

coming over Duppas Hill and saw a light in the sky. It was like a candle flame but not flickering. It remained stationary for perhaps five minutes, but I had no watch to be certain of time. Then it increased in length and bent over to the left, assuming a head like a caterpillar, and stretched out like a spring behind it, the colour fading to a lemon yellow. It then moved on in a straight line across the sky, getting fainter and fainter until it finally disappeared. I should say I watched it for about ten minutes. I should be grateful if you or any of your readers could explain this phenomenon." The newspaper added that several of its reporters also witnessed this strange apparition in the sky and calls for a scientific explanation.

(Credit to Mr. J. A. Hunter.)

Triangular object over Eyres Monsell

Mr. E. Adkins, who lives at 4 Grant Way, Eyres Monsell, told the *Leicester Mercury* (see issue dated November 8, 1961) that at 4.30 p.m. on Friday, November 3, he saw an object like a brilliant star with an orange centre flying about 600 miles per hour due south. It was triangular and appeared to be about three times the size of a Vulcan bomber. Mr. Adkins states that a woman with a young child also saw the object.

Noise over Dursley

The Gloucestershire *Dursley Gazette* on November 4, 1961, reported that a noisy object passed over Wotton-under-Edge in the early hours of Sunday morning (October 29) and that two hours later it returned. At 3.30 a.m. local people were disturbed by the sound of a rocket-type craft which could be heard passing very slowly over Synwell. On its return its speed was sufficiently slow to enable people to get out of bed and peer from their windows in an attempt to see what it was. An investigation carried out by the *Dursley Gazette* failed to discover anybody who had actually seen the

machine. Several experienced persons, however, were convinced that the sound had a rocket source and that it was not a jet-plane.

One of our area investigators received reports of "bangs" having been heard in the early hours of Sunday morning. Whatever caused these noises remains a complete mystery.

EGYPT:

Cairo "air raids"

The London *Daily Express* on January 29 carried the following report: "A new air raid by an undisclosed number of unidentified planes was reported from Suez tonight (January 28). Ack-ack guns fired during the 15-minute raid. No details are known. Yesterday (January 27) there was a two-hour blackout when a 'handful' of unspecified planes flew over Suez." On February 1, the *Daily Express* again reported an "air raid" over Suez, this time on January 31. This report added that the Middle East News Agency had stated that "hostile aircraft" tried to infringe Egyptian airspace. It also claimed that ack-ack guns had opened fire again.

SCOTLAND:

Space-ship over Fintry

Last November, a number of correspondents wrote to the *Dundee Courier and Advertiser* about a remarkable sighting witnessed over Fintry. Mr. J. A. Walker, who lives at 286 Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee, confirmed that the mysterious object had been seen by several members of the Craigiebank Church Dramatic Association when leaving the church after rehearsals. In his own words, "the object was seen at a height of about 15,000 feet in a northerly direction. It was of no determinable shape, but carried a large red light, which flicked on and off. There was also a bright white light on the body, which remained constant. The flying

object was moving very slowly in a south-westerly direction, rapidly losing height, and eventually disappeared behind some houses." The object was also seen by a Mr. G. Cunningham, of 44 Lansdowne Square, Dundee.

SOUTH AFRICA:

Search for crashed UFO

The *Diamond Fields Advertiser* on October 11, 1961, carried the following report: "The unidentified object that crashed to the ground high up in the Zoutpansberg, 40 miles from Louis Trichardt, in the Northern Transvaal, at 7.45 a.m. on Monday was definitely not a satellite or rocket fired from the American rocket range at Cape Canaveral, a U.S.A. Embassy spokesman said in Pretoria yesterday (October 10, 1961.)

"The object has not yet been found, nor has further confirmation of any such object been received. Sergeant J. B. Haasbrook, station commander at Mara, told Sapa in an interview here last night. Sergeant Haasbrook said that the search would continue.

"Officials at Cape Canaveral telephoned the missile test liaison officer at the Embassy, Major B. L. Spivey, on Monday night—a few hours after news of the phenomenon was flashed overseas. They told him it was not anything launched by them, and asked him to report back his findings immediately."

Sky objects over Natal

On December 24, Mr. C. A. Cilliers, a local weather observer of Prieska, reported that he had seen seven unidentified flying objects travelling at great speed and shining brightly. Mr. Cilliers testified that the objects "moved in a loose formation at about 60,000 feet and were shining brightly even though the sun was behind them." Other people in Prieska confirmed Mr. Cilliers's observations.

(See the *Natal Daily News*, December 26, 1961. Credit to Mr. Philipp J. Human.)