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On the UFO trail ...

Despite the explanations put forward by the authorities to clear up the mystery of the phenomena recorded in many parts of the country last week, Captain Ivor Mackay, chairman of the British Unidentified Flying Objects Association, is convinced that the matter is not closed.

He is conducting an investigation into the phenomena seen and heard in North Wales over the past few days and has already interviewed many people.

Some people he has talked

to say that they have not reported what they have seen for fear of being ridiculed.

Report

Captain Mackay, who is staying at Pennant Hall, Eglwysbach, will be giving a detailed report to fellow members of the association at their northern conference in Central Hall, Liverpool, next weekend.

Captain Mackay said yesterday, "I think these recent sightings are of considerable significance, and it is

possible that people are still seeing the phenomena but are afraid of telling anyone because of the official explanations of the authorities."

Last night two Devon school-boys reported seeing a "50ft.-long cigar-shaped object" travelling at high speed over Exmouth.

The boys, Paul Spark and Robert Samson, said they saw the object at 6 p.m.

"We watched it for about 15 minutes," said Paul. "It was fairly low in the sky, and at times two large red lights seemed to shine from it.

"It disappeared for about five minutes, then came back again. It was travelling very, very fast.

"It disappeared behind a cloud out at sea, but before this it flew backwards and forwards in a long line over Exmouth about four times.

"It certainly wasn't a plane because there was no noise and there were no wings. The object was low enough for us to be sure of this."