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WESTERN EUROPE

[The first three items in this section may refer to incident cited in 00-W-29903 in the item entitled "Explosion in Sky Breaks Windows at Dieppe."]

Belgium

BALL OF FIRE SEEN OVER BRUSSELS -- Liege, Le Monde du Travail, 10 Jan 54

On 7 January 1954 at 0420 hours, a Sabena pilot preparing to land at Melsbroek saw a ball of fire low on the horizon, moving in a north-northwesterly direction. The ball was white, edged with green, and was followed by a long trail. The phenomenon illuminated the whole sky and the pilot supposed at the time that it was a green rocket signal set off by the airport authorities. Since the latter denied this, it was assumed that he had seen the same light which was seen over Dieppe.

France

FIERY DISK SEEN AT ARRAS -- Casablanca, Le Petit Marocain, 8 Jan 54

At approximately 0427 hours on 7 January 1954, a fiery disk, followed by a luminous trail, was sighted in Arras, Pas-de-Calais Department. An observer stated that the disk remained motionless in the sky for an instant, after which it flew away and disappeared over the horizon.

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DIEPPE "FLYING SAUCER" CALLED METEORITE -- The Hague, Nieuwe Haagsche Courant, 9 Jan 54

French (Paris) astronomers are convinced that the object which exploded over Dieppe recently was an exceptionally large meteorite.

CELESTIAL PHENOMENON AT GEMEAUX -- Basel, National-Zeitung, 11 Jan 54

(AFP) -- For a few seconds, inhabitants of Gemeaux, Cote d'Or Department, recently [date and time not given] observed in the sky a red ball surmounted by a triangle. The phenomenon moved on without leaving a trail. The same observation was reported by several witnesses from Nouvelles-les-Champlitte and Langras.

NEAR EAST/AFRICA

Algeria

CIGAR-SHAPED OBJECT SEEN -- Douala, L'Eveil du Cameroun, 10 Dec 53

A cigar-shaped object flying toward the northeast at a high altitude and leaving a trail of smoke behind it was recently observed by thousands of people in several parts of Algeria.

LUMINOUS DISK SIGHTED OVER CONSTANTINE AREA -- Tunis, La Presse de Tunisie, 16 Jan 54

At 1030 hours on 12 January 1954, a "flying saucer" crossed the sky over Saint Arnaud, in the Constantine area. The phenomenon was witnessed by many persons, including Cunat [fnu], Director of the Ecole Clemenceau (Clemenceau School), and his staff and students. The weather was very good, and the visibility was excellent. The witnesses described the object as a luminous disk moving from west to east, leaving long trails similar to ribbons. Its speed did not appear to be great, but it was impossible to determine its altitude. It disappeared quickly over the horizon.

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT OVER ALGIERS -- Algiers, Le Journal d'Alger, 28 Jan 54

According to statements by several persons, a round, luminous, yellow-orange object appeared in the sky over Algiers at 1525 hours on 27 January 1954; it was moving in the direction of Cap Matifou. The object grew larger, until it was two or three times the size of the sun; then it diminished in size and disappeared on the horizon, sinking, seemingly, into the sea.

LATIN AMERICA

Uruguay

"FLYING SAUCER" OVER MONTEVIDEO -- Pes, Le Courrier du Maroc, 2 Mar 54

On 1 March 1954, numerous bathers at the beaches near Montevideo observed a "flying saucer," a sort of metallic disk emitting yellowish reflections. It remained stationary for 2 minutes at an altitude of several thousand meters.

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