

U.K. Call For Report On Flying Saucers

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The "Daily Mail" asks for a Government White Paper on "flying saucers".

Its front-page editorial was prompted by:—

● An official War Office report that a "strange object" seen passing over Kent on November 3 had been tracked by radar.

● The disclosure yesterday that the large object had been a meteorological balloon.

The report was the first made officially in Britain about unidentified objects in the sky.

The "Daily Mail" says: "When all the nonsense has been drained away, there does remain a small sediment of observed fact which remains inexplicable."

"What does emerge is that men of many hours' flying experience have soberly and circumstantially told of things seen which they are certain are abnormal.

"We should also like to know why two US pilots in-

know why two US pilots investigated a 'bright red' thing at 17,000 feet and were forbidden to talk of what they had seen."

PRETORIA, Nov. 20.—South African Air Force officers had reported they had seen objects over South Africa which might be flying saucers, a Defence HQ spokesman said today.

CANBERRA, Nov. 20.—Mr. Downer (Lib., SA) said in the House of Representatives today that last year he put a question about flying saucers to the Minister for Air (Mr. McMahon), and had received a facetious reply.

"Is the Minister aware that investigations are now being conducted by the Royal Canadian Air Force and the RAF into the nature and origin of these mysterious objects?" Mr. Downer asked today.

"Are similar investigations contemplated by the RAAF?"

Mr. McMahon, admitting that he gave a facetious reply to Mr. Downer's earlier question, said he still thought the problem was one for psychologists rather than the defence authorities to determine.

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Air Force authorities in Canada and Britain had received many reports of flying saucers, but it had been impossible to identify the phenomena, he added.

In some cases a meteor had flashed across the sky shortly before the object was seen, and that could have produced an optical illusion.