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SAUCERS

Do Battle Today

Educator Here Views Weird Grand Canyon 'Space Ship'

By JIM DEITCH

"It was the strangest thing I have ever seen! For all the world it was like one of those Buck Rogers space ships!"

Those were the words used by Elbert Edwards, superintendent of schools in Boulder City, to describe a weird object seen in the skies above Grand Canyon last Friday evening by himself his 17-year-old son and an internationally-know n professional explorer and ethnologist.

Edwards told the Sun last night he and his two companions saw the brightly-lit, cigar-shaped object at 10:20 p.m. mountain time, Friday night as they were camped above Havasu canyon in Grand Conyon.

"I saw it first," Edwards explained, "as a bright light in the North. I first thought it was a star, but after observing that it moved and was much too bright for a star, I knew it was something else."

"It grew very rapidly as it came toward us," Edwards said. He was certain it was not a conventional type aircraft because it had no flickering wing and recognition lights.

Edwards said he then called the strange phenomena to the attention of John Goddard, whom he had accompanied to the canyon as part of an ethnological (the study of the origins of mankind) exploration.

Goddard rushed to his car and obtained a pair of 8-power binoculars,which he trained on the object for the rest of the full minute it took to cross through the sky and disappear into the southwest.

When he took the glasses from his eyes, Edwards said, Goddard's first remark was:

"I can't believe it! I just can't believe what I have seen!"

When the object was almost directly opposite them, Edwards said, it appeared to have a row of five extremely bright lights —like portholes—along its side.

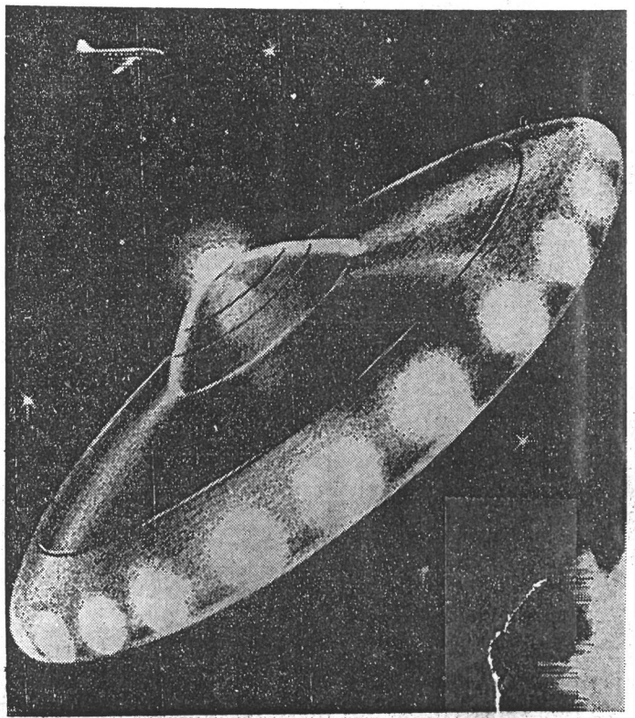
The one bright light he saw at first, the educator said, came from the nose of the object.

It took slightly more than a minute to travel from the north, where it was first seen by Edwards, to the south-southwest. It was heading toward Mexico when it went out of view, Edwards said.

Goddard, who served with the air force during the war, estimated the strange craft was no more than three miles from them at its closest, and flew in a straight line at an elevation of 5000 to 6000 feet.

After observing it through the binoculars, Goddard said the object apparently had no wings and no visible means of propulsion. Edwards said he could dis-

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WAS IT LIKE THIS?—Elbert Edwards, superintendent of schools in Boulder City, reported seeing a strange object "like a Buck Rogers space ship" in the sky over Grand Canyon late Friday night. It was also viewed by his son and a noted explorer. Edward's description was much like a side view of the above object, seen over Stuttgart, Germany, by Chicago and Southern airline pilot Capt. Jack Adams recently.

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cern no glow or exhaust from the device.

"It absolutely was different from anything I have ever seen," he said.

The strang humming, buzzing sound emanating from the craft, likewise, was unlike conventional sounds from the skies, both men agreed.

"For all the world," he concluded, "it was like one of those Buck Rogers space ships."

The three men obtained confirmation of their strange experience the following morning when they questioned an elderly Indian who had camped approximately 100 yards from them.

The old Indian described what he had seen as a "light in the Heaven." It was "like a worm," the Indian told them.

Edwards, his son, Arthur, and Goddard left here Friday noon for the trip to Arizona. He and his son returned to Boulder City Monday afternoon, while Goddard went down into the canyon to continue his exploration.

Goddard, a professional explorer and ethnologist, received national recognition last year while conducting an exploration of the Nile river in a kayak. An article on his experiences is scheduled for National Geographic magazine in September.

Edwards, active in the Mormon church in Boulder City, received his bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada. He has undertaken further studies, in the fields of political science and education, at the University of Southern California, the University of Utah and George Washington University.

A full report of the sighting was requested by officials of the Civil Aeronautics authority here last night, which was immediately relayed to Wright-Patterson Air Force base in Dayton, Ohio, the control point for the government's top-secret "flying saucer" investigation.

168 Hear Account Of Trip on Flying Saucer

A first-person account of a "flying saucer ride" and a message from the residents of outer space was brought to Grand Junction this week by Daniel W. Fry, a 46-year-old rocketeer from El Monte, Calif.

A vicarious ride on Mr. Fry's saucer was taken by 168 persons Thursday night at Lincoln Park auditorium. They paid 75-cents a head for the privilege and also bought 21 copies of his book, "The White Sands Incident," for $1.50 per copy. Mr. Fry's gross for the evening — $157.50.

So much for earthly matters.

Mr. Fry, a husky, slightly nervous person, spoke for an hour and a half on his space ship ride, which he said took place July 4, 1950, at the White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico. He was at the proving grounds during 1949 and 1950, he said, as an instrumentation technician for the Aerojet-General Corp.

The lecture by Mr. Fry closely followed the pattern of his paper-bound, 67-page book. Both saucer representations are sweetened with bits of accepted scientific fact, cooled with references to the mythical lost continents of Atlantis and Lemuria, and stirred with a sound spiritual message — "love thy neighbor."

The current issue of Time Magazine says that a lie detector test was given Mr. Fry on a Los Angeles television program. The program's director is quoted as saying, "He failed the test on the air and got furious in front of the camera."

The Lincoln Park auditorium audience leaned forward eagerly as Mr. Fry rocketed through his experiences on that star-filled night in 1950 when a craft from outer space dropped down at White Sands to take him on a 30-minute ride to New York City and back. For four years after his trip he said nothing to anyone, he said, for fear of ridicule.

"I have actually touched one (a flying saucer), entered it, and ridden in one, although I have no proof except my own word," Mr. Fry said.

Coaxed into the space ship by a friendly voice, he took the half-hour tour, viewing the lights of New York City from 20 miles up. He later concluded that he had not actually heard the voice — it was reaching him by extra-sensory perception or mental telepathy.

Since that night in 1950 he has had two other telepathic contacts with his friend, the voice. It was then, he said, he learned more of the details of life in outer space and the spiritual message which he was asked to bring to earthlings.

As he got off the flying saucer details and into the spiritual message, 14 materialistic listeners rose and left the auditorium.

There are three types of sciences, he said the voice told him: spiritual science, social science, and material science.

"Unless means are found to inject a stimulus to the spiritual and social sciences, the time will come when material science will collapse," Mr. Fry declared.

Mr. Fry was introduced to the auditorium audience by E. Anson Thomas, executive vice president of KFXJ-TV and a confirmed saucer fan. Mrs. Fry handled book sales and a daughter took tickets at the door. Mr. Fry came to Grand Junction at the invitation of D. O. Tawney of Clifton, a member of the Flying Saucer Research Foundation.

Seven "Flying Saucers" Described "Inversions"

Ottawa Citizen July 2/54

LONDON (CP) — Those flying objects over Labrador were slightly deflated today. A science writer said they are nothing more than "inversions."

Thursday, an experienced Canadian pilot reported seeing a formation of seven aircraft - shaped objects — a "mother" ship and six satellites — over the Atlantic ocean near Labrador. The pilot, 33-year-old Lee Boyd of Fillmore, Sask., said he was sure the things came from another planet.

Today, science expert Chapman Pincher of the Daily Express said what Boyd saw was probably just a reflection of the aircraft from a wavy layer of air. This is Pincher's theory:

"At various levels in the atmosphere there are regions called inversions where the air temperature suddenly changes. Boundaries between layers of warm and cold air are such good mirrors that they cause mirages in the desert.

"Because of the turbulence of the atmosphere, the boundary is sometimes rippled and breaks up an image into several parts which, after reflection, can be seen at eye level."

Not Worried

Pincher supports his argument by noting that the flying objects accompanied Boyd's aircraft for 80 miles, travelling at the same speed and at the same distance; could not be picked up by radar; and repeatedly changed their shape and size the way reflections do in ripply water.

Whatever the explanation, Boyd isn't worried. If they are objects from another world—as he is convinced they are—he figures they won't do any harm to people on this planet. "They probably think we're morons anyhow."

Boyd, co-pilot on a British airliner, sighted the objects Wednesday on a flight from New York to London. The pilot, Capt. James Howard also saw them and made an official report. Thursday night he said he thinks the flying saucers, or whatever they were, looked too solid to be merely reflections of his own aircraft.

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"I'd say they were about 10 miles away and if they were, the big ship was about twice the size of an average house and the smaller ones the size of a stratocruiser. It's hard to judge accurately because there was nothing else in the sky to compare them with."

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—AP Wirephoto

Richard Tiweten, Northern Washington used car dealer, looks at windshield peppered in mystery. (Spots in circles.) Police so far were stumped as costly menace spread out.

Cause Hinted in Pitted Windshield Mystery

SEATTLE, WASH., April 15 (UP) — An epidemic of pitted automobile windshields has hit at least 12 northwest Washington cities

Seattle officers said they believed the mysterious pits were caused by chemical reaction rather than vandals.

Police Chief H. J. Lawrence said it would take a small army of vandals to inflict the amount of damage reported.

Meanwhile, with the windshield phenomenon spreading from Bellingham south to Tacoma, law enforcement officers decided to meet in Eferett at 1:30 p.m. (P S T) tomorrow to compare notes.

Seattle police said they could find no solid residue of any type of pellets which might have struck the windshields. However they reported finding tiny globules of an oily tar-like substance which led to the theory that a rain of some chemical was eating into the windshields which police said were made of different kinds of glass than other windows.

The Seattle police department was forced to put four extra officers on the complaint desk to handle windshield damage reports, sometimes coming in at the rate of 10 a minute.

Two King County sheriff's deputies reported they actually watched pitmarks appear in the windshield of a truck.

In some cases, officers said, windshield damage reports were believed to be the psychological result of publicity, which caused motorists to notice old pits not previously observed.

At Tacoma, two reporters got out of their car for about five minutes to talk to a policeman and said when they returned to the car it had four fair-sized pits that were not there before.

Gilbert Albrecht, a warehouse worker at Tacoma, said 34 pitmarks appeared on his windshield Thursday afternoon.

Canadian Scientists First?

Did We Trip A Flying Saucer?

Ottawa, Aug. 9 (CP). — Is Canada the first country in the world to record a flying saucer with instruments?

That question is being debated here today after the Transport Department's flying saucer sighting station reported that it had detected an unexplainable object in the atmosphere over Ottawa Sunday.

Wilbert B. Smith, engineer in charge of the broadcast and measurement section of the Transport Department, said the saucer station's gravimeter was tripped at 3:01 p.m.

Mr. Smith said he is convinced that the deflection on the gravimeter was not caused by an aircraft. It was either something scientists did not know about or an instrument failure.

"We now are attempting to find out if there was a failure somewhere in the instrument," he said. "If it turns out that there was no failure, then I don't know what it was that passed overhead."

Mr. Smith said it is not possible for anyone to state that the gravimeter recorded the presence of a flying saucer. However, he added, "it also is not possible to say it wasn't a flying saucer."

Mr. Smith, who built and operates the sighting station, said the deflection on the gravimeter was the first that could not be explained since the instrument was installed last October. The gravimeter is designed to detect and record Gamma rays, magnetic fluctuations, radio noises and gravity and mass changes in the atmosphere.

Mr. Smith was on duty at the station when a set of alarm bells—tripped by the deflection on the gravimeter—rang.

"I dashed over to look at the instrument," he said. "The deflection in the line (drawn by an electronically operated pen) was greater and more pronounced than we have seen even when a large aircraft has passed overhead.

"I ran outside to see what might be in the sky. The overcast was down to 1,000 feet, so whatever was up there, whatever it was that caused the sharp variation, was concealed behind clouds. We must now ask ourselves what it could have been."

Saucer Reports Mostly Wrong Says Engineer

Reports of possible mysterious objects flying over the Capital on Sunday afternoon have left Transport Department Engineer Wilbert B. Smith "hot under the collar".

Mr. Smith, who told The Citizen today that the reports were "90 percent incorrect", operates a private flying saucer sighting station on Transport Department property at Shirley's Bay.

Half-Cocked

He was extremely wrathful over what he termed "people going off half-cocked without authentic information", and said that there was no reason whatever for anyone to be alarmed over what may, or may not, have occurred here on Sunday.

Admitting that the saucer station's gravimeter showed activity at around 3.01 p.m. Sunday, he explained that such activity was not at all unusual.

Small earthquakes — even constant firing at nearby Connaught Ranges could cause the delicate instrument's needle to fluctuate, he said.

Mr. Smith said the sighting station had nothing whatever to do with the Transport Department. He had built it himself in order to follow a spare-time hobby, he said, and it was in no way connected with his duties with the department.

What actually occurred on Sunday, and what he was now doing as a result, he was quite prepared to disclose in a statement to the press, but only with official Transport Department authorization.

Object Seen Over N.B.

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—A round, white object with a y-marking on its surface was seen floating over Southern New Brunswick at dusk last night.

The object was seen as far away as St. Martins, 35 miles distant. It changed from white to orange and then to bright red as the sun set.

Weather officials here did not believe it was an observation balloon. They said a hydrogen-filled object would rise until it was out of sight.

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'SAUCERS' TRAIL AIRLINER

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Canadian Pilot Gives Report

Sees 'Mother Ship' And Six Satellites Over Atlantic Near Labrador

LONDON, July 2.—(CP)—A veteran Canadian pilot said today he's convinced he has just seen flying objects from another planet.

Francis Lehman (Lee) Boyd of Fillmore, Sask., said he and fellow crew members of a British airliner observed the objects—a "mother" ship and six satellite craft—for some 20 minutes Wednesday over the Atlantic near Labrador.

"The things, whatever they were, were intelligently controlled and manoeuvred", said Boyd, war-decorated veteran with a total of 1,500,000 air miles to his credit. "I don't think any science on this planet could produce them."

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The 33-year-old airman with 15 years' flying experience, was co-pilot with Capt. James Howard of Bristol on a British Overseas Airways Corporation Stratocruiser flying from New York to London. Both men sighted the strange objects at the same time, about 170 miles southwest of Goose Bay, Labrador.

Boyd said in a telephone interview from his home in Bristol:

"There was one large ship which changed shape from time to time and six smaller craft moving around it. At first I thought it was three groups of fighters and a bomber.

"We had a perfect view, the sky was absolutely clear with a little cloud down at 5,000 feet. The objects were to the west of us and outlined against the setting sun.

'Goggle-Eyed'.

"The captain and I just sat staring at them goggle-eyed. We watched them for several minutes—neither wanted to mention to the other what we were seeing. Then I radioed Goose Bay and asked if there were any other aircraft in the area. They said we were the only ones up there."

Boyd said they watched the objects for 18 minutes, during which time they travelled about 80 miles, and all crew members were called to confirm the sight. They did.

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To Investigate Reports.

LONDON, July 1.—(UP)—The British Air Ministry said today it will investigate reports that a British airliner was escorted for 80 miles off Labrador Tuesday by seven "flying saucers."

The Air Ministry said Capt. James Howard, a veteran pilot with British Overseas Airways Corp., "is submitting a report".

"The report will be thoroughly investigated by the air ministry's technical intelligence branch", a spokesman said.

Howard, his 10 crew members, and a dozen of the 51 passengers aboard saw the phenomena about sunset Tuesday while some 170 miles out of Goose Bay, Labrador.

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BLAST REMAINS A MYSTERY.

Scientists Decide It Was Not Caused by a Meteorite.

Logan, Utah, May 6.(AP)—It wasn't a meteorite that blasted a hole sixteen feet in diameter in a cow pasture two miles west of Logan after all.

But scientists who conducted a 4-day search said today they don't know what did cause the Saturday midnight blast which was so strong it broke light bulbs and blew open doors in Logan—including the door on the city police station.

Dr. Lincoln Lapaz, director of the Institute of Meteoritics at New Mexico university, left for Albuquerque today after spending two days assisting Utah State Agricultural college scientists in hunting for a meteorite. The U. S. A. G. geology department announced it had discontinued further searching.

Robert Keith

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"ZIPS IN FROM SPACE"

SPEAKER HERE CONVINCED FLYING SAUCERS ARE REAL.

Air Force Has Veil of Secrecy on Truth About Unearthly Visitors, Maj. D. E. Keyhoe Tells Rotary.

There is no doubt in the mind of Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, retired marine corps officer, that the earth is presently host to numerous visitors from outer space.

"Flying saucers are interplanetary machines under intelligent control," the major told members of the Rotary club at a luncheon at the Hotel Muehlebach this afternoon, "and this has been substantiated by official reports from reliable and military civilian sources."

The Children Believe.

The major, author of the book "Flying Saucers Are Real," is quick to explain that he has not had any trouble in convincing the younger generation that space travelers have arrived, and that he believes 90 per cent of his audiences share the same opinion at the conclusion of his talks.

He says he is sticking to his guns in the controversy despite an official air force veil of secrecy, as a point of honor.

"If I quit talking about it," he points out, "people will think that I have lost my argument." Major Keyhoe also asserted that the people should be informed about the current air force investigation into the flying saucer mystery.

"There is the greatest investigation underway behind this veil of secrecy," he asserted.

Orders Out to Pilots.

"Orders are out to air line and air force pilots to report any future sightings by radio immediately so that jets can attempt to intercept them.

"The air force has a secret board with prominent scientists evaluating the sighting information.

"In 1952, an air force intelligence officer concluded that the saucers were interplanatary machines.

"This report," the major asserted, "has been kept a secret since that time." He said he has confirmed the existance of the document through official sources in the armed forces.

Major Keyhoe said the reason for the silence, in his opinion, is that many in the Pentagon fear a repetition of the Orson Welles "War of the World" broadcast panic if official recognition is given to the flying saucers as interplanatary machines.

Need for Secrecy.

Secrecy also is essential, he asserted, because of the motives of the visitors are not known.

In referring to the reports Major Keyhoe said the weight of evidence shows that in view of the tremendous speed and maneuverability of the objects, they could not be secret devices of any nation on the earth.

"Three groups," he said, "were tracked by air force radar at speeds reaching 5,240 miles an hour.

"The last group was taken aboard a mother ship which was tracked at 3,000 miles an hour."

Major Keyhoe said he received the information from an intelligence report presented to him in February, 1953.

Keyhoe noted that the flying saucer phenomenon is worldwide and that reports increase when the earth is nearest to Mars. He pointed out that the red planet would again be at its closest point in its orbit to earth this June. He said the air force started enforcing its secrecy ban on the reports last January.

Major Keyohe is a graduate of the Naval academy at Annapolis, Md., and became a marine corps pilot in 1920. He retired in 1949.

SIGHT EIGHT 'OUT OF THIS WORLD' DISCS

Vet pilots set speed of objects at over 1000 mph

MIAMI, Fla., July 16.-(U.P.)-Two veteran airline pilots added to the flying saucer lore today accounts of seeing eight huge discs zipping in formation at supersonic speed near Norfolk, Va.

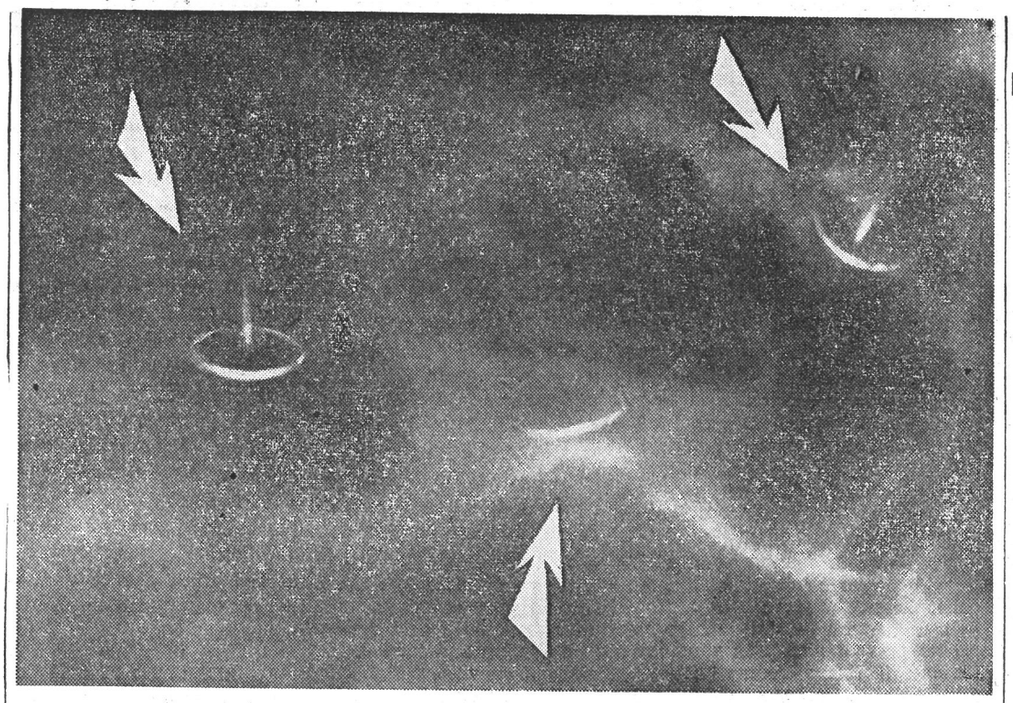
Pilots W. B. Nash, 35, and W. H. Fortenberry, 30, of Pan American Airways, said the "glowing, orange-red" saucers maneuvered too sharply for human endurance at a speed of "far above 1000 miles per hour."

"Whoever was in those things," the pilots declared, "had capabilities far beyond our own. Those things absolutely did not contain any human beings as we know them."

Nash and Fortenberry said they were flying their DC-4 with 10 company officials aboard southward between Newport News, Va., and Norfolk night before last when six of the saucers appeared 6000 feet below them.

First they flew in an echelon formation—a diagonal straight line—at about 2000 feet altitude, Nash said. As the DC-4 passed over them, he said, they turned sharply westward and were joined by two other discs. He said the eight "saucers" zoomed upward to an estimated 10,000 feet altitude.

Nash estimated they "watched the whole maneuver for between 10 and 12 seconds" before the glowing light" "pulsated off" and the "things" disappeared into the sky.



A WASHINGTON ORDER: FIND OUT WHAT THEY ARE!

The nation's capital no longer is pooh-poohing reports of "flying saucers"—not after last night, when the "mystery objects" swooped over Washington for six hours. The air force has now called in top scientists to find out what they are. Los Angeles also reported a round, luminous object streaking over the city, similar to these "whatchamacallits" photographed over Fort Worth, Texas, in 1950.

Russ Leadabrand

. . . ARE YOU READY?

REMEMBER anything unusual about Aug. 20, 1953?

That was the day we crossed the line. The line between the third density to the fourth density.

At least that's what George Van Tassel announces in his current issue of Proceedings of the College of Universal Wisdom.

Van Tassel's the chap that staged the big flying saucer conclave on the desert a few months back.

He also got a $1 booklet out on how he went for a ride in one of the flying critters

Van is sort of upset about this crossing of the line.



Leadabrand

This new density we're in for will only support life forms that qualify to live in it.

The fourth density, Van goes on, will not support a monetary system or authority by power.

And furthermore those pitted windshields were caused by silica by-products of the nuclear bombings in the Pacific.

Nothing new on the saucers, this time.

Guess they're taking a breather until the World Series starts.

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VACATION coming up?

There's a new travel guide out covering the 19 counties of the Sacramento region—including the fascinating Mother Lode country.

Fishing, hunting, sight-seeing, etc. are well covered, and there are dandy maps for the motorist.

Just drop a card to Travel and Recreation Dept., California State Chamber of Commerce, 350 Bush St., San Francisco, 4.

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AND WHILE we're on the subject of crossing lines and travel, I hope you get a chance to pick up the next issue of the National Geographic. As a bonus the issue will carry a wonderful big map of the State of California.

This is one of the finest maps of the state that I've seen—complete with all sorts of historical sites pinpointed and commented upon.

It's a handsome big map, suitable for framing for a den or study.

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NEW SAUCER SAGA

Guided Tour Aboard Space Ship Related

Pull up a little white cloud, make yourself comfortable and hark to a story about the Earthman from El Monte who took a guided tour aboard a flying saucer.

Daniel W. Fry, an earnest, unsmiling man who believes in Saucer People, held a press conference at Rodger Young Auditorium yesterday to tell ordinary humans about his ride through the sky.

His host was William H. Gilroy, who manages to direct the Saucer Research Foundation under a staggering handicap—he's never seen one of the things.

Convention Star

Gilroy is counting on the 46-year-old Fry to star, if you'll forgive the expression, at the 1954 International Saucer Convention at the Carthay Circle Theater next June 4-6.

Fry agreed yesterday to take a lie detector test from an independent polygraph expert sometime before the Saucerphiles meet, and Gilroy commented:

"We want to know if this man is a screwball or a fraud. He's the only man to agree to take this test. I offered $500 to two other saucer riders to take it—but they refused."

Gilroy identified himself, incidentally, as a Californian whose ancestor, one Sgt. Ortega, came over with Father Serra and laid out all the highways.

Big Moment Comes

Fry said his big moment came on the evening of July 4, 1950, at White Sands, N.M., where he was working as a rocket technician.

He added somewhat apprehensively that he is still a rocket man for a local concern and hopes to have the job after his bosses hear of his experience.



SPACE RIDER?—Daniel W. Fry says he was flying saucer passenger.
Times photo

He lives in a trailer "somewhere in El Monte" with a wife and two children, Fry told interviewers.

He said he had wandered out into the desert that July evening to look around. Suddenly the saucer, an oblate spheroid with no propeller blades or jets, plopped down nearby.

"It frightened me, but I had to see it," he said.

"I ran my hand over the metal, and it seemed incredibly smooth. A voice seemed to come out of the air at my side in a Yankee accent, saying, 'Better not touch the hull, pal, it's still hot.'"

Then the voice explained the ship was a remote-controlled cargo carrier governed by a mother craft out of sight, and

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invited him on a ride, he said. He never did see a Saucer Man.

His hosts were space tramps, apparently, for he was told they were independent of planets—of such a high scientific order that they just sailed around in saucers.

They also told him their ancestors were earth people who survived a nuclear war between the Lost Continent of Atlantis and Moo some 35,000 years ago, he said. Now they had a wary eye on our H-bomb experiments, he said, wondering if we'd go poof like they did.

Anyhow, he climbed inside a hatch that slid open, and up, up and away he went.

"I couldn't feel the acceleration, even though we flew to New York and back at 8000 m.p.h.," he said.

"It just seemed we were standing still and the earth was falling away.

"They took me to the 35-mile level and then dropped to 20 miles over New York.

"The door became transparent and I saw the lights of the city—like a million blue-white diamonds on a velvet background. If I were a poet, it would be the greatest moment of my life."

The ship was powered, he said, by the "energy differential" in space. It's a natural force, he said, just like the wind that makes sailing ships go.

The Saucer People returned him to the spot where he had climbed aboard 20 minutes before, he said, and then soared away.

Contacted Later

They've contacted him since, he said, but he doesn't want to tell what they said. Maybe later, after the next message.

He said he was picked as an earth contact because he's a good receiver for thought waves.

Since his experience struck him as somewhat unusual, he confessed he didn't tell anyone about it until December, 1953, when he confided in his wife.

Now he has decided to tell all, come what may, because he believes people ought to know about the Saucerites. There's also the matter of those nuclear weapons of long ago that made space hoboes out of the Saucer People.

That, he hopes, won't happen again. If it does, there will be a grave shortage of saucers.

LA Times June 2 1957



THEY DIDN'T COME—Linda Sue Russell, 9, waits in vain at bedroom window for Martians to visit her in Albuquerque as result of note she sent them because she wants to do something to stop world's wars.
(AP) Wirephoto

Martians Disappoint Girl Who Hates War

ALBUQUERQUE, June 1 (AP) If the Martians won't come to 9-year-old Linda Sue Russell, she's going to build a space ship and go to them.

Last week little Linda Sue, a pert, impressionable youngster, wrote a letter to the Martians telling them to come to her house Sunday night.

"What business I am writing about is to stop the earth people from fighting," Linda Sue wrote. "All they have is war, war, war and I'm getting tired of it, so be here."

Map Enclosed

Linda Sue even enclosed a hand-drawn map telling the Martians to land their space ship at a nearby playground. She said she would leave her window open and promised "I will never tell anybody about you."

But the Martians didn't show.

"I felt sort of mad because they didn't come," Linda Sue said. "When I grow up and become a scientists, I'm going to build a space ship and go and see them.

"As soon as I'm 12 I can start studying for it."

What Linda Sue wanted to tell the Martians was to "scare the people on earth."

Peacemaker Role

"That's what I want them to do," she said, "Because there's too much war. If the people on earth are scared by maybe the Martians making the ground shake, they'll stop fighting because maybe then the Martians will break up the earth and we'll have to talk peace with the Martians."

Mrs. Arthur Russell, Linda Sue's mother, says her daughter is quite serious in her plans to see the Martians.

"She was so displeased when they didn't come," Mrs. Russell said, "that she decided what she had to do was to go and see them. She's sure she can build a space ship after she's a scientist."

Linda Sue has no illusions that the Martians missed their date and may come some other time.

"I don't think so because they didn't come Sunday," she said. "I'm just going to have to see them in my own space ship."

MARCH 1, 1954

Matt Weinstock

Here we go again—flying saucers!

Let's have another rundown on flying saucers.

The Air Force still isn't talking about the 300 sightings of unidentified flying objects in its files, although some high officers admit many of them cannot be broken down and are beyond explanation.



WEINSTOCK

Meanwhile, half a dozen men who claim to have seen saucers land, to have ridden in them and talked to their crews, are eagerly relating their experiences to anyone who will listen. They say the saucers they saw were unquestionably interplanetary.

Working quietly in the background is a scientific-minded group, insisting on no publicity. They discount the claims of the other group, attributing their tales to a personal, mystical experience. They contend there's plenty of authentic evidence to try to evaluate without having to deal with "little green men" or the irresponsible notion that there's a Venusian living in Pasadena.

Pilots see objects

Their evidence includes the following hitherto undisclosed cases:

An F-80 pilot, recently returned from Korea, encountered a disc-shaped object there late in 1953 and gave chase. He says, "I dove, I climbed, I made screaming turns but the object kept its distance, dancing, hovering and playing with me. It finally took off faster than anything I've ever seen or thought possible." On his return to base he reported his encounter to Intelligence. It was suggested he'd been taking too many hot baths. He hadn't, but when he told other pilots they said they saw the objects regularly.

A security officer in a defense plant was sitting in his home near Imperial Blvd. and Western Ave. late one afternoon in October 1953 when his little girl told him to come out and see a flying saucer. He patted her head and told her to go and play but she insisted and he went out. He saw an object shaped like a bicycle tire. He called several neighbors to verify the object, which remained visible for 55 minutes. He didn't tell anyone about it until last week.

Object became brighter

Another man was emboldened also last week to relate an incident that happened in 1948 while he was driving in North Dakota. He saw a Piper Cub aloft, and beyond it, a shiny object. He thought it was a star bright enough to be seen in daylight. An amateur astronomer, he then realized it couldn't be. As he watched, it became larger and brighter. He stopped several times in the next 20 miles and by triangulation estimated it was about 75 miles away.

He stopped at a service station and got the attendant to look at it. He too was mystified. As he drove on, the object grew to the size of a full moon, and appeared to be a number of round objects about 2000 feet across and three miles high.

Suddenly the object disintegrated ir formation, like ball bearings flying off a wheel. There was no sound. Two of the round objects remained, then they took off. The man doesn't believe in flying saucers, he just would like to know what it was.

40 feet above car

A man who has always been skeptical of flying saucers was driving along a lonely road near Fresno a few months ago. It was a hot, clear day. Suddenly he realized he was being shaded by something. He was traveling about 55 mph and this seemed strange. He looked up and hovering about 40 feet above him was a metallic object about 30 feet in diameter shaped like two saucers placed together, with port-hole openings. He increased speed but it stayed with him for about 15 minutes. He became terrified and when he got back to L.A. he didn't come to work for two days. He still won't talk about it publicly.

Whatever they are, flying saucers are the great unsolved mystery of the 20th century.



—Daily News photo.

"THE SAUCERS ARE NOT OPENLY BELLIGERENT"
Lecturer Robert Coe Gardner says they won't shoot



—U.P. telephoto.

ASTRONOMERS ARE SNEERING AT THE "SAUCER" CAMERA
Capt. J. S. Barnwell shows the Air Force's 3-D job

Flying saucer fever mounting

By JACK JONES
Daily News Staff Writer

Well, our latest little plague of Flying Saucer fever had the skeptics and the believers challenging each other's ability to even so much as tie their own shoelaces yesterday.

One local disbeliever, who says he's alarmed that our civic leaders seem ready to accept the theory we're being buzzed from Outer Space, got incensed enough to offer a disgusted $5000 to the first person who can prove it.

So far, not even one of the three-foot-high saucer pilots has shown up to collect.

MEANWHILE, the Air Force was busily installing at each of several bases a special Flying Saucer camera—an instrument so intricate you can buy it on the open market for about $50.

But, of course, the Air Force admits it's skeptical, too.

The highly unconvinced reward offerer is Dan Paul, 52, of La Crescenta, editor of the magazine Frauds. He ran this ad in a Glendale newspaper:

"$5000 reward for proof that there are interplanetary flying machines piloted by beings from another planet, or world."

AUL'S PROBLEM is that he a high snit over the appear- in Los Angeles this week several lecturers claiming to "documented evidence." He ts them to submit their "ac- saucer photographs" to a mittee of recognized scien-

Glendale service club, ged Paul, accepted the "fan- and the "obviously ied" photographs of one -eyed saucer follower with- question. "Only one mem- demonstrated any skepticism soever!" he said.

ANOTHER locally appearing lecturer who aroused Paul is a fellow named Robert Coe Gardner, tonight delivering the last of his Los Angeles series of "educational" lectures about discs at 1625 N. La Brea Ave.

Gardner, the Daily News discovered, is quite comforting in that he says we apparently have nothing to fear from the saucers or those little men who pilot them. Said he yesterday:

"As near as I can tell, the saucers are not openly belligerent."

Which apparently means none of them has yet peppered him personally with astral buckshot.

Gardner, who identifies himself as "formerly of the Air Force," but becomes rather vague when it comes to his job and rank in that noteworthy organization, has been turning them away since Thursday at $1 a head.

TO ILLUSTRATE his "documented" lecture, Gardner produced a magazine photograph, purportedly snapped in Germany, showing one of the "little men" in company with an admirably casual group of earthlings.

"I believe this photograph to be genuine," stated the lecturer, unimpressed by the little fellow's startling resemblance to a skinned gibbon.

In addition to wooden models and artists' conceptions of saucers which some pretty intense individuals insist they have sighted, Gardner's lecture was advertised as being illustrated by a "documented" film.

This turned out to be largely movies of witnesses describing what they had sighted, "authorities" telling what they think and film clips of still photographs of blobs in the sky.

Editor Paul would like to see what such men as Dr. Donald H. Menzel, Harvard's professor of astrophysics, and Dr. Frederick Leonard, head of UCLA's astronomy department, think about the blobs.

For $5000.

NEWS photographers, given a look at the flying saucer camera installed in the tower at March Air Force Base, were frankly ready to rule out the Air Force's efforts to trap the discs on film.

The camera, using 35-millimeter film, is a 3-D type, equipped with an F3.5 lens. Shutter speed is 1/200th of a second. Comparable cameras can be purchased for about $50.

"If I were trying for a flying saucer picture I'd want the longest lens I could get," said one experienced lensman. "I wouldn't settle for a camera with a two-inch lens."

The Air Force has announced that the cameras, being set up all over the country on a 24-hour watch basis, will be installed with special "defraction grating" equipment that will break down the light into its component parts.

Said Dr. Dinsmore Alter, head of the Griffith Park Observatory:

"I'm not convinced."

In one year, bakers in the United States produce enough loaves of bread to reach from the earth to the moon 11 times, or to reach around the earth 102 times at the equator.

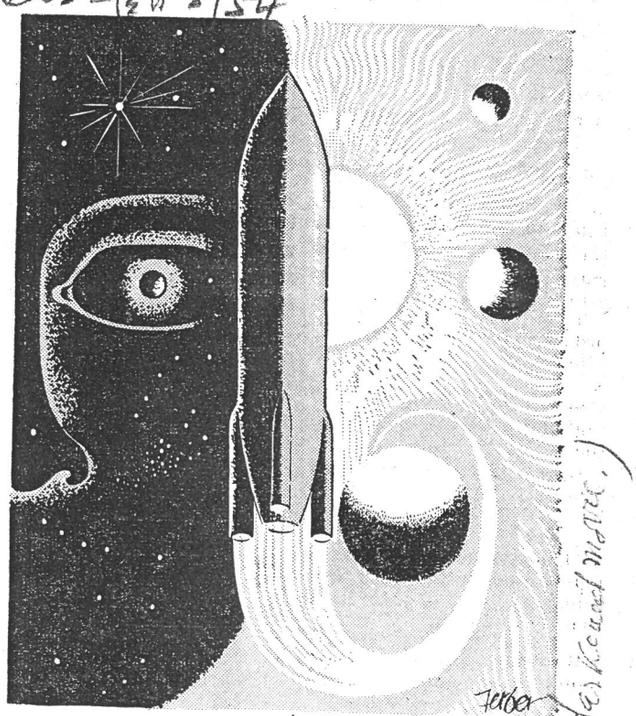
HARD ON THE EYES!

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Problems of a space man

LA News Feb 8/57

By DR. I. M. LEVITT
Director, Fels Planetarium



One of these days a human being will have survived the almost incomprehensible violence of the launching of a space rocket and will be able to look out a porthole at what no man has ever seen before.

He will have been briefed on the dangers of looking out into limitless space through the quartz or the tempered glass of the porthole. There will be mechanical apparatus to guard his vision.

THEN, AFTER the initial impact of his own astonishment, he will be able to broadcast to earth a description of a scene of incredibly harsh contrasts, in which light from the sun will appear to strike with the impact of a hammer blow.

On earth the sun's light is softened by the atmosphere. The gas and dust particles held in the atmospheric blanket scatter the blue light of the sun and create our blue sky. About 25 per cent of the sunlight is concentrated in this light by which we see most objects on the earth.

Before sunrise, after sunset and when the sun is completely obscure by clouds we still see objects well. The light of the sky — scattered sunlight — provides illumination.

Now let us try to forecast what the first space traveler will see.

THERE WILL be no atmosphere to soften the light of the sun or to provide a light haze to cast shadows. There will be the fierce light of sunlit objects and the utter blackness of those in shadows. There will be no "in-between" hues.

The human eye is a marvelous creation. A difference in brightness of a billion times is not too great a hurdle for it to overcome, but it needs time to do this. In space the unprotected eye simply could not bridge the enormous contrasts of brightness in time to assimilate them normally.

Suppose the space traveler looks first at the day side of the earth he has just left. The earth will appear brilliantly illuminated. Perhaps to one side of it the sun may be seen. When the eye observes these bright objects the lens will pinpoint down until it is as small as it can become. Still too much light would be coming from the objects, and the image would burn into the retina.

NOW THE traveler will turn to the other side of the space ship and look through the porthole. Here he will be looking into the black void of space—total darkness.

At this moment dazzling afterimages would dance in front of his eyes. The images formed on the retina would dissolve in a maze of lights until the traveler would think he had become blind.

The sensation would be something like stepping from a bright sunlit beach into a dark cave, multiplied many times.

If the traveler continued to look into space, his normal vision would slowly return. First he would see any bright planets present on the black background. Then bright stars would appear, shining with an untwinkling light. Finally, faint stars would put in an appearance.

As his pupils adjusted to the blackness of the sky, finally the faintest of the stars would begin to appear. The traveler would see the skies in an incomparable beauty never possible on earth.

BUT THE only place where he could see with any comfort would be within the space rocket itself, illuminated by soft lights and reflections from pleasant hues.

VALLEY TIMES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1954

OUTER SPACE FLUFF?

Valley Mystery Craft Spins Web

By GORDON GRANT

A fluffy blanket, dead white, almost ephemeral in its delicacy and apparently electrically charged, may be the San Fernando Valley's first physical contact with visitors from outer space.

It is reported to have streamed like a lacy ribbon from a mysterious craft that sped over the Valley.

It's a weird story, awesome in connotations that accompany all adventures with the unknown, that is told—and backed up with evidence—by residents over a wide area in the vicinity of White Oak avenue and Haynes street, just west of Birmingham Junior High School.

Intriguing Story

And the story becomes more intriguing, more in the vein of Edgar Allen Poe, when these residents point to trees, telephone wires, fence posts, television aerials that still hold clinging bits of the webby stuff despite the fact that the pale blanket settled over the neighborhood last November.

Could it be nothing more than spider webs? Observers say no. Others, familiar with plant fungi, discount the possibility the mystery substance is mealy bug fluff.

Well, on a day early last November, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dangelo, who live near the corner of White Oak and Haynes, four men who reside on White Oak, a couple of nextdoor neighbors of the Dangelos and a bakery truck driver arriving in the area on his rounds, saw the vaporous blanket settle over the district.

Watching Jet Planes

"We were watching three jet planes," Mrs. Dangelo recalls. "Then, behind them, we saw a huge silvery ball. We thought maybe it was a tow-target, or something, connected to one of the jets. But then the jets peeled off and landed. The silvery ball kept flying. It moved up and down, and—even sideways. Finally, a long streamer of white stuff—almost like a vapor trail—spewed out its back end. It detached itself from the ball and began settling earthward. It spread out, stringy, sort of, like white wool being shredded, and it drooped down all over the neighborhood like cobwebs. Wires running to our homes turned white. They still sparkle at night."

The bakery truck driver, Bob Tilt, rolled into the neighborhood about that time.

Saw White Stuff

"I began noticing white stuff, like spider webs. It was everywhere, all over my windshield," he said. "I didn't see any of it in other neighborhoods that day. In fact, I've never seen anything like it before or since."

Although none of the witnesses reported the incident to newspapers at the time, word got around. One family's telephone rang so constantly their two small children couldn't sleep, they said. They had the phone disconnected. For fear of similar reaction now, they asked that their names not be used in this report.

Called Lockheed

They called Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Burbank. In the words of one woman:

"An engineer was sent out to see us. He was young and cocky, and approached us with a very sneering attitude. When he left, with a handful of the white stuff, he was silent and bug-eyed. The next day an engineer came from North American Aviation, and on the third day one from Douglas. They've never told us what they learned, but we've heard the stuff could not be analyzed."

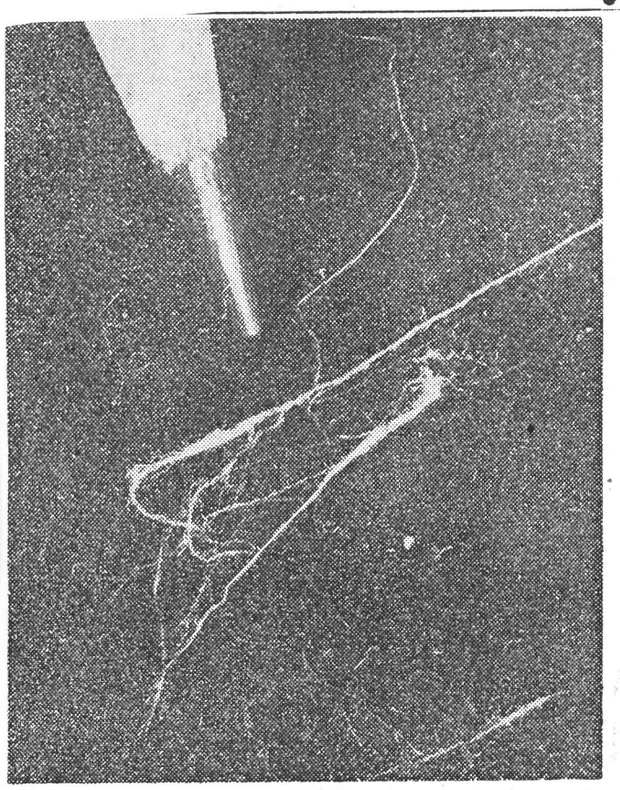
Fathers who came home from work that first day and heard that their wives and children had touched the pallid material feared "radiation." There was a great deal of handwashing.

Or Spun Glass

The material looks like finely shredded wool or spun glass. Held between the fingers for a few moments, it dissolves into nothing. Mrs. Dangelo, describing its static qualities, said it often seemed to "jump" from a bush or tree and clung to one's hair.

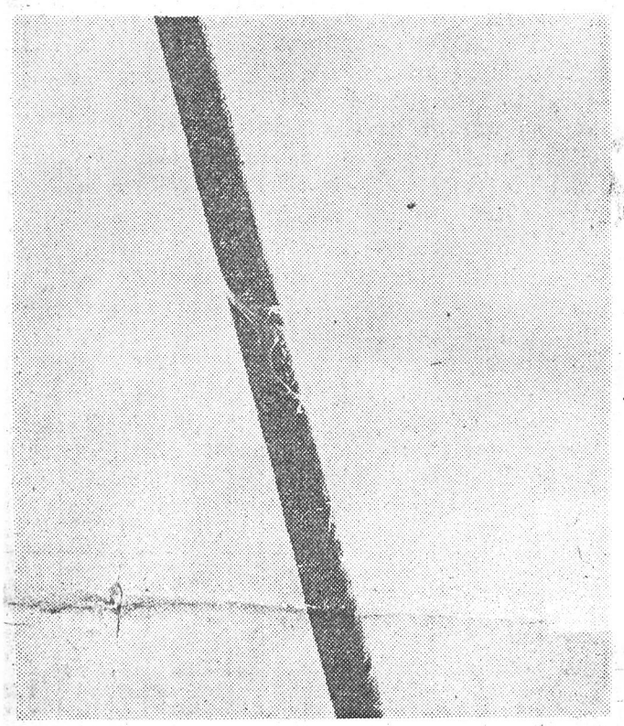
Reaction throughout the White Oak-Haynes neighborhood varies. Many residents pay no attention to the phenomenon. Some deride any who show interest in it. Others are convinced it came from a flying saucer, and their best argument is the question:

"Who can say it didn't?"

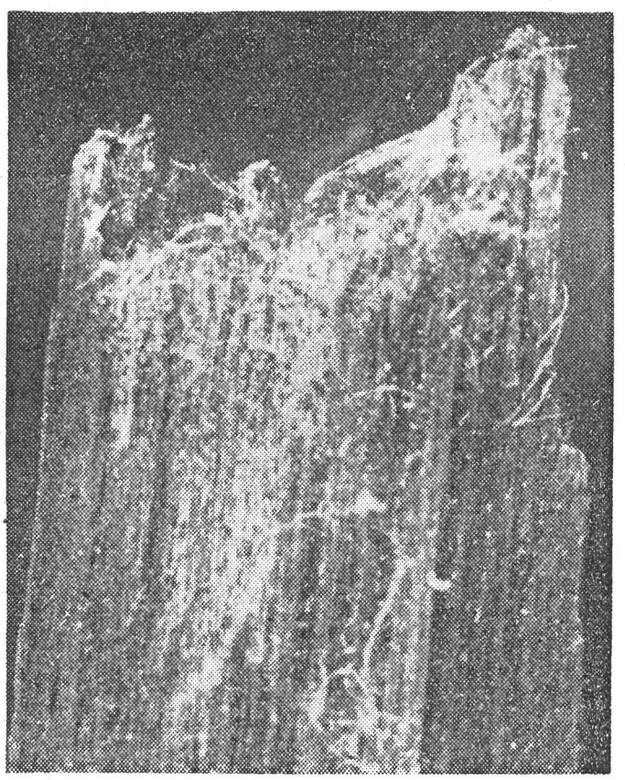


RESIDUE FROM SPACE SHIP?—Strands of white, fleecy material are photographed against dark cloth background with pencil point to give idea of size. These bits were collected in neighborhood of White Oak avenue and Haynes street, Reseda, where residents say fluffy stuff came from mystery craft.

'SPACE SHIPS' LEAVE MYSTERY TRAIL HERE



COATED WIRES—Eerie blanket of white fluff coats telephone and light wires in Valley neighborhood. At night, when patio lights are on, wires glow like silver. In daytime, except when sun strikes at right angle, wires look normal.



WEB OF MYSTERY — Strange fibers cover tip of broken stick found in yard at White Oak and Haynes. Looks like spider webs, but when held between fingers, stuff disappears completely. Apparently, it's also statically charged—Valley Times Photos by Larry Paulson.

La Daily News Mar 10 /54

Matt Weinstock

Another one

An executive of a large industrial firm was flying between San Francisco and Portland last month in his private plane, a two-engined Beech Bonanza. The plane was at 9000 feet, heading northwest. About midway the pilot called the executive's attention to a strange sight below.

Twelve circular metallic discs estimated to be 30 feet in diameter were flying in a perfect V, following the curve of the earth in an undulating motion. That is, they remained parallel to the earth, rising as they approached a hill, descending as they reached a valley.

The pilot and executive watched them for five minutes, during which they changed formation from a V to an L to a diamond. When they disappeared, the two awed spectators saw six more of the objects above them slant down in a V apparently to join the other 12.

The pilot, reporting the incident, says, "If the people running those things ever got angry at us, I'm going to dig a hole in the ground and climb in."

By the way, a private research group is anxious to receive reports of authentic sightings of unidentified flying objects. The address: NARO, P. O. Box 12561, West L. A. 64.

5 to 10 'Saucers' Reported Nightly By Airline Pilots

By JIM G. LUCAS
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12—Commercial airline pilots report between five and 10 flying saucer sightings each night.

Representatives of major airlines will meet Wednesday in Los Angeles with Military Air Transport Service (MATS) intelligence officers to discuss speeding up saucer-reporting procedures.

The idea will be to "get the reports in the quickest possible way" so that the Air Force can send fast jet fighters to investigate.

TRAIL IS COLD

Heretofore, commercial pilots have landed and then reported to MATS through their companies. By that time, the trail usually is cold. Now, pilots are instructed to flash reports direct from the air to MATS intelligence in Washington or to the nearest Air Force base.

However several "bugs" have been found in this plan. Some pilots, for example, don't know how to contact MATS intelligence. Others don't think it important enough. That's one angle to be discussed at the Los Angeles meeting.

Airline pilots are asked not to discuss their sightings publicly or give them to newspapers.

Navy Capt. Bernard Baruch Jr., MATS intelligence officer, is in charge of the project. Capt. Baruch's headquarters are in New York, but MATS intelligence also maintains a large staff at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., near Washington.

NUMEROUS SIGHTINGS

One well-informed source said that until recently tthe largest number of sightings were from the Southwest Pacific. Saucer sightings have been particularly numerous around Australia, where the British maintain a guided missile range.

Recently, however, there has been an increase in saucer sightings in the North Atlantic, this source said. Simultaneously, the number of oil slicks and submarine lightings in this area has increased.

The same source said flying saucer sightings are "fairly common" throughout the non-Communist world.

Los Angeles Times † MON., MARCH 15, 1954

Film Shows Saucerlike Object in New Guinea Sky

SYDNEY, Australia, March 14 (Reuters) — A motion-picture film purporting to show a flying saucer-like object climbing steeply at great heights is on its way to the United States for special processing that may reveal further details.

Australian Air Minister William McMahon said the film was taken with a telephoto lens by a civil aviation official at Port Moresby, New Guinea, last August.

In his hitherto secret report, the official said he saw a vast cloud forming rapidly. An object described as "some type of high-speed aircraft" suddenly darted out and climbed sharply away, leaving a clea vapor trail.

Initial processing of the filr revealed a small light-colore object moving across the sky McMahon said. Australia i anxious to get the film bac just as soon as possible, h added.

PILOT REPORTS

Ft. Citizen Mar 27/54

'Flying Saucer' Does Stunts at Missile Range

MIAMI (U.P.)—A veteran Marine pilot-observer reported today the "flying saucer" he spotted along a guided missile alley off the Florida east coast Thursday appeared to perform aerial stunts.

Capt. Dan C. Holland, holder of multiple decorations for combat duty in World War II and Korea, said he had always scoffed at persons who claimed to see "flying saucers" but has no idea what he saw.

Holland, 33, of Kosciusko, Miss., reported sighting the "round unidentified object" 10 miles seaward from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., some distance below the Air Force Banana River guided missile launching site.

Most of the missiles are launched across the Atlantic into West Indies target zones.

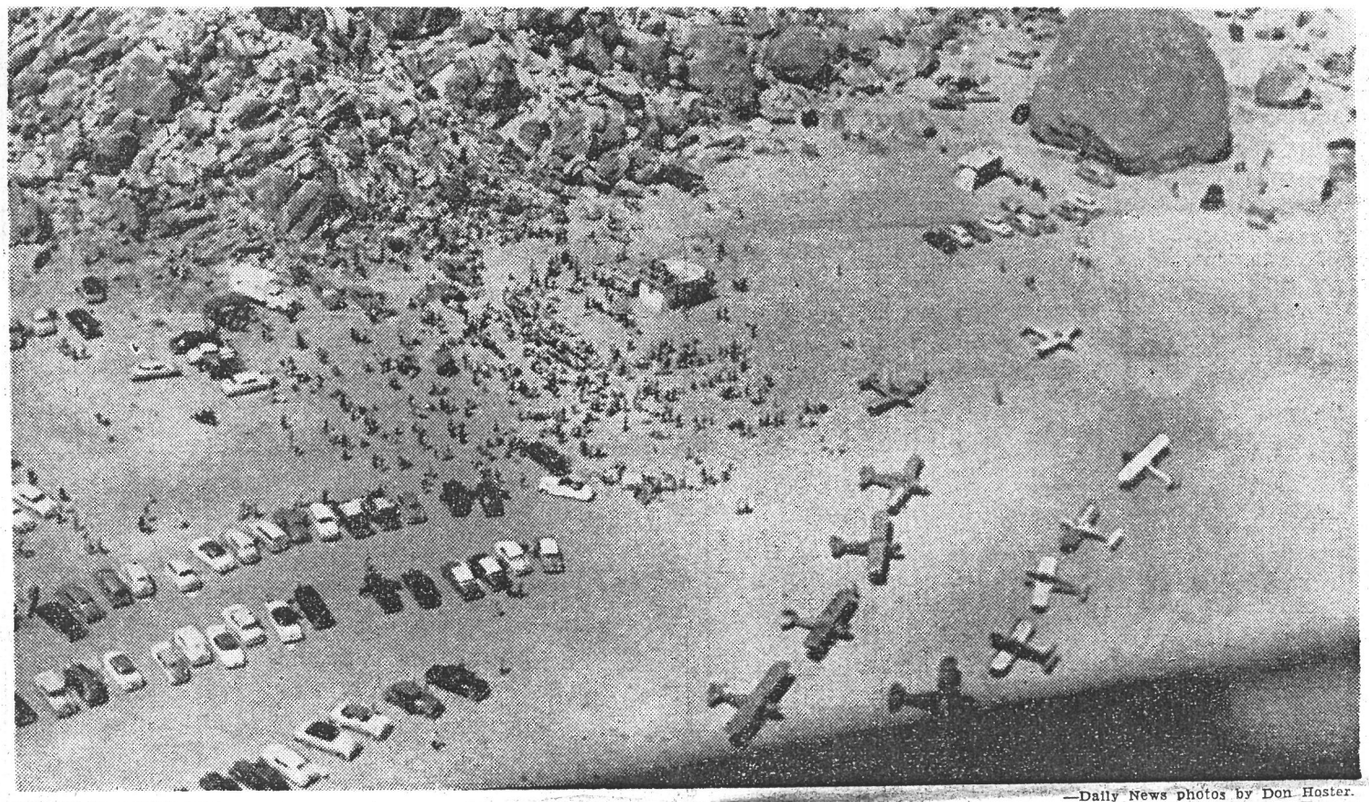
He said "it seemed descending vertically and then came to a rest in mid air about 3,000 feet above us," after he first spotted it 7,000 feet away, and then it suddenly zoomed away before other observers could see it.

Holland said he "always thought that anyone who said he saw a flying saucer ought to have his head examined" but does not "have the slightest idea what it was" that he saw.

Holland said he was flying a Marine jet F9F photography plane in a formation with four other craft. He said he signalled other pilots and the squadron gave chase but the object was gone.

He described it as being white in color with a ring around it that "seemed to be like shining gold." The third Marine Air Wing said Holland turned in an official report.

five weeks all of the bills cover-



—Daily News photos by Don Hoster.

WORLD'S FIRST INTERPLANETARY SPACE CRAFT CONVENTION DRAWS 2500 BELIEVERS TO GIANT ROCK AIRPORT
They came by planes and cars to tell their experiences and in hope of getting a ride on 300-foot "Constellation" saucer from Venus



SAUCERMAN BOB GLENS
Seeing is believing

Mystery in the sky! Saucer meet baffled

By DON DWIGGINS
Daily News Staff Writer

GIANT ROCK, Calif., April 4.—A giant fireball exploded over the world's first Interplanetary Space Craft Convention here last night and threw 2500 wild-eyed saucerites into an uproar.

At 14 minutes to midnight, an object the size of a full moon and the color of an orange blazed brilliantly for two full seconds and then disappeared.

"THERE GOES one!" voices shrieked from scores of sleeping bags along the edge of Giant Rock Airport, run by George W. ("I-Rode-a-Flying-Saucer") Van Tassel.

Seconds later, a distinct concussion echoed over the volcanic region, shaking car windows and awakening convention delegates inside who had slept through the big show.

The phenomenon was viewed by many as a "sign" that "they" were in the area and ready to land a giant 300-foot "Constellation" saucer to take everybody for a ride.

OTHERS THOUGHT it was a star shell from the nearby Marine base, or maybe a weather balloon rigged with hydrogen and a time fuse as a gag.

Nevertheless, it provided the right eerie touch to the strange meeting of minds on the windswept desert where Van Tassel says a "Ronald-Colemanish character" named Solganda invited him aboard a flying saucer last Aug. 24.

Van Tassel, who wrote a book about what he learned from Solganda and other super-beings of the "Adamic" race, gave this background of the saucer people:

OUR SOLAR system is drifting through space into a segment of the universe chartered by the Adamics, who have organized a confederation of 51 solar systems and 601 planets.

This makes 'em unhappy, be-

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DOLORES BARRIOS



MRS. VIOLA SCHMIDT
What was that?



F. R. MERRITT
Hoped to snap one

Mystery in the sky! Saucer meet baffled

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cause what with our messing around with hydrogen bombs, they fear we're going to blow everything up real completely, like what happened to Moldek.

Moldek, says Van Tassel, was another planet of our solar system where they got to fooling around splitting atoms when poof! up she went. That tilted the earth on its axis, causing the Ice Age, dried up Mars and left a lot of asteroids floating around in space.

THESE PEOPLE, he says, often take human forms, and visit earth to try to keep things in order. There are 10,000,000 Adamics running around in human form—one even might be you, he says.

Anyway, Van Tassel got a sort of go-ahead from Solganda to hold the Interplanetary Space Craft Convention at Giant Rock, where the electricity is just right, and Solganda half-way promised to bring around a 300-foot saucer to give the folks a hop around the field.

But the best they could do was the fireball stunt, which pleased the early arrivals who stayed overnight Saturday for the big show Sunday.

Van Tassel says the fireball may have been a "nullifier"—one of the things the Adamics shoot off to rid our atmosphere of radioactive stuff from the H-bomb blasts.

But that isn't what George H. Williamson, 27, of Prescott, Ariz., thinks. Williamson, who claims to have been in radio contact with space ship pilots off and on since August, 1952, believes the fireball was "definite evidence of saucer activity in the area."

OTHER saucer experts, some from as far as Chicago and New York, aired their pet views and told of their experiences to the hundreds who sat under the hot sun to listen.

But first, Rev. Ralph L. Andrews, of St. Albans Liberal Catholic Church of Hollywood, offered this prayer:

"Oh God, help us to realize our kinship with Thy children on this and other worlds through Space and Time . . ."



ANGELUCCI

Then Orfeo Angelucci, 42, of 2931 Glendale Blvd., took over and told what happened to him.

"On July 23, 1952," he said, "I was walking home, when near the Hyperion Bridge I saw this thing, a transparent soap bubble hemisphere, it looked like.

"I FELT LIKE a different person. I saw the bubble become opaque and I instinctively walked into it. I felt at home, and saw a chair and sat down.

"There was a bluish-grey light, and then we went up. After four minutes, we were 1000 miles over Los Angeles. I could tell because I looked out and could see the curvature of the earth.

"We hovered there for 36 minutes and then we came down and landed by the bridge."

He didn't meet anybody though, he said sorrowfully.

But Truman Bethurum, 55, Redondo Beach construction welder and author, did.



BETHURUM

Bethurum claimed he was an old hand at climbing around inside saucers and has visited the insides of 11 since that first memorable day, July 29, 1952, at Mormon Mesa, Nev.

"The captain was a woman, a pretty girl who looked 26 but was really a grandmother," he said, eyes sparkling. "Her name was Aura Rhanes. She was from the planet Clarion—on the other side of the moon—and bossed a crew of 32 men."

In the cool of the evening before the convention got started, Van Tassel told how he gets together with a group of believers and concentrates, singing, "Get in the Beam," which seems to attract saucer pilots.

"THAT'S BECAUSE we act like a generator, developing mentel telepathic powers raised to the power of the number of people there."

Then the word got out that somewhere around Giant Rock was "a real girl from Venus," and everybody left to go find her. When they did, it turned out to be Miss Dolores Barrios, 24, of Venice, not Venus. But pretty, though.

LANDMARK—The Bivouac, home of late Gen. Harrison G
founder of The Times, is being razed to conform with expans

NEW SAUCER SAGA

La Times 6/2/54

Guided Tour Aboard Space Ship Related

Pull up a little white cloud, make yourself comfortable and hark to a story about the Earthman from El Monte who took a guided tour aboard a flying saucer.

Daniel W. Fry, an earnest, unsmiling man who believes in Saucer People, held a press conference at Rodger Young Auditorium yesterday to tell ordinary humans about his ride through the sky.

His host was William H. Gilroy, who manages to direct the Saucer Research Foundation under a staggering handicap—he's never seen one of the things.

Convention Star

Gilroy is counting on the 46-year-old Fry to star, if you'll forgive the expression, at the 1954 International Saucer Convention at the Carthay Circle Theater next June 4-6.

Fry agreed yesterday to take a lie detector test from an independent polygraph expert sometime before the Saucerphiles meet, and Gilroy commented:

"We want to know if this man is a screwball or a fraud. He's the only man to agree to take this test. I offered $500 to two other saucer riders to take it—but they refused."

Gilroy identified himself, incidentally, as a Californian whose ancestor, one Sgt. Ortega, came over with Father Serra and laid out all the highways.

Big Moment Comes

Fry said his big moment came on the evening of July 4, 1950, at White Sands, N.M., where he was working as a rocket technician.

He added somewhat apprehensively that he is still a rocket man for a local concern and hopes to have the job after his bosses hear of his experience.



SPACE RIDER?—Daniel W. Fry says he was flying saucer passenger.

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He lives in a trailer "somewhere in El Monte" with a wife and two children, Fry told interviewers.

He said he had wandered out into the desert that July evening to look around. Suddenly the saucer, an oblate spheroid with no propeller blades or jets, plopped down nearby.

"It frightened me, but I had to see it," he said.

"I ran my hand over the metal, and it seemed incredibly smooth. A voice seemed to come out of the air at my side in a Yankee accent, saying, 'Better not touch the hull, pal, it's still hot.'"

Then the voice explained the ship was a remote-controlled cargo carrier governed by a mother craft out of sight, and

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