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The Unidentified Flying Objections

JUST who DO you run to in horror when that strange object looms over your back yard — or family car?

"Not us, not us," an adamant Department of Aviation spokesman said yesterday.

What about the air traffic controllers at Melbourne airport?

Surely they monitor unidentified hovering peculiarities.

"Oh God, don't tell them to ring us. We already get the crack-pots calling us from all over," a spokesman said.

Ah, the police then?

"We are definitely NOT the ones to investigate any reports of a UFO," a police spokesman said firmly.

But, she conceded, most people usually bolted to the nearest police station anyway.

"We tell them to ring the airforce. They usual-



ly know if there's any space junk or anything flying about."

So it's the RAAF who is responsible for defending both our shores and sanity — to investigate the wild assertions and the serious sightings?

The RAAF wasn't answering the phone yesterday.