

GREEK UFO MISCELLANY

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Our contributor is associated with a group of investigators known as the Athenian Team of UFO Research. He is in close contact with UFOIN's overseas liason officer, Bryan Hartley, who has made this collection of his reports available to FSR. We are, of course, delighted since this is a part of the world from which few reports are received.

RECENTLY on Greek television there was shown a TV film "The disappearance of Flight 417," a delightfully realistic treatment of an aircraft/UFO encounter, and the subsequent US government cover-up. This stimulated many people to come forward with old UFO sightings. One of these dates to 1925 or 1926 and was investigated by Spiros Vrettos.

Paphos, Cyprus

A young woman and her father were at their pasture a few miles out of the town of Paphos, Cyprus. It was a dull day but not very cloudy. They came upon a circular object hovering over the fields at a moderate height. It was dark and not reflecting the sunlight, but seemed to possess its own source of illumination. It was truly enormous, being described as the size of a saucer held at 20 cm distance. The object remained silently in view for some minutes before the witnesses left. The father said that he had seen it there in the same spot on several occasions and it had always left suddenly by accelerating away.

Island of Samos

In late July/early August 1946, Mr. Amphistion Moslionos, a designer from Athens, was at Pountes on the Island of Samos. About nine in the evening he was alerted by a pear-drop-shaped object coloured bright orange that was moving very slowly across the sky. Many others in the area apparently saw it also. It moved NE to SW, and was in view about 15 minutes. It left a noise like the wind rushing through trees.

Messini

Moving on to November 9, 1955, we have the story of a man and his son who were out hunting near Messini. It was about 6.30 a.m. and the sky was still dark. They were suddenly surrounded by a deep humming noise that struck terror in them. They both hid. Aware that the surrounds were all brightly lit up, they glanced upwards and noticed, about 100 metres from them, a huge disc, about five metres in diameter, which was hovering there. It appeared like an

upturned umbrella without the stem. In the centre of this was a large window that was surrounded by a grille, looking somewhat like the radar mast on a ship.

The two men watched in fear as it hovered for a few seconds and then flew away towards the hills where it stopped for thirty minutes. Then it doused its lights. Soon it began to move, the lights pulsing on and off as it did so. It finally disappeared into the distance.

Volos

One night in June 1956 at about 11.00 p.m. Miss D. M. and her son were at Philip John Street in Volos when, over the mouth of the river Anavros, they observed a large luminous object. It was about 500 metres above the water. Shaped like a disc it had three conical portions rising from the top. To their left over a hill appeared a smaller red object. This hovered at first.

Suddenly a door seemed to open in the larger object and the small red object then moved towards it, entering the "mothercraft" and going out of sight. This larger UFO then took off very fast and disappeared.

New Halkidona

Finally we move to January 7, 1976, at New Halkidona. Here witness Dimosthenis Louckidellis entered his bedroom at 10.00 a.m. and opened the shutters to confront a very strange dark cloud on an otherwise beautifully clear day. This dropped down 3 or 4 times as if it were a leaf descending on a breeze. Its method of departure is enigmatically summed up by investigator John Michelakis, "...another strange thing is that the object disappeared, but did not vanish. The witness supports this view emphatically."

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