

THE "hush-hush" UFO . . . experts agree that it does not look like a planet. Witnesses say it was bigger than a jumbo jet.

# THE PICTURE A POLICE CHIEF DIDN'T WANT YOU TO SEE

THIS is the picture a chief constable refused to release. It was taken by a young policeman on Monday.

Some say the blob in the sky is Venus. Some say it is Mars. Others talk of flying saucers. In Defence Ministry language it is an "unidentified flying object."

Five policemen watched the UFO for two hours at Aldridge, Staffs. It was apparently hovering 1,000ft up.

One of them, 25-year-old PC Les Leek, snapped this and 11 other pictures.

Staffordshire Chief Constable Arthur Rees immedi-

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ately slapped a security ban on the photos.

But yesterday he relented—and distributed prints.

PC Leek's pictures will be studied today by experts at the UFO Inquiry Centre, Preston, Lancs.

Police have had more calls from people confirming his sighting.

Some said the object was bigger than a jumbo jet.

PC Leek said: "I can't explain what it was."

## Telescope

Amateur astronomer Mrs Mary Weare, of Gerrard's Cross, Bucks., said she sighted a similar UFO through a powerful telescope last winter.

"It looked like a gold and pink rugby football . . . I have never seen anything move so fast," she said.

Experts agreed last night that the UFO was unlikely to be a planet—as suggested by Jodrell Bank and the Defence Ministry.

Lionel Beer, chairman of the British UFO Research Association, which called a seven-day alert yesterday, said it was the wrong shape.

## Another

A senior police spokesman said: "The photographs are very interesting indeed. We would certainly like to know what the object was. Perhaps the experts will be able to throw some light on the subject."

Meanwhile the Great Flying Saucer Riddle deepened as reports came in of another UFO over Armitage Rugeley Staffs.

Lorry driver Bill Emery and his wife Pat of Bradley Lakes in nearby Longdon, watched the red object for 10 minutes before it disappeared in the direction of Lichfield.



Camerman PC Leek . . . he took 12 pictures