

SPACE-MINDED—Barbara Fenley is reception committee of one for first landing of a flying saucer at the seventh Los Angeles National Home Show which opens Friday. In addition to Barbara, the space pilots can ogle $3,000,000 worth of home building exhibits at Hollywood Park.

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$1,000,000 Offer Made to Outer Space Visitor

First Pilgrim to Sign With Home Show Opening Friday Must Clear With Customs

- A Times.

An out-of-this-world offer was made yesterday by the management of the seventh National Los Angeles Home Show.

It is an offer of $1,000,000 to the first outer space pilgrim to sign an exclusive contract with Carl F. Kraatz, show manager.

"A million bucks ain't hay, even on the moon," Kraatz mused, watching the sky for whizzing saucers.

Show on Another Planet?

Then another thought came: "Wonder if we could book the 1952 Home Show for an 11-day run on another planet."

And he tells why. The show, he says, contains marvels to intrigue the most blase of Plutonians.

All a candidate for the $1,000,000 has to do is present a birth certificate and credentials clearing him with both his and our customs departments, Kraatz explained.

Kraatz says numerous Martians may answer this call, but only the first one will be accepted.

Ready for Any Saucer

He points out that the Home Show, to open Friday in Hollywood Park, Inglewood, is equipped to handle "any size, shape, weight or dimension of flying saucer since our huge lot can accommodate 18,700 cars at one time."

But Kraatz is worired about one thing. How can he warn the visitor from outer space that Spike Jones will entertain visitors to the Home Show?

That's serious, you know.

By the way, space children, accompanied by parents, will be admitted free.

Flying Saucers Seen Again in Southland

L.A. Times
Aug 2/52
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Reports Come From Desert Areas as Well as Los Angeles

Flying saucers were apparently operating over the Southland yesterday, judging by reports received in Los Angeles and at desert communities north of here.

The Lancaster Sheriff's Substation said it received at least six calls from persons who reported observing the strange, disclike objects. They hovered in pairs at about 1000 feet, the observers said.

Reports Turned In

One report was turned in by Sheriff's Dep. Tom Morrissey. He said he saw the objects drift from a high altitude to the 1000-foot level. Then, he said, one faded from sight, leaving a reddish-white trail.

In Palmdale, Don Benson and Ray Hollings, CAA operation specialists, observed what they described as two flying saucers for about 30 minutes. George Air Force Base was notified but no jet interceptors were dispatched.

Another report came from Jack Roff, game warden, who spotted similar objects over Lake Hughes. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Taylor of Bouquet Canyon said they saw the disks in the sky about 15 deg. above the horizon.

Seen in Burbank

In Burbank, a silver, oblong object was observed "just meandering" over the city about 8:30 a.m. yesterday. Mrs. Dick Turpin of 1742 Thurber Place said she watched the phenomenon circle around without a sound and then disappear over a hill.

Arthur Goerz, who lives at 2708 W 75th St. near the Inglewood city limits, reported a round, yellow-tinted object moving slowly in a northwesterly direction about 9 p.m. Friday. It disappeared but returned a few minutes later with a second object. Both let out a series of noises "like exhaust explosions" and then disappeared, he said.

Air Force Now Tells of Seeing Flying Disk

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (U.P.)—New flying saucer reports kept pouring in from across the nation today, even from the Air Force.

An Air Force spokesman said the latest "mystery object" was sighted over the sands near the atomic bomb laboratories in Los Alamos, N.M.

A report from the Los Alamos interceptor wing said witnesses saw a "shining metallic" object flying through the air for more than 30 minutes last Tuesday.

Man-Made 'Saucers' Flit in Vacuum

Static Electricity, Low Air Pressure Create Objects

Lt Her Ex 7/6/52

By Associated Press

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It added:

"The man-made saucers" occasionally fly in formation. Moreover, they are believed to have substance enough to show up on the screen of a radar designed to track them."

USE VACUUM

What the experimenters did, the Star said, was use the vacuum bell as a tiny working-model of the stratosphere and reproduce "two forces—very low air pressure which is balanced against static electricity in a way to give off light."

"Experimenters in the research and development laboratory at Fort Belvoir (Va.) believe these two are the primary factors responsible for saucer sightings by competent observers," the story added.

SAY LIGHTS

The Star said the experiments at Fort Belvoir were carried out by Noel W. Scott, a physicist who is also an amateur astronomer. In doing some other research, he had noted lights which appeared to him to be "flying saucer" phenomena in miniature.

Yesterday, the Star said, Scott gave a demonstration for Lt. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, chief of army engineers, and others. He used a vacuum bell 18 inches across and a little less than three feet tall.

The paper gave this account of the demonstration:

"Mr. Scott produced a near-vacuum within the bell jar, roughly corresponding to pressure believed to exist at an altitude of 200 miles above the earth. Very thin air within the bell was ionized through exposure to static electricity fed into a metal circle at the base of the bell.

"When minute quantities of air were let into the glass container, a bubble-shaped glow of orange light began to rise from the center of the base. The light expanded into the shape of a small electric globe. Here it remained poised, or could be induced to detach itself from the base or float against the glass wall.

PURPLISH GLOW

"When the light floated free, a faint purplish glow developed at its base, as if the object was propelled or sustained in position by a jet exhaust. To some observers, it resembled a glowing orange balloon emitting a purplish gas or flame; to others, a new model for a space ship.

Britain Saw Saucers 331 Years Ago

LA Exam 7/3/52

MELROSE, Mass., Aug. 3.—(INS)—A Melrose couple today disclosed that people in England were seeing and talking about "flying saucers" 331 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Mason found the information about the saucers in an old volume entitled "The One Hundred Wonders of the World and the Three Kingdoms of Nature," published in 1821.

The saucers are mentioned under the section "Atmospherical Refraction." It states:

"On October 22, 1621, two mock suns and a halo were seen in Lyndon, England, about 11 a. m., they were bright and distant. These silver discs had tails of a white color. They were evidently red toward the true sun, but pale whitish at the opposite sides."

Four days later the phenomena were seen again. The book goes on to tell of three suns, resembling silver discs, seen in Sudbury, England, on August 28, 1698, at 8 a. m.

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JETS ALOFT, FIND NO DISCS

LA Exam 7/5/52

HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Two fast Sabrejet fighter planes went aloft but found nothing yesterday in a hunt for flying saucer type objects reported over the California coast.

Maj. John C. O'Hara, PIO at this base north of San Francisco, said the F-86s were dispatched about 6 p. m. in response to ground observer filter center reports of unidentified objects. The jets returned shortly afterward.

Lt. B. A. Swinley, a pilot at Hamilton, said he was off duty at his home about 4:30 p. m. when he spotted eight round, silver, "definitely physical" objects west of the coast.

Swinley estimated their altitude at between 15,000 and 20,000 feet and their speed at more than 400 miles an hour. He said they flew first in an irregular diamond formation, then shifted until they were strung out in line.

SEEN ON RADAR——

The San Francisco Chronicle said coastal radar installations had detected unidentified objects in the same area.

The weather bureau at San Francisco said meteorological conditions were particularly favorable for flying saucer illusions yesterday.

Air Force meteorologists suggested weather balloons might be the explanation for a mysterious round object reported at 4:27 p. m. by observers at Willits and Fort Bragg, 100 miles north of here.

Two other unexplained reports were turned in by ground observers in Northern California yesterday:

At 1:30 p. m., a "arge, red-colored object that looked like a flare" was spotted at an estimated 3500 feet over Sacramento.

Twenty minutes later a "large, round object that emitted a white glow but no noise" was reported over Chico, 80 miles to the north.

Flying Saucer Really Balloon

LA Exam 7/5/52

One explanation for a phenomenon which many persons might have thought was a flying saucer was offered here yesterday by a private airplane pilot, Cann Mallas, 3615 Longridge avenue, Sherman Oaks.

Mallas said he and several friends observed an object over Pacoima between 7:40 and 7:50 p. m. Sunday, about 13,000 feet high, moving northeasterly and occasionally glowing like a fireball.

However, viewed through binoculars, the object was identified to the satisfaction of Mallas and his friends as a so-called "skyhook" balloon, used to gather information on high altitude cosmic radiation and weather.

Mallas said the object, released from either a weather station or a Navy ship, appeared to be approximately 30 feet in diameter. It glowed, he said, like a fireball, when the sun's rays hit it.

Italian Losses 288,274

ROME, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Italy lost 288,274 men in World War II, an official government publication disclosed today.

DECLINE OF SAUCERS

BY LEONARD WIBBERLEY

L.A. Times 7/8/52

Flying saucer fanciers (you will recall that I am a sea serpent man myself) will be depressed to learn that during the last 200 years flying saucers have been deteriorating and deteriorating to such an extent that it is no exaggeration to say that they are now but a wafer of their former selves.

(This sort of thing does not happen to sea serpents, which have remained awesome through the ages. Sea serpents are much superior to flying saucers.)

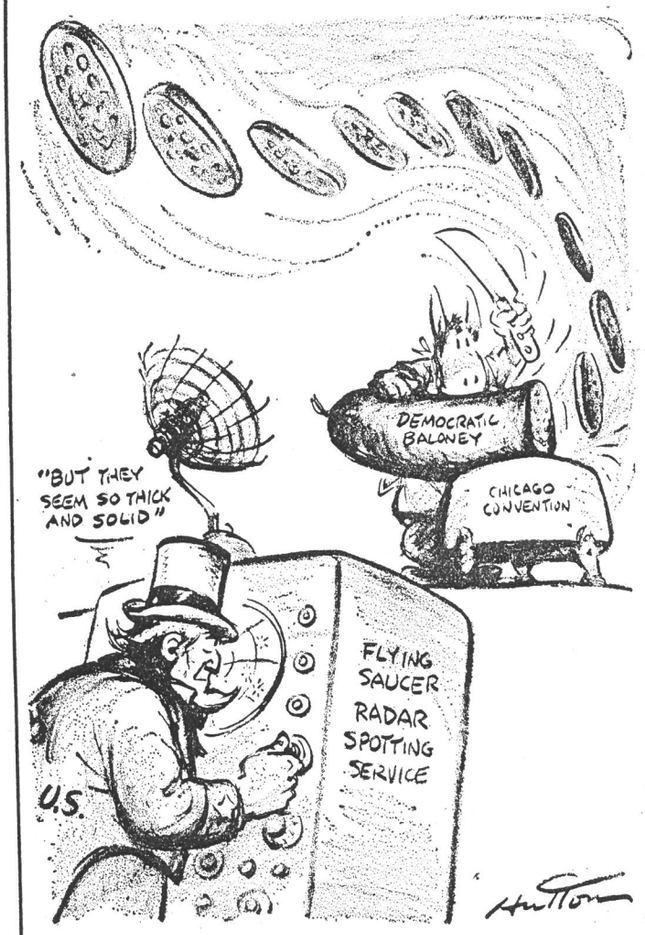
The 20th-century flying saucer (possibly as a result of so-called improvements by the designers) is a pallid, anemic thing, traveling pretty fast, I'll grant you, but having none of the dash or swagger or eclat of the mid-18th-century model. It has, in fact, been fitted with mufflers and some kind of a pussyfooting device to prevent explosions and has become so dull that I would hardly bother to raise my head from lighting my pipe to watch a squadron of them light on the City Hall.

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But back in the 1740s things were different. For instance, in a paper submitted to the Royal Society of London and accepted by that body as a considered statement of fact, Capt. William Gordon gives a remarkable account of a flying saucer (only he called it a fire ball) which he observed on Dec. 11, 1741. His account, as reported in the Royal Society's archives, runs as follows:

"On Friday the 11th of December, 1741, about 1 p.m. coming by water from the city to Whitehall, and near to Hungerford Stairs, there appeared to Capt. Gordon between Vauxhall and Lambeth a body of fire; it sprung upwards in its ascent almost perpendicular to the horizon, to the height of about 35 deg. in the space of a few seconds, and nearly in the form of a large paper kite projecting a long tail towards the northwest, not unlike those of slips of paper set on fire; in this state it continued so long, that he made the waterman lay his oars in, that he might the more easily observe whether it was the work of art or nature, as he was in some doubt. It had, from its first appearance, expanded itself considerably, so that the extreme breadth was

CARTOONISTS SEE THEM, TOO



—Hutton, in the Philadelphia Inquirer

A Recent Increase Should Be No Mystery



—Justus, in the Minneapolis Star

He Had Enough to Worry About Already!

seemingly equal to the diameter of a full moon, arising from a dusky horizon. In this form it continued ascending for the space of two minutes, gently shooting to the north east till it arose to about 45 deg.; then suddenly quitting its tail, which vanished, colouring the neighbouring clouds with a yellow on their separation, it formed itself first into a ball of fire; then shooting quickly to the south east in a stream of light, disappeared, making a noise like a clap of thunder at some distance, and leaving behind it a smoky substance in its track."

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Now there was a flying saucer worth stopping for, and don't tell me it was a meteor because have you ever seen a meteor go upward? Talk about comets won't help either because comets don't change their direction from northeast to southeast. Comets are strictly one-track things.

Compare, if you will, the observations of the gallant captain, sitting so absorbed in the details of his fire ball that he failed, no doubt, to notice his coattails were trailing in the water and his snuff getting plaguey damp, with the inanities we get from some modern observers.

My favorite flying saucer (though I am not to be weaned away from sea serpents), my favorite flying saucer appeared in Scotland on Nov. 26, 1758. It is described by Dr. John Pringle, fellow of the Royal Society, as traveling "100 times swifter than the mean celerity of a cannonball and nearly equal to that of the earth in its orbit around the sun."

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At a distance of 70 miles above the earth it made a noise compared to "the report of heavy artillery (or) the fall of the gable end of the house a person was in."

And this, the good doctor points out, was at a height where "the air is 3000 times rarer than on the surface of the earth; that is about six times rarer than in a common exhausted receiver, where sonorous bodies are not heard and when even gunpowder and the pulvis fulminans take fire and are exploded, but without noise."

It is plain to be seen that the flying saucer has fallen off badly in the last 200 years. A century from now and people won't even stop to photograph them.

But, mark my words, there'll always be sea serpents.



—Shoemaker, in the Chicago Daily News

It Isn't Only the Flying Saucers



—Williams, in the Detroit Free Press

Vanishing American?

Is the Saucer Mystery Solved? Science Creates One in Test Tube

It'll Speed, Hover

A Exam 7/7/52

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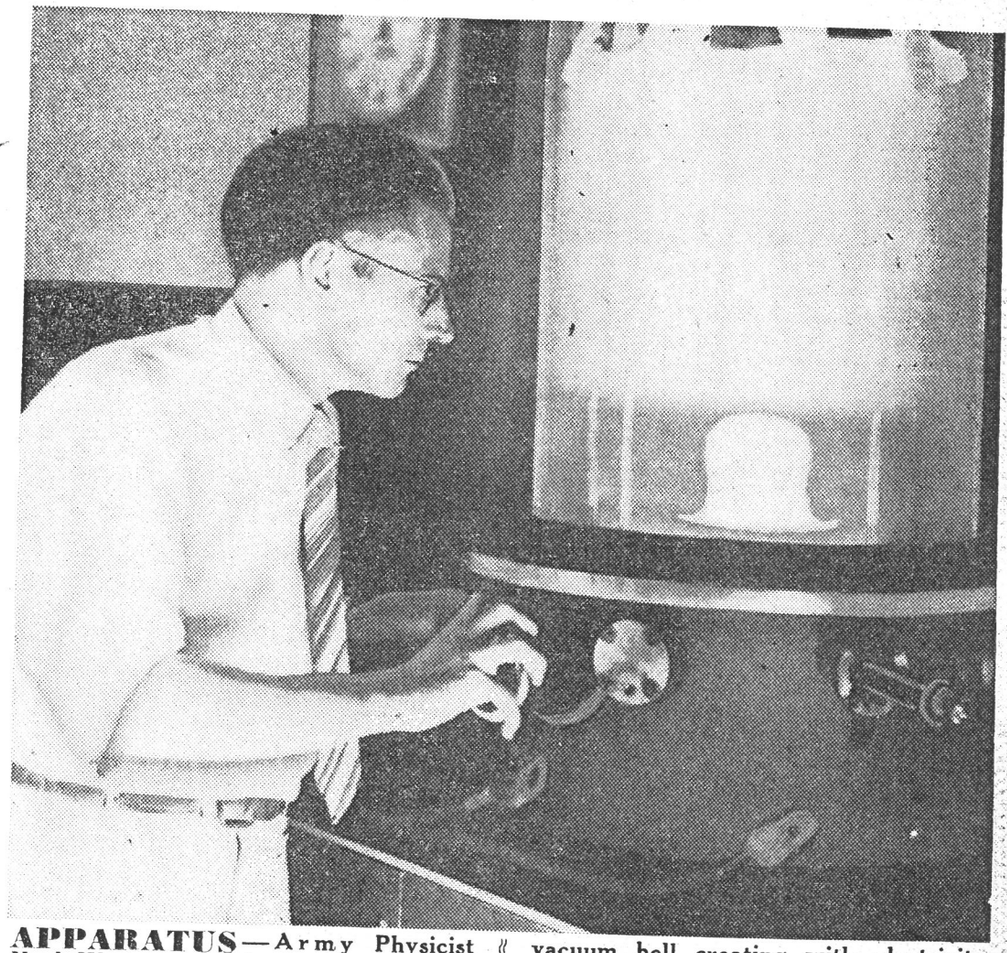
"Experimenters in the research and development laboratory at Fort Belvoir (Va.) believe these two are the primary factors responsible for saucer sightings by competent observers," the story added.

The Star published its report on the experiments following a night of rain during which radar screens, scanning the skies over the capital, showed a flurry of mystery objects.

In line with the theory that they are atmospheric phenomena, an Air Force spokesman noted that the radar sightings—tiny blips on a fluorescent screen—started about the time a thunderstorm hit the area.

Two jet fighters were sent up from Newcastle, Del., shortly after midnight but the pilots reported they saw nothing unusual. During the time the planes were aloft, the radar screens picked up none of the usual "blips."

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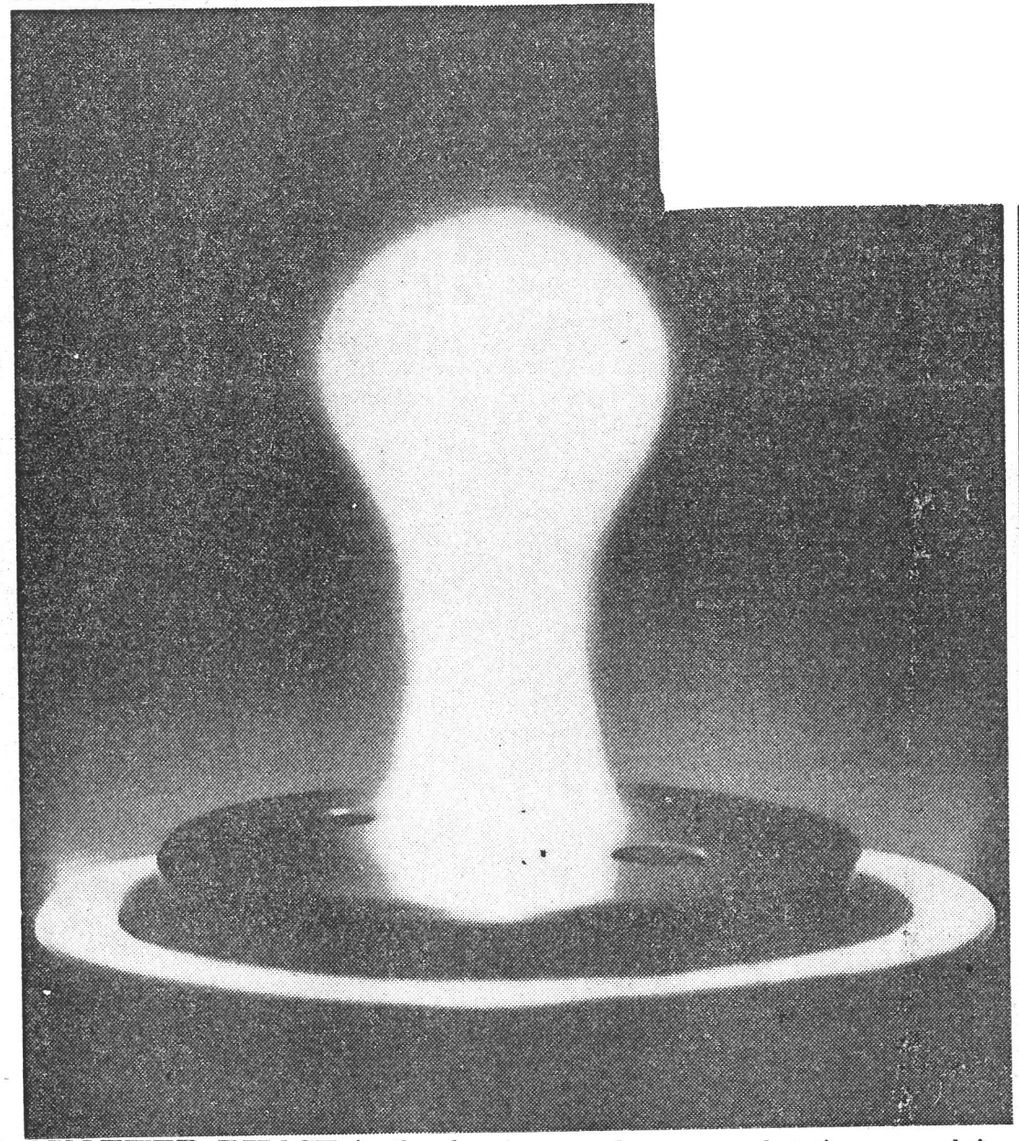


APPARATUS—Army Physicist Noel W. Scott is shown with 18-inch vacuum bell creating with electricity and low air pressure a "flying saucer."

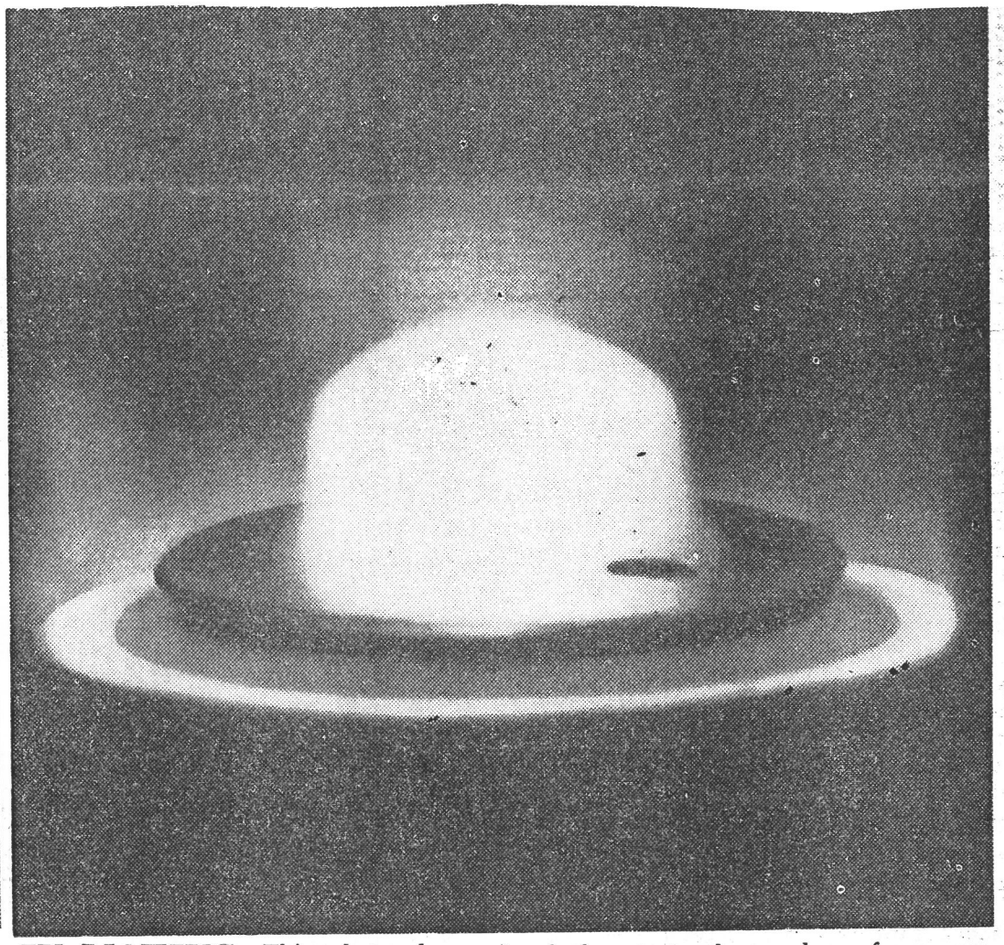
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—International News photo.

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ANOTHER PHASE in the development of the "saucer" is shown in this photo. The engineers say light can move about or stand stationary much in manner of phenomena reported seen in the skies over various parts of nation.
—International News soundphoto.



IN MAKING—This photo shows one of the miniature "saucers" starting to form inside the tiny working model of the stratosphere where forces are reproduced and balanced in such a way that a sustained light is developed.
—International News soundphoto.

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IT'S ALL ON FILM

L A Times 5/8/52

Men From Mars Blast City Hall to Pieces!

Illustrated on Page 3, Part 1

The City Hall was blasted apart yesterday by invading Martian monsters!

Not the real City Hall, of course, but a five-foot Paramount Studio model that provided startling sequence pictures of what a direct A-bomb hit might do to the city's tallest building if war ever comes.

The blast was shot as part of a scene in George Pal's forthcoming production, "The War of the Worlds," the same H. G. Wells story which Orson Welles produced on radio years ago to scare the wits out of the eastern seaboard.

Story Modernized

Paramount has modernized the story to tell of the nationwide invasion by Martians, with the first of the strange monsters landing in Southern California to devastate Los Angeles and environs with deadly rays.

The City Hall being a prime and recognizable target, it was marked for demolition in the script.

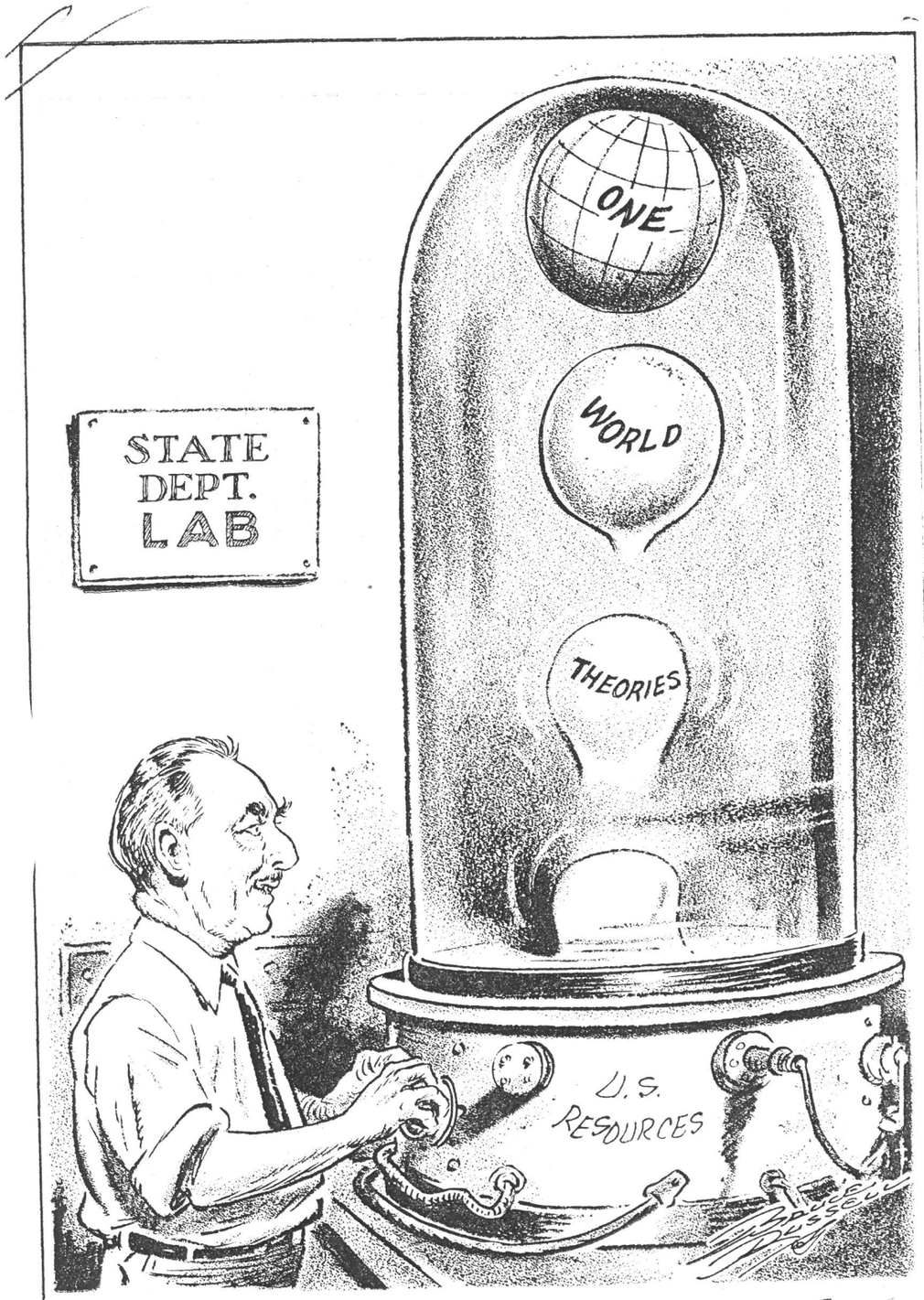
Gordon Jennings, special effects director, was given the job of disintegrating the towering structure. His success can be seen in the sequence pictures taken by Times Cameraman Phil Bath in this issue.

Exact Model

The exact model of the City Hall was built of "breakaway" plaster, and loaded with primacord.

After hours of final preparation, Jennings shouted, "Action!" and a series of blasts crumpled the model spectacularly against a background of swirling smoke and flame—and sprayed plaster particles across the set like shot gun pellets.

When the smoke cleared, stagehands came from behind their shields to find the City Hall nothing but a crumpled mass of debris.



Mr. Acheson's Flying Saucer Jar L A Times

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SKY GHOSTS BACK AT D.C.--IN FLEETS

Radar Picks Up Objects in Rainstorm

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—Radar screens showed signs of mystery objects flitting slowly through rainswept, pitch-dark skies over the nation's capital last night and early today.

The Washington Post said one official called it "a veritable fleet." It also quoted an experienced radar operator as saying "this is the most puzzling phenomenon we have ever observed. We have definitely not been seeing spots before our eyes.

But again, the Air Force—assigned to look into all "flying saucer" reports—seemed to write off any theory of strange nocturnal visitors.

An Air Force spokesman at the Pentagon noted that the radar sightings—tiny blips on a fluorescent screen—started just about the time a thunderstorm hit the Washington area with heavy rain.

Jets Sent Up

Two jet fighters were sent up from Newcastle, Del., shortly after midnight, but pilots saw nothing unusual. The spokesman said no radar sightings were made while the planes were overhead.

Repeatedly in recent weeks radar screens around Washington have shown unidentified objects in the air. Air Force chiefs have said they are personally satisfied that the sight-

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Sky Ghosts Flit Over Capital During Storm

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ings were caused by weather phenomena.

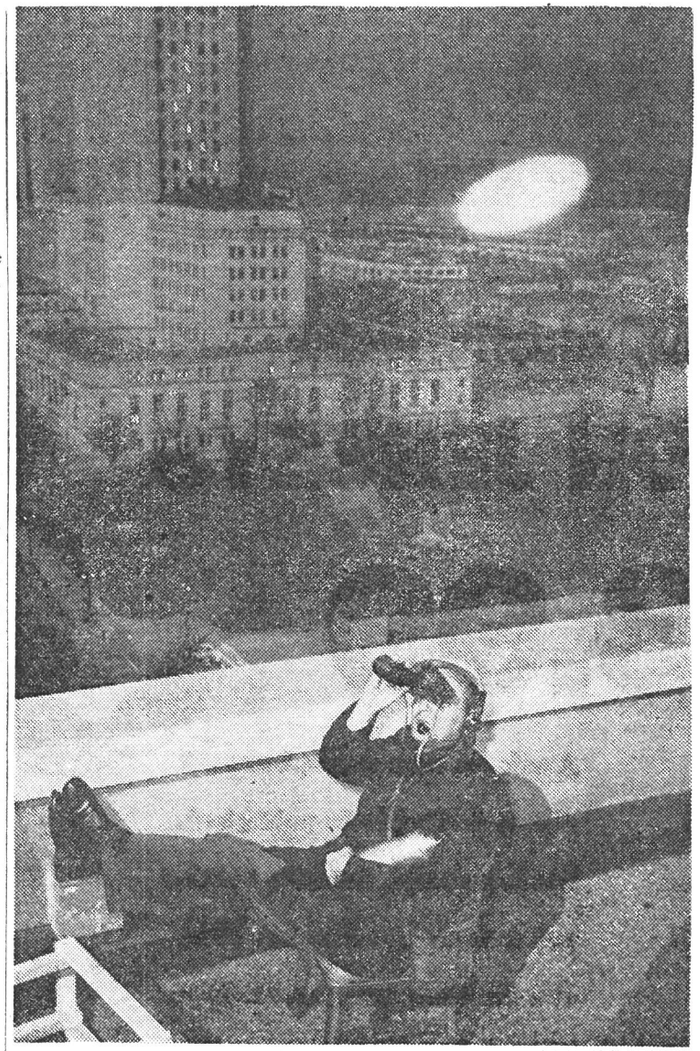
A spokesman at Andrews Field said two unidentified objects showed on the field's radar screen at 10:20 p.m. moving slowly from Washington to Mount Vernon, George Washington's home.

A few minutes later two more images appeared on the screen, four to six miles east of the field, which is about seven miles southeast of Washington. These objects appeared to move slowly, then stop, then fly away.

Another Image

A similar image appeared shortly after midnight.

At one point the Civil Aeronautics Administration control tower at Washington National Airport asked Andrews to investigate an object showing up on its radar screen. Andrews located the object by radar and a visual check from the Andrews control tower showed it to be an airplane approaching Washington.



—MIRRORFOTO

PSST! BEHIND YOU, OLD BOY, BEHIND YOU
That's me (Coates), always Johnny-on-the-spot.

Paul V. Coates

Well, Medium and RARE



FLYING SAUCERS ---YES, NO, MAYBE

(Editor's Note: The opinions expressed below are those of Paul Coates and not necessarily those of The Mirror. Or of anyone else, for that matter.)

All hell is breaking loose in heaven.

Ever since the first flying saucer was sighted in 1947, earthmen have been going around with their faces tilted upward.

As a result, more than 1147 saucers and illuminated panatelas have been observed over the past five years.

Word of flying saucers zooming giddily through space never really affected me one way or the other. Owing to a glandular malfunction, I'm not easily moved.

However, my lethargy got a severe jolt when radar screens in Washington started blipping furiously a week or so ago.

If radio waves can be bounced off the saucers, they are obviously no mere optical illusion.

Something is in the skies.

My sense of obligation to the community suddenly took hold. ←

I was determined to study this probable menace at closer range.

The evening that news stories broke about flying saucers appearing on radar screens, I rushed home and packed a light snack.

Then I slipped into a greatcoat, slung a pair of war surplus binoculars over my shoulder and shook hands all around with the children.

TREK TO ROOF AND TV ANTENNA

My wife glanced up briefly. "Where to this time?" she asked in a tired voice.

"Up to the roof," I replied. "But I'll be back."

Oddly enough, she didn't even ask why I was going up to the roof. And I couldn't help but feel a small pang of hurt.

"While you're there, fiddle around with the TV antenna," she suggested casually. "I got the funniest feeling that we're a fringe area."

I gave her a look that would wilt a lesser woman, waved adieu to the kinder and started the long climb.

It was dark up there. A shiver of anticipation coursed along my spine. I unwrapped a chicken salad sandwich, unfolded a bridge chair and sat.

Later, I flicked a final crumb of diced chicken from my upper lip and swept the starry sky with the binoculars.

Somewhere off in the distance a dog barked. An MG careened wildly down the street beneath me.

A nearby radio flicked on and I heard Liberace playing "September Song" with both hands. The radio flicked off again.

There was silence. Then a feminine giggle drifted from the home of neighbors, who haven't got enough sense to draw their blinds.

The giggle pierced the night air again and it was followed by the playful admonition, "Henry. For goodness sakes. Don't."

I trained the binoculars on the constellation Canum Venaticorum which is magnitude 4.3 and declination N41-43. It seemed the only thing to do at the time.

"Henry," the voice complained merrily, "please!"

There was a good bit of activity in the vicinity of Argus Navis—magnitude 2.3, declination S42-40. I scanned the area, breathing hard.

But it wasn't a saucer. It was just United Airlines flight 662 coming in from San Francisco.

"Silly, silly boy," the giggling voice cried, dying out slowly.

Then there was stillness. Nothing moved in the sky. All the neighbors had switched off their lights.

So I put away the binoculars, leaned back in the bridge chair and mused over the mystery of the flying saucer.

HARVARD'S MENZEL COULD BE WRONG

In my reverie I came to the stark realization that these things zipping out of the stratosphere could hardly be a secret weapon of ours.

If we owned the saucers, the United States Air Force wouldn't be flying them over heavily-populated communities and gambling on creating major panic among us.

And it isn't very likely that the Russians have a patent on the flying saucer, either.

Making test flights above the free world would always present a danger to the Kremlin that one of the damn things would crash-land and give its secret away.

The hard, cold fact is that this weird object is quite conceivably a visitor from another planet.

Very few smart bettors are laughing at that possibility any more.

Scientists have already determined that a ship coming from Venus could make the excursion in one year. Every 470 days Venus moves to a position only 25,000,000 miles from earth.

It's a long way. But maybe it's just a sleeper jump for a flying saucer.

Of course, there is the opposing opinion of Harvard's Dr. Donald H. Menzel. He maintains that saucers are really layers of earthly light bent by warm air currents and reflected upward.

There might be a good deal in what he says. But it's an uninspired, unexciting theory. I suggest we ignore it completely and maybe it will go away.

Instead of being swayed by Dr. Menzel and his pompous logic, I've gone to my own mysterious sources of information.

And starting tomorrow, I will give you the confidential details of what we can expect when the first interplanetary disc lands on earth.

It takes more than a Harvard man to get in my way.



'Never Thought I'd See 'Em Over Missouri'

New Reports of 'Saucers' Piling Up

Stories of Strange Aerial Objects Come From Many Sources

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Animal, vegetable or mineral, optical illusion, light reflection or actual substance, the phenomena known loosely as flying saucers were as busy as the Democrats last week.

In the New York area, in Washington, D.C., in New England and Ohio, reports came in of strange aerial objects that defied immediate explanation. The Air Force said the volume of such reports was the heaviest it has been in five years.

Most of the recent sightings were made by relatively competent observers, by pilots, airport control tower men and civilian air defense spotters. In one case, radar technicians at the airport in Washington reported unidentified, unexplained "blips" on their radar scopes the same night other people saw strange lights in the sky.

No Solution Found

All this added significance but no solution to the celestial mystery which has puzzled, fascinated and sometimes frightened the nation since the first saucers were sighted in 1947.

The Air Force could only say what it has said before: "There is still no concrete evidence to prove or disprove the so-called flying saucers."

A Pentagon spokesman said the Air Force now is receiving about 100 saucer reports a month. About 75% of the sightings, he said, have been satisfactorily explained as mistaken conventional aircraft, balloons, birds, planets, shooting stars or hoaxes.

The remaining 25%, he said, can not be explained, at least not without many more details.

Pilots Report Lights

On the same night, Saturday night—and in the same general area that the radar made its unexplained contacts—two airlines pilots reported strange lights in the sky.

Flying between Washington and Martinsburg, W.Va., Capt. S. C. Pierman said he saw seven objects, moving at tremendous speed at times, hanging almost motionless at other times. Another pilot said he saw a light trail his plane to within four miles of Washington.

In Columbus, O., six armed jet planes took off to chase a mysterious object which turned out to be a high-soaring weather balloon. But no such simple explanation solved the mystery that confronted professional control tower personnel at the Cleveland Airport where weird "golden lights" in the sky were reported.

'Something Doing'

Clark Croft, chief of the Civil Aeronautics Administration's tower staff, said:

"I'm ready to say there's something doing. Our people have seen the lights and experienced pilots have seen them. I haven't the slightest idea what they are. I'd like to think that whatever they are they are our own."

In Massachusetts, "silver disks" in the sky were reported by two members of the ground observer corps and a wartime flight engineer. Other sightings varying in descriptions, were reported from Burlington, Vt., South Portland, Me., and New York City. In France a man claimed to have photographed a brilliantly lighted "oval saucer" flying between 9000 and 24,000 feet.

More Saucers!



L.A. Herald Ex 7/7/52

The Flying Saucers

THAT five-year-old mystery—the flying saucer—is in the news again.

Fact or figment of the imagination, whichever they may be, the U. S. Air Force says that a "perplexing and tantalizing" 25 per cent of "flying saucer" reports cannot be explained away. Some day such reports may definitely be termed real or imaginative, but until then the stories of witnesses should not be taken too seriously. Or too lightly either.

The Air Force thinks so much of these reports that it has a project, "Operation Bluebook" to receive, screen and correlate such data. The job is in good hands.

Civilian defense observers, trained in their work, keep an eye peeled on the skies at all times of the day and night. Those who take part in this "Operation Skywatch" are volunteers and should receive our thanks.

The resources of our Army, Navy and Air Force are available, besides.

So sleep well these comfortable nights and leave to the experts the job of tracking down the celestial enigmas.

Claim Houdini Spirit Warning on Saucers

By KENNETH A. UNGERMAN
International News Service Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Flying saucers have captured the interest of the "spook" world. Henry Roberts, author and self-styled psychic, excitedly reported today that Houdini's spirit appeared before him last night and gave him the real dope on the "saucers."

Joseph Dunninger, mentalist, magician and one-time close friend of Houdini, told International News Service that he received a phone call this morning from Roberts who said that Dunninger must tell the world of the ghost's warning.

Roberts said, Houdini told him that the flying saucers were a warning to mankind to cut out wars, atom bombs, and "general dissension that exists on the earth plane," Dunninger related.

"If I didn't warn the people that this message was a warning of the coming destruction of the world, I would be committing a sin against mankind, Roberts told me," Dunninger added.

Dunninger professed to be puzzled why the spirit had not appeared before him inestead of Roberts as it was Dunninger who had known Houdini so well.

When Houdini died he left a 10-word coded message in the possession of Dunninger with the purpose of debunking mediums. For years Dunninger has offered a $10,000 reward for anyone that could tell him the words in the message. So far, the best "spook" contacts have scored zero, according to Dunninger.

Later Roberts explained the details of the "message" to I. N. S.

He said that they have been accurately forecast by Nostradamus and that there was no doubt, they came from Mars. The flashes of the atomic tests had attracted the attention of the Martians and they had come down to investigate, he asserted.

L. A. 'SAUCERS' CAVORT IN SKY

Residents Report Varied Crop of Discs Winging Way Aloft

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Flying saucer reports continued to flourish in the Los Angeles area yesterday as persons at widely scattered points claimed they had sighted weird, varicolored discs cavorting in the skies over the city.

The oddest report came from Grant C. Hinton, of 3254 Hope street, Huntington Park, who told deputies at Firestone Park Sheriff's Substation that he and his family and neighbors saw two distinct objects in the sky at 11:25 p. m. Saturday.

The discs changed from red to white and green and blue as they hovered on the horizon for 15 minutes, Grant reported.

"They seemed to remain fixed in one spot, and appeared to be too high in altitude to be aircraft," Grant said.

"Finally, one disappeared, and a short while later the other did, too."

HEADS EAST——

At 3:30 a. m. yesterday, Merl Clausen of 7341 Pia Rio Nide, Downey, reported that he saw an "arrow-like object" in the sky above his home.

The strange object, which remained in sight about half an hour, appeared to be heading due east, Clauson said.

In Burbank, an hour earlier, an unidentified person telephoned to report he had seen two flying saucers hovering over Universal Studio.

The caller, who said he was a student at the University of Southern California and a World War II bomber pilot, told police the saucers were large and blue-colored, with their lights blinking off and on.

TRAVELING FAST——

Both appeared to be traveling much faster than planes, he said.

At approximately the same time, 10 miles away, James Bunn, of 2953 South Harvard street, reported that he and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Fannie Hoosman, saw a reddish-orange saucer-like object zig-zagging across the sky.

"It was big and had a fringe of what appeared to be reddish exhaust vapors trailing behind it," Bunn said.

He said the object remained in sight for nearly a minute, then veered from its north-south course and disappeared in a westerly direction out over the Pacific.

In the early evening Paul Bodine, president of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce saw what appeared to him as a "saucerlike" object in the northeast.

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'SAUCERS' FLIT OVER L.A.

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SOUTHLAND AIR FILLED WITH FLYING DISCS

Weird, red objects in the skies moved provocatively over the Southland last midnight as the flying saucer saga flourished.

Reports of flying objects came from such official sources as the Civil Aeronautics Authority and Sheriff's Department.

They followed earlier reports that flying saucers continued to flit about the skies in the Los Angeles area.

Two reddish objects moving westward were reported seen over the Lake Hughes area, 25 miles south of Lancaster, by Warden Jack Roff of the State Fish and Game Commission at 11:45 o'clock last night.

He notified the Lancaster Sheriff's office, where deputies also reported seeing the objects about 15 degrees above the horizon. The Civil Air Patrol and the nearby George Air Base and Edwards Air Base were alerted.

The objects were described as "co-operative saucers," one descending slowly before disappearing "like a big mechanical bird" while the other remained stationary about 15 minutes, then "swung like a pendulum across the sky," traveling east to west.

Deputies stopped two motorists on the highway, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Taylor, of Bouquet Canyon, and pointed out the strange flying objects to them.

Two CAA airways specialists, Don Benson and Ray Hollingsworth, on duty at the Palmdale station, said they saw a "brilliant red light" in the heavens northwest of the Palmdale Airport at 12:14 a.m. today.

Remains 30 Minutes

It remained in one spot for more than 30 minutes before disappearing, the CAA men said.

Another object, a round globe with its middle revolving like a helicopter, first was sighted near Oxnard about 7:45 o'clock last night. Its altitude was variously estimated between 5000 and 12,000 feet and it disappeared in the direction of Los Angeles.

It was reported seen over Santa Monica about 8:15 by Rev. Louis Gardner, evangelist, and by Frank Acuna, 17-year-old amateur astronomer of San Gabriel.

Acuna, 504½ E Angeleno St., he had been studying the moon through his telescope when the object, "like an orange slit of light," appeared. It was traveling east to west, and very, very slowly, he said.

Rev. L. Gardner, of 911 W 7th Place, who earlier this week asked—but didn't get—an explanation of flying saucers from Dr. Albert Einstein, said he saw what appeared to be a red ball near the moon. Only he said it seemed to be a flash of light that lasted about 12 seconds then faded into space.

The fullest report came from the Oxnard station manager for Southwest Airways, who was not identified, and was substantiated by an 11-year-old Oxnard girl, a volunteer sky-watcher.

Norton (Red) Gilson of Station KVEN, Ventura, said the airways man declared he had seen the object several times during the day but thought his eyes were deceiving him until confirmation came from independent viewers.

V-Formation

Richard T. Trigg, of 4335 Lima St., said he watched a round object, skirting through the skies between 2:40 and 3 p.m. yesterday. He said there appeared to be a leading object with several smaller ones trailing in V-formation.

There were airplanes in the sky at the time, but the objects he saw, said Trigg, were much higher in the air.

The Pasadena Filter Center, arm of the Air Force, said it was receiving an average of four calls a day with information on "unidentified flying objects" but that the reports in most cases were delayed to the point they were worthless for immediate scientific observation.

Nevertheless, it has ordered all its ground observer posts to report these objects so its investigators may follow through.

Flying Saucer Thoughts

LA Times Aug 4/52

This writer has been reading with interest the various speculations regarding flying saucers seen all over the country and the many explanations of same. Why not work it out from this standpoint:

The saucers may be no more or less than reflections. Someone may be playing a joke on us and some faces will be red when it is reasoned that, like the tricks we used to play as children, throwing reflections with mirrors at will and causing them to disappear instantly, the same is being done now. These reflections could be made to disappear instantly and move with "the speed of light" so that, of course, no plane can catch them.

Nothing is impossible and some very smart person may have discovered an instrument in the nature of a mirror which can throw reflections to very great heights. And they would look exactly like the disks on the ceiling, full of reflected light and almost invariably round. Or they could be reflected from large bodies of water. Let's hear from some others who can work it out from something like this standpoint.

C. J. BROOKS,
Los Angeles.

Although there have been appearances of certain rapidly moving celestial bodies, the character and movements of which have been profoundly puzzling, it seems that the latest appearances that have occurred over Washington, D.C., indicate the true nature of these phenomena.

Now who was the greatest explorer in our history?

Is it by any chance . . . ?

If these bodies are not "of the earth, earthy" why couldn't they be the spirits of Columbus and some of his explorer crew, cruising around to see what has happened since 1492.

And, naturally, we feel just like the Indians did on that momentous occasion when Chris landed.

The Air Force recently announced orders—quite in order: Don't shoot! Don't shoot!

Now if we only knew what language to use we might invite these skywayfarers to land.

Let's try Italian.

And the reason the "sorcerers" did not get to Washington immediately is that they didn't know where it was, but they evidently were so amazed when they did get there that they just kept on going around gawking at the Pentagon and the Capitol Buildings until something scared them away.

FRANCIS DU PONT AMMEY,
Los Angeles.

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AIRMAN DENIES SAUCERS OURS

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—(INS)—The Chief of Operations of the Air Force today denied that either Russia or our own Air Force could have produced the "flying saucers" which have purportedly been sighted all over the country.

Maj. Gen. Roger H. Ramey said the "saucers" could not be Soviet-built because the Russians "have no ability to produce an object that uses such a tremendous source of power that it can't be traced by radar."

Asked whether the objects could have been operated by the American Air Force, Ramey told a network television audience they were definitely "not our own."

ADMITS CURIOSITY——

Conceding that the Air Force is curious as to the origin of the mysterious phenomena, Ramey added that he doesn't think the saucers "enter into the defense problem of the country." He said that experts have dismissed 80 per cent of the 1500 saucer reports received since 1946 as caused by airplanes, balloons or guided missiles.

The operations chief said that the Air Force regards the "interplanetary origin" explanation of the saucers as only a possibility.

SOMETIMES JUST CLOUDS

Air Defense Jets Chase the Saucers

COLORADO SPRINGS, Aug. 2 (AP)—The nerve center of the nation's air defense admits today to being involved in the flying saucer situation.

Headquarters of the Air Force Air Defense Command, located, at Ent Air Force Base here, reported that there has been a flurry of reports of saucers and other unidentified objects for the past two weeks.

And so seriously are the reports viewed that fast interceptor planes are kept on the ready to jet aloft to find out what goes on—if possible.

"We've really been scrambling," an ADC spokesman said. "Those planes are kept loaded and ready to go and their pilots are never more than a few feet away. They're in the air within seconds of a report that seems definite enough."

The thing is not geared up just for saucers, though. The system is the same as that worked out to meet any enemy attack.

Furthermore, the ADC isn't saying what might have been found. The results of the scrambles aren't for it to announce. Findings are turned over to technical experts at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, O.

Unexplained Blips

The ADC, which commands and co-ordinates the three regional Air Defense Commands in New York, Missouri and California, did say that its radar equipment has been picking up a lot of unexplained blips.

"For the past two weeks," the ADC reported, "headquarters has received a number of reports of unidentified airborne objects in its area through the normal detection channels of the ADC.

"It should be pointed out that radar in many instances picks up certain natural phenomena, such as ionized clouds, which may give the appearance of solid objects on the scope."

BY JUPITER! SAUCERS ARE OUT IN KOREA

SEOUL, Aug. 2 (AP) — Those "flying saucers" have popped up in Korea and Japan.

A Canadian destroyer recently reported sighting two such objects and recorded them on its radar, it was learned here today.

A Navy report said 40 officers and crew members of the destroyer Crusader saw the "saucers" the night of July 10. All had the familiar qualities of the puzzling flying discs.

A second report a day or two later dismissed the radar find as the planet Jupiter. But one officer commented: "Jupiter doesn't come in pairs and it is several million miles out of range of our radar."

Tokyo, too, had a saucer report.

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Jets In Saucer Chase Over Desert

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Saucers Light Desert Skies, Flit Over L. A.

Eerie new moons in the western sky, looking like flying saucers and flashing with rainbow brilliance, zipped across the Mojave Desert last night and sent three of the air force's fastest jet planes in the air in a futile challenge to track them down.

What luck the planes had in getting within camera or observation range was not disclosed by military authorities.

It was revealed, meanwhile, by the Air Defend Command base in Colorado Springs, Colo., that planes and their crews have been kept on a stand by alert to "intercept" any flying discs.

FLURRY OF REPORTS

Admitting that there have been a flurry of reports about asucers, the Air Defense Command said the speediest ships are kept on the ready to jet into the skies on a moment's notice to find out what the flying objects are—if possible.

"We have really been scrabling," an A. D. S. spokeman said. "Those planes are kept loaded and ready to go and their pilots are never more than a few feet away. They are in the air within seconds of a report that seems definite enough."

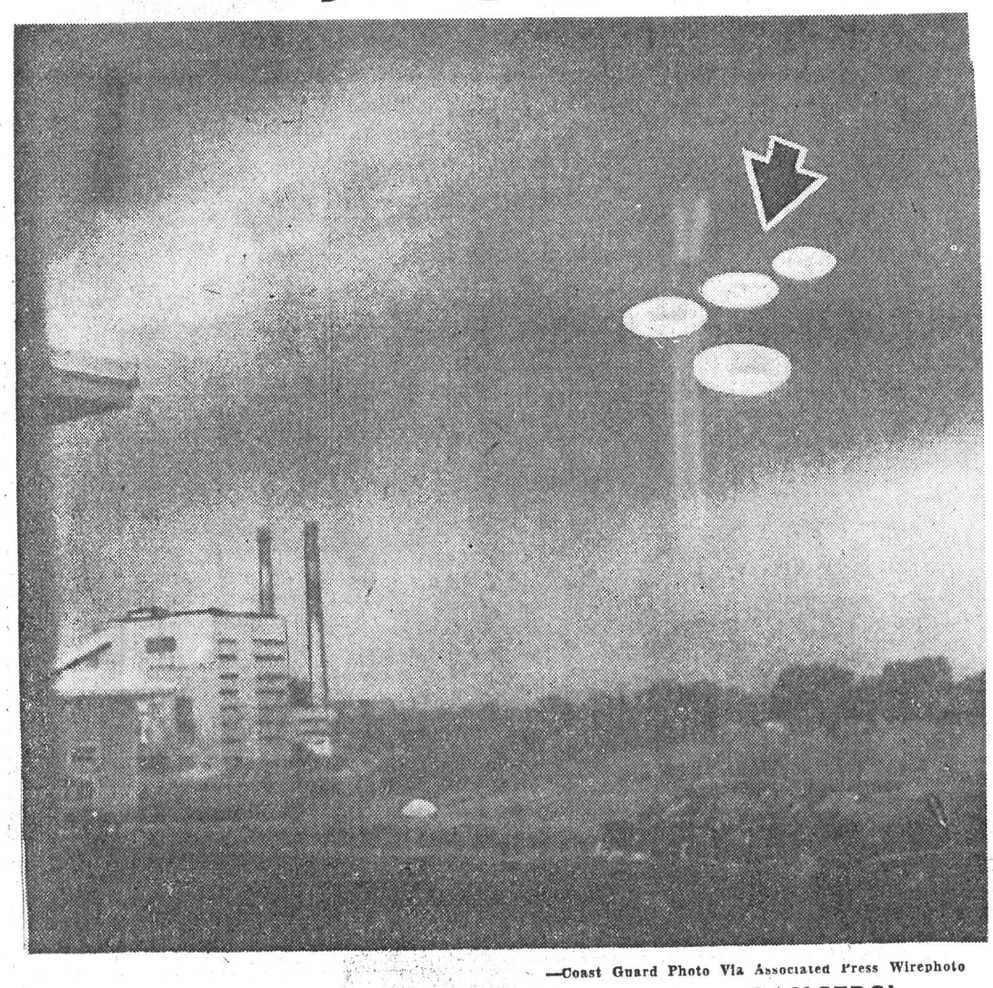
Two deputy sheriffs, two experienced C. A. A. observers at Palmdale, a game warden, and a number of responsible citizens told of seeing the eerie lights in the sky. Some, they sad, were bright yellow, others red, some copper colored.

All gleamed brightly, they added, some remaining stationary for as long as 10 minutes and providing plenty of time for observation, before disappearing as if under guided power.

Deputies Tom Morrissey and

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Yank Jet Planes See Flying Saucer



—Coast Guard Photo Via Associated Press Wirephoto

COAST GUARD PHOTO OF 'FLYING SAUCERS' In the midst of a deluge of "flying saucer" reports, the coast guard in Washington today released this photo taken by coast guard photographer at Salem, Mass., on July 16. Photo shows four bright objects in a V formation. The air force has referred to such objects as "unidentified aerial phenomena" of lights.

Jets Track Mystery Saucer at 17,000 Ft.

By Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio, Aug. 1.—Jet interceptor pilots reported to Wright Patterson Air Force Base officials today that they saw an object in the sky which they didn't think was a light reflection.

It was the first time pilots checking on flying saucer reports here had made such a positive statement.

The two interceptors were sent up about 1:45 a. m. (E. S. T.), after the air force base had received five or six reports of "flying saucers."

They told officers they went up about 17,000 feet and for about 10 seconds watched a bright and red and white object which hovered above them. It then disappeared at "a high rate of speed."

"We deliberately maneuvered around to make sure it wasn't a light reflection. At first it appeared red and white and then white only," they said.

Bare Photo of 4 Flying Saucers

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Coast Guard headquarters today made public a photograph of "unidentified aerial phenomena" taken by a 21-year-old Coast Guard photographer.

The photo clearly shows four round objects. Each appears to have two identical shafts of light extending across its center and protruding at the forward and rear ends. The lights are in a "V" formation.

The Coast Guard said it has no opinion as to the cause or source of the "objects" and was releasing the picture only because of the widespread public interest in aerial phenomena.

The picture was snapped by

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Air Force Issues Form for 'Saucer' Sighters

'Unidentified Flying Object' Report Has 25 Questions, Asks About Photos, Fragments

The Air Force has issued a standard form for recording the interrogation of saucer sighters, The Times learned yesterday.

Containing 25 questions under the heading "Unidentified Flying Object Reporting Form," the interrogation is divided into four categories: "Brief description of object or objects," "Time of observing object or objects," "Manner of observation" and "Location of observer."

The forms have been issued to the Pasadena Filter Center according to Capt. Gordon Lowe, Air Force detachment commander, and saucer reports from ground observer posts are sent to Air Intelligence, 27th Air Division, Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino.

Four Received Daily

Officials at the filter center said an average of four saucer reports a day are received among some 1000 flash messages on aircraft acticity from the observation posts. Of these, two are usually traced to weather balloons.

The reporting form, issued through the Air Defense Command, is a preliminary interrogation for possible follow-up by Air Intelligence. Identical forms are being used on a nationwide scope, it was indicated.

Among questions are the following: shape, size, color, number, formation, aerodynamic features, condensation trail or exhaust, propulsion type, apprximate speed, sound, maneuvers executed, manner of disappearance, unusual features, location of observer, time of sighting, duration of sighting, approximate distance and altitude, direction from observer, direction traveled, weather conditions and air traffic at time.

One of the final questions is perhaps most significant:

"Did you get any photographs —or fragments?"