the window itself overlooks open fields. I asked her if the dog had reacted in his usual way, (he terrifies me,) and she replied that he had behaved in a most uncharacteristic manner.

"Very strange† that you should ask... the dog ran

back inside after I let go of her collar. She didn't even bark, but just cowered into the fireside rug and growled a bit.

† Denise's emphasis – PBG

## SCHOOLROOM "LANDING" IN LORETO, ARGENTINA

## Heriberto Janosch

THE first information received on this case appeared on January 15, 1979, in La Razon, the Buenos Aires newspaper, which told of an incident which was alleged to have occurred. I have summarized the contents of the article as follows:-

An unidentified flying object appeared suddenly before a boy, aged 12, in a school in Loreto, in the province of Santiago del Estero. Two humanoids descended from the object dressed in aluminium coloured clothing. The boy was immediately immobilized by them. They remained in the room for a considerable time. The incident is stated to have taken place at midday.

We wrote to the witness, Marcos Rafael Suarez, asking for detailed information and we received a reply through a Sr. Juan Angel Gomez, who lives in Loreto and who is kindly collaborating with us in this matter, by interviewing the boy on our behalf. This has enabled us to reconstruct the alleged incident.

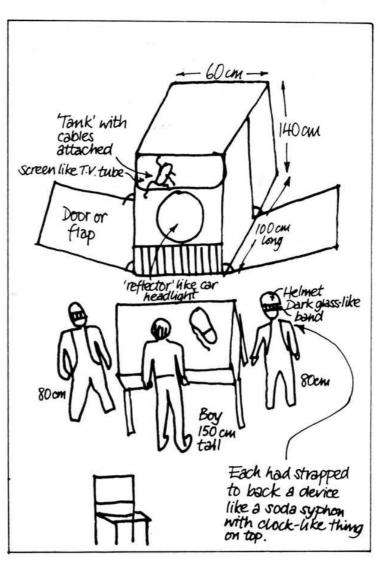
It took place on Saturday (possibly January 13th) at 11.50 a.m. in a room 4 by 4 metres in a local school, where the boy's father works as a janitor. In the room there was, among other things, a refrigerator worked by kerosene, a wooden table used as a desk, some small chairs and some other tables. There was also a box containing medicine, a record-player not in use at that moment, and electric lighting which also was not in use at that moment.

The boy was alone in the room at the time of the happening, putting a piece of water mlon in the refrigerator, and while doing this he heard a cardboard box full of newspapers fall on to the floor.

On turning round he saw a strange rectangular-shaped machine 60 cm wide by 140 cm high and 100 cm in length. It was aluminium-coloured, with a black type of screen like a TV tube, on the upper front part, and through which a section of the interior of the object could be seen. Through the screen the boy saw what looked like a tank with cables attached to it. Below the screen was a reflector similar to a car's headlight, and beneath the reflector there were black vertical lines of even length, spaced evenly across the front of the "Machine."

The "machine" itself was suspended in mid-air at about 20 cm above the floor. A noise, like an electric fan in motion, could be heard.

Suddenly two doors (or flaps) one at each side of the object opened outwards and downwards. A small being about 80 cm high emerged from the righthand side door, and this was followed by the appearence of a similar being from the left-hand side door. They were dressed in shiny one piece overalls, with shiny straps. They wore helmets of the same material



The incident, based on original drawing by the witness

and a dark glass-like band across their faces at eye level.

It was stated that the being who descended from the left-hand side of the machine seized the boy's right arm (the boy is 150 cm tall), and he noticed that the small beings' hand had only four fingers.\* The boy tried to free himself but the humanoid gripped him harder. At the same time he heard the sound of a voice which seemed to him to emanate from the object and which said, in Spanish, "sit down don't move" (sentate, no te muevas). The being forced the boy down on to a chair but, although he was unable to move, he remained conscious.

While on the chair the boy noticed the other being close the outside door of the room, and then proceed towards an adjacent room. The boy now observed that each being had, strapped to its back an object that looked like a soda syphon with a clock-like

device affixed at the top.

In the meantime the humanoid which had seized the boy returned to the machine and apparently activated a reflector which emitted a powerful beam of reddish light. This "blinded" the boy, and made his eyes water. At this point the boy, unable to shout or move, is said to have lost consciousness. After an interval of time, the duration of which the boy has no knowledge, he regained consciousness and found himself still on the chair, and able now to move. Rubbing his eyes he found that the beings and the machine had disappeared. The door which one of them had closed was now open and the youngster ran through this, falling headlong to the ground. His 8-year-old sister arrived just after his fall and saw him getting up from the ground. Shortly after this his father arrived on the scene and saw that his son's face was purplish red, and that he was in a high state of nervous tension. On asking him what had happened Marcos related all that had taken place.

Marcos' father, realizing that his son had suffered a great shock, took him to a local doctor who immediately examined him, and gave him some sedatives to take.

The incident was reported to the police station by the janitor.

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Other details which we want to mention are that the humanoids were in proportion to their height. Furthermore, after regaining consciousness, the boy found the room in disorder, but apparently nothing missing. A sulphurous odour pervaded the room.

People in the neighbouring houses stated that electric fans and refrigerators stopped working, and that their radios emitted the sound of electrical

discharges and interference.

Senor Gomez kindly forwarded us details of the Marcos background and family. He is about to enter upon his secondary studies, he is very lively, and he is interested in reading sports magazines. He enjoys good health. He is a Catholic and acts as an acolyte in the local church. He lives in a small country town with his parents, brothers and sisters where most of the people know one another.

We cannot arrive at any definite conclusions about this case until we have gathered more information on the same. We expect soon to receive the doctor's report on the boy's condition. Sr. Gomez has offered to follow up the case for us and, as soon as we obtain fresh information from him, we shall duly report it.

[Three fingers and a thumb, or four fingers without a thumb? (In which, latter, case how could he grip?)

—EDITOR]

## MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

## UFOs in the Bible

Dear Sir. — Mr. J. W. Goodes, in his letter (FSR Vol. 24, No. 4) commenting on a previous statement by J. Wadkin "Whatever else UFOs might be, they are not covered by any Biblical Prophecy," goes on to draw our attention to St. Mark, chapter 13, verse 27, and quotes what he thinks is a UFO prediction:-

"Coming from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven."

I don't know which Bible Mr. Goodes was quoting from, but verse 27 dosen't say that in mine!

Mr. Goodes was trying to take a

verse out of context, but to be correct one should read the whole passage, verses 24-27, and I quote from the Good News Bible.

"Then the Son of Man (Jesus) will appear, coming in the clouds with great power and glory. He will send the angels out to the far corners of the earth to gather God's chosen people (born again Christians) from one end of the world to the other."

In this case it would have been made clearer if the same passage had been studied in the other gospels, e.g. Matthew, chapter 24, verses 29—31, and Luke, chapter 21, verses 25—28. Also it's a good idea to read other versions e.g. Revised Standard and a modern version Good News Bible.

Finally might I add that the Bible is like no other book in that it is a collection of books written by people inspired by the Holy Spirit of God. Therefore one needs help by the power of the Holy Spirit to be able to understand it. As Peter says in his 2nd letter chapter 1, verse 20. (G.N.B): "Above all else, however, remember that no one can explain by himself a prophecy in the scriptures."

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