

# UFO SPOTTER IS MAD AT THE MINISTRY

AN ELMSTEAD man who says he saw an unidentified flying object which he is sure "is not from this planet" is furious with the Ministry of Defence because he considers they have dismissed his claim lightly and have sent him an explanation he considers is absurd.

Mr P. A. Smith, of Peta-

maree, Lucerne Road, Elmstead Market — who told a reporter that previously he had been a sceptic about "flying saucers" and mysterious sightings — is convinced that what he saw on Sunday morning, July 27, was neither a figment of his imagination nor a reflection, nor a man-made flying object.

What he saw, he told the ministry, was an "oblong oval object" moving across the sky. It was 8.40 am. Suddenly the object stopped dead, dropped about a hundred feet, turned 45 degrees on its side and moved off in an arc at a "fantastic" speed.

He telephoned the ministry and in reply received a letter saying it seemed likely he had observed an aircraft reflecting sunlight. Their checks had revealed no unauthorised activity in the area.

If he had not been convinced that what he saw was not from this planet, he says, he would not have wasted his valuable time and money telephoning the ministry at

that hour on a Sunday morning.

"The answer I received from them was absurd," he said. "I told them I had seen something which I thought may have come from another planet and all they could say was that they checked and found 'no unauthorised activity' in the area."

He is waiting for the ministry's reply to his latest letter.