

# Take care, more saucers

LESS THAN a fortnight to go to UFO Day. Saturday June 24 is the 20th anniversary of the first sighting of an unidentified flying object, or flying saucer to you. In America—where else?

So on June 24 this year 40,000 people all over the world will stare up at the sky in the hope of seeing a UFO or two.

Three hundred and forty UFO fans in Britain will take part in the Global Skywatch, as it is called, at 40 or so places dotted about the country.

Ordinary non-skywatching people like you and me will be invited to telephone them reverse charge if we happen to see a saucer or two.

One of the biggest skywatch centres will be at Crews Hill, Enfield, North London, where about 100 members of the British branch of the International Sky Scouts will be gathered under the leadership of Keith Palmer, a tailor who is organising the skywatch in this country.

Palmer was telling me yesterday about the complex and expensive gear they will have with them on the day. Telescopes, of course, and binoculars. But also astral compasses and UFO detectors. These are devices that cost about £50 and buzz like a geiger-counter whenever a source of electro-magnetic energy is overhead.

Of course there is no guarantee that the faithful will see anything in their 7 pm. to 7 am. watch, though if anyone nods off the others will wake him in case he misses a sighting.

## Time wasting

Palmer has been watching for a dozen years and has seen only a dozen UFOs, so you can see there is a lot of time wasted in the trade.

Palmer hasn't exactly touched a UFO as some watchers have, but he did have a very nasty experience on August 15 last year when he and his wife looked out of their bedroom window at 2.10 am. They saw a very large UFO with flames shooting out and so on, about 800 yards away.

It suddenly came right at them, and whizzed over their house, showing rows and rows of little lights underneath.

They found it very frightening. Soon Palmer was covered with little burns the size of sixpences and Mrs. Palmer had a very nasty backache.

"We had them all on about it," he went on, "the Air Ministry, the Prime Minister

"The PM got in touch with you?" I asked.

"No, not exactly. I wrote to him and he put me in touch with the Ministry of Defence