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THE "GHOST ROCKETS" OF 1946

"I was studying some clouds through a telescope when suddenly I observed a luminescent point on the horizon," the Swedish scientist said.

"I first believed it to be an airplane. But soon I noticed it was traveling much too fast for that, and within 10 seconds I got a full view of the projectile. I managed to get a clear view of its body and estimated that it was at least 90 feet long. The body was torpedo-shaped and shining like metal. No sound could be heard, although the projectile was only two kilometers (1.25 miles) away. At the explosion, a terrific light flared up that for a moment completely blinded me. No fire, smoke, or sparks were noticeable."

The shaken man confessed that he had "visions of doomsday."

The date was Aug. 11, 1946. "Flying Saucers" and Unidentified Flying Objects were ideas whose time had not yet come. It would not be until nearly a year later, on June 24, 1947, that Kenneth Arnold's sighting over Mount Rainier, Wash., would alert the world to the reality of a phenomenon which actually had long been part of human experience but whose presence now—and for years to come—would be inescapable.

But in 1946, when northern Europeans could hardly look up without seeing weird, luminous cigar-shaped craft sailing silently through the sky above them, no one knew what to think—except that perhaps the Russians were about to level Scandinavia with what the press speculated might be "V-4" rockets. Contributing to the paranoia was the curious habit of the "ghost rockets" to appear from the direction of Peenemunde, where, during WW II, the Germans had built, experimented with, and launched V-1 and V-2 rockets against England. Peenemunde was now in Soviet hands, and the Russians vehemently denied having anything to do with the rockets but few believed them.

In fact, that August, Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle arrived in Sweden (after being briefed by U.S. intelligence) to inspect radar equipment, though officially he was there on business for the Shell Oil Company. Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson, soon to be full Secretary, admitted that he was "very much interested" in the Swedish reports of the strange rockets. The Swedish newspaper *Aftonbladet* speculated that either "Sweden is systematically being dotted in on a Russian artillery map or Sweden is being used as an object of demonstration directed not to us but to the entire world." Meanwhile, the Soviet refusal to allow the Allies to investigate the Russian zone hardly served to alleviate the growing suspicion.

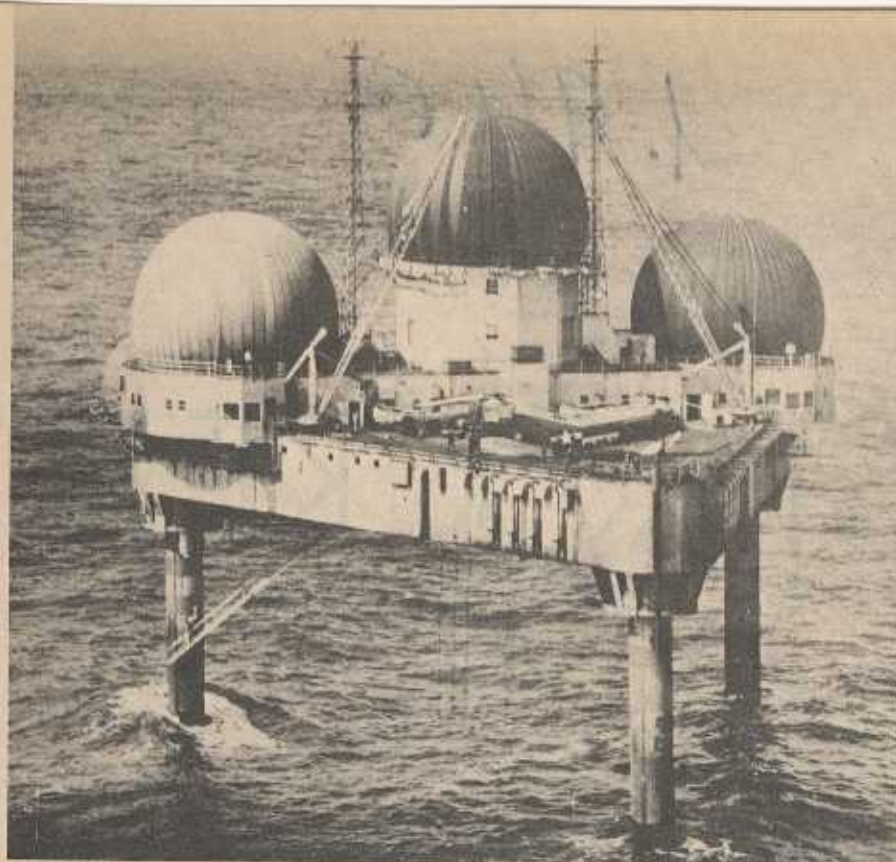
But in reality the Soviets were as baffled as anybody else. On August 27th, 1946 Ossian Gouling of the *London Daily Telegraph* reported from Stockholm that "a member of the Swedish Communist Party with whom I had some contact while serving *The Daily Telegraph* in Stockholm during the war, stated that he and his fellow members are under orders to report through official party channels all available details of the rockets' flights gathered from eyewitnesses or by personal observation. The time they are seen, direction, height, and estimated speed, and especially any landings, are to be reported instantly."

Still, the Scandinavians' uneasiness was understandable. Stalin's armies had taken half of Europe and showed no signs of letting it go. Memories of the horrors of the recently-ended war lingered, along with the realization that the next war, if it came, would be infinitely worse because of atomic bombs and guided missiles.

The Nazis had given the world a small idea of what was possible for between Sept. 6, 1944, and Mar. 27, 1945, they launched 3,745 V-2 missiles against targets in England

In this continuing series, our team of researchers investigates a rash of UFO sightings that had people talking about strange objects in the skies before the term "flying saucer" became a household phrase.

By Lucius Farish and Jerome Clark



A typical radar tower in the Atlantic Ocean.



Lt. Felix Moncla's F-89 was "captured" by a flying saucer.



A similar F-51 piloted by Capt. Thomas Mantell was destroyed chasing a UFO.

He climbed to 15,000 feet. At that altitude he was supposed to go on oxygen, but none of the planes were equipped with it. Mantell continued to climb, but one by one, the three wingmen peeled away, giving up the chase. However, the captain persisted, and every time he neared the object, it pulled away; he could only get so close.

Over the radio, the men in Godman Tower could hear Mantell talking to his wingmen, Robert Hendricks, Buford Hammond, and Albert Clements. After half an hour of pursuit, Mantell radioed, "It's directly ahead of me and moving at half my speed. I'm closing now to take a good look. The thing looks metallic and is tremendous in size."

Less than an hour later they found the wreckage of his plane. The captain's transmission had been at 3:15 p.m. His watch had stopped at 3:18 p.m. The wreckage of the F-51 was splattered over half a mile. Mantell became the first pilot killed chasing a UFO.

Several people hinted about the reasons for the WW II ace's closed casket funeral. Whatever the reasons, years later, a man who claimed to have been in the airport tower during the chase, said that Mantell reported seeing "men" in the object.

The Air Force said the planet Venus caused the original sighting and Captain Mantell chased a Skyhook balloon. (Skyhook balloons were being used by the Navy at the time to gather data about the upper atmosphere. They occasionally soared to altitudes of 70,000 feet and could expand to 100 feet in diameter.) Officials also said Mantell blacked out because of a lack of oxygen, the plane then went into a steep dive, the left wing was torn off, and the fighter crashed.

The number of people involved tends to rule out the official explanation of the sighting. Not only did Captain Mantell and two of his wingmen see the UFO, but so did the tower crew, several police officers, dozens of civilians and even the base commander, Col. Guy F. Hix.

Radar sightings of UFOs are extremely hard to uncover. Most radar installations are under direct government control in FAA flight facilities and, of course, tight security prevails on all military bases. The operators can't talk openly, either because of orders or for fear of losing their jobs. To keep sources confidential, the names and locations were changed in some of the following incidents. All other facts are as reported.

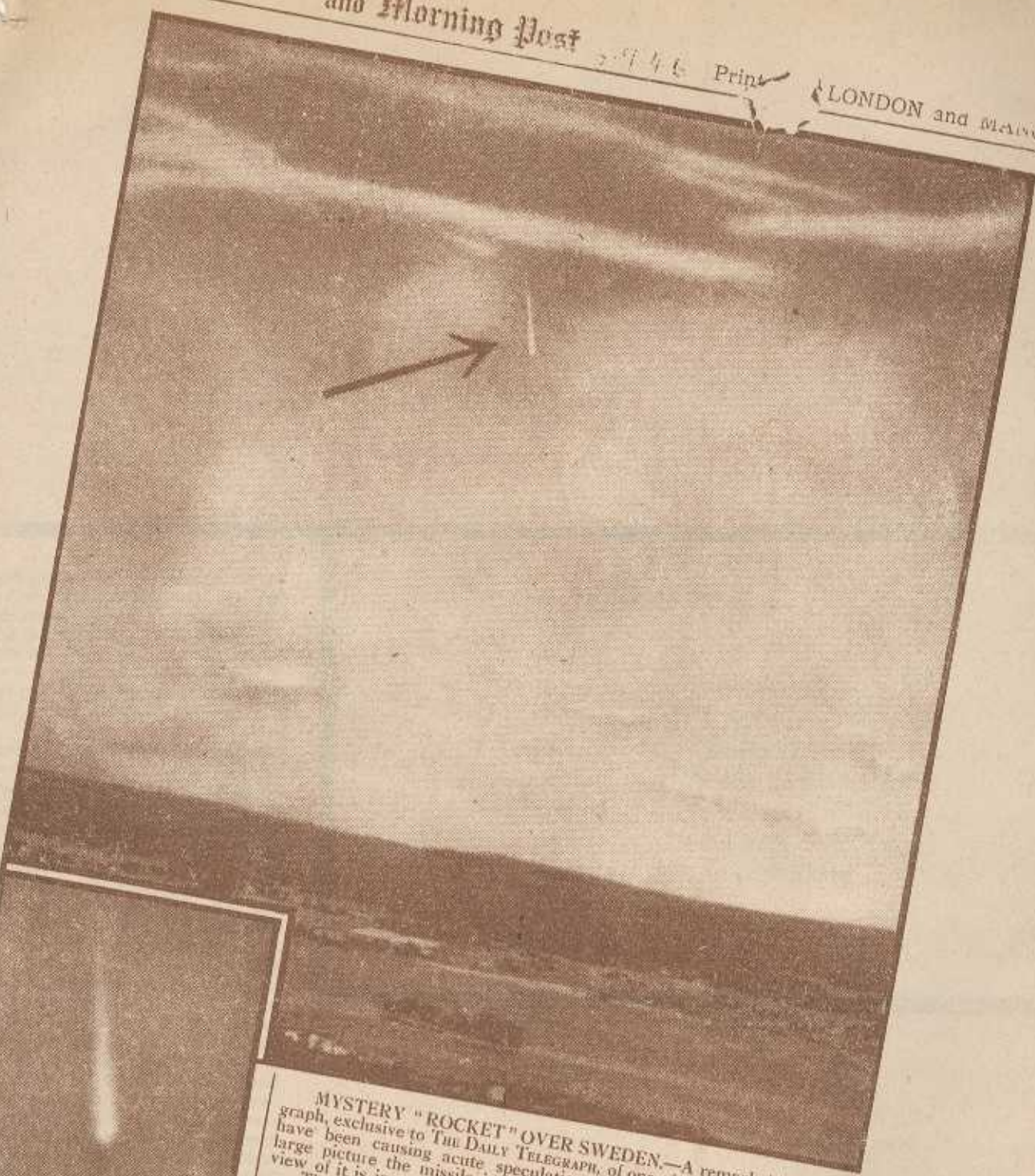
Mark Howe was sitting in the coffee shop at a private airport in a large, southern city. Over the water tower, near the edge of the field, he saw three bright lights that hovered for several minutes in a triangular formation. Outside, he could see the objects a little clearer but he could only tell they were round and metallic.

Other witnesses near the airport also saw the objects. As they watched, a jet fighter approached from the west and the three objects descended toward the field. One of the craft broke formation, looped low over the airport and then disappeared toward the south. The other two disappeared to the north as they gained altitude. The fighter circled the area several times before returning to base.

Investigations of the sighting eventually led me to Steve O'Neal and three others in the FAA flight service station to see if radar had picked up the objects. No one there had seen anything but they began to talk of other experiences.

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MYSTERY "ROCKET" OVER SWEDEN.—A remarkable photograph, exclusive to THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, of one of the projectiles which have been causing acute speculation during recent weeks. In the large picture the missile is indicated by an arrow, and an enlarged view of it is inset, left.

The snapshot was secured by chance by an amateur, Erik Reuterswärd, in the islands just outside Stockholm. He had photographed the view, and when he developed the negative he saw across it a streak of light which led him to suspect it was one of the "ghost rockets." He reported the matter to the Swedish General Staff, who took possession of the negative, which has now come into the hands of THE DAILY TELEGRAPH.

Super-sensitive processing, which cannot be reproduced in a newspaper, has revealed both to the Swedish General Staff and other Allied experts the presence of the projectile in the midst of the flame track instead of being in front of it. This supports the theory, mentioned in THE DAILY TELEGRAPH a week ago, that a new method of propulsion is being used in these weapons.

FOUR ROCKETS OVER GREECE ON POLLING DAY

PREMIER'S CHARGE

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Tsaldaris, the Greek Prime Minister, said in London yesterday that a number of rockets similar long-range projectiles were seen over Macedonia and Thessaly on the night of Sept. 1, the day of the plebiscite return of King George of Hellenes.

rocket passing over the island, he said, was at a height of 10,000 ft and fell into the sea.

asked him

Sweden first experienced the bizarre invasion in May, 1946. One of the very first reports was an incredible incident which, if publicized that year, would have permanently ended speculation about the "ghost rockets" being Russian missiles ...

and on the continent. Since everyone knew that once airborne the missiles could not be stopped, the effect on a defenseless country was traumatic, to say the least, and the Swedes had not forgotten that the first hard physical evidence of the existence of the V-2 came about in June 1944, when one flew out of control and crashed on neutral Swedish soil.

Because of their fear, the Scandinavians were susceptible to rumors about the state of Soviet rocket development. Everyone believed the Russians had taken the best brains and the most sophisticated equipment from Peenemunde and were now about to blackmail the world with an unbeatable missile technology. Though widely accepted then as fact (and actually later revived when the Soviets put Sputnik I into orbit 11 years later), the story is without foundation. Dr. G. A. Tokaty, who from 1946 to 1947 was Chief Rocket Scientist of the Soviet Government in Germany and who subsequently defected to the West, has stated that the Russians did not get a single leading V-2 rocket engineer or administrator, not a single complete rocket factory, and not a single new project. On the other hand, after the war the U. S. Army seized an entire V-2 factory in the Harz Mountains, dismantled it and sent it, together with its staff, to the U.S., leaving nothing behind. All in all, 130 leading rocket scientists and engineers ended up in America.

Finally, according to Tokaty and other sources, the Russians were not conducting rocket experiments over northern and western Europe in 1946.

So that leaves us with a mystery that seems even more impenetrable now than it did back then. If the final answers continue to evade us, this fact remains: the first great UFO wave of the modern era erupted in Scandinavia well over a year before anyone thought to call the objects "flying saucers."

The intruders, which the press dubbed "ghost rockets," first appeared over Helsinki, where, on February 26th the city's radio station noted that "numerous meteors have recently fallen" in northern Finland. The first

reaction was to dismiss them as astronomical phenomena, since, like meteors, they glowed, blazed, and fell. But then on June 9th, a lighted object trailing smoke behind it was seen heading southwest at an altitude of between 900 and 1,200 feet. The next day witnesses in Helsinki saw an object "resembling a German V weapon" passing overhead. It was visible for 10 minutes. Two minutes later a mysterious explosion rocked the area.

Sweden's first experience with the bizarre invasion occurred in May. One of the very first reports was of an incredible incident which, if publicized in 1946, would have permanently eliminated any speculation about Russian missiles. Unfortunately the story remained unpublished until 25 years later, when the witness told it to space-science writer Eugen Semitjov. Semitjov in turn gave it to the Swedish magazine *Allers*, which carried it in an issue in 1971.

The event allegedly took place just outside Angelholm, a town about 60 miles to the north of Malmo in southern Sweden. Witness Gosta Carlsson, an industrialist, is well-known in his country and Semitjov saw no reason to doubt his testimony. Here is Carlsson's account:

"It was an evening in May 1946. I had been out walking . . . and was resting for a while close by the shore. By the time I started to walk back home it was almost dark, so I used a forehead lamp.

"When I saw a light among the trees I thought at first that someone had made a fire. The light was coming from an open space in the forest a short distance away. When I reached the place, however, I saw that in the farthest end of the open ground there was a disc-shaped object with a cupola. The cupola seemed to be a cabin with oval windows. Above it there was a mast, almost like the periscope of a submarine. Beneath the disc there was a big oblong fin which stretched from the center to the edge of the underside. There were also two metal landing legs. A small ladder reached to the ground from a door beside the fin.

"The object was approximately 53 feet in

diameter and 13 feet from top to bottom at the middle. I know this because I measured the marks on the following day. There were a lot of holes around the edge of the disc, like those of a turbine, and jet-beams darted from the holes which burned the grass when the object departed. The light came from the mast. It was about 17 feet in height, and three antennae were suspended from its top. Lower down something like a lampshade was hanging. It was shining with a strange purple light which covered not only the whole object but also the ground a couple of feet beyond it. The light was flowing and pulsating from the 'lampshade' like water from a fountain. Where the light hit the ground I could see a sparkling effect.

"On the ground, beyond the area of the light, a man in white, closely fitting overalls was standing. He seemed to be some sort of guard. He raised his hand toward me: it was a gesture that could not be misunderstood, so I stopped. I was less than 30 feet from him. He was approximately as tall as I am, maybe a few inches shorter, but he was thinner than me. There were others like him, but the strange thing was that nobody said a word. It seemed as if they had just finished repairing a window, because they put their tools away and looked at me. Everything was silent. The only thing I heard was the sound from the guard when he walked on the grass. There were three men working at the window, and two more were standing alongside. There were three women as well, and one more came out of the object later. On the far side there was another guard. In all I saw 11 persons.

"They all wore short black boots and gloves, a black belt around the waist, and a transparent helmet. The women had ashen-colored hair, but I could not see the hair of the men as they wore black caps. They were all brown-colored, as if sunburned.

"I went a few steps closer, but then the guard raised his hand again. After that I stood still. The guard had a black box on his chest which was suspended by a chain around his neck. It looked like an old black camera. He

turned it toward me and I thought he was going to take a picture of me, but nothing happened, except that I thought I heard a click from my forehead lamp. The lamp did not work after that, but that may have been purely coincidental. When I returned home I found that the battery had run out, although it was a new one.

"It seemed as if the 'cheese-dish cover' of light stood like a wall between us. I think it was created to isolate them from our world and atmosphere. One of the women came out of the cabin with an object in her hand. She went to the edge of the wall of light and threw the object beyond the area of light. At the same time I heard her laugh.

According to Swedish ufologist Sven-Olof Frederickson, Mr. Carlsson later retrieved the object. An investigation in 1971 showed nothing exceptional. It was composed, among other things, of silicon. Its shape had been changed by the witness, however, and it now looked like a staff.

"Afterwards it is difficult to explain what one does, and why he does it. I thought the disc-like object could be some sort of military device. The whole scene seemed so strange. I never take alcohol, and I knew it was not an hallucination, but nevertheless I decided to go back to the seashore, and from there return to the opening to see if the object was still present. I was aware of a smell like that from ozone following an electrical discharge."

Carlsson was gone about half an hour. He decided to come back by a different route so that he could view the object from another angle, but before he had time to make a new approach, he suddenly observed a bright red light ascending into the air. The light was streaming out of the "turbine holes" of the craft, which had risen with a whining sound above the treetops. After reaching about 1,400 to 1,600 feet it slowed down briefly and "wobbled." Then the red light grew rapidly brighter and turned to purple just before the object flew away at a tremendous rate of speed.

We do not know if a June 23rd news story
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Hundreds of times in the past 20 years large fleets of ships and planes have been deployed in remote parts of the world to search for, and even to attempt to destroy, mysterious submarines which apparently belong to no known nation. These phantom subs have been sighted by entire crews of ships and planes, and have been tracked on radar and sonar. On several occasions they have even been "trapped" in coves, fjords, and rivers, yet they have always managed to elude their pursuers.

Eyewitness descriptions indicate that these strange underwater craft are considerably larger than any U.S. or Soviet atomic submarine. Their surfaces and superstructures are perfectly smooth, and they don't have any visible hatches, portholes, or equipment. And what is even more incredible, there are now a number of well-authenticated sightings in which the objects have not only surfaced but have actually risen into the air and lumbered off like giant dirigibles!

"Captain Nemo lives!" A retired naval officer in Silver Spring, Md., recently chuckled, referring to Jules Verne's fictitious super-submarine captain. "I saw one of the things during WW II in the North Atlantic. We were on anti-submarine duty near Greenland when we came upon the biggest sub I've ever seen. It was on the surface. We thought it was a Nazi sub, maybe a new secret weapon of some kind, and all the guns on our destroyer opened up. It had a big, glass-smooth conning tower so we knew it wasn't a whale. As soon as our shells started dropping around it, it took off . . . and it traveled faster than any submarine could. It was over the horizon in a matter of minutes. We couldn't catch up with it."

Although these submarines have been sighted in all parts of the world, they display a curious tendency to linger above the Arctic Circle near the Scandinavian countries, in treacherous, iceberg-filled waters.

The most recent incident took place in a remote fjord 60 miles inland in Norway. The Norwegian navy, aided by NATO ships and planes, failed to capture the mystery sub.

A fisherman, named Mons Langetig was standing on the shore of the Sognefjorden near Vangsnes, Norway, on the afternoon of Nov. 12, 1973, when he was startled to see what looked like a periscope rippling the surface of the water. That night, the Vangsnes ferry's radar picked up an unexpected blip. Other sailors saw the huge, dark object and assumed it was a whale, even though it was unusual for a whale to be so far inland.

Navies around the world have scores of secret reports in their files of unexplained craft which have been seen crashing into, and taking off, from lakes, bays, and coves—at speeds beyond any known technology.

Within a week there were 10 reported sightings of the craft and a Norwegian defense unit had detected a large, *metallic* "something" moving about the fjord. The warship *Trondheim* sailed up the waterway and made sonar contact with the object. The Norwegian Defense Command formally announced the presence of an unidentified foreign submarine. More ships and equipment were rushed to the area.

"We cannot engage in guesswork," Defense Minister Johann Kleppe told reporters. "We must stick to the facts. And they are that a foreign submarine is in Norwegian waters. This fact is based on both visual and technical information."

The entrance to the fjord is 650 feet deep and the entire waterway is bordered by high mountains. There is nothing of military significance in the area so there was no reason for a foreign "spy" sub to be there, Norwegian newspapers pointed out.

However, ships from the NATO fleet were staging military exercises in Norwegian waters at the time so there was some speculation that the submarine could be a Russian craft spying on the maneuvers. But Norway was engaged in delicate diplomatic negotiations with the Soviet Union at the time, and it would have been a foolish blunder for the Russians or any Iron Curtain country to endanger those negotiations by blatantly violating Norwegian territorial waters.

The presence of the submarine became a major political issue in Norway as the press and public clamored for action. Norway not only sent its *entire* navy of 30 warships and submarines into the fjord to investigate, but elements of the NATO fleet, including American and British vessels and helicopters, were rushed to the scene.

The location of the submarine was pinpointed precisely with sonar and the fleet cut off all possible avenues of escape. Depth charges were systematically released throughout the area in an effort to force the sub to the surface. Norwegian authorities boasted that the sub could not possibly get away and that the mystery would soon be solved.

"It is our duty to defend our country," Norwegian Gen. H. F. Zeller-Gundersen announced, "and chase away any ship or submarine hiding in our waters. We can't help it if it belongs to a major nation."

Despite the tight net of warships in the Sognefjorden, the sub seems to have escaped around November 23rd. That evening witnesses on a branch of the fjord, the Lusterfjorden, reported seeing "a great dark object moving near the surface for seven minutes before it disappeared." Almost simul-

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looking device then made an abrupt turn, moved away from the plane, maintaining a parallel course.

"A bulging core could be seen in the heart of the flying disc," a witness reported. "It resembled a cabin of some sort. After flying alongside the airliner for a minute or so, the disc swerved suddenly and disappeared."

Another Soviet astronomer who was an eyewitness to UFO activity is Lyudmila Tsekhanovich. She was scanning the skies over Sikhumi, near the Black Sea, when an unidentified object made a sudden appearance over the sea. Making an abrupt change in direction, the disc headed for the mountains over Russia. Ms. Tsekhanovich described the object as a metallic disc, with a thicker, central part protruding above the regular shape. The "cabin" area was dotted with holes resembling portholes. "There seemed to be light coming from the inside," she reported.

Summing up the Soviet approach to UFO research, Dr. Zigel recently told a press conference that only a scientific study could find the truth. "UFO movements are extremely unusual," he reported. "They may hover in the sky for long periods of time, then develop sudden acceleration and incredible speeds. To find the answer, we must investigate all the reports on these devices of what, to me, are real objects."

An unusual sighting, possibly linked to Norwegian UFO activity, was reported in the July 11, 1972, edition of *Jyllands-Posten* newspaper. Mr. Ola Dahl submitted a story about several huge, radioactive indentations found on a desolate island. Mr. Dahl found the prints on the island of Kjolsoya, where he and four other fishing friends have vacation cottages.

Triangular in shape, the impressions measured an astonishing 80 inches in length. Laboratory technicians were sent to the island and discovered the prints were slightly radioactive. "The mild radioactivity is due to the passage of time since they were made," one technician observed. "It was probably much stronger when the impressions were made."

People in that region recalled severe disturbances in their television reception two weeks prior to the discovery of the unusual indentations. A Norwegian ufologist inspected the site and verified the impressions could not have been made by anyone coming by sea, or land. "Whoever, or whatever, made the prints had to come from the air," he reported.

Similar triangular indentations were found by police in South Africa following a bizarre incident on a farm near Fort Beaumont on June 26, 1972. Farmer Bennie Smit was still at his breakfast table when a farmhand dashed in, breathlessly announcing that a strange craft had landed on the farm. Smit grabbed his .303 rifle, called the police, and headed for the site.

Smit found an object about a yard wide and two yards long, partially hidden in a brush. "It was glowing bright red," he related. "As I watched, it turned from red to dark green to whitish yellow."

The South Africans attempted to capture the device. Smit's farmhands tried to use their cattle herding skills to move the device. "When they approached, the object moved away," Smit said.

The farmer described the object as having a "star-like protuberance" at the right end of its oval shape. "I wanted to shoot at it," he said, "but the hired men were in the way when it moved toward some trees."

When the object moved to where Smit had a clear shot, he fired his rifle. The farmer put 15 shots into the thing during the next four hours. "When the police arrived, they pumped a few more bullets at it," Smit said. "It was a frightening thing, really, but it didn't try to retaliate or break away. When we shouted at it, the thing just moved off at a very rapid pace."

Jumboet Abovo, one of Smit's farmhands, later found triangular impressions in the ground where it first landed. "It appeared as if a tripod had put down there and one of the legs was hollow," said Abovo. "Later, we found other indentations to indicate the thing had touched down several times."

Sgt. P.C. Kitching and officer Van Rensburg, the two policemen who answered Smit's hurried phone call for aid, reported: "We fired at the object, but our shots didn't have any effect on it. Some of the farmhands told us they had seen the object during the previous night at almost the same spot."

The UFO remained near Fort Beaumont for almost a week. "Several reports came in from other people who saw it later," Smit reported.

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Two weeks after the Fort Beaumont sighting Flight Capt. Chester Chandler of South African Airlines radioed Durban Airport that his Boeing 727 airliner was being paced by a UFO. "We were preparing to land at the airport at 9:50 a.m. and our speed had been reduced to 300 miles per hour," Chandler stated. "That's when I noticed a bright, glowing object flying outside our cabin, a few hundred yards away." Other crewmen on the plane saw the object.

When the plane dropped to 9,000 feet, the UFO took off at tremendous speed.

"I never saw anything like it in my life," is the way Flight Capt. Alexander Rabb described a UFO that streaked over six European countries on the evening of Mar. 18, 1972. Rabb was flying a DC-9 for Austrian Airlines near Litz, Austria, when his instrument panel suddenly "went wild."

"I looked over to my left and saw a huge, funnel-shaped object in the sky," Captain Rabb stated. "At first, the thing appeared to be motionless. Then, it veered toward our plane at an unbelievable speed on a head-on collision course. As it sped toward us, the color changed from white to a brilliant crimson."

The alarmed flight captain and copilot Otto Herold braced themselves for a head-on crash at 18,000 feet. "Suddenly, the object veered away in a horizontal direction, headed

toward Germany and France," Captain Rabb recalled. Moments later, the crew of a Lufthansa 737, on a routine flight over Austria, at 21,000 feet, spotted the strange object. The plane was flying on automatic pilot when copilot Norbert Stieber looked up into the darkening sky.

"Above us!" he screamed.

Capt. Rolf Klopffleisch looked up and saw a cone-shaped object with a fiery red tip speeding toward his aircraft. A collision appeared imminent when, once again, the object veered away from the airliner. By then, reports were being radioed in from other airliners. Flight Capt. Hans Brouwer radioed to the control tower at Radstadt, Austria, that "there's a strange thing up here and it's just hanging in the sky!"

On the ground, frightened people saw the streaking UFO and ran to their telephones. TV stations, police departments, and newspapers in six European countries were deluged with calls. Newsmen sought an opinion from Albert Ducroc, a space scientist in France. He debunked the sighting. "It was probably a man-made satellite reentering our atmosphere," Ducroc declared, "or a meteor, which will break up and the fragments will scatter over quite an area."

The airline pilots disputed Albert Ducroc's speculations.

"I've logged 16,000 hours since 1939," declared Captain Rabb. "I've seen dozens of man-made satellites, falling stars, and other types of aerial phenomena. Whatever that object was, it wasn't a meteor."

Captain Rabb also recalled the malfunctioning of his instrument panel as the UFO zoomed toward his plane. "The instruments reacted normally once the object moved away," he said, "a meteor crossing our path wouldn't cause the panel to act as it did."

Several European saucer groups ridiculed the French scientist's theory. "A meteor would not bother the instruments on an airliner," said Karl L. Viet, president of the German UFO Research Society. "In addition, a meteor doesn't make sudden changes in direction. The UFO was undoubtedly a spaceship piloted by intelligent beings from another planet."

Across the English Channel, thousands of UFO reports have poured into the offices of the British Ministry of Defense. BMD investigators have reportedly seized and suppressed several rolls of film taken of UFOs. Some were even taken by policemen chasing these mysterious aerial objects through the night. Early last year, eight million English citizens pulled up their chairs, turned on their TV sets, and watched a fantastic film on an Associated TV News program.

The film showed the remarkable maneuvers of an object streaking across the skies at an incredible speed. The pictures were taken by television cameraman Noel Smart, 25, who was filming a documentary in a farmer's field near Enstone, England, with five other TV technicians. "I saw this object suddenly appear in the sky above," Smart told newsmen. "It was round, glowing, and seemed to be spinning. It was moving toward us."

Fascinated by the object, Smart forgot to start filming. "It was very large," he continued, "and appeared to be high up in the sky. There was a small vapor trail behind it."

The UFO suddenly stopped and hovered in the sky. That's when Smart grabbed his camera and began filming. "Then it started mov-

ing toward us again," he related. "When it started to move, it glowed an orange color. The object was moving at a tremendous speed when my camera started working. Suddenly, it made a square right turn and picked up even more speed. It moved out so fast that I could not keep it in my lens. Normally, I can catch about anything. This thing was moving at a fantastic speed."

After the film was shown on TV, hundreds of calls poured into the studio. Viewers reported they had seen a similar object over southern England on the date of the filming. The film was given to the British Ministry of Defense. "We're not prepared to comment on what the object was," a BMD spokesman stated.

Since 1964 citizens of Warminster, England, have maintained a voluntary sky-watch on Cradle Hill, which overlooks Salisbury Plain. Sightings have been so numerous in that region of England that saucer hunters from throughout Europe have flocked to Cradle Hill with telescopes and binoculars. (See full-length article in Summer UFO Report)

There have been dozens of reports of electromagnetic effects in the area. "It was a Tuesday night and I was in my study writing an article for the newspaper," explained Arthur Shuttlewood, a newsman with 30 years experience. "Something glittered through the window. I looked out and saw something that looked like a giant airship."

Shuttlewood grabbed his camera. "When I pointed the camera at the object, I felt a strange tingling effect," he said, "as if electricity was flowing through my body." The UFO, estimated to be 200 feet long, then revolved, changed to a bright yellow color, and disappeared.

Warminster also has had reports of UFO occupants. Several months ago, Sally Pike and several friends were maintaining the sky-watch on Cradle Hill. "A glowing, golden light appeared in the sky without warning and moved around with a jerky, gliding motion," she reported. "Next, it started pulsating with a brilliant, crimson light for about 10 minutes."

Following her watch, Sally Pike started toward her home in the village. "That was when I saw something—or someone—standing off in a field. He was about seven feet in height. His head seemed to be placed directly on his shoulders as if he didn't have a neck."

A few nights later, Sally's husband, Neil, was maintaining the vigil on Cradle Hill. "I got this strange sensation that someone was watching me," he related. "I turned around and there were three figures standing behind me. I almost died of shock. They were tall, almost transparent in the moonlight. I didn't know what to do, so I turned on my flashlight for a better look. The light hit one and he simply vanished—then popped up to my right at a different spot. That was too much for me. I jumped in my car and got out of there."

Neil Pike refuses to go back up on Cradle Hill. "I was scared stiff," he admitted. "Whatever it is, I don't want to tangle with it."

Altogether, more than 700 UFO sightings have been recorded at Warminster. Keith Palmer, a director of the International UFO Society, has investigated many of these reports. "We've discounted a large percentage as being natural phenomena," he related. "However, we have investigated 30 sightings in the past five months that are not mistakes."

Photographer Paul Beckman, took several

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pictures of saucer-shaped objects in the area. The photos show an inverted saucer-shaped UFO with bright lights on the bottom. "Evidence such as this can't be argued with," Palmer stated.

While British officials puzzle over thousands of reports, their colleagues in South America are also troubled by UFOs. Fortunately, many government officials in South America view the phenomenon with utmost seriousness.

"We don't dismiss reports until they're investigated," said Capt. Omar Pagani, UFO investigating officer for the Argentine navy. "Our files indicate there have been several major 'flaps' in a few areas. As to UFOs, I have no doubt that they exist, whether you call them spacecraft, flying saucers, or unidentified flying objects."

In Brazil, government UFO investigators are still checking on the celebrated case of the "UFO that stopped a soccer game." The sighting occurred in July 1971, and two years later witnesses are still puzzled at what appeared in the skies over Campos, Brazil. The sighting occurred when hundreds of people were assembled in the town stadium, watching a soccer game. A large, cigar-shaped UFO appeared above them in the night sky, followed by eight glowing discs.

The large UFO glowed orange-yellowish against the night sky. The smaller objects changed colors. "The little UFOs pulsed from red to yellow to green," said Aldir Rangel, a soccer player. "They stayed in view for a few minutes, then disappeared."

Sportswriter Osario Piexoto was covering the game for his newspaper when the objects appeared over the stadium. "I'm convinced they were some type of alien spacecraft," he told investigators. "When the UFOs were dead center over the field, about 600 spectators stood up to get a better view. The biggest object glowed all the time. I think the light came from a row of windows that ran alongside the craft. It took about three minutes from the time of their appearance until the entire armada vanished behind a dark cloud."

Since the Campos sighting, there have been many reports of similar UFOs appearing over small Brazilian villages, farms, and ranches.

A "flap" was started that same month in Ceylon and witnesses appear to be seeing a new type of saucer that has been reported periodically for the past two years. Like the Brazilian incident, hundreds of people in Ceylon saw a strangely shaped device maneuver in their skies. The reports from Ceylon

concern a circular craft, about 30 feet in diameter, with two tapering wings on each side.

Another UFO sighting in the Pacific startled the crew members of a TWA airliner on a trans-oceanic flight. The sighting occurred 300 miles southeast of Okinawa on Sept. 22, 1972. The airliner was on a regular flight from Guam to Hong Kong, flying at 33,000 feet at speeds up to 570 miles per hour. Copilot James Penny was the first to see a light on the right side of the plane. "We were in no danger, and I did nothing except look at it," he said. "I kept wishing I had a camera with me."

Capt. Dave Shifflet told newsmen the object was quite large, and "the body was a brilliant whitish color."

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"What was impressive were the chunks breaking off the main body," copilot Penny said. "This was not like the debris that breaks off when space junk comes back into our atmosphere. This broke off in big pieces, several at a time. They dropped off in great, hot flakes."

The UFO was traveling parallel to the Earth's surface. "It was moving much too fast to be a comet," reported Captain Shifflet. "And it was much too slow to be a meteor. After watching it for more than a minute, I made a turn and changed my course to follow it. Then we just lost sight of the object."

Captain Shifflet, a veteran pilot with 30,000 hours of flight time, noted the sighting on his charts and reported the UFO to ground control at Okinawa. "This is required by international air regulation," he explained, "and while I was radioing in I heard a Scandinavian airline captain on the emergency channel making a similar report."

Captain Shifflet and his crew members were astonished and mystified by the sighting. "We didn't feel we were in danger," the

pilot continued. "The UFO and our plane were headed in opposite directions. I didn't make an announcement to the passengers because the sighting lasted for only a minute and 15 seconds and it was late at night." He echoed the sentiments of his copilot: "I wish I had a camera in the cabin with me."

As the wave of unexplained UFO sightings continue around the world, scientists in both the U.S. and Russia are holding seminars to discuss contact with beings from outer space. It's almost as if major world governments are preparing for eventual meeting with UFO-nauts. Several top American scientists met with scientists from all over the world at a panel discussion at a Soviet university in Armenia last year. Last November a group of distinguished American scholars met at Boston University to discuss "Life Beyond Earth and the Human Mind."

There was disagreement on whether we should initiate efforts to make contact.

Dr. George Wald, Nobel Prize-winning biologist, fears that contact with a superior civilization from outer space would destroy humanity. "I can conceive no nightmare as terrifying. Dr. Frank Drake, once the director of Project Ozma, which was the first effort to detect meaningful signs from space, said: 'We'll have a lot of questions to ask those fellows. We'll ask them for a cure for cancer and how to perform controlled thermonuclear reaction for hydrogen fusion generation of power.'

"The thought of being attached by an umbilical cord to some more advanced civilization doesn't thrill me, but just the opposite," said Dr. Wald. "One of these days we'll have a cure for cancer... we'll have worked out how to perform a controlled thermonuclear reaction. But just to get it from transmission... this could fold the whole human enterprise, everything: the arts; sciences; literature; the worth and meaning of man—and just to be attached... to that one thing out there."

Privately, several U.S. astronomers believe the question of contact with other life in the universe will occur in the early 1980s. "We've projected a manned flight to Mars by 1976," Dr. William J. Kaufman, director of Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles, recently told newsmen. "Within five years after that flight we'll know for sure. With the discovery of any kind of life on Mars, which I'm sure will occur, we will be confident there are other Earths in the universe." ★ THE END

BELIEVING

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Fendricas and published in his paper. A huge round brilliant object is seen coming through the clouds in one photo, and in the other is shown below the rain clouds. The object circled overhead and then began making low swooping passes over the crowd—so low that the witnesses felt the heat as they ran in fright. Some said that the heat from the object dried their clothes, which were damp from the continuous drizzle. The object hovered at times while it revolved on a vertical axis.

The first notable year for any appreciable number of photographs taken was 1947, when nine were reported. This does not include quite a few taken by the armed forces of

the various countries that never have been released.

A banner year for UFO photographs was 1967, when 141 cases were reported publicly. It would be interesting to know how many other photos rest in classified files around the globe that were taken that year.

Contrary to what appears in the press, more and even better, UFO photographs are being taken all the time. I have 41 photographic sightings in my files that were reported in 1972, and there are more than that for 1973 and the reporting for that year is far from complete at this time.

The recent trend is toward a desire for anonymity on the part of the photographers. They do not want to get involved because of reports of harassment, confiscation or loss of negatives and original prints—all of which

can be documented.

Several years ago, a man in Missouri happened to take a good photograph of a huge 300 foot diameter disc-shaped craft rising out of a stubble field behind his house. When word leaked out, many people came to his home seeking more information and wanted to see the photos. At first he tried to comply but the requests overwhelmed him, and he began to refuse to see anyone. Visitors parked cars on his lawn, ran over his shrubs, trampled his flowers while trying to look into his windows. He couldn't take the harassment and eventually moved away. The man now refuses to let his name be used or be identified in any way, and does not want the exact location revealed because it may be connected to him and he wants no more public attention. His best photograph was taken

GHOST ROCKETS

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that "heavy caliber shells coming from the direction of Germany landed . . . in Gennepe and De Looy, Dutch border towns in Limburg," has anything to do with the ghost rockets, but in the weeks that followed other unidentified falling objects began raining out of the sky. On July 9th "another mysterious missile moving at a tremendous speed" flew over an area just outside Stockholm. Perhaps it was the same object that fell near Sundsvall that same day, leaving fragments that Dr. Binger Backlund, a physicist, said were not from a meteor.

The object, according to a July 12th *London Daily Mail* account, was "apparently steered by radio." Investigators found graph paper "that might have been used with it, and a piece of marked cine film" as well as a cylinder about an inch in diameter. The object, which had been moving northwest, "was about 150 feet long and as it few a bright light sparkled in its tail . . . It was made of metal so light that it floated." On the 11th three other projectiles fell, one of them into a lake. All were cigar-shaped, flew low, landed at slow speeds, and all burned up on landing. Commenting on these bewildering contradictions, Tiffany Thayer wrote in *Doubt*, the Fortean Society journal, "Apparently the one which crashed in the lake was not made of floating metal, and fire hot enough to burn up metal still left the graph paper and film unburned." By the 12th there had been seven strange crashes in Sweden.

Witnesses in the southern part of the country reported "a giant torpedo emitting a blinding light from its *foremost* part" (emphasis added) the night of July 12th. A "shooting star or Soviet buzz bomb" was seen high over Switzerland's Rhone Valley on the 14th. It was heading northeast.

In Norway the next evening observers saw a "big fire ball" over the village of Moss on Oslo Bay. They said it was "followed by a trail of fire and smoke . . . altitude nearly 400 feet."

That same night Oslo observed a "huge star" which moved swiftly from south to north at a height of 3,000 feet. When it first appeared, it was light yellow in color, but then it suddenly changed to a shade of blue.

On July 19th, at 12:30 a.m., two "rocket bombs" crashed into Lake Mjoesena, 60 miles north of Oslo. The objects came out of the west, flying at treetop level and at tremendous speed, finally dropping into a part of the lake that was 1,200 feet deep.

By the 27th, the *Chicago Tribune* had reported 500 sightings in 26 days in Sweden alone. Shortly before that the Swedish government had moved to censor reports and would allow publication of specific incidents only so long as the locations were deleted.

In the meantime, however, Norway continued to have its problems. All during July rockets fell in different places in the southeastern part of the country. The night of the 28th, sections of Oslo were shaken by two violent explosions which seemed to have taken place in the air. An "intense white light" accompanied the blasts.

"It is generally assumed," the *London Daily Telegraph* reported on July 29th, "that the noises were caused by rockets, but that they burst into such small fragments that they

practically disappear. Among those who have observed the alleged rockets is a military guard at an airfield north of Oslo. He saw an object speeding over the field.

The Norwegian authorities have taken the same course as Sweden. They have asked newspapers not to publish details about the missiles."

Over the weekend of July 27-28th, two shining objects passed over Korsor, the western terminus of the railway line from Copenhagen across the island of Zealand. Moving at great speed, they were visible in the bright sunshine for about 10 seconds. "Mystery rockets" appeared over Denmark again on August 3rd.

Three days later the Swedish Defense Staff officially announced that "radio-controlled rockets" were definitely coming into the country from the south and leaving in an easterly direction. While the military maintained that the majority of the several hundred reports it had collected were "probably exaggerated," there remained a core of authentic sightings which strongly suggested the existence of alien missiles violating air space or landing in Swedish territory, even though no rocket parts were found. Fragments which scientists examined showed only the presence of coke and other common materials.

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"Swedes are seriously worried about the many bomb reports," the *New York Times* noted on Aug. 12, 1946. "A few days ago the general staff received 300 reports in 24 hours." That was nothing, however, compared to the night of the 11th-12th, when over a thousand reports were tallied.

It was indeed a night to remember. At 10:10 p.m. "a swarm of rocket-bombs" moving southeast to northwest crossed Swedish skies. Some of them did not make it to their apparent destinations, falling to the ground or into the water without leaving a trace. "The bombs are like fireballs with long, luminous tails," reported the *New York Times*, "but some observers have seen a cigar-shaped bomb traveling at an altitude of 1,500 feet rather slowly." The Associated Press reported that the objects "evidently passed over in a huge curve. At low altitudes they seem almost square . . . The bottom appeared to have been painted red."

Rockets reportedly crashed at three different points in central Sweden. Another passed directly over Stockholm at 8:45 p.m. and crashed north of the city. A witness who had seen a rocket explode in the air said fragments of it had rained down from the sky. ("Previous explosions have left hard black metal objects similar to coal clinkers."—*New York Times*, August 13th.)

The next day, near Goeteborg, a troop of Boy Scouts saw a missile turn sharply and then continue on its original course. A couple boating on a lake in the central part of the country were nearly hit by a rocket which burst into hundreds of pieces and sank beneath the waters. In Denmark, a Struer, West Jutland, night watchman named Briand Jensen saw a fast-moving missile soar out of the northeast and explode with a roar, illuminating the sky with a blinding flash.

Somewhere around this time a photographer named Erik Reuterswaerd took a picture of a comet-like object in the sky above the islands just outside Stockholm. The General Staff took the negative, put it under super-sensitive processing and found a projectile in the midst of the flame.

Reviewing the reports, a *New York Times* correspondent cautiously noted that, while the V-2 rockets, at least originally, had a range of from 35 to 45 miles, "the longest flight of any of the ('ghost') missiles, so far as military experts could determine, was about 600 miles . . . There is no comparison with the ghost bombs. The mystery missiles are small, and at low altitudes seem almost square . . . Some observed these missiles flying extremely low."

The harried Swedish Defense Staff had long since resolved that the intrusions into their air space had to be stopped, though they had yet to determine where the invaders were coming from. Their primitive radar equipment was not particularly helpful in this "invasion." According to rumors which were vigorously denied, the Swedish government requested several complete radar installations from the British. The story probably is fake, but it is true that it sought and accepted the advice of General Doolittle and Gen. David Sarnoff, authorities respectively on long-range bombing and electronic war equipment.

In the meantime, three rockets passed silently over southern Sweden the night of the 13th. They were heading southwest at a high altitude.

On the 14th, Swedish military men admitted they were investigating what they believed to be metal parts of rockets. One of the pieces was said to be about six inches long and to bear fragments of letters and figures from manufacture markings. This, unfortunately, is the last anyone heard of this tantalizing piece of "physical evidence."

The following day Prime Minister Albin Hansson told the press, "The Swedish government has not been able to take any action in any foreign capital with regard to the mysterious projectiles over Sweden. The nature of the missiles has not been established, nor has it been possible to ascertain their origin."

After the missile barrage of mid-August, the sightings started to taper off in September. Clearly the flap had peaked—at least in Sweden. For purposes of convenience we are summarizing the European reports that followed.

Dijon, Burgundy, France, August 20th: According to the French press, "Huge elongated projectiles passed overhead at prodigious speeds, emitting a whistling noise."

Norway, last week of August: "Two of the projectiles have been seen over Oslo during the past week, and two are reliably reported to have landed in Lake Mjoesen, north of the city. Unfortunately the lake is too deep for the authorities to be able to hold out any hope of dredging the pieces . . . The Norwegian

moving clocks registered a significant loss of time as compared to their stationary duplicates, the reference clocks on the ground.

What this implies is that the Reticulan crew would *not* have to be going faster than the speed of light to pay a visit to our Solar System and return facing the prospect of residence in a home for the elderly. Using Einstein's change factor, a one-way trip at 80 percent of the speed of light at a constant velocity would take them 13 years. At 99 percent of the speed of light, it would take them nine months but at 99.9 percent of that velocity, the trip could be made in *only 27 days!*

These particular extraterrestrials may have infinitely longer life spans than we do, as they seemed perplexed by our definition of time. Betty Hill reported to Dr. Simon under hypnosis (describing the conversation between herself and the alien leader):

"And he said, 'Well, older. What is older?' I said, 'Old age?' So he said, 'What is old age?' And I said, 'Well, it varies, but as a person gets older there are changes in him, particularly physically. He begins to sort of break down with age.' So he said, 'What is age? What do you mean by age?' And I said, 'The life span—the length of time people live.' He said, 'How long is that?' And I said, 'Well, I think a life span is supposed to be about 100 years at the most. People can die before that—most of them do—because of disease, accident, that type of thing. And I think the average length of time—I don't know—WAS 65 or 70.' So he said, 'Sixty-five or 70 what? What do you mean?' I said, 'Years.' He said, 'What is a year?'"

Recently, still another piece of evidence has turned up to lend additional validity to the Hills' experience. This concerns Betty's rather bizarre physical examination on the flying saucer when a long needle was inserted into her navel. She was advised by the aliens that this was a test for pregnancy. In the May 18, 1971, issue of *Look Magazine*, an article titled "Test Tube Baby" describes the research of German and British doctors to implant a five-day-old fertilized egg, grown in a culture outside a female womb, into the uterus of another woman. A pencil-like viewing device, termed a laparoscope, is inserted through the navel and provides a "panoramic view of the peritoneal cavity and its contents." In 1961, at the time when Betty and Barney Hill were taken aboard the Reticulan flying saucer, this medical procedure sounded like science fiction. Yet now, a mere 10 years later, our scientists are utilizing the laparoscope for advanced medical procedure.

Perhaps we might learn of still other technical advancements should our radio telescopes be pointed toward the Constellation Reticulum in our search for other life forms. And should they deem us sophisticated enough to talk to, perhaps we might request the source of their remarkable propulsion as fair trade for their "poaching."

Authors' note: The real proof and conclusions of Marjorie Fish's research lie in astronomical calculations which would not be really understood by the layman. These findings will be presented in more appropriate technical journals. It was the intention of the authors in this article to make her significant contribution known to the general public as nontechnically and simply as possible. ★

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General Staff issued a statement to the press asking it not to make any mention of the appearance of rockets over Norwegian territory but to pass on all reports to the Intelligence Department of the High Command." (*London Daily Telegraph*, August 31st.)

Aalborg, North Jutland, Denmark, August 27th: "A rocket bomb tonight fell with a thundering explosion . . . Onlookers described seeing a bullet-shaped body, with a tremendous fire column of thousands of stars, soaring through the sky." (*London Daily Telegraph*, August 28th.)

Greece, early September: "Acting Foreign Minister Stephanos Stephanopoulos supported a statement in London by Premier Constantin Tsaldaris that flying rockets had been seen over the northern part of Greece . . .

The rockets, estimated to be flying at a height of 5,000 to 10,000 yards, had been seen specifically at Drama, 130 miles north-east of Salonika and just below the Bulgarian border." (*New York Times*, September 6th.)

"The rocket passing over Salonika . . . fell into the sea . . . A total of four were seen . . . all on the night of September 1st. These were officially reported by military units and confirmed by many reports from civilians. One passed over Mt. Paikon, both in Macedonia, near the Greek, Yugoslav, and Bulgarian frontier. Another passed over the town of Katharini, between Salonika and Larissa, and the fourth over Salonika." (*London Daily Telegraph*, September 6th.)

"A rocket flying from north to south over Western Macedonia was seen yesterday in the Koziani area of Greece. It was reported by the police to have passed about 70 miles west of Salonika." (*London Sunday Express*, September 8th.)

Chateauroux, France, September 7th: "What is described as a ball of fire was seen traveling in a southwesterly direction . . . It was first seen last night (the 7th) and was seen for a second time a few hours later . . ." (*London Sunday Express*, September 8th.)

Morocco, September 17th and 18th: "A flying projectile with a 'tail of flame' was seen last night over the town of Fez; it was reported (at Casablanca) today. At almost the same time a similar missile was reported seen near Tangier. Witnesses at both places said that the projectiles seemed to fly at low altitude, from east to west, trailing a long thin tail of yellow and green light. They traveled at great speed." (*London Daily Telegraph*, September 19th.)

Portugal, September 17th: "Officials at Lisbon observatory were unable yesterday to explain reports that strange lights had been seen moving across the sky in different parts of the country . . . The phenomena were described as bright, greenish balls of light, all traveling southwards." (*London Daily Telegraph*, September 19th.)

Pinneburg, Germany, mid-September: From a British military report: "At 21:05 hours what appeared to be a ball of fire was seen flying over the district of Pinneburg. It came from the southeast. It was white, had a tail, and was traveling at great speed." (*London Daily Telegraph*, September 18th.)

The Hague, mid-September: "Flying fireballs with glowing tails, traveling noiselessly at high speed, have been reported at night over the north and east of Holland." (*London Sunday Express*, September 14th.)

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here were today examining the remains of a projectile described as a "ball of light," which fell outside a house last night (the 25th). The owner of the house, Mme. Deman, said that about midnight she saw a "ball of light" approaching at "terrific speed." The object fell in front of her house, giving off a cloud of smoke." (*London Daily Telegraph*, September 27th.)

German-Dutch border, late September: "More 'spook-bombs' have been reported by British troops in Germany, this time over the Lingen-Meppen area of the Dutch frontier. Officers and other ranks reported seeing several missiles similar to flying bombs moving at great speed from east to west." (*London Sunday Express*, September 29th.)

Sweden, October: "A rocket-bomb is again reported from south Sweden. Two persons heard a whizzing sound and saw an arrow-shaped object with what appeared to be short wings which dived into a lake." (*London Daily Telegraph*, October 22nd.)

On October 10th, the Swedish Defense Staff released its findings, such as they were, on the "ghost rocket" sightings it had investigated. It concluded that a majority were of conventional aerial objects, "but," the report added, "in some cases clear, unambiguous observations have been made which cannot be explained as natural phenomena, Swedish aircraft, or imagination on the part of the observer. Echo, radar, and other equipment registered readings, but gave no clue as to the nature of the objects." The "fragments," the report said, turned out to be ordinary slag.

Miskolcz, Hungary, October: "What is believed to have been a rocket fell . . . breaking all windows in a 300-yard radius." (*London Sunday Express*, October 6th.)

Lisbon, Portugal, December 14th: "What is described as a 'fiery projectile with a tail' is reported to have been seen last evening (the 14th) over Lisbon at an immense height, traveling from northeast to southwest." (*London Daily Telegraph*, December 16th.)

There can be no doubt, as the Swedish

Defense Staff observed, that a large majority of reports resulted from misinterpretations of ordinary aerial phenomena. Certainly the growing hysteria, in which increasing international tensions played no small part, must have caused ordinarily more sensible citizens to jump to conclusions about nearly anything not immediately recognizable that passed over their heads.

Nonetheless this was not the whole story, as just about every researcher who investigated the rash of sightings seems to agree. The 1946 wave shows us, in general outline, the UFO appearance and behavior patterns which since 1947 have become so familiar to those of us who follow the subject: luminosity, silent flight, cigar and disc shapes, green fireballs, landings and occupants, the lack of physical evidence.

The year of 1946 must be considered a pivotal period for the UFO phenomenon, the first in which "spaceship" UFOs predominated, eclipsing the amorphous "foe-fighters" of WW II, the "mystery airplanes" of the 1930s, and the "airships" of the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. Because of the tense political atmosphere it is easy to see how the objects were mistaken for Russian missiles, even though the "rockets" were as often spherical as they were cylindrical.

The following year, when the "flying saucer" deluge hit the U.S., the Russian missile theory was revived briefly, then rejected, as it quickly became clear that the bizarre aerial objects were far outside normal understanding. The sightings did provide a context, however, in which the "ghost rocket" reports could make some kind of sense. Scandinavia, in common with the rest of the world, would not escape the UFO-experience of the post-1947 period; but the mammoth 1946 wave had prepared it for the incredible events about to erupt all over our unsuspecting planet.

Though nobody knew it then, the "ghost rockets" had ushered in a new moment in history. Its ramifications will be felt for a long time to come. ★

TESTING GROUND?

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Was it chance or by design that Police Officer Jeff Greenhaw happened to be on that rural Falkville, Ala., road that October night last year, just in time to observe a silvery, metallic being walking along. If alien psychologists were curious to learn man's responses to contact with space creatures they probably agreed that people on Earth weren't ready to deal with extraterrestrial life.

Just before the silver-suited figure outran Officer Greenhaw's patrol car, he took a photograph which was to bring himself and the town national attention. Falkville residents couldn't deny the evidence of the photo but just seeing Greenhaw everyday reminded them of their fears of the unknown. They began making life a nightmare for the policeman in the hopes he would move away.

First Greenhaw began receiving threatening telephone calls at home. He was the butt of harassing remarks while on patrol. His wife divorced him, and then a mysterious fire destroyed the trailer home where he lived. Finally, city officials without a reason, asked Greenhaw to resign as a law enforcement officer.

There is an area where the scientifically curious alien has complete command—the mastery of expert telepathic techniques. Their well-developed faculty is not restricted to time, barriers, or distance. Taken out of the realm of magic, we are just beginning to examine this mind-to-mind contact in the laboratories at Stanford Research Institute in California, Maimonides Medical Center in New York, and other research centers.

Throughout the history of the UFO phenomena, people have been contacted by this method of communication. The majority of the contactees have largely discredited themselves and repelled interested scientists by giving their contact religious overtones; forming cults and taking to the lecture circuit to preach that "they" are here to save us from ourselves.

Recently, however, quite another type of UFO contactee is stepping forward to present their documented encounters with extraterrestrials. They are sane, rational people who do not embellish their experiences but simply tell it like it was. Initially, this subject asked that her identity and place of residence be kept in strict confidence. Later, in a recent note to this writer, Mrs. Shirley Marlowe gave permission to reveal her name.

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OVNIs au-dessus de bases à fusées (p. 16) : en octobre - novembre 1975
des bases Nord-Américaines
de missiles furent survolées par des Ovnis. Ils furent observés par
des militaires, des pilotes ainsi que sur radar.

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St Niklaas, 1946 (p. 18) : une lumière nocturne aperçue au-dessus du
marché est voisine en lieu et en temps à
l'observation de l'atterrissage d'une soucoupe et de deux êtres au
mois d'août. Un endroit carbonisé aurait été trouvé.

Wladimir Migulin, directeur de l'institut Soviétique pour magnétisme
terrestre et radioactivité, aurait d'après la presse (p. 21) démenti
des spéculations selon lesquelles des vaisseaux extra-terrestres
auraient été aperçus au-dessus de l'URSS. "Souvent il ne s'agit
que d'aurore polaire ou de ballons" déclara-t-il dans un interview
avec l'agence Tass.

CLIPPING THE NEWS

UFO REPORTS:

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Jul 1946 - Vic. Viskinge, Denmark (x/1406) - (2-B) - CYCLIST SPOTS THREE UFOs
Hans Sørensen, Klovermarksvej, 16, 4450 Jyderup, Denmark was cycling from Jyderup
toward Kalundborg. Just outside Viskinge he noticed something odd. "At first I thought
I saw some smoking from a tractor, so I stopped in a clear spot so as to see better.
Then I saw 3 things fitting the descriptions of UFOs. They flew vertically over-
head. They sort of tilted in the middle, choppily, not very rapidly. They were like
polished mirrors on top, and in profile almost like a flat and a deep saucer. The
underside was uneven and dull gray. The weather was calm, and the sun was behind me.
As I stood there, several people came up, and we concurred that there were no sounds,
such as a normal aircraft would make. (Sjællands Tidende, Slagelse, Denmark,
17 Apr 71).

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Most rockets

our experimental space explosion
been higher, the electrons re-
leased would have undoubtedly
neutralised protons in the lower
belt, which are most intense at
about 6,300 miles, instead of
merely adding to the lower
boundary of the belt. Signifi-
cantly, with good evidence of
radiation belts around both Venus
and Jupiter, none has yet been
detected around Mars. In favour
of an inhabited Mars, it can be
argued such belts were long ago
destroyed and kept from re-
forming perhaps by equipment
carried by Mars's satellites which,
rather suspiciously, orbit in the
equatorial plane at the distances
one would expect such radiation
to be most intense. The usual
"explanation," of course, is that
Mars' magnetic field is very weak
or non-existent. Since this subject
is a specialty of Sir Bernard
Lovell, perhaps he would be will-
ing to discuss the matter in your
pages or elsewhere.—E. R. Lee,
3129 Oakland Avenue, Minne-
apolis 7, Minnesota, U.S.A.

(Although flying saucers are
rapidly gaining in acceptance and
respectability, we doubt whether
Sir Bernard Lovell is willing even
now to drop his prejudices and
write for the FLYING SAUCER RE-
VIEW. It is very difficult for those
who have been our opponents to
admit openly that we may have
been right all along.—Editor.)

Sir,—Waveney Girvan's article
on hallucinations, etc., in the
November-December, 1962, issue
was of great interest to me. It is
highly significant that in the early
days of the subject, before the
phrase "flying saucers" had
gained its wide currency, wit-
nesses were never suspected of
hysteria, drunkenness and so on.
In 1946-48 many papers reported
"saucers" over Sweden
and other Scandinavian countries
and stressed the fact that the wit-
nesses were competent. The
London Daily Telegraph of Sep-
tember, 1946, actually reproduced
a photograph of one of these
objects and accepted it as per-
fectly genuine. It was only when
the possibility arose that these
objects might be extra-terrestrial
and not Russian that the witnesses
were abused and the mass-
hysteria, hallucination explana-
tion was offered in an attempt to
avoid an unacceptable solution to
the mystery. It is now obvious
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THE GHOST-ROCKET PERIOD

A neglected but important episode in the history of crash claims took place in 1946, during the wave of European ghost-rocket sightings which anticipated the flying discs of the following year. Ghost-rocket crashes were reported frequently and investigated seriously by Scandinavian military authorities.

Ockelbo, Sweden, July 9, 1946. At 2:35 p.m. a silvery cigar-shaped structure traveling at very low altitude "tumbled right down against the ground and was gone in a few moments."

Source: *Morgon Tidningen*, July 11, 1946.

Lake Barken, Sweden, July 9, 1946. An object with alternating blue and green lighting came rapidly out of the northeast and plunged into the lake 350 feet from an observer on the shore.

Source: *Svenska Dagbladet*, July 11, 1946.

Mockfjärd, Sweden, July 9, 1946. A shiny, silvery "star" accompanied by a whistling sound descended toward Mount Landholm. Just as it was about to hit the mountainside, at 175 feet altitude, its light blinded the witness, who thus did not see the collision, though apparently he could hear it. He detected a strong burning odor for the next quarter-hour.

Source: *Svenska Dagbladet*, July 11, 1946.

Björkö, Sweden, July 10, 1946. A projectile trailing luminous smoke plowed into a bathing beach. At the impact site witnesses discovered a yard-wide shallow crater, with a mass of slaglike material, some of it reduced to powder, nearby. A newspaper reporter who searched the site collected a "burnt-brown object with a hollow cylinder. In color and consistency this object was like most of the other objects picked up. The cylinder had a diameter of about 25–30 millimeters." Analysis by military authorities produced ambiguous results, and in due course the witnesses were accused of imagining things.

Sources: *Svenska Dagbladet*, July 11, 1946, and *Morgon Tidningen*, July 12, 1946.

Lake Mjösa, Norway, July 18, 1946. Two "missiles," eight feet long with wings set three feet from the nose, plunged into the water, causing notable turbulence. In flight, witnesses said, the wings "fluttered as if they had been made of cloth," and the objects themselves let out a whistling sound in flight.

Sources: Loren E. Gross, *UFOs: A History—1946: The Ghost Rockets*, 3rd ed. (Fremont, Calif.: The Author, 1988), p. 18; *Oslo Aftenposten*, July 20, 1946; Clas Svahn and Anders Liljegren, "The Kölmjärvi Ghost Rocket Crash Re-

visited," *AFU Newsletter*, no. 27 (January/December 1984): 1–5.

Lake Kölmjärvi, Sweden, July 19, 1946. At noon witnesses saw a gray, rocket-shaped object with wings crash into the lake, precipitating a three-week military search for wreckage. Nothing was found, though deep mud on the lake bottom may have hidden the evidence. In 1984 Swedish ufologist Clas Svahn interviewed civilian witnesses and military investigators. Retired Air Force officer Karl-Gösta Bartoll, who had led the official search, said, "There are many indications that the Kölmjärvi object disintegrated itself. First of all, [witness Knut] Lindbäck saw a second cascade of water after the first impact and, secondly, an old lady living in a cottage near the crash site reported she had heard a muffled thunderclap. The object was probably manufactured in a light-weight material, possibly a kind of magnesium alloy that could disintegrate easily, and not give any indications on our instruments."

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Oslo, Norway, July 28, 1946. Two violent explosions, accompanied by an "intense white light," rattled sections of the city during the night. A reporter wrote, "It is generally assumed that the noises were caused by rockets, but that they burst into such small fragments that they practically disappear."

Source: *London Daily Telegraph*, July 29, 1946.

Southern Sweden, August 12, 1946. A five-foot-long, cigar-shaped craft trailing smoke passed over the roofs of houses in a seaport town. It traveled over the water until it seemed to come down on an uninhabited islet. The thick underbrush discouraged searchers who went to the site.

Source: *Svenska Dagbladet*, August 14, 1946.

Malmö, Sweden, August 16, 1946. A ghost rocket passing overhead exploded, breaking numerous windows. Fragments fell to the earth, some witnesses claimed.

Source: *Manchester Guardian*, August 17, 1946.

Southern Sweden, mid-October 1946. Alerted by a sound something like that of a "flock of birds," two individuals on a lake shore looked up to see a curious object come in from over the trees. It looked like a dart with small wings and a "ball-shaped tip." It exploded immediately after crashing into the water just past the shoreline.

Source: *Svenska Dagbladet*, October 21, 1946.

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EN TERRITORIO ESCANDINAVO
ANTIGUAS OBSERVACIONES DE OVNI

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Durante los meses de agosto y septiembre del año 1946, los asombrados habitantes de Finlandia, Noruega y Suecia se vieron "invasidos" por una serie de extraños objetos en forma de cohetes durante esos meses de la post-guerra. A continuación presentamos algunos de esos casos en forma exclusiva para la Argentina.

Estocolmo, Agosto 14 de 1946 - Un grupo de gigantescos objetos en forma de cohetes sobrevolaron anoche el cielo en la parte sur de Suecia. Algunos observadores manifestaron que se trataban de fres cohetes que sin ruido, y de un color brillante como las estrellas, se desplazaban a una velocidad superior a los aviones de guerra.

Cabe destacar que en la parte central de Suecia fue encontrado un cuerpo de metal de unos tres cms. de grosor, y que probablemente procedería de uno de esos extraños objetos.

Sigue el misterio: El Instituto de Investigaciones Aéreas de Suecia emitió un informe sobre la constante aparición de objetos volantes en algunas ciudades de Suecia diciendo que hasta el momento no se ha podido constatar la procedencia de los "cohetes", nadie sabe si esos objetos son tripulados o vuelan controlados por radio.

Copenhage: Agosto 29 - Una rara bomba volante estalló en los alrededores de Jutladiá, sin haber ocasionado daños ni víctimas.

Según las informaciones recibidas por un lugareño de la zona, y que se encontraba en su jardín, manifestó haber observado un resplandor amarillo lento, en forma de pequeña pelota. La esfera volaba por el espacio muy rápido en dirección Este Oeste (Food-Fighter?).

"El extraño objeto tomó altura para luego estallar en pedazos, el cielo se llenó de chispas, en todas direcciones, a continuación sobrevino una poderosa explosión que me hizo caer de rodillas".

La policía investigó el caso sin encontrar una respuesta satisfactoria.

Helsinki: Agosto de 1946 - En las ciudades de Tammerfors y Helsinki, una rara nube de humo denso con una clara y definida luminosidad fue vista por centenares testigos ocasionales.

En ambos casos la nube estalló, dejando la zona llena de chispas de colores y estelas luminosas.

Noruega: (no hay fecha exacta) Un grupo de pescadores, en cercanías de Oslo, observan el paso de tres objetos luminosos, dos de ellos parecían cohetes, dado que tenían forma alargada (¿naves madres?), y el siguiente era algo así como una esfera de color anaranjada. Los tres objetos se dirigían hacia la ciudad de Oslo, y es probable que algún habitante haya observado la presencia de tales objetos.

EN OTROS PAISES EUROPEOS

Lisboa: Septiembre 13 - Noticias de Oporto informan que algunas personas dignas de crédito han visto en la madrugada de hoy aparecer surcado de luminosidades misteriosas, estos posibles cohetes aparecieron y desaparecieron en dirección Sur-Norte, dejando una potente estela verde.

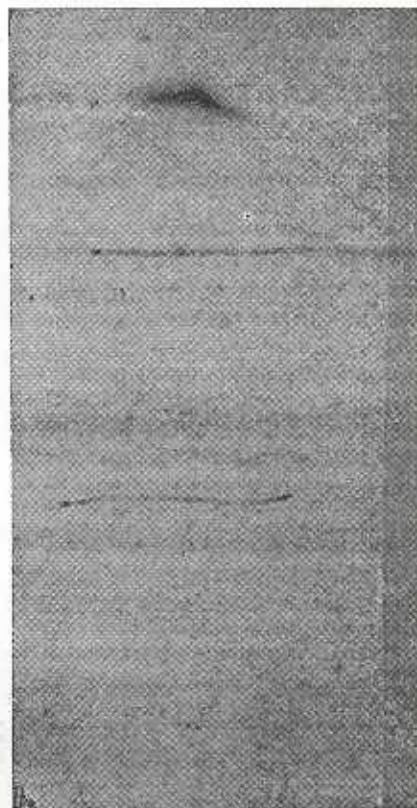
Argelia: Septiembre 29 - Han sido observados misteriosos meteoros en los distritos accidentales del Norte de Africa. Algunos testigos describen a los objetos como bolas de fuego con una larga estela de llamas, casi siempre los

objetos han pasado a baja altura.

Londres: Septiembre 1946 - "Extraños objetos son vistos en Londres". En Inglaterra, los "meteoros" y "cohetes" han sido observados también por madrugadores londinenses.

Nota de la dirección: nótese que estos "cohetes", "meteoros", etc., fueron observados antes del bautismo de los mismos con el nombre de platillos Voladores, y los testigos describen su observación con las palabras usuales de la época de la post-guerra, es decir, bombas voladoras, cohetes fantasmas, explosiones, etc....

Fuente de información: Agencia EFE, la Vanguardia Española, La Nación y propias de la AOA Internacional.



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It is interesting to note that though the concentration of activity was over Denmark and Sweden, there was sporadic activity over Belgium, France, Ireland, Switzerland and the United States.

This, of course, is a familiar pattern that was to be followed in subsequent years. For example, in the latter part of 1954 there was a wave of activity over France and Italy, but at the same period saucers were observed in other parts of the world.

Reports appeared in the press during July, 1946, that the populace of Sweden had been disturbed chiefly at night by bright "meteors" travelling at tremendous speeds across the skies. It was soon to be realised that what the good people of Sweden were seeing could not be classed as meteors. Witnesses described them as products of technology and the objects, according to *L'Aurore* of July 27, indicated that they were guided by remote control.

By August every one in Sweden was talking about the "luminous bombs" flying at low altitudes over the country. No fragments of any bombs or rockets were found and no one was hurt. Jacques Vallée, who has done such splendid research on this opening modern phase of the saucer saga wrote:

"Their range is fantastic, compared with the technological state of development of the time. Still the idea of war is so present and so strong (1946—B. Le P.T.) that all descriptions are made in terms of destructive technology: bombs, shells, rockets. The terminology, however, will slowly change."

At about this time the phenomenon was spreading to other countries in Scandinavia. The Danish press reported a "rocket" seen by numerous wit-

nesses over Copenhagen and a "rocket-projectile" exploded over the island of Malmoe. Another object, this time a "flying bomb", exploded over Tammersfors in Western Finland. Yet another "rocket" was seen over Helsinki.

Jacques Vallée commented on the interesting fact that the objects had been reported to land, and quoted from *Epoque*, August 28, as follows:

"Some of the objects are said to change their direction of flight after landing, when they go back towards their place of origin, according to the results of an investigation made by the correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* in Stockholm." Mark you, I would dearly love to ask that correspondent how he knew they were going back to their place of origin and in what direction it lay.

It is from about August onwards that the UFOs began to appear over countries outside Scandinavia. Vallée quoted *Epoque*, August 29:

"Other objects have been reported from Switzerland and, a few days ago, from Waterford, Ireland. The objects seen in Sweden left a trail of fire similar to the trail of a comet. Others, on the contrary, have a light in front. The American General James Doolittle has just arrived in Stockholm, officially on a business trip for the Shell Company. In reality he is to conduct an investigation along with the Swedish authorities."

Soon afterwards, the phenomena began to be seen over Belgium and France, as well as over Scandinavia. It was stated by *Le Figaro* that over 2,000 ghost rockets had been seen over Sweden in the previous few months. The newspaper added that the Danish and Swedish military authorities were taking the whole matter very seriously.

All the Scandinavian ghost rockets were reported to be cigar-shaped, so this sighting in early August over the United States is of particular interest...

At about 6 p.m. on August 1, Captain Jack E. Puckett was flying a C-47 plane from Langley Field, Virginia, to MacDill Field, Florida.

The aircraft was at 4,000 feet and about 30 miles north-east of Tampa when Captain Puckett and his crew were startled to see a cigar-shaped object hurtling towards them in horizontal flight at the same altitude.

When the cigar was about 1,000 yards distant it swerved to avoid them and as the UFO passed

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