

Women sight red Ufo over Newport—claim

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THE saga of the unidentified flying object took a new course on Tuesday evening—backwards!

A red, cone-shaped object was seen in the sky above Newport at 6.20 p.m.

It was travelling slowly towards Twm Barlwm mountain "with the thick end of the cone first," one of the women who spotted it told the South Wales Argus. "It seemed to be travelling backwards."

Mrs. Ann Baldwin, of Preston Avenue, Newport, was driving her car near Malpas Park when her friend, Mrs. Madge Jones, a passenger in the car, saw the strange object. They stopped the car and watched it for several minutes.

"It was a red sort of vapour, cone-shaped, travelling towards Twm Barlwm," said Mrs. Baldwin. "At one time it disappeared behind a cloud, and then reappeared."

"When it was overhead at Malpas Park, we could see it was not an aeroplane. There seemed to be flames coming from it, but they did not look like a plane's exhaust.

"We did not think it could have been the sun reflected from anything because there were no red clouds about. The object did not seem too high, and it maintained its height and course.

"We ruled out the usual sort of explanations, like comets and falling stars, but we were, and still are, very puzzled by it.

"It appeared to be the size of an aeroplane at cloud level."

Reports

Newport police said they had not received any reports of any flying objects.

The supervisor at the control tower of Cambrian Airways at Rhosce said they had not seen an unidentified flying object.

He suggested that the object might have been a satellite or an aeroplane.

"They sometimes give strange effects with the setting sun shining on them," he said.

Balloon

The Meteorological Office at Rhosce suggested that the women might have seen a weather balloon parachuting to the ground with the instruments still attached.

"But this would be rare at this time," said a spokesman.

The Meteorological Office spokesman also suggested that the object might have been a balloon put up by one of the universities to study the atmosphere.

"The effect of the sun shining on these balloons can be strange, to say the least," he said.

The RAF have taken an interest in this latest sighting. A spokesman of the RAF aeronautical information service said they had no other reports of this particular ufo. They would investigate and report it to the Ministry of Defence.