

'THE THING' RETURNS TO A TOWN OF FEAR

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UFO Spotters Link With U.S.

The Isle of Wight Unidentified Flying Object Investigation Society is co-operating with the National Investigations Committee of Aerial Phenomena, Washington, U.S.A., in sending information on British sightings.

The island society, formed three years ago, includes draughtsmen, mathematicians, rocket engineers and aerodynamicists. They log and investigate reported sightings from all over the country.

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IT'S THE FLYING SAUCER SEASON...

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

SOME people are seeing more in summer skies than buzzing insects and birds on the wing.

From Antarctica to Britain come reports of mysterious flying objects and, in some cases, interfering with electro-magnetic equipment and clocks.

The U.S. Air Force, which has investigated more than 9,000 "sightings" since 1947, says they are usually balloons, birds, searchlights, jet exhausts or kites.

To date, a U.S.A.F. spokesman said, only 667 remain unidentified, and most of these, he said, could be explained if more information had been given to the Air Force.

The Air Force said that 18 years of investigations had turned up no evidence to indicate that the objects came from space.

DISAGREES

Disagreeing with the Air Force is Major Donald Keyhoe, a retired marine pilot who is director of the U.S. National Investigations Committee for Aerial Phenomena in Washington.

"The conclusion of the majority of our board of governors and scientific consultants is that these things must be from some advanced civilisation," said Major Keyhoe.

He contends that the U.S. Air Force reached the same conclusion years ago, but has a "high level policy of excluding the possibility of any one way or another so as not to scare people."

By MIRROR REPORTER

A WEIRD "fiery object" glowing in the sky returned to an English market town last night.

At least five people saw The Thing after a rainstorm at Warminster, Wilts.

Dozens of other Warminster people have reported seeing mystery objects in the sky during the last six months.

And there have been many stories of strange noises. . . .

Last night, Mr. Harold Horlock and his wife Dora of Cromwell-gardens, Warminster, saw a glow in the southern sky at about 9 p.m.

Pokers

Mrs Horlock said later: "It was very frightening. It sharpened into focus high up, and looked just like two red-hot pokers—one on top of the other."

Her husband said: "It was as plain and bright as could be. It stopped still in the sky for a good ten minutes or more."

Colin Hampton, 18, and his friend, Michael Fraser, 20, also saw the "shining object" in the sky.

"We were speechless," said Colin.

The mystery began soon after Christmas when people in the area began to hear strange noises — "like tons of gravel falling on a slate roof."

Others talked about odd, high-pitched vibrations above their heads.

'Not Us'

A police spokesman at Warminster said: "We will not believe it until we have seen it for ourselves."

And a spokesman for the Army's Southern Command said: "It has got nothing to do with us."

Argentinians were yesterday discussing "flying saucers" following navy confirmation of a report that a mysterious flying object was seen in the Antarctic during the weekend.