

'Orange ball' over London

An "orange or golden ball" flying yesterday afternoon at "a fantastic speed" over London joined the nationwide list of unidentified flying objects reported seen over Britain during the past week.

Reports of sightings over the capital at about 4.45 p.m. were telephoned to the Press Association.

Two said the object was orange in colour. Another said it was golden.

'Fantastic'

Mr. Edward Marriott, of Islington, said he saw an orange ball in the sky with three long trails coming from it.

"It travelled west at a fantastic speed," he said. "We watched it from the balcony and when it turned it was like a huge cigar. It left a trail but not so much as a plane would."

"At times it was almost still. I have never seen anything like it."

Vapour trails

Mr. Marriott said it was also seen by his wife, his daughter and two friends of his daughter.

Another sighting was reported by Mr. Bertram Mindell, of Ealing.

He said that his young son, Jonathan, rushed into the house to say there was something in the sky.

He went out and saw a golden-coloured cigar-shaped object hanging vertically in the sky.

Very bright

"I saw it for about three minutes altogether," Mr. Mindell said.

"For all of a minute it appeared to be stationary. Then it started curving away downwards and to the north. It had vapour trails and then went out of sight."

The object was very bright, and, if seen at night, the effect would be startling, he said.

Another caller said the object he saw took about four minutes to cross the sky. It was an orange-red glow, and must have been about 300 yards long and more than 50 yards wide. It crossed over Muswell Hill N., in a west-north-west direction.