

# World round-up

of news and comment  
about recent sightings

## COLOMBIA

### Man sees saucer and dies

The *Daily Sketch* and the *Sun* of July 19, 1969, carried reports from Bogota, Colombia, of the death of a man who claimed that he had been very close to a flying saucer which, apparently, had landed. The account in the *Sun* gave far greater detail of the incident and its aftermath—

"Doctors in Colombia, South America, are baffled by the case of a man who died from a mystery sickness after he reported seeing a flying saucer.

"Arcesi Bermudez, aged 50, fell ill after he said he saw a blue and orange flying saucer with flashing lights in his back garden.

"Mr. Bermudez claimed he approached to within 3 yards of the saucer and then went back to fetch a torch. As he was returning the saucer flew away.

"A week after the sighting a doctor found Mr. Bermudez near death suffering from an attack of vomiting.

"The doctor diagnosed gastroenteritis but was puzzled by the patient's extremely low temperature. Mr. Bermudez remained lucid to the end and kept repeating he had seen a space ship."

Credit to Mr. S. G. Brighton of Finchley, London N3.

## ENGLAND

### UFO's effect on dog

The *Birkenhead News* of June 18, 1969, told how—

"Mr. Neil Piper, 37-year-old security guard on a housing estate in Noctorum Lane, was on patrol with his Alsatian, Tex, at about 11.40 on Sunday evening when he heard a noise which, he said, sounded like the swishing of a helicopter's rotor blades and the hum of a generator.

"As soon as I looked up Tex dropped right down on to the ground and started whimpering. I saw a disc-shaped object, silvery underneath and glowing round the outside. It was moving quite slowly and it looked as though it had come right across the Woodchurch Estate. I saw it for about 10 seconds and then it disappeared over the hill towards Noctorum."

"Mr. Piper said: 'I was frozen, terrified to the spot. Afterwards I just wanted to run as far as I could.'"

### Throbbing UFO

The *Brighton Evening Argus* of June 27, 1969, published a letter from Mr.

K. J. Lewis of Eley Drive, Rottingdean, in which he confirmed a Sunday evening (June 22) sighting reported in the edition for June 23—

"At 11 p.m. on Sunday two friends and I were driving in the vicinity of Poynings. As we approached the road junction just north of this village we noticed an unusually bright object, apparently stationary, in the sky just south of Albourne.

"We decided to go and investigate this object and we drove along the B2117 until the object was practically overhead. At this time the object was stationary and making no noise whatsoever.

"We stopped the car and watched the curious object. Its shape seemed to be elliptical with lights at the front, the back and on the underside. There was a searchlight at the front emitting a powerful beam of light.

"After a few minutes the object started moving and flew directly over us and into the clouds just south of Devil's Dyke. As it moved it made a throbbing sound which was much quieter than that of a helicopter or an aeroplane."

Credit: Ernest W. Shepherd of Eastbourne.

### Landing in Northants?

The following account was sent direct to FSR by Greville Brown of the *Northants Evening Telegraph*, High Street, Rushden, and we are indeed grateful to him for his co-operation.

"Several young children in the small Northamptonshire village of Irthlingborough claimed, on July 16, 1969, to have seen a flashing red object land in a field near the village during the previous evening.

"Two young sisters, Sharon and Denise Cuddihy, said they saw the strange object from their bedroom window.

"Ten-year-old Denise said: 'When it landed in the field it turned into a number of flashing yellow lights. The whole sky seemed to turn a pale blue colour at the same time.'

"Sharon said they told their father about it and he came to have a look. However, he did not know what it was.

"Several other children in the village also witnessed the mystery object, including five young boys camping in a tent for the night. One of them, Kevin Spence, 11, said: 'It came hurtling through the air and flashing on and off red before it came down in the

barley field at the back of the house.

"Next day, cautious mothers refused to allow the children to explore the field. The local police received no reports of the object."

### Buzzing UFO

From the *Bolton Evening News* of June 12, 1969, we learn how—

"Labourer Raymond Smith was working on his mate's car in Hastings Road about 1.30 p.m. today when a buzzing noise attracted his attention.

"I looked up and saw what looked like a saucer with a flat base. It was fairly low, and about half as big as a plane.

"It was silvery white in colour and made this buzzing sound," said Mr. Smith.

"It is the second time Mr. Smith has seen a UFO. Now he is a confirmed believer."

### UFO below plane over Brighton

The *Worthing Herald* of June 13, 1969, carried the following account—

"A Southern Aero Club flying instructor from Shoreham Airport and his pupil claim that they spotted an unidentified flying object last week as they were flying over Brighton.

"The instructor, Mr. John Russett, told a reporter that the object was quite small—'only about 6ft. long'—and disc shaped. He said it was at about 1,000ft., just below the aircraft, and seemed to be still for a while.

"It then accelerated 'and went like a rocket.' Within about 15 seconds it was out of sight.

"The pupil with Mr. Russett was Mr. Tom Bayne, who also saw the silver object. A report has been sent to the Air Ministry."

### Spellbound UFO witnesses

In *The Derbyshire Times* of July 25, 1969, we read that—

"Four lights forming a square with a pinnacle on top' was how a Brinsley couple described a strange object they watched hovering in the sky over Underwood in the early hours of Thursday week.

"Mrs. A. Stuart (65), of Hobsic Close, Brinsley, said, 'I got out of bed that morning about 3.15 a.m. and went into the small bedroom to look at the dawn breaking. I was absolutely fascinated by an object like a chandelier hanging in space.

"There were four lights—much more brilliant than any stars—forming