

# Meteor UFO theory *PRT*

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**POLICE** were yesterday investigating reports of UFOs seen flying over the South Wales coast between Milford Haven and Newport.

Dozens of people have reported seeing a large, slow-moving, triangular object with green flashing lights travelling close to the ground on Wednesday night and early yesterday morning, followed by a smaller object with blue flashing lights.

Mystery surrounded the exact nature of the UFOs yesterday with air traffic controllers at RAF Brawdy and, at Cardiff—Wales Airport reporting no unusual aircraft flying over the South Wales coast.

"There was nothing out of the ordinary on our radar scanners last night," said an air traffic con-

troller at Cardiff—Wales Airport.

Swansea coastguard Mr Alan Perry said yesterday reports of sightings in the Milford Haven area started coming in during the early evening.

South Wales police had six calls from groups of people in Swansea including one from two police officers as well as four from Cardiff. Gwent police reported two more calls later in the evening.

"We always get lots of people ringing in with reports of UFOs on clear nights," said Mr Perry. "These were probably meteorites, burning up as they entered the atmosphere.

"They often fall over a very wide area and give off green and white light,

which, because of its brightness, makes them seem very close."

Another theory put forward by amateur aircraft expert Mr Arthur Palmer who saw the object over Rogerstone, Gwent, was that they were two aircraft refuelling.

"The larger aircraft was probably an RAF Vulcan which is triangular in outline and normally has red and green flashing tail lights," said Mr Palmer.

"It was probably being refuelled by a smaller Air Force plane travelling very close to it, and these often have blue flashing lights."

A South Wales police spokesman said yesterday all reports of sightings were being monitored, and a careful check was being kept for future sightings.