

scientist. For the best that Menzel was able to do was to say that, IF Stephen Moi had been short-sighted (*which he wasn't*) and IF he had left his spectacles at home (*which he hadn't - and anyway he was using binoculars!*) he MIGHT have mistaken some ordinary object, such as a cloud, for a large UFO with a railed-off upper deck from which a friendly crew were waving!

-Pathetic indeed. Hynek's comments are well worth re-reading.

Well, of course the wretched Menzel had been given a very difficult task - STOP THE GREAT AMERICAN LUMPENFOTARIAT FROM BELIEVING IN UFOS, OR YOU'LL SCARE THEM, SCARE STALIN, UPSET THE OIL COMPANIES, AND MAKE OUR ARMS INDUSTRIES OBSOLETE!" To this end, Menzel discarded every last vestige of scientific integrity. Having been handed the hottest potato of all time, I suppose he had no other options. As I listened to him I was horribly reminded of Hamlet's famous line on Queen Gertrude who had helped to murder his father: "*Methinks the lady doth protest too much*". Professor Menzel did protest so

much that methought he must be hiding something. We now know what he was hiding, He was a leading member of the team of politicians and scientists who were secretly studying the new phenomenon - UFOs!

#### NOTES BY EDITOR OF FSR.

(1) For several years past I have had up my sleeve some astonishing material which relates to Adamski's so-much-maligned photograph of the "Scout-Ship" as he called his small disc-shaped UFO and which, in particular concerns the *port-holes*. *It may upset an awful lot of people, because it looks likely to go far to prove that Adamski's UFO photos are genuine! I shall publish it soon.*

(2) Unfortunately, forty or more years after Desmond Leslie's interview with Dr. Donald Menzel, I have not the slightest idea as to where I can read what it was that Menzel wrote about the Papua case or what was Dr. Hynek's comment on Menzel's views, and Desmond Leslie does not tell us. Possibly some U.S. reader of FSR may be able to tell us?■

## THE "OBSKIY METEORITE" (SIBERIA),1966.

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The Moscow ufologist Nikolai Kuzmin has managed to interview the principal eyewitnesses in this heavily censored and covered up case which occurred at the end of June or early in July of 1966 at a place about 10-15 kms. to the north-west of the West-Siberian town of Topolevka (Tomsk region).

### THE FIRST ACCOUNT.

A Moscow geologist, Oleg Ivanovich, gave this account to Kuzmin:-

"Early in 1966 I was invited to join a geological expedition to the Trygorodskaya district. We started out early in June from Moscow and flew to Tomsk and then continued on by river-boat. It was exceedingly hot, and it was my first experience of the *taiga* (Siberian forest). Our job was to search for deposits of petroleum and gas. (Unsuccessful.)

"We were in camp in thick forest 20-30 kms. north-west of Topolevka. One day our horse got badly stuck in the swamp-mud. We decided to make camp and that night we were awakened by a deafening noise from the sky. Running out of my tent, I found that, all around us, *the forest was on fire*. The trees were burning, the heat was intense, and we jumped into the river to escape from it.

Next morning, pockets of forest here and there were still burning and we set out to see where the explosion appeared to have been.

"Then queer things started to happen. *Our compass went spinning out of control. The radio would not work*

*properly, and we began to experience a sensation of powerlessness. The trees were seemingly all bent over in one direction, and their tops were lopped off as though by a gigantic knife.*

### THE CRAFT, AND A PROTRUDING 'TENTACLE'.

"Then through the trees we perceived, flashing brightly and as though in a sort of semi-circle, a series of coloured lights.

"Approaching cautiously over the very swampy terrain, we saw the wide outline of a burnt object, like two washbasins set face to face, with the flashing lights around its central part, and we could see a small door from which dense smoke was coming. And, emerging from the dark interior, through that door, a sort of 'tentacle' sticking out.

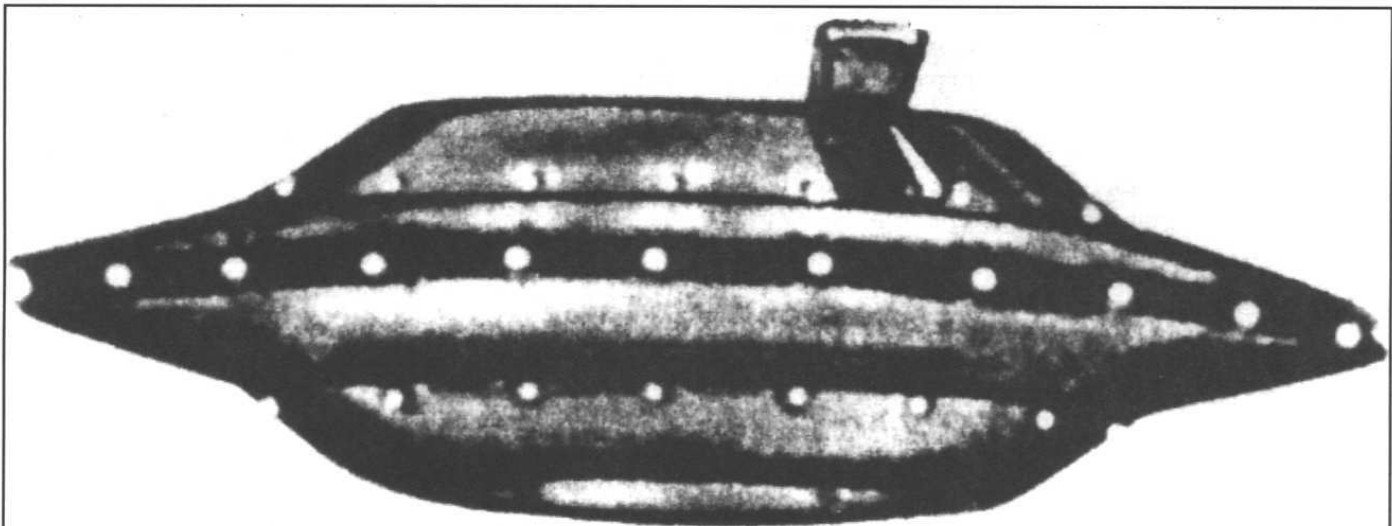
*"Owing to the swampy soil we could get no nearer. We were now 25 metres from it.*

*"We started taking photographs of it (But none of them came out very well).*

*"I suspect that we were all affected by radioactivity because - even in that brief period, we all felt overcome by vertigo and nausea. I felt my eyesight was also being impaired somehow, so we decided that it was safer to retreat to a safer distance.*

*"By then it was getting dark, and we heard the sound of the first helicopter. "*

### THE "PHANTOM HELICOPTERS" ARRIVE.



**Approximate appearance of the “Object Z”, found near Topolevka in June 1966 and reported to be secreted in Military Unit No. 73790 at Zhiktur, in the Kapustin Yar Test Area.**

“The first one passed over our heads, we couldn’t use our radio to contact it because since the explosion it would not work any more.

*“Then a second helicopter appeared, and a third, and then many more. They were heading for the spot where the crashed craft lay.*

*“We thought of going back there, but it was by now quite dark, and our compass also no longer worked. So we spent that night where we were, and next morning, about 10.00 am, we returned to the place, and there wasn’t a scrap of the burnt and crashed craft left! There were just human footprints on the swampy soil and marks left by the helicopters.*

*“I still cannot decide for sure whether the craft had sunk into the mud or had been removed!”*

*“We had scarcely got back to Moscow when we were ‘invited’ -if one may put it thus- to go to a certain building of the local branch of the KGB. We were taken to a big room and received by an individual with a friendly air who said he was interested in our exploratory research work. But the sympathetic attitude was brief and rapidly the atmosphere changed, and he said:*

*“We are aware of certain events that you observed in the taiga. Well now, -you saw nothing. Absolutely nothing!”*

*“We felt we were in a real jam. And, he went on:*

*“All of you will most certainly know that it involves a State Secret. In addition to that, you will sign a declaration on the basis of which you will promise to divulge nothing about this affair. Otherwise, you can imagine what the consequences will be for you”.*

*“We signed. We couldn’t do otherwise. Just imagine for yourself -I signed without having even the slightest idea as to what had taken place that night!*

*“All that remains for me to say is that, almost without exception, every one of the members of our geological expedition is now dead, and yet all of them were men in perfect physical condition! By 1992 there were just two of us surviving. The other one - Pavel - was then living in Leningrad, and I don’t know what it was that caused his death. I have talked with several doctors, who have told*

*me that most of them died as a result of the effects of exposure to radiation”.*

#### **THE OTHER EYEWITNESSES.**

Two more eyewitnesses were living in the town of Topolevka.

Anna Egoronovna (who died in 1995 aged 82) gave her version of the incident. She said she was not sure of the exact date. She said that her own grandfather, Philip Ivanovich (he had died before the investigators could interview him) had been out hunting, in the *taiga*. Her statement to us is as follows:-

*“I had gone to bed early, because I was planning to be up early next day.*

*“I was awakened in the middle of the night by a roar, and found the walls of the house shaking. Still half asleep, I looked outside to see what was going on, and found that it was all lit up out there, as bright as day!*

*“And before I could get out to the yard, the ground too began to shake. I was terrified. And I saw a great glowing light, descending towards the forest, a light as bright as the Sun! It made my eyes sore, and it affected my eyesight.*

*“The thing fell somewhere there in the forest, at some distance, and I felt a powerful blast of wind, and then everything was dark again. All that remained was a great glow away off in the distance.*

*“I couldn’t sleep any more. I was worried about my grandfather. But he did in fact come back safe and well, and he said he had spent the night with friends, and had neither seen nor heard nor felt anything.*

*“There were rumours that some people in a village about 15 miles away, Lukashin Yar, had seen the blaze in the forest that night. And a special team from the KGB were said to have arrived, and to have declared that everything was all right.*

*That’s the history of the affair.”*

#### **A HUNTER’S ACCOUNT.**

The second of these other eyewitnesses, also a resident of Topolevka, is Michael Kuzmich, a 79-year-old hunter.

Here is what he has told the investigators:-

"I had decided to go off and do some fishing. I had already got all my kit ready, and prepared all my gear, and I was out there by the river, and it was late at night. I had cooked and eaten some fish for my dinner, and was sitting on the bank there smoking a cigarette, when suddenly I heard a tremendous noise, *a sort of howling....* like "HU-U-U, and I thought to myself '*Oh my God, what's that!*'"

"Then the whole sky lit up as though all in flame. I ran back seeking shelter, and then there came an explosion and I felt myself struck by a tremendous blast of air. The tops of the trees were catching fire and crackling as the flames leapt up. I thought my time had come, and that the Chinese had launched a nuclear missile against us.

"After that all was calm again, but the forest was still all ablaze. I grabbed my tent and gear and got away from there as fast as I could. The blazing forest was terrifying and I knew that if I did not hurry the flames would get me".

#### **THE MILITARY RECUPERATION OPERATION.**

The final man to be interviewed was found in Moscow. His name is Sergei Petrovich M. -and he is a 52-year-old air pilot. From 1966 onwards he had seen service in the Soviet Air Force as an air-controller at the Kolpashevo Airfield, some 240 kms to the north-west of Tomsk and 350 kms. to the south-east of Topolevka.

He said that a squadron of military helicopters and a civil aircraft took off from Kolpashevo. The Kolpashevo Air Base is today still the headquarters of what is called the Military Relay Centre, where they have *MI-4 Hound* type helicopters and a few *MI-6 Hook* transport helicopters. At this Base they have been carrying out special test experiments -in the special environmental conditions of Northern Russia -to do with Space, etc. and with the training of the Soviet astronauts.

Sergei Petrovich's statement is as follows:

"I remember that night very well. Our military unit was alerted by a general alarm. *We took off in our helicopters towards the taiga and arriving there we found that on the previous day there had been a forest fire and also an earthquake.*

"My colleagues told me that the sky had been lit up by an incandescent ball that fell to the earth. But they themselves had not actually seen anything, because they were asleep at that time. In due course we arrived at the forest and disembarked from our *M 4* helicopters.

"Our Commanding Officer issued an order: '*This is a military secret*', and he made it clear that if anything about it leaked out, we would pay for it.

"As I recall it, what we saw there was a very vast swamp area with burnt trees all around a point of diffused clarity. And there we beheld a craft half buried in the ground.

"The thing seemed to consist of two plates as it were set face to face, with a central ring of coloured lights around them. My mates immediately shouted: '*It's a flying saucer!*'"

"More helicopters arrived, with armed personnel, *and also a big transport helicopter.*

"Further orders were issued. The disc was to be hooked

up by steel cables to the belly of the big transport-helicopter. Then we started setting up the gear to lift the craft out of the swamp.

"When I found myself close enough to see, I could make out that the craft had a small door from which a sort of "fin" seemed to be projecting -a very big sort of fin, of a dark brown colour.

"The craft itself was big - about 8 to 10 metres in diameter, and its structure was extremely smooth and linear and it was impossible to secure the cables on to it anywhere, so we prepared a sort of network of cables with which to secure it.

#### **OBJECT "Z".**

There was a scientist with the transport helicopter, who first made a study of the craft's fuselage and then examined the 'fin' and carefully wrapped it in a polythene bag or something of the sort.

"At that point, further orders were issued, to the effect that nothing should be said to anybody about the affair.

"Then the transport helicopter arrived above the craft and very slowly started to lift it. At one moment I thought the disc was slipping loose from the cables, but suddenly the helicopter had it up into the air, and was on its way with it.

"We were all left standing there plastered with swamp mud from head to foot.

"For quite a while we could still see the lights of the craft receding in the sky.

"Several of the people of our military unit said later that the UFO had been taken to a secret military airfield, mentioned as "*Military Unit 73790*" at ZHIKTUR, in the KAPUSTIN YAR Test Range, and was being studied by a group of scientists and military.

"The thing was classified as *Object "Z"*; and it was said that in the interior of it bodies had been found, but this latter point might be a fable.

"I retired from the Armed Services a good while ago, but I still know nothing of what it really was all about, but one day I'll find out!"

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The Tunguska incident of 1908 is of course still the subject of the hottest debates. According to some folk, it was a heavenly body of an undetermined nature. To others: it was a manufactured craft of extraterrestrial origin.

"Object Z", the "Obskiy Meteorite", as they call the object with which this article is concerned, it is possible that the affair may be something even more mysterious than the event that happened in 1908.

What, in fact was it, that perturbed the peacefulness of that night in June 1966? Why was the object not destroyed by the impact? And, as is evident - *officially nothing ever occurred.*

It could of course be argued that it was not an extraterrestrial object, but a Soviet military satellite with a nuclear reactor aboard.

In 1965, at Kecksburg, in the U.S.A., a similar incident occurred (some think it more likely that it was a secret Soviet satellite than that it was an alien craft).

But then would it have been a mere coincidence that



the Kolpashevo helicopter unit was included in the command force despatched on that occasion? And we should also bear in mind that in those days almost all of the Soviet Space launchings followed a totally different trajectory from the trajectory of the "Object 7". Furthermore, Soviet Satellites in those days did not have multi-coloured lights all around them....

As to the final destination to which the object was transported for study and examination, that remains purely

in the realms of hypothesis.

Even now, today, to enter into spheres covered by the Official Secrets laws is not an activity conducive to the best of "health". No one knows how much longer the secrecy will continue to be maintained about this as well as about other similar occurrences on Russian territory. But, despite the prevailing political/economical crisis that characterizes our country, our investigations and our search for further information must continue. ■

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**I. SURVEILLANCE AND PURSUIT BY A UFO.**

For about one entire hour (from 4.00 am to 5.00 am on April 25, 1998) a Brazilian man named Dalton Eustaquio de Castro, aged 41, living in the town of São Vicente, State of Minas Geraes, was relentlessly pursued and watched by a UFO as he passed through the deserted streets of the town after attending a funeral "wake" for a friend.

Perceiving two bright lights overhead, (one smaller blue one, above, and a larger yellow one, surrounded by a ring of tiny dim smaller yellow lights, below) he panicked and dashed through the town, dogged by them the whole way. The big lights, both circular, seemed always to be at exactly the same distance from each other, indicating that they were carried by one object. The lower (yellow) light was, he felt, "about 2 metres wide". (See artist's sketch.)

Not a soul being around on the streets, the terrified man dashed up to the main gate of a factory and clamoured for someone to come and let him in, but there was nobody there. He then fled to the nearby residence of an uncle and aunt, and finding their door firmly shut and unable to awaken them, he dashed to the back of the house and hid inside an outside lavatory which he knew was there.

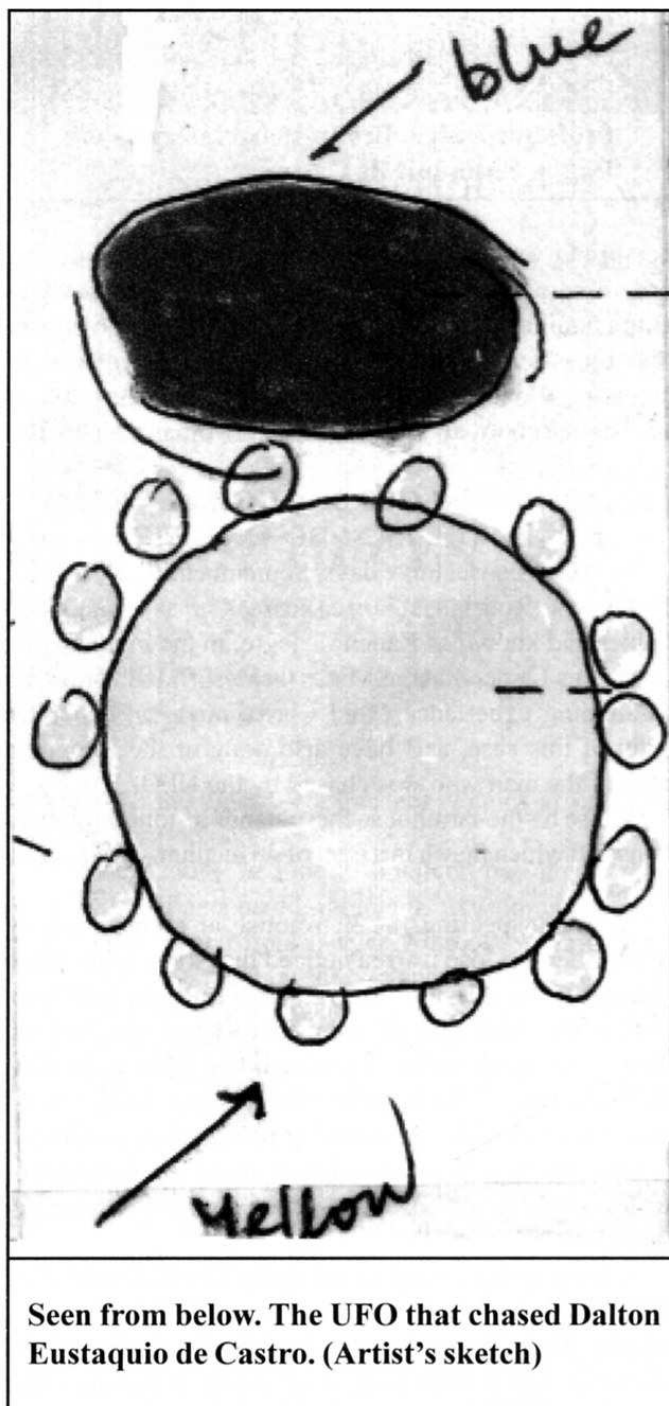
Peering out from time to time, he saw that the UFO was still there above, waiting for him, but slightly higher in the sky.

And, as a few cars began to pass by on the road, he noticed that their engines all began to cough and falter slightly as they came near the UFO.

The dawn was now coming, and Dalton had spent about 45 minutes in the lavatory. Then the UFO began to rise higher and higher, until it had finally vanished.

**NOTE BY THE EDITOR OF FSR.**

Over the years I have seen several cases resembling this. In one of them, as I recall it, a Belgian woman was pursued in a similar fashion through her home town, and from the craft she received telepathic messages indicating *that the occupants knew all about her and even knew her name!* (This should not be surprising, since it is today



**Seen from below. The UFO that chased Dalton Eustaquio de Castro. (Artist's sketch)**