

What Did The People Of Devon See Last Week?

By Sunday Dispatch Reporter

WEST OF ENGLAND newspapers gave much publicity last week to reports of "flying saucers" over Devon.

The saucers were reported by a number of independent witnesses from places as far apart as Woolacombe (near Ilfracombe), Exeter, Cullompton, Sidmouth Junction, and Paignton (60 miles south of Woolacombe).

Eye witnesses' descriptions of what they saw are substantially in agreement—there was no noise and a trail of fire streamed from the back. The observations were at about 11 p.m. in all instances.

Mr. J. Stewart, 70-year-old Woolacombe pensioner, who has worked in aircraft factories in two wars, was one of the five people who told the *Exeter Express and Echo* what they had seen.

At 10.50 on Monday evening, he noticed an object come inshore from the direction of the north end of Lundy at a "terrific speed."

Mr. H. A. Franklin, of Beacon-lane, Whipton, near Exeter, wrote to the paper that while at Countess Wear (two miles south-east of Exeter) on Monday night, he saw two circular objects.

"They were of a brilliant silvery blue, travelling south, one behind the other in close formation," he said.

"After passing overhead, the rear object appeared to catch up with the front one and collide, whereon they disintegrated."

Bright Disc

The object was described by Miss J. Spurway, of Exeter-hill, Cullompton (12 miles north-east of Exeter), as "a bright disc travelling with a circular movement at great speed."

Two and a half miles north of Exmouth, the object was seen at 11 p.m. by Mr. and Mrs. L. Mus-sell, of Hill-crest, Lympstone, who described it as having been in two parts "apparently attached in some way with a lighted tail."

The sixth witness quoted in the *Express and Echo* is Mr. A. J. Powell, of Sidmouth Junction, who, while between Patterson's Cross, Ottery St. Mary and Sidmouth Junction at 11 p.m. on Monday, saw "two brilliant white lights come into view to the north-west, from behind a bank of mist.

WAS IT A FLYING SAUCER?



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Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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