

Visitors from Uranus

Dr. ROBERT'S SAUCER

SOLUTION TO MYSTERY

WITH A HOLE IN IT

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HELICOPTERS threw their shadows over the Mystery of the Hole in the Ground yesterday.

They chattered low over a Wiltshire barley field, which was guarded by police and ringed with "Danger, Keep Out" notices.

In that field Army mine detectors were trembling in agitation only 18in. above a buried metal object.

And 44-year-old physicist Dr. Robert Randall was waiting blandly for today's dawn to reveal the Thing from outer space.

For Dr. Randall is convinced that the saucer-shaped crater in Farmer Roy Blanchard's 22-acre field at Charlton was made by a spaceship in trouble on a flight from the planet Uranus.

And he believes that fragments of its damaged undercarriage lie under the ripening barley.

Odd marks

The doctor strolled happily across the sunlit fields yesterday pointing out odd markings in the ground to a team of Army men.

Those marks, he claimed, were made by a 600-ton, 500ft.-wide flying saucer, bouncing across the fields on its tripod legs when making a forced landing to check solar battery trouble.

"I think it must have come in at about 100 miles an hour," said the scientist who now lives at nearby Tidworth.

"When it came to rest on its

tripod legs it would be about 90ft. off the ground.

"It would carry a crew of about 50 and take two years to reach earth from Uranus—19 times further from the sun than we are."

Dr. Randall was interrupted by one of the helicopters, plotting the line of markings from the air.

"I think it was a peaceful space research expedition as these people are about 150 years ahead of us in space exploration," he said.

Then away he went to rejoin the four Army men hunched over the five-inch wide hole they have drilled deep into the middle of the crater.

'He told us'

I asked a Southern Command spokesman about Dr. Randall and the sudden rash of "Keep Out" notices.

All he would say was: "It has been decided to treat this as a normal bomb disposal matter. The public are never allowed near craters under examination."

But Sergeant James Reith, who is in charge of the hole-drilling soldiers, said: "I knew of Dr. Randall in Woomera when I was based in Australia.

"His views are not to be ignored. He told us we would find crystallised carbon in the crater and we have done so. And he has told us we will find molten metal there."

Today Wiltshire and the world may know whether or not the men from Uranus have been a-calling.

SPACE NOTE: Uranus is the seventh major planet in order of distance from the sun, orbiting 1,782 million miles away compared with earth's 93,000,000 miles. It is 64 times bigger than the earth.