

was when I got to Lathams Garage in Hinckley, when I had to stop at a junction to let a lorry go by. I was in a hurry but I wouldn't risk nipping in front of him."

From Mrs. Rose's description of its flight path, the light should have moved close to, and almost parallel to a row of houses at Belchar's Bar which are aligned along the road to Nailstone Grange (see Fig. 1). Checks at these and other houses established that at the time of the incident, the occupants were either at work (on the night shift), watching TV, or had retired to bed. None of them however had seen anything unusual, or noticed any flickering or dimming of the house lights, nor had they noticed any interference with the TV.

Again, from the description of flight path, the light, if it kept to the same course, should also have passed over the neighbouring villages of Odstone, Congerstone, and Twycross. After a restless night, Mrs. Rose next day telephoned Mr. and Mrs. George Evans of the "Woodlands," Odstone, the friends whom she had visited that night, to find out whether they had seen anything unusual. She learned that a few minutes after she had left, Terry Evans, their 10-year-old son, had seen a light through his bedroom window which he assumed to be a car approaching up the drive. He told his mother, but no car arrived.

Down on Yarnold's Farm

News from Kempsey, New South Wales

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SINCE the Kempsey flap of last April, Patricia Riggs, Associate Editor of the *Macleay Argus* has been faithfully keeping us informed of the latest UFO events in the area. There have been sporadic sightings these last few months, but to quote her own words, it would take a landing to cap last year's performance.

I was particularly interested to learn that there have been continuing phenomena at Yarnold's farm, near Collombatti, which was mentioned in my previous article on the Kempsey flap* as being a seeming focal point of UFO activity. The *Macleay Argus* of January 18, 1972, relates how a visitor to the farm was terrified on the morning of Saturday, January 16, by a UFO which moved towards her as she walked out of the house.

Mrs. Shirley Yarnold of Port Moresby, New Guinea, her husband Lyle and family were staying with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Yarnold at the time. Her daughter, Debbie, told the *Argus* reporter that her mother had left the house at about 3.30 a.m. and had seen, apparently near a barn 40 feet away, a brilliant white light about 18 inches in diameter. The light, triangular in shape except where the sides curved around the base, was no more

Other reports

Mrs. Rose also made an enquiry in the *Leicester Mercury*, which carried a report on the incident the following evening.* Following this, and another report in a local newspaper, Mrs. Rose received a letter from 13-year-old Steven Freary, of 1a Tudor Road, Hinckley. He wrote that on that same night of Tuesday, May 25, 1971, he was returning home by car with his father along Coventry Road, Hinckley, when he noticed what he called a "thing" high in the sky through the front passenger window. He asked: "What's that, Dad?" but his father was not interested for he replied: "I don't know; I'm driving." The car at this point was just passing the North Field Road junction, and the time was approximately 10.45 p.m.

Steven lost sight of the "thing," which he described as being orange in colour, round and with a halo around its edge, when the car turned left into Trinity Lane. However he saw it once more over in the direction of the Electricity Board building (East) when the car was approaching the junction with Bond Street (A47). "The Thing," he wrote, "then seemed to go North East then North towards Ibstock way."

Note

* See "World Round-up", p. 31 of FSR, Vol. 17 No. 4, July/August 1971.

than 4 feet from the ground. Panic-stricken, Mrs Yarnold fled indoors.

Her husband, who was following her out of the house, was in time to see a bright glow behind the barn, but he did not investigate it. Shortly afterwards, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Yarnold woke and on going outside they saw a pulsating light disappearing towards the West.

The shaking barn

Further mystery was added to the story by Sue Yarnold and Debbie, who had been sleeping in the barn for the last fortnight. They said that on several occasions between 1.00 a.m. and 4.00 a.m. they had been awakened by a feeling that the barn was shaking violently. They thought cattle may have been rubbing against the walls, but at no time had they heard movement or sound outside.

On the Saturday night, at the time Mrs. Shirley Yarnold was sighting her UFO, the girls had again been awakened by the rocking or shaking sensation, and as on former occasions, the ducks and geese became agitated.

On the following night, the family kept vigil, but sighted nothing. Exactly a fortnight earlier, on January 2, the whole family had seen a UFO at about 7.30 p.m. It was a light, approximately 6 inches in diameter (apparent size, as seen by the observers), pulsating "all colours of the spectrum" before disappearing between two ranges in the Bellbrook region. It had descended slowly at first and then accelerated, leaving behind an orange glow above the trees.

The shaking of the barn concomitant with the light phenomenon makes this case a most interesting one in that it clearly confirms that *some* UFO phenomena at least are related to poltergeist activity.

* See FSR Case Histories Supplement 8.

South American Round-up, 1971—part 2

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HERE are the six UFO reports to complete my selection of items from South America for the year 1971. As I stated in the first part of this article, in *FSR Case Histories Supplement 10*, a complete survey of all the material is not at present feasible.

10. Itaperuna bus chased by UFO (on or about October 20, 1971)

In a report to *O Dia* of Rio de Janeiro (October 21, 1971) from their special representative in Itaperuna, Mario Dias, it was stated that a flying saucer had pursued, over a distance of 20 kilometres, a bus owned by the company Viação Brasil and running between Bom Jesus de Itabapoana and Itaperuna. (See map on p. 24 of *FSR* for November/December 1971). The driver of the vehicle was José Chagas de Oliveira, living at 400, rua Paulo César, Itaperuna, and there were 19 passengers, who were thrown into panic.

The UFO was travelling at a height of some 500 metres above the road and emitting an intense brightness (changing constantly from green through orange to red) which lit up the whole highway.

Some of the passengers became extremely unwell, with giddiness and vomiting.

At approximately 7.00 p.m. the bus had departed from the Roberto Silveira bus station, bound for Itaperuna. Everything was normal until, as they were approaching a place called Talanquim, Omar Arnon, himself a chauffeur by profession, who was sitting in one of the back rows, caught sight of the saucer right above the bus. He at once shouted: "Hi! Look! We've got a saucer up above us!"

The driver applied the brakes at once. A woman let out a stifled shriek, and a man was heard to say: "Oh, no! Not that . . . how wise I was to have not wanted to leave Niterói today!"

Another passenger shouted for calm and told them all to keep to their seats. Two of them were already wanting to jump out through the windows. Another asked why the driver had stopped, and shouted: "Step on it! Why play into the hands of the enemy!"

Meanwhile, everyone was trying to get a look at the saucer, which was indeed hanging there at about 500 metres right above them. Not a sound came from it. It was simply "hovering" there, rotating on its axis, as though mocking them. From the rim of it came coloured beams of light which kept changing and varying in intensity.

The driver asked the passengers what they all wanted to do: drive on, or stay there?

They decided that he should drive on. And, as he did so, the saucer started to move forward too, and came a little lower.

The bus was now moving at high speed, but the saucer never left it. With the exception of one old man who said that he simply did not believe in flying saucers, the rest of the passengers were all exceedingly nervous,

particularly the only two women among them, one of whom was weeping.

The driver was trying to watch the road ahead of him and to peer out at the saucer at the same time. Meanwhile the other driver in the back row was delivering a running commentary on the movements, height, speed, etc., of the saucer.

When, however, the saucer started shooting down long vivid beams of light on to the bus, the driver commenced to slow down again. But then he remembered the tales he had heard about "paralysing rays", and so kept up his speed, while the terrified passengers peered up at the UFO in mortal fear of being seized by little creatures as had happened so recently to two men near Itaperuna.

When the bus reached the Ponte de Ferro, an iron bridge just before Itaperuna, the saucer halted, shot out a whole lot of flashes of light of different colours, spun round on its axis at dizzying speed and then suddenly shot away up into the sky and was out of sight in less than one minute, to the relief of all concerned, except perhaps the old man.

On arrival in Itaperuna the driver and all 19 passengers went off to the Police Station and related their experience to Commissioner Airton Mousas, who took down their statements. (Our thanks to Dr. W. Buhler for the foregoing report.)

11. Pernambuco saucer photographed (on or about November 9, 1971)

According to a report in *O Dia* (Rio de Janeiro) of November 10, 1971, from its representative in Recife, capital city of the State of Pernambuco (N.E. of Brazil) residents of the Coque district had again seen a flying saucer and a press photographer employed by a local paper had chanced to be present and had managed to photograph the object, which flew round and round many times in the sky before vanishing.

The saucer, spherical in shape, with shining top and bottom, was seen by the whole population of Coque and was overhead for a total period of about twenty minutes.

The photographer's pictures of the UFO appeared in the Recife paper of November 9, on its front page, and as a result great crowds of people flocked out from Recife to the Coque suburb to see if any more UFOs would appear.

According to the report in *O Globo*, this is the fifth time that a saucer has appeared over Coque, a very poor suburb of Recife, and the residents of that area are now quite used to the experience. But this time the saucer had been different from the others. It was of many colours, and remained in the sky overhead longer than any of the objects previously seen there. The professional photographer who took the pictures of the UFO (not reproduced in *O Globo*) had plenty of time in which to adjust and prepare his camera calmly.