Mexico Sees Flying Saucers --or Something

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MEXICO CITY, March 11 (U.P.) The director of a Mexican observatory today produced a photograph of a flying saucer but it looked more like an amateur's snapshot of a klieg light.

The photograph was a black square with a diagonal band of light across it. The caption in the newspaper Excelsior said it was "possibly the only picture of a flying saucer which existed outside the larger countries."

Luis Enrique Erro, director of the Tonantzintla Astronomical Observatory where the photograph was made, said: "The strange object crossed the sky March 2. Since that day we have wondered what it could have been. We don't know."

Meanwhile, dozens of reports of flying saucers poured into the capital from all over Mexico. The "saucer craze" began shortly after a Mexico City newspaper printed a series of articles which appeared in True magazine.

Little Men Here Again, This Time Over Salinas

SALINAS, March 11 (U.P.)—The little men from Mars were cluttering up the Northern California skies here tonight.

More than a score of persons reported seeing a flying saucer in the Salinas area. The various reports had the saucer diving on an automobile, looping the loop, and/or speeding across the horizon at a low altitude.

The Sheriff's office reported a "lot of calls" by people claiming to have seen the phenomena.

The Sheriff's office said the first call came from Mrs. Sam Raguindin of nearby Chualar, who said the saucer "swooped down" over her automobile as she and her mother and two children were driving south of Salinas.

"I'm still scared," Mrs. Raguindin said. "I hope I never see anything like that again."

Chilean Navy Reports 7-Inch Flying Saucer

SANTIAGO, March 11 (U.P.)—The Chilean Navy's meteorological observatory at Punta Arenas reported today its latest observations on a celestial body seen over that city yesterday and believed by the populace to be a flying saucer.

Said the report: "A spheroi celestial body, visible to th naked eye, of about seven inche diameter, crossed the sky in ar east-to-west direction.

"The body remained in the sky from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at an estimated height of 18,000 feet, and then disappeared."

Reports said the body was seen ly by thousands of persons.



Dick Williams

Mirror Entertainment Editor

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HERE ARE SOME NEW PUZZLERS ON FLYING SAUCERS RIDDLE

The deal concerning the flying saucers is by no means dormant. Variety, the show business publication, which seems to deal with a variety of things besides screen, stage and radio, continues the big question of 1950 in its current issue, taking up where True magazine left off in its recent sensational story.

Frank Scully, who does the Scully's Scrapbook column in Variety, previously ran two columns on some personal angles unearthed on the Air Forces' Project Saucer. Later came the True magazine article. Within 24 hours of its appearance, an Air Force spokesman blew the whole thing down and said they were closing Operation Saucer.

Says Variety's editor: "Operation Saucer has not been closed down, only dummied up."

Columnist Scully is of the opinion that the Air Force top command decided to hide behind a "spokesman" and close the subject of flying saucers because they didn't want to be asked any more questions to which they personally or professionally didn't have the answers.

List of $64 Questions for Air Force

These are some of the pertinent questions Scully fires at the Air Force based on his investigations:

1. Do you think it such a good idea to close off Operation Saucer at this time when the records show that more saucers fly the skies between Dec. 21 and Feb. 15 than at any other time?

2. Why is it that pilots who have been trained to identify every make, model and nationality of airplanes all describe these space ships they have seen as "saucer shaped"?

3. Did the Air Force wrecking crews break up one of these ships instead of letting it in the hands of magnetic engineers until they could study in detail how such a ship, if not put together on this earth, could have transferred from the magnetic lines of force from another planet? In other words how could they leave on their beam and land on ours?

4. Did the Air Force ever make public what the "explosives" looking like a dismantled flying saucer were, which they transported in army trucks from a western research base to Dayton, Ohio?

5. Weren't all the saucers found on the western hemisphere magnetic rather than jet jobs?

6. Wasn't the small one, which was 36 feet in diameter, equipped with landing gear which had steel-looking spheres instead of wheels and which when moving could not be tipped over by 10 men but when not moving could be tilted by one man?

7. Why don't you release the tape recordings of comments and questions asked at the public viewing of one of the men picked up dead from a flying saucer, put in a preservative solution, and placed between human specimans from prenatal to grown man in an exhibit at the Rosenwald Institute, Chicago?

8. What has happened to the remains of the 16 men found dead in one of the large saucers and the two in a smaller flying disc?

Are Flying Saucers Hermetically Sealed?

9. Did you ever find the secret of how these flying saucers were hermetically sealed so as to show no outside crack when the door was closed?

10. Did you ever see a radio like the one which was on the flying disc that landed on a ranch near Aztec, New Mexico?

11. Wasn't that the saucer that was dismantled by Air Force souvenir hunters and shipped to Wright Field, Ohio?

12. What do you know about magnetic fault zones in certain areas on this earth and notably in Oregon?

13. Do you know how magnetic waves emanate from the sun, revolve around the earth, continue on to the earth's moon, come back to the earth and return from there to the sun? Do you know that magnetic waves following a similar course travel between the sun, Venus and her moon? If you didn't know much about this, why did you insist on tearing open everything that might have helped the magnetic scientists in determining if a saucer magnetically controlled could hop from one magnetic zone to another?

14. Since the scientists who researched these saucers have never been able to find any evidence of two of the saucer's metals on this earth, how much nearer to a solution has Air Force Intelligence come since taking over the project and now presumably shelving it?

I join Mr. Scully in awaiting with considerable interest the answers to these questions as I presume all of you do. What do you readers think? Are they holding out on us? And incidentally, there's a new movie coming out called "The Flying Saucer."

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DID 15-YEAR-OLD BOY HAPPEN ON SECRET OF FLYING DISCS?

The big riddle of 1950—are the flying discs real?

Many people in Los Angeles seem to believe so (I'm one of them.)

Following our column last week listing pertinent new questions about the elusive saucers, I received a considerable amount of mail, telephone calls and personal visits. I was impressed that there wasn't a crackpot or crank in the lot. These were all interested, intelligent people seeking an answer to a fascinating question.

Of the mail I received there was one engrossing letter which takes up new aspects of magnetic frequency and a couple of new pilot's accounts of encounters with the discs. It's from Chet L. Swital of 415 N. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, and I'm passing it all on because there's not a dull line in it.

"Your Frank Scully story recalled to my mind further incidents that might provoke additional thought. The first incident goes back to the year 1941 and the city of Appleton, Wis. The Appleton newspapers carried an item about a 15-year-old boy who was causing considerable concern among the motorists of the area. It seemed through his interest in amateur short wave radio construction as a ham operator he had accidentally hit on the wave length of magnetic frequency and every time he dialed this frequency he shorted every motor driven vehicle using the ignition system for a radius of three miles.

"The Appleton news item made the wire services and my editor sent me from Chicago to cover the story more fully. However, when I arrived I found the FBI men had preceeded me and were as a matter of fact swarming all over the boy's neighborhood. In a very short time all of the boy's ham radio sending equipment was aboard a plane bound for Washington, D.C., and so was the boy and the entire family.

"Investigating that story completely I discovered the boy's radio equipment shorted the motors of planes flying over his house—the local air field had made record of the phenomena several times and had lodged official complaint in the matter to the authorities.

"As to more recent incidents I repeat the stories of two Army Air Force pilots. One of these pilots flew the "Hump" in the Air Transport Command. This was the flight over the Himalayas and usually with heavy loads of cargo. This pilot reached his destination long over-due but would offer no explanation at the time for reasons of his own.

"A short time later he was transferred to the States where he was assigned to a pilot training unit where I was directing public relations. It was part of my job to see that all went well public relationswise and for some reason I felt this pilot was withholding something he wanted revealed. His story was similar to the many other stories of the flying discs.

Discs Encountered While Flying the 'Hump'

"As he told me the story it was nothing more or less than his usual routine flight over the "Hump" except that he was flying at a higher altitude than was his custom.

"Suddenly, bright and clear as everything seemed to be, something even brighter flashed by his plane. It was a whirling disc and it circled around him several times traveling at a great speed. Then his motors stopped and it seemed as though he was left there suspended in the air.

"The disc circled him several more times, danced and bounced around as if in play, then zoomed away at about the same moment when his motors sputtered into action.

"The second pilot's story takes place over a New Mexico Army Air Field. He, too, was flying high above the usual altitudes and his experience was almost identical to the pilot flying the "Hump." He was intercepted by a flying disc, circled and his motor stopped and he felt his plane suspended, not gliding but actually suspended. Not one of his instruments showed the slightest sign of movement.

"The disc circled around him on all sides, then gyrated and rocked in a sort of salute and disappeared into the sun at the same moment when his motor again coughed into motion.

"Two cases where the motors were shorted out of action and again started as though on signal.

"In talking to the eminent scientist and physicist, Dr. Oscar Brunler, recently, he offered only one comment. His claim was that without a doubt this kind of phenomena occurs only in meteorite and magnetic areas. That in such an area meteor dust often is caught in a whirlwind and the meteor dust while whirling may catch and reflect the rays of the sun and may appear very much like a flying disc. New Mexico and areas in the Himalayas are noted for their meteorite and magnetic occurances. This and a vivid imagination may account for the eye-witness reports. What do you think?"

The pilots I knew in the Air Force were pretty level-headed guys, Mr. Swital. I don't think it was meteor dust.

Girl With Miniature Camera Takes Picture of Something Resembling Flying Saucer

Mar 12/50 L A Times

A local amateur photographer has both seen and photographed in the sunset sky a weird object which yesterday deepened the flying disk mystery. Whether or not a real "flying saucer" actually has been photographed for the first time will depend upon results of a scientific investigation.

Should the vivid picture of the object be authenticated after experts have ruled out all possibilities of nature's optical vagaries, the pretty assistant in a Los Angeles medical office will have scooped the world! She is Miss Bette Malles, a Los Angeles resident, who took the picture while visiting an aunt in Hawthorne.

"I saw something queer and photographed it with my miniature camera," she told The Times, "but I don't pretend at all to know what it was. In case it was something important, I don't wish to release either the film or prints until some authorities have passed on them. However, here are the pictures and you can see for yourself.

Snapped Strange Object

"I was about to take a picture of a small plane flying over a Hawthorne air field when I suddenly saw something shining closer by and to my left. I quickly snapped the shutter and this is what I got."

In the left background of the untouched negative and enlarged prints is a vivid object which defies description. The central part of the object is composed of a luminous oblong doughnut, the "hole" being suggested by the slightly darker center.

Like an outrider preceding this disc, is a circular blob which might be mistaken for a miniature sun. The upward flight of the disk is suggested by lines of light projecting backward from the blob toward the bright doughnut. Also, what appears to be a cone of faint light connects the blob to the disk.



SNAPS DISK — Miss Bette Malles photographs weird object flying through sky. Times photo

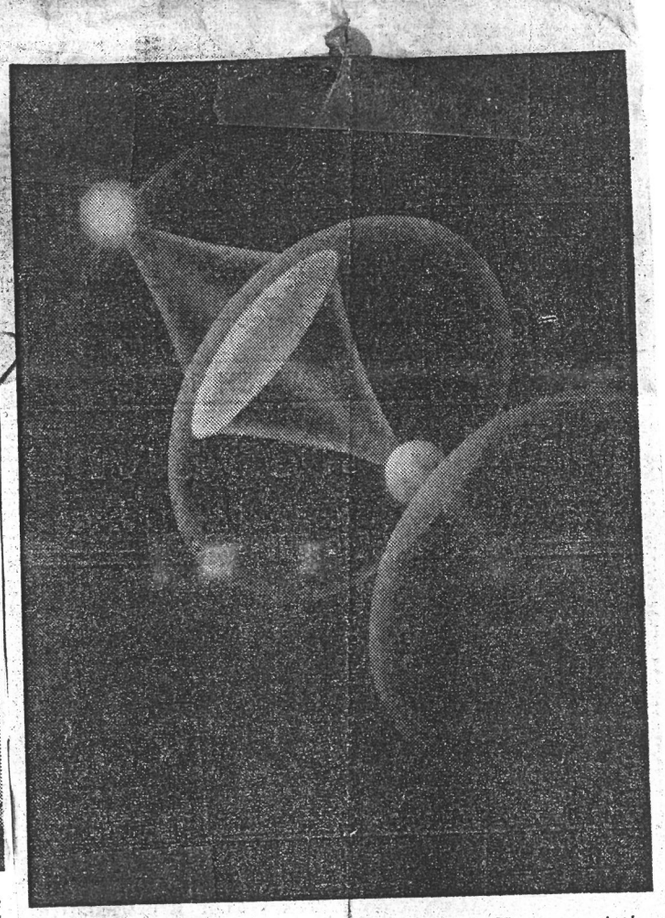
Enclosed in Halo

A second cone of light, projecting backward from the disk, narrows to meet another round blob of light which seems to serve as the disk's rear guard. But this isn't all there is to the odd geometrically shaped assembly.

The disk and its rear guard are enclosed within a large and perfectly circular halo, a similar halo, bisecting the former, following in the wake of the contraption. Suggesting a jet exhaust is a luminous vapor-like line which streams behind the rear guard "sun."

In the left foreground are the black silhouettes of telephone poles. The plane which Miss Malles was about to photograph when she saw the disk-like object, is barely visible in the right background.

The photographer declined to speculate on the actual size of the object or the speed at which it was traveling.



WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE—Above is a Times artist's drawing of the object photographed by Bette Malles on a miniature camera and which, if authenticated, may possibly be first picture ever taken of "flying disk."

Amateur Photographer Snaps Weird Disk in Sky

2 veteran pilots swear to flying disc

(The flying saucer stories keep coming despite the Air Force's repeated official denials that such fanciful aircraft exist. Two veteran Chicago & Southern Airlines pilots swear they saw one in the clear sky over Arkansas Monday night. Their story follows.—Ed.)

By CAPT. JACK ADAMS and 1ST OFF. G. W. ANDERSON

MEMPHIS, March 22.-(U.P.)-We firmly believe that the flying saucer we saw over Arkansas Monday night was a secret experimental type aircraft—not a visitor from outer space.

We have been fooled by meteors and we are certain this was no meteor. It was an aircraft in controlled flight, traveling at a terrific speed. It was not a jet plane.

It was the speed which first attracted our attention. That, and the strangest, strongest blue-white light we've ever seen, which blinked very rapidly on top of the object.

We were headed for Little Rock on the first leg of our trip to Shreveport, La., and Houston, Tex.

Jack was at the controls and we were headed west, about 15 miles north of Stuttgart, Ark.

Visibility and ceiling were unlimited and we could see 20 or 30 miles. We were flying at 2000 feet altitude.

NBC announced in New York that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has invited Adams and Anderson to appear on her television show Sunday. They plan to build a model of the saucer to display on the program, the network said.

Suddenly, Jack saw this intense blinking light at our left. It was about 1000 feet above us and about a half mile away.

It zoomed at terrific speed—500 to 600 miles an hour—in an arc ahead and above us moving from south to north.

"My God, what's that?" Jack exclaimed, nudging Andy. Andy looked and saw the fast-moving object and said, "Oh, no. Not one of those things!"

We'd read about flying saucers and were as skeptical as most people. But when you see something like that, what can you do but believe your eyes?"

This object remained in full view for about 30 seconds and we got a good look.

It had no navigation lights, but as it passed ahead of us in an arc we could plainly see other lights—as if from eight to 10 lighted windows or ports—on the lower side.

The lights had a fluorescent quality. They were soft and fuzzy, unlike any we'd seen before. The object was circular and remained distinct all the time it was in our view. It approached and disappeared just like another aircraft. The time was exactly 9:29 p. m. CST.

We blinked our landing lights in a recognition signal. We didn't know what to make of it, but we almost immediately eliminated military or other civilian aircraft because none that we know of looked like this thing. It was about the size of a DC-3.

There was no reflection, no exhaust and no vapor trail. That's definite.

We know the Air Force has denied there is anything to this flying saucer business, but we're both experienced pilots and we're not easily fooled.

Jack has flown more than 7000 hours and Andy more than 6000. Jack has been with C. & S. since May 15, 1943, and this is Andy's fifth year with the line. Jack is 31, Andy is 30.

100 WATCH MYSTERIOUS DISC AT IDYLLWILD

IDYLLWILD, Calif., March 22.-(U.P.)-More than 100 persons, including two Air Force enlisted men, reported today that they watched a mysterious metallic disc cavorting in the skies over this mountain resort for four hours.

Air Force Sgts. Robert O'Hara and William Elder, both of Long Beach, said they first noticed the saucer-like object while watching exhaust trails from a jet aircraft through field glasses yesterday.

They estimated that the disc was flying at about 30,000 feet. Although the vapor trails were blown in a southwesterly direction, the disc moved steadily northward for four hours before disappearing over the mountains, they said.

Students at the Desert Sun school said they watched the object through a 27-power telescope.

Photographers took pictures of the disc, but their negatives showed only an indistinct object.

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Give Us the Facts

There are those who scoff at flying saucers. There are also those who believe firmly that such objects seen in the skies are space ships from another planet. Then, too, there are those who just plain don't know, and furthermore don't want to know.

Yesterday hundreds of reliable, sober people in Farmington saw "something" in the skies. At least half believe what they saw was an armada of space ships. Others saw something they never saw before, but won't venture a guess what it was. And still others say that what was seen was cotton, or jet planes or some other familiar object.

Not being omniscient, the newspaper cannot say with any certainty exactly what was seen. We can say, however, that it is high time the government of the U. S. cast aside the cloak of evasion and secrecy surrounding these manifestations, and present to the public the findings it has reached on such matters.

It is hardly a secret that despite public announcements to the contrary, the Army Air Forces have been conducting long and detailed investigations of flying saucers. Other agencies, in speaking privately, do not lough off these phenomena as "imagination."

We strongly doubt that approximately half of the population of Farmington could be duped or hypnotized into believing they saw something that wasn't there. Descriptions from widely separated points, from persons who had no contact with each other, tallied too closely. Something was up there.

The American population is not composed chiefly of children or idiots. Most of us are adults who are willing to embrace new concepts of time and space without panic. Attempts to keep the public in the dark have invariably hurt the general welfare, not helped it.

It is time for the government to make available, in blunt language, exactly what is known and what is suspected about these sky visitors. If there is proof—one way or another—the people will accept it. If there are only indications, we still will accept it. But we think we have the right to know.

Suppose—just for a minute—that visitors from another planet are looking us over. They have not been hostile. We would have no reason to be hostile to them. It just could be possible that a fleet of such objects would land in New Mexico, or elsewhere. What do we do then? Do we shoot them or shake hands with them? Or do they have hands?

Still supposing these things are interplanetary space ships, let's keep on friendly terms with them. Blasting away with a shotgun or trying to shoot them down by plane is not the cordial way to greet guests. If the objects are occupied by space travelers, they're probably trying to find out if we're friendly.

Let's have the facts, insofar as they are known.

'Silver Saucer' Surveys Skies Over Longmont

Denver Post Special.

LONGMONT, Colo., April 1.—Scores of Longmont citizens waited for clouds to clear off Saturday so they can see if a strange silvery looking ball is still hanging up there in the sky.

If it is this will be the fourth day. For the past three days now, people have seen the strange sky object which stands still for long periods of time and then suddenly moves in an elliptical circle.

It's even been seen at night. Mrs. Ralph Foster, wife of a barber here, said Saturday she watched the thing Friday night. It gave off a bluish glow, she said, and moved in the elliptical circle.

To the naked eye, the object seems to be about the size of a marble. Through a surveyor's transit it looks as large as a baseball. Nobody knows, however, how high it is.

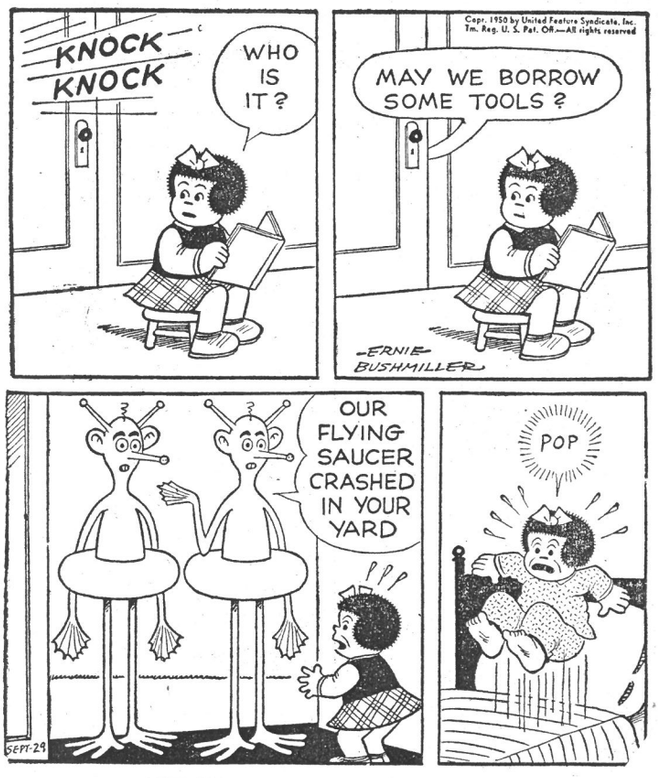
Clouds have passed in front of it, officials said, and the object reappeared afterward.

Bernard Faller, editor of the Longmont Times-Call took a look and commented: "I don't know what it is, but it's up there."

Damon Runyon, a civil engineer here, said he planned to use a transit Saturday—if the object reappears—in an attempt to determine its altitude. If the sky stranger isn't too high up, an attempt to reach it by airplane may be made.

Officials at first thought it might be a weather balloon. The Denver weather bureau doubted, however, that a balloon could have remained stationary that long. Spokesmen at the universities of Denver and Colorado said no scientific research balloons had been sent up from either institution recently.

NANCY BY ERNIE BUSHMILLER



LITTLE MAN WHO WASN'T THERE

Mexico Tale Fades But Dixie Citizens See Disc

Are you in a whirl over flying saucers? Pull up a cup and hear this: They seem to be coming equipped with midget pilots now, and the skies are filling up with them all over the continent.

Scores of Orangeburg, S.C., residents added to the growing number of flying-saucer reports today with the description of a disc that hovered over the city for 15 minutes, then disappeared leaving a vapor trail, the United Press reported.

Six members of the staff of the Orangeburg Times and Democrat said they saw the disc last night after Mrs. Donald Law, wife of the city editor, told them about it. They said it was about the size and color of a new moon, "only brighter."

Publisher J. L. Sims said the disc appeared to turn slowly in the air, from vertical to parallel with the horizon and then vertical again, before disappearing in the western sky. Harry Player, a composing room employe, said he and four other persons saw the disc while driving on a highway 15 miles out of Orangeburg.

Another flying saucer was reported yesterday by residents of Van Nuys, in San Fernando Valley, who told police they saw a bright disc flying about 400 feet in the air. All witnesses said they were sure it was not an aircraft of any known variety.

DISC STUDIED

Composer Eddie Coffman and Actor Reed Hadley and his wife said they studied the disc through a telescope. Coffman said it appeared to be 50 feet in diameter and have a dark smudge on the top.

Ray L. Dimmick, a dynamite salesman, returned to Los Angeles yesterday from a trip to Mexico and gave rise to a story about a space ship 46 feet in diameter, 90 inches thick at the center, built of a metal harder than aluminum, powered by two motors — and manned by a cretin-type little gent only 23 inches tall.

Dimmick originally told reporters he personally saw this wreckage on a mountainside near Mexico City, but later backtracked and said he was told the story by two business associates. All he actually saw, according to his revised version, was a strip of metal, about six feet long, eight inches wide and three-quarters of an inch thick.

Dimmick said he was told that the tiny pilot was killed in the crash about three months ago, his body embalmed for scientific study and the main portion of the saucer put under military supervision in Mexico City.

'UNSUBSTANTIATED'

The Air Force here heard Dimmick's story, declared it "absolutely unsubstantiated" and said there has been no word from the Mexican government about such a strange interloper.

From Denver, however, Dimmick received moral support from a mystery lecturer at the University of Denver.

The unidentified prof's platter pitch: Midget pilots recently flew three flying discs to earth from Venus.

Prof. Francis F. Broman said the lecturer, who claimed to be a scientist, was brought before a basic science class to test students' evaluation. The man who brought the "scientist" to school was Advertising Salesman George T. Koehler, who said he believed the story "to be a fact." Prof. Broman said his students were more skeptical. Their opinion: "Of little value."

Mexican Astronomer Joaquin Gallo said that this is the season when Venus is brightest and guessed saucer-seers might be seeing the planet instead. Mexico's leading nuclear scientist, Dr. Manuel Sabdoval Vallarta, said he thinks the "saucers" are balloons released by U.S. weather stations along the border.

SEARCH FUTILE

No Mexican authority could be found last night who knew anything about the crash related by Dimmick.

However, the Mexican government newspaper, El Nacional, quoted "a famous and reputable astronomer" as saying the numerous discs reported over Mexico "carry visitors from Mars."

The discs have been reported by residents of Guadalajara, Juarez, Mazatlan and Durango and were similar in description to one which airport officials said they saw over Dayton, O., on Wednesday. However, trained astronomical officials in Dayton said they believed the flying saucers were only the planet Venus.

The unidentified Mexican scientist wrote that the manner of flight and proportions of the discs "make it obvious that they carry beings from another world." He said his claim would be confirmed in the near future "when one of the discs is chased to earth by some military plane."

Conrad Getting Sky Discs Film for Movie, 'Flying Saucer'

By Louella O. Parsons
Motion Picture Editor International News Service

So fantastic is the story of the 900 feet of film taken of the "Flying Saucers" in Alaska that at first I thought it was a publicity stunt.

The more I talked with Mikel Conrad, however, the more I believe his story.

Over a year ago, Conrad tells me, he was in Alaska filming "Arctic Manhunt," and he heard from the Eskimos of these strange flying discs. He made a trip far into the frozen North to see for himself. Then he let Washington know.

The Government sent a man to Alaska and asked Conrad for the film he had taken. He turned



LOUELLA O. PARSONS

it over, and it has been in a sealed vault in Los Angeles ever since.

Now the Government is releasing the film to Conrad, who is a producer and director of Colonial Pictures. He will make a picture built around it called "Flying Saucer," which Howard Irving Young is writing.

Conrad believes that an official statement will be forthcoming as to the origin of these mysterious discs when the film is returned to him next Tuesday by a Government man sent out by Washington.

'Flying Disc' Wreckage Reported by L. A. Man

Speculation flared anew yesterday over whether flying saucers might actually be visitors from outer space after numerous new reports that saucers had been seen at several points.

These reports were:

1. Ray L. Dimmick, a Los Angeles business executive, said he has seen the wreckage of a flying saucer, 46 feet in diameter, which had crashed recently near Mexico City.

2. Several San Fernando Valley residents reported seeing a saucer shortly after midnight. An astronomer said if their reports of altitude or position were correct, it could not have been a celestial body.

3. Commander Manuel Maliachi of the Mexican navy reported viewing a saucer over the West Coast port city of Mazatlan with a telescope Wednesday.

4. Another saucer was reported seen over Durango, Mexico, the day before, traveling at a "dizzy speed" to the northwest, toward Mazatlan.

The Air Force, as in the past, discounted the reports, saying it had no knowledge of the saucer reported by Dimmick.

(Dimmicks' own story of flying saucer on Page 5.)

LITTLE MEN IN A DISK LAND AGAIN—ON APRIL 1

LAREDO, Tex., April 1.—(AP)—Look carefully at the date on this yarn before you read on, friends.

The Laredo Times Saturday devoted its front page to a story about the crash of a flying saucer at municipal airport and the capture and death of its pilot following a terrific struggle.

(Better take another gander at that dateline.)

The story was by-lined "By L. O. Oflirpa as told to Hugh Robinson," Times staff writer. Oflirpa was described as an eye-witness.

Under an eight-column banner headline, the story said:

The pilot was only 21 inches tall, but he weighed 320 pounds. His weapon was a strange ray gun which emitted 180,000 vibrations per second and temporarily paralyzed his victims.

But the pilot died 30 minutes after his capture, despite efforts to revive him with pure oxygen.

For readers who think a picture is worth, anyway, a couple dozen words, the Times carried a seven-column shot of nine policemen and other officers aiming guns at the pilot.

A lot of Times readers said they weren't fooled—just like you—they figured it out long before they got to the last paragraph, which explained all.

But you're asking: Who would cook up a yarn like that? The answer is: William Prescott Allen, the publisher.

And have you caught on to that name—L. O. Oflirpa—yet? Spell it backwards.

It's April fool, son, April fool.

Flying Saucer

(Continued From Page 1)

cers to keep him alive. Pure oxygen was administered several times and he revived briefly each time to resume his fighting. During one of these struggles the exceptionally powerful man threw Sgt. Joe Peña 40 feet into the air.

The space ship and the body of the pilot were seized by federal officials and were to be flown to Washington this afternoon with Lew Taylor of the F.B.I. in charge.

Alerted by the Laredo incident and fearful that more of the ships were en route to the earth, the Air Force had several squadrons of jet fighter planes heading toward Laredo today. Anti-aircraft units, too, were moving equipment into this section.

At first it seemed it would be impossible to capture the pilot, Chief of Police D. O. Gallagher said.

He was armed with a strange-looking ray gun which produced vibrations estimated at 180,000 per second and temporarily paralyzed its victims, according to John J. O'Hern, who was one of the first to arrive on the scene.

Collapses From Atmosphere

But the heavy atmosphere of the earth apparently was too much for him. He collapsed, gasping for breath, but had managed to knock out seven or eight of his captors before he went down.

Firemen used an oxygen mask to revive him four times, but he failed to come to on the fifth attempt.

The little man was dressed in a type of coveralls made of some kind of strange metallic cloth. A helmet, on which were two circular antenna, covered his head, which was large and out of proportion to his body.

Weighs Over 320 Lbs

Despite his small size, the man was very heavy, weighing around 320 pounds, District Attorney E. James Kazen said.

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●REAL ESTATE

The flying saucer was first sighted by Col. Charles Pearcy, city aviation director. The veteran pilot estimated the space ship was flying at a speed of at least 5,000 miles per hour when it first zoomed over the airport. It came from the south, across the Rio Grande from Mexico, where there have been many recent reports of flying saucers.

The space ship circled, gradually losing speed. It appeared the pilot was making a deliberate effort to land on the airport, Col. Pearcy said.

It crashed just east of the main hangar.

The saucer is six feet in diameter, and about two feet thick. Although federal officials refused to let the general public view the space ship, those who were at the airport when it crashed said it is made of some strange, very tough metal and apparently powered by a series of jets located around the circumference.

Equipped With Radar

The interior was jammed with a clutter of what obviously was radio and radar equipment.

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Man Who Discovered

Visitor on Monterey Peninsula

(This is the third and last in a series on Kenneth Arnold, the first man to report flying saucers, and his story as now told to the Monterey Herald.)

By RITCH LOVEJOY

Just as Arnold was beginning to think that everything in the world had gone haywire, he was offered $200 by Ray Palmer, owner of a Chicago publishing house, to go and investigate the two river pilots at Moury Island and their flying saucer "crash."

Arnold landed at Chehalis, Washington, and began to try to get a room in an auto court or hotel. When he phoned the Winthrop, he was surprised to find that he had a reservation. He wasn't too sure of his footing. He hadn't made the reservation himself, and his experiences in print had been unhappy.

"FORGET IT"

The two river pilots were Fred Christman and Harold Dahl, Dahl being the captain of the harbor boat patrol. Arnold located them.

Arnold was working on the theory, "I know these flying discs exist, and so they must land some place." Dahl advised Arnold to "go back and forget about it." They were already targets for ridicule.

However, Dahl came to his room and told the story, which was fantastic. "Every time it comes up, something happens to me. I'm getting spooked."

He said that he and Christman were patrolling the island, when "doughnut shaped objects, with a dark glass-like center, could be seen, some moving around a center one, which seemed to be crippled."

SCREWY THINGS

They came lower and lower, Dahl told Arnold, but since he had lived near Boeing Field, he was used to seeing screwy things. These looked like squashed balloons, and came close down so the portholes could be seen around what looked like an observatory center. It looked like it would crash on the ship—it or they.

(Tacoma police saw them at the same time, Arnold says.)

The center disc stopped 500 feet above the water, made no noise, stayed awhile, and another left the formation and touched it as though giving assistance. This one went back up. The lower one—or something—made a dull thud or sound. It started rising and looked like it was dumping out a million newspapers. Then Dahl and Christman saw that the newspapers looked like molten metal.

DOG KILLED

They tried the radio, but there was so much static they couldn't make it work. With them was Dahl's son, and their dog. The dog was hit by metal and killed. A couple of gulls dropped. The boat was battered, and the stuff fell all around. The rest of the formation rose and disappeared to the west.

Dahl and Christman were shaken. They tried to pick up the stuff, but it burned their hands. There seemed about 20 tons of it on shore. That night they put in at the dock, with a bushel of the molten "lava-like" stuff in a bucket. Christman, a fighter pilot in Burma, said that his superior officer gave them the devil for the condition of the boat.

Next morning, Dahl's son was missing, his wife was sick, the press was bothering him, and the boat wouldn't start. He found the boy later, washing dishes in Montana, but he was so convinced at the time that everything bad was tied up with what he had seen, that he wouldn't talk.

"STORY SQUASHED"

When asked, he'd say, "It was just a big fake," Arnold recounts. But a writer named Paul Lantz on the Tacoma Times was most persistent. Arnold says a story put out by Lantz was squashed until July.

Arnold called up Capt. Smith (the airlines pilot who had also reported saucers), and they flew to Seattle and then to Tacoma. There is only room for a condensed part of the events which followed.

Lantz turned up at the hotel, where Smith and Arnold had the floor strewn with the lava they

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had brought along. Everybody in the hotel was on strike, and everybody who wanted to turn up had to walk five flights.

PHONE CALLS

Somebody kept phoning who seemed like a crackpot, but he knew and described everything that was going on in the room. "We tore everything off the walls, but couldn't find how he did it."

Smith called for the 4th Airforce to investigate. It took a long time, but finally they consented and sent investigators named Brown and Davidson. Dahl said, "Something bad's going to happen." He went off, ostensibly to a show, but Arnold never saw him again.

After talking until midnight, Arnold says, the two investigators had suddenly to "get off to Hamilton Field." "The man on the phone called and said that if the lava was taken on the investigators' plane, it would "be dangerous."

EVIDENCE GONE

"We were the last people to see Brown and Davidson alive," Arnold declares. "They took all the lava on board in a box. Smith and I wanted some for souvenirs, but they were very firm about it. [illegible] dence is that the fire system f[illegible] to work on the plane. The chief engineer, C. E. Matthews, Arnold says, lived through the crash, and said "that he had seen what he thought was Brown jumping," only it seemed possibly to have come from top of the plane. Brown never jumped.

Arnold says that never a trace of the lava rock or the box was found and that the Air Force called the entire explanation a hoax.

"We had visited Dahl's home—an average home—and went there again, but found the place deserted and full of cobwebs. Neighbors said that nobody had lived there for months," Arnold declares. Christman was reported going to Alaska on an Army bomber. Arnold never saw him again, either.

Two weeks later, Lantz, the reporter died. Arnold says the story [illegible] f his death was played down. Ted Morello, another reporter, Arnold says, quit his job, and the last he heard of him he talked to him on the phone. Morello, Arnold says, talked hesitantly, and said that he was dead broke.

Arnold says that in Eureka, and in the hands of the publisher, Palmer, in Chicago, are moving pictures he has taken of flying objects. He gave them to Palmer, "the only man who has published the full facts."

PICTURES

The pictures are, Arnold says:

1. Saucers flying near Mt. Lassen.

2. A silver globe which is not a celestial body, taken at Tahoe.

3. Three unknown objects in the sky leaving vapor trails. ("May be a P-51 trail.") Taken in Nevada.

4. White objects flying like geese, but too fast to catch by plane. Also a Nevada picture.

STILL ON TRAIL

Arnold says that none of the pictures satisfies him because they won't enlarge well enough for newspaper publication. He's still on the trail.

DATA COLLECTION

Arnold's collection of data is tremendous. It includes stories of smoke emanating from the ground in Idaho, burning telephone lines in Humboldt county (with little men reported seen), and various other "little men" stories.

Recordings include:

1. An editor who didn't know he was being recorded, trying to explain, "It is not a material thing, but a thought . . ." and thus arriving at its widespread "reality."

2. Vincent Brown, a naturalist in Southern California, stating that 11 out of 12 of his Boy Scout group saw a silvery cigar shaped object over the Sierra Nevada mountains July, 1948.

3. Indications that flying objects were seen at Pt. Barrow February through April, 1949, by a pilot named Brandt, and that the "discs" were photographed by military reconnaisance planes.

Arnold cites a number of photographs, which he says are in the hands of the government, and which, he says, are good pictures of flying saucers.

More Like a Fish Than A Saucer

(This is the second article on Kenneth Arnold, first man to report seeing flying saucers, who visited Monterey this week and told his side of the story.)

By RITCH LOVEJOY

When Kenneth Arnold first saw the chain of nine objects flying along past Mt. Rainier he thought they were jet planes. They were skipping along "like saucers on the water," and extended like the tail of a kite five miles long. But they were not, Arnold is sure, saucer-shaped.

As they moved in a fluttering fashion, side to side, and at a speed Arnold clocked and estimated at "in excess of 1,700 miles an hour," he caught a good view of one which seemed to be somewhat circular, tailless, but faintly resembling the modified form of the fish called a ray, or skate, with a circle on top. Side view was not unlike the shape of a plane wing profile. The others seemed more like a truncated diamond with a round nose.

DISTURBED

Arnold was at 9,000 feet in his own plane, dropping down over Mineral, Washington.

"I watched them long after they passed Mt. Adams, fluttering and scooting along," Arnold says.

"When I got to Yakima I was somewhat disturbed, although I had never heard of strange things in the sky then. I told Art Baxter, general manager of Central Aircraft, 'I just saw nine of the darndest looking planes you ever saw.' I assumed it was some government project. Nobody got excited at Yakima. I dismissed it from my mind.

"I went on to Pendleton. When I got there everybody had gone wild. I had phone calls from all over the world. For two days I got no sleep. I was in a spot. If I didn't answer questions I'd be condemned, and if I did I had to face it."

OTHERS SEEN?

("I learned later that Military Intelligence had a report from forest rangers that they had spotted flying objects alongside of Mt. Baker!)

"I reported because I thought such things should be reported to the control tower. I did everything an American would do. It was a duty, and I'm nuts about my country, regardless of what anybody might think about my report.

"The Air Force and everybody else made a fool of me. Pilots came over and said, 'We know you're not crazy, Ken.' I went back to work on my figures, but no matter what I did, I couldn't get the speed of those first saucers down below 1,382 miles an hour at best. I hoped I'd find a mistake and get them down to about 720. So I began saying they went at least—I just said 'at least'—1,200 miles an hour. Finally I got out of town."

On July 4, 1947, Capt. E. J. Smith of the United Airlines flagship on a run in a DC-3 landed on Gowen Field at Boise. He said he'd believe "in flying discs only when he saw them." Nine minutes later he spotted them over Emmett, Idaho.

"Four were close to him, and he said they looked rough on top and smooth on the bottom. His co-captain, Ralph Stevens, was with him, and Marty Morrow, the stewardess. Stevens said to Smith, 'What do you see, Captain?' Smith didn't say. He reached for the button and signaled for Marty. Four discs went by, and then five more the same number I'd seen. They were described as 'gigantic'."

MORE COMING

Asked if he had any theories about the saucers, Arnold replied

"Yes, I think they are intelligently controlled, and that they will be seen more and more frequently."

Also interested in what Arnold thinks was the counterespionage department of the Military Intelligence. He was interrogated repeatedly by various organizations including the FBI. He describes the military as "polite" but the FBI as "kind of pushy."

On July 25, 1947, Arnold read in a newspaper that a captain and a lieutenant of the harbor patrol had seen a flying saucer crash at Moury Island, June 21, three days before he had seen them himself.

Meantime, he also heard that people south of Boise had reportedly picked up fragments of lava ash, possibly from some flying object.

In fact there were now reports all over the world. Arnold was on a salmon fishing trip with Col. Paul Weiland, an official at the Dessau trials. They were at Seku near Juan de Fuca, between Vancouver Island and Washington.

There is a form of minute sea life called "red water."

Here they came upon red water. It occurs in Monterey almost every year. But this year it occurred in larger amounts here and elsewhere, and apparently killed large amounts of fish.

Anyway, dead salmon lined the strait, and the water was red. Arnold had heard reports of a large number of earthquakes at various places. And he began to relate everything that he saw as part of a mysterious phenomenon that was affecting everything. He and his companion could not evaluate these many coincidental things separately, and they discussed them in the light of the unknown.

Just about this time Arnold received an offer that led him on the investigation which was so frightening.

(To be continued)

Hotel

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Reported Flying Saucers

Records Flying Saucer Statements



(Peter Breinig photo.)

Kenneth Arnold, flying salesman, who was first to report flying saucers, is shown dialing his tape recording machine, upon which he records statements of people all over the country who have seen flying saucers or other phenomena. Listening in with interest is Bob Arentz, Salt Lake City pilot and author of air stories, who was one of the first to follow up Arnold's reports since 1947. Arnold relates his story to date to The Herald in a continued article beginning today.

a hog-back, beyond which is an Indian reservation.

"As I circled a projection, I saw a blue flash. I thought, 'some kid dove over my nose.' It wasn't blinding, but like a reflection flash. I looked all over for a plane, but all I could see was a DC-4 way off to my left heading for Seattle. There was another flash. I was clocking my gas and altimeter. The minute hand was going up at one minute to three.

"Almost between the two mountains ahead I saw a chain-like formation. I assumed it was a flight of jet airplanes going toward Rainier. I had never observed any like them and I was naturally interested. I watched them intently. They had a mirror-like surface. But they appeared quite large. They had no tails. If you see anything flying with no tail, you'll give a second look. I thought at first maybe they were camouflaged.

"As they approached the mountain, they seemed to flutter and scoot along, like speedboats do on the surface of water. I later described them as moving like saucers skipping on the water, and it was misinterpreted in the news as describing them as 'saucer-like.'

"As they tipped, they were black against the snow, except when they reflected the light. Still no tail. It was a beautiful day, the air very smooth. I decided to clock them. I was always interested in just how fast jets could go.

"When they passed the mountain, the second-hand was moving up to three when the first one stuck its nose out of the crest of Rainier, going 170 degrees South. They swung around Rainier, between it and the projection on my side, emerged, went toward the hog-back, and instead of going up over, went around it on my side.

"There were nine of them, at least as large as the outside engine of a DC-4, and I decided the light was pulsating and not reflection. But I held up a Zeus fastener, used to open the cowling, held it out and tried to get a measure, and later checked the same way with the DC-4, five to ten miles further away now. I figured that a conservative estimate was that the objects were 100 feet across, because I saw them over a known distance.

They covered the distance between the mountains in a minute and 42 seconds, that is, in excess of 1,700 miles an hour."

(Continued tomorrow)

"SEEING THINGS"

Hypnotist Explains Saucers

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

WASHINGTON, April 6. (U.P.)—**The American public is seeing things and I know a man who says he can prove it.**

He is Dr. Franz J. Polgar, a magician and one of the country's leading hypnotists.

My "seeing things," the man of magic is referring to this flying saucer business, which he considers noting but a variation of the Hindu rope trick.

HIDE THE CHECK

Dr. Polgar proved to me once in Chicago that he is no phony. He was chained to a chair in his dressing room in a theater after he offered to work for nothing if the management could hide his $1,000 check where he couldn't find it in 10 minutes.

After he was released he walked down the middle aisle to the 20th row, asked one of the customers to say "Ah," and pulled the man's upper plate and claimed his fee, which had been hidden above the phony molars.

Anyhow, about this saucer stuff. Polger proved the saucer business was phony to an audience in Santa Fe, N. M., the other night, shortly after nearby Farmington, N. M., had undergone a rash of saucer trouble.

Our man likes to refer to the incident as a case of mass hallucination.

The hypnotist was giving a lecture and called eight people to the stage, including the editor of the local paper. Polgar put all eight to sleep.

SEE "SAUCERS"

"While you are asleep," he said "you will see the flying saucers when your guide gives the magic symbol '825'." Then he appointed one Dr. Oscar Lange, New York composer who was in the audience, to act as guide.

Lange took his charges outside for a bit of fresh air and while he was about it muttered the number 825.

In unison the eight sleepers announced they saw all kinds of flying saucers.

The newspaper edtior later, according to Polgar, threatened to fire his wide awake photographer for not getting any pictures of the saucers which were not there.

"What really stopped me," said the doctor who is not easily stopped, "was that a lot of folks in the audience swore that they also saw the 'flying saucers.'

Folks who think they see the saucers, he said, are victims of mythomania. That's another word for pathological white lying, the kind small boys use to tell about tracking down dinosaurs and wild beasts.

HYPNOTIZE AMERICA

Polgar, who has put millions of people to sleep, including me, at one time offered to go on the radio and mass hypnotize the nation. They wouldn't let him, because as one network man put it, "We try hard to keep our audiences awake and not put them to sleep."

At another time, through his memory work and not hypnosis, he walked into the United Press office in Chicago carrying a valise holding $10,000. He offered me the sum if I could hide a common pin where he could not find it in 10 minutes. While the boss watched Polgar in his private office I went down one elevator and up another and hid the pin under the spittoon in the office of the president of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad.

The doctor walked straight to it, and then walked out of the building with his 10-G's.

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Man Who First

Salesman-Pilot Doesn't Consider Phenomenon A Laughing Matter at All

(Editor's note: This is the first of a series of three articles on Kenneth Arnold, the first man to report flying saucers, who visited Monterey this week. Below is his exclusive story which the Herald is reporting in considerable detail due to the mounting interest in the matter within recent months.)

By RITCH LOVEJOY

Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Idaho, salesman-pilot and the first man to report seeing flying saucers at one minute to three o'clock June 24, 1947 over Mt. Rainier, Washington, doesn't consider the phenomenon a laughing matter.

His spare time is consumed in questioning people and recording their answers on two tape recorders, in trying to get a moving picture of the discs in action, and in compiling data that he hopes will in some way make an evaluation possible.

In Monterey this week, Arnold re-told his story, played back some of his recordings, claimed that pictures of them existed in government files, and predicted that "we are on the verge of an important discovery."

SEEKS FACTS

But people have told him so many stories — some about "little men" — that Arnold no longer tries to evaluate his material himself. He just collects information.

A flying business man with his own Call-Air custom built plane, Arnold remotely resembles the late Wendell L. Willkie and talks as much and with equal fervor.

He was born in Sebeka, Minnesota, 35 years ago, was an Eagle Scout as a boy, and had his share of getting into trouble as well, graduated from the Minot high school in North Dakota. He was on the all-states football team there, played part of a season at the University of Minnesota until he wrecked a knee and then went into the swimming team, majored in chemistry and biology but was devoted mainly to sports.

He is married and has two children, Kista 7, and Karla 4, who are at home in Boise with their nother, Doris. During the worst period of Arnold's early saucer days—which we will delve into here—he came to the conclusion that he might be a marked man, and uneasily he "thought often of the wife and children."

Pestered by calls from all over the world, ridiculed in public print and on the air, surrounded by tragedy, questioned by every conceivable type of investigator, and confronted with various phenomena which he did not understand, Arnold began to think that everything was "going wrong at once."

ARNOLD'S STORY

Now all Arnold wants is to tell his side of the story. Here it is:

Arnold covers five western states, selling fire fighting equipment. He now has some 5,000 flying hours to his credit.

On June 24, 1947, he took off at 2 p.m. from the Chehalis, Washington, airport, southwest of Mt. Rainier. He was going to head for Yakima, but first planned an hour search for a missing C-46 marine transport, which was down with 32 men aboard, and for which there was issued a $5,000 reward.

(Adm. H. H. Judd, 13th Naval District, later stated, Arnold says, that when the plane was found, the terrain was too treacherous to recover the bodies. Arnold considers this a formal statement, and doubts the bodies existed.)

METHODICAL SEARCH

"No flyer would rush off on a search half-cocked, especially a person in my position," Arnold says. "I intended to spend an hour in the search, as a member of the Idaho Search and Rescue Group. I was used to mountain flying. On a mission that required 10,000 feet altitude, I was conscious of my gas and consumption. I was working methodically.

"Over the city of Mineral, I made a 180 degree turn at 9,000 feet. Rainier was ahead, 14,408 feet high. Out of the base rose another plateau. To the right was Mt. Adams. Between the two is

Mystery flying object seen over Hanford atomic plant

PASCO, Wash., Nov. 22.-(UP)-Dozens of excited residents reported today they watched a shiny "cigar shaped" flying object in the vicinity of the Hanford atomic plant near sundown yesterday, but atomic and military authorities maintained they had "no reports" of anything irregular.

Perry Torbergson, managing editor of the Columbia Basin News, and Jack Anderson, his city editor, were among those who said they watched the object for eight minutes.

"It was shaped like a cigar and glistened brightly," Torbergson said. "Anderson, myself and everybody on Pasco's downtown streets watched it for a full eight minutes before it disappeared in its southwesterly course."

Col. Seth L. Weld Jr., commanding officer of the anti-aircraft unit stationed at the atomic plant, said nothing irregular was reported. "Any irregular occurrences . . . would have immediately been noted by the combination of the AEC and Army observers stationed at the Hanford works," Weld said.

Torbergson said the object was first sighted at 4:40 p. m.

Anderson said: "We have names of at least 25 persons who saw it. Nearly everyone I talked to seemed to agree that it stopped and hung in the air. All seemed to describe it as a stick of light."

The Hanford plant, located about 20 miles north of Pasco, produces plutonium, the material used in atomic bombs.

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Man chased by 'flying saucer' showering sparks

LUFKIN, Tex., April 22.-(U.P.)-A Lufkin man said today a flying object showered sparks on him and whirled away "like a flying saucer."

Jack Robertson, a 28-year-old pharmacist, said he was motoring on state highway 94 west of here when he "felt" something following him.

Getting out of his car, he said an object approached at an altitude of about 200 feet, hovered overhead for a few seconds, then speeded off at a 50-degree angle, dropping sparks as it climbed.

Five minutes later, he said, his face started burning.

The University of Texas graduate declared that until his experience, he was inclined to agree with the Air Force's steadfast denial that flying saucers exist.

—CLASSIFIED ADS TELL—

Rancher captures flying disc; says it's Navy property

L.A. News April 26/52

DOUGLAS, Wyo., April 20.-(U.P.) A Wyoming cowpuncher set up a cry today that flying saucers were real and produced one of the aerial space ships to back up his statement.

Stamped on a nameplate was "this scientific apparatus is the joint property of the U. S. Navy and the University of Minnesota. Made in Lexington, Ky."

The ranchhand, Everett Fletcher, said he was sure it was an "honest-Injun saucer" when he sighted the flying ball in the skies 32 miles north of here and followed it to the ground.

"It scared me," he said.

A telephone call to Minneapolis identified the ball as a Navy instrument apparently used for measuring cosmic rays.

"Don't open it," a Navy officer warned. "Don't fool with the thing. Ship it here immediately, but don't touch it."

Mystery Flash Over L. A. Area Reported

An almost blinding flash of light which "appeared to cover about three miles on the horizon" was reported by two deputy sheriffs in the Los Angeles area early today following two sharp explosions accompanied by flashes of bright flame which jolted the Lancaster and Antelope Valley areas late yesterday.

The two officers, Louis Farlow and Glen McEwan, said the bright flash, appearing to them to center in the Norwalk or Firestone areas, had an orange-colored center and white perimeter, with the whole interspersed with blues and purples.

They did not hear any explosion, they reported.

In the Lancaster explosion, no physical evidence of damage could be found.

Military authorities said there were no reports of airplane crashes in the vicinity or of planes jettisoning bombs or auxiliary fuel tanks. Likewise there was no affirmative statement from the guided missile range some miles to the northeast.

Wife Sues Son of Lawrence Tibbett

The son of Singer Lawrence Tibbett was sued for divorce today on charges of extreme cruelty.

Mrs. Barbara Tibbett, 26, asked $75 a month alimony and $100 a month child support from Richard M. Tibbett, 30, a real estate broker.

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2 Formations of 'Flying Saucers' Seen Here by Pilot, Air Hostess

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Rocky Mt News

Two flights of formation-flying "round, silvery" objects were reported to have dashed across Colorado skies at 2:15 p. m. yesterday.

Observing tthe phenomena was Merrick C. Marshall, Frontier Air Lines pilot who lives at 1410 Poplar st. Mr. Marshall is a former flier of B-29 and B-24 bombers who "certainly know when I've seen something."

Flying at 25-30,000 Feet

His terse, no-nonsense-now report follows:

"I was sitting in my living room listening to the Phillies-Dodgers game. I looked out the front window. Suddenly I saw these things, two of them.

"They were flying high above the strata clouds and I watched them for about 20 seconds. It's hard to judge distance from the ground, but I figure they were at about 25,000 or 30,000 feet.

"They looked to be about 20 or 30 feet in diameter.

"The second flight, six of them in formation, came over about three minutes later. They resembled the first two in every detail.

"It's about as strange as anything I've ever seen."

Between the two flights, Mr. Marshall raced to the apartment above his and sounded the alarm to Miss Irene Hayward, Western Air Lines hostess. She, too, saw the second group.

"I saw something," she said. "They seemed to be little, shiny things. I don't know what they were."

Lowry Sees No 'Objects'

Officials at the Lowry Air Force Base control tower said that they had several planes in the air at that time, but had no reports of the "objects" being spotted.

"I have no idea what those folks saw," said Corp. Myron Dukes, "but we saw a flight of birds about the same time. They were gray and looked like seagulls. Flying about 2000 feet.

"When the sun reflected on them, they appeared shiny."

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'Discs Are Real,' School Children In Denver Told

Denver school children and students in every state and 55 foreign countries have been told: "Some flying saucers are real. They belong to our Air Force."

The statements were carried in a column in "My Weekly Reader," a weekly newspaper for fifth grade students published by the American Education Press, of Columbus. The column was over the signature of "Tom Trotti," a frankly fictitious writer, the Associated Press reported.

Arthur Lewis, director of instruction in Denver elementary schools, said the publication is in use in several schools here.

The Air Force has declared it has investigated all reports of flying saucers and finds nothing to substantiate any of them.

The American Education Press is 50 years old and is one of the oldest publishing houses in its field.

IT WAS INEVITABLE

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A Believer in Saucers

BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS —By Frank Scully. New York: Henry Holt & Co. $2.75.

Reviewed by

WILLIAM J. BARKER.

IT WAS inevitable, of course, that some writer with a business head and a sense of timing would do a book on the things. Mr. Scully, a Hollywood free-lance author and columnist, happened to be the guy. He also happened to be a close friend of Denver oilman Silas Mason Newton the briefly anonymous lecturer who last month at the University of Denver told in specific detail about the saucers and their Venusian crews which had landed within 500 miles of the city.

Still there's little doubt from his book and from the exclusive interview Mr. Scully granted Rocky Mountain Empire magazine (see enclosed with today's Denver Post) that he believes in the saucers and their gift-sample-sized passengers, and that he has accumulated nearly every news clipping and on-and-off-the-record remark ever made about the distracting disks.

Scully's chapter one rockets off by retelling about the verbal saucery that occurred at D. U., and gives a summary of Newton's claims, complete down to the tensile strength of a single thread taken from the flying suit of one of the midget spacemen found dead in a grounded magnetic-force all-metal pancake near Aztec, N. M.

He goes on to establish Newton as no hoaxer but a man with plenty of assorted scientific comprendo. Here's the rub, however, and Scully hides his embarrassment over it very neatly: Newton is not quoted as saying in so many words that he actually, personally SAW these landed disks or the dead disk jockeys therein.

A colleague of Newton's, referred to as "Dr. Gee," is the eyewitness who furnished the "facts" which set D. U. on its ear and made this book possible. He and other secretive individual scientists, sworn to silence by our government intelligence forces, supposedly furnished Scully's material but withheld their names—thereby observing a part of their oaths.

Scully's book does offer some intriguing thoughts. First: There is a wealth of evidence that something is up—no doubt about it—so what is that something if it ain't saucers? Second: Why has the air force blown hot and cold on the subject, issuing denials and yet jumping in quick whenever the subject develops into what looks like a full-scale saucerian operation?

"Behind the Flying Saucers" is good for an evening's beguilement. It'll take your mind off the Russians and let you sweat about the Venusians for a change.

TOWARD GLENDALE

'Saucer' Object Seen by Watchers in Valley

Sept-Oct 1952

Five San Fernando Valley residents joined forces to witness what they believed was a flying saucer between 11:30 and 11:50 p.m. Wednesday, according to Michael De Munoz, 31, of 7536 Riverton Ave., Sun Valley.

"I was standing outside taking a smoke when I saw the object just over the top of the mountains toward Glendale," he said.

"It looked like it was six inches across, from where I stood, and appeared to be 24 inches above the top of the mountains.

"I watched it for 15 minutes, and then called my wife and brother-in-law and the couple from across the street. We all watched it for another five minutes before it faded away."

De Munoz said it was saucer-like in shape, appeared to swing in an arc and to ascend vertically. It glowed, then faded and seemed to have a dark circle in its center. De Munoz is an electronics technician for a commercial airline.

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NAVY CLAIMS MYSTERY BALL IN NEW MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—A mysterious, eighteen-inch metal sphere which has puzzled scientists at the state university at Albuquerque for a month, was claimed tentatively by the U. S. navy soon after its discovery was revealed Tuesday.

A spokesman for the office of naval research said the navy has been sending similar objects to high altitude by balloons as part of cosmic ray research. He called it "a very, very good guess" that the navy owns the "thing" deer hunters picked up in the mountains of New Mexico.

The spokesman added:

"These are no strangers from heaven, contain no little men, and are not connected with the atomic bomb."

Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, head of the institute of meteorites at the University of New Mexico, disclosed at Albuquerque that the sphere has been found, along with an alarm clock, packages of film and other objects—and had not been explained. They came to his attention on Nov. 23.

Alarm Clock Trips Switch

The navy spokesman said the function of the alarm clock is to trip a switch and expose films which record the impact of cosmic rays at various altitudes.

The sphere protects the apparatus. It can be pressurized for high-altitude trips and will float if it comes down in water.

The fact the navy is conducting cosmic ray research, with the co-operation of several universities, has been published.

"These flights have been launched over a period of some three or five years," the navy spokesman said. "Many of the balloons have been found all over the country. It is a part of Project Skyhook."

Until the navy spoke up, LaPaz said, the numerous trained investigators who studied the sphere were unable to say what it was —or to identify the plastic material.

LaPaz returned Tuesday to the spot where the objects were found. He planned an extended search there.

Here's what the deer hunters found:

The sealed sphere, apparently made of duraluminum, a light metal, eighteen inches in diameter and weighing seven pounds, two ounces; an object which looks like a large flower pot built of an unknown type of plastic in which nylon fibers are imbedded; a cheap alarm clock equipped with an expensive, hair-trigger micro switch, and three packages of photographic film used in nuclear research.

The sphere is dented as though it struck the ground with force, but is not broken.

Before the navy's announcement, LaPaz had advanced two theories as to what "the thing" was:

1—That the sphere was ejected from a guided missile; 2—That it was carried by a very large balloon.

The film packs are marked as having been manufactured Nov. 14, 1949, by Ilford Limited, London, England. The number 29 is written in ink underneath, with a ditto mark under November. Investigators speculated the equipment was launched Nov. 29 last year.

On Dec. 5 and again on Dec. 15, 1949, LaPaz invesigated reports from persons who said they saw green fireballs in the Capitan mountain area.

LaPaz, who helped investigate the Japanese balloon manace during World war II, says the only thing he has ever seen which remotely resembles the sphere was an object suspended from a Japanese balloon which was chased but never run down and examined closely.

He discounts the possibility of a hoax.

"You could hardly find a place to leave a hoax where it would be less likely to be found," he said. "The thing was found in an extremely isolated spot."

There are three outstanding questions about the discovery which have puzzled scientists:

1—Why is there no identification on the sphere other than the Roman numeral IV?

Strange Plastic Baffles Experts

In scientific research identification of materials is a rule of thumb. Without it, the tester cannot be sure he'll get his equipment back or even learn what happened to it. And usually Arabic numbers are used.

2—What is the origin of the strange, dark blue "flower pot?" None of the persons who has seen it has ever seen anything like it. Dr. James Beach of the mathematics department at the university, who formerly was engaged in commercial plastics production, said the plastic used for the flower pot was unlike any he had ever seen.

The pot has two tiny pin-prick holes in the bottom. The word PACK is stenciled on the outside. Inside was white powder believed to be gypsum powder from the region where it was found.

The switch may have been used, LaPaz says, to cut the equipment loose from a balloon or rocket at a certain time. The clock was set for about 5:30.

The sphere was very substantially built with a one-inch flange around the equator. Eighty-two bolts held the two halves together at the flange, and neoprene was used to seal it air-tight. Neoprene is a rubberized material commonly used in pressurizing aircraft.

Nylon used in cords attached to the apparatus is the best quality known, specialists say.

Mystery 'Thing' Found in N.M.



AP Wirephoto.

Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, head of the University of New Mexico meteoritics institute, examines an airtight, eighteen-inch duraluminum ball found in the remote southern New Mexico mountains by deer hunters. He's holding a "flower pot" of unusual plastic found with the ball. The office of naval research has admitted that it uses somewhat similar gadgets in cosmic ray research.

...Republican Party than authorized slush fund to anybody.

Robert S. Allen

REPORT ON FLYING SAUCERS

WASHINGTON—The Air Force has a breath-taking report on "flying saucers." The study, prepared by noted scientists and Air Force experts, expresses the belief that some of the mysterious flying objects are genuine and that they originate from "sources outside of this planet."

That is, these devices are interplanetary aircraft of some kind.

The Air Force document contains two other sensational findings:



In some instances, flying objects that have been sighted were actually secret U.S. missiles undergoing tests.

Russia is profoundly mystified and worried by "flying saucers" and strongly suspects they are new U.S. weapons. The Kremlin now has four different investigations under way in an effort to discover the identity and source of the strange devices.

The Air Force study is based on more than 1800 sightings in the past five years.

One important point stressed in the report is that the most authoritative and detailed sightings came from atomic plants and military bases and research centers.

These highly significant sightings number around 20% of the total reported. Following is a list of the locations of the most important of these sightings:

New Mexico—Los Alamos and White Sands atomic plant and testing grounds, Albuquerque, and the Holloman, Kirtland and Walker air bases.

California — Muroc, Travis, Hamilton, George, Edward, Sacramento and Mint Canyon airfields.

Tennessee—Oak Ridge atomic plant, Knoxville and Dickson air base.

Arizona — Williams, Davis-Monthan and Luke air bases.

Alabama—Maxwell air base.

Illinois—Scott and O'Hara air bases.

New Hampshire—Grenier air base.

New York—Mitchell airfield.

Mississippi — Air bases at Jackson, Keesler and Biloxi.

Michigan—Selfridge airfield.

Massachusetts—Westover airfield.

Nebraska—Offutt air base.

North Carolina—Chapel Hill and Pope airfield.

South Carolina—Spartanburg and air base at Greenville.

Texas—Kelly and Randolph airfields and other bases at Carswell and San Marcos.

Washington State — Mt. Rainier, Mt. Jefferson and McChord air base.

Oklahoma—Tiker air base and Norman.

South Dakota—Air base at Rapid City.

Ohio—Air Force research center at Dayton and Lockbourne air base.

The sensational study is the work of the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Base, Dayton, O. A number of top scientists are devoting their full time there analyzing reports on flying objects. Their activities are so secret the Air Force will not permit the publication of their names.

OVER METEOR FANTASIES

New York Times News Service

MOSCOW, June 7—Two Soviet authors and two popular science magazines were taken to task for spreading pseudo-scientific "theories" that the famous Tungus meteorite which fell in Siberia in 1908 actually was an atomic-powered space ship from Mars.

The rebuke to the writers and to the science magazines was published in the Teachers' Gazette by two experts in meteorites, I. Shevelaykov and V. Shevchenko, who reported the committee on meteorites of the Soviet Academy of Science had passed a resolution explaining the "nonsensical character" of such a pseudo-scientific theory.

In addition, the All-Union Society for the Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge organized a public lecture in Moscow by Prof. Krinov, one of the Soviet's leading experts on meteorites, explaining the facts about the Tungus meteorite. Krinov's lecture was published in pamphlet form to give the widest possible circulation of actual facts about the meteorite.

Writers Assailed

The writers attacked were Alexander Kazantsev and B. Lyapunov, who published in the two magazines pseudo-scientific fantasies suggesting that the Tungus meteorite was a space ship from Mars powered by atomic engines which exploded when the craft landed on earth.

"Sketches of Kazantsev and Lyapunov published in youth magazines with mass circulations sadly acquired a wide popularity," commented the Teachers' Gazette."

"In the Provinces, some teachers and lecturers, having absorbed this material uncritically, began to present it as the latest word of science. Editorial offices of papers that reprinted the sketches were showered with letters containing questions such as when exactly should one expect a new arrival of Martians."

Caused Confusion

The Teachers' Gazette commented that the sketches, instead of popularizing appropriate scientific questions, "introduced great confusion into the concepts about inhabitability of planets, interplanetary travel, and meteorites, including the Tungus meteorite."

The article charged there was no mystery about the Tungus meteorite because Soviet scientists had demonstrated conclusively that a meteorite of that size inevitably was caused to explode by heat friction, leaving nothing but a vast cloud of gas and dust.

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FLYING SAUCER RINGS—The Navy is saving the scoop for Life Magazine, but Navy scientists have photographed "phantom" flying saucers in the Arctic. They believe this will explain, in part, the flyng-saucer mystery.

The Navy saucers were produced during experiments in cosmic-ray research, but were kept secret because of the project's highly classified nature. However, the Navy has finally decided to declassify the pictures and slip them first to Life Magazine.

The pictures show rings resembling flying saucers, which the Navy scientists say were caused by firing small guided missiles through cold air masses. The missiles are fired from balloons high in the Arctic stratosphere as part of the cosmic-ray experiments.

The missiles, themselves, do not look like flying saucers. But as they penetrate the cold air masses, they produce rings of light, which are nothing more than a natural phenomenon caused by the atmospheric conditions.

The rings are plainly visible and could be seen in some parts of the United States.

Flying Saucers in Winter

SCIENTISTS at the Civil Aeronautics Administration, bolstered by the calm feeling of serenity created by sitting snugly in a heated office and watching the snowflakes softly falling outside, have decided that flying saucers are nothing more than reflections of earthly objects.

On a hot and humid night next summer when many persons see flying saucers scooting across the sky—and some even see little men climbing out of a saucer which has just landed in their backyards—even CAA experts may find it necessary to reflect on their decision that it's just a matter of reflection. Because when it's hot people see things.

'Disks' Seen Over Island

Honeymoon Spot Outdoes U. S. Version

MADRID, Nov. 5.—(NANA-Kemnews)—Proof that flying saucers aren't necessarily an American copyright comes from the honeymoon isle of Majorca, off Spain's Mediterranean coast.

Lazing in the Mediterranean sunshine, honeymooners (among other people) claim to have seen "strange objects" in the sky during past weeks.

Many people living in Manacor (10 miles inland from Palma) report they recently saw a "flat disk traveling from east to west at a tremendous speed and leaving behind it a trail of sparks."

One observer had a camera with him and took a photograph of the flying saucer. This photograph reproduced in the island's most important daily newspaper, showed nothing more than a white streak across the night sky.

The most incredible report of all, however, comes from a farm laborer who maintains that he not only saw the flying saucer hovering above a main road, less than 20 feet up, but he also saw "quite clearly" figures in masks moving about inside the aircraft.

Which is better than even America can do!

WITNESSES

Saucer Spotted in Morocco

IN MOROCCO THERE are mirages—and also flying saucers.

And in case V. L. Caton's friends think his flying saucer is a mirage, he's got thousands of witnesses to prove different.

Caton, 5420 Colfax avenue S., who is associated with Atlas Constructors in Morocco, told of the flying saucer in a letter to his wife here. He had attended a French football game Sept. 21, when "someone in the stands hollered to look."

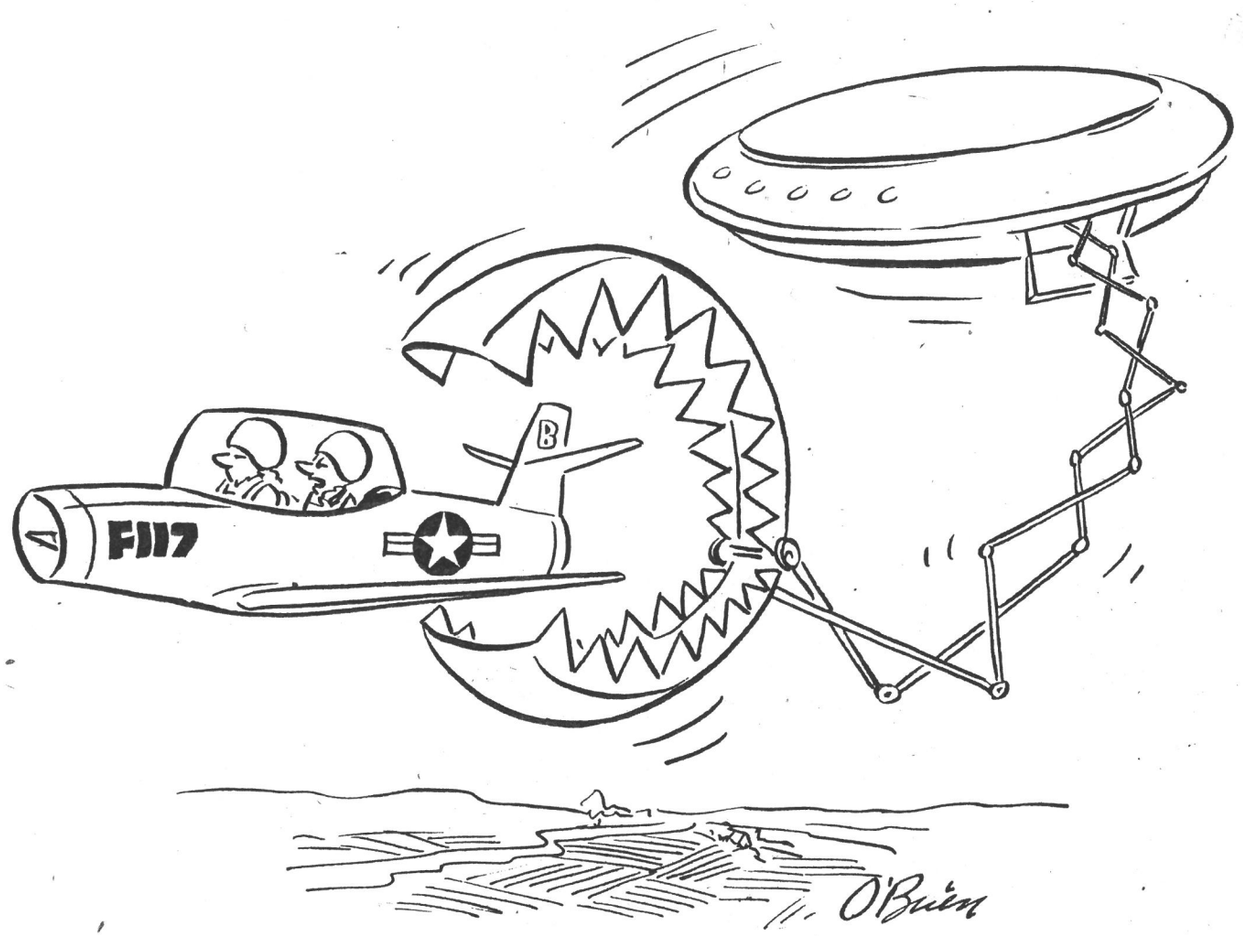
"Everyone turned and there up in the sky was a huge red ball with a long tail of yellow to blue-green," said Caton. "I first thought it was a skywriter whose plane was on fire."

"However," said Caton, "the thing moved right along terrifically fast and finally all we could see was the streak after it."

The streak suddenly disappeared, instead of slowly breaking up as does the smoke from a skywriter.

"It definitely is one of those things that have been seen, and this time it was seen by thousands and thousands of people, as reports are coming in from Tangier to the north to Marrakech to the south, all having seen it at about that same time, approximately 6:20 p.m." Caton said. "So, either it must have been very high or moving at very high speed, as the distance from Tangier to Marrakech is about 360 miles."

Minneapolis Tribune



"What do you make of all this flying saucer talk, Ed?"

'Out of This World' as Atomic Jitters Mount

By Keith Wheeler

A FASHIONABLE Chicago woman who makes an effort to keep abreast of current events was attending a Lake Shore Dr. cocktail party the other evening when she picked up a shrimp by its toothpick and reached toward the horse-radish sauce.

She paused abruptly in the middle of the movement and her modish features blanched.

"That reminds me of something," she said, putting the shrimp back on the tray with a tremulous hand. "We are going to be invaded by Mars."

Even at a cocktail party in these times such a remark attracts attention, and the woman was pressed for details.

"My husband and I were visiting in Washington," she said. "We heard rumors that the Joint Chiefs of Staff are much more concerned by the danger of a Martian invasion than by any humans."

"How do you know?" inquired a skeptic who was on his fourth Manhattan and not easily frightened.

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THE LADY fixed him with a look of some scorn.

"Not many people know it," she said. "They are afraid if the news got out it would panic the country.

"But they are holding a live Martian in the Pentagon and have been questioning him for weeks. My dear, the things he has told them in the Pentagon are enough to turn your hair white, I mean really."

"Say, that's really something!" the skeptic said, now swayed to admiration. "How come that shrimp reminded you of it?" The lady's reply came in a conspiratorial and rather awed whisper:

"The Martian," she hissed, "has the same kind of joints!"

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WHATEVER IS GOING on within the top-secret labyrinth of the Pentagon these days, it comes as no special surprise to hear sober people reporting as reliable fact the details of marauders from outer space. The subject has grown increasingly popular in the last few years and as a purely psychological phenomenon seems to bear a direct relation to our increasing atomic jitters.

Only a year or so ago a cheerful literary gent named Scully manufactured himself a best seller by reporting as straight-faced fact what he claimed as the true story of the flying saucers.

His authority in the main was a man he called "Dr. Gee, one of the world's foremost students of magnetic force."

Gee, whom Scully said he met in the Mojave Desert, furnished the author with a few piquant details about four flying saucers which he said had landed in this country.

The first two, Scully related, had been 16-passenger affairs whose crews, ranging in height from 36 to 42 inches, all had proved dead on arrival.

Gee asserted to Scully that he had seen three of the vessels, the fourth having blown up and disintegrated after being sighted in midair.

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GEE'S description, as related by the literary genius, was of a circular disk, containing a central cabin, amazingly well fitted together out of a material which resembled aluminum except that it was lighter and far stronger, and propelled apparently by a super-Earthian understanding of the laws of magnetic force.

The third machine carried only two corpses and was generally so small, compact and devoid of ordinary equipment that it led both Gee and Scully to believe the Martians could go so fast that they could make a round trip between Mars and Earth without needing a bathroom.

At last reports Scully had made so much money out of his book that he had more reason than most people to fear an invasion from outer space.

By and large, Scully appears to have struck pay dirt in a mother lode of fantasy which has been worked profitably for centuries. The legend of invasion from space is older than literature, older than folklore and according to some authorities is really an expression of truth carried through the centuries by instinctive race memory.

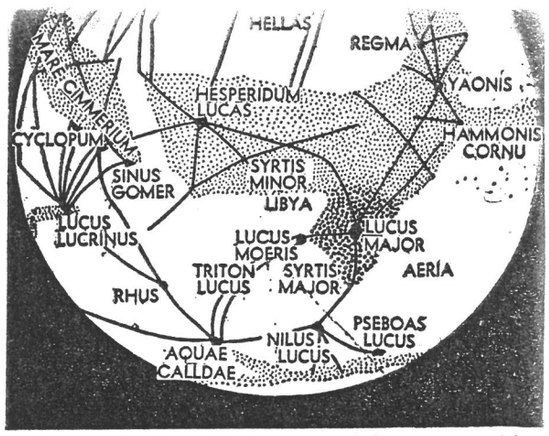
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THESE AUTHORITIES like to think that the Biblical legend of the flood or the ancient tale of the disappearance of Atlantis are in fact vestigial race memories of cosmic collisions which inflicted catastrophe upon whole races and civilizations of Earth people.

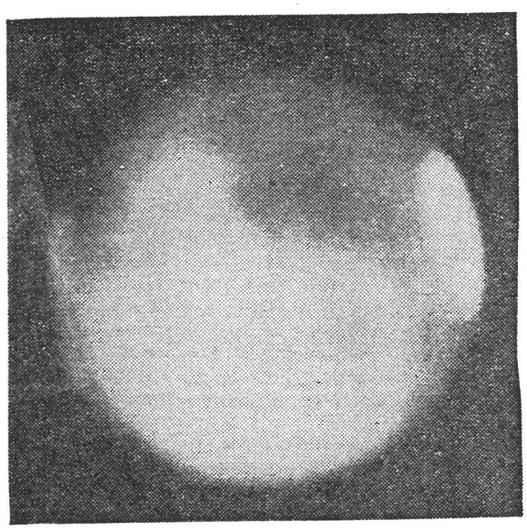
The odd thing about it is that there's some circumstantial evidence to support the idea, evidence which has the backing of responsible scientists.

For a good many centuries philosophers, astronomers and religious leaders have been speculating on the possibility that life may exist in the universe beyond the narrow limits of our Earth.

Many think it does and some offer evidence to support it. The idea of life out there provokes curiosity as to what sort of life it may be. The next step is speculating about the chance of communication. The step



Some scientists think a map of Mars would look like this, the dark areas being seas and the light areas land. The lines represent possible canals carrying water from the polar caps.



This photograph of Mars was taken at Blomfontein, South Africa, by Earl E. Slipher, American astronomer. It shows result of a snowstorm on Mars' southern hemisphere. *(AP Photo)*