

mind-blocking techniques, and it turns up in the fairy stories repeatedly.

12. The *vital importance* of the fairy stories of all the different human civilizations in the world has been recognized by FSR since a very early date. It is more than 25 years since I led the way by pointing out the significance of the "enchantment" or "glamour" and of the "fairy's wand" (i.e. the paralyzing tube or rod).
13. The aversion of the entities for "Church weddings" should be another good pointer for those who can see a little more deeply into these matters.
14. Sr. A. J. Gevaerd, Co-ordinator of the Centre for UFO Research at Campo Grande in South-Western Brazil, is the CUFOs representative in that part of Brazil. We shall shortly be publishing another very detailed account of a similar Brazilian case which Sr. Gevaerd has investigated most closely. This is the so-called Jardim Alvorada case, and it also has sexual overtones.
15. See *The Amazing Case of Antônio Villas Boas* (p. 205 of Futura Paperback edition of *The Humanoids*).
16. Isn't this rather curious behaviour for allegedly Higher Beings who have voyaged for immensely great distances through Space in order to grant us the benefits of their ineffable wisdom?
17. It almost sounds like the Soviet Union, which has recently been expelled from membership of the World Psychiatric Conference because of its persistent use of mind-destroying drugs and poisons given or injected, as a punitive weapon against perfectly sane and non-psychiatric *political* prisoners who happen to have their own opinions about police states and tyrannies.
18. Henry Gris recently sent back from the USSR an extraordinary report (which we have not used) that a UFO recently came to grief or was brought down there, and that, among the debris, the Russians found an alien child with webbed fingers and pur-

ple eyes, which they managed to keep alive only briefly. What are we to make of these UFO reports, ever more strange and weird, brought back from the USSR by a professional journalist who was born in Latvia and who speaks Russian fluently?

19. Again — isn't this funny behaviour for "Higher Beings from the Cosmos"?
20. According to the *Most Noble Qur'an*, this sounds to us mighty like plain old common or garden *Jinns*. (See FSR 29/1.)
21. There are other accounts of entities caught in the act of "burying something". For example, at Diamantina, in the Brazilian State of Minas Geraes (N.E. of Mirassol), on August 20, 1962, the diamond-pro prospector Rivalino Mafra da Silva was mysteriously abducted or disintegrated by two small black and white spheres lurking outside his front door. Some days previously, in the woods, he had come across some "small men" who were surreptitiously "burying something", and he had also been having UFO sightings and "poltergeistic phenomena" in and around his house. (See *The Humanoids in Latin America*, Case No. 29, in *The Humanoids*.)
22. The story of Antônio Alves Ferreira seems to be another Brazilian one of which FSR has no record.
23. Surely the meaning must clearly be "*capable of fathering a child*".
24. Surely the nature of the surrounding atmosphere — or even its total absence — would be the very last and least thing that a *robot* would have to worry about!
25. Others may prefer to hope that Beautiful Cosmic Brethren are dropping in on us all the time to pay us gracious visits and impart the quintessence of Wisdom. Sad to say, all *we* catch a whiff of is — JINNS.

G.C.

ABDUCTION AT BOTUCATÚ

Irene Granchi

Those who were reading FSR 15 or 20 years ago will recall how frequently the name of Botucatú, in the south-western Brazilian State of São Paulo, cropped up in the UFO reports we were receiving in those days from our erstwhile correspondent Nigel Rimes, himself a resident of that part of Brazil. The result was that we published quite a lot of striking contact and encounter and landing cases from such places as Botucatú and Lins, and we remember particularly that several of the cases occurred near hospitals or involved hospital personnel. The subject of the present extraordinary story, João Valério da Silva, is, be it noted, also a hospital employee, as he is the doorman at the local hospital. — EDITOR.

FOR the details of this interesting new case I am much indebted to Dr. Luciano Stancka e Silva, who has lived and worked in the Botucatú area for the past ten years. As soon as I heard of the affair, I wrote and asked Dr. Luciano to investigate and let me have a report. This was fortunate, as it turned out, for he had been one of the first people to see João Valério after the episode. What follows is his summing-up of the true events, the details of which had been particularly badly distorted, it seems, in all the accounts in the press.

João Valério da Silva, aged 38, is a married man, and he and his wife have three children, aged respectively 20, 15, and 7. (The presence of these children in the home should be noted, in the light of certain other phenomena which we shall report in due course.)

The Abduction

At about 1.50 a.m. on November 29, 1982, João Valério da Silva suddenly began to feel stomach-pains — attributable to no cause that he could think of, such as an indigestible evening-meal, etc. So he got out of bed to take some medicine and went to the kitchen for water, but finding that the water-supply was off, he opened the back-door and stepped out to get some from a sink that stands there.

And, as he stood at the sink, he suddenly began to hear a noise behind him which he describes as "like the sound of a *Volkswagen* ticking over." He turned round, and was instantly blinded by a very bright, dazzling light, down which there came something like

a platform or an elevator, within which he observed a human figure. This figure came and pushed him into the device inside the light, which then hoisted them up into a small "vestibule" where there was another being.

João Valério describes the beings as about 1m. 90 in height, and clad in close-fitting overalls that covered every part of them except for a hole at the level of the eyes and another hole at the mouth. He noted that they wore gloves of the kind that have only the thumb separate and the rest of the fingers all together.

There was a circular seat or bench that ran right around the compartment, and at one place on the wall he observed what seemed to be a mould in the shape of a human being. He heard the two humanoids conversing together but could of course not understand what was being said. He noticed however that the tone of their voices was unlike that of humans.

They made him sit down on this circular bench. He felt extremely frightened, and kept his head down, not knowing where he was or what was happening to him. *He says the chamber was very well lit but that, try as he might, he could not discover where the light came from, as it seemed to emanate from everywhere.*

The Woman

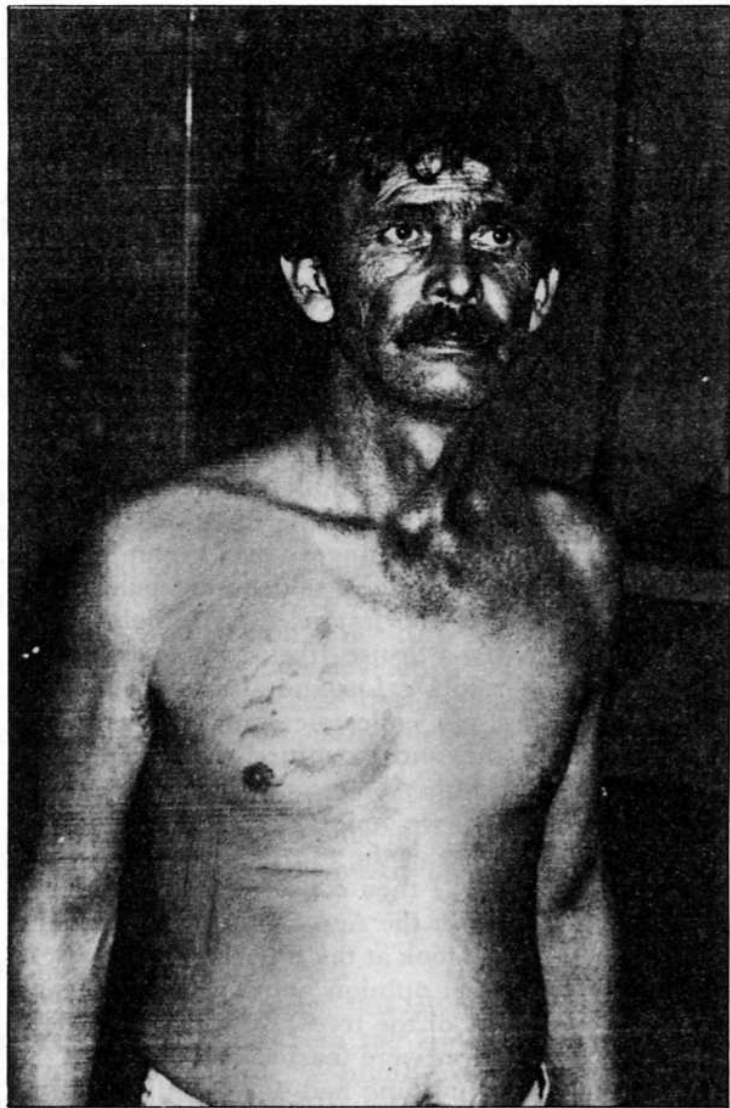
After the two entities had been talking for a few moments, they left the room, *and he emphasises that they did this by passing through the wall, for there were no doors anywhere that he could see, and this impressed him deeply.*

A few minutes later a woman entered in the same fashion, through the wall. She was dark-skinned, seemed to be more or less twenty years old, very beautiful, with long black hair reaching to a little below her shoulders. She was completely naked. By now, seeing this unknown woman, and not knowing where he was or even how he had got there, João Valério was feeling more frightened than ever. Keeping his head low still, he managed to take a good look at the woman. He says she looked like a normal woman, with normal breasts, pudenda, etc., and very attractive.

He watched her as she crossed to the other side of the compartment and with one hand picked up a y-shaped device. She then approached him, and put her right hand to his left cheek. At that point he seems to have lost consciousness, for he remembers nothing more.

Found by his Family

At about 5.00 a.m. João Valério's wife and twenty-year-old daughter found him lying on his back, unconscious, on the ground about four metres from the



João Valério da Silva. Note lesions on right breast.

sink at which he had been standing before his experience. They found him completely naked, whereas he had been wearing shorts, a shirt, slippers, his watch and a chain with a cheap medal on it. His body was covered with some kind of oil, and there was a circular mark on his left breast with strange lesions within it. His belongings were piled on the ground beside him. These included his oil-soaked shirt, his automatic "Orient" watch, which had stopped, and was showing: 4.20.

With some difficulty the two women managed to get him into the house. He was ice-cold, so they gave him a hot shower-bath for the dual purpose of warming him up and removing the oil from his body. Little by little he recovered consciousness and emerged from his torpor, but was now evidently in a state of considerable shock. Then he felt the powerful need to

tell somebody about what had happened to him, so he was taken over to the local radio-station, where he underwent a forensic medical test.

Medical Examination and Dr. Luciano's Report

The forensic doctor was unable to say what kind of device could have produced the lesions on João Valério's chest. On examining his genitals, the doctor also found some slight lesions on his penis.

On the following day, João Valério was brought to the consulting-room of Dr. Luciano, where he told his story to the latter and to another physician. They both examined the marks on his breast but were unable to specify what they thought might have caused them, whether it be an object, or whether they might be the result of scarification by fingernails. When he was given a seminological test, he said he felt pain in his right breast, where the lesions were. "Below and around them we saw a bruise, like a purple stain circling the lesions," said Dr. Luciano and his colleague.

"The next day, my colleague and I visited João Valério in his home, and examined the place where his wife had found him. About a metre from that spot there is a tree, and we found that its leaves were burnt, especially those at the top.

"To follow this up, I then consulted an agronomist engineer who works in the Agronomy Faculty of UN-ESP, and took her to look at the tree so that she might give me her technical opinion about this. She examined the burnt parts of the tree, and we both noticed that some of the leaves were toasted half-way, and the rest was green as if nothing had happened.

"In her opinion, neither ordinary fire nor any other fraudulent means of doing this could have produced such an effect. She took away some samples in order to have histological (microscope) tests made on them."

Press Publicity

All of a sudden, Botucatú was invaded by reporters asking questions and trying their best to distort João Valério's initial account of his experiences. They carried him off to the State Capital, São Paulo, in order to have him on the Flávio Cavalcanti TV programme ("*Bôa Noite, Brasil!*", *TV Bandeirante, Channel 7* in Rio de Janeiro) — a nation-wide programme. He just stayed there long enough for his appearance on the programme and then returned home.

Dr. Luciano's Investigation of João Valério's Background

Dr. Luciano Stancka e Silva saw him again, fifteen days after his experience, and found to his surprise that the lesions on his chest were still there, completely unchanged. In his report to me he writes: "A



normal superficial lesion of this type would have disappeared by now, but this one had not. It was still there. From that moment on, I started to investigate João Valério's background more closely."

Dr. Luciano's report continues: "As already stated, João Valério has three children, namely a 20-year-old daughter and sons aged 15 and 7 respectively. He does not drink, and is a religious man. He is not a 'fun-loving person'. On the contrary, his appearance is sad, and his face is lined with wrinkles. He had not heard of flying saucers prior to his own experience, and his past is quite 'clean', with no 'Police or legal entries' in his record.

"This being the case, I kept asking myself: 'Why João Valério?' What was there that was so special about *him*? In my several meetings with him after his experience I won the confidence of his family, as I tried to find the whys and the wherefors of the affair.

Poltergeistic Phenomena in the House

"Among the most interesting of my discoveries was the fact that, during that same month of November 1982,

but prior to the actual abduction episode, poltergeistic phenomena had been occurring in his house.

"Some of the most impressive and alarming of these phenomena had concerned the *gas-stove*. On several occasions, when they were all in their living-room, they had detected the smell of gas coming from the kitchen and had gone in there and had found that all the burners on the gas-stove, including the burner for the oven, were alight.

"There were also strange episodes in which crockery got broken, or other strange phenomena occurred. On one such occasion, João Valério was standing with his 15-year-old son in the kitchen, and a saucepan full of water, with its lid on, was boiling on the stove. Suddenly the lid started to rise up quite slowly into the air until it was about 50 cms. above the saucepan. Then it turned around in the air, and came down slowly again, upside-down, right on to the saucepan.

"IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT, AFTER THE ABDUCTION EPISODE, ALL THESE POLTERGEISTIC PHENOMENA CEASED.

"The suggestion that we seek for any paranormal phenomena preceding the abduction had come from my friend Flávio Pereira, the well-known Brazilian UFO researcher. It was to him that I handed over João Valério's oil-sodden shirt, for him to have it examined by some friends of his in the technical departments of the São Paulo Police.

Conclusion of Dr. Luciano

"One of the features which at first led me to doubt João Valério's abduction story was his statement that there had been no water in the kitchen at the time of his abduction episode. But when I came to check up on that point, I discovered that there had indeed been a cut in the water-supply that night and lasting until next morning.

"In my opinion, João Valério's general psychological profile, as I have tried to show you in this report, is such that it would have been impossible for him to have invented a story so rich in details as the one he has related to us. The panic that he and the members of his family had felt and had displayed right after the event cannot have been simulated or invented. The marks found on his chest, the lesions on his penis, the burnt tree, and the oil-soaked shirt — all these are tangible, physical proof that something out of the ordinary had occurred there.

"As regards the present moment, six months after the first episode, I can inform you that some very interesting events are still happening to João Valério,

involving UFOs and parapsychological phenomena. I shall be writing to you about these again shortly!

"As to the oil on the shirt, I have not yet heard about the results of the analysis.

"Finally, it must be borne in mind that here, in and around Botucatú, flying objects and lights in the sky have very often been reported, and from various parts of the city. There are certain areas, to the south of Botucatú, where multi-coloured strange lights have been seen by practically the entire local population. We are investigating all this too, and will report upon it to you in due course."

Such, then, is the substance of Dr. Luciano's main report to me on the Botucatú case, but he continues to telephone me regularly about the case, and it seems that João Valério has been abducted many more times, and that he has allegedly now started healing people!

Dr. Luciano himself is not convinced however, that the man can really have developed healing power, and is inclined to view these developments simply as a general *change of personality*, such as has been seen to occur in many abductees.

As for the precious oil-soaked shirt that was handed over to the São Paulo Police for analysis, do I need to tell you, finally, that it is now reported to be . . . "lost?"

Comment by Editor, FSR

As in so many cases, this abduction (which took place not far from where the famous A.V.B. was abducted) shows quite a number of striking resemblances with the A.V.B. case in respect of such things as the dazzling bright light, the interior lighting apparently coming from the entire walls and ceiling, etc., but in other respects there are considerable differences, as, for example, on the question of the height of the entities. João Valério says his men were about 1m. 90 in height — in other words very 'normal' by our standards. He does not mention the height of the woman. In A.V.B.'s case, we established that, while A.V.B. himself was 1m. 64, his male entities were probably about 1m. 55, and his 'lady-friend' about 1m. 35.

As regards the poltergeistic phenomena, the 'classical' explanation is that in such cases young people, passing through puberty, are present and are in some way involved as sources of the mysterious energies unleashed. It is therefore notable that João Valério has a 20-year-old daughter and a 15-year-old son, both of whom are in the right category, particularly of course the young, menstruating girl.

ANOTHER AMERICAN CONSULTANT

We are delighted to announce that we have been joined by Mrs Ann Druffel of Pasadena, California, for 26 years a most active and distinguished UFO researcher and free-lance writer, whose work has already appeared in FSR. She was the Los Angeles field investigator for NICAP, and the originator and project-co-ordinator for Skynet, which since 1965 has served as filter centre and tracking system for UFO reports from the public in the Los Angeles area. She is currently a field investigator for two prestigious groups, CUFOS and MUFON, and is a contributing editor on the MUFON journal. She received her B.A. in Sociology at Immaculate Heart College, Hollywood, and she is a registered social worker in her state. With the psychic Armand Marcotte she recently wrote a fascinating book, "The Detective and the Psychic", and, with D. Scott Rogo, also co-authored the important UFO book "The Tujunga Canyon Contacts".

KENNETH ARNOLD

THE man generally credited with creating the term "flying saucer", Kenneth Arnold, 68, passed away on February 16, 1984, only a few miles from Mineral, Washington, the place where he had reported seeing nine strange "tadpole-like" objects on June 24, 1947. His story was widely published, and launched the first recognized UFO wave in modern history. A private pilot and president of the Great Western Engineering Co., based in Boise, Idaho, Arnold was 32 at the time of his historic sighting. Ten years later he was nominated for the prestigious post of Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Idaho, but lost the election.

Mr. Arnold refrained from granting interviews or making public appearances in relation to his UFO experiences. However, he did speak at the UFO Congress held in Chicago, Ill. in 1977, on the thirtieth anniversary of his sighting. His wife and children, he complained, had suffered considerably from the publicity that had resulted from his original report. In rare statements over the years he asserted that he felt the things he saw had somehow been "alive", and he hinted that he thought UFOs might be demonic in origin.

Mr. Arnold was also involved in the probe into the controversial "Maury Island Hoax" which, as will be recalled, indirectly resulted in the deaths of two U.S. Air Force officers sent to investigate it. He later told the whole story in a book, *The Coming of the Saucers* (Amherst Press, Wisconsin, 1952) which he co-authored with the publisher, Raymond A. Palmer.

Like Palmer, who died in 1977 from a heart attack, Arnold's death was from natural causes.

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