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ARE there "repeater" witnesses? Mrs. Fry is a middle-aged housewife who lives in Bexleyheath, Kent. According to her testimony, recorded by BUFORA Investigator Larry Dale, she appears to have been witness to possible UFO manifestations on several occasions. Two of these are worthy of note:

(a) On July 17, 1955, the country was in the middle of a heat wave. One of Mrs. Fry's children had come down with heat stroke, and at 11.30 a.m. the doctor arrived. Deciding that some specific tablets were required, he drove Mrs. Fry and her son to the surgery. On the way the car began to slow down, and then starting and stopping intermittently. A dark shadow appeared to be hanging over the road ahead, and the doctor, who was a young Indian on short term secondment to this country, kept trying to see out of the front windscreen to find the cause. Finally he stopped the car and they all got out.

About 100 to 150 feet directly above the road was an enormous mass of cloud-grey material, apparently oval in shape. There were three 'ball-bearing-like' mechanisms inside. The object was stationary, but now began to rotate faster and faster and make a very slight swishing or humming noise. It then flipped back upon its edge exposing a domed saucer shape and gradually rose upwards to fade from view into a cloudless sky. Duration of observation estimated at about 7/8 minutes.

(b) On May 31, 1975, Mrs. Fry and her husband were driving through London at about 9.00 p.m. The sky was cloudless. Mrs. Fry was the first to see two square silvery-coloured lights moving together in a parallel path with the car. She watched this for some time until her husband managed to stop the car just outside Woolwich. Getting out of the car they were both



Rising upwards



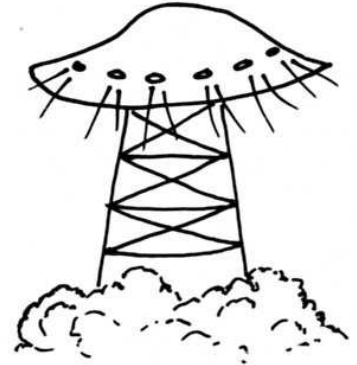
Left: July 17, 1955; Mrs. Fry's sighting.

Below: The "pylon" near Malden, Essex

now clearly able to see an octagonally-shaped craft with the two silver lights in the centre of a cross bar. At either end were two lights, a steady red one on the left side and a 'blipping' green one on the right. There was no sound as the object moved slowly along. Then, suddenly, it just went out and vanished completely. It was in view several minutes.

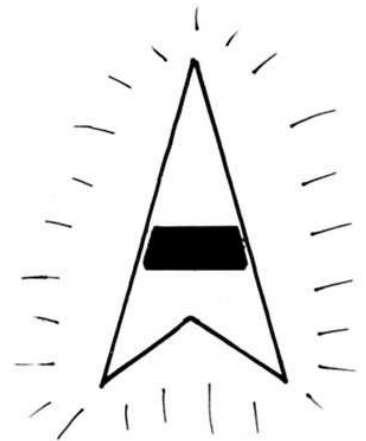
Object with a 'pylon' attached

Two young girls (aged nine) were witnesses to a sighting in Summer 1972, and despite their ages, investigator Andy Collins was satisfied with the story, which had not been mentioned to anyone previously. It was 9.00 p.m., and just dark. They were walking in a field near Malden, Essex, when they saw what they first took to be some new kind of electricity pylon. It soon became apparent that this was not the case. Atop what appeared to be a conventional girdered pylon structure (about one quarter the size of a normal pylon) was a dome-like object coloured silvery-orange. A row of 'portholes' visible along the edge, emitted clear light. The object seemed to be about half the size of a bus. The pylon structure was dark grey, the bottom portion covered by trees, and appeared to be transparent. Although it all seemed solid, there was a ghostly glow around the edges. After looking at this for several minutes they became frightened and walked away. They looked back once and it was still there. On looking back a second time it had vanished without trace.

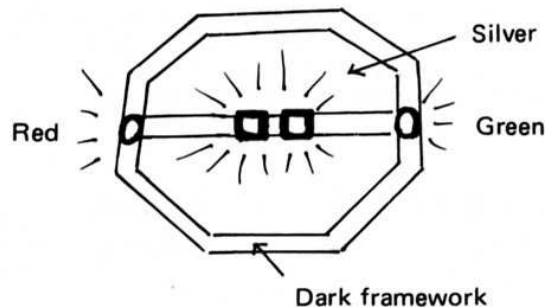


Soldiers see UFOs

Two young soldiers were resting, having just returned from a map reading patrol, close to the Catterick camp in North Yorkshire. It was 1.30 a.m. on a cold, dark morning in December, 1972. Coming towards them from the north they saw an object shaped like an arrowhead and coloured red. It was the apparent size of a tennis ball held at arms length, and had a rectangular darkened section in the middle. As it moved slowly and com-



Catterick Camp "arrowhead" (1972)



Left: Mrs. Fry's sighting, May 31, 1975

pletely silently towards them it dulled to an orange colour, and finally turned brilliant white as it passed overhead. Altogether it was in view about one minute, when it suddenly went out, just like a lightbulb being switched off. The report was investigated by David Almond for the Yorkshire branch of BUFORA.