

# UFO landing reported in Yugoslavia

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**This UFO sighting took place near the small town of Rasanac which is near Ohrid, close to the Albanian border.**

**M**Y source of information is an employee at the geophysical observatory at Ljubljana. He is very interested in UFOs but wishes to remain anonymous because he is afraid he might lose his job, and for this reason it is very difficult to obtain reports from him. He received the report in question from another man who works at the Belgrade geophysical observatory and who investigated the case privately. I obtained permission from this person to send the report to FSR, and both the UFO society, SOLT, and I, have the names of both informants on our files.

The occurrence took place at 1.00 a.m. on August 2, 1971. The principal witness wishes to be unnamed, but we have his name on file. Other witnesses are members of the beat band "Dubrovacki Trubaduri," namely Kosta Verus, Stojan Klatovski and Milorad Dusanovic. They had been travelling in a Fiat 750, the most widely used passenger car in Yugoslavia. The last-named speaks for the whole group:

"When we first saw the strange thing it looked like the light of a spot-light; we also heard a sound and saw a strong, directed beam of light." (At this moment all the witnesses were outside the car.) He continues: "As the sound grew stronger, so the light became stronger. The unknown body hovered in the air. I estimated its diameter at 10 metres (33 feet). At first it appeared square but later assumed an elliptical form. The light grew even stronger. It was stronger on the edge than in the middle. Because of the configuration of the terrain we were unable to see whether the object actually landed or not, but we clearly saw rays coming through the forest trees. We were certain the object was either in or behind the forest which is near the Ohrid-Bitolj road, lying no more than 40 metres (125 feet) back from the road-side.

"It was really interesting to watch that unusual object. First we saw it as a square, and it gradually reshaped to become an elliptical body. It then projected a very strong beam of light. Even I was determined to go to the place where the strange thing hovered or landed, hoping to see what it was, but I was unable to do so owing to the intensity of the light. I had not believed my friend who told me that only the day before he had met with an unusual object at that very spot.

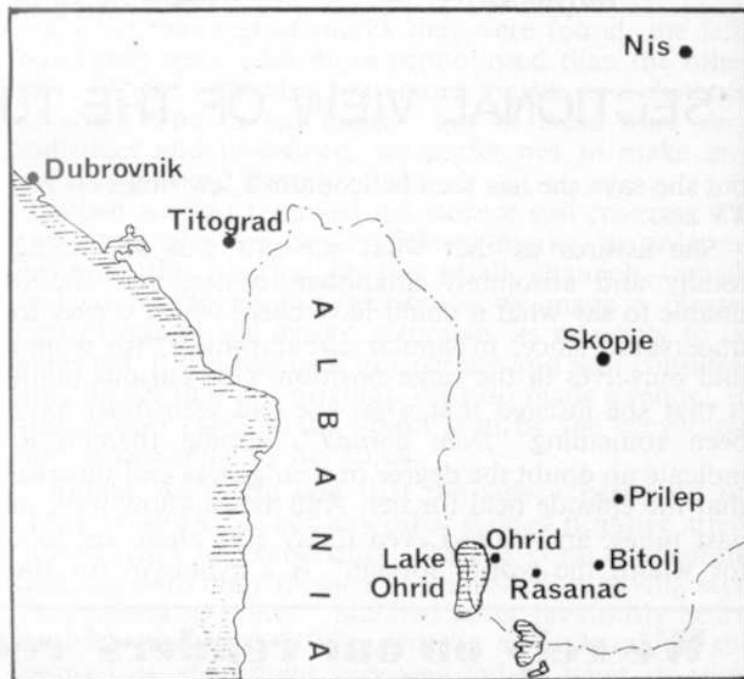
"Just before we encountered the strange light, when we had reached the small town of Rasanac, I had seen a small green frog jump from somewhere onto the steering wheel. Only a moment later, someone shouted to me to take care as a scorpion had appeared on the door. When I was a child I was afraid of that small creature because it is very poisonous. At that moment I stopped the car and it was then that one of the

co-passengers spotted the light. Two of my friends, Stojan and Kosta, got out of the car with the intention of investigating what it was, but were soon forced to stop because the light was too intense. Suddenly there was panic. We were all very pale and had just enough strength to reach Ohrid. As we left the place we heard a loud noise like that of thunder, and then one of my co-passengers noted that an 'air-craft' changed course and flew across the river Koselska. I must say, it was a really rare happening and one which we will all remember."

Golubinka, wife of Milorad Dusanovic, said: "I have no words to describe how Milorad looked that night when he arrived home. He simply was unable to say anything. He was so pale that I was very worried. To pull himself together, he took a bath, even though it was very late (2.00 a.m.); in the morning, as soon as he was awake, he drank the well-known alcoholic liquor from the village of Volgosti, named rakija."

Now for the story told by the unnamed witness who is an administrator of the Ohrid Museum. We will call him after his initials, Mr. N.C.

"It was about 1.00 a.m. when we came near the place known as Rasanac. I spotted a luminous body,



**Southern Yugoslavia, showing the location of Ohrid (formerly Ochrida) and district. The lake is surrounded by mountain peaks ranging from 4,500 to more than 7,300 feet**

and there was 'lightning' as though there was a thunderstorm. The radio until now had been playing normally. Suddenly it stopped playing, and I wondered why. Was there something wrong with the electronic apparatus? Suddenly, an intense light appeared, moving through the air at great speed. As suddenly as it had appeared, it stopped at about 20 metres over the land. My wife and her friend were in the car. We noticed that the craft was 10-15 metres across and that it was lowering silver-coloured wings from its edges. When the wings were completely lowered, it gently landed and again drew the wings back into the body. The wings were about 10 metres in length. As the thing stopped it was seen to be like a ball in shape, perfectly round, and silver-green in colour. Then suddenly it began to glow. The landing on the earth was at an angle of 90°.

"Out of curiosity I wanted to get out of the car and investigate. But my wife and her friend tried to stop me. But I did not listen to their advice to stay in the car, and I got out. At the moment I got outside I felt a strong ray of light directed towards me. For a moment I was shocked and became unconscious. The light acted hypnotically and I was unable to stay on my feet. My wife and her friend pushed me into the car. When I had recovered I left the place and went on towards Ohrid. About 10 metres further on I stopped again at a parking place near Porenta bridge. Then I saw in my mirror that the light was coming closer, so I changed my mind about getting out of the car and continued on towards Ohrid. At Openica village, the radio began working again."

Mr. N.C. related how next morning he went back to the place with some of his friends and was joined by Mr. Sotir Stefanovski, a teacher of technical education from the elementary school "Grigor Prlicev". The teacher said later that in 1953 the same thing had happened to a group of workers from Pesani village when they were returning home late at 11.00 p.m. from Ohrid. It happened over the hydrometeorological institute. The group of workers were walking along

when they suddenly saw the light. The strange object extended wings and suddenly an intense light appeared. Scared, the workers returned to Ohrid. Next day, when they told the other workers about their sighting they were not believed and were laughed at.

Pero Krstanovski, a retired worker aged 60, told the group about his experience in 1942 when he was returning with his horses from Bitolj to Ohrid. At the same place, Rasanac, and Prents bridge, the horses suddenly stopped. He related thus:

"I was in the company of Boris Alac, who is still alive. I know that horses are very touchy animals. Boris said to me that there must be a reason why the horses stopped. Then we noticed near the river Koselska an intensely bright flame which suddenly disappeared downstream. When the flame disappeared, the horses started on their way again."

Another thing which should be mentioned is that there is a story that some time ago, Dr. Vasil Lahtov found a grave near Prents Bridge dating back to Roman times. Some say that it is the grave of a princess. People believe that the grave glows with an orange-coloured light.

All the witnesses to the above sighting swear on their lives that what they state they saw is the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

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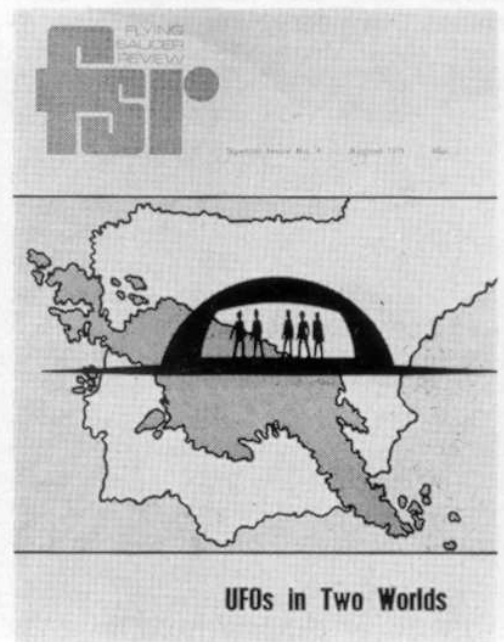
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# UFO Photographed over Okinawa

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Our contributor is Chairman of Modern Space Flight Association\* and the following report is taken from this Japanese group's *UFO Newsletter* of September 27, October 5 and October 11, 1972.

AROUND the time that a TWA pilot and two crew members sighted a UFO over the Western Pacific off Okinawa at approximately 8.00 p.m. Japanese Time (11.00 a.m. G.M.T.) on September 22, 1972, two photographs were allegedly taken by a senior high school student in Okinawa. This was reported by two of Japan's five leading newspapers, the *Yomiuri Shinbun* and the *Mainichi Shinbun* on September 27, 1972.

The student who took the photographs is Mr. Masahiro Asanuma (aged 21), 4th Grade Correspondence Course student of Oruku Prefecture Senior High School, and who lives at 91-2, Yorimiya, Naha City, Okinawa. They were taken when he was attending the Summer School Camp of the Correspondence Course held at the Young People's Field Centre at Uji, Nago City, in the central part of Okinawa Island, together with forty schoolmates and their teacher, Mr. Yoshio Takaesu†, who also witnessed the object.

At about 8.30 p.m., according to the *Mainichi*, a bright object, brighter than the moon, moved from west to east in the north-western sky. The object made its appearance in the night sky at about 50° altitude in the form of a yellowish-white belt of light. At the time, the witnesses were admiring the full moon, as it was the Day of the Harvest Moon (the Japanese enjoy the full moon once a year on this day—one of the outstanding events in the life of the Japanese people in general). The object flew slowly from the western coast of Heneji to the east in the direction of Kunigami.

Although the moonlight was very bright and the sky was rather light, the object was "fluorescent-coloured, like the moonlight," according to Mr. Asanuma. "An aeroplane is burning! No, it's a flying saucer!" the students cried. Having heard such cries, he aimed his camera (a Cannon 35 mm. QL, with 50 mm. lens, iris 1.9, using Fuji film, monocro SS) and released the shutter four times. He took the first two photographs of the object with flash, but they were failures. Then he set the shutter at B, and took the next two photographs with the iris open and pressed the shutter for about 5-6 seconds each. These two were the photographs which caused the sensation. The object finally disappeared into the cloud about two minutes later.

There are scores of other witnesses of the same, or a similar object, at about the same time in various parts of Okinawa, such as Daitojima, Koza City, Kunigami-Mura, Ogimimura and Naha City, etc. But as to whether this was the same object which was observed by the pilot and crew members of the TWA flight (and also of the KLM flight) we cannot give you a definite answer because the speed was reported as being different. Furthermore, we have already received one newspaper clipping from a member in Okinawa (from the *Okinawa Times*) which reported other sightings

of the same object on the same night by some other residents in various parts of Okinawa. However, these reports show that the object flew approximately from north to south, leaving a wide trail, and not from west to east as described by Mr. Asanuma. What does this mean? Was there a misunderstanding of the direction on the part of the student?

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There was another photograph taken during the early morning of the next day, September 23, in Osaka City. This was reported in the *Nippon Keizai Shinbun* of September 28 as follows: "On September 27, when the UFO photographed over Okinawa became a topic



Masahiro Asanuma's first photograph



Asanuma's second photograph: eyewitnesses described the object's swift direction changes, but there also appears to be a degree of hand-shake