

THE LES ECUREUILS OBJECT

On June 12, 1960, between 3 and 4 a.m., EDT, a sonic boom rocked the area around Quebec City. At about the same time, or as nearly as can be determined, a fiery object fell out of the sky, splitting, at about one or two thousand feet altitude, into two pieces. One was somewhat larger than the other. Both of them fell into the St. Lawrence River, near Les Ecureuils, about twenty miles up river from Quebec City. The smaller piece was quite close to the shore and was visible at low tide, the other lay close to the shipping lane and was completely submerged. -

The Canadian Arsenals Research and Development Establishment sent a tank wrecker to the site about the middle of August. They lifted the smaller piece and took it to one of their laboratories. The object was metallic, extremely rough, and showed evidence of melting and crushing. It was about six feet in diameter and weighed about 1,800 pounds. In the various crevasses there was much material resembling rust and some material resembling plastic. At the top of the object were two "pipes" of rather obvious fabrication. One was about six inches in diameter with a two inch bore; and the other was about two inches in diameter with about one-quarter inch wall. The pipes were about 18 inches high and quite regular in dimension. The