

TELLS HOW HE SAW FLYING SAUCER DEPART FROM SOVIET

LONDON.—Western intelligence officials are investigating a claim made by a Soviet zone political refugee, the former Mayor of an East German town, that he has seen a flying saucer and two members of its crew on the ground in a forest in the Soviet zone three miles from the United States zone in Germany.

The former mayor, Herr Oskar Linke, who was forced to flee from Eastern Germany to escape Communist persecution, sat in his emergency home in Berlin's British sector and quitly described his experience.

He has been "screened" by West Berlin and intelligence officials.

"SHIMMERING WHITE"

Herr Linke said: "It was an uncanny experience. I was returning home in the evening by motor cycle with my 11 year old daughter on the pillion when we glimpsed something, shimmering white, through the surrounding trees.

"We were in the neighborhood of Meimingen, a town in Thuringia. We went through

Thuringia. We crept through the undergrowth, and to our amazement saw a huge oval disc, about 25 feet across, lying on the ground in a clearing.

"It looked like a huge, phosphorescent warming pan without a handle. In the centre was a square contraption, a sort of upper works, which rose above the "saucer" like a top hat and was slightly darker than the rest of the aluminium-like disc.

"LET OUT A SCREAM"

"Then, to our astonishment, we saw two figures, who appeared to be wearing metallic overalls, approach the object.

"My daughter let out a scream when she saw them, and the figures quickly climbed on the saucer and entered it through a porthole on top of the square upperworks in the centre.

"It was then that we noticed also that the disc had two rows of circular portholes around its outer edge—about the size of a ship's porthole.

"As we looked the square upperworks began to retract, and simultaneously the object started to rise slowly off the ground.

"We both noticed that a similar square-shaped base was emerging out of the bottom of the disc and apparently forcing it off the ground

ground

THEN IT ROSE

"Then the object began to rise slowly into the air. It rose to about 100 feet, hovered for a moment then sped away out of sight.

"There was hardly any sound as it rose, but the sides of the "warming pan" glowed dark red, and we felt a swish of air as it left the ground.

"This has been the first chance I have had to mention the matter to anyone."