

YOUR VIEWPOINT ON

THE THING

—AND A FEW OTHER THINGS

● Amused disbelief . . . quiet acceptance . . . advice to keep calm. They're all in one of the year's heaviest postbags following Friday's picture of The Thing over Warminster (below, right). Today, Viewpoint presents a selection of letters.

THE Thing at Warminster, Wilts, is a gas-filled balloon like those sent up from fetes.—**A. Trowbridge, Staines, Middlesex.**

☆ It's a decoy duck or similar object used for shooting practice.—**W. Lewis, Maidstone, Kent.**

IT'S a kind of hovercraft.—**Mrs. G. Rogers, Hornchurch, Essex.**

● I once took a similar picture with a cup and saucer on a green tufted tablecloth.—**L. Lavender, Coseley, Staffs**

Friendly

NO one need be afraid of The Thing. If there are to be visitors from other planets, they will be friendly. For this reason:

The Lord Jesus Christ came to conquer evil at its lowest plane. And He came into **THIS WORLD.**

Space visitors will be more advanced than we are, technically and morally.—**Rev. Wynford G. Whittaker, Bourne-mouth.**

☆ The Defence Ministry must have vast data on these Things. If they haven't, I don't think much of our Early Warning System.—**G. Atkinson, London, E.17.**

IF the people of Warminster keep their faith strong and their attitude welcoming and friendly, unless God wills otherwise they will come to no harm.—**R. Mauger, RN (Retd.), Ilfracombe, Devon.**

● I think I've solved the mystery of The Thing. It is a mirage, such as one sees in the desert.—**Mrs. Elkins, Swindon**

Welcome

COULD it be the burnt cottage loaf I saw slung out of a baker's window?—**V. Franklin, Warminster.**

☆ How could The Thing possibly come from Outer Space when it takes centuries to travel to the nearest star?—**Robert Newall (aged 10), Coventry.**

● Why don't we get a reception committee together to welcome possible visitors from another



THE WARMINSTER THING

planet?—**Mrs. I. White, Axminster, Devon.**

☆ Those who still scoff and laugh do so to hide their fears.—**D. J. S., Derby.**

PEOPLE from other planets are coming to Earth to bring peace and love. They do not kill.—**Mrs. C. Warren, Bristol.**

● Flying saucers visit Britain because we're more sociable than some parts of the world today.—**Vincent Hipple, London, E.1.**

Wrong

PEOPLE are being taken in by experiments by local scientists.—**Mrs. M. Potter, Bacup, Lancs.**

☆ Turn the picture upside down and you have a human eye.—**J. E. S., London, E.6.**

THE wrong shape for air, but right for settling down in water. Sounds like something used to murkier, denser atmosphere and higher gravity. Venusians?—**H. Wilkes, Ystrad Rhondda, Glam.**

■ Other readers reported Unidentified Flying Objects at:

Berkswell, Warwickshire; Clevedon, Somerset; Cross Keys, Mon; Fairford, Glos.

Great Yarmouth, Norfolk; Hatch End, Middlesex; Halton, Lancs; Huddersfield, Yorks; Langdon Hills, Essex; London; Maidstone, Kent.

Northiam, Sussex; Plymouth, Devon; Port Talbot, Glam.

Radlett, Herts; South Lowestoft, Suffolk; Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffs; Sutton, Surrey.