

1957: nr. Coos Bay, OR

Very large hovering disk above tree
at lumbering camp.

LOGGING CREW GETS GOOD LOOK AT UFO

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I RETURNED TO TOLEDO, OREGON, from Berkeley, Calif., in August 1957. Toledo is a small coastal town of about 3,000 people whose lives revolve around the lumber industry.

In Berkeley I had become acquainted with a small UFO group in the Bay Area, and had acquired some tape recordings relating to the subject which this group had disseminated. And after settling in Toledo, I placed a small advertisement in the local newspaper, hoping to encourage interest in others of the area.

On Sunday, Dec. 9, I received a telephone call from a David Spencer and his wife who were responding to the ad. Both Mr. and Mrs. Spencer were employed and were only able to hear the recordings on weekends. Mr. Spencer worked for a logging company a hundred miles down the coast. His camp was near Coos Bay, Oregon. He and his partner were timber fallers.

AT OUR SECOND MEETING, David told a remarkable story. When he showed up for work Monday morning, he told us, the whole logging crew was standing excitedly around the spar tree. This was strange as generally they would have been already employed at their regular tasks. The spar tree is a 90 foot tall tree that has been rigged to hold a variety of tackle necessary to get logs out of the woods.

The crew told him that just a few minutes previously a gigantic spinning object had hovered thirty feet above the spar tree for over 15 minutes. He was told "the top half spun one way and the bottom half spun the opposite and circling the middle was a row of portholes out of which came flames. It was over 200 feet in diameter."

The object was in view for over 15 minutes. A logging crew generally has six to eight men. The crew had come in from the woods to see it. Their necks had ached so that they had lain down on logs to watch the craft. They were not over 150 feet from it.

NO WORK WAS DONE THAT DAY, and the whole crew went into town. Surprisingly, there was no newspaper account of this sighting. (The wart on Mrs. Jones' cow acquires more news attention than any UFO report.) Because of the sighting, one member of the logging crew quit work.

I asked David Spencer if it would be possible to get one or several of the men to record the experience on a tape for me so that I could bring out the whole story. I sent a tape down with him, and cooperation was promised by one member of the crew. I have not yet received the recording.

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