

FLYING SAUCERS START WORLD-WIDE STORM IN A TEACUP

CANBERRA.—The Minister for Air (Mr. McMahon) believes that flying saucers are a problem for psychologists rather than defence experts.

HE told the House of Representatives yesterday that it was peculiar that just before flying saucers were observed, a meteorite usually flashed across the sky.

"It is quite possible that some optical illusion may be the cause of the phenomena," he said.

Mr. McMahon was replying to Mr. Downer (Lib., S.A.), who asked whether the R.A.A.F. was conducting any investigations into the sightings of flying saucers, as was being done in Canada and America.

Mr. McMahon said the Air Force had had many reports of flying saucers but had informed him that so far the aero-dynamic functions of the phenomena had not yet been solved.

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quite possible to fly such craft, using round gas engines, and to fly them in circles, but I think that is well in the future, and there is no immediate need for it," he added.

'Objects' In Africa

PRETORIA (A.A.P.). — A Defence Headquarters spokesman said yesterday that South African Air Force officers had reported they had seen objects over South Africa which might have been flying saucers.

He added that the officers, trained in the detection of rockets and other objects moving at high speed, had

given a clear description of the phenomena.

In London, a British Air Ministry spokesman said the strange object resembling the popular notions of the flying saucer seen in England could have been a meteorological balloon

The Kent army radar unit reported an unidentified strange object flying high on November 3.

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