

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

1950 JANUARY – MARCH

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

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“UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse.”

--- Dr. Lincoln La Paz

January

UFOs and the arms race.

The Pentagon rescinded a number of memoranda and directives concerning the reporting of UFOs on January 12, 1950, in effect killing Project GRUDGE. For some people this was considered a mistake.

Back in August 1949 President Truman was informed an atomic explosion had taken place on the Asiatic mainland, making it appear the Soviet Union was a rival in a nuclear arms race. For America, parity was not an option. Unfortunately the details of the Communist nuclear program were not known. On October 29, 1949, the General Advisory Committee (GAC) of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) met to give an opinion on the advisability of developing a thermonuclear bomb based on fusion since the perfection of such a weapon would give the U.S. superiority. The GAC voted unanimously against the proposed program.

In January 1950 Klaus Fuchs, a British scientist who had worked with the American team during the Manhattan Project to develop the A-bomb, was arrested as a Communist spy. It had to be assumed the Soviets had virtually complete knowledge of American's nuclear activities. It took President Truman only four days to issue a directive overriding the GAC vote. The race between the Soviets and the U.S. to be the first to build an H-Bomb was launched. You can be sure no one in America's nuclear program wanted the Soviets to repeat its previous intelligence success.

When "green fireballs" and UFOs continued to be reported in the vicinity of sensitive nuclear installations, it worried the AEC and the Air Force Security Service. The inactivity of Project GRUDGE was questioned.

January.

An official comment about Donald Keyhoe's article, "The Flying Saucers Are Real," in the January issue of *True Magazine*:

"I have been told by rather reliable sources that Keyhoe's story "Flying Saucers Are Real" was responsible for an additional 400,000 magazine sales (*True Magazine*) during the month the story appeared. If this is true, and there is no reason to doubt it, normal magazine readership will bring this story to the attention of more than one million people; and with the publicity it received it could have easily reached two to three times that number." (1.)

(1.) Letter: To: Brigadier General E. Moore, Assistant for Production, Directorate of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D.C. From: Col. C.H. Welch, USAF Chief Public Information Office. 1 November 1950. p.4. Copy in author's files.

4 January. Project GRUDGE.

The cancellation of special collection requirements by Headquarters, USAF, was made known to the public, but one part was kept from public scrutiny for obvious reasons. The UFO subject was to be: "...reviewed to determine potentialities for psychological warfare applications as recommended by AMC." (See document on page 2)

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 Maj. Boggs/at/5867
 Wrtm 29 Dec 49

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4 Jan 1950

SUBJECT: (Restricted) Project Grudge

TO: Commanding General
 Air Materiel Command
 Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
 Dayton, Ohio

1. Reference is made to Hq. USAF letter, dated 30 December 1947, subject, "Flying Discs"; and Hq. USAF 1st Indorsement, dated 10 October 1949, to AMC letter, dated 10 August 1949, subject, "Project Grudge Technical Report". *Boel file*

2. In view of the findings and subsequent concurrence by all Services through the JIC, it is recommended that special project action by the Intelligence Department, Hq. AMC, on "flying saucer" reports be discontinued. Any future reports on this subject should be accorded the same consideration as that given to intelligence on other subjects.

3. This headquarters is taking action to cancel all its outstanding intelligence requirements issued for collection of information on "flying saucers" including Air Intelligence Requirements Memorandum Number 4, "Unconventional Aircraft", Department of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, dated 15 February 1949.

4. Copy of Project Grudge Technical Report, with corrections as suggested in inclosures to Hq. USAF 1st Indorsement, dated 10 October 1949, to AMC letter, dated 10 August 1949, will be reviewed to determine potentialities for psychological warfare application as recommended by AMC.

5. It is requested that the Project Grudge file at Hq. AMC be retained as the official record on "flying saucer" investigations.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

s/JOHN M. SCHWEIZER, JR.
 Colonel, USAF
 Directorate of Intelligence

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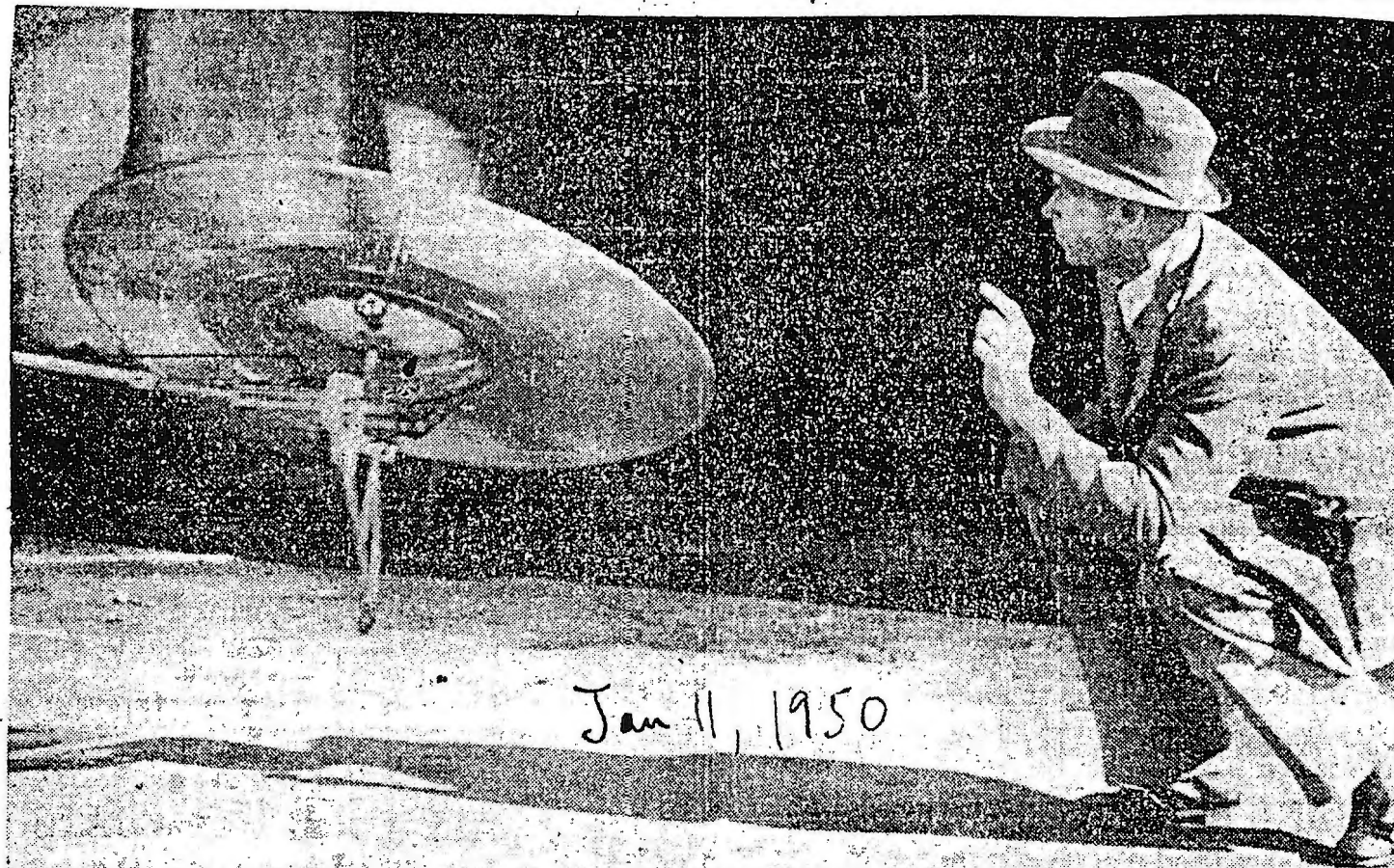
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11 January. The "Kay disc."

This test model is of special interest because it shows up later in a hoax photograph.



FLYING DISC SHOWS STUFF—Dr. E. W. Kay (right) demonstrates his model flying disc which he believes will revolutionize aviation. This 41-inch, 20-pound test model gets off the ground and spins in a 36-foot circle at

72 miles an hour. Vanes on the rim make it act like a helicopter. At altitude the vanes are closed and it scats away spinning like a top. Air Force officials recently witnessed a test flight at Dr. Kay's plant in Glendale, Cal. (Acme Telephoto.)

27 January. Borger, Texas. (5:00-5:30 p.m.)

Borgans confused?

Saucers, Cigars Or Jets?

Special Objects Have Borgans Confused

January 27, 1950

The word got around fast yesterday afternoon, when unknown flying objects were observed in the sky over Borger. The "alarm" was sounded shortly after 5 p.m., and by 5:30, every intersection up and down Main Street had its own little crowd, observing the phenomena.

The flying saucer-conscious citizenry was sure the two white vertical discs were the highly publicized flying saucers. An equal number of the citizens, who scoff at the idea of such things, maintained just as surely that the objects were vapor trails from jet planes. A few others believed the white masses were reflections from something. What that something was, they couldn't say.

And, naturally, there were a few who steadfastly declared, they didn't see a thing.

Shortly before 5:30, two students from the East Ward school, Billy Orrick and Thomas Carroll, rushed into the office of the NEWS-HERALD and reported the objects. At that time the objects were near the moon which was directly over the city of Borger.

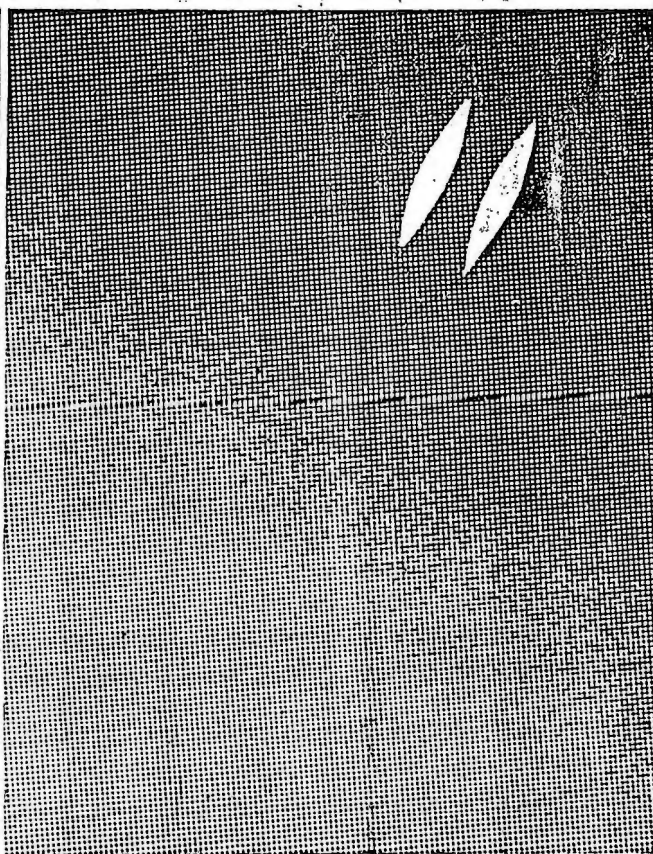
Billy and Thomas said they had managed to get an extra-special view, since they just happened to have a Tom Mix Bullet Telescope with them. The boys also maintained they could hear the noise of a motor as the discs passed overhead.

Billy, 11, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glover Orrick, 826 Harvey. Thomas is the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray D. Carroll, 515 Brain.

The two boys scarcely had finished their story when telephones in the newspaper office started bringing off the walls. The inevitable questions followed. "Have you seen them?" "What do you think they are?"

And, as was to be expected, there were the two, equally inevitable positive statements. "They are flying saucers." And "they are not flying saucers."

The NEWS-HERALD placed a call to the Associated Press in Dallas, and reported the incident.



This photo was snapped late yesterday afternoon, at the height of the Tri-City furor, occasioned by strange objects passing through the sky to the west of Borger. Herschel Rodido, Amarillo photographer, who happened to be visiting friends here, made this amazing shot. Using a Holtheimhausen Kamera, 92F.4, with telescopic attachment, which Rodido brought back from Germany after the war, the photographer took the picture from the top of the News-Herald building shortly after 5:30 yesterday. The picture which appears here was enlarged 10 times the size of the original negative. (News-Herald photo by Herschel Rodido.)

The AP said that earlier in the day a similar spacial object had been reported southwest of Sweetwater.

A report was received early this morning from the AP in Dallas, saying that checks with Carswell Air Base and Fort Worth and Dallas municipal airports disclosed no jets in the air yesterday. Carswell authorities said as far as they knew, there were no transit jets in the air either.

A. C. Williams, local astronomer, set up his telescope just before the objects disappeared over the horizon. Williams said that they were not celestial bodies. As to exactly what they were, Williams was unable to say.

One phone-caller said that he was stationed for some time at a jet base, and had seen many jet planes, of all types. This ex-GI said that, even in the beginning of jet propulsion, jet planes did not move as slowly through the air as the unknown objects did yesterday.

However, another caller had a different story. He, too, had seen a lot of jet planes, and said the two white masses were vapors from a jet exhaust.

Numerous people in and near Dumas sighted the objects, and one lady described them as being cigar-shaped.

In addition to the two objects which were sighted by scores of people, a few people reported a third object. This object, located to the south and considerably higher than the pair, appeared to be absolutely circular. One man described it as resembling "the top of a can."

Of course, no one will know for a long time just what was crossing the skies over Borger yesterday afternoon. It could have been a flying saucer. It could have been a jet plane. And it might have been a reflection.

When one of those midget Martian men drops in for dinner, maybe we'll know.

Until then—have you seen a flying saucer lately?

FEBRUARY

1 February. Tucson, Arizona.

Additional news clippings. (See this page and pages 6-7)

Meteor Ruled Out By Expert

At University

TUCSON DAILY CATALAN 2/2/50

By BOB CAMPBELL #113

Flying saucer? Secret experimental plane? Or perhaps a scout craft from Mars? Certainly the strange aircraft that blazed a smoke trail over Tucson at dusk last night defies logical explanation. It was as mystifying to experienced pilots as to groundlings who have trouble identifying conventional planes.



LOSING RACE with a strange object that flew over Tucson early last night was flown by First Lt. Roy L. Jones Jr., above. Jones was taking off from Davis-Monthan air force base in a B-29, but was unable to overhail a speeding object that sped across the city leaving a wide trail of smoke.

I saw the menacing streamer of smoke. Never have I seen anything like last night's display. For a brief second many Tucsonians thought perhaps a practicing skywriter was racing home to a late dinner. But if that was the explanation he was certainly wasting smoke—the hour was late for aerial advertising and the streak of smoke ran across the sky from west to east straight as the white line down the center of a highway.

At 30,000 Feet

Cannonballing through the sky some 30,000 feet aloft was a fiery object shooting westward so fast it was impossible to gain any clear impression of its shape or size. At that altitude it easily could have been a conventional plane, or it could have been a flying saucer or some other unknown and fearsome object.

At what must have been top speed the object spewed out light colored smoke, but almost directly over Tucson it appeared to hover for a few seconds. The smoke puffed out an angry black and then became lighter as the strange missile appeared to gain speed and shoot westward.

The radio operator in the Davis-Monthan air force base control tower didn't know what it was. He contacted First Lt. Jones.

Just What Was It?

Was this the trail of a lone pilot practicing for a bombing mission? Or was it a photographic plane streaking across Arizona for pictures of our air force installation in a lone man sally?

Speculation on the object was rife in Tucson today. No one—specialists, scientific experts or laymen—could offer an acceptable explanation. But a few facts emerged.

Dr. Edwin F. Carpenter, head of the University of Arizona department of astronomy, said no one at Steward observatory saw the object because none of the staff was viewing the sky at the time. However, he was certain of one thing:

He was certain that the object was not a meteor or other natural phenomena.

Couched in the usual careful language of scientists, Dr. Carpenter said he was "inclined to doubt that it was a meteor because of the object's heavy discharge of smoke. A meteor rarely leaves a visible trail and, when it does, it leaves only a very light trail."

W. M. McLean, supervising agent for Civil Aeronautics administration here, and other aircraft experts at the municipal airport thought perhaps the object was a B-36 bomber flying with experimental equipment. This explanation was natural enough coming from men whose work is with the conventional aircraft of today. But it hardly seemed to fit the visitation that aroused hundreds of Tucsonians last night.

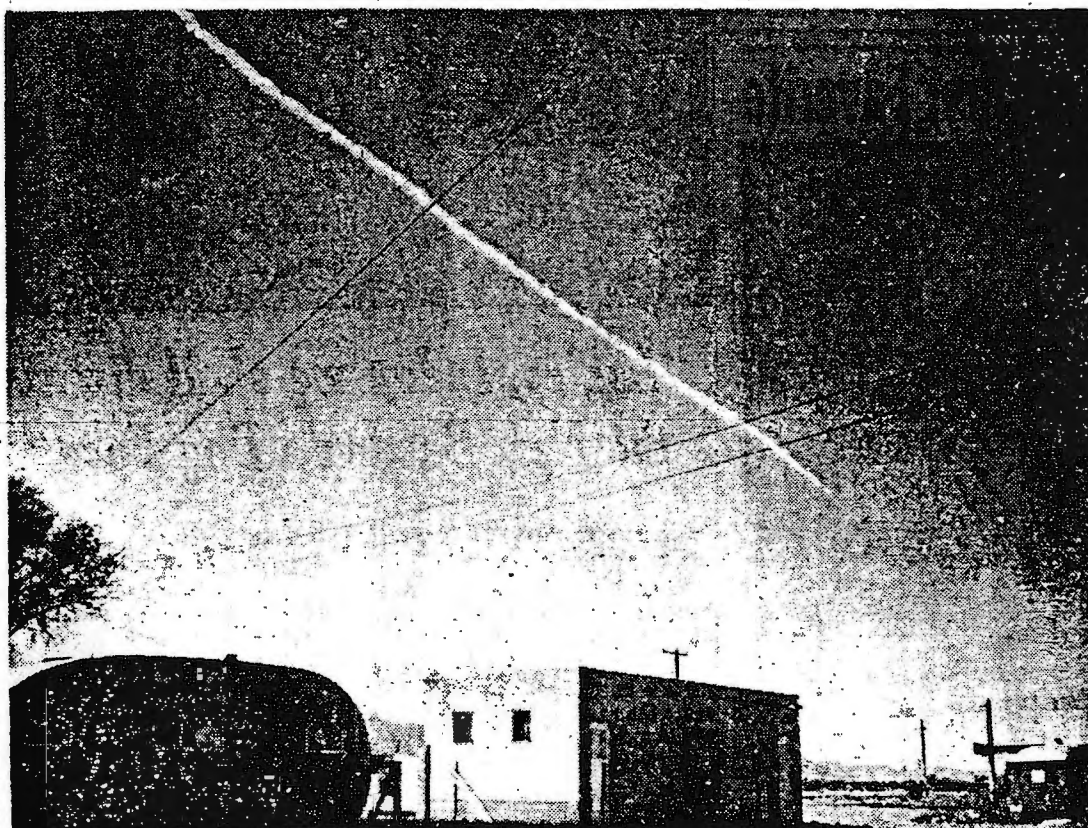
Switchboards Swamped

Switchboards at the Pima county sheriff's office and Tucson police station were jammed with inquiries. Hundreds saw it. No one knew what it was. And with a single exception no one heard a sound from the fiery object. A Citizen reporter said she heard a "hum, not like a motor but, that's what it reminded me of."

Tom Bailey, 1411 E. 10th st., saw the object. He thought it was a large airplane on fire. He said it wavered from left to right as it passed over the mountains.

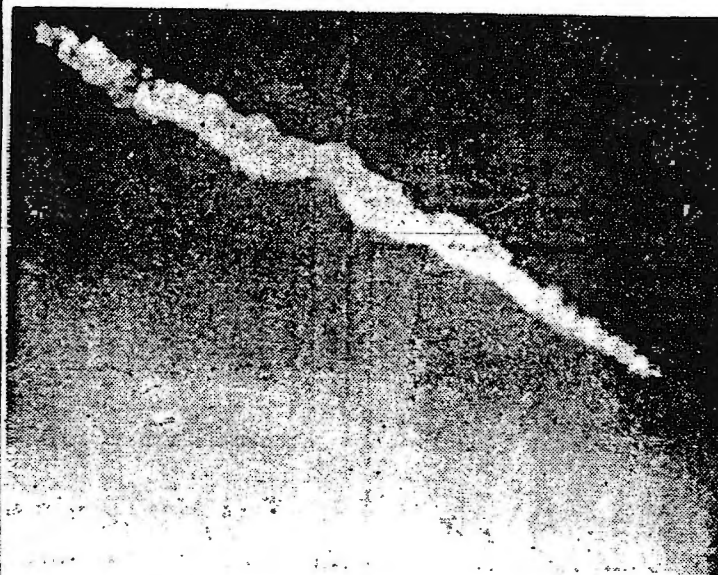
Bailey also noticed that the craft appeared to slow perceptibly over Tucson. He said the smoke it omitted apparently started billowing out a considerable distance from the tail, or rear end of the object—apparently coming out in a thin, almost invisible stream and gaining substance within a few seconds.

Capt. Roy G. Robinson, acting chief of police, was in his yard at 1315 E. Sixth st. to pick up his evening paper when he spotted the smoke trail. He thought perhaps it was a skywriter, but decided it was too late in the evening—just about dusk—for such advertising.



ANYTHING THAT FLIES THESE DAYS is called a "flying saucer," and William Slater of 345 NW Second st., is sure that is what he saw streak through the sky while in a trailer court 50 miles east of Tuscon, Ariz., recently. An Air Force officer at the court estimated the object to be traveling at 900 miles per hor at about 20,000 feet. Slater was on his way from San Francisco to Miami.

Flying Saucer's Vapor Trail That's What Miamian Says



HERE IS VAPOR TRAIL left behind by flying object which Slater described as silver colored, egg-shaped and "too small to have a person in it." Slater, a portrait photographer, brought these pictures to The Herald Wednesday night. The Los Alamos proving grounds are located not too far away in New Mexico.

Miami Daily News Mar. 24, 1950 (B) corded as #113 but may be separate sighting

Sky Mystery? Tucson People Differ Widely

By ACE BUSHNELL

Speedy, smoky flying saucer,
How we wonder where you are, sir—
Up above the earth so high, **DAILY CITIZEN**
Like a jet plane in the sky. **TUCSON**
2-3-50

After giving Tucsonians a good 24 hours to weigh and consider the matter, your roving reporter set out last night to find out what the man on the street thought of the speedy, smoky object which leaped across the sky over the Old Pueblo at dusk Wednesday evening. A surprisingly large number of persons saw the unconfirmed highflyer, subject of much excitement and speculation throughout Tucson yesterday and today. All who saw it observed a black trail of smoke left by the object, which moved too fast to be seen.

Each person contacted had a theory as to what the object might have been, but no one was positive. There were no flying saucer or space ships from Mars answers; however, these possibilities were not ruled out, since no one actually saw what it was and the great speed was hard to explain.

What Did You Think?

Here is a cross-section report from Tucsonians who saw the strange trail left by the brief visitor and answered the query, "What did you think it was?"—

Burt Newmark, 4044 E. Whitman st., former air force pilot, salesman for Remington-Rand:

"It looked to me like a condensation trail, such as the type caused by a large plane flying at a high altitude. It was probably moisture from the plane's exhaust condensing in the air."

"As I saw it from my car, driving eastward on Broadway, I thought it was a perfect example of the inadequacy of our aerial defenses. My thoughts were borne out when the air force and CAA were unable to give a good explanation of the object yesterday."

Buster Durazzo, 518 S. Stone ave., service station owner:



Newmark

What'd You Mean Only Vapor Trail

As though to prove itself blameless for titillating hundreds of Tucson heads skyward and causing more public discussion than any single event of recent months, the U.S. air force yesterday afternoon spent hours etching vapor trails through the skies over the city.

The demonstration proved conclusively to the satisfaction of most that the strange path of dark smoke blazed across the evening sky at dusk Wednesday was no vapor trail and did not emanate from any conventional airplane.

Vapor trails observed yesterday afternoon were thin, puny strings of agitated air looping across the sky in the familiar pattern. The Wednesday night spectacle was entirely dissimilar. Then, heavy smoke boiled and swirled in a broad, dark ribbon fanning out at least a mile in width and stretching across the sky in a straight line.

In comparison the two displays were as little alike as a regimental battle flag compared to flimsy bunting after rain has ruined a Fourth of July picnic.

However, since there was absolutely no proof as to what caused the strange predark manifestation and because even the most expert witnesses were unable to satisfactorily explain the appearance, the matter remained a subject for interesting speculation.

Called Children To See It

"I was inside when the object passed overhead, but my mother and father were sitting on our front porch and, when they saw it, they got excited and called their six children outside to see the dark smoke trail it left."

"By the time I saw it, I thought it was just a very huge cloud rare and different, very bright and distinguished."

"My five brothers and sisters and I didn't get very excited about it because we didn't see it. However, mother and father were confused because it moved so awfully fast—they were excited for quite a while."

Gene Brasel, 2615 S. Sixth ave., street photographer:

Perhaps Tornado Sign

"When I saw it from my car, driving westward on Broadway, I honestly thought it was a tornado. After all, it gets awfully hot here."

"I couldn't take my eyes off of it and I slammed on my brakes, thinking maybe to jump out and run for a cellar before it hit."

"As I shouted, 'Look at that!' my girl in the seat next to me was yelling, 'Watch out for that truck!' What confusion!"

"It really did look like a tornado, though."

Now, I guess it must have been a

cloud formation. I've seen them like that before."

Sam Marler, 3716 Monte Vista, cab driver for Tanner Motor Co.:

"I thought it was a jet plane, but going awfully fast. I saw it go down over the Tucson mountains—at least 700 miles an hour. It didn't leave vapor behind. It was definitely smoke."

"It didn't seem like 30 seconds that it was in the sky. Then, it spiraled down over the mountains out of sight."

"I really thought it was a jet, but jeppers, it was going so fast I couldn't see it—just the dark smoke it left behind."



Bautista



Brasel



Marler

3 February. North Bay, Ontario,
Canada. (9:00 p.m.)
(See clipping right)

8? February. Denver University
saucer lecture.
How it all started.

"It all started about five weeks ago [This story was written on March 16th] when one of the students (indentified now, as Al Perry) said he knew a man in Denver who might address the class on flying saucers.

"I asked the class if they wished to hear him. The show of hands was unanimous. This man was identified as George Koehler. But Perry, after talking to Koehler, said Koehler had declined the invitation."

"Then, later this student told me he thought he could get another man, a friend of Koehler's [Silas Newton] who was an expert in saucer studies.'" (2.)

(2.) Denver, Colorado. *Denver Post*, 16 March 50. p.2.

18 February. 2 miles SW of Duvall, Washington. (about 5:20 a.m.)

A letter reads:

"The time, 5:20 a.m. PST. Feb. 18, 1950. The place, H.E. Tugarden farm 2 miles S.W. of Duvall, Wash.

"On that morning as usual I was getting the cows in for milking when from behind some tree tops on a hill about a mile or so south a bright luminous white light appeared moving easterly. I watched for some time as it went steadily up at about a 45 degree angle. It shown [blinked] on five times before it seemed to go into the clouds. Each time it was on [blinked] I estimated it be about 7 or 8 seconds and, an equal time off. When off, it moved at the same speed but could not be seen, nor heard at any time.

"The startling thing is the fourth time it was on it suddenly took on terrific speed and, without slowing or rounding corners at all, made a move as in the drawing on top [See below]." (3.)

(3.) Letter: To: CUFOS(?). From: Rodney
R. Helgeson. 526 2nd St. N.W.
Faribault, Minnesota. (No date) Copy
in author's files.

'Flying Saucers' Back Mystify North Bay

By DON DELAPLANTE
Telegram Staff Reporter
North Bay, Feb. 4—Either a
prankster was at work or "flying

saucers" cruised over this Northern Ontario city for several minutes last night.

Unusual objects, described variously as two blue discs eight feet in diameter, a bluish glow and a falling star which was accompanied by two loud explosions, were reported from three different sources.

Police Constable Archie Smith told The Telegram that police were notified of the phenomenon by a man named Giroux who said he was from Temagami.

"Giroux phoned about 9.30 p.m. and said he was driving down Thibault Hill at the north end of town when he saw two bluish objects circling over the city. They were visible for several minutes and then disappeared. He said he could see them clearly in the bright moonlight and that they were about eight feet in diameter."

Officials at the TCA airport, north of the city, said they had received a report shortly after nine o'clock that strange objects had appeared in the sky.

"This man phoned and asked if there had been any jet planes in the air," reported one official. "We said there hadn't been and then he told us he had seen some strange lights. We never thought to ask his name." Officials said that the regular TCA plane for Toronto had taken off at 8.30 p.m.

Toronto, Canada
*Toronto Evening
Telegram*

4 February 50

Drawing:



25 February. Hyannis, Maine. (1:20 a.m.)

Noiseless, Shiny Flying Saucer Reported Over City Incinerator

Two New Bedford men are convinced today there's more truth than fiction to the stories of "flying saucers."

Louis and Joseph Kenyon of 207 Hathaway Road, proprietors of the Shawmut Avenue Garage, reported they observed one of the objects early yesterday morning in the vicinity of the Municipal Incinerator.

Joseph said he was awakened about 1:20 a. m. and on looking out of a first-floor window saw the object. He described it as about 3 feet in diameter, circular as a saucer and giving off an amber glow.

When he first saw it, he said, he thought his eyes were deceiving him but after watching it for nearly 10 minutes, he awakened his brother Louis, who also perceived the shining orbit.

They said the "saucer" hovered about 1,000 feet over the incinerator for fully 20 minutes then headed in a northwest direction disappearing over the horizon about 20 seconds after it started in motion.

The brother said the saucer was noiseless and that it "rocked like a cradle" while it hovered over the incinerator. There were no

planes in the area at the time, they said, and nothing that could have caused a reflection.

Hyannis, Maine
Cape Cod Standard Times
26 February 50

26 February. Jamesburg, New Jersey. (2:30 a.m.)

We jumped out of the car leaving the doors wide open.

Letter to Donald Keyhoe after he appeared on the "To Tell The Truth" program:

"We lived in Jamesburg, New Jersey, for a few years but left there on March 1, 1950. The Sunday night before this date we were coming home at about 2:30 a.m., no drinking just saying "Good-bye" to dear friends in Spottswood, New Jersey, and as we approached the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Manalapan Road, Jamesburg, New Jersey, we saw this object, metal, saucer-shaped, surrounded by lights, just hovering, no visible wheels of any kind. There were no curbs then in this small town of 2,000 souls, so my husband skidded on the stones on the berm, and we both jumped out of the car leaving the doors wide open, but all this happened so fast, that it seemed like we were spotted, and his object just took off, it made no noise that I was aware of, but my husband said he heard a swishing noise.

We agreed to tell no one of our experience, for we were moving in a couple of days, and then too the people are so excitable, first generation Italians mostly, and too they had the scare with Orson Wells' radio program about the Martian inva-

sion, that locale was not too far from Jamesburg, supposedly [sic] on a farm, so we didn't want any ridicule then, nor do we now in fact, so we kept still. We know what we saw and all this about weather balloons, and swamp gas just doesn't satisfy us, for this object was so low, seemed like we could touch it, my husband is a better judge of distance than I and he says it was about 200 feet, is all, from the ground." (4.)

(4.) Letter: To: Major Donald Keyhoe. 1536 Connecticut Avenue, Washington D.C.
From: Eleanor Horan, 2337 Lawrence Avenue. Toledo, Ohio. 15 April 66. NICAP files. CUFOS archives.



BERNARD NEWMAN

Timid readers can rest assured that in *The Flying Saucer* Bernard Newman is not predicting an attack from Mars. Still, in the past he has been uncomfortably accurate in his guesses about the future. One of his books described the air attack on Pantelleria two years before it happened, and another forecast the atomic bomb three years before it was used. From another, Hitler got the idea of his panzer divisions, and still another has been used as a textbook in the Russian army. Mr. Newman consistently forecast not only the German attack on Russia, but the character of the Russian resistance.

When he is not predicting the shape of things to come, this grand-nephew of George Eliot and cousin of Maurice Evans lives through enough adventures to fill several lifetimes. A man of terrifying energy, he

has travelled—by practically every conveyance known to man—over at least four continents, making acute observations on each. He has been arrested dozens of times in unfriendly countries, witnessed murders, hunted or met up with snakes, lions, vampire bats, and been chased by a rampaging elephant. He knows war intimately, both above-ground and underground. He has broadcast from most of the radio stations of Europe and America, has even written comic songs, and appeared in grand opera in Paris. His lectures, which he estimates have been heard by over 1,000,000 people, have earned him the title of "Europe's finest interpreter." As if that were not enough, he has written some 60 books—spy stories, novels, travel books, and serious commentaries on European affairs. Two of them, *The New Europe* and *Balkan Background*, have already been published by The Macmillan Company in America.

THE FLYING SAUCER

MARCH

Saucers in the Sky

MARCH 1, a clear, sunny day here, I saw from my backyard what at first I thought were birds flying at a very great height. When I trained field glasses on them, they were up much higher and I thought two of them (there were three) were paper picked up by a whirlwind, but there was no wind that day. I thought the third, moving in



great circles, was a bird. This one had no tail, but what appeared to be two wings.

Suddenly a stream of white smoke came from the rear and the object took off at terrific speed directly to the north. In seconds it was out of sight. There was no sound whatever.

Then I discovered one of the other objects. It went straight up and disappeared from view. Then the other appeared—a glint of what seemed metallic, going straight up.

As I watched, another rising object sailed into my vision, heading straight north in a horizontal line. It was out of sight in thirty seconds. It seemed perfectly black and there was no sound. It was so small it was not visible to the naked eye.

I had quite an interesting time for nearly an hour, between 2 and 3 p. m.

Now, can your readers tell me what these objects were?

FRANK HEARNE.

Hanna, Wyo.

1 March. Hanna, Wyoming. (daytime) (See clipping left)

5 March. Saltsburg, Pennsylvania. (1:30 a.m.) (See below)

District Flier Spots Saucer Near Ground at Saltsburg

Glowing, Oval-Shaped Object Backs Away As Former Air Officer Walks Close to It

An anti-social "flying saucer" that kept backing away from a former Air Force officer who approached it was described on a radio broadcast here today.

A wire recording of an interview with the veteran, a Western Pennsylvania man who refused to reveal his identity, was broadcast at 8 a. m. on Herb Morrison's KQV news program.

The observer said he saw the object in a field March 5 while driving on Route 80 near Saltsburg.

Near Ground

It was 1:30 a. m., he said, when he saw the "glowing object" hovering three or four feet above the field.

"I stopped the car and walked over to look at it," he continued. "I got within 150 yards of the saucer when it started shifting and backing away from me."

As he approached it, the saucer kept moving away, keeping about 150 yards from him.

He described the saucer as "turtle-shaped"—flat on the bottom and convex on top. He estimated it to be 40 to 60 feet wide and 20 to 30 feet through the middle.

"After I watched it awhile, it took off over the trees and landed in the next field," the ex-officer reported.

He followed and continued observing until the saucer took off at terrific speed and disappeared

into the sky, leaving a vapor trail behind it.

"I wasn't afraid. But looking back, I guess I was pretty foolish to get out and go so close," he added.

He said he had seen flying saucers "several times" while an Air Force pilot in the South Pacific. The objects were seen when returning at night from bombing missions.

Fears Ridicule

Mr. Morrison, a former Air Force officer himself, said the veteran refused to make his name public for fear he would be ridiculed.

"But he seems like a good observed, and his story does sound very convincing," the newscaster said.

6 March. Mount Vernon, Washington.

Now They're Seeing Flying Snowballs

MOUNT VERNON, WASH., March 6 (UP).—Walker Ainsworth never has spotted a flying saucer but he claims he's seen a huge snowball flying at about 2000 feet.

Ainsworth said the flying snowball was cruising from "north to south and seemed to be traveling at the speed of a plane, but it didn't look like a plane."

Denver, Colorado

Denver Post

8 March 50. p.10.

9 March.

D.U. Students Hear Weird Tale Of Midget Disk Pilots Landing

See story on page 1 also.

By CHARLES LITTLE.
Denver Post Staff Writer.

Whatever you think about flying saucers, please believe they are the topic of conversation among students of a University of Denver class in basic science.

Several hundred students of the class listened in spellbound silence Wednesday afternoon to an "exciting" forty-five-minute discourse from a guest lecturer on the subject.

The students said the speaker told of three instances in which disks have landed on earth with midget-sized occupants inside. In

two cases, the occupants were dead, the speaker said, but in the third they were alive and disappeared only after a chase by would-be American captors.

WORD OF CAUTION.

(Readers with an antipathy for disks need peruse this story no further.)

The speaker declined to give his name to anyone, and the outside sponsor who arranged for the talk said the man could be identified only as a "scientist."

"It was a good yarn," said Prof. Albert Recht of the university's science division who sat in on the class. "His class presence was as good as a college professor's and

there wasn't a sound in the class as he talked. He said a lot of things I hadn't heard before, though he gave no documentation."

The class instructor, Frances F. Broman, described it as "exactly what we wanted: A good test of the student's ability to weigh evidence."

CHANCE FOR THINKING.

"The students brought up this question themselves," said Broman.

"Every quarter someone brings up the question of saucers. We talk about it—but you run out of facts almost before you begin. This was the chance to let the students do their own thinking."

"It's an excellent class exercise in the methods of applied science and I want the students to evaluate this talk themselves. They don't know who they were listening to, and I don't know his name myself. He was a good speaker—a mature mind."

"If you ask me, I'll say I don't know. I have seen no facts—have no first-hand information of these things. But what the class thinks, we'll find out Thursday when we discuss the talk."

THERE'S STILL HOPE.

(Hold on, saucer-believers.)

The middle-aged lecturer was brought to the class by George T. Koehler, 315 Franklin street, an acquaintance of one of the students.

Koehler said the talk was completely serious as far as both he and his "scientist" friend were concerned and that he, Koehler, now regrets that the talk was given.

Koehler said he had arranged the talk by his friend, a visitor in town, in the hope the student body would be more enlightened on the subject than most of the public. Koehler stated that the air force's "project saucer," which recently declared there aren't any "flying saucers" is still "very much in force," according to his friend.

Denver, Colorado

Denver Post

9 March 50. p.3

Early? March. The Tanner/Locker case.

McDonald obtains additional details:

"Talked to Halworth Tanner and got good confirmation that 3/50 car-circling UFO. He seemed to be a careful person and exhibited no tendency to exaggerate. To extrapolate. He simply said they never could figure out what it had been.

"They were on Route 17, heading to Farmington and about 5 miles out of Bloomfield. Time maybe 10:00 p.m. Locke was dozing and Tanner was driving. When Tanner began to notice that something seemed to be causing a 'shadow' in his headlight beams. He thinks it made maybe 10 passes in that way by the time he'd awakened Locke and they'd watched it enough to decide to stop. While observed from the moving car, Tanner thought maybe it was a large bird, maybe only 5 feet across.

"When they pulled over and got out they saw it somewhat better and could see that it was much too big to be a bird. He thought maybe it was 25-30 feet across and maybe 400-500 feet out from them, possibly more. (UP got diameter mixed up with radius of orbit, obviously.) There was no moon and object had no lights so they only saw it when it passed through the headlights, at an estimated 50-75 feet off ground. They watched for 5 minutes and he thought maybe it did 15-20 passes in that time." (5.)

(5.) Letter: To: Ted R. Bloecher. 317 East 83rd Street. New York, New York.
From: Dr. James E. McDonald. 23 February 70. p.4. James McDonald papers, Special Collections Division, University of Arizona; Tucson Arizona.

10 March. Not everyone agrees.

The idea that Project GRUDGE should be terminated was not approved by everyone. At least three organizations that we know of submitted requests for information and provided a reason for their concern. The groups were: The Atomic Energy Commission, the Air Force's Far East Command, and the Air Force Security Service headquartered at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas. The security service, the group that guarded critical installations, was the first to contact Wright Field. (See letter on page 14)

10 March. South Texas coast. (See clipping right)

10 March. Juarez, Mexico.

El Paso, March 10 (AP) ... Mexican border officers reported they saw a top-like disc, traveling high in the sky and heading for the mountains on the edge of El Paso.

A street car load of people piled out in Juarez about the same time, gawked upward and later described much the same thing."

Says Disc Seen On Gulf Coast

HOUSTON, March 10 (AP)—A silvery saucer winged over the South Texas coast last Sunday afternoon, a business executive declared today.

Samuel Brateman, 42 years old, president of a mattress company here, said his 16-year-old daughter first saw the "thing" in the sky and pointed it out to him.

"There's been so much talk about those things that I hated to say anything about it," Brateman laughed.

"But whatever this thing was, I saw it. It was no optical illusion," Brateman thought at first it was an airplane.

"Then I noticed the shape of the thing. It was bright like silver or aluminum. It was round and was flying fast, parallel to the ground."

Brateman added that the disc disappeared into a cloud, traveling about as fast as airplanes usually fly.

His daughter, Roselyn, confirmed that she first saw the mysterious disc. "It was round like a plate," she said.

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 By W.G. Lewis NARS, Date Jan 29, 1985

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HEADQUARTERS
 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SECURITY SERVICE
 Brooks Air Force Base, Texas

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E.O. 12356, Sec. 3.3

841508

By W.G. Lewis NARS, Date 7/19/84

SDS-2 319.1

SUBJECT: Request for Reports

10 Mar 1950

TO: Commanding General
 Air Materiel Command
 Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
 Dayton, Ohio

1. The present concept of communications security may be radically changed should the so-called "flying saucers" be proven to exist.

2. It is believed that this Headquarters should be kept informed of any progress in investigations so that it may be prepared to adjust itself to the possibility of a change in the attitude toward security, and it is further requested that a summation of the results of investigations to date, as well as recurring reports, be forwarded to this Headquarters, addressed for the attention of SDS-2.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Ralph L. Sidener, 1st Lt USAF
 for LINSEY J. SANFORD
 1st Lt., USAF
 Actg Adjutant General

1st Ind.

MCIAXA-1/JJR/ed
 March 23 1950

Hq Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

TO: Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D.C.
 ATTN: Air Intelligence Requirements Division

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ Harold E. Watson
 HAROLD E. WATSON
 Colonel, USAF
 Chief, Intelligence Department

CONFIDENTIAL

11 March. Cincinnati, Ohio. (See clipping below)

11 March. Kenneth Arnold interview.
(See clipping below)

Tiny 'Man' Reported in Mexico Not News to Original Saucer Man

By E. S. HEALY

A report from Mexico that the body of a tiny "man" has been found in the vicinity of a crashed "flying saucer" is not news to Kenneth Arnold, Idaho businessman who was the first man in the United States to report seeing a saucer.

He has heard other stories of little "men" in connection with inquiries he has had under way since the summer of 1947.

"Believe these stories of the little men?" mused Mr. Arnold in Missoula Friday. "... Well I didn't see the little men; yet I've heard many stories. When you hear such a story you naturally discredit it until you're shown. I've heard that in California someone has wreckage of several of these ships with the bodies inside. A rancher told me

he had seen a little man on the desert; told me 'First I thought it was a rock chuck (a small animal). Then it ran away.'"

Mr. Arnold, who is in the city to confer with Robert R. (Bob) Johnson, veteran Missoula flyer, recounted his experiences with the flying discs, an era beginning June 24, 1947, before which he had never seen anything phenomenal in the skies.

He is definite in his belief of the existence of the flying saucers although he admits his puzzlement of what they are. Regarding the little men he is quizzical but hints his belief they don't come from Soviet Russia and probably not from any country on earth.

He said he was hesitant about reporting the first flying disc.

"I realize it's the 'data of the damned' to make a report on these things. . . If you saw a chair suddenly rise up in the air would you tell people? Yet there are the reports. Seeing those things made me get down and dig mentally as I never did before. Since then I've investigated every way I could. I've spent money, I've traveled and I've even sent specimens to laboratories. Who's to determine what is and what isn't a fact? . . ."

"On June 24, 1947, I was flying between Chehalis and Yakima, Wash., on a search mission out for a lost C-46 which was later found on the side of Mount Rainier. I knew just where I was, I was checking my gas and was particularly alert because I was watching for the lost plane.

"I saw a chain of nine objects at about my altitude (9,200 feet). I thought they were jet planes and I watched them closely. Since they apparently were jets, I thought I'd clock their speed. When the leader passed a spur of Mount Rainier, I noted the sweep hand of my dial clock and waited for them to get to Mount Adams, a known distance. I thought my computations must be wrong . . . they checked out at 1,772 miles per hour!

Spotlights Catch Strange Flying Objects

MARCH 11, 1950

WE SEEM to be going through another attack of international spots before the eyes, this time coupled with reports of 23-inch men from another world.

Right here in Cincinnati, the saucers continue to appear—generally in the searchlight operated by Sgt. Donald Berger for SS. Peter and Paul Church. Latest of these appearances was Thursday night, when the saucer—or whatever it is—shot out two bright spots of light and lurched out of the searchlight's beam.

Sgt. Berger, firm in his belief that a "something" shows up in the light, is getting a little nervous, acutely curious, and altogether impatient with the men of science who assure him he is troubled with planetary illusions and nothing more.

A plane, which the sergeant identifies as a jet job, played around the searchlight beam for some time Thursday night. If it was a jet, it must have been an Army vehicle—although the armed forces insist repeatedly they have no interest in saucer reports.

Public relations personnel at Wright Field have several times explained that the reported saucers were not government equipment nor weather balloons. Since nobody ever said they were, the explanation seems somewhat inadequate.

The only other explanation seems to be that a goodly number of people have been off their rockers for about two years. Possible?

Missoula, Mt.
Sentinel
March 11, 1950

11 March. "Reserved for Flying Saucer Pilots."

(See clipping below)

Kenneth Arnold
continued:

CAFE ALL SET FOR FLYING SAUCER PILOTS

A Beverly Hills cafe owner yesterday seized on the most recent flying saucer report as a laugh-getter for patrons of his establishment at Santa Monica and Beverly Blvds.

A knee-high table, complete with miniature chairs and place settings, bore a neatly lettered card that read:

"Reserved for Flying Saucer Pilots—23 inches tall or under."

Los Angeles Times 3/11/50

"Later when military officials asked me how they flew I told them that they seemed to be bouncing around . . . like a saucer skimmed across the water. The press started calling them flying saucers. I've seen them three times since then," Mr. Arnold president and general manager of the Great Western Fire Control firm, recalled.

He says that on the second time he had a motion picture camera with him and was able to get some pictures. "It appears as if there is an object in the center of them. They don't have a definite shape but I can tell you for sure, they come in different sizes."

Since he saw the discs himself, he says, he has talked "to hundreds of others"—including many pilots—who have seen them. An unusual thing about it is that descriptions of persons who don't know each other and who have never heard each others' stories check in their data," he points out.

In attempting to rationalize evidence, and belief Mr. Arnold has read a great deal, he says, and has become acquainted with the writings of Charles Fort, who collected notations of obscure, unexplained phenomena. There is evidence, he says, that some sort of singular traveler has been at earth for at least 130 years, but adds that more recently radarmen have been picking up objects that aren't where they should be and can't be seen.

Mr. Arnold has been interviewed repeatedly by army, navy and air force officials. The latter have announced discontinuance of its "project saucer" investigations.

But he is skeptical of announcements that the "saucers" do not exist and expects the government will eventually disclose that "there are such objects."

In questioning Friday the airman reserved comment on some questions and said some of the findings will be withheld for a time.

He concluded musing that to hold a minority opinion isn't easy, sometimes and admits his continuing investigations are "just out of curiosity."

12 March. Southern Montana. (7:10 p.m.)

6—The Missoula Sentinel, Friday, March 24, 1950

Three Men Report Strange Object

Helena, March 24. — (AP) — Three Helena men said Thursday they saw a strange object streak through the southern Montana sky the night of March 12.

The Montana fish and game department employees said they sighted the object over the Absaroka plateau country while they were in a trailer house near Columbus about 7:10 p. m.

Department Fieldman James McClucas gave this story:

The object, trailing a purple or blue flame, approached rapidly from the southeast and hurtled out of sight to the northwest in roughly three seconds.

The intense flame, which had attracted their attention, lit up the object—a smooth, light-colored, cigar-shaped tube without wings or tail. Around the flame was a ring of what looked like combustion vapor.

The men said they couldn't tell whether the object had windows or if it was of metal construction. It seemed to be flying within 1,000 feet of the ground.

McClucas said he, William Koch

and George Stewart gave their information to the federal weather bureau at Billings, after a weather station employee reportedly told superiors he saw a flying saucer about the same time.

Saucy Saucer Sauce

SHADES OF H. G. WELLS AND JULES VERNE

THE DENVER POST: Sunday, March 12, 1934 3A

Fact or fiction, truth or trick? That's what everyone is asking about flying saucers these days.

Here is a report of a lecture given to a University of Denver basic science class last week by a man represented as a science expert—a man whose name is still a closely guarded secret.

A transcription of his fifty-minute discussion of the saucers was played Saturday before a group of Denver businessmen, two of them United Air Lines executives who remained frankly skeptical of the ideas presented.

The lecture, sponsored by the University of Denver, is a matter of record and considerable speculation. Here is a report of the controversial saucer speech.

By THOR SEVERSON.

Denver Post Staff Writer.

The flying saucer . . .

Does it exist?

If it does, is it born of the earth planet, or is it interplanetary?

And the men who operate them—are they the strange little creatures of foreign planet life some men in authority have pictured, little men who have tapped the wells of knowledge far deeper than the earth-bound human?

These are disturbing questions. Wednesday, a stranger whose identity was shrouded in a cloak of carefully spun mystery gave some distressing answers—this in an address before a classroom of students at the University of Denver.

His fifty-minute address shocked the campus into divided camps—those who believed, those who scoffed in disbelief. Saturday, his identity was still closely guarded by his sponsor, George Koehler of radio station KMYR. He still was identified only as a "man of science," a man accepted by the University of Denver as of a "mature mind."

But this speech, captured by wire recording, was replayed before a hand-picked group of aviation experts and businessmen Saturday in the KMYR studios.

His amazing remarks, reconstructed, run something like this: There is a flying saucer. The air force has NOT abandoned its Operation Saucer as it said.

Four of these saucers have actually landed on the earth.

Three of the four have been captured and are under research.

Thirty-four men, obviously from another planet, and measuring approximately thirty-six inches in height, were found dead in three of the saucers.

The first saucer to land on the earth landed within the last two years and on a site within 500 miles from Denver.

The saucers apparently come from the planet Venus, not Mars. Under research, the metal used in the saucers has disclosed two minerals unknown to the earth man.

Articles found in the first space ship included an instrument which measures lines of magnetic force

and an odd type of paper with hieroglyphics strange to earth communications.

The captive saucers apparently operate on lines of magnetic force.

It is entirely possible that the ships are capable of traveling from the planet Venus to the planet earth—a distance of 361 million miles when the orbits lie in extreme positions—in one hour.

The lecturer, never identified in his introduction, spoke before upward of 200 students. His delivery was calculated, slow. There was no accent of diction to betray his origin. He used scientific terms with familiarity, bespeaking a knowledge of science.

He repeatedly used the word "we" in referring to scientific experiments on the strange craft he said existed. Yet he did not actually associate himself with the experiment. Sandwiched in the lecture was a hint, also, that soon

full disclosure of the government's interest in flying saucers is forthcoming.

The lecturer said the first craft to land on earth was ninety-nine and nine-tenths feet in diameter with a central cabin measuring seventy-two inches in height. The second, he said, measured seventy-two feet in length. The third thirty-six feet.

All craft, he said, had a revolving ring of metal circling the outer edge, and stationary cabins. He implied that the ring might be a controlling force in harnessing lines of magnetic force, or used in guiding the craft itself.

He indicated the saucer is capable of maneuvering in any given direction, that it could land, also, in any direction since it had a tricycle type landing gear of three metal balls.

The speed of the saucer, he said, is probably virtually unlimited.

Little Men From Mars in California, Too

SALINAS, Calif., March 11.—(UP)—The little men from Mars were cluttering up the northern California skies here Saturday night.

More than a score of persons reported seeing a flying saucer in the Salinas area.

The sheriff's office said the first call came from Mrs. Sam Reguidin of nearby Chualar, Calif., who said the saucer "swooped down" over her automobile as she and her mother

and two children were driving south of Salinas.

"It looked like two dinner plates placed together," she said. "It came down to about 2,000 feet and as it came close it gave off a strong bluish-white light that hurt our eyes like a welder's torch."

The saucer was next reported by Hiram Don, a Chinese market owner. He said it appeared bright in front and had a long fiery tail.

It is entirely logical, also, to accept the theory that a craft could operate with harnessed magnetic force, he argued, since the entire universe is controlled by lines of magnetic force.

Sixteen men, ranging in ages from 35 to 40 if the earth's gauge of time is employed, were taken dead from the first craft, he said. Their bodies had been charred the color of a dark coat.

Sixteen dead men also were taken from the second craft. These, said the speaker, were of fair complexioned as the Anglo-Saxon. Except for their small stature, they were physically comparable to the earth man, he indicated. With one difference—they had no beards, just "something resembling peach fuzz."

Two men were taken from the third craft—also dead.

The lecturer indicated, further, that all three craft so far referred to landed under their own power, that they did not crash, suggesting that, even if the men died before the saucers touched earth, there was some off-setting power to land.

Nor was there a rivet or bolt or screw in the entire assembly of the ship, said the lecturer. The control board, he said, was a mass of push buttons. As to the metal—it was, he said, extremely light; and, subjected to 10,000 degrees of heat—the system of measurement, either Fahrenheit or Centigrade, was not mentioned—it defied decomposition.

The speaker did not refer to any

type of propelling motor. He said, simply, that the craft operated on lines of magnetic force and indicated the means had been found to switch from Venus' lines of force to lines of force controlling the earth, thereby permitting interplanetary flight.

He made no reference to actually finding weapons but he suggested that the foreign planetites may have also solved the riddle of disintegration, since one plane which assertedly followed a flying saucer was "disintegrated."

He told, also, that a wafer-like food, which expands when in water, was found on one of the crafts, that one craft, also, had wall-enclosed bunk-type beds for sleeping.

LITTLE MEN, SAUCER VANISH.

Late in his speech the lecturer referred to the discovery of a fourth saucer. A group of scientists he did not identify stumbled onto the craft, he said, near a government proving ground. It was unoccupied, but nearby they saw several of the "little men." They gave chase, but somehow were eluded. Later, when they returned to the saucer, the ship was gone.

The saucer, and the men, he said, just "disappeared."

At no time did the speaker suggest where the crafts he claimed exist are being put under the blazing lamp of research. Nor did he suggest what happened to the bodies of the thirty-four men he said were found dead in the first three crafts to land.

He said, simply: "There is a flying saucer."

12 March. "Jokesters toment witness."

This news story illustrates why UFO witnesses refused to go public;

"It isn't exactly the thing to do to mention 'flying saucers' within earshot of Mrs. Ruby Lytle of 2522 Montrose avenue, La Crescenta.

"Mrs. Lytle is allergic to 'flying saucers.' Has been ever since last Friday (3/10) when she reported to deputies at the sheriff's Montrose substation that she had seen one of the strange gadgets hurtling through the skies.

"Ever since her story broke into the public print she has been besieged with telephone calls from jokesters and curious persons.

"(Summary; she also receives packages in the mail containing cups and saucers, jocular or nasty notes, and one package containing paper cutouts of little 'men from Mars.' Besides these, self-appointed experts have called her to recite their theories on 'flying saucers,' etc. etc.)

" 'It's so embarrassing,' said Mrs. Lytle. 'Some people have been very nice, of course, but I'm so tired of it all. I wish they would leave me alone.' "

(6.) Pasadena, California. *Independent*. 12 March 50.

12 March. Brooks County, Texas. (late evening)

A newspaper reports said:

"Falfurrias, Texas, March 15 (AP)-- A Sunday evening flying disc reported by eleven members of two ranch families five miles apart today was the talk of mesquite-covered Brooks County.

"The disc, the farm folks said, was about 12 feet in diameter, three feet thick, had no wings, propellers or windows.

"The observers said it circled seven times late Sunday evening at an estimated altitude of 1,000 feet and then took off in a southwesterly direction toward Mexico.

"The families of R. S. Benevides and Macario Ramires said they didn't mention it to anyone until yesterday [March 14th] because of skepticism that has greeted other people who have seen flying saucers." (7.)

(7.) Shreveport, Louisiana. *Times*. 16 March 50.

Cartoon in the March 12, 1950, issue of the *Rocky Mountain News*:

Whoops—Here We Go Again, Boys!



"Watch for Flying Discs!"

The manager of Denver's Tabor Theater went all out to promote his latest attraction, Mikel Conrad's film *The Flying Saucer*. In the newspaper ad he inserted: *True Magazine* says: "The Flying Saucers Are Real." He also had a man, or a dummy, dressed in a space suit in front of the movie house.

What's more, a story in the *Rocky Mountain News* entertainment page was titled: "Watch for Flying Discs!" The story said several hundred Denverites were going to find it profitable to watch the skies for flying saucers during the next few days: "The Tabor Theater management announced that each day at noon, through Monday, 100 saucers [paper] will be launched over downtown Denver, each carrying a pass good to the current attraction at the Tabor." (8.)

(8.) Denver, Colorado
Rocky Mountain News
14 March 50.

IN PERSON! WHO IS IT? WHAT IS IT?
WHERE DID HE COME FROM? IS IT A FLYING SAUCER PILOT? SEE IT IN FRONT OF THE TABOR THEATER TODAY!



Starring **Mikel Conrad • Pat Garrison • Hantz Von Teuffen**

Lester Sharpe • Russell Hicks • Frank Darion

Produced and Directed By **MIKEL CONRAD** • Associate Producer **MORRIS M. WEIN**
Original Story By **MIKEL CONRAD** • Screen Adaptation By **HOWARD HYING TOWNS**

A COLONIAL PRODUCTIONS PICTURE • Released by **FILM CLASHES, INC.**

13 March. Eunice, New Mexico. (night)

A newspaper account states:

"Eunice, N.M., March 14 (AP) – Another flying saucer report came in today from a couple who said one of the mysterious objects skimmed through the air at 1,000 miles per hour.

"Mrs. C.E. Hedgepath said the object made a right-angle turn over this southeastern New Mexico oil-field-town last night, and then zipped out of sight.

"She noticed it on returning home about 10 p.m. and called her husband, a 35-year-old Skelly Oil Company accountant, outside to watch.

"Hedgepath said the so-called disc appeared to be revolving and gave off a dull-red glow. It passed over the Skelly plant about 500 feet high, loafed along east for two blocks, veered north and whizzed off at a rapid rate, he related. He estimated the speed at 1,000 miles per hour." (9.)

(9.) Shreveport, Louisiana. *Times*. 15 March 50.

14 March. Sante Fe, New Mexico. (day time?)

A newspaper account states:

"In Santa Fe, high school student Fred Richardson reported sighting a 'huge shining globe' over the mountains peaks about 10 miles northeast of the capital. He said it hovered over the mountains, then put on a burst of speed 'faster than any jet plane I have ever seen' and disappeared to the northeast." (10.)

(10.) Las Vegas, New Mexico. *Las Vegas Daily Optic*. 15 March 50.

14 March. Atomic Energy Commission.

Like the Air Force Security Service, the Atomic Energy Commission apparently wasn't completely sold on the idea that there was nothing to UFO reports. They wanted to see the data for themselves. (See letter on page 22)

15 March. Baton Rouge, Louisiana. (night)

A newspaper account states:

"'Flying saucers' have come to Baton Rouge and this time in a formation of five.

"Donald Allen, of 925 Louisiana Avenue, reported last night that he saw five elliptical or saucer-shaped objects traveling at a high rate of speed in a southeasterly direction over the city.

"He said the 'saucers' appeared to be white or aluminum-colored, and were in sight for ten seconds.

"He said they were flying in formation." (11.)

By W. G. Lewis NARS, Date Jan 29, 1985 NNN 691506

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AFOIV-TC
Maj Boggs/bjm/5867
24 May 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM:

1. To reply to an Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) library request for microfilm files on Project Grudge during 1949.

FACTS AND DISCUSSION:

2. The librarian for technical information, AEC, in a letter dated 14 March 1950, to Air Materiel Command (AMC) has requested the microfilm file for 1949 pertaining to Project Grudge for use by one of AEC's major laboratories.
3. AEC letter has been referred to Hq. USAF by AMC with comment that these microfilms are the detailed incident investigations. AMC states that they can forward them to AEC if Hq. USAF instructs that it be done but that they can see no useful purpose in doing so.
4. During the period that Project Grudge was active, AFOIV was in contact with AEC (through ID, GSUSA) on the incident reports from the Los Alamos, New Mexico, area. Later, when the project was concluded, Major Boggs, AFOIV, conferred with Dr. Kramish, Division of Intelligence, AEC, on the findings of Project Grudge. Copy of final report on Project Grudge was sent to the Library of AEC on 2 February 1950. This report contains conclusions which are based on the detailed investigations contained in the microfilm which AEC is now requesting.
5. Project Grudge has been concluded by the USAF but the microfilm files are a record of discontinued activity; however, there is no objection to their being used by AEC on a loan basis. Most of these records remain classified because of personal data on witnesses collected by OSI investigators and will not be downgraded.
6. 1st Indorsement to basic letter has been prepared to Commanding General, AMC, instructing that microfilm files be furnished AEC on a loan basis to be used under their present classification.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

7. Approval, signature, and forwarding.

COORDINATION:

None

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(11.) Baton Rouge, Louisiana. *Morning Advocate*. 16 March 50

15 March. Prestonburg, Kentucky. (shortly before 1:00 p.m.)

"We were all pop-eyed in amazement."

A press report states:

"These Flying Saucers can be something of a bother.

"Wednesday afternoon these earth visitors, most elusive and unreal of the things produced by a super-scientific age, broke up, at a school on Cow Creek, six miles from here, a game which has held the interest of scientists, atomic researchers, and philosophers as well as that of common minds.

"They plumb gtoe up an old-fashioned game of horseshoes.

"That is what Mrs. Alphoretta Kendrick Holbrook, teacher of the school, reported to the *Times*, and she offers as witnesses her 35 pupils.

"It was during the noon hour, shortly before 1 p.m., Mrs. Holbrook said. A horseshoe game was in progress. About the school grounds other children frolicked. Suddenly, without warning, there was a 'terrible, deafening roar,' and three objects came out of the sky overhead, the teacher recounted.

"The children scattered in terror. Most thought at first the stars were falling the teacher said. One little girl became violently ill.

" 'We were all pop-eyed in amazement,' Mrs. Holbrook recalled.

"The three objects, she said, shot out of the sky, slowed their pace and one crossed over behind the other two. A sort of mist appeared to envelop the objects. Then, suddenly, the three picked up speed and shot away.

"An effort was made to resume classroom work, but the three R's were forgotten, and school was 'out' for the afternoon.

"And from 45 minutes to an hour later, two objects similar to the first three appeared. Accompanied by the same terrifying noise as before, these two shot into view at terrific speed, slowed up until two others arrived overhead. Then the group of four, traveling slowly at first, suddenly streaked out of sight, the teacher said.

"Mrs. Holbrook said these last four paused long enough and at an altitude low enough for her and her pupils to study the objects in awe.

"Some of the group gained the impression the objects were star-shaped, Mrs. Holbrook said. None had any wings, tail, or any other visible projection. Two airplanes, which passed over the school about two hours later, and at about the same altitude, were seen by the teacher and pupils.

"Mrs. Holbrook doesn't attempt to name the objects she and her pupils saw, but she is positive they were not planes. Star-shaped, or disc-shaped, they glistened, they appeared suddenly and with a roar which almost shook the countryside—and they disappeared with unbelievable speed." (13.)

(13.) Prestonburg, Kentucky. *Floyd County Times*. 16 March 50.

16 March. Near Tioga, Texas. (6:10 p.m.)

Also, the Dallas Naval Air Station. (11:28 p.m.)

"'Flying Saucers' Sighted by two." (See clipping below)

Dallas Morning News

DALLAS, TEXAS, SATURDAY, MARCH, 18, 1950

HERE THEY COME AGAIN

'Flying Saucers' Sighted by Two

By BEN BRADFORD

The wife of a Dallas attorney and a recruiting officer at the Naval Air Station Friday reported seeing flying saucers Thursday—one in Dallas County, the other twenty miles northeast of Denton in Grayson County.

Capt. M. A. Nation, NAS commander, said the phenomenon was the second observed at the air base in ten days.

Reports are being sent to Washington in both instances, he said.

Mrs. Margie Benavides of Grand Prairie, wife of Dallas Atty. Robert Benavides, reported that she and six other persons on a Denton-bound bus saw what appeared to be a flying saucer near Tioga.

Bus Driver E. B. Owens, 37, of Denison, confirmed Mrs. Benavides' story in a telephone report to The News. He set the time at about 6:10 p.m. and said he and the passengers watched the object for about twenty minutes.

Six and a half hours earlier, at 11:28 a.m., Chief Petty Officer Charley Lewis, 36, saw a disk streak at a B-36 bomber, follow under it for a second or two, then break away at a 45-degree angle.

The disk, he said, was oblong and flat and hurtled through the air at an incredible speed. After leaving the B-36, he said, it shot straight up into the air and disappeared in less than five seconds.

"I guess the whole thing took no more than fifteen seconds," he declared. "I've been in aviation for eighteen years and I've never seen anything like it. I don't mind telling you it shook me plenty."

Lewis said his brother-in-law, Jack Lawler, an ex-Air Force major from LaPorte, and Mrs.

W. B. Webb, heard him shout and looked up in time to see the object.

Lewis said he immediately reported the incident to his superior officers.

He said the disk appeared to be about twenty to twenty-five feet in diameter. Its height, when he first observed it, appeared between 10,000 and 15,000 feet.

"I just stepped out of my car and heard the B-36. When I looked up, I saw a very bright object racing at it at an incredible speed. It got under the bomber and seemed to hang there for a couple of seconds or so. Its color by then looked cream or light tan," he said.

Captain Nation said that C. E. Edmundson, a tower control operator, saw a similar object March 7.

"He estimated its speed at 3,000 to 4,000 miles an hour," Captain Nation said. "Of course, that's a pure estimate. He had no instruments to compute its speed."

Mrs. Benavides said the disk she saw had the same general proportions as the lid from a baking powder can.

"When I first saw it, it was just loafing along. The thin side showed and it looked like a straight line. It didn't do too much moving for several minutes. Then it turned up on its side and became almost round. When it did, it shot straight up in the air at a terrific speed. After it climbed for about thirty seconds, it leveled off and got flat again. It streaked off toward the south, and it had a tail like a comet."

Mrs. Benavides said she had no way of knowing how big the object was, or how far away.

"It looked like it might be hundreds of miles off. To the eye it looked about four inches in diameter. But if it was as far off as I think, it was a tremendous thing."

She said the only person on the bus that said he didn't see the object was a bespectacled man who had been drinking.

"His glasses were so thick and he was so full that he couldn't have seen it if it had been across the road from him."

Owens said the object, when its narrow side showed, seemed somewhat thicker in the front than in the tail. He estimated it was about ten miles away and said that to his eye it looked about the size of an auto tire.

"If it was ten miles away, it had to be pretty big to look the size of a tire," he said.

He said that he had observed the object for about five minutes before he called it to the attention of his passengers.

Both Owens and Mrs. Benavides said the object, silver-colored at first, turned golden with the sun's rays as it streaked across the sky.

All of the witnesses reached by The News said that there was no possibility that the object could be a plane or a weather observation balloon.

"I've been in aviation ever since I was a kid," said Lewis, "and I've never seen anything like it. It was

smooth; there were no wings or projections from it, and it couldn't have been a jet or rocket ship because there was no fire."

Captain Nation said there were no jet planes in the area during any of the times the disks were reported.

And at Love Field Weather Bureau, Weatherman A. M. Hamrick said no observation balloons were in the air at the time.

Each of the three witnesses said the object made no sound.

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Farmington news clippings. (See pages 24-30)

Town 'Convinced' Flying Disks Exist

50 Witnesses Report Sight of Saucers

FARMINGTON, N.M., March 18 (UP)—Most of the 5000 people in this Northwestern New Mexico oil town today said they were "absolutely convinced" flying saucers exist. Flying saucers became Farmington's top topic of conversation after a report by more than 50 witnesses of a mass flight of disk-shaped objects yesterday.

The witnesses—including businessmen and private pilots—said the aerial array of flying saucers was staged by groups which numbered up "into the hundreds."

'Really Are Saucers'

Some of Farmington's citizens said they were "absolutely convinced now that there really are flying saucers."

Others said they believed the saucers made a flight over Northwestern New Mexico, but they added that the strange aircraft "probably is being developed by the Air Force."

Clayton Boddy, advertising manager of the Farmington Daily Times, said he was with a group of five businessmen who saw the first group of saucers appear.

Weather Ideal

He said the day was clear with only a light scattering of cirrus clouds at an altitude estimated at 20,000 and with no strong winds capable of picking up paper or similar material.

The scores of persons on Farmington's streets described one of the aerial freaks as a low-flying, red-hued saucer.

They said it streaked across the sky traveling north and cleared the horizon in a tremendous burst of speed that carried it from sight in approximately 3 seconds.

Business was brought to a standstill as the report of the flying saucers spread over the town. Persons jammed the streets to crane their necks at the sky.

Names Recorded

"We have the names of 50 persons who saw the saucers," Orville Ricketts, editor of the Farmington Daily, said. "They called or came to the office to report what they saw."

Ricketts said all of the objects were of a silvery color except the one red saucer, and all but that one appeared at an extremely high altitude.

He said the witnesses included one former Navy pilot—a veteran of combat in the Pacific Theater.

Saucers Flying in Bunches, So These Townfolks Say

FARMINGTON, N.M. (AP) — Folks hereafter agreed today they saw something in the sky at noon yesterday, but nobody seemed to know what.

All of the 250 persons interviewed by Walt Rogal, editor of The Farmington Times, admitted seeing what was generally described as a mass flight of flying objects.

They were skeptical as to what the objects were. Some thought a new secret weapon; some flying saucers; and at least one piece of cotton.

Rogal estimated 85 per cent of

this town's population of 6100 saw the objects.

Most folks who would talk about it thought the things were about 15,000 feet high. They told of watching them hover over the town for about 20 minutes, then speed away to the northeast.

Harold F. Thatcher, 43, head of the Farmington unit of the Soil Conservation Service, said he made a triangulation on one of the objects. He said it showed they were about 20,000 feet up and traveling 1000 miles an hour or more. He thought the object was "at least the size of a B-36, maybe larger."

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HUGE 'SAUCER' ARMADA JOLTS FARMINGTON

Jury Gets Bribe Case; Heard Denies Charges

Veracity of Negro Attacked

Clark, N. M., March 10 (AP)—Farmington, was represented in the U. S. District Court by a jury that heard a bribery case today. The case involved a charge that a Negro had bribed a white man to secure a contract for the construction of a bridge over the Rio Grande.

The case was heard by a jury that included a Negro. The jury heard testimony from both sides and then returned a verdict. The case was a significant one for the community, as it involved a charge of bribery and the participation of a Negro.

The jury's decision was a landmark one for the community, as it showed that the law was applied equally to all. The case was a testament to the integrity of the judicial system and the commitment to justice.

Religious Solidity



TRUMAN STONE ARMED - President Truman followed by his military aide, Maj. Gen. Harry M. Vaughan, drove off from the presidential yacht following the day's work. In the background, a large crowd of people gathered for the parade.

Entire Crew Rescued From Exploded Ship

Paul Revere, March 10 (AP)—The entire crew of a small ship was rescued today after the vessel exploded in the water. The ship was carrying a large amount of explosives, and the explosion was heard from miles away.

The rescue operation was a success, and all crew members were safely brought ashore. The cause of the explosion is still under investigation.

The incident was a major one for the community, as it involved a large explosion and the potential loss of life. The successful rescue was a relief for everyone involved.

Midway Press Attacks U. S. Indian Treatment

Midway, March 10 (AP)—The Midway Press today attacked the U. S. government's treatment of the Indians. The paper claimed that the government was neglecting the needs of the Indians and that they were being treated unfairly.

'Blackout Game' Preceded Slaying Of Pretty Girl

Blackout, March 10 (AP)—A "blackout game" was played in a rooming house today, preceding the slaying of a young woman. The game involved a series of challenges and bets, and the woman was killed during the game.

The slaying was a shocking one for the community, as it involved the death of a young woman. The police are investigating the case and have arrested several suspects.

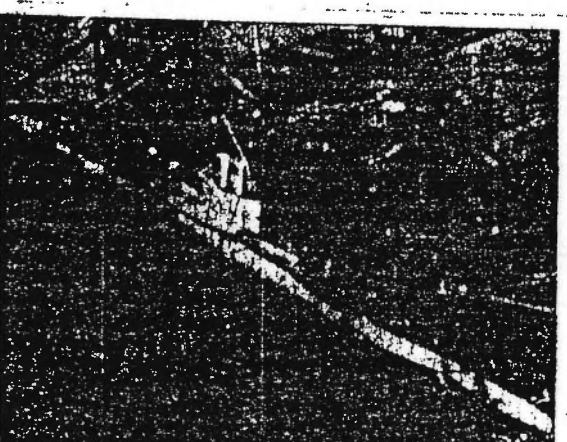
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SUNSHINE SURFACED - Held by flying gear of two strange saucers, the British submarine, HMS Thunderbolt, was seen today. The submarine was flying over the water, and the crowd was cheering.

Man Seeks Wife, \$2,000 In Cash

Man Seeking Wife, March 10 (AP)—A man is seeking his wife and \$2,000 in cash. The man claims that his wife has been kidnapped and that he has no way of finding her.

The man is a well-known figure in the community, and his disappearance was a major one. The police are investigating the case and have issued a warrant for the man's arrest.

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The sightings have been reported by a large number of people, and they have caused a great deal of excitement in the community. The police are investigating the sightings and have issued a statement.

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Newsman Writes Letter To Flying Saucer Pilot

Drafting Reply To Commie Charge

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"Moments later there appeared what seemed to be about 500 of them," Boddy continued. He could not estimate their size or speed, but said they appeared to be about 15,000 feet high.

Boddy's account was confirmed by Joseph C. and Francis C. Kalloff, retail grocers from Antonito, Colo., who were in Farmington to inspect the site of a proposed new store, and by Bob Foutz and John Burrell of Farmington. The Kelloffs said the objects appeared to be flying in formation.

One of the most impressive accounts came from Harold F. Thatcher, head of the Farmington unit of the Soil Conservation service. Thatcher made a triangulation on one of a number of flying craft. He said if it had been a B-29 it would have been 20,000 feet high and travelling more than 1000 miles per hour.

Knows Engineering

"I'm not a professional engineer," Thatcher said, "but I have engineers working under me and I know a little engineering, enough to know how to work out a rough triangulation on an object."

Thatcher emphatically denied an earlier report that the objects could have been small pieces of cotton fuzz floating in the atmosphere.

"It was not cotton," he said. "I saw several pieces of cotton fuzz floating around in the air at the time, but I was not sighting on any cotton."

The "cotton" report was started by State Patrolman Andy Andrews, who quoted several Farmington residents as asserting it was cotton they saw. The residents denied Andrews' report.

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John Bloomfield, another employee of Smoak's garage, said the objects he saw travelled at a speed that appeared to him to be about 10 times faster than that of jet planes. In addition, he said, the objects frequently made right-angle turns.

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None of the scores of reports told of any vapor trail or engine noise. Nor did anyone report any windows or other markings on the craft.

In general Farmington accepted the phenomenon calmly, although it was reported that some women employees of a laundry became somewhat panicky.
Opinion Divided

Opinion was somewhat divided among those who saw the objects as to whether they were from another planet or were some new craft of our own nation's devising. Some expressed the opinion the entire incident was the fulfillment of a Bible prophecy.

From sifting all reports, the Farmington Times compiled this "timetable of sightings:

1. 10:15 a. m., five to nine "saucers" zoomed over the town's business area for 10 minutes before moving out of sight to the northeast.

2. 10:00—a. m., report of "hundreds" seen west of town.

3. 10:30 a. m., red "saucers" seen over town.

3. 10:35 a. m., three objects staged "dog fight" over town.

5. 11:15 a. m., clearest view of a large number of "saucers."

6. 11:30 a. m., all disappeared.

7. 3 p. m., fleet of "hundreds" seen flying in formation to the southwest from the northeast.

Covey of 100 Saucers Sail Over Farmington

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FARMINGTON, N. M., (AP)—A large group of flying saucers was reported over Farmington this morning.

Some estimates placed the number at hundreds; others kept it to 20 or more, first loafing over the town and then streaking through the skies.

Clayton J. Boddy, business manager of the Farmington Daily Times and former army captain, corps of engineers, was among the hundreds of people who believed they witnessed the objects in flight.

Boddy stated that a large number, possibly 100 or more, appeared in the sky over Farmington shortly before noon.

He said at least 20 were close enough to the earth to look exactly like saucers. "No better description could be given," he

said.

Boddy said they disappeared in a northeasterly direction with a sudden great burst of speed.

Kenneth Evans, airport employee, said that earlier in the day a saucer-like object circled Farmington and that it too developed high speed as it disappeared to the northeast.

"So fast was its flight," Evans said, "that only a streak was apparent in the sky as it disappeared."

During the noon hour, streets of Farmington were lined in all sections of the city by spectators gazing skyward. 3-16

An object seen over Farmington yesterday was considered by most persons to be the planet Venus. But they could not explain today's whole squadron of saucers by that means.

The entire city of Farmington was interested today in only one subject — flying saucers, "where they came from, where they were going, and how could they move that fast."

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TUCUMCARI, (AP) — Reports were coming into the Tucumcari Daily News from all sections of this town this afternoon reporting sightings of "flying saucers."

Richard Everett, editor of the Daily News, said that all of the descriptions were of saucer-like discs.

He said one report had a red object among the group of saucers.

Another recurrent report, he said, has the objects "playing in the sky and turning sideways, clearly showing that they were saucer like discs."

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Farmington 'Saucers' Not in Hoax Class #1171

Dr. Lincoln LaPaz declared about 99 per cent of flying saucer stories are "nothing other than hoax or illusion."

But he added, "About one per cent must be taken quite seriously."

Dr. LaPaz is director of the New Mexico University Institute of Meteoritics.

He placed the reported sighting of a mass flight of strange objects over Farmington recently in the "serious" class.

Hundreds Report Seeing Saucers In Daylight Flight

FARMINGTON, N.M., March 17 (AP).—Several hundred Farmington residents Friday reported what they described as a mass daylight flight of strange objects in the sky.

The Farmington Times collected stories from more than twenty persons in the Northwestern New Mexico city. It said its telephone lines were jammed.

Number of the objects varied from 20 to more than 100.

Hundreds of Farmington residents stood in the streets at noon gazing into the sky. N.Y. H-T

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Oil Town Certain Saucers Flying #1171

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True to Investigate Flying Saucer Armada #1171

Santa Fe, March 21 AP — A is on his way to Farmington to investigate at first hand the "armada" of flying saucers reported seen there Friday.

Lincoln O'Brien, president of New Mexico Newspapers, was informed by Ken Purdy, True editor, that the magazine will conduct the investigation.

True recently published two articles which concluded that "flying saucers" are real, and probably are space ships from another planet.

UFO Reports Recall 1950 Saucers

By VAL COOPER

Daily Times Staff

Whenever reports of people seeing unidentified flying objects in the sky, such as have rocked New Mexico recently, it's inadvertent to avoid recalling the "flying saucer" sightings which occurred in Farmington in March, 1950.

Appearance of strange objects in the sky kept citizens looking upward for about three days and caused a major sensation in the nation. They even prompted opinion that the incident was the fulfillment of a Bible prophecy.

Robert B. Foutz, 620 Glade

view Drive, former town trustee, who was one of the witnesses to the 1950 phenomena, recalled that the objects were so far away it was difficult to tell exactly what they looked like.

"I've wondered since then if I ever saw them at all," he skeptically commented today.

But Clayton Boddy, 3321 N. Dustin Ave., insurance agent, who was business manager of the Daily Times then, remembered the "saucers" vividly.

He said he was walking on Broadway St., with Joe and Francis Kelloff. It was about 11 a.m. when, Boddy, said,

"many" chrome-colored cigar-shaped objects appeared high in the sky.

"They were flying end over end," Boddy recalled. He added that the objects were traveling in a northwesterly direction and all of a sudden veered to a right angle and headed due west, in formation.

Boddy said he didn't pay much attention to the incident at the time and is still indifferent about the whole affair. "I don't disbelieve or believe," he replied in response to a query as to whether he thought the strange objects might have been from an

other planet.

Boddy said when he returned to the newspaper office and told associates about seeing the strange sights he took a lot of kidding. "But in a few minutes the phone started ringing off the wall, we were not alone,"—and the story became significant.

Both Foutz and Boddy said they have received inquiries and telephone calls from time to time about the incident. One man, who wrote a book entitled, "Behind the Flying Saucers," dwelled at length on the Farmington incident, Boddy said.

Francis Kelloff, who operates

Francois' Restaurant, described the "saucers" as looking like "spots in the sky." He said he only saw two or three of them. "I saw something in the sky—I never did say they were flying saucers," Kelloff declared.

The Daily Times bannered the story on March 18, 1950, with the headline: "Huge 'Saucer' Arma Jolts Farmington."

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"Moments later, there appeared what seemed to be about 500 of them," Boddy continued. He could not estimate their size or speed, but said they appeared to be about 15,000 feet high.

Boddy's account was confirmed by Joseph C. and Francis C. Killoff, retail grocers from Antonito, Colo., who were in Farmington to inspect the site of a proposed new store, and by Bob Foutz and John Burrell of Farmington. The Killoffs said the objects appeared to be flying in formation.

One of the most impressive accounts came from Harold F. Thatcher, head of the Farmington unit of the Soil Conservation service. Thatcher made a triangulation on one of a number of "flying craft" he sighted, and reported that the triangulation indicated it was at approximately 20,000 feet altitude and flying 1,000 miles an hour.

Knows Engineering
"I'm not a professional engineer," Thatcher said, "but I have engineers working under me and I know a little engineering, enough to know how to work out a rough triangulation on an object."

Thatcher emphatically denied an earlier report that the objects could have been small pieces of cotton fuzz floating in the atmosphere.

"It was no cotton," he said

airplanes. "The very maneuvering of the things couldn't be that of modern aircraft," he said.

John Bloomfield, also an employee of Smoak's garage, said the objects he saw travelled at a speed that appeared to him to be about 10 times faster than that of jet planes. In addition, he said, the objects frequently made right-angle turns.

"They appeared to be coming at each other head-on," he related. "At the last second, one would veer at right angles upward, the other at right angles downward. One saucer would pass another ahead, and then immediately the one to the rear would zoom into the lead."

Marlow Webb, another garage employee, said the objects to the naked eye appeared to be about eight inches in diameter as seen from the ground. He described them as about the size of a dinner plate.

"They flew sideways, on edge, and at every conceivable angle," he said. "This is what made it easy to determine that they were saucer-shaped."

None of the scores of reports told of any vapor trail or engine noise. Nor did anyone report any windows or other markings on the craft.

In general Farmington accepted the phenomenon calmly, although it was reported that some women employees of a laundry became somewhat panicky.

Opinion Divided

Opinion was somewhat divided among those who saw the objects as to whether they were from another planet or were some new craft of our own nation's devising. Some expressed the opinion the entire incident was the fulfillment of a Bible prophecy.

McDonald's Farmington research.

Dr. James McDonald investigated the Farmington, New Mexico, case in 1968-70 after 20 years had passed. A few witnesses had died by then. Others never really saw much back in March 1950, or if they did, they couldn't recall significant details. As always, there were a number of people who would not cooperate. Still, many puzzling aspects of the incident were confirmed. In addition to typed letters in McDonald's personal files, there are raw notes in the professor's own hand, but they are hard to read. Various excerpts have been collected and are presented on the following pages.

Farmington witness John B. Burrell:

Mr. Burrell saw the objects from a different location than his wife.

McDonald's notes on Burrell (McDonald spells the man's name "Bunell") :

"Mr. Bunell saw the brown, round, circular object not as large as moon but much too big for Venus. He watched it 5-10 minutes. Then had to go into his place of business and wait on a customer [He was a florist]. It was first spotted by others in the group and pointed out to him.

"Bunell did not see a red one. When objects turned to climb vertically upward, it did seem to change color somewhat possibly a matter [?] of change of lighting. One [UFO] then seemed reddish, the other bluish and can't recall any color of #3. He never saw more than three.

"He said the apparent flutter disappeared when he put on his driving glasses.

"Was with Boddy. Off Behrend [Not sure of the spelling of this street] between Main and Broadway. Vacant lot then [1950]. In street (no sidewalk). More or less on west side of Behrend [?] at Joe Harp's parts store, *San Juan Parts*. Joe Harp still lives in Farmington [1970]. They, the men at Harp's, were looking up with field glasses (scope) and pointing. Objects finally got to 45 degrees [elevation?] to north at time seen, and first spotted nearly due west. Bunell first saw them - looked like 3 big white [swans? Not sure of word]. Fluttered and were white. But he did not have his driving glasses then. After putting them on, saw no more fluttering, but glittering off them. Were 3 objects. Hard to estimate speed, not having distance to them, he said. When [the UFOs] shot up only took 1-2 seconds to get out of sight. Accelerated so fast couldn't follow them. Shape? Saucer-like 2 plates or saucers face to face. Were horizontal. All 3. Can't be sure if tilted or not as [they] shot up. Can't say. Shiny in sun. Not emitting any light of its own. Reflecting it. How long watched before shot 90 degrees up? Not sure. First spotted due west. They moved 45 degrees to northwest point and later up. Started watching other parts of sky then. He saw one SW spiralling down like old airplane tailspin. Then stopped. Hung there a second or so and then went straight up. Thinks others saw that too. Came down like a coiled spring. When went up, went straight up, no spiral. 'That's why I say it wasn't cotton or paper.' 'Just unidentified objects.' Could see, at same time, when spiral one seen, a round one, color of a paper bag [brown?]. Circle [round like ball?], or else base [perpendicular to observer?]. Was off to same direction, 'southwest.'" (14.)

(14.) McDonald papers. University of Arizona. Farmington folder.

(James Moseley says he talked to John Burrell over the phone and claims John said the three objects were: "...in a regular formation, equidistant apart, and kept their formation throughout."

(15.) (15.) Letter: To: Ted Bloecher. From: James Moseley. 7 September 54. Copy in author's files.)

McDonald's interview of Mrs. Burrell:

"Mrs. Bunell sounded intelligent, careful, free from suggestion, reliable. Society editor of the Farmington *Times*.

"Mr. Boddy came into [? the *Times* office?] paper and told of it [this was in the afternoon]. Went out [Mrs. Burrell left the *Times* office] and[looked?] off to South, east, saw two objects. Seemed to be high up. Seemed to be 'bumping each other,' as if 'fighting.' Odd-looking. Seemed to be going back and forth at each other. Looked into sun, shape indistinguishable. Not bright[?]. Could have been away[?] from sun but then [?] made them not seem shiny. In afternoon she was out on a story and went into a man's place of business [auto parts store]. This was Joe Harper's. He had a spotting scope [Argus 20-power]. On the big platform[?] sighted in the Southwest and she stares [?] then [?] 1 1/2 hours, watching it along with the others. Silver, looked like cigar-shaped. Moved to the North from Southwest. [How far?] Round on each end. Sides, top and bottom, flat. Metallic color. Moved very slowly. May have had windows or panels or compartments, divided up. Cigar was horizontal. The 'windows' were vertical, dividing it up. No color. Silvery. I [McDonald] got impression that by windows are probably meant bands 'dividing it up.' Sun low in the west at the time. Must have been 3 to 5 o'clock [McDonald suspected Mrs. Burrell was viewing Venus and the scope distorted the image]." (16.)

(16.) McDonald papers. University of Arizona. Farmington folder.

McDonald's interview of Clayton J. Boddy:

"He confirms [there] were 20 or so objects. Red object in that group. He can't recall any case of vertical climbing.

"Cotton well ruled out. Boddy stated. Balloon breakup, I [McDonald] asked him? Said whole thing so fantastic that he almost intended to forget it. Said balloon theory seemed unlikely. Seemed to be substantial objects, not mere bits of plastic, he said. Emphasized though, that as a non-scientist, he shouldn't be too emphatic. Motions? High angular velocity. Were moving across the sky and in same direction, toward Northwest. How long visible? 3-4 minutes while he saw them. He was with 2 or 3 [other people] then. Was about 0900 a.m. How many objects did he see? Maybe 20-30 and in a formation. One red one leading them. Following [ones] were silvery. Not a Vee-formation but some formation of some kind. Couldn't recall exact pattern.

USAF did not interview him. This was really annoying [to him]. [He] Called Pentagon and they said forget it. Bitter at USAF reaction. But said, 'I suppose they have their orders.'

Boddy intelligent-very careful in statements, conservative on all scores." (17.)

(17.) McDonald papers. University of Arizona. Farmington folder.

McDonald's interview of Mrs. Roy Hicks:

"How many objects? Quite a few, maybe 6 objects. Can't recall direction they went. Were quite far up. Can't recall if overhead, not too far off. In some of formation. Too many to be a Vee. Air Force didn't interview them [who?], just some New York City radio station." (18.)

(18.) McDonald papers. University of Arizona. Farmington folder.

McDonald's interview of Marlow Webb:

"Emphasized that press accounts were overblown. Have been interviewed by USAF and FBI and all he saw was distant spots in the sky. Were many but less than a dozen-maybe 6 or 8. Were almost overhead, bit to Northwest. Random movement. Not fluttering motion, however. Erratic, no definite course. No definition as to shape or size. Just blobs of light to him. Couldn't recall if in formation or not, has been too long to recall—sharp, angular changes of direction, unlike a plane. No vapor trail. He is a pilot himself and had flown in the Navy. They [UFOs] did not fly sideways as stated in press account. Newspaper to run a retraction on that but decided to forget it." (19.)

(19.) McDonald papers. University of Arizona. Farmington folder.

McDonald's interview of John Eaton:

"He was in barbershop at the time, a fellow came in and said come see the things in the sky. [Eaton and others] were near the Chevrolet garage. 5-6 people. He had been a pilot in the Navy and so was the Chevrolet man. Both agree there were unidentified objects. Not A/C. Would hover and move short distance away, hover again. Watched them for many minutes. Off in distance, from South to Northwest came a high, fast object. All of a sudden the many objects darted after it. Shapes. High, fast one was elongated. Couldn't say except metallic [?] said it, 'leader' object looked reddish, but he can't now recall. Maybe it had red tint. The numerous objects (5-6) were round. One was elongated. Time of day? Can't recall. Air Force interview? Yes. Short time afterwards, but he doesn't know what conclusions they reached.

"Agreeable fellow, pleasant and willing to discuss it. No tendency to exaggerate. When wasn't sure, didn't say." (20.)

(20.) McDonald papers. University of Arizona. Farmington folder.

(James Moseley also claims to have contacted John Eaton. The objects was watching. The objects, as they sped away, "formed up in pairs" before they disappeared over the horizon. (21.)

(21.) Letter: To: Ted Bloecher. From: James Moseley. 7 September 54. Copy in author's Files.

McDonald's interview of State Trooper Andy Andrews:

"Came up to the group and started joking about cotton. 'Not cotton.' Might have been low-flying [material? --not legible] but ..[not legible] up on its end that way [?]...then. [We?] Sure didn't have anything that can go that fast. Rusty-colored disc. Very high altitude. 'Heck of a way up there.' No vapor trail, no noise, sound. Not fuzzy edges. Sharply defined. Looked like 2 saucers. They saw it at an angle from below. Moved across fair share of sky before tipped up. Definitely tipped and peeled out in steep climb. Sharp turn climbed at steep angle. Pretty good weather. Might have been a few clouds. I saw something. Nothing else--no other object seen by him. Can't recall how long they [were] out there looking. Didn't watch it for long. No one had pink elephants [?]. Not imagination. I [McDonald] mentioned USAF balloon explanation. He laughed at that. 'It'd have been a flat one--weird.' 'Sure moved fast.' (22.)

(22.) McDonald papers. University of Arizona. Farmington folder.

McDonald's interview of Don Hodges:

"Andy Andrews came up late, joking 'There goes 5 or 10 of them.' Cottonwood fuzzy not cotton[Apparent this is a reference to the fuzzy seeds of the Cottonwood tree and not cotton balls from a commercial farm crop]. 'That big orange one one wasn't cotton,' he said. I [McDonald] then p.o.[pointed out] March [was] no time for cottonwood to be releasing seed and he agreed, realizing for the first time there was something amiss with Andy Andrew's interpretation. Big red-orange [UFO] shot across the sky, turned on end and went nearly vertically." (23.)

(23.) McDonald papers. University of Arizona. Farmington folder.

(A sighting of 6 objects in formation, and a subsequent UFO dogfight in the sky over Farmington, was witnessed in October by a Mr. Hulson G. Pace.)

Some comments about the March 1950 Farmington case by McDonald after he had done some investigating:

"I think there is no question but that the Farmington incident was quite significant. It's most annoying that there is a lot of Venus noise sprinkled in there, and the same is true with respect to the concurrent sightings in Las Vegas, New Mexico. The newspaper accounts did nothing to clearly separate the Venus observations from the rest, but this isn't too difficult when you get right to the witnesses. The case is complex because a large number of independent groups of observers in different parts of Farmington, at different times that day, saw quite different UFO phenomena. Some of them, I am beginning to learn, tended to discount the other observers' descriptions because they failed to match their

their own. But little by little I am piecing the thing together [McDonald would never write a UFO book], and some very interesting phenomena seem to be emerging from it, notwithstanding Venus.

"The Ruppelt-Menzel skyhook-balloon hypothesis is out of the question, not only because there was no Shyhook released from Holloman that day, but also, now that I've checked the upper winds, there was absolutely no chance of any balloon drifting from Holloman up to the northwest corner of New Mexico. There were definite west winds all the way up to beyond 50,000 feet that day, the day before, and the day after. Hence, any balloon released down in the White Sands area would have blown over to Texas, not up to Farmington."
(24.)

(24.) Letter: To: Ted R. Bloecher. From Dr. James McDonald. 23 February 70.
Copy in author's files.

McDonald checks on the balloon "shattering" theory and finds that Skyhooks prior to the year 1964 were indeed subject to brittleness. (See letter on page 36)

17 March. Denver, Colorado.

Mr. "X" identified. (See clipping on page 37)

Silas Newton's mysterious visitors.

Shortly after Mr. "X" was identified in the *Denver Post*, two representatives of a "government agency" paid Silas Newton a visit. The men would not reveal the identity of the entity that authorized their actions, claiming such information was a security matter. The two men were interested in Newton's crashed saucer story and asked many questions. Apparently the two men knew some science because they quickly found out Newton's so-called scientific assertions were laughable. Newton got the impression something of saucer crash had actually taken place and the two men wanted to know if he had any knowledge of it. Whatever the visitor knew they refused to share it with Newton. To the con man's surprise, the men encouraged him to keep the scam going and not to worry too much about the consequences. If he got into too much trouble, some unnamed benefactors would help him out.

Occasionally over the years that followed, Newton would receive phone calls from anonymous persons offering encouragement and suggestions about "new angles to pursue." (25.)

(25.) Pflock, Karl T. "What's Really Behind the Flying Saucers? A New Twist on Aztec." *The Anomalist*. Spring 2000. p.157. (Is this important new information, or Newton's last big scam? Time will tell.)

18 March. Bradford, Illinois. (8:40 a.m.)

The source data on this case should read: Fisher, Robert. "Confidentially." *Air Facts*. May 1, 1950. pp.29-30.

18 March. Las Vegas, New Mexico. (11:35 a.m.-about noon)



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Dear Professor McDonald:

Your letter of January 8 has been referred to the writer. We regret the delay in answering, but Mr. Winzen has been out of the office for several weeks. Prior to 1964 or early 1965 most Skyhook type balloons on termination of the flight by dropping the load on the parachute would burst into pieces looking like confetti. In 1964 Winzen Research set up its own film manufacturing operation and developed StratoFilm[®] for use in balloons. This material is much tougher and has far less brittleness at cold temperatures so that dropping of the load from the balloon at altitude did not destroy the balloon. Usually it went to a higher altitude and just kept floating. Consequently, destruct systems had to be devised to bring the balloon out of the sky at the termination of the flight. The system we use is to tie a line from a panel in the side of the balloon to the payload so that when the payload drops away it pulls a large hole in the balloon. The balloon then comes down in some sort of balled up configuration. Occasionally other materials are used for balloons and there may be the odd shattering such as you describe. During the term before 1965 there also was the shattering to which you refer and I presume such balloon shatterings could well have been observed by some people as UFOs. If we can help further in any way, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

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STUDENTS IDENTIFY SAUCER SPEAKER

By THOR SEVERSON.

Denver Post Staff Writer.

The mystery that shrouded the identity of "Mr. X," the lecturer who addressed a University of Denver science class last week on flying saucers, was believed solved Friday.

This development came with the identification of a picture of a Colorado golfer and oil man by four students and the class professor as the "Mr. X" who lectured to the science group.

The picture presented for identification was that of Silas M. Newton, president of the Newton Oil company and Colorado amateur golf champion in 1942.

The picture, found in The Denver Post library, was first identified by Barron Beshoar, Denver bureau manager of Life-Time, Inc., who attended the lecture as a guest.

Newton, himself, was not available for comment. His company has

extensive holdings in Colorado, Wyoming and California oil properties, and Newton reportedly divides his time between Denver and California.

The mystery of "Mr. X"—who claimed, in his address, that three flying-saucer type crafts have actually landed on the earth and speculated they may have been propelled from Venus—has kept the campus buzzing since his appearance March 8.

One of the students who identified the picture as that of the lecturer was Bill Berry, a sophomore who said he has "known all along that Mr. X was Newton"—that he "used to caddy for Newton at the Lakewood golf course."

The students who identified the picture as that of the lecturer, besides Berry, were Bill Stogner, Bob Ahern and Robert Reeves, all basic science students at the university.

Pictures on page 1

Fog Lifting Around 'Mr. X.'



Denver Post Photos.

The mystery surrounding "Mr. X," who lectured a University of Denver class on flying disks last week, was believed to be lifting Friday after a student, Bill Berry (right), and several others claimed to have identified him from photos as Silas M. Newton, president of the Newton Oil company. Berry says he remembers caddying for Newton (left) at the Lakewood golf course. He said he "has known all along" "Mr. X" was Newton. (Story on page 1.)

Additional details. Object seemed to be flying in circles in the Southwest sky. It appeared to be round, shiny and giving off smoke. After circling, it appeared to zoom upward out of sight. Besides Mr. Robert Hilgers, a Lt. in the Naval Reserve, the sighting was corroborated by Carl Bruening, E. R. Daughtery, Mrs. Ford Edwards, Jack Parsons, and Fred Lewis. (26.)

(26.) Las Vegas, New Mexico. *Daily Optic*. 18 March 50.

19 March. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (daytime?)

"Terrific burst of speed."

According to the Toronto *Telegram*:

"Five Torentonians, including two air force veterans, claimed they had seen four flying saucers doing aerobatics over the east end yesterday.

"Unshaken by skepticism of friends, George Moore, 4 Elmview ave., said 'I was skeptical, too, until I saw these things.'

"An RCAF veteran, Moore described the dunguses [?] as 'silvery-grey in color, flying at about 10,000 feet, doing maybe 180 mph.'

"But, said Moore, when one of the four saucers got detached from the other three, which were flying in formation, 'it put on a terrific burst of speed and caught up in nothing flat.'

"The four leisurely-moving whatsits flew in from the west, circled overhead, and finally flew away to the northwest. One swooped down to 500 feet in the course of stunting, Moore said." (27.)

(27.) Toronto, Ontario. Canada. *Telegram*. 20 March 50.

20 March. Over Hazen, Arkansas.

The Adams/Anderson airliner encounter. (See clippings on pages 39-40)

Dr. James McDonald interviewed Captain Adams on February 7, 1960 and asked him if the press accounts reporting his experience were fairly accurate. Captain Adams said "yes."

20 March. Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt's television show "Today With Mrs. Roosevelt."

(See the complete text on pages 41-42)

20 March. Houston, Texas. (4:15-4:30 p.m.)

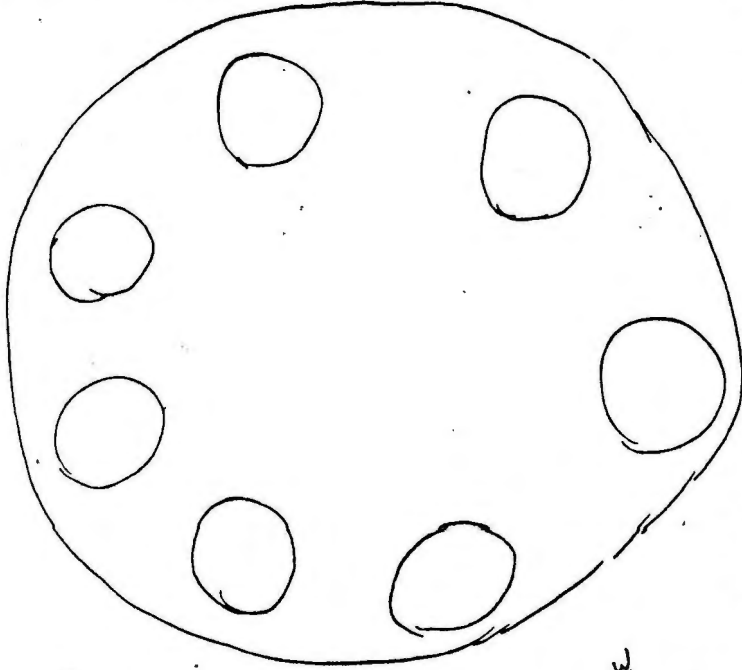
A press story says:

"Mrs. C. J. Smith, 4814 Eppes, watched a group of about eight flying disks circling round each other Monday [the 20th] from about 4:15 to 4:30 p.m., she said Tuesday.

" 'They were silver and reddish. Like aluminum, and were just having a wonderful

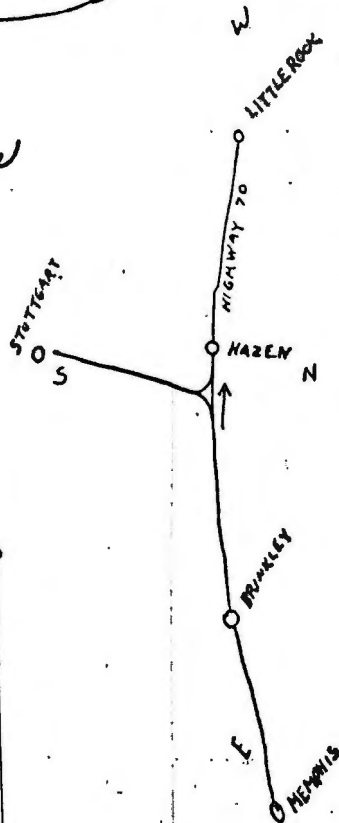
COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 22, 1950



Jack Adams
G. W. Anderson

'IT' LOOKED LIKE THIS—
This is Capt. Jack Adams' conception of the strange object which he and First Officer G. W. Anderson Jr. saw over Hazen, Ark., Monday night while flying a Chicago & Southern Air Lines DC-3. The drawing represents the bottom of the "saucer," with its lighted port holes. After making the drawing, the pilots added their autographs.



POSITION OF 'IT'—Captain Adams drew a sketch of his approximate position over Hazen, Ark., on the first leg of a scheduled flight from



THEY SAW 'IT'—First Officer G. W. Anderson Jr. (left) and Capt. Jack Adams gave a detailed description upon returning to Memphis yesterday noon of the "flying saucer" they saw Monday night. (Story on Page One)

'It Was Definitely Aircraft,' C. & S. Fliers Say Of Saucer

On Return Here, Pilots Assert Object Seen Over Arkansas
Was No Meteor—Captain Adams Believes It Was

Commercial Appeal Secret Air Force Experimental Ship *Mac.*

(Pictures on Section Page)

By ROBERT GRAY

22, 1950

The "flying saucer" which Capt. Jack Adams reported seeing over Hazen, Ark., Monday was "definitely some kind of aircraft in controlled flight."

That is the belief expressed by the Chicago & Southern Air Lines pilot upon his return here yesterday noon from Houston.

Captain Adams' opinion was seconded by his copilot, First Officer G. W. Anderson Jr., who saw the same object.

"We've seen meteors flashing through the skies many times, and have been fooled by them, but what we saw was not a meteor nor something imaginary," declared the veteran flier, who has logged 7000 hours in the air and been a C. & S. captain almost five years.

Believed Air Force Secret

"I believe it was some kind of experimental type aircraft that has been kept a secret by the Air Force.

"It was moving at a terrific speed, perhaps more than 600 miles an hour. But there were no exhaust flames visible nor any kind of trailing light or vapor."

The attention of Captain Adams was first attracted by a bright flashing light in the sky as he was flying a C. & S. DC-3 from Memphis to Little Rock on a regular scheduled flight to Houston.

"The light had an unusual bluish and brilliant glow, flashing on and off far more rapidly than the normal blinking of civilian aircraft lights," the captain explained.

"I saw the object first, off to our left, and immediately pointed it out to Andy (First Officer Anderson).

"We were at 2000 feet and flying a southwesterly course. The object crossed our line of flight about 1000 feet above and in front of us, moving south to north.

No Reply to Lights

"We blinked our landing lights—a courtesy signal to other aircraft—but we didn't get any reply.

"As the strange thing passed over we could see eight or 10 spots of light that looked like a circle of lighted windows or ports underneath it. The circle appeared to be about the size of our DC-3, or about 90 feet in diameter. The light was fluorescent in appearance.

"Although the object was moving at a terrific speed, the pattern was clear and constant. It did not change shape as it darted past and quickly disappeared. We viewed the object for approximately 30 seconds and then it was gone. It was not a jet plane nor a conventional flying wing.

"The night was dark but clear and visibility was perhaps 30 or 40 miles. We could see no portion of the object other than the light," Adams said.

"We've heard and read a lot about flying saucers and were as skeptical as anyone else," smiled Copilot Anderson. "But when you see something with your own eyes, you have to believe it."

The first officer is a veteran of more than 6000 flying hours and during the war "flew the Hump" in the China-Burma-India Theater in C-46 transports. He later flew C-47 and C-54 military transports.

Air Force To Quiz Them

The two pilots said they were notified by Little Rock radio while flying back to Memphis yesterday that Air Force intelligence officers wished to interview them "at our earliest convenience." They will be back in Little Rock tonight on their regular flight.

The pilots were preparing to give a radio report of their position at 9:20 p.m. Monday when the strange sight appeared about 15 miles north of Stuttgart and over Hazen, Ark. Upon making the report, they jokingly mentioned seeing the flying

- words missing -

They did not tell their passengers about the strange sight, but did tell Stewardess Jane Lovelace, 3590 Wautauga. At first she was skeptical, then became a bewildered believer.

"The next time you see one, call me up to the cockpit," she requested.

Captain Adams is 31 and lives at 3570 Graves. He is married and has a young son. He is a partner in Farmers Agricultural Service, which flies crop dusting planes, at West Memphis, Ark.

First Officer Anderson is 30 and lives at 3515 Vanuys Road. He is married, has a daughter.

Air Force Has Denied Saucers

Although the Air Force has officially discounted the many and frequent reports from throughout the country of flying saucers, the descriptions by these two responsible officers give credence to belief that some type of strange aircraft or object may be zooming through the night skies.

Late yesterday Sheriff Harold Woodson at Stuttgart and Sheriff E. O. Hamilton at Des Arc, Ark., said they had received no reports of any resident of those areas having seen the strange craft reported by the airline pilots.

But Captain Adams and First Officer Anderson are sticking by their story.

"After all of this, I hope we don't see any more of the things," they laughingly agreed yesterday in reaction to the excitement they have stirred up. "Maybe we'd better fly 'under the hood' after this."

However, like a lot of other people, they want to find out what the strange object really is and what it means.

Nation's Attention Centers

On Saucer Witnesses

National attention was showered yesterday on two Chicago & Southern Air Line pilots who reported seeing a "flying saucer" over Arkansas Monday night while on a scheduled flight.

After interviews with newspaper reporters here and in Houston, Capt. Jack Adams and First Officer G. W. Anderson Jr. were interviewed by telephone for a recorded broadcast over Mutual Broadcasting System last night; an interview over WMC, The Commercial Appeal Station, last night.

made the subject of a movie to be telecast over WMCT tonight, and accepted an invitation to appear Sunday on the "Today With Mrs. Roosevelt" television show.

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NBC PRESS -1- TODAY WITH MRS. ROOSEVELT

FOUR DEMOCRATIC SENATORS TODAY DEFENDED THE ADMINISTRATION AGAINST REPUBLICAN CHARGES OF "HANDOUT STATISM" AND WASTE AND SEVERELY CRITICIZED "RECKLESS ATTACKS" ON MEMBERS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMEN WERE SENATORS CLINTON P. ANDERSON OF NEW MEXICO, WILLIAM BENTON OF CONNECTICUT, PAUL H. DOUGLAS OF ILLINOIS, AND THEODORE F. GREEN OF RHODE ISLAND. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS ON MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT'S "TODAY WITH MRS. ROOSEVELT" TELECAST ON NBC IN ANSWER TO THREE REPUBLICAN SENATORS WHO ATTACKED ADMINISTRATION POLICIES ON THE PROGRAM LAST WEEK. THE DISCUSSION SUBJECT WAS "THE DEMOCRATS UPHOLD THE ADMINISTRATION."

OTHER PARTICIPANTS ON THE TELECAST WERE CAPT. JACK ADAMS AND FIRST OFFICER G.W. ANDERSON, BOTH OF CHICAGO AND SOUTHERN AIR LINES, WHO LAST WEEK REPORTED SEEING A "FLYING SAUCER" OVER STUTTGART, ARK.

FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE TELECAST DISCUSSION:

MRS. ROOSEVELT: LAST TUESDAY WHEN I TOOK UP MY PAPER, I SAW THAT WE HAD AGAIN SIGHTED IN THE AIR STRANGE OBJECTS FLYING VERY FAST, OR AN OBJECT. BUT THIS TIME TWO PEOPLE WHO HAD SIGHTED IT WERE REALLY QUALIFIED PEOPLE TO KNOW WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING AT. ONE WAS CAPT. JACK ADAMS, THE OTHER WAS FIRST OFFICER ANDERSON. AND THEY WERE FLYING THEIR USUAL ROUTE, I IMAGINE, FOR THE CHICAGO AND SOUTHERN AIRLINES, AND WERE OVER STUTTGART, ARKANSAS. NOW I'M GOING TO ASK THEM, FIRST CAPT. ADAMS, WHAT DID YOU SEE?

ADAMS: MRS. ROOSEVELT, I'M VERY ELATED THAT SINCE THE PERSON THAT YOU ARE, THAT YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN THESE OBJECTS. I'LL HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I HAVE BEEN VERY SKEPTICAL UP UNTIL THIS POINT, OR I SHOULD SAY UNTIL LAST MONDAY EVENING WHEN WE SAW THIS. THE FIRST THING THAT ATTRACTED OUR ATTENTION WITH A BRIGHT-BLINKING LIGHT THAT WAS APPROACHING US FROM THE SOUTH TRAVELING NORTH. WE WERE AT 2,000 FEET FLYING ON A GENERAL HEADING OF WEST. WHEN I SAW THIS VERY BRIGHT BRILLIANT LIGHT, I KNEW THAT IT WAS A DIFFERENT KIND OF LIGHT, AT LEAST ONE THAT I HAD NEVER SEEN. SO I CALLED ANDY'S ATTENTION TO IT, AND IT WAS IN HIS VIEW AS WELL AS MINE, AND WE WATCHED IT FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY 20 OR 30 SECONDS. AS IT DREW NEARER TO US AND CROSSED OUR PATH, I WOULD ESTIMATE NOT OVER A THOUSAND FEET ABOVE US OR 1500 FEET IN FRONT OF US, MAKING A TOTAL OF NOT OVER A HALF MILE, THE UNDERSIDE OF THE OBJECT, IN MY OPINION WHAT WAS THE UNDERSIDE, THERE WAS A CIRCULAR GROUP OF LIGHTS ARRANGED IN A MANNER THAT GAVE IT AN APPEARANCE OF A DEFINITE CIRCLE. OF COURSE, BEING AT NIGHT, WE COULD NOT SEE THE VERY OUTLINE OR THE RIM OF THE THING. IT COULD BE IN A LITTLE DIFFERENT SHAPE THAN A CIRCLE. I DO FEEL IT HAD BODY TO IT DUE TO THE FACT THAT AS IT CROSSED OUR PATH IN FRONT OF US AND ABOVE US, THE LIGHT THAT WAS ON TOP WAS BLOCKED FROM OUR VIEW AND THEN CAME BACK INTO VIEW AS IT FLEW ON PAST AND BEYOND.

(MORE)

NBC PRESS -2- 1ST ADD MRS. ROOSEVELT XXX AND BEYOND.

MRS. ROOSEVELT: THAT'S A VERY GOOD DESCRIPTION OF WHAT YOU SAW, CAPT. ADAMS. I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU, MR. ANDERSON, WHETHER YOU HAVE ANYTHING WHICH YOU COULD SHOW US THAT WOULD GIVE AN IDEA OF WHAT THIS WAS LIKE?

ANDERSON: THIS DIDPLAYED HERE APPROXIMATES WHAT WE DID SEE, WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS. WE OF COURSE HAVE TO ASSUME THAT THE OBJECT WAS ROUND. HOWEVER, THIS LIGHT ON TOP WAS THE FAST BRILLIANT BLINKING LIGHT THAT WE SAW APPROACHING US. AND THEN ON THE BOTTOM WE HAVE CIRCULAR LIGHTS THAT WERE SORT OF BLUISH OR FLUORESCENT IN NATURE. THEY WERE IN CIRCULAR PATTERN AND APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET IN DIAMETER.

MRS. ROOSEVELT: YOU FLEW OVERSEAS AND HAVE SEEN MANY KINDS OF AIRPLANES AND YOU HAVE DONE A GREAT DEAL OF FLYING, CAPT. ADAMS, SO THAT FOR TWO PEOPLE QUALIFIED, AS YOU ARE, TO HAVE SEEN THIS, YOU MUST BE PRETTY SURE NOW THAT YOU HAVE ACTUALLY SEEN SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT AND NEW.

ANDERSON: NEITHER JACK OR I HAVE EVER SEEN ANYTHING THAT APPROACHED THIS. I MEAN IT'S NOTHING LIKE JET OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT WE'VE EVER HEAR OR SEEN OTHER THAN THE FLYING SAUCER ITSELF.

MRS. ROOSEVELT: WELL THAT OF COURSE IS SUCH AS WE HAVE -- AT LEAST I NEVER REMEMBER HEARING BEFORE, AND I WILL SAY I'VE BEEN A LITTLE SKEPTICAL BEFORE; I THOUGHT PEOPLE WERE SEEING THINGS. BUT YOU HONESTLY FEEL CAPT. ADAMS, THAT THIS HAD BODY AND WAS SOMETHING FLOWN. YOU DON'T KNOW WHETHER ANYONE WAS IN IT?

ADAMS: WELL, OF COURSE, ABOUT ANYONE BEING IN IT, NATURALLY I DON'T KNOW THAT, BUT THE WAY IT WAS FLYING, I'M POSITIVE THAT IT WAS A DEFINITE CONTROLLED FLIGHT. IT MAINTAINED A CONSTANT ALTITUDE AND CONSTANT COURSE AND TRAVELED AT A TERRIFIC RATE OF SPEED.

MRS. ROOSEVELT: THAT WAS CERTAINLY VERY INTERESTING AND I THANK YOU FOR COMING HERE TODAY. THANK YOU.

time, circling round each other to beat the dickens. They were going so fast I could hardly keep my eye on them.

"I called a man working in the next yard, after I had watched them for five minutes, to see if perhaps I was seeing things, and he watched them with me for three or four minutes.

"It was the strangest thing I've ever seen." (28.)

(27.) Houston, Texas. *Chronicle*. 21 March 50.

The Denver newspaper *Rocky Mountain News* gave its position on the mystery on March 20th. (See below) Some cartoonists were less doubtful. (See below)

Saucer Position—Don't Tilt

THE WAY WE LOOK at these flying saucers breaks down into four grave considerations:

- 1: They come from Russia, or
- 2: They come from another world, or
- 3: They're experiments of our own defense establishment.

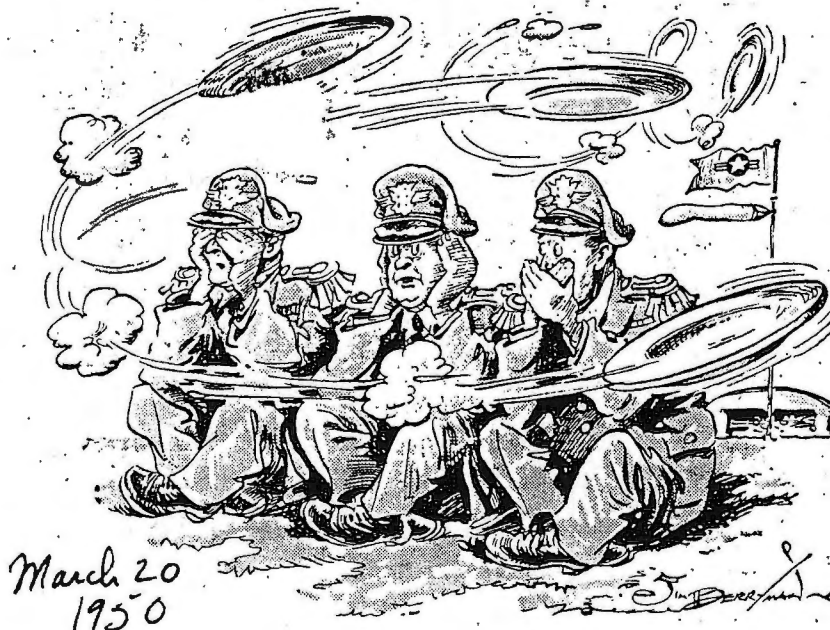
We rule out Nos. 1 and 3 because if the things were man-made we believe at least one would have crashed by now and somebody would have got a close look at the apparatus.

That leaves the spooky No. 2 possibility and anything we would say about that would be whistling in the dark.

So, until you hear further, we'll stand on:

- 4: There are no flying saucers.

Those Flying Saucers Won't Go 'Way



As we have seen, people couldn't believe the Air Force had not stopped giving UFO reports any special treatment. This disbelief extended to units within the military service. Different departments were thinking of starting their own UFO investigation projects so they asked for any information available from GRUDGE files. The fact that there had been a flare up in UFO activity and national publicity during the month of March was enough to push the Air Force's Office of Special Investigations, IG, to the point of requesting any possible updates on the military's official position. On March 21st Acting Chief, Counter Intelligence Division, Gilbert Levy, wrote to the Director of Intelligence, DCS/O, requesting a "current" estimate to enable the OSI headquarters to give better guidance to its district offices. The OSI was notified that recent developments were not enough to modify current intelligence collection policies. (29.)

(29.) Letter: To: Director of Intelligence, DCS/O. From: Office of Special Investigations, IG. Gilbert R. Levy. Actg Chief, Counter Intelligence Div, OSI, IG, USAF. 21 April 50. Copy in author's files

A source that should know, tells us the Chief of ATIC Wright Field, Col. H. Watson, was strongly anti-UFO, even to the extent of seeking out journalists who would debunk the subject. Likewise, the Deputy Director for Estimates D/I at ATIC, Col. J.J. Porter, was violently anti-UFO, so much so he even exceeded Dr. Menzel's skepticism. More than anyone else, it was these two men that sought to kill off project GRUDGE. Were they carrying out orders from the High Command? No one knows.

23 March. Ellington AFB, Texas
(See clipping below)

*Houston (Tx)
Chronicle
March 23 1950*

Ellington Not Probing 'Saucers,' Commander Says

No officers from Ellington Field are investigating "flying saucer" reports here, Col. John N. Reynolds, deputy commander at Ellington, said Thursday. "I am not in a position to say whether or not any investigations of flying saucer reports are in progress or not," Colonel Reynolds said, "but I know that none of our personnel, intelligence officers or otherwise, is making any calls on citizens here."

23 March. Bay City, Texas.
(See clipping below)

*Houston (Tx)
Chronicle
March 23 1950²²*

More Flying Saucers Seen At Bay City

Special to The Chronicle
BAY CITY, March 24.—No less than seven persons saw flying saucers this week in and near Bay City, they said.

At least five high school boys saw a flying object which wasn't an airplane and appeared to be round, flat and silvery. Two men coming to Bay City saw what they thought was a flying saucer. Several reported seeing a flying object traveling at tremendous speed in a southwestern direction.

One of the school boys, Milton Williamson, said: "We don't know what it was, but it looked like a flying saucer. It was just a round disk and shiny. It was barely moving at first, then it just took off and disappeared."

24 March. Another crashed saucer rumor.

The story is told in Matt Weinstock's column and was published in the March 24th issue of the *Los Angeles Daily News*. (See below)

★ Matt Weinstock.

Here we go again

For what it's worth, here's the latest one:

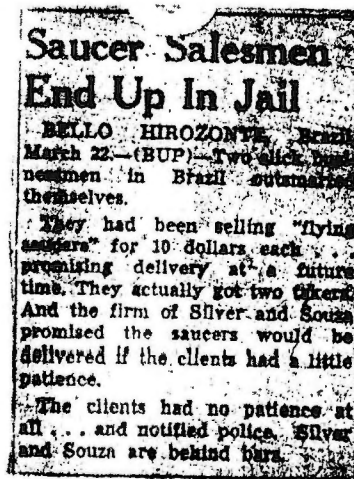
An L. A. man who flies his own light plane on business trips all over the country developed carburetor trouble near the town of Blank (we have the name), Utah, radioed for permission to land and was refused.

He radioed back that he had to land or crash, and came in. As his plane stopped, he was surrounded by Army men, who turned him over to three intelligence men, who questioned him for nearly eight hours. Meanwhile, his carburetor was taken apart and checked.

When the questioners were satisfied he had told the truth about his plane, he was ordered to take a bus out of town. He was advised his plane would be grounded for 30 days, then shipped to him. While waiting for the bus, a matter of several hours, he talked with the townspeople, who told him a disc had crashed outside the town. He walked within 200 yards of it, as near as the Army permitted, and noted it was about 70 feet in diameter, with one rim bent under and two port-like apertures on the opposite rim.

This story is unverified and has a vaguely familiar apocryphal note but we feel the best way to bring this thing out in the open is to keep banging away.

22 March. Bello Hirozonte, Brazil
(See clipping below)



22 March. Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada.
(See clipping below)

Flying Saucers Going South 4/3/49

MEDICINE HAT, March 23.—(CP)—Flying saucers travelling 200 to 300 feet over the downtown section of this city yesterday were reported by a saleswoman.

Miss Dorothy Linfield today described the flying discs as "large saucers" which appeared to be tumbling and turning over as they progressed. They were a bright silver color, glistening in the sunlight and then turning to a dull glow as they turned over.

The flying objects at first were believed to be ducks.

Flying Disc Over Area Reported by Private Pilot

Circular Object
Evades Small Plane
South of National
Airport, Flier Says

A flying disc, about 40 feet in diameter and 10 feet thick, was reported seen over the Washington area by an airplane pilot yesterday morning.

Bertram A. Totten, 625 Princeton pl. nw., an employee of the Library of Congress and a private pilot, said he saw it.

"I was flying a Luscombe ship which I had rented at the Hybla Valley Airport," he said, "and I had been practicing spins and other maneuvers. I was about 5000 feet south of National Airport and heading for Hybla Valley airport. I was at 5000 feet altitude."

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"This circular object, which seemed to be of aluminum color and glittering on top, came across my path, about 1000 feet below. I put my shin into a dive to get a closer look at it. As I leveled off, the object, whatever it was, accelerated at a terrific speed, pointed somewhat upward as if to gain more altitude, and disappeared."

"I would say it was going 400 to 500 miles per hour as it disappeared to the east. It left a trail of vapor behind. It was in my sight for about one minute and a half."

Totten said he could not make out any windows or openings on the disc, and could not see any control surfaces.

The pilot said he was a test inspector in several aircraft plants during the war, and has been flying for the past 10 years. He said he had never seen any flying object before like the one he spotted yesterday.



Totten

"Flying Saucers" In All Directions Over Mediterranean

By Reuters

LONDON, March 30.—Flying saucers, variously described as full moons, moons with wakes of fire, or strange bodies emitting smoke trails, have been reported skittering in all directions across the heavens above the Mediterranean.

In Haifa today, reports circulated that they had been seen over northern Israel.

A Lebanese pilot who took Lebanese prime minister Riad es Solh to the Arab league conference in Cairo, said he had seen them over Acre—travelling at a high speed in a westerly direction. Others described them as "discs travelling northward at a great altitude and emitting a smoke trail."

Italy reported that they had been sighted over various parts of the country five times yesterday.

At Salo, on Lake Garda, they were "as large as a full moon streaking across the sky in a north-easterly direction."

In the marble town of Carrara, "four saucers, three miles up, flying southward from the direction of La Spezia," were sighted.

In the Cantanzaro area of Calabria in southernmost Italy the disc zooming westward was described as "like a moon with a wake of fire."

"In Cagliari, on the island of Sardinia, eyewitnesses said the saucer remained suspended over the city for 20 seconds before disappearing towards the south."

And from Val Daosta in northern Italy 10 persons vouched for the presence of a "saucer."

Saucers were observed yesterday at Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital; at Santiago de Chile; over Nicosia airport, Cyprus; over Bogota Medellin and Cali, all in western Colombia; and at the northern Caribbean port of Barranquilla.

Port Arthur, Ont.
News Chronicle,
March 30, 1950

HONG KONG, March 29 (AP)—American seamen telephoned The China Mail that they saw three "flying fireballs" when their ship entered Hong Kong Harbor Monday. Nobody else saw any flying fireballs, the newspaper found.

3/27/50

Italy reported that they had been sighted over various parts of the country five times yesterday. 3-28-50

Salo # 1182, 3/28

Carrara # 1247, 3/28

Cantanzaro # 1189, 3/28

Cagliari # 1248, 3/28

Val Daosta, # 1249 3/28

all 3/29: { Addis Ababa # 1186
Santiago # 1187
Nicosia # 1184
Colombia (3) # 1188
Barranquilla # 1183

Henry J. Taylor's Flying Saucer radio broadcast.

This show was aired at 7:30 p.m. CTS on March 27, 1950, and originated from Dallas, Texas, where Mr. Taylor was addressing a group at the Adolphus Hotel. This talk was one of a series in his program "Your Land And Mine" carried by the ABC Network every Monday.

"Subject:

"You've been moving far and wide in our country, Mr. Taylor, since your broadcast last week. What about those flying saucers?

"Taylor:

"Let me tell you something about tracking down the 'flying saucers.' They're in the air over America, all right. I've been asking about them, wherever they were reported, all over the country.

"It's a fascinating search. But it's led me right back here to Texas—to the original and only-known place where a saucer was reported found on the ground.

"The saucer was described in the *Houston Chronicle* of July 6, 1947, as floating near the beach at Trinity Bay, Baytown, Texas. It bore a number—M4339658.

"Now I do know the story of that particular instance, including what the saucer are used for. But I assume that it is a military secret—and, in fact, it is.

"However, in answer to the question that folks are asking across the country tonight—namely, are there really such things as flying saucers—may I say this: Yes, there are flying saucers, and they are flying in the air over our land.

"Hallucinations? Hysteria? You be the judge. But remember, there is nothing to be frightened about at all.

"Now, in addition to my investigation among airline pilots who, as you know, are conscientious, trained men, of the highest competence and caliber, let me take you with



The Flying Saucer
Measure of Texas
Luxury vs. Necessity

(talk number 378)

HENRY J. TAYLOR
 Noted Economist, Author and Journalist

One in a series of
RADIO TALKS
 on his program

**YOUR LAND
 AND MINE**

presented by
GENERAL MOTORS

me to Columbus, Ohio.

"An Army Air Force reserve officer pilot—widely experienced in identifying planes when skillful identification in the wartime air meant life or death—was flying near the Columbus airport, in a group of four planes. There were eight flyers all together.

"Suddenly he looked up and saw, about 1,000 feet above him, a flying saucer. Over his radio he instantly alerted the other three planes, all of whom saw it. He also alerted the control tower at the Columbus field. There were four men in that control tower. They signaled back instantly: 'We see it.'

"The planes climbed to close in on the saucer. It was a whirling object, about the diameter of a two-story house, presumably made of metal.

"This is the usual type seen and reported. It is totally different from the cigar-shaped type generally described as flying, with a bright light, at high altitude—like the one recently reported over Georgia. But like others observed by trained airline pilots, flying at altitudes anywhere from 1,000 to 30,000 feet, the Columbus saucer was apparently regulated as to both speed and altitude.

"As in other instances, when the four planes tried to chase the saucer, it picked up speed in a lazy sort of way and moved out of range—exactly as if it had wished to, or was guided.

"On landing, all eight flyers made a written report to their superiors, agreeing to exactly what they had seen and done. All eight signed it.

"Every one of these pilots was thoroughly familiar with, and could not be confused by, weather balloons and other devices often given as an explanation.

"Although these eight flyers and the four men in the Columbus control tower agreed not to allow their names to be used, these and other occasions I have investigated are hardly hallucinations, hysteria, or pipe dreams.

"There saucers are not coming from another planet. They are not coming from Russia. They are coming from right here in the U.S.A.

"The answer is a wonderfully encouraging answer. When the U.S. Army Air Force is ready to release the information, it will be a joy to tell you the whole story. For these objects are very real in the air over Your Land and Mine." (30.)

(30.) Booklet: Transcript. Radio talk #378.
Henry J. Taylor. c/o General Motors Detroit,
2, Michigan. pp.3-7. Author's collection.



University of Houston students do not take the saucers too seriously.

The Brawley News

BRAWLEY, CALIF., FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1950

Price

Seeing Things; Saucers Again

The El Centro naval air station Friday morning hurriedly threw two planes into the air and sent an automobile on a rush trip to Jacumba to investigate an "authentic" find of a flying saucer.

A couple of hours later, the driver and the pilots were back. The report which was handed in had "note of disgust in it. It said:

"The man who reported the saucer was drunk when he reported it, was drunk when we got up there and was drunk when we left. Results: None."

31 March. Brawley, California

"Drunk, drunk, and drunk."

Pennsylvania

#1246

The Williamsport Sun, Saturday, April 1, 1950

Farm Boy Sees 2 Flying Saucers Dive Earthward

LEWISTOWN (UP)—Frederick Watts, an 18-year-old McAlisterville farm boy, yesterday reported seeing two "flying saucers" driving at extremely high speed over his home.

Young Watts, a graduate last year from the Fayette Township High School, said he saw "two objects that looked like flattened out baseballs" diving at high speed about 1:30 p.m. yesterday as he started toward the barn to feed the chickens. He said the objects looked bigger than transport planes and emitted a hissing sound as they leveled off at about 2,000 feet.

Watts said he was "scared," but kept watching them revolve for two to three minutes before he ran to the house for his camera. When he returned, he could no longer see them.

He described the "saucers" as shiny objects which appeared to be whirling. He said the skies were clear at the time.

31 March. Lewistown, Pennsylvania.
(about 1:30 p.m.)

27-28? March. Near Worland, Wyoming
(11:00 p.m.)

Hovered over sulfur plant.

WOMEN REPORT SEEING SAUCER NEAR WORLAND

A circular object with a row of blue lights down the middle, and twin jets.

That is the way Mrs. Ira Sherard, Greybull, described a flying saucer, which she and four women companions observed near Worland earlier this week.

In a letter to her son, Thurman Sherard, state highway department, Mrs. Sherard said that she and four of her friends were en route from Worland, where they had attended an Eastern Star meeting, to their home in Greybull, at 11 o'clock one night this week, when they noticed the saucer.

It appeared to be hovering over the sulphur plant about seven miles north of Worland, she said. The five women observed the object for several minutes, but as they approached, it suddenly "took off." It disappeared within a matter of seconds.

The Wyoming Eagle

CHEYENNE, WYOMING, FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1950

28 March. Fort William, Terrace Bay and Atikokan, Ontario, Canada. (6:35 p.m. & 7:20 p.m.)

Within 250 Feet

Sent 4/1/50 by R.F. Gray
FT. WILLIAM, ONT.

"Flying Disk" Swoops On Steep Rock Miners

#1229

Reports that came in today from Steep Rock indicated the same "flying saucer" was seen within five or ten minutes at Terrace Bay, Fort William and Atikokan. 3/28

At Steep Rock Iron Mines Tuesday night, more than 20 workers in the Errington pit watched in astonishment as a round, bright white object, 50 to 60 feet in diameter, swooped to within 250 feet of Mosher Point overlooking "B" orebody at 6:35 (CST) p.m.

They described the object as bulb or tear-shaped, with a pale bluish-green tail.

It performed an upward sweep as it neared Mosher Point, and sped away out of sight.

A similar object was seen by Terrace Bay residents at 7:30 p.m. (EST) and again by lakehead citizens a few minutes later. It was travelling in a westerly direction.

Chad Taylor, CNR operator at Atikokan was wired by Kawene operator about the apparition, and two minutes later saw it himself. Unless the height were great, this would make its speed at that time 450 miles an hour. Taylor said he saw fragments break off in sparks.

Tom Stewart, a citizen of Atikokan since 1912, was sitting on his verandah when he saw the object "about 300 feet high." He said it appeared "as big as the moon," and was a bright silvery blue with a short tail.

Sven Knutsen, a drill foreman at the mine, along with other workers, thought the "saucer" was going to crash into the pit wall, it seemed so low. He and the others estimated it to be 50 or 60 feet in diameter with the greenish light coming from its tail.

It appeared to explode over Steep Rock Lake as fragments broke away and glowed independently for a while.

They said its speed was about 500 miles per hour. Les Campbell, foreman, called it a white ball of fire, with a bluish tinge, that passed overhead in a straight line at an altitude of 500 feet.

Joe White, of the Steep Rock engineering staff, drew a sketch from the numerous eye-witness accounts. It showed a circle, silvery white, fading to a darker color with the pale bluish-green tail.

Fort William, Ontario, Canada
Daily Times-Journal.
30? March 50.

28 /29 March. Eureka, California. (7:20 p.m.)

Flying Saucers Sighted Here On Wednesday

What appeared to be a flying saucer was sighted Wednesday night by a number of Eureka residents and two fishing boats at sea, according to reports last night. *ON 3-29*

People in the vicinity of Pine and Murray streets in Eureka saw what appeared to be a light travelling rapidly northward at about 7:20, according to a spokesman for the group. Residents of the area stated emphatically that it could not have been an airplane because no sound accompanied the light. Only one light, apparently high up, was seen.

At sea, Allan McVicar and Axel Johnson, skipper and crew of the fishing boat Milmar, saw a light object passing overhead from their fishing boat about five miles out from the mouth of Klamath river at 7 o'clock Wednesday night. The brilliantly lighted object was first seen by Johnson who was standing by the wheelhouse. He called it to the attention of the skipper who saw it also. The two men reported that the lighted object was traveling at a terrific speed and as they watched it, it zoomed along on a level plane, then shot suddenly upward and out of sight.

Frank and George Saubert, owners of the fishing vessel Ethel S., also saw the object and reported it on two-way radio. The Ethel S. was in the vicinity of the other boat when it sighted the object.

It was just getting dark, so McVicar states that he is positive that it was not a celestial body as it would not have shown up so brilliantly. It was also travelling too rapidly for an airplane, and appeared to be perhaps a row of lighted windows, according to the skipper and crew of the Milmar.

FROM HUMBOLDT
TIMES, EUREKA
CALIFORNIA.
MARCH 31, 1950

DISTANCE BETWEEN
THE TWO CITIES
84 MILES.

28 March. Berlin, Germany. (night)

By Reuters

BERLIN, March 29.—Berlin astronomers reported seeing "an intensely red object as bright as the North star" last night, the western Berlin evening paper Abend reported today. "The object moved on a zig-zag course in a westerly direction, sometimes standing still," the paper reported. *ON 3-28-50*

28 March. Straits of Mackinac. (about 7:30 p.m.)

A newspaper story states:

"Three St. Ignace men reported seeing a 'flying saucer' over the Straits of Mackinac about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"The men were T. A. Taylor, Merle Lamgerson and Truman Smith. The descriptions were all similar although the men were not together at the time of the sightings.

"The object was described as a white disk about two feet in diameter with a film of blue smoke or fog surrounding the surface. It was quite high and visible for about minute." (31.)

(31.) Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. *Evening News*.

30 March 50.

MORE "SAUCERS" SEEN HERE

Workmen Watch Two
Over Lake Superior;
Several Near Airport

28-30 March. Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada.
(no time)

Workmen Watch Two Over Lake Superior; Several Near Airport

PORT ARTHUR (Cont.) - 31st March 1950.

Flying saucers are still in the news here. Reports of a mysterious object seen over the Lakehead Tuesday night have been followed by similar accounts of six more seen yesterday afternoon and two this morning.

Four workmen at Northern Wood Preservers Ltd. reported seeing two brilliant-white objects high over Lake Superior this morning about 11.15. They were watched for longer than a minute as they flew in from the east and disappeared into the northeast.

BRIGHT-WHITE

Twice yesterday afternoon several brilliant-white objects were seen from the Lakehead Airport.

At least 10 different persons saw the objects when they first appeared over the airport about 1.50 p.m. yesterday. Some saw five while others claimed there were six.

At 4:20 the objects returned. That time there were just three.

Norman Evans, Thunder Bay Flying Club manager, said he had been flying for 13 years and "never saw anything like it."

Mr. Evans remarked that he had his own theory on what they might be and hoped that he would be able to prove it. He declined to say what his theory was.

If the "flying saucers" were about 125 feet in diameter, as some scientific observers had concluded, Mr. Evans said, then the objects seen yesterday over the airport would have been well over 10,000 feet high.

One of the objects was first seen flying over the airport alone. It moved toward Lake Superior and was joined by four or five others. The objects moved together at the same speed and in the same direction. They circled the airport and then disappeared off to the northeast.

28 March. Lakehead, Ontario, Canada.
(7:40 p.m.)

29 March. Lakehead, Ontario, Canada.
(1:50 p.m./ 4:20 p.m.)

30 March. Lakehead, Ontario, Canada.
(11:15 a.m.)

When the three objects were seen at 4:20, Mr. Evans said, they didn't come near the airport but appeared to be directly over Inter-city. They were seen on both occasions for a period of minutes.

If they come back again today, the workmen at Port William will at least have a better look at them. Evans has obtained a number of pairs of strong field glasses to watch them from a tower in one of the buildings.

Two of the men who saw the objects over Lake Superior this morning were W. Pearson and Ed Hahn. Mr. Pearson said the two objects were round and shiny. He said they did not appear to be moving and he estimated they would be between 3,000 and 4,000 feet high.

Many persons have stated that the bluish-green round object passed through the sky at a fast speed around 7:40 p.m. Tuesday.

It was seen clearly as round and emitting streaks of smoke or vapor by at least six Port Arthur residents.

as many at Port William and several others throughout the district. Two switchmen at the C.N.R. Neely yards, Gus Cambley, 400 West Christina Street, Port William, and Gray, 332 East Christina Street, saw it as they were eating supper.

FRIGHTENED GIRLS

Miss MacLeod, 325a Bay Street, Port William, said yesterday that the "flying saucer" seen above Port Arthur Tuesday night so frightened her and a girl friend that they cringed in their doorway. They had just come out of the Colonial theatre on Bay Street, Miss MacLeod said, when she felt her friend tugging at her coat and directing her attention to the sky. The "saucer" seemed to be coming right at them until it changed course and disappeared in the direction of Port William.

Miss MacLeod's description of the object tallied with that given by a number of other witnesses—a bluish, spherical thing. She thought she heard a sound "like a swarm of bees." The object was "very bright" and had a fiery tail.

28 March. Oakland, California. (10:30 a.m.)

"You can imagine my surprise."

VOL. CLIII Oakland Tribune, Wednesday, March 29, 1950 E★ 3/29/50

Two Boys, 14, See 'Saucers'

One Spotted at Night,
Other in Daylight;
Descriptions Vary

Two 14-year-old school boys are believers in flying saucers. They saw them themselves, one last night in Oakland, the other in broad daylight in Albany this morning.

They are Bill Sutton, 14, of 2317 Market Street, and Ron Petersen, 14, of 717 Carmel Avenue, Albany, who don't even know each other.

Their descriptions are different. Bill saw, and so did his mother, two sisters and a brother-in-law, an oval "luminous" object. Ron saw one that was cone-shaped, the bottom of it flat and spinning.

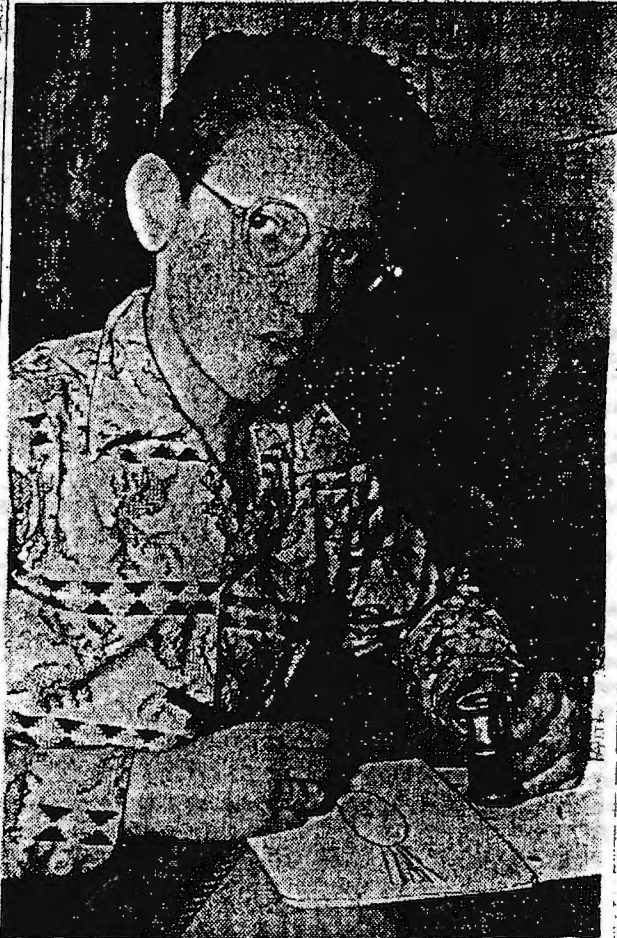
WAS STAR GAZING #1238

Bill likes to study astronomy. Last night was clear, so he was star gazing. 3-28

"I was startled to see a luminous ball whirling close to the earth, and you can imagine my surprise," he said. "I dashed into the house and got my binoculars (opera glasses) and observed this phenomena—a luminous white ball with white smoke or possibly vapor."

Mrs. Helen Sutton, his mother, said Bill called her and his sisters, Mrs. Helen Corbera, 27, and Mrs. Lucy Prince, 17, and his brother-in-law, Gello Corbera.

"We saw it too," said Mrs. Sutton. "Once in a while it would shine. It came over our house, circled around and disappeared toward town."



Bill Sutton, 14, junior high school student, sketches a flying saucer, which he watched with opera glasses over Oakland last night. His family saw it too.—Tribune photo.

LIKE STUBBY CIGAR

Bill drew a picture of the "saucer," an oval that looks like a fat, stubby cigar, with a trail of smoke or vapor at one end.

The Petersen boy was leaving a doctor's office at Solano and San Pablo Avenues, Albany, about 10:30 a.m., when he "happened to look up" and "see" the object stopped overhead, about 500 feet high. #1239

It was cone-shaped, wide end at the bottom and the whole bottom spinning, he said. It was the size of a small airplane, Ron said, painted white and the bottom had blue streaks. It headed east out of sight. He headed east out of sight. He headed east out of sight.

3/29

Late March. Utah.

A. F. JET PLANE BLAMED

Utahns See Rash of 'Saucers'

It's getting so a good-sized mosquito buzzing through the Utah sky can touch off a flood of flying saucer reports.

After a brief absence (probably the saucers were refueling) the discs were back in the state Wednesday, at least in the minds of hundreds who reported their presence to The Salt Lake Tribune.

Observers described the objects Wednesday as "luminous," as "fantastic phenomena," "cigars" and "pollywogs."

One woman caller had a new explanation. "I have heard that men on Mars are attempting to establish a colony on earth. They want to flee high Martian income taxes."

Another, a tourist from Sheboygan, Wis., said he had seen the interplanetary travelers before. "They are pretty common up where I come from," he said. "Some of our neighbors are leaving food out at night for the little guys who fly them."

But the fellow who described it as a "cigar wrapped in tinfoil" probably was nearer right. A silver T-33 jet trainer swooshed up the valley to Hill air force base

about the time citizens began seeing saucers.

Responsible opinion credited it with starting the mass optical illusion going.

But there were a few "will-

neases" who said the objects couldn't have been an airplane. Ah, one woman caller explained, "the army said the plane flew up from Albuquerque, N. M. But that can't be. I saw it fly right out of Little Cottonwood canyon."

Less than a month ago hundreds of Utahns claimed they saw disks scooting through the evening sky. At that time reports had them spewing a blue flame.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1950

THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE

'Saucer' Reported Seen by Three Men at Austin

By Associated Press

Austin, March 30.—Austin has joined the "flying saucers have been here" cities.

Three men reported seeing a "kind of flat silver object suspended in air" near the intersection of Thirty-Fourth Street and Lamar Boulevard.

They are Sam Roper, design engineer for the state highway department; Gene Ravel, president of the junior chamber of commerce, and John Marsh Ling, Austin representative of the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company.

"Say, do you see what I see?" Roper asked his companions.

Ravel said he looked up and saw a silver object, flat in shape and with no wings, suspended in the air.

"It stayed there three or four seconds and then disappeared to the northeast," he said.

30? March.
Austin, Texas.
(no time)

"Do you see
what I see?"

Salt Lake City, Utah.
The Salt Lake Tribune.
30 March 50

Some additional notes: Europe.

There were two attempts to catalogue UFO phenomena in Europe in 1950. One was a Belgium organization that compiled the following data in the 1970s. The report states:

"In March 1950 many reports were published in the Belgian press concerning the sighting of a fireball that left a smoke trail as it passed over the northeastern part of Belgium at Spa. No date is available. From: Le Soir of Brussels, 17 March 1950.

"Two interesting reports were made in the province of Limbourg, one at Berensheuvel and another at Schalkhoven; on the same day: 24 March 1950. There were eight hours between the two incidents.

"The first incident took place at Berensheuvel at 1:25 p.m. when two mineworkers, a Mr. Cortsjans and a Mr. Brepels, hear a strange noise coming from the sky which sounded like 'the wind blowing through a funnel.' Looking at the sky, the men saw between the clouds a flat, oval-shaped machine which was spewing smoke from a hole in the rear portion of the object. The object flew in a zig-zag motion while maintaining a general course NNE to SSW, passing between the towns of Maaseik and Maastricht. From: Belang van Limburg, Masselt, Belgium. 26 March 1950.

"The second incident occurred at 9 p.m. when a group of people spotted something in the sky as they left meeting. One witness, Peters Jos, suddenly saw an object which he said 'was similar to the so-called flying saucers.' The object was visible to the group for about one minute as it came out of the west, flew in some circles, and then sped out of sight toward the west at great speed. There was no sound and the thing left behind a trail of smoke like 'the trail of a V1 during the last war.' From: Belang van Limburg, Masselt, Belgium. 26 March 1950." *

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Another part of Europe that was studied was the Iberian peninsula by some Spanish UFO investigators. One such effort was by Antonio Ribera, who, working alone, first discovered the 1950 Iberian UFO wave and the fact that it preceeded the 1954 French flap. Studies by other investigators like Carlos Orlando, Ballester Olmos, Jacques Bonabot, and Michel Roy; however are more complete than Ribera's, even so only some 86 cases were available for a examination by statistical methods, as a result conclusions are not that firm. Generally, UFOs that were reported were "saucer" or ball-like in appearance; and were metallic, gray, or white in color. Most of the time, however, the object was merely brilliant, or luminous. UFO activity during 1950 in the Iberian peninsula was low level for most of the year, 0-3 reports a day on average, with the exception of the "flap period" that ran from March 19th to April 1st when reports averaged approximately 10 a day.

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