

recently he had been growing some more. Since when had this happened, we asked. During the last eighteen months, said Keith. In fact since his first UFO sighting, we pointed out, and Keith laughingly agreed. Whether there is any connection between the sightings and the increase in height he has no idea, and had not thought to mention it to us. His wife Joyce confirmed that he had been shooting up recently, as she had had to let down his trouser turn-ups considerably.

Keith has read no books on UFOs and they are not a subject of conversation in the family. Certainly the matter had not been talked about before his son Lee saw the "rainbow" through his window.

The whole of this area of North Wales, and as far as Anglesey to the west, has for some time produced a steady stream of newspaper reports of lights in the sky, or solid craft seen in daylight, and a team of

investigators reveal some interesting patterns. Are some families more likely to see UFOs than others? Is an increase in height a possible physical effect of a UFO sighting? What relation to energy sources do UFOs have? These are just some of the questions generated by the Denbigh sightings, questions to which further research might produce answers.

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

View looking South of East at the sighting location. Keith Jones came along the track in the foreground to the Mill, on left. At the base of the Mill can be seen the mill wheel, and just to the right of this is the low wall over which he was climbing when he first noticed the UFO. (Spot marked 'X'.)

World round-up

*of news and comment
about recent sightings*

Kuwait

Huge UFO makes silent landing

We learn from the Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa, newspaper the *Rand Daily Mail* of November 14, 1978, in a UPI item entitled "Flying saucer drops in on the oil fields" that —

"Kuwait's first flying saucer came without sound, big as a jumbo jet, cylindrical, with a huge dome and flashing red light.

"After seven minutes in a Kuwait oilfield, it took off without a trace.

"That, at least, was the testimony of the seven oil-field technicians who said they saw it.

"The mysterious object reportedly landed about 150 km. from the capital, at Umm Alaish, causing temporary disruption of telecommunications and the operations of an oil pumping station about 250 metres from the landing site.

"The seven technicians of the Kuwait Oil Company, including one American, said the flying saucer was the size of a jumbo jet. It was cylindrical in shape, with a huge dome and a flashing red light.

"To their astonishment, as soon as the object took off, the oil pumping station's equipment began working again.

United States of America/United Kingdom

Hynek attacks Lovell

The *Daily Mail* of March 27, 1979, carries an item under the signature of their New York correspondent, Nigel Nelson, with the headline "Sir

Bernard's being stupid — UFO expert" —

"The world's most respected authority on UFOs accused Britain's top astronomer, Sir Bernard Lovell, of stupidity yesterday.

"Dr. Allen Hynek, president of America's Centre for UFO Studies said it was ridiculous for Jodrell Bank Director Sir Bernard to suggest that a UFO filmed over New Zealand last Christmas was nothing more than a burned-out meteorite.

"The UFO, tracked on radar and captured on film from a light aircraft by Australia's Channel 10 television network, has been carefully studied by 20 of America's top physicists and astronomers.

"Yesterday the scientists declared that the film was the first-ever verified footage of an unidentified flying object.

"Dr. Hynek went on to attack Sir Bernard for dismissing the object as just a meteorite. 'That was one of the more stupid explanations,' he said. 'It's completely untenable.

"This is scientific irresponsibility. He should examine the data before pontificating.'"

Italy

Security guard "captured" by 10 ft "spacemen"

The incredible story of Fortunato Zanfretta's two encounters with creatures, stated to be from outer space, was printed in *Reveille* on March 2, 1979. Fortunato described the creatures as —

"About 10ft tall with hairy green skin, yellow triangular eyes and red veins across the forehead. In place of

a mouth there was what appeared to be a metallic chain or fence.'

"Fortunato was later questioned by medical experts during deep hypnosis.

"The 26-year-old Italian's astonishing ordeal began in the village of Torriglia, near Genoa.

He was patrolling after midnight when his car stopped mysteriously. He saw four lights and jumped from the car, gun in hand. 'Then I was hit from behind and whirled round and shone my flashlight and saw an enormous green creature,' he said later.

"That was the last thing he remembered until nearly two hours later when he was awakened by a blinding light and tremendous roar of a UFO blasting off.

"Leading medical hypnotist and physician Dr. Mauro Moretti said afterwards: 'I believe 90 per cent of what he said was the truth. You cannot invent things under hypnosis.'

"It was only three days after the hypnosis session that Fortunato had his second meeting with the unearthly visitors. He was driving to the same village when a strange force seized his car and took him to the place he had met the spaceman before.

"In a second hypnosis session he said he was again taken aboard a UFO and examined by 10 green creatures with triangular eyes.

"In his first session with the doctors he said the creature escorted him to a very large, triangular UFO with several portholes and a round or semi-circular base.

"He said there was brilliant light inside the UFO and it was very hot,'

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ANOTHER CLOSE CONTACT ON RÉUNION-Part 1

Lieut - Colonel Lobet

Traumatic after-effects experienced by witness after encounter with UFO and occupants.
Translation from the French by Gordon Creighton

THE percipient in this case was Antoine Séverin, a 21-year-old resident of this French-speaking island, long a French colony and today one of the Territories of overseas France.

I— Statement by Antoine Séverin of February 19, 1975

“During the night of February 11–12, 1975, I had a dream about *grapes*. Also, that same night, I dreamed (although I did not ‘see’ anything) that I was hearing a sort of *beep-beeping* noise, which seemed at times to be coming from very near, and at other times from very far away. It went on all that night.

“On the morning of February 12, while I was brushing my teeth, I could still hear the same sound, but now seemingly coming from very far away. Before I went off to work, I spoke about my ‘grape’ dream to my girl friend, Mauricette Leperlier. Then, during the course of that morning, I also talked about it to two of my work-mates, Marc Lauret and Guy Pothin. They said they had never had dreams about grapes. I wanted to talk to them about the other dream too — about the *beeping* noise — but I couldn’t do it. I don’t know why I was in such a nervy state. I was able to do my work, but there was this interference, because all the time I could still hear that same sound. I thought of going to see a doctor about it, but something stopped me. So this state of affairs lasted till Friday, February 14.

“On that day, Friday, February 14, at 12.05 p.m., I told the lady for whom I worked that I simply had to go. She was astonished, because it was just on closing time at the shop. But it might have happened at any time during that morning. The *beep-beep* noise was deafening. I dashed out, and ran along past the stadium, and then past the cemetery — my usual route. Meanwhile the sound was getting louder and louder. At times I slowed down to a walk, and then started running again. There was nobody else about. Then suddenly I felt myself stopped, as though held back by some supernatural force.

“By then I was close to the path leading off to my own cottage, and to my parents’ cottage, but I was still on the main road. I felt as though my eardrums were about to burst. I turned round slowly and got off the road, and went a distance of a few metres into the maize field. Then I felt a strange sort of heat, accompanied by a burning blast of air. I stood there,

This extraordinary case occurred on the slopes of Le Calvaire, a hill some 300 metres outside the township of Petite-Ile near the southern coast of the island of Réunion, lying between Madagascar and Mauritius, in the Indian Ocean. Lt. Col Lobet’s excellent and very detailed account was published by *Lumières dans la Nuit* No. 147 (August-September 1975). We are indebted to LDLN’s Editorial Committee for permission to reproduce it now in full in *Flying Saucer Review*.
— EDITOR

just rooted to the spot, as though paralyzed. I couldn’t move a finger. It was then that I caught sight of a machine shaped like a large hat, or like a cup set on top of a saucer upside down.

“The object was intensely bright. It was of aluminium colour, and it was at a height of about 1m.50 from the ground. That is to say, it was stationary, and it was emitting the sound. Then I saw a ladder with three steps, which appeared from the under-part of the saucer. The ladder was inclined at an angle of about 45°, but did not touch the ground. Then a weird little man came out of the machine, in close-fitting clothes like the “Michelin man” and he too was all shining, just like the saucer. In his right hand he held something, also shining, about 30 cm long. On the ladder, he seemed to be quite free and easy in his movements, but as soon as he was on the ground his gait became different, clumsy. He walked with his feet together. A second little man came and joined him, and then a third. The first one was scratching the ground. The second one was holding a small bag, also brightly shining, but I did not see the first one put any earth into it. All three of the little fellows had antennae on their heads, one on each side. I had a profile view of them.

“At one point, I saw his antennae moving. At that same instant it really dawned on me what I was seeing. Then suddenly my gaze moved up to the top of the saucer, to the turret. And there, through one of the portholes, I saw the head of a fourth ‘robot.’ I think the third little man must meanwhile have given the alarm when he caught sight of me. Then I felt myself hurled on to my back by a powerful flash of light. I was able to see how the little men went up the ladder² again, faster than they had come down it. The ladder was drawn up, making a ‘hydraulic’ sort of sound. Then, immediately, the machine rose up