

The phenomenon was observed throughout the entire territory of the Czechoslovak Republic, some eyewitnesses of it even being on the borders of Poland and of East Germany.

The general duration of the phenomenon was described as varying from about ten seconds to a maximum of 3 minutes.

Eyewitnesses who watched the entire passage of the phenomenon said they first saw a single light, then a dazzling brightness, and then several luminous points of various hues, sometimes glittering. The most frequently reported colours were, as the Prague engineer said, white, yellow and orange.

Scientists and experts in various fields were asked by the press for their opinions, but none could give a satisfactory explanation.

Some folk argued that it was an American 'plane-rocket' gliding down from the "SPACELAB" station, but it could not have been so, for the American craft in question was known to have passed over Czechoslovakia at 4.47 the same day, in other words three hours earlier.

Czechoslovak scientists ruled out the possibility that it was a meteor. The Astronomical Section of the Czech Academy of Sciences said no meteorites at all were recorded that night. The British scientists who monitor the artificial satellites put into orbit reported that on that night none of the 5,000-odd bodies or bits of debris in orbit were recorded as coming down or disintegrating.

One expert emphasised that, for eyewitnesses all over Czechoslovakia to have seen it, the object cannot have been low at all, but very high. If so, then this means that it must have been an immense object.

*Mlada Fronta* called upon readers to organize a special watch in future for such phenomena and to report on them.

Despite the attempts of scientists to find some sort of explanation, their answers cut little ice with those who experienced this visitation.

As one Czech newspaper observed: "If extraterrestrial beings really are operating here, above our heads, we probably shan't learn anything about it unless they themselves are so kind as to tell us!"

## "GREAT WHITE HOLES" AGAIN IN THE HAMPSHIRE CORN

**I**N FSR Vol. 29, No. 1 (*Nature Notes: Hedgehogs from the Cosmos or Tidy Whirlwinds?*) we reported on the huge rings allegedly left behind by lovelorn hedgehogs in the wheatfield at Cheese Foot Head, near Winchester, during the night of June 19/20, 1983.

According to a new report by David Thurlow this year (*Daily Express*, London, July 16, 1984) another set of five of the same pesky near-perfect circles has now turned up in a crop of barley in Dogleg Field on a farm owned by Mr. Dennis Kendell and lying not more than a mile from Cheese Foot Head. And, moreover, they were found almost precisely one year after the ones at Cheese Foot Head. (*See Photo No. 1*)

### Explanations

The statutory explanations are already being dished out — helicopters, freak exploding whirlwinds, "Druids carrying on weird ceremonies with stakes and chains", and so on.

What is very interesting however is that, although we had previously never heard anything about Mr. Kendell's farm (it did not figure in our two articles on the subject of all these rings, in FSR 27/5 and 29/1) it is now revealed by Mr. Kendell that this is not the first time on his property, for he says: "*This is the fourth year out of five that we have had them on the farm, but in different places.*"

### Found from the Air

And, what is even more interesting is the fact that this new nest of rings *can only be seen from the air, and, far from being "caused by helicopters", were in fact only discovered when four farm managers went up in a helicopter to inspect the crops.*

From the ground the circles are completely hidden from view, which, as the *Daily Express* observes, would mean that they can hardly have been intended to be seen by the public. (In other words, the hedgehogs or the Druids were thankfully at any rate no exhibitionists).

### Size of Marks

The new set of marks consists of the usual large central circle, 42 ft. 6 inches in diameter. The four surrounding 'baby circles', 45 ft. distant from the large one, are all 13 ft. 6 inches in diameter. (We have no exact estimates for the 1983 rings at Cheese Foot Head, except that our correspondent Mr. Pat Delgado thought they were all smaller than the 1981 set, for which his figures, rough visual estimates only, were "at least 52 ft. for the large central ring and about 17 ft. for each of the two smaller rings.")







## Absence of "Linking Tracks"

Farmer Kendall is quoted further as saying:

"It's uncanny... I didn't know they were here again, but this is the fourth year out of five we have had them on the farm, but in different places. It's anyone's guess what is causing them, but I think somehow it's *got* to be mechanical. But the disturbing factor is that there are no marks at all for two of the smaller circles.<sup>1</sup> Three are on the drilling tracks made by the tractor, along which someone *could* walk. But the other two are *not*. There is not a stalk disturbed around them, and the barley is laid out in a strange way outwards from the centre."<sup>2</sup>

Petronela Payne, a tractor-driver's wife, who has been making a study of the circles, said: "It gets more and more intriguing every year. We just don't know what is causing them, and we are as much in the dark as ever."

Commenting on the appearance of the rings, the *Daily Express* reporter David Thurlow says: "It looks for all the world as if a four-legged spaceship has landed." And his report ends with these words about the Cheese Foot Head and Warminster cases of last year:-

"The *Express* sent Jean Rook down to investigate. But her verdict was: Case unproven."

Which is of course fascinating. Because, if you take the trouble to look through the files to see what ace woman reporter Jean Rook *did* say in the *Daily Express* last year, you will find that in its issue for Friday, July 15, 1983, it carried a large photograph of Jean Rook standing at the centre of the big middle ring, and the caption below reads:

*"Jean marks the eerie spot . . . 'What in Heaven made it, if it wasn't a four-legged spaceship?'"*

Isn't it odd how these journalists use each other's words, and isn't it odd how "forgetful" Editors and Sub-Editors can be when it suits them!

## Footnotes (Editor, FSR)

1. We take this to mean that, for two of the smaller rings at any rate, there is no sign whatsoever of any external linking-tracks such as one might expect would inevitably be left by whoever perpetrated the rings.

2. It will be recalled (See FSR 29/1, page 21) that, by comparing with the famous Queensland "UFO Nest" cases, we have established that cosmic hedgehogs in the Northern Hemisphere swirl out their whirlwind effect to create a *clockwise* pattern in the herbage, while in the Southern Hemisphere it is the reverse, *anti-clockwise*. We have received no details yet on this point as regards the new case in Dogleg Field. We trust however that the hedgehogs on Mr. Kendall's property aren't "Diggers". (That really *would* be infiltration.)

## Postscript

On July 23, 1984, the *Daily Express* reported another circle in a field at Cleyhill Heights, Wiltshire, and more at Warminster, also in Wiltshire (see photos 2, 3 and 4) and on August 4, the *Daily Mail* carried a splendid story headed *Healey's Comet: Or Are There UFOs at the Bottom of Denis's Garden?* The Denis in question is of course Britain's left-wing politician Denis Healey, who is a keen and skilful photographer and the article was illustrated by a splendid picture by him, showing yet a further set of one large and four smaller rings, all found in the cornfield of farmer John Mossop just beyond Mr Healey's garden fence at Alfriston, Sussex. Said the former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer: "I am the last person to believe in UFOs, but trying to find a rational solution to this problem is a bit difficult. I'm totally baffled." But, ever alert to the possibility of turning everything to political account, he went on: "I am expecting now to come across little green men... although I suppose it might be even worse if they were members of the (Conservative) Cabinet who had landed, or if the aliens turned out to be press officers of the (Conservative) Chancellor."

## A SPANISH CONSULTANT FOR FSR

With great pleasure we announce that Antonio Ribera, long known to our readers as a contributor and as the doyen of all Spanish Ufology, is joining us as a Consultant to FSR. One of the founders of the Spanish Centre for Interplanetary Studies (C.E.I.) in his native city of Barcelona in 1958, this doughty Catalan is a graduate of the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters of the University of Barcelona. Since 1961 he has written a dozen excellent books on our subject and he is also one of his country's experts on underwater exploration. He knows six languages and has translated about 300 books into Spanish — mostly from English! And he was the first investigator whose mother tongue is not English to address the House of Lords All-Party UFO Study Group (December 1979).



# MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

## Bull-whip "whish-whish" Sound from a UFO

Dear Sir, — I was most interested to read, in Richard Sigismond's article, *CE-III's: New Dimensions in Investigation* (FSR 29/2, p. 22), about the beam of blue light from a UFO that seemed to "lock on to the car", and was accompanied by a loud sound described as being like the "whish-whish" of a bull-whip, but very much louder.

In 1979 I interviewed two couples who were, on the same evening, travelling in their cars in this county of Norfolk (England). Both couples were 'attacked' at about the same time by a noise which, from their descriptions, was exactly like the noise reported from Colorado by Mr. Sigismond.

I enclose a cassette tape with my interviews with the two couples and also a map of Norfolk showing where the two cars were travelling when the people heard the noise. Norfolk is full of military airfields and landing-strips, and I have shown some of these on the map. I do not know of course whether there is any connection.

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## Does Aimé Michel Exist?

Dear Sir, — I have recently received letters and telephone calls to the effect that I am dead. My good friends (and other people too) have asked me with some bitterness whether and why I have been responsible for the circulation of such unscientific rumours.

Well now, after consulting a highly reliable source. I must state that all this business seems to me very much

exaggerated. Even taking into account the fact that I have been recently mistaken\* on several occasions for a cow, for the Moon, for swamp gas, for a bicycle, for the ghost of the good Dr. Edward Condon, and for quite a variety of other incredible contraptions, I am in a position to issue a formal denial of so unscientific an allegation. (Only so recently as this morning, I was able to observe myself, albeit in a mirror.)

Anyway, I am investigating this strange case of my demise, and, rest assured, my old friend, that if I find there is any truth in it, I shall not fail to see that you are the first to be informed.

Meanwhile, here are a number of personal facts about me that do seem to be reliable: Being 65 on May 17, 1984, on that precise date I shall retire from the Research Department of the Office de Radio Télévision Française after completing almost 40 years of duty in hearing, seeing, directing, inventing, and personally perpetrating, all those innumerable sorts of stupidities which every good TV service in the world is expected to think up in order to cretinize its customers.

I can boast that I have successfully carried out my noble mission except in respect of wine and la cuisine, both of which have put up a strong resistance and are still as good as ever, and which I now plan to enjoy, together with all my friends, until at least the close of the next Millenium.

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. Even my genius-cat Grisonne is still well alive at 19, and is being wooed regularly by at least one thousand tom-cats, if I have heard their *Petite Musique de Nuit* correctly.

\*We shall have pleasure in including Aimé Michel in our forthcoming **Bumper Book of UFO Explanations.**

The word of his demise is curious, and unquestionably the work of *efreets* or *jinn*s, as it seems that John Keel in New York was being apprised of the transition of Aimé Michel in France at the precise moment that Aimé Michel on his French mountain-top was being apprised of the demise of John Keel in New York. Anyway, it is good to know that, as was once opined by one Samuel Langhorne Clemens, alias Mark Twain, late of Hannibal, Mo., anent a similar bush-telegraph story, all these jinn-propagated notices appear to suffer from some degree of exaggeration and should be greeted with the contempt that they deserve.  
— ED.

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