

We have chosen this short item from a Norwegian newspaper, *Morgen Avisen* of July 1, 1970—

"Thor Heyerdahl and his crew aboard *Ra 2*, the crew of the United Nations oceanographic ship *Calamara* and thousands of inhabitants of St. Thomas, St. Croix and other Caribbean islands, have told of the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object in the early morning of Tuesday, June 30, at 02.45 hrs.

"The first report, from the navigator of *Ra 2*, described how, during his steering watch, he saw a flat, round and illuminated object. He alerted Mr. Heyerdahl and the Mexican anthropologist, Dr. Santiago Genoves. Together they watched it for 10 minutes. Also, the *Calamara* bound for a rendezvous with *Ra 2* reported their own observation of the object.

"Newspapers and broadcasting stations in the Caribbean islands reported that hundreds of people had telephoned in about the object. Several fishermen also reported having observed it."

Credit: Mrs. Eva Erichsen of Bergen, to whom we are also indebted for the translation.

ITALY

More Men-in-Black?

"Here's a delicious little piece for you, if you care to use it," wrote the sender of this item—

"The *Daily Times* of Victoria, B.C., Canada, Saturday, April 11, 1970, announces that all priests in Naples, Italy, will soon have identity cards, because unidentified men disguised in dark clerical clothes have been celebrating masses, and hearing confessions, in local churches. Now, that's a new angle!"

Credit: Professor P. M. H. Edwards of Victoria, B.C.

NORWAY

Motorist hurled to ground by UFO

There seems to have been a wave of UFO activity in Scandinavian countries in recent months. Here is the latest item—on which we may be able to comment in more detail in a later issue of FSR—taken from the *Yorkshire Post* of November 4, 1970—

"Oslo, Tuesday [November 3, 1970]: A 35-year-old Norwegian claims he was struck to the ground by the invisible rays of a flying saucer while driving along a desolate road in southern Norway.

"Reidar Salvesen, of Kristiansand, said he was blinded by a 'fiery disc' which hovered just above the ground in front of his car.

"He said he had time to write a description of the object before being hurled to the ground as the saucer soared away and disappeared in a flash of light." [A.P. item.]

PUERTO RICO

Red and blue UFO

The following account was published in the Puerto Rican newspaper *El Mundo*, of July 23, 1970. It related to an incident reported the previous evening, a Wednesday:

"A strange object was observed last night in the Metropolitan area by residents of the Villa Andalucia development, as well as in other parts of the capital.

"Sr. Mario, and Sra. Emilia Matos stated that they saw an object similar to a flying saucer, red in colour and blue at the edges, which moved slowly towards the west until it disappeared among the Mountains of Bayamón.

"Meanwhile the radar tower of San Juan reported that a number of calls had been received about the supposed UFO. The radars did not record any object in the indicated area, but continued the search in case something would show up on the screens.

"Officials of the Weather Bureau announced that they too had received telephone calls about the UFO. Although they do not have instruments for observing such objects, the Bureau stated that they did not see anything in the sky."

Credit: Alfonso Martinez Taboas, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, to whom we are also indebted for the welcome translation of the account.

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RHODESIA Silver, circling UFOs

In the *Rhodesia Herald* of March 19, 1970, we read of reports of UFOs over Salisbury on March 18—

"First reports were from a Mrs. S. Pink and a Mr. R. Armstrong, who work for the same firm. Both said they saw 'three silver objects circling at great height about a black object' before the 'black object' made off at great speed towards the sun, followed by the 'silver objects.'

"They hovered for a while in the south-west before they shot apart," both said.

"Both Mrs. Pink and Mr. Armstrong did not at first want their names in the paper in case people thought they were 'cranks.' They reported the sightings because, they said, they were 'amazed.'

"Later a resident of Belvedere phoned. He would not give his name or phone number, but his description of the 'flying saucers' very closely resembled that given by Mrs. Pink and Mr. Armstrong. He, too, saw the four objects; the black one streaking off first, the three silver ones following.

"Two other people phoned and

reported seeing three flying saucers hovering in the sky: Mrs. Marjorie Begbie, of Jameson Avenue, West Belvedere, was taking her dog for a walk shortly before 7.00 p.m. She saw a strange bright light over what she thought was Warren Hills. She had seen the same light the night before. 'I feel a little foolish phoning,' she said, 'but it's such a strange sight. It is much brighter than a star and I know it is not an aircraft. I thought it may have been the new comet sighted, but from newspaper reports I know it could not have been. When I returned home I found my servant had seen it as well. He said: 'Madam, it was a very bright light. What was it?' Well, I just did not know. I have never seen anything like it before.'

"At the time of the sightings reported by Mrs. Pink and Mr. Armstrong, the meteorological office in Salisbury said no weather balloons had been released.

"Air Traffic Control, Salisbury Airport, said there was an aircraft overflying at 3,500ft. It was a scheduled flight. The plane would only be sighted for a minute of two, they said."

Credit: **Philipp Human** of Umkomaas, Natal.

U.S.S.R. More Moon Spires

Flying Saucer Review has already carried a photograph of the eight-pointed 'spires' shaped like Cleopatra's needle, which were taken from close to the surface of the Moon by America's *Orbiter-2* spacecraft. The news contained in the following item, taken from the *Daily Telegraph* of July 10, 1970, may be significant—

"By Our New York Staff. Photographs of the lunar surface have revealed objects that appear to have been placed there by intelligent beings, it was claimed yesterday.

"Mysterious spires on the moon were said to have been revealed in pictures taken by Russia's *Lunar-9* and America's *Orbiter-2* spacecraft four years ago.

"The claims were made in the *Argosy* magazine, which said the Russian and American spacecraft had photographed groups of solid structures at two widely separated locations.

"These two groups of objects are arranged in definite geometric patterns and appear to have been placed there by intelligent beings'."

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