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## Elke Sommer's Strange **Encounter With** a

Elke Sommer reveals she saw a "very peaceful" UFO while standing in her own backyard in Los Angeles.

"It was about 10:30 at night. I looked up and there was this thing in the sky," she recalled, thinking back to that eerie encounter just a few months ago.

"It was hovering about 100 feet off the ground, no more than 150 feet

away, between the trees that separate my yard from my neighbors'. It was a shiny, reddish-orange ball — about 20 feet in diameter. It was glowing from within, and just floating.

"It wasn't at all traumatic or frightening. On the contrary, it was nice. Very peaceful," confided the Germanborn actress.

"It was completely silent, noiseless. It was like a big moon. Then it moved. Very slowly, no more than 5 or 10 miles an hour. Just about 200 feet. Sidewards to me, between the trees.

"Then it moved down, at about a 30-

degree angle, about 50 to 75 feet.
"I went inside to get my husband, but it was so fast that by the time I ran in and said, 'Quick, quick, quick,' and we came outside, it was gone."

Elke estimates the entire encounter last November lasted only 30 seconds. "It was very strange and very real," she said. She added she was a believer in UFOs even before her sighting.

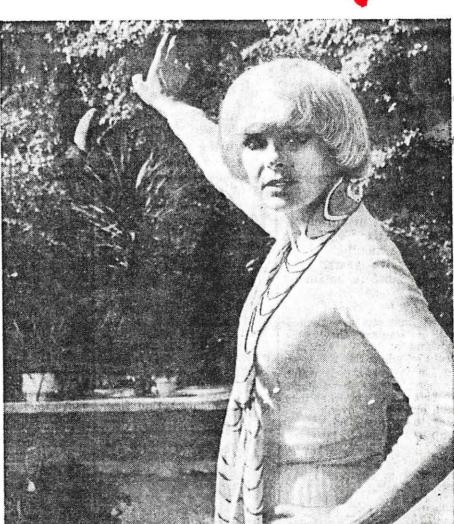
"I'm definitely a believer. I think there's something to it even though I can't explain it.'

As for possibly making contact with aliens from other planets, the stunning actress confides: "I'd be very interested. I'd like to see them. But then on the other hand, it's a very disquieting thought. I'd hate like hell for them to say, "There's a pretty earth girl, let's take her with us."

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BACKYARD UFO: Elke Sommer indicates where she saw glowing object moving silently between the trees outside her Los Angeles, Calif., home.