

had gloves on. I've been a gardener for fifty-two years and I've learned to notice things as I go along."

Question: "Did they have any belts on?"

Mr. B.: "No, no belts; no buttons, no torches in their hands... nothing. The overall seemed to be a one-piece affair to my way of thinking."

Question: "These steps, were they just a little ladder or what?"

Mr. B.: "Just a wide set of steps, with a handrail up both sides."

Question: "Had the two figures gone inside this craft?"

Mr. B.: "One went in ahead of me, because that is the way they walked down the path, and one behind me. The one in front of me walked across what I would call the corridor, into what I took to be a room on the other side, and the other one stood just inside the door, and I stood on the right of him."

Question: "What sort of illumination was there?"

Mr. B.: "There was a light; it was very dim and everything appeared black."

Question: "Was there a light attached to the ceiling or what?"

Mr. B.: "No, that's the funny part. I didn't see anything like that, but there *was* a light there. Whether it was around the ridge of the ceiling? The inside of the craft was all black, but the *outside* was like polished aluminium. When I walked across the floor I didn't hear my own footsteps, so I got the impression that there was some sort of cloth down on the floor. The ceiling

was only about 5' high, and it was as much as I could do to get into it. The 'beings' were about 4'-6". I am 5'-4 1/2", so they were a shade shorter than I am. I had to "bob down" going into the door, and the light was good enough to see where we were going, but once we got inside there was a dim light, but this must have been due to the blackness of it."

"Whoever built that thing certainly made a good job of it; there were no nuts, bolts, joins, or welds that I could see. I reckon I was in there a good half hour, I had to wait for a while with this chap standing beside me."

Question: "So you had a good chance to look around?"

Mr. B.: "I wasn't scared or anything like that, I was just curious. I've spent many years out of doors, and tackled many things in Canada; shot a bear, rattlers, wolves; I don't think I'm scared of anything."

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COMMENT BY EDITOR

It will be noted that this account contains several features that are already familiar to us from other cases. There is, for example, the central 'stem' or 'pillar' inside the craft, which has appeared in several reports, and has been claimed by some investigators to be a polarized magnetic contraption intimately related to the secret method of propulsion employed by the aliens (or, at any rate, by some of them.) — G.C.

THE SWEDISH UFO "LIKE HALLEY'S COMET"

Acke Svensson

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THIS report concerns a strange sighting which occurred in a village called Udenäs in the county of Västergötland and lying about 250 kms. to the north of Göteborg (Gothenburg), which is in south-western Sweden. There was only one witness, but this lady is a personal friend of my family and we know her well, and we know that she is reliable. I investigated the case myself about two weeks after the event, and we published my account of it in our local UFO bulletin.

The UFO Appears

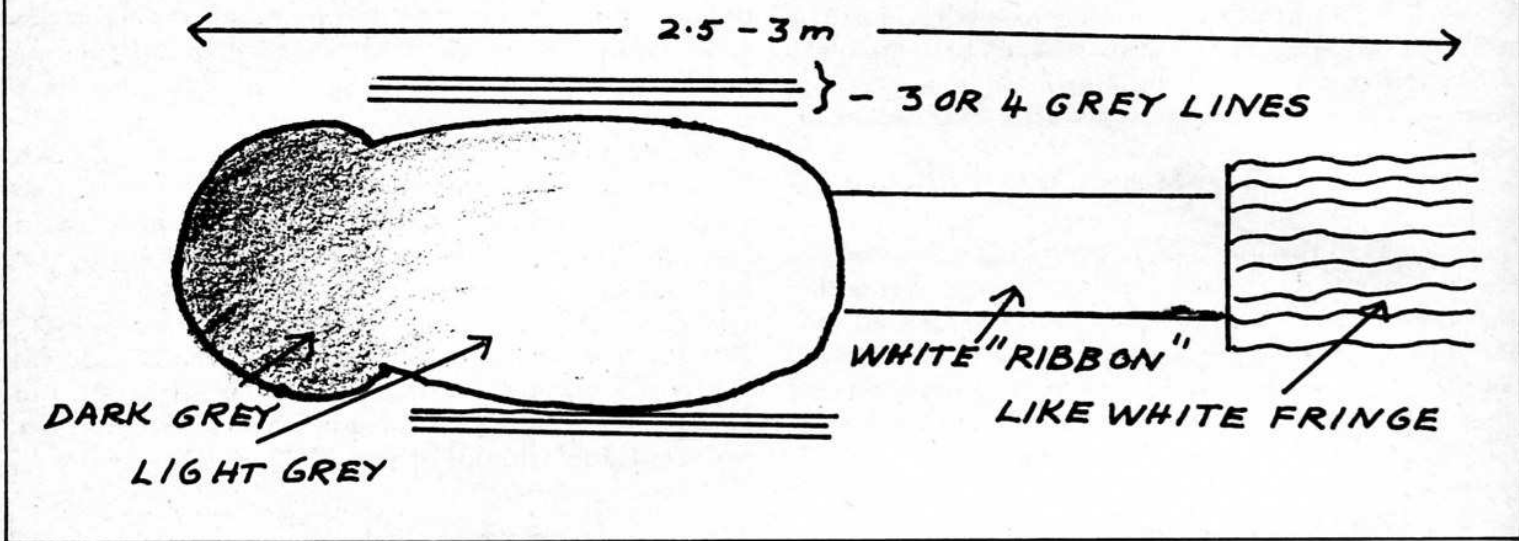
It was about 9.00 p.m. on May 3, 1979, when Mrs Ragna Karlsson, a lady in her mid-sixties, stepped out of her house and went to a small birch copse, about 50 m. from the home, to fetch some wood for the fire. Her husband was indoors, watching the TV news.

Suddenly and utterly surprisingly, because there was not a cloud in the sky, there was a vivid bluish-white flash. She looked up, thinking that a thunderstorm must be brewing and, among the trees, at slightly lower than tree-top height, she beheld an object about 2 1/2-3 metres long, which was slowly and carefully 'navigating' its way in and out among the trees and carefully avoiding hitting them. The object was only about 30 or 40 metres from her, and seemed to be totally silent.

The Spiral Cloud

Mrs Karlsson was very frightened by the sight, and began to run towards the house. Between the house and the birch-copse is a meadow, and after she had got across the meadow she paused for a moment and looked back, and saw that the object was hovering over a pile of logs and had apparently changed in shape (perhaps had reversed?) and now looked oval and "transparent as a glass bowl, with all the colours

THE OBJECT AS DESCRIBED BY RAGMA



of the rainbow pulsating in it". Two or three seconds later, it shot almost straight up into the air and away at very high speed. It was soon out of sight, but she said it seemed to have left a strange spiral-shaped cloud behind it in the sky, which remained visible for quite a long time and was observed by thousands of people throughout Central Sweden.

Meanwhile, Mrs Karlsson had been shouting to her husband to come out and see the thing, but by the time he did so, it was gone. Both he and his wife did however hear two dull explosions, described by them as "like sonic bangs".

For two days after the experience Mrs Karlsson suffered from headache and insomnia.

Discovery of a Strange Similarity

At first sight, this might seem like a very ordinary CE-1 case, were it not for the decidedly strange shape of the unidentified flying object.

For days I searched through my UFO literature in the hope of finding something at least a little bit like it, but in vain. Then one day the chairman of our local UFO study group suddenly rushed into my office and showed me a copy of one of the sections of the famous 'Bayeux Tapestry,' the 70-metre long 12th-Century English piece of embroidery which depicts the triumph of William the Conqueror over the Saxons (known to the French as *La Tapisserie de la Reine Mathilde*. G.C.). As is well known, the embroidery includes a strange star, conventionally considered to be Halley's Comet, with a Latin inscription beside it "ISTI MIRANT STELLA" ("THESE PEOPLE ARE OBSERVING THE STAR"). The identification with Halley's Comet certainly seems to be extremely solidly based, seeing that this comet has a periodicity of about 75 years, which would have given it an appearance precisely in 1066.

The similarity between this image and Mrs Karls-

son's description of the object seen by her is certainly strange, though naturally nobody is going to suggest that what she saw among the little trees was a comet! However, almost all the main features seem to be there: the 'head', the 'ribbon', the 'yarn ends', and even the 'lines' alongside the body of the object. (All these terms were used by her in describing the object.)

After an extremely careful search we have found no evidence that Mrs Karlsson had ever seen a picture of the *Bayeux Tapestry*. Without her knowledge we checked her house for any book or magazine that might show it, but her husband told us that she scarcely ever leaves the village except to go into the nearest town for shopping, and that, in any case, she very seldom reads books anyway. My father-in-law, who lives in the same village, and owns what is certainly the largest private library anywhere in the district, is absolutely certain that she could never have seen a picture of the *Bayeux Tapestry* before.

When, therefore, I showed it to her, she was amazed and instantly recognized what she called "her object", and asked me how it could be that I had drawn it?

The whole affair has left me very puzzled. Is the thing on the *Bayeux Tapestry* really Halley's Comet, or is it an 800-year-old representation of a certain type of what we call a 'UFO'? It certainly would be interesting to know if there are records of any similar looking objects in the UFO Literature.

A few final details: Udenäs is situated a few miles from a Swedish military air-base, and the witness and her husband are used to seeing aircraft constantly, at close range. The 'spiral cloud' and the bright flash mentioned in her report were seen by many other people and, according to the TV news and the newspapers, they were both caused either by a meteorite or by some debris of a satellite re-entering the Earth's atmosphere. One wonders what the truth of it all is.

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Section of Bayeux Tapestry

COMMENT BY FSR:

Accounts of many astonishing objects fill the Ufological Literature. Twenty or thirty years ago, it was assuredly a great deal easier to say with some conviction that this or that 'sounded like something from outside of our world', but in view of the present military situation in our world nobody can any longer engage in speculations of that sort. Neutral Sweden herself is a formidably well equipped arsenal and, like so many other countries, she must have plenty of new, small, secret weapons of her own, not to mention the existence of the appallingly powerful military machine — far, far greater than has ever been known in the history of this planet — which is poised ready just a few miles to the east of Sweden.

All that one can do at present is to place this interesting Swedish report on record and 'wait and see'. Maybe time will show whether it was a UFO or an IFO?

A "Spiral Cloud" in China

One strange feature particularly worth noting here is, however, the 'spiral cloud', for it so happens that Is-

sue No. 1 of China's UFO Research Journal *Feidie Tansuo*, published in Lanchow, in 1981, contains a sketch of a 'strange huge spiral-shaped configuration' seen, by a large number of people, in the sky over Chengdu and Western China on the evening of July 24, 1977. And the new book *La Chine et Les Extraterrestres* by Shi Bo, on which we reported in FSR Vol. 28, No. 6, contains a remarkable photograph of the same 'spiral', which is shaped like the traditional 'Catherine-Wheel' firecracker.

Secret Terrestrial Weapon or UFO?

So we have reports of 'spirals' in Sweden and China. From Västergötland, the Western Land of the Goths, to the Middle Kingdom of China, is a very, very great distance, and it is to be noted that the whole of that immense intervening tract of land is occupied by Sweden's and China's beloved "Big Brother Neighbour". Is this the explanation? Could "Big Brother" be experimenting with something new and nasty in the shape of aerial 'spirals' over Sweden and China? Or is the phenomenon somebody else's — the product of a non-terrestrial technology?

SOME RECENT LATIN-AMERICAN PRESS REPORTS: AND A NEW 'SPECTACULAR' FROM ARGENTINA, "THE VAMPIRE UFO"

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(Translation from Spanish)

Mexico

The Buenos Aires newspaper *La Razón* of April 30, 1983, carried a *U.P.* report that, according to Mexican investigators, UFO sightings had created uproar and commotion in various districts around Puebla, some 100 km. to the south of Mexico City, and tape recordings of "alien voices" had allegedly been secured by some of the investigators. On March 21, one group of watchers had seen a vivid red light rising and falling in the air over Lake Alchicha, a salt-water lake near Puebla.

Bolivia

A report in the Argentinian newspaper *Tiempo Argentino* of May 4, 1983 (Buenos Aires) stated that, according to an account published in the much respected Bolivian Catholic paper *Presencia*, UFOs had been sowing alarm and disturbance among miners in the towns of Totora, Vitichi Ramadas, Cazón, and Tapy, in the south of Bolivia, near Tupiza and close to the Bolivian/Argentinian frontier. The Catholic paper said the entire populace of these districts was filled with fear. Mine-owners were alarmed, because mining output had fallen off badly, due to the panic of the miners who were spending sleepless nights on the alert for UFOs. The reports mentioned landings of UFOs that dazzled and blinded eyewitnesses.

The UFOs were described as coming generally from the South, from Patagonia in the far south of Argentina, but it seems that until recently they had usually moved off over other regions and had not visited Bolivia so much as now.

Chile

Tiempo Argentino (Buenos Aires) of June 12, 1983, carried a report that scores of Chileans had been seeing "shining UFOs" again in the northern areas of the country. One sighting was at Iquique, 1,800 km. north of the Capital, Santiago, on April 28. Another was over Arica — a region much visited in the past by UFOs — and was described as a huge very luminous "cigar" travelling at a staggering speed. It flew over Putre, an area especially well known in South

American Ufology as a "UFO corridor".

At Huepúl, 700 km. to the south from Santiago de Chile, a crowd of 200 young folk who were watching a football match observed a UFO which came along at a height of only five metres from the ground! It stopped briefly to watch the match, and, needless to say, the match stopped too. Then the UFO made off at a fantastic speed and vanished over the Andes.

Argentina

La Razón (Buenos Aires) for June 16, 1983, reported that a UFO had been seen at El Bolsón, in the Andean foothills, some 650 kms to the south-west of Neuquén, an area often mentioned in UFO reports. The sighting was at 9.00 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, and the object was observed in flight for some 15 minutes. Many local witnesses, including personnel of the Argentinian *Gendarmería*, said that it was "cone-shaped" and emitted flashes of vari-coloured light. A patrol was sent out by the *Gendarmería* Squadron 35, but they came back with nothing tangible to report.

La Crónica (Buenos Aires) of June 21, 1983, carried a report of the same date from their representative in Mendoza, in the eastern foothills of the Andes. The report said that, according to the local Mendoza newspaper *Los Andes* of same date, many eyewitnesses at Rivadavia (60 kms to the east of Mendoza) had seen a huge shining, silvery, craft which had appeared in the evening sky soon after 5.30 p.m. and had been seen by large crowds watching a football match in the Mendoza stadium. It had remained visible until sunset, and then vanished.

La Crónica (Buenos Aires) of July 11, 1983, carried a report of the same date from their man in Rosario (north of Buenos Aires) that a UFO had been seen west of Rosario on the previous day, July 10. It had appeared at 7.50 p.m. and was huge, shaped like a spinning-top (*trompo*), emitting orange flashes of light from its central part. After remaining stationary for a few minutes, it slowly moved off towards the S.E. (There are no regular air-routes in that part of Argentina, and the witnesses emphasised that there could in any case be no question of its being any sort of known terrestrial aircraft).

Tiempo Argentino (Buenos Aires), August 9, 1983,