

UFO WAVE OVER RUSSIA

A FURTHER REPORT FOR FSR FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

Translation from the Russian by Gordon Creighton

UFOLOGISTS had predicted a new UFO "Wave" for 1977, and in fact it has occurred.

I have already had the pleasure of sending you the clipping from the newspaper *Sotzialisticheskiye Industriya* of September 23, 1977, giving the report about an "unidentified natural phenomenon". We have dubbed this UFO the "Petrozavodsk Jellyfish," for short.

Further new reports and interrogation of the witnesses have now shown however that there have been many phenomena of this same kind in the regions around the Baltic Sea. So many, indeed, that it is now possible for us to speak of the "*Baltic UFO Wave of 1977.*"

At the start, the newspapers announced to the public that "an unusual phenomenon of nature" had been seen in the sky over Petrozavodsk at 4.00 a.m. on September 20: they simply said that something like a star hung stationary over the town, and then changed shape into a sort of "jellyfish" of glowing plasma.

When subsequently all the accounts had been gathered in from the eyewitnesses, it turned out that, at precisely the same time (morning of September 20, 1977) similar sights had been seen over many towns and inhabited spots around the Baltic — from Pskov and Leningrad to as far west as Helsinki and Murmansk, and over Lakes Ladoga and Onega, and over Karelia. In a whole series of cases the scenes described by the witnesses were similar: they spoke of the arrival of a star which came flying over, and which then proceeded to emit from itself into the sky a glowing cloud, a jet of glowing gas, and then looked like a luminous structure variously described as star-like, or like a lampshade, or like a jellyfish, and so on. Yet again, however, in many of the cases the sighting accounts were very different from this, some of them coming very close to the "classical" UFO shapes: a saucer: a sphere: a cylinder; a dirigible, and so on.

It now turns out, furthermore, that this Baltic UFO Wave went on for two months — if not longer.

Thus, at Petrozavodsk, on September 30, October 20, October 28, November 4, and November 9, the same sight was seen again there as had been seen there on September 20. The most interesting and most mysterious features of it all have been the material traces left by the UFOs: after the sightings over Petrozavodsk it was found that in a number of houses the panes of the windows bore round holes drilled right through them — just as though the glass had been melted — and a few centimetres in diameter.

Feliks Yurevich Zigel's UFO investigation group have been trying to gather in and correlate all the data about this Wave, and Zigel is preparing his manuscript for a book about it all.

We are indebted for this report, the first one ever specially written from Russia for FSR, which has reached me from the same correspondent and reader who supplied the press clipping about the "jellyfish" seen over Petrozavodsk in the early morning hours of September 20, 1977.

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Furthermore, a *Catalogue of UFO Cases in the USSR* is under preparation, suitable for computerization.

References (by translator):

1. See World Round-Up in FSR Vol. 23, No. 3, and the article, *A Russian "Jellyfish"*, in FSR Vol. 23, No. 4.
2. Dr. Feliks Yurevich Zigel, an engineer, has for many years past been recognized as the most prominent of the UFO investigators in Russia.
3. Should this *Catalogue of UFO Cases in the USSR* ever reach the point of being printed, and issued to the public, there may be a possibility (so I am privately advised) that a copy of it might be made available to us. I doubt very much however whether publication is likely in any near future!

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