

The next sighting occurred on March 24th between 7 and 11pm. This was the night that the greatest number of people saw an unknown, very large, boomerang-shaped object over the major highways in Westchester and Putnam Counties. Reports came in from Upper Westchester to most of Putnam County and north-western Fairfield County. We estimate, according to Police information, that on this date as many as 3,000 people saw the UFO. There are so many well-documented sightings on this date that it would be impossible to cover them. One account with greatest number of witnesses comes from a small neighbourhood in Putnam Valley, New York.

Ruth Reese and her husband James, a police officer, sighted an object heading toward their home from the east. At first, Reese thought it was a low jet, a 747. However, as the object approached, they saw it wasn't a plane, but a V-shaped object with white, red and green lights. As it came even closer, they heard no sound.

They called neighbours and, as the object slowly approached, watched with their son. The object stopped, hovering right above the driveway of their home. The entire neighbourhood, which is a circle area, watched from the streets and from their houses. The Reeses got right under the object, but could only

see the lights around some massive dark structure. They estimate the object was about 100 feet in the air and about 120 feet from wing-tip to wing-tip. After hovering 10 minutes, it flew over the entire neighbourhood, flashing a bright bluish light from somewhere under the object, similar to a camera flash. It gave the residents the impression that the object was taking pictures or looking for something. The object displayed this behaviour for 45 minutes, then slowly left the area.

During the sighting, Mrs. Reese called the local police. She was told no one could be sent since they were all out chasing UFOs and an officer was not available at the time.

About 20 people saw the object with the Reeses. George Lesnich and Philip Imbrogno interviewed 10 of them.

The next series of sightings occurred on March 31, followed by sightings during the first two weeks of April. From mid-April to June 15, no sightings were reported. But, from June 15 until July 15 sightings once again occurred. The latter were proven by us to be nothing more than aircraft in formation.

* See FSR Vol. 30, No. 2: *A Huge UFO Over Alabama.*

A LANDING IN SLOVENIA

Miloš Krmelj

This account was written by our Yugoslavian correspondent in 1977 and sent to FSR in due course, but owing to the serious illness of Charles Bowen it was among a great deal of material which got stuck in the pipeline and has only reached me this year. The accompanying sketches supplied by Mr. Krmelj seem to have disappeared.
— EDITOR

THIS report goes back to 1971. We only heard about it later and quite by chance, and decided to follow it up, and after a protracted investigation we were able to locate the eyewitnesses and interview them, firstly briefly and informally, and then in detail.

The first witness, Angela Rajhs, aged 17, of Stara Cerква, near Kočevje (45° 51' N., 14° 50' E.) in the Republic of Slovenia, N.W. Yugoslavia, made the following deposition (given in Slovenian).

"One day in May 1971 I was on my bicycle on the road near Stara Cerква. It was about 8.00 p.m., and I had just been to a local inn to buy some liquor, and was on my way back home again, when I suddenly heard a strange whistling noise, and I stopped.

Q. What did it sound like? Had you heard anything similar?

A. Yes, it was like the noise of a plane. But I knew that it was too close to me to be a plane. So I

stopped, and looked around, and all I could see was a kind of glow.

Q. So the whole area around was lit up?

A. Yes. It was all lit up with a special sort of light.¹

Q. What colour was it?

A. Bright red. I was riding towards the valley and, as I have said, I stopped and got off my bike. And then I noticed this 'thing'. It had legs, and it was all bright and radiant all over.

Q. Did you see it just as it was landing, or had it already landed?

A. Yes. It was already standing on the ground.

Q. Did you observe it for a long time?

A. Yes, I did. But I was frightened, so I went home.

Q. Then did you not see it take off?

A. Yes. Because as I went home I kept looking back at it. I was extremely curious, so I was going slowly. And I watched it as it slowly rose and took off. It pulled its legs slowly into the body. It had three legs.

- Q. Tell us again — what colour was the object?
 A. Red!
- Q. Did it have any windows or such-like?
 A. Yes, I particularly remember one feature — a yellow area in the middle of it. And at the ends of its landing legs I could see some round appendages that were also shining.
- Q. Who else saw it besides you?
 A. My neighbour Mr. Krž, and my Mother.
- Q. How did your Mother describe what she saw?
 A. She said she just saw a red ball flying towards Črni Vrh, a hill near our home.
- Q. And when did you say this was?
 A. I think it was in May — to be more precise early in May, in 1971, between 8.00 and 8.30 p.m.
- Q. How big was it?
 A. I should say it was about 7-10 metres long.
- Q. And what was its shape?
 A. My main impression was that it was like a gigantic egg, or an ellipse, standing on three legs.
- Q. Was it higher than you?²
 A. Oh yes, of course it was.
- Q. Twice as high as you?
 A. No, I should say three times as high. It was very big. I was viewing it from the road.³
- Q. And were its legs very long?
 A. No.
- Q. Were they about a metre or so in length?
 A. Yes, I should say about a metre or so.
- Q. Where precisely were you at the moment when you caught sight of it?
 A. Behind the hill.
- Q. Then you were able to see the phenomenon from behind both hills?
 A. Yes, you could see the glow coming up from behind the hills. Then of course I went over to have a look at it.⁴
- Q. Were there any traces there after it had gone?
 A. Yes. For more than two weeks there were some holes in the ground there, about 15-20cms. in diameter. They were all of the same depth. The grass was burnt.
- Q. What were the holes like? Cylindrical, conical, or just ordinary holes?
 A. They seemed to be like holes that had been dug, but a bit more pointed. . . . I had to search⁵ for my bicycle and for a month I was unable to go alone to Stara Cerkva.
- Q. You have said that it made a sort of whistling noise. Did you hear it for the first time near the church that stands near there?
 A. I did not notice anything exceptional about the object except its legs. It looked oval in shape, but when it rose up into the air it seemed to be round.
- Q. How did it take off? Did you notice any peculiarities in its flight?
 A. It was revolving at first.
- Q. In a spiral movement?



- A. Yes, something like that.
- Q. And it was emitting a whistling noise?
 A. Yes — all the time.
- Q. And how long do you think you watched it for?
 A. I don't remember very well. Some minutes — maybe two, or four or even five.
- Q. Was the glow coming from one particular point on the object or from all parts of it?
 A. From the whole of its surface.
- Q. Could you see where the legs had been after it had drawn them in?
 A. No. Then it looked as though it had never had any legs.
- Q. Do you recall what the weather was like at the time?
 A. Very nice, cool, and cloudy. Our neighbour also saw it, and so did his brother too. And they heard that strange sound too.

- Q. What was that sound most like, a jet or an ordinary plane?
 A. I would say a jet.
 Q. Like a sort of whistle?
 A. Yes.
 Q. Did you smell anything strange?
 A. No. But there was the effect of that glow. I felt it, as a kind of burning, or even like heat.
 Q. Did you notice any difficulties with electricity in the area?
 A. No.
 Q. Were you wearing a watch?
 A. Yes.
 Q. Did you notice any disturbance to your watch, or anything strange?
 A. No.
 Q. Have you ever heard anybody talking of unknown objects — UFOs, or “flying discs” or “flying saucers” as some people call them?
 A. Yes. I had read about them in the local *Dolenjski List*.⁶
 Q. Were those reports of UFOs seen over Dolenjska, or somewhere else?
 A. Yes. Over Dolenjska.

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As the witness said her neighbour Alojz Krž had also seen the landed UFO, we went to interview him too.

Aged 50, he claims that he saw the UFO standing there on the ground already as early as 7.30 p.m., and that he approached it until he was only twenty metres from it. Krž is an old soldier, a partisan of World War II. He is now employed as a *revizor*⁷ in Kočevje. Although he had been 20 metres from the UFO, he was emphatic that the landing-legs were not “round,” but *triangular* in their cross-section. He admitted that he had never been so frightened in his life as he was on that day in May 1971.

Conclusions

Both the principal witnesses, as well as the others who saw the object in flight agree in their accounts of its movements, and the two of them saw it on the ground. The descriptions tally. The times of the sightings by the girl Angela and her neighbour Mr. Krž do not quite coincide but are very close indeed.

Both eyewitnesses reported the matter to the local Police, who however merely laughed at them, so after that they kept quiet and did not talk about what they had seen.

On the following day, Angela went with her parents to look at the marks again. Fearing possible dangerous radiation, none of them ventured too close.

The soil in that particular field was hard and heavy. The holes, being some 15-20 cms in diameter, would have needed something weighing from ten to fifteen tons to make them.

Finally, we would only observe that it is a great pity that the case did not come to our knowledge until after the holes had filled up again. However, it strikes us all the same as indubitably the product of an alien technology.

Notes & References

1. The valley is a small one, lying at the end of a meadow, and the land is fenced and there are high tension lines installed across it. (Author)
2. Presumably the witness would have been a girl about eleven years old at the time (May 1971). (G.C.)
3. To judge by this description, the object must have been some 3 m. high. (Author). (This seems too little and an error may have crept in here. G.C.)
4. The eyewitness does not seem to have said how close she got to it. (G.C.)
5. One may suspect an error in translation here, or an omission of some part of the story? (G.C.)
6. Name of a local country newspaper. (Author).
7. *Inspector* (G.C.)

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LANDED OBJECT SEEN NEAR STONEHENGE?

ACCORDING to an account in the Hertfordshire newspaper, *The Biggleswade Chronicle*, for Friday, August 10, 1984, a local family named Waistell who live at Potton were returning home by car after their summer vacation when, as they were on the A303 highway near Stonehenge, they had the shock of their lives as they watched the whole sky turn a dark golden colour.

Two large, bright orange and gold spheres appeared from over the horizon, then two more appeared beneath these, and then two more at the sides. Said Mrs. Ruth Waistell: "It was absolutely fantastic. We had never seen anything like it before".

Their youngest son, Martin, aged 11, was reported to be still in a state of shock and refusing to go out alone, after what happened next. This was the appearance of a 'moving star', which appeared soon after the sky had turned golden. Martin watched it change colour, first from white to red, and then to green.

Further along the A303, as they headed towards London, the family saw other things. Just after 11.00 p.m., Mrs. Waistell caught sight of what seemed to be a large dome-shaped object standing in a field, just before a road-sign pointing off to Quarley.

Flashing

The object — the size of a house — seemed to have many 'windows' from which was streaming forth a bright yellow-golden light. They turned round and drove back to take another look at it, but by then they found the field was empty.

Further along the A303, Martin again caught sight of the 'star' moving across the sky. It was still flashing and changing colour, and increasing in size, until finally it split into two bright yellow 'stars'. These then re-combined once more, turning first to red, then to white, before finally vanishing.

However, Mr. Waistell was the next member of the party to spot something strange in the sky. Martin seized the binoculars and observed 'a strangely shaped object with lighted windows'. According to his mother this again split into two white lights, which turned red as before and then dashed away across the sky at an unbelievable speed.

It was now past midnight, and the sightings had lasted for more than one hour. The Waistell family reported their experience to the authorities and, according to the *Biggleswade Chronicle*, 'the Ministry of Defence is investigating their claims'.

ANOTHER FRENCH REPORT ON G.E.P.A.N.

UNDER the title of *E Finita La Comedia*, Dr Jean-Pierre Petit, Maître de Recherche at the CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research) has published a biting account of G.E.P.A.N. in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* No. 245/246 (November/December 1984).

Much of the article refers to personalities whose names would not be known to FSR's readers outside of France, and is of a generally discursive nature, and we cannot spare the space for reproducing it in full. I therefore confine myself to making a précis translation of the main points.

Dr Petit begins by saying that Monsieur Velasco, the present Head of G.E.P.A.N., told him a year ago: "We are collecting UFO reports, but we don't know what to do with them. Once a case has been investigated, we publish a note on it, and that is that. We have no scientific structure behind G.E.P.A.N."

Petit then goes on to say that he doubts whether there had in fact ever been any intention that G.E.P.A.N. should engage in serious work, and he proceeds to recall that, at a large gathering in Studio 105 of La Maison de Radio in Paris on June 12, 1984, organized by *France-Inter*, with the G.E.P.A.N. representatives present, plus no less than 55 journalists from the French press, Monsieur Metzle, public relations officer of G.E.P.A.N.'s controlling body, the C.N.E.S. (French Space Exploration Agency, based in Toulouse) let the cat out of the bag seriously when he made the following extraordinary admission:—

"In 1977, it was necessary to tranquilize public opinion concerning the UFO phenomenon. And it was in that spirit that G.E.P.A.N. was created."

"Which I interpret to mean" — continues Petit — "that G.E.P.A.N. was simply a tranquilizer."

And he goes on: "You may rest assured at present that there is nothing more to be expected from this organization, which is in any case moribund. Credits cut to 200,000 Francs per annum (which is virtually nothing, when you realize what the C.N.E.S.'s norms are). In Toulouse a staff of just two persons, Velasco and one girl secretary, their job being to receive the Gendarmerie reports and other documentation.

"Though recently promoted to be a 'house engineer', Velasco started out with only a technical college diploma in Optics, and his scientific knowledge is slight, not to say indeed non-existent.

"When they are interviewed, G.E.P.A.N. put on a show of collaboration with scientific organizations. But — let us be blunt about it — that's all hogwash, total hogwash. It's just pure bluff." G.C.