

News In Brief

"Flying Saucer" May Be Hoax

LONDON, Wednesday (A.A.P.-Reuter).—A baby flying saucer, or the biggest hoax of the year, has come to earth on the bleak Yorkshire moors.

It is shaped like a heavy spinning top, weighs 25 lb., is 18 inches across, and has untranslatable hieroglyphics on it.

Rocket Bases Pact Closer

BERLIN, Wednesday (A.A.P.-Reuter).—An Anglo-American agreement on rocket bases will be signed shortly, the United States Defence Secretary, Mr. McElroy, fresh from top-level talks in London, announced on his arrival in Berlin yesterday.

"Discussions are now in the final stages and should be completed within a short time," Mr. McElroy reported.

Open Air Fire Ban Eased

SYDNEY, Wednesday.—The open air fire ban was eased to-day to allow campers to cook meals in supervised camping grounds.

The exemptions gazetted to-day also permit the use of candles and tapers at religious services or candlelight festivals, and the use of heating equipment to repair essential services.

"Missing" Nugget In Cutlery

LONDON, Wednesday (A.A.P.-Reuter).—A search by Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle officials for a "missing" gold nugget which the people of New Zealand presented to King George V at his coronation has shown the nugget no longer exists as a nugget.

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Leprosy Outbreak In Arnhem Land

DARWIN, Wednesday. — Leprosy is rampant at the new welfare branch settlement at Maningrida, on the Liverpool River in Arnhem Land.

The acting Northern Territory health director, Dr. R. Webb, said to-day that more than 30 cases of leprosy were found among Maningrida aborigines.

Motor Import Stocks Assured

The Commonwealth yesterday took action to ensure importers of motor cars and components from sterling areas receive their sales requirements until April 1 next year.

It issued a licensing instruction under the liberalised import sales replacement procedure to assure this supply, also to enable importers to secure stock on hand beyond April 1, when the licensing provisions will be reviewed.