

"The third circle burnt in the grass was found by the owner of the farm, Mr. C. T. Johnson. It lies across a fence-line. The fence is undamaged.

"Mr. Johnson earlier this week found two circular burnt patches of grass while riding his horse and he said the horse became 'spooky and silly' and would not go any closer to them.

"A sample of soil and burnt grass has been sent to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in Wellington for analysis . . .

"The *Herald* correspondent at Dargaville reported that an unidentified flying object was sighted by a Redhill family on Wednesday (October 8) about 7.30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. J. Searle and their daughter Gillyan, aged 13, who live above Glinkes Gully, were halfway down a hill walking toward their home when Gillyan spotted what she thought to be an aeroplane on fire.

"It was moving in a line from Glinkes Gully in the direction of Te Kopuru, and was seen for several minutes.

"Mr. Searle said the object appeared to be torpedo-shaped and flames were shooting out of the back like a giant skyrocket. He said that it seemed about the size of an aircraft normally seen in the area and was flying fairly low at a high speed."

#### Cattle scared by another 'circle'

Yet another mystery 'circle', and its effects, was reported in the *New Zealand Herald* of October 16, 1969—

"The third mysterious burnt-out circle discovered on central North Island farmland areas in a month has been found on a property at Puketutu, about nine miles south of Te Kuiti.

"The circle, on a small island in the middle of a pond, was found by Mr. C. Blackmore on his farm. Mrs. Blackmore said her husband was herding his cattle down to the pond to drink. They went so far, then turned 'and belted back up the hill.'

"Mr. Blackmore thought the ducks had scared the cattle, but when he went down there were no ducks, just a circle on the island where the rushes had been flattened and turned brown. The remainder of the island was untouched and the rushes were quite green.

"Mrs. Blackmore said the dog would not drink from the pond and further attempts to get the cattle to drink there also failed. She added that there was a funny smell in the area."

Credit: N. Wardell, *The Apollo Verein*, Otahuhu.

*This account refers to the "third" circle: by our reckoning this one should have been described as the "fifth" as the four preceding it are all recorded in this issue of FSR—EDITOR)*

#### Erratic-moving, colour-changing UFO

The *Auckland Star* of November 25, 1969, tells how—

"The second appearance in two weeks of an unidentified flying object near Kauri Mountain, eight miles north of Whangarei, was reported yesterday.

"Mr. Neville Coop, of Ruatangata, had just returned home from a dance at 12.30 a.m. on Sunday when he saw a bright orange light in the north-eastern sky.

"He called to his brother, Desmond, and they both watched it through a telescope for 15 minutes.

"Mr. Coop said the oval object changed colour slightly, taking on a bluish tinge. It would remain still for about a minute, then move, either sideways or vertically.

"Finally, said Mr. Coop, the object rose rapidly and disappeared at speed.

"A similar sighting was reported by Mr. and Mrs. W. Risi, of Ruatangata."

#### SPAIN

##### Landing report

The Madrid daily newspaper *ABC* of December 24, 1969, carried the following account from Pamplona, Provincia de Navarra, datelined December 23, 1969—

"An engineer employed at the 'Potasas de Navarra' mines here in Pamplona, says that he saw a flying saucer land and remain stationary for a few moments, near the locality of 'Las Arrublas,' between the small towns of Esparza and Beriáin; shortly afterwards it took off again.

"He claims that you can even see the marks it left on the ground, and also a large area of calcinated ground where it had been standing. He added that he had convinced some of his workmates, all of whom had gone to the scene to examine it and to take photographs, and also to analyse the ground."—Cifra (agency).

Credit: Sr. R-B. Guerard y Holmes of Madrid.

##### Holiday observation

We were pleased to receive a report of a UFO observed by Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Astridge of Reigate, Surrey, while on holiday at Calella on the coast of Spain. The duration of the observation was two hours. Mr. Astridge writes—

"It was on September 26, 1969, and although at the time we were quite satisfied that the object was a "flying saucer, I wondered whether the sighting had been reported by other people, in view of the many thousands of English people on holiday at this resort. I contacted two newspapers, the British Ministry of Defence and the Spanish Embassy, but all denied having any reports.

"We were in a crowded thoroughfare running parallel to the coast when our attention was drawn to the object: dozens of people were pointing to the sky, and on looking up we saw a shining metallic object in the *cloudless* sky. It was completely stationary, and in shape and size was almost identical to that in the photograph on Plate III of the book *Challenge to Science*. The object we saw shone like burnished silver in the reflected sunlight, and appeared very high up. The edges were a little blurred.

"We continued walking towards the beach, while keeping the object under observation, but it did not move. On reaching the beach Promenade, we tried to observe it through one of the coin-operated telescopes, as it was over the sea, but the instrument wouldn't elevate sufficiently; several other people had the same idea, and some were watching it through binoculars. We then sat on a seat, and "lined it up" between the cross-spars of a telegraph pole, and for the next 1½ hours it did not shift its position.

"As dusk descended, the *whole* object began to glow with a brilliant white light, until it looked like a gigantic star in the sky, then is slowly changed colour into a vivid ruby red; shortly after this it moved, completely soundless, streaking across the sky in an easterly direction at a speed far in excess of that of an aircraft, dwindling into a tiny speck within seconds, and rising away from the earth.

"Altogether, many thousands of people must have seen this object, certainly many at our Hotel had seen it at various points along the coast, and yet, apparently, no one reported it; I should have thought that in view of the time it was there, and the number of observers, that it would have made headlines."

#### SWEDEN

##### USOs reported

Unidentified submarine objects have been reported on a number of occasions in FSR, notably from Scottish and New Zealand waters. Here is a report sent recently to FSR by John A. Keel which adds to the score—

Mr. Åke Franzen of Stockholm, Sweden, has forwarded the following reports from the newspapers *Dagens Nyheter*, *Svenska Dagbladet*, *Aftonbladet*, *Expressen*.

##### USO OUTSIDE NORRTALJE

"An unidentified submarine has been reported Saturday night (September 13, 1969) inside the prohibited military sector at Björkö-Arholma, north of Stockholm.

"Navy Helicopters and a Coast Guard cruiser were sent immediately

to the area to search for the intruder. It was first sighted by a Finnish ferry outside Norrtälje. A man stationed on the island of Hämtn said he saw the submarine from his motorboat near Havssvalget. He picked the object up with his searchlight and watched it from a distance of only a few yards. He was unable to identify it. After he radioed his report to the coast guard an extensive search was held Saturday evening by aircraft, ships and military troops. No trace of the object was ever found."

#### TANKER SUNK

"Four crewmen are missing after an explosion aboard the Swedish tanker *Seven Skies* 210 kilometres north-east of Singapore in the South China Seas early on Monday morning (October 6, 1969). Thirty-two survivors were rescued by a Japanese fishing boat.

"Director Sven Hampus Salén told the *Expressen*: "We don't know what caused the explosion but several theories are being considered."

"*Seven Skies* was a 97,000 ton vessel and was built in Kockums in 1966. It was on its way from Japan to Indonesia without cargo."

#### UNKNOWN SUBMARINE THEORY

"In a report dated October 10, 1969, it was suggested that a submarine may have sunk the Swedish tanker *Seven Skies*. During the preliminary investigation in Singapore, Commander Otto Ferdinand Henning said that the ship behaved strangely just before the explosion. The tanker rose upwards and then rolled over as if it had struck a reef or collided with some huge underwater object.

"The explanation was given that the *Seven Skies* collided with an unknown submarine running at periscope depth. Commander Henning had no memory of any explosion, he said, but other crew members stated that the ship was shaken by a series of violent explosions before it sank. The accident took four lives; 3 Swedes and 1 Indonesian."

#### USO IN BOTTENHAVET

"Is there a strange submarine in the waters outside of Halsingland? A collision occurred yesterday, Thursday, November 20, 1969, 16 nautical miles from Galström, south-east Sundsvall. The helmsman of the trawler *Silverö* told the press that a light appeared just before the collision and then disap-

peared. It was visible for about ten minutes.

"After the collision, the trawler heaved to and remained stationary. There was no sign of the object which caused the collision. The revenue cutter TV 245 searched the area but found nothing.

"The press reported that no Swedish units were in the vicinity at the time. The collision was severe and must have damaged the object. The trawler is now undergoing repairs at Ljusne. The damage was apparently caused by a very sharp object. No traces of stones or rubble were found in the ruptures but two reddish-brown spots have been discovered on the damaged hull. A planking about one metre below the waterline was badly damaged, as were three planks above the waterline.

"At 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon there was another mysterious collision. The German ship *Insulanur*, en route from Domsjö to Bureå, collided with an unknown object at Sydosbrotten. The weather was clear and quiet and the collision was quite violent but the crew failed to see the cause. The *Insulanur* is now being examined in the harbour at Skelleftea."

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