

Air chief and the 'flying saucer'

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AIR COMMODORE WHITNEY STRAIGHT, Rolls-Royce deputy chairman, spoke last night of the "very, very extraordinary unidentified flying object" he and Lady Straight saw in the Majorca sky recently.

It was a huge silver thing, which at times changed shape and size.

For five hours it hovered over Formentor, a headland 40 miles north-east of Palma, Commodore Straight said. More than a dozen people at his summer holiday retreat on the headland, the Villa Comanda, saw it.

Commodore Straight is an aviation expert. In the war he served in the Auxiliary Air Force after which he became deputy chairman of B.E.A. and, later, managing director of B.O.A.C. And the 54-year-old commodore is a member of the British Airline Pilots Association.

Was it a flying saucer he saw? "I would not say that it was until I hear what the American forces' base in Majorca have to say," said the commodore.

"It could well have been some sort of balloon sent up from their base on the island.

"But then why did it remain absolutely still at 30,000 to 40,000 feet and why did it appear to change shape and size?" he asked.