

from Benson. It was high up, and partly obscured by clouds. It moved to the right, but then appeared to move back again. It kept disappearing behind the clouds.'

"Mr. Bullen said it was difficult to describe, but it looked as though 'It had legs dangling from the outside edge—like an octopus. It was rather long.'

"Mr. Bullen said the object had a long plume trailing behind it, 'rather like the jet stream from an aircraft taking off at London Airport.' He said it was not possible to estimate how far away the object was 'and I don't know whether we saw the whole of it.'

"Although there were high clouds, Mr. Bullen said the visibility was very clear at the time.

"Mr. Carpenter said the object looked like 'A flock of birds wheeling round' when he first spotted it.

"It came out of the clouds and then appeared to be solid. I had seen Argosy aircraft flying around from Benson but this object was on a different course, it looked like a Portuguese Man O'War with tentacles and the strange thing about it was that it went backwards as well as forwards.'

"When they returned from Didcot, he studied an Ordnance Survey Map, and estimated that the object was probably flying near Nuneham Courtenay or Sandford when they saw it.

"It was visible to us for about a minute, before it disappeared completely behind the clouds,' Mr. Carpenter added."

### Caversham 'Cylinder'

From the *Reading Evening Post* of November 18, 1966, we learn of yet another Berkshire UFO report, this time by Ascold Krushelovky, 12 of Caversham. Ascold, a pupil of Stoneham Grammar School, was interviewed by Messrs. Miller, Crabtree and Turner of the Cambridge University Group for the Investigation of UFOs, as part of their investigation of several of the recent Berkshire cases.

"On Wednesday night Ascold was keeping watch for the Leonid Shower of meteors, which the earth is at present running through.

"About 10.45 p.m. he noticed an object coming in the sky from a north westerly direction. He did not take much notice of it at first—until he realised it was not an aeroplane.

"The object, which was about 60-70 feet above the ground corresponded to the description given by

Mr. Prynn. It was cylindrical in shape and about 25 feet long. But Ascold believes there was some kind of slit in the front. He watched the object for about 30 seconds before it passed over his road about three houses to the left of his. He estimated the speed of the object at about 15-20 mph and said he could not hear any sound from it. There were no flames but it was giving off a bluish light. It had no wings.

"The Cambridge students spoke to Ascold before he went to school this morning, and the chairman of the group, John Crabtree, who is studying theoretical physics, said: 'He is a very intelligent boy, and was so straightforward and matter of fact about it that he certainly didn't make it up.'"

### Reading mystery object

The *Reading Evening Post* of November 19, carried yet another Berkshire sighting report:

"Last night's sighting was made by 12-year-old Neil Hesman, of 7 Derby Road, and confirmed by his mother, Mrs. Irene Hesman.

"They both saw a large, bright light going vertically into the sky 'like a lift going up at an angle.' Through a pair of 'not very powerful binoculars' Neil was able to see that the shape of the light was oval. The light was greenish.

"The object was spotted at half a minute past 8 p.m. and Neil and his mother watched it for about a minute before it disappeared."

### North Berks again

One more to notch up on the Berkshire November scoreboard was reported in the *Oxford Mail* of November 19:

"Another mystery object is reported today to have been seen hovering over North Berkshire. This time it is by a housewife who was shutting her dogs up for the night.

"It was about 8 p.m. last night when 25-year-old Mrs. Gillian Partlett, who lives at Hedgerows, Abingdon Road, Clifton Hampden, says she saw the object which seemed to be in the direction of Wittenham Clumps.

"I noticed a light out of the corner of my eye and then looked up to see this bright orange object. At first I thought it was an aeroplane and it gradually started coming nearer and nearer to me," said Mrs. Partlett. . . . 'It came towards me and then suddenly started

moving back into the sky and the light became paler and paler until it disappeared.'

"It was only for about two minutes that the object hovered above her and during this time her two corgis started whining. 'They were making a dreadful noise,' she said."

### CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Czech newspaper *Lidova Demokracie*, of September 2, published letters from readers claiming to have seen an unidentified flying object over the Krkonose Mountains. The object appeared to be of a triangular shape, with an orange glow at its centre. One reader claimed to have seen a huge balloon towing a rainbow-coloured triangle in the same region about three weeks ago. This object had been visible for four hours before darkness, and had been seen by several other people.

—(From CTK, Czech Broadcasting Station, in English, 1800 GMT, September 2, 1966).

[It is possible that the time of the earlier sighting coincided with that of the Bavarian sighting, when U.S. Air Force jets were involved—see *World Round-up* in the issue for November/December 1966. On that occasion the object was described as a balloon with triangular shape below it—EDITOR]

### HONG KONG

#### High speed balloon

From the *South China Morning Post* of November 9 we learn of . . .

"The sighting of a balloon-shaped flying object, cruising at high speed over the Lion Rock hill ranges, was reported by a European woman resident in Kowloon Tong yesterday.

"Mrs. Airene Johnson, who lives near the Baptist College, at the end of Waterloo Road, said the object appeared to be green in colour and was flying silently above the Lion Rock Hill ranges shortly after 11 a.m."

### ITALY

#### More about the 'gnomes'

Gordon Creighton has translated for us the following item from *Il Giornale del Mattino* of July 14, 1966—

"The press has been called upon once more to take an interest in alleged space objects. This time the eyewitness accounts come from

several people. One of them is the railway linesman who tends the level-crossing at the village of Fornacette on the Pisa-Florence line.

"Here are the facts. It was not much after 2.00 a.m. during the night of July 13, when the linesman, Camillo Faieta, aged 35 and living at Pontedera, Via Provinciale Pisana 97, who was on duty at the level-crossing station, was suddenly dazzled by a most powerful light.

"Recovering from his initial and comprehensible state of alarm, Faieta attempted to find out what was happening. And so it was that he discovered that the powerful luminosity was coming from the Emissario Canal which flows past at a distance of a few score metres from his level-crossing station.

"Suddenly the light was extinguished, and Faieta saw, or at any rate thought he saw, a stationary object right in the middle of the canal at the spot where a sort of little island about three or four metres wide, and no more than thirty metres long, has formed in the centre of the water. And, on this island, so Faieta declared to the Ansa News Agency, two 'little men' had emerged from the flying saucer."

"After a short while, the intensely bright light came on again, lighting up everything as though it were day. And the mysterious object rose from the ground without the least sound whatever and vanished in the twinkling of an eye.

"Faieta telephoned the Carabinieri post at Pontedera and the next station along the line, Cascina. Railway police arrived from Cascina shortly afterwards and made an intensive search for any traces of the machine Faieta said he had seen.

"The crossing-attendant at Arnaccio, about a kilometre distant from Fornacette, also reported that he had seen a dazzling bright light and he telephoned to his colleague at Fornacette to ask him what was the matter. Furthermore, a truck-driver named Vittorio Camillini reported that, as he was driving along state highway No. 67 towards Pisa, he had seen an immensely bright very

white light shining precisely from the direction of Fornacette, and had been so dazzled by it that in fact he had been obliged to pull up at the side of the road.

"The crossing-attendant at Arnaccio, Giuseppe Valeriana, had a very clear view of the point of origin of the dazzling light, and consequently his account served to confirm Faieta's statement that the mysterious object had landed.

"Furthermore, there was a motorist driving along the Florence-Mare Road. Just as he was entering the section of road that crosses the Bientina marshes heading for Pisa, he was able to observe the light for some time, as his view of it was not obscured by houses or trees. What he saw was a great fiery thing in the sky, like an intensely luminous ball, which was moving at a staggering speed from Pontedera towards the west."

—Credit: Roberto Pinotti of Rimini.

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### Salesman's contact claim

The story of Woodrow Derenberger's alleged encounter with UFO and entities near Parkersburg, West Virginia, was carried by several newspapers. The following account, in which Mr. Derenberger is described as a sober, church-going local salesman from the Parkersburg district, is taken from the *Albuquerque Journal* of Nov. 5, 1966, from Albuquerque, New Mexico, sent to us by reader A. J. Van Cleave of Taos, N.M. We also have accounts from the Denver Post and The Cleveland Press based on UPI news items . . .

"Derenberger spun a strange tale at a news conference Thursday. He told of an encounter with a flying saucer and telepathic conversation with its humanlike occupant who promised him he would be contacted again.

"Derenberger said the episode began shortly before 7.30 p.m. Wednesday as he was driving home from Marietta, Ohio, on Interstate 77. He said a 'dark, long object' travelling at about the same speed as his panel truck 'cut in front of

my vehicle and continued to travel at some distance sideways.'

"He said the object was charcoal grey in colour, 'apparently made of some kind of metal and shaped something like an old kerosene lamp globe, having a flat bottom and a domelike top.'

"There were no visible lights on the object, Derenberger said, but it emitted a 'fluttering, soft noise' as it moved along 'eight to ten inches above the pavement, blocked the highway and finally stopped.'

"From this point, Derenberger said, a door in the side of the UFO opened, much like a car door, and a 'man' stepped out. The man approached Derenberger's truck, and told him to roll down the window. During the following 'five to ten minute conversation,' the saucer occupant communicated with Derenberger through 'thought waves or mental telepathy.' His lips were closed and he smiled constantly, Derenberger said. He described the occupant as six feet tall, 35 to 40 years old 'by our standards,' weighing 185 pounds, with dark hair slicked back, and a dark complexion. He wore a 'short topcoat, with trousers visible below the coat, and a shirt buttoned at the neck.'

"His clothing was 'blue and quite shiny, having a glistening effect.'

"'Have no fear, we come from a country that is not nearly as powerful as yours. We mean you no harm,' he quoted the individual.

"As the man 'spoke,' Derenberger said the 'saucer' hovered into a position 50 to 75 feet over the highway. Derenberger said he was asked what the lights were in the distance, and he replied that it was the city of Parkersburg. Derenberger said the man said a similar place in his country was called a 'gathering.'

"Derenberger said the man described himself as a 'searcher,' and called himself by name as 'Cold.'

"Derenberger said the man promised to contact him again, and suggested that he notify the local authorities. The UFO then returned to the scene, and another occupant reached an arm out the door to help his companion back aboard.

## MAJORCA (Continued from Page 19)

saw has satisfied us that UFOs exist. What we saw was not of this planet, and was at least as large as three of our largest planes put together. The rest is guesswork! But if we see anything again I shall endeavour to get photographs of it for visual proof."

In a postscript Mr. Huggins added that they had

been told by the Whitney Straights that the object was seen by the radar station (American) on Mallorca and was **not** identified. It should be remembered, however, that Mr. Huggins' letter was written fourteen days after the Air Commodore's letter to Mr. Creighton.