

MYSTERIOUS 'MISSILE' REMAINS UNEXPLAINED

A FLYING object reported in the Abergavenny area yesterday remained unidentified last night when the Ministry of Defence, RAF and Rhoose (Glamorgan) Airport all said they could offer no explanation for it.

Police had their first report of the object from Mr. Donald Havard, a steelworks formeman, of Reservoir Road, Beaufort, at midday. He said that he had heard a very loud, low roaring noise and looked up to see a silvery rocket-shaped object moving very fast from west to east with a long orange flame coming out of the tail.

Minutes later schoolteacher Mr. Godfrey Jenkins (35), of Troy Firs Road, Mardy, rang the police and told them that he had seen a vapour trail and then an orange flash high in the sky.

"At first I thought it was an aircraft which had exploded, but it looked more like a missile burning up the last of its fuel," he said.

The Ministry of Defence said they had looked into the reports but could offer no explanation.