

an account of how the town of Olavarria was again stirred by a fascinating sighting, as reported in *El Popular* of Mar del Plata:

"It was a little after 2 a.m., when a large part of the district close to the little stream Tapalque was lit up by a bright luminosity accompanied by an ever-increasing drone. A police corporal—whose name we withhold, and who at that moment was on his way to change guards—was amazed at this strange phenomenon. Hurriedly he returned to the police office with four other witnesses to report, and the police officer on duty authorised them to make an investigation.

"In a jeep, and armed with an automatic gun, they drove to the site where they had seen the light. To their great astonishment they saw a flat oval object a few metres above the ground, which emitted multi-coloured flashes as it moved about. Suddenly with intelligent movements and at an incredible speed it turned sideways and then landed beside some bushes behind the runway used by military planes in cases of emergency. The powerful light seemed to dim and the drone had become a mere hum. Beside the flying disc there stood three strange beings, over 2 metres high and clad in silvery uniforms.

"With slow, unsteady steps, the three strangers advanced towards the military garrison. Surprised and scared, the police officer tried to stop them by firing a volley of bullets at them. Fortunately he did not hit them. At this all three spacemen lifted their hands simultaneously, displaying a small luminous ball, at which all the witnesses were overcome by a strange lassitude and incapable of using their gun. Finally the three spacemen got back into their flying disc and, zig-zagging, flew away at a fast speed. Only then did the witnesses recover their senses and returned post haste to Olavarria to report on the happenings. Credit: **Miss E. Greinert**, who also supplied the translation.

ARGENTINA UFO over airport

This report is compiled from *La Razon* and *La Nacion* of July 25, 1968, by **Miss Edith Greinert**:

At the airport of San Carlos de Bariloche, near Bahia Blanca, there occurred an event witnessed by pilots, ground staff of various air companies, passengers of three aeroplanes, police, as well as many other people.

On Monday, July 22, at 2 p.m., an "excessively long" plane appeared over the airport and began flying around its perimeter at only 70 metres from the ground, as if looking for a place to land. On the runways at that moment

there was an AVRO of the Aerolineas Argentinas, a BAC-One Eleven of Austral, and a DC3 of the Air Force. The Control Tower had not received an announcement of the arrival or departure of any other plane, yet there was that unusually long object flying at low altitude over the runway and watched by all those present at the airport. According to the statement made by one of the officials of the airport—whose name we withhold, as he belongs to a government department—the plane or object failed to answer the radio signals authorising its landing. They then used the light-pistol, which is used for planes that have no radio transmitter, and flashed the green light permitting the landing. The object was like a very long aircraft with delta wings. Watched through binoculars, it was seen to make circuits over the runways and on arriving at the extreme end of runway 28, it rolled over quite unexpectedly on its axis in a 360° turn, using very little space to complete the manoeuvre, and then shot away towards the south-east.

The informant is an expert in all these questions and as a radio operator he is accustomed to observations, communications and identification of objects in flight. He said it was like a very long Canberra Jet with Delta wings, and bigger than a Constellation. It resembled a U-2, which the USA use for observation flights and of which there are several in this country. Yet it was neither a Canberra nor a U-2. No windows could be seen; at least none of a known kind. On one side four squares were painted in black: three small ones and a big one. Some witnesses pretended that the lower part was painted red, but this was not confirmed by the informant.

Mr. Sigfriedo Cortonodo, employed at the airport, confirmed the preceding details and added that the most amazing were the "harmonious" evolutions of the plane. In spite of its extreme length, apparent great weight and short wings, it glided about like a Piper and with the grace and ease of a bird. According to a member of the Gendarmerie, there were two turbo-jet engines, slightly sibilant, almost silent, which were situated in the lower part of the "cigar". What also impressed the experts was its ability to fly at low speed, for it seemed to have no planes of support (no planos de sustentacion). The fact that there exist airplanes which can rise and descend vertically, possibly accounts for the described ability of the unknown object. But what baffles the witnesses most is that this object, which did not want to identify itself properly, seemed about to land on the runway of the airport of San Carlos de Bariloche without any

apparent necessity to do so and that after having amazed everybody by its exceptional manoeuvrability, it just flew away at considerable speed.

UFO at sea

La Nación of July 12, 1968, reports: "Yesterday at 5.30 a.m. Radio Pacheco received a radiogram from Jorge Bóveda, captain of the Argentine motor-ship *Rio Grande* belonging to the Compania de Navegación El Plata S.A. Its text was as follows: 'At 5.05 a.m. GMT, while outside Necochea, at latitude 38° 36' 4" and western longitude 58° 41' 3", we saw a UFO at azimuth 174°, height between 3-5°, which for a duration of 60 seconds flashed lights over the sea. In the shape of a cone, its apex was uppermost, and its colours were orange and violet.

"This UFO advanced towards the ship till it was about half a mile away. Then it rose and disappeared. Present were the undersigned, the chief of the radio-communication department, and the helmsman on duty."

"Radio Pacheco forwarded the text of the radiogram to the Coast Guard."

Corroboration

The July 12 report was followed by another from Necochea in *La Nación* of July 13, 1968, which ran: "Referring to our report concerning a UFO seen by Captain Jorge Bóveda of the *Rio Grande*, and his crew, other witnesses confirm the sighting. Mr. Francisco Pazdera, Miss Blanca Zubillaga, Miss Diana Etcheverry and her sister Aurora, declare having seen the mysterious object at the same time, 1.05 a.m., while walking along the sea promenade yesterday night. Their report coincides in all its details with that made by Captain Bóveda."

Credit for these reports, and their translation: **Miss E. Greinert**.

BRAZIL

Reported Landing on Torres Beach

The following account has been prepared for us by **Professor Richard A. Frondizi** of Buenos Aires, and is based on a report which appeared in *La Razon* for July 22, 1968:

Professor Axel Aberg Cobo, aged 28, the son of wealthy Argentinian parents, was staying at the family apartment in Torres during the summer season.

Torres is a small resort on the coast of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, in the southernmost part of Brazil, close by the borders with Argentina and Uruguay. I know the place well, as my father used to build railways there for a British company.

One night towards the end of January 1968 Aberg Cobo was walking along the beach to visit the Torres Beach Friends' Association. Suddenly