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UFO PHOTOGRAPHS FROM URUGUAY

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## Dogs disturbed at Temagog . . . UFOs at Willi Willi .

#### Eileen Buckle

THE curious happenings which occurred on April 2, 1971, at the small town of Kempsey, New South Wales, Australia, were related in "Defenestration at Kempsey" in the July/August 1971 issue of FSR. The highlight of this article was the account of the aboriginal man who claimed that on that night he had been sucked out of his kitchen through the top pane of a window by an irresistible force. Before being drawn through the window, he said he saw a small white face pressed against the glass. Sightings of UFOs continued for some weeks afterwards over the MacLeay area and again I must thank Miss Patricia Riggs, Associate Editor of the Macleay Argus, for having supplied me with cuttings from her newspaper. These form the basis of this present article which completes the story of the Kempsey "flap", at least for the time being.

Dogs disturbed at Temagog

In my first article on the Kempsey area, a case was described of a woman's sighting of a glowing object with what seemed to be a parachute attached; this was on April 2. On the evening of April 22, between 10.30 and 11.00 p.m., another woman, Mrs. Fay Bonner of Temagog, saw what must have been a similar object in the sky. She told the Argus that she had been awakened by her dogs which had begun barking furiously as if disturbed. She got up to quieten them down and then looked up to see a brilliant orange light travelling from north to west. She said:

"It was huge and it seemed to be attached to something which looked like a parachute, or an object of that shape. It was hanging from something. It was coming down slowly and I watched it for at least 5 minutes. I woke my husband, but he just rolled over and went to sleep again. I watched the light again. It came down slowly and lit up everything around it. Then it went behind some trees. I could see half the light above the trees and an illumination through the trees. Then the light rose up and moved further behind the trees and soon it disappeared. Everything was black. There was complete darkness.'

Mrs. Bonner said she went back to bed, but throughout the rest of the night kept getting up to see if the light had reappeared. She could only guess at the area in which it came down as she had no landmark. She thought it was about two, three or four miles away, but it could have been fifteen miles. There was no sound with it whatsoever.

Fishermen see object near Crescent Head

The Argus of April 24 reported that two Kempsey fishermen, Mr. Ian Farrawell and Mr. Jack Casey, had seen strange lights off Crescent Head and heard noises offshore that frightened them so much that they left the beach hurriedly and went home. The two men had gone on a fishing trip on Saturday, April 17. They had left

their car at Maguires Crossing and had walked two miles south to begin their fishing. They were just baiting their hooks at about 9.45 p.m. when they noticed a large, dull red light in the sky. It was about twice the size of the moon, which was directly above. The light, which changed to an orange shade, was out in the shipping lane, low above the water. It moved slightly to the left and then to the right. They watched it for about three or four minutes, when it finally had turned to a blue-white colour, becoming smaller and

smaller until it disappeared.

A very strange thing about the light, according to Casey, was that while it was on view there was no reflection at all on the water. When the light went out they heard "a terrific noise . . . it seemed like a motor noise . . . like a gravel crusher at work only ten times louder." As the men walked back over the sandhills to their car they saw what at first seemed to be a cloud out to sea, but then, according to Farrawell, a dull silver disc-shaped object could be seen over the sea where the light had been. They could still hear the noise, even though the sea was rough, and it could be heard when they got back to the car and drove away.

For Mr. Casey, the experience was the second, and almost identical experience he had had in a week. On Easter Sunday night at 9.45 p.m. at exactly the same spot, he saw three red lights moving quickly across the sky and heard a quite inexplicable noise out to sea.

#### Schoolboys' sighting at Colombatti Rail

Also in the Argus of April 24 was the story of three schoolboys' sighting of a silver object trailing flames which they said had descended over Colombatti Rail the day before. They were Peter Fuller (13), Christopher Fuller (9) and Ron Donnelly (11). The boys, scared by their experience, reported it to their teacher. Mr. Brian Moss, and later to an Argus reporter.

Chris Fuller said he had been sitting in a culvert at about 8.30 a.m. waiting for the post office to open. Suddenly, high in the sky, he saw an object which appeared to be enveloped in flames. It seemed to get bigger and bigger. He said he ran to his brother and Ronald, who were standing about 10 or 15ft. away, and pointed the object out to them. The elder boy,

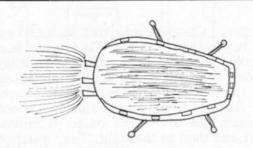
Peter, said:

"I saw it coming down fast as a jet from the East. It came down steeply at first and then started to lose speed. We saw legs starting to come down. There were four and they had pads on the bottom. The fire at the back got less. The thing I saw was silvery and shaped a bit like an egg. There were big square windows all around. The sides went out from the bottom. It came down and seemed about 200 or 300ft, above us. We could see the windows very clearly. Then this thing started to wobble and it banked like an aircraft and the legs were coming down. It disappeared over the side of the railway and went down in the gulley."

Their teacher separated the boys as soon as they had told him their experience and got each one to draw what they had seen. All three drawings were alike, but the one drawn by Christopher, the first boy to sight the object, is surrounded by flames.

Mr. Clarrie Briggs, of Smithtown, said he had seen a pulsating light in the eastern sky at about 7.15 p.m. on April 24. He said:

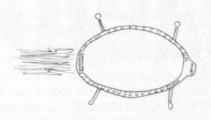
"I watched it with my family for about 20 minutes. Then it began to move up and down and occasionally sideways. It began to fade and disappeared. Eventually, it reappeared and every 5 seconds changed colour from



Copy of drawing by Peter Fuller (13 yrs.) of object, viewed from below, sighted at Collombatti on April 23rd, 1971, at 8.30 a.m.



Copy of drawing by Christopher Fuller (9 yrs.) of object sighted at Collombatti Rail, on April 23rd, 1971, at 8.30 a.m. approx.



Copy of drawing by Ron Donnelly (11 yrs.) of object, viewed from below, sighted at Collombatti Rail on April 23rd, 1971 at 8.30 a.m. approx.

Searches made the same day to find evidence that the object had landed proved unsuccessful. Mr. Moss, the teacher, said that from the directions given by the children, the object could have come down near Mr. Brian Yarnold's farm at Christmas Creek, Colombatti. The week before, Mr. Yarnold and his family reported they had found burnt circular patches of grass on their property, for which no explanation had been found. Strange silent lights had been seen by the family over their farmland both during April and over the previous eleven months.

At about the same time as the schoolboy's sighting, at 8.30 a.m., Mrs. Jill French, a Kempsey school-teacher, was driving along the crest of the hill outside Kempsey showground when she saw a brilliant object cross the sky from an easterly direction to the south-west. She said the light was "gorgeous". It was a fiery orange-red ball of fire which showed white and trailed behind a very long cigar-shaped object: "It was so beautiful it was stunning." Mrs. French said the object did not seem to be travelling very fast. It seemed to be close to the ground and to bank as it passed to the south-east behind a tall building in Elbow Street.

More coloured lights

On April 29, the Argus had five more reports to announce. Two of these confirmed the sighting of the previously mentioned silver-grey object seen at 8.30 a.m. on Friday, April 23. The other three reports were of fresh sightings. Four teenagers said that on April 20 they had seen a large, red glowing light near Warwick Park racecourse. The light had appeared to be at about tree-top level and was moving very fast in a northerly direction towards Colombatti-Frederickton. They said the light appeared to be about a foot in diameter and they followed it by car until they reached the Pacific Highway. When the light was directly over Colombatti, it was joined by three smaller lights which came from nowhere. The smaller lights then travelled north at the same speed as the larger light. The sighting lasted about 5 or 10 minutes.

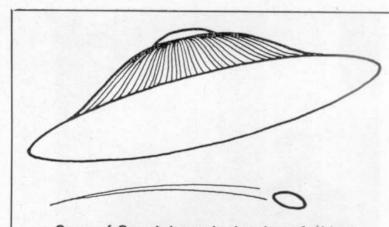
red to green, then blue and so on." Mr. Briggs said he saw a similar light at about the same time the following night over the Collombatti-Frederickton area, moving up and down and sideways. It was not a star.

A young woman, who did not want to be named, said she and three others watched a reddish coloured light which appeared to be surrounded by smoke on Tuesday night, April 27. The light had moved sideways and up and down before finally moving off towards the southwest. They had been so scared they had gone home.

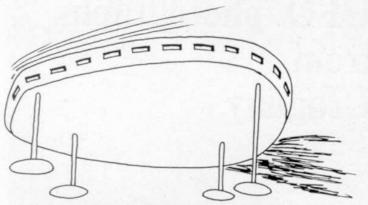
#### UFOs at Willi Willi

The sightings most recently reported in the *Argus* were from Willi Willi, west of Kempsey. An object was seen on May 10 by Sue Johnson of Cronulla, who was holidaying at Willi Willi with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Fischer. At 5.15 p.m. she was feeding carrots to a horse in a paddock when she noticed suddenly that the evening sky had changed from grey to pink and the clouds to a flaming red. She said:

'Then I saw this red streak above my head. It was quite long and came fast across the sky. Then I saw this metallic thing. It seemed to slow down and hovered over my head as if looking for something. This was when I started yelling. It seemed right over my head and not at a very great altitude. It gave me such a fright. The thing was flying at such an odd angle to the sun that I couldn't see the whole shape. It appeared to be banking towards the hills to the north and seemed to have a belly the shape of a football. The top was peaked and the sides sloped to join the belly. It was close enough for me to see very strange marks at each end. They were oddly angled and the one at the front end was over what appeared to be a door of some sort. The tail—the exhaust—was astonishingly red and long. What was most extraordinary was the fact that there was no noise, no noise whatsoever. The thing seemed to be so close to me that if it had been an aircraft I would have been deafened by the noise. There was another strange thing. As the object went into the hills, the sky turned back to a grey colour and the clouds to



Copy of Sue Johnson's drawing of object sighted at Willi Willi May 10th, 1971.



Copy of Tony Nolan's impression of object (from newspaper reproduction).

pink. This all happened in a matter of minutes."

Mr. Fischer and his daughter, Mrs. Helen Ross, were attracted by Sue's calls and were in time to see the object disappearing towards the north. Mr. Ross said: "You could not credit the speed of it. It took about 90 seconds to cross the sky and I suppose I had it in view about 35 or 40 seconds. I would say it was at least 6-10 miles in the sky and a pretty big object for us to see so well."

On the evening of Wednesday, May 12, at about the same time, 5.15 p.m., Mrs. Helen Ross and Sue Johnson saw an object move swiftly across the sky and disappear behind mountains in the north. On Friday, May 14, at 10.00 a.m., Sue again sighted a noiseless, dull metallic object with a thin red trail. It took about 4 or 5 seconds to cross the sky, but this time was going in a southerly direction.

On May 30, at 5.15 a.m., two haulage contractors,

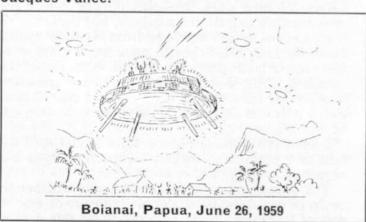
Mr. John Clarke and Mr. John Arnold, saw an unidentified white light in the centre of a much larger red light at Willi Willi. Mr. Clarke said they had stopped on the road and turned the engine of the truck off. Then he spotted "a small white light, similar to a car headlight, with a great red flash behind it." From where he stood he said it looked about six inches wide, but it was some way off. The middle light did not move from the centre of the larger light. The lights seemed to be moving in a jerking manner, but there was no noise.

To date we have received no further reports from Kempsey, but I think it likely that there had been much activity in that region in the past which escaped reporting. Places which have received a large amount of "attention" from UFOs at one time or another frequently seem to receive return visits, so it wouldn't surprise me if there was another Kempsey flare-up in the near future.

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# UFO photographs from Uruguay

Walter Fernandez Luna

Translated by Gordon Creighton

Photograph 1

URUGUAY'S history of UFO sightings only began during the 1950s, when a few sporadic observations were reported here and there throughout the Republic. The indifference of both the press and the public in general was total. Our incipient scientific community, always faithful to their undoubted principles, insisted on denying the unquestionable reality of what was happening before their undaunted and unbelieving eyes.

The time came in due course, however, when it was no longer possible to treat the witnesses of these happenings as madmen, fantasists or tricksters, because individuals of recognised ethical standing and even with university degrees were beginning to publish their experiences. And, as if this were not enough, the "non-existent" UFOs now began to permit themselves to be captured by the camera, sometimes with absolute clarity and wealth of detail.

As was only to be expected, some of the members of our erudite circles lost no time in hurling accusations and challenges around, arguing that the photographs were simple hoaxes, paying no further heed to the matter of the status of those who had taken them, and without troubling to establish any convincing motives that might have given rise to the perpetration of such hoaxes.

One of the most controversial of these Uruguayan cases is unquestionably the affair of the UFO allegedly photographed over the beach at Playa Sangrilá.

The witness, Sr. Yamandú López (Photo 1), is a highly respected jeweller, a family man with a wife and five children. On September 23, 1968, he and the family were enjoying a well-earned rest in a little summer chalet owned by him.



It was 6.30 p.m., and Sr. López was making his way down to the beach with three of his sons, José, Rosario, and Fernándo, aged at the time 13, 11, and 8 years respectively. He had his camera with him, his intention being to take a photograph of the three boys. The day was a fairly cloudy one and consequently not very propitious for this type of picture, but his roll of film was nearly finished and he wanted to use it up.

He was just getting the camera ready, while the boys were running around on the sands, when he suddenly began to hear an unusual humming noise. Looking up, he beheld a strange object which was climbing rapidly in the sky. According to his statement, the object appeared to be metallic and circular, the under part silvery-coloured while the upper portion, which had a protuberance shaped like a cupola, was dark.

As soon as he had recovered from his initial astonishment, Sr. López had enough presence of mind to raise his camera and press the button before the object vanished in the distance. He secured the sequence of two photographs shown here. (Photos Nos. 2 and 3. Please note that the photo on the cover is an enlargement of No. 3—EDITOR.)

I am a professional photographer myself and therefore in a position to make a technical analysis of the negatives, and this I have done.

The first point to be established was whether there could be any question of double exposure or any other sort of laboratory trick. In order to do this, I secured possession of the negatives for almost a year and at this point it should be emphasised that the witness raised no objection of any kind and was not upset when I