

"SEDIMENT OF FACT BEHIND THE NONSENSE"

Wants facts about "Flying Saucers"

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LONDON, November 20.—A British Government White Paper on "Flying Saucers" is called for to-day by the Daily Mail.

This has been prompted by the official War Office report yesterday that a "strange object" was seen passing over Keft on November 3, and had been tracked by Army radar.

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

To-day an Air Ministry spokesman said the object could have been a meteorological balloon.

The Daily Mail comments: "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, civil and Royal Air Force—pilots and crews alike—have soberly and circumstantially told of things seen which they are certain are abnormal.

For several years the RAF has been collecting and collating such evidence. It must have built up much data, the Daily Mail adds,

data, the Daily Mail adds, and suggests the time has come to disclose it to the public—unless national interest is involved.

Trailed plane

The Daily Mail says that a White Paper setting out the conclusions would be "more enthralling than some recent documents."

The paper adds: "We should like to know more about the 'silver circular object' which trailed a Meteor plane over Yorkshire and descended 'swinging like a pendulum' before moving off at high speed.

"We should like to know why two United States pilots investigated a 'bright red' thing at 17,000ft. and were

thing at 17,000ft. and were forbidden to talk of what they had seen."

Africa report

In Cape Town to-day South African Air Force officers reported they had seen objects over South Africa which might have been "flying saucers."

Air Force headquarters was investigating a mysterious radar contact, which indicated some unexplained phenomenon in the sky over the Cape peninsula.

The radar contact was "undoubtedly with something solid," a senior officer said.

Not convinced

CANBERRA (by teleprinter)—The RAAF had received many reports about flying saucers but had not been able to identify the phenomena, the Air Minister (Mr. McMahon) said in the House of Representatives to-day.

The "saucers" were still a problem more for psychologists than for defence authorities, he said. The RAAF had so far been unable to solve the aerodynamic features of "flying saucers" and it was likely to be a long time before it could