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SIGHTINGS

With five months of 1982 already past the lack of unexplained reports continues, in fact we are doing well to even receive a call about misidentified planets, satellites, aircraft, etc: One wonders how things can get any quieter, but they just do. The Centre has received about a dozen calls so far about an average of one call a fortnight compared with 3 a week average in the mid seventies.

A couple of 1981 sightings were finalised earlier this year and details of these together with a couple of more nebulous cases are shown below.

We like members to consider themselves as receivers for the Centre listening in in case any sightings come their way, or maybe a lead that we can follow up. So if you have heard about anything write to the above address or better still give us a call on the telephone numbers. After all most of our interesting cases over the years have come in on the "grapevine" not by direct calls to the Centre. The witnesses have usually said, "we thought that you would laugh at us when we told you what happened?"

TWO CASES FROM 1981.

Four of the seven unexplained cases in 1981 occurred during February. The fourth report although coming to the Centre's attention in mid year could not be finalised until a year after the event. It occurred at Ross probably on February 3rd about 9.40pm. There were two witnesses travelling home together in Mrs A's car. Mrs A was contacted in 1981 when we first heard about the report but she failed to complete the forms. A visit by an Investigator whilst on holidays in the area obtained the details.

Mrs A says she was about a kilometre or less north of Ross on the old Midland Highway and returning home to Ross. She first noticed a bright white light to the west and initially thought it was a plane as it descended in front of some low hills. She did not take much notice as she continued on towards the town centre.

However, the object changed direction and slowly approached the local hotel. It was growing in size and looked as if it was going to crash into the hotel. Mrs A did not want to be involved in a crash so she pulled up some 300/400m from the hotel. She said to her elderly passenger "look at that". The passenger however was looking for something on the road and failed to notice the object at this stage. There was no other traffic about at this stage and there were no effects on the witness or motor vehicle.

Mrs A estimated the object to be moving slowly at a 30m elevation and having an apparent size of twice the moon. It was elliptical in shape. The colour was a greenish metallic with gold light beams projecting from either side. The witness found it hard to describe but the object presented the same appearance despite its changes of direction.

The object now disappeared. Having reached the hotel it suddenly shot up and away to the south now being noticed for the first time by Mrs A's passenger. It dwindled in size and in a couple of seconds was lost from sight.

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NEXT MEETING...June 4th at the BP Theatre, City Mutual Bldg: 47 Liverpool St, commencing 8pm.

We hope among other things to sort out some of our massive amount of library material. Do you still have something that should be returned to the Library. Please post them to the above address or bring them along on the night. We hope later to issue members with a catalogue of some of the interesting items on hand.

SEE YOU THERE.

Two Cases from 1981 Contd:

Raminea Report.

A lone motorist contacted the Centre the next day after his sighting of a large green light. The sighting took place on the evening of November 17th about 11.15pm. The witness was driving home from Dover to Southport when he first noticed the light as he headed up a rise out of the town. The Centre received a number of calls that evening but these were attributed to Venus in the western sky.

The motorist did not take a great deal of interest in the light as he travelled the 6kmts to Raminea. Then he decided to stop as the light looked lower and closer.

There was no noise as the 1/2 moon sized circular light seemed to move about in a confined area, changing direction and elevation several times. After several minutes the witness noticed that the light was moving away to the west and it was soon lost to view behind a rise some 2kmt distant. A glow lit up the trees in its vicinity as it moved off. The witness continued on home but was able to notice the glow behind the rise until distance obscured his vision of the area.

Arriving home he says Venus was visible in the sky. He went inside and watched TV till near midnight, then went outside to check the night sky for any signs of the earlier light. Together with his wife he noticed a white light to the west and watched it for 30 minutes as it slowly moved northwards maintaining the same elevation. It finally disappeared behind high cloud in the NNW.

The two cases are of extra interest relative to other cases investigated in 1981. One sighting in February occurred a few kilometers north of Ross. Whilst a report of a red nocturnal light on April 11th occurred over the area south of Dover.

Two other reports have recently come to hand from the Huon district. However, from the information it is difficult to conclude just what was the stimulus in each case for the sightings. They may have been something astronomical, local reflection etc; or maybe it is easier to say they are unexplained?

Soon after the first Dover report a large moon sized shimmering red light was seen on April 24th(1981) just south of Dover. The light was watched for 5 seconds. The motorist saw the light briefly on two occasions. On the second occasion it had changed colour to a pale orange and seemed to be about the top of the treeline.

Another April report came from a motorist travelling home to Hobart on the Huon Highway. She was travelling up the first hill out of Grove. A brilliant blue-white rectangular mass of light was noticed over the Sleeping Beauty Range. As in the previous report no movement was apparent from the light although it was viewed off and on over several minutes. The light looked to be 2" (imperial) long at arms length. The light disappeared by just going out. The event took place at dusk and there is a slim chance of a high cirrus cloud still catching the last of the sun.

Yet another Huon case to hand is from January 1977 but it lacks details. A number of witnesses near Southport saw a bright light moving down a hill and out over the water towards Bruny Isld. The object had a beam like shape and was white and was in view for a number of seconds. It may have been something burning up in the atmosphere although a whooshing noise accompanied the event.

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More from the Huon.

Another Huon report has just come to the Centre's attention. Another lone motorist this time near Gelendevie sighted a large brilliant white light to the NNW. It appeared to be stationary atop a nearby hill. The sighting occurred at 6.45pm on March 8th, just about sunrise time. The motorist pulled up for a few minutes before hurrying off.

A strange area of light has been reported from Bruny Island. The event took place last October when an area of red/orange light enveloped the witnesses caravan. The witnesses were just driving up to their caravan when they saw the light mass. The caravan was out of sight for a minute and when they arrived there was nothing to be seen. Details of a sighting at the same location at Christmas 1979 are also being obtained. A daylight sighting of a green object occurred at close range as the object passed overhead. (more in our October Newsletter)*****