

World round-up

*of news and comment
about recent sightings*

Finland

Possible abduction on Pielinen Lake

We learn from the quarterly report of *Suomen Ufotutkijat ry* (UFO Research of Finland) that, — “After a long quiet period, UFO Research of Finland now has interesting news to report. As the Finnish UFO researchers were gathering for their annual summer seminar at Kylämä, in Central Finland, something extraordinary took place on Pielinen Lake in Eastern Finland.

“It all started on July 31, 1981, at 8.40 p.m. when two 35-year-old vacationing men were sailing with their motor boat towards the town of Lieksa. They were passing the Vaaraniemi Cape which is covered by evergreen trees, when they suddenly saw a black sphere in the sky. The sphere was surrounded by one large light and several smaller ones. The large light began to approach them, and the men stopped the boat. Now a black object was separated from the group of lights, and flew to the stern of the boat. The object seemed to be enveloped by a fog, and there were two lights on it. Suddenly one of the men was “paralysed” and couldn’t move his head. However, he continued to talk with his companion. Then the lights and the black object disappeared into the sky. Now the men noticed that they were not sitting at the same locations on the boat as they had been a moment before. The sky was clear and the boat was still near the Cape, despite the strong currents and the wind. The men glanced at their watches. The time was 4.10 a.m. on the following morning. They had lost 6 hours of their lives. As after effects they suffered from shaking hands, nightmares, and a disoriented sense of balance for over a week.

“After a week of after effects, they contacted the famous astronomers Juhani Kyröläinen and Pekka Teerikorpi (authors of a UFO book) at Helsinki University. Since then the astronomers have conducted extensive studies including two unsuccessful attempts to hypnotise the men. So far it is only known that the phenomenon was not a meteorite, or a Russian

rocket launch. The studies are continuing in collaboration with UFO Research of Finland and new results are expected in due course.

Norway

Children’s sighting near Larvik

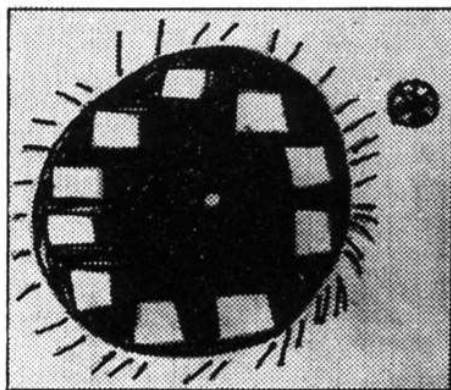
A Norwegian newspaper which, from the cutting we have received, appears to be called “VG”, and dated Friday, 16 October 1981, carries an item about a UFO event. The reader who sent the item also included a translation, and we present this in précis form, —

“An unidentified over Melgeroa was observed by a group of children aged from 5 to 11 years. A girl, whose name is Linn Fydse, said they were out playing when they saw a powerful light moving in from the sea. As well as being powerful, the light was also sharply defined, and forceful: several of the young observers were thrown to the ground.

“‘One of the boys was *going all white in his eyes*’ said Linn.

“They watched the object for a while, and suddenly a ‘trunk’ dropped from it. ‘Surely a trunk full of money’ one of the children cried. But they were all too frightened to approach this trunk, and ran off to their homes.

“Another of the witnesses, Monica Gausdal, was asked by her father to make a sketch of what she had seen. The father then took them to the police station at Larvik (Southern Norway). The sighting was declared



Monica Gausdal’s sketch of the object, as published in the newspaper “VG”.

‘unidentified’ as there was no resemblance to any known artifact.”

Credit: Sverre Lied of Svinndal, Norway.

Greece

1981 Round-up

We have received a most interesting letter from one reader **George Alahouzos** of Athens. He summarizes some recent events, and we hope to have fuller details of selected cases in due course. Here is an extract from his letter,—

“In your editorial, ‘Hard times,’ in Vol. 27, No. 2, you pointed out that sightings had petered out to a minimum. I believe this is where correspondence on a world wide basis is imperative. Continuous transmission of data to a central informative nucleus aids researchers in their efforts to comprehend the patterns which arise from time to time. I am justified in believing that many countries have their share of the phenomenon but that news of the incidents rarely gets a chance to be published within those countries, even more so outside of them. Greece is definitely one of these. It appears that the phenomenon recently decided to restrict its activities to the boundaries of this small land. A few of the sightings made during the summer months of this year were quite impressive and were definitely worth looking into. Regrettably, it seems that only a small percentage of the totality of sightings actually reached investigators. To give you some idea of our summer ‘flap,’ I have listed several of the more interesting cases.

“During July 1981, two large objects, apparently the size of the full moon, were observed for a lengthy period of time over the city of Corinth. Five days later an object was photographed near the town of Akrata. This series of shots turned out to be one of the most intriguing events in Greek UFO history. I shall return to this subject later. A few weeks after this incident, a red, cigar-shaped object with two under-hanging globes of the same colour, terrified a group of young men

while fishing in open water. I must mention that the object was under observation for nearly an hour. A huge, glowing object made an unexpected visitation to a factory in Orestias, reportedly scaring the night watchmen on duty at the time.

"During this same period I received two more accounts through military sources. The first case involved a red and orange glowing object which hovered above the Eleusis Air Force base. All personnel were put on red alert, but the object finally went away quietly. I was also told that radar installations, stationed on the islands, pick up uncorrelated targets at least once a week and that they have become so common that no-one bothers looking into them.

"Things become much more complex in the following situation. I shall present a brief account of the next case, preferably avoiding details since there is no way of authenticating the incident at this point. It was mentioned by one of the people involved that he could obtain a tape of the conversation between air control and Air Force pilots, but so far this hasn't been possible. The story goes as follows: A slow moving object was picked up on Greek and American radar scopes, constantly tracked from the Turkish border as it moved inland over Greek territory. Two *Phantom* jets were soon sent up to reconnoitre the craft, but were soon recalled following a NATO order (?). The pilots were able to catch a glimpse of an illuminated, multi-finned, rocket-shaped craft before making their return. I must emphasise that the planes had gone up with orders to down the object, but these were cancelled before visual contact with the object could be made. This maintained a steady trajectory, finally stopping above what is possibly the largest radar installation in Northern Greece, which happens to be situated on the summit of a mountain near Thessalonika, and which accommodates two bases, one American and one Greek. The object, now resembling a glowing ball, lowered to a height of 30 metres from the base, ultimately interrupting communication and radar systems and creating a total

power failure. The Americans purportedly photographed the object and film footage was also taken.

"After hanging around for a while and inducing a queer chilling sensation on all the personnel, the object underwent a transformation which gave it a rhomboid-shaped appearance and moved off leisurely towards the Greco-Albanian border. Two more jets were sent up and soon conveyed the message that visual contact with the craft had been made, but that they were following a normal looking airplane with conventional red, green and white lights. The object finally moved over the border and the planes were called back. All power systems at the base returned to normal following its departure from the immediate area. I prefer that this case not be used for the time being, strictly due to lack of verification.

"Many recent UFO events involve military channels and it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to gain information. A recent example is the disappearance of two military *Phantoms*. Rumours are going round that UFOs were involved but I cannot verify these statements.

"Returning to the subject of the photographs mentioned earlier, the witnesses revealed a number of strange events preceding their encounter. The percipients were two boys in their twenties. The younger one, who happened to take the photos, had been subjected to a dream a few weeks earlier which happened to include UFOs. He had also experienced another UFO observation a year earlier while stationed in Cyprus and serving his term in the armed forces. Before going to the spot where the photos were taken, he had received an odd sensation which apparently lured him there.

"The other witness, though he possesses no recent experiences, displays a rich family history in paranormal activity which appears to stem back to his grandparents from both sides of the family. A few examples will give you some idea of the situation. While his mother was still pregnant with him she would be approached by a

short, ugly, stunted "entity" on nights returning from work. She finally learned a prayer which affected the being in a way that it appeared to be sucked, as though in a vacuum, into the nearby woods apparently against its will. Its appearance was reminiscent of MIBs, though I won't go into any details here. Upon giving birth to her son, a poltergeist type event caused some degree of consternation in the family. Apparently this incident was closely related to the beliefs and customs of the mother's birthplace.

"When the witness was a child he would be overcome by convulsions and would inevitably swallow his tongue. He was taken to a church, famed for its miracles and healings, and following a certain ritual he was finally cured. Recent experiences are largely based on sensations perceived when the witness is located in specific areas. These appear to be of psychic content and the percipient usually has the feeling that something has happened there before.

"The actual UFO incident involves a disc-shaped object, moving parallel to the ground, though at some height, following a curved trajectory and finally stopping above the witnesses' heads. Two photos were taken whilst the object was still travelling and a third when the disc was hovering. In the third photo, the apparently metallic-grey object has acquired a reddish-orange hue and appears to be glowing. It must be noted that the photos were taken on a clear summer afternoon and that the red glow adds authenticity to the shots. Three circular marks become evident on the underside of the object under enlargement. The film cassette of the Kodak instamatic camera was then changed and another four shots were taken before the object disappeared vertically into the sky. These last four photos didn't turn out at all, though they appeared to have been affected in some way by something. Wavy coloured patterns have appeared on this film, although the rest of the shots, being of landscapes etc., have turned out normally.

"I believe Greece has much to offer by way of UFO and paranormal occurrences and I consider this incident to be a good introduction to these."