

dematerialisations of material proofs, such as tapes and motion pictures. But, to prove the book is nonsense is quite another matter! This week Uri performed on Television here with thousands of pieces of cutlery. He mended watches and electrical gadgets, etc. There was quite an air of excite-

ment throughout the whole of the country, but that could have been nothing to do with UFOs.

Yours truly,  
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September 17, 1975.

[But the claims that have been put forward by Uri Geller and his mentors, are that he gets his powers from UFO entities — hence our interest. Furthermore it seems more than likely that there is an overlap between UFOs and other matters and events parapsychological — EDITOR]

# World round-up

of news and comment  
about recent sightings

## England Caterham Landing?

We learn from the *Caterham Times* of September 19, 1975, of a report of a possible landing near this Surrey town,—“An unidentified Flying Object was seen by two Caterham people minutes before it was thought to have landed in a field near the town.

“Airports and police were informed of a ‘flying saucer’ that had been spotted by residents in Eldon Road, Caterham, at about 2 o’clock on Tuesday morning.

“Mr. Jack Hennequin an advertising manager, said the craft had bright red, green and white lights and was rotating rapidly.

“He could not believe his eyes and went to tell Caterham police who in turn launched a small search of their own. Simultaneously a warning went out to airports.

“But within two minutes of the craft appearing it had descended below tree level and was out of sight. No trace has been found since.

“Mr. Hennequin’s 19-year-old girlfriend said she was on her way home when she saw a fixed red light and many circling white lights in the sky.

“‘It was nothing like a plane or anything else I have ever seen in the sky. It was definitely round and descended vertically in a very short time. It was really unbelievable.

“‘The funny thing is I am normally so sceptical of things like that. If before Tuesday morning anyone told me they had seen a flying saucer I would just have laughed.’

“She felt scared and wanted to get home quickly, but Mr. Hennequin was fascinated. He wanted to get a picture to endorse the remarkable story.

“‘I was quite amazed. It was flying quite low, so low in fact that as I approached it went behind the trees as if it were landing.’

“The couple believe the craft could have been linked to the unidentified flying object that was sighted in Ireland a few days ago. They had read a newspaper report on Monday that citizens had spotted a flying saucer hovering above an Irish town.

“Both are certain it was from ‘outer space’. They said it was travelling much faster than any plane they had seen and its strange lights were rotating. ‘I only wish I had evidence to show people,’ said Mr. Hennequin.

“It is the first report of a flying saucer Caterham police have received for at least three years.

“It is similar to a recent sighting at Haslemere on the other side of Surrey.”

## England Bell-shaped UFO near Winnersh

A newspaperman’s wife was the witness of a UFO visitation which was reported to her husband’s colleague, Mark Prior, whose story was published in the *Reading Chronicle* of August 29, 1975,—“A Wokingham woman claims she has seen what may have been a visit from outer space by a flying saucer.

“The bell-shaped object was seen for about four or five minutes, hovering over the Winnersh area on Wed-

nesday night by Mrs. Jill Bodman.

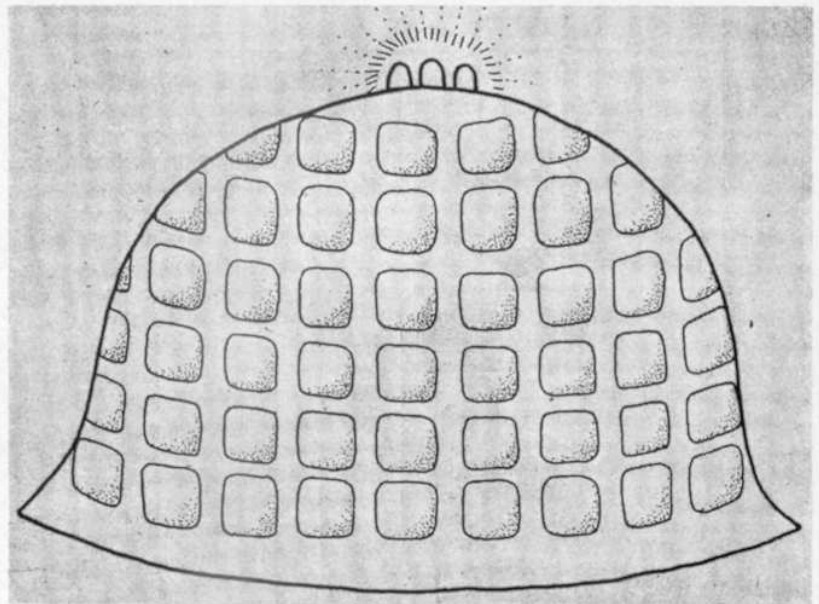
“She said she first saw it at Winnersh, moving slowly, just above rooftop height. Several times it disappeared behind trees and then went out of sight at Emmbrook Park.

“Mrs. Bodman, a 22-year-old secretary of Peach Street, Wokingham, described what she saw and our artist’s impression was made up from it.

“It was bell-shaped, with a rounded bottom and small indentations covering the object. Metallic grey in colour, it had flashing green and white lights on the top. There were no windows of any kind and no signs of life. She guessed there would have been room for about two people in it — if it were carrying human beings.

“She was in a car on the Wokingham Road at the time.

“Mrs. Bodman, explaining what happened, said: ‘It was about 10.30 p.m. and my husband and I were travelling towards Wokingham. When we got to Winnersh I noticed this thing in the sky and at first I thought



Our artist's impression of the U.F.O. seen between Reading and Wokingham by Mrs. Jill Bodman on Wednesday evening. She said that the square “panels” did not appear to be windows but indentations.

The *Reading Chronicle* artist’s impression of the UFO seen by Mrs. Jill Bodman on the night of August 27.

it was an aeroplane or a helicopter. "I was afraid it might crash, because it was so low. It was hovering just above the rooftops.

"Then I realised it was like nothing I had ever seen before. I could not believe my eyes, but it was a flying saucer. It was definitely not an aeroplane or a helicopter. It looked vaguely like the Apollo spacecraft. It was that sort of shape, but more rounded at the top," said Mrs. Bodman.

"She could not say whether it made any noise, because she was in a car.

"I saw it for about five minutes, but it kept dropping behind trees and the roofs of houses. It was a clear night and I got a good view of it," she added.

"Her husband, *Chronicle* photographer Bob Bodman, was driving and was only able to get a glimpse of the lights. After the object went out of sight he and his wife turned off the road at Emmbrook, in an attempt to get a picture of the strange object, but it had gone.

"There were no reports to local police of any other eye witnesses of what could have been a visitor from another world, but there was a similar sighting from Tilehurst.

"A resident reported seeing something hovering in the area at about 10.00 p.m. He could not give a clear description."

#### Baffling Berkshire light

The following extract was taken from the *Abingdon Herald* of September 4, 1975,—"A Wallingford man has seen a red light — and he is wondering if anyone else saw it too.

"Mr. Roger Goodwin was with a colleague at Didcot Power Station, where he works, when they saw the light in the sky in the Harwell direction. 'It appeared to be too big for an aircraft light, and it was certainly going too fast for any civilian aircraft,' he told me. 'The curious thing was that it just suddenly went out; it was not high in the sky, but certainly too high to have disappeared behind any feature of the landscape.' It was travelling south-east, he estimates.

"He saw no other lights to indicate that it was an aircraft, and heard no sound. That was on Friday night, at about 9.15, and of course it was dark.

"According to a Press report, about 45 minutes later two boys saw an object over Caversham which baffled them. One was quoted as saying: 'A big plane was going over when we saw this object underneath it. It was oblong shaped and a silvery colour. It seemed to block out the plane and then disappear.' And two nights before that a woman reported a bell-shaped object hovering over Winnersh.

"If anyone can corroborate Mr.

Goodwin's story, I should be pleased to let him know."

#### Rash of Reading UFO reports

At least a half page of the *Reading Chronicle* of September 5, 1975 was devoted to an investigation of the Thames Valley sightings by staff writer Mark Prior who from the outset put forward his personal interpretation of the reports,—"It now seems almost certain that Reading was visited by something from outer space last week.

"Many accounts of sightings of the unidentified flying object indicate that what passed over Reading on Wednesday night last week was definitely not an aircraft or a helicopter.

"One popular theory is that the round or oblong object that shone brightly, hovered and moved at astonishing speed could have been a meteorological balloon. But there were no balloons in the area at the time. "The report by Mrs. Jill Bodman of a bell-shaped craft hovering over Winnersh was followed by a host of reports to the 'Chronicle' of a strange craft seen in various parts of the town at about the same time.

"Though descriptions differed in several respects there were startling similarities in every case.

"From the reports it appears that the UFO began its low pass at Winnersh. There it hovered for some minutes before moving in a northerly direction, travelling over the town centre at a fairly slow speed.

"It continued north over Caversham and then picked up a 'tremendous' speed by the time it reached Emmer Green. An eye witness to its spectacular departure from the sky said it went a bright orange as it accelerated and disappeared in a flash of blue light.

"All those who saw it said it was moving quite slowly or hovering just above the roof tops. They all agreed there were very bright lights shining from it and that at no time did it make any noise.

"Each witness stated categorically it was not an aeroplane or a helicopter or like anything they had ever seen before.

"Mrs. Bodman saw the object over Winnersh and said it was a dull metallic grey in colour and shone brightly when it reflected light.

"It was next seen passing over Earley and a few minutes later it was seen by three members of the Ryde family of Downshire Square, Reading.

"Three of us all saw it from our garden," said Mrs. Rose Ryde. 'It looked like a falling star at first but it had a little light on top of it. It is hard to describe but it was going very fast and moving to the north west.

"It did not look like a balloon or an aircraft. It must have been a flying saucer. At first I laughed it off but when I saw the article in the paper I realised I had seen the same thing.'

"Mrs. Ryde's two grand-children, Steven and Philip, also saw the visitors from space.

"Two young planespotters, who were on the lookout for Concorde, got quite a shock when all they saw was a flying saucer.

"Ian Cox and Mark Huntley, both 12, of Valentine Crescent, Caversham, said the object was moving so fast they only saw it for a few seconds.

"It was round and oblong in shape and made no noise at all,' Mark explained. 'It was travelling very fast, much faster than a plane. In fact it went right under a plane that was going over.

"It was a dull silvery grey colour and it came up from the south. It was going too fast to be a helicopter or balloon.'

"The last sighting was made by Mrs. Denise Palmer, of Eccles Close, Caversham, who described how the strange object vanished into the night sky over Emmer Green.

"All I got to see of it was the light — it was a bit like a star. It made no noise and I thought that was strange. I kept my eyes on it and it hovered for a while.

"It was completely quiet but it suddenly picked up tremendous speed. As it did it turned a bright orange and started to go up. There was a flash of blue light and it was gone," said Mrs. Palmer.

"I think it was probably some sort of UFO. It was very uncanny because nothing could travel at that speed and it went in different colours."

"Neil Shepherd, aged 12, saw the UFO from his home at Hartland Road, Reading. He suggested he saw more than one of them travelling north.

"He told me he spotted five flying saucers in formation. All were bright white and flying in a staggered pattern.

"They were going much faster than a plane and going just above the rooftops. I saw them for about a minute before they flew out of sight. They were very low down and did not make any noise,' said Neil.

"A spokesman for the Meteorological Office at Bracknell said they were not using any weather balloons at the time, although the plastic ones they used reflected light and sometimes had a small lantern on them.

"Most of their balloon ascents were made during daylight hours.

"And at the R.A.F. base at Odiham in Hampshire a spokesman said it was highly unlikely that what was seen was a helicopter.

"We do have aircraft on night

flying but I very much doubt if it was a helicopter. There were none in that area.' He thought it could have been a light jet aircraft which have intensely bright lights and are very quiet.

#### Report from the Yorkshire Moors

The account that follows was taken from the *Huddersfield Examiner* of September 19, 1975,—“Two ‘flying saucers’ were claimed to have been seen over the moors between Huddersfield and Oldham last night.

“The unidentified flying objects — UFOs — were said to have been spotted by a Holmfirth woman, from a car parked at Harden Moss on the road between Holmfirth and Greenfield.

“‘I hope it doesn't sound ridiculous, but whatever these things were they were not normal aircraft,’ she said today.

“‘They were round or oval-shaped with red lights underneath and just hovering over the moors. I'd guess they were about five miles away from me in the direction of Oldham, and about five miles away from each other.’

“She first sighted the UFOs at about 10.30pm and watched them for about quarter of an hour. What prompted her to contact *The Examiner*, she added, was that she had seen two similar craft in the same area six months ago.”

#### More Berkshire activity?

The story of the continuing Thames Valley flaps was carried in the *Reading Evening Post* of September 15, 1975,—

“The Thames Valley may have been visited by unidentified flying objects on Friday night.

“One sighting was made by five boys at the Burghfield Bridge at Holybrook.

“‘I glanced up and saw a white light behind a bush,’ said 15-year-old William Crowley, of Brunel Road, Southcote.

“‘I called my friends and we watched it hover for a while, then it shot down. After a while it came back up again at an angle and we saw a red flash.

“‘Suddenly there was a group of them. My friend saw six and I counted seven. Then a plane came and they all disappeared. Although it was very quick. I think they went towards the motorway.’

“Earlier in the evening, Mrs. Carol Ward of Island Farm Road, Ufton Nervet, spotted something hanging in the night sky from Redhatch Drive, Earley. ‘When I looked up I saw eight lights in the sky,’ she said.

“‘They gave the impression of floodlights or a train in the distance. They remained stationary for some

time and then slowly moved away towards Winnersh.’

“A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: ‘We are unable to make any comment on unidentified flying objects, but anyone who spots one should send us a written report and we can look into it.’”

#### Republic of Ireland Timolin landing?

A UFO at low level was reported in the *Dublin Evening Herald* of September 15, 1975,—“Co. Kildare publican Michael Hennessy today gave Dunsink Observatory experts a detailed account of the unidentified flying object sighted near the village of Timolin yesterday.

“He claims he saw the disc shaped craft hovering in a field and watched it intently for some minutes before it disappeared into a nearby valley.

“The sighting was allegedly made first by his nephew 16 year old Paul Moran who was home for the day from Newbridge College and was out walking the family's new pet dog.

“He shouted excitedly to Mr. Hennessy his uncle, who was sitting in the house.

“Mr. Hennessy went out and said he saw the six foot wide UFO at the end of a field. It was emitting a humming sound and spinning rapidly.

“Mr. Hennessy, a teetotaler said: ‘It was a silvery chrome colour and stayed around for about two minutes. It was an astonishing sight.’”

Credit: A Dublin reader who did not sign.

#### Colombia

##### Warnings of worldwide catastrophes from UFO contactee

The evening edition of the Buenos Aires paper *Ultima Hora* of May 21, 1975, carried an EFE report from Cali, Colombia, quoting an article published in the Cali paper *Occidente*.

Seemingly a Colombian citizen named German Navarrete has been visited by two “men from Mars” named Ran Kar and Kepton. They said they were Martian scientists, and they revealed to Sr. Navarrete by means of mental waves, that, apart from Australia, very few areas of the world will escape the vast geophysical cataclysms which will strike the earth between 1977 and 1988, many regions vanishing altogether beneath the sea. The period of transformation, said they, would embrace three distinct phases, the first of which might include a nuclear war between the Great Powers in 1977.

According to Sr. Navarrete, whom the Colombian paper describes as “not made”, Mars is inhabited by two races of humanoid beings, the one tall, slim but powerfully built, with fair

hair, blue eyes, and skin that looks “almost transparent”, and a shorter, swarthy species, whose mental, scientific, and human development are all in advance of those of Earthlings. The Martians have two languages, called *Sans* and *Iridin*, in which they communicate mentally. Their lifespan is the equivalent of 200 terrestrial years, and they wear clothing made of electromagnetic fabric.

A close approach by Barnard's Star (described in the press report as *Barnard's Planet* or the *Fugitive Planet*) is given as the main cause of these devastating happenings.

Credit: Miss Jane Thomas

Precis translation by Gordon Creighton

[So far as I recall, the star known as “Barnard's Star” is at about six light-years from us, and is stated by astronomers to definitely possess at least one large planet of its own. As it stands this report looks particularly garbled and nonsensical, and one would like to have a clearer idea of what precisely Sr. Navarrete claims to have learned about our future!—G.C.]

#### India

##### You have been warned

From the *Times of India* of August 20, 1975, under the sub-heading *In Search of Temples*.—“The controversial Swiss research scholar and author, Dr. [sic] Erich Von Daniken, is visiting Kashmir in his search for two temples, described in the Old Testament of the Bible, to establish his theory that the earth was visited in ancient times by astronauts from another solar system.

“Dr. Daniken, who is the author of well-known books—‘Chariots Of The Gods,’ ‘Return To The Stars,’ ‘In Search of Ancient Gods’ and ‘Miracles Of The Gods’—believes that two of the seven temples described by Prophet Ezekiel in the Old Testament around 500 B.C. must be in Kashmir.’

Credit: Jal N.D. Tata of Colaba, Bombay, India.

#### Jungle humanoids

A P.T.I. report datelined Dibrugarh May 24, 1975, contains the following interesting information,—“A pair of strange humanoid creatures were captured by the tribal people in Khamti forest in Arunachal Pradesh yesterday.

“Giving this information, Mr. R. Das, superintendent of police of Dibrugarh district, upper Assam, adjoining Arunachal Pradesh, said today the height of the creatures, a male and a female, was estimated at ten feet.

“Mr. Das said the administration was making necessary arrangements to send the creatures to Tazu, the district

headquarters of Tirap in the Urizon territory, for further investigation.—P.T.I.

"[It may be recalled that apart from the "Yeti" (abominable snow man) of the Himalayas, the Americas also have a tradition of giant human-like creatures.]"

Credit: Jal N.D. Tata

#### Rhodesia "Paralyzing" light

The *Rand Daily Mail* of Johannesburg, South Africa, contained in its issue for July 30, 1975, the following strange account,—“After many published reports of an unidentified flying object over Salisbury suburbs in recent weeks, a man living in a town 100 km east of the city has now claimed that he was paralysed by light from a UFO which hovered over his garden on Saturday night.

“Mr. John Clark, 54, a Farmer's Co-op salesman at Macheke, said he was flung to the ground by a mysterious light that appeared at tree-top level 10 m from his house.

“‘I believe it was something from outer space. Judging from the hold it had on me it could have destroyed me straight away,’ he said.

“Mr. Clark explained that he walked out of his house just after 7 pm.

“‘I went round the side of the house and when I was about level with the bedroom window a terrific bright light came on to me. At the same time I was thrown to the ground,’ he said.

“‘I went straight down and I couldn't move.’

“All of the UFO reports around Salisbury have involved a bright orange object either hovering or moving quickly across the night sky. Mr. Clark said the UFO over his house shone with a white light.”

Credit: David Blackwell of Taunton, Devon.

#### Police chase UFO

From the South African newspaper, *Rand Daily Mail* of July 31, 1975, we learn how,—“Two policemen in a patrol car chased an unidentified flying object for 15 km in the Salisbury area on Monday night, in one of the latest of a spate of UFO sightings over Rhodesia.

“Three other policemen saw the UFO from the roof of the main police station in Railway Avenue after the sighting was reported by a woman near Warren Hills.

“The patrolling ‘B’ car crews reported seeing the object stationary about 150 m above the ground, but as they approached, it moved off. They lost sight of it after a 15 km chase.

“‘It appeared to be very bright and orange in colour,’ a police spokesman said.

“At midnight on Monday, Mr. Tony Alexander reported that he and a companion driving from Marandellas to Rusape were followed by a ‘big bright orange light’, about ‘twice as big as the setting sun’, and indented at the top. A smell entered the car ‘like sea water, rotten, like Durban Harbour.’

“Five other sightings were reported on Wednesday in and around Salisbury.”

Credit: David Blackwell of Taunton, Devon.

#### Tanzania Almost human?

The following item, from the *Indian Express* of May 21, 1975 — a Reuter report datelined Dar es Salaam, May 20 — may not concern ufology, but could be of interest to our readers,—

“The Tanzanian Government said today that a coastal fisherman has caught a sea monster with arms and legs, fingers and toes, one ear, a horn, beard and a glowing eye.

“The Government information service said the creature was caught last week by Mr. Mohamed Sefu, off a deep water jetty at Kilwa, southern Tanzania.

“It was said to have ‘two legs with toes on each leg, two arms with five fingers on each. The arms spouted from the chest where there was also one eye. On its right side there was another eye glowing like a lamp during the night.’

“The creature, whose size was not revealed, was also described as having a small horn, an ear, a hump like a cow's, toothless mouth with a large tongue and a beard.”

Credit: Jal N.D. Tata of Colaba, Bombay, India.

#### United States of America Aura of mystery surrounds missing persons

As many as 20 persons from the Newport-Waldport area of Oregon left most of their personal belongings behind to follow the leaders of a crusade called the Human Individual Metamorphosis (HIM) after attending a public meeting conducted by strangers at Walport's Bayshore Inn.

This, and several other meetings, in Oregon, California and Colorado, was held by a man and woman identifying themselves only as “The Two”. They were described as “plain-looking, although neatly dressed, with the appearance of an average middle-aged couple.” They claimed to be from “the same vibrational level” as Jesus Christ, and that they travelled from planet to planet on UFOs. They also said they would be assassinated within the next two months and then resurrected.

Those attending the meetings were told they must discard all possessions and human relationships to qualify for a trip by UFO to another world and a better life.

Authorities in Oregon and California say they have no evidence of wrongdoing. But distraught relatives and friends of HIM converts have complained.

There has been some speculation in the press concerning the converts' disappearance, and there were even fears that it was connected with Manson and ritual murder.

#### U.S.S.R. Tungus Meteorite a Comet

From Bulletin No. 15954 of March 13, 1974, issued by the Novosti Information Service of Moscow, and distributed from 3 Rosary Gardens, London SW7 4NW, we learn that—

“The latest data obtained by Soviet scientists have confirmed that the Tungus meteorite, that fell in Siberia in 1908, was the nucleus of a small comet. Final confirmation of this fact will help in evolving a physical theory of the destruction of comet nuclei in the atmosphere of planets, an article in the magazine *Zemlya i Vseleennaya* (The Earth and the Universe) points out.

“In a peat bog near the centre of the catastrophe scientists discovered at a depth of 25–4 cm, a layer in which there was a profusion of molten glass spheres with bubbles of gas inside. The composition of the particles is unusual: the silicates included in them have a high content of silicon and alkaline metals. The bubbles in some spheres are filled with carbon dioxide or hydrogen sulphide.

“The comet hypothesis of the Tungus meteorite is the only one explaining the “bright nights.” The glow of the sky that was observed for several days after the catastrophe in Siberia and even in the south of France was caused, the scientists believe, by the scattering of the comet's tail. Under pressure by sun rays the particles of this tail deviated to the west of the site of the fall.

“It is believed that a considerable part of the comet, that exploded on entering the atmosphere, would have liquefied or even, perhaps, vapourised. This resulted in the formation of an aerosol cloud that was carried by stratospheric winds in a north-westerly direction. So the bulk of the substance should have settled, not in the centre of the explosion where it was previously sought, but in the direction of the wind and at a distance of a hundred or more kilometres. It is in that direction that Soviet scientists intend to continue their search.”

Credit: Nigel Watson of Scunthorpe.