

There is much more that one would have liked to have learned about this incident, so it is unfortunate that we have not yet a taped report of the interview with the couple.

However, Uti Siebrecht's sketches, plus the two sketches by the witnesses themselves, should suffice to show us that, whatever it was that they saw, it was certainly no ordinary little children's spinning-top!

"When I clap my hands near an ordinary housefly, it quickly flies away. I removed the wings from an experimental fly and clapped my hands, but it didn't move. Thus, I conclude that when you remove a house-fly's wings it goes deaf."

**— Roger Mason, New York City
(From OMNI, October 1983)**



Eyewitnesses Dr Roberto Domingos and wife Sra Regina Clara Domingos.

A CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE THIRD KIND ON AN ESTONIAN ISLAND

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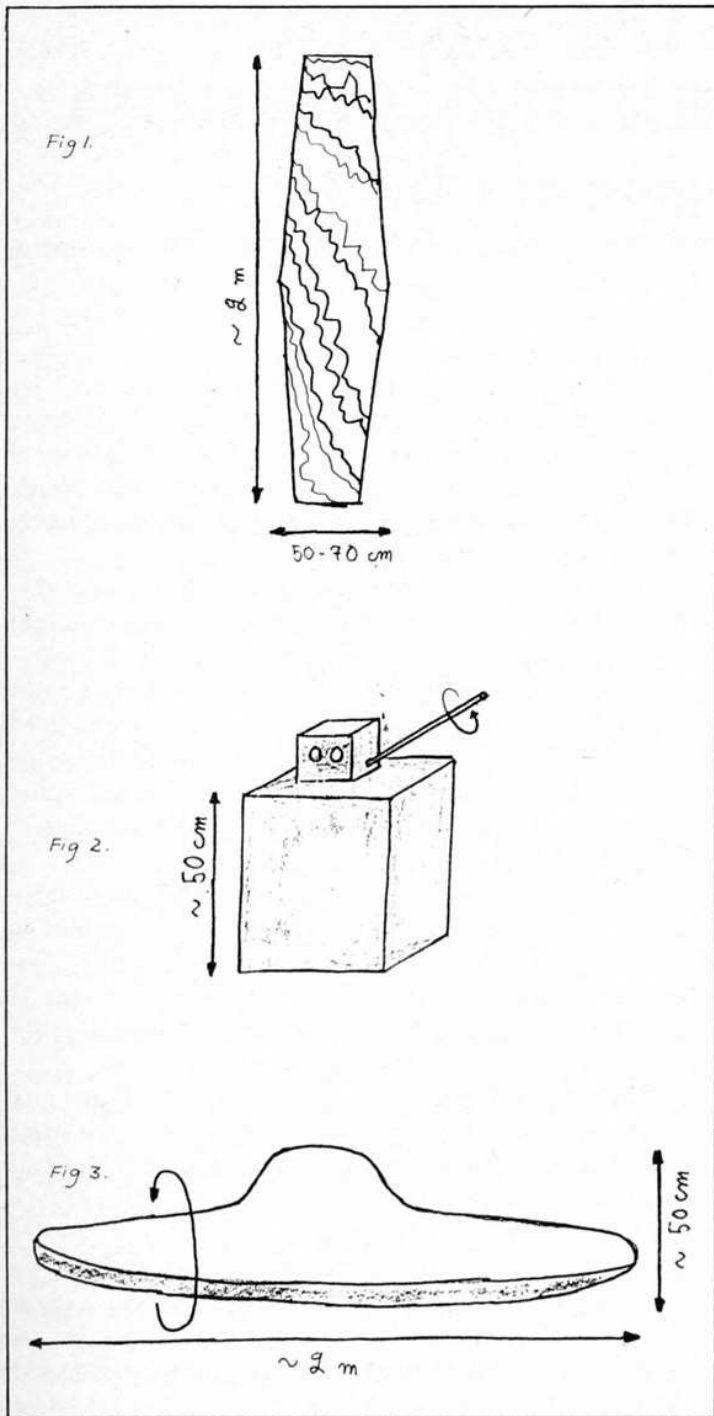
When Swedish-Finnish investigators were able to visit the Estonian Republic recently from Sweden they were given some interesting UFO reports. Part of this material, relating to a Soviet contact case near Pyrogovskoe Lake in the USSR, has already been reproduced in an article by Heikki Virtanen in FSR Volume 28, No. 3. We now give below a further report which was secured by Heikki Virtanen and his colleagues during the same visit. He tells us that the story had to be repeated to him orally and written down very rapidly, so some details may have been missed. As Estonia (population: 1,300,000) has been, since June 16, 1940, under loving military occupation by the greatest imperialistic power (population: 268,000,000) that our planet has ever known, it has, moreover, been necessary to omit certain other details in order to protect the witnesses and the investigators who have been involved. EDITOR

THIS sighting occurred at the end of August 1980. The time was about 6.00 pm. on a Sunday evening, and the eyewitness, a factory worker, was engaged in checking some instruments in the yard of the plant, located on one of the Estonian Islands, when suddenly he caught sight of a peculiar, colourful object standing on the ground about 30 m. from him. The object glittered in different colours, and his first thought was that it must be something that had been forgotten and had been left outside by other employees.

He approached the object (see Fig. 1), but when he was some 20 m. or so from it, he observed that there was a black cube beside it. This cube was about half a

metre in height, and on it was another, smaller cube in which some kind of a 'tube' was rotating. (Fig. 2.) The object which had first caught his attention, as he could now observe, was a cylinder with tapering ends, in which something like "streams" of different coloured lights were moving. The "streams" were the longer the lower they were. Both the object and the two cubes had clear contours.

His first thought after noticing the cubes was that the rotating 'tube' was investigating bitumen. About 20 seconds after he had caught sight of the cubes the upper one began to rotate horizontally, and two holes became visible. Then all of a sudden an orange-



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coloured beam of light came from them and struck the witness. He felt no pain, but felt merely as though the air around him had become warmer. He felt himself beginning to fall backwards, but still conscious.

The witness experienced no shock when he hit the ground. It was as though he were lying on something soft. Then, as he lay there, he observed how the brightly coloured object began to change shape. Somehow it seemed that it "sank" down, and became a "classical saucer" (Figure 3).

Then the saucer began to rotate vertically, showing its under-side, which was black, and then it vanished.

The witness is not sure what became of the two cubes, but he assumes that they went into the cylinder/"saucer".

When the UFO had gone, the witness found that he was able to get up from the ground, and he went back into the factory.

For about twenty minutes after his experience he felt ill, but no other consequences seem to have been noted. He did not dare to tell anyone of his experience except his wife, and even her he did not tell until a week later.

Some time after that, when the witness was a little talkative after drinking, he related his experience to a female acquaintance who, in turn, informed the Estonian UFO investigators.

It was possible to examine the landing site only a year after the sighting. Several botanical specimens were taken for testing and for Kirlian-analysis, but these all proved to be normal. It must, of course, be emphasised that the landing-site is right in the middle of an industrial area, so that any traces that might have remained from the landing would long ago have been contaminated with industrial residue. The radioactivity reading for the spot was found to be normal.

We also received some information about a UFO sighting by Frontier Guards at about the same period, but naturally it was not possible for us to verify this or to secure any details.

The sketches which we give are based on drawings made by the Estonian investigators.

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A CLOSE SIGHTING IN THE CANTAL, AUVERGNE (SOUTH-CENTRAL FRANCE)

Christian Caudy, regional delegate of L.D.L.N.

We are much indebted to the Editorial Committee of *Lumières Dans La Nuit*, from No. 225-226 of whose Journal (March-April 1983) this interesting case has been taken.

(Précis translation from French)

Date: About 11.00 a.m. on a Sunday in October 1964.

Place: Plateau of Le Pieu (altitude: 800 m.), in Commune of St. Cirgues-de-Malbert, Cantal, Auvergne.

THE two eyewitnesses, a brother and a sister, have asked to remain anonymous, from fear of ridicule. We shall call them Monsieur F — and Madame Y —. Their true names, addresses, and professions are known to the investigator who dealt with this case. Both eyewitnesses now live in Mauriac (Cantal) where the lady is a bookseller and her brother is engaged in one of the liberal professions.

At the date of the events Mme. Y — was 24 years old and her brother F— was 18. Both were then unmarried, and were living in Clermont-Ferrand where the lady had her business. F— at the time was still a student (of Law).

The weather was very fine, and the sky clear, the temperature mild, and there was no wind. Le Pieu is a little plateau at 800 m., and the Commune of St.-Cirgues comprises some 300 inhabitants. As readers will know, the whole region of Auvergne was once covered with active volcanoes, and the geological charts show that the nearby village of l'Hôpital stands on volcanic *breccia*. (No nearby fault-line is mentioned.)

The two eyewitnesses were on the southern rim of the plateau above a cliff facing southwards. A power-line (10,000 volts) passes up and over the cliff, and the UFO appeared right above this line. Another very high tension line (225 kW.), running N-S, lies not far to the east.

Both of the eyewitnesses were interrogated (separately), but as Monsieur F— had the clearer recollection of the details of the episode, it is his version that is given here:—

The Sighting, Described by Monsieur F—

"It was about 11.00 a.m. on a Sunday in October 1964. We had set out from Salers (our parents' home) and we had with us a dog, a pointer, which my father had on approval. We wanted to give it a trial. We had left the car and were strolling on the plateau, and the dog frisking around, when suddenly he dashed back to us, howling dreadfully,

and lay down at my feet. At the same moment we caught the sound of a gentle humming which made us look up, and we were amazed to see a sort of metallic saucer coming very fast from the south. My sister, standing on my right, was completely bowled over by the sight.

"The craft came to a halt right there, at a distance of some 30 m. in front of us, and at a height of 20 m. at the very most from the ground.

"It was just above the edge of the cliff, and emitting this gentle humming noise. As seen from where we were it looked oval. It was a disc, surmounted by a dome. The disc part looked quite thick, and I could see small portholes around it, though I could not now say how many.

"It had a beautiful metallic look, and shone brilliantly in the sunlight. It was the silvery colour of aluminium kitchen-ware. It would be difficult to estimate its size exactly, but I would say it was at least 10 m. wide, and its thickness through the part where the dome was would be about 3.5 m.

"My reaction was instantaneous. I had my gun with me (as we were planning to try out the gun-dog) and I quickly brought the weapon up and aimed it at the object. My sister yelled: "*Don't be a fool!*", so I lowered the gun.

"The sighting must have lasted about two minutes at the most. Then it began to move again and shot off at high speed back towards the South. As it went it was climbing slightly, and was out of sight in just a few seconds.

"I felt at once that it must be extraterrestrial. We didn't so much feel panic as a sort of utter astonishment that rooted us to the spot. We were flabbergasted, and in a way annoyed too by the apparition — we felt it was a sort of 'intellectual provocation', because neither of us believed in UFOs! We are very rational, balanced and sober people. We hadn't been drinking.

"We at once hurried down the hill. My sister wanted to ask at the first house we came to, whether the people there had seen it, but I wouldn't let her. Arriving home, we told our parents we had seen a Flying Saucer, but obviously they couldn't take it seriously. A day or so later we went up there again, but found no marks or anything."