

# Do not scoff at 'things' in the sky

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**UFOs—Unidentified Flying Objects—and their supporters have been a**

target for ridicule for many years.

But Mr. Gordon Creighton, president of the British UFO Research Association, claims the time is fast coming when

the scoffers will scoff no more.

Mr. Creighton, 58, married with two children, lives at Cedars Avenue, Rickmansworth. He retired from service with the Foreign Office after many years spent in China, America, and Brazil.

He is not a crank. And he is not a dogmatist on UFOs.

He said today: "We feel there is a case which has not been answered and that there is this phenomena which should be explained. The truth should be told."

He claims that up till now the authorities, particularly the United States Air Force, have suppressed and belittled reports of aerial phenomena.

But now with the award by the USAF of more than £100,000 for an investigation into Flying Saucers, Mr. Creighton said with some satisfaction: "We regard this as vindication of our views."

Mr. Creighton, a member of the National Investigation Commission of Aerial Phenomena in America, keeps in close touch with scientists, astronomers, and other leading experts who accept the Flying Saucer theory around the world.

## Saw flying saucer

He, himself, saw one as, with other Embassy staff, he retreated from the Japanese in the Far East in 1941.

"At that time I knew nothing about Flying Saucers," he said. "I was only aware that I had witnessed something strange. It was a disc-like object and was certainly not a conventional aircraft."

Mr. Creighton said they did not claim to know where the UFOs came from.

There had been so many sightings in South America that it was popularly believed that UFOs could have bases there.

Mr. Creighton said there was evidence of hostility on occasions from the occupants of UFOs but he thought their general attitude to us was one of "indifference."