

# GHOST-BOMBS OVER SWEDEN

## Part II

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THE aerial visitations which during July 1946 had caused much speculation in Sweden and other Scandinavian countries—and indeed in the rest of the world, where there were some who for want of a better description called them *Ghost Rockets*—continued through into August. If the Swedish Army had discovered anything during the hastily-arranged investigation, they weren't telling, so speculation remained rife.

#### August 2; Norrland:

"Two cigar-shaped objects were seen exploding in the sky. The following day, two similar objects were also seen exploding." (*Göteborg Handel & Sjöfarts Tidning.*)

#### August 3; somewhere in Sweden:

"The Army has found something of celestial origin. The object found was rather like a barrel to which a 150ft. long wire, probably of copper, was fastened. The whole thing was approximately half a pound in weight. There was no doubt of the fact that the object had come from above." (*Dagens Nyheter.*)

#### Place of observation not specified:

"An object that resembled a flash-light was seen by several people, passing at very high altitude. While they watched it, the thing started to increase in brightness, altering its direction by 90 degrees. The sky was absolutely clear." (*Dagens Nyheter.*)

#### August 5; Skåne:

"A mysterious space craft was observed at about 11.00 p.m. on Sunday. The object was circular and glittered in the sun like silver. It moved with high speed, but no sound was heard. Its position was somewhere midway between the zenith and the horizon, the direction of flight being towards the South-West." (*Göteborg Handel & Sjöfarts Tidning.*)

#### August 8; Gottland:

"Teacher John Persson observed a space craft of unknown origin. The altitude was judged to be 1,500ft. and the speed estimated as 800 km/h. A

faint bluish light was seen at the nose of the rocket." (*Dagens Nyheter.*)

The same day a Norwegian dentist observed another rocket, but unfortunately no place is mentioned. This was cylindrical in appearance and its speed, according to the observer, was "tremendous". No sound was heard.

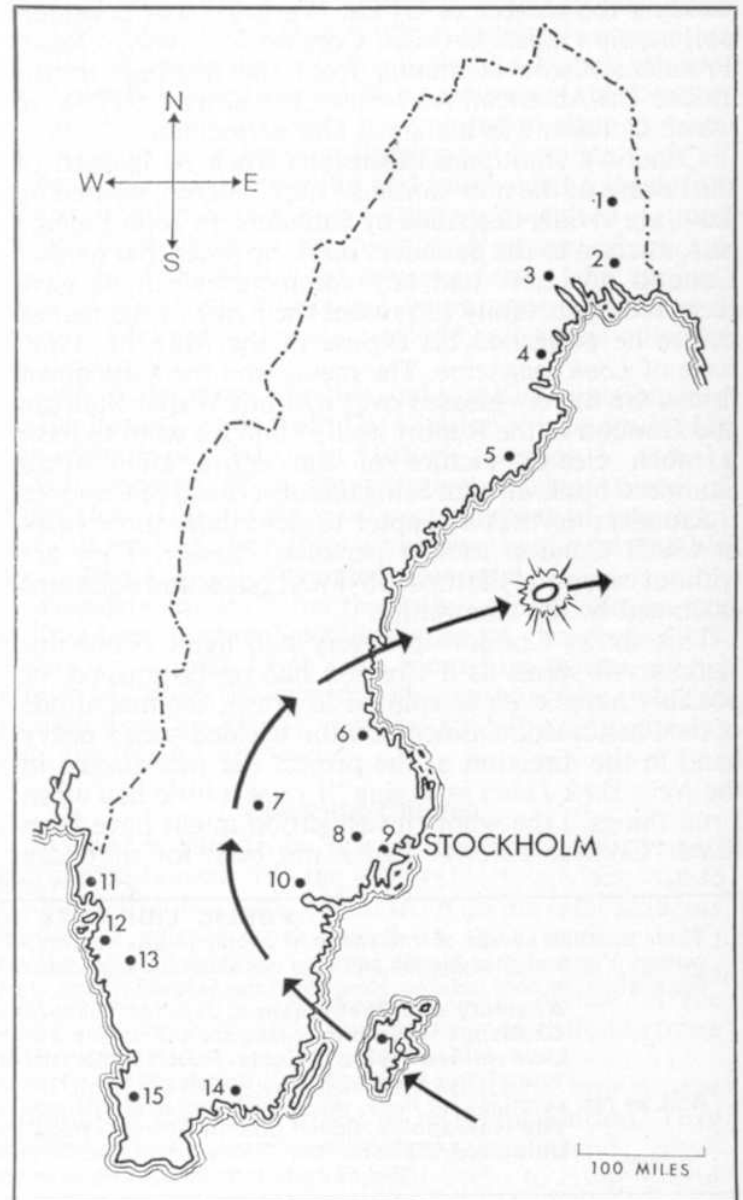
#### August 8:

"During a visit to Central Sweden

last Monday a person, whose name is not known, heard a high pitched sound and soon afterwards saw an object which passed his car with great speed, just 10ft. above the ground. This passed him at a distance of only 30ft. and disappeared in a southerly direction. He could not tell whether the thing hit the ground or simply went through the wood. Another witness was with him at the time." (*Dagens Nyheter.*)

#### KEY

1. Övrekalis
2. Kalix
3. Pitea
4. Skelleftea
5. Umea
6. Gevle
7. Örebro
8. Melaren
9. Stockholm
10. Norrköping
11. Uddevalla
12. Göteborg
13. Boras
14. Karlskrona
15. Skane
16. Gotland



**August 9; Gelve:**

"A yellow fireball was seen travelling eastwards at a height of approximately 1,500ft.

"North Sweden: Another fireball of the same type, also travelling eastwards.

"Stockholm: Yet another of those yellow fireballs, this time seen twice during the day. On the first occasion the object was seen only as an intense light." (*Dagens Nyheter.*)

An article in the same newspaper reported an interesting observation the following day:

"On the 9th a rocket-like object was seen somewhere in Central Sweden that produced a whistling sound as it crossed the sky at high speed. The object had a triangular nose and its colour was almost black. There were no appendages and no light was seen.

"Late that night a fireball fell to earth in Stockholm, and a little later another passed the town in a westerly direction."

Other nations must have started to take an interest in what was happening, for in the newspaper *Svenska Dagbladet* (7-8), there was an affirmation from the USA that they had nothing to do with it. This information came from Marquis Child, who further pointed out that the opinion in higher circles was that Sweden had become a test-area for secret weapons. However, it was known that no nation besides the USA and USSR were capable of producing such things, so one wonders what the informed circles in the Army really believed at that time.

**August 12:**

All names were censored by the Army, but I think all these observations must have been made in Central Sweden.

At 9.00 p.m.: Three fireballs in formation were seen by several people; just afterwards two were seen exhibiting the same manoeuvres, and to make the whole performance complete a third one appeared, taking the same course.

At 9.00 p.m.: A fireball was seen splitting into four luminous rings that fell to the ground.

At 8.45 p.m.: An object shaped like a torpedo was observed.

**August 12; Göteborg:**

"At 9.00 p.m. a 'fish-like' thing was seen that silently fell from the sky." (*Dagens Nyheter.*)

**August 13; Uddevalla:**

Three persons, who were out fishing, witnessed something which experts did not believe to be a meteor. "The thing rotated while emitting a continuous stream of sparks. Suddenly it lost speed and fell into the water

# KUALA LUMPUR UFO

Our cover photograph is one of three taken of an aerial object over Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, by Mr. P'an Ch'en Hsiang on May 27, 1968, at 6.50 a.m. This photograph appeared in the *Malaya T'ung Pao* on May 29, 1968, and the incident was described by Mr. Yip Mien Chun for FSR (World Round-up, September-October 1968). I have since translated the full text of the *T'ung Pao* article in which I came across the Chinese for UFO: "lai-li pu-ming-ti fei-hsing wu-t'i". Our thanks to Mr. Yip for obtaining the prints. We expect to publish the second photograph, and the text of the article, in our next issue.

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\* Denotes adjectival ending.

來	Come
歷	origin
不	not
明	clear
的	—*
飛	fly
行	going
物	object
體	body

near the three men." (*Dagens Nyheter.*)

**August 13; Karlskrona:**

At 8.00 p.m.: "The object passed the witnesses at a distance of only 150ft. It was cigar-shaped and only 5ft. long. The body emitted a faint green light and smoke was seen issuing from the rear."

**August 13; Stockholm:**

"The rocket produced an intense purple light and, as far as the witness could see, was cylindrical. The observation lasted only 10 seconds." (*Göteborg Handel & Sjöfarts Tidning.*)

**August 14; Skåne:**

Three rockets were observed at intervals of only five minutes. They all emitted some kind of light.

**August 19; Laxå:**

At 8.00 p.m. six persons saw an object passing over the roof-tops. "It was shaped like a 9ft.-long cigar and at the nose we could see some small spheres; a bluish light was produced at the rear. No sound was heard." (*Dagens Nyheter.*)

**August 24; somewhere in Sweden:**

As mysteriously as these heavenly visitors had come as mysteriously did they disappear, leaving but occasional traces which nobody but a few had seen and that probably nobody knew how to interpret. On this date, as far as I know, the last 'ghost-bomb' was seen. A Norwegian student and his friend, a Swedish engineer, were out boating on a small river near the latter's home. It was about 8.45 p.m. when they became

aware of a strange light approaching the boat:

"Suddenly, as if shot out of nothingness, I saw a light appearing in the South-East, coming towards us at tremendous speed. As it came nearer we could see that it resembled the full-moon, perhaps a little more elliptical. The light emitted was very intense and rather like that which the incendiary bombs used to produce when exploding; however, this light was bluish on the brim of the object. As it passed immediately overhead it grew so bright you could see as well as on a sunny day! The fireball, or *eldklotet* as it is called by the Swedes, had until now approached us in a parabolical trajectory. When passing us it released four "stars" which fell silently to the ground and on landing grew dark. As these "stars" were released the fireball too grew dark, and after a few seconds when we were able to see in the dark again, we could observe an oblong rocket passing us in a perfectly horizontal trajectory about 900ft. above the ground. As far as I could tell it was about 10ft. long. At the rear we observed some glowing points, and these points were the last things we saw. The course was towards the North-West during the whole of the observation."

"The engineer, who knew the surroundings well, estimated the speed to be in the region of 2000 km/h!" (*Aftenposten.*)

**SOURCES**

Of the newspapers quoted in parts I and II, *Dagbladet*, *Arbeiderbladet* and *Aftenposten* are Norwegian. All others are Swedish. Other sources: *Scandinavisk Astronomisk Tidsskrift*, *Monthly Notices R.A.S.*, *Naturen.*