

Meteor link to

extinction *Western Mail* *3/3-1988* of dinosaurs

SCIENTISTS say they have found evidence in Antarctica of a meteor bombardment of earth 65 million years ago that coincided with the extinction of dinosaurs.

They said core samples taken from beneath the ocean floor bolster theories that a cataclysmic event, such as a meteor shower, spewed dust and debris that blocked out sunlight, killing vegetation.

Mr John Barron of the U.S. Geological Survey, said the sediment he examined suggested the bombardment cast a pall over the earth for up to 3,000 years, causing the extinction of certain life forms including the dinosaurs.

Mr Barron has returned from a two-month international drilling expedition to Antarctica, which included scientists from Britain.