

Washington Radar Sees More Mystery Objects Over Capital

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

Mysterious objects were reported to have flown over Washington again last night.

The Civil Aeronautics Traffic control centre reported that its radar had picked them up over a period of about five hours.

An official said the objects were travelling at about 100 to 120 miles an hour in a 10 miles arc around the capital.

They placed them in the same area in which other strange things were seen last Saturday and the Saturday before.

Last Saturday a jet pilot reported sighting "steady white lights" but said his 600 miles an hour aircraft had been unable to close in on them.

The civil aeronautics officer said that radar at the control centre had picked up strange "blips" on the screen at intervals between 1.30 and 6 a.m. to-day.

Some times, he said, the radar had charted as many as eight to 12 objects at the same time.

Jet interceptor pilots of the U.S. air defence command were alerted yesterday for instant take-off in pursuit of any "flying saucers" sighted anywhere in the country.

The Command acted after F-94 jets unsuccessfully chased

Jets unsuccessfully chased "glowing white lights" seen in the Washington area last Saturday night.

Mysterious objects had also been spotted the previous Saturday.

The new batch of saucer reports included unexplained appearances on radar screens, but the Air Force remained sceptical. It said that the reports had shown no pattern which would indicate that the objects were being controlled by a reasoning body.

Statements by eye-witnesses, including the Air Force and commercial pilots are being studied and evaluated.

Meanwhile, interceptor planes are ready to go aloft at any time.

A spokesman of the Air Defence Command said that the Command's mission was air defence of the U.S. and it was vitally interested in anything unidentified that flies in the air.

The Air Force said that it had received more than 1,000 saucer reports in the past few years but only a smaller percentage of those received from reliable sources remained unexplained.

It said that the unexplained ones could be "misinterpretations of various conventional objects, a mild form of hysteria, meteorological phenomena or hoaxes."