

La Tribuna, Rosario, June 27, 1968.

25. (125). 1968, July 5; Villa Domínguez (Entre Ríos).

Omar Severino Rabin was in his house when he suddenly saw, through one of the windows, a machine that was emitting a powerful reddish light. Rabin went outside, with his arms raised in a defensive posture, and his hands remained stained with a black substance smelling strongly as of burnt wood. The object rose into the air and vanished.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, July 6, 1968.

26. (126). 1968, July 5; Las Cejas (Tucumán). 19.20 hrs.

Former Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock, agronomist César Ercilla, together with a landowner friend, observed a cone-shaped UFO 20 metres wide, and 10 metres from the ground, emitting flashes of purple and reddish light. The object had descended in a dive, at a distance of some 2 km. from them, and was stationary in the air. The eyewitnesses were travelling by car towards Santiago del Estero at the time.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, July 8, 1968.

27. (136). 1968, July 25; La Pastora (Buenos Aires). 02.00 hrs.

Sr. Juan Sívori and his wife and one of their daughters observed, over Highway No. 226 and at a distance of only 35 metres from them, an object shaped like a spinning-top, of the size of a motor truck, and silver-coloured. The engine of their car stopped. The UFO remained hanging there for about five minutes, at a height of 10 metres from the ground. Then it rose into the air and vanished. The engine of the car started up again.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, July 27, 1968.

28. (142). 1968, August 29; Capayán (Catamarca). 02.00 hrs.

Three La Rioja businessmen, Miguel García, Carlos García, and Aldo Lorente, were travelling in a motor-truck when they saw, beside the road, at a distance of about 12 metres from them, a strange silvery-red object shaped like two deep plates placed face to face. It was of the size of a truck. From its under-part emerged four converging prolongations towards the ground, and on the upper part there was what seemed to be some illuminated spy-holes. It was suspended at a height of about 2 metres from the ground.

Córdoba, Córdoba, September 1, 1968.

29. (143). 1968, August 31; Luján (Mendoza). Night.

As Señora María Di Tomaso de Cicchinelli stepped out into her patio to feed the dog, she saw a luminous object swaying to and fro above her. She felt as though she was paralysed. It was suspended at a height of about 4 metres above her head. It was spherical and was emitting reddish and pale blue flashes of light. When it moved away the witness recovered her power of movement.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, September 3, 1968.

30.(156). 1969, May 26; Azul (Buenos Aires). 17.30 hrs.

Señor Adolfo Corengia saw, through a window of his week-end house (near Balnearia) and at a distance of about 15 metres, a spherical object suspended at a height of 1 metre from the ground. It was of a reddish-orange colour, with a protuberance in the middle of the upper part, and about 3 metres in diameter. It started to rise up into the air slowly and then, gaining speed, headed off towards the south and disappeared from sight. Two days later, Sr. Corengia was just about to mow the grass when he noticed, at the spot below where the UFO had been hanging, an ellipse-shaped area on which the grass looked thin and blackened and there were a lot of mushrooms.

Review 2001, Buenos Aires, No. 13, p. 24; *Clarín*, Buenos Aires, June 5, 1969.

31. (160). 1969, December 18; La Reducción (Tucumán). Early morning.

Agriculturalist Manuel Rodolfo Rodríguez stated that he had seen a cigar-shaped UFO, 70 metres long, hanging horizontal and stationary for 20 minutes at the height of the cables of the electric power-line which runs parallel with Highway No. 38, near his farm. He called his father, Sr. Joaquín Rodríguez, who came to the spot and also saw it. Next day it was discovered that, at the place where the UFO had been, the leaves of the eucalyptus trees were scorched, and there was a smell in the air of sulphur or burnt gunpowder.

La Gaceta, San Miguel de Tucumán, December 21, 1969.

32. (161). 1970, February 7; Las Salinas (17 km. from Chapelcó, Buenos Aires). 23.50 hrs.

The Investigations of General Uchoa in Brazil — Part 3

Gordon Creighton

THIS is the continuation of my resumé of a series of articles which appeared in the newspaper *O Dia* of Rio de Janeiro, between October 26 and November 4, 1972.

The sudden intervention of plantation-owner Wilson da Silva, and the consequent failure to secure an encounter with the occupants of the UFO, had a somewhat dampening effect on the spirits of General Uchoa's team of investigators, and, to compound their gloom, the strange phenomena ceased entirely for some days.

But work continued, and the group kept to their posts and maintained watch, night after night, near the little hill over which the strange objects had performed their acrobatics, and displayed their mysterious lights.

Some time later their tenacity was rewarded by the reappearance of the craft at almost exactly the same spot and with no great variation in their performance. But one night, a very dark one, the group were able to observe an impressive spectacle.

Several flying objects began to project beams of greenish-yellow light simultaneously, and then, at a given moment, formed a figure in the sky like a mast, the flag being represented by stars. This phenomenon was all the more remarkable inasmuch as the brightness of the stars was much greater than is the case with the natural light of the stars.

Observation continued, the group re-assembling at the spot every night, frequently bringing with them unbelieving friends to view the spectacle. One of these

was the doctor Floriano Vilela, a personal friend of General Uchoa.

Although he had not been fortunate enough to see some of the really impressive "shows" of earlier nights, the doctor was nevertheless deeply impressed and, a few days later, when Air Force officers were visiting him at his home, he argued with them in favour of the reality of the phenomena and managed to convince all the officers by his vehemence and sincerity.

A few days later, when the General and his group arrived at the estate, Wilson greeted them with the news that he had received a message from the disc requesting a meeting near a certain spot at a fence about 140 metres from the hill.

As was to be expected, this announcement caused an uproar among the party, all of whom were longing for the awaited moment to arrive, though in fact none of them were to be permitted to accompany Wilson—the latter's instructions being that he was to go forward entirely alone to meet the strange beings.

All of them were busily studying the spot indicated for the forthcoming apparition, and the best positions from which to watch, when all argument was terminated by a loud noise: a jaguar had broken into the pigsty and attacked one of the hogs. Arming themselves they all set out after the jaguar, which at once took refuge in a nearby thicket, where further search proved fruitless.

This detail of the attack by the jaguar was related by General Uchoa in his lecture to the Fifth Brazilian UFO Congress in São Paulo as an indication of the fact that, when the mystery object did arrive, all the members of his party were thinking about other matters and under no emotional stress or strain. The jaguar-hunt, and the excitement caused by the presence of this animal, had produced a complete relaxation of the tension they had all been under as they looked forward to the possibility of making a contact.

Discussion of the jaguar had scarcely ended when, only minutes later, the disc arrived at exactly the area indicated by Wilson, namely near a fence about 140 metres from the house.

All the members of the party watched the strange craft as, powerfully illuminated, it came down gently until it was at little more than a metre from the ground.

The cameras, fitted with telescopic lenses, went into action and a number of photographs were secured while Wilson, visibly excited, got ready to walk towards the strange machine.

He started out, seemingly quite calm, but, as he admitted later, inwardly extremely nervous. As he describes it, he walked straight towards the mystery craft, his eyes glued to it, his thoughts on nothing else.

So absorbed in the encounter and so concentrated was he, that it could almost have cost him his life. Naturally, being the owner of the estate and having lived there many years, Wilson was more aware than anybody of the danger. But, his eyes riveted on the UFO, he went too near to a dangerous swamp area. Then he suddenly heard a voice which cried: "Look out! Don't go there. Go further to the left!" Only then, looking around him, did he realise how near he had been to this dangerous bog which he knew so well and which could yet have robbed him of his life.

Wilson walked on a few metres and was now close

to the craft. As he related later, he now felt no fear whatever. As he approached, a door opened, and a normal-sized man, wearing a blue overall and a wide belt, descended by a small ladder.

When questioned later by his companions regarding further details Wilson was unable to give any, for, as he described it, he had been in a trance. Nevertheless he remembers having noted that there was nothing abnormal about the shape of the being.

Returning to the group, Wilson told them that throughout the whole experience he could feel that he was, as it were, under the control of a superior force, but that at no time had he felt fear. He did not recall having had any physical contact with the strange being, not even so much as a simple handshake.

However he stated that he recalled, quite perfectly, the message which delivered in he knew not what language, was as follows:

"We are peaceful. Your atomic experiments are causing an imbalance in our world."

Immediately after that, he said, the strange being ordered him to depart, and he obeyed forthwith, and did not even see the craft.

Wilson da Silva's deposition (also signed by all those who were present) agreed in every detail with what the others had seen as they observed from a distance with their binoculars.

When Wilson had covered half the distance back to where they were, they saw the strange craft shoot straight up into the sky, where it was out of sight in a matter of seconds.

Several photographs were secured. When developed and printed, some of them were found to show the craft clearly, with a man beside it. According to *O Dia* the negatives have been subjected to the most rigorous examinations and analyses, and their genuineness fully established.

**Highlights of the forthcoming issue of
*FLYING SAUCER REVIEW***

for September-October, 1973 . . .

Exorcism and UFO Landing at Loch Ness

by F. W. Holiday

**Tractor Driver under "Cold Scrutiny" by
UFO**

by W. C. Chalker

The Extraordinary case of Rejuvenation

(Further developments in the "sea horse"
case in Argentina)

by Pedro Romaniuk

The Contactee of Tres Arroyos

by Jane Thomas

Uri Geller, the Man who "bends" Science

(A significant link at last between
UFOs and psychical phenomena?)

by Gordon Creighton

UFO Activity in relation to Month of the Year

by Arnold Davidson

Rationality and its Limitations

by Dr. I. Grattan-Guinness

Observations while on "Night Patrol"

by Derek D. Dempster

Some German Reports from 1971

Eberhard Schneider

THE newspaper *Offenburger Tageblatt*¹ of August 12, 1971, carried a report by Otto Peter Paeffgen under the headlines: *Unknown Flying Objects Seen: Confirmation By Several People*. I give below a translation and digest of the salient points of the article:

For about three weeks before August 12, 1971, people were puzzled by strange sky phenomena. Several individuals, whose veracity cannot be doubted, sighted unidentified flying objects in the area of Offenbourg and to the north of Achern. As a former pilot in the last war, Herr Paeffgen says that he himself had seen these objects three times. From his training in astronavigation and meteorology he could tell the difference between, on the one hand, stars or weather balloons and, on the other hand, unidentified flying objects. Enquiries which he made at the meteorological office in Freiburg, the State Observatory at Heidelberg, the German Federal Defence Department in Bonn, and the American Air Force Headquarters in Wiesbaden, all indicate that unquestionably the objects were real flying bodies, although the civilian authorities have so far failed to give any explanation as to their nature.

Herr Otto Paeffgen's account continues:

"The comments of the Defence Department and the American Air Force are still awaited. But in the meantime the teletyped reply from the Freiburg Weather Bureau is of special interest. They say: 'From our own experience in a similar case we know that only a few specialists can answer these questions. Try the American Military Airfield Rhein/Main, though of course they may be prohibited by security regulations from issuing any information at all.' From this reply we may deduce that the Freiburg meteorological bureau has made similar observations of flying objects in the past or has been informed of such sightings.

"Equally significant is the reply received from the State Observatory in Heidelberg, where Dr. Klare, a member of the Observatory staff, explained to us last Tuesday that, judging by the trajectories of these flying bodies, they could not be stars. Dr. Klare, who would not commit himself, said: 'At the present time there are a whole lot of artificial bodies flying around in Space.' He does not preclude the possibility that the objects seen over Offenbourg and several neighbouring places could have been so-called slow-flying fireballs, i.e. meteors. However, the likelihood of this explanation being correct is small, since the object, emitting beams of light changing from pinkish-red to pinkish-yellow, has already been seen several times, and always flying on the same East-West trajectory.

FLYING DISC NEAR ACHERN CLEARLY DESCRIBED BY THREE PEOPLE

"It all started on July 16, 1971, with the sighting of a mysterious flying disc near Achern.² Senior Police-Officer Heinrich Koller of Bühl and his wife were driving near Grossweier, on their way home to Oberachern, when they suddenly saw a large brightly

glowing rosy-red disc right above them. As Koller said later: 'It was uncanny. I stopped my car on the road, and we got out and watched as this disc slowly flew away towards the Achern railway station, changed course, flew along above the railway line, then changed course again, and finally disappeared towards the mountains.' The 32-year-old Police official, a very level-headed man, stressed with conviction: 'What I have seen, I have seen.'

"His statements were corroborated by his wife, who said: 'I had a really weird feeling when I saw this thing, hanging there noiseless above us.'

"When asked how they had first noticed the disc, they explained: 'That was precisely the uncanny thing about it. All of a sudden it was there in front of us. Just like switching on a light in the dark.'

"Koller described the object as a disc, and he believes he could make out some sort of superstructure on the upper side despite the darkness. Whether this superstructure was round or pointed he could not see exactly.

"The statements of the Kollers were confirmed precisely by the truckdriver Franz Wratny, likewise aged 32, of Grossweier, who was also on the road at the time and pulled up his truck just a few metres from the Kollers and watched the disc. He said: 'It was about the size of the Moon to look at, but I can't imagine what it was.' Shortly afterwards, he went into a bar where he reported his experience. 'They laughed at me, but what I said about the disc is the truth, and nobody is going to persuade me otherwise,' he added.

MYSTERY FLYING OBJECTS SEEN SEVERAL TIMES
IN OFFENBURG AREA

"During the following days there were more reports from Offenbourg and surrounding area of flying objects seen over the Kinzigtal³ (Kinzig valley), over Offenbourg itself and to the west of that town. Among the eye-witnesses is Artur Seiter of Offenbourg, a businessman, who up to now has seen 'UFOs' three times, namely on July 19, August 5, and August 9. This particular flying object, seen by Seiter and distinguishable by reason of its extreme brightness and its size (nearly double the size of Venus) was also seen three times by myself (Peter Otto Paeffgen). I timed the period it took to go from the eastern to the western horizon (1 hour 50 minutes). A very short time for a star, which conclusion was also verified by the comment from the Heidelberg Observatory: 'That can't be a star!' The conjecture that it might have been a weather-balloon can hardly be valid in this case either, since such balloons do not reach such altitudes that they catch the rays of the Sun at night and so become luminous.

"A telesatellite perhaps? This question was also answered in the negative by the Heidelberg Observatory, where it was pointed out that such satellites are faster than that. But then what else was it?