

U.S. Air Force on 24-hour alert **JET FIGHTERS AWAIT** **SKY SAUCERS**

Washington, Tuesday

JET interceptor pilots were ready to take off instantly in pursuit of any "flying saucers" they have a chance of running down, an Air Force spokesman said last night.

His statement followed the unsuccessful chase of "glowing white lights," by F-94 jets near Washington, on Saturday night.

Mysterious objects also had been spotted the previous Saturday.

Correcting an earlier report, the spokesman said no special orders had been issued to chase "saucer" objects.

But, because of the menace of a possible enemy, interceptor aircraft had been placed on a 24-hour alert to investigate any unusual aerial object.

"The Air Defence Command's mission is air defence of the United States, and it is vitally interested in anything unidentified that flies in the air," the spokesman added.

In Albuquerque, New Mexico, Dr. Lincoln La Paz, director of the Institute of

director of the Institute of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, said:

"These discs are not mirages. Radar proves that.

"Furthermore, any suggestion that these come from the depths of space is fantastic. Their origin is earth.

"The question is where on earth?"—A.A.P.