object resembling a flying saucer was noticed on Friday evening near Laitkor village, 18 miles from Shillong, the police said here today. The object was reportedly seen racing across the sky with a loud report. According to some villagers, trees past which the object had cut its way carried marks that looked like saw cuts."

"P.T.I. adds: The object is said to have landed in a running stream, close to the dak bungalow of Dympep village, 16 miles from Shillong, on Friday evening."

"The flying saucer was first noticed by Laitkor villagers, where it was reported to have spun like a top 500 feet above the earth, emitting bright red and green lights."

"Reports quoting eye-witnesses stated that the object sucked and churned the water with loud and deafening explosions. From the stream, the object flew towards Mawkdok village, three miles away, and then towards the dense woods.—P.T.I."

"Shillong, October 18: Police inquiries yesterday into the appearance of a mysteri-

ous saucer-shaped flying object in the Khasi Hills of Assam last Friday, revealed that considerable damage has been done to the dense vegetation in the Lum Swer forest through which the flying object is reported to have passed before disappearing."

"The villagers of nearby area, roughly half-way between Cherrapunjee and Shillong, testified that they heard three loud sounds during the half-an-hour while the 'saucer' was hovering about in the neighbourhood."

"The eastern wing of the Indian Air Force is reportedly probing into the mysterious incident.—P.T.I."

An explanation followed in *The Times of India* of October 20, from which we quote the opening paragraphs:—

"The appearance of a mysterious object, said to resemble a 'flying saucer', at Laitkor village in Khasi hills on Friday, has been explained as a meteorological phenomenon."

"An inquiry conducted by a magistrate, Air Force authorities and the police reached the conclusion that the episode was 'a meteorological phenomenon termed a whirlwind of high intensity' but of a local nature only."

—Credit: Jal N. D. Tata of Bombay.

## HOLLAND

### Arnhem blackout and UFO

The following extracts are taken from the *Arnhemse Courant* of November 14, 1967:—

"A mysterious, as yet unexplained failure in the high-tension-circuit wrapped in darkness the whole north-western part of Arnhem last night. Also large parts of the city, the boulevards, Willems-square, Station-square and Zypse-square, were without electricity."

"It was remarkable that the power failure did not appear everywhere simultaneously. In the district of Heyenoord the lights went out at half-past six in the afternoon, while it was three-quarters of an hour later before the city blacked out."

"The power failure in the north-western part of Arnhem lasted for about two hours; in the city the duration was only twenty minutes. The power failure caused many difficulties to lots of institutions like cafes, restaurants, public transport, etc. . . ."

"About the cause of the failure still nothing is known. Ir. H. L. ten Cate, managing-director of the municipal electricity supply says: 'It was a complicated failure about the cause of which we don't know anything. We are still investigating. It is quite possible that certain relays were not properly adjusted.'"

"Numerous switches went out automatically. Very carefully the circuit has been built up again. This took two hours. According to Ir. ten Cate: 'The failure lasted much longer than we are used to, and it spread over a large area.'"

"For curiosity's sake we also report that our journal has been 'phoned this morning several times by people who at the time of the power failure observed a luminous flying object over Arnhem, which slowly moved in a northerly direction and which they could not identify as an aeroplane."

"The meteorological-department of the

Deelen-Air Force Base (five kilometres to the north of Arnhem) did not notice anything peculiar."

—Credit: W. H. G. Wooninck of Arnhem, to whom we are also grateful for having provided the translation.

## U.S.A.

### UFO knockout?

From the *Canada Guardian* (?) of August 28, 1967, comes the following strange story from East Side, New York:—

"A Clifton Springs man told city police a story right out of a science fiction magazine after an officer found him in a dazed condition on Eastern Boulevard near Nichols Department Store early yesterday morning."

"Tony Morocco, who listed his home as the Foster building, Clifton Springs, related a strange story of having seen a large flying saucer-type object and then blacking out for more than three hours."

"According to Patrolman Robert Haight, Morocco said he was walking along Eastern Boulevard near the intersection with East Lake Road about 10.30 Saturday night when he suddenly noticed a 'large object about 70 feet over his head. The object was about 250 feet in diameter and had orange and green lights. The outer 20 feet of the object rotated.'"

"This is the last thing Morocco said he could remember until Haight found him on Eastern Boulevard near Nichols Store."

"The officer said he found Morocco 'in a dazed condition at about 1.50 a.m.' after receiving a report that a man was at the side of the highway."

"Haight added, 'The subject was not intoxicated.'"

—Credit: Ralph C. Stephen, Jr. of Arlington, Texas.

### Idaho landing and creature report

From the *Santa Ana Register* of November 3, 1967, a U.P.I. story from Ririe, Idaho:—

"A flying saucer with two men three feet tall landed on the top of a car here Thursday night and forced the two men inside to stop and talk to them."

"Will Begay and Clyde Soccie, both in their early 20s and from Ririe, told the Bonneville County sheriff's office here that their car was unmanageable after the saucer landed on it. So they got out and talked to the visitors."

"The report said 'that a power bigger than they could cope with forced them off the road.'"

"Two people about three feet tall got out of the flying saucer and tried to talk to Begay and Soccie but the men said they couldn't understand them,' the police report said."

"After the futile effort of interplanetary relations, the visitors went back inside their vehicle and scooted off for space."

"Two deputies went out to the meeting grounds a half mile south of here on U.S. 26 with Geiger counters. No trace of unusual radioactivity was discovered."

"The strangest part of the story was that Begay and Soccie were 'sober', officers said."

—Credit: Dr. James Hershey of Huntington Beach, California.