

## 'Little green men'

RIO DE JANEIRO, Friday (AAP-Reuter).—  
The Brazilian Air Force is investigating reports that a flying saucer with four little green men landed near the Sao Paulo State town of Pirassununga.

A pedlar, Tiago Machado, 19, claims his legs were paralysed temporarily by a ray gun fired by one of the little green men after he tried to converse with them. As he lay helplessly on the ground with legs swollen the mysterious object took off and vanished.

Dozens of people in this town 190 miles south of Rio de Janeiro swore they had been the flying saucer on Friday.

It was variously described as "a ball of fire" like "two plates joined together", as a "giant parachute open on the ground" or a "camping tent". A previous flying saucer sighting in the area was reported in 1967.

In the field where the object was said to have landed, investigators photographed a circular area of crushed grass about 19 feet in diameter. In the centre were three symmetrical indentations apparently made by some form of tripod.