

Alerted for UFOs



Unidentified flying objects seen and photographed by Sheffield schoolboy Alex Birch on March 4 this year. Air Ministry experts' explanation: "Light refracted and reflected by ice particles in atmosphere."

A Manchester reader, "Realist," claimed here that recent Space flights disproved previous theories about flying saucers. Now saucer fans retaliate. DAVID IRELAND, of Bury Old-road, Prestwich, Lancs, writes:

HASTEN to point out that we now have more evidence than ever before that such Spacecraft do exist. I cannot imagine how "Realist" can be so narrow minded as to believe that we, inhabitants of one small planet among so many millions, are the only Intelligent life form in the Universe.

And "CONVINCED," Worthing, Sussex, writes:

FLYING saucers are still being reported. In May, the pilot and co-pilot of a Viscount airliner reported a "flying saucer—round, brown, with antennae—flying at 14,000ft." south-west of Bristol.

One theory is that these "saucers" come from Tau Ceti and Epsilon Eridani, two stars in the Milky Way.

☆ Be all this as it may, folks, there is currently a boom in UFO—"unidentified flying objects."

In September, the British UFO Association was formed in London to co-ordinate the efforts of the eight or so provincial UFO Groups with some 1,000

alert observer-members. A comparable organisation in the United States has no fewer than 20,000 members.

Every year there are approximately 1,000 reports of "flying saucers" from all over the world—about 100 from the British Isles. Eighty per cent. of them can be explained away as natural phenomena or hoaxes.

Are the other 200 genuine "saucers"? We won't stick our old necks out until we've seen one!