

Brazilian cases in 1968 and 1969 — 2

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READERS will observe in this part of the catalogue of Brazilian UFO cases that the tempo of the "wave" quickens, and that the first "occupant" cases are recorded.

Mid-August to mid-October, 1968

31. August 17, 1968. Alegrete, State of Rio Grande do Sul (R.G.S.). For about ten seconds, at 7.45 p.m., an object was seen descending from the sky in undulating silent flight.

GIPOVNI report.

32. August 18, 1968. Canoas, R.G.S. At 10.45 p.m. and again at 11.00 p.m., three bright objects were seen moving in a triangular formation, their colour changing between red and yellow.

GIPOVNI report.

33. August 25, 1968. Lins, State of São Paulo. At 5 o'clock in the morning, at a sanatorium, a woman caller was attended to. She was wearing a hood and shining cape of the same colour. After slaking her thirst at the drinking-fountain in the entrance-hall of the hospital, she asked the woman attendant to fill with water for her a large bottle which she had with her. After taking her leave of the attendant (by gestures) the strange woman said "abaúra, abaúra" and walked off towards a flying saucer which had landed in front of the hospital and which proceeded to take off. Terrified, the woman attendant of the hospital perceived that she was now bathed in perspiration and had also suffered an involuntary micturition.

SBDEV Bulletin No. 66/68, January-June 1969, p. 72. [A full report of this case appeared in Nigel Rimes' article *The Clemente Ferreira Sanatorium UFO*, in FSR for July/August 1969.]

34. First half of September, 1968. Niterói, State of Rio de Janeiro. From his apartment the photographer Ari Pereira photographed a flying saucer over the Morro do Vintém* hill (photo reproduced on page 1 of SBDEV Bulletin No. 72/73, January-April 1970).

Diário de Notícias, Rio de Janeiro, September 13, 1968.

35. September 1, 1968. Pôrto Alegre, R.G.S. At 8.45 p.m. a light violet-coloured object was seen, its shape being like a large oval (Rugby ball).

Investigated by GIPOVNI.

36. First half of September 1968. Coromandel, State of Minas Gerais. At 7.05 p.m. Sr. Ubaldo Rosas was travelling with his family in his Willys station-wagon when he saw a powerful light at a great distance. Arriving at the crest of a range of hills, they now saw that there were four beams of light, a large one on each side and two smaller ones in the middle. (See sketch below, from newspaper *Correio Braziliense* of July 13, 1969.)

The family now being frightened, Sr. Ubaldo got out of the car and fired one shot in the direction of the lights, which were distant about 1 kilometre. At this point the picture became different to him, for it was now clear that the lights were located on one large single oval object. Bathed in a bluish luminosity, this object now rose up into the sky and

* The hill on which the two "young men in the lead masks" were found dead.



Sketch published in the newspaper *Correio Braziliense* of July 13, 1969, showing the UFOs seen at Coromandel, State of Minas Gerais, in September 1968 (Case No. 36.)

made towards the station-wagon at terrifying speed. Ubaldo (who lives at Taguatinga QNA-7, Lot No. 23) put his foot on the accelerator and fled precipitately downhill. The members of the family all thought the object was going to strike the car and therefore all ducked as the UFO passed overhead.

Correio Braziliense, Brasília, July 13, 1969.

37. September 4, 1968. Pôrto Alegre, R.G.S. In the early morning the baking staff at the Oling Bakery at Chácara das Pedras broke off work to watch the movements of two white saucers emanating beams of white light. The two UFOs shot to and fro in gliding movements, leaving behind them luminous trails. A girl living near the bakery also was a witness.

Zero Hora, Pôrto Alegre, September 5, 1968.

38. September 9, 1968. Campo Grande, State of Mato Grosso. In the evening, a machine shaped like a small globe, white and shining like aluminium, was seen on the ground in an open field near the bridge over the river Imirussu, on the road linking Campo Grande to Dirolândia. The report about it came to the office of the newspaper *Diário da Serra* from a workman living at a camp along the road.

O Jornal, Rio de Janeiro, September 10, 1968.

39. September 9, 1968. Niterói, State of Rio de Janeiro. A party of people who were sitting on the beach on the left-hand side of the rock known as the Pedra de Itaipu, saw a brilliant object estimated at between 5 and 10 metres in diameter, passing at a height of 100-200 metres and at a distance of some 500 metres from them. Owing to the noise of the waves beating on the rocks, they were unable to say whether there was any noise from the object.

O Jornal, Rio de Janeiro, September 10, 1968, and enquiries made of Sr. Schail Saúd by SBDEV on September 28, 1968.

40. September 15, 1968. Niterói, State of Rio de Janeiro. On the beach at Icaraí, a doctor took a photograph of a UFO which resembled a rocket. It was passing slowly, at great height, through the sky over the Bay of Guanabara towards Canto do Rio.

O Fluminense, Niterói, September 18, 1968.

41. **October 2, 1968.** Lins, State of São Paulo. At 6.15 a.m., as Doribio Pereira was about to start up the engine of his bulldozer, he saw, close by, two small beings with clothing similar to that worn at the time of the Roman Empire. One of these men immobilized him with a beam of light. The strangers then departed in a saucer, the size of a car, which was standing nearby and had a transparent roof.

Notícias Populares, São Paulo, October 6, 1968, and SBEDV Bulletin No. 66/68, January-June 1969, p. 74. [A detailed account of this case was given in *Confrontation At Lins*, by Gordon Creighton, in FSR for January/February 1969.]

42. **First week in October, 1968.** Lins, State of São Paulo. Senhor Nilton Bioto and his wife, and Professor Nadir, were travelling by car at night along the road from Sabino to Lins when they saw a large luminous object which approached them, performing evolutions at low altitude. Sr. Bioto drove off at high speed towards the Florianópolis Ranch, owned by his father-in-law, in the Guapiranga district, and the luminous object accompanied the car for three kilometres. Arriving at the ranch, he pointed out the saucer, which was at a height of some 80 metres and approximately 200 metres distant, to a number of employees. The object gave forth a loud humming noise and a reddish light. Then, with its lights still very strong, it vanished over the horizon in the direction of Promissão.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, October 6, 1968, and *O Jornal*, Rio de Janeiro, of same date.

43. **October 4, 1968.** Lins, State of São Paulo. At 4.00 a.m., on the same road, the same object as described in No. 42 was seen by Sr. Jose Duarte.

44. **First week of October, 1968.** Pereiro, State of Ceará, N.E. Brazil. There are reports of flying saucers being seen, from 2.00 a.m. onwards, over the Serra dos Macacos Range, and there is panic in Pereiro owing to seismic shocks which have created earth fissures up to 1 metre wide, and cracks in the houses. Federal Deputy José Simoes informed a friend that flying saucers had landed in the Serra dos Macacos.

O Jornal, Rio de Janeiro, October 6, 1968.

[For detailed account, see article *UFOs And Earthquakes*, by Gordon Creighton, in FSR for November/December 1968.]

44. **October 7, 1968.** Lins, State of São Paulo. At the "April 21" Institute of Education in Lins, night classes were interrupted while 400 students watched the passage overhead of a "dish-shaped" object of varying brightness. It was changing colour, particularly from red to orange.

It was photographed by a lady, Professor Maria Ami Rossetini. Another lady, Dna. Nair Shirema, aunt of one of the students, was working at the time with magnetic equipment in another school in Lins, and was able to verify that there was a major magnetic disturbance during the time that the "dish" was over the town. During the same period there were two interruptions in the local supply of electricity, without the electricity company being able to discover any technical explanations for them.

O Globo, Rio de Janeiro, October 17, 1968.

45. **October 7, 1968.** Flamengo, State of Guanabara. For fifteen seconds, at 9.15 p.m., five athletes of the Flamengo team watched a luminous cigar-shaped object travelling at an impressive speed southwards, towards the sea. Shortly afterwards, with a stopwatch, the athletes found that it took 100 seconds for a commercial aircraft to cover the same distance.

Última Hora, Rio de Janeiro, October 8, 1968.

46. **October 9, 1968.** Nova Friburgo, State of Rio de Janeiro. At 1 o'clock in the morning the farmer Getulio Gabriel heard the sound of an engine, at a low altitude, followed by a great flash of light and a mighty crash, which was thought to come from the direction of a hill called the Morro da Caledônia. The crashing sound was also heard

widely among the inhabitants of Cantagalo (50 km. distant), and of Duas Pedras, Olaria, etc.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, October 10, 1968.

47. **Early part of October 1968.** Guarantã, State of São Paulo. The town was without electric lighting for three nights in succession. On one of the nights, two students saw a "flash of light" in the sky just before the lights went out.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, October 12, 1968.

48. **Early part of October 1968.** Sorocaba, State of São Paulo. According to a business man, luminous balls were seen from the rua Olivério Pilar, in the Vila Hortênsia suburb, just before the lighting failed.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, October 12, 1968.

49. **October 12, 1968.** Lins, State of São Paulo. For five minutes Sr. José Augusto observed an enormous pear-shaped object, with intensely bright lights of various colours, at a height of some 30 metres from the ground and only some 50 metres from him. A light aeroplane flew over it. The object then moved away to a distance of some 600 or 700 metres, and landed at a spot that was almost completely inaccessible.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, October 18, 1968.

50. **October 12, 1968.** Getulina, near Lins, State of São Paulo. The administrative official José Soares Pereira was returning home by car from the town at 8.00 p.m. with his two daughters and an employee. At a point some seven kilometres from his property (the São Moisés ranch), on the road between Getulina and Tupã, a red light equal in size to the apparent size of the Moon came towards the car from in front and then accompanied it for one kilometre. Sr. Pereira kept his revolver ready in his hand, but did not fire, though he was trembling badly with fright. He turned back towards Getulina and reported the matter to the Police. Then, on his way back home, at a point four kilometres from his ranch, the light reappeared. On the following day likewise, his two daughters saw the light for almost a minute, at a great distance and over the same place where they had seen it on the previous day. And fifteen days or so before that Sr. José Pereira had in fact seen the object through his binoculars when, sitting on his terrace at 8.00 p.m., he had been called by his daughter Maria Ivete to see it.

Última Hora, Rio de Janeiro, October 17, 1968.

A Notícia, Rio de Janeiro, October 22, 1968.

51. **October 13, 1968.** Lins, State of São Paulo. At 4.05 in the morning, near the entrance gates of the Faculty of Engineering in Lins, ranch-owner José Augusto Tristão da Rocha saw his car lit up by two beams of light "like jets from a blow-lamp", 1 metre wide, 3 metres apart, and suspended in the air at a height of about 50 metres.

Also, at 2.00 in the morning, at the juncture with the road leading off to Guaiçara, the business man Roberto Seare and some companions saw a red ball, about 30 cms. in width, hanging about 20 metres above the eucalyptus trees beside the road. The ball then went off at great speed towards Guapiranga, seeming to "close in upon itself", and vanished.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, October 16, 1968.

52. **October 14, 1968.** Ribeirão Pires, State of São Paulo. At 11.23 p.m. Sr. Celso Israel Moreira de Lima, residing at Avenida Francisco Monteiro 1382, saw an object a few metres in front of him. It was travelling at an impressive speed and changing colour rapidly between violet, pink and green. On the following day two soldiers saw a peculiar object in the sky, near the local cemetery.

A Notícia, Rio de Janeiro, October 15, 1968.

53. **October 15, 1968.** Lins, State of São Paulo. Another strange object crossed the sky above the town.

Última Hora, São Paulo, October 17, 1968.

(Translated from the Portuguese by Gordon Creighton)

A remarkable "child woman"

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HERE is another item from an early edition of *Scientific American*, the issue for May 22, 1886, page 321:

"The recent death of Miss Caroline Terboss has attracted renewed interest in her remarkable case. She was a member of an otherwise normally developed family, and up to her twelfth year she was apparently like other girls. But at that age she suddenly stopped growing, and though she lived to the advanced age of seventy-seven, development, once interrupted, was never resumed. At the time of her death, she was in form, stature, and organization a child. For many years she was a familiar figure on Fifth Avenue in the neighbourhood of the reservoir. Her age was a mystery, for her hair remained unchanged in colour, and her face, though noticeably mature for so young a figure, was but slightly wrinkled. Beyond an extreme sensitiveness of the skin, she enjoyed apparently good health until within a short time of her death. Her height is given at but four feet and four inches. She is stated to have been remarkably quick intellectually. As no physician had been in attendance within twenty-four hours of death, it was necessary to summon the coroner. The autopsy revealed the perfectly formed body of an apparent girl of eleven. Beyond certain organic peculiarities, the anatomy was normal. The spine was straight, and there was no outward deformity. No examination was made of the brain.

"The case attracts much interest among physicians, because, though similar instances have been recorded, they are very rare, and never has the subject lived to so advanced an age. Death has usually occurred before twenty-one. Twenty-five years of age is believed to have been the extreme limit."

The case of Caroline Terboss may or may not be relevant to the study of flying saucers, although who can say what is relevant? In view of the fact that there are many legends of people who were abducted by the "little people" or "fairy folk", and on their return were found to have aged but little or not at all, this story becomes more interesting. Notice that she suddenly "stopped growing" and for the remaining 66 years of her life her body remained in a state of what could be called "living suspended animation". Notice also that she was stated to have been "remarkably quick intellectually" (showing that her brain had not deteriorated) and that when she died her body was found to have "certain organic peculiarities."

Flying Saucer Review has, in recent years, carried an increasing number of reports of people who have had seemingly miraculous returns to perfect health after many years of illness or disability. These "cures" have often involved flying saucers, curious lights, operators or a combination of all three. They show that some entities, at least, have the knowledge necessary for the repair of the human organism. From here it is quite logical to assume that they would also have the "know-how" to keep a body in a state of "living suspended animation". This is not important; the problem is *why*.

There is nothing in the report to suggest that Miss Terboss went through anything unusual at the age of eleven; however, there are sufficient points of interest to make this story worthy of further investigation. Since Jacques Vallée is taking an interest in stories of people who don't age, I am glad to be able to bring this one to his attention. I would like to make further inquiries into this case myself, but my own research and a university course make this impossible.

Grand Rapids Spherical UFO

by Jerome S. Gardeski

ON Saturday, September 10, 1970, two Kent County Sheriff's Reserve Officers were patrolling in the southern outskirts of Grand Rapids, Michigan. That evening the sky was slightly overcast, with no stars visible, although moonlight could be recognised high in the sky to the east.

At 10.20 p.m., Officer Michael Kooistra noticed a large, spherical object, yellowish in colour, progressing at very slow speed on a course heading N.N.E. from S.S.W. Sergeant John Hawley spotted the object almost immediately and both men had time to eliminate the possibility that the object was a conventional aircraft, particularly as they both have considerable experience in this field.

Kooistra estimated the size of the object when first noticed as approximating that of a pencil eraser held at arm's length. He judged it to be about five miles distant. Hawley felt that it must have been about 50ft. in diameter and only about one mile away. Both men agreed that it was quite close to the ground, at an altitude of about 1,000ft.

The men's curiosity was heightened when the object stopped and began to spout bursts of sparks and flaming material which they felt would strike the ground and give rise to reports from the inhabitants of that area. This display of pyrotechnics issued from an indeterminate area at the bottom of the object without any change being

observed in its shape or colour; it lasted for some 10 to 15 seconds. The object then vanished instantly, without appearing to move from the spot. The total time elapse during this sighting was two to three minutes.

Each officer was interviewed without the other's knowledge and their reports showed a marked degree of corroboration. These men could be considered as high-calibre witnesses, and neither of them had any special interest in UFOs, apart from "what was published in the papers."

There was no publicity, and no report of this sighting, or of the shower of sparks, filed with any other authority.