

of a mystery light in the sky at Wantage.

"Mr. Dennis Thompson said he was walking along Walton Street, Oxford, where he lives, just after midnight on Tuesday when he saw a vivid light above.

"It was travelling from south-east towards the north-west and was very low," he said. "It formed an arc in the sky and then dropped, probably somewhere in the Botley area."

"Mr. Thompson said that he assumed that it was part of the UFO reported to have broken up over Wantage."

Credit to a reader who signed only as "Richard".

An old friend?

Memories of our investigations of September 1964 were re-kindled by the following item (from the London *Evening Standard* of December 21, 1970):

"Police today searched for a large animal, believed to be a puma, sighted near Buckland housing estate at Dover. It was the seventh report of such an animal in the past three weeks—during which four sheep have been killed on local farms."

"Frightening" object over Devon

From the *Western Morning News* of February 20, 1971:

"Two people claim having seen a phenomenon in the sky on Thursday night that could qualify as an unidentified object.

"Mrs. O. Hodgson, of Combe Lodge, West Alvington, was out of doors in the village around 7.30 in the evening when she observed an illuminated break in the low-based clouds.

"For four or five seconds she saw a flaming glow, which merged into green and culminated in a long vapour trail. This amalgam, which was quite low, continued on a straight course in the direction of Thurlestone, then back into the clouds over the sea.

"It was quite an amazing sight and certainly could not have been a shooting star because it carried on in a steady line," said Mrs. Hodgson.

"The object was also seen by Lieut.-Com. Sullivan, of Kingsand, who said: 'I've never seen anything like it in my life. It was really rather frightening and difficult to describe.'

"Neither the Coastguards nor the police in the South Hams have had any other reports of this incident, and both the RAF at Mount Batten and the Royal Navy in Plymouth disclaim any activity that could have given rise to it."

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Bray Head UFO

The Dublin *Evening Press* of December 9, 1970, published the following reader's letter:

"At about 9 o'clock on Sunday morning I saw over Bray Head east what I thought to be a star. When I looked again I noticed that the thing was moving. I stood watching it until 9.45, and then I saw wings coming out and going back again. It stayed in the same place.

"The sun began to come out and the light of the thing grew fainter. Soon it was gone.

"I wonder did anyone else see it?"

(Signed), Gladys Kingsworth, Bray.
Credit: Patrick J. N. Bury.

AUSTRALIA

Objects "attack" motorists

A number of British newspapers carried an unusual story from "Down Under". This version is taken from the *Huddersfield Examiner* of April 13, 1971:

"Two fiery globes, one red and one white, and both travelling at about 500 m.p.h., were reported to have 'attacked' a young couple driving down a lonely highway about 100 miles south of Perth (Western Australia) today.

"Geoff Richards (28), told reporters the flying objects appeared just before dawn.

"His wife Toni (26) screamed as the first object dived in.

"The light stopped just in front and went back again," said Mr. Richards. "Another came at us from the back and did the same. This happened continually for ten minutes or so. I've never been so frightened."

SOUTH AFRICA

Pretoria low-level UFO

We read in the *Rand Daily Mail* of October 21, 1970, how—

"Two Pretoria women in the city's suburb of Waterkloof Ridge claimed yesterday that a flying saucer flew over them at a height of less than 40ft.

"The women, Mrs. R. Katzke and Mrs. G. Groenewald, were in Mrs. Katzke's garden when their unidentified flying object was overhead for a split second.

"The Waterkloof Air Force station flying control said it was unlikely that the object was one of the station's aircraft.

"In an interview, Mrs. Katzke told me she did not see the object, but that Mrs. Groenewald did. 'I heard a noise like the beating of the wings of an immense flock of birds, eerie and directly overhead.'

"Mrs. Groenewald said that she heard the same type of noise and looked up to see for a second or two a dull metallic disc-shaped object of considerable size—at treetop height—shoot off into the distance."

Credit: Philipp Human.

U.S.A.

New England poltergeist?

The following account, taken from the *Valley News* of January 16, 1971, is not a UFO report, but we feel it may interest readers. The (UPI) story comes from Pittsfield, New Hampshire.

"The eerie chain of events in the past few weeks would convince most people their 125-year-old house is haunted, but Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ehrhardt say they aren't afraid of ghosts they don't believe in.

"A lot of things have been happening recently in the house. Ehrhardt's shaving brush moved from the bathroom to the floor of the hall, then disappeared.

"The middle-aged couple discovered other phenomena. Poker chips were dumped on the bathroom floor. Sticks of gum were fanned out on the dining room floor in the shape of a poker hand. Guests were struck by flying coins and candy bars disappeared.

"Could it be a ghost or poltergeist?"

"I have a million questions but no answers," said the retired New York City policeman. "I don't believe in such things."

"The couple are both Protestants, but they called the local Roman Catholic pastor, The Rev. Hector La Montagne, to bless the house. 'We think a lot of him,' said Mrs. Ehrhardt and thought he would be the best one to call."

"After the priest's visit, more things happened. Air freshener appeared from an unknown source, a bar of soap disappeared, then one half was found in the toilet and another appeared on the piano, then the furnace, stove and toaster broke down the same day.

"We've had calls from secret societies offering to exorcise our house of spirits," Mrs. Ehrhardt said. "We will accept if there are any more events. We're not going to move, as some neighbours have suggested. We'll stick it out."

Credit: Geraldine Proctor of Hanover, N.H.