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Thousands watch for UFOs

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FROM moors, windy hills and rooftops all over Britain, groups of people will be scanning the skies this weekend in the hope of catching sight of something out of the ordinary.

They will be taking part in a "skywatch" for unidentified flying objects, organised by the International Sky Scouts Association, involving 40,000 members in 23 countries.

The main watch is from 7 p.m. today until 7 a.m. on Sunday, but the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Associa-

tion (B.U.F.O.R.A.) which is taking part, hopes members will continue their spotting during the whole weekend.

The massive "skywatch" is to commemorate sightings made twenty years ago—on June 24, 1947 — by a United States airline pilot, Kenneth Arnold who spotted "nine gleaming discs" while flying over Mount Rainer in Washington State.

Mr. K. W. Rogers, an official of B.U.F.O.R.A. said that they hoped the public would also keep watch on the skies over the weekend and report anything they saw.

"Every day people are inform-

ing us they have seen strange objects and it is now reaching peak much earlier in the year than usual," he said. "They report having seen cigar, oval and dome-shaped objects in the sky as well as discs and flying saucers."

In the central control room at Paddington, the course of any object will be plotted and members in its line of travel alerted by shortwave radio.

Radio "hams" will be operating in different parts of the country so that overseas members can be contacted at the same time.