

GREEN MEN AND UFOs: IT'S AN EPIDEMIC!

ROME, Tues., AAP. — Three policemen in Puglia say they saw three cigar-shaped discs spitting fire.

A hairdresser says he met a little green man with horns

A Rome businessman told a nation-wide television audience of his encounter with two grey-colored "mini-men" descending from the sky in a beam of light

Fishermen in the Adriatic reported sudden tidal waves on calm days and balls of red light emerging from the sea.

Italians are gripped by what the Milan daily Corriere Della Sera called "flying saucer fever" — in epidemic proportions. Unidentified flying objects have created such a craze that even a prisoner in Bari escaped from his cell and climbed onto the jail roof in the hope of spotting one.

Scientists, "ufologists," sociologists and other experts, are given daily space in the news media to analyse the strange phenomenon haunting Italians.

It all began in September when fishermen near the Adriatic port of Pes-

cara sailed home one morning with tales about mysterious tidal waves, mushrooms of red light rising from the sea and scores of flying saucers zig-zagging across the skies

Shortly afterwards two of their colleagues drowned when their trawler capsized in what experts said was an absolutely calm night.

Earlier, people living along the coastline reported that the sea suddenly receded hundreds of metres, only to spill back, hours later, in a huge tidal wave.

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