

FLYING SAUCERS. It's a big year for flying saucers, probably bigger than 1952 when a record 1,501 sightings were reported. Since the Air Force began keeping tabs on unidentified flying objects 18 years ago, some 9,000 have been sighted of all sizes, shapes and weird descriptions. The Air Force has standing orders to detect, identify and, if possible, intercept them. Not a one has been identified as coming from another planet. No pictures have been taken, no proof submitted that a craft or being from outer space has visited the earth. Painstaking investigation has shown most sightings to be missiles, balloons, aerial beacons, birds, kites, flares, fireworks, jet engine exhaust or some astronomical or meteorological phenomenon. This still leaves 700 sightings, however, that simply couldn't be identified and remain unexplained.