

# 'FLYING SAUCER' JOINS IN 'MAINBRACE'

A FLYING SAUCER ENTERED EXERCISE MAINBRACE today following a report from the R.A.F. station at Topcliffe (Yorks), of a white object having been seen, which accelerated at a speed in excess of a shooting star.

RAF officers at the Mainbrace headquarters at Pteropvic (F.eshore) would not state what view was being taken of the report.

A RAF spokesman refused to comment, although whether the report was regarded as a serious one. He added, "it is being investigated."

The report led to a NAAP saucer being placed on the plot of the exercise. The saucer, instructed with ribbons, was placed on the plot a short distance from Topcliffe, and the RAF duty commander at Pteropvic opened up a new signal file headed "Saucer sightings and movements," where he would file further signals on the object.

## FIVE MILES AWAY

The object was seen by about 10 RAF officers and men, the crews of Shackleton aircraft operating from Topcliffe. The signal reporting what they had seen was passed by the intelligence officer at Topcliffe to the mainbrace headquarters at Pteropvic in the Coastal Command headquarters at Northwood Middlesex.

The signal said that the object was seen at 12.53pm yesterday when a Shackleton aircraft was flying at 10,000 ft and was descending. A white object was seen five miles away at an altitude of approximately 10,000 ft.

## SILVER IN COLOUR

It was moving in a coma-like way, blue-green in colour, similar to that of the aircraft. The object was seen by civilian and military. It maintained a fast forward speed before beginning to descend, convincing the observers.

## NOT A PARACHUTE

It was thought by those who saw it to be a parachute or could be from an aircraft, but an RAF spokesman said today that it was not a parachute or anything of the kind.

fallen in the vicinity of the station.

The signal reported that the aircraft turned towards Djabforth and the object, while still descending, appeared to follow.

## INCREDIBLE SPEED

It then began a rotary motion about its own axis, but it suddenly accelerated at incredible speed in a westerly direction, then turned to a south-easterly course.

Those who saw it stated that its movements were not identifiable with anything they had seen in the air, and that the acceleration was in excess of that of a shooting star.

The duration of the incident was between 15 and 20 seconds.

The object was seen by Flt-Lt Kilburn and Flt-Lt Cybulski, both captains of aircraft, by PO Toots, Master Signaller Thompson, and by about six other aircrew members.