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AN extremely bright light — believed to be an Unidentified Flying Object — was witnessed by hundreds of tribespeople over a wide area in the Mount Fletcher district this week.

The Vice-Principal of Zibimeyer High School in Mount Fletcher, Mr T. F. Makalima, said he had seen "an extremely bright white light with a red sparkle fly low, across the sky," on Wednesday night. Tribespeople in the area also reported the strange light to him.

"The light first appeared at about eight in the evening and it emitted no sound at all. It was too bright to be that of a conventional aircraft", said Mr Makalima.

Reports of the light came from as far as Thaba Chicha, about 40 kilometres from Mount Fletcher. Moving at a steady pace it flew in a direction from over the southern Drakensberg towards Port St Johns.

Father Ernest Zegars, of Shepherds Hope Catholic Mission in Ongeluknek Valley, told The Natal Witness that hundreds of tribespeople had reported the strange light to him.

"The local people tell me that there was a similar occurrence in 1977, when a strange light was seen to fly in the same direction and over the same area", said Father Zegars.

An elderly horseman had reported to Mr Makalima that "the light was so bright when it passed overhead, he could see the shadow of his horse".

"The local people here tend to be superstitious — but children were screaming with delight while elderly folks were beginning to think the world had come to an end," said Mr Makalima.