

a bit it just looked ultra-white.

"I couldn't think that anyone would be up there at that hour of the morning so I stopped to watch it. It moved about 3ft to one side and back again after about 10 minutes.

"When I went back inside to my mates I really didn't know what to say to them. In the end I just launched right in and told them I had just seen a ghost. None of them believed me. I got a bit rattled and let the subject drop for about half-an-hour.

"Suddenly one of the other chaps who had gone outside to do something came running back in saying: 'He's not crackers. I've just seen it too'. We all went out then and there it was at the foot of the castle by some bushes.

"From then onwards it just looked as though it was keeping lookout. It followed the same pattern going from the bottom of the castle to the top. Sometimes it went behind bushes but we could always see its glowing white top.

"One time when it went behind the bushes it didn't return. We've watched every morning since but we've seen nothing. It must have been about 10ft tall or something like that as it was so clear from where we were standing nearly three miles away.

"The men would have gone up to the castle to see what it was if they had had transport. It was all the reports in the paper about weird sightings that made us start talking about it", added Mr. Dabbs.

"It happened three weeks ago but we didn't tell anyone about it as people think you are mad. It was all the reports about weird sightings that made us think we could have seen what other people have been seeing", he said."

Credit: John Peers of Little Hulton.

## AUSTRALIA

### "Flaming" object over Sydney

From the Sydney *Sun-Herald* of July 16, 1967, comes the following account:

"Two fishermen yesterday told *The Sun-Herald* about a huge golden ball of light and flame which appeared to 'land' twice in Sydney early on Friday morning (July 14).

"The two men . . . Mr. Maurice Allen, 34, spray painter of Kingsgrove, and Mr. Glen Mitchell, 28, motor mechanic, of Beverly Hills . . . were fishing four miles out to sea off Cronulla at midnight Thursday when they first saw the object.

"Mr. Allen said: 'It was uncanny. At first I thought it was a plane with landing lights on. But I realised that was wrong. Then I thought it might be a helicopter. But that was wrong, too.

"Mr. Allen, who is training for his pilot's licence, said: 'It was like nothing that I have ever seen in the air before. We checked with the Department of Civil Aviation and there were no aircraft in the vicinity at that time'.

"The two men agree it was a golden ball of light, which had a flickering light similar to flames from a fire. They said it was 200ft in diameter. It swept across the sky and then descended almost vertically from about 1,700 feet to ground level. The sighting lasted about 12 seconds.

"It appeared to land around Cronulla golf links", Mr. Allen said.

"The two men brought their boat into Botany Bay an hour later and were fishing inside the bay when they saw the light again.

"Mr. Mitchell said: 'It had the same appearance but was probably 10 miles away. This time it seemed to land behind the Taren Point bridge. I'm surprised no one else has reported seeing it'."

Credit: Mrs. Judith Magee, VFSRS, P.O. Box 43, Moorabbin, 3189, Victoria, Australia.

## NORTHERN IRELAND

### Creatures reported

In a personal report Mr. E. Browne, of Ligoniel Road, Belfast 14, claims that, on the evening of Monday, July 17, he was walking in a wood not far distant from his home when he came upon a very strange object.

"It was dish-like, and hovering eight feet above the ground. It was a dull blue-grey colour with a rough and pitted outer surface, and was of the size of an automobile. As I stood looking at it, the middle of the craft opened and out came two silver human-shaped beings that dropped slowly and silently to the ground and then walked away into the wood. Some time later they came back and drifted back into the craft, which rose silently into the air a few seconds later and vanished from sight."

## FINLAND

### Light over Jyväskylä

From the *Helsingin Sanomat* of September 5, 1967, comes this story of a spectacular apparition in the skies over Jyväskylä, a town in mid-Finland with a population of 50,000:

"Jyväskylä, September 4. In the skies to the north of the town, a strange light was seen late in the night between Saturday and Sunday. The phenomenon lasted fifteen minutes, and differed from all known lights in connection with aeroplanes, stars and so on.

"The eye-witnesses said that a light looking rather like the moon, stood still in the sky. Above this light there appeared a red arch that spread out like a flower. In it were all the colours of the spectrum. This was repeated after a couple of minutes, and after this a cloud formed beneath the light, then, under the cloud there appeared a bright ball-like shining object. This latter then faded slowly away.

"The witnesses checked watches and found that their sighting had lasted from 10.32 p.m. to 10.47 p.m. They also checked with the near-by airport (civil and military) and were told that no aircraft had been in the air at the time, nor was there any moon in that direction."

Credit: **Elis W. Grahn**, of Gamlakarlabý (Kokkola), who also provided the translation.

## SPAIN

### Flying "Soup tureen"

The Barcelona newspaper *La Vanguardia Española* of June 4 reported how:

"As night was falling on Thursday, June 1, hundreds of people in La Villa, Madrid, saw a strange object which flew at great speed over the upper end of the Paseo de Extremadura and the suburb of San José de Valderas.

"One enthusiast even claims to have taken several photos of it, and two of them appear on the front page of today's issue of the evening paper *Informaciones*. The photographs show, at low altitude, an

object shaped like a soup-tureen, with a mark on the lower part resembling a capital H with an I in the centre—reminiscent of a cattle-brand.

"According to eye-witnesses, the 'flying saucer' paused temporarily in its rapid flight, remained stationary for a few moments, and then flew on at tremendous speed. Some people, who saw it come up from behind some trees, do not discount the possibility that there may have been a landing. They say its colour was at first reddish, turning to silvery as it disappeared. The change in colour could have been due to the rays of the sun, which was just about to set."

Credit: **Antonio Ribera**, who is trying to obtain the pictures.

Translation: G.C.

## Triangular object over Caceres

*La Vanguardia Española* of June 4 related the story of a sighting which took place on the previous evening:

"Caceres: June 3. Hundreds of people watched, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. this evening the movements of a 'flying saucer' that was larger than a normal-sized passenger airliner.

"The strange object, which made its appearance here two days after one was seen and photographed over Madrid, was triangular in shape, and according to most witnesses, of a shining pale blue colour, with luminous reflections of light. A spokesman of the Air Control Station said they had been unable to make any contact with the strange aerial craft, the altitude of which could have been between 7,000 and 10,000 metres.

"While it was being watched by numerous people, many with binoculars, it made off towards the South at high speed."

Credit: **Antonio Ribera**.

Translation: G.C.

## UFOs over Madrid

The newspaper *La Vanguardia Española* of August 23 carried the following story:

"Strange unidentified objects have been seen from several parts of Madrid. The objects were seen a little before midnight yesterday over the hills of Madrid; they could be seen by their coloured luminescence.

"The objects took several forms. First they resembled an elongated star outlined by red, green and yellow lights. A little later, the star became two, and later still, was transformed into a formation of five objects. Their presence was observed mainly in the region of the Parque del Oeste and the Plaza de la Moncloa."

Credit: **Miss Anna France**, of Farncombe, who was on holiday in Spain at the time.

Translation by Miss France.

## CANARY ISLANDS

### Rotating object over Grand Canary

*El Eco de Canarias*, of August 30, 1967, tells of an impressive sighting in these Spanish islands off the North West coast of Africa. The account was related by Sr. K. Betancourt Brito:

"At the Atalaya de Guia lookout-point, on Saturday, August 19, at 10.15 p.m., a strange object in the sky was seen by three people who were on the way to a cinema.

"We heard of the case and interviewed