

World round-up

of news and comment
about recent sightings

AUSTRALIA

Giant Humanoids collect cane

The *News* of January 17, 1969, carried a report from Brisbane that on that same morning—

“A Rumanian migrant claims he saw three giant purple and yellow spacemen near Childers, about 200 miles north of Brisbane.

“Mr. George Vas, a repairman, his wife, Milanka, and daughters Olga, 14, and Maria, 13, all say they watched the spacemen for about 10 minutes.

“The spacemen gathered sugar cane and other plant specimens.

“Mr. Vas said he and his family were asleep in their caravan at the edge of the road. About 4.30 a.m. they were awakened by the barking of their dog, Ica.

“He heard a loud buzzing noise like a big swarm of wasps, and said he saw a spaceship. It was between 25 and 30 yards in diameter and looked like a Mexican sombrero.

“It gave off a brilliant violet colour. Other colours running through the air gave it an opalised effect.

“Mr. Vas said he and his family watched as three spacemen—about three times larger than humans—descended from the spacecraft.

“They had blocky arms and legs and shapeless bodies. They gave off a purple yellowish glow.

“After gathering specimens for about 10 minutes, the spacemen re-entered their spaceship and took off.

“The craft went straight up, travelling very quickly. As it took off, the hair on the family’s bodies stood up as if affected by a form of magnetism.

“Mr. Vas said this was his third sighting of spacemen. He saw one as a child in Rumania in 1918, and another near Belgrade in 1946.”

Credit: Colin Norris of The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society, Adelaide.

“Dive-bombing” UFO

The *Sun* (Melbourne) of December 2, 1969, told how—

“A motor mechanic said yesterday that he had driven at 95 m.p.h. after he had been ‘dive-bombed’ by a UFO.

“He and a youth with him had been ‘scared stiff’ and had reported the sighting to a policeman who later watched the UFO with them.

“The mechanic is Mr. J. A. W. Wyatt, 21, of Port Victoria, on Yorke Peninsula, about 100 miles from Adelaide. He said he was returning home from Maitland, where he works,

at about 9.40 p.m. on Tuesday with Christopher Bolton, 15.

“On leaving Maitland they noticed a bright white light high over the town. It was travelling parallel to them as they drove south-west to Port Victoria.

“Mr. Wyatt said: ‘We watched it for about nine miles, when it suddenly made a half-circle turn in front of us.

“‘It came down at a very slight angle toward us at a very fast rate. It got larger and larger and changed colour from bright white to orange-red. Although it is hard to judge height at night, I would say it was about a quarter of a mile above us. I reckon it was about 200 to 300 yards away and still travelling parallel to us. As we rounded a bend three miles from Port Victoria it continued straight on and appeared to be rising.’

“Mr. Wyatt said that when he got home he watched it through his father’s binoculars, but could not distinguish any shape. It disappeared and reappeared so he and Christopher called Constable D. Guerin, who watched it with them.

“Mr. Wyatt said it was circular in shape, but was not making any noise. It had been a clear night. Constable Guerin said that when he saw the light it would have been about four miles away.”

Credit: J.K. Victorian UFO Research Society.

Another Auto “Buzzed”

Again in the *Sun* (Melbourne) of December 13, 1968, we read that—

“A mysterious top-shaped object which has ‘buzzed’ two motorists near the cray-fishing town of Grey, about 20 miles from Millicent, has been seen as far away as Mount Gambier.

“The object, accompanied by a dazzling white light, terrified Mrs. J. Harvey, of Grey, about a month ago while she was returning home.

“It kept pace with her for five miles, travelling in front of her car.

“On Sunday night, Bill Chambers, 18, of Grey, was also driving home from Millicent when he saw the object.

“He said it stopped about 100ft. above the road and some distance in front of his car.

“‘When I reached it the thing hovered above the vehicle and no matter what speed I maintained it kept following me,’ he said.

“‘When I was about a mile from home it sped off into the distance almost faster than the eye could follow.’”

Credit: J.K. (VUFORS).

Contact claim under investigation

According to the *Sunday Mail* of January 25, 1969, Dr. M. Lindtner of UFO Investigation Centre, Sydney, is investigating a claim by a citizen of Sydney that while on a hunting trip near Goulburn (southern N.S.W.) on December 28, 1968, he spoke to a being from Saturn. The report continues—

“The UFOIC will not release the name of the man, a 45-year-old carpenter, until they have fully investigated the circumstances of the supposed sighting.

“Dr. Lindtner said: ‘This man had a similar experience 10 years ago in exactly the same spot, while fox hunting.

“‘He says he shot at and hit something, which let out a terrific noise.

“‘Then there was a flash, and something—we don’t know what—burnt through the arm of his coat and left a small mark on his arm.

“‘The mark took a year to heal, but before it healed it grew in size and now measures 3in. by 2½in.

“‘It is exactly the same shape as the planet Saturn—a globe with a ring around it.

“‘The man still has the coat with the burn mark in it.

“‘Just after last Christmas, the man went back to try to find out more.

“‘He was there for four days, on the first day, he saw nothing, but on the second day the man saw the craft, of about 40ft. in diameter and 10ft. high.

“‘He approached the craft and a being walked around from the other side of it.

“‘The being had human characteristics, was about 5ft. 6in. tall, and had long hair and youngish features and wore silver-coloured shoes.

“‘He spoke to the being for about three minutes: it spoke English, but it seemed in a hurry to get away.

“‘The man asked the being where it came from and it said ‘Saturn.’”

“‘The saucer rose about 15ft. off the ground and hovered, then it moved away and disappeared over a hill.’”

Credit: Colin Norris of Adelaide.

BRAZIL

The fishermen’s yarn

O Estado de São Paulo of October 31, 1968, carried the following story—

“Councillor Arlindo Massi and electrician Olímpio Secco, both resident in Rio Preto [São Jose do Rio Preto, 463 kilometres N.W. of S. Paulo] saw a luminous object whilst fishing in the River Turvo some 27