

SAUCER "JOINS" IN MANOEUVRES

LONDON.—A "flying saucer" entered the "Operation Mainbrace" manoeuvres. The R.A.F. station at Topcliffe on Saturday reported to exercise headquarters that a silver object, circular in shape, had appeared five miles behind a Meteor fighter flying at 15,000 feet.

The object maintained a low forward speed before descending with a swinging, pedulum motion. When the Meteor turned back towards base the object appeared to follow suit.

The object then began a rotary motion about its axis and suddenly accelerated at an incredible speed in a westerly direction, but later turned to a southeasterly course.

R.A.F. officers and men who saw it said its movements were not indentif-

icable with anything they had seen in air. The acceleration was greater than that of a shooting star.

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A R.A.F. spokesman would not say whether the report was being regarded seriously and added: "The report is being investigated".

Some observers believe the object might have been a parachute or cowl from the Meteor aircraft, but none were reported to have landed in the vicinity