

FLYING CIGAR CHEERS UP SAUCER SPOTTERS

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DOZENS OF flying saucer spotters yesterday reported that they had seen a large cigar-shaped object flying westwards over Epping Forest, Essex.

It was the "best" of three sightings recorded by 300 members of the International Sky Scouts, who held a 24-hour watch to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first sighting of a saucer.

Strange sights were reported from two other places—Manchester and Reading.

At Manchester a 14-year-old schoolboy took photographs of a series of disc-like lights which were also seen at Halifax, Yorkshire.

Colour change

At Reading, a large star was said to have moved in a circle and shot off to the east.

Reports that another large star changed colour over Paddington Station, London, were discounted.

Mr. Kenneth Rogers, the sky-scouts' general secretary, said: "It was reported by a woman. It could have been anything."

The chairman of the sky scouts is 55-year-old Mr. Brinsley le Poer Trench.

He said: "We are trying to bring about public recognition of the existence of flying saucers and the friendship of their occupants."