

BRAZIL ONCE MORE

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WE are indebted to Dr. W. Buhler for the very prompt despatch of some press-clippings on the latest UFO visitation in Brazil. Coinciding as this does with the current "flap" in South Africa, it may well be that a general "flap" is also building up in South America. It looks very much like 1965 again, and one is inevitably reminded of previous speculations regarding the role of Antarctica in the whole UFO Phenomenon, when one sees these southerly extremities of two of our continents again involved. (But what about Australasia? It will be interesting if increased sightings are reported from there also.)

Meanwhile, the Brazilian press-reports to hand are as follows (full translation in most cases, with paraphrases here and there):

From *O Dia* (Rio de Janeiro) of Saturday, July 29, 1972. Under the headline SQUADRONS OF SAUCERS AGAIN SEEN OVER VARIOUS TOWNS there appeared the following account from "Niterói (Sucursal): A public prosecutor, a former city-prefect, a lawyer, and hundreds of other persons of solid repute watched yesterday at Ururari, ten km. from Campos, the movements of flying saucers which appeared to be obeying the instructions of a 'mother-ship,' just as, on the previous day, more than 5,000 people had observed the mystery objects.

"On Wednesday (July 26) the saucers appeared over Campos and also over Vitória and over Campo Grande (State of Mato Grosso).

"Yesterday, besides visiting Campos again, the saucers were at Itaperuna,¹ flying about in the sky over that town for several minutes. Round in shape, and looking like automobile-tyres, they left behind them fiery trails and were all following a larger craft."



THEY ARE BACK

"The phenomenon has now become banal, but this time there was a difference, for it was not single saucers that were being seen at a time, but numbers of them. As we reported yesterday, around 5,000 people were watching a football match in the Godofredo Cruz Stadium at Campos, between the *América* and the *Sapucaia* teams, for the local championship, when they

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Great Glen, from Tarbet Ness down to Loch Linnhe, is a volcanic fault of immense age. Surviving pockets of Old Red sandstone and the opinions of geologists who have studied the formations support this view.³ Moreover, earth-tremors continue to be felt in the region.⁴

"The sonar equipment used by the Birmingham engineers has been tested by the Fisheries Laboratory at Lowestoft where it seems to have been discovered to be prone to ambiguities," said *Nature*. The fact is that Professor Tucker's sonar never left Birmingham and was nowhere near Lowestoft. If the Tucker sonar suffered from ambiguities then Robert Love's Honeywell sonar and Dr. Rine's Klein side-scan sonar (both shipped from the U.S.A.) suffered from similar but even more dramatic ambiguities.

We see therefore that the falsification process is not due merely to the over-caution of individual scientists,

but is a wholesale reaction from all points of the science spectrum. We now appreciate how it is possible for UFOs to flaunt themselves in British skies and for monsters to appear times without number with no official notice taken of these events. It is not that the events don't occur—they do occur. It is because they are the wrong sort of events—unorthodoxies.

This is the scientific crutch with which we are limping towards the 21st century.

References

- ¹ Letter dated May 12, 1972.
- ² Vol. 220, December 28, 1968.
- ³ See *Journal of the Geological Society of London*, Vol. C 11, 1946.
- ⁴ There was a tremor in March, 1971.

spotted eight saucers flying on an E-W course, emitting flashes of red and orange light.

"Everybody had been intent on the football game, when suddenly somebody called attention to the strange objects, which seemed to be carrying out a reconnaissance of the town. Among the many eye-witnesses present we received statements from the advocate, Benedito Rubens, president of the Rio Branco club, from a young woman named Neidnei Rangel, who fainted and had to be taken to the local hospital, from the businessman Carlos de Almeida, and from the journalist Wenes Barros.

"At Vitória (State of Espírito Santo) the mystery objects were seen during the night by various people, among them the Member of Parliament (Deputado) Gérson Camata, who was with some friends attending a party. His description of the saucers was as follows:

"They were coloured objects, flying fast and silently, with a long tail emitting a light of a shade that kept varying, now silvery, now green, and now yellow or red."

"The same phenomenon occurred over the town of Campo Grande, where 13 saucers were seen, 'floating' along in line, at about 10.00 p.m. They were at an estimated height of about 1,000 metres."

YESTERDAY'S SIGHTINGS

"Shaken already by their sightings of the saucers, the thousands of Campos residents saw them again yesterday when they appeared over Ururari, which is 10 km. from Campos. The objects remained there for about five minutes, flying round and round over the area. One of the eyewitnesses was a retired official of the Cupim Sugar Plant, Manuel Machado, who said:

"I was near my house, when I noticed a great brightness in the sky. And then I made out the flying saucers."

"Another witness, Argemiro de Sousa Leite, an employee of the same sugar factory and a player in the União football team, confirmed this, and added:

"It was just like the day before. It seems that they were the same lot of saucers."

"Both these witnesses had been on their way home when they saw the bright orange lights in the sky, and the saucers flying in line behind their mother-ship."

ITAPERUNA

"At Itaperuna too, practically the whole population saw the saucers fly over yesterday. Witnesses described them as shaped like tyres and emitting flashes of red and orange light. Among witnesses were: the public prosecutor José Moreira Bastos Filho; the tax-inspector Darvi Braga Campos; the advocate Francisco Moreira do Nascimento; the head of the municipal guard, José Reis; the ex-prefect, José Garcia, and many others."

OVER SALVADOR (STATE OF BAHÍA)

"Various people declare they have seen flying saucers here, over Vitória da Conquista and in the suburb of Liberdade, which is part of the city of Bahía. An agronomy student named Antônio Jorge Silva de Menezes states that he photographed a saucer last May, but that he had said nothing about it until now as he was 'afraid they might say I was mad.'

"At Vitória da Conquista, which is some 500 km. from Salvador, dozens of people ran out into the main square to watch the saucers.

"The student of agronomy referred to above, said (referring to his photograph taken last May) that he had been standing on the terrace of his house when he saw a strange object in the sky. It was shining, and he could hear no sound from it. 'I waited till it came nearer and then I took my first photo when it was about 500m. from me and at about 1,000m. from the ground. While I was winding on the film the saucer moved away at an incredible speed.'

"According to him, the saucer's speed, when he first saw it, was comparable to that of a jet aircraft. It was oval in shape and was flying in the contrary direction to most of the aircraft seen locally, which are bound for or are leaving the Dois de Julho Airport. He said he had sent the negative and the print to the Alfa-Iola Scientific Laboratory which is engaged in the study of flying saucers.

"Another eyewitness, Sr. Jaime Marinho, an inspector of the Taxation Department of the Prefecture of Salvador, states that on Monday last (July 24), between the hours of 5.00 and 7.00 p.m., he and two friends made contact with extraterrestrial beings from Mars or Venus. The contact occurred on the local beach." [Our italics—EDITOR.]

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From *O Dia*, Sunday-Monday, July 30/31, 1972.

TOWN IN TRAUMA OVER FLYING SAUCERS

"Our team of reporters have been to Campos to gather further details on the phenomenon of last Thursday (July 27) when thousands of people at a football match in that town saw eight objects of exceptional and varying brightness accompanying a larger object, as though forming a squadron of 'flying saucers.'

"Many eyewitnesses were interviewed, of whom one or two held the opinion that what had been seen were simply meteors. The period in which the objects were over Campos lasted about two minutes, and the public was left in a state of general apprehension.

"Said one businessman, Edson Santos Azevedo: 'At first I thought they were balloons, but observing them more closely, I preferred to believe that they were something outside of what is normal.'

"Numerous motorists and taxi-drivers saw them. One chauffeur, Odimar de Moraes, counted nine of the craft, which flew out to sea and were lost to sight in dark clouds then covering the sky. Ten other drivers were also witnesses.

"Various local experts attributed everything to meteors.²

"Police motorcycle patrolman Miguel de Almeida was driving on the Campos-Vitória road, and stopped to watch the mystery objects, which he said emitted light of different colours.

"Of all those whom we questioned, only the local priest, Padre Henrique Fisher, said he had not observed the objects and did not believe in them, attributing the whole thing to mass suggestion. However Dona Rosinha, proprietress of a local night club, likened them to 'headlights running through the sky.'

“Three girl students, Márcia Silva Muniz, Lúcia da Silveira, and Ana Cristina, gave statements confirming in all respects the general picture given by others. They said: ‘There were eight or nine of the things, apparently following in the tracks of another bigger one. They gave off a weird light and left behind them a streak of light like a rainbow as they headed out towards the sea.’

“Sra. Ana Augusto Rodrigues, wife of Captain Paulo Rodrigues, manager of the Barcelos Sugar Plant, said they were ‘a gathering of flying saucers.’ Sr. Helgo Santa Fê, professor of physical education in the Campos High School, thought they were meteors.

“We found that great apprehension still prevails among the people of Campos.”

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From *O Dia*, Tuesday, August 1, 1972.

MAGÉ BLACKED OUT BY SAUCERS: EVEN BATTERY RADIOS SILENCED

“At 9.30 p.m. last night, Magé³ was suddenly blacked out, and even battery radios⁴ were silenced. Thousands of people ran out of their houses and found not only that the town was in total darkness but that a ‘squadron’ of flying saucers, emitting flashes of light of various colours, were just passing overhead at that moment. There was panic, obviously, and while the saucers were flying around over the area there was no light and everything else electrical stopped too. The electrical clocks marked the time: 9.30. It was a mighty shock for the populace, and they were expecting worse things to come. But when the saucers were gone, all was normal again, the light came on and the radios worked.

“It was a typical calm Monday evening in Magé, with many people out and about on the streets, and on the beaches.

“Suddenly—the blackout. Of power, radios, TV. *And even of battery-operated radios. No breakdown in the Central Generating Plant could cause that!*

“As thousands ran out on to the streets, powerful lights in the sky caught their eyes, and looking up, they saw a squadron of unidentified objects manoeuvring to and fro over the town. There was panic and talk of flying saucers. And fear of something much worse . . .

“About three minutes later the saucers left, with reddish or silvery trails behind them, and light came on again. The battery radios worked once more. All was relief, and calm once more. Except for one question: would they return?

“The technicians of the Central Electricity Plant of the Rio area could find no fault there, and no explanation.

“Everything was back to normal once the saucers had vanished over the ranges.

“‘They’—the saucers—had already been, in the last few days, over Campos, over Itaperuna, over Campo Grande, and over Mato Grosso State. Always in ‘squadrons.’ Eight saucers in all, always flying in a straight line and obeying the commands of a mothercraft.

“Over Parada Angélica, not far from Magé, many people also saw the saucers, but they were flying high, and there was no black-out there.

“Said one witness, Marcos Biank, student, residing in the suburb of Barbuda:

“My mother was in the kitchen and my father was listening to his battery-radio. I was watching the TV. Suddenly the whole house was blacked out. I ran out onto the street to see if it was general. There was no light anywhere in the street but my attention was drawn to a vivid brightness in the sky. Strange objects were flying rapidly overhead, leaving coloured trails which gradually died away. When they had vanished beyond the mountains, the light came on again and the battery-radio operated again without our having touched them.”

“Sirlei Pereira and Floripes Lucas, two lady witnesses, told your reporters of what they had seen. Said the former:

“I am still shaken up by it. It was a ball of fire followed by seven other smaller ones. It made my eyes hurt to look at them, and it left me unable to see anything. It was a marvellous sight in the sky, but it terrified me.”

“Said Márcio Natal Nogueira, another witness:

“Man, I saw it too. It was a tremendous great thing like a pumpkin, pulling other things.”

“Alfredo de Oliveira, taxi-driver, had his mother and his aunt as passengers, when they saw ‘a round thing, with very bright sidelights, flashing on and off all the time. We watched it all for about 15 seconds.’

“Edmilson Silva Costa, bank guard, said he had seen ‘it’ once before at Magé, ‘but on that occasion the lights didn’t go out.’

“Silva Costa, another witness, who was standing at a bus stop with her daughter, said:

“The strange objects were flying around in the sky and gave off a tremendous brightness.”

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From *O Dia*, Wednesday, August 9, 1972.

NEAR COLLISION BETWEEN LORRY AND FLYING SAUCER

“Niterói (Sucursal): Police official Átila Vizeu was on duty in the early morning hours when Geraldo Marcílio, aged 32, of São Gonçalo, rushed into the Police Station, pale and trembling, almost incapable of speech.

“The policeman, dozing, sat up with a jump. ‘What’s this my good man! Is this the way to enter a respectable government office?’

“Geraldo Marcílio took a deep breath, apologised, and explained. ‘It was a saucer, a saucer . . . I swear I saw it with my own eyes . . .’

“The vehemence of the man at last aroused the policeman’s interest, and he listened to his story. A fantastic story.

“He had been driving a heavy truck along the Amaral Peixoto Motorway, when he saw a yellow and blue light, flashing, as though signalling. At first he thought it must be another vehicle coming the other way and he flashed back.

“But when he had got quite close to it, he saw it was no ordinary vehicle, but a flying saucer, and if he had not braked in time he would have hit it. When he drew up, he was at about 100 metres, at the most, from the mystery object, which was still sending out luminous flashes as though trying to make contact.