

expect a plane to be.'

"Gordon, a pupil at Wimborne Secondary Modern School, said they saw the UFO at about 6 p.m. It was travelling west to east and had flames coming from it 'like a rocket.'

"He said it was difficult to tell how far away it had been. He was sure it wasn't a plane. It had a big fire with flames flickering around the edges."

Credit: Mrs. Clare Branch of Honiton.

#### "Sodium lamp" UFO

Could the previous account have been of a rocket re-entry or of a decaying satellite? The next account, extracted from the *Southern Evening Echo* of December 2, 1970, shows that an object, described differently, was seen at the same time from another part of the district—

"... Mr. Anthony Watson, of Bashley Road, New Milton, said today he saw what looked like an 'orange street lamp' in the sky while walking near Bashley sports field shortly after 6 p.m. on Monday, about the same time as the flaming object reported yesterday was sighted.

"He estimated it to be about five miles away in the Bransgore direction and at cloud height. It appeared stationary at first, although it could have been moving either towards or away from him.

"After some 20 seconds it moved slowly to the right for another 20 or 30 seconds, and was again stationary for about the same time.

"Then it was just as if someone had switched a light off—it vanished," said Mr. Watson, whose 16-year-old daughter Pauline, a bank clerk at New Milton, also saw the object.

"It was the size I cannot get over. It was too big to have been a star or a plane," he said. "And it was too bright to pick out its shape. It was like looking at a sodium street lamp at a distance of about 60 yards."

"Mr. Watson is an instrument maker at SRDE, Christchurch..."

"A Christchurch couple have also reported seeing an object, similar to that seen over Wimborne, from their home in Hurn Way—also at about 6 p.m. on Monday."

Credit: Mrs. Clare Branch.

#### GUERNSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS

##### Mirror UFO

This item was carried by the *Guernsey Evening Press* of October 19, 1970—

"An unidentified flying object 'like a giant flying mirror' was reported over the south of Guernsey, on Saturday morning. (October 17, 1970.)

"The phenomenon was spotted by Mrs. Sybil Gavey, of Candie Road,

Castel, who saw a large object in the sky 'like a mirror shining.'

"Mrs. Gavey called her husband Edward and Mr. George Le Page, who was helping them to get some cattle out of a field, and they all looked at the object in the sky.

"It was quite beautiful," said Mrs. Gavey, afterwards. "It was more oblong than round and appeared to be floating along through the sky. We saw it for quite a few seconds and then it closed down to a small ball and vanished. The sky seemed to be pink after it had gone."

"The object was seen shortly after 10.5 a.m. on Saturday, but a States Airport spokesman said that they had not heard of any similar reports of UFOs at the time."

#### NEW ZEALAND

##### Mystery "circle" repeater

There were echoes of mystery circle reports of late 1969 in the following account from the Taranaki "Daily News" of September 15, 1970 (captioned 'PA Hamilton' 14.9.70)—

"A Te Kuiti farmer, Mr. C. Blackmore, believes a UFO visited his farm last night for the third time in a year. The water in a pond has overflowed and a track has appeared around the edge.

"As on the two previous occasions, for no apparent reason the pond has a circle of weed flattened in a clockwise spiral fashion and a sickly smell hangs over the water.

"Mr. Blackmore said today the area around the pond was not carrying stock, so animals were not the cause of the strange track which also circles the edge of the pond in a clockwise direction.

"When he went to the pond at 8 a.m. today he noticed the level had dropped and the overflow pipe was dripping. A watermark round the edges showed that something had forced the water to rise during the night and overflow.

"The level is returning to normal, but the water appears to have changed colour to a dirty brown, as happened on the last visit 'out of the unknown.'

"Mr. Blackmore said the occurrences on this piece of land followed the pattern of the previous circles, the first of which appeared on October 8 last year and the second in January this year.

"The rushes were flattened in the same manner and there was the same sickly smell in the air, although the weeds on the edge had not yet turned brown, as they did last time.

"Mr. Blackmore said he believed the markings and smell had been caused by a UFO. He was unable to find any footprints on the track around the pond."

Credit: V. L. Scott, New Plymouth, N.Z. (Thanks also to other un-named correspondents.)

#### UFO over Waiwera

The following item appeared in *The Otago Daily Times* of September 21, 1970—

"An unusual flying object seen by two young men in Waiwera early yesterday morning remained unidentified last night. Meteorological officers ruled out the possibility of a weather balloon or an aircraft.

"The two men, Ian Higgie (25) and Mr. Neil Black (23), saw the object at 1.15 a.m. yesterday when they were sitting in a car outside Mr. Higgie's home in Waiwera South, about six miles north of Clinton.

"Mr. Black said last night the object glittering with blue, yellow and white lights, descended slowly to a height of 500ft. where it remained for half a minute before climbing vertically at the same rate. It then disappeared towards the east at an increased speed.

"Meteorological officers in Dunedin and Invercargill said last night the object could not have been a weather balloon.

"The Invercargill office said there had been no reports of unusual meteorological phenomena in the area and ruled out the possibility of the object being an aircraft.

"No other sightings of the object were reported to either the Dunedin or Clinton police yesterday."

Credit: Norman Wardell, The Apollo Verein (NZ 1958), Box 27, Otahuhu.

#### Lights over Larnachs Castle

*The Otago Daily Times* of September 25, 1970, carried another report—

"Two mysterious coloured lights were seen by several people over the St. Clair area last night.

"The two lights, flashing yellow and white alternately, were seen about 10.30 over Larnachs Castle.

"The lights were seen to rotate in small circles before disappearing.

"They were later seen over the St. Clair area.

"The director of the Beverley-Begg Observatory, Mr. A. J. Doig, said nothing he knows of could fit the description."

Credit: Norman Wardell of Otahuhu.

#### SOUTH AFRICA

##### UFO gave her gooseflesh

In the October 21, 1970, edition of the *Cape Argus*, there appeared a story, from the Pretoriac orrespondent of that newspaper, in which mild physiological effects of a UFO experience were described—

"An extraordinary emotional experience was related by a Pretoria house-

wife who claims to have been in the presence of a flying saucer yesterday.

"I know this is going to sound ridiculous, and I myself have never believed people who claim to have seen such phenomena," said Mrs. Lyndal Katzke when she reported the sighting today.

"She said she was talking to a neighbour in the garden of her Riget Street, Waterkloofridge, home at about 1.15 yesterday afternoon when suddenly they both heard a noise which they had never heard before.

"It is very difficult to describe the noise," she explained. "The closest I can come to it is the sound a thousand large birds would make swooping low across the sky. It was a kind of swishing, swooping sound. At the same time, I experienced a strange feeling. I felt a cold thrill as if I had seen a ghost, and I got gooseflesh on my arms."

"Unfortunately, she and the neighbour, Mrs. D. Groenewald, were standing under a tree in the garden. Mrs. Katzke said she looked up but could not see anything. However, Mrs. Groenewald said she saw a bright metallic circular-shaped object moving off at a terrific speed towards the south.

"Mrs. Katzke said it could not possibly have been an aircraft of any

known description as it was too low and travelling too fast. "There was no sound of its arrival," she said.

"Nobody else in the area has reported seeing the UFO."

Credit: E. R. Pitlo, Somerset West, C.P., South Africa.

## SPAIN

### Marks at Morón de la Frontera

From the Madrid daily newspaper *ABC* of May 16, 1970, we learn how, at Morón de la Frontera, Seville, on May 13, 1970—

"Some strange tracks appeared in a sunflower field on the farm named 'Rancho del maestro Oliva'. They appeared in the form of two circles of about 25 metres in circumference, and while the plant stalks were burned, the flowers and leaves were fresh and untouched.

"The owner of the farm, Señor Garrido, notified the Guardia Civil [a uniformed government police force stationed in the small towns], who came to investigate the phenomenon, along with a group of local researchers from the so-called 'Equipo Nacional de Investigaciones de Ovnis' [loosely: National Team for Investigation of UFOs], who investigated the ground. This Team was composed of Messrs.

Camacho Moreno, Ayala Morales, and Romero Cabrera.

"It was noted that there were two equal rings on the ground, about 30 metres distance one from the other. Both circles were surrounded by small holes, each situated at an identical distance from the others (about 30 centimetres), with another, larger hole, in the centre of each group of holes. On the inside of the rings the sunflower plants appear burned, and no one can explain the phenomenon, as only the plants growing inside each circle have burned stalks and are dead; but even so, the leaves are still fresh and green.

"The members of the Investigation Team on UFO phenomena have been reluctant to issue an opinion, yet have said that the tracks were made by an artificial phenomenon."—Cifra.

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**Translator's Note:** Morón de la Frontera is a small town in the province of Seville, in the south of Spain. The incident probably took place on the night of May 12/13. "Cifra" is the news agency reporting it on wire.

Credit: **Russell-b. Guérard y Holmes** (Madrid), whom we thank also for the translation.

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