

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

1952 August

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

— Dr. Lincoln La Paz

"Supplemental Notes" consist of material under consideration for any revision of the original UFO history volume covering this time period.

Critics.

In the wake of General Samford's press conference not everyone bought into the "weather target" explanation. To this day, the case is still being debated. In the 1960s the Washington National Airport radar-visual affair was the maiden field trip investigation by the Condon UFO project and a Mike Wertheimer was assigned the job. Dr. David Saunders, a member of the project, related his impressions of what happened.

"Mike's immediate reaction to the trip was one of amazement that the witnesses he talked to could virtually relive the experience (even without the benefit of hypnosis) 15 years later. That's how intense the situation had been, even for those experienced radar controllers. (Even so, Mike voted against an active pursuit of this case for the Case Book!)

"In the course of our study, we just happened to have a chance to discuss the Washington Airport case with the man who had been in charge of maintenance for the newest of the three radar facilities involved in the sightings. He told us that after 'his' radar began to see the unknowns, he had taken it off the air for half an hour to check it thoroughly. Then, back on the air, it continued to see the unknowns. He also told us this was the first radar installation to incorporate a new feature—the 'moving target indicator (MTI)' that figured so prominently in the reports of objects that could either hover or move at extraordinary speed. The novelty of the MTI at that time now acts as a two-edge sword. Proponents of ETI will see it as stimulating the curiosity of the UFOs. Opponents of ETI will see it as a component of a system that is not yet fully debugged. In any event, the whole case deserves more credible handling than it got at the hands of the Civil Aeronautics Board, who issued a thick report blaming it all on radar mirages caused by temperature inversions." (xx.)

(xx.) Saunders, David and R. Rogers Harkins. *UFOs? Yes!* A Signet Book: The New American Library, 1968. p.231.

1952? Summer? Westover Field, Massachusetts. (about 3:00 a.m.)

"Ghost blip."

A Norman Dean wrote a letter to UFO investigator Albert Baller in 1954 describing an experience he had in "1951" or "1952." He couldn't remember the date any better than that, but since he mentions UFO reports in upper New York and in New England at the time, early August 1952 is a good fit.

Dean had been a Control Tower operator during World War II. Because of the Korean conflict, he was recalled to active duty in November 1951 and stationed at Westover field in the State of Massachusetts. Here is his story:

"One evening during a 'graveyard watch' in the Control Tower, along about 3 A.M. on a clear moonlit night, a buddy of mine who was the radar operator on the same night shift called me rather excitedly on the intercom, and asked me if I could see any object in the sky about 15 miles Southwest of the Base. Using a pair of powerful binoculars I carefully scanned the sky in that direction and assured him that I could see nothing, it was then that he told me why he was so concerned. For

several minutes he had tracked an object on his radar scope, then all of a sudden it had stopped at a range of about 15 miles from the Base and remained stationary. Being an experienced radar operator he knew that whatever it was it was of good size, at least as big as any of our larger transport planes, but what amazed him was the fact that it stopped and remained motionless on the scope. A full half hour passed and still this object remained in the same location on the radar screen, remembering that I had an inbound C124 Globemaster coming in from that direction I thought that perhaps the pilot would see something out there that we couldn't. I gave the pilot a couple of calls and finally raised him just South of Harford on his way in, I told him what we had on radar and asked him if he would mind swinging off his course slightly so that he could take a look for us. I then turned him over to the radar operator who picked up the inbound aircraft on radar and he guided the pilot to a new heading that would bring him directly into this 'blip' that was still stationary on the screen. The pilot slowed his aircraft and he and his copilot and engineer started looking about the. I could hear the radar man giving the pilot directions on a monitoring speaker in the Tower.

"The aircraft got onto a line on the radar screen that would intersect the 'blip' that was unidentified, then as the minutes went by the aircraft slowly approached the object on the scope, both 'blips' were equally bright and distinct. Then when it seemed that the two would collide, at about a half mile separation on the scope, the stationary object simply disappeared, vanished seconds before the big Globemaster reached its location.

"None of the crew on the plane had seen anything at anytime, although they were all observing closely at the time and were told how close they were getting all the way to the object. How anything could vanish so suddenly from a radar screen without even leaving a trace of what direction it went is really amazing, when you bear in mind that a radar scanner usually has a sweep of better than 50 miles, that would mean that whatever the object was it went from a dead standstill at 15 miles and disappeared from the scope covering over 35 miles in a split second [Maybe it went straight up?] Remember also that this object was there over a half hour and did not disappear until seconds before the aircraft reached its position, certainly this couldn't be any electrical disturbance or other phenomena. Why then would it disappear precisely when it did!

"Several times after that night unidentified objects were picked up in the vicinity of Albany [New York?], Montpelier, and Green field." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Rev. Albert Baller. From: Norman S. Dean. NICAP Files. CUFOS achives. Photocopy in author's files.

1 August. Yak, Montana. (dawn)

More details on the Yak case.

This is an unpublished part of Edward Ruppelt's UFO book:

"But to get back to Yak—as soon as the target appeared on the radar scopes and was designated as unidentified, one of the men at the radar site went outside

to look for it. He saw a light exactly where the radar said it should be. The crew watched the scopes for about a half hour as the target zipped back and forth about forty miles south of their station. It would hover for three to five minutes, then shoot off to a new location at nearly 400 miles an hour and stop again. Every once in awhile someone would run outside and look for the UFO, but a few clouds had moved in and they couldn't see it anymore. Finally, just a few minutes after sunrise, one of the officers went out to look and what he saw made him call out to more people. Far off in the distance, but still plainly visible as it moved between the clouds, was a dark, cigar-shaped form. The officer called in the door to the radar operator and asked him the bearing of the UFO on the scope—it was thirty-five miles exactly southeast of the site at about 52,000 feet. The officer later told me over the phone that he looked at the dark, cigar-shaped UFO, then looked down at the ground and there was a calibration stake marking the 135 degree azimuth angle from the radar site. As far as he was concerned, he told me, the UFO that he and part of his crew saw visually in the early morning daylight was the same UFO that the radar operators had on their radar scopes." (xx.)

(xx.) Ruppelt, E.J. *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*. Unpublished portion of manuscript. Photocopy in author's files.

1 August. Dundee, New York. (9:45 a.m.)

New York flap.

Hundreds of people all over New York state's south-central section reported seeing "flying saucers." Here is one report:

"A flying saucer has been sighted in Dundee. Last Friday forenoon at 9:45 a.m. Byron Cronk looked over in the northeast sky and saw what appeared to be a bright star. It shot straight up, then hesitated, gave off something like smoke or vapor and went due west then abruptly north until he lost sight of it. There was absolutely no sound. A few seconds later he saw what appeared to be the same thing going south and then he lost it in the sun." (xx.)

(xx.) Dundee, New York. *Observer*. 7 August 52.

1 August. Batavia and Rochester, New York. (11:30 a.m.)

*Confusion in the skies. (See clipping on page 4)

1 August. Elmira-Binghamton area, New York. (daytime)

A press report states:

"Griffis Air Force Base jets yesterday combed the air over the Elmira-Binghamton area for a trace of 'mysterious flying objects' which were sighted and reported by Civil Defense spotters on 'Skywatch' duty.

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BATAVIA, N. Y.
NEWS

AUG 2 - 1952

"Flying Saucer" Objects Seen High Over State St. Airport

Unidentified objects — possibly the mysterious "flying saucers" — were sighted high over the Batavia Airport shortly before noon Friday by a group of area residents, including three veteran pilots.

Description of the objects as "metallic" and "definitely not any type of conventional aircraft" came from one of the group, Douglas Juston of Rochester, chief pilot for Page Airways in Rochester and a wartime Air Transport Command pilot. Also in the group were Gilbert Chapell, manager of the Batavia airport and a veteran pilot and Lloyd Decker, long-time pilot now flying for the Dougherty Construction Company of New York.

Mr. Chapell today was reluctant to comment on the high-flying objects, but said "we saw something,

I don't know what it was." The Batavian said he did not care to elaborate.

Mrs. Llewellyn Printup of the Batavia-Elba Townline Rd., whose husband was the first to spot the "saucers," said she was in her home at about 11:30 a. m. when her husband called her to come out and look at the objects. She said they saw one round object which appeared to be stationary and that it was very high in the sky. Mr. Printup called the airport and then the couple drove there.

The three pilots were having a business conference in Chapell's airport office when Mr. and Mrs. Printup arrived and the party began scanning the skies.

"We then saw three more of them," said Mrs. Printup. "The

one was still in the sky, apparent stationary, when another came and circled it and then suddenly shot away. It moved so fast, was just a streak when it took off.

Later, Mrs. Printup said, two other similar objects appeared and streaked across the sky. They were traveling in an easterly direction.

Mrs. Printup said she had read articles about "flying saucers," but had never paid much attention to them. "But when you see them you've got to believe it," she added. "I probably wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes."

In Rochester, Juston said the first object appeared to be at about 30,000 feet and was streaking from west to east at a "terrific speed." He estimated the speed of "perhaps 2,000 miles an hour—faster than anything any of us had ever seen before, and Chapell has seen jets from the Niagara Falls base go over at that height nearly every day."

The Rochesterian said no sound was audible and the object left no vapor trail. It was believed to be of metallic construction because it glinted periodically in the sun. Through binoculars, it appeared to be red in color, Juston said.

Size Not Estimated

Because of the height the shape and size could not be estimated but Juston added that it definitely was not the brilliant ball of fire or flash of light reported lately. A moment after the first object disappeared a second object came into view and appeared to hover in the air without apparent movement for over 10 minutes.

While the second object hovered over the field, a third came into view and flashed across the sky. A moment later, Juston said, the hovering object rose straight up in the air, disappearing from view. The Rochesterian commented later that he had "always been skeptical of the 'flying saucer' reports and all of us had a very negative attitude toward the whole thing when Printup came running up. But now it looks as though there is something to it."

Credence was added to the reports when an Air Force radar station operator reported unusual air activity in the area. The operator of the station, the location of which is restricted information, said he "had received several calls about the objects." He said the information was classified and could not be revealed.

"Lt. Lawrence Browe, public information officer at the base, said last night that the pilots were unable to find any trace of the objects.

"In Chenango County more than 100 reports of the objects were reported within 10 minutes.

"Police Chief Robert Palmatier, Afton, one of the first to make a report, said the 'objects looked like white balloons and were going pretty fast.'

"Groups of people which gathered in Afton streets and watched the objects with binoculars 'were calm,' Palmatier said. 'Some looked on and wondered what they were. Others didn't pay any attention.'

"Hillis R. Craig, a former Binghamton newspaperman, said the objects appeared white and high in the sky.

"He said a group of five to 10 of the objects would appear at one time. They appeared to rise and fall swiftly and travel away from the sun, Craig said.

"At Griffiss, Captain Browne said the base was not on any unusual alert, but that several planes are on alert at all times and investigations would be made of any subsequent reports." (xx.)

(xx.) Utica, New York. *Press*. 2 August 52.

1 August. Sidney, New York. (daytime)

The UFO flotilla also seen at Sidney:

"At Sidney, 19 miles north of Afton in the upper Susquehanna River valley, several hundred employees of the Scintilla Magneto plant left their jobs [!] to scan the skies.

"One Scintilla worker, Irving Parsons of Oneonia, said he saw 60 to 75 objects shaped like 'ping-pong balls' moving very high.

"Parsons described the sight as a 'whole flotilla of bright, shiny balls moving rapidly in a northerly direction.' He said they didn't seem to be in formation." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

1 August. Otego, New York. (daytime)

More UFOs at Otego

The same newspaper article said: "At Otego, 20 miles north of Sidney, Walden Sneison of Lincoln Park, N.J., said a large crowd watched the sky for an hour and saw five or six 'very bright objects.' They appeared to move perpendicularly, Sneison said." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

1 August. Canadice, New York. (daytime)

Among the many.

According to a newspaper story:

"Among the many who saw the flying saucers, discs, platters, or whatever they may be called were Stephen Paine, Ray Gordon, Frank Lawrence and Charles Thomas, on Friday.

"They were baling straw on the Paine farm near Canadice lake, when they noticed a shining object hovering in the air quite low, estimated at not more than 2,000-3,000 feet high. It was oval in shape, had no wings or propeller visible. The sun glinted on it as the object hung motionless for several minutes.

"Frank said he could see windows in it. They stopped the machinery to try and detect the noise of a motor, but no sound was apparent.

"All at once it took off with amazing speed and disappeared over Honeoye lake, climbing rapidly. There was still no sound of a motor or tail vapor visible."
(xx.)

(xx.) Wayland, New York. *Register*. 7 August 52.

1 August. Sidney, New York. (shortly after 2:00 p.m.)

"Like bouncing balls." (See clipping)

1 August. Near Des Moines, Iowa. (no time)

Flight of six. (See clipping below)

1 August.

Smyrna, Tennessee.

(no time)

"Flying dishpan."

(See clipping)

This Clipping From
MARYVILLE, TENN.
TIMES

AUG 1 - 1952

**SMYRNA AIRMAN SPOTS
FLYING SAUCER**

SMYRNA, Tenn., Aug. 1 (AP)—An airman at Sewart Air Force Base has reported seeing a flying dishpan. Virginia Sheppard said the dishpan descended from about 2000 feet. Suddenly it changed its course and zoomed straight up until it disappeared, she said.

This Clipping From
CHILLICOTHE, MO.
CONSTITUTION-TRIBUNE
AUG 4 - 1952

**DESCRIBES FLIGHT OF
SIX 'FLYING SAUCERS'**

Laverne Glasbrook, Indianola, Ia., an employee of the A.T. & T., has reported sighting six flying saucers last Friday south of Des Moines, Ia.

Glasbrook told his story to John Baker, Chillicothe, also of the A. T. & T. Glasbrook told Baker that the six saucers were flying north, suddenly stopped and "hung low enough so that we got a good look at them." He described them as in a "saucer" shape.

Glasbrook described the objects as "definitely of metal." "They just seemed to hang there," he said and then they darted to the east and were gone in "a split second."

Glasbrook was working in Trenton with Baker last week.

SIDNEY, N.Y.
RECORD
8/7/52

**Strange Things
in Sidney Sky**

There are hundreds of people in Sidney, including the publishers of this paper, who can vouch that there are strange objects flitting around the sky.

On Friday afternoon, shortly after 2 o'clock, a call came in to the Record-Enterprise office from Rolland Peckham of Bainbridge, who is in charge of the "sky watch" in this area. There were bouncing balls observed near the sun, he said; something like soap bubbles in appearance, and he thought we might like to see if they were still visible over here.

They were visible, all right, bright specks jumping up and down much like drops of water when they hit hot metal. Others were shooting off from the vicinity of the sun, going mostly in a southerly direction, usually very rapidly, but occasionally at a leisurely pace. They kept on a straight line, but once in a while one would turn off at an angle. The sky was very blue and the air particularly clear, with scarcely a cloud in the sky.

The phenomenon continued for at least two hours, and was witnessed by groups of people all over Sidney.

1 August. Elmira, New York. (3:00 p.m.)

A 'Skeptic' sees the Things.

Reporter John Diveny of the Elmira *Star-Gazette* wrote:

"If you haven't seen them, you're probably skeptical, as I was until 3 Friday afternoon.

"When the telephones all started ringing at once about 1:30, with reports of 'flying saucers' coming in from all over the country, it took six of us to take the information, double check, put the story together and get it out to the printers.

"Then we decided to have a look for ourselves.

"Fred Box of the state desk and I were the first to reach the roof of the *Star-Gazette* Building. We hadn't been there two minutes when we saw one.

"It came from the direction of the sun right toward us until it was directly overhead. It had a dull silvery look, and was flat. I thought it looked like a dime sailing overhead.

"Then it turned on edge and banked into a right-hand turn. It was flat. Not 'thin' flat, but not round either.

"It seemed to float through several lazy turns before we lost sight of it.

"By wearing sun glasses and holding a little square of paper at arm's length to cut off the central blinding rays of the sun, we were able to detect more.

"I saw several single ones, which came out of the light of the sun and traveled northward before disappearing from sight. They appeared disc-shaped, and at first I dismissed them as probably being fireballs from the sun [?].

"But they did things you wouldn't expect a fireball to do. A couple moved out from the bright light, stopped, moved forward again. Others went through a series of 'dog legs,' making sharp 90-degree turns, all to the right, before settling on a straight course and disappearing from sight.

"Twice I saw three at once. One of these times, a disc appeared from the right and below the sun, whizzed through the halo of light under the sun, and continued to the left. Another joined it from the rear and the two continued together for some distance.

"The third appeared from the left going in the opposite direction. One of the first two abruptly reversed direction and went back to the right with the third.

"That time they appeared round, and had a brighter silver appearance I attributed to their being more directly in the sun's rays. As the first two passed through the direct light of the sun's halo, they became opaque and silhouetted, indicating they were of some solid substance.

"All appeared small, but without knowing how far out in space they were, an estimate of their size is impossible." (xx.)

(xx.) Elmira, New York. *Star-Gazette*. 2 August 52.

1 August. Near Painted Post, New York. (about 3:30 p.m.)

Another New Yorker sees something:

"Bruce Oakley of Addison said he was driving his car near Painted Post Friday about 3:30 p.m. when he spotted one of the silver discs in the sky. It behaved crazily, darting at terrific speed and taking abrupt right angles, he said." (xx.)

(xx.) Corning, New York. *Leader*. 2 August 52.

1 August. Caton, New York. (about 5:30 p.m.)

"They're real now as far as I'm concerned."

Still another New Yorker:

"Mr. and Mrs. Loring C. Bartlett of Elmira were traveling home from Corning on the back road through Caton when they saw at least six of the objects in the sky.

"It was about 5:30 p.m. when the 'saucers' appeared in view under the sun. Mr. Bartlett said they looked iridescent and glistened in the sun. He said they appeared to be a long way off and moving at an extremely fast rate of speed.

"They would drop out of sight and soon reappear, Mr. Bartlett noted. The couple watched the darting objects for about 20 minutes. The 'saucers' were still in view when Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett left the scene, they said.

" 'I was skeptical, but they're real now as far as I'm concerned,' said Mr. Bartlett. He had no explanation to offer for their existence, however.

"He said the discs appeared to have fuzzy edges and some zig-zaged from beside the sun as if falling under the sun." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

1 August. Santa Barbara, California. (afternoon)

"Our friends might kid us too much." "Flying Whoozis."

The local press reported:

"A 'flying whoozis' was reported yesterday by five residents of Fellowship Circle on the Mesa who asked, 'Please don't use our names; our friends might kid us too much.'

"The object was sighted Friday afternoon offshore from Hope Ranch, hovering for 10 minutes in one spot at about 5,000 feet before it speeded up and disappeared to the west [out to sea], they reported.

"The object, which they observed with powerful binoculars, was described as being oblong, with two cones sticking up from its top. It was snow white they said. When it started to move, it made a slow roll on its side and the cones moved with it.

" 'It couldn't be a cloud formation,' the spokesman for the quintet said, 'because the sky was a clear and beautiful blue. Besides, if it had been a cloud, it would not have retained its shape. And when it moved off, it moved against the prevailing breeze.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Santa Barbara, California. *News-Press*. 3 August 52.

August (approximately) (no exact date) Gas City, Indiana. (6:00 p.m.)

Two "saucers" visit Gas City.

The witnesses say it was a beautiful cloudless day. The wind was about five mph. The temperature was a warm 80 degrees. The terrain in the area is flat for miles around. The objects were viewed from the corner of 8th Street & H Avenue. This spot was at the edge of the residential district. To the east was open farmland with isolated farms. A Mr. and Mrs. Flannigan, and friends, saw the objects. The husband filed this statement:

"I had just arrived at my friends house. They were sitting in the yard when one of us noticed a metallic disk 120' above us at 75 degrees. After observing this motionless craft for 3-5 minutes, another identical-looking one zoomed in from the same angle to approximately two feet of each other. They were now side by side which they stayed for about 10 minutes. The only movement during this time was a rapid 5 degree tilting action from the vertical axis. The crafts were observed to be doing this the entire duration of their stay. At no time was the entire upper surface of either disk visible. The bottom surface was flat. The edges were rounded. And the thickness around the outer edges was approximately one foot.

"The crafts suddenly stopped and zoomed off in opposite directions (75 degrees to their hovering position). The speed was terrific and within seconds they were out of sight." (xx.)

(xx.) APRO UFO report form.
Photocopy in author's files.

1 August.

Press Stalks Saucers.

(See clipping)

This Clipping From
GREENWICH, CONN.
TIME

AUG 2 - 1952

Press Stalks Saucers in Sky; Radio Audience Waits in Vain

By VERN HAUGLAND

Washington—(AP)—A bunch of us news reporters went hunting flying saucers last night.

We zoomed and banked over the Capital City for more than an hour in a chartered airliner, looking for anything strange in the sky.

And not a thing suspicious did we see. Just the sun going down, and after a while a pale half moon. Later there was a haze so the moon looked like a saucer—but nobody was deceived.

It was the National Broadcasting Company's idea. Someone had a hunch a saucer or two might show up in time to be televised on last night's "We, the People" program.

After all, airport radar had picked up strange unidentified objects over Washington three nights within two weeks.

SO THE BROADCASTERS hired a plane. Invited newspapermen and photographers to come along, and assigned announcer George Skinner to radio back reports.

To the persons at the program's opening, in the radar control center at Washington National Airport, they announced

hopefully that "you may be the first television audience to see a flying saucer."

Skinner cued into the broadcast show below and told the unseen audience:

"If during the next half hour there are any reports on these mysterious blips, we're going to head straight for them. Stand by."

Nothing happened. But on the broadcast a California scientist said this country definitely has had "visitors from another planet."

WALTER RIEDEL, identified by NBC as senior project engineer, propulsion large missiles, North American Aviation Co., Los Angeles, said he is firmly convinced of this.

Asked why the visitors haven't landed and made their presence known, Riedel replied:

"They might have landed on the ocean or in uninhabited parts of the country—and they might not be ready to tell us."

Also on the program was Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, Air Force intelligence chief. He said only one fifth of the reports—"from credible observers of relatively incredible things"—still give the Air Force concern.

1 August. Waterford, Connecticut. (11:00 p.m.)

Formation over New England.

A newspaper told its readers a Mrs. Daniel Hanscom witnessed some "cloud-like" things at 11:00 p.m. the evening of August 1st:

"Out of the western sky came riding an unusual formation. It passed directly over the Hanscom house and disappeared in the east, she said. It was visible for nearly 20 minutes, Mrs. Hanscom estimated. She had time to observe closely and to fix her impression. She even had time to call her daughter down from her bedroom, and the child saw the same thing.

"Both regarded it as a possibly important occasion with its value, apart from the personal thrill of seeing something for the first time, depending on the care with which they watched and later described what they saw. From such individual records, Mrs. Hanscom feels, scientists may be able to piece out a final explanation.

"In the lead was the largest object. It was round, with scalloped edges. It gave an impression of thickness, which Mrs. Hanscom could only describe by comparison with the effect of a common doodle when a pencil draws with a circular concentric motion until it comes to center point. From the point, of apparent maximum thickness, there protruded a tail. It was thick at [base? Copy not clear]...and tapered to nothing. It was not long, shorter than the diameter of the saucer.

" 'How large was this object, Mrs. Hanscom?' [To the woman's credit, she seems to understand this question. Not many UFO witnesses do.]

" 'You know how hard it is to tell the size of something in the sky when you do not know the distance? My kitchen is about 30 feet by 15 feet. It appeared that the object could just about fit in my kitchen.'

"Behind this lead saucer came six or seven somewhat smaller ones. These seemed to be tailless.

"Mrs. Hanscom noted particularly that they seemed to follow on a precise course with regulated speed greater than normal for clouds. And there were no other clouds in sight." (xx.)

(xx.) New London, Connecticut. *The Day*. 4 August 52.

2 August. Taft, California. (6:00 a.m.)

• Hovered over Standard Oil.

The small town of Taft is known for its many oil wells: "This morning, in Taft, James M. Baker, 323 Shattuck St., reported he saw a tear-shaped object hover over Standard Oil 11-C Camp for about 15 minutes at 6 a.m. He said the object reflected an orange glow and went away as the sun came up." (xx.)

(xx.) Taft, California. *Midway Driller*. 2 August 52.

2 August. Carlsbad, New Mexico. (about 6:30 a.m.)

Astonishing maneuver.

According to an AP dispatch:

"Now it's a saucer 12 feet high and 7 feet across that goes faster than any jet plane, turns sharply without slowing down and is made of frosted stainless steel.

"T. L. Fox, Carlsbad contractor, saw it:

" 'About 6:30 in the morning, I was standing in my back yard when I noticed an object gliding from the north. I thought it was a balloon and I started for my car to go after it.

" 'Before I could get to my car, the thing had grown many times in size and had leveled off. It then, to my astonishment, maneuvered and shot forward with a burst of speed toward the Carlsbad Airport—a burst of speed which has never been equalled by any jet I know of and no plane with wings attached could have made that sharp a turn.' He estimated its speed at 1,000 miles an hour." (xx.)

(xx.) Carlsbad, N.M., Aug. 2 (AP) Paris, Texas. News. 3 August 52.

2 August. Bingham, Utah. (12:13 a.m.)

Assumed a V-formation. (See clipping)

This Clipping From
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
DESERET NEWS

LIKE WHITE AUTO LIGHTS

Amateur Astronomer Sees Bingham Saucers

A Salt Lake amateur astronomer said Saturday that he saw "flying saucers" over Bingham Canyon.

Rex L. Christensen, 239 East South Temple St., former professor at Carbon College, Price, told how he and his mother witnessed the phenomena at 12:13 a.m. Saturday while they sat on the porch of her apartment.

"We were mutual witnesses to the most extraordinary display of aerial phenomena we have ever seen. It lasted about a minute," Mr. Christensen said.

Mr. Christensen, who reported he and his mother had been discussing "flying saucers" at the time, said 20 or 30 objects, "like white auto lights only much dimmer," appeared about 20 degrees above the horizon and flew westward at intense velocity.

"They disappeared for a moment and then reappeared, traveling in the direction of the city," he said. "As they approached, eight of them assumed a 'V' formation, turning so that we could see the transverse side. As they approached, they seemed to grow larger."

According to Mr. Christensen, the objects

were very similar to four saucers shown in a Coast Guard photo published Friday in the News. He said the edges were rough and there was a streak of amber light blended with the white. He said the altitude must have been around 20,000 feet, and the speed in excess of any known human machine.

U. S. Weather Bureau officials said storm clouds (cumulus and cirrus) were in the sky at the time and under such conditions reflecting temperature inversions or skyline mirages are almost impossible.

Bingham police said no one in the Bingham area reported seeing objects in the sky at that time.

Meanwhile Hill Air Force Base reported an unidentified aerial object was reported sighted at noon Saturday. According to the control tower, the object was reported about 20 miles south of Burley, Idaho, and a plane was sent to investigate.

The pilot reported to the base that the object was sighted at about 40,000 feet, but when he tried to get a closer look, the object disappeared.

2 August. "Space Patrol."

(See clipping)

2 August. "No menace?"

(See clipping)

2 August. "Space thrillers return."

(See clipping)

2 August. "Saucer parties."

(See clipping)

2 August. "Project Vortex."

(See clipping)

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Hunt for Saucers Becomes 'Project'

The hunt for "flying saucers" or other unidentified objects in the sky over Wisconsin has been re-named "Project Vortex" instead of "Operation Vortex," to make clear that it is not an official army signal corps project.

The project has been set up on a voluntary basis by a group of electronics specialists attached to the 84th signal reserve company of Milwaukee, under the direction of Capt. James E. Holmes of Hillsboro, Tex.; and Lt. Robert H. Per-

thel, 2408 N. 83rd st., Wauwatosa, both members of the Milwaukee reserve company.

Maj. Russell Leitch, signal officer of the 84th reserve division, has approved the project but he agreed Saturday with Lt. Col. Leslie J. Harness, executive officer of the Wisconsin military district, that the army has no responsibility for it.

Leitch asked that anyone sighting unusual objects in the sky report to "Project Vortex" at Lt. Perthel's home. The project will welcome local or prepaid telephone calls about saucer objects. The number is SPring 4-1385.

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ALHAMBRA, CALIF.
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'Space Patrol' to Probe 'Disc' Reports

Excitement over the "flying saucers" has penetrated into the 30th Century!

Concerned over the phenomenon which has been disturbing the people of the United States, Commander Buzz Corry, of the United Planets of the Universe, and his courageous cohorts go back to the 20th Century in an effort to solve the "saucer" mystery.

The fascinating trip to the Planet Earth began this week in the serialized version of "Space Patrol", which is seen Monday through Friday at 8:45 p. m., over KECA-TV (7).

Corry, working on the possibility that the saucers are space ships belonging to the lost Carthaginian civilizations, has landed Terra IV in a field in Arizona, a section of the country where reports on the appearance of the strange discs have been most prevalent.

This Clipping From
BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO
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If it admittedly doesn't know what they are, how can the Air Force be so sure ~~flying saucers~~ constitute no menace to the nation?

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.
BULLETIN

AUG 3 - 1952

Saucer Parties Become The Rage in Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Aug. 2—(INS)—The latest thing, if you want to be in the social swim, is saucer parties.

In Cincinnati, they've become quite the thing. On a clear moonlit night the smart hostess gets on the phone and invites all elegant people over to sip lemonade and crane their necks skyward.

This Clipping From
DETROIT, MICH.
NEWS

AUG 2 - 1952

Madison to Return 2 'Saucer' Thrillers

Moved by the flying saucer commotion in the headlines, Earl J. Hudson, president of the United Detroit Theaters, is bringing back to the Madison next Friday two recent science fiction thrillers in which space ships play leading parts.

One is "The Day the Earth Stood Still," in which a superman from another planet plops his disc right in the middle of Washington and embarks on some fantastic ventures.

The second is "The Thing," a shocker about a saucer that crashes in the Arctic, disgorging a fearsome creature unlike anything seen on earth.

2 August. Airline pilots to carry cameras.

(See clipping)

2 August. Jesuit astronomer comments.

Unlike Menzel, Dr. McCarthy made the intelligence remark that: "...his knowledge of astronomy was of no special aid in evaluating the Salem photo."

(See clipping)

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**Airline's Pilots Ready
to Photograph Discs**

SALISBURY, Md., Aug. 2—(Special).—Pilots of All American Airways planes serving the Eastern Shore are taking part in the hunt for "flying saucers."

AAA announced in Washington that all its flight personnel had been requested to carry cameras in the air.

"If you see a saucer, snap it," was the word that went out to AAA fliers. The airline said the purpose was to help gather more accurate data for military and governmental agencies—just in case a saucer was spotted.

**This Clipping From
BOSTON, MASS.
TRAVELER
AUG 2 - 1952**

'Saucer' Photo 'Fantastic,' C.G. Conclusions Faulty, Says Jesuit Astronomer

By DAVID HERN

A Jesuit astronomer from Weston College today tagged the possible "flying saucers" photographed by a Salem Coast Guard photographer as "fantastic" and "certainly not like anything I've ever seen before."

BUT DR. MARTIN H. MCCARTHY, S.J., young Jesuit scholastic who holds his doctorate in astronomy, insisted that there was nothing extra-terrestrial about the four brilliant light spots captured on film July 16 by Coast Guardsman Shell R. Alpert.

Meanwhile Prof. Donald H. Menzel of Harvard, student of the

"saucer" data for the past six years, insisted on the correctness of his view that all such phenomena can be explained on the basis of meteorology and light reflection or refraction.

DR. MCCARTHY, who received his degree from Georgetown a year ago, agreed that Dr. Menzel's theories seem scientifically reasonable and that they may prove to be the ultimate solution to the "saucer" mysteries.

Of the Salem photo, Dr. Menzel noted that, according to Alpert's account, it was taken through a window screen, and said this plus light reflection or refraction could account for the four bright cloud-

like spots the Coast Guardsman saw and pictured.

Dr. McCarthy expressed a strong belief that some reasonable terrestrial explanation will be found for the "saucers."

"ANY ONE WHO SAYS right now these are planets or something from planets is going far beyond his observed data," he commented.

"They're not optical illusions, but at least they are optical phenomena."

After careful examination of the Coast Guard photo, Dr. McCarthy said there was no way of telling how big the "saucers" were, how far away or how high.

While "definitely interested" in the Salem photo, Dr. McCarthy said that his knowledge of astronomy was of no special aid in evaluating the Salem photo.

2 August. Proof not convincing.

Ivan Sanderson, self described UFO expert, lost out in his bid to make \$5,000. An entertaining speaker if nothing else, he failed to convince the panel:

"A \$5,000 reward for proof of the existence of flying saucers was back in Tim Bright's wallet today after a New York lecturer's 'documentation' turned

out 'interesting' but unconvincing.

"Bright, an auto dealer, offered the reward earlier this week and Ivan Sanderson, scientific lecturer and avowed former officer in the British naval intelligence, telephoned he possessed 'conclusive proof' saucers exist.

"Bright invited Sanderson, who said he has been collecting flying saucer data for 20 years, to lay the proof before a two man panel on a local television show.

"The panel—Chief Traffic Magistrate Samuel Scheer and aircraft engineer David Crockett—yesterday examined Sanderson's series of photographs of disc-shaped objects and said they were unconvincing.

" 'Interesting,' the panel agreed, but not conclusive proof the mysterious saucers exist." (xx.)

(xx.) Modesto, California. *Bee*. 4 August 52.

2 August. Cedar Flats, Oregon. (10:45 p.m.)

"Now I don't know what to think." 46 complete circles.

An Oregon newspaper reported:

"T.J. Williams, who lives at Cedar Flats up the McKenzie [river?], saw a flying saucer Saturday night. Saw it 40 times, as a matter of fact.

"The thing came flying over his place at about 10:45 p.m., round like a canvas ball and white with a glow as though light were shining through cloth. Then, just as the object started to clear a hill nearby, it broke into two sections, Williams said. One part went straight ahead. The other turned left and started circling.

"It made 46 complete circles, covering about 5 miles each time, in the next 8 minutes. Williams counted the object every time it went around. That would put its speed at around 1700 miles per hour, although it just seemed to float, 'light and easy.'

"Although it looked round at first, Williams said it occasionally dipped and turned on edge, and then its shape was more like 'buzzard wings.' He estimated it was 15 or 20 feet long.

" 'I've heard a lot about flying saucers but I never believed they existed,' Williams said Monday.

" 'Now I don't know what to think.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Eugene, Oregon. *Register-Guard*. 4 August 52.

3 August. El Centro, California. (midnight-2:30 a.m.)

"Gyrating bodies."

Two different clippings evidently refer to the same event:

"William Dickey, Civil Defense Co-ordinator for Imperial County, reported this morning that several families had advised him that they saw 'flying saucers' early today in the southwestern and western sky between the hours of midnight and 2:30 a.m. Dickey said there were reportedly eight units which performed gyrations in the sky and changed colors to show red, yellow and white. The phenomenon was observed over El Centro Naval Air Station but no report was forthcoming from officials at that base.

"Terence P. Nelson said he observed the 'saucers' through binoculars for almost two hours and that one of the units hovered over the Naval Air Station for almost an hour. He said he phoned the station and that shortly thereafter the saucer disappeared over the horizon." (xx.)

(xx.) "Color-Changing Disks Reported in Imperial." By a *Times* Correspondent. (El Centro *Times*?) El Centro, Aug. 3. Name of newspaper missing.

3 August. El Centro, California. (no time)

"An almost perfect square."

Here is the second clipping:

"Imperial Valley residents reported Monday the sighting of six to eight gyrating objects which seemed to burst into flame as they moved across the sky.

"Charles Hoffman, fire chief at the nearby naval air base, said the disc-like objects appeared over Mt. Signal, in the area west of here.

"A burst of flame followed by a long luminous streak seemed to come from the gyrating bodies, according to Hoffman.

"Mr. and Mrs. Terence P. Nelson, El Centro, reported sighting eight moving objects in the sky, 'throwing out orange-red and blue-yellow light.' The couple, joined by Mr. and Mrs. Raul Caro, El Centro, followed the phenomena with binoculars and said at one time they flew in 'an almost perfect square.'" (xx.)

(xx.) El Centro, California (UP) Charles City, Iowa. *Press*. 6 August 52.

3 August. Riverside, California. (10:00 a.m.)

"Unusual atmospheric condition?"

A newspaper report states:

"Herman E. Wegner of 4685 Oakwood Place, Hunter-Douglas employee, doesn't claim he saw a flying saucer in broad daylight yesterday—he says whatever it was that he saw hovering virtually motionless in the West Riverside area near Mount Rubidoux about 10 a.m. was more like an inverted bowl.

"The object glimpsed by the Riverside man appeared about the size of a military airplane, constructed of shining steel or other metal, flat on its under

side and dome-shaped. It reminded him of a mercury vapor traffic lamp. Visibility was good, there was no haze. The unknown object seemed to be from 700 to 1,000 feet above ground level.

"“Perhaps it was a reflection of a traffic lamp, caused through some unusual atmospheric condition,” Wegner speculated.” (xx.)

(xx.) Riverside, California. *Press*. 4 August 52.

3 August. “Do flying saucers exist?”

It doesn't say what position the astronomer took, but it seems the Air Force always had them on their side:

“Probing the question, ‘Do flying saucers exist?’ KFI-NBC ‘Top Story’ program today (3:30 p.m.) will present producer-narrator George Martin Jr., in an interview with three ‘experts’ on the subject—Gerald Heard, British science writer and author of the book, ‘Is Another World Watching?’; Dr. Dinsmore Alter, of the Griffith observatory, and Capt. Peter Kennedy, U.S. air force test pilot.” (xx.)

(xx.) Pasadena, California. *Independent*. 3 August 52.

3 August. “Flying Saucer Kid.” (See teletype message below)

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS. A ROUNDUP OF THE QUOTES OF THE WEEK, WITTY, WISE AND OTHER WISE, BY THE BIG AND LITTLE PEOPLE IN THE NEWS.

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CONFUSION WAS THE WATCHWORD DURING THIS WEEK.

ONE OF THE MANY WHO SPOTTED NOW-YOU-SEE-'EM-NOW-YOU-DON'T SAUCERS IN THE SKY WAS BEWILDERED. HE WAS NATIONAL AIRLINES PILOT, J. E. LUNDY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA. SAID HE OF HIS SAUCER:

"THE LIGHT WAS MUCH BRIGHTER AND WE BELIEVED WE WERE MUCH CLOSER. AT FIRST, IT SEEMED TO BE MOVING AT A SPEED OF LESS THAN 100 MILES AN HOUR. THEN IT SUDDENLY INCREASED TO WHAT SEEMED TO BE ABOUT THREE THOUSAND MILES AN HOUR AND CLIMBED OUT OF SIGHT."

SAID LUNDY OF HIS FRIENDS---"THEY THINK I'M CRAZY---THEY CALL ME THE FLYING SAUCER KID...BUT IT'S ALL TRUE."

3 August. No height finders.

A good reason it was hard to intercept UFOs over Washington D.C. was the lack of HRI radar (height finding equipment). Air Force jets had to make repeated runs at different altitudes. This lack of HRI equipment was confirmed in the August 4, 1952, issue of the *Washington Post*. (xx.)

(See fragment cut from news article)

Most military stations also have another radar which gives the height of the target, but the CAA traffic center at National Airport does not.

(xx.) Norris, John G. "Radar, Spotter of Sky Objects, Often Tricky; Caused Frequent False Alarms During War." *Washington D.C. Post*. 3 August 52. p.6M.

3 August. "Not easy to down."

A cartoon in the *Birmingham Age-Herald* and republished in the *New York Times* shows Uncle Sam shooting down a flying saucer. In the wake of the saucer are the words, "Limitless Spaces of Fancy." On the ground is a piece of paper saying, "Repeated Official Denials of Any Knowledge of Flying Saucers." (See cartoon)

3 August. Abbott & Costello. (See clipping)

This Clipping From
MILWAUKEE, WIS.
SENTINEL

AUG 4, 1952

**Abbott, Costello
'Saucer' Offer**
HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 3--(INS)
—Comedians Bud Abbott and Lou Costello got into the flying saucer act Sunday by offering any "saucer crew" making the first successful landing on earth a job in their new picture, "Abbott and Costello Go to Mars."

3 August. Charles Fort.

During the huge UFO wave of the summer of 52, essays on Charles Fort appeared in the press. For many this was their first exposure to the eccentric American. One long article by Relman Morin out of New York on August 6th was particularly favorable. Unknown to Morin, apparently, three days before there was a classic Fortean event in Maine. A Mrs. Harold Mullin and family were driving on High Hill Road near North Dartmouth when there was a cloudburst. Mrs. Mullin told the press: "I couldn't believe my eyes," when I saw bullfrogs come raining down all over the place. They were all over the road, leaping all around and crushed all over the street." (xx.)

(xx.) New Bedford, Maine. *Sunday Standard Times*. 3 August 52.

'NOT EASY TO DOWN'



Harper in The Birmingham Age-Herald

3 August. Houdini's ghost.

You have to read it to believe it:

"Flying saucers have captured the interest of the 'spook' world. Henry Roberts, author and self-styled psychic, excitedly reported Saturday that Houdini's spirit appeared before him Friday night and gave him the real dope on the 'saucers.'

"Joseph Dunninger, mentalist, magician and one-time close friend of Houdini, told International News Service that he received a phone call Saturday morning from Roberts who said that Dunninger must tell the world of the ghost's warning.

"Roberts said Houdini told him that the flying saucers were a warning to mankind to cut out wars, atom bombs, and 'general dissension that exists on the earth plane,' Dunninger related.

" 'If I didn't warn the people that his message was a warning of the coming destruction of the world, I would be committing a sin against mankind, Roberts told me,' Dunninger added.

"Dunninger professed to be puzzled why the spirit had not appeared before him instead of Roberts as it was Dunninger who had known Houdini so well.

"When Houdini died he left a 10 word coded message in the possession of Dunninger with the purpose of debunking mediums. For years Dunninger has offered a \$10,000 reward for anyone that could tell him the words in the message. So far, the best 'spook' contacts have scored zero, according to Dunninger.

"Dunninger said Roberts had suggested he hand over the 10 'grand' as Houdini's latest message was more significant than the coded message. Roberts said to show that it was nothing personal he would hand it over to charity if Dunninger gave it to him. Dunninger remained unconvinced.

"Later Roberts explained the details of the 'message' to INS.

"He said that they have been accurately forecast by Nostradamus and that there was no doubt they came from Mars. The flashes of the atomic tests had attracted the attention of the Martians and they had come down to investigate, he asserted.

" 'They are unable to land,' he said, 'because they belong to a different dimension.'

"He added that they bring their own atmosphere with them and live in dimensions four, five and six. Somehow Roberts got sidetracked and didn't explain how this was to be construed as a warning to mankind.

"According to Dunninger the subject of flying saucers and Houdini first came up two years ago at a Halloween party held annually at Houdini's old house in commemoration of his death.

"The present owner received a phone call in the midst of the party. When she returned to the living room after answering it, she was almost in a faint. She told the gathering that it was Houdini and he said to open a book called 'Paper Magic' a page 113.

"Dunninger said the page was full of little circles, ergo flying saucers. He said it was the first time he had heard that 'spooks' used phones.

"I didn't know they had them up there, or down here, whichever case may be,' he said." (xx.)

(xx.) Ungerman, Kenneth. "Houdini's Spirit Gives Dope on Flying Saucer Mystery." New York, Aug. 2 (INS).

3 August. Sparks, Nevada. (no time)

According to a press account:

"The Merrill I. Stewart family today described three 'things,' resembling flying saucers which cavorted in the sky here Sunday.

"Stewart said he and his son sighted the objects as they stood on the back porch of their home. He said they looked 'smaller than basketballs from where I was. They were round and appeared to be flat on both sides.

"He said the objects appeared to flip-flop, roll and wobble in the sky. Mrs. Stewart said they were 'not white and not silver—just light colored.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Riverside, California. *Press*, 6 August 52.

3 August. "Sop to the public."

While an expanded BLUE BOOK was being loudly announced, there also were rumors such an effort would not come about. (See clipping on this page and on page 20)

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Air Force Likely to Launch All-Out, Multimillion-Dollar Saucer Search

By ARTHUR J. SNYDER
CHICAGO DAILY NEWS SERVICE

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio, Aug. 2.—The likelihood is that the Air Force will expand the flying saucer hunt, still a relatively small activity as Air Force operations go, into a major multimillion-dollar undertaking in an effort to nail the phantom once and for all.

This means purchase of expensive equipment to supplement the visual sightings upon which the intelligence unit is relying solely.

Under discussion is a series of telescopes to be spotted at intervals across the country.

They would be equipped with continuous recording film. From the pictures, scientists could compute distance, altitude and speed.

Another instrument is the diffraction grating camera. It works like a prism and identifies an object by separating their colors, thus permitting analysis of its composition.

The enlarged project would bring in scores of scientists, much as the Atomic Energy Commission does today.

These would include physicists, chemists, mathematicians, metallurgists, astrophysicists, psychologists, astronomers, meteorologists and electronics specialists.

Now note what it says in the *Chicago Sun & Times* about Air Secretary Finletter. (See below)

WASHINGTON: Rep. Mike Monroney of Oklahoma reportedly is receiving serious consideration as successor to Frank McKinney, Democratic national chairman. The story stems from the two visits Sen. Kerr (D-Okla.) has had with Gov. Stevenson in Springfield. Kerr supposedly made the "pitch" for his fellow Oklahoman, . . . Ellis Arnall, the OPS administrator, who was overruled in the granting of the price increase to the steel industry, tendered his resignation to President Truman immediately thereafter. But the President persuaded him to remain on the job for at least another 30 days.

Air Secretary Finletter was ready to pour millions of dollars into a major project to determine what truth, if any, there is in the flying saucer reports. But he was talked out of it by his intelligence and research officers, who have little faith in flying saucers. Finletter's aids pointed out there is justification for a limited research project on the subject, probably as a sop to the public, but not for a major undertaking.

John L. Lewis is telling intimates that he probably won't take a stand in the presidential campaign until his United Mine Workers' convention in October. Lewis, who leans toward Gov. Stevenson,



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SUNDAY SUN & TIMES

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3 August. Hamilton AFB, California. (5:15 p.m.)

"Dog fight."

The details of this sighting are given in the monograph *UFOs A History 1952: August*, pp.20-21. Edward J. Ruppelt, in an unpublished part of his memoirs, had this to say:

"The officers who had seen the UFOs were carefully interrogated about the action that they had witnessed. They were positive that there was a definite 'chase.' One UFO would go into a tight turn and the other would follow; then the lead UFO would quickly double back on the path of the second UFO and chase it for awhile. Two or three times, when the UFOs got into the western part of the sky, the lead UFO seemed to pull the age old tactic of fighter pilots and come streaking 'out of sun' at the other one." (xx.)

(xx.) Ruppelt, Edward J. *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*. Unpublished manuscript. Copy in author's files.

3 August. Seven Springs, North Carolina. (about 7:00 p.m.)

• Red-orange circle.

A press report said:

"'Flying saucers' have been seen again. This time it was in the Seven Springs community in Duplin County near here.

"Mrs. Ivey Dixon reports that she saw the object Sunday night about 7 o'clock while sitting on her porch. She said it appeared above the sun and was of reddish

orange in color and gave the impression of a whirling circle similar to a flattened out lighted ferris wheel, a yard wide in the sky which after about a minute disappeared. Mrs. Dixon said a neighbor, Mrs. Sam J. Prica, also reported seeing the object." (xx.)

(xx.) Raleigh, North Carolina. *News & Observer*. 6 August 52.

3 August. Oak Hill, West Virginia. (8:00 p.m.)

Orange UFO 500 feet up and zooming along at 1,000 mph.

Here is the story:

"A mysterious object, the appearances of which has the entire nation speculating about flying saucers or discs has been sighted in Fayette county.

"At least three men report that Sunday night they saw an unidentified object burst into a deep orange glow as it sped over the Fayette Air port on the Nickelville Road a few minutes before 8 p.m.

"Marvin Partain, of Oak Hill, said the object, which he admitted might have been an effect caused by weather and atmospheric conditions, seemed small and was flying very low, at an altitude of about 100 feet.

"Woodrow Thomas, of Oak Hill, brother of Frank Thomas, operator of the airport, said the object seemed to be about two feet in diameter and traveling a level course from West to East at about 500 feet. Thomas estimated the speed of the object at about 1,000 miles an hour or better.

"Orville Fitzwater, of Oak Hill also was reported to have sighted the object.

"L.A. Frazier said his attention was called to the object in the sky but whatever had been there was gone before he could turn his head.

"The object is said to have appeared to be a dark blur as it approached the field, lighting up in the orange glow as it passed overhead. It was gone in a few seconds.

"Frank Thomas, working in a plane hanger, did not see the object in the sky, but his brother said several phone calls were made later in the evening by persons who had seen the light and were seeking information." (xx.)

(xx.) Montgomery, West Virginia. *Herald*. 7 August 52.

3 August. Mt. Carrell, Iowa. (8:50 p.m.)

Traveled in spurts.

According to a press report:

"Kenneth Duncan has reported seeing six unusual objects in the sky over his farm southwest of Mt. Carroll about 8:50 p.m. Sunday. Duncan said he thought at first they were stars but said he watched them closely and is convinced they were something else. He described the sight as three medium bright discs, with two dim

ones to the right, the group followed by a single, extremely bright object. He said the objects moved in slow spurts across the sky, appearing to stop between spurts. They finally disappeared in the southwest.

"Duncan said that although he has been reading about 'flying saucers' he had not been watching for them but had walked out in a field to see how a sow and her litter were getting along in a shelter after a day's long rain." (xx.)

(xx.) Clinton, Iowa. *Herald*. 8 August 52.

3 August. Germantown, Pennsylvania. (9:00 p.m.)

Orange ball flying in an S-like path.

The *Germantown Courier* printed:

" 'Objects' have appeared in the night sky over Germantown. Two in number, they were reported by Richard Wang of 709 Church Lane. He saw them about 9 o'clock Sunday evening, he said, and his statement was supported by his sister, Mrs. Dorothy Jourdan, who resides at the same address.

"The word 'objects' was used by Wang, who declined to employ the term 'flying saucers.' How did they look?

" 'Like orange balls,' he said.

"Wang, with his sister, was sitting on the balcony of his apartment last Sunday when he sighted the first object traveling just above tree level. He said that it remained visible for perhaps two seconds. Whether it traveled beyond his line of sight or simply 'went out,' he couldn't tell. Its path was from northeast to southwest.

"He was still scanning the sky, he said, when five minutes later he heard what sounded like an airplane motor. A second ball then appeared, this time traveling slightly higher, and in an S-like path. Again it disappeared. This time, Wang pointed out, there was a vaporous trail which gradually faded away.

"Wang, who had more than 36 months in the U.S. Navy, has had much experience as a sky watcher.

" 'These things were neither shooting stars nor comets,' he said. 'In fact, in all my time at sea, I never saw anything like them. They were closer in appearance to fireworks because of their color and their zig-zagging path, although their speed removed them from the fireworks class.'

"He and his sister remained on the balcony for some time after they saw the objects, but no others appeared.

"It was not until Monday morning, Wang said, that he learned that a similar pair of objects, traveling in much the same jagged path at the same approximate height, had been observed by a couple in Merion.

"Mr. and Mrs. Alan J. Smith reportedly saw two 'golden balls' at almost the same time, Sunday evening. Their accounts of the objects match the report of Wang and his sister." (xx.)

(xx.) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. *Germantown Courier*. 7 August 52.

3 August. Baltimore, Maryland. (about 9:00 p.m.)

"Red as a ball of fire."

A press report states:

"Mrs. Myrtle Banelis, of the 1800 block North Bond street, said it was 'as big around as a cup and as red as a ball of fire.'

"An observer in the Edmondson Village section said the light he saw was a solid object about the size of a pea [at arm's length?]. 'It hovered in the sky for a split second and then took off west at an astounding speed,' he said." (xx.)

(xx.) No newspaper name available. Date of news story: 4 August 52. APRO files. Photocopy of clipping in author's files.

3 August. Winamac, Indiana. (9:30 p.m.)

Reddish thing orbits over farm.

According to a newspaper clipping:

"An honest-to-goodness flying saucer, if there is any such thing, was seen by Winamac residents Sunday night at about 9:30. Leo Stevens, living just south of Winamac, glimpsed a reddish object flying above his farm. He called his daughter, Mrs. Carke Porter, and members of that household went to investigate. They could see the object from the Porter yard, and then drove to the Stevens home.

"Diane Porter and Barabara Heater told *The Democrat* that the 'thing' seemed to be spinning in circles and making a big circle over the farm. Of a reddish hue, it was brighter at one end. They watched it for about fifteen minutes, while it dipped into and behind clouds, and it then flew off toward Monticello. Mary Kay Falvey was also in the group." (xx.)

(xx.) Winamac, Indiana. *The Democrat*. 7 August 52.

3 August. Valdosta, Georgia. (night)

Orange, oblong object moves straight up.

* According to the newspaper:

"Several residents of the western section of the city report seeing a strange and unexplained object in the sky last night. It is reported to have been oblong in shape with an orange glow.

"When first observed the object appeared to be moving to the South. It returned to view and then moved to the North and finally it disappeared, having moved straight up.

"The Rev. N.J. Jones, pastor of the First Church of God, with Mrs. Jones and

others were sitting on the front porch of the L.C. Fender home facing West.

"When the object appeared, the pastor phoned a neighbor and asked that she look out and report what she saw, if anything. In a few minutes the neighbor reported seeing an object that filled the description of what the pastor reported." (xx.)

(xx.) Valdosta, Georgia. *Times*. 4 August 52.

3 August. Washington D.C. (night)

Show stopper.

Reporter Vernon Louviere wrote:

"Those elusive 'flying saucers' were back over the Washington area again last night for the third week-end visit in a row but this time they stayed clear of radar detection [Andrews AFB and the CAA traffic control center at National airport reported 'absolutely nothing' on their scopes].

"From widely scattered sections of the city and suburbs came reports from residents of mysterious lights zipping across the heavens and then fading into oblivion.

"At least one of the eerie nocturnal lights put on a command performance for those attending an Army band concert at Carter Barron Memorial amphitheater. One member of the audience told the *Times-Herald* 'an orange light moving horizontally across the sky' captured the attention of numerous patrons and 'set the group buzzing' over what they had seen." (xx.)

(xx.) Washington D.C. *Times-Herald*. 4 August 52.

4 August. Emmett, Idaho. (12:30 a.m. - 1:30 a.m.)

Speed spurts. (See clipping on page 25)

4 August. Venice, California. (3:15 a.m.)

"Two decks of windows." Dog barks.

A Santa Monica paper printed:

"A Venice couple saw a brightly-lighted aerial apparition this morning which hovered over the city of Venice for 'three to five minutes' at 3:15 a.m. today.

"L.T. Baker of 2312 Pisani Place, Venice, said he was awakened at 3:15 a.m. today by the barking of the family dog. When he looked out the window, Barker said, he saw, hanging overhead at an altitude of one to two thousand feet, a very large, round object which glowed a luminous red on top. Around the sides, he said, were what appeared to be two decks of windows, also illuminated.

"The object hovered for several minutes while he roused his wife, Baker said, and she also saw the 'saucer' before it suddenly flashed flame from its tail and van-

ished inland at a high rate of speed. Baker said the object appeared to have come from seaward." (xx.)

(xx.) Santa Monica, California. *Outlook*. 4 August 52.

This Clipping From

*Emmett, Idaho
Messenger*

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Mysterious Light Circles Valley with Speed Spurts

Brilliantly Colored 'Saucer' Observed for Full Hour Here Monday Night in Strange Gyration

A mysterious light of changing colors and swift, erratic movement was kept under observation for an hour over the Emmett valley after midnight Monday night and found no explanation in any previous experience of the observers.

As described by Paul Myers, who first saw it from the Emmett Drive-in theater and later followed its course from his home on South Johns, the object had three brilliant, distinct colors, each associated with a different form of movement.

When ascending vertically it was bluish green, he said. When moving horizontally at great speed, it had the color appearance of a bright red railroad flare. It had the white brilliance of a magnesium flare when it appeared to be motionless.

Myers said that except for two long, steady swings, when it was dominantly red but also showed some of the bluish-green color, it moved in sudden spurts, sometimes straight but usually forward. He seemed to move several times as fast as an airplane. He could not estimate its size or height. He said it appeared only as a light, somewhat elliptical in shape but had no solid outline. When it passed near clouds, it cast a bright halo on the cloud formation. At no time did it appear to pass between the observer and a cloud.

Circles Valley

The object first was seen by Mr. and Mrs. Myers and their children over the foothills in the southwest and progressed to the northwest, most of the way in a relatively slow, steady move-

ment. At one time observers thought it might be Venus, the evening star. "When it reached a point that appeared to be about over Ontario, Ore.," Myers recalled, "it then seemed to approach us directly, head on, growing quite rapidly in apparent size. Then it veered sharply northward and disappeared near the big Butte in the north."

Myers was not sure whether it had gone beyond the horizon or that they had only lost sight of it. It was at this time that they were driving from the theater to their home.

"We put the children to bed and came out into the yard as soon as possible to look for it again—and sure enough it was there, now in the northeast," he declared. "We watched it pass east of us, and then it swung in a wide arc, fairly low over the hills, all the way around to the southwest."

Sights Over Pole

Myers said he lined the object up with a telephone pole when it was in the southwest and appeared to be going directly away from him at a great distance. He said that in a timed three minutes, the line of sight rose from about midway on the pole to above the crossbar.

"If it was as far away as it then appeared to be," he figured, "it would have been ascending very rapidly to rise that many degrees above the horizon. It appeared to be going away very fast, because even though it was a brilliant red, it got smaller and disappeared quite rapidly."

It was then 1:30 a.m.

Myers never mentioned "flying saucer." He said he has always been exceedingly skeptical of flying saucer reports.

"Frankly, I don't have any idea what we saw Monday night, except that it was unlike anything we had ever seen before," he asserted. "It definitely was not a star and it was not an airplane. Nothing I have ever seen in the sky jerks up and down or spurts forward in quick movements and then appears to stand still."

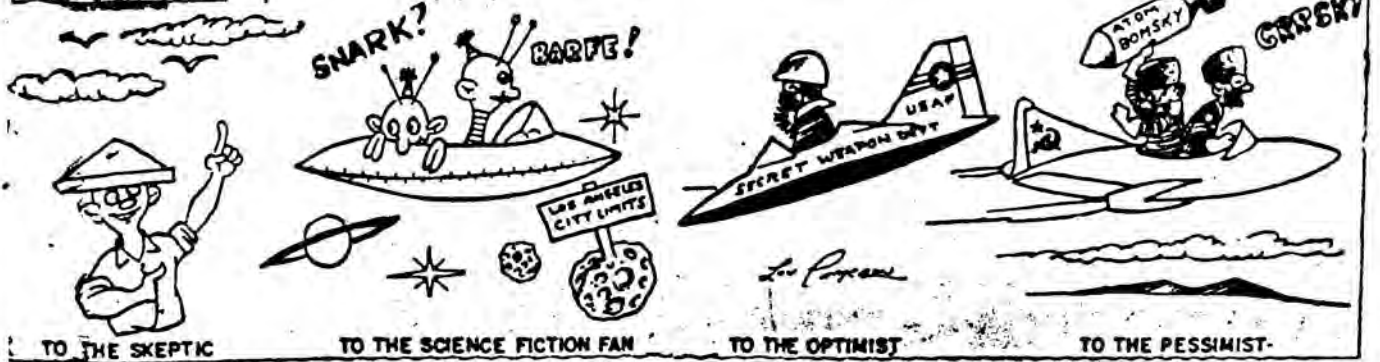
Myers didn't think it could be St. Elmo's fire or any type of reflection because it didn't fade and reappear and because it completely circled the valley at all points of the compass.

This Clipping From
FORT WORTH, TEX.
EVENING STAR TELEGRAM

AUG 4 1952

SO IT SEEMS

FLYING SAUCERS



By Lou Cameron

4 August. Canada's Wilbert Smith talks.

(See clipping to the right and the Supplement for July 21st-31st, pp.41-46)

4 August. Information on John Garbutt and his "Amarillo Flying Saucer Sighting Center."

(See clipping below)

Saucer-sighting Is 'Big Time' in State of Texas

Former Valley Man Organizes Gazers
At Amarillo with Excellent 'Results'

Wyoming Valley doesn't have a flying saucer information center, but it has the next best thing to it—a former resident who heads such a center at Amarillo, Tex.

John R. Garbutt, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Garbutt of Center Hill Road, Dallas, put his curiosity about "flying saucers" to work and organized the Amarillo Flying Saucer Sighting Center, located at 4311 Gables, Amarillo.

Center is said to be similar to one which has been operating in Los Angeles for some time, and is comprised of interested citizens of various occupations and professions who have a common interest in flying saucers.

This Clipping From
WILKES BARRE, PA.
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This Clipping From
MONTREAL, CANADA
STAR

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Latest Story:

'Saucers' From Another Planet

"THERE'S been nothing in the papers about this because it's a military secret . . ."

That's the way the latest story about flying saucers starts and it has gained considerable currency around Montreal in the last few days.

It seems the Americans, the British and the Canadians all have "secret" projects to check on flying saucers and none of them have published their findings.

But the story-teller had it from someone who had it from a Mr. Smith who is "high up" in radar circles that the Americans "actually found some debris" from a fallen flying saucer.

Then comes the punchline: "They analyzed the material and found it was a metal not known on this earth."

— Continued on page 27.

—Garbutt Continued:

"The response to the letter was rather startling, to say the least. As a result a number of us who are interested seriously have formed an informal group devoted to collecting and screening reports. My files contain, at the moment, somewhat more than 200 reports. Others have sighting data which is also being compiled. We are developing a complete file and we have plotted on a blank United States map. The result is a little surprising. When the time elements are checked the result is more so.

"Inasmuch as we are newly formed, our data checks are not too complete. However, our 'word of mouth' campaign has brought in several 'hot' sightings, one of which was forwarded immediately to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. It was well verified and a disturbing incident.

In mid-April Garbutt wrote a letter to an Amarillo newspaper in which he advanced a new theory of propulsion of flying saucers. In an account of the center in the Amarillo Sunday News-Globe, Garbutt is quoted as saying:

"We feel we are only beginning to scratch the surface of the task, and a press release has been prepared by the center aimed solely at asking the public to forward information that may enable us to aid materially in solving the big question."

"Anyone desiring to contribute information is encouraged to do so by writing to the Amarillo Flying Saucer Sighting Center, 4311 Gables, Amarillo, Tex."

Information sought by the center includes the number of objects seen and a good description; approximate altitude, speed and direction;

color; did they glow, what color, and did the glow change color; where seen, by whom, and how many people saw them; date and time of day; any other details of design or flight characteristics.

Garbutt, a confirmed believer in the existence of flying saucers, has spent much of his spare time of the past two years in tracking down information, talking to "eyewitnesses" and studying electromagnetics, his theory of how saucers are propelled. He has been associated with aeronautics for the past 12 years, serving in World War 2 as an engineer-gunner in the Pacific Theater. Since the war he served as a civilian teacher of B-36 engineers at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., and is now at the Air Force Technical School at Amarillo Air Force Base, where he is a phase chief in engine branch of the A & E School, which trains jet aircraft mechanics.

Garbutt is married to the former Jeanne Trevelyan of Fernbrook. They have a son John.

\$10,000 Reward

—Enquirer headline.

4 August. *The New York Enquirer*. \$10,000 Reward.

Announcement:

"*The New York Enquirer* will pay TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS* to the first person who brings to this newspaper exclusive and genuine information of the capture of a SELF-PROPELLED AERIAL OBJECT* such as has been described by certain recent observers as a 'FLYING SAUCER*' or 'FLYING DISC,*' and who, after furnishing proof deemed sufficient by the editors of *The New York Enquirer*, leads or directs representatives of this newspaper to such object—not a toy or model or in any sense a hoax—with the result of this newspaper obtaining exclusive photographs of it. This offer is not to be construed as an inducement to the betrayal of any military secrets of the United States, and shall be considered to have expired after Oct. 1, 1952. The address of *The New York Enquirer* is 47 W. 63 st., New York 23. The telephone number is Trafalgar 3-0500." (xx.)

(xx.) New York, New York. *The New York Enquirer*. 4? August 52.

- Caps in original.

4 August. Sonoma and Mendocino counties. (1:15 p.m.)

Zig-zag path. Stopped momentarily.

Our source says:

"Flying saucers—or something—are still with us.

"This time the reports come from Ground Observer Corps posts in Sonoma and Mendocino counties. The Air Force Filter center in Oakland acknowledges the reports, but offers no explanation.

"United Press said that observers in Novato, Healdsburg, Piercy, Santa Rosa, Cloverdale and Sebastopol had all given similar descriptions of the objects.

"Mrs. John Fortunati of the Santa Rosa port reported 'a round, disk-like object, traveling in a zig-zag path about 4 miles distant, going north. This was at 1:15 p.m. yesterday.

"Mrs. John Ellis, on duty at the Sebastopol Observation Post for the 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. shift, described it as a 'fiery globular object, at the end of a long, red streak of fire.'

"Mrs. Ellis said she reported it to the Oakland Filter Center as being seen at first in the north, traveling in a westerly direction. She first thought it to be a falling plane, but said the object stopped momentarily in its flight and hung suspended in the air.

"In Cloverdale Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chapman described the object as a 'neon pink globe,' appearing at 8:35 p.m. Their 3 daughters, a neighbor, Frank Astell, and his daughter Janet also saw the same object." (xx.)

(xx.) Santa Rosa, California. *Evening Press Democrat*. 5 August 52.

4 August. Freeport, Maine. (8:30 p.m.)

Abruptly reversed direction.

According to a press account:

"Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood H. Stowell of Porter's Landing, Freeport, report seeing seeing an object in the sky resembling the descriptions of flying saucers.

"Monday evening at about 8:30, Mrs. Stowell happened to glance toward the northeast horizon, in the general direction of Brunswick, and observed a round disk of green light which seemed about one half the size of the moon. She called Mr. Stowell, who had the same impression as to size and color.

"The bright globe when first observed was moving northeasterly, but abruptly reversed and traveled at great speed to the southwest, toward Bartol Island, until it disappeared. As it moved across the sky the bright disk changed color from green to red and finally to a brilliant white.

"Some two hours later, the Stowells saw the same, or a similar, white light cross the sky again in the same direction.

"Whether the fireball was in fact one of the 'flying saucers' is anyone's guess

The Stowells offer no opinion, except to insist that the object was far larger and more brilliant than the lights marking an airplane." (xx.)

(xx.) Brunswick, Maine. *Record*. 7 August 52.

5 August. The Captain Ray Sullivan case. (5:00 a.m.)

This apparently is a translation of a Spanish newspaper account. It was found in NICAP files. There are additional details not covered in the UFO history monograph covering this period. It reads:

"At 5 A.M. on August 5, 1952, Captain Ray Sullivan, the pilot of a Pahagra DC-3 en route from Lima to Panama (flight no. 320), flying at 3,000 feet twenty minutes by air from Lima, saw three discs in the sky, flying in perfect formation at fantastic speed in a SSE direction. Capt. Sullivan, North American with 8500 flying hour's experience, stated on his return to Lima:

" 'The objects were flying at an altitude of 8500 feet. I could see them clearly, first in front of me and then, when they passed, almost directly over the aircraft, and finally when they were behind me. (The discs were flying in the opposite direction to my plane.) They had an unmistakable metallic luster which showed up plainly in the moonlight, since it was not yet dawn. The form of the objects was not round, but oval. They left a reddish-blue trail. They were enveloped in a sort of vapor. Their brilliance was so intense that it lighted up the plane when they came near. Their speed was in excess of 1500 km/hour.'

" 'One of the things that most surprised me,' said Sullivan, 'was that when the objects passed near the plane, a pale red light could be seen in them, which was subsequently dimmed.'

" 'The greatest diameter of the objects was 200 feet. I can say definitely that they were machines, and I think they are extraterrestrial objects coming from another planet,' added Sullivan.

"The three saucers observed by Sullivan were also observed, almost at the same time, by the meteorologist observation post of CORPAC at Punta Lomas, near Chala, on the south coast of Peru.

"On the same day, August 5, 1952, Dr. Jose Ignacio Portocarrero and his family, in the city of Chiclayo, saw eight luminous spheres cross the sky from one horizon to the other at a tremendous speed. The saucers appeared in groups: first one, then two, then two more, and finally the rest, these successive appearances occupying fifteen minutes in all. The witnesses said that the objects made turns, 'marches and countermarches,' and that all followed the same course until they were lost from sight." (xx.)

(xx.) Typed document. NICAP files. CUFOS archives. Photocopy in author's files.

5 August. Between St. Petersburg and Clearwater, Florida. (early morning)

Flat on the bottom, domed shaped on top.

A local paper printed:

"A truck driver reported today that a brilliantly lighted object swooped out of the sky and hovered at about 300 feet over his head for several minutes during the early hours of the morning.

"The low-flying object, described as being about 50 feet in diameter and blazing with a light strong enough to momentarily blind the witness, was reported by John McGorrisk, 2425 Fourth avenue north.

"McGorrisk said he was driving a *Times* newspaper truck from St. Petersburg to Clearwater when the object came out of the sky.

" 'I had reached the point where Haines road intersects with new route 19,' McGorrisk said, 'I saw two lights at first. It looked like there were lights on either side of it.'

"The light from the object blinded McGorrisk, he said, and he stopped his truck and got out.

" 'It was the color of phosphorous and looked like it was about 50 feet across. It came down at an angle out of the north, stayed over me for about three minutes and suddenly shot straight up and disappeared.'

"McGorrisk described the object as being flat on the bottom and dome-shaped on the top.

" 'It came down very slowly,' he said, 'but went out of sight in about three seconds. I couldn't hear anything when it came down, but it made a noise like a breeze when it went up again.'

"At first I thought it was going to land. I felt kind of funny about the thing. I've never seen anything like a flying saucer before.'" (xx.)

(xx.) St. Petersburg, Florida. *Independent*. 5 August 52.

5 August. El Cajon, California. (11:24 a.m.)

Black Disk.

According to a press account:

"The sighting of a strange black disk in the day sky, that hovered over the Cuyamaca mountains and then moved off at high speed, was reported yesterday by Paul Spade, of 701 Mollison St., El Cajon. Spade said he made the sighting at 11:24 a.m. Tuesday from El Cajon.

" 'The object was round and dark, and looked about the size of a dime,' he said. 'It left a trail of darkish vapor behind it before it vanished in the direction of La Cresta.'" (xx.)

(xx.) San Diego, California. *Union*. 7 August 52.

5 August. Flying Saucers on the Air.

An article from a Michigan paper mentions an impressive lineup of "experts" to "impart the latest word on flying saucers." No follow up clipping is available so we don't know how it turned out. One wonders if the public appearance by the three Air Force officers was coordinated with the Pentagon or ATIC at Wright Field. (See clipping)

WILL DISH UP DOPE

Radio and TV to Put Flying Saucers on Air

8-5-52

Flying saucers (so they say) and talk of flying saucers (undoubtedly) have filled the air in the last few days. Tuesday, in a simulcast at 8 p. m. from WXYZ and WXYZ-TV, some of this area's top experts are going all out to impart the latest word on the subject.

It will be a flying-saucer forum, sponsored by WXYZ and the Detroit Free Press as a public service, and it will feature a scientist, Air Force leaders, a reporter and people who presumably have seen the objects in the sky.

ON THE PANEL will be: Dr. Leo Goldberg, head of the astronomy department at the University of Michigan.

Col. Edwin L. Tucker, commanding officer of the 30th Air Division, USAF, Willow Run, whose division handles Detroit's defenses.

Col. James E. Johnston, commanding officer of Selfridge Air Force Base.

Maj. Martin C. Johansen, deputy for operations for the 708th Defense Wing.

Leo Padgett, of Ionia, and Harry Westgate, of Chelsea, who have reported sighting the mysterious objects in the sky.

Curt Haseltine, Detroit Free Press aviation writer.

TO ROUND OUT the presentation on this timely subject there will be movie clips featuring Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, head of Air Force Intelligence; a report from an Air Force pilot who has chased one of the mystery objects; another report from Donald Keyhoe, free lance author and scientist who believes the objects come from another planet, and a statement from Dr. Van Der Merwe, City College of New York scientist.

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(xx.) No newspaper source data available. From the Les Treece-Sinclair collection.

5 August. Flying Saucers Hit Tin Pan Alley. Frank Sinatra's cousin:

"Crooner Frank Sinatra's cousin Joe Sinatra gave 'flying saucers' a new role today—in tin pan alley.

"Lounge pianist at a Back Bay hotel, Joe introduced his original composition, 'Flying Saucer Blues,' the story of a young man whose 'baby' leaves him because 'those crazy things have got me in a whirl.'

"The words are:

"I've got those flying saucer blues.
 See them when I snooze.
 Those crazy things have got me in a whirl.
 Are they from Jupiter or Mars.
 Or any other stars?
 Or maybe there could be another world.
 I see them here and there a-flying.
 I can't believe it's true, but
 How do I know who's spying?
 Got those flying saucer blues,
 There's nothing I can do.
 My baby's left me cause I'm so confused.
 I say they're round or even square.
 She says that I am nowhere.
 I've got to sing those flying saucer blues to you.
 I'm blue singing those flying saucer blues to you. (xx.)

(xx.) Pittsfield, Massachusetts. *Berkshire Eagle*. 5 August 52.

5 August. The situation in Europe. (See clipping)

Europeans Take Reports Of 'Saucers' in Stride

LONDON, Aug. 5 (UP)—Europe is flying saucer conscious again after a week of reported appearances of the discs over Western Europe, the Near East and the U.S., but Continentals, slightly cynical after two years of spheroid suggestion, are taking them in stride.

France headed the standings for "saucers" sighted during the last few days, with a score of more than 20. Italy had a few. Teheran reported some but later found they were meteors.

Most other countries reported all quiet on the celestial front.

"Flying saucers" have provided welcome space-fillers for European newspapers ever since the first reports of strange objects in the sky started filtering through from the U.S. back in 1947. Most of the tabloids still keep the story going,

but public interest has flagged of late and the "saucers" don't provide the unending topic of conversation they once did.

Passing Mention

Cases crop up in Britain about once every three weeks, but only the most sensational get more than a passing mention on an inside page of the newspapers.

French newspapers have dropped their "saucer" campaign in the face of traditional Gallic scepticism. The latest attempt to revive French interest came July 24 when an engineer from the mountainous Puy de Dome region offered "exclusive pictures" of a flying saucer to a Paris newspaper for \$2,875. The newspaper declined his offer after scientists had given their opinion that he had submitted several excellent photographs of a weather balloon.

In Italy, children are playing a "flying saucer game" and an Italian movie company has started a film about the discs.

The "saucer" game consists of throwing pieces of elliptical, colored cardboard through the air and shrieking "disco volante" (flying saucer) at the top of one's voice. It is the current vogue among Rome's younger set.

Germans are even more sceptical of the saucers than their French neighbors. Fed for 15 years on a Hitler diet of supersecret, futuristic gadgets, they just couldn't care less. Most German reports of "saucer" activity have come around midnight on weekdays, just as Willy and the boys are returning from the local beer garden. Officials say they have given up investigating.

5 August. Hudson Bay Company Post, Hay Lake, Ontario, Canada. (1:55 p.m.)

UFO or balloon? (See DND document on page 33 paragraph 3)

No 39-1-20 (80 Ops)



Department of National Defence

Royal Canadian Air Force

Edmonton, Alta. 6 Aug 52.

The Chief of the Air Staff,
Air Force Headquarters,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Flying Saucer Sighting Reports

1 The following flying saucer sighting reports have been received at this GHQ.

2 Two disc-like objects were sighted at 2200 hrs P.S.T. on 19 July over Stewart Lake (6420N 12515W) by the pilot of a Waco aircraft and a member of the survey party. One object of similar design sighted at 1225 hrs P. S. T. 10 July approximately fifty miles N.W. of Wrigley, by the pilot of the Waco aircraft which sighted other two objects on 19 July. All objects were travelling North at great speed.

3 An oval shaped, silver colored object with projecting tail was sighted at 1355 hrs M.S.T. 5 Aug over the Hudson Bay Co. post at Hay Lakes (5840N - 11840W) by [redacted], Hudson Bay Co. employee, at approximately one thousand feet. The object manoeuvred horizontally, vertically, spiralled and also hovered directly over the post. There was definitely no motor sound, and the object was estimated as larger than a Lancaster, with speed beyond estimate. This report was verified by Mr. [redacted], Manager of the Hudson Bay Co. post at Hay Lakes, who observed it at approximately six thousand feet South East of the post.

4 The above reports submitted for your information.

[redacted]
for AOC Tac AGP.

5 August. Granger, Texas. (about 2:30 p.m.)

"It would slow down, flop around, and speed up again."

According to our source:

"A Taylorite, Gene Preuss, says he and two other fellows spotted what they called a 'flying saucer' over Granger Tuesday afternoon about 2:30."

"Precuss described the object as a silver ball with a dim black ring around it.

" 'It would move at a tremendous pace, then slow down and flop around and then speed up again,' Precuss said.

" 'When the thing was moving fast it would taper off at the back, but when it slowed down you could tell it was in the form of a circle,' Precuss continued.

"He said the object was first spotted coming out of the east and that he and his two companions followed it until it crossed the sky and disappeared into the sun.

" 'The object was so high in the sky that it was impossible to tell its speed,' Precuss said.

" 'I know one thing: it was no illusion,' Precuss continued.

" 'Three of us saw it.'

"He said one of the men who saw it with him was a Taylorite whose name he could not remember and the other was a colored man working on a construction crew.

"Preuss said the trio were in downtown Granger when they spotted the object. He said it was the first time he had ever seen anything like it." (xx.)

(xx.) Taylor, Texas. Press. 7 August 52.

5 August. Lincoln, Nebraska. (3:50 p.m.)

"Hey, bud, come over here and see if I'm having hallucinations."

Here is the story:

"And now they're over Lincoln. Amid the current controversy whether flying saucers exist in overworked imaginations or in the skies, two Lincolmites reported sighting two saucers over South Lincoln Monday at 3:50 p.m.

" 'I believe it was all fantastic until I saw them,' Earl Moore of 133 No. 18th told *The Star*. 'I was crossing the intersection at 18th and O when I looked to the south and saw two of them.'

"Moore said they seemed to be about two miles up and about 100 feet in diameter. One darted off rapidly to the west, he said, but the other 'stayed put' for a few minutes before it rushed off to the east and disappeared.

"Ed Rowley of 5301 Franklin Backed up Moore. 'He said that Moore yelled to him.

" 'Hey, bud, come over here and see if I'm having hallucinations.'

"Rowley said that he thought he saw one dart off in the west, but he couldn't

be sure. But he was certain he saw the one headed east. He stopped two passers-by who also said they saw them.

" 'There are no 'if's' or 'ands' about it.' Moore declared. "They were there—no reflections about them—and they moved back and forth. You could tell what they were."

"Both men described the objects as white with a silverish cast.

" 'I always thought it was all hooey until today,' Rowley said.

"Wedlby Stevens, chief of the Weather Bureau, could not think of anything that could cause an illusion of the saucers with weather conditions Monday afternoon.

"The control tower at Municipal Airport reported that most aircraft were on the field at the time and that it knew of no planes over South Lincoln. A United Air Lines official said that no United aircraft were supposed to be in that vicinity at that time.

"The officer of the day at the Naval Air Station reported no balloons were released Monday." (xx.)

(xx.) Lincoln, Nebraska. *Lincoln Journal Star*. 5 August 52.

5 August. Gainesville, Texas. (between 8:30-8:45 p.m.)

"Something fishy going on in the heavens."

A Texas newspaper reported:

"One of the most reputable citizens of Gainesville is the authority for the latest flying saucer report. He and two companions now are convinced that something fishy is going on in the heavens.

"H.A. Latham, a grocer who has been mayor of Gainesville's 11,219 inhabitants and at present is a member of the board of education, has seen a flying saucer. So has his son, 17-year-old Jimmy Latham. And so has Latham's brother, Jack Latham of Bailey View.

"The three were fishing at a lake about 10 miles south of Gainesville last night, separated by about 100 yards, when individually but simultaneously they saw an object in the sky which caused them to holler to each other.

" 'It was between 8:30 and 8:45,' the ex-mayor said. 'I've been skeptical up to now of all these flying saucers stories, but all three of us saw it at the same time.'

"He described the thing as cylindrical in shape but comparable in size to the fuselage of a large airplane although not so long.

"Latham says he is sure it was not an airplane or a shooting star or a reflection. It was seen to the north, moving in an arc, first slowly then extremely rapidly to the West. He estimates it was within the sight of all three for about a minute." (xx.)

(xx.) Sulphur Springs, Texas. *News-Telegram*. 6 August 52.

This Clipping From
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
NEWS

AUG 7 - 1952

Saucers Sizzle Over Rock Hill

ROCK HILL, S. C.—Flying saucers fairly sizzled over this city last week, reports being rounded up indicate.

S. W. Pilgrim of Saluda St., and his neighbors reported a huge orange colored ball hovered near enough to the ground last Tuesday to cast a bright glow over the earth for several minutes. Then it slowly wandered out of sight.

This Clipping From
PAMPA, TEXAS
NEWS

AUG 6 - 1952

'Saucers' Sighted In Pampa Tuesday

Those flyin' saucers are in Texas again.

Charles Shockley and Jerry Williams, Lefors, and Aubrey Dick, Pampa, were sitting on the porch of the Pampa Pet Shop, one-quarter of a mile out on the Lefors highway, when they saw a bright ball of fire whipping about as fast as the eye could see about 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Flashes of lightning came from behind the clouds in the east. But the zig-zagging saucer appeared in the clear sky overhead. It hung around about five seconds, then was gone. The witnesses say it was about four miles up and seemed "round and flat."

5 August. Rock Hill, North Carolina. (night)

Huge orange ball hovers. (See clipping)

5 August. Pampa, Texas. (9:00 p.m.)

Zig-zaging saucer. (See clipping)

5 August. Camden, New Jersey. (10:45 p.m.)

"Round, orange object." (See clipping)

This Clipping From
CAMDEN, N. J.
COURIER-POST

AUG 6 - 1952

'Bright Round Object':

8 City Residents Report 'Saucers' On Nocturnal Sweep Through Sky

Eight Camden residents reported a "bright, round orange object" in the western skies Tuesday night.

Mrs. Roger McGowan, 305 S. Fifth st., who was visiting her sister-in-law, Barbara McGowan, at 634 Spruce st., said Barbara called her excitedly at 10:45.

"There was a bright orange ball, like a fireball, over in the west," Mrs. McGowan said. "It didn't seem to move, and it was very high. After about five minutes, it just faded away. It didn't blink like the light of a plane, and we didn't hear any noise. By two brothers-in-law, Chuck and Earl, saw it, too."

Mrs. Lena Iezzi, of 4161 Birch st., said that she, her sister, Mrs. Mary Gallucci, of 420 Main st., and a neighbor, Helen Edwards, of 410 Birch st., saw a similar

object in the west at the same time.

Mrs. Iezzi described it as low in the sky, and said it moved in from the west to "about a block away," circled for a moment, and disappeared in the west.

Mrs. Elsa Kerry, 7324 Park ave., Pennsauken, told The Courier-Post she saw a "saucer" last Wednesday night for the second time in a year.

"I took my three dogs for a walk and saw a slow-moving orange disc which looked as though it were lighted from the inside," she said.

On the first occasion, not quite a year ago, Mrs. Kerry saw something "as large as a wagon wheel, all pale green and moving with the speed of lightning."

Both times, Mrs. Kerry saw the objects after midnight, when she usually walks her dogs.

"I think somebody's playing tricks," she remarked, "but just the same I know what I saw."

Radar Screens Show Signs Of Flying 'Fleet' Over Capital

An Air Force spokesman at the Pentagon noted that the radar sightings—tiny blips on a fluorescent screen—started just about the time a thunderstorm hit the Washington area with heavy rain.

Two jet fighters were sent up from New Castle, Del., shortly after midnight, but pilots saw nothing unusual. An Andrews Field spokesman said no radar sightings were made while the planes were overhead.

Repeatedly in recent weeks radar screens around Washington have shown unidentified objects in the air. Air Force chiefs have said they are personally satisfied that the sightings were caused by weather phenomenon.

The Andrews Field spokesman said two unidentified objects showed on the field's radar screen at 10:20 p. m. moving slowly from Washington to Mt. Vernon, George Washington's home.

A few minutes later two more images appeared on the screen, four to six miles east of the field, which is about seven miles south-east of Washington. These objects appeared to move slowly, then stop then fly away.

A similar image appeared shortly after midnight.

At one point the Civil Aeronautics Administration control tower at Washington National Airport asked Andrews to investigate an object showing up on its radar screen. Andrews located the object by radar and a visual check from the Andrews control tower showed it to be an airplane approaching Washington.

"Air objects?" (See clipping)

5/6 August. Washington D.C. (Graveyard shift)

Air Objects Flit Through Black Skies

**Air Force Continues
To Write-Off Any
Theory of Visitors;
Jets Make Search**

WASHINGTON (U)—Radar screens showed signs of mystery objects flitting slowly through rainswept, pitch-dark skies over the nation's capital last night and early today.

The Washington Post said one official called it "a veritable fleet." It also quoted an experienced radar operator as saying "this is the most puzzling phenomenon we have ever observed. We have definitely not been seeing spots before our eyes."

But again, the Air Force—assigned to look into all "flying saucer" reports—seemed to write off any theory of strange nocturnal visitors.

6 August. Tucson, Arizona. (3:00 a.m.)

Yellow oval.

A Paul Ehlers, public relations director at McConnell Aero Tech, was interviewed by a reporter. Here is the result:

"Ehlers said today that he had not been able to sleep and had got up to check the windows when he noticed the light going almost directly over his house and a little to west. He described it as definitely oval shaped, amazingly bright and yellowish, larger than the B-29's and B-50's which constantly fly over his home at 1644 E. 12th St.

" 'I've seen too many bombers and landing lights to mistake this thing for one of them,' he said. 'It was going considerably faster than the planes too.' He said that he stood at the window and watched until it went out of sight in the direction of Davis-Monthan air base, and even when he lost sight of it, the object looked much larger than a B-50.

"It was about the same time that Cutchall, at the CAA tower, was busy answering the telephone and listening to other reports of a similar light." (xx.)

(xx.) Tucson, Arizona. *Citizen*. 7 August 52.

6 August. Shenandoah, Iowa. (morning)

"Flying grain bin?"

Golfers see something:

"Shenandoah's first flying saucer story materialized this morning when two local golfers saw a flying disc near the golf course.

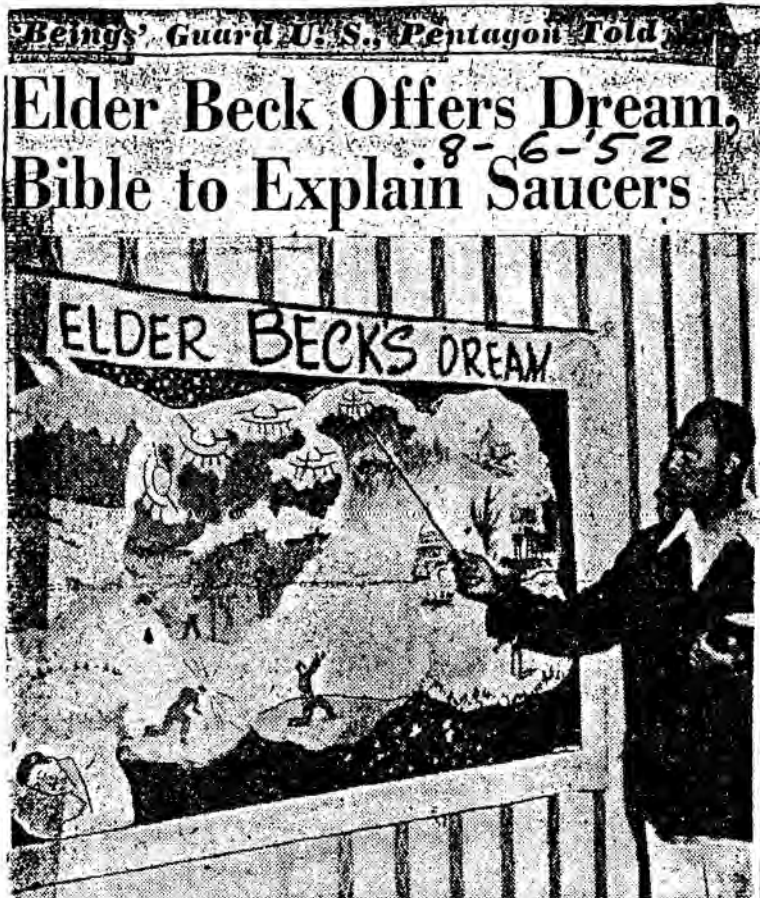
"The couple, a brother and sister, were amazed to suddenly see appear in the sky what looked like a flying steel grain bin. Their first thought was that perhaps a storm was materializing and that a tornadic wind had whipped a bin into the air. But as the day remained sunny and calm, they realized the theory was wrong.

"The large shiny object was only about three quarters of a mile away, the viewers estimated, and clearly visible. It spun as though tossed by a giant discus thrower, the girl said, and its rotations were definite in the sun. As they watched over a period of about five minutes, the object gradually spun lower and lower and the watchers feel sure that it came to earth somewhere in a field directly south of No. 2 fairway of the Country Club course.

"When the disc 'landed,' the brother and sister got into their car and drove to a country road about a half mile away which runs parallel with the fairway and tried to spot the object from the road without luck. After reporting the incident they returned to the scene to search further." (xx.)

(xx.) Shenandoah, Iowa. *Sentinel*. 6 August 52.

6 August. "Elder Beck's Dream." (See clipping)



DREAM THEME—Elder Charles Beck, Buffalo evangelist, points to a drawing he offered yesterday to the Pentagon in Washington to amplify his explanation of flying saucers, based on quotations from the Bible and "revelations" which he said were made to him in dreams.

Courier-Express Washington Bureau
Washington, Aug. 6—The Pentagon today had a new flying-saucer theory to consider offered by a Negro evangelist who insists the colored discs are intelligent beings from another world sent here to protect the United States from Soviet invasion.

The evangelist, Elder Charles Beck, who ten days ago baptized four persons in Buffalo Harbor in the presence of 2,500 spectators, is a Philadelphian who commutes to Buffalo every weekend to conduct a radio prayer meeting show.

He discussed with Pentagon officials the "proof" of his theory contained in the Bible and in revelations made to him in dreams.

Air Force officials listened politely to Elder Beck's theory, then referred him to their flying-saucer expert at Wright Field, Dayton, O.

The expert, Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt of the Air Force Intelligence Corps, will be receiving a visit from the evangelist within a day or so.

A heavily-underscored copy of the Bible and a massive painting depicting a 1944 dream of Elder Beck will be presented for Capt. Ruppelt's perusal.

In the book of Ezekiel, Capt. Ruppelt will be told, is a highly significant passage, which tells about the will of the Lord coming expressly unto Ezekiel, whereupon the Old Testament prophet said:

"And I looked and beheld a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud and a fire enfolding itself, and a brightness was about, and out of the midst thereof as a color of amber . . . came the likeness of four living creatures."

If this fails to convince the Air Force, Elder Beck has a later verse from Ezekiel which describes each heavenly visitor as having the appearance of a "wheel in the middle of a wheel."

A very important part of the evangelist's presentation will be his explanation of a Pittsburgh artist's conception of the elder's 1944 "revelation."

During the days when only Republicans were supposed to be suspicious of the Russians, Elder Beck had a "vision" which indicated the Soviets would be invading the United States through Florida. In his dream, the evangelist tries in vain to arouse a thoroughly asleep Congress, is shot and bayoneted by the Russians, but manages to arouse the Negro population of the country to save off the Soviets with the help of gunfire from friendly flying saucers.

Will Biblical quotations and dreams be enough to convince the sceptics? Elder Beck replied some things have to be taken on faith, and his clincher is the third verse, 11th Chapter of Hebrews:

"Through faith, we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

6 August. Las Vegas, Nevada. (noontime?)

"Hide and seek?"

A reporter for the *Review-Journal* wrote:

"Five workmen for the Stauffer Chemical company, who were eating lunch at the plant yesterday, said they saw five 'objects' in the sky playing hide and seek with a bevy of jet planes from Nellis air base.

"The men, who didn't want any publicity, said they spotted the five 'dark objects' under the cloud layer which covered the area and, as one batch of jets hove into sight the 'objects' scattered toward Boulder City and then regrouped after the jets had left.

"As a second flight of the Nellis planes came into sight, four of the 'objects' took off in the direction of Boulder City and the fifth joined them later and all five disappeared.

"The men who saw the things were unable to estimate how high they were or how fast they were traveling." (xx.)

(xx.) Las Vegas, Nevada. *Review-Journal*. 7 August 52.

6 August. Belfast, Maine. (no time)

Looked like giant flapjacks.

A press report said:

"A Belfast man said he saw two 'flying saucers' streaking through the sky today.

" 'They looked like giant flapjacks right out of the frying pan,' said William C. Stover, who told Bangor radio station WABI he saw them flying about half a mile apart and heading west.

"Stover said he was standing on a hill near his home when the disc-shaped objects appeared and then disappeared from view in a few moments.

" 'I couldn't tell how high they were flying,' he said, 'but they were flying much faster than any airplane I ever saw.' " (xx.)

(xx.) Boston, Massachusetts. *Morning Globe*. 7 August 52.

6 August. Tucson, Arizona. (8:00 p.m.)

Mysterious sky prowler.

According to the *Arizona Star*:

"Davis-Monthan air force officials yesterday confirmed reports that a bright unidentified object was sighted above the desert between Tucson and Phoenix Wednesday night.

"Davis-Monthan tower operators first observed the object directly southwest of the base at 8 p.m. Wednesday, the base public information office said. It was reported traveling north at about 5,000 feet.

"Tower operators radioed any military aircraft in the vicinity to investigate and attempt to identify the object.

"A Williams air force base C-47 pilot called the tower at 8:30 p.m. to report that he was chasing an 'unidentified bright object' between two cities.

"The pilot described the object as being very bright and about the same size as his plane, a twin-engine transport. He said he lost sight of the object but that it reappeared for a few seconds at 8:45 p.m.

"The airman said the object appeared to be near Phoenix when it was last sighted." (xx.)

(xx.) Tucson, Arizona. *Arizona Star*. 8 August 52.

6 August. Charleston, West Virginia. (8:45 p.m.)

Orange ball of fire.

The sighting of Mrs. L.M. Coen, as reported by the *Charleston Mail*:

"She told the *Daily Mail* she and her husband, while sitting on their front porch around 8:45 p.m. saw an orange-colored ball of fire, travelling at a speed no greater than that of an airplane, approaching from the Charleston area. It had no trail of fire, she said, and appeared to be five or six feet in diameter. It moved over the mountain in the Campbell creek section and disappeared from view." (xx.)

(xx.) Charleston, West Virginia. *Daily Mail*. 7 August 52.

6 August. Washington D.C. (10:30 p.m.)

Glowing ball floats under the clouds:

"One new saucer sighting was reported here yesterday, even as Air Force investigators were studying the latest theory that 'flying saucers' may be natural phenomena.

"Miss Frances Shibley, of 1300 35th St. NW., said she saw one of the fiery objects float across the sky here Wednesday night, apparently under clouds which would have hidden any high-flying 'thing.'

"Miss Shibley said she was standing near Wisconsin Ave. and Prospect St. NW, about 10:30 p.m., when she saw the 'saucer.'

"She described the object as visually about the size of an orange, glowing with only an orange tinge. It had no visible trail as it 'floated leisurely' to the west, she said. She could see it only three to four seconds, she estimated." (xx.)

(xx.) Washington D.C. *Post*. 8 August 52.

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Notes on Haneda Bay Sighting, August 5-6, 1952

- (1) Because Ruppelt and Keyhoe both stressed this case and because it was a Robertson case, the assessment and analysis in the Condon Report (CR) becomes of particular interest.

It has been carried as Unidentified by Blue-book, but CR explains the visual sighting as "diffracted" image of Capella and attributes the radar phenomenon to anomalous propagation.

Close study of the 25-sheet Xerox from Blue-book reveals a substantial number of significant points that Thayer has not presented to the reader in CR.

- (2) I have paginated the 25 sheets in the Blue-book Xerox with red numbers in upper right. These will be used for reference here.
- (3) Thayer expresses doubt that Shiroy GCI and the F-94 ever saw the same object on radar. However, on page 5 and elsewhere, it is clear that Shiroy vectored the F-94 onto the target, that it was rapidly moving to starboard, and was found in an area precisely where Shiroy had directed.
- (4) Anomalous propagation is not only quite unreasonable for the F-94 radar returns, but particularly so in view of the fact that the radar officer saw it rapidly moving to his right across his scope, and that after the F-94 was put into a hard right turn, they still stayed with it for 90 seconds, evidently following it to the northeast until they disappeared into the ground return.

One statement is made to the effect that GCI had both the Unknown and the F-94 on the scope at the same time (p.).

- (5) The two airmen who first spotted the visual UFO from Haneda did so at 2330 LST. It is stated on page 9 ~~that~~ they observed the visual over a total time of about 50 minutes to an hour, i.e., to 0030.

Thayer indicates that, during times when GCI could not find the Unidentified on radar, it was in about the same location as a visual source seen from Haneda. However, testimony of the tower controllers at Haneda indicates not only that the luminous object occasionally seemed to recede eastward, but that it sometimes blinked out and even climbed rapidly, at one point. (See pp.).

- (7) On p. 13, the angular size of the luminous source is indicated as about 1 milliradian. Since the tower controllers observed it through 7x50 binoculars, this would have yielded an approximate apparent angular diameter of around 20 minutes of arc or $2/3$ of the lunar diameter. Hence the kind of detail described on p. 13 is entirely feasible. The sketch on p. 18 tends to confirm it.

Also, the fact that the controllers indicated that the light appeared to be surrounded by a dark periphery some four times greater is compatible with the fact that it was a clear, full-moon night (full moon on 8/5/52), so that there would have been background sky illumination to account for the shadowing.

- (8) On p. 13, it is stated that the controllers did see the object move horizontally, varying apparent position and speed slightly.
- (9) On p. 17, one of the controllers states that he watched it disappear twice through the glasses. "It seemed to travel to the east and gain altitude at a very fast speed, much faster than a jet."
- (10) In several places, it is mentioned that various observers were viewing Venus. However, as I note on page 16, Venus set somewhat before 8 o'clock that evening.
- (11) On p. 17, one of the controllers compares the "intense bright light" which they saw over the Bay to "an aircraft with landing lights on". This level of intensity scarcely fits Capella.

- (12) I confirm that Capella was somewhere near the coordinates given by Thayer, namely, 8 degrees elevation, 37 degrees azimuth, near midnight.
- (13) Statements given on p. 19 and the sketch on p. 21 indicate an orbital motion of such pronounced character that anomalous propagation seems out of the question.
- (14) Thayer construes that the breakup into three parts is an indication of anomalous propagation. Not obviously. And particularly in view of the frequency with which radar UFOs merge and split, one cannot too easily accept that.
- (15) Note that page 24 would seem to indicate that the CPS-1 was a height-finder radar.
- (16) On page 25 and elsewhere, the F-94 radarman indicates that, when he first made radar contact with the unknown after being vectored into it by Shiroy, he found it at the expected 11 o'clock position and that it lay 10 degrees below them at 6000 yards. That large angular deviation below the horizon is not compatible with anomalous propagation.
- (17) On page 3, note that the CPS-1 is called a search radar, whereas the CPS-4 is identified as a height-finder. This doesn't seem to check with page 24 (item 15 above).
- The F-94B had an APG-33 airborne radar.
- (18) Note that when Shiroy vectored the F-94 in, not only the relative bearing but also the range worked out well. Shiroy said to look at four miles at 11 o'clock, and the radarman made contact at 10 degrees port, 6000 yards.
- (19) The fact that Shiroy gave them a bearing on the target at 9 o'clock position, which was verified by the F-94 as a C-54, indicates that propagation conditions couldn't have been too bad.

- (20) Note on page 5 that both the F-94 and Shiroi evidently lost contact with the Unknown at about the same time, further indication that both were looking at the same thing.
- (21) Note, page 6, that when Shiroi first got a definite contact on the Unknown, it was about eight miles northeast of Haneda and in a right orbit, moving at varying speeds.
- (22) Failure of the crew at Shiroi to see anything visually is reminiscent of Vandenberg.
- (23) On page 13, the controllers are quoted as calling the visual target "an exceptionally bright light".
- On the same page, the remark concerning "with brilliance appearing to be constant across the face" is strong indication of perceptible angular diameter.
- Note also the remark: "when the object was close enough for details to be seen...," which seems to indicate appreciable recession and approach.
- Note on page 13 that either 3 or 4 distinct small, separate lights were described as lying near the lower rim of the dark periphery.
- (24) A brilliant white light was also seen from Tachikawa AFB at 2350 LST. They called Haneda and were informed that Haneda had been watching it for some time.
- (25) On page 14, notice that the GCI man who took over at 2345 at Shiroi speaks of two separate orbits prior to vectoring the F-94. Also, a rough estimate of speed of 100-150 knots during the first orbit, with stopping and occasional hovering, is mentioned, with a maximum speed during the second orbit of perhaps 250-300 knots.
- (26) Page 14 indicates that the F-94 was vectored onto the brightest of the three pieces into which the object broke at 0012.

- (27) The CPSI blips were described as "small and relatively weak, but sharply defined." Note that it gave stronger return when it was in a sharp turn.
- (28) On page 14, it is stated that the object occasionally hovered for several sweeps. Since the sweep rate was 4 rpm, a hovering for, say, three sweeps would amount to 45 seconds of hovering.
- (29) At the bottom of page 14, it is stated that, just after the radarman in the F-94 first got contact, as the Unknown moved rapidly from port to starboard, he called for a hard right turn. "As the aircraft turned, the object appeared to suddenly accelerate and disappeared rapidly from the scope on a course of approximately 055 degrees. The accelerated motion is further argument against anomalous propagation.
- (30) Note on page 15 that the APG-33 radar on the F-94 is checked before and after every mission and appeared to be working normally.
- (31) Page 15 stresses that most of the persons involved were experienced men.
- (32) Note the comment on page 15: "This is the first sighting in the Far East which combined positive visual and radar contact over an extended period of time."
- (33) On page 16, Capt. Malven toys with the idea of moonlight reflected off the water of the Bay illuminating clouds and causing the original visual observations. This scarcely matches the described brilliance, the angular subtense, the motions, and the distinct, separate lights.
- (34) Note reference to "visual and electrical reflections off ionized areas in the atmosphere," on page 16.
- (35) The fact that Shiroy ground crewmen saw nothing luminous is considered a negative

by Thayer. However, as in other sightings, the possibility of a highly directional source has to be considered.

- (36) Thayer makes a bit of a point of the difference in time of contact reported by the aircraft and by Shiroy. However, on page 15, this is ascribed to a typographical error.
- (37) Thayer stresses that the visual UFO and the radar UFO were not the same. This is conceivable, but it doubles the basically unexplained phenomenon, if one chooses that hypothesis.
- (38) Note the Thayer quote: "The precise nature of the optical propagation mechanism that would have produced such a strangely diffracted image as reported by the Haneda AFB observers must remain conjectural." (Reminiscent of his remarks on the BOAC Stratocruiser case.)
- (39) Notice Thayer's confusion about diffraction. That same confusion crops up in other cases.
- (40) Note also his confusion about uniform droplet spacing to get corona.
- (41) Also, here as elsewhere, Thayer tries to use "Raman brightening" to account for a luminous point source. He does not seem to understand that the Raman effect is a horizontal banding of dark and intense luminosity.
- (42) Note Thayer's conclusion that "unusual radar propagation effects...produced the apparent UFO tracks on radar."

He gives no qualitative nor quantitative suggestion of how "anomalous propagation" could conceivably account for the ground and airborne radar tracking of an object that accelerated, hovered, and moved in orbits.

- (43) Note that nowhere in the Thayer account would the reader get any notion that the unknown was tracked through two orbits by GCI. Also no indication that it hovered motionless for several sweeps, nor that its speed varied

from zero to values of 100-150 knots up to a maximum of 300 knots.

Also, no hint of the very close agreement between the position at which the F-94 first got radar contact and the vectoring instructions from GCI.

- (44) Note that Ruppelt, page 188, specifies the hovering and the speed changes and also gives reliable information on the vectoring and initial radar contact by the F-94. Thus Ruppelt has a more complete and more accurate account than is in CR.

However, Ruppelt mistakenly speaks of a radar lock-on.

7 August. Amsterdam, Holland. (morning)

News dispatch from Amsterdam:

"Dutch papers this morning are full of flying saucer reports. Telephones at the editorial offices and at the meteorological Institute of de Bilt are constantly ringing with new reports or with requests for information. Conversations on street-cars and buses deal with little else.

"In short, our peaceful Holland, like the United States, is now also under the spell of the flying saucers. They have been observed from various places in the Netherlands, including Amsterdam, and a student from Delft even managed to snap a picture of one, which appears in this morning's edition of the *Telegraaf*.

"Dutch papers are beginning to write feature editorials on the subject, much in the same way as they once dealt with the mythological sea snake [Lock Ness Monster?]. (xx.)

(xx.) Amsterdam, August 7, 1952 (Hilversum) NICAP files.

7 August. Between Healdsburg and Santa Rosa, California. (daytime)

"Flipped like coin."

This report is in a letter by a High School teacher. It was sent to a Dr. Pruetz:

"My wife and I were driving between Healdsburg and Santa Rosa on August 7th. We had the top down. The sun was to our right. I looked up and saw what appeared to be a plane, with the sun glinting on two of its separate parts. It was a silver shimmer, as on aluminum. I pointed up and told her to look.

"At just about that moment the glimmers parted and disappeared. Within two or three seconds they became visible again somewhat farther to the south. At that time they were in a slight bank to the right. Possibly due to shadow, their under sides were a dark color. They were flying side-by-side.

"Immediately as they were in the bank they started a motion which I can only say was identical to that described by a coin when it is flipped in the air. They flipped once, moved in the direction of their rotation and disappeared again. At this point, we stopped our car by the side of the road and watched in the direction they had gone.

"In not more than five seconds we found them again, going west. Their speed appeared to be tremendous, but not knowing their altitude I would not hazard a guess as to what it was. However, knowing the country, I would say that they covered at least six miles from the time we lost them in the bank until they appeared again going west.

"When we caught sight of them again we were approximately directly behind

7 August. Santa Monica.
(12:22 a.m.)

This Clipping From
LOS ANGELES, CAL
EXAMINER
AUG 8 1952
'Flying Plate'
Seen at Beach
SANTA MONICA, Aug. 7.—
Comes now the "flying plate."
The speeding object sighted at
12:22 a. m. today by L. W. Michael, 43, plant protection employee at Douglas Aircraft Company, 2000 Ocean Park boulevard, was more than saucer-sized, he said.
Michael estimated the diameter of the speeding object at between 150 and 200 feet. He calculated its speed at between 1500 and 2000 miles an hour.

them. They were in a climb, nearly vertical. As we watched they flipped twice to the left and disappeared again in that direction. We didn't see them again.

"We saw them in two positions. The first time as they were going away from us, they appeared flat but with some greater depth at their centers. The second view we had of them was when they were in the climb. It was a plane view. They were not round, rather they were elliptical.

"Since I was in the Air Force during World War II and had some chance to observe craft in the air, I would like to say that I have never seen anything move with the ease and amazing bursts of speed which these objects displayed. Neither of us is prepared to say for sure but it appeared to us that they did not move in true horizontal flight, rather in slight arcs." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Dr. Pruett. From: Douglas Arthur, Santa Rosa, California. Date: 14 September 1952. Jan Aldrich files. Photocopy in author's files.

7 August. Letter to Mars.

This Clipping From
ROME, N. Y.
SENTINEL

AUG 7 - 1952

Letter to Mars Stumps Mailman

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP)—This address on a letter stumped Postmaster Frank C. Ketting—"Marsmen, Planet Mars, in care of Mars Postoffice."

In the letter, two South Bend boys asked the men of Mars whether flying saucers come from their planet.

"If they do," the letter said, "please send one down and tell them to land in South Bend."

The boys had even thought of foreign postage complications. A note on the envelope said: "Balance of postage to be paid by Marsmen."

7 August.

Saucer Stories
Banned.
(See clipping)

This Clipping From
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CAL.
REGISTER-LEADER

AUG 8 - 1952

'Easter Egg' Sighted in Sky

The latest style in Santa Clara valley flying saucers or what have you seems to be a flying "Easter Egg."

Floyd Zeigler, Cupertino rural mail carrier, reported yesterday he saw the flying "hen fruit" cruising about 1:58 p.m. along a ridge outside of Cupertino.

He described the object as egg-shaped with a cream-colored top and a multi-colored bottom. Zeigler said the "whatzit" seemed to be patrolling slowly back and forth over the ridge.

This Clipping From
PENSACOLA, FLA.
NEWS

AUG 7 - 1952

Tired of Pap

Paper in Illinois Bans More Stories On Flying Saucers

OTTAWA, Ill. (AP)—A ban on "flying saucer" stories has been announced by the Ottawa Daily Republican-Times.

In an editorial printed Wednesday, Managing Editor Herbert Hames told the paper's 12,000 purchasers: "We're not printing them any more."

"We've chosen sides. And we invite the 1,700 other daily newspapers in the nation to join in a fight against feeding pap to the newspaper reading public," the editorial said.

It explained that "for five years we've shrugged our shoulders and resigned ourselves to reading about deranged disys that list from one end of the country to the other, sometimes with blinding flash, other times eloping with a soft light."

"The perpetually flying plates have made headlines year after year despite the fact the most exhaustive investigations have failed to uncover a solitary substantial clue pointing to their existence."

No, "tomorrow, if some Texan tells the police a flying saucer ran his car off a gravel road, he won't get his name in the Daily Republican-Times."

7 August. Cupertino, California.

(about 1:58 p.m.)

"Easter Egg." (See clipping)

7 August. Silverton, Oregon. (between 3-4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.)

"Darted fiercely toward the interceptor."

An Oregon paper told its readers:

"Silverton Skywatchers have reported seeing a flying saucer. Their report was confirmed by army and air observers at Portland who said that the object was being intercepted at that moment by jet pilot action.

"The officials called back a number of times for further questioning of the watchers.

"The object was sighted between 3 and 4 p.m. Thursday, by both Mrs. John Pfeifer and Miss Dorothy Sthamann, at an estimated distance of three miles from the observation post.

"The watchers during the succeeding period, Mrs. Sadie Barkhurst and Mrs. Olaf Teglund, saw the 'saucer' a few minutes before 5 o'clock at approximately five Miles from the observation post.

"All four watchers agreed that it was headed toward the east not too active a speed until it came in close to the intercepting plane when it darted 'fiercely' toward the interceptor plane.

"Mrs. Pfeifer said the saucer was at first triangular, and later appeared to be more of an inverted saucer. Mrs. Barkhurst described it as flat on the bottom side and 'turtle back shape' on top. All four women said that the color was a glistening aluminum.

"All agreed that it circled the jet, much as one would swing a rope; that it darted at terrific speed; that it was close to the observation post which is a few miles from Silverton on the Roy Skaife farm, the exact location of the observation post during World War II." (xx.)

(xx.) Salem, Oregon. *Capital Journal*. 9 August 52.

7 August. Los Angeles, California. (early evening)

Black whirling object.

A press report states:

"Les Mac, KNXT technician, peered through the smog last week and spotted a black whirling object in the sky hovering over the corner of Fountain and Vine.

"An early evening crowd gathered shortly and Mac had no trouble finding people to agree that there was something in the sky that resembled a flying saucer.

"Mac explained the action of the 'saucer' by saying, 'It was quite low when I first spotted it. As the crowd on the corner grew, the saucer took off and climbed out of sight in a matter of seconds.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Los Angeles, California. *Sentinel*. 14 August 52.

7 August. Niagara Falls, New York. (night)

Brilliant mass of colored lights.

A UP dispatch said:

"They weren't airplanes, weather balloons, meteors, or hallucinations, but a mass of brilliant, colored lights resembling recent descriptions of 'flying saucers.'

"So residents of nearby Youngstown as well as coast guard and air force personnel reported to two air force units based in Niagara county.

"The strange lights were seen sweeping over Lake Ontario Thursday night. Officers of the 763rd aircraft control and warning squadron and the 136th fighter interceptor squadron admitted today that they were preparing reports on the eyewitness accounts." (XX.)

(xx.) Watertown, New York. *Times*. 9 August 52. (UP)

7 August. Longview, Texas. (night)

Hovered in the sky. (See clipping)

7 August. Key West, Florida. (10:00 p.m.)

It came down out of the clouds. (See clipping)

Flying Saucers Reported Here

Longview had its own flying saucer story today when Bobby Smith, of Gilmer, told of seeing two of them hovering in the sky southeast of town Thursday night.

Smith, who gave his address as Route 2, said he spotted the sky objects as he drove out Cotton street road toward the Skelly refinery.

"There were two of them," Smith said, "and they were perfectly still. They did not seem to be very far away."

He said he watched them for perhaps a minute or more as he drove along. Then some trees obstructed his view and when he came into the clear again they were gone.

"They were disc-shaped," he said, "more like saucers in shape than anything else I can think of. The two were quite near each other, but far enough apart for me to see sky between them."

"They appeared to have windows very close together and a bright light within shone through them so strongly it illuminated the exterior, too, in such a way the whole object had a luminous glow." Smith said his sister-in-law, Mrs. Virginia Cox of 108 Bivens, was in the car with him but he was so startled at what he saw he did not immediately call her attention to the 'saucers'. Just as he did call her attention to them, the view was cut off by trees and the objects were not seen again.

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10 Residents See 'Flying Saucer'

by Don Merchant

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cooper and eight other people, all residents of Key West, were witnesses to another in the series of phenomena known as "the flying saucers", as they sat enjoying the ocean breeze at the south end of Duval street at 10 p. m. last night.

Mrs. Cooper, first to sight the supposed saucer, saw it coming down out of the clouds from the north, and immediately called to the attention of those present.

Cooper told newsmen, "It came down from the north at about forty-five degree angle and he course straight south out over the sea. It was luminous, reddish white in color, and circular in shape, appeared about the size of a bathtub at its closest passing, as I would estimate its diameter

about 1 mile and its speed to have been from 300 to 400 miles per hour."

Cooper judged the elapse from its sighting to its disappearance to have been about one and a half minutes.

7 August. Amsterdam, New York. (10:00 p.m.)

They see a saucer—and so does "Cousin George." (See clipping)

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"Flying Saucer" or Some Unexplained Phenomenon Observed in Heavens Here

"You saw a saucer?"
"Yes, sir, we saw it. My husband and I saw it quite plain. It moved as by order. We called The Recorder, 1700, but our call was in vain."

Which is no wonder since all departments of The Recorder are closed by 10 o'clock at night which was the time Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zanella called Thursday night to report the phenomenon they had witnessed from their home, 47 Northern Blvd.

Getting no response they called the police, and the record of the call led to a call to the Zanella home this morning. Those who have scoffed at the reports of the scintillating platters which have been periodically reported throughout the nation, could not doubt after hearing the lucid and detailed description given by Mrs. Zanella, that she and her husband witnessed something unusual whatever its origin.

The couple had returned to their home from Gloversville, Mrs. Zanella entering the house, her husband pausing to remove baggage from the car. While so engaged he saw that in the sky which led him to call his wife. "Do you want to see something?" he said, "I think it is a flying saucer."

Mrs. Zanella came out and, with her husband, observed the saucer and its apparent movements for some minutes. Her description tallies with others heard repeatedly for months past. The object was oval or elliptical in shape, the shape of one of those large platters upon which a steak is served. It shed a bright white light.

It shed a bright white light, Mrs. Zanella said, and half a dozen times disappeared to reappear again, as though it had moved in a circular path so vast as to carry it out of sight, to reappear again. All of which could be interpreted as an observation movement, the plan of earthly or terrestrial intelligence.

So no one has attempted to explain the physical nature of the substance of which the saucers are made, another rational explanation might be that the phenomenon was only a light which lowered to the vanishing

point to reappear with no circular movement. Until a saucer has been analyzed in the laboratory, one theory is as good as another.

Whatever it may have been, Mr. and Mrs. Zanella saw something which they first thought to be a beacon light, but the oval shape, the luminous glitter, with the repeated disappearance and reappearance, convinced them that it was something else. Any one who listened to Mrs. Zanella's description would also be convinced.

"Cousin George" Saw It Too. That "Flying Saucer" Reported in This Area

"Cousin George" H. Cannon, who claims the top rung in weather forecasting but has been strangely silent of late on what has been and what is going to be in the weather line, bobbed up suddenly today with an exciting description of the "flying saucer" which was reported by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zanella of Northern Blvd.

"Cousin George" resides on a farm not far northeast of the Zanella home and he declares that while out in the dooryard about 10 o'clock last night he positively saw the white thing skimming through the heavens and he declared "no airplane could ever catch that object."

Whether or not the incident will have bearing on the weather, from the standpoint of "Cousin George", most await a survey he is now preparing and which he will release either here or at Washington, D.C.

8 August. Oroville, Washington. (8:45 a.m.)

"The ever-growing list of unstable mentalities."

Here's a letter to the editor:

"This morning my wife Helen, my son Jerry, Bill Smith, an obliging neighbor, and myself joined the ever-growing list of unstable mentalities who have seen 'them thar things in the sky.'

"The four of us were unloading some items of furniture I had hauled up from Yakima Friday and that night, having gotten in after midnight, I was standing just behind the truck when I happened to look up, not directly upward, but westward, too. There moving lazily across the sky toward the Cascades, even beyond the immediate foothills bordering the Okanogan valley proper, I saw it. It was silvery white and apparently shaped like a watch. I made sure it was the thing commonly referred to as a flying saucer, then called my companions to look. All immediately saw and recognized the object.

"In my judgement, it was very high, at least 20,000 feet, and perhaps 10 miles distant. While we all watched, it crossed the face of the still visible moon at a very low rate of speed. Then it banked sharply, and there was a golden flash for a second as it stood on edge. Then it vanished almost instantly in a northwest-by-west direction.

"I stand a 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. turn at the Cordell post of the civilian air watch on Saturdays, and had been off shift only 45 minutes when this object appeared in the Sky. It was as real as anything else, to myself and three companions, at least." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter to the editor. Olin Lee Brage, Oroville, Washington. Spokane, Washington. *Spokesman-Review*. 13 August 52.

8 August. Sir Harold Spencer Jones.

ETH is absurd.

News from England:

"Britian's royal astronomer—Sir Harold Spencer Jones—says most flying saucers are bound to be figments of the imagination.

"Some, he says, are high flying weather balloons and others are meteorites, but the notion that any of them are manned by crews from other planets is absurd."

(xx.)

(xx.) Arkadelphia, Arkansas. *Siftings Herald*. 8 August 52.

8 August. News from Hollywood.

"The saucer of Oz."

Showbiz observer Hedda Hopper led off her August 8th "Hollywood" column with this:

"The Dallas Theatre production of the 'The Wizard of Oz' was brought up to date. The little girl was delivered back to earth in a flying saucer and Buddy Ebsen, who starred in the play, will bring the saucer back home as a souvenir."
(xx.)

(xx.) New York, New York. *News*. 8 August 52.

8 August. Pilots to "shoot" saucers. (See clipping)

8 August. Captain Roy James.

BLUE BOOK radar expert "doesn't know anything."

A Washington correspondent expressed his opinion about "all that hot air" in the nation's capital:

"There are no flying saucers. As nearly as we can decode Pentagon gobbledegoo, that is what Air Force brass wishes us to believe. The air chiefs and their technologists, aided and abetted by sundry civilian scientists, are converging on 'temperature inversion' as an explanation. This, it seems, is when some hot air, of which there is always an ample supply in Washington, becomes trapped between layers of cool evening air, and forms a lens in the sky. Such a lens we are told, will reflect 'ground targets' as far as 90 miles away from the observer. It is not explained why the reflections always look like 'saucers' to radar and veteran pilots alike.

"Captain Roy L. James, of Air Force Technical Intelligence, at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, was asked about flying saucers in a radio interview. He claimed not to understand what the questioner meant, since 'the words do not describe anything.' He ought to hang around the flying people at the Washington National Airport, where the radar scopes picked up these 'objects' on July 19, 26, and 29. If you know any aviation people, whether they're clerks, mechanics or pilots, they're a pretty calm lot, and if they're mirage-happy, it's something distinctly new." (xx.)

(xx.) "The National News From Washington." (Name of columnist not on clipping) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. *Bulletin*. 8 August 52.

8 August. No shocks from Saucers.

Letter to the editor:

This Clipping From
Easton, Md.
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To 'Shoot' Saucers -- With Cameras

In view of the "mystery lights" variously reported as "flying saucers" or "flying cigars" etc., during the last few years, All-American Airways today requested all its flight personnel to carry their cameras on flights over AAA's routes through seven Middle Atlantic states so as to gather more accurate data on the alleged phenomenon for military and governmental agencies.

Since the mystery objects were first "caught" on radar recently at Washington National Airport, All-American, whose home base is at that airport, is in an ideal position to be helpful should the objects repeat their "flights" over the Nation's Capital. The camera order, however, applies to AAA's entire system. A recent survey of All-American's flight personnel revealed that a large number of them are camera hobbyists, including a group specializing in color photography. Also, the pilots are well equipped to judge distances and flight speed of the objects. Though AAA has been flying millions of miles in this vicinity, no AAA pilot has yet sighted one of the famous "saucers."

The recent rash of "saucer" reports coupled with the usual discrepancies by alleged and amateur witnesses as to size, shape, color and speed has led All-American to the conclusion that if, in fact, such phenomena are to be observed, then aerial photographs will be more conclusive and object.

"In regard to 'flying saucers,' if there is such a thing, invading our atmosphere—doesn't it seem logical that just like our jets which, when approaching or penetrating the speed of sound, set up shock waves which can be heard for many miles and have in some cities broken windows, these so-called saucers should do likewise?

"I haven't heard of any reports of shock waves accompanying the sighting of saucers, nor have I heard this point discussed." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter to the editor. Capt. Leslie A. Lenox, U.S.A.F. Providence, Rhode Island. Providence, Rhode Island. *Bulletin*. 8 August 52.

8 August. Cleveland, Ohio. "Little men invade Washington?"

A UP newswire out of Cleveland tells us:

"The rumor factory came out with a slick new model here yesterday. Switchboards at the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. were jammed for 30 minutes by callers who asked the same question: 'It is true that a flying saucer has landed in Washington and there are little men two feet tall running all over the city?'" (xx.)

(xx.) Troy, Ohio. *News*. 8 August 52.

8 August. "The Man From Planet X." (See clipping)

8 August. "Dr. George Sperti Sperti, director of the Insitutum Divi Thomae with headquarters in Cincinnati: member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences; discoverer of biodines; inventor of the K-vameter and the Sperti sun lamp light treatment process, and author of works on scientific subjects, told the press:

"With the piercing of the ultrasonic barrier, there seems to be little reason to doubt the possibility that objects can travel at any of the speeds reported for 'flying saucers.'

"The absence of dependable data makes it extremely hazardous for the scientists to render an opinion on this sensational phenomenon.

"Scientists have long speculated on the existence of life on other planets but have encountered great difficulties in justifying the belief that life as we know it can exist there.

"The narrow temperature range in which man can exist, atmospheric conditions, the composition of air, oxygen tension, the energy distribution of the sun's spectrum, the presence of vitamins and trace elements, and innumerable other factors all permit of only minor

This Clipping From
AMARILLO, TEXAS
NEWS

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MOVIE ANSWER TO SAUCERS

What with all the reports of flying saucers over the country, the picture opening today at the Rialto is a timely, if imaginary, bit of entertainment along that line. It is "The Man From Planet X."

In this picture, the Man From Planet X visits earth with startling and nearly disastrous results.

The curious creature, equipped with a glass covering over a head twice the size of an average man and a tank containing X-atmosphere on his back, shoots down to earth in a mysterious transparent ball girded with metal rings.

Prior to his appearance, a new Planet, "X", has been scientifically observed approaching earth by Professor Elliot, played by veteran actor Raymond Bond, his assistant Dr. Meara, enacted by featured stage and film player William Schallert, and newspaper reporter Lawrence played by well-known actor Robert Clarke. The three do not suspect, however, that Planet X would send down an inhabitant to record Earth's atmospheric and geographical conditions in preparation for an "X" invasion of the Scottish Island of Burray.

Beautiful Margaret Field, in the role of Enid, Professor Elliot's daughter, discovers "The Man From Planet X," and soon the scientific observers and Islanders are enmeshed in startling developments.

An exciting, suspenseful story unfolds as the planet comes closer to Earth, and all of the scientific party except Lawrence become enslaved to the visiting creature through bypnotic rays.

variations for the existence of life as we know it.

"Science, however, cannot deny the possibility of life in another form on other planets under another set of conditions." (xx.)

(xx.) Chicago, Illinois. *New Workd* (day?). 8 August 52. NCWC News Service.

The same article mentions the Rev. Francis J. Heyden, S.J., astronomer at Georgetown university, who was chief astronomer of the Manila observatory in the Philippines from 1931-34, taught astronomy and navigation at Harvard from 1942-44, and has written extensively in the field of astronomy:

"The expert opinion, as far as I can gather it, is that no one knows what they are.

"No scientist can begin to speculate on what a 'flying saucer' is because none ever has broken down.

"In brief, it is a subject in which there can be no speculation because it is too indefinite." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

8 August. Mass Telepathy. "Don't antagonize them"—parapsychologist Ted Owens. (See clipping)

Use of Mass Telepathy Urged in Saucer Mystery

"Flying saucers may be dangerous; don't antagonize them!" was the warning voiced today by Ted Owens, parapsychologist and extrasensory perception researcher, who will lecture at 2:30 and 8:30 p.m. Sunday in the Sartu Theater, Hollywood.

"Observations indicate that the mysterious objects are some type of space ship propelled by superterrestrial intelligence of high order," declared Owens, who formerly was associated with Dr. James B. Rhine, Duke University's famed parapsychologist.

"It would be wise to make every effort to contact them. The best possibility would be mass telepathy by persons gifted with strong psychic powers.

"This is feasible because the operators of the flying saucers are probably more advanced mentally than we are, as is evidenced by their success in reaching the outer spaces be-

fore us. It is reasonable to believe that they are well acquainted with telepathy and allied fields."

Owens, who has lectured at Rice University and at psychology conferences in the East on the phenomena of hypnotism, memory and parapsychology, plans to make a four-month lecture tour of the U.S.

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8 August. 50 bucks for landing and 10 for hovering. (see clipping)

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Inez Robb—

Saucers Must Pay \$50 (U. S.) Fee For Use Of Boise Airport

BOISE, IDAHO—(INS)—This is an up and coming community, and the city fathers do not intend to be caught flat-footed if a flying saucer decides to land here to visit Kenneth Arnold, the Boise flier and engineer who spotted the first such phenomena in 1947.

The airport commission and the city council have approved a fee-schedule for flying saucers wishing to use the Boise airport. The landing fee has been fixed at \$50 a saucer for nonscheduled flights and the fee must be paid in U. S. currency. Interplanetary greenbacks will not be accepted.

If the saucer radios in for a scheduled landing, all fees will be waived. If the saucer merely desires to hover over the field at an altitude of less than 100 feet, there will be a standard fee of \$10 for the first three minutes of hovering and \$10 for each additional minute.

"This is merely the city's usual forward-looking action," says Mayor R. E. Edlison.

Arnold, who set off the flying saucer uproar five years ago when he reported the first flight of nine, will allow any saucer to land for free in his own private landing field on the outskirts of the city.

But he does not expect any little green men two feet high to scramble out of the saucers, if and when they land. He is convinced after devoting much time and \$12,000 of his own money to private investigation, that the saucer is a living, thinking force from the stratosphere or beyond.

The solid citizen still looks like the football player he used to be. He is one of the least hysterical or psychotic persons I have ever interviewed. He is, naturally, delighted at the announcement that U. S. radar screens have picked up formations of this mysterious phenomena.

He has become an informal clearing house for saucer news and magazine reports from the four corners of the globe.

It is a big mistake to believe that flying saucers have been seen only over this continent, Arnold said.

"They have been seen all over the world, including Russia, Africa, Korea and northern Europe."

Although Arnold is convinced that the saucers are not a menacing or attacking force, he is not at all certain that aircraft have not collided with them in recent years. No one has lived to tell the tale, but this would explain some otherwise inexplicable air disasters in the past five years.

The Boise man believes the

saucers are large, gelatinous masses that vaporize when they hit the ground. This, too, might explain why the phenomenon seems able to change its density in flight, a peculiarity noted by a number of observers.

Arnold has several aviation inventions to his credit and is highly regarded in his home town. He is not only a most successful fire control engineer but is an acting deputy federal U. S. marshal, a member of the Idaho search and rescue mercy fliers and a flying deputy for the county aerial posse.

It was while on a search mission in 1947 that he saw the first saucers and accidentally gave them the picturesque name that has stuck ever since.

At that time he said "they flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across water." With Ray Palmer, he is the author of one of the first books about the flying objects, a volume called "The Coming of the Saucers."

To unbelievers and scoffers he simply tells the story of the pigeon that flew head-on into a plate glass window. Limping home with feathers bedraggled, the pigeon told his companions of his terrible experience.

"The air suddenly froze solid in front of me," he declared. The other pigeons looked at him in disbelief and sneered:

"Tell that to the sparrows."

8 August. Space film rushed. (See clipping)

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GADABOUT'S HOLLYWOOD DIARY

New Space Film Being Rushed Into Release Due To Saucers

By SHEILAH GRAHAM
HOLLYWOOD (NANA) —
George Pal's latest science-fiction thriller, "War of the Worlds," is being rushed into release to capitalize on the current flying saucer scare. It's another one for Paramount.

8 August. Ocala, Florida. (early evening)

Orange objects over Ocala.

A newspaper reported:

"Flying disks were seen over Ocala early Friday night.

"They were seen by the family of Mrs. Leone Maxwell, 205 South Watula street, and were moving toward the east.

" 'The objects were orange in color,' Mrs. Maxwell said yesterday at the county judge's office where she is employed. 'One was just above the other. They made no sound.'

"She would like to know whether anybody else saw the disk-shaped objects.

"Mr. Maxwell's daughter, Olivia, spotted them first. The members of the family were sitting on the front porch at the time—Mrs. Alex Thompson, Mrs. Dolly Blich, Mrs. Maxwell, and Olivia.

"That the objects were not the lights of a plane, Mrs. Maxwell is confident.

'And they did not appear to be reflected lights in the sky,' she said." (xx.)

(xx.) Ocala, Florida. *Star-Banner*. 10 August 52.

8 August. Cheyenne, Wyoming. (7:47 p.m.)

"Didn't throw light on the ground."

Press report:

"Two airmen stationed at Warren air base reported seeing a 'flying saucer' hovering over movie theater No. 2 at the base last night.

"Airmen third class Glen Kirsch and Herbert Poilock said they were walking along the street at the base when they saw a 'small spot' which they at first thought to be a plane.

"They said it was traveling west and when they first saw it they thought it was over a road east of Municipal airport.

"The two men reported the light 'kept getting bigger and bigger' as it approached the air base. They said it stopped and hovered for about 30 seconds directly over the theatre.

"They reported the light was '*very bright and very intense, but did not seem to throw any light on the ground.*'* One of the men said the light was 'blinding white and very intense.' 'Asked about the size of the saucer,' they said, 'it was big and high up,' but they couldn't tell how high.

"After hovering over the theatre for about 30 seconds, they said, the light suddenly shot away eastward. 'It took off like a shot,' Kirsch said, 'and kept growing smaller and smaller until it diminished.'

"The two airmen said they observed the saucer at 13 minutes until 8 p.m. They said they saw a plane take off in the direction of the light as it spun away eastward." (xx.)

* This mysterious aspect is characteristic of UFO reports of high strangeness.

(xx.) Cheyenne, Wyoming. *Wyoming Eagle*. 9 August 52.

8 August. Near Trucksnow, Arkansas. (night)

"Short dashes of a 100 yards?"

A news story said:

"Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Yarbrough route five, reported that they, together with five other people, sighted and observed three 'flying saucers' last night while visiting near Trucksnow, La. with Mr. and Mrs. Alden Auger.

"Yarbrough reported that Mrs. Auger first saw the three objects and pointed them out to the others, all of whom saw them.

"According to his report the objects were about 10 feet in diameter and looked like balls of fire. He estimated their altitude at about half a mile and said that they were traveling at a speed 'considerably greater than an airplane.'

"Yarbrough said that at times the 'saucers' appeared to go right through each other [?]. He described their flight as short dashes of about a hundred yards and then a return trip of about the same distance. He added that in his opinion they would have to be radio controlled." (xx.)

(xx.) El Dorado, Arkansas. *News*. 9 August 52.

8 August. Miami, Florida. (10:30 p.m.)

Orange-colored object.

A short news item stated: "A trio of Marines from Masters Field, taking issue with reports ridiculing flying saucers, yesterday declared they had seen an orange-colored flying object in the air over Miami Beach about 10:30 Friday evening." (xx.)

(xx.) Miami, Florida. *News*. 10 August 52.

8 August. Wauchula, Florida. (10:30 p.m.)

Air Force investigates. (See clipping)

This Clipping From
Bartow Fla.
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Here's How That Saucer Story Started

The source of that flying saucer report that had Bartowans up in the air yesterday and the day before was revealed by a Wauchula news story in the Tampa Tribune this morning.

Wednesday afternoon a young man came into The Democrat office to inquire if this newspaper had heard anything about a flying saucer being down in a pasture two or three miles southeast of Wauchula. He added that the Air Force was reported to have roped off the area.

That was the first The Democrat had heard of the rumor, although it later developed that some local folk had heard the story at least as early as noon Wednesday.

Tampa Teard, Too

A telephone call to the Tribune brought the admitting that they had heard the story, too, and had asked their Wauchula correspondent to check into it.

All day Thursday, Bartowans were asking each other "Have you heard?" and "What do you think?"

Most people apparently wanted to believe the story, but didn't quite dare to — at least not out where other people might laugh at them.

People from Wauchula started calling The Democrat. It seems the first they'd heard of the alleged visitor came from Polk county sources.

How It Started

Here, at last, is the story the Tribune's Wauchula correspondent tracked down, which explains why the rumor started in Bartow:

Wauchula, Aug. 14.—(Special)—A Hardee county farmer and paratrooper veteran today said he had reported to Air Force authorities the observation of an object like a "flying saucer."

Asked that his name not be published, the man related his wife first sighted the object through the back window of their pickup truck as they were driving to their home about five miles from here last Friday night. After the truck turned, the object came much closer, and finally appeared to hover about 300-400 feet above the ground a quarter of a mile from where they stopped the vehicle.

The farmer said the "whatzis" appeared to be composed of a disc rotating at the bot-

tom at high speed, and a stationary, dome-like metallic object on top. The disc-like part seemed to glow, he added. He estimated the size to be about that of a blimp.

"Shuddered at Take-Off"

After hovering for about five minutes, he said, the object suddenly shuddered, took off at a 90 degree angle, and vanished in less than five seconds. Neither the veteran nor his wife heard any distinctive sound, but a dog in the rear of the truck whined and trembled on the approach of the object.

The couple agreed not to tell each other what they had seen until they had first gotten home and sketched pictures of it. The farmer said the drawings were "almost identical."

The couple thought they would be scoffed at and decided at first to tell no one, he added, but finally changed their minds so he went to Bartow yesterday and reported what he had seen.

P. S.—That explains the rumor—but not what the farmer and his wife saw, nor what flying saucers are in the first place.

Apparently what fueled the rumors was Air Force interest. The Lamberts visited Bartow Air Force base and talked to a colonel for two hours. According to the Lamberts, the officer took detailed notes. Five days later several Air Force investigators came to the Lambert's home to conduct more questioning. The Lamberts had left for the day and apparently inquiries about their whereabouts attracted attention. (xx.)

(xx.) Bowling Green, Florida. *Oponent*. 15 August 52.

9 August. "Jar saucers" smashed.

When Army physicist Noel Scott produced glowing orange globes in the laboratory at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, the feat received enormous press coverage. However, you would almost have to hire a detective to locate a news clipping giving the opinion of Dr. George Wait. *Washington Post* reporter Nate Haseltine wrote the following story:

"Nature just isn't patterned to make 'flying saucers' like those produced under glass by a Fort Belvoir, Va., physicist.

"That's the considered opinion of Dr. George Ray Wait of Washington, an international authority on atmospheric electricity and atmospheric ionization.

"I know of no conditions of the earth's atmosphere, high or low, which would duplicate those needed to make the laboratory models," Dr. Wait said yesterday, when pressed for an opinion.

"The 'saucers' made at will in a vacuum jar this week by Physicist Noel W. Scott, at Fort Belvoir's Engineer Research and Development Laboratories, are just what might be expected in size, colors and actions under the conditions that produced them, Dr. Wait said.

"But those conditions don't exist naturally," Dr. Wait declared.

"Scott, impressed by the similarity of his vacuum jar 'saucers' and descriptions of 'flying saucers' reported sighted over this area, had said he thought maybe Nature was making its 'flying saucers' much like his apparatus does.

"He stressed, however, that he knew little about natural atmospheric conditions and admitted that the principles of his phenomena, called anode globes, have long been known.

"Dr. Wait agreed with Scott that the special apparatus he used caused the anode globes to assume the flying saucer-like shapes, colors and actions. Past research on the electrical discharge phenomena had generally been conducted with smaller and narrower vacuum tubes which do not permit the saucer-like formations, the two men agreed.

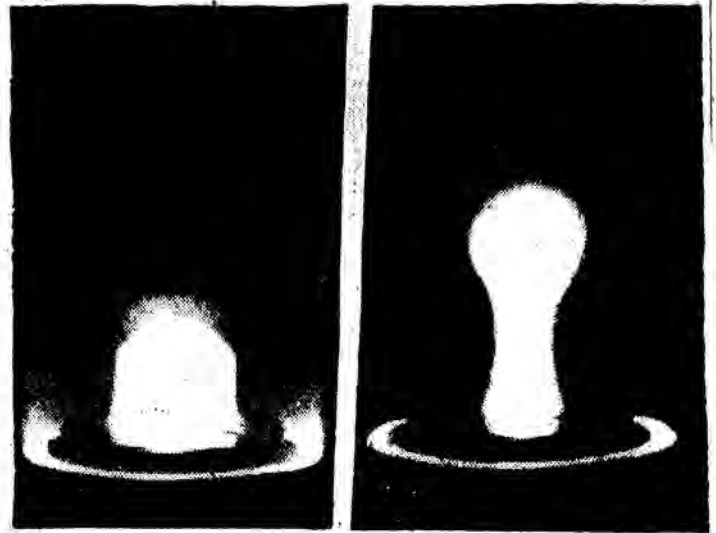
"Washington meteorologists asked who would be the top authority to discuss Scott's theory of natural phenomena as the origin of some 'flying saucers,' directed questioners to Dr. Wait, physicist with the department of terrestrial magnetism, Carnegie Institute of Washington." (xx.)

(xx.) Haseltine, Hate. "Jar Saucer Theory Upset By Authority." Washington D.C. *Washington Post*. 9 August 52.

9 August. Lake Charles, Louisiana. (1:50 a.m.)

Round-shaped object.

Airman First Class Dick Wingermute detailed sightings made at Lake Charles Air Force Base for distribution to the press. The press release was the results of weeks of careful study by Air Base officials. Here is a sighting for August 9th that could not be explained:



United Press Telephoto
MINIATURE SAUCER—Army physicist Noel Scott believes these are duplicates of the phenomenon which produces flying discs. At Ft. Belvoir, Va., Scott created these shining orange globes in a partial vacuum with the aid of static electricity.

"At 1:50 a.m. Aug. 9, Airman Third Class Joseph Raley, headquarters squadron 806th Air Base Group, reported seeing from the base 'a round-shaped object moving north to south across the base where it stopped, hovered approximately two seconds, and moved off in a due west direction.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Monroe, Louisiana. *World*. 29 August 52.

9 August. Melo, Uruguay. (8:00 p.m.)

Strange body seen for 10 minutes.

News dispatch:

"Three responsible neighbors living in the primary rural section of the Department [De Cerro Largo], affirmed having observed last night from 20:00 hours for a period of 10 minutes, a strange luminous body moving in space.

"The witnesses were Mr. Manlio Zamorra, Gualberto Garcia, Pedro Garcia, Mrs. Gregoria Novo de Garcia and Mrs. Iris Garcia.

"They unanimously agreed that after hearing a strange sound they went out on the patio of their common domicile where they could observe in the sky a luminous body of circular form, ringed with lights and having an apparent size similar to the sun. The object was leaving a silvery trail that later changes to various colors before disappearing with the object [moving?] toward the horizon." (xx.)

(xx.) Melo, Uruguay. 10 (ANT) "Case #1" APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

9 August. Odessa, Texas. (8:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.)

"Like a spinning plate in the sky."

According to our source:

"Two Odessans reported seeing 'flying saucers' late Saturday.

"Shirley Henson, 17, 1133 West Ada, told the Odessa American a saucer-shaped light appeared near the northwest horizon about 8 p.m. Backing up her story was Juanita Ray, 31, 1135 West Ada.

"They described the object as 'like a plate spinning in the sky.'

"It looked like a plate seen edge-on,' Miss Henson said.

"Two more 'saucers' were reported by the same group at 8:30, close to the original object.

"The disks of light were described as appearing among black clouds for short periods of time, then slowly fading out. Before the fadeout, the objects were said to emit streams of fire downward from the center.

" 'We could see the sparks flying,' Miss Henson added.

"A check with the weather bureau at the midland-Odessa Air Terminal failed to produce any sightings of unidentified objects at any point in the sky." (xx.)

(xx.) Odessa, Texas. *American*. 10 August 52.

10 August. "Russian saucers."

While suggestions were made by the American CIA to adopt "saucer stories" as a psychological warfare gimmick against the Communists, Stalin's agents may have at work already. The supposed "Norwegian retrieval" of a craft which was said to be "undoubtedly of Soviet origin" could well have been a fake story originating from the 1952 equivalent of the KGB. Even though the truth of the matter would be known to the Pentagon because Norway was a trusted ally, the American public, to say nothing of the common people of non-aligned nations, had no way of being sure. One will note that the alleged craft, mentioned in a INS dispatch from Munich Germany (See below) bears a striking resemblance to the much publicized East German Oskar Linke case.

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Flying Saucer Reported Captured By Norwegians

MUNICH—(INS) — A German aviation writer claimed last week that the Norwegian Air Force possesses an undamaged atomic-powered flying saucer type craft "which is undoubtedly of Soviet origin."

Waldemar Beck, writing in the aviation monthly *Der Flieger* quoted as his source "a Norwegian report."

BECK SAID that the theory that flying saucers originated on some other planet "can now be dismissed."

He said the purported craft in possession of Norway was made of "shiny metal" and has been

examined by a Norwegian rocket expert named Norsel who found that the ship "contained an undamaged atomic pile with a plutonium core."

BECK SAID THE craft, with a diameter of 120 to 150 feet, first was sighted and obtained by Norwegian jet pilots.

According to these supposed reports cited by the writer the object was driven by remote control, was made of steel of an unknown composition.

Beck said it was equipped with 48 jets on the rim which spins around a centrally mounted gondola "which carries a set of instruments bearing Russian markings."

10 August. Pilots less shy? (See clipping)

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Pilots Becoming Less Shy About Disc Reports

WASHINGTON, (REAP) — Civil airline officials believe that from now on, reports of flying saucer sightings by their commercial pilots will be much more numerous. Up until the recent sightings were confirmed by radar, pilots were reluctant to report that they had seen any saucers.

Every such report they made in the past subjected them to much kidding from other pilots who hadn't seen any, and from ground officials. But now that the saucer scare is being taken more seriously, it is believed that pilots will be eager to report every phenomenon.

10 August. CAA—no panic letters.
(See clipping)

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BY DREW PEARSON

FLYING SAUCERS—"Flying saucer" letters pouring in on the Civil Aeronautics Administration and other agencies indicate that the American people have matured considerably since Orson Welles almost panicked the nation with his "men from Mars" scarecast some years ago.

This may be due to the many less-provocative radio and television programs, as well as published articles on "outer space," plus intelligent news reporting, which has handled the flying-saucer stories with objective candor. Most editors long ago have scrapped the idea that the public is too dumb to be given all the facts.

At any rate, the CAA has received no panic letters. Most of the mail is either scientific or religious. A Kilgore, Tex., man wrote that the phenomena are due to our splitting of the atom. "The atomic charges are now coming back together again (in the form of flying saucers)," he concluded.

An ~~Ontario~~ ~~city~~ man compared the strange sky lights to "Ignis fatuus" (foolish fire) caused by gas. Another man wrote that the strange sky lights to es, while a skeptical lady from Van Wert, Ohio, is convinced that what a lot of people mistake for flying saucers are airplane beacons.

Vacation Time Is Fleeting

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OBSERVER

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**BEWARE THOSE
FLYING SAUCERS!**

10 August. Near Crossville, Tennessee. (3:30 p.m.)

"It was the darndest, strangest thing I've ever seen."

Because the witness was obviously an educated, intelligent, person and a careful observer, two accounts of his sighting are presented for the reader's consideration. Both news clips have details not given in the other. One version is based on an interview by a reporter and the other version is an account written by the witness himself, MIT student Alexander Danzberger. As a side note, there may some connection between the visit by the UFO and Oak Ridge. (See clippings on page 67)

10 August. San Carlos, California. (3:40 p.m.)

Saucer casts shadow.

A news story says:

"It fell to Walter Cameron of the San Carlos Ground Observer Corps post to see the first flying saucer that casts a shadow.

"Cameron reported Monday that he saw the saucer and it's shadow for about five seconds at 3:40 p.m. Sunday. He said the saucer was of conventional 1949 design—an aluminum disc—flying fast and high and hotly pursued by a flock of military planes, lending credence to the Air Force's claims that it tracks down all saucer reports.

"However, Hamilton Air Force Base claimed the pursuing planes were not Air Force planes. It would not speculate whether they were from another planet."
(xx.)

(xx.) Half Moon Bay, California. *Review*. 14 August 52.

10 August. Chesapeake Bay Bridge, Maryland. (about 5:00 p.m.)

"Why those things can't be airplanes."

Press coverage of a saucer sighting was almost a sure thing when the witness was a member of the Fourth Estate:

"...John Schoolfield, of Berlin [Maryland], General Manager of the *Eastern Shore Times*, reported that he and his wife saw three large, white discs, moving through the sky at a terrific rate of speed over Chesapeake Bay on Sunday.

"Schoolfield gave the following report:

" 'I really feel slightly silly talking about this but nevertheless its all perfectly true. My wife and I were returning from Washington on Sunday afternoon and were on the approachway to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge at a few minutes past 5 p.m. I was driving. I heard my wife say "Why, those things can't be airplanes." I looked up and saw

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MIT Student Here Sees Strange Object In Cloudless Sky At Cumberland Park

A Massachusetts Institute of Technology student spending the summer working in Oak Ridge saw a strange object in Sunday afternoon's cloudless skies.

So did the young lady who was with him while they were swimming at Cumberland State park, near Crossville. Swimming or not, both insisted there was no water in their eyes.

"It was the darndest, strangest thing I've ever seen," says Alexander H. Danzberger, of West Chester, Pa., who is living here at Cambridge hall. He works at the engineering design and development division at K-25.

With him at the time was Miss Dottie Holloway, of Columbia hall, who is also employed at K-25.

Both presume they saw one of the objects called a "flying saucer" for want of knowledge about what they really are.

Danzberger gives a detailed description of the momentary object both he and Miss Holloway

"It's hard to remember just how long we watched it. It may have been a matter of just seconds. But it wasn't any optical illusion," the M.I.T. student reports. At the Boston technical college he is general manager of the campus newspaper, The Tech.

It was about 3:30 p.m. The object approached from the horizon, hovered at a high altitude, changed direction at a tremendous speed, six or eight times and when whizzed off and disappeared at an angle perpendicular to the line it had made from the horizon to the center of the sky.

Danzberger says the object appeared fuzzy around the edges. It gave the illusion, he says, that all of the edges were fluttering equally. However, he said he thought this illusion was probably caused by some sort of rotation.

"At first we blinked our eyes and thought we were seeing things," Danzberger says, "but then we looked again and the object became more and more apparent."

He said the object appeared

quite high although the altitude was difficult to judge. It seemed to be about as high as a few strato-cumulus clouds that were in the sky.

The blueness of the sky made the object stand out in what Danzberger described as a "very

bright opaque white color."

When Miss Holloway saw the object she yelled, "Look, a flying saucer!" One other man who was near them on the shore heard her cry, however he did not see the object, Danzberger said.

'Saucer' No Light Shadow; Looked Like Bonafide Dish

Editor's note - On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 10, while at Cumberland State park, two Oak Ridgers saw what they feel sure was a "flying saucer," whatever "flying saucers" may be. The two witnesses were Alexander H. Danzberger, of 131 Cambridge hall, Massachusetts Institute of Technology student who is working at K-25 this summer, and Miss Dottie Holloway, of Columbia hall, also a K-25 employee. Danzberger, whose home is in West Chester, Pa., works in the engineering design and development division at K-25. Following is an account of the sight written by Danzberger.

By A. DANZBERGER

Our blinking attempts at reassuring elusion brought forth the stark realization that what we saw was like nothing in this world, but was a soaring body which men denote as a "flying saucer" to describe what they can not understand.

The thing presented itself from nowhere and soared toward us at tremendous speed. It appeared discuslike and exhibited a certain fuzziness about the periphery, a certain wavering which made the edges of the otherwise solid object appear hazy. Although the illusion was one of flutter, no axis of flutter was apparent. It must have had some kind of rotating motion. Either that, or the center was stationary and the edges fluttered, but this seemed unlikely.

The saucer sped soundlessly across the sky until stopping directly in front of us at an ele-

vation of about fifty degrees from the horizontal and an altitude of approximately 12,000 feet, which we reckoned from the height of the billowing alto-cumulus clouds a full quadrant of blue sky in distance from it.

Not staying still but quickly darting back and forth along the path on which it came, went the saucer. It completely reversed its direction six or eight times in what seemed a fraction of a second, traveling the distance of six or so of its diameters each dart and picking up fantastic speed between turnabouts. It seemed to bank and brace itself each time and to loose no altitude between darts although it was difficult to tell at that altitude where it appeared, very small indeed. Then off it sped.

It looked to be about the size of a bona fide saucer of "cup

and . . ." fame as it would appear on the dining room table twenty feet distant. It had depth and dimension, and was no light shadow. Of that we are sure! The object was an opaque white, and although it did not seem very brilliant at the time, it was brighter than the wool-like clouds in the bright afternoon sunshine.

It is difficult to estimate the time it was in sight, for in concentrating heavily time stood still. Perhaps it was before us for 15 seconds, probably less. We lost sight of it as it headed in the direction of Oak Ridge at approximately three thirty Sunday afternoon, 12,000 feet in the air, traveling soundlessly at incredible speed.

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three white discs flying at a tremendous rate of speed. They were in close formation and heading in a southwesterly direction. They must have been about 5,000 feet up. In from 15 to 20 seconds they had disappeared into tiny specks in the distance. At the distance from which we saw them they appeared to be about the size of dinner plates. Which means that if we had been close to them they would have been perfectly gigantic. There is absolutely no mistaking what we saw. They appeared to be solid, flat objects and just as round as a saucer. They were flying at least 20 times faster than the fastest jet I ever saw. It really does make one feel foolish to report something like that." (xx.)

(xx.) Berlin, Maryland. *Times*. 14 August 52.

10 August. Rockford, Illinois. (5:38 p.m.)

Big saucer hunt. 54 objects seen.

This series of sightings cause quite a stir as one can tell from the big headline across the front page of the Rockford *Register-Republic* on August 11th. (See page 69) An investigation by Coral Lorenzen's APRO people provide a more complete story then that provided by the press:

"Monday night August 11, P.B. and myself personally interviewed Mr. Roy Munson at his home in Rockford. Munson has a pleasing personality and from his manner I would say he did not withhold a thing. In fact he told us that he was telling us more than he had told any others. Length of interview was from 8:15 to 11:50 p.m. I consider this the most accurately described and authentically corroborated sighting of a mass flight yet reported.

"Mr. Munson's family was present thru most of the interview. This is his story:

" 'Sunday evening about 5:15 (Aug 10) I went out into my back yard. I was not feeling too well at the time and thought to lie awhile in my hammock which is set up in the shade of a small tool shed. As I relaxed in the hammock and gazed idly up into the clear sky I thought "what a perfect day for a plane ride"...then, as I remembered the recent splurge of Saucers in the news I thought "or for seeing Saucer."

" 'I had been lying there for perhaps five minutes and the thought of Saucers had just entered my mind when my attention was attracted by a bright spot just over the roof of the shed. The setting sun, from my position, was below the roof.

" 'Rising over the roof of the shed was what at first thought resembled a dandelion top...brilliantly white. For a moment I was almost petrified at the sight as the thought flashed to me that I was seeing one of the Saucers. It was moving fast and I followed its course across the sky. As it vanished over the eastern horizon I unconsciously gazed back to the spot from where it had first appeared and was astounded to see another just rising from behind the shed roof. This one followed exactly the same course as the first. When it had vanished, another appeared. I

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SAUCERS' SIGHTED

yelled for my boys, one age 8, the other age 14, to come and see the Saucers.

"We watched a dozen or so of the skimming objects, one of the boys remarking they appeared just as a 4th of July Roman Candle. As soon as one would disappear another would come in its place. All followed the same course.

"From the time of each appearance over the low roof until the object vanished over the eastern horizon would be about 5 or 6 seconds. The time taken to sweep from the western point to the eastern horizon was 5 or 6 seconds also. Every so often there would be a short pause of activity. I am a pilot and have a CAP license and am not subject to hallucinations; I would say they were anywhere from 3 or 4 miles up to infinity. The thought struck me that they appeared as if flying on a beam or an orbit.

"When first seen they reflected the sun with a white brilliance, then as they reached the zenith they gradually lost the reflection and appeared a darker color. The structure was definitely metallic and rigid. They were circular and appeared to be shaped as a flat, round-topped mushroom. There was no color other than the white, metallic sheen. No lights, trail or noise.

"I was hesitant at first to report the things as I reported one I saw last March and was ridiculed for the effort; however I sent my son, Bart into the house to notify the CAA at Rockford Airport. The things were still coming. The CAA thanked my son and said they would report it.

"At this time I looked around to see if any of my neighbors were seeing the things too. The family across the street were just coming to the curb with some company. I pointed out the Saucers to them. A short time later another group of neighbors joined us to watch the phenomena. There were at least 16 persons observing the Saucer flight.

Train

Speedy Jets Are Alerted In Vain Hunt

Fifty-four flying saucers were sighted streaking over Rockford Sunday evening by at least 14 persons.

Two U. S. Air Force F-4 interceptors based at O'Hare International Airport near Chicago came here seeking the strange objects, but the pilots didn't see them.

The report of the saucers may be the most detailed of all and probably most of the objects were seen consecutively, that even before they were in the picture.

It started at 8:30 p.m. Roy E. Munson, 1221 Wildergrain drive, Rockford businessman and a veteran of 20 years as a private pilot, sighted the first of the saucers.

SIGHTS METEOR
Earl Whitney, a Byron barber, reported seeing a meteor burning across the northern skies Sunday about midnight. Whitney said the object he saw "gave off a bluish light" and definitely was not a flying saucer.

At 8:30 p.m., as he lay in bed, Munson saw the first of the objects. He was in his back yard, looking into the clear sky. As first, Munson said, he wasn't sure that he was seeing the objects that so many have reported seeing throughout the nation since the spring of 1947.

The flying saucer mystery has been the subject of much detailed investigation recently, but it remains a mystery, as far as the general public is concerned.

Called Neighbors
Munson summoned his family and three others after sighting the first of the objects. Within a few minutes, another appeared. Across the street, at the Eugene Leander home, there was a picnic in progress, and soon, 10 to 11 other persons joined in the almost fantastic sightings.

Munson called the CAA operator at Greater Rockford Airport, who relayed the Rockford message.

(Continued on Page 2A, Col. 8)

"When I had counted some 20 of the things, I decided to check with the CAA myself as I realized now that there was something unusual. I called the Airport and told them what was going on. They immediately opened contact with O'Hare Field in Chicago and said for me to stand by the phone.

"A short time later they called to say two interceptor jets were arriving and for me to guide them. I posted Bart at the phone and went out into the yard.

"The two jets arrived and I shouted directions to Bart and he relayed the message thru the phone, which was in turn radioed to the jets.

"The objects were so much faster than the jets that we were unable to colimate [sic] for interception. By the time we got the jets in position the Saucer would be gone then the jets would overshoot and have to swing around.

"All this lasted from 5:20 to 7:30 p.m. By this time I had counted 54 Saucers. Then a bank of clouds appeared and we were forced to abandon the project.

"A short time later I was called by the CAA official who said he had a list of questions required by the Army. Here are some of the questions:

"1.) How fast were they flying? Answer: I told them by my figures the objects were travelling at least 2,000 mph as they were at least 4 times faster than the 600 mph jets.

"2.) How high were they? Answer: I told them anywhere from 3 miles to inf.

"3.) How big were they? Answer: I said I have no idea.

"4.) (This was stressed) Do any of them show any BLUE trail or tail?
Answer: I told them there was no color of any kind except they passed to the East there appeared to be a transparent envelope as if the air was compressed about them or some kind of a field. Otherwise they were bright white metal.

"I asked the official if my speech were being recorded as I could hear a slight beep occasionally. The man said 'probably' and I had the impression from talk that the line was open clear to the Pentagon.

"Later that evening I was questioned by a New York Astronomical Society. During the evening I was also interviewed by reporters from Rockford papers and the sheriff. At 3:30 a.m. I was awakened by a *Chicago Tribune* reporter on the phone. Since then the phone has rung constantly.

"Early the next morning the story was broadcast from Rockford WROK, and a family called up to say the Saucers had been observed at Harvard, Illinois, at the same time as our sighting. Harvard is 45 miles east of Rockford. Then I received a call from another family who had watched the Saucers from 5:10 to 7:30. As I had counted 54 objects this would indicate there were many more." (xx.)

(xx.) "Munson Sighting." August 10, 1952. Investigators: "P.M." and ? APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

10 August. Nixon Park, New Jersey. (6:00 p.m.)

Strange orange objects. (See clipping).

10 August. Korea. (6:00 p.m.)

Big white discs seen.

A press account states: "Those Flying Saucers have popped up again. This time in Korea. In a letter mailed last August 10, Pfc. E. C. Gurley wrote his mother, Mrs. E.C. Gurley, 320 Atlanta Street, that he had seen big white discs in the sky one evening about six o'clock. Approximately 200 other people viewed the spectacle." (xx.)

(xx.) Marietta, Georgia. *Daily Journal*. 17 August 52.

10 August. Between Waco and Valley Mills, Texas. (night)

Big orange light follows highway, hovers over oil tanks.

The witnesses were William Searcy, his wife, and four sons. According to a news story, Searcy said:

"...he was driving to Waco from Valley Mills, with Mrs. Searcy and their four sons in the car, and here came a big orange-colored light traveling along the route of the highway from north to south, apparently about 600 feet high. It would get off the road now and then, bat around a little like it was lost, then find the range and start traveling straight. It came to a collection of oil tanks and hovered over them. It headed toward Municipal Airport and the beacon light caught it, and it apparently didn't like that, because it turned red and went straight up in the air and disappeared." (xx.)

(xx.) Waco, Texas. *News-Tribune*. 14 August 52.

10 August. Muskogee, Oklahoma. (night)

Darting, circling, orange objects.

A press account said:

"Sunday night was eventful for some Muskogeeans, telephone calls to the newspaper office indicated.

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Jersey Airman Sees 'Saucers'

Staff Correspondent.

NIXON PARK — William Cannon, an airplane pilot here believes he saw sweeping through the skies the same strange, orange objects observation of which had been reported by Paul E. Kolk of 39 North 22d street, East Orange.

Kolk said he saw the strange objects while driving Sunday near the New Jersey Bell Telephone Laboratories at Murray Hill. He said they appeared to be at about 10,000 feet and moving westerly.

Cannon, who lives at 6 Mercury road, said today that he was piloting a Stinson 165 out of Westfield Airport at about 6 P. M. Sunday when he saw ahead and at high altitude a brilliant, orange object. He said that he first spotted it when he was about four minutes out of Westfield and then it appeared to be over Somerville and moving southwesterly. He says that it was within sight for 30 or 40 seconds and disappeared.

Sees One Overhead

Soon after that, Cannon said, another similar object appeared directly overhead. He said that since he thought the object was approaching him he made a quick 180-degree turn and then discovered that it was bearing northwest at high altitude and great speed.

Cannon said he was convinced that the lights were not reflections of orthodox aircraft, which, he said are always white or silvery and that they could not have been sun reflections because the sky was overcast.

"The phone rang over a dozen times with residents of the city reporting spotting strange objects flying in the sky, circling and moving at a high rate of speed.

"Several of the callers made more than one call to report the continuing progress of the 'flying saucers.'

"All of the callers mentioned the same general details; that the objects were circling in a manner which showed intelligent thought, that they were large and shaped in a circular fashion and that they would linger for several minutes over one spot and then dart quickly to another spot.

"One woman called and wanted to know if the newspapers would print anything about the visitations. When asked why, she said, 'I live out of town and no one at home will believe me without proof.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Muskogee, Oklahoma. *Times-Democrat*. 11 August 52.

10 August. Wilmington, Delaware.

"We can't tell."

There were reports about a strange object hovering in the vicinity of New Castle county airport, but it wasn't the sighting that matters (It may have been a large kite). Instead, take note of the comment by an Air Force spokesman:

"Air Force officials at the New Castle County Airport [the same field that sent jets to investigate the UFOs over Washington D.C.] claimed they had heard 'nothing' and that they were in the dark as to the identity of any strange objects.

"'Even if we heard anything about it, we would not be permitted to discuss it,' said an Air Force officer." (xx.)

(xx.) Wilmington, Delaware. *Journal Every Evening*. 11 August 52.

10 August. Great Falls, Montana. (about 10:30 p.m.)

Changed from greenish-blue to a bright orange.

A press report states:

"Great Falls residents continue to get 'saucer-eyed' when they scan the night skies.

"Sunday about 10:30 p.m. three illuminated saucer-like objects were spotted by Mrs. Francis DeLacey from the window of their home west of the city. The discs appeared to hover above Hill 57, moving up and down and from side to side. One 'saucer,' seeming larger and brighter than the others, changed color frequently, from greenish-blue to bright orange.

"The DeLaceys estimate they saw the discs for about 20 minutes.

"Several other persons reported seeing unidentified objects in the Gore field area about the same time." (xx.)

(xx.) Great Falls, Montana. *Tribune*. 12 August 52.

11 August. Dr. Arthur L. Quirk.

Visitors from Space? (See clipping below)

11 August. Lt. Col. George H. Meeker.

What makes saucer fly? (See clipping below)

This Clipping From
TRENTON, N. J.
TRENTONIAN

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ORC Officer Say Degravitation Bouys Saucers

An orgnaized army reserve lieutenant colonel has come up with an explanation for what makes the flying saucer fly.

It's degravitization.

Lt. Col. George H. Meeker of Johnson City, N. Y., set a group

of high-ranking reserve officers back on their heels with his unique explanation during a talk at the ORC summer field training program at Ft. Dix.

The officers got more than they expected when Col. Meeker, the adjutant general of the Binghamton ORC School, told them that he believed "saucers can remain stationary in the sky and let the world pass them by."

"In other words," he said, "the disks can move by staying put. They can wait for the earth to spin around until a point many miles away is below them."

"A flying saucer," he said, "could be an object either controlled here or on another planet. Which means that someone, somewhere, may have a means of degravitizing so gravity won't force an object to earth."

Colonel Meeker, however, hastened to add that his explanation is just another personal explanation to add to the ever-increasing number of flying saucer theories.

11 August. Leghorn, Italy.
(no time)

"Flashed out of the stratosphere."
(See clipping)

This Clipping From
MOBILE, ALA.
PRESS
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Flying Saucer Seen At Airport in Italy

Rome, Aug. 11 (AP) — Italy got into the flying saucer act tonight.

Leghorn airport employes said they saw an object flash out of the stratosphere, stop for about 20 seconds and then disappear.

Some residents of Ostia, a shore resort, said they saw an object "half as big as the moon" sweep across the sky.

This Clipping From
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Flying Saucers May Be Visitors From Outer Space

Kingston, R. I., Aug. 11—(AP)—Dr. Arthur L. Quirk, director of the federal government's upper air research laboratory at the University of Rhode Island, said today that flying saucers may be visitors from outer space.

"The probability of space visitors is small," he said, "but it exists. The fantastic rate of progress of scientific knowledge in the last half-century is sufficient to suggest even more startling things to come."

Other possible explanations Dr. Quirk listed were: planets visible in daylight, high-flying weather balloons, energy given off by radar beams, or ground lights reflected by warm layers of air.

"We need a great deal more evidence that must be gathered by trained scientists and not by the man in the street."

Dr. Quirk directs a laboratory in which delicate electronic instruments are designed and made for upper air research rockets.

He described an occasion when he himself saw a bright object in the daytime sky of New Mexico that turned out to be the plane Venus, but he also told of another New Mexico sighting, this one by an engineer, for which no explanation has been found.

11 August. Rev. Alphonse Dicaiano.

UFOs—Diabolical manifestations? (See clipping)

Flying Saucers, May They Not Be Spiritual?

By REV. ALPHONSE DICAIRANO

I agree with Dr. Blot and Dr. Walther Riedel in saying that these objects are not of this world, for they belong to the world of spirits. They belong to a world that few scientists are willing to explore. (I see that even Einstein is unwilling to venture a solution. What happened to all his wisdom?) "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the prudence of the prudent I will reject." (Isa. 29, 14). Yet this world is as real as the material one in which we exist. It is a world long explored by the science of Christian theology.

Theology, let us remember, is a science—the greatest of sciences. And the purpose of all sciences is the attainment of truth. Now, if men do not even consider this foremost branch of knowledge, they bar the door to the solution of this and many other mysteries—they bar the door to truth.

Christian theology teaches the existence of spirits—of angels, good and bad. It teaches the existence of hell as the place or state of punishment for the evil spirits. "Our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the Principalities and powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness on high." (Eph. VI, 12)

It is my belief that the flying saucers are manifestations of diabolical infestation. The devil is so powerful, the power of either morally or physically; but thanks to the Savior's victory over death and hell, he is chained and his power greatly broken. ("... the prince of this world has already been judged." John XVI, 11).

What good can God draw out of all this? Many debunkers may come to the realization of the existence of hell. Those who falsely believe that man has reached the summit of technical progress without God's help will have their ideas set right by these signs of diabolical power. God will be glorified by man's awareness that if the devil is so powerful, the power of God will be infinitely superior. And finally, if man does admit his littleness before God, God will lift him up with an extraordinary visitation of grace and love.

Flying Saucers

What should we say if on tossing up a stone we were to find that it remained suspended in mid-air? And suppose that the same thing happened on and off for about five years, on the average of once a day, and sometimes several times a day, what would be our reaction? We would undoubtedly seek for an explanation in some force that was counteracting the gravitational pull of the earth. But if, after careful scientific investigation on the part of the country's best scientists we found no natural explanation for the unusual behavior of the stones, it seems to me that we would be compelled, as rational beings, to do either of two things: modify the law of gravitation to fit the facts, or seek for a solution in the supernatural order; (that is, if we admit the existence of such an order.)

This seems to be the case with the flying saucers. Scientists tell us that these flying objects are defying not one law of nature, but apparently several of them. (law of inertia, centrifugal force, friction, gravitation, pressure, etc.) and they've been doing this for five years and probably longer. The scientists have already admitted their inability to explain the strange phenomena by the known laws of nature and military officials have finally come to admit the same. No one dares challenge the validity of the broken laws involved, now does anyone even remotely suggest that the supernatural has a share in the matter. And so we're pinned fast on the horns of a sharp dilemma.

Given this premise, I am seeking a solution to the mystery of the flying saucers in the supernatural order. It was with this purpose in mind that I wrote a letter to Mr. H. B. Darran, Jr. and Robert Ginns, joint authors of an article on the saucers appearing in the April 7th issue of "Life" magazine and reprinted in the July issue of the Reader's Digest. The gist of that letter follows:

It is generally conceded that these "machines" could not possibly be constructed on earth. Indeed they don't even seem to be natural objects; for, to quote from the "Digest"—"No known natural or optical phenomenon makes the peculiar light

in bright day, attributed to these objects; nor can any natural object hurtling at such speed execute a right-angle turn."

Statements such as these have led me to believe that the supernatural plays a major role in the mystery of the flying saucers. But before I enter this line of thought I should like to consider briefly the statement of Dr. Maurice A. Blot, leading aerodynamicist, who says of the saucers that "the least improbable explanation is that these things are artificial and controlled," concluding with the assertion, "My opinion is that they have an extra-terrestrial origin."

First of all, I must say of Dr. Blot that he is fair-minded enough to call his theory an "improbable" one, something that cannot be said of the official government agents who propose shifting and confusing statements that are an insult to the human intelligence. Doubtless the scientist has in mind some very irreconcilable facts to try to fit into his theory. For, we must observe that the closest "habitable" planet whence these saucers might proceed is twenty-five million miles distant. If these objects come from our neighbor planets, they must be controlled by a very extraordinary race, for we are confronted with a piece of machinery so precise that it directs a "plane" (as in the case of the long rocketlike ship witnessed by Capt. Clarence S. Chiles and Co-pilot John B. Whitford) at the distance of 25 million miles to within yards of an oncoming plane and swerves it off at the last moment to avoid a crash-up. This super-intelligence was guiding that "cigar" against several accepted laws of the physical order with the unwholesome purpose of harassing and frightening the pilots and passengers of the plane—a very imprudent act, to say the least, for so intelligent a race. This is indeed a pretty strange race that sends its projectiles millions of miles for observation only; a distrustful race that will not permit its missiles to alight on earth, nor leave any trace of their whereabouts; a supremely intelligent race, yet unintelligible in its purposes; a race wise and powerful enough to outwit us, baffle and confuse us, mystify and frighten us, yet too fearful to risk a landing.

This Clipping From
PATERSON, N. J.
CALL

AUG 11 1952

11 August. Texas-New Mexico State line. (Highway 66) (early evening)

Two discs.

Letter the Air Force:

"On last August 11th, my wife and I were riding on a Greyhound bus we had boarded the previous day in St. Louis at 5:15 p.m. and were bound for Albuquerque, New Mexico. Driving along U.S. Highway 66, we had not gone far beyond the Texas-New Mexico state line, when my wife, who was sitting next to the window on the right hand side of the bus, pointed out two bright lights in the sky. The time was early evening, I would say about one half hour before dark.

"What we saw was two perfectly round discs, which at first sight were close together and on the same plane. They looked about twice the size of the full moon when at the highest in the sky. The color, however, was a deeper yellow and much brighter than that of the moon. No flashes or sparks were emitted so far as could tell. We have no idea of the height of the objects. We were going, I presume, at fifty or sixty miles an hour and the discs at first seemed to be motionless. As we watched, the disc to the right dropped directly below the other one. Then the top disc disappeared, probably behind a cloud, for the sky was rather cloudy at the time. Next, the remaining disc seemed to spiral with the top portion being pulled off as paper from a pole. The latter action, of course, may have been an illusion caused by a cloud passing over part of the disc. Immediately after the above occurrence, the disc disappeared into a cloud. I doubt that the apparition was visible for more than one minute in all." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter to the Air Force. F. Walker Hooper. Jackson Heights 72, New York. 8 September 52. Air Force BLUE BOOK files. Reel #2. Author's collection.

11 August. Lansdale, Pennsylvania. (about 10:45 p.m.)

"What's that?" (See clipping)

Three Persons at Lansdale See Flying Saucer Cross Sky

A flying saucer was seen over Lansdale, last night, by three persons, clearly and distinctly and for several seconds. It wasn't a Perseid meteor.

The report comes from Miss Julia Lanciano, 631 Walnut street, a member of the business staff at Elm Terrace Hospital; Francis Helbe, of the same address; and William Heck, of West Sixth street. They saw the "saucer" simultaneously, and all turned in identical descriptions of it.

"We were sitting out on the back lawn of my home near Seventh and Walnut streets, about 10:45 last night," Miss Lanciano told The Reporter, in a telephone call just

few minutes after the incident occurred.

"All three of us were facing the north when the thing appeared," said, "What's that?" just as the other two made some exclamation or other, and everybody's attention was fixed on it.

"It was about twice the size the moon would appear, or maybe bigger, and at first was egg-shaped. It maneuvered in different directions, and appeared to be skimming along. I would say it was the shape of a saucer because as it moved, it flattened out in tipping toward us, and became a disk directly overhead.

"The color was a misty gray. I

wouldn't say it glowed, but we all said the same thing about the color of it as it skimmed along against the dark sky. It didn't appear and disappear suddenly, but came up from behind a fringe of trees to the north of us, and went straight overhead and beyond the trees to the south. The two eighteen-year-old boys ran across the yard and down the street in an effort to see what had become of it after it passed out of sight from our yard.

"It would be hard to say how high it might have been because we didn't know the size it would be on the ground, but I thought of it as being about as high as one of the big planes that pass over town from

12 August. Waco, Texas. (after midnight)

Orange-colored flame.

Just one of several reports in the *Waco News-Tribune*:

"[E.F.] Roberts saw his celestial visitor after midnight, as he was sitting in his yard looking at the sky through binoculars. He heard a clackety-clark behind him like an old car with some loose parts, or like a sewing machine. Then here came this orange-colored flame through the sky, looked to be about 1,000 feet up, traveling steadily and not too fast. He called his 17-year-old son, James, who also looked at it. While they watched the thing turned red and went straight up in the air and disappeared." (xx.)

(xx.) Waco, Texas. *News-Tribune*. 14 August 52.

12 August. Leeds Junction, Maine. (12:10 a.m.)

Zig-zagging.

A press report states:

"Flying saucer or meteor—it could have been either. But William Burdwood, who observed a bright light zigzagging across the sky at Leeds Junction early today, declared:

" 'I've seen plenty of meteors and I'll guarantee this wasn't one. It was moving too slow and was zig-zagging.' "

"Burdwood, 24-year-old Bartlett, N.H., resident, is a vacation substitute for the telegraph operator at the Leeds Junction railroad station. At precisely 12:10 a.m. he glanced out the window, and there it was.

" 'If there's such a thing as a flying saucer, this was one,' he said. 'It was brighter than the brightest planet or star. It was either very small or very high.' "

"This is a big week for meteors—called Perseids—to flash across the sky. But Burdwood said he's seen plenty of meteors and this decidedly wasn't one. He watched the bright light for three minutes. It wasn't a plane either, Burdwood said, because he flies himself and he knows a plane when he sees one." (xx.)

*(xx.) Lewiston, Maine. *Sun*. 12 August 52.

12 August. Miami, Florida. (8:00 a.m.)

Round with a dome.

According to our source, a UFO was:

"...seen at 8 a.m. today by Patrick Magrino, 11, of 801 NW 107th St. and his

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time to time. If it were really that high, then it was traveling at a tremendous speed, because a plane would have taken half a minute or so to span the part of the sky we could see; this was over in two or three seconds.

"If it were lower down, like a plane skimming the treetops, the speed yet it was too far away to make

but plainly. There were no sharp lines as we saw it; the saucer was quite misty in appearance.

"Like everybody else, I've laughed at the flying saucer reports and wondered what people were talking about, and how much imagination they were using. Now I've seen one, and two people have seen it with me—I don't know what to think." says Mike Lanciano.

The Perseid meteors are in season about now, but they would bear no resemblance whatever to what the Walnut street woman describes. The meteors are "shooting stars," tiny points of light that are suddenly out of the constellation Perseus in the southern sky. Each dis- appears in a fraction of a second

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mother, Mrs. Leona Magrino, the youngster declared.

" 'It was about the size of a jet plane, but round and with a dome and spinning like a top,' explained Patrick.

"Mrs. Magrino saw it first and called her son. The thing, 'pretty high up,' was visible for about half a minute when it disappeared, only to return in a few seconds.

" 'Then it turned west and started off at a high rate of speed toward Hilaleah,' said Patrick. 'That's the last we saw of it.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Miami, Florida. *News*. 12 August 52.

12 August. Colonel S.W. Connelly, commandant of the Lima ordnance depot and instructor of ordnance at West Point prior to 1952.

"Flying Saucers of the Future." (See clipping on page 78)

12 August. Bettendorf, Iowa. (6:00 p.m.)

Atomic-age phenomenon.

A press report says:

"That atomic-age phenomenon, the flying saucer, has made its appearance over Bettendorf.

"Two Bettendorf families, Mr. and Mrs. James Cole, 2909 Central avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Havner, 2417 Central avenue, claim they saw the nebulous aircraft about 6 p.m. Tuesday. Both families described the saucer as being 'round, thicker in the middle than on the outside,' and made of aluminum.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Davenport, Iowa. *Times*. 13 August 52.

12 August. Centerville, North Carolina (10 miles northeast of Louisburg). (9:30 p.m.)

Performed peculiar gyrations for 45 minutes. Dimmed its light when a plane came near.

Here is a long article datelined Louisburg:

"A number of residents of the Centerville Community, 10 miles northeast of here, had their first experience in the current wave of flying saucers Tuesday night when one of the objects performed for about an hour over that area.

"Among those reporting the saucer and observing its peculiar gyrations were Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Gupton, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Pleasants, their three children, Mr. and Mrs. George Raynor and their three children.

"All agreed that the object first appeared about 9:30 p.m. and performed over 45 minutes. All agreed that the object was saucer-shaped and brilliantly lighted most of the time and traveled at a terrific rate of speed. Too, it would dim its light to a fraction of its usual brilliance and either hover or continue its headlong flight. One of the dimmings occurred when the motors of an airplane were heard overhead. The object

This Clipping From
VAN WERT, OHIO
TIMES-BULLETIN
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There Are No Flying Saucers, But Now You Take Space Ships--

By LLOYD HIPPENSTEELE

Van Wert Kiwanians last night heard flying saucers get a thorough debunking by a military man who has been in on the hunt for the mysterious objects.

But, after exploding that happy bubble of speculation, the military

—Col. S. W. Connelly, commandant of the Lima ordnance depot and instructor of ordnance at West Point until a year ago—didn't let the Kiwanians go home without something to gasp about.

Labeling his talk, "Flying Saucers of the Future," Col. Connelly took his listeners on an imaginary trip to a space station 1,075 miles above the earth which he flatly predicted would be established some time in the near future by the United States.

THE COLONEL got in on the flying saucer business some six years ago when the new fad of spotting the things in the sky was just getting started. He was stationed in Sweden at the time—1946—when the Swedes first began seeing things.

The Swedes called them "spook rockets" and, since the story hadn't been "refined" to its present version of visitors from space, the Swedes could only visualize them as having come from Russia, the nation which Sweden distrusts so thoroughly.

Once the stories began appearing in print, the colonel said, officials in Washington kept the wires hot to Stockholm, ordering their military attaches to investigate every report.

"We found out absolutely nothing," he said, coming to the conclusion that flying saucers are only "natural phenomena or delusions."

"Nature's playing jokes on us," he said, "and she's not telling us everything about it."

NOW YOU TAKE this business of space ships, he said, there's nothing so fantastic about them. "Engineers are saying we have all we need to make them. We're now ready; we have the means to build them."

From there, he went on to describe the imaginary trip to the space station—he called it a satellite rocket or artificial moon—and closed his talk with this statement:

"It would cost about four billion dollars to build. Double that for error and you get eight billions. Shall we do it?"

"Certainly, anybody who builds the first one will be absolute master of the world and it would be a tremendously valuable tool. It is in our destiny to do it."

"I predict that we will, and the planners say we can have it done by 1962."

HE PICTURED an island in space, 1,075 miles up, which would pursue an orbit around the earth, north to south, making the circuit every two hours.

It would be reached in a matter of minutes by means of a three-

stage rocket elevator which would shuttle back and forth to earth.

The station would be valuable in medicine—lack of gravity is said to be a solution for heart trouble; in weather—one could see conditions over the entire earth; in television—as a relay station for the picture impulses; in military life—it would provide an excellent view of everything that goes on and no enemy could ever approach it in a surprise attack.

And it would be a treat for the patriot. "It would be a glorious sight — the United States spread out there in one look. That alone would be well worth the trip."

"I would like to be in command of the first trip," he concluded

returned to its full brilliance when the plane was gone.

"The spectators are not agreed, however, on the size of the object. Pleasants believes the saucer to be about three feet in diameter and traveling at a height of 1,500 feet. Gupton and Raynor believe the object to be about the size of a man's hat and at a height of one to two hundred feet.

"Pleasants, Centerville auto dealer and garageman, stated that the saucer had an average brightness greater than that of an electric arc but was nearer white in color than the orange and blue of an arc. Pleasants said the object traveled generally in a circle he estimated to be a mile in diameter. The garageman even went so far as to travel in his car to where the beam from an airways beacon could be seen and he feels that it was impossible for the beacon to bear any relationship to the saucer. The skies were clear over the area at the time of the sightings but there was cloudiness to the east. *Pleasants noticed one other peculiar thing about the saucer in that it apparently did not give off light although it was itself brightly lighted most of the time. Pleasants feels that if the light was light as we know it then surely areas under the object would be illuminated to some extent, even from 1,500 feet. The object, however, radiated no light apparently to the ground even during its brightest.*"* (xx.)

* See the Cheyenne, Wyoming case of August 8th on pp.59-60.

(xx.) Raleigh, North Carolina. *News & Observer*. 15 August 52.

12 August. Hamilton and Keokuk, Illinois. (9:55 p.m.)

"Bobbed in and out of the low overcast."

A press report said:

"At least 12 persons in Hamilton and others in Keokuk, among them W.W. Beaty and M.W. Stump, testify to the celestial performance at around 10 o'clock last night.

"According to the best evidence the saucers, or whatever they were, had no definite form but appeared to be round, bright lights which bobbed in and out of the low overcast sky with periods of visibility lasting only a few seconds.

"A Hamilton observer, Bob Dadant, admitting that he was no expert in such matters, said that the lights appeared to him as being some 10 miles distant in a north, northwest direction and seemed to be moving at a high of speed.

"No more than two were visible at one time but they came and went at brief intervals for a period of some 3 minutes and appeared to be travelling in all directions. As they came out of the heavy overcast they described an arc in their passage into sight and then disappeared into the clouds again.

"Dadant says there was no evidence of a bright trail as from an exhaust, but they did seem to be followed by a dimmer, residual light as they vanished into the overcast.

"Beaty and Stump, who were driving into Hamilton on Route 96 at about (9:55, reported seeing a flat flying object in the sky at an elevation of about 30 degrees to the north. They described it as being surrounded by radiating rays.

"It could not have been an airplane, they said, because it reversed direction, apparently at will. Nor do they believe it to have been a reflection since the rays projected

downward.

"Beaty and Stump were able to follow the object, off and on, until they lost sight of it in the heavy traffic on the bridge." (xx.)

(xx.) Carthage, Illinois. *Republican*. 13 August 52.

12 August. Des Moines, Iowa. (10:30 p.m.)

Big silvery light. (See clipping)

12 August. Ooltewah, Tennessee. (10:45 p.m.)

Football-shaped orange objects. (See clipping)

12 August. Wilson, North Carolina. (11:25 p.m.)

Huge orange ball. (See clipping)

This Clipping From
WILSON, N. C.
TIMES

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Flying Saucer Seen Last Night

Another strange sight in the sky has been witnessed by a Wilson county resident.

Mrs. Alfred Ezell who lives a few miles outside Wilson on Highway 301 North, said she saw the lighted object when returning from work about 11:25 o'clock last night.

Mrs. Ezell said she called to another person who also saw the object. She said it seemed to be a huge orange ball. She said it was moving rather slowly and disappeared to the north after about two or three minutes. It looked almost like a full moon except that it was not as bright, he observed.

And the strange story of flying saucers continued in Wilson county today.

This Clipping From
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
NEWS-FREE PRESS

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There It Goes . . . Flying Saucer Reports Made By Residents

Flying saucer reports are "bust-in" out all over."

Mrs. H. R. Cochran, Tipton, telephoned her sister here in town today that she saw "14 flying saucers that came at three-minute intervals" last night. She reported that the objects looked like aluminum and were round. Several of her neighbors reportedly saw the objects.

Mrs. A. D. Rogers, Route 3, Ooltewah, reported "orange objects, in the shape of a football, with white lines through it."

Mrs. Rogers reported that she and her sister, Mrs. George J. Lumpkin, of Washington, D. C., were sitting on the porch about 10:45 p.m. when the object came over. Mrs. Lumpkin stated that she had frequently heard of these objects being seen in Washington, but that she had not seen one until she came to Ooltewah. Mrs. Rogers reported that the object was not very large, and that it soared just above the tree tops towards the location of the TNT plant.

This Clipping From
DES MOINES, IOWA
TRIBUNE

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More 'Saucer' Reports Here

Several persons reported seeing strange objects in the sky over Des Moines Tuesday night.

Mrs. Charles Holmes, 1328 Jefferson ave., said she saw something which looked like "a great big saucer with a silvery light" from a window of her home about 10:30 p. m.

"I first noticed a light shining in the room through the window, even though the electric lights were on. I turned out the lights and looked, and sure enough, there was this huge thing in the sky. It seemed to be hanging in space at first, then started moving at a high rate of speed and disappeared."

Neighbor, Too.

Mrs. Holmes said her neighbor, Mrs. Charles Lord, 1330 Jefferson ave., also saw the object.

Others reported seeing objects described as "white and plate-like," "white and very high" or "streaking across the sky."

A weather bureau meteorologist said some persons undoubtedly saw the Perseid meteors, a group of shooting stars appearing annually this time of year.

Weather Balloon.

Around 9 p. m., the weather bureau released a balloon carrying a small light about the size of a flashlight.

The bureau discounted the possibility that this might have been the saucer-like object, however, since it was floating at a height of at least 2,000 feet.

8 August. Near Raleigh, North Carolina. (about 11:25 p.m.)

Cops see big round orange thing. "It made us nervous."

A news clipping states:

"Two of Wake County's State highway patrolmen changed their minds last night about this flying saucer business.

" 'It may not be saucers,' said Patrolman Ransom Smith and G. B. Philpott of Fuquay Springs. 'But its something.' Then they described the experience that had converted them.

" 'About 11:25,' explained Smith, 'Philpott and I were driving toward Raleigh when—about Sauls' Barbecue Place—we saw this big round orange light in the sky. It was in a northeasterly direction and it appeared to be about a half mile away.

" 'It was as big as three full moons. We saw it was too big to be the moon so we stopped the car—after driving about half a mile while watching it—and got out. We watched for a full two or three minutes. It was perfectly still.

" 'Then it started moving slowly to the northeast. It was getting smaller and becoming a darker and darker red. Then it just faded out. We must have watched it close to five minutes.'

"Philpott, a commercial pilot, guessed that it was 2,000 feet from the earth.

" 'It made us nervous,' said Smith, 'just to look at the thing. I'm convinced now there's a light. I don't know what it is. Its something I've never seen before in my life.

" 'We had thought all these stories were just something folks were making up for publicity, but they aren't.' (xx.)

(xx.) Raleigh, North Carolina. *News-Observer*. 13 August 52.

13 August. Fort Lauderdale, Florida. (shortly before 8:00 a.m.)

Swung around at high speed.

Here is a small item in the local paper:

"Flying saucers zoomed above Ft. Lauderdale again last night. Leo Stahosky, 1412 NE 23rd St., who is employed at Bahia-Mar Yacht Basin, says.

"Stahosky reported seeing one of the discs shortly before 8 a.m. and said it appeared to be eight feet in diameter. He first noticed the saucer to the east of Bahia-Mar, and said it swung around at a high rate of speed and traveled to the west for a short distance, then turned and disappeared in the direction of Miami." (xx.)

(xx.) Fort Lauderdale, Florida. *News & Sentinel*. 14 August 52.

13 August. Waco, Texas. (9:00 a.m.)

Are the saucers harassing Air Force planes?

Here is what some woman claimed, according to the press:

"An unidentified woman who lives on Morrow Avenue telephone to say she saw a flying saucer chasing a flight B-36s at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Anyway, she saw a shiny metallic object chasing the big bombers.

"J. N. Pryor of 918 North Eighteenth Street saw the saucer with the B-36s too. He was at Fifth and Austin, and he said this saucer was not following the planes when He saw it; it was going in the other direction, looked like it was circling over the city and just sort of keeping an eye on the bombers. He said he didn't think it was any weather balloon, either.

"There were skeptics who said what Pryor and the unidentified lady saw were jet planes. They escort the bombers." (xx.) (See next sighting)

Waco, Texas. *News-Tribune*. 14 August 52.

13 August. The experts speak.

- Dr. Harold C. Urey, of Chicago, who helped build the A-bomb: "I'm puzzled. But my personal guess would be that the saucers are some sort of natural phenomena."
- Dr. I. W. Phillips, head of the physics department of the University of Buffalo: "Its nonsense. I consider all reports piling in to be imagination or weather balloons...If I do see one I will go to my eye doctor for a change of glasses."
- Dr. James B. Conant [Conant is being cute here. Like Oppenheimer, he was a key scientific advisor to the military], president of Harvard, said he's in the wrong department to comment; he's a chemist."
- Jean Piccard, retired aeronautical engineer professor and internationally known balloonist: "If they were Russian craft, it would be unlikely that they would be sent here for observation. Spies do that. And I can't believe they are from another planet because it is unconceivable that any possible civilization elsewhere in space would coincidentally begin space travel in the very same century in which we are ready to do so."
- Dr. J. William Buchta, physics professor at the University of Minnesota: "I'm willing to bet they are natural phenomena which are not always recognized. They are probably produced by a process not suspected at present and may be 'new' inasmuch as they haven't been noticed until recently. But don't accept any spaceman theories."
- Prof. John D. Akerman, head of the university of Minnesota aeronautical engineering department: "I want to keep an open mind until enough facts are available to draw a conclusion."
- Dr. Irs S. Bowen, director of the Mt. Wilson and Palomar Observatories, at Los Angeles: "We have never observed any flying saucers, and we have no information

about them." (xx.)

(xx.) Dallas, Texas. *Times-Herald*. 13 August 52. (UP)

The same UP dispatch out of New York threw this in:

"Since the saucer stories started, the Navy has kept mum about them, leading to speculation that perhaps it was behind the chinaware in the wide blue yonder.

"Asked to take a position on saucers, one way or another, now, the Navy said its a problem for the Air Force, which is responsible for the nation's air defense, adding:

"The Navy does not expect to say anything officially on the matter unless a saucer-born battleship appears in the skies." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

13 August. Ludington, Michigan (3:00 p.m.)

Straight down, straight up. (See clipping)

13 August. El Verano, California.
(6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.)

Round, silver. (See clipping)

Sonoma, Calif.
Index Tribune
8/15/52

Flying Saucers

The big cities aren't the only ones that have flying saucers! Flying saucers were reported to have been seen Wednesday evening by Mrs. Fannie Patterson and children of Sonoma Avenue, El Verano.

At 6:30, one small, round silvery object was seen flying around a plane and disappearing; then at 7 Mrs. Patterson reported seeing four of them. She said that they were distinctly round, silver, and moved very rapidly.

This Clipping From:
LUDINGTON, MICH.
NEWS

AUG 14 1952

Report Seeing Flying Saucers

Don Miller of 210 North Gaylord avenue, his son Douglas and Gary Hansen, who were swimming Wednesday afternoon in Lake Michigan at the first bend of the road on M-118 north of Ludington, saw what they believe were three "flying saucers."

Mr. Miller explained that they were swimming about 3 p.m. and during the time heard whirring, roaring and hissing sounds like motors for some time, but could not locate the origin. After they came into shore and were sunning on the beach they saw one object, "like an aluminum speck," descend in a vertical position.

"A short time later two more came down and maneuvered under and over the original object we saw, which appeared to be hovering in an almost stationary position," Mr. Miller said. "The children said, 'It's a flying saucer.' Others on the beach also heard the roaring of motors, which seemed to be about a quarter of a mile off shore, and saw the objects."

Mr. Miller said they appeared to be round, flat disks and when flashing in the sunlight were nearly blinding. He said the procedure lasted from 10 to 12 minutes and, when they disappeared, they went straight up in a V shape. "I have seen many jet planes, and these moved much faster than jets," Mr. Miller said.

13 August. Maldonado, Uruguay. (7:35 p.m.)

Reddish-colored object.

According to a note in APRO's files:

"Mr. C. Dominguez observed at 19:35 hours a very brilliant luminous reddish-colored object shaped like a soldier's soup plate, that remained balancing itself in the air for approximately one minute before accelerating to great velocity and disappearing.

"The evening was clear visibility with low scattered clouds. The object crossed from north to south, leaving no trail and making no noise. As it rose it accelerated rapidly, crossed the clouds and disappeared.

"There were other witnesses, among whom were Mr. Hugo Nieves, Carlos Zeballos, Victor Krunschinsky, Hector Urbin, Sra. Casas de Nieves, etc. All of these witnesses concurred in the details stated by Mr. Dominguez." (xx.)

(xx.) Maldonado, Uruguay. 13 August 52. Case No.4. APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

13 August. Hickory, North Carolina. (8:45 p.m.)

Orange-colored object at 1,000 feet. (See clipping on page 85)

13 August. Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

"Unless the pilot was drunk."

Rhodes Scholar Guy Davenport is quoted in the newspaper:

"Seen a flying saucer lately?

"Then maybe you'd better compare notes with Cpl. Guy Davenport, a Rhodes Scholar who is doing his bit for Uncle Sam at nearby Ft. Bragg.

"Davenport, of Anderson, S.C., and Chief Warrant Officer Frederick G. Leib of Reading, Pa., were out looking for meteor objects last night. Here's what Davenport saw, told in his own words:

" 'I saw a starlight object about the brightness of a second magnitude star cross the sky in a southeasterly direction. It started below the Big Dipper, shot up to Zeta and Eta of that constellation, and then up wide to the left to the North Star. Then it sped down the southeastern horizon where it disappeared.

" 'Its course was wandering, indeterminate, wobbling, hesitant, weaving with spurts of erratic speed. It was too slow, had no tail and the course of flight was too long for it to have been a meteor. It was too fast and too bright to be an observation balloon. And unless the pilot was drunk, its course was too erratic to have been a plane.'

"Leib backed up Davenport, Leib added the information that the object 'had a sort of goldish color.'

This Clipping From
HICKORY, N. C.
RECORD

AUG 14 1952

Hickory Youths Report Seeing Celestial 'Thing'

By **CHARLES PRESLAR, JR.**

Aerial objects or phenomena have been sighted again in the Hickory area.

A report labeled "credible" by Attorney W. H. (Bill) Chamblee, director of civil defense for the City of Hickory, was given today by two Hickory high school graduates.

Mr. Chamblee explains that he is forwarding a full description provided by the boys to the State director of civilian defense at Raleigh, in answer to a recent request that he gather and evaluate such reports.

"While I do not believe that the objects sighted are the so-called flying saucers, I am convinced that these boys actually saw some phenomenon—likely a trick of atmosphere," the civil defense director pointed out.

Saw Same Thing

Both of the boys reported seeing virtually the same thing at eight-forty-five o'clock Wednesday night, Mr. Chamblee stated. This was an orange-colored object glowing with its own light at an altitude of about 1,000 feet, flying in a remarkably straight line from North to South, leaving a short trail of light, and giving absolutely no sound.

James Stone of 312 Seventh Street, SW, was the first to sight the object, according to Mr. Chamblee. He reported that it travelled completely across his visual field in about five seconds.

Larry Isenhour of 137 Ninth Street, NW, saw the object immediately after young Stone. He reported that it passed from his sight in a matter of three or four seconds.

Still another boy, Martin Jaryis, of 519 Fifth Street, SW, was present but said that he was not looking in the direction of the light, Mr. Chamblee explained.

"The two boys' reports differed only in their description of the shape of the object," the civil de-

fense official said. "Young Stone reported that it had a disc or mushroom shape, and appeared to be traveling on edge. Young Isenhour reported that the object was larger at the front than at the rear. Isenhour said that the front mass was smaller than a basketball from his view. Stone reported that the apparent size was about that of a full moon."

Instructions from Raleigh concerning full reports of flying objects came only this week, according to Mr. Chamblee.

"I feel that this concern indicates that we are determined to find out the basis for the reports of the so-called flying saucers," he asserted. "All persons sighting unexplained objects in the skies over this area are requested to report this information immediately to me."

Asked For Information

"All local directors of civil defense have been asked to solicit this information and to interview as many people sighting such objects as practicable. Local directors have been furnished a definite schedule of questions for interrogation. They then pass these reports on to the State director. State directors at the request of Army Intelligence, act as clearing men for information on all such sightings."

"Reports of objects are already being compiled and forwarded to Army Intelligence, according to a statement just received here from E. Z. Jones, State civil defense head."

"Information requested includes especially identification of all persons seeing such an object, and the time and place where it is seen. Further information desired includes all such visible characteristics as size, shape, color, lighting, whether accompanied by trailing light or vapor, direction and speed of movement, any starting or stopping, length of time in view, and general atmospheric temperature."

"Dozens of other people saw the whatzit." (xx.)

(xx.) Salisbury, North Carolina. *Post*. 14 August 52.

13 August. Pokegama Lake, South Dakota. (night)

"Just like a drunken driver." (See clipping)

13 August. Tucson, Arizona. (11:10 p.m.)

V-formation sweeps over Tucson.

The case was originally covered in the monograph *UFOs: A History, August 1952*, p.39. The clipping here contains more detail. (See page 87)

13 August. Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. (late evening)

Formation sweeps over Winnipeg.

According to the Canadian press:

"Winnipeg was visited by a formation of mysterious lights during the late evening hours and the Dominion Weather Office and city radio stations received many phone calls from residents. The strange lights passed over the city three times. There was no explanation. The nearest thunderstorm was 200 miles east [Doesn't say how the weather was suppose to explain the sighting]" (xx.)

(xx.) Montreal, Ontario, Canada. *The Montreal Star*. 15 August 52.

13 August. Zanesville, Ohio. (11:45 p.m.)

"Orange-colored ball."

The local paper told its readers:

"Phillip Smith, of Wheeling Avenue, is the latest to come up with a 'flying saucer' report.

"Smith said he first noticed a brilliant orange-colored ball or saucer of fire in the eastern skies at 11:45 Wednesday night. It appeared to hover close to one area so Smith rushed into his home to get binoculars.

"When he returned the object was still to be seen. He said the glasses made it appear to be shooting off rays of

This Clipping From
RAPID CITY, S. D.
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'Drunken' Saucer Operates

GRAND RAPIDS, Minn. (AP)—A party of four fishermen told Civil Defense officials here Wednesday that they watched a strange, brilliant object shoot up and down in the sky last night—"just like a drunken driver."

Attorney J. D. Murphy, local civil defense director, said two of the men were visibly nervous as they described the incident. Murphy said he would make an official report.

Stephen Brubaker of Middletown, Ohio, said he first noticed the object as it switched from a pale yellow to a bright red color. He said it plunged down towards the horizon for about three seconds, stopped suddenly and shot upwards again.

"It circled and went to and fro," Brubaker said, "just like a drunken driver. Sometimes it went slow, other times it went fast. It, sure scared me."

Elmer Woodrey of Middletown also was in the boat on Pokegama Lake and he said he would have "gone swimming" had the object come any closer.

Woodrey said the thing appeared to have a streamer behind it and was much bigger than a shooting star.

"My impression was that it was something not man-made," said Robert Kale of Des Moines, Iowa. Kale said the speed was "terrific."

The only member of the party who said he was not scared was Kale's father, L. G. Kale of Grand Rapids, who was "too busy catching fish."

Murphy said civil defense observers in the tower here, about seven miles from the lake, reported seeing nothing unusual in the sky at the time of the reported incident.

This Clipping From
TUCSON, ARIZ.
CITIZEN

AUG 14 1952

Pilot Reports 'Saucers' Over Tucson

By RICHARD OLSON

A reserve air force pilot who said he definitely is "not subject to hallucinations" observed a formation of large lights sweep over Tucson at tremendous speed about 11:10 last night.

"They bore no relation to anything I have ever seen before," reported Stanley W. Thompson, 32, of 725 Calle de Casa Lindas.

He said they were traveling too fast to make out their shape, but the impression he received was of elliptical objects traveling in the direction of the longer axes.

He, his wife, his son and a nephew watched the strange lights as they appeared in the distance, swept overhead and disappeared—all in approximately three or four seconds.

Thompson said they were watching a movie at the Rodeo drive-in theater when he happened to look into the sky and observed an indistinct line of lights due north.

IMMEDIATELY HE nudged his wife and the two boys, who looked too.

"From my point of observation the appearance was as though the lights were picking up speed," Thompson said. "As they became more distinct, I could see definite symmetry and make out individual lights."

"I have a kind of eerie feeling about it, but my impression is that there were three elements of three lights each in a perfect V-formation.

"I estimate the span from outside element to outside element increased approximately by three during the observation. Overhead they took up about the same span as that between the final star of the big dipper and the north star."

"THE INDIVIDUAL lights were an order of magnitude approximately one-quarter to one-third the size of the full moon."

"They were in view approximately three to four seconds only. When first seen they were at an elevation of about 30 degrees due north. When they disappeared,

they were at about 60 degrees elevation due south. In other words, I saw them travel through an arc of about 90 degrees or a little greater."

Thompson, who is a captain in the active reserve, holds a degree in the physical sciences, has studied astronomy, took part in the original rain-increasing experiments of Dr. Irving Krick and recently was employed as a civilian engineer at Edwards air force base, said he was certain the lights were not conventional aircraft, jet aircraft, or meteorites.

AS FAR AS HE COULD determine, Thompson said, the lights were accompanied by no sound.

But actually, he said, there was no way of determining the altitude of the lights. From but one point of observation this would have been impossible.

Assuming, however, that they were no higher than 1,000 feet, their speed would have been "at least the speed of sound," Thompson said. If they were higher, the speed would have been considerably greater.

"I had read about these things," Thompson said, "but I was always more interested in the visible objects seen in the daytime than in the lights reported at night. The light business left me cold. It doesn't any more."

"Both my wife and I had a very, very eerie sensation. The lights gave the impression, from their symmetry, speed and apparent nonlinear velocity, of intelligent control."

"I ALWAYS EXPECTED that if ever I saw what other people reported they saw, it would be very indistinct, leaving doubt as to whether anything had been seen at all. This wasn't that way. I definitely observed what I saw, and it bore no relation to anything I've ever seen in the air before."

Thompson said he realizes there now is a meteor shower in progress. He said he has observed several meteorites on recent nights. "These lights definitely were not of that variety," he said.

When the lights had passed, Thompson immediately took paper and pencil and jotted down his impressions. His only regret, he said, was that the lights had passed so fast.

"I HAD ALWAYS hoped that if I saw any of these things, I would be able to make all kinds of observations, such as whether they obscured a star when passing overhead. But there just was no time for that."

Could the lights have been temperature inversions, such as the air force has said the "flying saucers" really are?

"Definitely not," Thompson said. "The perfect formations, movement and rapid rate of speed such as I observed last night can't be reduced to such a feeble explanation as the one now in vogue."

light, similar to lightning. Smith said it appeared to travel a short distance, turn sharply at an angle, move slowly, then rapidly, and was visible several minutes before it disappeared over the eastern horizon." (xx.)

(xx.) Zanesville, Ohio. *Times-Recorder*. 15 August 52.

14 August. Key Biscayne, Florida. (3:30 a.m.)

Remarkable UFO.

According to our source:

"Mr. Arthur L. Gray of 301 McIntyre St., Key Biscayne saw a remarkable UFO and made valuable definitive observations. It was a hot night and he had to get up to look after his baby who was crying, because his foot was caught in the crib. On returning to bed, and looking toward the window which had venetian blinds, and faces Eastward toward the open Atlantic Ocean, he suddenly became aware that what had at first seemed to be a reflection, was, in fact a bright light in the sky. It was at about 60 degrees altitude above the horizon, white and definitely self luminous. It was just South of a bright planet, probably Venus, and appeared the size of a nickel. Later he looked at it with binoculars and the image in the glass seemed almost exactly the size the moon appears in the same glasses. The object was almost in the same field with the planet. It had a blue center with an orange band or ring around the outside, and in the glasses the center seemed much darker than the ring. It fluctuated in brightness and when darkest and least dazzling the orange ring could be seen rotating as a series of orange lights, in a counter clockwise direction. It tilted, or wobbled back and forth every few seconds. It was visible about 10 minutes, and Mr. Gray got the impression it was building up energy whenever the light pulsated. It was definitely spinning. It once went black around the edge, but the central blue glow remained; then the outside got bright and it went straight up and disappeared.

"This same object was seen simultaneously by Mr. William Cabana, Engineer of TV Station WTVJ, and his wife, from the window of their home in Coral Gables, about seven miles west of Key Biscayne. To them the object was Eastward and at an elevation of about 10 degrees. It was very bright and visible 'a long time.'" (xx.)

(xx.) *The UFO Reporter*, A Supplement to *The Case for the UFO*, by M.K. Jessup. Report #27. pp.5-6.

* 14 August. Las Vegas, Nevada. (about 8:15 a.m.)

Flying saucers as big as transports?

The Vegas paper, the *Review-Journal*, published:

"Don Ylinen and Siele and Siele Watson don't care what people say, they saw two 'Flying Saucers' this morning and no one can make them think they didn't either.

"Ylinen lives at 1900 Elm Street and Miss Watson is a house guest from San Jose,

California.

"I went outside this morning, about 8:15, to water the lawn," Ylinen, owner of the Coed shop reported. "I just happened to look across the trees toward McCarran field and I saw the saucers, two of them.

"Well, I felt so awkward, standing there looking at them coming toward me, that I wanted to get someone else to see if they saw what I saw."

"He reported that Miss Watson answered his call and saw the same two objects.

"When I first saw the saucers," he said, "they were coming toward me, lazy like. By the time Miss Watson joined me, they speeded up and shot high in the air. In fact, one went so fast that we soon lost it. Then the other became lost."

"Ylinen was surprised that other Las Vegans hadn't seen the flying objects.

"Why they were as big as anything. It looked like they'd be about the size of a four-motored transport ship. When they went straight up, you could see that they were perfectly round, with a dark halo of smoke surrounding them.

"And they were so brilliant that I don't see how other people failed to see them."

"He said he checked with the weather bureau at McCarran field and received word that the weathermen had sent up one balloon this morning, but not at the time that the weirdies wove their way across south Nevada skies.

"I know they were saucers," he concluded. "We weren't out last night and I had a good night's sleep so I wasn't seeing 'things'." (xx.)

(xx.) Las Vegas, Nevada. *Review-Journal*. 14 August 52.

14 August. "Space-Men-u."

A newspaper reporter noticed that the manager of McCarthy's Steak House on Broadway in Richmond, Virginia, had a special "Space-Men-u" advertised: "...chorophyll green pea soup, or zoop de jupiter to begin. Then for entrees he has guided mussels, venus schnitzel, with mars potatoes; or flying sausages with grav(it)y; or egg planet with radar-shes; or chicken rocketts. (xx.)

(xx.) Richmond, Virginia. *News-Leader*. 14 August 52.

14 August. Dr. Percy W. Bridgeman, Nobel Prize winner in Physics in 1946.

Reporters sought out Dr. Percy Bridgeman, an authority on thermodynamics, author of several books, and recipient of numerous scientific decorations, honorary degrees, and awards. The professor also taught at Harvard, a citadel of saucer skepticism. Asked about the "real lowdown" on the mystery discs, the professor replied at length. The reporter taking notes relates what he calls the "gist" of what Dr. Bridgeman said:

"(1) Flying saucers are out of his field. We ought to consult an authority on optics.

(2.) He's never seen a flying saucer.

(3.) He doesn't think they are visitors from another planet or from Russia.

- (4) Some of the objects sighted have been weather balloons, and he thinks the others are natural phenomena to be explained by special conditions of the atmosphere, temperature and light.
- (5) He recalled Einstein's comment when asked about the mysterious objects—that he was perfectly sure that people were seeing something and that he was perfectly uninterested in what they were seeing.
- (6) Was Dr. Bridgeman uninterested? Not at all. He'd love to know the explanation of some of the reports which still puzzle the scientists.
- (7) He called our attention to experiments by a colleague at Harvard, astronomer Donald Menzel, who produced miniature flying saucers in the laboratory, and who thinks sightings may be ground lights reflected by special atmospheric conditions.
- (8) He also referred us to published accounts, which reveal that strange shapes in formation, circular disks, luminous spots moving at high speed, green fireballs, etc., have been reported all over the world off and on for the last 300 years. The latest excitement began in 1947 with a report from Idaho [Apparently he means the Washington State sighting by Kenneth Arnold. It shows how ignorant top scientists were. Carl Sagan thought Arnold lived in Seattle] of objects which looked like 'saucers' [Wrong again. It was the object's motion which inspired the name] skimming through the air and they have been 'flying saucers' ever since." (xx.)

(xx.) Berlin, New Hampshire. *Berlin Reporter*. 14 August 52.

14 August. General Omar Bradley, head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Does not believe in flying saucers. (See clipping)

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON Chief of Staff Can't Go for Flying Disks

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Colorful, outspoken and biting Robert S. Allen is a fighting reporter whose Washington sources date back two decades. His column on national and international developments does not necessarily reflect the opinions held by this paper.)

By ROBERT S. ALLEN

WASHINGTON—Gen. Omar Bradley does not believe in flying disks and makes no bones about it.

The head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was very emphatic about that during a private talk with a group of House members led by Rep. Albert Thomas of Texas.

They conferred with him on a request for additional funds desired by the Pentagon, particularly for atomic weapons. Rep. John Phillips of California, was frankly skeptical of the claim the money was "urgently needed."

"After you have been a member of the appropriations committee for many years, as I have," Phillips told Bradley, "you become suspicious of emergency pleas. Whenever a big Navy appropriation bill comes before us, I always know that Russian submarines will soon be reported off either the Atlantic or Pacific Coast. It rarely fails. Now it's flying saucers or disks."

"I emphatically deny responsibility for any submarine stories," replied Bradley stiffly.

"What about flying disks?"

"And the same goes for flying disks," retorted Bradley. "I have never claimed seeing them or that I believed in them. Neither has anyone in the Pentagon, that I know of."

NOTE: The Air Force and the Navy know a great deal more about the mysterious flying objects than has been officially indicated.

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This Clipping From
AMARILLO, TEXAS
NEWS

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14 August. Korea. (no time)

Saucer-like object seen. (See clipping)

14 August. Korea.

No saucer-like objects seen. (See clipping)

14 August. Korea.

Saucer-like objects explained. (See clipping)

14 August. Washington D.C.

Senator Kerr's theory. (See clipping)

PHOENIX, ARIZ
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Air War Men Too Busy To Spot Flying Saucers

By MARY BRION

Japan and the Far East haven't been disturbed by flying saucers—yet.

Col. D. P. Wood, who just has returned from Tokyo where he directed combat strikes made by B-29 Superfortresses from Japan and Okinawa against Communist targets in North Korea, says that no flying plates from Mars or spying gadgets from Russia have been reported in the airways over there. His explanation is that people there have more important things to think about.

COLONEL WOOD arrived in Phoenix Tuesday night and spent

This Clipping From
BOSTON, MASS.
Christian Science Monitor

AUG 14 1952

'Flying Saucers' in Korea Easily Explained by Army

By Reuters

Tokyo

The United States Army said "flying saucers" recently reported over the Korean battlefield were meteorological balloons fitted with lights.

This Clipping From
PEORIA, ILL.
STAR

AUG 15 1952

Saucer Turns Up in Korea

With U.S. 1st Marine Division, Korea, Friday, Aug. 15. (UP)—A Marine infantry patrol probing deep into Communist territory several miles east of Bunker Hill Thursday morning reported seeing a saucer-like object in the sky.

The Marines said the object was "east of the moon" at about 10,000 feet. It hung there for a few minutes, then moved sharply. When it veered again the patrol lost sight of it.

All members of the patrol verified the sighting except one man.

They said the object was round and very thin. It had a light color but was not shiny.

The patrol was led by Second Lt. Paul D. Mahoney, son of Mrs. Peter J. Mahoney, Brooklyn, N.Y.

This Clipping From
WORCESTER, MASS.
TELEGRAM

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FLYING SAUCER THEORY

WASHINGTON, Thursday (AP)—Senator Kerr (D-Okla.) came up yesterday with a suggestion about the origin of "flying saucers."

"One expert attributes them to an atmospheric disturbance resulting from excess 'hot air,'" he said in a weekly letter to constituents. "could there be any significance to the fact that this new epidemic broke out in the wake of the recent political conventions which were so widely carried by TV and radio?"

14 August. Cedar Springs, California. (about 2:00 p.m.)

UFOs mingle with planes.

According to our source:

"The Flying Saucers have been seen over Cedar Springs, Thursday, August 14, about 2 p.m. Mrs. Joseph Pierce was hanging out the washing when her attention was drawn to a flight of 10 airplanes overhead. As she watched, there were three bright objects that kept flying back and forth, in and out, above the planes. For quite a little while, while she watched, these bright objects, oval in shape, flew around, then went on followed by the planes. One of them started with the group then came back, but suddenly without circling and apparently without a pause, reversed its direction in the direction the others had taken and disappeared with incredible speed." (xx.)

(xx.) San Bernardino, California. *Sun.* 21 August 52.

14 August. Celendin (300 miles north of Lima), Peru. (9:00 p.m.)

Saucers "join up."

This report is from the NICAP file:

"On August 14, 1952, the engineer Martinelli reported that at 9 p.m. that evening, over the irrigation camp at Celendin, he had seen two saucers of orange-red color. They appeared, from opposite directions, at very low altitude, travelling at enormous velocity, but when they drew near to one another their speed decreased, and they finally came to rest; then, joined together, they disappeared toward the northeast at a low velocity." (xx.)

(xx.) Typed document. Translated from Spanish. NICAP files. Photocopy in author's files.

14 August. Near Wahoo, Nebraska. (between 9:15 and 10:15 p.m.)

An 'honest-to-goodness' flying saucer.

• A press account states:

"Nine Fremont persons have come up with the latest addition to flying saucer stories—al nine testifying that they witnessed one in action between 9:15 and 10:15 in the evening.

"Sgt. Rob Bellora told the story Thursday as follows:

"Upon leaving Wahoo at 9:15 he noted a luminous object in the sky in front of his car. He at first thought it was a bird of some kind, but later noted that it was not a bird. He and the occupants of his car followed the object to the Valley, where they

stopped and got out of the car. There they watched the 'saucer' flit back and forth across the road and finally disappear.

"Bellora said it appeared to be 20 to 30 feet in diameter and that it gave off a luminous glow, that apparently could be turned on and off. When first noticed it was at a low altitude and later it hovered at an estimated 2,500 feet. Bellora added that a searchlight from some field came on and the object immediately disappeared.

"He pointed out that all nine witnesses would swear that the object was definitely an 'honest-to-goodness flying saucer.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Fremont, Nebraska. *Guide & Tribune*. 15 August 52.

14 August. Lake Charles, Louisiana. (10:30 p.m.)

Moved unevenly.

A press report said:

"Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Laughlin and son Arien, reported sighting an object 'moving unevenly, up and down, side to side, over Mathieson Chemical Corporation at approximately 5,000 feet' at 10:30 p.m. August 14.

"Object was moving ball of yellowish light, left no trail or exhaust, and went from slow to extremely fast speed.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Monroe, Louisiana. *World*. 29 August 52.

15 August. Suffolk, Virginia. (no time)

Science Fiction writer sees orange discs in formation.

According to a UP dispatch:

"Harold Annas, 45-year-old 'science fiction' writer, reports he saw three 'orange-colored' discs zooming overhead in formation while on duty as a volunteer skywatcher here.

"He said each object was a 'circular mass of orange' and flew at a 'very fast rate of speed' without any visible means of propulsion.

"Annas added that as a writer of science fiction he had never written any 'flying saucer stories.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Winston-Salem, Virginia. *Twin City Sentinel*. 15 August 52. (UP)

15 August. Lima, Peru. "Flying saucer observatory."

According to another UP dispatch:

"Folks in the Peruvian capital city are making sure that no 'flying saucer' will fly over without their knowing it.

"A 'flying saucer observatory' has been set up on the roof of a radio station. 'Spotters' are assigned to watch the sky throughout the night. Extra sensitive microphones have been set up to detect any strange sounds from above and relay them to loudspeakers on the street." (xx.)

(xx.) Lima, Peru. 15 August 52. (UP)

15 August. R. McDonald Stewart, civilian member of Admiral John Dale Price's plans staff, naval air training, Pensacola, Florida. (See clipping)

15 August. Are some "saucers" jets? (See clipping)

This Clipping From
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Saucer Reports Given Credibility

Stewart Addresses
Pensacola Lions

"Too many reliable, unemotional, scientific persons have seen vehicle in space to label all flying saucer stories as hoaxes," R. McDonald Stewart told the Pensacola Lions Club Friday.

Stewart, a civilian member of Admiral John Dale Price's staff, reported on "flying saucers" at the weekly Lions luncheon meeting in the Hotel San Carlos.

The speaker held the Lions Club members at rapt attention as he discussed the possibilities in inter-planetary travel and discussed the possibility that some of the flying saucers may be manned by beings from other planets or other worlds.

LIFE ON MARS

He said it is quite likely that there is some form of life on Mars.

"It seems to me," said Stewart, "to be almost blasphemous to assume that God's creation didn't include plans for life on any other world except ours. It's far fetched to assume that we are the only pebbles on the beach."

Stewart is a 1942 graduate of Santa Clara College on the West Coast. He was a naval aviator until 1950 when he joined the plans staff of the chief of naval air training.

Stewart said his views were not necessarily those of the Navy Department. His hobby for several years has been investigating, researching and collecting information about the so-called flying saucers.

He said the Air Force started "Operation Saucer" before the first reports of flying saucers sighted were published in 1947.

About one in every five of the "flying saucer" reports is unexplained, according to official reports on the phenomena, said Stewart.

He speculated on the possibility of life—either as we know it or something different on Venus and Mars, among other planets. And he said it is possible that there is life on bodies beyond our own universe.

ATOMIC EFFECTS

Stewart inferred that effects of atomic explosions might be linked with inter-planetary travel by beings on other worlds.

Stewart recommended, as a private citizen, that the Air Force release more information on flying saucer reports. He said the American public should be told if we have secret developments or if the saucers are developments by the Russians.

Billy Ames, chairman of the Lions picnic committee, said the Lions and guests will have a giant picnic at Camp Big Heart Sunday at 1 p.m. He said each family is requested to bring a picnic lunch. Food will be pooled "covered dish" style. Ames said food will be served at 1 p.m. and the club will supply soft drinks.

Bill Wheeler presided at the meeting. Dr. Nathan Rubin, program chairman, introduced the guest speaker.

Guests were Ike Daniels and Terry Olsen. Millard Smith, Orlando, was a visiting Lion.

This Clipping From
WACO, TEXAS
NEWS-TRIBUNE

AUG 15 1952

Crippled B-36, Jet Revealed As 'Saucers'

A B-36 with one drop feathered, following its flying companions and a jet fighter escort, which played back and forth over and under the flight of eight B-36's were the "flying saucers" which one observer reported to the newspaper Wednesday, O. O. Harrison, 2025 Connor, says.

Harrison said he was in his back yard and observed the flight from the time the planes came into view until they disappeared in the east.

"There were nine B-36's in the flight," Harrison said. "One lagged behind, about two miles with its center engine on the right dead. You could see the drop just flopping over real slow, and could even count the blades as it turned over."

"I saw the so-called saucer very plainly. It was a jet. It kept darting back and forth over the big planes. Being so much faster than the others it would pass them up then bank sharply. At times it appeared to be going straight up and only the wing would be visible in the bright sunlight, but by close observation one could see the fuel tanks on the wing tips, and when it leveled off the whole plane was visible."

Harrison said the jet would fly back to the crippled B-36, then pass the entire flight.

He said he had always doubted most of the flying saucer reports, and added "now I will doubt them all."

15 August. Central Ohio's "Flying Saucer Party."

A promotional stunt by radio station WHKC gained some unexpected support from some community leaders. The idea of having families stay up late scanning the skies for saucers on Saturday night from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. was indorsed by juvenile authorities.

Miss Genvieve Taylor, Domestic Relations Court referee, and Capt. Harvey Alston, head of the Columbus Police Department Juvenile Bureau, felt it was a good family project. The way these two experts saw it, children entertained too many apprehensions and fancies about flying saucers and atomic bombs. Saucer stories especially, they believe, had generated "unwarranted fear about the mysterious objects." Looking for saucers under parental supervision would, it was felt, created a good attitude. Some communities were planning to construct giant signs with messages like, "Come in peace. Let us talk together." (xx.) (See clipping)

(xx.) Columbus, Ohio. *Citizen*. 15 August 52.



SECOND HALF of double-play combination at Airport Inn is waitress Edna Davis of 3114 Howey-rd. She stands ready with a saucer (china variety) to serve the new customers.

Civic Leaders Indorsing Citizen's Sky Watch Party

(Continued from Page 1) said the spokesman. Date for their any curious saucer pilots to come arrival is set for Aug. 31. in." Everyone Invited "Anything might happen, and Authorities here aren't promis-

15 August. No solution.

A Brooklyn paper remarked: "Flying saucers were very much in the news this month, many TV programs featuring interviews with eyewitnesses, Army officials and scientists. No less than eight TV programs had guest interviews on the subject this week and, so far, still no solution." (xx.)

(xx.) Brooklyn, New York. *Greenpoint Star*. 15 August 52.

15 August. Newcastle, Wyoming. (daytime?)

Not a meteor.

A press report states:

"At least one resident of Newcastle, Wyoming, observed a 'gymnastic' flying object in the sky south of the city Friday.

"According to William C. Lamb, the disk approached Newcastle from the southeast at high speed 'after dropping out of the zenith.' It leveled off at about 20,000 feet, remained in view for about 15 seconds, then vanished toward the east.

"The unidentified object gave off a 'bright greenish glow,' according to Lamb. 'its activities would indicate it was not a meteorite,' he comments." (xx.)

(xx.) Rapid City, South Dakota. *Journal*. 18 August 52.

15 August. Nashville, Tennessee. (about 4:15 p.m.)

"Look up there—what's that?"

According to a local newspaper:

"Nashville's most recent report of a visit by a 'flying saucer' was received yesterday afternoon, when several youths, a housewife and her daughter announced they had seen a silver-colored, saucer-like object in the sky at 45th Ave., North, and Georgia Ave.

"In the group were Mrs. W.E. Hirsbrunner, her daughter, Nancy, 15, and her 10-year-old son, Billy, of 4400 Georgia, and a neighbor and fellow schoolmate of Nancy at Cohn High School, Donald Hall, 17, of 613 Forty-fifth Ave., North.

"The younger people were on the porch talking when the object was sighted at about 4:15 p.m. They called Mrs. Hirsbrunner from inside the house to see it, after Billy had shouted 'Look up there—what's that?' on first noticing the glittering 'disk.'

"They described it as round and apparently flat, possibly a little smaller than a plane, and maintaining a steady rate of speed and a straight course from east to generally northwest. It was in view for several minutes, disappeared in the distance, reappeared and traversed the sky three more times before finally disappearing in an easterly direction, but farther away to the north than at first.

"Both Hall, who has a summer job as stockboy at a downtown department store, and Mrs. Hirsbrunner said they did not think it could possibly be a balloon, such as weather observers are using to make upper atmosphere recordings.

" 'It always kept the flat side toward us, and its speed seemed a little faster than a plane—but we are positive it wasn't a plane,' they said. They added there were no sharp changes of direction while they watched it. Its passage, they said, was without audible sound.

"Donald ran home and got his stepfather, J.H. Kirby, an electrician, to come and look, but by that time it was not visible. Also a neighbor youth, passing the Hirsbrunnners' shortly afterward, said he had seen the object, 'like nothing I ever saw before.' He said he didn't plan to report it 'for fear of being laughed at.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Nashville, Tennessee. *Banner*. 16 August 52.

15 August. Ontario, California. (between 4:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.)

"Ionization is the cause?"

A Northrop employee suggests a theory:

"A 'flying saucer' came to Ontario yesterday afternoon. Spotting the whirling, bright oval as it dodged in and out of clouds over the city were Chris Ortel, 720 West B street, a Northrop employee, and his son Kenny.

"The 'saucer' believed to be flying about 1,000 miles per hour was sighted between 4:30 and 5 p.m., moving rapidly in front of a B-36.

"Kenny said the bright 'saucer' was clearly visible as it moved ahead of a B-36, darting in and out of the clouds.

"He said the 'object' appeared to spin and turn from side to side showing a pointed top.

"Ortel theorized that the 'saucer' was caused by ionization in a vacuum pocket formed in the airstream of the big bomber, similar to a recently announced theory following formation of artificial 'saucers' in a laboratory vacuum bell." (xx.)

(xx.) Ontario, California. *Report*. 16 August 52.

15 August. Yuma, Arizona. (night)

• V-formation.

A Yuma paper tells of more witnesses to a V-formation of objects Friday night August 15th:

"More brave Yumans have stepped forward to announce that they too saw the the flying saucers that were first reported by D.D. Ellis."

"A report to the Yuma Daily Sun flying saucer editor says that Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coffey, 160 3rd avenue, also spotted the same covey of saucers last Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Coffey were at the drive-in theatre at the time and reported

them as looking exactly the way they were previously described. That should relieve Ellis.

"The objects were six or seven in number, according to the Coffeys, and were headed due south over Yuma. A dull gleaming white, the group floated swiftly through the sky about two miles high in V-formation. The fact that they were first reported over 5th avenue would put them right over the drive-in theatre. That would match them up with the same group Ellis saw." (xx.)

(xx.) Yuma, Arizona. *Yuma Daily Sun*. 19 August 52.

15 August. Carson City, Nevada. (night)

"A cream-colored rectangular oblong."

According to a press account:

"Sighting of 'a mysterious flying object' in the skies of Carson City Friday night was reported by three observers.

"The three—Bob Whittemore, Fred Harvey and Don Bernard—are all employed at the Standard Station next to the state capital.

"Whittemore, who is a high school teacher and a trained observer from his experience in the armed forces, said that he happened to look up as a Bonanza plane went over.

" 'A cream-colored rectangular oblong,' he said, 'was at an estimated altitude of 30,000 feet above the Bonanza plane. It came down directly on top of the airliner, stopped, then shot off toward the Sierra Nevadas and Lake Tahoe. When it reached the mountains it stopped short again and swooped down toward the foothills. We lost sight of it then.'

"A number of tourists in the station were also witnesses to the incident, he said.

"This is the fourth sighting of the so-called 'flying saucers' in the sky over Carson City in a period of two years.

"No report on the mysterious object—declared by Air Force officials to be reflected ground lights—was filed by Bonanza pilots." (xx.)

(xx.) Carson City, Nevada. *Appeal*. 18 August 52.

15 August. Near Mattoon, Illinois. (about 8:45 p.m.)

"I hope I never see it again."

The local paper published:

"J.A. Marion, of Rural Route #1, never believed 'those stories about flying saucers' until an experience Friday night.

"Marion was driving along North 33rd Street road about 8:45 p.m. He had just been to church and was on his way home, seven miles northeast of Mattoon.

“‘All of a sudden,’ he said, ‘I saw this object about the size of a washtub and about a half inch thick. It was bluish-purple and about as bright as daylight. The thing was so low it seemed to be just in front and above the truck radiator.’

“‘I was so taken by surprise,’ he said, ‘I hollered out though no one was in the truck with me. The thing was spinning around and around, throwing off balls of fire the size of your fist, something like an emery wheel. The balls of fire trailed out behind the object as far as 15 or 20 feet.’

“There was another car going the same way down the road about a quarter of a mile ahead of Marion’s truck. He said the spinning disc seemed to be between them. ‘The last I saw it,’ he said, ‘it was dipping and wheeling about and went over the IC tracks about two miles away. It must have been going close to a thousand miles an hour—you couldn’t count more than up to seven or eight before it disappeared from view.’

“Marion said in all of his 64 years, he’s never seen anything like it ‘and truthfully, I hope I never see it again.’ He said there was no sound to the object and it was hard to describe unless a person actually saw it for themselves.” (xx.)

(xx.) Mattoon, Illinois. *Journal-Gazette*. 18 August 52.

15 August. Near Pittsfield, Illinois. (night)

Dull red object emitting a purplish discharge.

A press report states:

“Clifford Willenburg, proprietor of a local radiator and glass shop, reported seeing what he believes was a flying saucer Friday night southeast of here.

“Willenburg said the object came at great speed directly from the north, stopped suddenly over the Mort Haskins farm, hovered there an instant, vibrated suddenly, turned east and at great speed went out of sight. He said he believed the object was about 20 feet in diameter and noted that it was of a dull red color and that it emitted a purplish discharge. He said it was about 500 feet in the air.

“Persons attending a drive-in theatre, about 10 miles southwest of here, reported seeing the object at a distance but could not elaborate on its details.” (xx.)

(xx.) Springfield, Illinois. *Illinois State Journal & Register*. 17 August 52.

15 August. West Palm Beach, Florida. (9:00 p.m.)

“Like two pie pans.”

A brief news item said:

“Mr. and Mrs. Henry Broome, 2942 Nokomis Ave., West Gate, reported that whiler at a drive-in movie at 9 p.m. August 15 they saw an object ‘like two pie pans put together, rounded at the back,’ speeding south in the sky east of this city.” (xx.)

(xx.) West Palm Beach, Florida. *Palm Beach Post*. 29 August 52.

15 August. Lubbock, Texas. (9:22 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.)

V-formations. "Open end leading?"

In what was called an "anniversary story," the Lubbock, Texas, newspaper *Avalanche* recalled the famous Texas Tech professors V-formation reports of August 1951. The special news story was called for since the V-formations were making another appearance. It would make sense to explain the fly-overs on birds since the flights were always north to south and mid America was a flyway for migrating flocks. Still, witnesses stressed the "terrific speed" of the formations and in one case the "open end" of the V-formation was leading. An "open end" forward is not the way birds fly. (See clipping)

15 August.

Odessa, Texas.
(11:30 p.m.)

Orange objects.
(See clipping)

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Flying Saucers' Spotted Over City

Flying saucers came back to Odessa Friday night.

Mrs. K. P. Harbold, 2311 W. 13th, while standing in her backyard about 11:30 p. m., spotted about nine of the saucer objects.

Mrs. Harbold said they were orange in color, very high and going west to southeast at a fast clip.

Three Odessa youngsters also said they saw a lone saucer going northwest. The boys, who said the saucer went out of sight in a couple of seconds, are W. L. Hollowell, 13, 408 N. Adams, Jimmy Owens, 14, and his brother, Bobby, 13, 922 N. Texas.

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Shades Of Mars! They're Still Here After A Whole Year

By JERRY HALL
Avalanche Staff Writer

This is an anniversary story. Shortly after Aug. 15, 1951—five days to be exact—four Texas Tech professors, and a host of other Lubbock residents, began to get stiff necks from tilting their heads skyward to observe what later became known as the famous "Lubbock Lights."

And last night—Aug. 15, 1952—the "whatsits" again winged—or is it blasted—their way at "terrific speed" across area skies and right into the line of vision of at least three groups of Lubbockites.

The saucer reports which tumbled in last night were amazingly like the same scanty information which first trickled in last year.

Were In "V" Formation
First to report last night was Mrs. R. T. Yates, 1906 Nashville. She and her husband and their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Tate Lockhart, caught a

glimpse of "a group of lights flying in a 'V' formation with the open end leading and giving off a bluish glow." That was at 9:22 p. m.

Next, Dale Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Smith, called in to tell an almost identical story. Smith's lights had one thing others have lacked, however—sound. He said he and his parents with several friends saw the "dull grey or green" colored objects shoot swiftly from north to south over the Smith residence at 2604 Second. The noise they heard sounded like "somebody was rattling paper," Smith said.

Tech Instructor Sees Objects

The third group to report seeing the lights last night was two couples at the Westerner Drive-In theatre west of the city. Berwyn Tisdell, Bill Breedlove, Carolyn Newman and Janice Dardin, all reported seeing a "string of bluish lights traveling from north to south." That was at 10:30 p. m. Tisdell said they were flying in a "V" formation, just as the others reported. The elder Smith, who is an instructor at Tech, said at "least 20 or 25" were in the group that was observed from his front yard.

Mrs. Yates was lying in a hammock in her front yard and got a "good view of the formation all the way across the sky." She heard nothing, but like the rest, said the lights were flying at a terrific speed.

Each of the three stories told last night closely follow what Prof. W. L. Ducker and his associates of Texas Tech observed on several occasions during the last days of August, 1951 and on through the fall.

Carl Hart, a young Lubbock photographer snapped a picture of the formations last Aug. 27—and that picture became the center of a nationwide controversy.

It still is.

So, after one year of "saucer" sightings on the South Plains—

15 August. Tabor City, North Carolina. (about 10:00 p.m.)

"Look Daddy!" Bright orange object.

The *Wilmington Star* published:

"Harry Bell and daughter, Martha Brooks, have turned in the first report of the sighting of a flying saucer in Tabor City.

"Bell and his daughter were in the yard about 10 p.m. Friday night when Matha Brooks yelled, 'Look Daddy,' and there appeared almost directly over the home of A.C. Edwards a bright object which Bell said appeared to be about the size of a washtub.

"The object had a bright orange glow with a blue haze around it and was headed in a Northernly direction. Bell said it was traveling at great speed and disappeared in just a moment. It was about 500 to 1,000 feet high." (xx.)

(xx.) Wilmington, North Carolina. *Star*. 21 August 52.

16 August. Houston, Texas. (about 2: 45 a.m.)

Even Conrad (Nicky) Hilton Jr. sees something. (See clipping on page 102)

16 August. Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. (9:15 a.m.)

"Always made fun of the saucers."

The local newspaper reported:

"The famous flying saucers have reached Fond du Lac. While cutting his lawn this morning, Ray Berg, 299 Fourteenth Street, spotted what he said looked like two flying saucers at 9:15 a.m. He called to his wife, who previously 'always made fun of the saucers,' she said. Mrs. Berg was the person who reported the saucers to the *Commonwealth Reporter*.

"Mrs. Berg spotted the two 'silver things.' The 'saucers' were flying very high and very fast heading north over the city. To have someone to collaborate her story, Mrs. Berg called Mrs. Paul Michler, a neighbor.

"Both residents of the southeast section then saw the objects heading north, disappearing into a cloud. Shortly after entering the cloud the two objects 'returned heading the opposite way,' they testified. There was no sound audible from the saucers. Mrs. Michler's description of the 'saucers' was very much the same as that of her neighbor's.

"Mrs. Michler said that 'she went outside but couldn't see them very clearly at first, but after they entered the cloud and returned they appeared to be oval shaped, like a saucer, silver gray in color and flying very high and very fast. They couldn't have been balloons because they returned going in an opposite direction,' she stated.

TEETOTALERS, TOO

Hilton, Brandwynne See 'Flying Saucer'

By STEVE BOOKE

Have you ever seen a saucer flying?

Well, Conrad (Nicky) Hilton Jr., son of the hotel magnate, and Nat Brandwynne, well known orchestra leader now playing the Shamrock, say they saw one hovering in the sky not far from Municipal Airport about 2:45 AM Saturday.

Mr Hilton, who has "been drinking nothing but Seven-Up" for the past three and a half months, and Mr Brandwynne, who rarely drinks anything stronger than buttermilk, said they were asked by Ellington Air Force Base to withhold for 24 hours any public statement of their experience.

This writer ran into Mr Hilton, Mr Brandwynne and Fred Nahas, head of Station KXYZ, Sunday night as all three were getting ready to discuss the experience during a spot radio broadcast. Extensive questioning unrevealed the following story:

MR HILTON, behind the wheel, and Mr Brandwynne were driving from Galveston to Houston on the Gulf Freeway at approximately 2:45 AM Saturday. They had just cut off the Freeway near the airport, when Mr Hilton looked out the window to his left and up at the sky.

"There it was," said Mr Hilton, "hovering in the sky. A yellow-white light the shape and size of a basketball. It was impossible to tell whether it was 5,000 feet away or 15,000 feet. I turned to Nat quickly and said: 'Did you see that?' He couldn't see too well out of my window. I stopped the car and we both got out."

Said Mr Brandwynne: "I did not have any trouble spotting it the minute we got out of the car. The first thing I did was look at my watch. It was 13 minutes to three. The object was the shape and size of a basketball. It hovered from side to side.

"EVERY TIME it blinked this yellowish-white light, it shot up

further into the sky. I got goose pimples, to tell you the truth. I rarely drink and neither one of us had had a drink all night. Nicky has been on the wagon for almost four months."

Mr Hilton broke in again: "I've flown planes, and I waited for red, green and white lights which you associate with planes coming in for a landing. I thought it might be a plane. But the red and green lights never came on."

Added Mr Brandwynne: "This thing was traveling upwards, northeast, traveling higher and higher until we lost it in the stars. It was a beautiful night, and we had no trouble following its flight. You couldn't tell whether it was just one big light or made up of little lights all the way around. Anyway, one light kept blinking on and off."

MR BRANDWYNNE said that after he had pinpointed the time on his watch, he grabbed Mr Hilton's arm.

"I said: 'Nicky, you think?' And Nicky said: 'Maybe'."

Both men said they kept hoping another car would come along to witness the sight. They said they watched the strange object in the sky for between eight and 10 minutes before it disappeared upward and out of view.

"We got back to Houston," Mr Hilton continued, "and called the control tower at the Municipal Airport. I asked the man there if he had seen the object. He said he hadn't seen it. Then we called Ellington Field, and we both talked to the authorities there over the telephone."

MR HILTON said an Ellington captain, who did not wish to be identified with any public statement, called him back for additional information at 4:30 AM Saturday, and at 6 AM an air intelligence captain was sent over "to interview us."

The captain, according to both Mr Hilton and Mr Brandwynne, said that he had received several similar reports during the last few weeks of flying saucers car-

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rying the same general description of the object seen by the two men.

"I keep thinking," said Mr Brandwynne. "What would have happened if either one of us had been there alone and seen the thing? We'd have been afraid to open our mouths. Nobody would have believed us."

"Mrs. Berg said that before she 'always had made fun of the saucers.' She added that she thought that 'the newspapers just needed something to write about.' (xx.)

(xx.) Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. *Commonwealth Reporter*. 16 August 52.

17 August. Westport, Connecticut. (10:25 a.m.)

"Great elongated mass." (See clipping)

*This Clipping From
Fairfield Conn.
News
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War-Time Pilot Spots Disc Over His Westport Home

A mysterious flying object has been spotted flying over Westport. Source of the information regarding this latest "flying saucer" is Clifford E. Mathewson, Wilton road, a war-time troop carrier pilot and a commercial-licensed flyer.

The phenomenon took place, according to Mr. Mathewson on Sunday at 10:25 a.m.

He was standing down near a small guest cottage on his Wilton road property when he heard this whooshing noise, "not unlike a helicopter," the flyer stated.

He thought for an instant that it might be a helicopter from Bridgeport letting itself down quickly to make a crash landing. The only noise he heard was the hissing sound, with no concomitant engine noise.

Looking up into the sky Mathewson saw this great elongated mass moving "about 100 feet above the tree tops going," he judged "well over 150 miles per hour." It was not a helicopter, he stated, and resembled nothing he had ever seen in his long flying

career. It shot by his home, coming from just about due north and headed south.

Mr. Mathewson who was with the 317th Troop Carrier Command during World War II and has been flying ever since is presently connected with Manning, Maxwell and Moore, steam specialists, in Bridgeport. He said the massive object was silvery on top and dark beneath. He thought also that it might be a new type of ram jet, but the lack of noise from the flying object made this improbable.

The Westporter said he was reluctant to speak of the object at first because of the present nation-wide publicity and hysteria surrounding flying saucers and he hoped that others might have seen the object in that area on that Sunday morning.

Mr. Mathewson is also a student of flying discs and has read most of the material published on this phenomenon. He asks that if anyone else saw anything unusual in the skies that morning they could either get in touch with him or with this newspaper.

17 August. Dr. Robert M. Page, radar expert.

According to a news story:

"Dr. Robert M. Page, who declares he build the world's first radar in 1934, says that if it weren't for the speed of those strange blips noted on some radar sets in 'flying saucer'-conscious Washington, he'd be inclined to lump them with the mysterious 'angels' which have popped up on radar screens ever since the invention's infancy.

"The newly noted blips are ascribed to 'something' moving at 100 to 5,000 miles an hour. The 'angels' are slow pokes.

" 'Angels'—which also appear as blips have been ascribed to such various things as atmospheric phenomena; large insects or spiders, wafted aloft by winds; and even high-floating cobwebs—but no radarman has definitely pinned them down.

"The 'angels' are said to 'fly' at speeds up to three miles an hour, although they sometimes reportedly just hover. 'They're not known to give visible light.

"Dr. Page is associate director of electronic research at the Naval Research Laboratory here and is called 'the father of American radar' by Navy scientists. He says he believes the unexplained radar apparitions recently reported in the nation's capital could be caused by unusual conditions in the atmosphere.

"But radar's 'angels,' he theorizes, are caused by 'some material object, such as large insects, small spiders, or spider webs.'

"Birds, he says, are old stuff and no puzzle to a radarman. Dr. Page says he believes he was the first man ever to spot a bird by radar during a 1939 shake-down trial of the first naval radar set built in the United States aboard the historic battleship New York.

"Page says he saw his first 'angels' in 1944 when looking at radar equipment set up by M. W. Baldwin, Jr., of the Bell Telephone Laboratories at the Navy's Chesapeake Bay Research Station.

" 'They appeared,' he recalled, 'to be reflections of something drifting with a very slow wind at various heights between 100 and 1,000, and they would disappear for a time and then come back again.' (Other 'angel-spotters have pegged them at altitudes up to 3,000 yards).'" (xx.)

(xx.) Greenboro, North Carolina. *Greenboro Daily News*. 17 August 52.

17 August. East Providence Flying Saucer Society. (See clipping on page 105)

17 August. Los Altos, California. (3:15-3:30 p.m.)

According to a press account:

"Two flying saucers were reportedly seen by a group of Los Altans yesterday between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m.

"Mrs. George Blanchard, 12595 Miraloma Way, said she, her husband, and three other adults saw the discs at an altitude of about 10,000 feet. They watched them for 10 minutes while they 'played around, almost as though they were in a dog fight. One time, it looked as if they were going to collide,' Mrs. Blanchard said.

"Mrs. Blanchard said her husband first noticed them as he was playing table tennis. Looking up at a high-arching ball, he noticed the 'saucers' glinting in the sun. He at first thought they were planes, but then realized they made no sound and left no vapor trail, his wife said.

"She said the discs looked just about saucer size at that altitude. 'Sometimes they looked round, and other times a little elongated.' An intense light came from them, she said, but from one side of the 'saucers' only.

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E. P. Flying Saucer Society Besieged by Phone and Mail

Persons in All Walks of Life Call and Write
To Man Who Mentioned Group in Aug. 4 Letter

The East Providence Flying Saucer Society is flying high.

No, not on flying saucers; but on a tidal wave of public interest.

As a result of a letter published on Aug. 4 in both the Journal and Bulletin, Elliot J. Parker, author of the letter and spokesman for the flying saucer group, has been besieged with letters and telephone calls from persons in all walks of life and from all parts of the state who wish to join the society.

When interviewed one night last week at his home, 1 Tryon Street, Rumford, Parker, an engineer at Fram Corporation, said whimsically that he has been so busy in the past few weeks with answering the letters and the uncounted telephone calls from persons who say they would like to attend a meeting of the society that he hasn't been able to enjoy his vacation.

Air Force Captain

One letter, he said, was from a captain in the 152nd fighter squadron based at Hillingrove. "The captain," Parker declared, "reported that many of the men in his unit were interested in the mystery of the flying saucers and that they would like to attend a meeting of the society."

"Unfortunately," Parker said, "I had to tell him as well as the others who called that the society is an informal group of a dozen or so engineers at the Fram Corporation who have been meeting on and off since 1947 to discuss the mystery of the flying saucers."

"We have no formal charter or organization and we usually discuss the possibilities of the flying saucers at luncheon dates or at scuttlebutt sessions at the plant."

"In fact, all the members do not have the same opinion on the fly-

ing saucers, but we nearly all agree that they exist, and we definitely all agree that the American people should be told all the facts in the case.

His letter to the editor, which attacked the air force for its attempts to keep the flying saucer story "the biggest mystery of the century" and the press, for printing only "the air force party line" and for treating it all "as a big joke," was inspired by an air force report on the flying saucer mystery, which was published in the Bulletin on July 30, Parker said.

Parker contends that the air force, which claimed at that time that the "latest rash of sauceritis could be explained" through a combination of summer heat and optical and radar illusions, did not tell the whole story.

"What they didn't say was that 20 P.C. of the sightings are unexplained," he declared. To prove his point he turned to an article in a recent issue of the aviation industry's bible, "Aviation Week," which contained that fact.

Area of Speculation

"And is this 20 P.C. which cannot be attributed to hoaxes or to radar illusions or weather inversions," the Fram engineer declared, "that is our area of speculation."

As to the future of the East Providence Flying Saucer Society, Parker says it will have to wait until he returns to work and has an opportunity to discuss the possibility of forming an official organization with his co-members of the original group.

He added, moreover, that if the interest shown by the many people who have contacted him is genuine, "there is more than a possibility that we will organize and hold meetings to which leading authorities on the subject will be invited to address the group."

"After the group had watched them for 10 minutes, one saucer took off at a steep angle toward the southwest, Mrs. Blanchard reported. The other one then followed it.

"She said that just before they disappeared, both dropped extremely fast. 'No plane could travel that fast,' she declared. 'That was the most thrilling part of the whole show.'

"Others in the group who saw the discs, she said, were Capt. R.F. Tyler, retired navy captain of Summerhill Ave., Los Altos, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Chouinard, also of Los Altos." (xx.)

(xx.) Palo Alto, California. *Times*. 18 August 52.

17 August. Welch, West Virginia. (5:55 p.m.)

"We were too dumbfounded to say anything."

According to our source:

"Two sisters sat 'dumbfounded' on the porch of their McDowell Street home here Sunday afternoon as they watched a 'flying saucer' soar near the tower of radio station WBRW and disappear over the mountain.

"Mrs. Bobby Smith, the former Nancy Dalton, and her sister, Miss Mary Dalton, a telephone operator, reported seeing a whirling object in the sky.

" 'It was about 5:55 in the evening,' said Mrs. Smith. 'We were too dumbfounded to say anything for the fleeting seconds that we saw the object moving slowly. After it had disappeared, we ran into the house and excitedly told other members of the family. They rushed to the porch, but it was gone.'

"Mrs. Smith said the object was silver and appeared to be moving with a circular motion.

" 'We listened but heard nothing like the sound of a motor,' Mrs. Smith added.

"The young women said the 'saucer' was traveling lower than the tower top which is atop the six-floor Hill Motor building, at McDowell and Elkhorn streets. They said the object disappeared in the direction of the Hicks home now owned by Dr. and Mrs. C.B. Chapman.

"Other McDowell county residents have reported sighting strange objects in the sky.

"The Dalton home sits high above McDowell Street at the intersection with Wyoming. There is a clear view of the business district from the porch.

"The fact that there was not a cloud in the sky further convinced the sisters they saw an object which answers the description of a 'flying saucer.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Welch, West Virginia. *Daily News*. 18 August 52.

17 August. Lufkin, Texas. (about 8:30 p.m.)

"Mystic craft?"

According to our source:

"Flying saucers have come to Lufkin again.

"One was seen hovering over a pasture on Highway 94, west of here, this week. After several minutes it 'took off toward Lukin.'

"Oscar Berry reported the strange object, which looked like a big aircraft beacon. It hovered over his pasture briefly about 300 yards from his house, he said.

"Berry's wife and small son confirmed seeing the flying saucer. The mystic craft was seen about 8:30 p.m. The family watched the object for several minutes before it disappeared." (xx.)

(xx.) Houston, Texas. *Post*. 24 August 52.

17 August. Pampa, Texas. (9:50 p.m.)

Two figure 8 formations.

A press report states:

"Those flying saucers have been reported over Pampa again.

"Five people were sitting on the front porch at 9:50 p.m. Sunday when they saw two clusters of saucer-like objects. The 'saucers' were flying in two figure 8 formations with six to eight objects in each formation.

"Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gray, 211 N. Nelson; A.B. Cunningham, Mrs. Nelson's father; and Mrs. O.M. Briggs and Sue Biggs, 9, neighbors, watched them, as they flew overhead in perfect formation, going in a south-southeast direction.

" 'They were flying swiftly,' Mrs. Gray said, 'but they were gone before we had a chance to count them.'

"Mrs. Gray described them as round, flat and bright. She admitted that all five people who saw them were 'most excited'—and, indeed, somewhat frightened.

" 'It was really a weird feeling to see them,' she commented." (xx.)

(xx.) Pampa, Texas. *News*. 18 August 52.

17 August. San Diego, California. (11:00 p.m.)

V-formation of orange objects.

• The San Diego *Tribune* printed:

"A 'formation' of flying saucers was witnessed last night by several San Diegans from a drive-in theater on El Cajon Boulevard near College Avenue.

"Mrs. Charles Chinell, of 3838 37th St., said she saw a V-formation of 'orange-colored' lights traveling at jet speed from north to south.

"She estimated the number at 24 or more.

"Another spectator at the same theater reported he saw the same formation at approximately the same time as Mrs. Chinell, around 11 p.m. He said it looked 'like a

flying wing with 20 or 30 portholes.' He did not wish to be named." (xx.)

(xx.) San Diego, California. *Tribune*. 18 August 52.

17 August. Shelby, North Carolina. (11:20 p.m.)

Hocus-pocus?

A press report says:

"Flying saucers, hocus-pocus, or what have you were reported seen in the skies above Shelby last night.

"Mrs. Tom Kinney of 419 Circle Drive, happened to glance out of her bedroom window last night at 11:20 and saw a ball of white light that seemed to appear from nowhere. As it grew closer it turned an orange color. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kinney rushed to the front porch for a better view and called in a neighbor Bill Ellis now in the navy to verify their discovery.

"They watched this strange 'unidentified object' for a full fifteen to 20 minutes. They said it appeared to be 18 to 20 inches in diameter and traveled at a very slow speed but with no audible sound.

"The object had a parabolic shape to it and swung back and forth like a pendulum as it disappeared to the northwest." (xx.)

(xx.) Shelby, North Carolina. *Star*. 18 August 52.

17 August. Sarasota, Florida. (about midnight)

"After I saw this thing I changed my mind."

A newspaper clipping states:

"C.E. Pendley, 305 Oak Street, is almost a confirmed 'flying saucer' fan.

"At least his faith in the so-called 'saucer' reports has risen to a higher level since midnight Sunday when he saw an eerie light in the skies south of Sarasota do all sorts of maneuvers in the short space of about 15 seconds.

" 'I never did believe those flying saucer stories,' he remarked, 'but after I saw this thing I've changed my mind.'

"Pendley, a former Air Force member, said he had gone to bed on his sleeping porch when he saw the object which he first believed to be a falling star.

" 'The brilliant white light kept the same intensity and traveled southward exceptional fast,' Pendley said. 'When it suddenly made a right turn west, and another to speed north, I realized it was neither a plane nor a star. Then it started to zig-zag in peculiar fashion, turned and then again went south a second time and disappeared.'

"Pendley's saucer account was confirmed by his wife who also saw a portion of the dizzy gyrations.

" 'No airplane could ever do what that thing did,' the Sarasota sign painter explained. 'It was traveling too fast and making too many right angle turns.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Sarasota, Florida. *Herald-Tribune*. 19 August 52.

18 August. 115 miles east of Gander, Newfoundland, Canada.
(2:32 a.m.)

"Extra-terrestrial object?" (See clipping)

18 August. Mesa, Arizona. (early morning)

Saucer at tree-top level.

According to a press account:

"Flying saucers at tree-top level visited Mesa early today, according to Mrs. Josephine Eldredge, 125 South Drew Street.

"Mrs. Eldredge said her attention to the strange object was called by her grand-daughter, Sue Eldredge, who spotted the disc hovering over trees near Lincoln school.

"The mesa woman described the saucer as appearing to be 'at least four feet around,' but admitted its height could have been deceiving. "She said it appeared as a 'white blur of light' and she lost sight of it soon after her grand-daughter called her to 'look.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Mesa, Arizona. *Tribune*. 18 August 52.

18 August. Barre, Vermont. (9:30 a.m.)

"8-10 objects darting about the sun."

The Barre *Times* printed:

"...at about 9:30 o'clock Monday morning, City Assessor James F. Alexander states that he and Angelo Ambrosini saw about 8 or 10 objects hovering about or darting around in the vicinity of the sun. They may have been good-sized objects, he reports, although appearing to be far away. Alexander adds that he had time to fetch a pair of powerful field glasses and watch the objects for some time. He summoned Archie Buttura, Furio Arioli, and other Long Street residents to watch the spectacle. Later in the morning, other residents of the street reported seeing the objects hovering about the sun. Objects which seemed to be like snow flakes appeared between the earth and the darting and hovering bodies which were silver-colored and round, according to Alexander."

(xx.)

This Clipping From
NEWARK, N. J.
STAR-LEDGER

AUG 19 1952

Another pilot spots one of those things

PARIS (INS)—A Trans World Airlines captain said last night he saw an "extra-terrestrial object" flying directly head-on in front of his New York-to-Paris airliner early yesterday.

The pilot, Capt. Walter W. Hawkins of Coatesville, Pa., said the swiftly-moving object was "too bright to be a star" and was nothing like any of the thousands of meteors he had seen.

The object was sighted 115 miles east of Gander, Newfoundland.

Hawkins said it also was spotted by both the pilot and co-pilot of a TWA airliner en route from Frankfurt to Gander on their radar screen.

TRAVELING 700 M.P.H.

The object, which he estimated to be traveling at an estimated speed of 700 miles an hour, was described by Capt. Hawkins as "white with a faint reddish tint."

Capt. Hawkins said he was flying above the clouds at 15,000 feet when he noticed the light right in front of him at exactly the same altitude.

Continuing, he said:

"It was too bright to be a star. Berlett (Leland Berlett of Bethpage, L. I., my relief pilot, noticed it at the same time.

"We flashed our nose light, but there was no answering signal."

IT KEPT GROWING

"It kept growing. Then, without appearing to accelerate, it veered to the left and traveled in a horizontal arc of about 45 degrees. It remained constant in brilliance, then just quit."

The pilot said the object did not fade out but was "just like an electric light being turned off."

Hawkins said:

"I am convinced the object was not a plane. And it was not like any of the thousands of meteors I have seen."

It had no tail and traveled horizontally making two reasons why a meteor, unless there is

(xx.) Barre, Vermont. *Times*. 21 August 52.

18 August. Presidential hopeful Adlai Stevenson. (See clipping)

18 August. Contest: "What I think about flying saucers." (See clipping)

18 August. Nininger: "Saucers are Meteorities." (See clipping)

This Clipping From
PALESTINE, TEXAS
HERALD

AUG 18 1952

Thinks Saucers Are Meteorites

GEM VILLAGE, Colo., Aug. 18 (P)—Most objects reported as flying saucers are nothing more than meteorites, in the opinion of Dr. H. H. Nininger, director of the American Meteorite Museum west of Winslow, Ariz.

Speaking out here yesterday for the first time for publication, Dr. Nininger qualified the statement by adding that some of the things still have not been explained.

He told of tracking down a report of an object seen by hundreds of persons in the Southwest. The object was described as an out-of-space aircraft.

"After some months of interviewing various individuals scattered over an area of several thousand miles," he said, "I eventually found a shepherd who had heard meteorite stones rain down around him."

This Clipping From
GREENSBORO, N. C.
NEWS

AUG 18 1952

When asked about his policies on flying saucers, Adlai Stevenson said he would have to catch one first. This sounds like the first sensible statement of the silly season.

This Clipping From

DRUG TRADE NEWS
NEW YORK, N. Y.
AUG 18 1952

ASR Seeks Answer For Flying Saucers

On the premise that everyone has an opinion about flying saucers, the American Safety Razor Co. is running a contest in the New York City area offering \$2,500 in cash and merchandise for the best answers, in 50 words or less, to the statement: "What I think about flying saucers."

Entries must be accompanied by the front section from a box of 'Silver Star' blades. If the contest proves successful in the New York City area, it is planned to expand it to other parts of the country.



18 August. Reaction Research Society. "Project Spaceward." (See clippings)

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This Clipping From
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NEWS-PRESS

AUG 19 1952

Saucers Held Possibly From 'Space Ships'

An audience that packed the Arts and Lecture Room of the Glendale Public Library and left standing room only, last night heard Arthur Louis Joquel II of the Reaction Research Society set forth various possible solutions of the flying saucer puzzle.

Joquel, who is director of the society's "Project Spaceward," based his statements on a broad variety of investigations as reported to date, including those of physicists, military authorities, leaders in the rocket field and others.

Commenting that many important advances of a scientific nature, such as radar, radio, rockets, aviation and submarines had been forecast by fiction writers long before these projects had become realities, he said that even the ideas of science fiction writers could not be entirely disregarded.

Discounts Russ Idea

Joquel discounted suggestions that Russia has anything to do with the phenomena, contending that the Soviets have sufficient land territory of their own in which to conduct experiments. As to the idea that American military authorities might be involved, he said it was possible the denials encountered in interviewing them might be due either to the wrong groups being questioned or the wrong questions being asked.

"While doubtless a great share of flying saucer stories," said Joquel, "are without foundation, there have been so many of such stories, part of them made by people of practical mind and experience, that if we accept only 5 percent of the reports, it seems probable there is some undiscovered fact of value behind these reports."

Assertions by some scientists, he said, that the phenomena are natural and perhaps caused by ionized atmosphere or an aftermath of atomic bomb explosions, might explain some of the phenomena but not all of them.

Plan Space Ships

Taking up the space ship angle, Joquel said the fact that modern science is planning space rockets and discussing establishment of space stations many miles out from the earth, indicates that science looks on space travel as a possibility. Other planets, in our planetary system or outside it, may have inhabitants even further advanced in science than those on earth, Joquel said.

Joquel directed attention to the general fact that analysis of the hundreds of flying disc reports suggested there are three sizes, one about 100 feet across, another about 25 feet and a third of three or four feet. A space ship from another planet might hover out hundreds of miles, he said, and send exploratory vessels of much smaller size, which could explain the 100 foot and 25 foot discs. The smallest size, he said, could be controlled instrument-carrying discs.

Summing up, Joquel said that a study of preliminary events connected with many of the human race's great achievements gives warning against dismissing as imaginary such stories as those dealing with flying saucers.

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HOLLYWOOD, CAL
CITIZEN-NEWS

AUG 18 1952

Reaction Research Society to Take Up Flying Saucers

"Flying saucers" will be discussed at a public meeting of the Reaction Research Society tonight at 7:30 in the Arts and Lecture Room of the Glendale Public Library, Harvard and Kenwood Sts., Glendale.

The subject will be "Mysterious Aerial Phenomena—What, How, Why?" A panel of rocket society experts will discuss the problem, after which comment from the audience will be invited.

Chairman of the panel will be Arthur Louis Joquel II, director of the Society's "Project Spaceward" and author of the book "The Challenge of Space," who has made a five-year study of the flying disc problem.

18 August. Noroton, Connecticut. (10:25 p.m.)

Elliptical orange-colored body.

The local paper published:

"Two trained airplane spotters last night spotted a 'flying saucer' from atop the Ground Observer Corps post atop Hindley School, Noroton.

"William Taylor of 53 Barholm Ave., Springdale, and Eugene Arcario, of 31 Congress St., Stamford, reported they spotted the saucer at 10:25. It appeared in the northwest at approximately 2,000 feet, they said.

"The observers described the saucer as elliptical in shape, orange in color and from 25 to 30 feet in diameter.

"The saucer, whose course was first vertical and then horizontal, was only visible for 15 or 20 seconds.

"Taylor and Arcario said the night was clear and cloudless, with excellent visibility. Shortly before their sighting of the saucer, they reported, they saw several shooting stars, and the saucer in no way resembled the falling stars.

"It was the first report of a flying saucer in recent weeks in Greenwich and Stamford." (xx.)

(xx.) Stamford, Connecticut. *Advocate*. 19 August 52.

19 August. Colton, California. (8:39 a.m.)

Frisky "saucer" dives on bomber?

The Colton *Courier* published the following story:

"A Colton resident who said 'it made a believer out of me,' shakily described his experience this morning when he watched a frisky 'flying saucer' zoom past a formation of bombers in the bright blue morning sky.

" 'The thing moved with incredible speed,' said Jim Thorpe, operator of Thorpe's Cafe at 502 North 8th street. 'It appeared from the north and dived down on the bomber formation from behind, pulling up in front of the aircraft. Then it turned and came back toward the bombers, going down and under them. It pulled up then and disappeared in the sky.'

"Thorpe described the 'saucer' as perfectly round, very white and 'sort of fluorescent-looking' and said it moved with a jerky motion.

"At the time he saw the thing—at 8:39 this morning—the bombers were approximately over Bloomington. Thorpe said, at an altitude of about 10,000 to 15,000 feet.

" 'I was skeptical before,' Thorpe said, 'but believe me, I'm not any longer. I saw that thing, take my word for it. There is such an animal.'

"Thorpe was reluctant to tell about his experience because 'You never can tell what people will think when they hear that a restaurant man has claimed he saw flying

saucers.'

"The restaurant man said he saw no knives, forks, cups, plates, or any other kind of crockery in the sky—'just one saucer and brother, that was enough.'

"Norton Air Force Base reported that one call had been received there from San Bernardino asking for information about 'a saucer zipping around a formation of five bombers.' No other information was available, Norton officials reported.

"March Air Base spokesman said they had no reports yet on the phenomenon, but would investigate the matter at once." (xx.)

(xx.) Colton, California. *Courier*. 19 August 52.

19 August. Mitchel Field, Long Island, New York.

"So much hogwash." "Useless."

Air Force Major John Barron is interviewed:

" 'There is no such thing as a flying saucer,' Air Force Major John Barron declared today at Mitchel Field, 'and please don't encourage people to give us anymore flying saucer reports.'

" 'Flying saucers are so much hogwash,' he said. 'Its all suggestive. If you were to print a story today that there are five-legged dogs loose on Long Island, you would be snowed under with reports from people insisting they saw a five-legged dog.'

" 'I never met an intelligent person who puts any stock in flying saucers,' the major went on. 'I wouldn't give you a plugged nickel for a flying saucer report. In six years, we haven't found one scintilla of evidence to show that flying saucers are anything but the figment of a lively imagination.'

"But how about these news stories last month from Mitchel Field urging anybody who sees a flying saucer to phone the Air Force Base—Garden 3-4000—and make a report?

" 'True,' said Major Barron, 'there were such stories but I didn't put them out. I did tell newsmen that if we received any reports on flying saucers we would relay them in writing to the Air Force Technical Intelligence Center at Dayton, Ohio, and that's what we've been doing.

" 'Its useless though.' " (xx.)

(xx.) Jamaica, New York. *Long Island Press*. 19 August 52.

19 August. The FCC scanning saucers?

In Rudy Bergman's column in the *New York News* was this:

"Gossip along Radio Row is that the FCC has been asked secretly by the Air Force to help monitor those elusive flying saucers. According to the story, the government agency was requested to scan all frequencies on the outside chance that some sort of radio signals emanate from that soaring crockery. However, the FCC in Washington says it doesn't know anything about it." (xx.)

19 August. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. (no time)

Flying Soup Plate.

A short news report states: "A lot of folks have seen flying saucers, but two North Carolina visitors to this beach resort say they saw a 'flying soup plate' winging through the sky. 'At least, it didn't look like a saucer,' one of them said." (xx.)

(xx.) Jacksonville, Florida. *Times-Union*. 19 August 52.

19 August. Saucers concern the Soviets. (See clipping)

SCIENTISTS GO TO WORK Saucers Concern The Soviets, Too

By JAMES WAKEFIELD BURKE

BERLIN, Aug. 19 (NANA)—The Russians, too, according to reliable information here, are becoming concerned about flying saucers.

A German scientist's daughter who lived in the Russian zone and was conscripted for work in a Moscow laboratory escaped to the Western zone recently. This girl of 24 told the High Commissioner's office that the Russians had come to the conclusion that flying saucers are not figments of imagination, but are something real.

The Russians, she said, are resolved to find out what they are. Her father had worked under the Nazis at Peenemuende, the big Baltic sea rocket experimental base, during World War II.

In the beginning, she said, the Russians dismissed the heavenly objects as propaganda released by the Western world as a scare in the hope of convincing timid persons of the great scientific might of the West. This did not bother them, for they thought the entire program laughable.

Later, however, they began to take a more serious view of the matter when reliable stories of flying saucers were reported over Turkey and Southern Russia. They then decided that the flying saucers might be new American weapons to be used against Russia in the event of war.

The fact that numerous flying saucers have been seen over Tur-

key leads the Russians to become extremely suspicious. They think that maybe the U. S. is experimenting with the missiles preparatory to an attack on the U. S. S. R.

According to the scientist's daughter, the Russians do not believe that the mysterious objects are space ships from another planet.

When in Turkey some months ago, this correspondent saw what was reported to be two flying saucers. The objects appeared over Ankara high in the sky and sped at an amazing rate of speed southward and disappeared in a matter of seconds. I dismissed them as a celestial phenomenon at the time and did not bother to report what I saw, but others saw the objects and their reports were given wide publicity.

According to the German scientist's escaped daughter, the Russians have seen this type of heavenly body or flying object repeatedly, and are genuinely concerned about them. They hope to prove that they are some dastardly weapon in preparation to be used by the West against the defenseless population. Another propaganda campaign along the lines of the "germ warfare" charges may be in the making.

This Clipping From
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
OBSERVER

AUG 20 1952

19 August. August. West Palm Beach, Florida. (10:00 p.m.)

The D.S. Desvergers case.

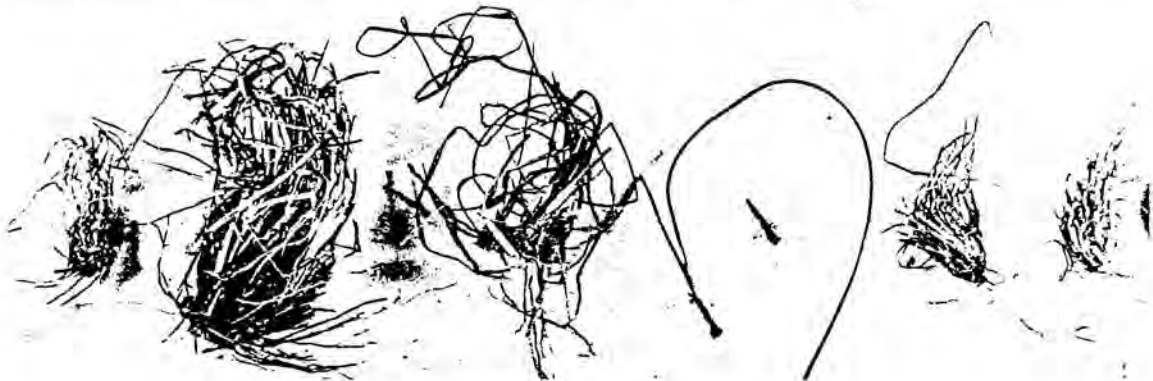
Probably the best treatment of this famous incident is that compiled by Karl T. Pflock entitled *Best Hoax in UFO History? ... The Investigation Continues*. (Privately published Copyright 1997,1998).

Mr. Pflock has collected everything printed that is available on the subject, including some unpublished material by William Nash and James Moseley. Moreover, he interviewed Charles Stevens, one of the boy scouts.

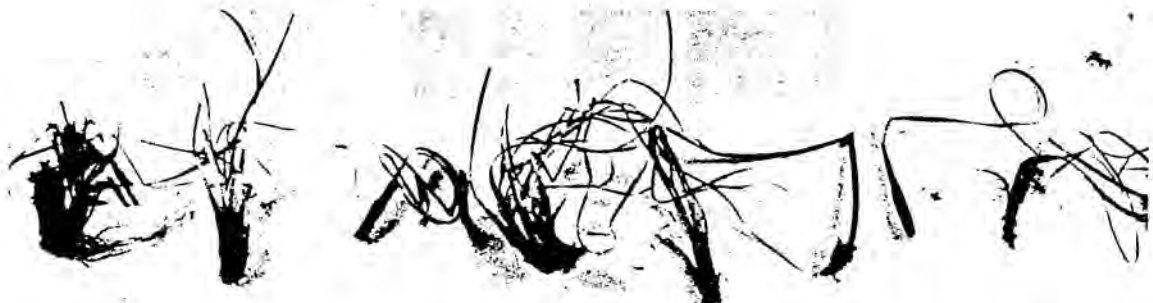
Over time, some puzzling UFO cases have been resolved because someone confessed they had carried out a hoax. That hasn't happened so far with this strange story. The Desvergers incident still resists clarification. We can do little to add to what Mr. Pflock has written or that which is already published in the monograph, *UFOs: A History August 1952*.

We can, however, make a few comments.

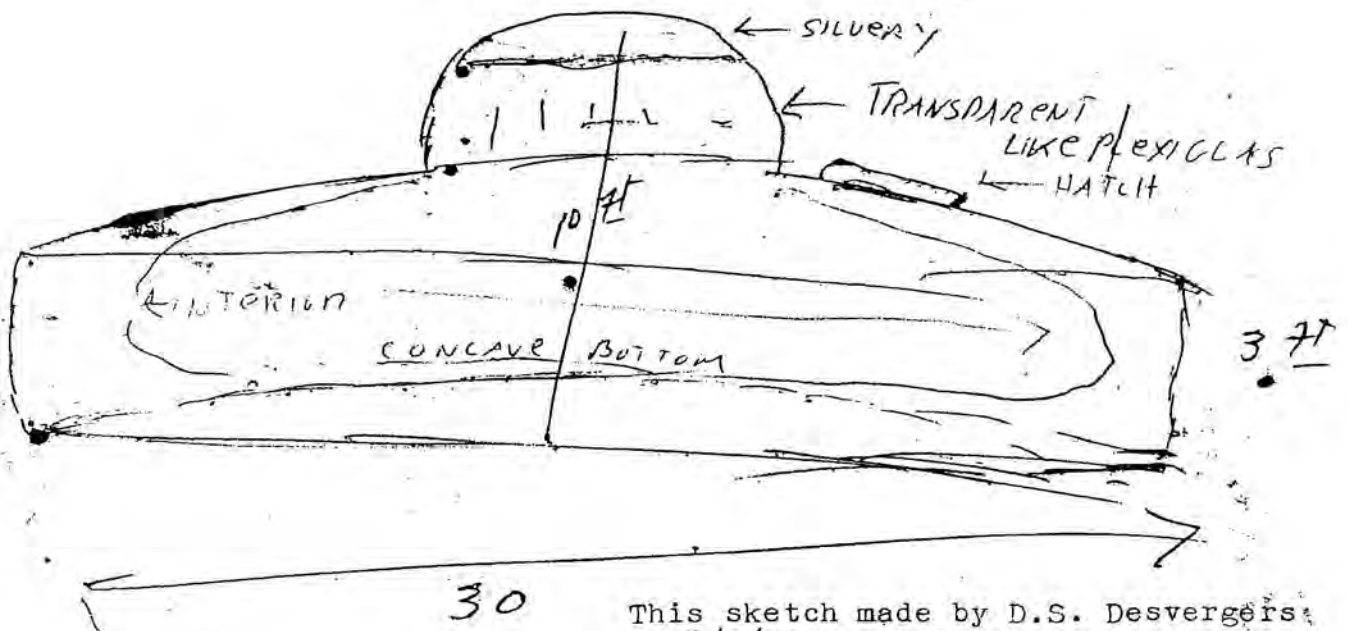
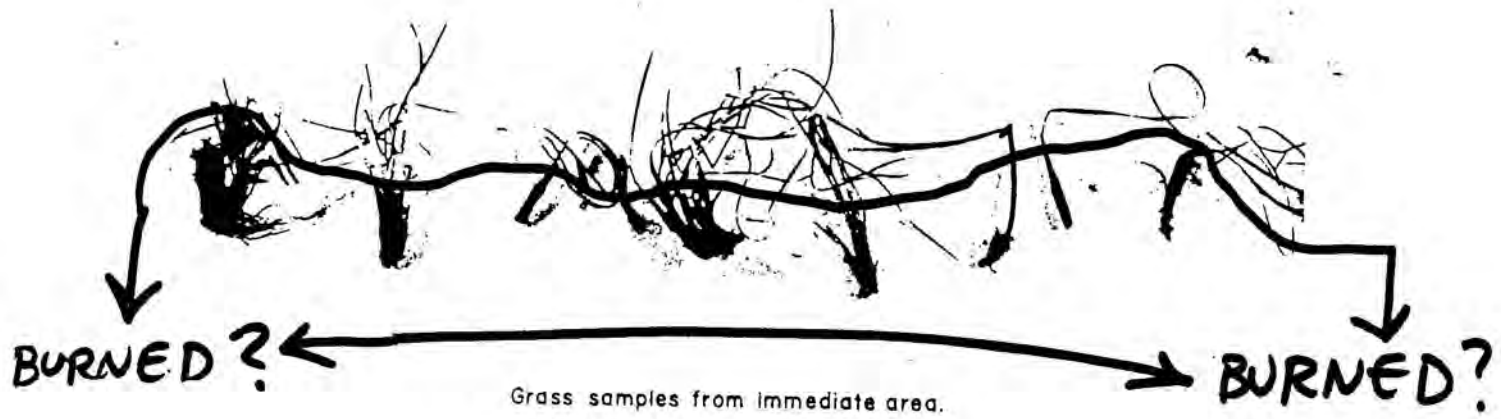
—The grass samples: Mr. Pflock shows pictures of the grass samples taken from the immediate area the supposed encounter, and those samples from 75 yards away. These pictures are from BLUE BOOK files and unfortunately do not reproduce well, but it very apparent the samples from the immediate area were effected. The color is a dark black for lower portion of the grass. The trama is real. These pictures are reproduced here with the damaged portions of the grass (as I see them) marked with a pen. (See pictures on this page and page 116)



Grass samples from 75 yards out.



Grass samples from immediate area.



This sketch made by D.S. Desvergers on 4/9/54, of the saucer he saw.

(xx.) William Nash files.

—Sheriff Partin claimed there were burned patches visible on the surface, even a burnt odor in the air. The burned areas on the lower portions of the samples are so extensive they could well have been partially visible. (See clipping)

—Investigator William Nash charged Ruppelt with glossing over the testimony of the boy scouts. For the record, a clipping with the testimony in question is reproduced on page 118.

—Desvergers drew a sketch of the "ship" for Nash. There is no "lights" on the rim in the drawing, unlike a sketch in BLUE BOOK files. In the picture below Ruffing indicates the size of the lights by spreading his fingers. (xx.)

(xx.) Marta, Robinet. "Burned by a Flying Saucer."
American Weekly. April 19, 1953. p.6.

—Mrs. Ruffing, Bobby's mother, recalled seeing Sonny's injuries: "...She'd seen Sonny's singed arm's. He came down the next evening to apologize for making Bobby late. She'd seen a seeping blister near his watchband and he had mentioned a tingling feeling in his arm." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid, p.7.

This Clipping From
WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.
PALM BEACH TIMES

AUG 22 1952

Grass Scorched Around Scene Of "Flying Saucer"

"I don't believe I'd say we found much of interest at the clearing, except the grass seemed to be scorched or blistered," Deputy Sheriff Mott H. Partin said last night of the spot where a 30-year-old scoutmaster reported an encounter with a "flying saucer" Tuesday night.

"We may be wrong, but the grass even had a burnt odor," Deputy Partin said, adding that the grass away from the clearing seemed normal. The "hovering saucer" spewed a rapid, hot exhaust, the officer said he was told.



Bobby Ruffing and two other Boy Scouts saw the same lights as DesVergers. Bobby, who says, "I wish it had never happened," reluctantly shows Deputy Sheriff Mott Partin the size of the lights. There were about six, strung-out.

SCOUTMASTER'S STORY BACKED UP

MIAMI
DAILY NEWS AUG 27/52

'Saucer' Witnesses Talking

Associated Press

West Palm Beach, Aug. 27—A scoutmaster who intends to make some money out of his story of being attacked by a flying saucer refused any further interviews today—but several other persons were ready to talk.

The scoutmaster, D. S. "Sonny" Desvergers, a hardware salesman, conceded he was free, as far as military authorities are concerned, to tell all about his experiences the night of Aug. 19.

Desvergers told the West Palm Beach Post-Times that he already had started writing his account of the incident in hopes of selling it. Less reticent, however, were:

1. Three Boy Scouts who waited in Desvergers' auto while he went to investigate strange lights they saw. All three said they saw bright lights in the area—some 300 yards from the car—when Desvergers said he was attacked.

2. An employee at the West Palm Beach International Airport and his wife who told of seeing a strange silvery object in the sky on the morning of Aug. 20—nine or 10 hours after the scoutmaster's experience—at a point some 14 miles north of the spot which Desvergers claimed as the site of his ball-of-fire knockout. The couple, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Carroll, said their aerial discovery was "shaped like a raindrop flying sideways with the heavy end down and the pointed end pointing up a little."

3. Persons at Belle Glade, 40 miles west of West Palm Beach, gave belated reports of seeing some strange object in the skies, on the night of Desvergers' experience.

The three Boy Scouts who accompanied Desvergers were Bob Ruffing, 12; Charles Stevens, 11; and David Rowan, 11. They agree on these points:

They were riding in Desvergers' car on a country road known locally as Military Trail after a scout meeting the night of Aug. 19. The scoutmaster stopped the car and got out to investigate when he and two of the boys saw a light descend into the nearby woods. But, at the urging of the boys, Desvergers reentered the car and drove on.

They had gone less than a half-mile when two of the boys, looking back, saw lights again. Young Stevens said he observed several white lights in an elliptical pattern "which went out and reappeared as red lights."

Young Ruffing also saw something, but he described it as "white lights in a straight line eight feet off the ground."

The scoutmaster drove back to the spot where the lights were first observed. He instructed the boys to go for help if he failed

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to return in 10 minutes, then entered the woods, carrying two flashlights and a machete.

Ruffing gave this version of what followed:

"I could see about the top half of his (Desvergers) body. Then the beam of his flashlight pointed up and reflected back on him like it had shined on a mirror. Then a reddish white ball of fire like a roman candle came down toward him from the sky. Then he fell down and disappeared.

"The flashlight fell too. The ball hit the ground and bounced twice and I saw a reddish mist shaped like a disc floating up above where Sonny fell. There wasn't any sound at all."

The Stevens boy said he saw the same "Roman candle" effect but did not see Desvergers.

Young Rowan said he saw "bright red lights like railroad flares." He added, "they made a crackling sound like popcorn popping." And he said he saw some flares again from the vicinity as the boys left the scene to telephone the sheriff's office.

Material he supplied to West Palm Beach newspapers showed Desvergers is a native of Lake City, Fla. He reported he attended Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Ga., in 1938-39 and subsequently attended the University of Florida, where he majored in forestry and chemistry.

He said he enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1941 and served until 1944, mostly in the Pacific zone, first in the Infantry and later attached to Naval Intelligence.

—One assertion is that after Desvergers stopped the car and removed some equipment from the trunk, he announced that lights were from an aircraft *or a flying saucer*. This need not indicate the scoutmaster had a hoax in mind from the beginning. Flying saucer sightings had been front page news for weeks. Florida especially was in the middle of a major flap.

—Desvergers kept talking around the subject of the saucer crew. He told Nash he had to respect the "Air Force's wishes." But he did say they were humanoid, small, weak, and had "short haircuts." Moreover, they wore coveralls and had no head-gear during the time he struggled with them. True or not, that's Desvergers' claim. (xx.)

(xx.) "Scoutmaster Desverger's Story as told to us 4-9-54." William Nash files.
Based on an interview of Desverger by Nash and Mr. and Mrs. George Wolfer.
Photocopy in author's files.

Capt. William Nash, UFO investigator. "A Saucer at Wright Field?"

Capt. William Nash's and his co-pilot Bill Fortenberry's airliner/UFO encounter of July 14th was one of most publicized incidents of 1952. Air Force interrogators asked to interview both men, but in doing so, it provided Nash and Fortenberry an opportunity to ask a question of their own.

For the two aviators, their spectacular encounter was pretty convincing evidence UFOs existed. In any case, it encouraged them to seek more information. Nash and Fortenberry agreed to ask their interrogators about rumors the military "had a saucer at Wright Field."

The pilots were put in separate rooms and each aviator was assigned their own interrogator. Fortenberry asked the question and the Air Force officer replied, "Yes, it is true." Nash, however, forgot to say anything until everyone was gathered together in one room. In the room were Nash, Fortenberry, the two interrogators, and the officer apparently in charge, a Major Sharp.

Nash tells us:

"I remembered and did ask the question. A Major Sharp was the only interrogator in uniform. They all opened their mouths to answer the question, and quickly Major Sharp looked at them, not me, and said very quickly, 'No!' It appeared that he was telling them to shut up rather than addressing the answer to me." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Captain W.J. Hull. From: Capt. William Nash. 18 April 54. William Nash files. Photocopy in author's files.

19 August. Palo Alto, California. (about 9:40 p.m.)

Flying wedge formation.

A press report states:

"More flying saucers reportedly prowled the skies above the Palo Alto area last night, making their appearance this time in a flying wedge formation.

"Donald Reid of 5700 Oxford Ave. told the *Times* he spotted what appeared to be 10 flying saucers in a 1-2-3-4 formation speeding northwest over Moffett Field at approximately 9:40 p.m. He reported seeing jet planes headed in the same direction seconds later.

"Moffett Field officials said they chased no flying saucers last night.

"Reid said the saucers were clearly defined in shape against a cloudless sky. They reportedly gave off a luminous glow." (xx.)

(xx.) Palo Alto, California. *Times*. 20 August 52.

19 August. San Geronio Mt., California (about 20 miles NW of Morongo Valley on highway 62). (8:00 p.m.)

Jets out of Norton AFB, San Bernardino, California (Swanee Red Flight) are vectored toward a UFO by ground radar (Algiers). The official *Air Intelligence Information Report* contains the following statement:

"On the 19 August 1952, at approximately 2000 PDST, Algiers took control of Swanee Red from Conform at georef position DD 1050, at which time he was given a vector of 290 degrees.

"Swanee Red Leader then called Algiers stating that he was steady on 290 degrees and that he had a stranger at one o'clock. Algiers asked if he could tell what type of aircraft it was? Swanee Red Leader gave a negative reply, but Swanee Red 2 said it could possibly be a Big Photo because it appeared as a large type aircraft. Algiers then instructed Swanee Red to investigate the stranger, also that Algiers had no contact on the stranger as it was in our clutter area, in the vicinity of San Geronio Mountain.

"Lt. Otis, Swanee Red Leader, then reported that upon turning into the stranger, it appeared to have no tail assembly and showed great acceleration in moving away from them in an easterly direction and disappearing into space.

"Algiers did not make radar pick-up on the unusual sighting at any time.

"Lt. Otis called the controller, (Captain Borgeson), at Algiers after landing and described the object as oval at the base and tapered to a heavy center section; he also re-affirmed that it did not have a tail section.

RALPH P. BORGESON
Captain USAF
Chief Director." (xx.)

(xx.) *Air Intelligence Information Report*, "Statement." Capt. Ralph Borgeson. 27th Air Div (Def), Norton AFB, Cal. Page 1 of 1 pages.
Record Group 34, Director of Intelligence, HQ USAF Decimal File 000.9 Flying Discs. Photocopy in author's files.

19 August. Lubbock, Texas. (10:15 p.m.)

V-formation. Couldn't be ducks or geese.

A press report states:

"A V-shaped formation of lights which passed over Lubbock in a matter of seconds was observed by Mrs. Juanita Townsend and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Alberta Townsend at 10:15 p.m. Tuesday from the front yard of their residence at 2619 Auburn.

"The younger Mrs. Townsend said the formation appeared to float over quickly with absolutely no sound. She estimated the number of lights in the formation at about 15.

"The woman did not believe it could have been city light reflected off flying ducks or geese because she said no change in formation was noted. And she opined that birds couldn't travel that fast.

"The description closely resembles pictures of the Lubbock Lights which were taken by an amateur photographer here late last summer." (xx.)

(xx.) Lubbock, Texas. *Journal*. 20 August 52.

19 August. Wolcott, New York. (10:15 p.m.)

Formation of mystery lights.

According to a press account:

"Mr. and Mrs. George Burm of Wolcott were driving along the Whiskey Hill Road at 10:15 p.m. Tuesday when they spotted a formation of six flying saucers, coming slowly from the east over Arthur Armstrong farm. Durm, an Air Force bombardier during World War II, says he believes they were interplanetary spaceships.

"The saucers appeared to be four or five times as large as a star, and were very bright, moving along about 2,500 feet above the ground. They stopped for about three minutes over the road, and, then flew on westward. The Burms stopped their car and watched the performance for about 15 minutes. The saucers were also seen by Mrs. Douglas Pitts, as well as the Armstrongs." (xx.)

(xx.) Wolcott, New York. *News*. 21 August 52.

20 August. West Palm Beach, Florida. (shortly after 7:00 a.m.)

"A funny-looking plane."

A newspaper story tells us:

"A Lake Park couple reports that they watched a mysterious object in the skies west of Military Trail near Lake Park for a period of several minutes shortly after 7 a.m. last Wednesday—the morning after the alleged attack by a 'flying saucer' on Scoutmaster J.D. 'Sonny' Desvergers about nine hours earlier and 14

miles south near the same road.

"Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Carroll, Richard Rd., Lake Park, said they sighted the object 'hovering' to the west of them about 7:10 a.m. as they were approaching the FEC Railroad crossing at old Dixie Highway just north of Lake Park. Mrs. Carroll was driving her husband, a carpenter, to International Airport, where he is employed.

"Mrs. Carroll said she saw the object first and told her husband it looked like 'a funny-looking plane.'

" 'It was traveling south. Then it came down closer and hung there. It was silvery, about the color of a stainless steel toaster. Pointed at the front, rounded off in the middle and seemed to be top-heavy. It was shaped more like a raindrop lying sideways, with the heavy end down and the pointed end pointed up a little.'

"The object, the couple said, reflected the sun, was smooth without any outside projections, and appeared to be made in two parts, forming top and bottom halves. It suddenly moved, 'skimming sideways,' Mrs. Carroll said, and climbed rapidly in the west, disappearing in a few moments.

"Mr. and Mrs. Carroll told several friends of the occurrence but did not report it, they said, because they were not anxious for publicity. Mrs. Carroll read about the Desvergers incident about 4:30 p.m. the afternoon after she sighted the object." (xx.)

(xx.) West Palm Beach, Florida. *Palm Beach Times*. 27 August 52.

20 August. \$1,000,000.

Big offer:

"The management of the Los Angeles Home Show took cognizance of flying saucers today by offering \$1,000,000 to the first outer space pilgrim signing an exclusive contract. Show manager Carl F. Krastz said there are no strings attached. All the visitor from outer space has to do is present a birth certificate and credentials to prove he is 'out of this world.' The Home Show opens Friday at Hollywood Park." (xx.)

(xx.) Alameda, California. *Times-Star*. 20 August 52.

20 August. Oceanside, California. (about 9:20 p.m.)

"U-formation."

Formation sighting reported in the press:

"A formation of luminous objects was sighted over Oceanside Wednesday night, heading south at a rapid pace, it was learned by the *Blade-Tribune* yesterday.

"The objects were reported by Dick Hale, a former Marine photographer who is now employed by a local studio.

"Hale assumes that the objects were the so-called flying saucers which have been

reported widely across the country, particularly in the west.

" 'It was about 9:20 p.m., and the sky was clear,' Hale related. He said he was outside the house when he saw the U-formation of about 20 brightly illuminated objects with halos of light around them. They first appeared in the north and proceeded steadily south, disappearing from view in only about a minute. Hale said he didn't try to photograph the objects because he doubted that they would show up at the elevation they were flying.

"Hale said he thought at first glance that the things might be geese, but that further observation showed they were not.

" 'After I saw them,' he added, 'I listened for aircraft in the area and watched for searchlights, but there weren't any.'

"Hale said he has seen the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights, several times in his native Michigan, but that the phenomenon of Wednesday night was not the same. He reported his observations to Air Force aircraft warning officials at Santa Ana Air Base." (xx.)

(xx.) Oceanside, California. *Blade-Tribune*. 22 August 52.

20 August. Lubbock, Texas. (about 9:20 p.m.)

V-formation.

Another press report:

"History does repeat itself, according to Mrs. R.F. Underwood, 2220 Broadway. She and Dr. E.D. Thompson, who lives in the same apartment house, saw a group of flying saucers last night, almost a full year from the time they spotted a group in the early days of last September.

"Last night's group was traveling in a 'very rigid V-formation, clustered and yet not wavering, with the light rather twinkling.' They were much further away than the ones last year, Mrs. Underwood said.

"The group last September was in a semi-circle formation, Mrs. Underwood recalled, and was much brighter than last night's. This was one of several such formations which was written up in *Life Magazine* shortly after it was seen by numerous persons in the area.

"Mrs. Underwood, who could now be classed as somewhat of an authority on flying saucers, says that they are not as fast or as bright as meteors and they seem to glow of themselves. She mentioned that last night's group seemed to have a 'nebulous glow about them each one twinkling.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Lubbock, Texas. *Avalanche*. 21 August 52.

20 August. Twin Falls, Idaho. (about 9:45 p.m.)

Two V-formations.

A newspaper story tells us:

"Lieut. Ree Montgomery of the Salvation Army doesn't know what he saw about 9:45 p.m. Wednesday, but there were nine of them, they were high and traveling at a terrific rate of speed.

"Lieutenant Montgomery said he and Mrs. Montgomery had just left the rear door of the Salvation Army clothing store at 132 Third avenue north when something attracted his attention in the sky. He saw two V-formations of luminous objects, four in the first formation and five in the second. He said the objects were not clearly defined but appeared more like the glow from a rocket or the tail pipe of a jet plane.

"Lieutenant Montgomery said the objects swooped 'down to about 30,000 feet' and then receded at that altitude. He sighted them over the southwest part of the city.

"The Salvation Army leader said he spent four years in the navy, part of the time as an airplane spotter. When asked for an estimate of the speed of the objects, he said it was 'probably over 1,000 miles an hour,' but explained the objects were moving so fast it would be difficult to judge their speed.

" 'I've always thought these reports were the result of the imagination,' Lieutenant Montgomery said, 'I got a cold chill looking at whatever I saw.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Twin Falls, Idaho. *Times-News*. 21 August 52.

20 August. Mesa, Arizona. (11:05 p.m.)

"It frightened me. I didn't sleep all night."

Here is a brief item from Arizona:

" 'I didn't sleep a wink all night!'

"That's what flying saucers do for Mrs. Mary Herrers, 148 North Mesa Drive, according to her story told today.

" 'It was 11:05 p.m. yesterday when I standing in my front yard,' Mrs. Herrera said, 'when I saw one of those flying saucers I have been reading about.'

"Mrs. Herrera said the 'object' was flying very fast at tree-top level and flew to the south and then flew back again.

"She described the saucer as being a very bright light and more than four feet around.

" 'It frightened me so that I didn't sleep all night,' she said.'" (xx.)

+ (xx.) Mesa, Arizona. *Tribune*. 21 August 52.

21 August. Dr. LaPaz. No photos.

A press report said:

"Dr. Lincoln PaPaz, head of the Institute of Meteoritics at the University, today was a judge without anything to judge.

"Dr. LaPaz was to judge 'flying saucer' pictures in a contest started by Station

KTUC at Tucson, but he said today he has not received any photos to judge.

"He said he believed people are reluctant to send in photos because of ridicule which sometimes results from claims of having seen the 'saucers.'

"He said, 'We are informally disappointed' that no pictures had been received in a country where people are so camera conscious.

"He repeated an earlier plea that pictures of saucers be taken whenever possible. The Tucson radio station offered \$100 for the first picture of a flying saucer that is adjudged authentic." (xx.)

(xx.) Tucson? Arizona? (location not given on clipping) *Tribune*. 21 August 52.

21 August. Air Force balloon tests. (See clipping)

21 August. Flying Saucer club of locomotor mechanics. (See clipping)

This Clipping From
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Flares Are Attached to Balloons In 'Flying Saucers' Experiment

DAYTON—(MS)—Results of balloon tests staged in the Dayton area were studied by the air force's technical intelligence center today to determine whether "flying saucers" are earthly objects or phenomena from outer space.

The center sent up "balls of fire"—balloons with lighted flares—last night from the Sulphur Grove weather station near Dayton. The ascents were recorded by a two-lens stereo model camera and a color camera capable of photographing color spectrum.

From spectrum photos of "flying saucers," the atic can make analysis to determine the material in such objects. It thus hopes to prove if the saucers are known

flying objects, phenomena, or unknown substances from another planet.

Also under test is the height at which trial balloons can be photographed from the earth. These results will be used to measure the actual size of saucers when estimated dimensions are given by spotters.

Two jet interceptors took off to see if the lighted balloons could be sighted from the sky. Attached to the balloons were standard flares which burn 15 minutes and which can be seen at heights of 100,000 feet—nearly 20 miles. Others had 60,000 candlepower magnesium flares which burn for six minutes.

This Clipping From
BALTIMORE, MD.
EVENING SUN

AUG 21 1952



The first Flying Saucer Club composed of serious adults in this metropolitan area is a cell of a dozen believers among the locomotive shop mechanics at Fort Holabird.

Ernest Steinnagel, president, says that several members, including Thomas Wolmer, have personally seen and reported what they thought were flying saucers in the past few months. The club's only membership requirement though, is a belief that the things exist. Vice President John Michalic for example, believes but has not seen.

The organization keeps a bulletin board in the Fort Holabird shop loaded with the latest "information" on the new spatial craze, and each member wears a button made from a motor block freeze plug, stamped with a disc and lightning bolts. They are all technically minded and deadly earnest about the whole thing. Mr. Steinnagel insists.

21 August. Tacoma, Washington. (7:20 p.m.)

"Whatsit zooms off into space."

According to the *Tacoma News-Tribune*:

"The flying saucers were back over Tacoma again Thursday evening and were seen by occupants of a dozen or so automobiles who parked their cars to watch.

"Detective George P. Johnson, who received the official police notification of the strange sight, said his call came from Special Officer H.C. Toy of the U.S. Cushman hospital, who said he first noticed the phenomenon at 7:20 p.m. Toy said he looked skyward after noticing numerous motorists hurriedly parking their cars on Bay St. and alighting from the machines for better views.

"Toy's account to police was that the saucer-like whatzit appeared to be stationary at a point approximately 10,000 feet in the air for about 10 minutes after he started watching. Suddenly, he said, the disk hurtled straight upward, finally going out of sight. There were no audible sounds." (xx.)

(xx.) Tacoma, Washington. *News-Tribune*. 22 August 52.

21 August. Willmar, Minnesota. (about 9:00 p.m.)

Weird spectacle over Mud Lake.

A press report tells us:

"Thursday evening about 9 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rausch witnessed a weird spectacle while at their home in the east end of Howard Lake. Two large discs of light which seemed to be about three or four feet in diameter, were circling around over Mud Lake, which adjoins their property on the east. They circled over the lake and disappeared beyond the trees, then reappeared, one following the other, in the same orbit. Mrs. Dale Koenig, who lives in an apartment in the Rausch residence, also came outside and watched the lights. The apparitions, whatever they were, were in evidence for as long as the Rausches stayed out to watch them and what finally became of them they do not know." (xx.)

(xx.) Willmar, Minnesota. *Tribune*. 22 August 52.

21 August. Amarillo, Texas. (9:10 p.m., 9:20 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.)

V-formations.

A news article stated:

" 'Whatsits' were at it again last night.

"Flying objects were spotted on five different occasions by half a dozen people. Most unusual of the objects was reported by Master Sgt. Fred W. Perkins of Amarillo Air Force Base. Perkins, who was visiting the home of H.E. Streetman, 2906 Ridgemere, said he saw strange lights three times.

" 'The first wave had about six or eight pale white objects flying in a V-formation from northwest to southeast,' Perkins related.

"Perkins, who did considerable flying during World War II, said he saw the first group at about 9:10 p.m.

"A second group of objects, of greater brilliance, appeared about 10 minutes later flying in a straight line in the same direction.

"He said there about 14 objects in the second wave.

"His third sightings were made about 9:30.

" 'This time there were about 12 to 14 objects in the sky going south,' Perkins explained. 'Each time the objects remained in view for only a few seconds.'

"Earlier flying objects in a V-formation was reported by Carl Ellis, 730 North Hayes.

"Ellis said the objects were moving in a southerly direction." (xx.)

(xx.) Amarillo, Texas. *News*. 22 August 52.

21 August. Waco, Texas. (about 10:30 p.m.)

Jerky, wiggling motions. "Playing tag?"

A press report states:

"Mrs. Jack Ferrell of 3817 North Twenty-first, and Mrs. A.B. Norman of 3813 North Twenty-first, sat up with two flying saucers last night, even after their husbands gave up the night watch and went to sleep.

"Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell and Mr. and Mrs. Norman were visiting on the lawn of the Ferrell home Thursday night about 10:30 p.m. when they first noticed two strange lights that seemed to be playing tag over Waco. All four of them watched the objects which seemed to be 'as high as the stars' for about an hour. Then Ferrell and Norman adjourned their saucer watching for the evening and left the women still looking at the antics of the lights.

"Mrs. Ferrell said that the lights moved in a jerky, wiggling motion and would go across the sky, one from the south and the other from the west, until they went down out of sight behind the roof tops. In a moment they would reappear and continue their unusual flight.

"About midnight the ladies gave up the watch, too. The odd lights were still playing across the sky when they went in, but as Mrs. Norman said, 'my neck got tired looking up at them.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Waco, Texas. *News-Tribune*. 23 August 52.

21 August. Elgin, Illinois. (10:10 p.m.-11:48 p.m.)

The haunting of Elgin. "We've seen this thing 5-6 times the last two months." (See clipping on Page 128)

22 August. Clifton Springs, New York. (morning)

"Tipped up on edge and sped away."

This Clipping From
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Saucer Outflies Jet Over Elgin

A jet pilot from O'Hare Field made four passes at a "flying saucer" over Elgin Thursday night, but lost it when it blinked out.

Ground observers who directed the pursuit, in which another jet pilot took part, described the "saucer" as "five times as bright as a star" until it vanished in the dark.

The pursuit lasted from 11:18 to 11:48 p. m.

REPORTED BY THREE

Capt. Everett A. Turner, operations officer of the Chicago Filter Center, said the blink-out was reported at the same time by both pilots and D. C. Scott, the center's supervisor at Elgin. Saying the "thing" was not stranger, Scott added:

"We have seen this thing five or six times the last two months, but never in the same place."

"Everybody thought we were seeing things, until Lt. Col. Donald Armstrong came out and saw it."

Scott said the Thursday appearance was "typical" with the light first showing in the sky northeast of Elgin at 10:10 p. m. He added:

"It appeared first at about 2,000 feet, flying straight. At times it rose with a great burst of speed, then it would appear to hover."

Scott said the mysterious object was a "yellowish white light five times brighter than a star and about the size of an orange."

ROSE 5,000 FEET

Several times, he said, it appeared to rise 5,000 feet within three minutes. Scott added:

"It's like nothing I've ever seen before. It looks like a light but casts no beam. We could not pick out a silhouette on it, even with powerful binoculars."

Turner told me to call when ever the thing settled down. After watching it for an hour

and 25 minutes, we saw it begin to hover.

"Turner had alerted the O'Hare jets and they came at once. So far as I know, only one gave chase. At my direction, relayed by Turner, the pilot made four passes."

"The first was at 10,000 feet. This seemed much too high, so I asked him to repeat at 5,000. This still seemed too high, so he came over again at 2,500."

"He repeated at 2,000, this time turning off his running lights. Just as he got over the mark, the thing blinked out."

At this point in the chase, Scott said, the pilot was forced to return to O'Hare because his fuel was running out.

The "saucer" reappeared for a short time six minutes later, Scott said, apparently at about 25,000 feet in the southeast sky.

According to Turner, the pilot who made the runs, believed the object a star, but could offer no explanation as to how a "star" could suddenly vanish.

The object never showed on the filter center's radar, Turner said, but added:

"Radar doesn't always show all that is there. You can know, for instance, that a certain plane is in a certain spot and still the scope won't show it. Furthermore, radar never shows anything at the 2,000-foot level. It begins to pick up at about 3,000 feet."

The jet pilot was set on a collision course when the mysterious light blinked out, Turner said. He went on:

"If it had been where it was last seen, he would have hit it. I don't know if it could maneuver that fast for what. That's something for the people at Wright Field to figure out."

Asked why such a mysterious visitor should be hanging around Elgin so persistently, Turner said:

"I think it's seen there because that's our finest observation post. They really do a job out there."

Other pilots have seen it, too, he said. Had been watching it, Scott said, and his people

"Tales of Tomorrow."

Foley's Documentary was to air on two Fridays in August, the 22nd and the 29th. The date was then put back to September 5th. Finally, late in August, the project was cancelled. (See below)



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NEWS
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Flying Saucers, the country's most talked-about phenomena, will be explained in complete and accurate detail on George Foley's "Tales of Tomorrow" (ABC-TV, Fridays, 9:30 PM) program, September 5. For the first time since the adult science-fiction program went on the air a year ago, producer Foley will depart from the fictional aspect of his program to present, in documentary style, an authoritative explanation of these mysterious sky objects. Producer Foley's program on Flying Saucers is being prepared with the co-operation of the U.S. Air Force.

This Clipping From
VARIETY
NEW YORK, N. Y.

AUG 27 1952

George F. Foley had to yank a projected script on flying saucers from "Tales of Tomorrow" (ABC-TV), when the Army Air Forces said nix on cooperating.

According to a New York newspaper:

"Two flying saucers invaded Ontario County last week, took a look around, and swiftly disappeared into space. Reportedly seen by Raymond Robbins, who lives on the Orleans Road in the Town of Hopewell, the objects were viewed in the Clifton Springs area, matching similar stories from Wolcott and Trumansburg in the past few days.

"Victor H. Reddington. Mr. Robbins' father-in-law, brought the report to the *Daily Messenger* office. He said that his son-in-law, who works for the State Highway Department, was going to work Friday when he caught sight of two round airborne objects, standing perfectly still, low in the sky north of Five Points.

"As he watched, the objects tipped up on edge and sped away, one after the other, the Hopewell man said. The 'saucers' were not luminous, but were dark gray, said Mr. Reddington, who doesn't take much stock in stories about flying machines from other planets....At the same time that the two saucers were reported near Clifton Springs, a story from Wolcott tells of a peculiar flaming object in the sky which disappeared in a puff of smoke, and a formation of six 'flying saucers' moving slowly through the night. Trumansburg folk, not to be outdone, this week told of seeing five jet planes chasing an object they thought was a saucer.

"And Monday morning, two flying silvery balls were seen to zoom over Watkins Glen and a similar globe reportedly plopped into Seneca Lake near that village." (xx.)

(xx.) Canandaigua, New York. *Daily Messenger*. 26 August 52.

22 August. Rumford, Maine. (10:00 a.m.)

11-12 feet long, egg-shaped, gave off buzzing sound. (See clipping on page 130)

22 August. Southeast of Carmel Valley, California. (noon)

U.S. Forest Service fire lookouts spot a pink luminous cylinder.

A news story states:

"From their spectacular perch high on Chews Ridge, U.S. Forest Service fire lookouts have described a pink, luminous 'flying cylinder' which twirled slowly by them last Friday noon.

"Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Yates, a middle-aged couple who drink 'nothing stronger than coffee and tea,' told *The Herald* the cylinder was upright and rotating. It approached from the general direction of Santa Cruz and passed near the lookout station on its southeast course.

"The Chews Ridge lookout is at 5,000 feet elevation and is located on the Jamesburg-Tassajara Springs road southeast of Carmel Valley.

"The Yates said they had never believed in the flying saucers stories until their experience Friday. They told of checking 'saucer' reports many times before only

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Milton Man Sights Object He Believes Was Flying Saucer

Object Near As He Worked At Bernard Junk Yard
—Was 11 Or 12 Feet Long, Egg Shaped, Gave
Off Buzzing Sound—Others Heard Sound—
Virginia Resident Saw Moving Light In Night
Sky At About Same Time

Francis Roy, about 25, who dismantles wrecks at Bernard's Junk Yard, in South Rumford, saw a flying saucer, a few days ago. That's what he thinks it was, anyway, he's never seen the like before, and from the stories he's read, the description of others who saw them fits what appeared not too far over the yard, that bright, sunny day.

Francis describes the object as

having been egg-shaped about 11 or 12 feet in length. It appeared flat on the top and bottom, and was silver in color. The sun was shining on it and made it bright, but he is certain it was silver in color.

It buzzed like a bee and it was the noise which he first took note of about 10 o'clock, that morning, a week ago last Friday. He didn't see anything in his immediate surroundings given to such a noise, and he continued his work. About one o'clock as he walked towards his jeep to go home for dinner, the "thing" was right in line with his eyes, and almost directly over the right hand side of the road. It wasn't too far up and was plain to see.

Moved Slowly

It moved very slowly, and Francis says he watched it for a long time. He could not tell as to its texture whether or not it was

metal, or jelly-like, or just what it was.

There was no one around he could point it out to, and he expressed regret he didn't have a camera so he could take a picture of it. Some time later when he got home, located on the Milton Plantation road, he could still hear the buzzing sound. His mother and children at home said later they had also heard the buzzing sound during the day, although they had seen nothing.

On Bernard, his employer, says Roy is a calm, easy-going lad and is not apt to exaggerate and get excited. He related that when Roy told him about that morning's happenings, his eyes were still literally "popping." Bernard doesn't doubt but what he did see a mighty unusual spectacle.

Bernard Heard Buzz

Mr. Bernard added he heard what he describes as an unusual buzzing, during the previous night, and that it was loud enough so that he went out to see if he could see anything. He thought at first it might be someone trying to get into his yard, and then thought perhaps it might be an airplane. Though he could hear the buzzing plainly, he saw nothing, he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Farwell, (nee Shirley Milligan) told Virginians they saw a bright light, over South Rumford, as they were returning from the Drive-In Theater, that evening, and they wondered if there was an airplane flying around that late at night. Questioned this week Mrs. Farwell said the light looked just like the headlight of an airplane.

TIMES weatherman Armand Violette feels that the so-called flying saucer may be a vehicle from another planet. Other people scoff at the idea of any such thing as a flying saucer.

Real or not, Francis Roy says the object he saw was the most unusual he had ever seen. He saw it plainly, for a considerable length of time, and claims it was

silver in color, egg shaped, and about 11 feet long. It was near enough so that he could see it.

to find them nothing more than high-flying planes flashing in the sun.

"But they calmly insist that Friday's object was definitely not a plane. Both watched it through binoculars after first-spotting it.

"During the war Mr. and Mrs. Yates stayed on peaks in the area throughout the winter, spotting planes for the Air Corps. They still report planes while on their summer lookout duties, and gave a full report of Friday's craft.

"Although the pair has received a few laughs from other lookouts, they still insist that what they saw last week was entirely different from anything they've ever witnessed before." (xx.)

(xx.) Monterey, California. *Peninsula Herald*. 26 August 52.

22 August. Claybanks, Wisconsin. (3:15 p.m.)

Like a parachute.

A letter to CSI Los Angeles read:

"At the above time [3:15 p.m.] farmers Charles Helmholz, 70, and Chase Schuyler, 58, both of Claybanks, were working out in the yard near Helmholz's barn, when Schuyler happened to look up and spotted an object going through the sky. Schuyler shouted and ran to Helmholz who looked up and saw the thing. Both men described the object as looking like a parachute, round on top and flat on the bottom, and as it flew, it reflected the rays of the sun. They also said the thing was silver-colored and was traveling from SSE to ENE. The object took a straight path, as nearly as they could discern, and the size was comparable to a half dollar piece held at arm's length. From the time Schuyler first spotted the object until it disappeared from sight, the interval was between 20 and 25 seconds, during which the thing passed through an arc of about 60 degrees. They said it made no noise, and left no trail." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: E.J. Sullivan, CSI Los Angeles. From: Coral Lorenzen, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. 22 August 52. Photocopy in author's files.

22 August. Coolville, Ohio. (8:00 p.m.)

Orange vapor trail.

A press account said:

"A 'flying saucer' was reported at 8 p.m. Friday in the vicinity of Coolville by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deem of the Coolville-Torch Road, who were en route to Athens, Ohio, they said.

"They described the 'saucer' as having the appearance of a half moon and said it remained in one place for about five minutes and then went straight up and disappeared after leaving an orange vapor trail.

"They called it to the attention of occupants of a nearby farmhouse who came

out and joined in the watch, according to the story Mr. and Mrs. Deem told relatives later. At the time, they were not near a telephone and had no way of notifying anyone at Parkersburg, they reported." (xx.)

(xx.) Parkersburg, West Virginia. *News*. 24 August 52.

22 August. 20 miles south of
Colorado Springs,
Colorado. (night)

Swooped. Showered sparks.

A news item said:

"An object that 'showered sparks' was reported Friday night by four Puebloans who told police it swooped within 500 feet of their car while they were driving about 20 miles south of Colorado Springs.

"Henry Luna, 207 Townsend, told Colorado Springs authorities the object swished past them and continued south toward Pueblo. All four of the car's occupants left the vehicle to watch the phenomena but heard no sound.

"No other reports of the object were received in Pueblo or Colorado Springs." (xx.)

(xx.) Pueblo, Colorado.
Star-Journal & Chief-tain. 28 August 52.

23 August. Gallatin, Maine
(daytime)

UFO photo. (See clipping)

23 August. Amarillo, Texas.
(night)

Orange fiery spheres make square turn.

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CINCINNATI, OHIO

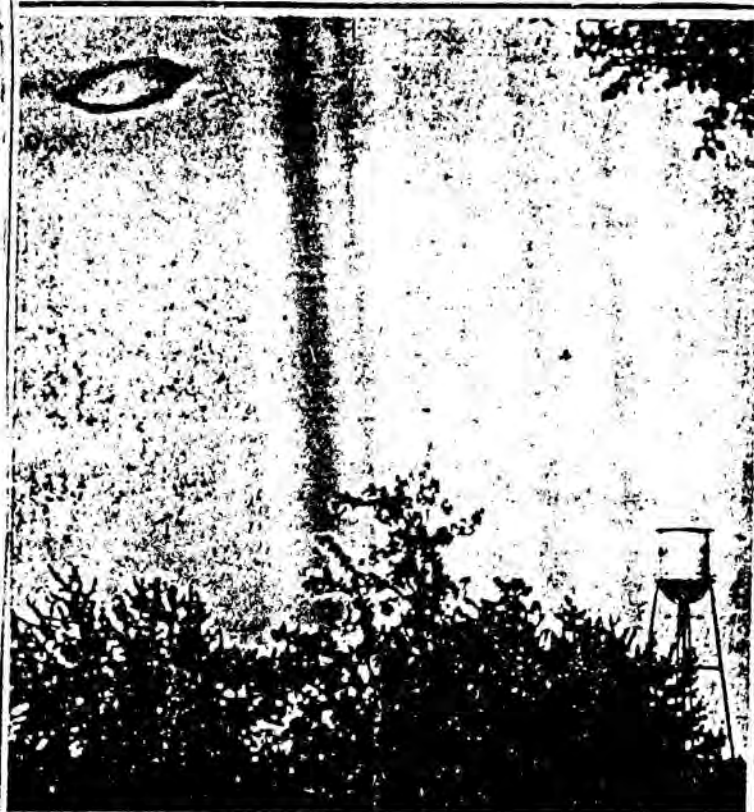
AUG 23 1952

**FLYING SAUCER
DOCUMENTARY . . .**

NEW YORK — Sterling Films is distributing a 12½ minute documentary on the flying saucers produced by Telenews Productions, Inc. The show is an expansion of the short Telenews released for theatrical showing in 1950.

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DID YOU SEE IT? This photo of a flying "saucer" or disc was taken Saturday, August 23, by two men working in southwest Gallatin. They reported the object traveling from the southeast to the northwest "at a pretty good clip." No estimate of its size was given and they said it made no noise whatever. At least one other resident saw the object, stating that it seemed to bob up into the air several times while over Gallatin and then "float" back out of sight. It was within view only about a minute and a half. Several persons in this area have reported strange objects in the sky during August.

A press clipping says:

"Three 'flying saucers' that moved in single file and made a square turn, as if at a given signal, were watched for several minutes last night by four Amarillo residents.

"The orange-colored fiery spheres were seen by Dr. and Mrs. Sam W. Ball, 2003 Fannin, and Mrs. Ball's mother and sister, Mrs. W.H. Smith and Mrs. George Everline.

" 'We were out for a drive on the Tascosa Road,' said Dr. Ball.

" 'When we first saw the objects, they were traveling in a northward direction. We stopped the car and got out and watched them. They continued northward for some time, then made an abrupt turn westward and finally vanished from sight.'

"Dr. Ball, who said they watched the objects for fully five minutes, said that while the spheres were moving northward they gradually appeared to merge, the illusion seemingly occurring as a result of increasing distance, but as they made the square turn to the west, all the time remaining in single file, each again became more distinct and retained its individual identity until the group finally vanished." (xx.)

(xx.) Amarillo, Texas. *News-Globe*. 24 August 52.

23 August. Levelland, Texas. (9:13 p.m.)

"Oh, for a Camera." V-formations.

The *Herald* published:

"The flying saucer mystery might have been nearer a solution this week if Pam Nesbitt, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Nesbitt, had had a camera Saturday night.

"Pam and a friend, Sandra Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shaw, saw two formations of mysterious objects zoom across the sky at 9:13 p.m. Saturday as they sat in the back of a pick-up in a neighbor's driveway.

"Pam told the Hockley County *Herald* editor that if she'd had a camera she could have made 'a perfect picture' of at least one of the V-formations she and Sandra sighted.

"At least eight objects, described by Pam as being white and saucer-shaped, were in each formation. They were traveling from north to south and the second group of the disks was close behind the first formation.

"Pam said the objects were the first flying saucers she'd ever seen. She doesn't think there was a chance of the strange formations having been flocks of geese. "They were traveling much too fast for that,' she said.

"Pam lives at 1508 Eighth St. and Sandra lives next door at 1504." (xx.)

(xx.) Levelland, Texas. *Herald*. 28 August 52.

24 August. New London, Connecticut. (2:00 a.m.)

"Moving fast and shuffling in and out."

A Connecticut newspaper called *The Day* told its readers:

"A group of flying saucers—probably 'four or five' but moving so fast and shuffling in and out of formation so rapidly that it was difficult to be sure of the exact number—was reported by Cassius O. Taylor, retired, of Uncas avenue, Thames View. They came out of the sky from the north, Taylor said, in the very early morning Sunday and they headed south. They traveled at 'terrific speed.'"

"Taylor awoke in the middle of the night, about 2 a.m.; and looked out a window facing east from his bedroom. There, streaking across the sky, were the saucers. They were 'about the size of a dinner plate' as he saw them and very bright. The objects remained 'bunched' pretty well, he said, and disappeared in a short time." (xx.)

(xx.) New London, Connecticut. *The Day*. 25 August 52.

24 August. Near Titusville, Pennsylvania. (2:00 a.m.)

"Strange force." (See clipping)

24 August. Gosher, Dayton, and Troy, Ohio.
(no time)

What happened to the reports from the Ground Observer Corps?

UFO investigator Don Berliner wrote:

"[On]...August 24, 1952—[there were] five reports from G.O.C. posts in Dayton and Troy, Ohio (55 miles apart and in a straight line!) of red and green blinking lights.

"These reports were read by the author in the office of the Columbus Filter Center in 1952. Presumably they had been sent on to higher headquarters. But in the permanent files of Project Blue Book, there is nary a trace of them. In fact, there isn't a single report from the G.O.C. until December, 1952...and not one from any part of Ohio until May, 1954!

"By that time, there had been 167 UFO reports logged by the Columbus Filter Center...not one of which is now in the permanent records of Project Blue Book. By the time the Ground Observer Corps ceased to function in 1959, there had been more than

This Clipping From
GETTYSBURG, PA.
TIMES

AUG 25 1952

Titusville Editor Sees New Saucer, Feels Strange Force

TITUSVILLE, Pa. (AP)—This community's residents picked up the Titusville Herald today and read: "Editor sees 'saucer' in sky; feels strange force."

Frank S. Holowach, managing editor of the town's morning paper, reported he saw a "bright, hard light" in the sky and "felt a strange force" pulling him.

Holowach said he observed these phenomena while driving to this Northwestern Pennsylvania community from Edinboro, near Erie, early yesterday.

The veteran newspaperman said he also saw a "reddish-white light" in a little valley some distance from his observation point along Route 408 in Rockdale Township.

Holowach said he watched the lights for about an hour and a half and took notes. He went back to the spot later but could find no trace of the "strange force."

He added:

"The light flickered on and off and skated around the horizon. Suddenly I felt the car vibrating. I looked at the light in the valley. It stared at me. It seemed some force was pulling at me through the open window. It felt like a giant magnet was drawing my flesh."

"I switched on the ignition and went away as if something was chasing me."

Holowach said he first noticed the light in the eastern sky about 2 a. m. (EST). He said he stopped his car and switched off the headlights. Shortly he noticed his car vibrating. To make sure his imagination wasn't playing any trick, he said, he lined up the auto's radio antenna with the top of a tree and definitely noted the "car was moving."

Holowach said he talked with several residents in the area later and they, too, reported seeing lights over the ridge.

200 reports funneled through the Columbus Filter Center, yet only 18 from all of Ohio can now be found in the Air Force records. And NONE of them is among the 194 from 1952-54 checked at the time by the author." (xx.)

(xx.) Berliner, Don. "The Ground Observers Corps." *Official UFO*. Vol.1, No.10. August 1976. p.51.

24 August. Television news:

"'Flying Saucers: Myth, Mirage or Martians?' is the topic on WARD's 'Georgetown University Forum' tomorrow night at 7. The puzzling phenomena will be discussed by the Rev. Francis J. Heyden, director of the Georgetown University observatory; Frank C. Waldrop, executive editor of the *Washington Times-Herald*; and Arthur Vareia of the U.S. Naval Research Bureau." (xx.)

(xx.) New York, New York. *News*. 23 August 52.

24 August. Near Findlay, Ohio. (between 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.)

A press report states:

"Flying saucers have invaded the Findlay area again, according to the latest reports. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown, 230 Crystal avenue, were traveling on the Dixie highway between 1:30 and 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon when they saw two shiny objects in the sky.

"Mrs. Brown said that they appeared to dart around in the sky, then would separate, only to come back together." (xx.)

(xx.) Findlay, Ohio. *Republican-Courier*. 25 August 52.

24 August. Stonington, Connecticut. (3:36 p.m.)

Lt. Col. William Spruance, Chief of Staff, Delaware Air National Guard, and State Rep. David M. Johnstone.

A press report states:

"Two reports of saucers were received by *The Day*—one report of four or five objects early Sunday morning [See page 134], and the other report of two on Sunday afternoon. One of the reports came from a lieutenant colonel of the Delaware air national guard, who is making a written report of the observation to the air force [The report was never sent or, like the GOC reports, vanished in the system].

"The national guard officer is Lieut. Col. William W. Spruance, on vacation and visiting at the home of State Rep. David M. Johnstone of Barnes road, Stonington. Colonel Spruance is chief of staff of the Delaware air national guard, and has had more than 3,000 hours of flying, some of it in modern jet planes.

"The colonel, member of a picnic party with his host, was on Sandy Point Sunday

afternoon in Little Narragaansett bay, off Stonington—an island formerly part of Napatree point, extending out into the bay from Watch Hill. Colonel Spruance left the party briefly and walked along the island. When some distances away from the other members of the party, he observed 'two spherical or disk-shaped objects' flashing across the sky at 'fantastic speed' and going in an easterly direction.

"Altitude and speed are difficult to judge, the colonel pointed out today, but if these objects were approximately the size of a modern plane, their altitude would be about 15,000 feet. It appeared, he said, that they were 'going twice as fast as jets,' which would mean 800 to 1,000 miles an hour, or more. The Colonel noted the time exactly. It was 3:36 p.m." (xx.)

(xx.) New London, Connecticut. *The Day*. 25 August 52.

24 August. Hartford City, Indiana. (about 5:00 p.m.)

"Sky object."

A press report said:

" 'The Thing' appeared in the northeastern skies, righted itself and then shot out of sight.

"This was the description given by Mrs. Fred Dorman, 512 South Walnut street, of a 'sky object'—resembling a so-called 'flying saucer'—which she saw Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock, while en route by automobile with her husband and daughter to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Tharp, on the Creek road east of this city.

" 'We all three saw it,' Mr. Dorman told the *News-Times*. 'It first appeared as a huge mirror, traveling rapidly toward the northeast. It was about the size of the bottom of a dish pan, and after righting itself, the object took on the appearance of a huge ball. It had no tail or wings. It was visible only briefly before it disappeared.'

"Mrs. Dorman would not call it a 'flying saucer,' but neither would she affix a name to the object, for, she said, it did not resemble a plane, and yet it traveled rapidly and was high in the evening sky.

" 'I thought people who talked about 'flying sky objects' were having hallucinations, or thought they were seeing an apparition. Now I am convinced, such sky objects are real. I had to see one before I could believe it.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Hartford City, Indiana. *News-Times*. 25 August 52.

24 August. Newport, Rhode Island. (night)

Two bright orange discs.

According to a newspaper account:

"There was mid-summer madness in Newport last night. And in 1952 how could one better let imagination flow on a quiet and starry night than to see flying saucers

hovering overhead?

"The police switchboard enjoyed a slight jamming for three minutes or so as various persons reported the discs, stating they remained motionless for a few moments over Aquidneck Park and then disappeared in the direction of the Ocean Drive and the sea.

"Sgt. Joseph H. Finn at the police switchboard was informed that two bright orange discs, appearing to be 'about the size of large dinner plates,' were seen close together, at the normal height for an airplane. They sped away at uniform speed and in close harmony, informants told the policeman.

"Sergeant Finn thanked his informants, but neglected to jot down the names of any callers.

"A duty officer at the Quonset Naval Air Station was equally unimpressed, remarking only that nothing had flown out of the air station that by any chance could be considered part of the most interesting phenomena of the present century." (xx.)

(xx.) Providence, Rhode Island. *Journal*. 25 August 52.

More information on the Rhode Island flap. (See clippings)

Silver and Orange

Air Force To Study 'Discs' Seen in Southern N. E.

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — (UP) — Air Force officers have a date tonight with what are believed to be flying saucers. Civil Defense ground observers reported that for the past three nights "silver objects which hung like Christmas tree ornaments" were spotted in the sky. Chief Observer Hubert Childrey said one of the what-its looked Sunday night for 25 minutes before it spun out of sight. It appeared shortly before 8 p.m., the same time the others came around the previous nights. Air Force Capt. Joseph Madden of the local CD filter center said Air Force personnel will scan the skies with binoculars tonight to see for themselves.

NEWPORT, R. I. — (UP) — Residents of this naval base and society resort city are still puzzling over a pair of "orange-glowing discs" seen over the Aquidneck Park area last night. Police received at least 10 calls from every section of the city.

The descriptions of the discs and their "orange-glow" tallied closely. In every report, police said. Mrs. Edward Karsher described the discs as "about the size of a large dinner plate." Robert Bost said they were about "as big as basketballs." Both agreed that the discs silently moved "up and down and backwards" and described geometrical patterns about 500 feet in the air. Bost said they seemed to blink as they moved. The discs remained in the sky for two hours and sped away when a plane came into view about 10 p.m. One zoomed off to the west, and the other moved slowly south. Bost said he saw an "orange-glowing" disc over the Newport reservoir in Lawton valley while on a camping trip last Tuesday. Bost said this disc hovered over the water at a much lower altitude than last night's discs.

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This Clipping From
NEWPORT, R. I.
NEWS
AUG 24 1952

Flying Saucers Observed Over Aquidneck Park

Flying saucers made a reported appearance over Newport Sunday night, as a barrage of telephone calls to the police station attested. Several persons said they saw the weird objects over Aquidneck Park. According to one witness, Mrs. Doris Karcher of Golden Hill Street, the aerial display included two bright orange discs, about the size of dinner plates.

Mrs. Karcher said she and her family had returned from an outing at Lincoln Park about 8:20 p.m., when children called her attention to the discs. The Karchers watched them from an upstairs bedroom and reported they were still in view an hour later. The "saucers" passed back and forth and at times dipped out of sight, she said.

Miss Elsa Hallberg of 8 Carey St. reported seeing a similar sight from a point near Aquidneck Park, where she watched for about an hour. She said she saw two objects, small at first, then increasing in size, varying in color from orange to red, becoming dimmer, then brighter again.

She said several residents in the area were also observing the strange lights in the sky. Miss Alice Whitman of 80 Kay St. recalls watching for about two hours one evening late in June two objects that "looked like big silver plates," moving high and fast in the sky over Kay Street.

24 August. Kadoka, South Dakota. (night?)

"Window as big as a garage door." Hovered over the Masonic temple.

According to a newspaper article:

"Belated reports of 'flying saucers,' one with a window 'as big as a garage door,' came from Kadoka today.

"The Carl Saunders family, out motoring August 24, saw a saucer hovering 10 feet off the ground about 150 yards from the highway seven miles east of town.

"Saunders said it began to move away from the car 'at terrific speed,' when he turned the car's spotlight on it. 'I went along the highway at 50 miles per hour, but the orange light just seemed to disappear. We could hear no noise,' he added.

"Saunders and his wife agree the orange light came from a window the size of a garage door. The strange glow was 'obscured off and on, just like clouds scudding across the face of the moon.' He said two triangular lights were visible on each side of the large one.

"Saunders was unable to determine the size of the saucer. He examined the spot over which it was hovering the next morning but couldn't find any burnt grass.

"Other reported sightseeing came from Sturgis, Lord and Albert Schee, both of Kadoka. Schee saw a saucer hovering over the Masonic temple in daylight recently. It 'whisked' away in a few moments." (xx.)

(xx.) Rapid City, South Dakota. *Journal*. 6 September 52.

25 August. Lexington, Kentucky. (about 12:30 a.m.)

"The highway aren't even safe to drive on anymore."

A press report states:

"One of the new, militant-type 'flying saucers' tried to run a Lexingtonian off the road early this morning and was sighted by three other men while they were sitting in a car talking.

"Clyde Wilcoxon, 27, of 217 Calalpa road, reported that a 'white, glaring object' tried to run him off the highway about 12:30 a.m. while he was driving alone on the Richmond road.

" 'The thing swooped down and almost hit me,' Wilcoxon asserted. 'It was very fiery and covered the entire road.'

"Wilcoxon's aerial attacker differed from previously reported 'saucers' in this area in that it made a noise.

" 'It made a big, swishing sound,' he said, 'something like a Greyhound bus when it passes a car real fast.'

" 'This type of thing is dangerous,' Wilcoxon noted. 'The highways aren't even safe to drive on any more...something ought to be done about it.'

"Paul Turner, 22, of 366 South Upper street; O.B. Smith, 23, of 500 Rosemont garden, and Herbert Feeback, 26, of Richmond road, also reported seeing a 'flying

saucer."

"The three men were sitting in a car in front of his house about 12:30 a.m., Turner reported, when they saw a 'bright, white, glaring' object appear briefly in the eastern sky.

"It went out of sight into the east," Turner said.

"Although the three were not attacked by the object, they too reported that it made a swishing sound as it passed overhead." (xx.)

(xx.) Lexington, Kentucky. Herald. 25 August 52.

25 August. Pottsville, Pennsylvania. (7:30 a.m.)

"Domed disc?"

According to a press account:

"An object resembling a saucer, yellow in color, with some sort of a dome on the top was sighted over Sharp Mountain about 7:30 a.m. Monday by Mrs. Naida Updegrove and her mother, Mrs. Carlton Wiest, 800 West Norwegian Street.

"Mrs. Updegrove said she looked out her bedroom window upon arising and observed what appeared to be a saucer-shaped object painted yellow. According to her there seemed to be a high pitched hum coming from the object.

"When she first noticed the object it seemed to be hovering in the sky over St. Patrick's convent, 19th and Mahantongo St. She called her mother who also viewed the object and both women say it moved slowly southeast leaving a thin line of vapor. According to them it was not too high in the sky and clearly visible for about five minutes. The vapor trails remained in the sky for from 15 to 20 minutes after the object departed. The vapor was said to come out of the object in short puffs at first and then sort of came out in a wide steady stream.

"Shortly after the saucer disappeared and while the vapor was still visible the women said an airplane passed over the area." (xx.)

(xx.) Pottsville, Pennsylvania. *Republican*. 25 August 52.

25 August. Flying saucer pajamas. (See clipping)

'Flying Saucers' All Set to Rock Pajama Counters

Timed with the current spread of rumors and case histories flooding the country, a shipment of "flying saucer" pajamas is slated to be flown into New York City. The shipment is earmarked for use in a forthcoming Macy's, New York promotion and is slated to arrive Aug. 28. The pajamas, in sizes 4 to 8 for boys' and girls', are all flannel items which are

screened with saucers. The saucers are invisible in daylight, but show up clearly in the dark.

Secret of the idea hinges on the qualities of luminescence in the screening of the saucer prints. For those who didn't have the pleasure of sweating through a Physics I course, this is the phenomenon where a substance absorbs light during the day and then emits it during the evening. In short, it glows at night.

To highlight the promotion, the garments will be flown in from Chicago, where they are manufactured by Interplanetary Products, a newly formed division of Wormser Products, Inc. According to

Walter Wormser, president of the resource, Macy's, New York has been selected to spearhead the introduction of the item, which will then be made available to other stores at later dates. He further noted that the reason for flying in the shipment was to permit the store to slant its advertising copy to the theme that the garments were literally "dropped out of the skies."

This Clipping From
WOMEN'S WEAR DAILY
NEW YORK, N. Y.

•AUG 6 - 1952

The morbidity factor.

When the design was changed (censored), the story made the pages of *Life Magazine* (8/25/52) (See below)



SAUCER PATTERN FOR PAJAMAS BEFORE (LEFT) AND AFTER CENSORSHIP

Life commented:

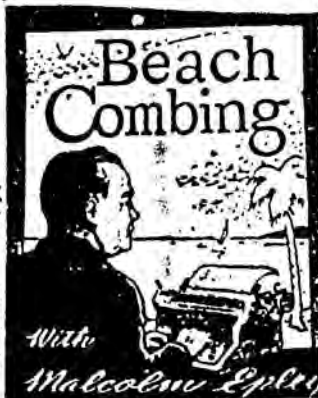
"Flying saucer pajamas will soon be on the market for the benefit of children who have not had a chance to see any saucers in the sky.

"Introduction of the pajamas had been delayed because stores thought the original design of an evil-eyed Martian might frighten young customers. The new design has only clouds, stars and saucers—but the saucers will glow in the dark."

Authorities were actually concerned about what they termed the "morbidity" factor. Here and there one comes across worries about the young. Columnist Malcolm Epley of the Long Beach, California, *Press-Telegram* mentioned an example. (See clipping)

This Clipping From
LONG BEACH, CALIF.
PRESS-TELEGRAM

8 1952



A MOTHER writes that her little daughter is terrified by flying saucer stories. After hearing news reports about saucers, she takes some little weapon to bed with her to protect herself from the men from another world or whoever is supposed to be flying around on whirling discs.

What disgusts the mother—and some of the rest of us—is that a lot of these saucer reports are based on things that are easily explainable as natural phenomena or orthodox

objects. It seems too bad, she says, that a lot is made out of nothing and little kids are scared by it.

Things have happened so fast in the modern world that people are willing to believe almost anything. But an official agency, the U.S. Air Force, has undertaken to investigate all saucer reports, and it is fair to assume that if and when (and that's a mighty big if and when) the Air Force ascertains that there are really some mysterious objects flying around, it will so state. That ought to be enough.

BUT that doesn't help the woman's little girl, who can not be expected to reason such things out. The saucer reports make news, and it probably would be impossible to shut them out of the news.

I don't know this little girl, but I have a hunch, based on personal experience, that if she wasn't scared by saucer talk, she might find something else that would frighten her.

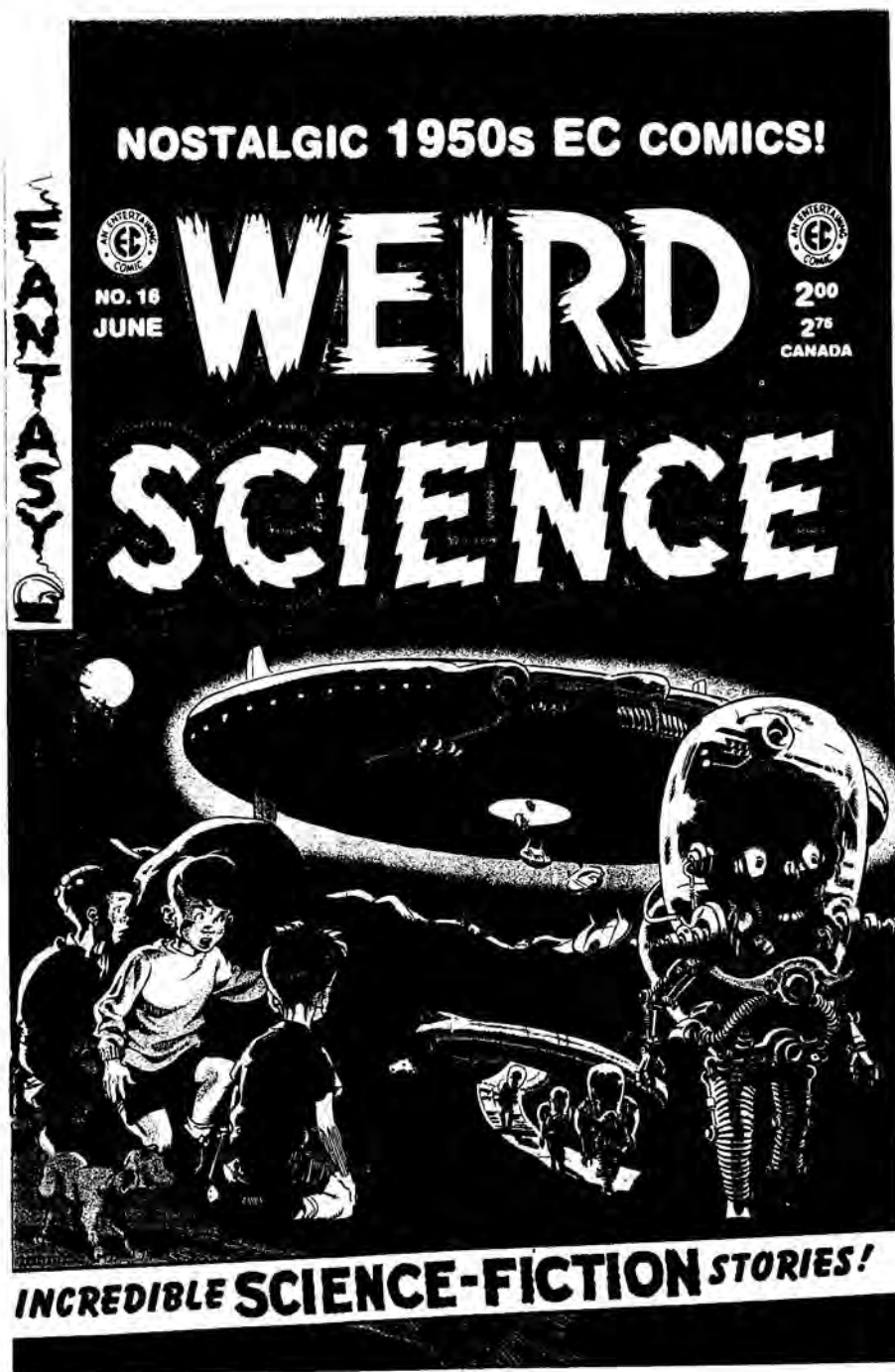
There may be those who will be a little doubtful, but your columnist thinks he was a normal child. As I remember, I worked pretty hard, when about 10 years old, to dig up things to be scared about. For a time I was afraid there was

somebody under our house, and when I wore that one out, I got myself frightened by some ghosts in the attic.

I didn't tell anybody about those things. If I had, my father would probably have taken me into the attic and under the house and disposed of the issue then and there.

I think it is encouraging that the little girl in question has revealed her fears to her mother. That gives the opening for explaining to the youngster that flying saucers can be airplanes flashing in the sunlight, or weather balloons, or blobs of light on clouds from searchlights and things like that. She might get the little gal interested in trying to figure out what ordinary thing it could be that is getting the grownups all excited.

That's the most constructive suggestion I can make in response to the serious question asked by the mother.



Modern reprint of a June 1952 comic.

If some young people were repelled by saucer stories like the timid little girl in Elpley's essay, there were still plenty of kids fascinated by the whole business, particularly curious and active boys.

Refused to leave.

A case in point was the saucer display at the Rockford Armory.
(See clipping on page 142)

25 August. San Bernardino, California. (7:30 p.m.)

Zig-Zagged. Round and with a dome.

According to a newspaper story:

"About 20 San Bernardino residents reported seeing strange objects in the twilight skies over the City about 7:30 p.m. Monday.

"M.C. Canady of 1515 Sheridan Road said that he and about 10 other persons saw a huge disk, 'round and with a dome in the middle,' fly low over the Bloomington area.

"A San Bernardino resident identifying himself only as 'living in the 200 block of Seventh Street' said that he and several others watched 'a long, skinny object hover above them for a while, then 'zigzag away to the east and just disappear.'" (xx.)

(xx.) San Bernardino, California. *Telegram*. 26 August 52.

25 August. Ontario, California. (about 7:35 p.m.)

Fiery orange.

A press report states:

"'It was round and fiery orange in color,' Mrs. Walter Robinson, 1442 Marcella court, said today in describing an object which she and her family viewed in the sky last night.

"Mrs. Robinson and her three children saw the flying something or other in the western sky about 7:35 and called it to the attention of Mrs. Robinson's husband.

"'It stayed stationary for about two or three minutes and then started north leaving a trail behind it,' she said.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Ontario, California. *Report*. 26 August 52.

25 August. Coleman, Texas. (late night)

"People won't believe it."

According to an item in the local paper:

"Coleman got looked over by a formation of flying saucers late Monday, but four witnesses are reluctant to talk about the a phenomenon they saw.

"'People won't believe it,' said Les Davis, one of the witnesses, 'but we saw something that wasn't airplanes or like anything else you ever saw in the sky.'

"Davis and the three others were engaged in conversation near the Coleman Hotel

This Clipping From
ROCKFORD, ILL.
REGISTER-REPUBLIC

AUG 19 1952

'Saucer' Jolts Skeptics Here

Recruiting Hoax Draws Many to Armory

The top mystery in these days of atomic power and jets, the "flying saucer," has been somewhat cleared up for Rockford residents.

Literally hundreds have stopped to view the flying saucer now on display on the lawn in front of the naval reserve training center, 185 15th ave.

Well guarded by shore police, with warning signs telling of active radiation, the big silver saucer, complete with glass globe top and piloted by a spaceman, is attracting people from all communities.

Children by the hundreds have viewed the mysterious object, which is about 15 feet in diameter, and some refuse to leave, waiting to eye the spaceman, who, at various intervals, opens the hatch, and looks about him at this new and different world.

In reality, the flying saucer exhibition is being used as a promotion stunt (although one is not able to convince the hundreds of children it's not real) for the naval reserve recruiting drive now underway. The drive, which ends Oct. 31, has a set purpose — recruiting 200 new men into the naval reserve. Total enlistments and membership are now set at 254 men.

The spaceman is actually Jack F. Gotschall, a navy storekeeper stationed at the Rockford naval reserve training center.

late Monday when one of them noticed a group of three large objects in the sky just northeast of the city.

““They were high, I’d say at least 8,000 feet, maybe much higher. The three objects were round, and larger than a B-36 would be that high,” he added.

“As they watched, someone remembered to check the time. By this check, the objects stayed almost stationary in the skies for five minutes, but maintained a rocking motion.

““They sat in the same place, but rocked slowly enough for you to tell the motion. As they rocked up on one side you could see a bright glow from their bottoms,” Davis added.

“Their shape was ‘like a turtle shell, as near as I can describe it,’ he recalled.

“The three stayed in the same place for all of the time, Davis said, slowly. They appeared to be without wings.

“After this time, they separated, one going east, the other crossing almost directly over Coleman going west and the third going north. They moved rapidly, he added, ‘faster than any airplane could.’

“‘We know we saw them, but people won’t believe it,’ he added reluctantly. (xx.)

(xx.) Coleman, Texas. *Democrat-Voice*. 28 August 52.

25 August. Wall Township, New Jersey. (about 8:30 p.m.)

Peculiar moving object.

According to a press account:

“Two Wall Township residents reported last night sighting a peculiar moving object in the skies.

“Mrs. Gloria Sprague, Marconi Road, Wall Township, said it was first spotted at about 8:30 p.m. by her father, Edward Slocum. She said it appeared to them to be about the size of a star.

“Mrs. Sprague, who was Mrs. Asbury Park of 1949, said the object moved rapidly southward, then, halting its forward movement, shifted from side to side before going on.

“Mrs. Sprague said the object was last seen heading in the general direction of Seaside Park.” (xx.)

(xx.) Asbury Park, New Jersey. *Press*. 26 August 52.

25 August. Breau Bridge, Louisiana. (8:30 p.m.)

Twenty-five puzzled National Guardsmen. “Red ball of fire.”

The local newspaper printed:

“Was it a flying saucer or wasn’t it?

"Twenty-five puzzled National Guardsmen of Company F, 156 Infantry Regt., are wondering today if what they saw in Breaux Bridge last night was the 'genuine article' or 'just another one of those things.'

"The way Staff Sgt. Alvin Dore, 339 Monroe St., Lafayette, tells it, this is what happened:

"The 25 men in the platoon he was with were taking a 10-minute break about 8:30 p.m. after some close-order drill. Suddenly, a guardsman shouted, 'Look' and pointed excitedly to the sky. Talking stopped, cigarettes were forgotten and all 25 heads craned upward.

"There it was (so they say): 'A red ball of fire, not moving too fast, and casting a brilliant light.'

" 'We saw it for about 60 seconds,' Dore reported. 'and it didn't look like it was very far up in the sky.'

"Whatever it was, the 'thing' moved from south to north, and finally disappeared." (xx.)

(xx.) Lafayette, Louisiana. *Advertiser*. 26 August 52.

25 August. Newport, Rhode Island. (9:45 p.m.)

Big, round, orange discs.

A return engagement:

"Those things are back again. Last night at about 9:45 p.m. Samuel Bateman Jr. of 27 East Bowery St. and his children, Beatrice, 12, and Samuel, 14, saw a 'big, round, orange disc with a yellow halo.'

"The Bateman children with two or three young friends, saw the object and called their father's attention to it. 'It made about two or three circles,' Bateman said this morning, describing its actions. 'Then it shot off toward Narragansett Bay.'

"Beatrice and Sammy were in the yard of their house when they spotted it. Bateman came out in time to see the circling and the object's disappearance over the horizon.

" 'I ran down to Cliff Walk to see if I could see it again,' Bateman said, 'but it disappeared by the time I got there.'

"His description included no estimation of size, but the Newport-employed mason did say that it seemed to be far above a high flying plane whose altitude he estimated at 4,000-5,000 feet.

"Two more discs of a similar nature were spotted by his children and their friends Sunday night, Bateman said." (xx.)

(xx.) Newport, Rhode Island. *News*. 26 August 52.

26 August. Air Force Denies story:

"The Air Force said tonight there is 'absolutely no evidence' that flying saucers are of foreign origin and declared flatly they are not a secret U.S. weapon either.

"The statement was prompted by a report in the weekly magazine 'People Today'

that its editors believe the saucers are not only real but are guided missiles launched by Russia and the U.S.

"The spokesman said there is no evidence that the saucers are controlled by human intelligence or that they constitute a menace to the U.S.

"He added a reiteration of an Air Force statement that 'these unidentified aerial phenomena are not a secret weapon, missile or aircraft developed by the U.S.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Lubbock, Texas. *Avalanche*. 27 August 52.

26 August. Lowell Thomas denies. (See clipping)

This Clipping From
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COMPASS

AUG 26 1952

Skeptic Scoffs at Lowell Thomas' Denial He's Host to Saucermen

By RICHARD CARTER

Lowell Thomas, the newscaster and world traveler, denied yesterday that he has been entertaining visitors from another planet at his farm in Pawling, N. Y.

It seems that there has been a rumor about interplanetary explorers singling out Thomas, swooping down on his estate, assuring him of their peaceful intentions, and inviting him to visit their home planet. Mode of travel: flying saucer.

Thomas said that the only interplanetary individual he has seen this season is Willy Ley, the rocket expert, with whom he spent pleasant hours knocking and rapping the idea of flying saucers.

He and Ley are agreed, Thomas went on, that the saucers sometimes are figments of imagination and sometimes are reflections from ground lights. He concluded with a wish that



there were such a thing as a flying saucer so that he could take a ride on one.

His explanation may have satisfied the uncritical, but there are

holes in it. First of all, he denied only that the flying saucer landed at his estate and that the Mysterious Visitors From Another Planet have been visiting him. Assuming that he is telling the truth, what about the myriad other aspects of the report? Is Lowell Thomas the only person with a farm?

How is the public to know that the saucer didn't land elsewhere? Perhaps, at this moment, the interplanetary explorers are having a highball with Fulton Lewis, Jr. Or, if not Lewis, isn't it strange and perhaps significant that nothing very much has been heard lately from H. V. Kaltenborn?

No, Lowell, it won't jell. Those Men From Another Planet are somewhere and, since you seem to be so positive that they're not in Pawling, perhaps you'd better come up with an alternative.

Like, for instance, Arthur Godfrey.

26 August. Crash grounds Costello.
(See clipping).

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Flying Saucer Crash Grounds Lou Costello

HOLLYWOOD — Production was temporarily halted on the set of "Abbott and Costello Go to Mars," at Universal-International over the week end, owing to a collision between a rocket ship and a flying saucer the first to be recorded in history. The two collided while the rocket ship was being moved on rollers from one corner of the stage to another. Lou Costello, who was in the saucer, was thrown 15 feet to the ground, which gives him the distinction of being the first person to have landed from a flying saucer. He was unhurt by the fall.

26 August. Near Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. (8:00 p.m.)

"What in the world was that?" "Smoky, orange-colored balls."

According to the local newspaper:

"Flying saucers have visited Montgomery County? Last Tuesday night a local fisherman was at Ledford's Lake on the Spencer pike and suddenly looked up to see two large balls of smoky, orange-colored fire swooping down on the lake. He watched the strange spectacle for about 30 seconds and said that the two things came to within 150 feet of the water and then started climbing again in a long curve, finally disappearing in the sky.

"The fisherman, who may stretch the size of the fish he catches, but is a sober and hard-working man and not given to hallucinations, said the objects, about four feet in diameter, were constantly changing shape and came down and then went up parallel to each other about five or six feet apart.

"At first he thought they might be meteors, but changed his mind when they started back up into the sky. He said they made absolutely no sound at all and appeared to be traveling a lot faster than a jet plane.

"It so happened that another person, who lives here, was fishing across the lake from him, and after the things disappeared in the sky our fisherman remained silent, thinking that he might have been the only one to see the smoky, orange-colored balls. But at that moment a voice hailed him from across the water and asked, 'What in the world was that?' and he knew it was not his imagination.

"The fisherman, who asked that his name not be disclosed, said that quite a number of night birds had been flying around the lake, diving at the water and emitting shrill cries, before the things appeared, but after they disappeared not a bird could be seen or a sound heard.

"Needless to say, the two men quickly up their fishing equipment and quietly stole away—even though it was only eight o'clock." (xx.)

(xx.) Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. *Advocate*. 28 August 52.

26 August. Amarillo, Texas. (10:00 p.m., 10:15 p.m., 10:35 p.m.)

Perfect V-formations. Oval-formation.

A press report says:

"Mysterious lights again were seen over Amarillo last night. Five Amarillo residents who live in an apartment house at 1611 Tyler reported seeing objects on three occasions between 10:15 p.m. and 10:35 p.m.

"E.B. Harris, owner of the apartment house, said there were about 12 lights in the first group, 25 to 30 in the second and a single light on the third occasion.

"The two groups, he said, were flying in perfect formation from north to south in the eastern sky. The first group was visible for 15 to 20 seconds, he said, but the second group moved three or four times as fast and the lone light even faster [lower

altitude?].

"He said the formations were 'like a flock of geese,' in perfect V-formations.

"Others who saw the lights are Mrs. Emma Bonham, Harris' sister; Mrs. Mary Vossen, Miss Elma Miller and Mrs. Jack Gallion. All are residents of the apartment house.

"D.J. Boren of Slaton, said he was sitting outside the Navajo Lodge, 405 Johnson, when he spotted an oval of probably 30 lights, moving south.

"They vanished behind tree tops. 'I jumped out into the street to get another look at them but they had disappeared,' Boren related.

" 'They seemed to be going at a pretty good speed,' he continued, 'but made no noise.'

"Boren, a Santa Fe locomotive engineer, said it was straight up 10 o'clock when he noticed the strange objects." (xx.)

(xx.) Amarillo, Texas. *News*. 27 August 52.

This Clipping From
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CAL.
VALLEY TIMES
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27 August. North Hollywood,
California.
(minutes after midnight)

Cloud-like objects?
(See clipping)

27 August. MacDonald, Manitoba,
Canada. (4:45 a.m.)

Doesn't like beacon light.

UFOlogist Arthur Bray found this one:

"A disc-shaped object with shadows on it as if it had an irregular surface was seen by two meteorological officers at 4:45 a.m., CST, at MacDonald Airport. It was well below the altocumulus clouds at 5,000 feet, and subtended an angle of about 3 degrees and was about 30 degrees above the horizon, and apparently right over the airport. The object made two turns about the field and when struck by the light from the rotating beacon made off toward the northeast and was out of sight within a second. There was no sound whatsoever. The object glinted like a shiny aluminum when the beacon light struck it. (xx.)

(xx.) Bray, Arthur. *The UFO Connection*. Jupiter Publishing: Ottawa, Canada, 1979. p.188.

Sight Cloud-Like Objects Flying In V Formation

A series of what investigators could only term "most unusual sightings" added today to the long list of flying saucer phenomena reported in the Valley.

Early today, minutes after midnight, two women in the neighborhood of Ventura and Laure Canyon Blvd., saw what at first appeared to be a luminous gray cloud.

As it approached, they could see the "cloud" was made up of more than a score of small, airplane-like objects flying in a perfect V formation, each tiny craft glowing with a golden light.

Without sound, the formation passed from west to east, apparently a few feet above trees and powerlines. It disappeared beyond one tree, and the women ran around the tree and saw it move off out of sight, they said.

The women, who said they preferred to remain anonymous, made a report of the incident to L. A. Bonotaux, of Burbank, field inves-

tigator of the Civilian Saucer Investigation.

Bonotaux questioned them carefully, and said he was convinced they had not seen a mirage. Otherwise he could not explain the strange sighting other than to say he had received similar reports from persons who said they had seen formations over the Valley last Friday night.

"These objects reported this morning," he said "moved without sound. The women said they appeared to be about a foot long. If they had been jet or propeller driven planes and appeared that size, no matter what their altitude, they would have been heard."

The women, one of whom had been walking her dog and the other who had just returned from a motion picture, said the objects moved rapidly and were visible only for a few seconds.

Future reports may be made to Bonotaux by calling CHarleston 0-2337.

27 August. Port Arthur, Texas. (about noon)

"Like big white auto tires."

According to a news story:

"Other parts of the country have nothing on the Port Arthur area when it comes to having 'flying saucers.' Nine of the elusive objects were sighted over Port Arthur Wednesday about noon by a group of 15 West Side residents.

"The unidentified objects, which looked 'like big white auto tires' were sighted moving westward from across Lake Sabine and finally disappeared after about four minutes into a cloud west of the city. The objects, moving 'about as fast as a regular airplane, were low and traveling in three separate formations, viewers reported.

"Mrs. Fannie Jacobs of 913 Texas avenue, one of the persons who watched the 'saucers,' said that the first three objects formed a straight line, the next three were in a V-shape and the last three were scattered.

"Other persons who sighted the objects agreed substantially with Mrs. Jacobs' description. One of them, George Davis, a World War II veteran of 825 Kansas avenue, thought that the objects were 'sky-writing an advertisement' at first.

"C.H. Carpenter, meteorologist at the Jefferson County airport, said today that no objects had been reported to him at the time the 'saucers' were suppose to have been seen Wednesday. 'No weather balloons or unusual aircraft were in that area as far as we know,' he added." (xx.)

(xx.) Port Arthur, Texas. *News*. 29 August 52.

27 August. Lovell Lawrence Jr., past president of the American Rocket Society:

"I don't doubt the veracity of the statements made by hundreds of people who saw or thought they saw flying saucers. And based on my past experience in the rocket and aircraft power plant fields, such a device could be designed whose operation would be feasible.

"That is what Lovell Lawrence Jr., says about flying saucers.

"Lawrence is a past president of the American Rocket Society, and now a member of the society advisory board.

"In 1945 he left private industry to investigate rockets and missile development in Germany for the Navy, and in 1949 attended the London missile conference. Lawrence also holds the Robert H. Goddard medal of the rocket society.

"However,' Lawrence continued, 'I don't know that our advancement in nuclear science is far enough along to produce such a thing as flying saucers. But if they do exist I doubt if they come from outer space.'

"He also said they would not necessarily have to be a self-contained unit.

"Lawrence probably is the only expert to come up with a theory on how these saucers could be propelled.

"Assuming that there are such things, there could be several ways in which they could be propelled.' Lawrence said, but here are perhaps the best possible three:

“‘1—Nuclear energy, not relying on or getting power from the atmosphere.’

“‘2—Some form of jet propulsion, self-contained power as in a rocket.’

“‘3—The fantastic idea of an electronic beam—light beam.’

“Of the three, Lawrence said the third is most doubtful, ‘because if this were true the objects wouldn’t come so close to the earth as to be seen by people, even though a beam could produce reactive force.’

“Lawrence pointed out that the saucers have appeared over a number of our military proving grounds, especially rocket and missile test bases and airfields.

“‘It seems to me,’ he said, ‘that if someone were sending these objects out to gather data or to attract attention they would send them over places where people gather, like a New York railroad or airfield.’

“Lawrence reasoned that ‘there actually could be something to this saucer thing, since 20 per cent of the objects can’t be explained. If this percentage amounted to around only two we could discount them and forget that anybody saw anything.’ [that is what happened to Air Force statistics after 1952. The percentage of “unknowns” dropped to a yearly average of about 3%—L.E. Gross].

“There also could be a device not using air for lift or motion, he said. Up to now flight has been based on aircraft using air as a means of lift.

“However, lately we have realized Lawrence said, that the power plant is the thing that does the work. ‘The flying vehicle of tomorrow probably will rely on motive force entirely,’ he said.

“Lawrence added: ‘If some intelligence has a device like a flying saucer, let’s hope that he or it is a friend.’” (xx.)

(xx.) Hamilton, Ohio. *Journal-News*. 27 August 52.

27 August. Menomonie, Wisconsin. “We expected some reaction but...”

According to a UP dispatch:

“Radio station WMNE went on the air today to explain that its flying saucer broadcast Wednesday night was only make believe.

“The broadcast Wednesday night, staged by program director Douglas Weikie, was tagged as fiction before and after the 15-minute ‘conversation’ supposedly between a ham operator and flying saucer men.

“‘We expected some reaction. But nothing like what happened,’ Weikie said.

“He estimated about 400 calls came into the studio shortly after the program. Some callers were highly excited, others were seeking more information, and some were openly skeptical.

“‘You’ve been reading too many comic books,’ one caller told Veikie.

“The flying saucer men were suppose to be bringing the arts of peace to this world. The station explained today that it was only a publicity stunt to bring attention to a local fair.” (xx.)

(xx.) Merrill, Wisconsin. *Herald*. 28 August 52.

27 August. Near Berlin, New Hampshire. (12:43 p.m.)

Flying saucer looks over forest fire area?

According to a press account:

"Round and flat with a bump in the middle—looked about the size of a pie-plate" was the way Brent Berntson of 253 Bridge Street described the 'flying saucer' which he says he and three others saw from near the top of North Bald Cap last Wednesday at 12:43 p.m.

"John Guerin of Cascade Hill, another of the four who were patrolling the burned over scene of the recent forest fire in Success [Apparently a place name but I can't find it on a large scale map—L.E. Gross], told the *Reporter*:

"I always thought this saucer business was a hoax, but this was the real thing. We all kept quiet to hear if it had a motor, but we couldn't hear a thing."

"Berntson who has been fighting the fire during his days off from the Brown Company Tube Mill, said the four men first saw the 'object' just about 5,000 feet up over Halvorson Terrace, that it went up to Milan at about the speed of a plane, then it came back and veered out of sight toward West Milan.

"Berntson said that Charles Doherty from Lincoln spotted it first, and that the fourth member of the group was Rudolph Gagnon, also of Lincoln.

"Guerin, a woodsman still on the job at the forest-fire scene this week, said the object looked like aluminum, was first moving very slowly with a wobbling motion, then picked up speed and away it went.

"It seemed to be shiny in the middle with dull edges," Berntson said, 'but we could only see it for about ten minutes and only against the background of the mountains.' He first thought it was a 'kid's toy balloon,' but changed his mind after watching it a while. He said it had a 'rocky' motion, and he could check its speed against some planes that had gone over the previous afternoon at about the same altitude.

"The four men had been patrolling along the new fire trail facing Berlin about 100 feet from the top of the 2,785 foot peak, on a clear, hot day with little wind." (xx.)

(xx.) Berlin, New Hampshire. *Reporter*. 28 August 52.

28 August. South of Windsor, Ontario, Canada. (12:30 a.m.)

"When I got close—only about 30 feet away—I started yelling at it."

Another close encounter: .

"How much imagination does it take to produce a large, round, phosphorescent, moving object within 30 feet of a person?

"On the answer to that question will depend the answer to this one, repeated constantly all over the continent. Are there really such things as 'flying saucers'?

"Gabriel Durocher, 1110 McKay, became a firm believer in them last night.

"He excitedly explained—at least a half dozen times—how he ran to within 30 feet of a 'saucer' on a large stretch of vacant land just south of Wellington and west of

the New York Central Railroad line.

"He phoned The Star about 12:30 a.m. and in a shaking voice asked that a reporter come out to the field.

"Normally that request might have been ignored. But Durocher was the fourth person within half an hour to say he had seen such an object and investigation seemed in line.

"Durocher was found a few blocks from the field. His eyes were as large as saucers, his hands shook and he kept repeating:

" 'I saw it. I swear I saw it.'

"He was asked exactly what he had seen.

" 'It was a big round thing,' he replied. 'In my opinion it was about 30 feet in diameter and it had a dome on it that was about 20 feet.

" 'I've read all this stuff in the papers about saucers and I always said it was bunk. But not now. I saw it with my own eyes.

" 'I was walking home along Wellington (to the west) when I saw this thing out in the field,' Durocher continued.

" 'I didn't really believe it when I first saw it, but when I looked again it was there all right.

" 'I ran up this path across the field. It was as plain as day. It was sort of blue all over and glowed like phosphorus.

" 'When I got close—only about 30 feet away—I started yelling at it.

" 'Then I saw these sparks come out one part of the side. They were blue and yellow and red. The saucer started spinning and there was a sort of blue mist formed under it and it went straight up and away.

" 'It was the most amazing thing I ever saw in my life. It was right out there in this field. There should be some sort of marks.'

"A search of the field disclosed little in the darkness. Durocher pointed out the spot on which the 'saucer' had landed and indicated a few crushed bushes.

" 'It was right around here,' he stated. 'I know it was. I saw it.'

"There could be little doubt his excitement and shaking were genuine and his story appeared to be.

"He had not had a drop to drink, he said, and had not been seeing things.

"His description coincided with those of other persons who phoned the *Star* and said they had seen 'something' hovering over the same general area of the city. As far as could be determined, none of the calls were connected in any way and they all came in within 20 minutes of each other." (xx.)

(xx.) Windsor, Ontario, Canada. *Windsor Daily Star*. 28 August 52.

28 August. Near Parsons, Kansas. (7:30 a.m.)

Hover near the ground.

A Kansas paper published a sighting by a Joe Spriggs and a Loren Smith:

"...who reported sighting an unusual object about 7:30 o'clock hovering over a field owned by the former's grandfather, Lyman Hinman.

"Spriggs said when he first noticed the object he thought it was a pole light in a farm yard but that it was far too bright. It was hovering comparatively near to the ground when first sighted but then rose almost vertically until it was about ¼ mile high, the youth reported. It appeared to be about ¼ mile distant when first sighted.

"Spriggs continued that he could not make out any shape of the object but that its white light turned to red before it started to move off at a high rate of speed.

"The youth said he and his companion watched it for a period of approximately five minutes before it went out of sight in the distance.

"Spriggs and Smith had been working in a field and were en route to the house when they noticed the light, they said. They came to Parsons and made their report to police at the station.

"During the past month numerous Parsonians have reported seeing strange objects in the sky." (xx.)

(xx.) Parsons, Kansas. *Sun.* 29 August 52.

28 August. Kennewick, Washington. (10:00 a.m.)

Boys get close-up look at saucer.

The witnesses were very young but their mother was impressed by the fact the boys had no chance to compare notes before telling their story. A news story stated:

"Two Kennewick boys got a close-up look at a 'flying saucer' Thursday when the strange object pulled a buzz job over their home on West 10th Avenue.

"The lads, Pat Dillon, 7, and his brother, Clyde Dillon jr., 9 are probably the first of thousands of saucer seers in America to have the opportunity to watch one perform at tree top level.

"The two youngsters were questioned separately by their mother Mrs. Clyde Dillon, only seconds after she herself heard the object pass over her house at a low altitude. The boys had no time to prepare a fabrication of what they saw and yet their descriptions of the object were nearly identical. Mrs. Dillon said the boys are sincere and not usually given to exaggeration.

"From their close-hand view of the 'saucer' Pat and Clyde estimated it to be 'about the size of our kitchen—maybe bigger.' They said it was round and silver in color and had a large fence extending all the way around it. 'It looked sort of like a railing for a walkway,' the boys said.

"Both boys told of seeing a man standing on the walkway and leaning against the railing. 'He was looking down at us as the object zipped overhead at terrific speed,' the boys agreed.

"[part of clipping missing]...noise that sounded like a jet plane at about 10 o'clock Thursday morning. 'I rushed outside and the boys told me what they had seen. Their stories jibed exactly, and I know they didn't have time to compare notes,' she said.

"The Dillon boys said the 'saucer' was heading southeast at an altitude of about 100 feet. It had vanished from sight before Mrs. Dillon could get outside her house."

(xx.)

(xx.) Pasco, Washington. *Tri-City Herald*. 29 August 52.

28 August. Beaumont, Texas. (no time)

A press report said: "Three 'saucers' were reported hovering over the Magnolia refinery at Beaumont Thursday by five men who said that an Air Force jet aircraft chased the objects until they dispersed and disappeared." (xx.)

(xx.) Port Arthur, Texas. *News*. 29 August 52.

28 August. Bremerton, Washington. (about 1:30 p.m.)

"Something" seen over the city.

The Bremerton *Sun* published:

"At least three persons were known today to have sighted something in the 'flying saucer' category from Bremerton yesterday afternoon.

"C.A. Williams, a motion picture operator of 633 Pleasant Ave., had the 'thing' in sight over a five minute span about 1:30 p.m.

"It also was seen by his two sons, Kenneth 18, and Conrad, 12.

"Williams was building a fence outside his home when he saw the disc-like craft, missile or whatever.

"Accustomed to giving the sky inquisitive glances because he has flown since 1928 and has owned his own plane for the past 10 years, Williams was watching the sky because he had just seen a single-engined, low-wing plane pass over.

"Then he saw the thing to the west, and he watched it on its southwesterly course for about a minute until the plane came back into sight.

"The plane, which appeared to be a military-type trainer, was headed north at an altitude which Williams estimated to be 8,000 to 10,000 feet.

"Realizing that he couldn't determine the distance or size of the disc, Williams said that its altitude, by comparison with that of the plane, probably was 5,000 feet if the disc were just three or four feet in diameter and 10,000 feet if it were larger—10 to 20 feet in diameter." (xx.)

(xx.) Bremerton, Washington. *Sun*. 29 August 52.

28 August. Ventura, California. (late afternoon)

"Sump'n Shiny Was a-Jumpin'."

According to a report published in the local newspaper:

"Something was jumping on the hills northwest of Ventura late yesterday afternoon.

"According to three men who watched it, this something looked like a silvery sphere

about the size of a 10,000-gallon oil tank.

"Joe Pitts, agent for Southwest Airways at Oxnard, who earlier spotted a pogo-stick type aerial curio several weeks ago near the airport and who has seen several mysterious flying objects, was the first to see the silvery object yesterday.

"Pitts said it seemed to be on the horizon slightly north and west of the Continental oil lease. A sailor, William Stark of the MOB builders school, Port Hueneme, was making ticket reservations and joined Pitts in watching the shiny object jump up and down on the hills.

"A southbound flight from Santa Barbara was contacted by radio, Pitts said, and the pilot was asked if he saw the object on the hills. He reportedly answered that he saw it but that he could make out nothing but a shimmering bounding light." (xx.)

(xx.) Ventura, California. *Star-Free Press*. 29 August 52.

28 August. Ventura, California. (9:20 p.m.)

"Circled up and down over the treetops."

A second August 28th UFO sighting was made at Ventura that evening:

"...about 9:20 p.m., Mr. B.A. Hughes of 1196 Buena Vista, Ventura, reported seeing a multi-colored object over the Five Points area.

"Hughes, 72-year-old bookkeeper, said he and his wife were watching the moonlight over the ocean when a bright-colored object flashed into view. He said it appeared to be two or three feet in diameter and gave off yellow, green and blue light.

" 'It circled up and down over the treetops and darted off toward Oxnard,' Hughes said.

"He said the entire period of visibility lasted only a matter of seconds. The speed was so great, Hughes reported, that it went from full sight to a pinpoint in the distance in seconds." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

28 August. Warsaw, New York. (9:30-10:00 p.m.)

"Playing tag in the sky."

Residents see a sky show: .

"Residents of Murray Street, in the center of the village, saw strange objects in the sky at intervals from 9:30 to 10 o'clock Thursday night.

"A group of boys, 12 to 14, were the first to spot the 'saucers' darting through the northwestern sky. Douglas Rudgers, Gordon Ahner, James Alheri, Richard and Harold Lee and David Webster and Donald Webster Jr., were greatly impressed. So were their elders, Mrs. Rudgers, mother of Douglas, remarked:

" 'I never believed in 'flying saucers' until I saw those things last night.' "

"She pointed out that they didn't streak across the sky and disappear but darted back and forth through the cloud formations 'as though they were playing tag.'

"Young Douglas and his pals said the finale came when a light which 'looked like a flashlight' streaked across the sky very fast and disappeared.

"Village Patrolman George Herman also saw the 'saucers.'

"Last Sunday about 4:30 p.m. people in Murray Street said they saw a large silver object shaped like a saucer darting back and forth in the sky." (xx.)

(xx.) Buffalo, New York. *News*. 29 August 52.

29 August. Dr. Arthur Quirk comments. (See clipping)

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SAUCER NOTE—Dr. Arthur L. Quirk, director of the government's upper air research laboratory at Kingston, R. I., thinks flying saucers may be visitors from outer space: "The probability of space visitors is small, but it exists. The fantastic rate of progress of scientific knowledge in the last half century is sufficient to suggest even more startling things to come."

29 August. West Palm Beach,
Florida. (7:30 p.m.)

A press report states:

"The second reported landing of a flying saucer or other mysterious air-borne contraption near Palm Beach International airport within 10 days was being investigated Thursday at that Air Force base.

"This latest eerie night landing reportedly took place about eight miles up Military Trail from the spot where J.D. Desvergers, a local Scoutmaster, said a

Saucers Out of This World, Expert Calculates

Stanley T. Farwell, an expert on huge "mechanical brains" and calculators, declared Friday that he is "convinced" flying saucers are real and "from another world," but he admitted he "cannot prove a thing."

Mr. Farwell is an International Business Machine Corp. representative now on special duty at General Electric's jet engine plant here.

But he said too many airmen and trained observers have seen and described strange objects in practically identical words, and scientific evaluation of these descriptions makes it probable that saucers—"or something"—do exist. Of official denials, he said the government is "deliberately trying to confuse the people."

"Just assume these saucers are powered by electro-magnetics—something our scientists haven't even begun to work with," he said. "Electro-magnetics would account for the bluish flame reported shooting from saucers."

Mr. Farwell also noted the famed "little men"—27 to 36 inches high—reported to have alighted from a saucer in Mexico. "What if they came from Venus, which has a specific gravity of two, and where everything would have to be half as small as we are to weigh the same?" he asked. "Venus is known to have the same atmospheric components as the earth."

Along with Mr. Farwell's comments, another saucer-sighting was reported. Mrs. Ora Reiling, of 1706 Race street, was accompanied by two relatives Thursday night when a hovering object "like a big auto headlight in the sky" was seen for three minutes near Erlanger, Ky.

saucer landed and fired a ray or bolt at him the night of August 19.

"Shedding a yellowish-white light, and at least as large as a big transport plane, it appeared to descent—straight down—into the undergrowth a block and a half east of the Trail between Belvedere and Okechobee roads six miles from here at about 7:30 p.m. August 29th. Then a helicopter-like object hovered over it.

"That's the story revealed Thursday by Miss June Zent, 15-year-old Palm Beach High School student, of 512½ Georgia Ave.

"In the darkness, she couldn't be sure of the missile's shape, she said. 'It seemed like a sharp edge with lights spaced around it. It looked like when you turn a coin sideways and you're looking at the rim.'

"June said she and her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wells of Belle Glade, were driving west on Okechobee road on the way to the Boulevard Drive-in Theater when Mr. Wells first saw the object.

" 'It was in front of us way up in the sky. At first it looked like one big yellow-white light. It seemed to be drifting—slanting down. Then it got over into the woods on the left side of the road and dropped straight down. When it got down closer to the ground it looked like it had more lights. And right after it landed we saw another light that seemed to hover over the spot.'

"June said the lighting didn't resemble that of an airplane but reminded her of 'the rim of a coin,' with lights spaced along it.

" 'We turned down military Trail to get closer to the place where it landed. Soon we could see where the bushes were all lit up. There are no houses around there so it was evident that's where it landed.'

"Miss Zent said the landing place, which appeared to be a block and a half east of Military Trail, couldn't be reached by car and that they did not investigate afoot because of the Wells' small children who were in the car.

"Only comment from the Air Force here was that it was 'investigating.'

"The spot Miss Zent pointed out as that where the missile landed was wooded so that no aircraft could land there. But it is directly in line with nearby runways of the airport for planes taking off or landing." (xx.)

(xx.) Miami, Florida. *The Miami Herald*. 5 September 52.

29 August. Elizabeth, New Jersey. (9:35 p.m.)

Doctor, Wife spot saucers.

According to the local paper:

" 'Flying Saucers' were sighted over Elizabeth about 9:35 o'clock last night by Dr. and Mrs. William H. Brown, of 503 First Avenue.

"Looking up into the overcast sky as they returned home from the movies, the couple saw bright objects that appeared cloud-like in the Bayway Refinery. Neither the moon nor stars were visible at the time.

"As they watched, the objects took circular form and one large disc appeared in the center, with about five others circulating around it. Seeming to move closer to the

observers, the discs became exceedingly luminous, Dr. Brown said today. Instead of having rays like the sun, they had a glow surrounding them.

"The performance lasted about 3½ minutes, including a twenty-second period of great brightness, according in the doctor. Then the discs appeared to reverse direction and disappear. The largest disc appeared to be about thirty feet in diameter, he said. Another witness to the spectacle, according to Dr. Brown, was Michael Doras of 414 East Jersey street." (xx.)

(xx.) Elizabeth, New Jersey. *Journal*. 30 August 52.

30 August. 7 miles east of Kearney, Nebraska. (8:30 a.m.)

Disc hovering over Platte River. Telegram to Frank Edwards. (See page 158)

30 August. Toulouse, France. (no time)

Curious thing hovers over Toulouse.

A news dispatch states:

"France is having a flurry of flying saucer reports. The latest comes from Toulouse, where a dozen residents claim they saw a huge, whitish object hovering over the city for 10 minutes. The curious thing about this report is that only a handful of alleged observers saw the mystery objects." (xx.)

(xx.) Bangor, Maine. *Commercial*. 31 August 52.

31 August. George Adamski and NBC.

A newspaper column devoted to television printed:

"The Flying Saucers also received attention from NBC. NBC's newsman, Roy Neal, is keeping a 35mm newsreel camera posted atop California's Mount Paloma and using special equipment developed by amateur astronomer Prof. George Adamski.

"Adamski claims to have been researching winged table settings and says he has been photographing the saucers in flight for the past three years. NBC through affiliate KNBH in Hollywood, has concluded an exclusive arrangement with Adamski in an effort to capture a television glimpse of the saucers. Neal cautiously said the network is taking no sides in the saucer talk, but will present anything filmed for what its worth to the viewers." (xx.)

(xx.) Rogersford, Pennsylvania. *Advertiser*. 4 September 52.

31 August. Gilbert Holloway.

NBC should have known better than to get mixed up with the zany Los Angeles crowd.

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Not everyone there was like the Civilian Saucer Investigator group. Here is a good example:

"Dr. Gilbert N. Holloway, founder-dean of the Holloway School of Philosophy and Religion, explores in his open lectures tomorrow at 3 p.m. in the Clark Hotel, 426 South Hill Street, 'Phenomenal Mysteries of the Flying Saucers.' At 12 noon he will conduct a special session in meditation and divine healing, and at 7:40 p.m. will explain 'reading the Human Aura and Higher Consciousness.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Los Angeles, California. *News*. 30 August 52.

31 August. Monticello, Indiana. "Invitation to land."
(See clipping)

31 August. Lakepoint, Utah. (no time)

Seeing is believing.

A press account says:

"One 'flying saucer' skeptic has been convinced.

"Russel H. Hendricks, 2626 Beverly St., saw four of them Sunday—in formation.

"I'm convinced they were not optical illusions or hallucinations. They moved silently, as fast as a fast airplane, were about the size of a fighter plane, moved in a diamond formation and were about 2,000 feet above the Quairrh Mountains,' he said.

"Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks observed them from Lakepoint, Tooele County, where they had driven and were observing the new television tower being constructed on the mountains.

"Mr. Hendricks is a chemist for American Smelting and Mining Co. 'I have always been skeptical of the existence of flying saucers, but seeing is believing,' he said." (xx.)

(xx.) Salt Lake City, Utah. *Tribune*. 2 September 52.

31 August. Near Clinton, New Jersey. (4:00 p.m.)

Went straight up.

A press states:

"What might be the appearance over North Hunterdon County for the first time of an object in the skies commonly described as a 'flying saucer' is reported by Miss Naomi Wright, who resides on the Sunnyside-Handen road, about two miles south of Clinton.

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No Flying Saucers Accepted Invita- tion to Land

MONTICELLO, Ind., Sept. 1. (U.P.)—Five thousand persons gathered on the shores of Lake Shafer near Monticello yesterday for an interplanetary conference.

Businessmen in the area invited flying saucer pilots to land on the lake for a peaceful meeting. They used signal flares set in geometric designs to invite the pilots and to describe their motives as peaceful.

The sponsors reasoned that air force tactics frightened the pilots of saucers spotted in other parts of the country.

But the point is still open to dispute.

No flying saucers had shown up over Lake Shafer at last report.

"Miss Wright, a retired trained nurse and former operator of a convalescent home for children, sighted the object, which she describes as a large, round silver ball, Sunday at 4 p.m. In the skies south of her home. Not only did Miss Wright observe it, but she called three children living on the farm there, shared also by a friend, Miss Elizabeth T. Gordon, who also observed the object in the sky.

"At first reluctant to discuss the appearance of the 'saucer' with others outside the Wright-Gordon home, Miss Wright waited until Monday to inform State Police at Clinton Point barracks. Police transferred the information to higher authorities according to instructions on procedures on such matters.

"In discussing her experience on Tuesday, she said she was seated on the porch of her home looking southward down the valley of the South Branch of the Raritan River when she spotted the silver-colored object 'loafing along in the sky.' She said she believed it was a blimp similar to several that have flown over this area in recent months with advertising material in electric lights on its sides.

"While she waited to learn what the blimp offered for sale, it came closer and she then realized, she said, that it was like nothing she had ever seen in the air before. She could not estimate its size or how far away it was, but she insists she had a good view of it. It was simply a round, silver ball and made no noise as does an airplane motor, the Hamden woman declared.

"Miss Wright further declared she would still have been inclined to think it was some sort of aircraft if, without warning, it had not gone straight up in the air and 'at an incredible speed.' It disappeared in the heavens, still moving rapidly but without noise.

"At about that time Miss Wright said she looked further to the north and found two airplanes, the usual airline passenger planes that pass over this section of the state bound for airports in the New York area, were approaching from the west and probably at an altitude similar to the 'saucer' when she first sighted it at cruising speed. She believes, she reports, the approaching planes frightened it away.

"Miss Wright indicates she has read much on the current 'flying saucers' topic in the press and has heard it discussed over the radio, but until this experience had formed no opinion as to what it might be." (xx.)

(xx.) High Bridge, New Jersey. *Gazette*. 4 September 52.

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