

# ALLEGED KIDNAPPINGS, AND OTHER MATTERS

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## Catanduva

Catanduva, a small inland Brazilian town lying to the north-west of Sao Paulo, has figured in more than one extraordinary recent report. The following account is condensed from the newspaper *O Estado de São Paulo* of May 18, 1973.

At half-past-four in the early hours of Monday, May 14, 1973, Sr. Inocência Correa, manager of the Cecat factory, which manufactures concrete posts and blocks, went out as usual, with his wife Dona Dolores and their daughter Maria-Cristina, to the cowshed to milk the cows. Their *fazenda*, the "Tres Marias," lies beside the Washington Luís Highway, a few kilometres from Catanduva. The Cecat plant is near by.

The daughter was the first to catch sight of a strange object about 300 metres from them, on the other side of the road. Our press-clipping describes this object as "different from the so-called 'flying saucers.'" The upper portion of the thing resembled an open parachute, while the under-part is described as being like the body of an airplane, but without wings. Its size was about the size of a passenger car. The colour was dark, and it showed no lights, but it made a noise that sounded like a ventilator.

The girl shouted to her parents that a low-flying craft was approaching. They could not believe this, for at that hour of the early morning there are never any aircraft in that vicinity, and certainly none likely to be landing there. However, as the girl insisted, the mother came out to take a look. Then, terrified, both women ran and hid in a heap of hay. The father then came out of the cowshed, and he was the only one who secured a close view of the machine. It was no more than 30 metres from him, over an open piece of ground which is used as a football-pitch. It remained there, at a height of some 50 metres for at least five minutes, and possibly a little longer. As it hovered there it seemed to be making a rocking motion.

Sr. Corrêa, who once worked for three years as an employee of the local Catanduva Aero-Club and is familiar with aircraft, told press reporters that the object could not possibly have been a helicopter, balloon, or light aircraft.

He watched it vanish, finally, at high speed towards the west.

## On the Belém-Brasília highway

Our next report is taken from *O Dia* (Rio de Janeiro) of July, 1974. The news item was headlined A BAD LANDING and HIT ON THE ROAD BY A FLYING SAUCER.

The doctors on duty at the municipal casualty post in Belém thought at first that the body injuries presented by the farm labourer José Nobre Uchôa were simply the result of just another traffic accident. But when he began to describe how the wounds were caused "by the lack of skill of the pilots of a flying saucer who perpetrated a flight error," the doctors didn't know what to say about it!

The farm-worker had been found lying beside the road, unconscious, and with various injuries. As his condition was serious, he was taken in to Belém. So far as the doctors there were concerned, the "nasty tumble" taken by José was indeed due to a blow — but to a blow from a car, which gave him a powerful bang on the head and affected his brain.

But José Uchôa continues to insist upon the truthfulness of his fantastic story and bemoans the lack of skill of the strange beings which stopped him from paying a visit aboard a flying saucer.

José, who lives near Kilometre 48 on the Belém-Brasília Highway, says that he was in his house one night "...when two strangely dressed men appeared, wearing a reddish, luminous garb. They asked me if I was interested in seeing a flying saucer. I didn't know at first what to do, but in the end I accepted.

"The men asked me to walk along the highway next day at a certain time."

As arranged, José began walking along the Belém-Brasília Highway on the day and at the time fixed, but was run over.

Says he: "It can only have been an error in calculation when those queer men tried to land on the road.

"Just at that moment, as I was going along, I saw a light right ahead of me and then came that violent bang on my body which threw me on to the side of the road. Then they went off, fearing that something had happened. And me — I went to complain to the Police."

## Underwater Bases?

According to a report published in *O Dia* of Rio de Janeiro on July 12, 1974, a flying saucer was seen to drop into the sea off the coast of southern Brazil on June 18, 1974. The report, from the Florianópolis representative of the paper, is as follows:

"A strange metallic object flew around over the sea off the State of Santa Catarina. It was at a distance of some thousand metres or so from the shore at Navegantes, a place 100 km. distant from Florianópolis. After hovering for some six minutes above the sea, it veered at a 90° angle towards the beach and then dropped into the water.

"The fisherman Avelino Severiano Generosa, aged 46, at once put out in his motor-launch to the area, but found only foam on the sea where the object had disappeared. In addition to him, there were twenty other people on the beach who also saw the object, but all the others took fright and he was the only one who had the courage to go and see what was happening.

"The occurrence took place on the afternoon of June 18, and is still the subject of much discussion in the small municipality of Navegantes. Celso Lemkuni, a diver, tried to make a dive last week with a view to locating the object, but had no success owing to the strong winds lashing the coast.

"Giving details, the fisherman Avelino said that it was at 3.30 p.m. on a sunny afternoon. He and his parents, his wife, and his nine children were all on the beach when they suddenly saw the silent, brightly shining object flying very low along the shore. Then, after remaining stationary for six minutes, it dropped into the sea.

#### Alleged Kidnapping by UFOs in same area

From papers published in the adjacent State of Paraná come two press-reports about disturbing events.

According to the Curitiba newspapers *Diário Popular* and *Diário de Tarde* of September 3, 1974, another fisherman of the town of Navegantes has gone to the Police with an alarming story. He is Antônio de Azevedo, and he says that, on the night of Saturday, August 31, 1974, he and his wife Francisca Guimarães de Azevedo were strolling along the beach near the fishing port, when they saw a disc-shaped object in the sky, giving off lights of various colours. At first they thought it might be an ordinary aircraft, as the Santa Catarina International Airport is close by, right at Navegantes. But this was not a time of the day when any flights normally took place, and moreover the object in the sky emitted no sound whatever. Indeed when they first caught sight of it they had simply thought it was a shooting star.

However, all doubt about the matter was rapidly dispelled, for the strange craft landed close beside them, and they were now able to see that in shape it resembled two plates with the rims stuck together.

The vivid lights given off by the object temporarily "paralyzed" him and his wife. Then they saw emerging from the disc three strange short beings wearing weird greenish spacesuits. He was unable to see their faces, which seemed to reflect the green colour of their clothes. Despite the sensation of being totally immobilised, the fisherman said that he was in complete possession of all his faculties, and  
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