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—THE KNAVE.

WOMAN SEES BALL OF FIRE STREAK SKY

A Piedmont Avenue woman said today she saw a "great big ball of fire" streak across the sky before dawn this morning.

She asked not to be identified.

The woman said she saw the fireball from her back porch at 5:23 a.m., when she went to let her cat in. It was traveling from west to east about 100 yards over the rooftops and trailing fire behind it, she said.

Comparing it with the speed of airplanes she has seen at night, she said it must have been traveling 500 miles an hour and was in level flight, not falling as a meteor.

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Glowing, Low Flying Object Seen Over Monterey, Friant

A flying object, variously described as glistening, flaming or giving off sparks, was seen over at least two sections of northern California near dawn yesterday.

This was not the old flying saucer story over again.

Reports from Monterey County, particularly, seemed to establish that something of an unusual nature was in the air.

The object was seen by too many persons, mostly law enforcement officers, in too many places, within less than an hour, to leave much room for doubt.

Directly east of Monterey County near the Friant Dam area, in Fresno County, early morning risers also saw something swooshing across the sky.

The first report in Monterey County came from Deputy Sheriffs Al Bollman and James Matney. They said that while patroling they sighted a cigar shaped, noiseless object flying northeast over Del Monte, at a high rate of speed and about 1,000 feet above ground.

The deputies said they tried to follow it, but that it apparently dropped into the Fort Ord military reservation.

They checked the Monterey Airport to learn if a plane was in trouble, and were told that a United Air Lines pilot just reported to the control tower that he had seen the unknown something.

Reports then came in from Salinas that the object was observed flying west from Fort Ord out to sea, and then circling back over Watsonville.

Several persons in Watsonville, including sheriff's deputies, said they saw it over Watsonville and then moving south along the rim of the Salinas Valley.

Police officers at Greenfield and Gonzales reported that the object was sighted and disappeared "or went out like a light," over Johnson's Canyon, south of Gonzales.

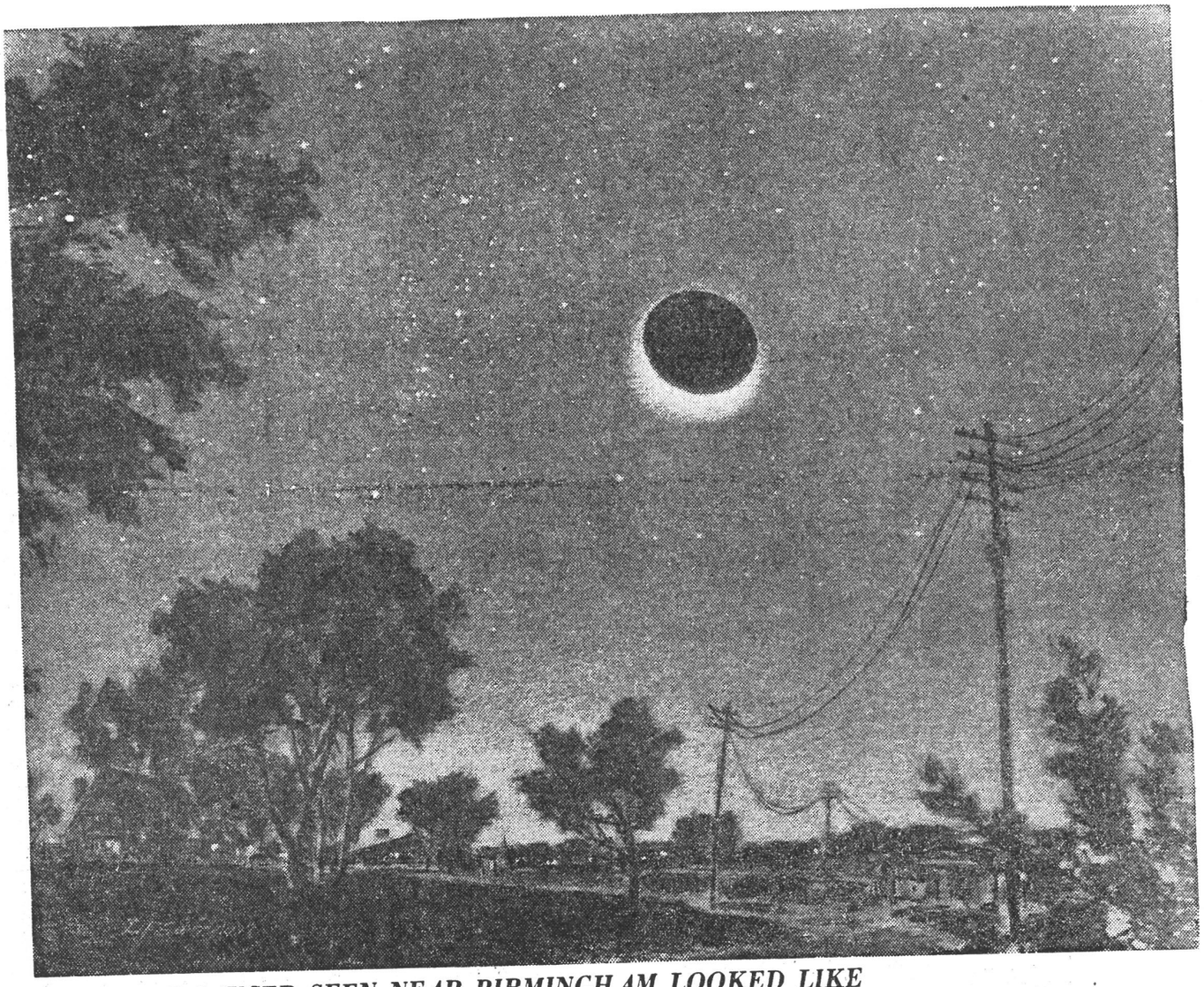
Observers in Fresno County included several truck drivers who thought they had seen a burning plane.

Meteorologist D. R. Teadway said the ball of fire was similar to an exhaust flare.

Officials at Fort Ord said they had no knowledge of the object. They added that there was nothing at the reservation that could have created the effects described.

Military authorities in San Francisco also professed complete mystification.

There was some speculation that the objects may have been "Moby Dicks," instrument observation balloons sent into the stratosphere. Earlier published reports said the Government was going to send them up early this year on both east and west coasts.



WHAT THE SAUCER SEEN NEAR BIRMINGHAM LOOKED LIKE

HOFFMAN SAYS the saucer was 200 feet in diameter, 20 feet thick, had sections around it resembling the playing section of a mouth organ. From his description, Artist D. F. Samson made this sketch, which Hoffman says is an accurate representation of a flying saucer.

Next Saucer Due About Tuesday



JOHN C. HOFFMAN
The time-table shows . . .

BY CHARLES MANOS
Free Press Staff Writer

WANT TO see a flying saucer?

If so, do your looking on or about Tuesday.

That's when the next flying saucer is due.

So says John C. Hoffman, Detroit advertising man, who styles himself an amateur authority on the flying phenomena.

He bases his prediction, he says, on his personal experiences followed by thorough study and investigation.

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"MY TIME-TABLE shows that there has been a 20-28 day cycle of flying saucer visits," he said.

Hoffman, 32, of 5499 Putnam, Route 1, Birmingham, submits facts and figures to substantiate his theory.

"Newspapers and Army Intelligence have reports of flying saucers on April 27, May 28, June 18, July 22, Aug. 19 and Sept. 15," he says.

Hoffman reports that he personally has seen the strange discs on four different occasions, all in the general vicinity of Oakland County.

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"I HAD THE MISFORTUNE to see my first 'saucer' Sunday, April 27," he said. "I say misfortune because life gets complicated after you tell people of an experience of that kind."

He said he saw a giant "saucer" descend as he was driving on Stephenson Highway at 15 Mile, seven miles east of Birmingham.

"It came down at a terrific speed and stopped abruptly about 1,500 feet up, almost directly over my car," he said. "It remained still for about five minutes and then disappeared into the clouds."

He described it as about 200 feet in diameter and 20 feet thick.

"It had two sections of opening all around it, resembling the playing section of a mouth organ," he said.

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HOFFMAN'S NEXT ENCOUNTER was June 18 when he saw a strange disc over his home.

"My wife and two children also saw it," he said.

Hoffman said he immediately called Selfridge Field.

"About 20 minutes later four jets were zooming around but the 'saucer' had disappeared," he said.

He said that some of his friends looked at him strangely when he predicted last Aug. 5 that there would be a flying saucer appearance about Aug. 16.

On Aug. 19 newspapers across the country carried stories about Scoutmaster D. S. Desvergers, of West Palm Beach, Fla., who claimed he was shot by a ray gun from a saucer.

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HOFFMAN, WHO prepared for his advertising career at Wayne University, was featured recently on a WXYZ-TV conference with top-ranking Army Intelligence Officers.

"Hoffman stole the show from the Army brass," said announcer Tom Waber. "His theory may sound fantastic but even the Army was more than interested."

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HOFFMAN SCOFFS AT the claim of some recognized authorities that "people are just seeing things."

He is convinced the authorities are wrong.

"You may rest assured there are flying space ships that visit our earth at scheduled intervals in sizes ranging from six inches to 1,000 feet in diameter," he said.

"From where, I don't know," he said. "But I do know how often. The next one is due about Tuesday."

Flying Saucer Material Cited

IN REPLY to Margaret McLeod's inquiry about flying saucers, here's what I recommend: Get a copy of the book, "The Flying Saucers Are Real," by Donald Keyhoe, published by Gold Medal Books, Fawcett Place, Greenwich, Conn.

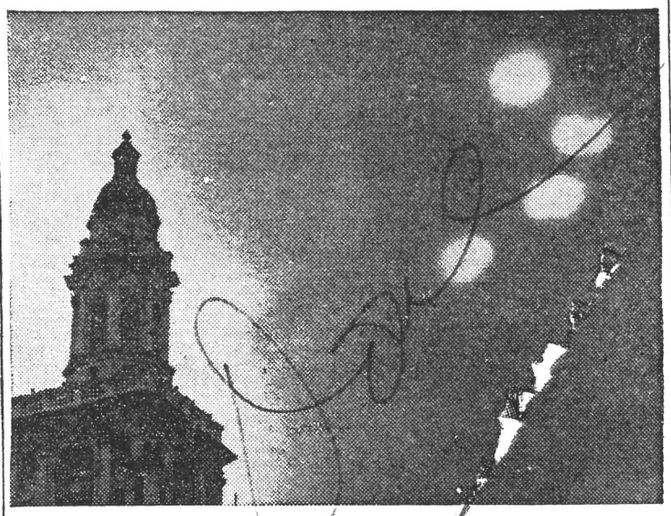
She should read this book first. It has an intensely interesting theory about the nature of the flying saucers which got so much publicity about 1947-50.

Then she should get a copy of the book, "Behind the Flying Saucers," by Frank Scully, published by Popular Library, 10 East 40th Street, New York City. This book explains fully the story about the "little men" Margaret refers to.

Now if this book is fact and not fiction—and it claims it is fact—then the Government of the United States has been holding for the last four years the most stupendous, fantastic secret in the history of the planet Earth — a secret which if, and when, revealed, will shake the world to its very foundations.

The book claims the Air Force has suppressed all news and reports about the saucers in order

CAMERA NEWS



FLYING LIGHT BULB SAUCERS in formation is a tricky exposure problem in getting them neatly in line.



MAKING A 'SAUCER' loop in the sky over downtown Miami calls for use of a grease pencil on the enlarger glass.

By JIM MARTENHOFF

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Want to make your own "flying saucer" pictures?

You can. And you don't have to sit around in your backyard waiting for one of the strange, zooming little things to zip past overhead.

After all, you might have a long wait. And if the neighbors found out what you were doing the men in the white coats might pay you a little visit.

And your explanation wouldn't be any help at all.

So why wait when all you need is an ordinary box camera and a roll of film.

All you have to do is take a close-up snapshot of an electric light bulb in a darkened room.

That's all. Make a snapshot from about three or four feet.

With a fixed-focus box camera you'll get a fuzzy-edged image of the bulb.

Then go outdoors and make a picture of a skyline or buiding or outdoor scene — right on the same film.

This is known as a double exposure — something that photographers don't always do on purpose.

When your negative is developed you'll have a beautiful, sharp, clear, fuzzy, out-of-focus, blurry-edged little blob of light flitting around in the sky.

Provided you got the light bulb in the right place.

You want two saucers? Just snap the light bulb twice — on the same film, of course — then make your skyline scene for a third ex-

Science Used on Reports of Sky Saucers

Air Force Continues Studies and Gives Theory on Objects

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BY LLOYD NORMAN
Chicago Tribune Press Service

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6—The Air Force is continuing its investigation of flying saucer reports, although the strange aerial phenomena have apparently disappeared with the coming of cooler weather.

The Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., recently summarized the current status of the saucer investigation in its publication the Dispatch.

Beliefs Given

The publication said in an article:

Ionized clouds are believed to be the cause of some unidentified radar returns. Thunderstorm activity is identifiable by radar, and radar is used for the purpose of avoiding thunderstorms. In addition, radar has picked up many objects first reported as "unidentified phenomena" which were later identified as aircraft, birds, balloons, ice formations in the air, or other known aerial objects or manifestations.

No orders have been issued by the Air Defense Command to its fighter units to fire on unidentified aerial phenomena. The Air Defense Command is charged with air defense of the United States and its mission is to attack anything airborne which is known or appears to be hostile.

This should not be interpreted to mean that our pilots will fire haphazardly on everything that flies.

Limit Interception

Attempts at interception are not made every time that unidentified images appear briefly on Air Force radarscope. Current Air Force interceptors are short-range, short-duration, high-speed aircraft and can be employed most effectively when it is possible to track a target by visual or radar means so that its position in the air at some future time may be predicted with a reasonable degree of accuracy.

The first step in evaluating sightings of unusual aerial phenomena is to collcet all available data and check it against known airborne objects such as balloons, aircraft, missiles, meteors and weather phenomena. If still unexplained, reports from reliable sources, with sufficient details, are turned over to specialists in various scientific fields for further analysis.

Equipment Needed

There is a need for better reports from trained observers using adequate equipment. The Air Force intends to implement its present study with instruments wherever possible.

The recent development of special photographic equipment may make it possible to gather data hitherto unobtainable through ordinary photographic methods.

This equipment consists of a diffraction grating camera which separates light into its component parts (spectrum) and registers them on film.

The principle involved is that used by astronomers in determining the composition of the stars. In this manner Air Force scientists may be able to determine the characteristics of the phenomena and subsequently identify the source.

Telescope Employed

Another proposal involves the use of a continuously operating Schmidt telescope equipped with a camera. This telescope has wide aperture lens and is capable of covering a cone of 150 deg. or nearly the whole sky from horizon to horizon. This equipment will make it possible to get on a series of photographic plates a complete record of what happens in the sky at night.

The Air Force has stated in the past and reaffirms at the present time that these unidentified aerial phenomena are not a secret weapon, missile or aircraft developed by the United States.

Experiments Denied

None of the three military departments nor any other agency in the government is conducting experiments, classified or otherwise, with flying objects which could be a basis for the reported phenomena.

As far as is known there is nothing in them that is associated with materiel or vehicles that are directed against the United States from another country or from other planets.

Citizen News
Dec 18 1952

ROAMING AROUND

With AUSTIN CONOVER

Belief in Flying Saucers Mounts

Belief in flying saucers is growing, according to a public opinion survey that extends back four years.

When I first started asking people about flying saucer reports, only one in five told me that they thought there were such things.

Now, four years later, only one in five says that flying saucers are purely a product of the imagination.

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During a talk on flying saucers to the Sepulveda Optimist Club the other evening, I asked all who believe in flying saucers to raise a hand. The room was full of raised hands. Only a few did not go up.

The showing I consider interesting, because my talk was strictly reportorial and without any expression of my own opinion.

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Jay Ulis, insurance broker, who is president of the club, commented: "There must be some basis of fact in the reports, because so many people say they have seen flying saucers."

Dr. Charles F. Shields, chiropractor, mentioned the book "Behind the Flying Saucer" by Frank Scully. He said that it convinced him that the saucers are from another planet.

John DeBron, set dresser, remarked: "They could be Russian aircraft. Who knows what the German V-2 rocket scientists are now developing deep in Siberia."

R. Ernie Gerke, merchandiser, said that the saucers, if real, are of this world.

"I can't understand people who scoff at the reports of reliable observers," declared L. H. Phillips, attorney. "An Air Force captain tells not only of sighting a saucer but also of trying to catch it."

"There were people who didn't believe Columbus," commented Nat Leslie, musician.

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"The ideal space ship," said Henry G. Zeber, machinist, "would be built of a metal that could be made gravitational or anti-gravitational by electrical control.

"For instance, when rockets made of this metal were launched from the earth it would be so light that it would shoot beyond the earth's gravitational pull. When entering the gravitational field of a planet to be examined, the captain would reverse the switch and the metal would instantly become heavy. Gentle landings would be made by switching the controls off and on."

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Skepticism was registered by Jack Tobias, food merchant, who said: "Flying saucer reports are a lot of nonsense." He however did not discount the possibility of space travel.

Kenneth Ulis, accountant, said that during the war he saw secret things at Aberdeen Proving Grounds that are still "classified."

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A contest for honorary mayor of Sepulveda was suggested by Jay Ulis, who said that he has talked it over with the president of the local Kiwanis Club.

"We've decided," said Ulis, "that every candidate must be a member of either the Kiwanis or the Optimist Club."

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Sepulveda Optimists this year helped a spastic boy and organized a Junior Optimist Club for boys. They take the boys to sports events. They have also done much for the Optimist Home for Boys on N. Figueroa St.

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TOLD TO SHOOT DOWN SAUCERS

U. S. Air Force on 24-Hour Alert Against Mysterious Discs

By Larry Auldridge
Staff Correspondent International News Service

WASHINGTON, July 28. —The Air Force revealed today jet pilots have been placed on a 24-hour nationwide "alert" against "flying saucers" with orders to "shoot them down" if they refuse to land.

It was learned pilots have gone aloft on several occasions in an effort to shoot the mysterious objects to the ground, but never came close enough to use their guns.

The Air Force refused to confirm this, but Lt. Col. Moncel Monts, AF Information officer, stated:

"The jet pilots are, and have been, under orders to investigate unidentified objects and to shoot them down if they can't talk them down."

In Air Force parlance, this means that if a "flying saucer" refuses to obey an order to land, jet pilots are authorized to shoot them to earth, if they can get close enough to do so. Most reports describe the "saucers" as traveling at unusually high speeds.

NOT U. S. SECRET——

The Air Force expressed the belief the unidentified flying objects are not a threat to the United States and stated also that they are not a secret U. S. military development.

The Air Force summoned experts from Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, Ohio, for a conference Tuesday on the celestial objects.

Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, a "flying saucer" specialist of the Air Technical Center in Dayton, left late today for Washington with a team of fellow officers.

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A Saucer

By PASQUALE MARRANZINO

I TRUST that historians take note that I had a considerable part in blowing up the flying saucer hysteria.

I say that with modesty because it wasn't until yesterday that I really found out the important role I played in the denouement.



Marranzino

And I hasten to add that if any universities have ideas about awarding me doctorates in astrophysics, interplanetary bubble bursting or general lunacy I shall decline with appropriate thanks.

The Harvard University Press sent me a copy of a new book by Dr. Donald H. Menzel, professor of astrophysics and associate director of solar research at Harvard Observatory, entitled "Flying Saucers." The book costs $4.75 and I was duly impressed.

Flicking through the pages I noted a complete chapter dedicated to "The Little Men From Venus." That brought to mind the flying saucer story that Silas M. Newton, Denver oil man and promoter, had told me for publication almost three years ago.

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I FLIPPED to the index and while running down the alphabet to the "N's," my index finger stumbled over "Marranzino, Pasquale—159, 312."

Dr. Menzel, one of the world's great astrophysicists, had borrowed almost in entirety the story I had written about the Newton interview.

At the end of the reference came the grand coup which made up Dr. Menzel's mind that the Newton story—in his own mind—was a hoax.

It was one of those momentous questions I had thrown out to send history coursing up another channel.

BUT LET Dr. Menzel tell it.

"When confronted by the direct question, asked by Pasquale Marranzino, writer for The Rocky Mountain News, 'Did you see the men, Mr. Newton?' the reply was somewhat amazing: 'Don't ask me that question. For reasons I can't explain, I can't say.'"

How I ever managed to think up such a deathless, penetrating and revealing question right now escapes me. Perhaps the hand of destiny got a finger in my mouth and made it possible.

The sheer power and insight behind the question: "Did you see the men, Mr. Newton?"

Thus, fame in the flying saucer era comes to me . . . a nobody . . . a somebody who never saw a flying saucer. I looked through the index for a reference to Foster, Jack. But I couldn't find one. He saw flying saucers! Gen. Ben W. Chidlaw, head of the Army Air Force project "Flying Saucer" at Colorado Springs, refers questioners to Jack for saucer information.

Dr. Menzel, in the bibliography, admits "these references (mine) have been very helpful to me."

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AS A matter of fact, the one question I so daringly shot to Mr. Newton helped Dr. Menzel reach his conclusion that flying saucers are real—real as rainbows and just as hard to catch.

He really thinks the saucers are rags and tags of meterological optics: mirages, reflections in mist, refractions and reflections by ice crystals, phenomena related to the aurora, shooting stars and such.

I'm glad I got him straightened out. Some day I want him to come to Denver. I want him to look at a disc-shaped object that I keep seeing over Mt. Evans from the office window.

KY MOUNTAIN NEWS—Denver, Colo., Saturday, Jan. 31, 1953

Air Force Men Sight Huge Flying Saucer

BENSON, Ariz., April 4 (U.P.)—Two Air Force pilots said today they watched for an hour as a huge oval-shaped object, possibly five or six times the size of a B-29 bomber, hovered at about 55,000 feet above them.

Chick Logan and C. M. Jasper, both veteran flight commanders from Marana (Ariz.) Air Force Base, saw the object from the air.

Flight Instructor Paul Wilkerson, Tucson, and Skeet Taylor, owner of a local airport, said they saw it from the ground.

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base at Tucson said some B-36s were flying in the Benson area at an altitude of 40,000 feet.

Logan said, however, it did not have wings.

"The sky was bright blue," he said, "and the object stood out like a sore thumb. I couldn't go any higher than 14,000 feet because I had no oxygen with me.

"The object was bright and shone like polished aluminum. I've been flying for 25 years and never saw anything like it. It was weird."

Wilkerson said it was too large for a weather balloon.

Sky Saucer Hunt Planned By Air Force

Armed with a special camera suggested by a Los Angeles scientist, the Air Force has launched a study to determine if there really are flying saucers and, if so, what they are.

This was reported today in an article in the current issue of Look magazine.

The idea of the camera is that with one of some 200 distributed to atomic and military installations a picture of a saucer may be obtained.

In such a case, an apparatus in the camera would enable scientists to determine the saucer's composition.

The Air Force has records of 800 sighting of saucers, 42 per cent by military personnel and civilian pilots and scientists.

Instruments used in tracking guided missiles, radar combined with cameras and telescopes, and modified sonar wil be used in the hunt.

The Air Force feels the final solution will be one of the following: 1. misinterpretation of known objects such as balloons and jet planes; 2. reflected light from the earth; 3. man-made vehicles, most possibly Russian, and 4. space ships or interplanetary missiles.

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Meteor Blows Up, Low Over Seattle

Its Flash and Roar Damage Only the City's Nerves

SEATTLE, May 11 (AP).—A giant meteor swished across western Washington and exploded with a tremendous flash and roar over Seattle just before 1:30 this morning.

It frightened thousands as it lighted the sky and rattled doors and windows. No pieces were found, however, and the damage seemed to have been inflicted only on the people's nerves.

A 30-second rumble followed its breaking apart. The Coast Guard estimated it might have been as low as 2,000 feet when it burst. However, Capt. Bert Carlson, a Northwest Airlines pilot, said it appeared to be only a little below his altitude of 8,000 feet.

The spectacle was seen as far north as Bellingham, eighty miles away, and as far south as Olympia, fifty miles.

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W. Virginia 'Saucers' Credible, Says Expert

(The writer, 41-year-old author and lecturer, was educated at Eton and Cambridge University, where he took honors in geology, zoology and botany. He has traveled extensively to remote areas of the world with many scientific expeditions. Author of six books, he also contributes extensively to many leading national periodicals.)

By IVAN T. SANDERSON

SUTTON, W. Va. (NANA)—At sundown on the evening of Sept. 12 a fleet of pear-shaped objects, glowing dull red to white, according to their speed of travel, flew in formation over northeastern West Virginia less than 1,000 feet above ground and crashed in Braxton County.

Everybody in the state knows about this and thousands in Braxton saw the things, two were nearly hit by them. Eight people could have touched one, but they were too confused and frightened, because something came out of the object.

On-the-spot investigations by this reporter also have brought to light three following additional facts overlooked in the first reports.

THE EXACT point of landing of three or the seven objects is now known. Apart from a terrific smell, which long since has gone, nothing but some white substance which is being analyzed in Charleston has been found. One landing still has to be investigated, and another requires additional search because the area is densely wooded, mountainous and uninhabited.

The twelve-foot, glowing, green monster that has been widely reported as having been seen alongside a glowing cone that landed on a mountain pasture near the tiny village of Flatwood in this county, was not a man, or a monster, but some sort of machine like a diving bell. If the two frightened adults and five intelligent young boys who say that they saw it are not all the most experienced liars who ever lived.

We have questioned these youngsters separately and together, with and without their elders, for two days, and we can report definitely that they are not lying.

THEY HAVE drawn pictures of what they saw and they keep saying that it was a ten-foot man because the top of it was level with a branch of a tree ten feet above ground and its shape was something like the upper half of a hooded man. They said this because they never have seen a modern, deep-water diving suit.

What they describe is a truncated cone with a smaller cone on top of it. This little cone has a circular transparent window in front and from behind this two small blue spotlight beams shone straight out. This whole thing seemed to be floating in the air about five feet off the ground and just as they turned and ran it glided round toward the huge glowing cone.

This reporter also has been told locally that though a sketch of this object made by Mrs. Kathleen May, mother of two of the boys, who was present, has been sent to Washington, the Air Force has decided not to investigate. This is the more incredible, since this whole series of incidents is so much more concrete than any other saucer report from this country since World War II, and there still are two landings to be investigated.

The objects that landed are not meteorites, because they traveled horizontally, maneuvered around hills, stopped in midair and landed vertically. If they are machines, somebody or something made them.

If the builders are not earthlings, but come from outer space, as the Air Force itself once suggested as a possibility in an official release two years ago, entitled "Project Saucer," we would like to know who they are. The answer still may be lying in the densely wooded hills around this quiet little West Virginia community.

'SAUCERS' BRANDED REFLECTION TRICK

Civil Aeronautics Unit Finds They Appear When Cold Air and Hot Are in Clash

BOUNCING BEAM IS BLAMED

Ground Lights Reach the Radar Screen to Create Illusions—Further Study Advised

By ANTHONY LEVIERO

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—Here goes science again, converting illusions into delusions, if such a distinction can be made about those flying saucers. The scientists at the Civil Aeronautics Administration would have you believe today that the saucy saucers are just a matter of reflections, and they are quite convincing about it.

In a report issued today, they dealt strictly and with due scientific caution with the flying saucers that have skimmed across the radar scopes in airport control towers. But a C. A. A. man, on being questioned, said the agency's conclusions could be applied to demolish the saucers that persons have been seeing with their own eyes.

This same C. A. A. man was asked then whether The Flying Dutchman perhaps was in this same class of the dubious. Yes, he said, as far as he was concerned, Der Fliegende Hollander was just a flying saucer of the old time. If this sort of thing keeps up, what will the fantastic story writers do? A year ago when citizens were seeing fleets of saucers, some devotees of the lurid would have you believe that other planets, more advanced than ours, were subjecting us to a reconnaissance in force.

C. A. A.'s Explanation

Here is how the C. A. A. explains it in good old Government language:

"Concerned with the possible detrimental effects on air traffic control, the C. A. A. Technical Development and Evaluation Center made a study concentrating on the scores of such targets sighted by the Washington Air Route Control Center radar. It also surveyed experience of the C. A. A. tower radars at Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Minneapolis and New York.

"Correlation of controllers' reports with Weather Bureau records indicated that a temperature inversion almost always existed when such targets appeared on the radar.

"Apparently, the study says, reflections were produced by isolated refracting areas which traveled with the wind at or near the temperature inversion levels. These areas, possibly atmospheric eddies created by the shearing action of dissimilar air strata, were not of sufficient density to produce direct returns, but could bend the radar beam downward to give a ground return.

"Horizontal movement of these areas would produce a movement twice as great in the image being received on the radar scope, and in a parallel direction. This ties in with the fact that when the speed of targets on the radar was divided by two, their motions corresponded closely to the reported wind directions and velocities at certain altitude levels.

"In nearly all cases, the temperature inversion levels were at or adjacent to these altitudes."

The Bouncing Beam

Or the saucers might be explained this way:

A layer of cold air gets sandwhiched between layers of hot air. Cold air is denser than the hot, and therefore breaks through the hot layer—breaks up into odd fragments. That's temperature inversion. These fragments are not visible to the naked eye but are "visualized" by radar.

Radar sends out a beam that bounces back from tangible objects, showing their shapes on the radar scopes. Cold air is sufficiently dense to bounce the beam to the ground. The beam bounces back to the sky and is then strong enough to reflect the fragmented cold areas, moving with the wind. On the radar screen these fragments look like saucers.

Similarly ground lights are reflected by cold air layers, giving them visible form. As these layers break and change shape in the wind illusions are created.

While the C. A. A. report was conclusive in tracing the saucers "to secondary reflections of the radar beam by atmospheric conditions," the agency stated that it would seek "additional evidence" with more versatile equipment.

The C. A. A. said that radar saucers are a bother only in helicopter operations. Helicopters and cold air areas produce similar radar images. On the screen it is often difficut to tell them apart. So when a helicopter is coming in and another saucer shape is on the screen, the pilot is given a collision course. He keeps his eyes peeled, and if another helicopter is around he will see it. Otherwise it is just the radar opeartor who is bothered.

Randolph Scientists Need More

Facts to Make Up Minds on 'Saucers'

The two scholarly men sitting across the table were hard-headed realists. They dealt strictly in facts and had to be shown something definite.

They both smiled, because they knew we had come to ask them about the latest rash of "flying saucers." What were those things dotting the Washington radar? Enemy aircraft? Men from Mars? Hallucinations?



Dr. Haber



Dr. Strughold

The men-from-Mars phrase brought a twinkle to the blue eyes of handsome Dr. Hubertus Strughold of the Department of Space Medicine, U.S. Air Force, Randolph Field. His colleague at Randolph, Dr. Fritz Haber, waved his left arm in the direction of Dr. Strughold and said, in reference to the men from Mars:

"That's his department."

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The eminent German scientist, using only factual, proven data, said there could be life on Mars. But a very low form of plant life, such as lichens, moss, algae.

'The atmospheric conditions on the surface of Mars," he explained with a chart, "are parallel to those found on earth at an altitude of 55,000 feet."

Then he launched into the matter of temperature.

"On Mars, the temperature never rises higher than 30 degrees Centigrade," he explained. "And it falls as low as -70 degrees Centigrade."

This meant, of course, that any plant life that might have developed on the red planet must have adapted itself to periods of dormancy and life, changing the cycle with the rising and the setting of the sun. This evolution is quite possible.

Water and carbon dioxide are both present on Mars, and this is essential to life as we know it for such a life is based on the carbon atom. The oxygen present, however, is not sufficient to sustain warm-blooded life. It would not exclude the lower cold-blooded life.

"Plants, however, could be possible," explained Dr. Strughold, "since plants can produce their own oxygen, providing water and carbon dioxide are present. Both water and carbon dioxide have been detected on Mars.

"We know," the doctor further explained about Mars, "that there are polar caps, that they melt in the spring. We know also that there are ochre-colored areas that, when the poles melt, change color to blue-green, remain that way several months then change into yellow and then brown as summer comes on. This is much like our planet."

Possibility of life on Venus is probably even more remote than on Mars. Closer to the sun, its temperatures are higher. At its lower atmospheric layers, Venus' temperature is more than 100 degrees Centigrade, and -25 degrees Centigrade in its outer layers. Thus, the doctor points out, only in its outermost stratum does Venus approach biological temperatures needed to sustain life as we know it.

Dr. Haber, who is a ranking authority on aerodynamics, aircraft design and related subjects, clearly showed he needed more factual data to study before forming any opinion, much less theory, about the flying discs.

'I am not an electronics engineer," he said, "and certainly don't want to be in the position of putting forth any theory. However, I believe what the Washington radar has been showing is possibly some radar or atmospheric trick."

He said he was wholly in accord with Menzel's theory—recently promulgated—that the "flying saucers" were distortions and refractions of light in clouds and upper layers of the atmosphere from sources (as automobiles) on earth.

It is noteworthy that Dr. Haber's idea on the Washington radar objects coincided pretty well with the explanation issued by the U.S. Air Force in Washington late Tuesday. The interview with the scientists took place Tuesday morning.

"It is significant, I think, that these flying saucers are seen around the same time. This means such sightings or appearances could be dependent on atmospheric conditions," he said.

"Another thing we must take into consideration," he smiled, "is the fact that such an aircraft should create a noise. But no noise has ever been reported."

The two scientists, clearly, had to be shown a lot more solid facts before they could even begin to make up their minds.

In the movie.

On Trail of Saucers

Ground Radar Picks Up Objects at 2000 M. P. H.

L Hatter Ex-Flight

By Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio, July 18.—A spokesman at nearby Wright-Patterson Air Force base says the air force still has no explanation for 15 per cent of the approximately 1000 flying saucer reports it has received.

The Dayton Journal-Herald quoted the officer as saying jet fighters equipped with radar have been scrambling into the sky seeking the unidentified objects, but have been unable to make contact with any "saucer."

The newspaper said the officer, connected with the air force headquarters for investigation of unidentified aerial objects, asked to remain unidentified.

The officer said ground radar has tracked some unexplainable objects traveling at speeds between 1500 and 2000 miles an hour, but added there never have been both visual and radar sightings of the same objects.

Radio Engineer Observes Saucers

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, July 18.—At 2 a. m., today, Radio Engineer Elmer Chambers looked up at the sky. Here's what he says he saw:

Six or seven bright orange discs were streaking through the sky, in single file. The saucers sped along for about five seconds and then each, in turn, veered sharply upward and disappeared.

Chambers, 41, is chief engineer at the WRC radio station transmitter in the Washington suburbs.

Airline Pilots, Crew See Saucers

By International News Service

CHICAGO, July 18. — Capt. Paul L. Carpenter, of Los Angeles, an American Airlines pilot for 24 years, reported today that he and his crew observed mysterious objects flashing through the skies at speeds of 3000 miles an hour.

The pilot said the objects were seen near Denver early yesterday morning on his nonstop flight from Los Angeles to Chicago.

He reported that they were at an altitude of 25,000 to 30,000 feet and that they looked like moving planets of a dull red color with a yellow tinge.

First Officer George Fell of La Porte City, Iowa, and flight engineer Lee Quilici of Los Angeles, also saw the same controlled aerial objects.

Carpenter said the objects seemed to be about 100 miles away and that he could not tell if they whirled on their own axes.

The pilot added that the two traveling westward disappeared about two seconds and then reappeared traveling eastward.

The Phoenix Gazette

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Flying Saucer 'Passenger' Declares A-Bomb Blasts Reason For Visits

By LEN WELCH

Fasten your safety belt, Buster, and take a firm grip on your chair for we are about to take off on a story to end all stories about flying saucers.

Woven into this incredible tale is what was reported to be probably the first person-to-person conversation with a man in a flying saucer, an explanation why flying saucers are flitting about our skies, a beautiful woman from another planet, and mysterious foot-prints in the desert sands.

Few questions about flying saucers are left unanswered by this story that has its beginning on a lonely spot on the California desert between Parker, Ariz., and Desert Center, Calif.

ITS PRINCIPALS are four Arizonans out to get a look at a flying saucer, a Valley Center, Calif., "professor," his secretary, and another woman, both from Valley Center.

The Arizonans figuring in the story are George Williamson, 25, Prescott, an employe of the supply division procurement section at the United States Veterans Administration Hospital at Fort Whipple; Mrs. Williamson, a medical technician employed in the laboratory at the hospital; Alfred C. Bailey, 38, of Winslow, for 12 years an employe of the Santa Fe Railway and now "braking" on passenger trains, and Mrs. Bailey.



Is this a flying saucer or a freak cloud formation? Prof. George Adamski of Valley Center, Calif., gave the negative to Arizona friends, claiming he took the picture about 10 miles east of Desert Center, Calif., on the Desert Center-Parker Highway and later engaged in conversation with a man from space.

Williamson's interest in flying saucers was intensified by stories of saucers he uncovered among Indian legends while doing independent research among the Chippewas.

"I had corresponded with Prof. George Adamski, formerly of Palomar Observatory near San Diego, and learned that he had made pictures of flying saucers," Williamson said. "We (my wife and the Baileys) decided to go on a picnic lunch with Professor Adamski in the hope that we would see a flying saucer."

THE GROUP in addition to the Williamsons, the Baileys and Professor Adamski included Alice K. Wells and Lucy R. McGinnis, the latter the professor's secretary, both of Valley Center.

We will now proceed chronologically with the fantastic story of events that occurred as pieced together from stories of the Baileys and Williamsons. This is their version:

The party drove to a spot on the Desert Center-Parker Highway about 10 miles east of Desert Center. They parked

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NEGATIVES OF FLYING SAUCER INTRIGUE THEM



Gazette Staff Photo

Two negatives reported to show a flying saucer that appeared on the California desert intrigue (from left) Alfred C. Bailey, Mrs. Bailey, both of Winslow; George Williamson and Mrs. Williamson, both of Prescott. They claim they saw the mother ship of the flying saucer while on picnic.

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their vehicles on the side of the road and proceeded to unpack a picnic lunch which they ate a few yards from the car.

It was Thursday, Nov. 20, about 1:30 p.m. Suddenly one of the group looked up and spotted what at first appeared to be an airplane. At second glance it was obvious, because of its shape, that it was not an airplane.

THE OBJECT was shaped like a cigar—fat in the center and tapering at both ends — and was moving in an easterly direction. At times it appeared to be standing still and then it would spurt forward at tremendous speed. It moved without sound.

The object was orange or reddish on top and silver on the bottom. There was a black oval-like marking on the side of the ship. (These details they were able to determine by using a small pair of opera glasses although the object was believed from 7,000 feet to 2 miles in the air.)

The object finally disappeared but returned traveling in the opposite direction about 5 or 6 minutes later.

AT THIS POINT Professor Adamski decided to go about 1½ miles up the road to set up a small telescope at a point where he could have a better view of the surrounding countryside. He promised to wave his hat at the rest of the party if anything unusual occurred.

And now begins the weirdest part of the narrative.

One hour and 45 minutes passed and suddenly the group was attracted by a flash of light near the point where the professor had set up his telescope. Adamski next appeared wildly waving his hat.

When the party arrived, the professor said that he believed he obtained some good pictures of a flying saucer and claimed that he had talked to the man who disappeared in it.

PROFESSOR Adamski described the saucer as much similar to the picture of one carried in the average person's mind except that this saucer had a dome on it. It was,, the professor told his friends, about 20 feet in diameter, translucent but not transparent, with a shining silver finish on the exterior, portholes on the side, and three ball bearing devices underneath.

The saucer hung several feet off the ground and apparently had such perfect balance that it did not tilt when the man in charge stepped into it.

Adamski said he took 4 or 5 exposures of the saucer from about one-fourth of a mile away. He then saw someone motioning to him from the point of a hill above a wash into which the flying saucer had moved.

THE PROFESSOR told the Williamsons and Baileys that he walked up to the man. A peculiar conversation between the man from earth and the man from space then reportedly took place. The man from space spoke some English and a gibberish that sounded, Adamski said, like Chinese.

According to the Williamsons and Baileys the following conversation took place, and it no doubt will be of great satisfaction to many to learn that the intentions of the visitors is peaceful.

Adamski: "Is this your ship?" indicating nearby parked saucer.

Visitor: "Yes" by nodding head.

Adamski: "Is it interplanetary?"

Visitor: Nod of head gives affirmative answer.

THE VISITOR then makes a point of stressing the importance of footprints he has left in sands of the wash indicating that they are of importance.

Adamski: "What is the purpose of your visits to earch?"

Visitor: Uses arms to indicate mushroom-shaped clouds associated with atomic experiments convincing Adamski that such experiments are responsible for visits.

Adamski: "Why are you concerned about these atomic experiments?"

VISITOR: Indicates that radiation from explosions is causing his people some concern and fear that blasts will destroy everything.

Adamski indicated he would like to prowl around in ship but visitor shook head indicating top secret stuff inside.

Adamski: "Did we see you a while ago? referring to cigar-shaped object seen in sky.

Visitor: "No, that is mother ship."

Adamski: "Did you come from the bigger ship?"

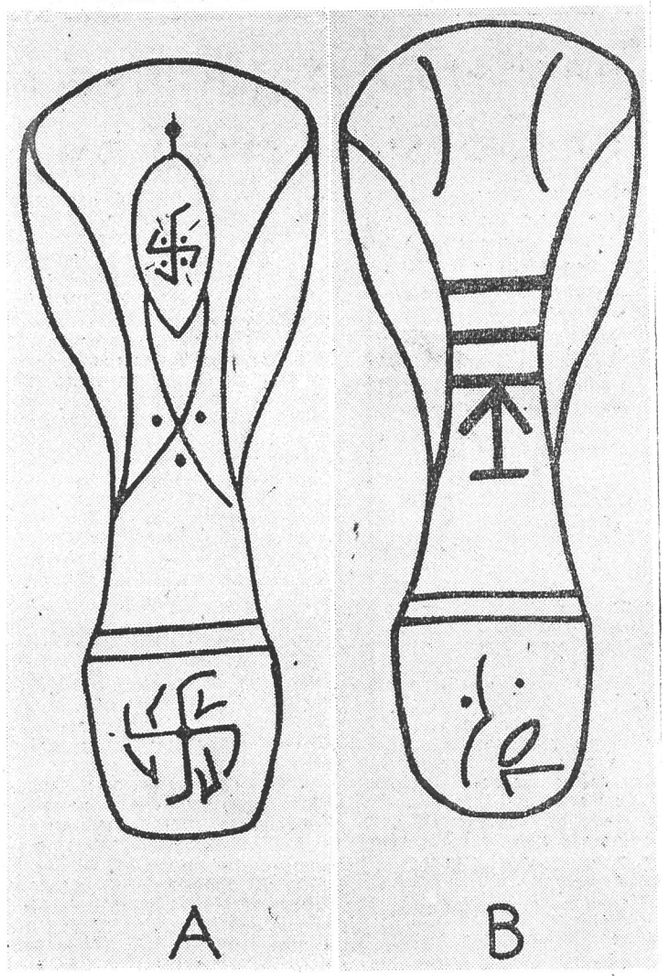
Visitor: "Yes."

Adamski: "Are you from another planet?"

VISITOR: Indicates yes but that he couldn't tell from where.

Adamski: "Where do you

A MESSAGE FROM SPACE?



George Williams of Prescott is convinced that a man from space left a message in his footprints on the sand near the spot where he landed a flying saucer. Williams took plaster paris casts of footprints and from the casts copied designs on soles of slippers the man wore. At left is design made from cast of right foot and at right is design from cast of left foot.

meet the mother ship?"

Visitor: "About 500 miles up."

Adamski: "How long does it take?"

Visitor: Indicates with swish of hand that matter of reaching mother ship is matter of seconds.

ADAMSKI then asked the visitor if he wouldn't permit his friends who were on their way to the spot to take some pictures but the visitor indicated "no pictures of personalities right now."

At this point some steps came out of the bottom saucer, the professor and the visitor shook hands and the visitor climbed into his machine and took off without a sound and vanished.

Adamski told the Williamsons and Baileys that he noticed a young boy or a "very beautiful woman with shoulder-length hair peering out of the portholes."

THE MAN from space was described as about 23-years-old, round face, tan and ruddy complexion, greyish green eyes, long sandy hair that reached down his back and was blown about by the breezes.

He was dressed in reddish brown slipper-like shoes, pants with cuffs that were tied around the ankles like ski pants and ballooned out at the knees. He wore a milk chocolate brown Eisenhower jacket. He had no ornaments of anything resembling weapons.

The visitor was friendly throughout the conversation and seemed to understand English better than he could speak it, Adamski said.

He repeatedly indicated his footprints had some significance, so when Williamson and his friends arrived on the scene, Williamson took plaster of paris casts of the prints.

(As an amateur anthropologist, Williamson said he carries plaster of paris to use when he finds a skull that may need a bit of filling in to make it complete).

MRS. BAILEY insists that she definitely saw signs of something leaving the ground as the saucer took off after the conversation with Adamski, and all admitted seeing flashes of light near the scene.

(Efforts were made by The Phoenix Gazette to reach Professor Adamski by telephone to get a first-hand account of the story. However, he does not have a phone. The Baileys and Williamsons are convinced that Adamski was giving them an honest account of his amazing experience. The fact that he has a restaurant and curio shop where he sells pictures of flying saucers did not lessen their belief in the tale).

NY Times July 18

60 'Saucer' Reports Fly At Air Force in 2 Weeks

By The United Press.

DAYTON, Ohio, July 17—An Air Force spokesman said today some sixty reports of flying saucers had been received during the last two weeks. He could give no reason for the sudden increase.

Capt. E. J. Ruppelt of the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Base said "people are seeing unidentified objects in the sky at a rate almost double over last year."

Captain Ruppelt, project officer for the Air Force group that investigates unidentified aerial objects, said there was no connection between the saucer sighting increase and the recent inauguration of Operation Skywatch by the Ground Observer Corps.

He said his office was requesting more information from two Pan American Airways pilots who reported seeing "eight glowing red-orange disks" flying near Norfolk, Va., last Sunday night. The pilots, W. B. Nashid and W. H. Fortenberry said the objects were traveling at 1,000 miles an hour.



"Then the article said, 'To the first little man from another planet who walks into this office, with or without Frank Scully, *SRL* will present $100,000 . . .'"

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Jet Pilots Alerted for Saucer Chase

Planes Ready to Take Off for Any Place of Reported Sighting

L.A. Times 6/25/52.

WASHINGTON, July 28 (U.P.)—The Air Defense Command alerted jet interceptor pilots today to take off instantly in pursuit of any "flying saucers" sighted anywhere in the country.

It acted after F-94 jets unsuccessfully chased glowing white lights seen in this area Saturday night. Mysterious objects also had been spotted the previous Saturday.

Air Force Skeptical

The new saucer reports included unexplained appearances on radar screens, but the Air Force remained skeptical. It said the reports have shown "no pattern which would indicate the objects are being controlled by a reasoning body."

Statements by eyewitnesses, including Air Force and commercial pilots, are being studied and evaluated here and at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, O. Meanwhile, interceptor planes are ready to go aloft at any time.

"The Air Defense Command's mission is air defense of the United States and it is vitally interested in anything unidentified that fluries in the air," a spokesman said.

The futile attempt to intercept the objects seen in this area over the week end was undertaken by planes from Newcastle (Del.) Air Force Base. The control tower at National Airport said as many as 12 strange "blips" of light appeared on its radarscope.

Stories Pour In

Saucer stories have been pouring into the Air Force recently from all sections of the nation. The commanding officer of the Air Force filter center at South Bend, Ind., said today he has been spending "a couple of hours a day" studying such reports.

Indiana State Troopers Charles Longstreet and Normal Mellis reported seeing a strange object "like a star" moving back and forth. Robert Wolfe, a county civil defense director, sighted flying objects "at low altitude."

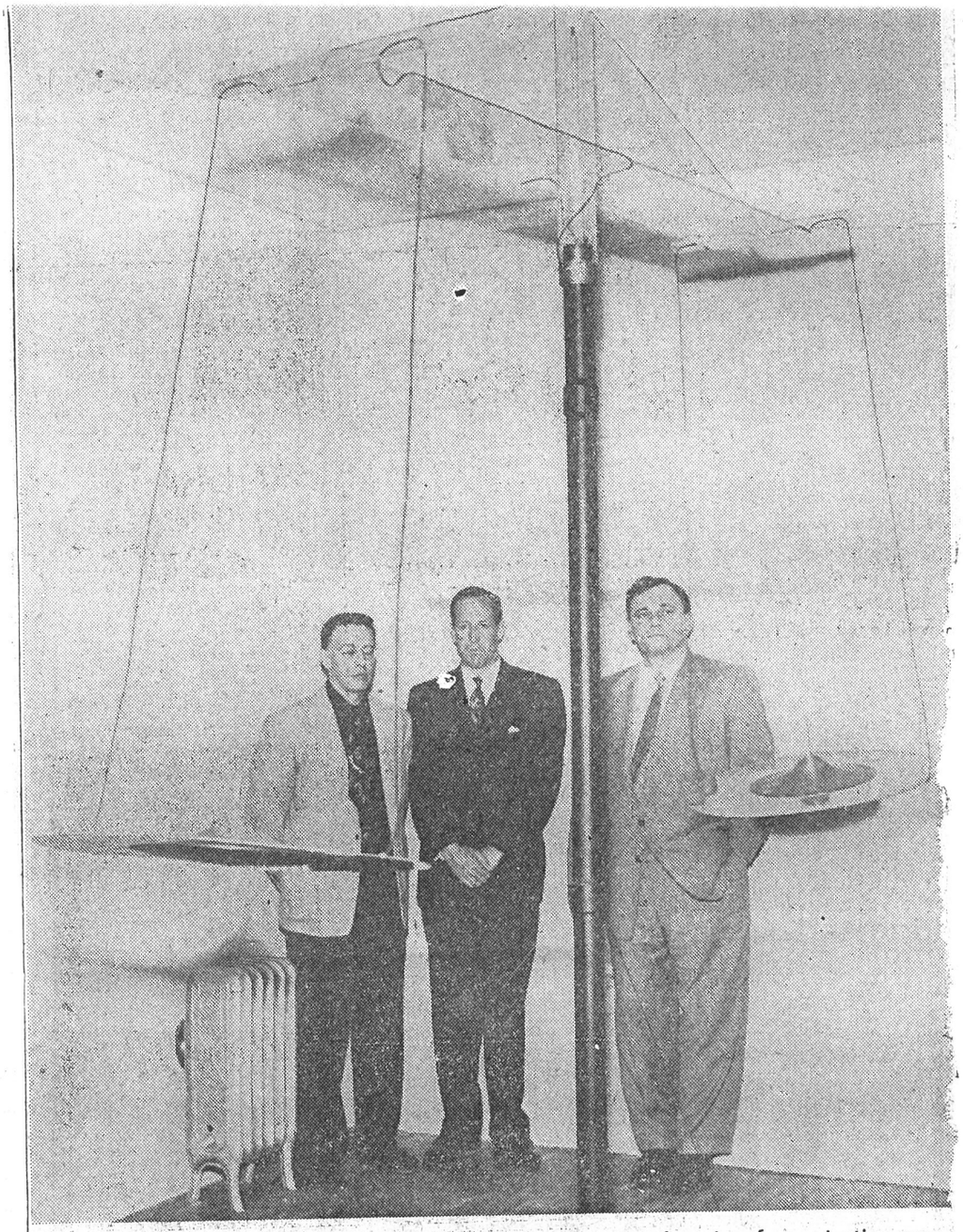
Some of the Indiana reports described the objects as colored. The ones reported seen here were white.

The new flurry, the Air Force said, is similar to reports in the past and indicate no "threat to the United States." But it said "each report is being given a most careful and complete analysis."

Five Mysterious Objects Reported

Mrs. Rose A. Cromer, 75, of 621 W 4th St., yesterday reported seeing five mysterious illuminated objects in the sky within the past week.

All objects were sighted after dark, she said. Most were blue, round in shape with points surrounding the edges. They flew from northeast to southwest, Mrs. Cromer said.



LIGHT ON MYSTERY—Watching two model flying saucers hanging from pivoting arm are trio of the new University for Social Research: Researchers Bradford Shank, left, and Townsend Brown, and Mason Rose, president. They present a novel theory. Times photo

La Times

Flying Saucers 'Explained' by Men of New Research University Here

Two metal-plexiglass disks, suspended from a central pylon, swung through slow circles in a darkened room yesterday as spokesmen for a new university sought to convince newsmen they have solved the flying saucer mystery.

"We have hesitated to divulge our findings," said Mason Rose, president of the University for Social Research, "because they read too much like science fiction . . ."

Substance of the alleged discovery, credited to Inventor Townsend Brown, is that saucers operate in a field of "electrogravity" that "acts like a wave with the negative pole at the top and the positive pole at the bottom."

Travel Like Surfboard

"The saucer travels like a surfboard on the incline of a wave that is kept continually moving by the saucer's electrogravitational generator," explained Bradford Shank, third spokesman for the group claiming knowledge "almost too sensational, too spectacular."

All three men are convinced that flying saucers are real, "controlled by an intelligence rather than a pilot" and capable of speeds up to that of light—186,000 miles a second.

Their research is new and distinctly improbable it has been duplicated anywhere in the world," experiments coupling electricity and gravitation that apparently go even beyond Einstein's unified field theory.

Asked about official government study of their findings, Rose said details had been given to "some Navy admirals" but as yet there was no censorship. He talked guardedly about military "interest" in the work but declined to mention specific agencies.

He spoke too about the early trials and tribulations of Marconi, Edison and the Wright brothers.

The three men said space travel will be possible within 10 years.

At one point Shank was asked if he had a degree.

'Superior Intelligence'

"No," he acknowledged, "I'm free of those encumbrances. That's why I find it so easy to talk in these new terms."

To all dead-end questions there was the answer: "A superior intelligence thousands of years ahead of ours would have many answers we don't know about."

For more than four years Brown has been attempting to predict the ups and downs of the stock market with electronic apparatus he installed in the basement of a building on S Spring St. His equipment, he said, registers small variations in sidereal or cosmic rays which bombard the earth from outer space.

These rays, in some yet unexplained manner, are suspected of influencing human psychology, Brown declined to say how his stock market "barometer" has worked.

Navy Tells Balloon Test To Stem 'Saucer' Rash

SALT LAKE TRIB. 1952

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy sought Saturday to forestall a rash of flying saucer reports by announcing plans to launch a series of cross-country balloon flights next week.

The primary purpose of the flight is to "study atmospheric radio wave propagations characteristics by use of balloon-borne electronic equipment," the Navy said in a news release.

Navy spokesmen declined to elaborate. Projects of this kind normally are kept secret, but it was acknowledged that this one was being announced in advance to prevent it from adding to public speculation amout strange objects in the sky.

The balloons, 37 feet in diameter, will be unmanned and harmless, the Navy said. But they will have aboard delicate electronic equipment which the Navy hopes to recover.

The balloons will be released near Tillamook, Ore. Because of the prevailing winds, they are expected to float across the country from west to east.

The first probably will be launched next Monday, weather permitting. Four or five others will be sent up, singly, later this month or early in September.

Navy spokesmen said that as far as they know, the balloons will carry no lights. However, the possibility was recognized that reflections from them in sunlight or moonlight might give rise to flying saucer reports.

The balloons are expected to float at high altitudes. for the most part out of sight. Partially because of the equipment aboard, it is likely that they will be picked up on radar sets.

General Mills, Inc., Minneapolis, will do the launching under a research contract with the office of Naval Research.

Reserve Pilot Spots 'Saucers'

SALT LAKE TRIB Aug 15 52

TUCSON, Ariz., Aug. 14 (AP)— A Reserve Air Force pilot Thursday reported seeing a formation of large lights sweep over Tucson at great speed about 11:10 p.m. (MST) Wednesday night while he, his wife and two boys were at a drive-in motion picture theater.

"They bore no relation to anything I have ever seen before," Stanley W. Thompson, 32, a captain in the active Air Force Reserve, said.

"The individual lights were of an order of magnitude approximately one-quarter to one-third the size of the full moon."

"The perfect formation, movement and rapid rate of speed such as I observed Wednesday night can't be reduced to such a feeble explanation," Thompson declared.

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Astronomers

Cal. Meet to Study Saucers

3 Day Session to Convene at Berkeley

By Associated Press

TOKYO, Aug. 11.—A dentist in Beppu, Kyushu, reported last night he saw two bright circular objects sail through the sky from northeast to southwest and from east to west. The dentist said the objects moved much faster than an airplane but that he felt they were not shooting stars.

By International News Service

BERKELEY, Calif., Aug. 11.—The big question of whether flying saucers exist or not may become a principal topic at the fourth annual convention of Western Amateur Astronomers to be held at the University of California Aug. 18-19-20.

Several hundred of the non-professional stargazers are expected to attend the sessions, bringing along their telescopes and equipment for both display and use.

A "star party" at which the astronomers will set up their instruments for scanning the celestial vault is scheduled for Monday night, Aug. 18, following the annual banquet at the Claremont Hotel.

"If we spot any objects we can't identify," said one of the members of the East Bay Astronomical Society, hosts for the convention, we'll watch them carefully. However, inasmuch as we astronomers spend more time, individually and in groups, in watching all parts of the sky—and haven't seen a flying saucer yet, we don't expect to this time!"

Pointing out that August is known traditionally as "the month of meteors," the amateur astronomers expect an unusually large number of reports of "mysterious, flaming objects" from the uninitiated. Such annual meteor showers as the perseids and similar displays provide everything from large flaming bursts to small swift streaks in the sky.

March of Science:

Speedy 'Blips' Join 'Angels' in Atmospheric Mysteries of Radar

By FRANK CAREY
Associated Press Science Reporter

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Dr. Robert M. Page, who declares he built the world's first radar in 1934, says that if it weren't for the speed of those strange blips noted on some radar sets in "flying-saucer"—conscious Washington he'd be inclined to lump them with the mysterious "angels" which have popped up on radar screens ever since the invention's infancy.

The newly noted blips are ascribed to "something" moving at 100 to 5,000 miles an hour. The "angels" are slow pokes.

"Angels"—which also appear as blips have been ascribed to such various things as atmospheric phenomena; large insects or spiders, wafted aloft by winds; and even high-floating cobwebs—but no radarman has definitely pinned them down.

The "angels" are said to "fly" at speeds up to three miles an hour, although they sometimes reportedly just hover. They're not known to give visible light.

'Atmospheric Conditions'

Dr. Page is associate director of electronics research at the Naval Research Laboratory, here and is called "the father of American radar" by Navy scientists. He says he believes the unexplained radar apparitions recently reported in the nation's capital could be caused by unusual conditions in the atmosphere.

But radar's "angels," Dr. Page theorizes, are caused by "some material object, such as large insects, small spiders or spider webs."

Birds, Dr. Page said, are old stuff and are no puzzle to a radarman. He says he believes he was the first man ever to spot a bird by radar during a 1939 shakedown trial of the first naval radar set built in the United States aboard the battleship New York.

Dr. Page says he saw his first "angels" in 1944, when looking at radar equipment set up by M. W. Baldwin, Jr., of the Bell Telephone Laboratories at the Navy's Chesapeake Bay Research Station.

Drifting Objects

"They appeared," Dr. Page recalled, "to be reflections of something drifting with a very slow wind at various heights between 100 and 1,000 yards, and they would disappear for a time and then come back again." (Other "angel"-spotters have pegged them at altitudes up to 3,000 yards.)

Baldwin, in a published account of the "angels" over Chesapeake Bay, waxed somewhat more poetic. He said:

"When a fully-automatic tracking anti-aircraft radar follows an 'angel,' the motions are what you might call majestic."

OUT OF THIN AIR

Flying Saucer Traps Catch Naval Laughter

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 28 (AP)—Several officers attached to the Norfolk Naval Supply Center put their tongues in their cheeks and announced they have installed flying saucer traps in the skies above Norfolk.

Comdr. William F. Muller wants to capture a saucer soon so it will be available for display in the National Air Museum in Washington—when and if the museum is built.

Suggestions Given

Muller disclaims credit for the saucer traps. "Just as I do with any problem around here," he said, "I asked for beneficial suggestions."

And he got them.

Full details of the traps cannot be released for security reasons, the officers said. However, Lt. Comdr. Glen Darst says the traps are nothing more "than an astral intertwining of supersonic electronic impulses strategically placed at likely spots on the most heavily traveled vapor trails.

"They are secured in place by magnesium sky hooks, fabricated from aluminum alloys at no expense to the government. They may be left exposed to the weather for as long as 18 months without need for maintenance.

Bait Is Problem

"The basic physics involved in developing the trap," Darst said, "was simple. It was simply a practical application of nuclear physics as applied to the hydrogenation of aerial reactors The real problems were finding a bait for the trap and a means of extinguishing the saucer's fire tail, which a number of plumbers and postmen have reported is 400 feet long."

Comdr. Kenneth M. Beyer has been assigned to inspect the traps regularly. The only inspection made so far, Beyer reported, disclosed nothing except that the vapor trails are in a bad state of repair and show little evidence of good housekeeping.

'Flying Saucer' Reported Over Denmark, Sweden

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 28.—(INS)—A flying saucer moving at great speed from west to east was reported seen tonight over Denmark and southern Sweden.

Reports of the phenomenon were accompanied by the usual descriptions of a cigar-shaped object, spouting fire and streaking through space at enormous speed. One Copenhagen newspaper was swamped with some 200 telephone calls, all giving closely similar descriptions.

Spot 'Flying Saucers' Over L.A. Airport

Now its flying saucers over Los Angeles' International Airport.

Three control tower operators reported they saw "three unidentified objects" in the sky for a full five minutes, although the radar equipment failed to detect them last night.

According to the tower's official log, the men saw the objects about 7 p.m. Two of the operators looked at them through binoculars and described them as round.

After remaining stationary for five minutes, the objects "flew away" leaving vapor trails, the log entry stated.

Edwin C. Johnston, owner of an airplane part manufacturing concern, said he and several others have seen "two flying saucers" over Hawthorne for four consecutive nights.

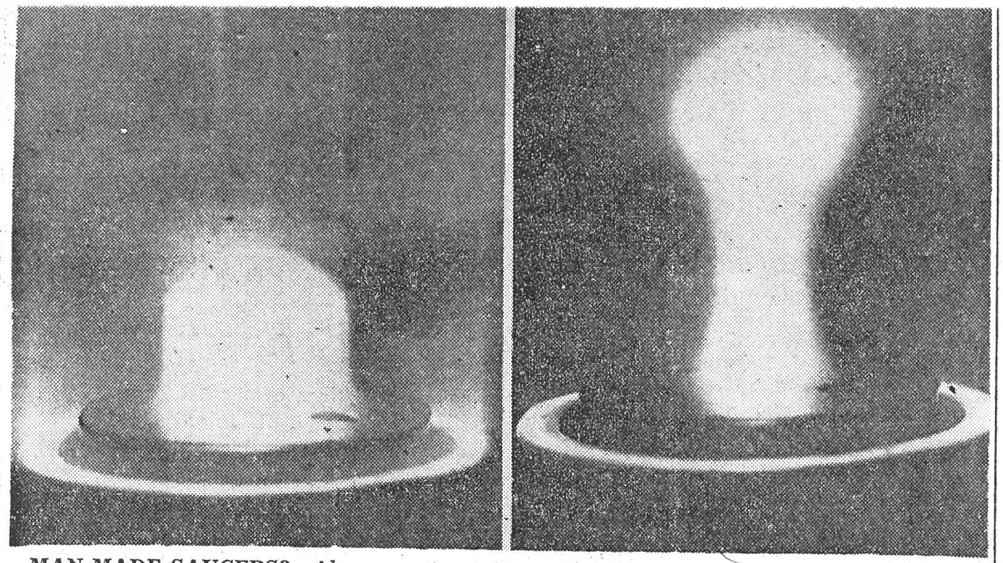
At least 25 eye witnesses have seen the objects, Johnson said.

One of his employes, Jack Swinburn, said the objects resembled pulsating stars and were high in the clear evening sky.

"But they weren't stars," he said. "They stood still for a while and then streaked off. They were controlled by something."

Swinburn described them as having platter-like shapes with one side glowing and the other dark. "They sort of flipped over on their dark sides before they shot off," he explained.

Employer Edgr



MAN-MADE SAUCERS?—Above are two views of shining orange globes produced in a partial vacuum with the aid of static electricity which an Army physicist at Fort Belvoir, Va., Noel W. Scott, believes to be a miniature of conditions in the stratosphere believed responsible for recent "flying disc" sightings. (UP Telephoto.)

WHAT ARE THEY?

Saucer Mystery Has Adherents, Debunkers

Deseret ~~The~~ News 7 Aug 1952

(This is the last in a series of articles concerning the much discussed "flying saucers." The series are not intended to explain what the objects are but rather a compilation of published reports of the objects from books, magazines and news service wires.)

By JACK E. JARRARD
News Telegraph Editor

What are flying saucers? Are they actual machines built by humans or are they weather phenonema playing tricks on observers?

Most scientists and military investigators say they are light reflections from layers of ice crystals, dust or clouds which trick the eye. Yet they can not explain away every sighting of the objects as tricks by nature.

Dr. Ronald I. Ives, a geophysicist specializing in meteorological research at Cornell's Buffalo laboratory, declares that between one-third and one-half of the flying saucer reports must be accepted as genuine and honest.

Dr. Ives is considered as one of the foremost authorities on mirages in the country. He says there is reason to believe that some of the reported saucers may be mirages.

"Perhaps these saucers are something knowable in the atmosphere that we haven't spotted before. On the other hand, it may be an entirely new phenomenon.

"From their described behavior, I certainly do not believe that the saucers can be any physical objects made of any substance we know about."

DON'T TREAT LIGHTLY

"Whatever saucers are, don't treat them lightly. Half the saucer reports you can throw in the wastebasket. Half of them you cannot," he said.

Another scientist, Dr. Ira S. Bowen, director of the Mt. Wislon and Palomar Observatories in California, said that his staff has never observed any flying saucers so "we have no information about them."

Other scientists have either dismissed the reports with a wave of the hand or have reserved comment until future time.

Miniature saucers have been produced by a Washington, D. C., physicist, Noel W. Scott, who recently exhibited the midget objects in a vacuum jar with static electricity.

On the other hand, other reliable persons, including experienced pilots, will swear just as vehemently that the objects are solid substance and piloted by an intelligent hand.

Take for instance, 1st Lt. George Kinman of Birmingham, Ala., now flying jets in Germany.

The officer was quoted by a Cleveland, O., newspaperman, as declaring that his plane—a F-51—he was piloting a year ago over Augusta, Ga., was attacked by a saucer.

Kinman said he was cruising at about 250 miles an hour when the saucer headed for him head on and at the last minute pulled up and over him. It then returned and came from the rear. Kinman said the saucer repeated the actions for about five minutes and then disappeared.

So the reports come and go. Some are given credence but in the most part are confirmed then denied then confirmed by the Air Force and its Project Saucer.

Only one agency seems to delight in the discomfiture of the air arm. That's the Navy.

When asked recently to take a position on the saucers, one way or another, the Navy said it is a problem for the Air Force, which is responsible for the nation's air defense.

With a tongue in cheek attitude, the navy statement said: "The Navy does not expect to say anything officially on the matter unless a saucer-born battleship appears in our skies."

But in defense of the Air Force it can be noted that quite a few times during World War II navy big guns were levelled at and fired on mirages in the ocean.

Flying Saucers! Are they fact or fancy?

SCULLY'S SCRAPBOOK

By Frank Scully

In 1947 so many reports and rumors about flying saucers were flying around that the high command ordered the Air Force to take over Operation Saucer. The thing remained top secret for more than a year. Last summer one of our VARIETY muggs ran into some personal angles on the project, revealing that there was some conflict between scientists called in and the Air Force brass. Scully ran some of this in his "Scrapbook." His revelations, if taken straight, would have staggered the universe. They appeared in the Oct. 12 and Nov. 23 issues of VARIETY.

Then on Dec. 25 Walter Winchell announced over ABC that True Magazine was coming out in a few days with a long and documented feature entitled "Flying Saucers Are Real," by Lieut. Donald E. Kehoe. Within 24 hours of the appearance of Kehoe's story an Air Force spokesman blew the whole thing down and said they were closing Operation Saucer. Two days later Daily VARIETY ran an inside story from a press agent claiming it was all a publicity plant for "The Flying Saucer," released by Film Classics. On his Sunday night broadcast of Jan. 1, Jimmy Fiddler repeated this without credit.

Since then, however, Ken Purdy, publisher of True Magazine, and the editors of Life and Time are stopping at nothing to make the story stick. In short, Operation Saucer has not been closed down, only dummied up. Now go on with the Scully story. —Editor.

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Magnetic Springs, O., Jan. 7.

Before being heaved to another planet because of L'Affaire Sauciere, I would like to light a lighter under the brass of the Air Force and ask the desk generals 20 questions. Of course I could ask many more than 20 questions, but others, notably the staff of True Magazine, might like to get in a few queries on their own.

My suspicion is 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. If I'm wrong maybe they'll answer these:

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?

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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.—Considering how many of our planes have smashups on landing, wouldn't it have been worthwhile to have studied the secret behind these magnetized, ball-shaped landing-gears before releasing parts to brassbound souvenir-hunters?

8.—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 specimens from prenatal to grown man in an exhibit at the Rosenwald Institute, Chicago?

9.—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 disk.

10.—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?

11.—If you suspect the flying saucers were manufactured and released by a foreign power, don't you know that as late as 1930 the foremost of such nations was happy to get rehabilitated Liberty motors from us (worth $100) at $3,000 apiece and hasn't shown any particular genius since in originating devices designed to conquer the air?

12.—Have you looked thoroughly into what our own air plants might be manufacturing with or without your knowledge or consent?

FM or AM?

13.—Did you ever see a radio like the one which was on the flying saucer that landed on a ranch near Aztec, N. M.?

14.—Wasn't that the saucer that was dismantled by Air Force souvenir hunters, s.g., and shipped overland to Wright Field, Ohio?

15.—What happened to the body of the man 3½ feet tall, taken dead from a saucer which had landed in New Mexico and exhibited in Rosenwald Institute?

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

17.—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 tearing open everything that might have helped the magnetic scientists into determining if a saucer magnetically controlled could hop from one magnetic zone to another?

18.—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 the solution has Air Force Intelligence come since taking over the project and now presumably shelving it?

19.—Don't you think it was something less than cricket to encourage Donald E. Kehoe, a former navy-trained balloon pilot as well as a marine corps airplane pilot, into writing that flying saucers are real, only for you to deny the whole thing after his True magazine story broke?

20.—And finally, do you believe we were all chumped by Film Classics and their recently released program picture called "The Flying Saucer"?

...enditures. However, this policy ...l be continued for some time. ...MCA, the situation is slightly ...erent than with most agencies ...use with their large talent list, ...lent buyer can nearly always ... something, and it takes no ...us merely to fill an order.

...the recent absorption of the ...-Allenberg Agency by the ... office, one of the by-prod... the acquisition of some ... salesmen, who, in conjunction with the top performing names acquired in the deal, are in a position to strengthen the Morris office's status in the pic industry.

Because of the extremely slow process of training new salesmen, the major offices are nearly always throwing out offers to established agents. Inter-agency movement hasn't been especially heavy since present employers will nearly always meet superior offers.

'Flying Saucer' goes North

London Weekly Overseas Mail Jan 27/51

FIVE tradesmen in Carnoustie, Forfarshire, claim to have seen a "flying saucer."

"It was glowing with a bright light, just like a huge electric-light bowl," said Edward Thompson, The Cottage, Victoria-street. "It was just after 2 p.m., and we were working on a roof in Queen-street.

"Frank Jarrett, Robert Marshall, Tom Alexander, and William Philip were with me. We watched the 'saucer' for about half an hour. Occasionally a bright spark fell from it, and then it moved into a cloudy patch. It looked enormous."

FROM the cities, the towns, and the villages of the British Isles come these stories presenting a picture of the day-to-day life of the people. Every place mentioned is still "home" to some reader who is now living overseas.

by Misadventure on Norman Hastings Rider, of Ravenswood-road, Heswall, Cheshire, buried under snow and ice while climbing Y Garn (3,104ft.) in Snowdonia.

Labour member for the Penderry Ward. His home is at Lyndhurst, Cecil-street, Manselton.

He is a freight trains inspector of Western Region, British Railways, and he began his career as a railwayman in Haverfordwest shortly before the first world war.

He joined the Pembroke Yeomanry early in that war and subsequently, with the reorganisation of the Army units, was drafted overseas with the 24th Battalion of the Welch Regiment to serve in Egypt and Palestine, and later in France.

BRISTOL . Work in aircraft [illegible]

'Balls of Fire' in Sky Stir Jitters in Eastern States

Latest

9/13/52

By United Press

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 13.—Authorities sought an explanation today for the flurry of meteor-like objects sighted over four states that caused jittery citizens to report airplanes plunging from the skies in flames.

Residents of Washington, D. C.; Pittsburgh, Virginia, West Virginia and Ohio swamped telephone switchboards in police stations, newspaper and government offices last night with reports of "balls of fire" streaking through the heavens.

In Washington residents of the nation's capital feared they were in for another siege of "flying saucers."

Civil Aeronautics Administration officials at Wheeling, W. Va.; Pittsburgh and Zanesville, Ohio, were deluged with telephone calls reporting great numbers of aircraft plunging from the skies in flames.

Residents in Harrisonburg, Va., reported a "cigar-shaped object trailing blue-green flame" streaked across the sky.

A spokesman at the United States Naval Observatory said the reports "sound like a typical meteor display."