

to a corner from his Cork tea firm. "Let's see if we can't get a few of the unlabeled tea. If Barry McGuigan comes up with the right answers then there is a genteel and assured future for him when he finally hangs up his gloves."

Mr Barry's party at the fight included his wife, Margaret, two Foreign Affairs officials, Mr. Michael O'Connell and Mr. Rowan, who is also a former Ulster juvenile boxing champion, and an SDLP Belfast city councillor, Dr Joseph Hendron.

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is were among the major contributing to dissatisfaction with the Government.

the Fine Gael deputies tors move on the subjects they are likely to discuss, such as the issue of contraceptive ser-rital breakdown and the in of the status of illegals on the agenda.

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## smoking in public

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carpet, bedspread or curtain harbours so much as a suspicion of someone else's extinguished carbon monoxide.

All this, because the evidence is also mounting that the nicotine bliss of strangers long departed can affect the innocent.

Mr Desmond drew stern reference yesterday to "passive smoking", that situation in which non-smokers are threatened by breathing the air polluted by the addicts around them. "While the health risks due to passive smoking are still being researched, it is clear that people suffering from certain forms of heart disease, angina, emphysema, bronchitis, asthma and chronic lung disease are all adversely affected by being exposed to an atmosphere filled with smoke."

Initiatives such as Jurys were to be welcomed, Mr Desmond said,

and he was also very pleased about the decision of Superquinn to declare "No Smoking" areas in their supermarkets. Quite apart from the health gain, there were financial assets.

"I know of one hospital that reduced its maintenance costs by 15 per cent simply by banning smoking," Mr Desmond said.

Just the same, he observed, it will be interesting to see what happens when the Bill finally hits the Dail floor.

There are no penalties if a resident of the eighth floor of Jurys does go mad and light up; no-one has provided for citizen's arrest or anything. But Mr Glynn said it was definite hotel policy to turn away a smoker if there were no other rooms left except one in the non-smoking area; in other words Jurys is prepared to sacrifice profit. Now that's commitment.

## Parnell bust for Commons

A group of Irish businessmen in London have put up money to erect a bust in the House of Commons to Parnell. The leader of the SDLP, Mr John Hume, MP has asked the Speaker and the Services Committee of the House of Commons to find a spot for the statue cast in bronze by Breton sculptor, Mr Renard Yann Goulet, who lives in Bray, Co Wicklow.

The group which raised the money is led by Dublin architect, Mr Sam Stephenson, who now lives in London and includes publisher, Mr Kevin Kelly, and businessman Mr Pat Doherty.

Mr Hume said yesterday: "Parnell was one of the greatest politicians of his age and it is right that his memory should be marked in this way."—(PA)

## FG man to chair Cork Co Council

Mr Michael Broderick (FG) was yesterday elected chairman of Cork County Council, defeating the outgoing Ms Vivian O'Callaghan (FF) by 22 votes to 21. Mr Broderick, a farmer from Buttevant, takes over after two years of Fianna Fail rule.

Labour voted for the Fine Gael candidate while Councillor Joseph Sherlock (WP) voted for Councillor O'Callaghan. Councillor Patrick McAuliffe (Ind.) abstained and Councillor Noel Collins (Ind.) voted for the Fine Gael candidate.

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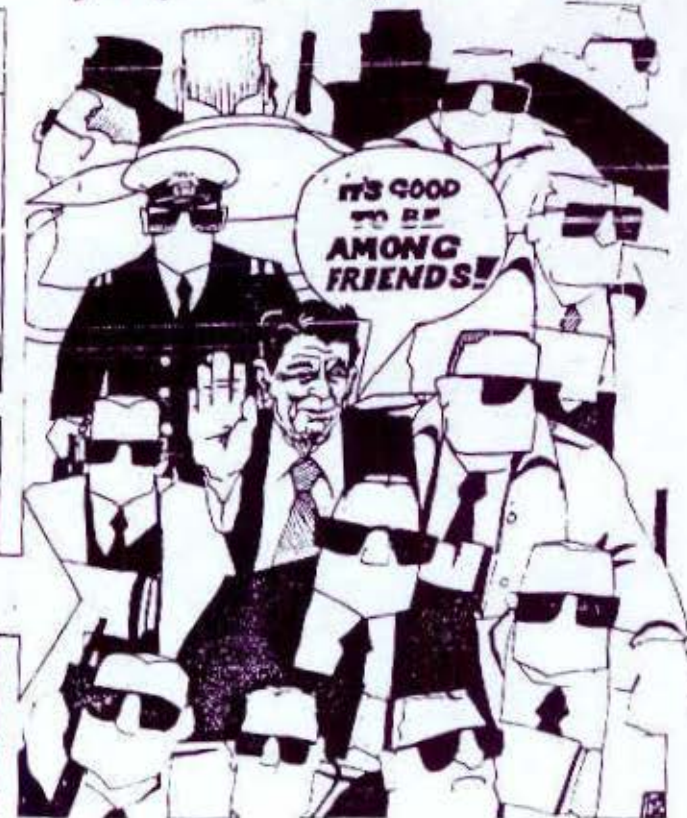
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 - Not released by a naval vessel of  
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 the object might be an anti-aircraft  
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**ALLEGED SIGHTING OF FLYING PROJECTILE,  
FALCARRAGH, CO DONEGAL - 09 May 84.**

Sir,

1. ~~Tele call to Op Int Sec re~~  
above Refers.

2. Initial Report

The first Report on the above occurrence came when a Reporter from Radio na Gaeltachta Rang Fionnabh lamp at 091245 May 84 asking for any info on the sighting of a V-shaped Rocket by two men in a bog near Falcarragh, Co Donegal on the previous day.

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3. 10 28 Inf br was instd to investigate and the following points emerged

a. The alleged sighting was made by a Garda who with company with a civilian had just arrived at a bog adjacent to FALCARRAGH.

b. The Garda was extremely reluctant to be interviewed on the matter but after assurances that his identity would NOT be revealed even to G.S. authorities he gave an account of what he saw.

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c. The Garda & the civilian, it appears, had just arrived at the bog & were unloading tools from a car. The GS was unable to pinpoint the loc of the bog on the map but it appears to be near GR B900 200 SW of Goltahock.

d. as the two were unloading the car they both heard a "gushing" sound like a strong wind. The civ kept looking downwards but the GS looked up & saw an object which appeared to be grey in colour passing

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overhead. He described the item  
as follows

Shape : Like the bottom of a  
domestic (pressing) iron  
with fins at the back  
(See sketch attached, from  
10 28 mfb)

Length :  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ft. but difficult to be  
cure, as account of the height

Height : 600 to 800 ft up.

The time of the sighting was 081128 May 84

e. The object flew directly over  
their heads at high speed.

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It seemed to come from between  
TORY ISLAND GR B860465 and  
HORN HEAD GR C013418 and  
was headed roughly SW  
towards TAOBH AN KEITHID Mtn.

(See sketch attached)

The GS felt the object was  
going to hit the mountain but  
it disappeared from his view  
quickly. He estimates that he  
observed the object for a total  
of about 30 secs.

The thing got as close as 100 yds to the person who saw the object but  
the civilian with him heard  
the sound and it seems that

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another person may also have heard the sound (name not readily available).

#### 4. Concluding Points.

a. It seems fairly definite that the Garda did see some type of object in flight. This is likely to have been either a missile fired from either land or from a ship off-shore or else some form of drone launched for target purposes ~~from a (freight ship)~~ or other off-shore control.

b. Some consideration must be

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given to the possibility that the object was launched by SV's for trg purposes. A map study of the terrain would indicate that its general configuration makes it suitable as "a range" for firing fairly long range projectiles. SV's however would surely have been aware of the likelihood of such trg being casually observed ~~at~~ even though the general area is thinly populated. Around dawn on a Sunday (non working day) morning would be a much more likely time for ~~our~~ planning.

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mid-day on a Tue.

c. If the object was travelling  
out of control ~~there~~ and  
either came down or hit one  
of the mtrns on its flt path  
then some evidence of this  
may emerge in the due course.

d. A heli search was carried  
out by the Aen Corps on  
the afternoon of 15 May but  
nothing was discovered.

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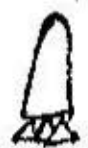
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ROUGH SKETCH  
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U.F.O.

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On 11 MAY it was reported that an U.F.O. was sighted ~~by a Garda and a former~~ flying over the Donegal Coast from a position North of Tory Island <sup>by a Garda and a former</sup>. The object was described as being V shaped and flying <sup>fast</sup> at 600 to 1000 ft. ~~se~~. It was suggested locally that the object came from ~~as~~ a submarine though none was sighted. This suggestion was endorsed by Mr. Pat (the Cope) Gallagher TD, who said that he would be pressing the Ministers for Defence & F.A. for statements. The description of the object leads one to suspect that it may have been a target drone or an RPV some of which are V shaped, and travel in excess of one hundred knots with endurance of 2 or 3 hours. It is possible that one of these drones or RPVs was lost by its mother ship or an

AA exercise or intelligence gathering mission <sup>in the G.I.U.K. zone</sup> which

~~went wrong~~ The nearest Irish Naval Unit to

the area at the time was Hsling which was

at Eagle Island about 80 miles away. She sent

nothing unusual.



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# TELEDYNE RYAN MINI-RPV

## DESCRIPTION:

Teledyne Ryan announced a mini-RPV for a broad spectrum of applications for all branches of the armed services in the latter part of 1974. The delta-shaped, ducted-propeller driven vehicle, complete with fuel, will weigh between 54 and 64kg, depending upon mission. The makers describe it as a multi-mission design capable of providing, in addition to target acquisition and designation functions, a flexible range of surveillance, reconnaissance, weapons delivery, and Elint applications, but clearly the extent of these capabilities must be related to the ratio of payload to air-up weight that is achieved.



Close-up of the Teledyne Ryan Mini-RPV



Portability of Teledyne Ryan's new Mini-RPV, demonstrated by two-men handling, is a prime addition to advanced technology that rigidly limits enemy detection through low radar cross-section, visual, acoustic, and infra-red signatures. Prop-driven vehicle measures approximately 2.28m in tip. System may use conventional landing gear or short rail launch and automatic net recovery.

While launch and recovery operations for many tactical applications, including land and sea-based operations, would involve the use of a trainable launcher-cum-catapult with a net recovery system, other versions could be configured with conventional landing gear. Employing their experience with the numerous other drone and RPV activities with which they have been involved, Teledyne Ryan has

achieved a very low radar cross-section, about 120 knots.

## STATUS:

Feasibility studies and initial development began in September 1974.

## MANUFACTURER:

Teledyne Ryan Aeronautical, San Diego 92112, USA.

#### DESCRIPTION

Under various Department of Defense contracts beginning in March 1972, Aeronutronic Ford's Aeronutronic Division has designed, developed, and produced small, low-cost 'Mini-RPV's' for battlefield reconnaissance, target acquisition, and laser designation. Both day and night versions have been, and continue to be, developed. Praire IIB, the day version currently being manufactured, features an all-fiberglass/polyurethane foam construction. The conventional wing/tail/body design utilizes a mid-engine pusher configuration to clear the nose area for the TV sensor payload. Power plant is a Kolbo Korp 8HP opposed twin cylinder engine giving a top speed of 137km/h (85mph) at 1500m (5000ft). Stall speed is 81km/h (50mph). Gross weight is 54kg (120lb). Guidance is by radio command. An earth's electric field autopilot provides attitude control when out of sight of the pilot.

The TV sensor package also developed by Aeronutronic Ford contains a high resolution camera with 4:1 zoom capability sightline. Pointing and stabilisation is provided by a coelostat mirror optical system which provides 360° azimuth and +8° - 75° elevation coverage. An International Laser System's miniature laser provides target ranging and designation through a common optical path with the TV. Total weight of the sensor system is 11.3kg (25lb). The Praire IIB carries the sensor system in a nose module which rotates 180° after runway or catapult takeoff of the aircraft to place the optical dome underneath for viewing. The dome is made of plastic. Night versions of Praire are called Calere and utilizes FLIR (Forward-Looking Infra-Red) for full night time capability. To meet the needs of future Mini-RPVs, Aeronutronic Ford has developed a miniature FLIR sensor which weighs only 2.7kg (6lb) and includes three fields of view. Aeronutronic Ford has also developed an electronic warfare payload for the Praire Mini-RPV for tactical communications intercept and jamming.

#### CHARACTERISTICS:

##### Praire IIB:

Gross take-off weight: 54kg  
Wing span: 39.5cm  
Length: 39.5cm  
Mission duration: 4hr



Aeronutronic-Ford Praire IIB mini-RPV carries a stabilised TV sensor and laser target designator. The sensor and laser target designator is housed in the round turret on the forward fuselage. After take-off this part of the fuselage rotates so that the TV sensor is directed downward.

Maximum altitude: 3000m  
Maximum speed: 137km/h at 1500m  
Minimum speed: 81km/h at 1500m  
Mission radius: Radio line-of-sight  
STATUS:

In December 1975 it was revealed that a Praire IIB mini-RPV had been used successfully in recent tests of the US Army's new Cannon-Launched Guided Projectile (CLGP) (2537.111) at the White Sands Missile Range. The Praire laser target designation system enabled gunners to pinpoint the tank target and accurately fire a laser-seeking artillery 'smart shell'. The mini-RPV loitered near the tank at an altitude of about 500m, acquired the target in its television sensor system, which displayed the

target on a ground-based console. An operator at the console then directed fire from the RPV to the tank, and the artillery fired from a 155mm howitzer at a range of 15 miles. A direct hit on the tank was scored.

Praire IIB is the fourth in a series of RPVs developed by Aeronutronic. It was designed and developed under DoD AF contract, with further developments carried out by US Army as part of its RPAODS (Remotely Piloted Aerial Observer/Designator System) program.

MANUFACTURER:  
Aeronutronic Ford Corporation, 1 Division, Ford Road, Newport Beach 92663, USA.

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#### TELEDYNE RYAN MINI-RPV

##### DESCRIPTION:

Teledyne Ryan announced a mini-RPV for a broad spectrum of applications for all branches of the armed services in the latter part of 1974. The delta-shaped, ducted-propeller driven vehicle, complete with fuel, will weigh between 54 and 64kg, depending upon mission. The makers describe it as a multi-mission design capable of providing, in addition to target acquisition and designation functions, a flexible range of surveillance, reconnaissance, weapons delivery, and EMI applications, but clearly the extent of these capabilities must be related to the ratio of payload to all-up weight that is achieved.



Close-up of the Teledyne Ryan Mini-RPV



Portability of Teledyne Ryan's new Mini-RPV, demonstrated by two-man handling, is a plus addition to advanced technology that rigidly limits enemy detection through low radar cross-section, visual, acoustic, and infra-red signatures. Prop-driven vehicle measures approximately 2.21 ft. System may use conventional landing gear or short rail launch and automatic net recovery.

While launch and recovery operations for many tactical applications, including land and sea-based operations, would involve the use of a trainable launcher-cum-catapult with a net recovery system, other versions could be configured with conventional landing gear. Employing their experience with the numerous other drone and RPV activities with which they have been involved, Teledyne Ryan has

achieved a very low radar cross-section about 120 knots.

#### STATUS:

Feasibility studies and initial development began in September 1974.

#### MANUFACTURER:

Teledyne Ryan Aeronautical, San Diego 92112, USA.



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Donegal & District

20 PAGES

## Mystery missile causes concern

Following the sighting on Tuesday of last week of a missile-shaped object with fins spreading through the sky over Donegal, concern has been expressed that foreign powers might be using the County as a base for launching missiles against the British Isles.

While we were that a missile was seen, the County Council, which has been asked to investigate the matter, has been unable to do so. The County Council has been asked to investigate the matter, but has been unable to do so.

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## 'War games' fear after U.F.O. sighted

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Friday, April 16th at 9 p.m.  
The meeting will be held at the New Pein Community Centre, 100, New Pein Road, Castlebar. The meeting will be held at the New Pein Community Centre, 100, New Pein Road, Castlebar.

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COMMEMORATION  
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THE REPORTED SIGHTING of a missile-shaped object flying through the air near Carrishock last week has increased fears that foreign powers are using the area off Ireland for training war games.

There has been no official comment so far from the Irish Government on the incident, but an Irish helicopter crashed the object into the mountains from the town on Tuesday.

The incident was highlighted by Deputy P.M. The County Council, which has been asked to investigate the matter, has been unable to do so.

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REPORTS of unidentified flying objects and little green men in flying saucers visiting the earth have become almost too numerous to count.

But everybody is not putting these strange allegations down to being twinkling meteorites, flickering periplanes or the work of hoaxes or those suffering from major hallucinations.

Two Irish peers who sit in the House of Lords are so sure that there is life on other planets that they are demanding a full debate on UFOs.

And they are supported by a Dublin-based group of sky watchers who believe we are the victims of a great cosmic cover-up.

THERE is a race of superior beings up there somewhere and they are keeping a very, very close eye on each and everyone of us.

That's the firm belief of two Irish peers, Lord Clancarty and the Earl of Cork and Ormonde, who say that Governments throughout the world are operating a massive cosmic cover-up.

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TOP SECRET!

Now two Irish peers demand a full debate on UFOs!

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CATHAL SHEA

# Skywatchers

more than 500 years ago he  
newly arrived in the city  
to the other things.

"I have no doubt but that  
we are being surprised and  
possibly even being misled  
by the things," he says.

quite refreshingly.

UFO sightings have  
always been a part of  
humanity in the past and  
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UFO 128



...Spectrum, who says: "If the general public knew the true extent of UFO sightings around the world there could be panic."

"People would quickly realize that Governments are not our overall Lords."

The widespread belief in the existence of UFOs cuts across social and class barriers.

William Brinley Le Poer Trench, the eighth Earl of Clancarty, who grew up in Ballinacree, Co. Galway, says that he is positive that beings in flying saucers landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California in 1953.

"When they landed they met with President Eisenhower and a United States Air Force pilot who was there as a technical adviser," the 70-year-old peer says in all seriousness.

"I have spoken to the pilot about this encounter and have absolutely no reason to disbelieve him," he says.

Lord Clancarty, who now lives in London's fashionable Belgrave, maintains that the beings arrived at the air base in five flying saucers and they demonstrated their supernatural abilities to become invisible then reappear.

He says: "It was agreed at the meeting that this encounter should be kept a secret as it might prove too much of a shock for mankind."

"It was decided that the news should only be broken to the general public over the course of many years."

"I believe this has been done with the making of the film 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind'."

Before you start laughing at Lord Clancarty's beliefs, you must realise that he has spent 30 years researching UFOs, written seven books about their existence and has had countless talks

• IS IT OR ISN'T IT? This purported sighting turned out to be a joke.

with UFO spotters and scientists.

"I am an expert on the subject and know exactly what I am talking about," he says. "I am positive the British Government and indeed other Governments throughout the world are keeping files on thousands of sightings, but they are being stamped 'Top Secret' for fear of their contents highlighting the public at large."

#### Policy

The sky-watching peer continues: "There are literally hundreds of sightings in Britain alone every year, and I accept that the majority of them can be explained by aircraft, balloons and tricks of the light."

"But there is still a solid body of unexplained evidence which cannot be dismissed lightly."

"It is Government policy to try and ignore these sightings and keep news of their existence secret."

A colleague of Lord Clancarty, the Earl of Cork and Orrery, who is descended from the Boyle family of Lismore Castle, Co. Waterford, is also vigorously pursuing the subject of UFOs.

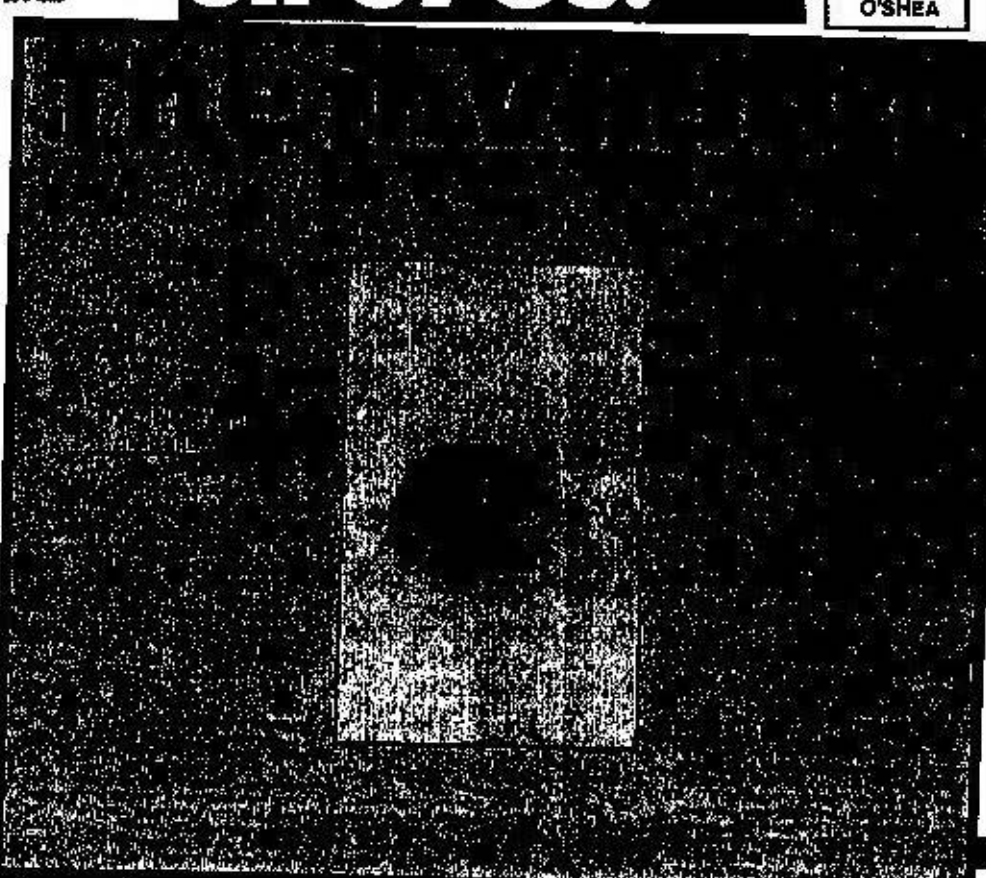
A fortnight ago in the House of Lords he asked was there a cover-up of reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects.

But much to the earl's disappointment he was told that no sightings of UFOs were classified for security reasons.

## Full debate on UFOs!

...42-year-old father of two. He says he has studied the subject of UFOs for

By  
CATHAL  
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## Flaming Objects in sky sighted

A giant flaming meteorite was seen by a group of people around the county of Clare. It had the light of a full harvest moon, according to a meteorologist, who said the Clare mountains are the best place to see it.

The meteorite was seen at Dunstink observatory, where Jack Weyman said the object made calls about a flaming object traveling in a northerly direction.

From descriptions it would appear to be something like a meteorite or fireball. It is surprising how low one can see the object travel across the sky. It can appear to be coming in a horizontal plane.

### Irish exam

## FLYING SAUCERS

ON reading your headlines of Saturday concerning the flying saucers. I would like to tell you that I saw a brilliant white orb of light travelling rapidly across the sky due East from Knocktopher on Saturday, 2nd inst., at 4.10 in the afternoon. It had every appearance of a meteorite, but it must have been exceptionally large to have been so brilliant in the afternoon. — J. F. HOOD, Boher, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.

E. HERALD  
14/11/50

## Was It A Flying Saucer?

FOUR people who saw a bright object flying at a great speed across the sky over Westport last night are wondering if it was a Flying Saucer.

Hugh Berry, B.E., a young engineer, said that about 8.15 o'clock he and his brother Patrick, and Miss Lizzie Nellis, Quay Road, Westport, and Guard Canning, were standing at the Octagan when they saw a "ball of fire" cross the sky.

"At first it was coloured red with a tail of fire out of it. It stopped in its flight, reversed its direction, turned blue and then suddenly flew straight up and disappeared.

"The whole flight lasted ten seconds," Mr. Berry added.

E. MAIL  
20/11/50

### "Flying Saucers"

Sir—Reading so many accounts of Flying Saucers, I would like to give my opinion of same. It has been stated that they travel through space at 5 miles per second or 18,000 miles per hour. This statement I take to be true. There is no metal manufactured on this earth or any other that would stand up to this speed. Then if it not solid, what then? I believe what these people have seen are flying dead atoms.—H. Owens, Castleview House, Rathfarnham.



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# Would You Believe It? Flying Saucers Photographed Over Dublin!

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This is a translation of the German lines:

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"Herald" Staff Reporter

FLYING Saucers have been in the news for some time and have been reported seen over all the capitals of Europe—with the possible exception of Dublin.

A German illustrated weekly, "Weltbild," published in Munich, has repaired the omission. It prints what it says is a photograph of flying saucers in the sky over Dublin.

There is no clue as to when the photograph was taken. Did you see any flying saucers lately?

Though many plausible theories have been advanced to account for the strange phenomena known as flying saucers, the origin of these mysterious missiles—or vessels, or what have you—remains one of the greatest mysteries of the age, and may remain so forever.

Though it is only of recent years that reports of the sighting of these swift-moving objects in the sky have been at all widely circulated, the history of the phenomena—or delusion—goes back at least to 1878 when a farmer named John Martin living near Denison, Texas, saw "a dark object" high in the sky, moving at a peculiar velocity, and likened to "a large saucer."

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The real mystery of the "flying saucers," as reputedly observed during the last three years, began soon after reports from Sweden, in 1946, of strange luminous objects flashing across the sky led to speculations about Russian "ghost rockets" and experiments with secret weapons.

The first indication that they were something more than that, or that they might be originating in some other part of the world—if not some other world entirely—came in 1947, when reports were received from San Francisco, Mexico and Sydney, Australia.

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Hence the theory, which quickly developed, that these strange craft, if they were not a secret invention involving an entirely new principle, must be of extra-terrestrial origin.

Current experiments in rocket propulsion in America lent some credence to the first speculation, which was officially denied.

As for the second, more than one man is prepared to stake his reputation on it.

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According to an article by Mr. Keyhoe, published in the magazine, "True," a U.S. Army-Air Force investigation, which was conducted under the title, "Project Saucer," kept experts busy evaluating reports of "flying saucer" sightings at the rate of twelve per month.

This investigation, however, led to a very different conclusion. It was: "Air Force studies of 'flying saucers' lend no support to the view that they come from another planet."

After two years the technicians and intelligence officers engaged on the problem were inclined to put the whole business down to one of three things, or a mixture of all three: hoaxes, "mass hysteria" or misunderstanding of perfectly natural phenomena.

Subscribers to this view include the British Astronomer Royal, Dr. H. Spencer Jones; and Professor Auguste Piccard, who has been up in the stratosphere to a greater height than most men and who regard the "Flying Saucer" as a phantasy.

Other scientists have held that they are nothing more than optical illusions or "spots before the eyes."

To the psychologist, at least, it is one of the most interesting phenomena ever recorded.

## FLYING SAUCERS

For order matters, I am assuming that the third reason we have not been so widely informed that for the past 175 years super-intelligent beings from another planet have been watching the whole hemisphere of us on this roly-poly planet. They have done so, we are given to understand, by means of none other than some old friends—the flying saucers! There are not many facts in the quoted material from the American article which makes this shattering pronouncement. We gather that the observer who discovered this piece of information has been at work for eight months. The intensity of the watching has increased markedly within the past two years, and although the U.S. Air Force has discounted the report, it does appear that official investigators have been studying accounts of flying saucers at the rate of twelve per month. Whatever the rights and wrongs of the story may be, a few inferences which cannot be side-stepped are present to restore our confidence and allow us welcome 1950 without apprehending that we may be liquidated before the spring. If it is true that these super-beings have watched us for 175 years, they are either unable to do anything else but watch, or are not sufficiently interested to have closer acquaintance with us. When one regards the mess we are making of things on this planet, the latter conclusion seems to be the more reasonable one. It also lends point to the observer's belief that the watchers are much more intelligent than we are. If they have a better method of living than we have, they must have decided to keep it to themselves, having, apparently, from their flying saucers accumulated sufficient evidence to show that we

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## LOTTERY CHARGES

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## Flying Saucers in the Sky

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It is strange that none of the visitors seems to have crashed in the earth's atmosphere. Of course, they may have perfected a much safer method of flying than we have yet evolved, but our advice to the public is not to worry until it is proved beyond doubt that these "saucers" contain living entities. Above all, they should refuse to be stampeded by scare stories over the radio, as happened a few years ago when Orson Welles threw an outsize scare into a large part of the United States by this means.

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GARDA SIOCHANA

Any reply to this communication should be addressed to

The Commissioner,  
Garda Siochana,  
Dublin.

and the following number quoted

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CRIME BRANCH  
SECTION 3

20 AUG 1947

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GARDA SIOCHANA

Dear [REDACTED]

Attached copy correspondence from Tralee, together with cutting from "Cork Examiner" referred to therein, is forwarded for your information.

We do not propose to make any special inquiries in the matter here.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Director of Intelligence,  
Dept. of Defence,  
Parkgate,  
DUBLIN.

*Read by the Director  
who does not intend  
to take any action*

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Office of Director of Intelligence,  
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*G. P. Mol.*

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K.E.2613/47.

Superintendent's Office, Killarney.

18th August, 1947.  
The Supt., at Watervill, has been informed by a local resident that on the 18th August, 1947, at approximately 10.30 p.m., he saw a bright object flying through the air at a great height and at a great speed going from West to East and it seemed to fall down towards the Killarney mountains. The object had a head like a ball of fire and a trailing tail of fire six or seven feet long diminishing in intensity tailwards. I am satisfied that this was what has been commonly known in the country as a shooting or falling star, but it was a remarkably bright one. In the past I have seen somewhat similar objects flying through space and have regarded them as shooting stars.

In my opinion the Pressmen in Killarney like to keep abreast of the times and now that the age of "Flying Saucer" has arrived they liked to keep in the news, particularly where any money can be made out of it.

I have been in touch with the Supt., at Watervill, who is making a separate report on the matter.

Supt.





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CORK EXAMINER, MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 1947.

## ROCKET-LIKE OBJECTS

### Seen By Priests In County Kerry

F. Patrick Begley, of Carlsle, who is at present staying in Kilharney, reports (says an Examiner correspondent) that on Thursday evening when going to Ross Castle he saw an object floating through the sky.

It looked like a rocket and fell into the Lower Lake at Ross Bay. When the object hit the water a blue light lit the sky. He was accompanied by Fr. Michael Begley, of the Mill Hill Mission.

On the same evening Fr. J. Kitt, of the St. Ann Mission, Cork, was sitting outside his rectory at Waterville and saw an object in the sky coming in from the sea. It was observed at a fast pace.

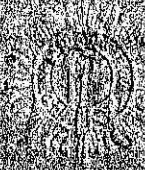
Both priests are now in Kilharney and wonder if there is any connection between their two experiences.

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The Superintendent states that although he cannot be certain whether the story be true or false he himself does not believe it.

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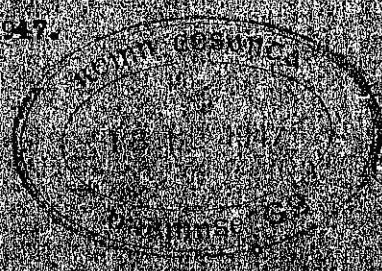


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Southern Command Headquarters,  
Gillies Barracks,  
Cairo.

17th July, 1947.



To:  
Director of Intelligence,  
Department of Defense,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: Report of "Victory Direct" at Cairo, Egypt,  
10th July, 1947.

Enclosed hereto please find report from Cairo, Egypt, dated 10th July, 1947, regarding the "Victory Direct" at Cairo, Egypt.

No action is being taken at present pending your instructions on the matter. It is suggested that the Department be kept advised of any further information that may be given to the effect.

LIEUT. COLONEL

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,  
SOUTHERN COMMAND

A. G. D.

Enclosure (17029)



RM. 2324/47.

Oifig an Cheannphuir, [REDACTED]

18ú Iúil, 1947.

An Coimisiúnair "G.3".

Maidir le rud ar Samhailt Pláitín (disc) a Deirtear go bhfeachthas san aer ag Cathair Seidhbhín, Co. Chiarraige, ar an 11ú Iúil, 1947.

Deirtear fód: tháid, leat: tholl.

Ar an 10.15 i.n. 11/7/47 bhí an Gárda [REDACTED] 4000. ar dhóid, a gathair Seidhbhín nuair a gach fear darab ainn [REDACTED] ar Cathair Seidhbhín air agus éinnis sé go gach fear darab ainn [REDACTED] rud éigin ar samhailt pláitín (disc) ag teilgint fíid an aer os cionn an bhailé nuair ar timcheall 8.30 i.n. an tráthnóga sin. Chuaigh an Gárda léibhreach chuig an tríd fear i gceist agus do chaitinigh sé iad i dtuaisle an neoil. Is iad sinneacha na bhfeachthas i gceist ná [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Cathair Seidhbhín, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Cathair Seidhbhín, agus [REDACTED]  
Cathair Seidhbhín.

Ar an 12/7/47 tógadh ráidhaisí 6 gach duine de'n tríd. Tá cúlpeanna de na ráidhaisí seo greamaithe. Deir [REDACTED] agus [REDACTED] go bhfeachthas rud éigin leathas a raibh éinneach orainn air ag teilgint fíid an aer os cionn an bhailé ar timcheall 8.30 i.n. ar an 11/7/47. Deir [REDACTED] nach bhfeach sé fíid tódacht go raibh sé i leathair nuair a dubhairt duine éigin: "Look at the thing flying in the air" agus é ina sheanach bheanach i lár an bhailé.

Bhí giotaí ann páipéiríochta nuachtan oipis le raibh sin a raibh go raibh "flying saucers" do bhfeachthas ag teilgint fíid an aer ina lán áiteacha ag díreann Tuairiscírt Airianocht b'fhéidir nach raibh an t-eolas seo faighte ag na daoine seo ar an 11/7/47. Ní mbeadh is aisteach nach mbeadh ri-ré níos mó faoi an rud, atá ráidhte go bhfeachthas ar an 11/7/47. Bhí Gárdaí thart timcheall an bhailé nuair i rith an tráthnóga - lá sonaigh a bhí ann - agus is aisteach nár chualadar focal faoi go dtí gar leathair [REDACTED] leo. Is aisteach, freisin, agus an síreod daoine agus a bhí ar an lóid nach bhfeach níos mó ná beirt an rud a deirtear a bhí thuas san aer. Ar an dtuaisle eile fíid dolghidís leasach an Súilleabháin agus an Dubháineach agus ní'l an t-ionradh orra go bhfeachthas tugtha d'innant bréag.

Acht maidir le [REDACTED] ní chuirfian thairis é nach ndéanadh sé rud ar seo de shamadh. Seríobhann sé giotaí i gcóir na bpáipéir nuachtan aoinis agus arís agus dár ndóigh íostar é ar son an méid a foillíodh ar dó. Bíonn an séar éadach ar aibhéal ag a athair, [REDACTED]

Timcheall an bhailé ó thoinn seríobh [REDACTED] giotaí faoi tráilíoirí spáinneacha a bhí dar leis ag déanadh eirigh ar leagairíocht thart timcheall ar chéadaf oifige nuachtan agus nuair a rinneadh an neoil do thairgáid fuarthas nach raibh ann bhunachas leis. Tá murae agus go seríobhach [REDACTED] rud eibhíneach ar bith dá ngineadh na páipéirí nuachtan maidhe é agus ar sin tá seans ann gurebh a chuir an Súilleabháin agus [REDACTED] suas leis





[REDACTED]

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Statement of [REDACTED]  
Gaharolveen, taken at his residence [REDACTED]  
on the 12th, July, 1947.

I remember yesterday evening I was standing near the Library at the junction of the Bridewell Road, New Market Street, Church Street, and Wair Field, about 8.30 p.m. Summer time. I was speaking to [REDACTED]

There were several people in the vicinity at the time. We were both looking North towards Castlequin, when suddenly my brother-in-law called my attention to an object which was flying in the air. Immediately I noticed the object flying in the air. It was like a large plate, I would say about 12 feet in diameter, with a dark rim and silvery white in the inside. It was flat in the air, and came in a North Westerly direction towards the town, and passed over the old R.I.C. Barracks, and went in a South Easterly direction after passing the town and disappeared in the clouds. I had a view of this object for less than a minute. I would say it would be travelling at the same speed as a motor car. It was very calm at the time and it was bright and visibility good at the time. I did not notice anything hanging from it or no light from it. It attracted the attention of a big crowd at the time, and they were asking me where it was and it had disappeared before a lot of them could see it. I did not notice who the people were at the time, as my attention was taken up by this flying object. This was the first of its kind that I ever saw. I often saw the Balloons from the Observatory and I am satisfied it was not any of the Observatory Balloons.

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I have heard this statement read over to me and it is correct.

Signed:

Witness:

Date: 12/7/47.

Gds. [REDACTED]

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Statement of [REDACTED]  
Cahereiveen, at his residence on the 12th June, 1947.

I reside at the above address. I am a shopkeeper and farmer. I remember yesterday evening, 11/7/47, About 8.30 p.m. Summer Time, I was standing at the cross outside the Cahereiveen Library. I was speaking to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. There were several people passing up and down at the time, it being Fair evening. As I was looking towards Castlequin I saw a circular object moving along in the air. It was moving from North East towards the Town and was very low, I would say lower than Cloghanlinahan Mountain. It was moving fairly fast, I would say faster than a motor-car, and it was flat and was like a big wheel or large plate. I would say that the rim was white and it was hollow in the centre. There weren't any lights or anything hanging from it. It was moving along in a circular motion. I had only a view of it for a few seconds. It was I that drew the attention of the other people to it as it was I that saw it first. It was very calm at the time and was bright and visibility was good. It came along over the old barracks and in a S.E. direction towards Teeromeyle. It disappeared into a bank of fog. There wasn't any noise from it. I have heard this statement read over to me and it is correct.

Signed:- [REDACTED]

Witnessed by [REDACTED] Gda. [REDACTED]

Dated this 18/7/47.



Copy/

Statement of [REDACTED], taken, at his residence at [REDACTED] on the 12th July, 1947.

I reside at the above address. I remember yesterday evening, about 6.30 p.m. I was standing outside the Caherolvaen Library. I was speaking to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and I was also speaking to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I heard some one in the crowd saying "Look at the thing flying in the air". I started to look in the direction in which they said they saw it. I could not see anything. I heard some of the people saying they saw it. I cannot say who said they saw it. There were a lot of people passing up and down at the time.

I have heard this statement read over to me and it is correct.

(Signed), [REDACTED]

Witness:- [REDACTED]

Garda [REDACTED]

12/7/47.