

# 'FLYING SAUCER' FOR 50 MINUTES

**TWO POLICEMEN** told last night about a hide-and-seek game they played with an Unidentified Flying Object.

They were patrolling near Okehampton, Devon—where there have been numerous reports of Flying Saucers—when a cross-shaped object appeared in the air behind their car.

The constables, Roger Willey and Clifford Waycott, reported that it was larger than an aircraft and radiated light.

The object, flying low and sometimes at tree-top level, followed the road that the car was taking.

## GLOWING

Sometimes, they said, it accelerated at tremendous speed and then hovered as the patrol car approached.

The officers radioed a report to their Exeter HQ at 4 am. and then gave chase. At times they got to within 400 yards of the object.

Near the village of Holsworthy they stopped and awoke a man who was having a nap in his car.

The motorist, student Christopher Garner, saw the glowing object and "thought he was having a nightmare."

As the police continued in pursuit a second object joined

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the first and they disappeared together.

The chase, which covered 17 miles, lasted 50 minutes.

Later, Inspector Frank Harding said: "On one occasion the men thought it had landed in a field. The officers were naturally apprehensive, but did their duty and kept it under observation as long as possible.

"We are mystified, but we must keep an open mind. After all there may be other planets already in advance of the satellite launchings we are beginning to make."

## MYSTIFIED

Said 29-year-old Police-constable Willey: "It was as if the thing knew we were chasing, and it was trying to observe us in return."

A fourth person claims to have seen the object.

Mr. David Hill, chairman of

Exeter Unidentified Flying Object Research Group, said: "The policemen's account coincides with a sighting by one of our observers. Our man described the same shape, brightness and movement in the same place at almost the same time.

"It is the most unusual sighting we have had in five years' watching. I think it was a meteorite or part of a rocket descending out of space."

## 'MORE ALERT'

Mr. Lawrence Harris, chairman of the Plymouth Astronomical Society, said: "It sounds like some unusual atmospheric phenomenon.

"The puzzle is why another unidentified object has been seen in the Okehampton area—perhaps they're more alert there."

Mrs Ursula Dummert, wife of the rector of Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, saw an object "like an electric light bulb with four points projecting from it" fly out to sea near her home yesterday afternoon.