

We were completely baffled, but I'm sure we were not seeing things.'

"A member of the local UFO group said under special conditions, and using a powerful telescope, Skylab might just be seen in faint outline — but not with the naked eye.

"Earlier this summer, lights were seen in the sky near Reeth, Swaledale, and a quantity of what could have been burnt metal was found. But as usual the topic stayed in mid-air."

Wales

Cardiff fireball

The *South Wales Echo* of July 19, reported that—

Meteorological experts and residents are mystified by a 'ball of fire' which is said to have hit a Cardiff street last night.

"People watching television in their Harriet Street homes were interrupted by an explosion. Mrs. Leonie Marlow happened to be looking out of her front window when it happened, and she said, 'I saw a flash of light and something hit the road. It was like a ball of fire and there was a noise like a plane going through the sound barrier or a banger firework going off.'

"People from neighbouring houses ran out into the Cathays street because they thought there had been a car crash.

"Today a Meteorological Office spokesman at Glamorgan (Rhoose) Airport said he did not know what it was, and last night there were no thunderstorms.

Credit: John Eveleigh of Rumney

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Hunters see dazzling UFO

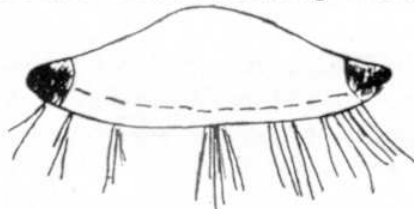
The following item is taken from the Viennese newspaper *Wiener Kurier* of August 5, 1972—

"On the evening of Thursday, August 3, 1972, in the Klausenleopoldsdorf region of Austria, a few kilometres outside of Vienna, two hunters had an interesting sighting of a UFO. Frau Erika Gräf, whose husband has the shooting rights in the area in question, was accompanied by head-forester Reinhold Hering. She had just shot a roebuck and the two of them were hauling the animal to their car, when a glowing flattened disc-like object suddenly appeared between two ridges of the hills. They estimated its distance from them at about 1½ kilometres, and they watched it for approximately one minute as, slowly and silently, it flew off towards the northwest. They both said: 'Truly, we felt it was very eerie.'

"Describing the experience, Frau Gräf told the newspaper *Wiener Kurier*:

'It was weird. It was an oval, red, flattened object, and I would estimate its height at around 800 metres.' Forester Hering added: 'Taking its distance from us at about 1½ kilometres, I should say that the width of the object must have been about 25 metres. A minute later, it had vanished.'

"The forester said that he had a far better view of the thing with his



Sketch of the UFO, made for the *Wiener Kurier*, by head-forester, Reinhold Hering

naked eyes than through his binoculars. 'For, due to the magnification power of my binoculars, the beams of light shooting out from the object were made so bright that I was absolutely blinded by them momentarily.'

"He at once went to the Austrian Gendarmerie and reported the sighting. There the officials asked whether it could not perhaps have been a balloon, since a balloon had caused much excitement only a few weeks before over wide areas of Upper Austria and Bergenland. Reinhold Hering stuck to his claim however that it could not possibly have been a balloon.

"At the Hohe Warte Observatory the experts admitted that they could find absolutely no explanation for the head-forester's report. They said: 'It was quite definitely no balloon, and quite definitely no meteorological phenomenon such as ball-lightning, for the weather conditions at the time were absolutely wrong for that.'

Credit: Herr Ludwig Hanemann. Translation from the German by Gordon Creighton.

Republic of South Africa

UFO as big as a liner!

More UFOs have been reported in the East London area, according to the *Daily Telegraph* of May 15, 1973, including one allegedly enormous cigar-shaped object—

"The UFOs that have been buzzing the Border in profusion over the past three weeks were back again yesterday.

"A senior works foreman in Frere Hospital's engineering and maintenance section, Mr. L. W. Booth, said he saw a strange flying object as big as an ocean liner above his house in William Avenue, Vincent.

"Mr. Booth said the object was

cigar-shaped and had a broad shiny, black keel which ran from the bows to the stern. He also saw black portholes in the 'ship.' The rest of it was a glowing red colour.

"It was like looking at the underside of a liner — that's how big it was.' Mr. Booth said the object sailed out of the northern sky at 6.55 p.m. and moved slowly southward."

Credit: Philipp J. Human

Republic of South Africa

Springs landing?

The *Rand Daily Mail* of June 30, 1973, of an incident reported to have taken place on June 23—

"It didn't go bump in the night, but it droned, glowed with a bright orange light, emitted a thick odourless smoke, and scared the pants off a Springs resident.

"The latest chapter in South Africa's 'flying saucer' history was written on Thursday night in New Township, Springs, when Mr. I. Roberts returned home at 9.15 to find 'it' parked on the lawn in his back-yard.

"In the backyard of the house he saw the object, which was saucer-shaped, with a dome on the top, apparently resting on the lawn.

"It was about three metres high, and even wider than that. As I reached the back gate and heard its low-pitched droning, it rose into the air, emitting a thick smoke, which I could not smell. I stepped back and shouted to my wife. I got such a fright I didn't want to look at it,' Mr. Roberts said.

"Mrs. Roberts came running up in time to see the 'saucer' disappear into the sky, surrounded by a haze of some sort.

"It shone with a bright orange light,' she told the *Mail*, confirming her husband's description."

Credit: G.D.B. Williams of Johannesburg.

Coming shortly!

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