

Scientist blames

'Martians' for hole in field

A SCIENTIST said yesterday that a spacecraft in trouble could have caused a crater found in a Dorset field.

Dr. Robert Randall, of Tidworth, Hants, said he had discovered two almost identical marks in adjoining fields forming an isosceles triangle.

And he thought the craft could have landed and taken off again from farmer Roy Blanchard's barley and potato field at Charlton, near Shaftesbury.

Repair gang

He telephoned his theory to Bomb Disposal Squad headquarters at Horsham, and today he will again visit Charlton to point out the marks to experts.

Last night Dr. Randall, who has made a study of astrophysics, revealed that he, his wife, and daughter, spent more than 10 hours during the week-end studying the crater and nearby fields.

He said: "We also found a short path which, if my theory is correct, was caused by a repair gang descending from the craft to carry out repairs."

Dr. Randall said similar marks were found in Australia in 1954 and 1955, and in France in 1958. "I myself have seen the markings in Australia, and I believe they were caused by a space probe craft."

Dr. Randall said he found markings about 250 yards apart, indicating the presence of a tripod.

Twig tremors

He went on: "Assuming that these people are about 100 years in advance of us in space research this machine could well be 500 to 1,000ft. in diameter and weigh about 600 tons."

Yesterday Professor A. C. Williamson, a water-diviner from Ringwood, visited the crater and obtained a reaction with his hazel twig.

And it became known that the village constable, Police Constable Anthony Penny, who is on holiday, reported seeing an orange object flash through the night sky on July 10 and vanish near the field in which the crater was found.

The bomb disposal unit has sunk a shaft about 5ft. deep round the crater.