

trail the same shape and size as itself, and that it was *this* which was fading. However, it looked to us as if the object gradually became invisible.

"Now for a description of the 'vehicle'. At the time it was hovering it must have been about 100 feet up or less, and was clearly indicated and the outlines hard and sharp. It shone with a metallic sheen and was in the shape of a large flattened ellipse. There was bright sunshine at the time, which was reflected off it. Yet it also seemed to be emitting a kind of 'sunshine' of its own—a luridescence . . . [sic]. This lay in streaks around it and seemed to pulsate and glow. It also had two glowing 'eyes'—two very bright round radiances at mid-front centre—and two less bright (fainter and smaller ones) to the left and right of these (or so they seemed to be located—they may actually have been 'behind').

"There was some kind of 'aerial' or antenna on top of the object and this also was seen as a glowing thing. The flying disc itself, however, did *not* glow. It looked silvery-blue with touches of pinky-orange.

"It gave us the impression (the three of us in my family who were there) and feeling of a presence—an almost palpable feeling.

"We since heard that an unidentified flying object of a

similar description has been seen in the same neighbourhood by another (adult) person, both at times before and times after the date we have given."

I wish space would permit me to print more of our young correspondents' sighting reports, for whatever their explanations may be, some of them were most intriguing.

One final thought about sightings by young witnesses. I have always been struck by the fact that an unusually large percentage of cases appear to involve children or young people. This may be accounted for purely by their greater willingness to tell about the UFO experience they have had. But might this not also be because young people have a greater capacity for seeing UFOs than most adults? Let me illustrate what I mean. Recently a young man related to me a remarkable low-level sighting he had at the age of 15 when travelling by car with his family. An apparently solid object kept pace with the car for twenty minutes. All the family saw it clearly, except the father. Strangely, he was unable to see it at all.

Did the little boy at Chislehurst see an object that the other people in the High Street did not merely fail to notice, but were simply not capable of seeing? I think this matter needs some attention.

Brazilian cases in 1968 and 1969—5

Dr Walter Buhler

INTENSE activity of UFOs, and the resultant spate of reports in the early months of 1969, is reflected by this section of our catalogue which covers just two more months.

MARCH AND APRIL, 1969

94. Beginning of March, 1969. Belo Horizonte, State of Minas Gerais. People working at the Gabriel Passos Refinery in the Barreiro de Baixo area of Belo Horizonte have seen flying saucers on three consecutive nights this month. The UFOs travel at great speed, "but can also remain stationary in the air", as for example in the case of one which remained over the refinery for 15 minutes.

A Notícia, Rio de Janeiro, March 3, 1969.

95. First week in March, 1969. Fortaleza, State of Ceará. Colonel Eduardo Wayne saw a saucer flying over the construction site of the satellite tracking station. The object was silent, and emitted intermittently signals of yellow light from the hatches in its belly.

A Notícia, Rio de Janeiro, March 6, 1969. *Jornal do Brasil*, Rio de Janeiro, March 5, 1969.

96. First week in March, 1969. Presidente Prudente, State of São Paulo. For ten minutes during the night, the doctor A.G.L. and his wife watched various groups of luminous saucers flying in "V" formations over the town.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, March 7, 1969.

97. First week in March, 1969. Itaperuna, State of Rio de Janeiro. At 1.00 a.m. in the early morning, when driving in their car from Campos to Itaperuna, the judge Dr. Antônio Sampaio Peres and his wife were accompanied by a luminous hat-shaped object with a purple light on its cupola, which flew along beside the car. With great difficulty the judge finally managed to leave the object behind.

Diário de Notícias, Niterói edition, March 7, 1969.

98. First week in March, 1969. Alexânia, State of Goiás. The fazenda-owner Wilson Gusmão declares that a flying saucer with crew has landed on his ranch.

Jornal do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro, March 8, 1969.

(SBEDV Bulletin No. 69/70 contains an extremely lengthy account of this case, in which it seems that photographs were allegedly taken. It is hoped that a translation of the account can be provided in the near future.—G.C.)

99. Early March, 1969. Lins, State of São Paulo. Sr. Josué Lins de Oliveira and his wife and other people saw an extremely bright UFO, at an estimated height of some 500 metres, and saw another luminous object emerge from it and float down to near the ground. (Sr. Josué Lins de Oliveira is the radio-reporter of the Lins Radio Club.)

O Jornal, Rio de Janeiro, March 11, 1969.

100. March 11, 1969. Campinas, State of São Paulo. At 4.45 p.m. Sr. Angelo Randi of Vila Castelo Branco was driving along the road to Hortelândia, when he saw in the distance a powerful light which was moving about in various directions and changing colour, from yellow to green, blue, purple and then back to green again. The object came to a halt in front of the car, whereupon the speed slowed down and the engine gradually was paralysed. Said the witness: "Although I remained lucid, I was totally immobilised, being unable to move any of my limbs."

Diário de Notícias, and *Jornal do Brasil*, both of Rio de Janeiro and both for March 13, 1969.

101. March 12, 1969. Lins, State of São Paulo. At 9.00 a.m. Dona Maria Lúcia and her children saw an oval-shaped object, silver-coloured all over, approximately 1.5m. wide and with a rounded upper portion. It was flying slowly in a straight line towards the local airport, and stopping from time to time.

Diário de Notícias, Rio de Janeiro, March 15, 1969.

102. March 14, 1969. Lins, State of São Paulo. At 7.40 p.m., Sr. Jaime Antônio saw a flying saucer of a vivid red colour, shaped like two plates joined at the rims, with a slowly flashing light, like a neon lamp, and with two antennae on top. It came down vertically over the grounds of the Lins Athletic Club and then headed for Guaiçara, in the direction of the Fazenda São Miguel. There, Senhora Iracema Pruchi, wife of Sr. Laurindo Pruchi, said that her son saw, at 8.15 p.m., an object which he called a "flying paper", but he then corrected himself, explaining: "Mummy, it isn't paper. It is a kite, but shiny, fantastically shiny." Dona Iracema went on to say that on previous days she herself had several times seen "red balls moving about in the sky." One witness, Sr. Valenti, estimated the size of the UFO as "three times the size of the square panel of lights on the tower of the stadium of the Lins Athletic Club." This would mean that its width was 9 metres.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, March 15, 1969.

103. March 15, 1969. Lins, State of São Paulo. A flying saucer has again landed in the stadium of the Lins Athletic Club.

O Jornal, Rio de Janeiro, March 16, 1969.

104. March 16, 1969. Lins, State of São Paulo. At 4.45 a.m., Sr. Luiz Nardi saw, opposite the bus-station and at an estimated distance of 100 metres and estimated height of 40 metres, an egg-shaped object with its front part slightly larger. It appeared as though made of plastic, had in its central part a distinctly yellow colouring, and it had two parallel stripes running round it.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, March 16, 1969.

105. March 19, 1969. Belo Horizonte, State of Minas Gerais. At 8.00 p.m. the parish priest of São Cristovão observed a light which was rushing about in various directions. And from the rua Uberlândia, in the Belo Horizonte suburb of Carlos Prates, three luminous (white and bluish) oval-shaped objects were seen performing evolutions above the nearby mountain range, the Serra da Piedade, for several hours.

O Globo, Rio de Janeiro, March 20, 1969.

106. First part of March, 1969. Ibiuna, State of São Paulo. Farmers at Quintas report the frequent appearance of flying saucers over the Fazenda Bonanza owned by Sr. Ilias Fleury, and over neighbouring properties.

A Notícia, Rio de Janeiro, March 21, 1969, and FSR, January/February 1970, pp. 15-19, *Reports From Ibiuna*, by Hans Bemelmans.

107. First half of March, 1969. Serra do Curral, State of Minas Gerais. Highway patrol police on Motorway BR-135 fired their weapons at a saucer which flew over the road and shone down a powerful light that temporarily disturbed their vision.

O Globo, Rio de Janeiro, March 21, 1969.

108. Beginning of April, 1969. Unaí, State of Minas Gerais. Luminous balls have appeared at Lavoura, a place 5 km. from Unaí, in a swamp area owned by Sr. Jacy Valadares. Employees on the property have not had the courage to make a closer investigation.

Letter dated April 9, 1969, to SBEDV from Sr. Wayner José Monteiro.

109. April 8, 1969. Guaratinguetá, State of São Paulo. On the feast-day of St. Benedict, in the vicinity of Conselheiro Rodrigues Alves Square, a saucer was observed for half an hour. Of round shape, with a protruding lower portion, it shone forth a beam of light which at times was so intense as to be unbearable, while at other times it was turned off.

Correio Braziliense, Brasília, April 9, 1969.

110. April 10, 1969. Ouro Preto, State of Minas Gerais. At noon the student Dimas Guedes photographed a flying saucer which had been pointed out to him by a driver of one of the buses of the Minas Gerais School of Geology, the bus being stationed at the time in the suburb of Sarmenha.

At 7.00 p.m. two objects were seen flying above the high

tension grid system of the Minas Gerais Electricity Authority, and at 8.00 p.m. there was a power blackout in the Sarmenha district, lasting for a quarter of an hour without it being possible to find any cause for it.

At 10.00 p.m. the student Marco Antônio von Kruger noticed a persistent interference on his TV set, which interference spontaneously ceased after a certain time. He was thinking of going out into the street to look around, but, glancing out through the window, he saw a vague shape in movement and heard the garbage bin being overturned. When examined later, it was found that the garbage bin had been "investigated."

Meanwhile, at a distance of some 200 metres from the residence of the student Marco Antônio von Kruger, a workman, returning to his home on the hill above the hall of residence of the engineering faculty, saw, suspended a few centimetres off the ground on the top of the hill, an enormous round and brilliantly shining object from which were coming strange measured, muffled sounds. The workman ran back down to the town and stayed there for that night.

Jornal do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro, May 14, 1969.

111. April 11/12, 1969. Guanabara. Radio amateurs were unable to participate in the international competition in connexion with D.E.N.T.E.L. owing to interference during the night. It was a very intensive sound (20 db above S-9), on the 10, 15, 20, 40, and 80 metre bands. Some of the radio-amateurs (for example Dr. Celso Aguiar, a medical man who is the president of the L.A.B.R.E.) considered that the interference was due to transmitters outside Brazil, in which case the Brazilian government would be unable to secure cessation of the transmission. Others however were of the opinion that the interference came from some planetary source in the Solar System or from an extraterrestrial space-ship.

Jornal do Brasil, April 19, 1969.

112. April 20, 1969. Rio de Janeiro, State of Guanabara. From a hill known as the Morro do Bairro Novo Mundo, between Laranjeiras and Botafogo (a southern suburb of Rio de Janeiro), at approximately 9.00 p.m., an object was observed flying slowly and silently at a height of roughly 1,000 metres above the motor race-tracks at Botafogo. The diameter of the object must have been in the neighbourhood of between 50m. and 70m. It was not possible to do more than conjecture that its shape was round, owing to the numerous beams of red, green, yellow, and blue light emanating from it.

SBEDV Bulletin No. 71, November/December 1969, p. 127.

113. April 20, 1969. Itauçu, State of Goiás. Sr. Dolor Roque, of the Fazenda Cerradinho (57 km. from the town of Goiânia) was riding into town at night on horseback to buy some medicine from a pharmacy. He saw lights, and fainted. He awoke at dawn, minus his horse, at Itumbiara (400 km. from where he had been riding his horse), on top of some rocks on the banks of the River Paranaíba. Totally disoriented, he asked the first person he saw: "For Heaven's sake, young fellow, where am I?" A passing man with a cart drove him to the nearest bus-station, from where he returned to his own town, Itauçu, by the Itumbiara-Goiânia bus. His family were terrified, inasmuch as his horse had come back home alone, and very late. In the town of Itauçu lights had been seen during the night, and had been the subject of much talk among the inhabitants.

Diário de Notícias, Rio de Janeiro, May 24, 1969.

Folha de Goiás, Goiânia, June 12, 1969. Also letter dated April 28, 1969, from Sr. Wayner José Monteiro to SBEDV.

114. April 21, 1969. Guanabara. A physician, Dr. Décio Nogueira Perez, with dozens of other people, saw three flying saucers, intensely luminous and very low, spinning very rapidly above the point where the Rio-Petrópolis motorway joins the Avenida do Brasil.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, April 22, 1969,

Possible landings at Centeno, Argentina

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Señor Roberto Ferrari has a group in Santa Fe, Argentina, known as the *Centro de Estudios Físicos (Centre for Physical Studies)*. Their main interest lies in studying the possible methods by which the UFOs may be powered, and Sr. Ferrari informs us that among the ideas which they are examining are those that were propounded long ago, at the very outset of the UFO Phenomenon, by the remarkable Frenchman, Captain Plantier. Translation: Gordon Creighton.

THE case which is here presented is the first of a selection from the archives of our Centre which we are happy to make available for *Flying Saucer Review* and the companion journal *FSR Case Histories*.

The scene of the events described is Centeno, a place in the Province of Santa Fe.

At 3.40 a.m. on November 5, 1967, an employee of a dairy farm owned by Sr. Spini set out for the pastures to attend to his duties.

Suddenly he perceived, coming from the West, an object enveloped in a brilliant bluish luminosity. It landed on the ground at a distance of some 600 metres from him, and remained there for two or three minutes. In the meantime, the witness started calling loudly to one of his companions who was in the house. This second witness heard his calls and looked out, so that both were able to witness the departure of the object when it took off again towards the West. At no moment did either of them hear any sound from it or notice any strange sensations.

Landing Marks

As soon as it was light, they were able to establish that there was an oval mark at the spot, and that the pasture there was dry and flattened. Moreover another mark, in all respects similar, was found by a Señor Aranzadi, owner of an adjacent field, when he came

out of his house on the morning of November 20 (twenty days after the first case).

The Investigation

On learning of the landing, our Group sent a team of investigators to look at the site on November 26.

It had rained twice since the first landing and a great many visitors had milled around at the spot, but as our photographs Nos. 1 and 2 show, the oval area was still very distinct and the dried nature of the herbage was clearly detectable.

The dimensions of the oval flattened area were 6m. × 4m., with the major axis oriented from East to West.

Tests of the local magnetic field revealed no abnormalities. We took samples of soil and plants and sent them to be analysed by the Faculty of Chemical Engineering at Santa Fe, but no metallic particles and no traces of radioactivity or any other abnormalities were detected. The only distinctive feature presented by all the plants was that they were of the usual yellow colour, dry rather than burnt.

Statements were taken by us from the two witnesses, simple men who could offer no explanation for what they had seen.

At the second landing site we were more fortunate, nobody having been there before us, and we are pro-



Photograph 1



Photograph 2