

2 SHIPYARD WORKERS UNRAVEL WEIRD TALE OF UFO MEETING
PASCAGOULA, Miss. (UPI)--Two shipyard workers who claimed they were hauled aboard a UFO and examined by silvery-skinned creatures with big eyes and pointed ears were checked at a military hospital and found to be clear of radiation.

Air Force doctors at nearby Keesler Air Force Base examined the men, Charles Hickson, 42, and Calvin Parker, 19, as a precautionary measure after they came forth with their weird tale.

Officials said the men, both employed at Walker Shipyards, where Hickson is a foreman, would make no further public statements concerning their story--until they talked further with federal authorities.

Jackson County chief deputy Barney Mathis said the men told him they were fishing from an old pier on the west bank of Pascagoula River about 7 p.m. Thursday when they noticed a strange craft about two miles away emitting a bluish haze.

They said it moved closer and then appeared to hover about three or four feet above the water then "three whatever-they-were came out, either floating or walking, and carried us into the ship," officers quoted Hickson as saying.

"The things had big eyes. They kept us about 20 minutes, photographed us and then took us back to the pier.

"These are reliable people," Sheriff Fred Diamond said.

"They had no reason to say this if it had not been true. I know something did happen to them."