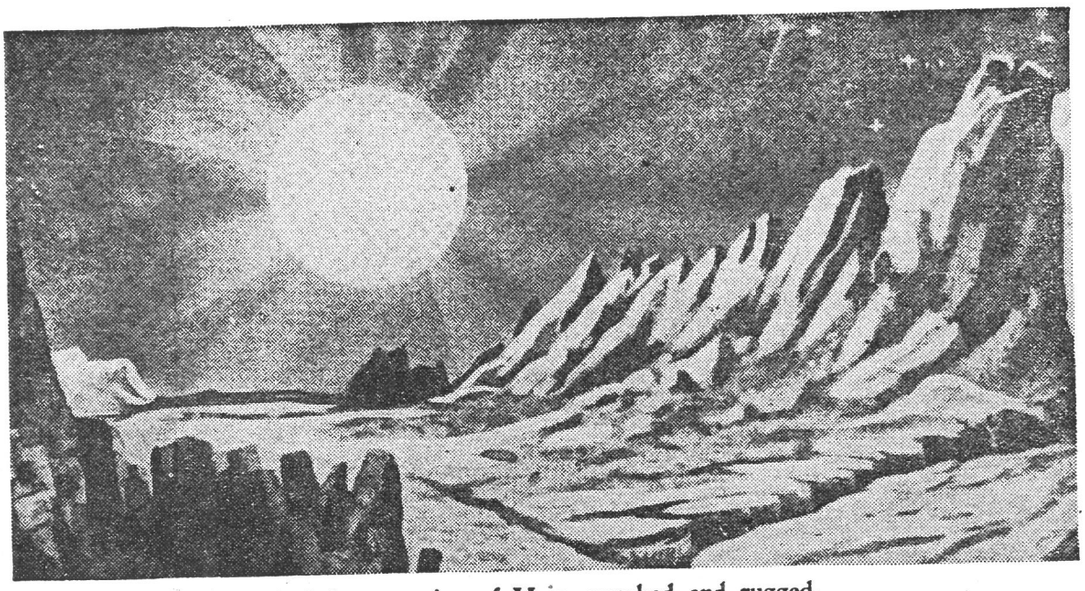


Artist's conception of Mars, scorched and rugged.



Chicagoan Robert J. Halley is the author of this conception of a little man from Mars.

after that is to wonder what "they" would do to us if they ever got here.

Generally, scientists have confined their researches and speculation to the planets of our own solar system, evidently on the premise that it's best to start any inquiry close to home.

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A MAN WHO RANGED more widely was a British astronomer named Sir Francis Younghusband, who in 1928 pointed out that our sun is a "quite ordinary sun" among some 2,000,000,000 stars and some 5,000,000,000 planets.

Any thinking man should conclude, he said, that if life could exist here, it could probably also exist on at least 5,000 other planets.

Younghusband figured out that the highest types of these stellar dwellers should have reached a higher form of life than we have. He thought maybe a good all-around boy from, say Mars, ought to be able to walk, swim like a submarine, fly like a jet plane, communicate without talking or hearing, see at long distances without the benefit of TV.

Being smarter, he thought these creatures most likely would also be less nasty, less inclined toward war and quarrels.

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SINCE 1877, SCIENTISTS have been trying to arrive at a serious determination of w h i c h, if any planet, can support life.

Most of them have ruled out all but Venus and Mars and generally they don't give Venus many points. For example, H. Spencer Jones in 1940 concluded that although the temperature on Venus conceivably would permit life, there is such a shortage of oxygen there that any sort of life is very unlikely.

A good many scientists, on the other hand, are willing to stake their reputations that life does exist on Mars.

Moreover they're willing to bet their shirts that the Martians rank as among the smartest engineers and builders in the universe.

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WHAT'S EVEN MORE awe inspiring, some of the scientists think the Martians are gradually running out of water and are now so close to the danger point that it would be quite logical for them to want to take over such a verdant place as Earth.

The evidence, g e n e r a l l y, runs about this way.

Back in 1877, an Italian astronomer named Schiaparelli observed that Mars has polar ice caps which melt in the spring and grow bigger in the winter. Moreover, whenever spring approached and the ice caps began to melt, he saw a green flush spreading from the pole toward the equator.

He thought the melting of the ice cap must furnish water and that the water brought an annual burgeoning of vegetation.

The next thing he noticed was what has become the chief evidence of highly intelligent life on Mars. These are the fabled canals, criss-crossing, absolutely straight lines which run across the face of the planet in a hundred directions, connecting mysterious dark spots.

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IT REMAINED for Dr. Percival Lowell, an American astronomer who established an observatory in Arizona especially to study Mars, to advance and support the idea that the mysterious straight lines on Mars actually were irrigation ditches dug to distribute the planet's meager water supply most effectively.

A little later a British astronomer named C. E. Housden came along and calculated that the Martians were irrigating approximately 21 million square miles. This fact indicated to him that they had a good many mouths to feed up there and that the pressure for lebensraum must be getting pretty fierce.

All of which tends to reinforce the notion of the lady at the Chicago cocktail party that the advance guard has arrived and is being grilled by a crew of colonels in the Pentagon.

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THERE was one other aspect of the Pentagon-pent Martian that puzzled the cocktail party skeptic.

"Say," he said, reaching for his fifth Manhattan, "if they're questioning this guy so much, what language they using?"

The lady who knew s m i l e d brightly.

"Why," she said, "they had a little language trouble at first. But they found out that after three Gibson martinis they can understand him perfectly."

MATADOR TRIBUNE SEPT 6, 1951

'Flying Disc' Is Seen By Women Near Matador

STRANGE air-borne objects are back in the news and one was sighted Friday near Matador. Mrs. Tom Tilson and her daughter, Mrs. M. G. Bethard, accompanied by Mrs. Bethard's small daughter, Noilene, 5, were driving north on State Highway 70 about 12:45 near the R. E. Campbell, jr., residence when they were astonished to see a large silver object almost directly in front of their car. The object crossed the highway from west to east at a slow rate of speed (about the speed of a commercial plane at take-off). Mrs. Bethard, whose husband is in Korea, is familiar with all types of planes but the object was unlike anything she had ever witnessed. "It was close", the women declared, "probably not more than 200 feet away. The craft was wingless and had no propellors, shaped something like a helicopter", Mrs. Bethard declared.

In an instant Mrs. Bethard realized the craft was silent. She stopped the car and the trio watched it circle over the Campbell field and head northeast over the ranch land, rapidly gaining altitude and speed; a gleaming object soon lost in the hot mid-day sky. The little girl wondered if "Superman" was at the controls of the craft.

The two women said they could see something on the side of the craft which might have been a door or a port hole. It was about the size of a commercial airliner, they said, but "pear-shaped."

Having started home to prepare Mr. Tilson's lunch, the two women soon rushed back to town and reported to the Tribune the strange object they had witnessed.

Objects At Lubbock

Saturday issue of the Lubbock Avalanche reported strange objects seen in the skies the night before and witnessed by dozens of people, who called the newspaper office. One photographer, Carl Hart, jr. of 2332 Nineteenth street, grabbed his camera and made pictures of the objects which were flying in formation. Two pictures of the objects were published in the newspaper. Reports of the objects seen over Lubbock all declared them to be traveling at a speed exceeding jet planes.

The Air Force base west of Lubbock said no jet planes were in the area at the time.

Mrs. Tilson and Mrs. Bethard declared it would have been easy to photograph the object they witnessed Friday if they had had a camera handy.

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Sober West Texas Woman Witnesses Strange Flight of 'Flying Turtle'

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

STANTON, Aug. 12. — Everybody knows turtles don't fly—so what was that thing Mrs. Flora Rogers saw paddling through the air over her West Texas ranch?

"It was shaped just like a turtle," she said. But Mrs. Rogers figured that the object probably was really "some sort of radar machine and that it was taking pictures of the land beneath."

Mrs. Rogers said she saw the "turtle" while touring her ranch near Garden City.

First she thought it was a falling airplane, but she knew she was mistaken as it drew closer. It seemed to be "wobbling" along at about 10 or 15 miles an hour.

"The thing had a crack or split all the way around it," she said, "and there were three paddle-like objects, resembling boat oars." These oars, she said, "moved slowly back and forth in a smooth motion. I could even see where they were fastened on."

Another accessory not common to turtles was a tailpipe from which came a blue flame.

"There was no sound at all from the machine," Mrs. Rogers said.

These details were perfectly clear to her, she said, because the object flew just across the pasture road from her and not over 20 feet high. She estimated it was about 10 feet long and 15 feet wide.

"I believe there was room for a man," she said; "however, I saw no sign of any person on or about the ship." Anyway, she said, there were no windows or doors visible and no light shone from the crack around the machine.

The "turtle" didn't frighten Mrs. Rogers until it suddenly zoomed straight up and disappeared "in seconds." She headed for the sheriff's office in Garden City.

"I believe that the object was fixing to land before it saw me," she said.

"I was so scared," she said, "that I had to lift my feet into the car. I drove the 18 miles, seven of which was on a dirt road, back into Garden City in 25 minutes. I didn't stop for a light or anything. I was so scared."

Approximately around or
before January 20 1951

A Strange Aircraft Is Seen Over Sioux City by Kansas City Pilot

You need not return this.

Feats Which Cannot Be Performed by the Airplanes of Today Were Executed by the Mysterious Ship, Larry Vinther Says.

A VETERAN air line pilot last night told of seeing a strange aircraft Saturday night that did something "you just can't do with airplanes of today."

Larry W. Vinther, 6028 Buena Vista, Johnson County, Mid-Continent Airline pilot who has been flying seventeen years and has been with Mid-Continent seven years, said the incident occurred over Sioux City, Ia.

He described the strange plane as about one and a half times the size of a B-29, with a long, slender fuselage, long straight wings set farther forward than a B-29's.

No Exhaust Glow.

"There were no engine mountings on the wings and I saw no exhaust glow," Vinther said. "The wings were straight, not swept back like on the B-47 and other jet bombers, and there were no jet pods visible."

Vinther said the craft was seen by his co-pilot, James F. Bachmeier, 2908 Parkwood boulevard, Kansas City, Kansas, and one of the eleven passengers aboard.

"As I was getting tower clearance to take off from the Sioux City field at 8:26 o'clock," Vinther said, "the tower asked us to check on the strange light in the sky.

"We spotted the light and climbed in that direction. We saw the plane had some sort of navigation lights, in addition to a strong white light underneath the fuselage. The lights all blinked off and on five or six times as we drew nearer."

Other Craft Traveling Fast.

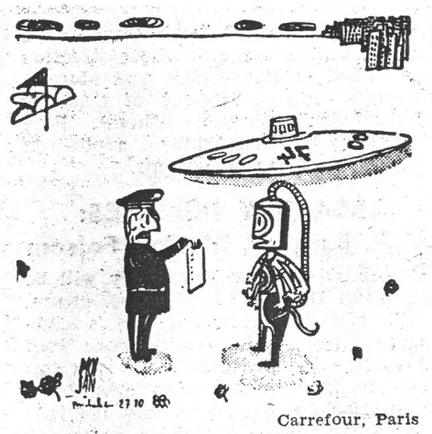
Vinther said his DC-3 was doing 120 miles an hour and the other craft was going faster than that in the opposite direction.

"I had just turned my head from watching him go past our wing when there he was again, flying right beside us about 200 feet to our left, going in the same direction we were," he said.

Vinther said that's what mystified him because you just can't turn an airplane around that fast at that speed.

The strange plane flew alongside about four seconds then eased off below the DC-3 and we lost him, the pilot said.

Vinther's flight stayed overnight at Omaha. He said he checked the air base at Offutt field there and learned there were no air force jet planes scheduled in that area.



Carrefour, Paris

"I don't care if you did come in a saucer. Fill out this questionnaire!"

wives and children as a rule are Medical Association."

What Scientists Are Doing

Flying Disk Traced to Spider

Flying saucers? Hundreds of them, looking like small silvery toy balloons moving with the wind, were at heights of from 100 to many hundreds of feet high. The scene continued for hours. Later W. H. Hutchinson, who lives in the Sierra foothills in California, found one of them tangled on the leaf of a tree and reduced to a soft webby material. He sent the leaf to the editor of "Natural History." It was submitted to Dr. Willis J. Gertsch, of the department of insects, American Musem of Natural History, who reported the webby material which takes on a silvery look is a gossamer which in some places spiders produce in vast quantities. It becomes matted in the air and eventually sinks to the ground.

Carbon 13: No Trace

No proof has ever been presented that the hydrogen-carbon atomic energy process is operating in the sun. According to the generally accepted theory of Professor H. A. Bethe, of Cornell University, a carbon atom takes in four successive hydrogen atoms and transforms them to a helium atom. Each of the hydrogen atoms loses a small portion of its mass, which is emitted as radiation that keeps the sun incandescent. The Carbon 12 atom becomes heavier with each step. A search was made for the Carbon 13 isotope in the extended spectrum of the sun at the Mt. Wilson Observatory. If the Bethe process were operating the two isotopes of carbon, Carbon 13 and Carbon 12, would be present in the ratio of 1 to 5. No trace could be found of the Carbon 13 in a ratio even as low as 1 to 40. The test was ten times more sensitive than necessary to detect the Bethe process, but no proof that it is operating was found, reports Dr. Ira S. Bowen in "Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific."

Chile Becoming Warmer

The trend toward a warmer climate is being evidenced in the Southern Hemisphere, too. William E. Rudolph, an engineer in northern Chile, reports in "Geographical Review" that marked climatic changes have taken place there in twenty years. The mean temperature for 1926 and 1927 was 58 degrees F., and for 1946 to 1949 it was 65 degrees. The change is due, he states, to higher minimum temperatures. Twenty years ago there was seldom a cloud in the sky and now there is seldom a day without clouds, rains having become common.

2 Flying Saucers Seen by Pilots

BAXTER SPRINGS, Kan., Nov. 4.—(INS)—Two Kansas flyers reported Saturday that they sighted two "flying saucers" beneath them while flying 155 miles an hour at about 9,400 feet.

The men, Steve Wilson, a representative of a Tulsa oil firm, and Donald Laisure, a Parsons, Kan., law student, said they chased the disks in Wilson's plane but could not overtake them.



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NEW PHASE IN SCIENCE FICTION

Mysterious radio signals from outer space, which have a basis in absolute fact, forms the basic story point of the latest science-fiction movie, "Miracle From Mars," currently filming at Motion Picture Center.

We have about run the gamut of the rocket-to-the-moon or planet stage in science-fiction films, of which the current "When Worlds Collide" is the latest, and a new, advanced phase is now in the making.

"Miracle From Mars" is actually based on a 1932 Broadway play, "Red Planet," which was considerably ahead of its time but it has been given some up-to-the-minute developments to make it current.

The idea of this one is that a bright young scientist manages to send radio signals to Mars and before long he is getting replies back.

There are no little men, no flying discs or even spaceships in this picture. The excitement comes from the code messages from outer space and how they affect the people on our planet.

Universities Plug in to Interspace Party Line

It was approximately a year ago that Cornell University reported that it had a new radio receiver with two ears to spot the origin of mysterious radio signals from outer space. The mystifying signals, also being checked by Manchester and Cambridge Universities in Great Britain, were described as coming from about 50 points, all beyond the nearest stars. The signals were repeated pulses of short waves with no apparent meaning. Astronomers call these spots "radio stars" but not one visible star was seen to account for the signals.

The signals were originally picked up on England's coastal defense radar system during the war. Now they are received on radio telescopes tuned to directional antenna which sweeps the sky as the earth turns.

Actual equipment for the laboratory in the picture was custom-built or, in some cases, loaned, and is being used in the picture under the supervision of Verne E. Stineman, technical director.

Up until now almost all of the equipment used in science-fiction films has been phony, although built to look like the real thing.

Stineman, who is regularly employed as chief engineer for Radio Communication Service, has an interesting theory concerning those radio signals from outer space. He thinks that they may be a sort of super telephonic service going on between other stars and planets.

"We may just be tapping in on an inter-Galactic party line," he says seriously.

Mars to Be Merely a Stone's Throw Away

"Miracle From Mars" is set in the near future—the period between 1955 and 1960.

"Mars is now 51,000,000 miles away from us," Stineman told me. "But in 1956 it will be only 35,000,000 miles, the closest it has been in the last 15 years. Then it begins its return to outer space, which will eventually take it 250,000,000 miles away."

Inasmuch as radio waves travel at 12,000,000 miles a minute, it is a matter of only a few minutes for the film scientist to send radio signals to Mars and get them back again.

To highlight this phase of the story, one of the film's fanciest gismos has been installed, a $20,000 electronic timer. This mechanical mathematics wizard, built as a manufacturer's demonstrator by the Walkirt Company, among other accomplishments, splits a second 60 ways.

"What did you finally hit on to decode the Martian double-talk—the common denominator between the two planets?" I asked.

"Ah, that wasn't difficult," Stineman said. "We settled on the pi formula—you know, the one used to denote the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. It would seem to be commonly understood throughout the planetary system, we believe."

BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET

Saw Some Saucers, Says Rose; He Wasn't in His Cups, Either

By BILLY ROSE

At the risk of being laughed out of court and countenance, I'd like to report that I've seen flying saucers.

It happened on a clear and moon-minus night two summers ago in Newton, Conn., on the lawn of the home belonging to Paul Osborne, the playwright. Among my fellow oglers were Paul and his wife, Director Josh Logan and his missus, and Author John Hersey and his. What's more, none of us was in his cups the night we watched the flying saucery.

The show began about 10 p.m. while we were sitting outdoors, enjoying and shooting the breeze, and the first thing we noticed were several searchlights some miles away poking their yellow fingers into the sky. A few minutes later, three bits of celestial chinaware skittered into view, and from then until midnight they skipped and scampered above our bewildered heads.



Billy Rose

As nearly as I could judge, these whatzises were at least 200 feet in diameter and were flying at an altitude of from 3,000 to 5,000 feet. Their edges gave off a ghostly glow, very much like blue neon tubing seen through a heavy fog.

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WHEN THE SEARCHLIGHTS finally cut off and the discs got lost in the stars, we put what was left of our heads together and decided that what we had witnessed must have been some kind of hush-hush military exercise. We also decided that, if we didn't want a butterfly net slipped over our heads, it would be smart to keep our lips zipped about the whole thing.

How come, then, that with my bare face hanging out in print, I'm spilling the story now? Well, until recently the talk about the persnickety pancakes has been more loose than lucid—according to some writers, they were manned by Martins two inches tall; according to others, by Russians two droshkies wide.

Recently, however, documentation has begun to replace delirium, and it's becoming evident that the overgrown manhole covers are not only real, but, despite all denials, one of the top-secret weapons of our own navy and air force.

The most convincing testimony was offered April 3rd by Henry J. Taylor on a General Motors broadcast over the ABC network. Taylor, after treking all around the country and talking to people who had seen, touched and even flown these credulity-cracking craft, made the following flat and unfrivolous statements about them:

One type of saucer is the "true" disc, which ranges anywhere from 20 inches to 200 feet in diameter, is unmanned and generally guided by some form of remote control. The other is a jet-driven platter which carries a crew and is capable of such supersonic speeds that in flight it looks like a hundred-foot flaming cigar.

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FURTHERMORE, according to Henry J., a "true" disc was actually photographed near Wildwood, N. J.; another was found in the vicinity of Galveston, Texas, and stenciled on its surface was the following:

MILITARY SECRET OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ANYONE DAMAGING OR REVEALING DESCRIPTION OR WHEREABOUTS OF THIS MISSILE IS SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. CALL COLLECT AT ONCE. (Then a long distance telephone number, and the address of a U.S. Air Base, and finally, the words on the "saucer" in big, black letters: NON-EXPLOSIVE.)

"I know what these so-called flying saucers are used for," Taylor concluded "When the military authorities are ready to release the information it will be a joy to tell you the whole story, for it is good news—wonderful news."

Well, I don't know what the saucers are for, but on the basis of this and other reports—plus the evidence of my own bug-eyes — I'm convinced they exist and, praise the Lord and pass the ammunition, are ours. Moscow papers please copy.

I wrote a column recently about the bureaucratic blabbermouths in our nation's capital who, at the drop of a daiquiri, blurt out top military secrets to anyone who will listen. Well, I'm plenty happy to learn that—at least as regards one vital weapon—there are some folks in Washington who not only know their beans but can keep from ing them.

Hanford 'Flying Saucer' Just High-Up Plane

RICHLAND, Wash., Nov. 23 (AP). Residents of this tri-city Hanford atomic works area thought they saw one of those "flying somethings," but the Hanford security division punctured the idea.

Witnesses differed on whether the high-flying thing was saucer-shaped or cigar-shaped. Many reckoned it was just a jet fighter in routine flight.

The security division said today the latter group was right. It explained that it was a military aircraft operating "in normal manner at 40,000 feet," that the sun pin-pointed the plane and vapor trail.



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1951 MAY SETTLE DISK RIDDLE

There is good reason to believe that 1951 may bring at least a partial solution to the flying saucer riddle which continued to baffle the nation for the last 12 months. The government may do a little talking at last.

Most citizens appear to be convinced that the bizarre goings-on in the sky are our own secret new devices and no amount of denials from the armed forces will change their minds.

On the basis of continuing investigations I believe that guess is only partially correct. Aircraft company engineers, pilots and astronomers reiterate that there are objects aloft which they do not believe are ours.

It is general knowledge that we have guided missiles and their phenomenal performances have undoubtedly been mistaken for saucers in some instances. And some shrewd technical guessers I have talked to believe that we are manufacturing flying disks under the atomic project, the best secret cover-up in the world.

But this does not explain away a number of strange sky performances by disks throughout the world—not just in the continental United States—which are increasing rather than decreasing in numbers.

Whether the date of Jan. 17 will have anything to do with the phenomena I wouldn't know, but confirmed saucerians—among them Oil Magnate Silas M. Newton—say watch the heavens on that date. Newton is the geologist and magnetic expert who furnished much of the saucer landings data used by Frank Scully in his recent book.

Recalling the various cults through the last 30 years which have predicted the end of the world on a certain date, I am wary of advance guessing. But Newton seems to know what he's talk-



ing about. Although he's cryptic about what is to take place I gather that it will be some sort of magnetic disturbance—which he claims can accurately be predicted a year in advance.

Among reliable recent saucer sightings in this area reported to me is one from Jay Barrie of 545 Spoleta Ave., Santa Monica, who saw two saucers over Hollywood from Ivar Ave. at 4:30 p.m. on the afternoon of Dec. 26. So did nine other people with him.

Based on an airplane flying in the vicinity, they estimated the height of the disks, "which glowed like yellow light bulbs," at 25,000 feet. They were watched for 9 minutes.

Meanwhile still another book on the saucers is due to hit the bookstalls early next month from the old reliable publishing house of Harper Bros. It's titled "Is Another World Watching?" Author is Gerald Heard, British scientist, historian and writer. It's not as sensational as the Scully tome.

Is 'Big Eye' Photographing the Moon?

One of my operatives talked to Prof. Harold Adamsky, reportedly a former member of the Palomar staff, at his restaurant on Palomar Mountain this past week. Adamsky asserts that for the last two weeks the Big Eye has been trained at the moon instead of far more distant celestial objects because photos indicate that the lunar sphere is a busy place right now serving as a base for space craft for someone.

Another amateur Los Angeles astronomer told me that recent photos of the moon divulge strange square "doghouses," as astronomers term them, on its surface. Officially, astronomers term these "doghouses" a natural phenomenon; but, asks my informant, "have you ever seen a square object in nature?" I haven't.

One of the most significant reports to my mind in the last month came from Dr. Harold C. Urey, internationally known physicist and Nobel prize winner, who said that he has STRONG REASON (the capitals are mine) to believe life has existed on other planets.

Dr. Urey, who helped develop the atom bomb, told science students at the University of Miami (Florida) that he doubted that the human race was the most intelligent form of life and that his study of the universe "leaves little doubt that life has occurred on other planets."

New films reflect the intense interest in a future space travel era. In "When Worlds Collide," a modern Noah's Ark of 40 persons escapes our dying planet in a rocket ship. In RKO's "The Thing," a strange being from another world lands in the Arctic ice in a flying saucer. An independent company has gone even further by filming "The Man From Planet X," which shows a 4-foot-high man.

Who today can say for sure where science fiction leaves off and fact begins. I know I can't.

THE WASHINGTON POST
Tuesday, February 13, 1951

Navy Calls Saucers Only Its Big Balloons

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (AP).—Flying saucers are real—but they're only huge balloons used in cosmic ray studies, Look magazine will say Tuesday, quoting Dr. Urner Liddel, chief of the nuclear physics branch of the Office of Naval Research. He is in charge of the cosmic ray-balloon project.

The balloons are huge plastic bags, 100 feet in diameter, that may rise 19 miles high—about 100,000 feet. Winds may sweep them along at 200 miles an hour. At dusk, the slanting rays of the sun light up their bottoms, giving them a saucer-like appearance, the article says.

They carry instruments aloft to record what happens when cosmic rays hit atoms in the earth's atmosphere. This splitting gives a clue to how atoms are put together, and how to release their energy.

"When this project first began it was kept secret," the magazine quotes Dr. Liddel. "Now there is no longer any need for secrecy on a scientific basis. And certainly, there is no longer any need to keep the public in the dark about what flying saucers are."

Look says "the Liddel report is considered to be the most authoritative scientific explanation of the flying-saucer phenomenon. As far as Dr. Liddel is concerned personally, he considers his answer incontrovertibly right."

The balloons, called skyhooks, were first sent aloft in 1947, and it was then that flying saucer reports began, it adds. There were more balloons in the next two years and more "saucers" seen. There were fewer balloons sent up in 1950, and fewer saucer reports.

A picture, taken by telescope of a balloon at 77,000 feet over Minnesota, convinced Dr. Liddel even more, the magazine says. The photo fits descriptions of flying saucers.

At dusk on a cool summer evening is the best time to see the balloon "saucer," it adds.

"The lateral rays of the sun at dusk illuminate the base of the balloon. There is no chance of your ever seeing the full roundness of it because you are so far below it. You see only the illuminated cup of the bottom. If your imagination soars, the light reflection on the side may impress you as the glow of an atomic engine. The wisp of the balloon's instrument-filled tail may impress you as the exhaust. The sun's rays may suffuse the plastic bag with a fiery glow.

"Even seasoned airmen have no way of estimating the size and speed of an object they see. To peg size and speed, the mind must know the nature of the object."

Look says Dr. Liddel and associates studied 2000 reports of flying saucers, eliminating those "seeming to be the visions of crackpots or psycopaths" or "clearly the result of inaccurate vision."

"This left a solid base of reports from airplane pilots, scientific observers and reliable laymen which could not be brushed aside. After a thorough investigation, Dr. Liddel said: 'There is not a single reliable report of an observation which is not attributable to the cosmic balloons'."

It quotes Dr. Liddel as saying that Capt. Thomas F. Mantell, air force pilot found dead in his crashed plane after radioing that he was pursuing a strange sky object, was chasing "a balloon of the skyhook type."

There have been several reports of squadrons of flying disks, and "this is explained by Dr. Liddel as clusters of 20 to 30 balloons 10 to 15 feet in diameter, which are sometimes used in place of the huge skyhook."

Dr. Liddel checked other Government agencies and "is satisfied that no other research or experimental project has utilized anything even roughly resembling a flying saucer."

Arcadia Sees Strange Light in Night Sky

ARCADIA, July 29.—Strange antics of a flashing, vari-colored light which cleanly pierced the clouds over Arcadia last night were described to police today by Robert C. Dick, Arcadia fireman.

Adding new mystery to the "flying saucers" enigma, Dick, of 1235 South First avenue, said he sighted the sky phenomenon at 11:15 p. m. as he and his wife left the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Duncan, 652 West Duarte street.

"It was a sharply defined vertical light, flashing on and off at 10-second intervals and changing color from blue to yellow to orange," Dick said.

Dick, a licensed pilot, said he was convinced it was no plane. During the 15 minutes he observed the light, Dick said, it moved only slightly.

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PUZZLE IN BODY ASHES

DEATH OF CLUBWOMAN BAFFLES POLICE IN FLORIDA.

The Agent That Caused Almost Complete Cremation Is Not Determined—Room Burned Only Slightly.

St. Petersburg, Fla., July 5. (AP)—Police are frankly and fully frustrated by the cremation of a 67-year-old clubwoman, both as to the cause of her death and the amazing body destruction that followed it.

The woman, Mrs. Mary Hardy Reeser, was almost completely cremated in the living room of her apartment early this week but the room was only slightly burned. Morticians say flames of 1,500 to 2,000 degrees must be applied for hours to cremate a body.

Doubt It Was Suicide.

Because of the obvious intensity of the heat, police virtually abandoned suicide and accident theories. They won't say it was murder and have no disclosed theory as to the method used if it was a slaying. Nor, if death was natural, has anyone come forward with a possible explanation of the body's destruction.

When police entered the apartment Monday morning, little remained of the 170-pound woman. No traces of gasoline or other fuel or chemical have been found.

A theory that Mrs. Reeser might have fallen asleep in a cotton-stuffed chair and accidentally set fire to the chair was eliminated because such a blaze could not have produced the intense heat which consumed the body.

Small Area of Rug Burned.

While such a fierce flame was destroying the body only a small area of the rug was burned and many objects near-by weren't scorched. Some electric light switches were melted yet lower wall outlets were in working order. The doorknob was so hot that when the apartment owner tried to enter Monday morning, she had to summon workmen to open the door. There was a faint soot discoloration on upper walls. Lower parts were unmarked.

One chemical combination under investigation as the possible agent of destruction is a formula of ether and alcohol. A panel of physicians has tested the compound and found it chars animal tissue quickly.

A sample of the body ashes and other residue from the small flame area have been sent to the FBI's Washington laboratory.

Mrs. Reeser will be buried Friday in the Chestnut Hill cemetery, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Flying saucers may be manned by Mars

By SCOTT O'DELL
(Daily News Book Editor)

The only flying saucers that most of us have seen are those involved in a family argument, but by now there is a large body of data, corroborated by qualified observers from points as scattered as Antarctic and Oregon, which tends to establish the existence of space ships—disc-shaped in some cases, cigar-shaped in others, frequently small objects three or four feet in diameter that have the ability to hover or take off at tremendous speeds.

From this launching program, Gerald Heard sets forth to answer the million dollar question: Is another world watching?—in a book of the same name, just published by Harper ($2.75). Mr. Heard takes no aimless flight into the ether. Marshalling his facts item by item (after carefully "proving" that flying saucers do exist), he shows that these observed phenomena do not belong to our government or to Russia. And then ingeniously goes on to run down their identity, eliminating one by one the planets of our solar system from the moon to Venus, until only Mars is left. A side excursion into the physical makeup of this planet reveals that it is capable of supporting life, though in a form unlike the sentient life of the earth. He even throws out a hint that the Martians may be insect-like creatures.

In any event, it is clear to Mr. Heard that they may be millions of years ahead of us, and are smart enough to build machines which can streak through the sky at 18,000 miles an hour—a speed that is characteristic of the observed flying saucers. He also speculates on the possibility that they can grow the discs instead of building them, much in the manner that we have been able to grow eight-inch rods of crystal which by simple oscillation are made to deliver 2000 volts. Why the Martians are watching us, spying on our activities with the A bomb, is an important and penetrating section of the book.

Saga of courageous doctor



DR. JAMES B. McCORD and one of his patients, from "My Patients Were Zulus," by the doctor and John Scott Douglas, in which they tell the warm and exciting story of the experiences of Dr. and Mrs. McCord in Africa: how they built clinics, dispensaries, a training school for nurses, inspired a school for Zulu doctors, and built the McCord Zulu hospital in Durban. (Rinehart: $3.)

EVENING OUTLOOK
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These Hollywood Folks Know About Saucers, Space Ships, Little Men—They've Seen 'Em!

By WILLARD WILKS

HOLLYWOOD (UP) — A certain group of individuals in this city of the fantastic will look you straight in the eye, mister, and tell you those space-travel movies are the real thing and not phony Halloween space spooks.

Furthermore, these flying saucer enthusiasts will tell you those pictures are a government-sponsored move to break the news "as gently as possible" that a whole kaboodle of little guys have been making tracks on earthmen's territory.

How do they know? Well . . . they say they have taken pictures by the dozen of space ships hovering over earth, they personally have twisted parts off the insides of flying saucers and some even hint they have shaken hands with critters from another world.

Upon receiving an invitation to attend a "saucerism" held by this group, this reporter looked forward to an ordinary ho-hum palaver about saucers.

There were about 25 people in the room, including at least two writers, a Navy officer, an astronomer, some fliers and technicians and others reputed to be engineers and scientists. Also present was a well-known screen actor.

TAKE A GANDER

The discussion ripped off in a cloud of cosmic dust:

"Here, examine this little gear, if you will."

"What is it?"

"I don't know. I got it from the dashboard of a flying saucer in the desert."

"You did . . . really?"

"That's right."

"Well, uh, where was this saucer? Did you see any little men? What did they look like?"

"Well, I really can't discuss it much. Just can't, that's all."

". . . This is the third report. I've gotten about a secret base 1400 miles from Sidney, Australia, where space ships have been landing and taking off regularly. Some men recently told me I could go see this place if I would take a job there. But I refused, of course."

LOOKIE HERE

". . . I took these pictures through my telescope in May. Here you see what apparently is the mother ship suspended over earth while these saucers fly around it. And here's a picture of saucers flying across the face of the moon. This civilian in charge of such-and-such for the Navy said he couldn't tell me anything. Those Navy men come to the observatory regularly and I tell you they're not just getting pictures of the stars."

". . . The space ship was dismantled and a transport plane flew it to Washington. Navy doctors examined the charred bodies of the little men and said they were just like us."

". . . Scientists at Westinghouse examined this and said there was no known metal like it on earth. They said it obviously was part of a flywheel or generator, but where it came from is anybody's guess."

SHAKE, PAL

". . . This young Army man said he and his companion entered the clearing in the woods and saw these two little men kneeling beside a rabbit that appeared to be paralyzed. The little men looked up and saw them and he and his friend walked over with their hands up to show they were friendly. Then he said one of the little fellows reached out and shook his hand. It was warm and soft as a child's."

". . . And right now, the government has a device that'll disintegrate you right on the spot."

Say, where'd that guy Wilks go? He was here just a minute ago.

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THOSE FIREBALLS AGAIN

Seven 'Meteors' Hardly Natural Says Expert

ALBUQUERQUE, Nov. 9. (AP)—An unusual number of unusual meteorites flashing through southwestern skies has the experts puzzled.

In the past 11 days, seven fireballs of exceptional size—and with some other exceptional aspects—have zoomed through the skies over a seven-state area. The Institute of Meteorites at New Mexico University said that frequency has never been equalled in history.

"In fact," said Dr. Lincoln La Paz, head of the institute, "there has never been a rate of meteorite fall in history that has been one-fifth as high as the present fall.

"If that rate should continue, I would suspect the phenomenon is not natural."

The fireballs reported by observers in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Utah and Nevada don't behave like ordinary meteorites at all, Dr. La Paz said.

They travel in straight lines when they should follow a curved course. Frequently they are silent although meteorites of that size should make a definite noise. They have a greenish color he said has not been reported outside the southwest.

One of the most unusual was the one that roared 125 miles in straight line across Arizona, Nov. 2. Seen also in New Mexico, Utah, and Nevada, the fireball vanished in a blinding flash somewhere in northern Arizona. There was no noise.

Yesterday's show in southern Arizona and New Mexico was described as perhaps the oddest of the whole series. Dr. La Paz said two objects, flying parallel, crashed near Cloverdale, N. M., in the southwest corner of the state, sending up a double mushroom of smoke. Again there was no noise.

"Such a case of two meteorites falling together without noise would be hard to duplicate in history," he said.

"I just don't know what to make of it," he added. "I'm almost inclined to ask those fellows out in Nevada (where atom bomb tests have been held recently) what they are doing."

TAKES ISSUE WITH NAVY

Saucers More Than Just Balloons, Scientist Says

Chi Daily News
U.S. Feb 26/57

SCITUATE, Mass.—(AP)—A former Air Force scientist Sunday brushed aside the idea that flying saucers are just balloons and urged a full investigation of what he said may be experiments by "a potential enemy of the United States."

Dr. Anthony O. Mirarchi, who was employed by the Air Force as an air chemist it is geophysical laboratory, took issue with a recent magazine article written by Dr. Urner Liddel, Navy scientist. Liddel said what people have been seeing are plastic balloons sent into the upper air for radiation research.

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MIRARCHI SAID that if flying saucers are experimental missiles launched by foreign hands, they could "lead to a worse Pearl Harbor than we ever experienced."

"The Navy report is erroneous. It lulls people into a false sense of security," he said in an interview.

He said that as an assistant chief of a branch of the geophysical research organization, he conducted an investigation and recommended a "considerable appropriation" to press a study of the mysterious phenomena.

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AT WASHINGTON, an Air Force spokesman who was asked about Mirarchi's contentions, had this to say:

"In over 500 investigations we have made so far we have yet to find one concrete bit of evidence to back up these reports of flying saucers."

However, the spokesman added, the Air Force has not terminated the long study of flying saucer rumors. It is still to be carried on at the USAF air materiel command center at Dayton, Ohio, with Col. Harold E. Watson directing the studies.

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DR. MIRARCHI said that after studying extensive files of the Office of Strategic Information, covering hundreds of eyewitness reports of flying saucers or "fireballs," he concluded the observations were consistent with "a missile programmed in advance."

In other words, the objects had "maneuvered motion," as though guided by some mechanism. He said the descriptions of vertical and horizontal motions did not indicate any natural phenomenon like a meteor or the erratic motion of drifting balloons.

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What Is Nonsense?

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON. What is nonsense and what is worth reporting? Are facts to be taken seriously if they are undoubted as facts, and have already caused a considerable stir among the government's intelligence chiefs and technical experts? Or are they to be laughed off, because they may mean nothing, and quite probably do not mean as much as their sheer mystery suggests? All these questions are raised by facts that follow:

On Jan. 29, one of our B-29 bombers performing a solitary mission in Korea, flying at somewhat more than 20,000 feet above the town of Wonsan. The bomber's speed was slightly under 200 miles per hour. The time was shortly before midnight. Simultaneously, two members of the B-29's crew, the lonely rear gunner in the tail and the fire control man in the waist, saw the same peculiar object.

It was round, and both airmen thought it was disc-shaped. It was orange in color, and around its circumference it seemed to have a series of small bluish flames, subsequently described as being like the flames of a gas stove. Judging its distance and size was naturally difficult, but both airmen thought close to their B-29, and only about three feet in diameter. To both of them, it seemed to fly with a revolving motion. For a full five minutes, this object moved parallel to the plane—or at least the two airmen thought it did—and then it disappeared.

When the B-29 completed its mission, the two airmen reported what they had seen to their squadron intelligence officer. Both men had experience combat in World War II as well as in Korea, and both were considered steady, sensible fellows. Hence the intelligence officer, who might otherwise have been inclined to ignore their tale, rather gingerly transmitted a routine report to headquarters.

At headquarters, the report might also have been ignored, as the product of fancy, if another, almost closely similar report had not been almost simultaneously received. This second report, which came from an entirely different B-29 squadron, also concerned the observation of a fire control man and waist gunner in a B-29 on a mission on the night of Jan. 29.

This second B-29 had been flying, again at about 20,000 feet, over the town of Sunchon, which is considerable distance from Wonsan. At about midnight, the rear gunner and fire controlman saw a round object moving level with their aircraft or a little below. As subsequently described by them, what they saw or what they imagined was almost exactly what the other airmen saw or imagined, except that they were inclined to think the object was globular instead of disc-shaped. It followed their plane—or so they thought—for a minute or a little more.

Such are the facts. When queried about them, the highest sources in the Air Force have replied that "there is no doubt about the facts but the Air Force still does not believe in flying discs."

Apparently the idea of an elaborate hoax has been ruled out, since the crews of the two bombers did not know each other. That leaves the experts picking and choosing between all the other possible explanations, ranging from an oddly simultaneous illusion produced by the reflection of bright objects in the B-29's Plexiglass windows, to a Soviet test of a new form of disc-shaped guided missile.

Whether as hoax, or as illusion, or as intimation of something unpleasant to come, the facts none the less seem worth recording to these reporters, simply because they are symbols of the opening of the Pandora's box of science.

The plain truth is that this now-opened Pandora's box of science may contain almost any kind of disagreeable surprise; and thus the experts can no longer say with assurance, "This is silly, that makes sense." The further truth is that the Korean experience has convinced American experts of our earlier folly, in underestimating, Soviet technical capabilities.

It is also clear, one might add, that the habits of democracy demand much wider ventilation and more serious public consideration of the huge issues raised by the Soviet rummaging in Pandora's box.

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LATEST SCRATCHES

Jet Flier Chases 'Disc' Over N. J.

Jet Tails 900 MPH 'Thing' Over N.J.

Weird Round Object Outruns AF Pilots 5

Special to World-Telegram and Sun.

MITCHEL FIELD, L. I., Sept. 11.—Two Air Force pilots reported today their futile chase, at 450 miles per hour, of a strange round object that roared across the New Jersey coastline at better than 900 miles and hour.

For fleeting minutes their T-33 jet trainer got on the tail of the weird object—at about 8000 feet away—but soon lost it at sea off Sandy Hook, N. J.

'Twas No Balloon.

The pilots told officers here it was not a weather balloon. The Air Force had previously stated that "flying saucers" had been nothing more than weather balloons. Report of the chase was made by Lt. Wilbert Rogers and Capt. Edward Ballard Jr. on a routine flight.

"This couldn't have been a balloon," said Lt. Rogers. "It was descending and no balloon goes that fast."

The flying object—which Lt. Rogers said looked like a small fighter plane—moved in wide arc from Sandy Hook, N. J., to Red Bank, N. J. He estimated its speed at 900 miles an hour because it covered the 30-mile course in two minutes.

Object Wasn't Fleeing.

The jet trainer opened up wide and followed the object, getting as close as 8000 feet, according to Capt. Ballard.

The object did not seem to be fleeing from its pursuers, as its speed appeared constant, the pilots noted.

Flying Saucer?

Lt. Rogers told his superior officers:

"I don't know if it was a flying saucer, but it was sure something I've never seen before. We couldn't have caught it with an F-86." (The F-86 Sabre Jet is the United States' fastest jet fighter plane.)

The pilots agreed that it was white or silver-colored and about the size of a fighter plane.

Say It Hit 900 MPH

Officials at Mitchel Air Force Base, L. I., today revealed an Air Force jet pilot reported chasing a mysterious round object in a 30-mile arc over New Jersey before it zipped out to sea at Asbury Park at about 900 m.p.h.

"I don't know if it was a flying saucer, but it sure was something I've never seen before," declared Lt. Wilbert S. Rogers, 28, a World War II veteran o f Columbia, Pa.

Rogers said he and Capt. Edward Ballard, were on a routine flight yesterday from Dover Air Force Base, Del., in a T-33 jet trainer when they spotted a white or silver circular object over Sandy Hook, N. J.

The object was moving inland at about 12,000 feet, he reported. The time was put at 11:35 a.m.

AT CONSTANT SPEED.

"I pointed it out to Capt. Ballard," Rogers said, "who suggested we try to follow it. But we soon found out it was no use. It was going too fast."

He declared the object, about the size of a fighter plane, zoomed a 30-mile course to Red Bank and then to Asbury Park in two minutes, or 900 m.p.h.

"We couldn't have caught it in an F-86," the flier said.

The F-86 Sabre jet is this country's fastest jet fighter. One recently set a world's speed record of 635.411-m.p.h.

The object didn't appear to be running away, Rogers disclosed, and its speed seemed constant.

Before it disappeared, the flier asserted, his plane got as close as 8,000 feet to it.

DROPS TO 2,000 FEET.

Rogers said they came down 20,000 feet and chased the object at 450-m.p.h. before it dropped to an altitude of about 2,000 feet and they lost sight of it as it headed in a southeasterly direction.

Reminded that the U. S. Air Force and Navy have knocked down reports of "flying saucers" and officially explained most of them were weather balloons, Rogers declared:

"This couldn't have been a balloon, because it was descending. Besides, no balloon goes that fast."

Landing at Mitchel Field, Rogers reported the incident to authorities. They refused comment.

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Border Area Major Target

Flying Spheres Over North Country No Illusion to Adirondack Viewers

(Special to The Post-Standard)

MALONE, Oct. 23.—Flying balls—barrels—spheres—or just plain orbs.

The North Country seems to be a prime target for them. What the nerve-jangling objects that swish thru the sky really are no one up this way knows.

But many hardy pioneers of the Adirondack mountains and the Canadian border will huff indignation to anyone who tries to discount them. Several have seen them, and they know they are something.

Apparently the North Country is not the only locale of such thinking, too, for from Ohio and Indiana also have come reports of the strange objects swishing across the October skies.

The mystery of the flying orbs was given impetus Sunday when two Malone area residents and one Lake Placid man again sighted the strange objects.

In the face of it all, the Civil Aeronautics Authority, the Royal Canadian Air Force, or the U. S. Air Force, have denied any knowledge of them.

The USAF has stuck its tongue in cheek and muttered "fantastic."

The latest reported sighting of the flying ball came from Stan Ayers, a Lake Placid business man, who said he saw a "silver or aluminum" colored object soaring around Lake Titus, near Malone, Sunday. His report placed the ball at 5,000 feet and roaring like a jet plane.

The second Sunday report came from George H. Clark of Malone and Joseph Garby of Duane, who said their wives saw the ball, estimated at five feet in diameter, traveling at the speed of an airplane, between St. Regis Falls and Santa Clara.

St. Regis Indian Reservation residents at Hogansburg gave the initial report of a motor-driven flying ball on Oct. 2 when the ball landed and took off in a field near Hogansburg. Their

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Flying Spheres—

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reports described the sphere as being four feet in diameter, made of rubber or plastic, traveling at 25 miles an hour, and making a humming noise.

On Oct. 5 a Malone farmer reported that about six weeks prior to that date he and his hired man saw a silver ball traveling at a great speed thru the sky near the Canadian border.

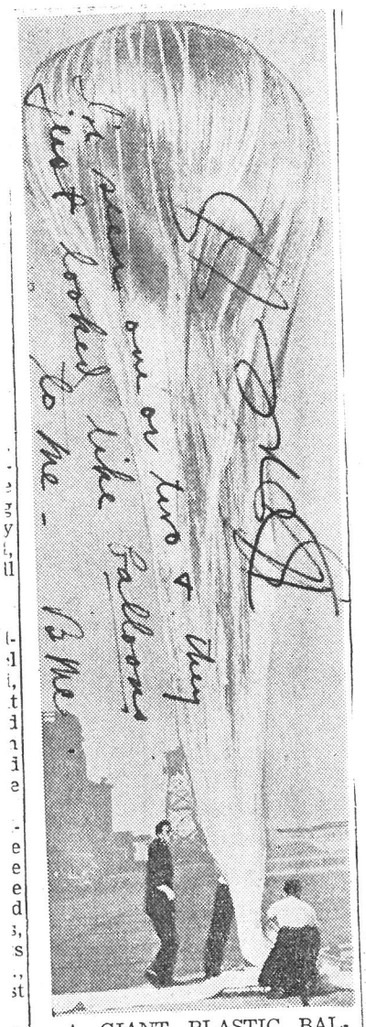
The soaring orb, despite what authorities had to say, was not a fantasy to two CAA employes in Terre Haute, Ind., who reported sighting an oval object flying over their city on Oct. 10, nor to Clarence L. George of Lodi, O., who reported seeing a flying barrel "awful high" and making a hissing noise which could be heard over the racket of a train passing his home.

Explanations offered, not quite satisfactory to persons who have seen the sphere, came from a Toronto, Ont., man, Arthur Greenwood, on Oct. 5 who said he and another Toronto man had built a motorized balloon capable of 210 miles an hour for a flight over Niagara Falls.

The Optimist Club of Newburg said the object was really a ballon it released to see how far it would travel.

After first denying any knowledge of such an air-bound object, the Air Force issued a statement on Oct. 11 saying that the flying sphere was probably one of its "new, giant-sized stratosphere balloons." They said these balloons, made of plastic, range from 50 feet to 110 feet in diameter and are as long as 130 feet.

Earlier this year, in February, an extremely brilliant flash was seen in Wisconsin. Knowledge of a similar flash, seen first on Nov. 2, 1950 and identified as having been caused by low altitude photo flash bulbs of tremendous power, was denied by the Air Force who admitted their knowledge of the flash this year.



A GIANT PLASTIC BALLOON is prepared for launching on the Moby Dick project of the air force. The balloons are used to test winds at altitudes between 50,000 and 100,000 feet. The air force said the balloons are clearly visible at 100,000 feet on clear days. They may look like a small moon or a flying saucer. Two balloons weekly are being floated from an air force base at Alamogordo, N. M., and soon they will be released daily—(Air force photograph by Wirephoto).

A FIRE STREAK IN SKY

KANSANS, OKLAHOMANS, TEXANS SEE METEOR.

A Greyhound Bus Driver Reports a Terrific Explosion and Blinding Flash Near Weatherford, Ok.

Oklahoma City, Nov. 7.(AP)—A meteorite which sounded like "someone running across the porch" startled Oklahoma residents this morning before it apparently disintegrated.

Atomic conscious citizens at first feared an A-bomb explosion and flooded the Oklahoma highway patrol telephone switchboards and newspapers with calls.

Reports from Oklahoma City, Enid, Ada, Clinton and even Wichita Falls, Tex., told of the ball of fire that flashed through the heavens about 7:20 o'clock.

Shakes Windows and Porches.

There were reports of windows being rattled and porches shaken.

Lloyd Peek, a Greyhound bus driver, said he saw the meteorite as he entered a Rock Island railroad underpass east of Weatherford in Southwestern Oklahoma.

The meteorite, he said, was traveling northwest to southeast, and there was a terrific explosion and blinding flash.

Peek said he had to pull to the side of the road and regain his sight after he was temporarily blinded by the flash.

U. H. Warner of the Geary (Ok.) Star, said many persons compared the noise to "that of a mountain blowing up like you see in the movies."

He said the vibration sounded as if someone were knocking on the door or "running over the front porch."

Charles Stuart, Oklahoma City highway patrol radio operator, said he saw the meteorite disintegrate.

Enid residents reported "a ball of fire that flashed blue, purple, red and silver."

The Oklahoma highway patrol said residents of Northwestern Texas reported seeing the meteorite.

Like a Sky Rocket.

At Ada, in Southeastern Oklahoma, a motorist reported the meteorite "looked like a sky rocket" and lasted three or four seconds before it exploded.

The "flaming ball of fire" was seen in four states. An air line pilot flying over Oklahoma City reported by radio to Dallas that he had seen the meteor. It also was seen at Tucumcari, N. M., and at such scattered points in Texas as Wichita Falls, Texarkana, Gainesville, Tyler, Plainview, Lubbock, San Angelo, Pampa, Amarillo, Big Spring and as far south as Waco.

At Waco, where four people reported seeing the flash, Dr. Walter J. Williams, astronomer at Baylor university, said the meteor apparently was one of the Leonides.

The Leonides, he explained, are an annual shower of meteors which usually fall on the earth about November 19 and that today's visitor was probably an early arrival. It was the Leonides that caused the shower of stars on Alabama approximately 100 years ago, he said.

Liberal, Kas., Nov. 7.(AP)—At least five persons here saw the meteor. Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Sharp and their daughter, Louise, saw the varicolored body about 7:15 o'clock. Two duck hunters, R. G. White and Virgil Albertson, who were sitting in their duck blind north of town, both watched the meteor for what they estimated as three or four seconds.

All persons who saw the thing apparently were awed by the spectacle. But White said he got one of the largest mallard ducks he ever has shot in ten years, immediately after he had watched the meteor out of sight.

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'NOT BALLOONS,' SCIENTIST SAYS

Navy 'Saucer' Story Is Disputed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 — (INS)—The author of a book on flying saucers contradicted and sharply criticized today the published theory of navy research scientist **Dr. Urner Liddel** that all sighted "saucers" were research balloons.

Retired Marine Corps Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, author of the book "Flying Saucers Are Real" sent Liddel, chief of the nuclear physics branch, office of naval research, a four-page telegram comtradicting his theory.

Keyhoe told Liddel that his story "deceives the American people."

The Liddel article was published in a nationally circulated magazine. It stated that all reports of saucers that could be authenticated could be traced to sighting of the Navy's 100-foot plastic balloons used to study cosmic rays.

Liddel said that the suns rays reflected on the lower side of the balloons, when the sun was low in the sky, illuminated them in such a way that they appeared to be discs.

Keyhoe pointed out that "veteran pilots of airlines" had sighted glowing or illuminated unidentifiable objects moving at high speed across the night sky.

The retired marine said that the appearance of the objects at night refutes the reflected sunlight theory of illumination. He added that one of the objects, sighted by pilots was "a huge, glowing projectile-shaped object flying about 500 mph along the airway near Montgomery, Ala."

The pilots reported, Keyhoe said, that the object's "power blast buffeted the airliner."

Keyhoe pointed out that cosmic ray balloons have no "power blast" and that to achieve 50 miles per hour a balloon would have to be in a 500-mile wind, in which no commercial airliner would fly.

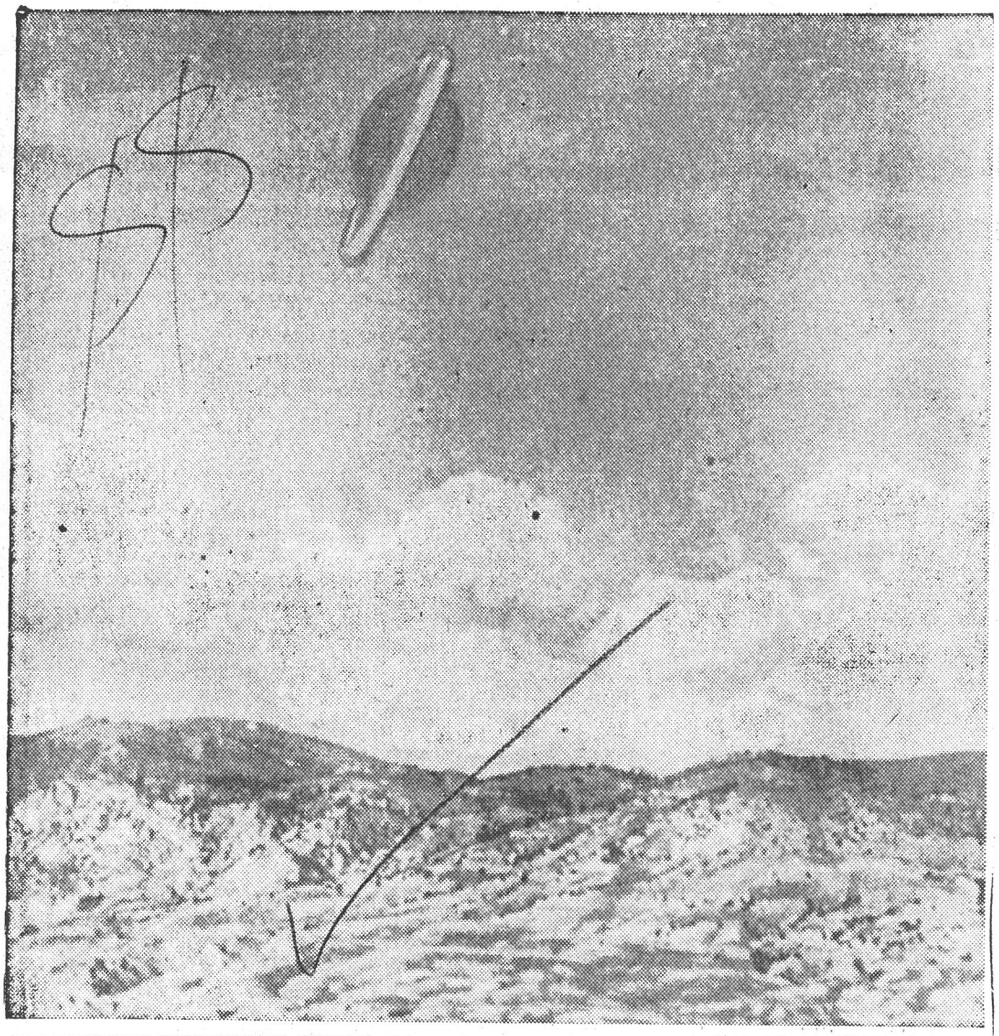
The former marine flyer also used illumination at night and speed to point up other sightings by airline pilots and air force personnel to contradict the balloon theory.

In addition, Keyhoe said, Liddel was wrong in maintaining that the 100-foot cosmic ray balloons were secret until recently. He said that the balloons were suggested as "saucers" in a magazine in 1948.

Keyhoe said that the Air Force study of saucers, "Project Saucer," held that only a few sightings could have been balloons.

The former marine pilot suggested that Liddel might be "attempting to foist a ready-made explanation for future sightings upon the American people," and added:

"If this constant smoke screen were designed to cover some supersecret American weapon, I would be the first to say 'thank God.' But . . . the 'saucers' are not an American device."



SAUCER IN THE SKY—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greenwood, of Chicago, snapped this picture while vacationing at Cody, Wyo., and found the strange object in top center of picture only after they returned home and had their film processed. The Greenwoods say they had noticed nothing unusual in the sky, nor had they heard the roar of any airplane motors.

—International News soundphoto.

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'SAUCERS' INQUIRY MADE

Air Force Looks Over a Report of Eight Flying in Echelon

WASHINGTON, July 16 (UP)—The Air Force, which does not believe in "Flying Saucers" but is always willing to investigate stories of them, disclosed today that it was looking over a new report on them.

The latest in a long series of such inquiries was prompted by the statements of two airline pilots that they saw eight "glowing, red-orange" discs flying in formation 150 miles south of here Sunday night.

The Air Force said a "preliminary report" on the matter had been received at the air technical intelligence center at Dayton, Ohio. A spokesman said the story told by the pilots could not be evaluated until "a complete written report" was received.

W. B. Nash and W. H. Fortenberry, who fly for Pan American Airways, said the "saucers" were zipping along at speeds "far above 1,000 miles an hour" and climbed from 2,000 to 10,000 feet in a matter of seconds.

They said the objects were flying in echelon and veered off to the West when the airliner passed above them. They speculated that the discs "must be from some extra-terrestrial source."

Flying Saucers Reported Seen By Tujunga Man

Flying saucers were in the news again today.

A carpenter, Frank Bartko, of 9644 Apperson Ave., Tujunga, told police he saw four of the saucers last night about 7 o'clock. Bartko said he was standing in front of his home when he looked up at the sky and saw four aircraft apparently hovering at a high altitude.

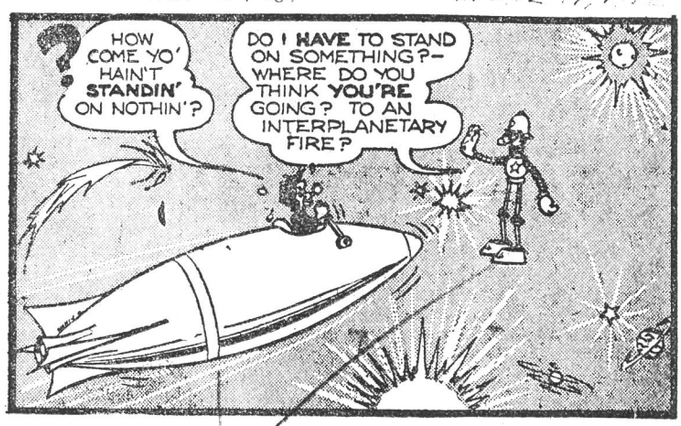
He said he could hear their motors and watched the strange craft disappear in the direction of Lockheed Air Terminal.

Bartko said the crafts had no wings, were round, and "very shining."

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July 22, 1947

Find '16 Little Men' in Three Saucers Is Rumor More Flash Gordon--Expert

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Was It A Little Man Like This In New Mexico Saucer?

Ottawa, April 17 — (BUP) — A radio station in Ottawa broadcast a report today that three flying saucers carrying 16 "little men" had been found recently in the New Mexico proving grounds.

The station in a news broadcast gave no authority for its story other than to say it came from "well informed sources."

Dr. E. W. R. Steacie, president of the national research council, said he had never heard of the discovery. The station reported, however, that the council had received "a four-page report on the saucers."

The radio station said that the three flying saucers had been found "almost intact" on the proving grounds. It said the saucers were 99 feet long and 72 feet wide.

On board the saucers, the radio station said, were 16 bodies resembling human beings. The station

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FIND '16 LITTLE MEN' IN THREE FLYING SAUCERS, IS REPORT

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said the bodies were three to four feet long.

The metal of the saucers was so tough, the station said, that an electric drill was blunted. The metal was as light as aluminum, the station said, and each saucer was built to revolve rapidly on an axis.

According to the radio station, the three saucers were taken to a "Roenfall Research Foundation in Chicago for tests." The station said it did not know the correct spelling of the foundation's name.

Dr. Steacie said he had never heard of a foundation by that name. He described the station's report as "more of that Flash Gordon stuff."

Disks Sighted Near Bombers

RIVERSIDE (AP) — A Civil Defense ground observer sighted two round disks in the sky near two six-engine bombers July 14, an ofificial report released Saturday said.

Col. O. S. Dresher, Riverside County coordinator of civil defense, said the objects were seen about 2:40 p.m. by Mrs. Pauline Watts, supervisor of the Indio, Calif., observation post.

"At first I thought they were targets for the bombers," Mrs. Watts said in her report, a copy of which was given to the Air Force. "Then I could see they were too large for targets.

"These two round disks were stationary in the sky. They were metallic and shiny, much brighter than any plane I have seen so far. They looked to be about a third as large as the bomber, if they were at the same height.

"As soon as the bomber to the north of me got fairly close to them, they took off in a straight up direction, not together, but as two individual units. They gained altitude and disappeared into the east. Their speed was such that when they did move they were gone in a flash."

INDIANIANS HUNT SAUCERS

South Bend in Mass Sky Search Sights Nary a One

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 3 (UP) — Hundreds of residents here scanned the skies last night in Indiana's first mass "flying saucer" search, but officials said today all they saw were planes and heat lightning.

Authorities at the South Bend Air Force filter center said they received about seventy-five calls last night from residents who turned out in the organized "saucer hunt." They said about twenty-four persons reported "objects" but that all were identifiable. Most of them were planes flying in the area.

The rest of the callers refused to give their names and were disqualified, the Air Force said. Other callers were "just plain cranks."

One report gave the Air Force an anxious moment. Officials had trouble identifying a zigzagging light a caller said he saw in the East. When it shot through the sky a second time, even the officers saw it. It was heat lightning.

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AN INTRUDER FROM SKY

OFFICIALS SEARCH FOR HELICOPTER SEEN AT SUNFLOWER PLANT.

A Guard at the Ordnance Works Reports Sighting Unidentified Craft Rising From Ground Thursday Night.

Army and Civil Aeronautics officials are searching for a helicopter which landed and took off at the Sunflower Ordnance plant reservation Thursday night.

The officials do not know the identity of the craft, although the helicopter was seen by a guard at 8:20 o'clock as it left the ground.

The guard reported that he flashed his motor car lights at it as he was driving along a road across the 10,000-acre reservation. He was positive it was a helicopter, and reported that it rose almost vertically in the air after being caught in the car lights.

The guard said that he did not see any identifying marks on the helicopter before it passed out of the headlight beams. He did not fire on it. It was out of range quickly.

Capt. R. P. Larned, executive officer at the plant, last night described the incident as puzzling. He said the helicopter did not land near any of the operating buildings, and no evidence that anyone had left it had been discovered in a daylight investigation.

"There's probably some very logical explanation for the incident," Captain Larned said. "We're sure that it was a helicopter. I have the utmost confidence in the man who saw it."

It was speculated that the helicopter was probably a military type airship, based on the conclusion that most craft of the type in existence in this country are operated by the army or navy.

Captain Larned said that there were many buildings scattered over the reservation west of De Soto, but those engaged in production of military materials are closely centered.

An official of the CAA said no helicopters are based in the immediate Kansas City area, as far as the aeronautics authority offices have been informed.

NEW POLICY, SAYS LIFE

Flying Saucers Draw Air Force Attention

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"Somewhere in the dark skies there may be those who know," said Life.

Recognized scientists have seen the objects and given credence to them, the magazine said.

It printed three photographs of strange lights flying in a V formation like a flock of geese near Lubbock, Tex. The pictures were taken on Aug. 30, 1951, by Carl Hart Jr., 18 years old.

Life said "the Air Force, after the closest examination, has found nothing fraudulent about Hart's pictures."

from Rex Milton NOTAVIET

Strange Aircraft Flying at "Impossible Speed" Circles Mid-Continent Lines Plane

Waterloo Daily Courier 1-22-51

Kansas City, Mo —(AP) — There was still no explanation Monday of a strange aircraft which a veteran air line pilot told of seeing over Sioux City, Ia., Saturday night.

The pilot said the plane did something "you just can't do with airplanes of today" — it apparently made a complete turn within seconds at a speed of more than 120 miles an hour.

Larry W. Vinther of Kansas City, Mid-Continent Airline pilot who has been flying 17 years and has been with Mid-Continent seven years, described the strange plane as about "one and a half times the size of a B-29, with a long, slender fuselage, long straight wings set farther forward than a B-29's.

"There were no engine mountings on the wings and I saw no exhaust glow," Vinther said.

"The wings were straight, not swept back like on the B-47 and other jet bombers, and there were no jet pods visible."

Vinther, said the craft was seen by his co-pilot, James F. Bachmeier, Kansas City, and one of the 11 passengers aboard.

"As I was getting tower clearance to take off from the Sioux City field at 8:26 o'clock," Vinther said, "the tower asked us to check on the strange light in the sky.

"We spotted the light and climbed in that direction.

"We saw the plane had some sort of navigation lights, in addition to a strong white light underneath the fuselage.

"The lights all blinked off and on five or six times as we drew nearer." ???

Vinther said his DC-3 was doing 120 miles an hour and the other craft was going faster than that in the opposite direction.

"I had just turned my head from watching him go past our wing when there he was again, flying right beside us about 200 feet to our left, going in the same direction we were," he said.

Vinther said that's what mystified him because "you just can't turn an airplane around that fast at that speed."

The strange plane flew alongside about four seconds, then eased off below the DC-3 "and we lost him," the pilot said.

Vinther's flight stayed overnight at Omaha. He said he checked the air base at Offutt field there and learned there were no air force jet planes scheduled in that area.

Air Force Still Checking 'Flying Saucer' Reports

WASHINGTON, Apr. 4—(AP)—The air force says it is continuing to check all "flying saucer" reports and welcomes them. But checking is done now through "normal staff channels" rather than as a special project.

"In most cases," an air force spokesman said, "the findings have proved to be weather balloons and natural phenomena.

"There remains, however, a number of reported sightings that cannot be thus explained, and as long as this is true, the air force will continue to study the problem."

All reports are turned over to the air technical intelligence center at Wright-Patterson air force base.

The spokesman said this continued interest should not be interpreted by the public "that new evaluations have been made or that new conclusions have been reached. This is not the case."

The statement was in answer to queries concerning a magazine report that the air force is taking new, serious interest in "flying saucers."

The article said the air force had changed from its previous policy of "official calm" and now is maintaining constant intelligence investigation of unidentified aerial objects.

"The air force is now ready to concede that many saucer and fireball sightings still defy explanation," the magazine said.

The article entitled "Have We Visitors from Space?" said the magazine's own investigation indicated that solid objects have existed and still may exist in the earth's atmosphere which are not of earthy origin.

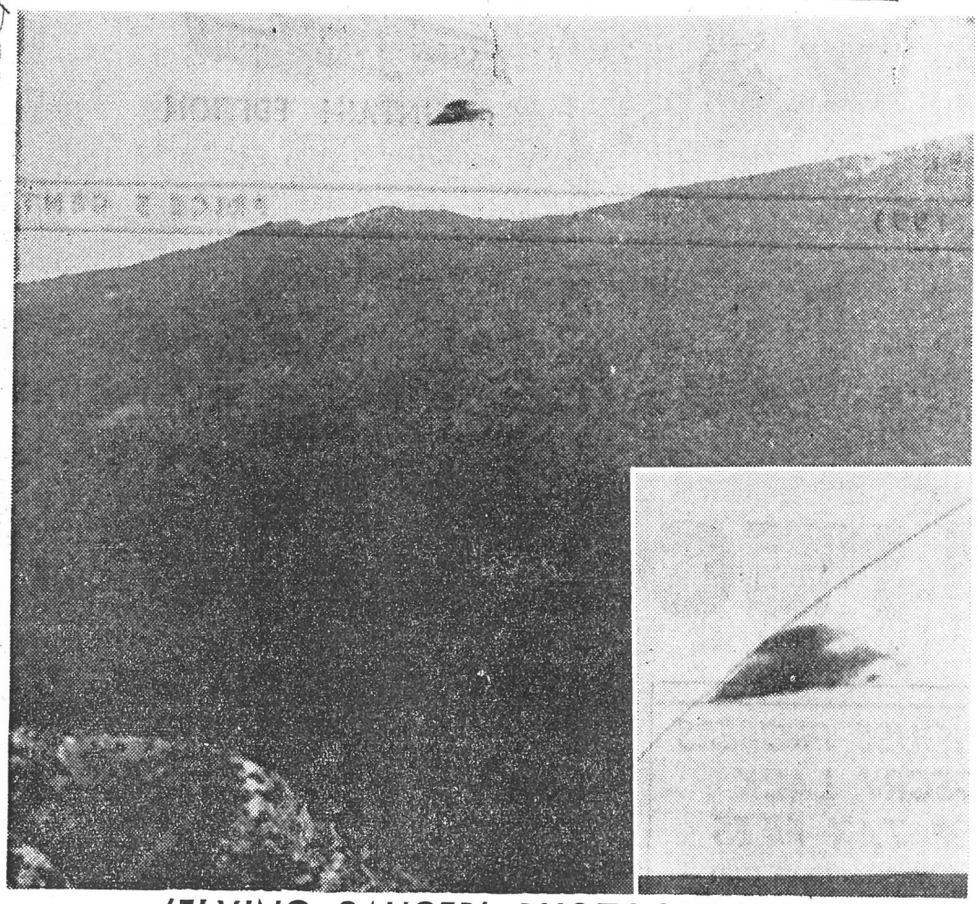
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In Arizona yesterday, at least four men connected with the Marana air force base near Tucson reported seeing a strange oval-shaped object.

Chick Logan, a civilian flight commander, described it as five or six times as large as a B-29 Superfortress.

"It was not like a saucer, but more oblong. I flew as high as I could to 14,000 feet and it appeared to be at least 40,000 feet higher than that," Logan said.

Davis-Monthan AFB officials at Tucson said B-29s, B-50s and B-36s had been flying in the area at that time.



'FLYING SAUCER' PHOTOGRAPHED

RIVERSIDE, Calif.—The object above the skyline and shown in the insert of this picture is purportedly a "flying saucer" sighted near here by Guy B. Marquand Jr. Marquand maintains he and two friends saw the object while on a mountain road. He said the thing flew by once and on its second pass he made the photograph. (Acme.)

Big As B-29

Huge Mystery Plane Spotted Over Iowa

Jan 23 '50

By United Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—A veteran airline pilot said Monday he saw a huge "mystery plane" with no visible means of propulsion in flight above Sioux City, Ia.

It was "as large or half again as large as a B-29," he said.

Pilot Larry W. Vinther, 32, said he flew his Mid-Continent Airlines DC-3 passenger plane up to 4,000 feet in an effort to get a good look at the huge plane.

The plane was silhouetted in a moonlit sky, Vinther said, "but all we could actually see was its shape and nothing of the detail of its construction except that the leading edge of its wing was absolutely straight."

"I'd like to know what we saw," he said, "and so would the control tower at Sioux City."

The mystery visitor appeared shortly after 8:30 p. m. Saturday as Vinther prepared to depart with flight nine for Omaha, Neb.

"The tower saw it first," he said, "when a red light somewhere on it began to show at what the tower thought was 8,000 feet."

The cigar-shaped aircraft disappeared finally after rushing almost straight at Vinther's DC-3. It went under the passenger plane's fuselage and continued northwestward until it was lost from view.

Slow Down

FIERY OBJECT STREAKS OVER CITY

A fiery interloper visible in four states streaked from outer space over Denver Wednesday morning and apparently disintegrated later over northern Texas or southern Oklahoma.

Scores of reports of a fiery object in the sky were telephoned to The Denver Post. Shortly afterwards there were reports from Oklahoma City that a meteorite, which sounded like "someone running across the porch," had startled Oklahoma residents early Wednesday.

At Waco, Tex., Dr. Walter J. Williams, astronomer at Baylor university, said the object probably was one of the Leonides, an annual shower of meteors that usually fall on the earth about Nov. 19.

Some observers insisted it was a burning plane falling to earth. Many feared an atomic bomb explosion. Telephone switchboards here and in Oklahoma were swamped with inquiries.

Various reports were that the meteor appeared over Denver between 6:15 and 6:45 a. m. It was reported over Oklahoma at 6:20 a. m. (M. S. T.) wire services said.

The "flaming ball of fire" was seen in Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. It was reported in the north Texas area by Tom R. Hickman, former chief of the Texas rangers, and Henry Spaeth, a farmer, both of whom live south of Gainesville, Tex.

Spaeth said the meteor gave off puffs of black smoke as it disintegrated. Both men said it appeared to break up north of Gainesville, which is near the Texas-Oklahoma line.

E. W. Carmichael of 2534 Niagara street, who was hunting with a companion near Hudson, said the blazing ball, trailing blue flame, appeared to approach the earth at a 30-degree angle. It vanished over a hilltop and was about the size of a large helicopter. He said he heard no noise.

Lloyd Peek, a Greyhound bus driver, said he saw the meteorite, however, as he entered a Rock Island railroad underpass east of Weatherford, Okla., and that there was a blinding explosion and flash.

The driver said he was temporarily blinded by the flash.

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'Flying Saucers' Study by Air Force Reported

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Life said its own investigation indicated that solid objects have existed, and may still exist, in the earth's atmosphere and that they are not of American or Russian origin, nor made by any man.

At Washington, the Air Force said in answer to questions it "has not discontinued the study of unidentified flying objects, popularly known as *'flying saucers'*," but that the study is no longer a special project.

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RIGHT UP WITH THE TIMES—An enterprising St. Petersburg, Fla., restauranteur, stirred by reports of flying saucers in the south Florida skies, has painted this sign on the top of his establishment. He offers free coffee to "saucer" crews. This picture is an aerial view of the restaurant—from a plane, not a saucer. Meanwhile, the latest flying saucer report came from Albuquerque, N.M., where Doyle Kline, a newspaperman, said he saw 10 flying doodads "going like a bat out of hell" Tuesday night. He said they "made a believer" out of him. The Air Force asked him for a report. (AP Wirephoto)

—ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS—10 Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1949

Flying Saucers Real, Magazine Asserts

Rocky Mt News 12/27/49

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A monthly magazine says the so-called flying saucers are real—vehicles for systematic observation of the earth by visitors from other planets.

The conclusions are contained in an article by Donald E. Keyhoe in the January issue of True, published by Fawcett Publications. Keyhoe is a former information chief for the Aeronautics Branch, U. S. Commerce Department.

The magazine said the conclusions were based on an eight-month investigation.

'Interplanetary' Is Belief

Keyhoe says True "learned that a rocket authority stationed at Wright Field has told 'Project Saucer' personnel flatly that the saucers are interplanetary and that no other conclusion is possible."

Last April the Dayton, Ohio, Journal Herald reported that the Air Force, although conceding the saucers were no "joke," had discounted the theory that the discs represented visitations from such planets as Mars, where human life is believed by some to exist.

Today, an Air Force spokesman said that "Air Force studies of 'flying saucers' lend no support to the view that they come from another planet."

Receive 300 Reports

True says that Project Saucer, operated by U. S. air force investigators and charged with solving the mystery, "are receiving and evaluating sighting reports at the rate of 12 a month."

The project, Keyhoe says, has received approximately 300 reports of the sighting of strange objects in the sky.

The True article says:

"In an interview with Dr. J. A. Hynek, a project astronomer, a True investigator learned that 17 percent have been ascribed to stars, planets, meteorites, etc. Dr. Hynek believed that perhaps more can be thus explained."

The flying discs, True says, "varies in no important particular from well-developed American plans for exploration of space expected to come to fruition within the next 50 years. There is reason to believe, however, that some other race of thinking beings is a matter of two and a quarter centuries ahead of us."

Spinning Disk Reported Seen High Over City

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Sweeping vapor trails in yesterday's afternoon sky were left by a "flying saucer," a civilian witness claimed, although armed forces quarters reported two flights of high-flying airplanes had maneuvered over Southern California.

The witness, William J. Sturtz, 54, of 2038 W 111th St., reported to Air Force officials he saw a spinning disk over Imperial Blvd. and Western Ave. at about 1:30 p.m.

"I was on my way to the market when I glanced up at the sky and saw it," Strutz, a retired shipyard machinist, reported. "I have seen jets, and this was faster than any jet.

"It was not some type of aircraft we know."

Aluminum-Colored and Flat

Sturtz described the object as aluminum-colored and flat. Shaped like a semicircle, he said it swung through the sky from north to southwest.

"I watched it for two minutes," he related. "I pointed it out to a man who was mowing a lawn and he watched it with me."

Suddenly, Sturtz said, the whirling object turned upward in a southerly tangent and in 30 seconds was out of sight toward the ocean.

Sturtz said the object left wide, spiraled vapor trails, like tight-packed clouds formed in huge circles. He said he saw the same type of trails Wednesday, but saw no moving object in the sky.

Follows Level Course

Sturtz declined to estimate the altitude of the mysterious object, other than to say it appeared to be higher than 5000 feet. He said it followed a level course until it climbed swiftly out of sight.

No noise or sound accompanied the object's flight, Sturtz declared.

A check of armed forces authorities disclosed that a flight of F-86 jet fighters was aloft from March Air Force Base and a flight of F4-U propellered fighters was in the air from El Toro Marine Air Base.