

certain this episode took place but it was censored by NASA.'

"Another Soviet space expert, Dr. Sergei Bozhich said: 'It is my opinion that beings from another civilisation picked up radio signals from earth and then spied on the Apollo landing to learn the extent of our know-how. Then they took off without making contact.'"

Credit: Gordon Creighton

Chile

Pilot relates sighting of UFO

This report is taken from the Chilean newspaper *La Tercera*. We are indebted to Mike Da Silva of Caracas, Venezuela, for sending the news item, and a translation thereof. Mr. Da Silva writes: "The clipping was sent to me by a friend in Santiago. Unfortunately she cut the article from the paper without realizing there was no date on it. However it must have been published sometime in June 1979." Here is the text of the report,—

"Chilean Air Force Squadron Leader Capt. Danilo Catalan Farias, Flight Instructor of area F.5.E at the Cerro Moreno Base at Antofagasta, who affirmed having seen a gigantic UFO, has now added further details about the sighting he had while on a flying mission.

"Capt. Catalan has been flying combat aircraft for 11 years, and has a brilliant service record. He says:

"We were about to conduct a flying class, and took off normally round about 12.00 noon near the coast of Antofagasta in a south-westerly direction, and going through all the routine procedures, when ground

control called to warn that a UFO had appeared on their radar. In this area there is traffic whose "fly-over" permission usually arrives later, so we are quite used to referring to these as "UFOs" or "unidentified aircraft." When we received the communication, my companion in another plane was ordered to separate from us and head north. We calculated the object was doing a good speed, about 0.92 mach, which is near the speed of sound. As my companion to the north could not overtake the object, I, who was a bit more to the south, was ordered to pursue. I accelerated to 1.3 (above the speed of sound) at a height of 37,000 feet, then on the radar I had it at 20 miles distance, and its blip was a bit bigger than a normal plane's. I continued accelerating and at some 10 miles to the south I made visual contact, but suddenly there it was — only 2 miles away. I looked and saw a cloudy form.

"A pilot, at two miles distance is accustomed to identify a plane perfectly, even at 10 miles weather conditions permitting. I began relaying to ground control what I was seeing. I was very excited as this was an unexpected experience. I was unable to define what type of apparatus this was. I tried positioning myself parallel to it and so was able to make out some kind of black triangle with two small tails. When I came to within a mile and a half of it (which was quite near) the UFO veered off and accelerated violently.

"This manoeuvre was observed on radar by ground control. I calculated that it deviated at a speed more than 3 times that of sound. At this moment I thought this must be something unreal. I used to be a disbeliever — not now."

Credit to: Sta. Maria Elena Peroni of Santiago, Chile.

Malaysia Mysterious Prowler

From the *Bangkok Post* of August 21, 1979, we learn, in a report from Kuala Lumpur that — "ABOUT 300 students of the government-run 'Mara' Vocational Institute at Lumut, about 200 miles from here, are on an enforced holiday, because of strange happenings at the institute.

"The students were to leave for the 'Hari Raya' (Ramadan) holidays next week, but were asked to go last Friday, because of baffling occurrences during the past week.

"Some students and workers at the institute claimed that a 'hairy gorilla-like figure' had been disturbing them at the hostel.

"About three to four such cases each night between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. have been reported. Some of the victims said they were ordered to leave the place or they would continue to be harassed.

"Some students reported that the 10 ft figure pinched them while others complained that they were also choked. The girl students were not spared either.

"When the happenings became a regular feature, the authorities requested the Government's permission to send the students home earlier.

"Sources at the institute said a 'bomoh' (indigenous medicine man) was called Sunday to 'chase' the strange figure away. He is expected to perform another ritual just before the institute reopens."

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