

'Big Foot' —

UFO stink!

UFO fever is back!

By Don Farmer

Errie, unexplained orange lights seen near Oamaru and at sea off the Otago coast have revived speculation that alien beings are keeping a watching brief on the South Island.

The latest sighting was off Smallis Beach, Dunedin, this week.

Dunedin police at first treated the report of a bright orange light in the sky as a flare sighting but were baffled when it could not be proved that any vessel was in the area.

"We checked with the fishermen at Port Chalmers and with the lighthouse keeper at Talaroa Heads, but we could not find an explana-

tion for the lights. There were no boats in the area at the time," he said.

Witnesses claimed the bright light stayed suspended in the sky above Smallis Beach for at least 15 seconds, then vanished as quickly as it had appeared.

They judged it was 16 kilometres out to sea.

It is the latest in a chain of UFO sightings in Otago. Within the last month UFOs have been seen over Oamaru and Farrowell Spit.

South Island space-watchers believe the current rash of close encounters could herald the return of the mysterious Big Foot specimens.

The Big Foot first ap-

peared in 1960 after a rash of sightings.

A Christchurch man, driving near Clarence Bridge, Kaitioura, said he was "in a por a rilly anaesketised by a UFO."

He pulled off the street to sleep but was quickly awoken by a dazzling, white fuzzy light shining into the car.

The next morning he found a set of huge foot-prints on the ground around his car.

Big Foot reappeared in 1974, leaving huge foot-prints in sand on a windswept area of the South Island coast.

This time the prints were accompanied by landing marks, said by UFOlogists to have been made by an alien craft.