

of January 9, 1971, carried an unusual UFO account, with an interesting comment by a Ministry of Defence spokesman—

"It wasn't exactly a 'flying saucer' that a Dumfries housewife saw from her bedroom window in the early hours of yesterday morning; it was more like a 'flying bowl.' It was large, circular, pure white, and surmounted by a very bright light.

"This was how Mrs. Elizabeth Bunn, of 1 Heywood Place, Dumfries, described the strange object she saw in the sky at three o'clock in the morning.

"Mrs. Bunn, who suffers from insomnia, was awake as usual for most of Thursday night. At about three o'clock she got out of bed to walk around the room and on looking out of the window she saw what appeared to be a particularly bright star. 'It was high in the sky and to the north,' she said yesterday.

"As I stood looking at the 'star' I realised it was approaching Dumfries, apparently at a very great speed and consequently growing rapidly in size.

"In fact, I could see the clouds being 'pushed aside' as the object sped through the air, rather like the bow wave of a boat."

"Mrs. Bunn, not accustomed to estimating distances, could not say how far away the object was nor how high it was above the ground when it came to a halt.

"But," she said, 'I'm sure it would be at least the size of a fully-grown tree and I am quite certain there was life in it.'

"Although Mrs. Bunn has particularly acute hearing she did not hear the faintest sound coming from the object.

"When the object had reached its apparently pre-determined spot it remained stationary for a spell and then began to move slowly to and fro over a restricted area.

"Mrs. Bunn timed this operation and found it lasted exactly 10 minutes.

"Then the object 'took off' and in a matter of seconds had disappeared, even the dazzling white light which appeared to rest on top of the ball being completely lost to sight.

"It was learned last night that a similar object was seen by a Castle-Douglas family 'in broad daylight' a fortnight ago. The object was high in the sky, circular and very bright and although under observation for some considerable time it remained stationary. The sky was a cloudless blue at the time.

"At the Ministry of Defence establishment in Ayr, a spokesman said yesterday, 'We have had no reports of flying saucers in the Dumfriesshire area this morning. Any reports we get usually come from the police.'"

BRAZIL

Landing on a beach near Rio de Janeiro

According to *O Dia* of Rio de Janeiro for September 10 and 11, 1968, a number of people, some of whom were still suffering from considerable emotional shock, had witnessed the passage or the landing of a saucer on the beach at Itaipu, near Niterói (to the East of Rio de Janeiro) on Sunday, September 9, 1968.

One witness interviewed by the newspaper was Professor Sohail Saud, a teacher of Business Studies, who gave a very precise account of the object, with numerous details. He said it made a number of low-level passes over the beach before landing briefly, and that he saw the occupants inside it but could not describe them other than saying that they were definitely wearing helmets. The craft was a large disc, emitted a beam of orange light, and travelled at a fantastic speed.

Another witness was Professor Wilton Ribeiro of the Colegio Silvio Leite. He was walking on the beach when suddenly he saw, at a distance of some 200 metres from him, a strange object descending silently and emitting beams of orange light. At first he thought it must be a balloon, but when it had come much closer and was only about 10 metres at the most above the sea, it was spinning on its axis and emitting a hum. It then stopped and remained stationary in the air. Realising now that it must be a "flying saucer" he made no attempt to get nearer, lest, as he said, he might be kidnapped by it.

Other witnesses were a student and his girl friend named Regina Lúcia de Oliveira (she also being a University student). They were driving along the shore slowly in his car when they saw the UFO. They were shaken by the sight and left quickly, but not before seeing the UFO suddenly shoot straight up into the sky and vanish within seconds.

A Sr. João Abud, juridical assessor of the Secretariat of Justice of the State of Rio de Janeiro also saw it. He said it was above the beach at Icarai.

Two other witnesses at Itaipu were the girl students Beatriz Silveira and Nadja Nunes Pires. The first-named said that, looking out of a window towards the sea, she saw the disc, which was of considerable size, stop in the air for a few seconds, before it began turning on its axis and then vanished straight upwards at extraordinary speed. The second girl was apparently so frightened that she dared not visit the area again.

Another piece of testimony was totally unsolicited, and came from a

39-year-old businessman named Francisco Ribeiro Gomes, of rua Carlos Gianelli 336. He walked into the offices of *O Dia* and asked to be permitted to give his "disinterested and non-suspect testimony as to the existence of flying saucers." He said that he had seen the saucer from his property at Rio Vermelho. It had been flying at great speed, and leaving a vivid trail of orange light, most beautiful and impressive to see.

The newspaper pointed out that this was by no means the first UFO report from the Niterói area, for the mysterious deaths of the two young men in the lead masks had occurred there, and in that case also a witness had spoken of seeing a UFO that emitted beams of orange light over the area where their bodies were later found, on the Morro do Vintém.

Another report of a near-landing

Owing to pressure for space as well as lack of time for translation, it has not hitherto been found possible to give this report, which appeared in the São Paulo newspaper *Última Hora* of May 30, 1967, and was forwarded to FSR by Mr. Nigel Rimes.

According to a message dated May 30, 1967, from the Santos correspondent of this paper, the sighting occurred at 3.00 p.m. on May 24, 1967, at a small place called Parque Rio Grande in the municipality of Rio Grande da Serra and six kilometres from the town of Ribeirão Pires (State of São Paulo).

Antônio de Carvalho, aged 52, manager of the estate where the event took place, told the correspondent that he and his wife dona Julieta Cornélio de Carvalho were engaged in putting a tiled-roof on a shed. Their six-year-old son José Antônio was playing nearby.

Suddenly, just as the wife was handing up a tile, she noticed the object hanging stationary and silent against the clear sky (it was a sunny day and there was little wind). She at once shouted and rushed out to see what it was.

She and her husband then stood for some moments and watched the UFO, which they described as about five metres long, a light grey in colour, and resembling nothing so much as "a big cigar with oval ends." There were furthermore four "legs" and, when the UFO moved, they both saw a little window on it open and a figure lean out of it as though observing them. They said that the occupant did not appear to be very tall. He was wearing a sort of helmet, and they were unable to see his features or the colour of his complexion.

The farmhouse of the fazenda stands on a small elevation beside a