

IT'S THE FLYING SAUCER SEASON...

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

SSOME 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 explaining the phenomena only one way, or another, so as not to scare people."