

R.A.F. MEN SEE FLYING SAUCER

LONDON, Sept. 21.—A "flying saucer" entered "mainbrace" manoeuvres yesterday. It was seen by at least 10 officers and crew members of an aircraft operating from an R.A.F. station at Topcliffe, Yorkshire.

The R.A.F. men reported that a silver object, 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.

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

R.A.F. officers and men said its movements were not identifiable with anything they had seen in the air. Its acceleration was greater than that of a Shooting Star. The incident lasted between 15 and 20 seconds. Some believe the object might have been a parachute or cowling from a Meteor aircraft but none have been reported to have landed in the vicinity. A signal reporting the object was sent from the air base yesterday.

An Air Ministry spokesman said later: "We have no comment to make on the report of the sighting of a flying saucer."