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Po Villagers See 'Saucer' Landing

ROVIGO, Italy, Oct. 16 (UP)—A shallow, 20-foot crater and a scorched grove of poplar trees in the marshlands of the Po river convinced the villagers of nearby Po Di Gnocca today that they really had seen a flying saucer.

Police said several score of the villagers watched the "saucer" go through its paces. They said the silver disc approached at great speed and then landed gently in the marshes a few miles away. After a short pause it rose perpendicularly into the air and sped away towards the east, they said.

Excited villagers who rushed to the spot where the disc appeared to land found the 20-foot crater and the scorched poplar trees.

The "landing" was the most sensational of a new wave of flying saucer reports which is mystifying Italy. Reports of "discs" and "cigars" came from all over the peninsula despite Air Ministry assurances that no such objects have been registered on the ministry's radar network.

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