

# **FLYING SAUCER FOLLOWS JET FIGHTER AT N.A.T.O. EXERCISES**

**LONDON - (A.A.P.). — A “flying saucer” on Saturday entered the big North Atlantic Treaty Organisation’s naval exercise, “Mainbrace,” in the North Sea.**

**A** SIGNAL reporting the object was sent out from Topcliffe air base in Yorkshire.

It said that the silver object, which was circular in shape, appeared five miles behind a Meteor fighter flying at 15,000 feet.

The object maintained a slow forward speed before descending with a swinging pendulum motion.

When the Meteor turned back towards the base the object appeared to follow suit.

## **Rotary Motion**

It began a rotary motion about its own axis and suddenly accelerated at an incredible speed in a westerly direction but later turned to a south-easterly course.

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Royal Air Force officers and men who saw it said that its movements were not identifiable with anything they had seen in the air.

Its acceleration was greater than that of a shooting star, and the entire incident lasted between 15 and 20 seconds.

A R.A.F. spokesman would not say whether the report was being regarded seriously or not, but he admitted that it was being investigated.

Some observers of the incident believe that the object might have been a parachute or cowling from a Meteor aircraft, but none were reported to have landed in the vicinity.

The Supreme Allied Commander in the Atlantic (Ad-

miral McCormick) said on Friday that the exercise "Mainbrace" showed the need for more aircraft carriers.

The N.A.T.O. naval forces suffered most from a shortage of minesweepers and maritime air patrol type of aircraft for combating submarines.

## Many Lessons

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A great many lessons would be drawn from the exercise, but they would not be "earth shaking," he said.

A meeting would be held in about a month to draw up short range and long range exercises for the forces which would be available to him.

**"I would hope for a fairly sizeable exercise once a year in conjunction with land forces," he said.**

Asked whether an atomic torpedo was possible, Admiral McCormick said: "Out of my own guesswork they could have one which would work, but I am not prepared to say whether there is one or one planned."

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A French journalist took off from Paris yesterday in an attempt to beat the round the world record for flying by commercial planes on regular airline routes. The present record, set by an American in 1949, is 4 days, 23 hours, 47 minutes.