PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
20 June 1949 20/1805(L)	Paget, Bermuda

3. SOURCE
Civilian

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
One

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
5 - 10 Minutes

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
Ground-Visual

7. COURSE
South

8. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
☐ Yes
☒ No

10. CONCLUSION

BALLOON

The 8/9 Weather Squadron Detachment released a weather balloon at 1800 on date of sighting.

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Object was spherical in shape and brilliantly silver in color and approximately 45-50 deg off the horizon due north of point of observation when first sighted and traveled due south. The original size was about that of a medium size star and as it proceeded south its size increase slightly. Object decreased in valocity and when at a position about 80 deg off the horizon in a line due south, it disappeared straight upward in a matter of seconds.
According to the latter, observation of the balloon from Paget woudl have been impossible. It is noted that the account given therein concerning the path of the weather balloon differs from that plotted.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Object in Bermuda

AREA REPORTED ON: Bermuda

FROM (Agency): Intelligence Division, MATS

DATE OF REPORT: 11 July 1949

DATE OF INFORMATION: 20 June 1949

EVALUATION: B-3

PREPARED BY (Officer): Clarence W. Schmitz, Captain, USAF

SOURCE: Hqs., Bermuda Base Command, Kindley AFB, St. George, Bermuda

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable):

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. On 20 June 1949 at 1805 local daylight time (estimated accurate within five minutes) Mr. [redacted] Bermuda architect, while at his home in Paget, Bermuda, sighted an unidentified object in the sky (see attached map, inclosure #2). The object, spherical in shape and brillantly silver in color, was approximately 45°-50° off the horizon due north of point of observation when first sighted and traveled due south. The original size was about that of a medium size star and as it proceeded south its size increased slightly. At approximately 1810 it was seen to decrease in velocity and when at a position about 50° off the horizon in a line due south, it disappeared straight upward in a matter of seconds. Due to the shape of the object no accurate estimate of the altitude or speed could be determined. Considering its position in relation to cumulus clouds, however, it was determined that it was at least 10,000 to 15,000 feet above the surface of the ocean. A rough estimate of its altitude is placed at 30,000 feet or higher. The observations, as recorded by JONES, are transmitted as inclosure #1.

2. Other persons seeing the object included Mrs. [redacted], Miss J[redacted] Street, Jackson Heights, New York and Miss [redacted] Street, Philadelphia. These individuals all concurred in the observations of Mr. [redacted] to the best of their knowledge.

3. The 5/9 Weather Squadron Detachment released a weather balloon at 1800, 20 June 1949 the course of which was plotted on the attached map (inclosure #2) by the weather officer, Captain [redacted], from computations based upon weather records. According to the latter, observation of the balloon from Paget would have been impossible. Captain [redacted] statement is transmitted as inclosure #3. A copy of a report of the winds aloft over Bermuda for 20 June 1949 as prepared by the 5/9 Weather Squadron Detachment is transmitted as inclosure #4.

4. Transmitted as inclosure #5 is an article concerning the incident which appeared in the July 3 issue of the Hamilton, Bermuda "Sunday Royal Gazette". It is noted that the account given therein concerning the path of the weather balloon differs from that plotted on inclosure #2 by Captain [redacted]

Clarence W. Schmitz
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Captain, USAF

APPROVED:
For JAMES F. BRADY
Lt. Col., USAF
Chief, Intelligence Division
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5 INCLS.
1. Observations of Mr. [redacted] (copy)
2. Map (copy)
3. Statement of Captain [redacted] (copy)
4. Statement of winds aloft (copy)
5. Article from Hamilton, Bermuda "Sunday Royal Gazette"

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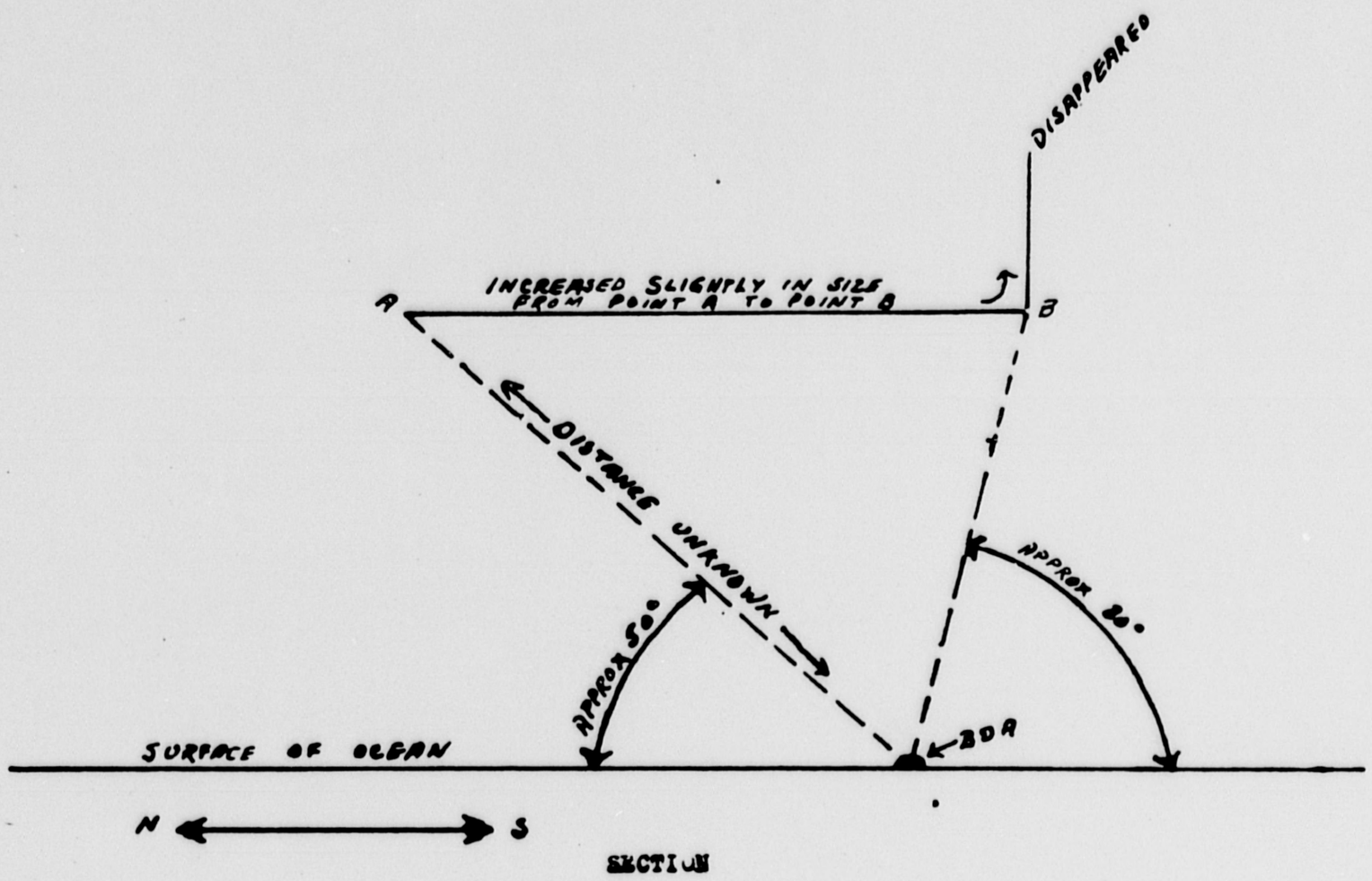
Spherical object (o) brilliantly silver was sighted at approximately 6:05 pm local daylight time. It was approx. 45-50° off the horizon due north of the point of observation and, as observed, was travelling due south. The original size was about that of a medium size star and as the object proceeded south it increased slightly in size. At approx. 6:10 pm the object was seen to decrease in velocity at about 80° off the horizon in a line due south and in a matter of seconds it disappeared straight upward.



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/s/ John Paul Jones

NOTE: Due to the shape of the object no accurate estimate of the altitude or speed could be determined. It was determined in relation to existing cumulus clouds that the object was at least 10,000 to 15,000 ft. above the surface of the ocean. (Rough estimated altitude 30,000 or higher).

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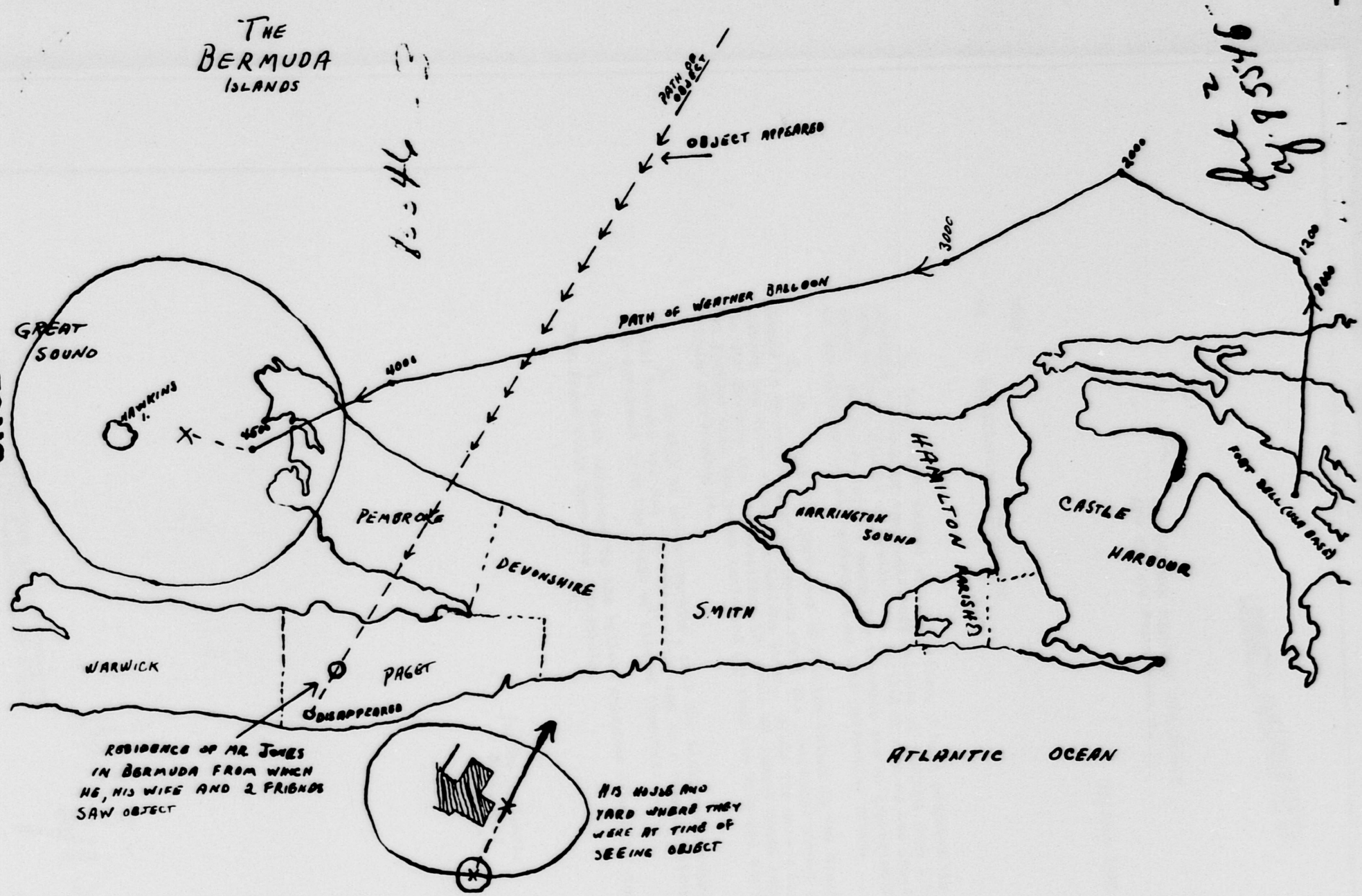

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5/9 WEATHER SQUADRON DETACHMENT
APO 856 c/o Postmaster, N. Y.

27 June 1949

MEMO :

TO : Intelligence Officer RBC

1. Using first degree approximations, I have computed the probably traverse of the radiosonde release of 202100Z June 1949 and, without benefit of protractor, indicated same on the attached chart. The balck figures along the traverse are an approximation of the altitude of the instrument at that particular point.

2. The black "X" just east of Hawkins Island in the Great Sound is my estimate of the place where the instrument should have struck the water after the balloon burst. Since the errors involved in the problem are compensating, the point of impact could hardly be farther from the point indicated (X) than the mile and one half circle surrounding it.

3. It will be noted therefor, that the instrument fellat a point between one and four miles from, and on a bearing between west and northwest from the point of alleged observation.

4. With reference to the balloon released from NOB, observation from Paget would have been impossible.

/s/ R. A. Lambie
Capt. USAF
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8/9 WEATHER SQUADRON DETACHMENT
APO 856 c/o POSTMASTER N.Y, N.Y.

27 June 1949

SUBJECT: WINDS ALOFT FOR 20 JUNE 1949 AT 2100 GREENWICH TIME

TO : Intelligence Officer Bermuda Base Command

The following is a true extract copy (In plain language) of the 2100 Z winds aloft run for 20 June 1949. Run was started at 2100Z ascension rate approximately one thousand and forty feet per minute. Wind directions are the directions from which the wind is blowing.

Surface	wind	180	degrees	at	09	knots
1,000	Feet	140	"	"	09	"
2,000	"	160	"	"	10	"
3,000	"	160	"	"	11	"
4,000	"	160	"	"	10	"
5,000	"	160	"	"	09	"
6,000	"	160	"	"	10	"
7,000	"	160	"	"	13	"
8,000	"	160	"	"	10	"
9,000	"	130	"	"	07	"
10,000	"	130	"	"	09	"
12,000	"	120	"	"	09	"
14,000	"	090	"	"	10	"
16,000	"	070	"	"	10	"
18,000	"	060	"	"	10	"
20,000	"	070	"	"	10	"
25,000	"	030	"	"	14	"
30,000	"	040	"	"	26	"
35,000	"	050	"	"	30	"
40,000	"	040	"	"	46	"
45,000	"	020	"	"	37	"

/s/ William B. Hicks
Major USAF
Acting Sta. Wea. Officer

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"FLYING SAUCER" SEEN OVER BERMUDA

Mysterious Object In Sky Sighted By Four People

ARCHITECT DESCRIBES PHENOMENA WHICH WAS VISIBLE FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES

By REGINALD WELLS
(Royal Gazette Reporter)

A "flying saucer" has been seen over Bermuda. The round, formless phenomena was seen by four people and was watched for 15 minutes before it shot upwards into the stratosphere and out of sight.

It is understood that U.S. authorities at Kindley Air Force Base are conducting an inquiry into the unknown disc like object which for a short time cut a steady and straight pattern across the blue of the Bermuda sky.

Tests, calculations, checks on all air force equipment and meteorological apparatus, disclose that the "flying saucer" in the sky over Bermuda was an object nobody knows anything about. Its appearance is regarded as one of the most baffling occurrences locally for years.

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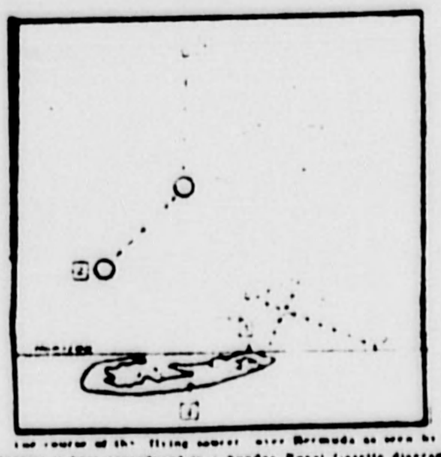

The course of the "flying saucer" over Bermuda as seen by the witnesses is here reproduced in a Sunday Royal Gazette diagram.

Figure 1: "Sea Cottage" Paget where the witnesses were located when they saw the unknown object appear in the North at about 50 degrees above the horizon.

Figure 2: At 8.10 p.m.

Figure 3: The "flying saucer" 15 minutes later over the heads of the witnesses where it slowed down for a second or two and then shot upwards (figure 4) getting smaller and smaller until out of sight.

Figure 5: Where the weather balloon was released from Kindley Field and the course of the balloon in an east to south direction well away from the "flying saucer" area. (Figure 6)

BECAME CURIOUS

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"TERRIFIC SPEED"

We kept watching the saucer until it was almost overhead and we realized that it had got slightly larger than when we first saw it. Directly over us it slowed down for a matter of seconds and then straight shot straight upward at a terrific speed. We could still see it shooting upward and it got smaller and smaller until it had disappeared out of sight still going up.

After [illegible] I phoned [illegible] bureau to find out the [illegible] winds at that time and found that surface winds [illegible] were southerly at about 20 mph. If there were northerly [illegible] this here anything like a balloon released in Bermuda could not have been following the course of the object we saw. Anyway I have seen meteorological balloons hundreds of times before and I am sure this was no one.

MAN MADE DEVICE?

"By its slow deliberate and dead straight course I believe that what we saw was some man made device. The course it took was too clear and definite for it to be anything at the mercy of the elements.

From the time we first saw it until we watched it speed upwards out of sight would have been about 15 minutes. It never changed form or shape and its colours remained the same. Also please to believe it could be seen flying in the light of the moon and changed colour quite definitely over the course the object took," said Mr. Jones.

WEATHER BALLOON

Strangely enough a weather balloon was released on that same day by the authorities at Kindley Air Force Base but it is understood that its course plotted carefully by the weathermen was far removed from the course of the "flying saucer" and was plotted out of sight in a south easterly direction.

The balloon was released at Kindley Field and took a south-[illegible] at first. Then it [illegible] as it got higher [illegible] easterly direction and [illegible] off at a tangent in a [illegible] direction. Weather [illegible] that night and [illegible] the balloon which Mr. Jones and his party saw from Paget. At the time of Mr. Jones's observation the weather balloon would have been nowhere near [illegible] and would have been at the same height.

UNCANNY

Miss Allen who with her friend Miss Wesley is staying at the Princess Hotel told us: "The object was the most uncanny thing we have ever seen. Paul pointed it out to us and we watched it as it came towards us. It was round and flat and definitely had no wings on it. It got bigger as it came overhead and then it shot upwards out of sight. There was no trail behind it and it kept the same glow all the time.

"I always scoffed at this flying saucer business before but after seeing this thing I am afraid I have to confess I'm in the league."

After seeing the object Mr. Jones telephoned Kindley Air Force Base and a man from Intelligence out there has been to see us to talk with maps and charts asking us to plot the course we saw it take.

Miss Wesley said that maybe the reports of flying saucers seen over the United States were not so wholly as the first thought.

"There's a lot we don't know about yet and this thing was certainly unbelievable," she told us. "I don't know what to think. We just don't know what it was. I can't somehow think that a thing like that could come all the way from Russia. It was certainly something which we have never seen before and we can now understand the reports of 'flying saucers' made by people all over the States.

"It was certainly an unusual first day in Bermuda for us."

This for the time being ends the story of Bermuda's flying saucer. What was it that Mr. Jones and his party saw. Weather balloon, guided missile, rocket from another planet? Our guess is as good as another.

(Editor's note: Any reader who has seen an object similar to that reported by Mr. Jones, or who saw the same "flying saucer" is asked to contact The Sunday Royal Gazette so that all the information possible can be obtained and passed on to the proper authorities).

Met His Bride For First Time Day Before Wedding

U.S. GREEK "PETE" CARRIED OUT COURTSHIP BY PROXY

Marriage In Bermuda Makes Happy Ending To Strange Tale

A remarkable tale of old Greek tradition, love making by proxy, and marriage in Bermuda to a girl he had never met before was told to The Sunday Royal Gazette on Saturday morning by handsome Pete Katopody, of Brownsville, Penn. U.S.A.

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CUPID'S AMBASSADOR

The other day after Pete had flown to Bermuda from the States he came face to face with his bride to be for the first time. A face which had been a photograph to him for months suddenly became real on the farms of Kindley Field. They were married the following day in the Register Office and have been spending their honeymoon sightseeing around the Islands.

[illegible]

Starry eyed Pete still thinks it all a dream. Having learning English the hard way, he could a persuasive speech. [illegible] to be able to be here. I am very glad and quite sure it was much the wisest said.

Soon Pete will take his bride back to Brownsville with him and the Greek community there will celebrate anew a wedding which was arranged and carried out according to Greek tradition.

Senate Appropriations Committee Asks Showdown To Force British To Change European Policy

NEW YORK, July 2 (Reuter).—The Senate Appropriations Committee has demanded a showdown on the Administration's foreign spending programme in the light of its virtual rejection of American proposals to inject a larger measure of competition into Western European markets under the Marshall Plan.

Mr. William L. Thorp, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, has been summoned with other foreign policy officials to appear before the committee on Tuesday. Polls Reuter's New York Times Washington correspondent reports.

Belief here among committee members responsible for the move said they would demand to know why the Marshall Plan governments had not implemented their treaty undertakings to reduce trade and currency restrictions as a condition for American aid.

This attitude of committeemen which has been shown crystallizing through weeks of hearings on the appropriations for the European Recovery Programme was suddenly brought to a head yesterday by the British refusal to permit transferability of more than 25 per cent of the drawing rights established under the intra-European payments plan.

SUSPICIOUS OF U.K. POLICY

Belief here was the immediate effect on approximately [illegible] of the determined British stand has been to cast suspicion on that Government's adoption of the Marshall Plan principle that European recovery can only be achieved by lowering down the bilateral trading system by which it has been limited almost to a barter basis.

Thus inherent critics of the European Recovery Programme like Senators Homer Ferguson Republican of Michigan and Joe Ball Republican of Oregon question whether the underlying [illegible] British policy [illegible] the end.

But against that we have [illegible] British Government and that the British Government [illegible] the E.R.P. [illegible] Senator who has championed the E.R.P. from its inception is understood to have told friends that the British action appears the E.R.A. [illegible] [illegible] Michigan Senator who has championed the E.R.P. from its inception is understood to have told friends that the British action appears the E.R.A. [illegible] the Senate [illegible] the two year of [illegible]

America, Britain Swelter In Heat; Thirty Die

NEW YORK, July 2 (Reuter).—The weather was general hottest over most of America and little relief was expected during the Independence Day weekend.

There were cool spots in the East and West but elsewhere [illegible] their hot other parts [illegible] experienced in the early July heat of the [illegible].

The Ohio Valley and Southern states [illegible] in the hottest weather of the year [illegible] as the temperature climbed into the 90s and hit 100 in some cities.

Although low temperatures were present in the Northeastern states there was no sign of rain to break the long dry spell. New York City was promised no rain to end the 17-day drought.

[illegible] after 22 rainless days. People [illegible] and [illegible] up and down [illegible] and [illegible] out to escape during the night because of the day's heat.

[illegible] water is strictly [illegible] and [illegible] where the drought has hurt hydro-electric systems.

Prayers for rain are being offered in Irish churches.

Combined Western Fleets Start Joint Exercises

DIED AFTER KNIFE INJURIES

By ASTLEY HAWKINS

ABOARD HMS IMPLACABLE off Penzance, Cornwall, July 2 (Reuter).—Admiral Sir Rhoderick McGrigor, commander-in-chief of the Home Fleet and overall commander of the Western Union Fleet, told a press conference today that the Western Union Defence Pact and the present Western Union naval exercises were designed to show the world we are willing and able to work together in case of aggression.

British, French and Dutch naval ships assembled off the Cornish coast yesterday to take part in the first joint Western Union naval exercises, which will last until July 7.

"We are here not to make war but to make peace," Admiral McGrigor said.

He told correspondents, some 60 of them representing Western Union nations and the world press, that preliminary exercises of the United Fleet had already passed very encouraging with extremely satisfactory results.

Describing the present exercises as "unique in modern history," Admiral McGrigor said that the Western Union defence pact would only be of use if the forces of the united countries were able and accustomed to work together in case the worst happened.

"That is the object of the exercises—to accustom the forces of our countries to work together," he emphasized. He added that these are tactical ones and have no strategic significance at all.

When the fleet sails Monday morning the present harbour exercises would be followed up with simple manoeuvres to give the ships practice in working together.

The Admiral stated that he expected Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Western Union defence chief, to join him aboard the Implacable before the fleet sails. Lord Montgomery will go with the fleet as an observer.

Charles Brown, proprietor of the 9.2 Restaurant in Hamilton, who died in King Edward Memorial Hospital on June 27 after receiving injuries in the stomach during a scuffle near his restaurant. See story on back page.

Koreans Demand Arms As Acheson Warns Of Red Danger

NEW YORK, July 2 (Reuter).—Secretary of State Dean Acheson has warned the House Foreign Affairs Committee that the Republic of Korea will fall in ten or three months, presumably to the Communists, if Congress rejects the Administration's $150,000,000 recovery programme for Korea.

Mr. Acheson's warning was given in a closed session of the committee but was disclosed yesterday when a committee majority urged the house to approve the programme.

Mr. Acheson said if action were not taken on the programme it would be a declaration that the United States was not going to do anything in the Far East.

And I think you will get a shiver of fear all through the Philippines, all through Southeast Asia, India and all other parts of the Far East," he declared.

SEOUL, Korea, July 2 (Reuter).—The politically growing disturbance among Koreans participating in Syngman Rhee's Move Arms demonstrations here is causing disquiet among American residents.

Ten mass rallies were held last night stressing the need for arms for Korea before the American troops are withdrawn and the holding of general elections in northern Korea.

An American State Department official commented that the marchers in the demonstrations are becoming quite emotional and even belligerent in contrast to their former passiveness and detachment.

TREE PLANTING AT WHALEBONE BAY

Reafforestation Committee To Study Priority Request

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Grasshopper Horde Covers 3,000-Mile Area On Coast

BISMARCK, July 2 (Reuter).—A record breaking horde of migratory grasshoppers covering about 1,000 square miles is eating its way into Oregon and all farms.

The State Department of Agriculture said the band of hoppers is 75 miles long and 60 miles deep.

This is undoubtedly the largest and most intensely populated single band of the western range locust in modern times in this country, said Mr. Harry Gallaway, field supervisor.

Flying only by daylight they sound like the roar of a distant waterfall or the rumble of a fast freight train.

A man can't stand in the face of the onslaught without protecting his head with his arms. The hoppers move up in six miles a day.

The present rate of infestation ranges up to 2,500 nymphs (baby grasshoppers) per square yard on egg beds covering more than 100,000 acres. There are three to 50 adults per square yard over the entire 1,000 square miles.

Mr. W. R. Mahon, United States entomologist said damage done by the hoppers was heavy and permanent.

Father Broke, Delivers Own Baby Daughter

BALTIMORE, July 2 (Reuter).—Milton Harvey just hadn't time or money enough to get a doctor so he delivered his own baby daughter today.

Mr. Harvey, aged 32, said that a couple of months ago his family was turned out of its home and lost everything.

"When the time came for the baby's arrival I just decided to do it myself," he said.

"I've never done anything like this before. I was scared stiff but some neighbours, nurses who arrived too late said I did very well."

SLIPPERY CUSTOMER

STOCKHOLM, July 2 (Reuter).—A convict escaped from Vestaras city prison by smearing his boots with margarine and squeezing between the bars of his cell.

REDS TO WORK FASTER

MOSCOW, July 2 (Reuter).—Soviet forest workers have promised to complete Stalin's project for a 800-mile forest belt along the banks of the River Don in five years instead of the scheduled 15, Tass, Soviet news agency, reported today.