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More UFO sightings reported from north to south of Britain

MORE reports were received today of unidentified flying objects over England.

A bus driver said he saw a cigar-shaped object surrounded by a bright green glow over the coast at Saltdean, east of Brighton, Sussex, last night. Sparks were coming from its tail. For a short time it travelled parallel with the bus, he said.

A bright cross-shaped object which moved from side to side,

and at one time hovered, over Glossop, Derbyshire, was reported early today by police officers. Six men from the Cheshire force, just over the border, and two members of the public made separate sightings of the object, which remained in view for three-quarters of an hour. It eventually disappeared into misty cloud.

The first sighting was at 4.15 a.m. by Constables Thornton and Grayson, on beat duty, at Stalybridge, Cheshire. They reported that they had seen a bright ob-

ject, cross-shaped and bright, and travelling at about 1,000 feet in a north-easterly direction.

Side to side

Fifteen minutes later it was spotted by Constable Jones at Mottram-in-Longdendale. He called Stalybridge on a telephone and reported the object to be moving from side to side over Glossop.

The object then began an up-and-down movement and finally remained stationary for about five minutes. Headquarters at Cheshire were told of the incident and three officers, Constables Robinson, Evans and Brown, were sent by car to verify the report.

During the whole of the time it was in sight, Police-constable Jones was in touch with Police-constable Kilkenny at Stalybridge, giving him a running commentary on the movements. As he was describing its course, Stalybridge was getting an identical report from another officer.

Chester police have reported the facts to the Ministry of Defence.

A learner bus-conductor reported to Colchester police that near Colchester United football ground yesterday he looked up when he heard an aeroplane. He saw the plane, but he also saw an illuminated saucer shaped object "chasing" it. The saucer had star-shaped beams of light, the beams receding and then streaming out at intervals.

When the thing reached the plane, he said, it stopped, then moved off at a great rate and disappeared.

A woman and her husband say they saw from their bedroom window on Wednesday a star "as big as a plate." It was stationary, and of irregular shape, they told Colchester police. It moved suddenly upwards and vanished.

A woman shop assistant, wife of a policeman, reported that while waiting for her early morning bus she saw a cross in the sky — a light like a neon sign, but not throwing out any rays of light.

A spokesman at the Royal Observatory at Hurstmonceux, Sussex, said yesterday: "There is something up there which is not a star or a planet." The statement followed a sighting by Mr. Peter Baker, 25, a Hastings, Sussex, hospital clerk and amateur astronomer, who said he saw a bright light in the sky early on Wednesday.

Very cloudy

The observatory spokesman said that as it was very cloudy "it is certain that the bright object he saw was on this side of the clouds."

A spokesman at the Royal

Observatory said he had two reports of the Glossop sighting — one from Manchester, only 13 miles from the town. The time of the sighting, early morning, immediately aroused astronomers' suspicions. It could have been Jupiter, Venus, or the brightness of Venus coming through low cloud, he said.

A Dorset vicar today suggested that the unidentified flying objects seen across the southern sky last night were a "mid-air flight refuelling operation."

The Rev. Lawrence Inge, who operates an "international visual satellite tracking station" from his vicarage at Stourton Caundle, near Sherborne, said that at about 7 p.m. last night he saw a formation of lights.

Last night a Southern Rescue Co-ordinator spokesman at Plymouth said a mid-air refuelling exercise was taking place over the West Country and this would necessitate a lot of light.