

ARGENTINA

UFO with vari-coloured lights

From *El Heraldo*, Concordia, of November 23, 1965 : "A boy, Jorge Bravard, a fourth grade student at State School No. 210 in Colonia Adela (Province of Entre Ríos), stated that on Sunday, November 21 at 8.30 p.m. he saw a round object of some 4 metres diameter, brilliant with yellow light and having small windows from which shone lights of different colours. The object appeared over a shed close to his house and afterwards disappeared in the sky. The phenomenon was also observed by the boy's grandmother and aunts who live in the city of Concordia, but who were visiting the boy's home. The aunts maintained that the object did not stop over the shed, but gave this impression by reason for the low altitude at which it was moving.

Again, from *El Sol*, Concordia, of November 25, 1965, we learn how :

"Miguel and Marcos Roisman, 14 and 13 years of age, living at 825 Laprida Street, observed on Tuesday, November 23, at exactly 5 minutes past ten in the evening, the presence of a strange object in the sky. Miguel was the first to see it and then Marcos. Afterwards, several neighbours living in Urdirarrain Street between Laprida and Brown Streets stated that it was a round object that appeared to be some 4 metres in diameter, and that it gave off lights of all colours. It appeared to remain motionless in the sky, and after about 15 minutes, disappeared." (Credit : C. A. Schang, Buenos Aires.)

On the Salta-Trancas road

The Buenos Aires newspaper *La Razón*, of December 1, 1965, carried the following account : "Two businessmen, Francisco Jaldo, 39 years of age, and Raúl F. Romano, living in Tafi Viejo, Province of Tucumán, stated that as they were coming from Salta they observed close to the locality of Campo Mogotes a brilliant light which they calculated to be at a distance of 3 to 4 Kms. and at a height of 500 metres. They explained that it was a strange object of elliptical form that gave off red lights and had a black circle. Immediately beneath the object was another object that resembled a 'plate', on the uppermost part of which was something very much like the top of a hat. They further stated that both objects, without being separated one from the other, went in a south-west-erly direction at a moderate speed.

Since a thunder-storm was in progress that night each time the lightning flashed they saw the flying objects with perfect visibility and when the objects were covered by the clouds, the clouds were illuminated completely. They observed the objects for some minutes after which they disappeared behind the mountains. It should be noted that before this occurrence both these persons were sceptical in all matters concerning this question. On arriving at the locality of Trancas, some lorry drivers corroborated having seen a brilliant light behind the mountains as if it were the lights of an important city."

(Credit : C. A. Schang.)

UFO follows postmaster

The *Río Negro* of the Province of Río Negro, tells how : "Sr. Juan Ramirez, postmaster of Sañicó, in a letter sent to this newspaper stated that on December 12 at about 11 p.m., while travelling from Piedra del Aguila to Sañicó, he was followed for some 20 minutes by a UFO that on two occasions went ahead of him and returned. The object gave off a strong light, which frequently changed colour, and on occasions shone downwards. He stated that the experience was very unnerving."

(Credit C. A. Schang.)

Power House spectacular

The following incident was recorded in *El Tiempo de Cuyo* of Mendoza on December 28, 1965 : "Balfour Benjamín Chehan, employed for the past 15 years in the power house of Cacheuta, Province of Mendoza, stated to this newspaper that on December 19 at 5.25 a.m. while he was in the loading department of the power house, he observed with stupefaction an intensely red object that gave off an orange blue reflection. This object was stationary in the sky in front of a mountain peak. He calculated that

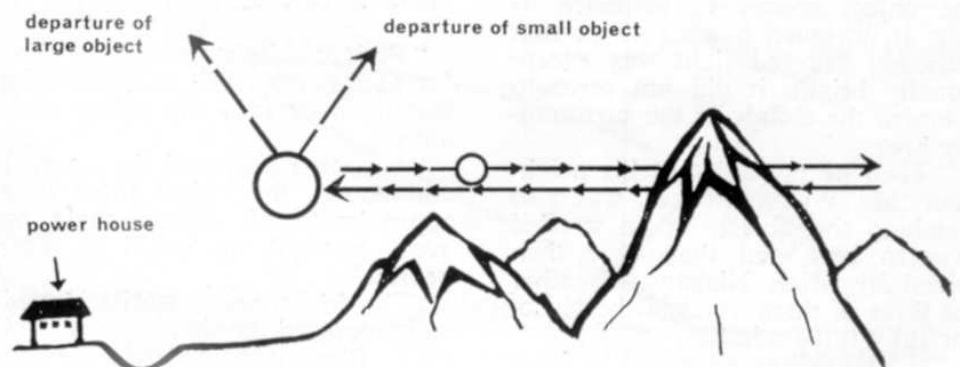
it was at some 1,800 metres distance, and that it could have a diameter of some 15 metres. From the round object there emerged another similar object that slowly moved in a straight line until it was behind a mountain peak situated a great distance away, being lost to sight for a time. After some minutes it returned to the larger round object which it entered. Recovering from his surprise Sr. Chehan telephoned to the chief of the power house, Sr. Antonio Vera, and together they were able to see the following : the small object again parted from the larger object and moved away straight upwards until it was lost in the sky. The larger object meanwhile moved off towards the East, its size becoming smaller and smaller until it was lost to sight. The phenomenon had lasted some 12 to 13 minutes, and the movements of the small object some 8 minutes. It should be noted that by reason of his work Sr. Chehan has to look upwards towards the sky to control the flow of water into the power house from above : in the years in which he has worked for the power house he has many times observed space phenomena but never before has he been present at a spectacle such as this."

(Credit : C. A. Schang.)

Mushroom shapes

From *Los Principios* of Córdoba (reprinted in *La Razón* of February 9, 1966) we learn that :

"On Sunday, February 6 at about 2.30 p.m. Sr. Segundo Gutierrez, 60 years of age, hairdresser, resident of Obispo Trejo, and four members of his family, were surprised by what appeared to be loud thunder. Looking upwards they saw two brightly shining objects in the forms of mushrooms approaching from the west. Alternating their positions at the same time as they appeared to contract and expand their size, they moved very rapidly towards the north west, leaving a shining trail." (Credit C. A. Schang.)



Travellers follow UFO

From *La Razón* of April 28, 1966, we learn how—"Sr. Alberico Asayag who, with his wife and Sr. Mario Montenegro was travelling by car from Buenos Aires to Resistencia, saw an intensely luminous object shortly after passing a place named Basail. At an estimated distance of 500 metres it appeared to be the size of the full moon. The UFO appeared in an intermittent form and the observers followed it for almost 60 kms. until they lost sight of it shortly before they arrived at Resistencia."

(Credit to Mr. C. A. Schang, to whom we are indebted not only for this and the foregoing news items, but also the welcome translations.)

SOUTH AFRICA

Fireball or UFO?

From *Sondagstem* (Johannesburg) of June 5, we learn how:

"A mysterious red fireball has made its appearance above Wellington (Cape) during the past week, and everybody is asking if this was perhaps a flying saucer. The mysterious object first appeared on Tuesday and was watched by at least four persons. A similar object was observed on Thursday evening by a farmer in the district as it appeared above his farmstead.

"Mr. Hennie Germishuys of Bain Street told me that as he passed through the front door of his house at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening, a bright red object, hanging motionless above his house, immediately drew his attention. At first he thought it was the red light of an aircraft flicking on and off, but when he noticed that the object was hovering, he realised that it could not have been a conventional craft. There was no sound at all.

"The object was about the size of a soccer ball with a bright red centre, but at regular intervals this red section seemed to grow in intensity and the sudden flashes of red made the object appear to be twice its size. It intrigued him to notice that although the red light was exceptionally bright, it did not seem to illumine the clouds or the surrounding area.

"Then he noticed that his neighbour, Mr. Willem Beukes, was also watching the object, so he strolled over to him, and they were then joined by Miss Niehaus. Together the three of them watched the object for fully three minutes.

"A cloud then appeared in front

of the object obscuring it completely, but when it had passed, there was no sign of the 'flying saucer'.

"It wasn't only three people who had witnessed this phenomenon. Mrs. Louw, matron of a hostel, had also seen this strange fireball and had watched it until it disappeared.

"On Thursday night the object was again seen in this district. A well-known farmer, who wishes to remain anonymous, has told me that late the same night he also had noticed a bright red light hovering above his farmstead. He watched it for some considerable time until it suddenly diminished in size and vanished altogether. The impression was that it shot straight up into the sky at fantastic speed."

(Credit: Phillipp Human (who also translated from the Afrikaans).)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Motorist 'buzzed'

An unusual UFO encounter was reported in the *Boston Traveller* of June 13, 1966:

"State Police and Air Force intelligence officers joined today in probing the weird story of a New Bedford motorist who claimed his auto was 'buzzed' at treetop level by a UFO. Officials to whom Ronald Petit, 24, of 50 Westview St., told his unusual tale described him as rational and intelligent.

"The episode occurred at 3.45 a.m. on Saturday when Petit was driving south on Route 88, between Hix Bridge Rd. and Drift Rd., in suburban Westport.

"Related Petit: 'An object whose illumination seemed to vary between an amber-green and a bluish yellow, came up from behind and I gradually became aware of it hovering over my auto. Then it moved ahead and I could see it quite clearly. I slowed my car and the object appeared to stop. I drove to within perhaps 100 feet, stopped, got out and took a close look, remaining careful to leave my car door open.

"Petit said he stared at the 'thing' for at least two full minutes before leaping back into the safety of his auto.

"'When I slammed the door,' he continued, 'the object tilted to an approximate 45 degree angle and went straight up until it disappeared.'

"The frightened motorist immediately reported the sighting to Patrolman Elmer Brevik of Westport

Police who in turn notified State Police.

(Credit: Clement W. Crowell, Yarmouth Co., Nova Scotia).

Apollo Project man sees UFO

The Christian Science Monitor of July 11 published the following story reported from Albuquerque, New Mexico:

"A recent sighting of a weird unidentified flying object in the Southwest was reported by a flight engineer associated with the Apollo Space Project, no less.

"Julian Sandoval of Inglewood, California, said while visiting here that he spotted the UFO from the northwestern part of town about 3.45 p.m. Thursday, June 23, and maintained a watch on the object for about an hour and a half. Part of this time he received the glowing object through a pair of binoculars, and he said later 'It's like nothing we (the United States) have.'

"Mr. Sandoval said the UFO appeared suspended about 12,000 feet above Placitas—a small community about 18 miles north of here—that its main body had a blunt end and was 'incandescent' like a regular light bulb.

"He said that at its tail end there was a series of four lights which varied a brilliant greenish colour to a tinge of blue.

"When it would change position it would glow brighter,' Mr. Sandoval said, 'Its movement led me to believe it used a type of propulsion.'

"Mr. Sandoval said he first saw the object while driving east *en route* to Bernalillo, where his mother, Mrs. Josefita Sandoval, lives. His daughter, Juliana, was with him at the time.

"The UFO finally disappeared in a north-easterly direction, he said, after making a vertical climb and increasing its speed to a high velocity. This acceleration in speed lasted about 12 seconds before it was out of sight.

"Mr. Sandoval is a pilot and navigator who has logged 7,000 hours of flying time. He is employed by North American Aviation and is in charge of electrical power and environmental control with the Apollo Project. He now is taking a course in higher mathematics at West Coast University and has attended the University of New Mexico and Air Force navigation training schools.

"He estimated the size of the UFO as about 300 feet 'from stem to stern.'"

(Credit: Jeanne Farrar, Leicester.)

ARGENTINE ASTRONOMER OBSERVES UFO 'BUZZING' ECHO II

Our correspondent is the representative of *Flying Saucer Review* in Argentina.

by *Oscar A. Galindez*

THE distinguished Argentine astronomer and scientist, the Jesuit priest Father Segundo Benito Reyna, who is director of the Adhara Observatory at San Miguel, Province of Buenos Aires, has control of a powerful telescope, and has written to me privately to say that on numerous occasions he has observed flying saucers from his Observatory.

The most remarkable case seems to be the following one, which took place on the evening of November 14, 1964.

At the time in question, Father Reyna and several assistants were working with the telescope.

At 8.37 p.m. the satellite Echo II appeared in the north, on almost precisely the same meridian as the Observatory.

At 8.45 p.m. there appeared, coming from the west, near Pegasus, a UFO on a plane perpendicular to the plane of the satellite. When the UFO was close to Echo II, and unquestionably at the same altitude, the UFO made a 180 degree turn and proceeded off towards the east, disappearing below the horizon very near to Orion which was just coming up. (See sketch).

At 8.52 p.m., a second UFO, or perhaps the

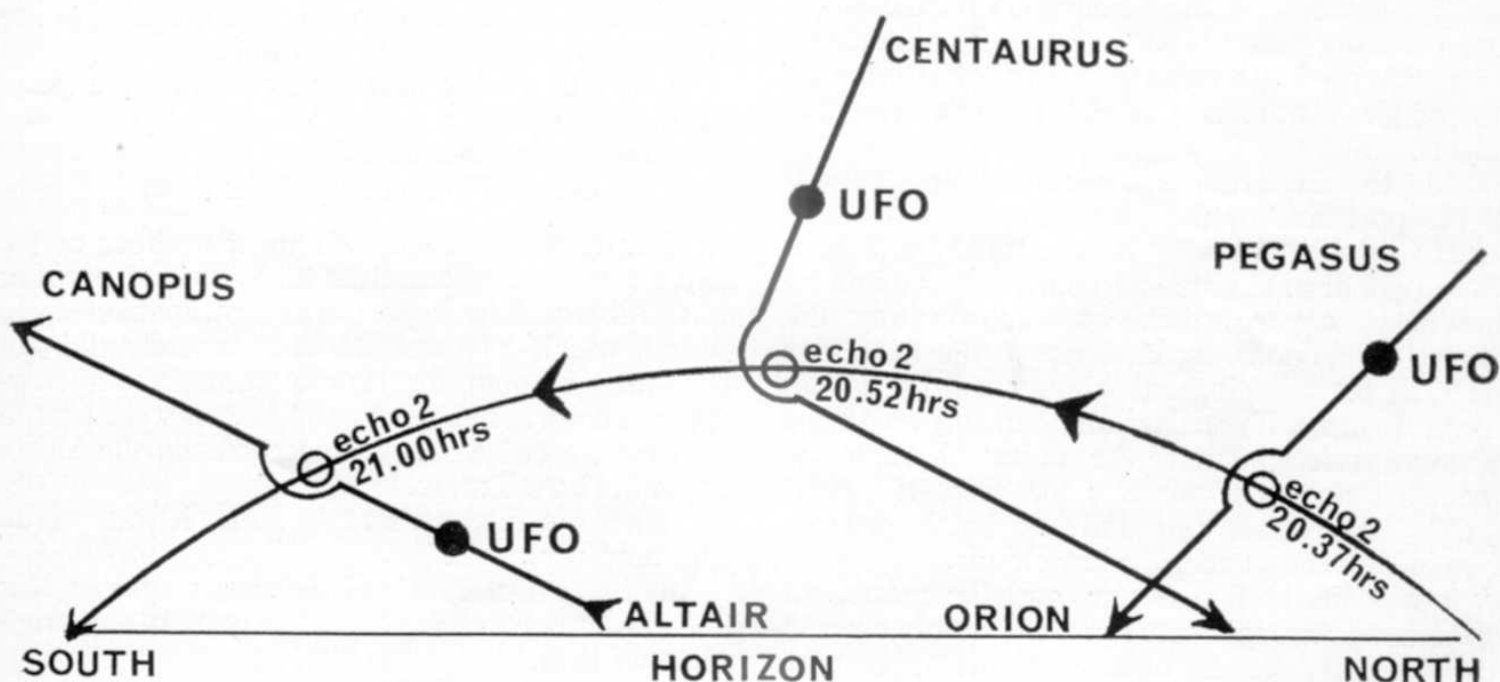
same one, emerged from the neighbourhood of Centaurus, shot round Echo II, and then vanished in the neighbourhood of Andromeda.

At 9.00 p.m., when Echo II was near the south, the UFO appeared from the east, near the star Altair, and appeared to have the form of a cigar. Then it became circular, shot round Echo II stopped momentarily when moving towards Canopus, and then moved down towards the horizon almost together with Echo II.

In order to watch all this, the telescope and the dome had to be moved very quickly, but fortunately this was easy, as there were people outside watching to warn the astronomer each time the UFO made its appearance.

At certain moments, the UFO filled the field of vision of the telescope, appearing larger than a full Moon. When it was down near the horizon, it could be seen perfectly. According to Father Reyna there was a central cupola, greenish, like a mercury lamp; a pale yellow nucleus, and blue edges. By all accounts it was a marvellous spectacle.

This is possibly the only time that a UFO has been followed through a telescope and with such a degree of magnification.



'CIGAR' PASSES A FEW HUNDRED FEET

ABOVE NORWEGIAN SHIP

ONE of the most interesting sightings of 1965 occurred at the island of Santa Maria in the Azores on July 9th when a cigar shaped object flew over at 20,000 ft. and stopped all the electric clocks at the airport for a period of 45 minutes. (See FLYING SAUCER REVIEW September/October 1965, page 24. Also *Daily Express* of July 12 and *Fate Magazine* of February 1966).

Gordon Creighton has translated from the Norwegian newspaper *Moss Dagblad* of December 27, 1965, the following remarkable account of another sighting which took place not many miles S.W. of the Azores three days before and may indeed relate to the self-same UFO.

Chief Mate Torgrim Lien of the *T.T. Jawesta*, owned by the Jahr Shipping Company, had a curious experience while his ship was *en route* last summer from Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela, to the Canary Islands. Lien saw a so-called 'flying saucer' only 200.4 metres above the ship. The incident took place in the North Atlantic on July 6, and a report on it was sent to various authorities, including the Geophysical Institute in Bergen. This report has never been published in any newspaper until now . . . The report is considered to be a very good one.

THE REPORT (from Ship's Log)

T.T. Jawesta. North Atlantic. July 8, 1965. Report Regarding Unidentified Flying Object. On Tuesday July 6 1965, while *en route* from Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela, to Santa Cruz de Tenerife in the Canary Islands, at 2152 hours GMT, the ship's position being 24°40' N 31° 15' W, with wind from N.E., strength 5. Low cloud ceiling travelling with the wind. Barometer 1023. Temperature 23° Celsius.

"At 2152 GMT (1852 ship's time), the look-out on the port side of the bridge reported a bright object in the sky moving in a northerly direction. When I got around to the port side I saw an intense blue fiery tongue which was approaching the ship at tremendous speed. I ran to the telephone and rang the captain and without waiting for an answer I seized binoculars and ran out on to the starboard side and saw the object through the binoculars as it passed over the ship. It passed straight abaft of the ship and at a height of from 200 to 400 metres, under the low clouds.

"It was bright like a star, and the moonlight was shining through between the low clouds and I could clearly see the outlines of the upper part

of it. Its shape was that of a cigar, and I could clearly see a row of square windows and the faint golden-orange coloured light from inside it. There was no sign of wings or rudder. The object had a bluish tongue of fire behind it, which was most concentrated near the tail, fanning out a little further back.

"A little farther back still, behind the body, I could see a tremendous number of globes, and from every globe there was streaming out a blue beam, away from the body.

"The length of the fiery tongue would, I should think, have been about 100 metres. The object seemed to be far bigger than any aircraft known up to the present day.

"Its speed was tremendous and it was visible for about 30 to 40 seconds. It was moving at the time in N-S direction, its approximate course being 180°.

"Despite its enormous speed and the closeness of its passage, we could not hear the least sound from it.

"The look-out on the port side seaman Hernandez Ambrosio, maintained that it seemed as though the object had come up out of the sea, and that it was travelling northwards and then suddenly changed course towards us.

"The helmsman, ordinary seaman Narciso Guillén, saw the object just after it had passed over the ship. And on the poop, fitter Juan Hernandez and mess-hand Ignacio Suarez also saw it. Their accounts tally with mine.

"I can say with complete certainty that it was no question of an aircraft of conventional type, or rocket, or meteor, or ball lightning.

"I shall be glad to hear the opinion of an expert on this phenomenon.

(Signed Torgrim Lien.

Chief Mate, on duty at the time.

"The report is confirmed by a number of the ship's crew who themselves also saw the peculiar flying object. The report was accompanied by a sketch, which however we unfortunately did not find clear enough for reproduction in our newspaper. The original report and sketch were sent to the Geophysical Institute at Bergen by the Ship's Captain, H. A. Trovik.

"What the Institute's reply about it was, we do not know at present."

Credits to Dr. P. M. H. Edwards and to Nils J. Jacobsen who each supplied a copy of the original news item.