

# UFOs? 'There's SOME thing there'

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**T**HE Royal Observatory stepped cautiously into the great U.F.O. mystery yesterday and announced: "There is something up there which is not a star or a planet."

The announcement came after a spate of sightings of unexplained "flying objects."

But it was inspired by one sighting in particular — made on Wednesday by 25-year-old amateur astronomer Peter Baker, a Hastings, Sussex, hospital clerk.

Said the Observatory: "Since Wednesday morning was very cloudy it is certain that the bright object Mr. Baker saw was on this side of the clouds, and that there is something up there which is not a star or a planet."

**IN CHESHIRE:** Sir Bernard Lovell, director of Jodrell Bank, said last night: "I am convinced that most sightings are merely Venus or manifestations of some other natural phenomena."

**AT SALTDEAN,** Sussex, Brighton Corporation bus driver Leslie Pearce jammed on his brakes last night and jumped out to observe when he saw an object "surrounded by a bright green glow and emitting multi-coloured sparks."

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**AND IN SURREY,** eighteen-year-old student Caroline Fisher and her mother, of Shamley Green, near Guildford, reported seeing U.F.O.s over the Hog's Back.

Said Caroline: "I saw four objects in formation a hundred times brighter than the brightest star. Then they seemed to go off in different directions."

"Ten minutes later we saw three more."

**DOWN** in the West Country there were more U.F.O. sightings.

Warders at Dartmoor, local police, and troops on manoeuvres, saw circling lights.

But later it was announced that an air refuelling exercise was in progress over the area "which would require a lot of light."

**IN SOMERSET,** four sightings — "cross shaped and football shaped" — were reported, two from Taunton, one from Minehead, and one from Yeovil.