

A 'street light' over Paradise

BRISBANE. — Holidaymakers, ambulancemen and 15 policemen said they saw a UFO over the Gold Coast early yesterday.

The object was first reported at 2.45 a.m. by patrolling policemen who saw a mysterious light over the sea near Miami beach.

Minutes later two policemen at the South-

port radio room went outside and saw the same light.

Constables Ian Jansen and Dave Kuss told ambulancemen in an adjacent building, they monitored the object until

about 6 a.m. when it disappeared behind a cloud.

Constable Jansen said yesterday the light was too intense to be a star.

"It was as bright as a street light and didn't shimmer like a star," he said.

"I've never seen anything like it before. All the officers on patrol saw it as well as detectives who were working on the coast.

"We contacted a private security man, and asked him to come over to the station with his binoculars.

"Through the glasses, the light looked to have a blueish tinge, although I reckon I could see reds and greens as well."

The reported sighting of a UFO in the nearby Currumbin Valley six hours before the object was spotted on the Gold Coast has added weight to the speculation.

Wellington radar blips its lid

AUCKLAND, Tues., AAP. — Wellington Airport radio controller Mr Geoff Causar said today he had picked up scores of unidentified blips on his screens at the weekend.

He said that at one stage he had 10 separate "targets" on a screen at once.

"We have now recorded sightings by six pilots of three Argosy planes over 10 days, and a host of radar sightings," he said.

"There is obviously something strange and it needs to be investigated.

"There were no aircraft in the area at the time, but the radar returns were similar to the size given by a Fokker Friendship.

"It was certainly much stronger than a light plane, but not as strong as a DC-8."

Scoffers say the mysterious white lights are reflections from the lights of foreign trawlers which are out in force along the Canterbury coast to the south of Cook Strait.

But this does not explain the blips on the Wellington Airport radar screens at the time of the aerial sightings.

Another theory is that temperature inversions which occur when moving air is trapped by layers of a different heat causes lights from the land to play tricks in the sky.

But again, this would not cause a radar scope return.

A slow bowler...

AN object shaped like a bowler-hat moved slowly across the sky over Moorabbin before it disappeared, according to 17-year-old Paul Carmeni, of Moorabbin.

"I was out the front of the house putting out the garbage about 8 p.m. in late October, when I saw this glowing bowler-hat object moving across the sky," Paul said.

"It was moving pretty slowly at a fairly low al-

titude. By the time I got the camera, it was at the back of the house.

Paul said he took a picture of the object which looked "about the size of a football."

He said the object, which was distinct in the sky, looked blurred in the photo, and its orange color was stronger in the picture.

Paul said he lost sight of it at 8.03 p.m.

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