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HESSDALEN

Date ... 16.04.83.
Time ... 15.55.

The witness tell they noticed a star over a mountain ridge on the other side of the valley. They thought it was too early in the day to be a star. 8-9 persons in all stand there, seeing the star slowly sinking down behind the horizon. Some of the witnesses ran up to the road and get sight of the star once more. It seems to move to and fro for a while, and so it goes down, It is said that the star after that disappeared over Finsåhøgda.

Local UFO-enthusiasts made great play with this report, among other things, in the newspapers, which mentioned a "vessel" coming gliding.

The received data are very thin and insuffient, but both the given positions as well as the hour agree with the planet Venus.

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"UFO OVER HALDEN"

"Did we see two UFOs?" This is a question being put forward by three of our readers after having observed recently a strange phenomenon over the town, two reddish balls quietly moving over Halden, from Festningen and further up against Rokke. "Halden Arbeiderblad" has tried to find people who can explain the phenomenon, without having succeeded.

Our informant and his family is living on Gimle, where they observed the balls at 21.oo in the evening. For three minutes the family could watch the balls in a binoculars. They were red, surrounded by twinkling lights, reminding of searchlights.

"Halden Arbeiderblad",7.3.83.

NIVFO's closest field-investigator, Svenn Myrekrok, NIVFO EAST, got in touch with the newspaper, but it became clear that no one there had written down the name of the observer.

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"A LADY FROM SKIEN OBSERVED STRANGE PHENOMENON OVER PORSGRUNN".

At 20.00 Saturday evening, a lady from Skien experienced something strange near to a quay at the Porsgrunn bridge. The date was 23.7.83. She, together with her children, sat waiting for her husband to make fast his boat properly. Then she became aware of a mushroom- or cigar-formed object moving northward on the sky - in the same height, or therebout, which the aircrafts use on their way to Skien airfield.

The object actually looked like a spaceship or one of the rockets being shot up by the Russians and the Americans. In the front the "spaceship" looked like a cigar or a mushroom, and narrowed backwards. "I heard no sounds", the lady said, "and the object moved quite slowly. Some more people must have seen the metal-like object, which had no lights", the lady from Skien says.

When she cought sight of the object, it moved over Herøya and Sundsjordet.

"I should like to hear if any other people have made similiar observations Saturday morning", the lady says.

"VARDEN", Skien, July 25, 83.

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EARLIER OBSERVATIONS IN PORSGRUNN.

In "PORSGRUNN DAGBLAD" for February 17 and 18 this year, notices are to be found about a number of observations of shining objects on the sky. People are wondering what this may be.

Thus one of the observers express himself to the newspaper: "I am standing on Hovenga, looking towards the high-rise buildings on the west side. And over them the objects were hanging. One of them rather looks like an air ship with a great, shining tail behind. It was quite a fantastic sight, and I wonder what it really is".

The observer, Åse Andersen, made the journalist coming, but he could not see anything strange. The time was about 19.00 p.m., Friday evening on February 16, when this happened..

Next day she again phoned the journalist: "Come now and look yourself", she says. "Today there are only two lights, and the air ship with the shining tail is not there". And the journalist came. He writes: "It was surely no airplane. With a binoculars we could observe a shining phenomenon which in a way seemed to turn on its own axis. For a while the object seemed to be oblong, rather like a millepede stretching itself, or a badminton ball turning round with the feathers outwards the whole time. And over it there moved a small, shining object, being, in any case, no star.

At 20.30 p.m., a boy on Stridsklev also observed a shining "phenomenon" in the same direction. And UFOs began to come into the picture.

"We have to take UFOs seriously", the boy says. And recently there are in Norway observed UFOs which look like a badminton ball, shining with four legs, and circling from the left to the right. (Here is also hinted at the idea "mother ship".



Fru Åse Andersen

Investigator Lars Bull, NIVFO EAST, has made certain inquires in this matter, and has, among other things, given a report form, filled in by Åse Andersen.

There are many indications that it turns about observations of satellites.

With regard to the term "badminton ball with feathers", see NEWS LETTER no. 3/83, page 9 (The sketch).

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THE MYSTICAL PUPPIES IN THE UFO VALLEY.

In Storbudalen in Gauldal, Southtrøndelag, two puppies disappeared tracklessly one day. Four days later they were found nearly four Norwegian miles away. One now wonder who had carried them there, especially as the puppies appeared on the scene as if they were dropped from the sky, down on a desolated plain in Hessdalen.... Some people take for granted that UFOs have been in the picture.

A "visionary" woman had "seen" the thieves, and maintains having been in telephatic contact with them. She persuaded them to set free the puppies, she declares.

It was early one Wednesday morning, about 9.00 o´clock. The 6 years old English setter, Sonja, and her two puppies, were turned out. When Sonja comes home, wagging its tail, without having the puppies with her, the owners only take it easy. All in the valley know each other, and it often happens that the neighbours play a little with the puppies. But time passes. They take a turn to the nearest farms, but none has seen the puppies that day. They search along the road, and examine minutely the edge of the wood.

In the night it was blowing up for a breeze. The temperature sunk to 15 degrees below zero.

It is Sunday morning at 9.00, four days after the disappearance. In Hessdalen, three and a half Norwegian mile over the mountain crest, Jon Skogås stays alone in his cottage. Then he hears some faint yelping outside the window. And there he catches sight of two puppies coming towards him over the snowcrust.

They stop, for a while looking curiously at him before they near. Skogås finds no fresh ski trecks in the area.

The puppies find their legs in the cottage, and it seems as if they come straight from wormth of the house and human beings. The paws were neither sore nor scraped up. And the puppies were not particularly hungry.

„I think the most natural explanation is that somebody, driving ski-scooter, has brought them over to Hessdalen, and kept them in their cottage", the owner says. "And so the person(s) concerned changed his mind and took the puppies with him as far as to Skogås´ cottage, so that he should find them".

Source: Among other things, "Hjemmet", July 5-1983.

But some think that UFO is a more resonable means of transport than a ski-scooter.

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MORE REPORTS FROM HESSDALEN.

PLACE .... Hessdalen

DATE ..... February/March 1983

WITNESS .. Housewife (known by NIVFO)

TIME ..... 08.00-08.02 in the morning.

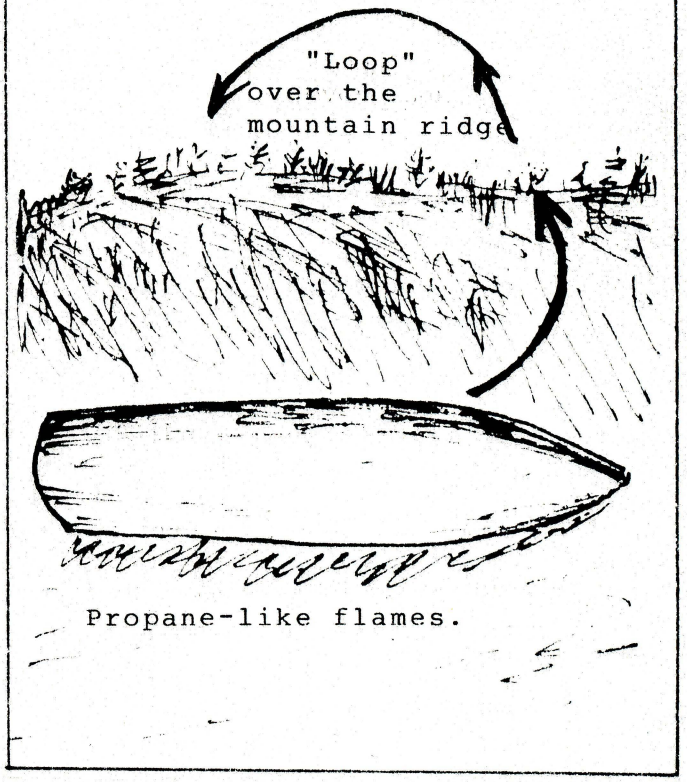
WEATHER/
LIGHT COND: Clear/calm/dusk. 4 degrees above zero.

OBJECT .:. It was like a rocket with a silver-shining light under the object. The light was constant with a medium strength. The speed of the object was low. It made course- and height changes. No sound was heard.

COURSE ... 180-270 degrees.

The witness waited for a buss from Jenshagen, Hessdalen. She accidentally cought sight of the object with the soil as a background, and in an estimated angle height of about 25-30 degrees. The length of the object she estimates to about 15 metres, and the distance to about 300 metres(See sketch.

Sketch to the report from Hessdalen.



An interesting detail is reported in connection with the disappearance of the object. The witness tells that it made a kind of a "loop" over the ground or mountain ridge in the background, and then it disappeared behind this. Suddenly it seemed bounding sideways over- and down behind the ridge.

The light under the object she desribes as reminding of a propane-gas flame. The witness tells that she, on a previous occasion, had seen something like that a bit further north in the valley. An object with the same form moved slowly right down by the river. She doesn´t remember the point of time, but says it was immediately after the observations were known in Hessdalen.

INVESTIGATOR: Per Moen, NIVFO M.

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"SUMMER-UFO OUTSIDE THE BEDROOM"

"I had just went to bed again after a little walk round my house, and suddenly I discovered a strange, round object outside my bedroom window. The object was quite small, circular like the sun, but flattened, and round the object, violet and blue flames were radiated. The distance from the window was only about one metre. I could have touched it, and it was fantastic to look at these colours encircling the object".

It is Edith Solberg on Holt in Fiane who tells this to "Agderposten". The observation took place sbout two o´clock in the night before Monday on July 25 this year.

She says that the object was noiseless, and that no smoke or something like that, was emitted. After having stood still for a while, vibrating, it suddenly disappeared. According to the witness, the whole area round the house was lit up by the object. On the other hand, no light came into the room. The lady estimates the observation time to about 30 seconds.

Edith Solberg says she was not afraid of the object itself, but that it might come into the room through the open window. "I was much concerned about the intence and glowing sea of flames, but, as I told, I never felt any fear during the incident",she said.



The picture is taken from Edith Solberg´s bedroom, and the area outside the window was bathing in a violet light, radiating from the object."It was bright as in the middle of the day", she says.

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MYSTICAL PRINT IN MOLAND.

"Agderposten" for July 26 1983 carries a notice concerning a kind of print in the ground, which, according to the newspaper, must have been put there on the night between Thursday 21. and Friday 29. of July.

A man in Moland discovered the imprint on some rock in his garden, where he earlier never had seen anything like that. It turns upon a quadrangular mark in the ground, measuring, they say, 126 x 11 centimetres, and inside the quadrangle one could see an oval ring, measuring 59 x53 centimetres. At the narrowest it was 4, and at the broadest, 10 cm.

Unfortunately, NIVFO was informed comparatively late about the case, so that the samples from the prints could not be taken immediately. Nor should there, however, be any reason to suppose that there are any connection between the observation of the phenomenon in the air and the prints. Perhaps a prosaic explanation?

SOURCE: "Agderposten", July 26 and 27.

UFO-NAIVISM

"UFOLOGY" - PROFESSION OR PASTIME?

Dr. J. Allen Hynek is, of many UFO-logists, regarded as the world's leading authority, concerning the question of UFO.

On July 25, 1981, Hynek gave a lecture at the MUFON-symposium on Massachusetts Institute for Technology (MIT), in Cambridge, USA. Hynek opened in this way:

"I am honoured and grateful being asked to give my general opinion on this interesting, confusing, and especially entangled subject. The invitation indicates, I suppose, that I am found to be sufficient experienced and old enough to have attained sufficient perspective to give a survey".

Towards the middle of the lecture, Hynek declares as follows:

"It is my sincere and well-considered judgment that we also in the next 30 years, stumbling and without plans, shall collect matter by matter without examineing any of them sufficiently, unless ufology should become a profession with all what that might invoke. ..... The unfortunate thing about ufology today is, (if you in general can use the term ufology) that it for the world outside seems like a fantastic mass of unprofessional actions, statements, manoeuvres, intrigues, and nonsense. Only look at the newspaper- and bookshelfs. I really mean that if we in the next decades shall get anywhere, ufology has to become a profession with ACCEPTED STANDARDNORMS AS TO THE WORK". (Spaced out by NIVFO).

"Therefore there is a need for a thorough clean-up, not only in USA, but internationally, something which ought to be possible. In the UFO-organizations I have visited, there is a hard core of individual persons, who understand the professional way to do things, and with a strong wish to clean up in the UFO-world, and who detest the insane extremes".

Certainly, these were words in season. But whether the ufoists want to make a note of them, is, however, doubtful, even though the words came from a leading authority in that field. From habit they frequently quote Hynek when his statements are in their favour, but they carefully conceal statements being not to the purpose.

Unfortunately, the UFO-organizations have a tendency to attract fantasts and naive souls, having, for different reasons, a strong need going in for the doubtful sides of this matter. When then the societies want the necessary rules or standards for their activity, you just get the "cosy-clubs" for mystery cultivation which seem to have brought the ufology into eternal disrepute.

THE SITUATION IN NORWAY.

In various parts of the world, one can find extreme effects on ufo-sectarism and naivism. There are numbers of "congregations", each practising unequal ideas. In this country we have not reached that far, but most elements can be traced. The most conspicuous is the UFO-naivism, and it is hardly possible to handle the UFO syndrom without having taken up this depressing side of the matter.

As you see, Hynek pointed at the necessity of being that old "in the business" that one has obtained sufficient perspective for surveying the situation. But to become an "ufologist" seems not to be any endless task.

Competence is not checked by the newspapers. With a pair of UFO-books and some press cutting as the only background, any dilletante may figure as experts in the newspaper columns, and inform people about the unequal sides of the UFO-syndrom. This also has been going well as long as no reasonable person troubles himself with comments.

In the course of time has, among other things, been written about the UFO-naivists:

"They are exceptionally credulous...

"They have a paranoid attitude and react with frothing indignation on every contradiction to their articles of faith.

"They seldom or never use fair arguments in an exchange of words, but they answer with emotional reactions and attacks on persons and so on.

"Even from serious quarters there have been maintained that they have considered using systematic personal attacks in the mass media, in order that people shall refuse replying - that is, stir up a hornet´s nest".

A NORWEGIAN EXPERIMENT.

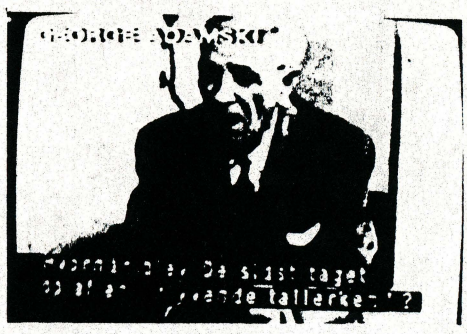
It is obvious that there are such examples, but are they really representative? And are such instances to be found in our own country? This is an interesting question, and today we think we have evidence for throwing light at this.

In the spring last year, identical contributions started turning up in different newspapers. They were signed by one we know from the ranks of "orthodox", concerning a request to take UFOs extremely serious. Among other things there was referred to ICUFON´s "green and blue memoranda" - and other doubtful sources.

Therefore NIVFO NORTH region leader, Jan S. Krogh, had good reason letting the readers take part in certain objections.

And with that the hornet´s nest was sufficiently stired. And quickly the lokal UFO-coryphaeus was assisted by the leader for IGAP-headquarter in Denmark, H.C. Petersen. IGAP is an international organization with the purpose of spreading the belief in Adamski´s stories. As known, Adamski was a person who often met with human beings from the planet Venus. He got first class attendance in gigantic mother ships. In company with luxurious blondes from Venus, and a black-haired beauty from Saturn, who proved to be very sociable, he drank juice from great cups, and he succeeded in meeting the old wise man from the universe. The space people liked Adamski very much. In flying saucers they brougt him with them, and showed him the back of the moon. There it proved to be, among other things, to be a luxuriant plant- and animal life. Later they brought him to extensive conferences on Venus and Saturn, where they discussed the world´s future destiny. (This happened, of course, before the back of the moon was photographed..)

We asked H.C. Petersen whether he still believed in Adamski´s stories. He emphatically confirmed that he did.



George Adamski



Fhv. major H. C. Petersen. Vejle.

On account of the usual newspaper readers, we gave some sober informations about these things, based on usual accepted sources.

This triggered off reactions from "one of the town´s characters", known from his many sightings on the sky.

Some later we could see in a Norwegian UFO-magazine that this newspaper debate was handled as follows:

The editor had carefully picked out cuttings- and isolated quotations concerning his business and that of his congenial spirits, and after having just as carefully filtered away cuttings and arguments which were not suitable, this was served to the readers of the membership magazine. The jumble of "the town´s character" was mentioned as a "splendid contribution where the institute´s claptrap was thoroughly rejected".

Further interesting data came to light one day as we, on another occasion, commented misleading information. Fresh, local"UFO-authorities" was running rather amok in the newspaper´s columns. What we really wrote about, they evidently did not understand, and, for a great deal, the contributions consisted of invectives and assaults on persons, partly anonymously.

In January this year, a new treasure trove for a study of UFO-naivism was opened. The staff writer in "Agderposten" started using- among other things- a well-known photographic forgery as evidence of believing in extraterrestrial visits. This was pointed out by us, and a new "landslide" in the form of indignation and displeasure was loosened. Here too it was interesting to register that no one of the UFO-guards seemed to notice what it turned about.

The only thing we learned during the first phase in "Agderposten" was that UFO-enthusiasts gave voice to their anger that somebody let the readers share in other views and objections, and also that forgeries were cleared up..

The process reached its climax when an "UFO-authority" from Middle-Norway, in the newspapers brought up threats and rude attacks on persons, if someone dared to dispute the orthodox UFO-belief. This writer is the same person who, on april 1st, last year, went to Hessdalen to look after a landed spaceship and an UFO-naut who alighted for urinating. All this according to a big notice in "Arbeider-avisa" the same date. The notice in "Agderposten" got into the papers on March 30th., i.e., two days before the date being most appropriate.

WHAT THE EXPERIMENT HAS SHOWN.

The cuttings from the actual newspapers have brought to light as follows:

The Norwegian UFO-movement is marketed under the cliché "serious and scientific working foundation". And they say they wish a greatest possible number of UFO-incidents may be cleared up. In practice they, on the other hand, use a large part of their time to criticize the science and to express indignation to the fact that the public have a share in forgeries and in cleaning up.

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The raction on sober contribution to a paper is of emotional character, and seldom or never it contains f a c t u a l arguments.

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Their statements showed to form a sharp contrast to the fundamental attitude which the world´s leading UFO-spokesmen have given voice to, as, for instance, Hynek, Vallee, GEPAN and so on.

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Instead of arguing in favour of their assertions and dogmas, they always attack the i n t e r m e d i a r y of information not being suitable. If you, for instance, bring a statement, made by Hynek or GEPAN, in a newspaper, and this statement do not agree with orthodox ideas, then the UFO-guards will, with foaming indignation, direct an attack against you, and not against Hynek or GEPAN.

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When they are arrested for using false quotations as arguments, their answers are more false quotations.

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As soon as the "discussion" moves a bit outside the prevalent doctrines, they will be distanced.

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All this confirms unambiguously Hynek´s statement in the early part of this article. Further, it strengthen, for instance, dr. Jacques Valle´s assertion that, as far as many people are concerned, UFO-engagements are more motivated by satisfying psychological need then by having the desire for solving an intellectual problem.

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This type of UFO-associations do NOT wish such standard norms, pointed out by Hynek as necessary. They do not even wish to operate with a definition of the UFO-idea.

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FURTHER CONCLUSIONS.

We learned that Hynek emphasized the great need for a thorough clean up within the UFO-organizations, not only in USA, but internationally. (The same is indicated by Arne Wisth in his book about Hessdalen.)

Hynek maintains there are serious UFO-organizations with a core of persons knowing what to be done. Is that true ...? Possibly there are such organizations. Therefore we want to ask the following question: Are these organizations prepared for following the advise given by "the world´s leading ufolog"? Our experience is that they are not at all much prepared.

On the contrary, it seems as if these organizations totally refuse to see this urgent side of it. Instead of indicating the distinction between serious work on one side and sectarianism and juggling tricks on the other, they willingly and actively go in for just erasing this distinction.

SCIENCE AND THE OFFICIAL INSTANCES.

The UFO-movement´s criticism of science, the authorities and mass media, is well-known, and the naivists may be those who make the loudest callings for taking UFO more seriously. He who do not want to accept the prevalent doctrines without certain reservations, must be either slow-witted or be in league with CIA, multinational societies or something like that. Nobody should presume hinting the possibility that very strong forces not are standing behind secrecy or obscuring of U F O .

There are, however, considerable weak points attached to this argumentation, and therefore there might be a reason to look round for another explanation on this apathy, as it seems, from the official authorities. May our "experiment" in the press also contribute with a pointer here ... ?

We have seen what happens when someone stirs up a hornet´s nest. And here it is importent to notice the following: By exposing wrong assertions and informations in the press, you not only achieve that the naivists lose their heads and reveal themselves. An extra effect is also that they gain publicity and with that, "advertising". And even if this has negative signs, and seems to be quite destructive in serious circles, it yet will make a great fuss about the case, which again might become annoying consequences.

Therefore it might be very likely to draw the conclusion that the wisest is to kill by silence the extreme and naive aspects at this circus.

As long as you have to do with a half-religious crusade of this kind, the movement will for ever remain reduced to a comparatively small clique of individuels having need for cultivating curious ideas. This might very well explain a good deal concerning that side of the matter.

The UFO-syndrom is very controversial and complicated. Besides it is gravely incriminated with doubtful assertions and elements of all kinds. Partial, emotional contributions in newspapers and committee periodicals, full of wrong assertions and grammatical errors, do not reduce the strain.

In the newspaper "Kvinnheringen", Husnes, for April 13th., there are portrayed a very young man with the UFO-club´s folder, which is distributed in the cinemas in connection with running the speculative American film "E.T". The folder shows the globe and a fleet of flying saucers of the Adamski type. "The earth is visited by space entities, not only in the "E.T"-film", the UFO-club´s young servant on Husnes announces, and where, according to the newspaper, there were only two UFo-interested persons. And so it is doubtful whether how many people from Husnes are going to be converted to the massage in the folder.

In "Akershus Arbeiderblad" for April 11th. 1983, a feminin reader writes about his telepathic contact with UFO-nauts. These speak Norwegian and "make grammatical errors" (perhaps something they have learned from their earthly friends?) We have been told they also spoke Old Norwegian. One of them is named G o r k . They use many grammatical curiousities (examples cannot be translated into English!) Further, we are told, they are present everywhere, so you may reach them-with an open mind-anywhere and at any time.

On Good Friday the lady was in Hessdalen. In advance she had catched something about "the neutral day", but without knowing what day it was. She observed no UFO, so she had bad luck concerning the chosen time for her visit, as she went there just on "the neutral day". On the other hand there were registered a lot of fantastic formations of clouds, which, at the lady´s request, changed. She assumed, the heavenly spectacle was arranged to the delight of those having a sense of such things.

Take note of this, if you go to Hessdalen without being fortunate to see any UFO. Watch the clouds in case that captain Gork might wish to please you with a new display.

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UFOs HOLD NATION IN GRIP OF FEAR

NORWEGIANS are paralyzed by fear that a sudden and massive UFO blitz has signalled the beginning of an extraterrestrial invasion of their tiny country.

The brunt of the eerie UFO fleet has been spotted repeatedly near Roeros, 200 miles north of Oslo, the capital city.

Residents say the sky over their once-peaceful valley has been streaked with strange flying objects for several months.

In fact, the villagers have appealed to the nation's highest military authority, the Ministry of Defense, for help against the alien onslaught.

To quell their fears, the agency has assured residents it is doing all it can to determine what's happening and put a stop to it. Norway's state-owned radio and television stations have been put on alert to give warning when the invasion starts.

Officials are privately worried the ominous saucer blitz is linked to a top-secret NATO military maneuver scheduled to take place in Norway next month.

The Norwegian Air Force has tried — and failed — to track the aliens on radar. But the Ministry of Defense has photographed intense "points of light" over the remote valley, sources say.

By LEN STONE

Geir Grung of the Norwegian Foreign Office says the nation's leading experts can't explain the mysterious sightings.

Incredibly, the aliens have appeared before groups of people, including a busload of shoppers returning from a trip to Trondheim.

Bus driver Olav Peterson told GLOBE: "I was driving along about 45 mph when this gray, metallic object with red lights appeared right in front of the bus. I thought it was going to fly into us."

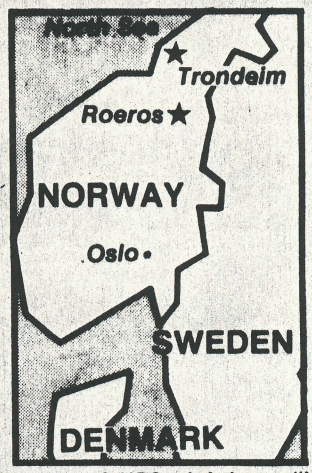
One passenger, Margit Olesen, adds: "I looked up and saw this strange object glide in. It hovered just in front of us — as if to take a closer look — before flying off as quickly as it had come.

"I'd heard reports from other people in the valley who'd seen these strange flying objects, but I'd never paid any attention to them. I thought they'd been drinking and it was their vivid imaginations.

"But now I've seen it with my own eyes — and I don't drink."

Bjarne Lillvold, a woodsman, claims he saw his first starship last September. "It was hovering 18 feet off the ground in the valley," he says. "It looked like an upside-down Christmas tree spinning in an aura of light. It bobbed up and down like a yo-yo, but was so bright I had to shield my eyes."

Leif Havik, commander of Norway's UFO-Watch force, told GLOBE the UFO blitz began last spring and has gradually increased to its present fever pitch: "I have seen 30 flying saucers, perhaps more, since my first sighting last March."



SITES of UFO sightings: "I have seen 30 at least"

This reputable article is cut out from UFO-NEWS, vol. 8, no. 2 - for February 1983. The article was published in "Adresseavisa", Trondheim, It has little or nothing to do with the real events.

Below, NIVFO's comments.

The article above is a good example of how topical the question of wrong and misleading information constantly is, concerning UFO matters. It often starts with inaccuracies, uncertain data and regular mistakes, quoted in one UFO-magazine after another, and often increasing on the way.

Here is another example:

We quote from the membership magazine to a Swedish UFO-society:

"Leif Havik, from Hessdalen, expert on electronics, has since March, last year, seen about 30 UFOs, the latest only for some weeks ago. For him all these observations has changed his life.

From Hessdalen there are, of course, statements made by witnesses which may be explained in different ways, but yet there are many left which only can be explained as UFOs or other forms for contact with extraterrestrial beings", Leif Havik says.

On Trondheim University, Leif Havik has recently given a lecture about his observations on flying saucers.

"I am convinced that alien beings have sent out these objects. On the other hand I doubt inherent living beings. It is probably they are after contact with us, the earthlings, and it is now only a matter of finding the right "wavelength" in order to be able to communicate with them", Leif Havik says.

As source he gives the UFO-magazine "ARBETET" for January 28th. 1983.

This is simply nonsense from end to end. Havik is not a man we want to describe as being an"expert on electronics". He is not from Hessdalen, and he has not at all given any lecture at Trondheim University ! On the other hand there is in Trondheim something which is called "The Saturday University" - a very informal and unacademical forum, where anybody is given a chanse to take up one theme or another. Here Havik talked about the UFOs in Hessdalen, but he had rather little to boast of. The pictures he showed proved nothing at all, which serious ufologs have clearly relized.

That his life is going to be changed as a result of viewing light-phenomena in Hessdalen, probably tells more about the observer than about the phenomena. From the UFO-cult everywhere, most people, I think, know about this aspect.

There is a considerable uncertainty about the reports concerning the light-phenomena in Hessdalen. Some of the reports are very doubtful, and, regarding the "best" observations, it proves to be the same persons who run through the whole time. For the rest, we find bright spots far away. In more cases, where we had the opportunity to follow up a matter quite immediately, the case has showed to be most tedious and "earthly". But the report itself from the witnesses has appeared "mystical" enough. If you accept the history without querying its reliability and accuracy, it is obvious you will have to deal with miracles from Hessdalen. In one case, the newspapers, even one of the greatest, played up a case where persons had seen a metallic, semilunar UFO „in broad daylight". The object showed to be Venus.

A serious of examples could be mentioned. We are also informed that a sort of competition has developed between some neighbours in Hessdalen about who can show off the best UFO-sights.. Further comments are needless.

We know that Norwegian UFO-enthusiasts, partly by the selected, being in "contact with the space brothers", and which have had the pleasure to meet "starmen", have appeared abroad and told stories from Hessdalen, supported by photos. One may ask if these accounts will be swallowed without reservation by the audience.....

It is said that the same "ufologists" have collected money for a kind of action in Hessdalen. "The director of research" is the same as he who had his life changed after the visits in Hessdalen, and who got into the papers after having went, at full speed, to Hessdalen to look after a landed spaceship and an UFO-naut, getting out for urinating. All this against the background of an April fool´s joke in one of the newspapers in Trondheim.

NIVFO has had more expeditions to Hessdalen, and also a person, more or less permanent posted there, but we have not been able to point out anything directly inexplicable.

From usually reliable sources we now are told, that at the end of the year 1981 there were in Norway and Denmark started some extensive "experiments" with hot-blast balloons. Almost a competition was developed between the Norwegian and the Danish "balloon-operators". This started at the same time as the observations in Hessdalen, which may be due to a coincidence. The same may be concerning the available photographs from Hessdalen, which are very like those who, for experimental purpose, was just taken of hot-blast balloons, and also of stars, if camera was not in focus, and if strong telephoto lenses were used, and so on.

Concerning the explanations on the phenomena in Hessdalen, these can be many and different. But we do not at all disregard that it, among other things, may turn about a badly understood nature phenomenon. Certain things may indicate something like that.

When this is read, NIVFO probably has made a considerable investigation in Hessdalen, with use of modern measuring instruments and equipment of different kind. For this time we want to use all types of instruments which, in general, may have current interest.

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