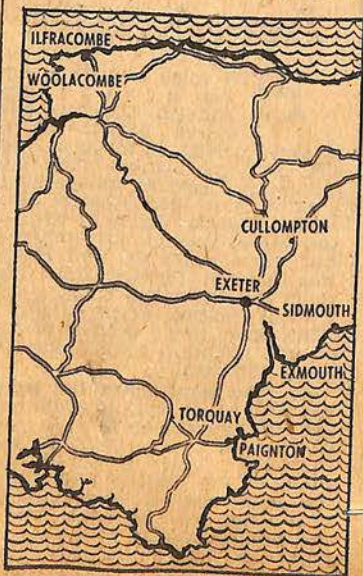


### 'Long Red Trail'

"They passed swiftly," he said, "in a southerly direction and appeared to be 'in line astern' with a long red trail to the rear . . . both lights seemed to fizzle out as I watched them—they were in a clear patch of sky when this happened . . . I heard no sound."

"Two large circular objects travelling south in a horizontal position looking something like large white flames" is the description given in the *Western Morning News* of what Mr. Arthur N. Bearne, 55-year-old estate agent, of Southfield-avenue, Preston, Devon, saw at Paignton at 11 p.m. on Monday.

Members of the crew of a liberty boat plying between Flagstaff Steps, Devonport Dockyard, and H.M.S. Defiance are also reported



in the *Western Morning News* as having seen "circular objects travelling at an incalculable speed and emitting a trail of fire" late on Monday night.

The *Torquay Herald Express* quotes four other people who saw similar objects.

### Bluish Light

Frederick Bray, fisherman, aged 39, was lying in the bunk of his boat in Torquay outer harbour when he saw a "bluish-white light" appear over Princess Pier at about 11 p.m. "I watched the flames for about ten seconds. They seemed to surround a roundish object which was travelling towards Thatcher Rock" (to the East).

While walking along the sea front to Torquay Station, Mr. D. Jeffery, of Winner-street, Paignton, saw something in the sky. "I thought at first it was a rocket firework," he told the *Herald Express*. "Then I noticed it was maintaining a constant speed at a constant height . . . It was absolutely silent. It seemed to disintegrate suddenly and disappear."

A "ball of bluish-white light" was seen at about 11 p.m. in the sky above Paignton travelling south towards Brixham. Mr. Harry Cove-Clark, of Marine-drive, Paignton, said: "The ball of light was preceded by a thin blue blur which was overtaken by the main body."

### 'Like Feeble Rocket'

"Then another bluish-white light appeared and a broken stream of lights seemed to fall from it. They all seemed to be following each other straight across the sky, then there was a spurt of flame from the end of the broken pieces—just like a feeble rocket."

The last of the witnesses, Mr. H. Warren, of East-street, Torre, Torquay, saw from his bedroom window an object "going towards Brixham, due south of Torquay." Describing it in a letter to the paper, he said: "I thought it was like three stars with a long tail of light trailing behind them. . . ."