

squadron of five saucers. His description is exactly the same. The machines were about 15 metres wide, and remained immobile for twenty minutes at a height of little more than 300 ft. When they made off, towards the north, the witness (who is an engineer) estimated their speed at over 60,000 m.p.h.!

CHILE

Request for water

The Buenos Aires (Argentina) daily *La Razón* carried on June 21, 1964, a UP report from Arica (Chile), that on June 15, at a place 20 Km. inland from Arica, a Chilean miner named Rafael Aguirre Donoso claims to have encountered a strange machine which descended from the sky, and landed nearby.

Two fair-skinned "men" emerged from the machine which was described as being about 10 feet long and 3 feet 6 inches wide. They approached him, and, speaking in a mixture of English and Spanish, asked for water. The miner gave them some which he obtained from the radiator of his car. They then got into their machine which rose and rapidly disappeared.

The miner said he dared not to speak of the incident earlier as he feared that nobody would believe him.

Intensely shining object near Santiago

La Crónica (Buenos Aires) for October 9, 1964, prints a France-Press report of the same date from Santiago de Chile, to the effect that a strange machine had been seen that day above the Pan-American Highway not far from Santiago. According to a number of witnesses, it looked like a helicopter without blades, and was of an intensely shining silvery colour. Other witnesses however felt that it might be part of one of the stages of a rocket, but the authorities responsible for tracking satellites denied any knowledge of the passage over Chile of any object of this type or of anything like it. The machine was seen flying at a medium altitude and at moderate speed, and continued on a steady course until it disappeared from sight.

PARAGUARY

Pilot chases saucer

The Paraguayan daily *El País*, published in the capital city Asunción, reported on April 14, 1964, that on the previous Saturday night, at San Fernando in the northern part of the country, numerous witnesses saw a flying saucer near the run-way of the airfield. A pilot named John Green was just taking off at the time, and he pursued the UFO, which thereupon vanished in the direction of the Chaco—a wild jungle area.

The newspaper states that this is only the fourth time a person of absolute known probity and judgment in Paraguay has reported seeing a UFO, but adds that *as a matter of fact sightings are being made all the time in that country, but for various reasons do not get reported!*

PERU

Manoeuvres observed

Under massive headlines the Buenos Aires (Argentina) newspaper *El Siglo* published a report from Peru on August 1 concerning an important sighting by officers of the Peruvian army.

Major Luis Arana Saavedra of the Peruvian Army (Reserve) was quoted as having told a local newspaper that it had happened during army manoeuvres at Uchumayo, but did not give the precise date. He stated that while he was standing on an isolated hill with another officer, Surgeon-Major José Medina Diaz, a silent silvery disc appeared suddenly right above them, and remained there for a period of five minutes, checked by his watch. During this time the craft performed various evolutions at varying speeds, and displayed the most perfect manoeuvrability. Using his Army binoculars (8.30) he was able to see quite clearly that the craft had a cabin on the under side. This cabin had round portholes, which he was able to see when the machine stopped and hovered.

His conclusion, as delivered to the press, was that such a superb performance as this showed that the object must be functioning in accordance with some principle as yet unknown to the human race. "Our anti-aircraft defence could do nothing

against a formation of such machines", he said. The saucer finally vanished towards the south, its colour changing as its speed increased.

U.S.A.

Pennsylvania Ball of Light

The Herald of Titusville, Pennsylvania, reported on November 28 the following incident which occurred on the previous day: "A Grand Valley woman and her young daughter reported what was described as 'a ball of light about five times the size of a star' over a barn near their home last night at about 8.30 p.m. Mrs. Florence Rosenburgh reported that she had just stepped down from her brother-in-law's porch, when she saw a large ball of light travelling very fast and low just above and slightly behind the barn. 'I saw it for about two seconds,' Mrs. Rosenburgh said, 'and then a bright red streamer of fire shot out behind it and it dropped straight down behind the barn out of sight.' The object was about 300 feet behind the barn, and possibly as high as 100 feet above the ground, the observers said. It was travelling southwest when first sighted. The unidentified flying object apparently fell near a creek in the pasture adjoining the barn."

Radiation High

On November 30 *The Herald* of Titusville had this to say about the Pennsylvania sighting: "A radiation count of about five times normal was discovered at the site of the unidentified flying object sighted near Grand Valley late Friday evening, according to William B. Weitzel. Mrs. Florence Rosenburgh of Eldred Center observed what was described as 'a blue-white ball of light about five times the size of a star' as she stepped from her brother-in-law's back porch Friday night at about 8.25 p.m. Mr. Weitzel also talked with Elmer Van Guilder of Eldred Center, who reported having seen the same object at the same time, but added that it had 'an oblong shape in front of the light.' Mr. Weitzel, who has had some experience with UFOs and their investigation, was notified by *The Herald*, and