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THE UFO THAT LANDED IN HALLINGDAL

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-Come and see a flying saucer, said Ola Roen in Hallingdal (in the mid-part of Southern Norway) to his wife. Also his father-in-law and a neighbour watched the phenomenon. But Ola was the closest. -I was only 25 meters away when a light explosion from the object blinded me. Earlier I did never believe in UFO's. But now I pretty well have to do it, says Roen. And in Torpo similar observations are made before...

When I came out on the barnbridge I caught the sight of a strange glaring light over the southern part of the estate. But I believed that it was from the launching of light-rockets from the Torpedmoen military camp. In the next moment, however, I experienced something else. First I thought that it was a helicopter which landed on the field. But then I began to wonder. The object was flat and circular, with a height of about one and a half meter and a diameter of eight to nine meters. In the center it was intense red, while the colour grew more and more green towards the side. This was also green.

I rushed down the barnbridge and around a stack of timber which obstructed the view. I was not afraid, only surprised and I walked towards it. When I was 25 meters away the whole object flared up in a light explosion which blinded me totally. But there was no crack. The object was completely soundless, says Ola S. Roen on the farm Sørben in the Hallingdal Valley.

4 witnesses

Small
Multi-color
disk lands
nearby.



Monday January 26. 1981 is a day both he and his wife Borghild will hardly forget. - If I had seen this thing being alone I would have told no one. Nobody would have believed me. In this case, however, we were four adults watching the UFO, he says.

The cowshed is made ready for the night. Now Borghild and Ola will go in and watch the evening news on TV, together with Ola's father-in-law who celebrates his 85-year birthday there. Borghild goes in first. It is a clear, calm evening. Walking over the country courtyard she takes a glimpse southwards. The moon is not up yet, but suddenly she sees a bright light on the other side of the valley.

At first she thinks it is a star, then a helicopter, because it twinkles red and green. A couple of minutes later Ola bursts into

the kitchen. - Come out and see a "flying saucer", he shouts. - Oh, it's only an aeroplane, says Borghild, before her husband rushes out of the door again.

-When I came out I figured out that the strange object would be gone, that it would disappear with an awesome speed. When I ran into the house it ascended without a sound and drifted slowly along the ground. But still it was no more than 60 meters away from the landing-site, routing for the steep wooden hill in the east. It laid horizontally against the ground, therefore I didn't see the underside. But the edge closest to the ground seemed to be fringed all over, says Ola.

"THE OBJECT WAS STEERED"

-While it drifted up the mountain-side the altitude was just above the treetops. About midway up there came another flash before the object continued its course exactly as before and disappeared behind the hilltop nearly 300 meters away. Now Borghild and my father-in-law were outside. Eilif Megard, one of our neighbours who should visit him, drove at the same moment into the country courtyard and caught a glimpse of the shining object before it disappeared. Its light was also so powerful that somebody phoned from a farm six kilometers away and wondered what we were doing, he says.

-How did the surface of the object appear to be?

-To me it didn't seem to be made of metal, but some sort of canvas. The edge underneath was not sharp, but fringed. It looked as if it was hanging small bits of cloth on the underside. The UFO appeared not to be elaborately finished and it didn't seem to be solid either. I couldn't find any sort of windows or openings. And when it disappeared, it moved with a speed no more than 2-3 km/h, I think. Afterwards we have thought a lot about what it could have been, but we haven't found any answer. I am sure, however, that the object was steered by wilful purpose, says Ola Roen.



When it disappeared the UFO moved upwards along this wooden hill with a speed of about 2-3 km/h, says Ola Roen, who is standing on the spot where the object landed.

While it was still winter and snow, Vi Menn tested the landing-site with a Geiger counter, but without any positive result.

-I cannot say whether the snow melted or if it were any prints set there during the landing. The UFO visited us at about 7 pm, it was dark and we didn't think of looking for any prints at that time. And the same night it was a ferocious weather; in this way the whole area was covered with snow. But be sure that I will try to take specimens from the earth at the spot. In addition I will find out if the treetops will change. Because I haven't the slightest idea what this could have been, says Roen.

UFO experts we have consulted regarding Borghild and Ola Roen's experience, say that this is a typical observation. The disc-shape and the light flashes are known from elsewhere. But Roen ought to be lucky that he didn't go any closer. Because it has occurred that UFO's have generated radiation. But in most cases it disappears quite soon, the UFO experts say.

-If all my senses had been alert at that moment, then I could have run forward and seized the object, says Ola Roen, who is known to be a soberminded and fearless man. -Earlier I've never believed in UFO's. But now I have to do it, after having seen one with my own eyes, he says.

Silence.
Slow motion.

Surface like
"Canvas".
Obj. had a
"fringe"
beneath.

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