

This YOUR “saucer” ?

ADELAIDE— A special plane, believed to be the cause of many “flying saucer” reports, is being used in South Australia for experimental night flights connected with work at the Woomera rocket range. The plane is an Armstrong-Whitworth NF-11 Meteor and is stationed at Mallala R.A.A.F. station. It is the plane round which the night-covering squadrons of the Royal Air Force have been built.

The plane, which is all-white, has caused considerable discussion with its high speed and great flying heights. It has a wingspan of 43 ft. and a fuselage 48½ ft. long. The machine is on loan to the Australian Department of Supply and is being flown by R.A.A.F. crews.

Produced by the Hawker-Siddeley group, the plane's two Rolls Royce Perseus jet engines give

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it the greatest speed of
any night fighter in oper-
ational service. It is one
of the top-performance
weapons in the North
Atlantic Treaty Organisa-
tion's defence system in
Western Europe.