

World round-up

of news and comment
about recent sightings

England

Saucer over Wigan

The *Wigan Observer* of October 31, 1975, carried the following account,—

“A ‘flying saucer’ has been spotted hovering over Wigan.

“The sighting was made by a Wigan man’s girlfriend — a BA graduate — near the Technical College in Parson’s Walk.

“Now Marilyn Parkes [of *Westvale, Kirkby, Liverpool*] has written to the *Wigan Observer* asking if anyone else saw the strange object in the sky on October 22.

“She says: ‘I am not a member of any UFO society and have always kept an open mind on such matters. However, I thought you might be interested in my experience on October 22.

“‘I was on my way to pick up my boyfriend from the Spring Gardens Annexe of Wigan College of Technology. His lecture finished at 9 p.m., and shortly before this I visited my aunt who lives in Barnsley Street, Springfield.

“‘Because it is a one-way street, I therefore drove down from Buckley Street and was hence facing down towards Parson’s Walk when I parked.

“‘I arrived there at approximately 8.40 to 8.45 p.m. to set off for the

Tech. There were a lot of cars parked in the street, and I switched on the side and headlights and windscreen wipers since it was drizzling slightly.

“‘I was about to pull out round a van parked directly in front when, for some inexplicable reason, I glanced at the sky and noticed a perfectly spherical object, luminous orange and moving relatively slowly across the road.

“‘It disappeared over the houses and I drove off to see if I could trace it, turning left along Parson’s Walk since it seemed to be heading in that direction. However I lost sight of it.

“‘If anyone else saw it at the same time I would be interested to know about it, or to hear from anyone who is interested in such phenomena, and who, perhaps may have some explanation.”

Credit: C.R. Mather of Lower Ince, Wigan, who also kindly supplied a road sketch map.

Northern Ireland

Egg-shaped UFOs over Donaghadee

From the *Belfast News Letter* of November 4, 1975, we learn how unusual aerial objects,—“Egg-shaped, yellowish and travelling upwards at phenomenal speed...” were seen.

“And at least a dozen people did spot them over Donaghadee last night.

“The unidentified flying objects lit up the sky and were visible for almost three minutes, according to 15-year-old Roy Adam.

“Roy, who lives at Oakfield Walk, Donaghadee, said: “They were yellowish in colour and egg shaped and were moving at a fantastic speed.

“‘There were two of them and although they lit up the sky they made no noise at all.

“‘I watched them for about three minutes then the sky suddenly went dark again.’

“A number of other people in the area also rang the *News Letter* saying they had sighted something in the sky shortly after 6.30.

“The Met. Office admitted it was baffled. ‘We have no weather balloons up so we don’t know what the objects were’, a spokesman said.

“At the weekend five UFOs were

sighted over Belfast flying in a ‘V’ formation across the city.”

Argentina

Landing near Miramar

According to a report in *La Razon* (Buenos Aires) of March 11, 1975, Juan Andres Gregorini, a farmer at Los Abuelos, near the beach resort of Miramar (on the Atlantic Coast just south of Mar del Plata) watched, with his family, a UFO flying around over his property. The mystery craft, which emitted vivid flashes of light, touched down very briefly, performed a “balancing motion” for a few seconds, and then took off again and vanished at incredible speed towards the north.

The statements of the farmer, who is an ex-policeman and a native of Miramar, were confirmed by his family.

Credit: Jane Thomas of Buenos Aires.

Mexico

UFO follows Piper

The *Worcester Gazette*, Massachusetts, of May 7, 1975, carried the following UPI report of an incident which took place on May 3, 1975,—

“Carlos Antonio de los Santos Montiel tried to flip over two flying saucers with the wings of his Piper plane before bursting into tears of desperation, he told newsmen.

“Authorities at Benito Juarez International Airport said the 23-year-old flier told them three unidentified flying objects joined him as he was flying at 15,000 feet and 140 miles per hour over Tequesquitengo Lake 50 miles south of Mexico City Saturday.

“‘Two of them flew a few inches from each wing and another below the plane,’ he said. ‘I tried to lower the landing wheels to hit one below, but the mechanism failed.

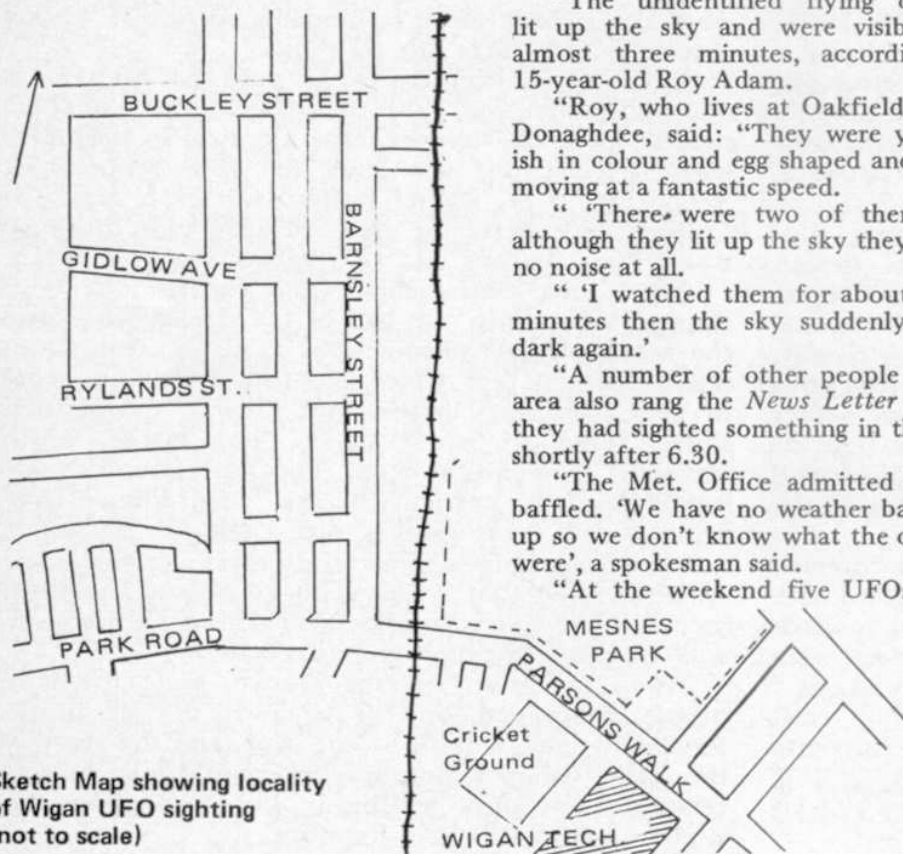
“‘Then I tried to hit the other two with the plane’s wings. But the controls did not respond.’

“At that moment, he said, his nerves broke and he burst into tears.

“De los Santos Montiel said he was able to radio the control tower at the Mexico City’s airport, but added his plane was ‘piloted by some strange force between Tequesquitengo and Tlalpan,’ a southern suburb of the capital.

“It was there, he said, that the UFO’s peeled away towards two snowcapped volcanoes about 50 miles to the south.”

Credit: Barry Greenwood of Stoneham, Mass.



Sketch Map showing locality of Wigan UFO sighting (not to scale)

MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Gobbledegook

Dear Sir,—In the above article, which appeared in FSR Vol.18 No.6, I was very surprised that Mr. Creighton omitted to mention one early case of a reported interruption of a radio programme to announce the crashing of a flying saucer.

This occurred in June 1947 and concerned the stage and radio star Hughie Green. The report was on page three of the very first issue of "The Flying Saucer Review" — Vol.1 No.1! I enclose a photocopy of the page to refresh Mr. Creighton's memory!

Yours sincerely,

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And what better than to reproduce an extract from that item which was published nearly 21 years ago — EDITOR:

"Broadcasts reporting a Flying Saucer crash picked up on his car radio as he drove across America has baffled stage and radio star Hughie Green since June, 1947.

"He was driving alone from Hollywood to Philadelphia for a business appointment and was tuned in to broadcasting stations most of the time 'because it's a long and boring trip.'

"But let Mr. Green take up the story.

"'About 250 miles out of Philadelphia,' he said, 'a commentator interrupted the programme to announce that a Flying Saucer had crashed in New Mexico and that the Army were moving in to investigate.

"'Later the programme was interrupted again and quite a few details were given.

"'Several newsflashes about the incident from various stations followed. The last I heard was just before reaching Philadelphia. The announcer promised further bulletins. None followed.

"'When I got there I bought all the newspapers I could lay my hands on. But not one carried the story. And questions at the radio stations just drew a blank. It's mystified me ever since.'"

An impossible journey

Dear Sir,—May I make brief mention of a curious "time contraction" (?) experience similar in part to that apparently undergone by some individuals elsewhere, but on the face of

it having no connection with UFOs.

This is related by a consultant psychiatrist in his book "Silent Union" (Stuart & Watkins 1966) which deals with his own psychic experiences as well as those of some of his patients. There he tells dispassionately and without attempting to draw any religious or related conclusions.

One day the doctor had visited another town with his wife and was driving back in the evening, the town being fifteen miles from home. It was a fine evening so they drove slowly, admiring the country. Yet after what they afterwards reckoned was less than five minutes travelling they passed a signpost indicating that they were only three miles from their own town. Unable to believe the evidence of their own eyes they consulted the AA map guide and confirmed the mileage between the two towns, at the same time slowing right down to watch out for the next sign post. This appeared in the next minute or so, and almost at once they found they were entering the outskirts of their own town.

Trying to keep calm and figure it out they found they had driven (since leaving) about six minutes but covered fifteen miles — in other words travelled from point of departure to home town at one hundred and fifty miles an hour!

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UMMO again

Dear Sir,—A few thoughts on "UMMO: The photos of the UFO with the M sign are surely the best ever, but why "allegedly" hovered over Madrid? Surely there were enough witnesses to establish whether this sighting was genuine or not. And what about the plastic strips and metal tubes? There was physical evidence. Has anyone followed up this most important clue and approached Du Ponts for instance?

A new American test vehicle? This comes inevitably to mind, and perhaps the material was planted with that end in view. The Americans have bases in Spain, but I can't see them risking such a revolutionary craft on foreign soil when they have enormous secret test ranges in U.S.A.

So what — a hoax? Who on earth could or would go to such enormous trouble and expense, and with what object? No, the answer lies elsewhere.

John Keel is on the right track, I believe, although I prefer Meade Layne's "etherians" to Keel's term "elementals". Who ever heard of elementals building machines — they are instinctive, not intellectual. "Ultra-terrestrials" is better. We seem to be up against a thinking, apparently technological race inhabiting the etheric sub-planes intermediate between the physical and astral.

There is a cryptic passage in an early Theosophical manual which may have some bearing on this.

After listing ALL the different grades of elementals, nature spirits and devas, the writer states:

*"Quite outside of and entirely unconnected with the four classes into which we are dividing this section, there are two other great evolutions which at present share the use of this planet with humanity; but about them it is forbidden to give any particulars at this stage of the proceedings, as it is apparently not intended under ordinary circumstances either that they should be conscious of man's existence or man of theirs. If we ever do come into contact with them it will most probably be on the purely physical plane, for in any case their connection with our astral plane is of the slightest..."**

That was written almost 100 years ago, and I never met a Theosophist who could or would enlarge on that statement, but it seems to tie in with Allende's L.Ms and S.Ms — "goodies" and "baddies." I tend to link it with another statement, this time by the Tibetan in his "Treatise on Cosmic Fire." He says:

"The fourth ether, the lowest of the ethers, is to be the next physical plane of consciousness. Etheric matter is even now becoming visible to some, and will be entirely visible at the end of this century to many."

And again:

"The fourth ether is coming into recognition, and along with it will come the knowledge of the lives which it embodies."

The idea is that as the Aquarian age approaches and the solar system moves into a new alignment with the other heavenly bodies, the etheric atoms are being vivified by streams of energy from Sirius, the Pleiades, Great Bear and other sources — the seven Rays of Eastern terminology. So that the denizens of the etheric

* C.W. Leadbeater, *The Astral Plane*.