

'HIGH LEVEL STUFF' WAS WEATHER BALLOON

ROSWELL (New Mexico) Tues—There was great excitement when the army Air Force announced today that a “flying saucer” had been found on a ranch near Roswell.

It was despatched immediately to Forth Worth. The A.A.F. refused to allow it to be photographed because “this was high stuff.”

On the heels of messages describing the “saucer” and speculating as to whether it had any capacity for supersonic speed, came one from Fort Worth.

A weather officer had identified it as a weather balloon.

In an earlier message Washington described the “saucer” as “of flimsy construction, almost like a box kite.” It was made of some sort of tin foil.

It was badly battered but, according to a spokesman, if reconstructed would have a 25ft. diameter. The rancher who found it said that it was about 3½ft. by 4ft.

● *Mysterious “flying saucers” have been reported from various parts of the United States and Canada during the past fortnight. People claim to have seen saucer-like objects flying through the sky. Theories about them include signals from Mars, ice crystals formed by nature high in the heavens and electrical disturbances. A Sydney professor says that they are effects of red corpuscles passing before the retina of the eye.*