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Recently the UFO enthusiast searching for sightings may have noticed a few more items in the media but little in the night skies.

It seems there has been an upsurge of interest in the United States with newspaper stories on "Crashed Saucers". New books have also come out on Abductions. A number of these stories have filtered through into the Australian press. Reports on "Bodies of UFO Aliens recovered in crash"(1947), and secret briefing papers on the incident for then President Eisenhower. Abductions we hear are the "in thing" in the States, we hope that sanity will prevail and that investigation of the UFO phenomena does not get sidetracked.

In our June Newsletter we covered the strange figure seen near Oatlands on January 6th, plus a cutting on a "yowie" like creature seen near Alice Springs in February. Coincidence, but a further cutting appears in this issue from New South Wales, was it a monster or Yugoslav.

Australia continues its lull in UFO sightings, little information has come to hand on sightings about the country. The Northern Territory and North West Australia featured with some reports early in the year but since then sightings have been isolated and far between.

In Tasmania we had a possible loss of power case, an ambulance driver noticing some lights near ground level on June 18th. A few days later erratic lights were reported from Seven Mile Beach whilst a Cressy event in August is still under investigation.

All in all events have not yet "taken a turn for the better" as hoped in our June Newsletter.

SIGHTINGS

"UFO Puzzle for Ambulance Driver" was one of the headlines from a leading Tasmanian daily newspaper as the June 16th report made the paper and radio news.

The driver had taken two people from New Norfolk to Ouse some 60kmts up the Derwent Valley. On the outward trip when 4/5kmts from Ouse the ambulance lost power for a second or two, the headlights going out briefly. A check under the bonnet at Ouse revealed nothing so the witness set off alone for base at New Norfolk.

It was about 22.05(10.05pm) as the driver reached the same section of road, again the vehicle lost power, this time it was more pronounced with the headlights again going out for a few seconds. The motor did not stall but dropped in power then came back to life again.

At this point the witness noticed something to his left on the hilltop. Initially he saw a glow on the hillside above which was a well defined half semi circle shape. At the next glance he could see two rows of bluish/white lights about four in each row. The lights blinked twice and then went out.

The original dark yellow shape was twice moon sized as the witness had time to compare it with the moon visible in the south eastern sky.

SIGHTINGS Contd:

As the driver continued on his way he was able to keep a check on the yellow shape for some 2 minutes, just before it was lost from sight he had the impression it had moved back from the hilltop. The road after the initial straight swung to the left and he was still able to view the shape as if he had passed it and was now looking back. At this point a nearby hill cut off any further view of the yellow UFO.

The night was fine and frosty with some fog patches on the road in the valley sections. There was now some fog on the road and when climbing a hill about 10kmts further on the witness was able to look back over the area but saw nothing unusual.

Following media publicity the Centre received a similar report from a truck driver near Gretna. The truck had just lost power, the lights and radio went off briefly before all went back to normal. This occurred about 7pm on the same evening about 30kmts from the ambulance drivers' event. However, on this occasion no lights/objects were noticed by the driver.

An East West aircraft landed at Hobart Airport at 22.30 (10.30pm) after passing 15kmts east of the sighting point. It would appear to have been unlikely for the plane to account for the yellow shape at ground level.



31.1.1987 CENTRAL WESTERN, ORANGE,
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UFO comes out of the saucepan into the the skies

By SANDRA ROBERTS

UFO researchers are baffled by an Orange man's sighting of an object which came bursting out of the Saucepan star formation above the city yesterday morning then zoomed off again.

Mr Peter Langham, 33, claimed he'd never seen anything like the object which stopped him in his tracks as he walked down Sampson St at 3am yesterday.

It had three large green lights in the shape of a boomerang then on either side of the craft was a row of smaller white lights, he said.

"I looked up at the Saucepan. I don't even know why I looked. Then out of the formation it came.

"It came down lower and lower. I couldn't believe it, it was so prominent. At first I thought it was a bunch of stars then it zoomed off to the west.

"I've never seen anything like it before. I was left standing there."

Mr Langham said he watched the object for about 30 seconds before it disappeared.

He had been walking to his parents' home at the southern end of Sampson St after having dinner and chatting with some friends. He said he had not been drinking.

Haunted by the sighting, Mr Langham checked several times during the night to see whether the UFO had returned.

Mr Langham was probably the only person who saw the object as no other sightings have been reported to Orange police or observed by officers at the Department of Aviation tower on Mt Canobolas or at the CSIRO radio telescope at Parkes.

Orange UFO researcher Mr Terry Bishop said yesterday the sighting seemed a bit strange and that he'd never heard of anything like it before.

He said it did not fit the description of any meteor or satellite which would have passed over Orange yesterday morning.

"UFOs are called that because little is known about them. We're trying to find out whether their causes could be natural.

"It's possible they could be people coming through from another dimension

say they don't exist. We look at things scientifically.

"We believe there has to be some other life

because of the mass of the universe and because there are so many other planets and suns out there.

"Probably some are in an advanced human form but others might be at the caveman stage or they could be future relatives coming back in time."

SIGHTINGS Contd:

A few days after the Derwent Valley case the Centre received a call reporting lights over Seven Mile Beach. The most obvious explanation for lights in this area would be aircraft approaching Hobart Airport just 2kmts north east of the beachside suburb.

However, almost instant contact with the Airport on this June 21st case revealed no planes in the air at the time. A large bright red/gold flashing light was seen approaching from the north east, this was followed by a red light. They were both travelling on the same flight path and passed away towards the south east. A third light was seen within seconds but this was fainter and moved more south west disappearing above cloud at about the 1500mt level. No noise was heard at any time during the passage of the lights. Soon after an aircraft came into the Airport, this was heard by the witness but could not be seen due to intervening trees.

Old Power Loss Report.

Another power loss case came to the Centre's attention, this time from June 1977. The witness says at about 6.30pm he was travelling south near Ross on the Midland Highway heading south. To the west of the road large brilliant lights suddenly came on and his car lost all its lights at the same time. By the time he had pulled up nothing could be seen. He later had the electricians checked but nothing was found to be amiss.

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Police say 'yowie' who scared youths may be Yugoslav

SYDNEY. — Police have declared a "yowie", allegedly sighted on the weekend by a group of youths, to be a 55-year-old Yugoslavian-born man.

The man had lived in bush in the Woronora Dam area, 40 kilometres south of Sydney for about two years, a spokesman at nearby Engadine Police Station said last night.

Eight young Sydney men said that on Saturday they had encountered a wild man, whom they described as more than two metres tall, very strongly built and seemingly covered in fur.

They told police the "beast", carrying a half-eaten wallaby, had walked across Woronora Dam Road, apparently agitated and growling at them.

"The kids all left the area extremely rapidly," the spokesman said.

Police searches of the region yesterday, including a helicopter sweep, turned up nothing.

But they were convinced the "yowie" was a harmless hermit who lived in the huge dam catchment area.

Water Board rangers had sighted the man several times in the area in the past two years, although on most occasions they had not been able to speak to him.

However one of them, Mr George William, yesterday handed on details of the giant man to police, including his name and date of birth.

"We can't definitely confirm it, but we believe it's the same bloke," the police spokesman said.

Fighters after UFO

PEKING — Chinese fighter pilots tracked an unidentified flying object that appeared over Shanghai on Thursday night for seven minutes before it vanished in the East China Sea, the China Daily said yesterday.

The UFO was described by one of many witnesses as looking at times like an oval plate, and at others like a comet with an umbrella-shaped tail.

One witness said described it as a "reddish orange basin-shaped luminary."

"Above the bright basin-like object was a misty parachute with a diameter of about one metre." EXAMINER 30/K

AUSTRALIAN UFO ACTIVITY - 1986

To help ACUFOS compile a national picture of UFO activity over the last year, a two-page questionnaire was sent to all groups and investigators. The following information is compiled from the returned questionnaires, a manual count of case reports received by ACUFOS, and general correspondence. Thanks to all groups and investigators who contributed information.

Group	Identifieds	Still Under Investigation	Unidentifieds	Total Reports	No. of Group Reports Recd by ACUFOS
ACUFOS	3	-	2	5	5
<i>member groups:</i>					
IUFORG				0	0
SWUFOR	-	-	1	1	1
TUFOIC	74	-	12	86	22 *
UFO Research (FNQ)	5	-	3	8	3
UFO Research (NSW)	2	-	1	3	3
UFO Research (QLD)			4	4	4
UFO Research (SA)				0	0
WAUFOIC	65	6	35	106	0
<i>non-affiliated groups:</i>					
UFORA	2	-	-	2	2
VUFORS	55	5		60	0
Total:			58	275	40

* Includes a number of pre-1986 cases

"HAIRY MONSTERS" IN ITALY

A section is included briefly reviewing the "wave" of "hairy" beings in Italy in 1986: such reports came also from Siena in June, from Bologna in August and mostly from the Irpine mountain area in the provinces of Caserta, Avellino and Potenza, where sightings of the so-called "Irpinia monster" poured in since February, concentrating in May and June. It was described as 1.7 to 2 meters tall, anthropomorphic, often with "bright eyes" and large ears, the whole body covered with long hair, usually running away when somebody approached, sometimes leaving footprints or scorched trees as if by scratches. Only two reports were received in early June of such entities directly connected with a luminous object on or near the ground, but these were given wide space in the national press, who spoke of a "monster from space".

Among the hypotheses proposed for the being(s) (whose behavior was usually described as indeed similar to an animal) you may find: a large hydrophobic dog, an escaped circus monkey, a bear arriving from the Abruzzi National Park, a "story" purposefully exaggerated by local residents who were trying to obtain gun licenses (usually negated in this area of high "camorra" criminality).

It must be added that "hairy monsters" have been occasionally reported in the area since at least 1974. As for UFO correlations (more common in the USA) only about ten Italian "isolated hairy entities" may be found in our files, and only one of an hairy little man directly connected to a UFO, whose sighting took place in this same area, at Prata Principato Ultra (Avellino) on October 8, 1984.

Flashing lights reported as UFOs

MELBOURNE. — Victorian authorities are checking a number of overnight reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

Police at Seymour, 95 kilometres north of Melbourne, said they were told by four people last night they had seen a big UFO with flashing lights.

One man driving with his wife and child had said he saw the mystery object near Broadford, along the Hume Highway about 30 kilometres south of Seymour, a police spokesman said.

It had looked about 65 metres long and about 30 metres high with flashing gold lights, he told police.

Seymour police had been unable to trace anything, a spokesman said.

A Melbourne Airport operations controller also logged calls of UFO sightings from a number of people about 10.10pm, a spokesman for the Federal Department of Communications and Transport said.

The controller had not specified where the people had made the sightings.

He had noted a report of an object about eight metres in height with rows of flashing gold lights and had said police had been alerted.

But he gave no further details, the department spokesman said.

"There were no aircraft in the area at that time, there was no radar return of flying objects, and no aircraft operating out of Puckapunyal Army Base," the spokesman said.

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