

could indicate the presence of an object as commonly reported in UFO cases. It should be noted too that on the night of March 2-3, 1970, several witnesses saw an object over Falkenburg, Sweden, which they described as having a couple of half-balls under it. We are at this moment carrying out an investigation into this case, and hope to keep you informed. We will also try to find out more from Finland, and we will follow developments regarding the health of

Messrs. Heinonen and Viljo as far as is possible.

I wonder if any FSR readers know of any other cases where witnesses have acted similarly, and where the after-effects are the same. If so, maybe we can find out whether this is due only to shock, or whether some dangerous radiation has hit them. It would also be interesting to know whether any mist or lightball has been observed coming from an object like this on other occasions.

Editor's Note: Mr. Fredrickson, a university student who is studying physics, is a member of a Gothenburg group (known by the initials GICOFF) dedicated to conducting follow-up investigations of newspaper reports of unusual phenomena. We are grateful to him for preparing his contributions in English, and I hasten to add that only a minimal amount of editing was necessary. The results of further investigations will be presented in our next issue.

THE PLYMPTON STORY

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IN the early Spring of 1963, in the quiet, respectable suburb of Plympton, situated some three miles from the centre of the city of Adelaide, South Australia, two small boys (aged 9 and 10 respectively) were wondering how to spend their Saturday afternoon.

The time was 2.30 p.m. Suddenly they heard a faint swishing noise in the sky above their heads, and, looking up, they were amazed to see a glowing disc-like object slowly descending towards a nearby field. With a quick glance at each other that said "adventure", they quietly sneaked towards the landing area, and hid behind an old, abandoned car. They were no more than 200ft. from the mysterious object.

UFO Occupant

According to their report, they hardly dared to breathe as they watched a door on the side of the great disc open noiselessly. Stooping to avoid the top of the door, an occupant of the craft stepped out on to the green grass. He was tall (later estimates put him around 7ft.), and was wearing a tight-fitting blue-black tunic, with a purple cape attached. On his head he wore a leather-like cap fastened under his chin, and his hands were covered by large, silver-studded gauntlets, from which sprouted a long tube that went around the back of his head, and finally up one nostril of his nose. His skin was copper red in colour—like a person with fresh sun-burn, and around his waist he wore a large belt, fitted in the front with a small panel on which his fingers were playing continuously.

The two lads were by this time so enthralled that they forgot to remain hidden, and the "visitor" saw them. With a quick movement, he turned and faced the craft, looking at one of the large windows or port-holes surrounding the upper part of the bell-shaped disc. He must have made some signal, because another identically-dressed figure appeared for a brief second at the window, and then was gone.

The craft began to make a small humming sound, and

the outer rim began to glow. By this time, the first "visitor" had walked quickly back, and stepped through the opened doorway. With a slight fluttering motion—like a leaf falling from a tree—the object lifted slightly, and then, tilting to an angle of around 10°, arrowed into the sky at high speed.

The two boys ran home and blurted out their story to their parents, who called the police. The constabulary could find no fault in the lads' story, and were convinced that they were telling the truth. To verify the incident, there were twenty other witnesses who saw the object as it sped away from the field.

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Further verification of the "craft" and its occupants came in a roundabout way from a story told to UFO investigators some months before the Plympton incident. Unlike the boys' story, the second account received no publicity whatever, and was known only to a few people. Here is the story:

One dark night, around 2.00 a.m., the wife of a farmer of a small farm some 100 miles north of Adelaide was awakened by a bright light shining into the bedroom window. Very curious, the woman looked out and saw a circular object hovering about 200ft. above her large front garden. The UFO was emitting an intense white light, which illuminated the garden and surroundings.

Entity with box

Recovering from her initial shock, the woman stated that she was amazed to see a person standing no more than 30ft. from her bedroom window. Her description of the visitor agreed exactly with that given by the two Plympton boys. While the woman stared, she noticed that the "visitor" was holding a box-like contraption about the size of a large cake tin, through which he was gazing intently.

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