

NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)
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Chilean Navy Reports 7-Inch Flying Saucer

SANTIAGO, March 11 (U.P.)—The Chilean Navy's meteorological observatory at Punta Arenas reported today its latest observations on a celestial body seen over that city yesterday and believed by the populace to be a flying saucer.

Said the report: "A spheroid celestial body, visible to the naked eye, of about seven inches diameter, crossed the sky in an east-to-west direction.

"The body remained in the sky from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at an estimated height of 18,000 feet, and then disappeared."

Reports said the body was seen clearly by thousands of persons.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 11 March 50	2. LOCATION San Bernardo, Santiago, Valparaiso, Chile
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (VENUS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	The Director of the Observatory Astronomy of the University of Chile, Prof Rutland, made a statement to the local press that what the people were seeing was the Planet VENUS which is clearly visible this time of year at that latitude.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers saw a silver colored, stationary object in the same relative position as was witnessed by the local public the preceding day, and after careful observation concluded it to be the planet VENUS and not a flying disc.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Country: Chile
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Subject: Flying Discs
From: Air Attache, Chile
Date of Report: 30 Mar 50
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Evaluation: F-0
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Source: Newspaper reports and personal observations of Air Attache Office personnel.

1. Flying discs are being "seen" in various parts of Chile. First sighting was at Punta Arenas, lat 53°06' S, long 70°53'W on 11 Mar at noon. Many inhabitants of the city witnessed this phenomena which appeared northeast of the city and traveled toward the southwest. Usual description was given--extreme altitude, silver in color, shaped like a ping-pong ball. The Director of the Observatorio Astronomico of the University of Chile, Prof. Frederico Rutland, made a statement to the local press that what the people were seeing was the planet Venus which is clearly visible this time of year at that latitude.

2. Second sighting of a disc took place in the Santiago area, San Bernardo and Valparaíso on the 24th and 25th of March with the usual description given by the populace being quoted in the local press.

3. Third sighting of a disc occurred 28 March between 1330 and 1410 over Santiago, Chile. Downtown area was crowded with people looking into the sky observing this phenomenon. M/Sgt. [REDACTED], assigned to this office as a 502, personally observed an object travelling at an extreme rate of speed and altitude. (See attached statement and diagram.)

COMMENT: On 29 March this observer saw a silver colored, stationary object in the same relative position as was witnessed by the local populace the preceding day, and after careful observation concluded it to be the planet Venus and not a flying disc.

Professor Rutland (par 1) repeated his statement to the press today that the object had to be Venus.

Local press has headlined "flying disc" dispatches from all countries reporting sightings.

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1. Incl
Statement and diagram
of M/Sgt Patterson

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