

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN OF THE APOCALYPSE

UFOS: A HISTORY

1952 June – July 20th

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.

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Acknowledgments and remarks:

Thanks to students of the UFO problem like Barry Greenwood, Jan Aldrich and Robert Todd, thousands of pages of declassified military files were obtained for UFO research. With such material now available, it is possible to see the year 1952 in a clearer light. Before reading these documents I found it a bit difficult to appreciate how unprepared the U.S. was for a Russian air assault and how this security issue smothered concern over the ET visitation hypothesis.

Sometime after the UFO history monographs covering 1952 were written, the papers of Dr. James McDonald were located and examined for new information. McDonald discovered a lot of valuable data that has been incorporated in this supplement. Every UFO researcher will welcome the opportunity to study McDonald's findings.

Major UFO collections that belonged to different individuals and UFO organizations contributed various items to this supplement. These items expand on my first attempt to explain what happened in the year 1952. The collections of Jan Aldrich and Barry Greenwood, for example, have many news reports not previously known. Both men are still active investigators and what they have compiled continues to grow. Other researchers of note, who have donated their accumulations to the author or otherwise made them available to myself and the public, include: Robert Gribble, George Fawcett, Murray Bott, Les Treece-Sinclair, Paul Cerny, and Leon Davidson. The files of APRO, NICAP, MUFON and CUFOs have a lot of cases "gathering dust" so it was thought best to bring them to the attention of those in the UFO community that do not have reasonable access.

Not many people or groups were very active in collecting data in 1952. Fortunately the Air Force subscribed to the New York Romeike press clipping service. It was also fortunate a decision was made to preserve the clippings on microfilm.

Finally, all of my supplements contain odds and ends I have picked up over the years from any number of sources.

—Loren E. Gross

June 1952. Backdrop of suspicion and fear.

As author Susan Michaels aptly puts it:

“It was the middle of the cold war, and the likelihood of imminent attack from the Soviet Union was on everyone’s mind. It was an election year, and Harry Truman was running on a rigid cold war platform. Senator Joseph McCarthy was in the middle of a bitter reelection campaign and was fomenting anti-Communist hysteria. The military was about to detonate the world’s first H-bomb at Eniwetok in the Central Pacific. Air-raid sirens blared routinely at noon in cities and towns across America; air-raid shelters were replacing the backyard barbecue as suburbia’s most sought-after home accessory; and schoolchildren were taught to dive under their desks for protection in the event of a nuclear blast.” (xx.)

(xx.) Michaels, Susan. *Sightings: UFOs*. A Fireside Book Published by Simon & Schuster: New York, N.Y., 1997. p.18.

“We didn’t cover anything up. It’s just that we didn’t volunteer information.”

—Al Chop, Pentagon civilian press liaison. (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid, p.20.

The problem of Dr. Donald Howard Menzel.

The notes were apparently too "hot" to publish in his memoirs so Edward Ruppelt confined the information to his personal papers. After the Ruppelt died, his written profile of Menzel was discovered by researchers:

"One day in mid-May 1952, I was in the Pentagon when I received a call from General Garland's office. At that time Gen. Garland was the Deputy Director of Production for General Samford. The girl in Gen. Garland's office said that there would be a meeting in Dr. Stephen Possony's office at 2:00 that afternoon and the general wanted me to be there.

"When I arrived at the meeting Col. Dunn was there, along with Gen. Garland, Steve Possony, Les Rosensweig and another colonel whose name I've forgotten. Dr. Menzel was also there.

"The meeting got right underway with Menzel telling us very bluntly that he had solved the UFO problem for the Air Force. He minced no words. I had heard of Menzel and I was duly impressed with his accomplishments. He said that he had been studying the UFO phenomena for a long time and that he had done all of the development work for the cameras in Project Twinkle. This seemed a little odd to me because I was very familiar with all of the work on Twinkle and I had never heard of his connection with the project.

"He went on to tell about how he had seen a UFO while at White Sands P. G. some years before and how he had ordered his driver to stop and had determined that it was a mirage of some sorts. He told how he had done some experiments with liquids of different densities, etc. to prove his ideas about what he'd seen.

"After he went through all of this he asked if there were any comments. The way he did this immediately irked everyone at the meeting. He had the attitude that this is it—worry no more my friends. I wasn't at all convinced that he had as much as he thought he did because he had the same approach and attitude that I had seen in a dozen other people all of whom had the answer. But I hated to say anything due to his stature in the field of science.

"Steve Possony, no small cog in the system, wasn't as easy to intimidate, however. Steve's first question was whether or not Menzel thought that the few very elementary and simple experiments proved anything. He asked Menzel if he would try the same basic physics tricks to prove some type of solar phenomena, Menzel's specialty. Menzel hedged a lot on this question and changed the subject.

"He started to talk about the hoaxes that we had and tried to make like they were a big percentage of the overall picture.

"Gen. Garland began to get a little fidgety about this time and told Menzel that we were well aware of how many of the sightings were hoaxes, about 2 or 3 percent.

"Then Menzel announced that he had sold a story of his ideas to *Time* and *Look*. He said that he would like to have the Air Force publicly back him up 100% in these two magazines. At this Gen. Garland about blew a stack. Steve Possony asked Menzel if it might not be more scientific to do a little bit more research on the subject before he went out and sold the story. Also, he said he thought that Menzel could have approached the Air Force a little sooner. Then

Col. Dunn said that he thought that ATIC—specifically Blue Book—would have been very glad to put a little money into a more formal type of experiment. He went on to say that he didn't think that the Air Force would care to endorse something that we know so little about. He did say that we would be glad to say that Menzel had told us about the theory and that this could be released through the PIO.

"At this Menzel blew his top. It was no theory, he said. Then he began to throw around the name of Jonathan Leonard of *Time* magazine and said that he was behind this 100% and that Leonard would do this and that.

"After a bit more of a hassle I asked Menzel if he would leave us a copy of his work so that we could show it to a few of ATIC's consultants. He wanted to know who we would show it to and I said Dr. Joe Kaplan, of the physics Department of UCLA, Dr. Hynek, of Ohio State, and I would also like to have the people at 'Project Bear [STORK]' run some theoretical calculations on it.

"Menzel refused this suggestion and folded up his data and got ready to leave. Gen. Garland again told him that if he cared to, he could mail the data to us at ATIC.

"That evening Steve Possony contacted Father Heyden, Head of the Astronomy Department at Georgetown University, and told him about it. He was very adamant in his idea that all Menzel had was a couple of meaningless high school physics experiments.

"The next morning I was requested to do a little checking by Possony.

"I happened to go to the Office of Naval Research this morning to see Lt. Com. Frank Thomas, who was our contact man with ONR and the Navy. I mentioned our meeting with Menzel and he stopped me about half way through the story. He got on the phone and called someone in ONR. It turned out that Menzel had tried to pull a deal with the Navy, only he was backing some kind of gun. He had decided that it was the salvation of the Navy and he had tried to put the pressure on them to back him. He went a step further, though, he offered to donate his time as a consultant in developing this gun. (It might have been something else, but I think that it was a gun.)

"This seemed to be a very noble thing to do so ONR got interested. The bids for the contracts came in and Menzel strongly suggested that they be given to a small outfit that had made one of the bids. Since the bid was high, ONR did a little investigating and found out that Menzel was one of the prime backers of this 'non-profit research organization.' ONR canceled out on the whole thing.

"We received no more info from Menzel until his article came out in *Time*. When it did come out, I called Dr. Kaplan on the West Coast. He hadn't seen the article but said that he would get a copy of the magazine and call me right back. He did and I can't recall his comment but it was very nasty. I asked him if he would put his comments in writing and wire them to me since the press was on our necks. He did and the wire said something to the effect that although Dr. Menzel had an interesting idea, it was far from the answer to all UFO reports. I passed this wire on to Al Chop in the Pentagon and it was toned down a little more and passed on to the press.

"In the meantime Dr. Hynek had seen the article and called me. He was just as irked. It was his opinion that Menzel was stooping to some pretty low tactics to make

a buck.

"Sometime later, at an American Optical Society Meeting in Boston, Dr. Hynek got Menzel on the stand to debate with him on the subject and really ran him into the ground. We taped the session—Bob Olssen did it—for our records." (xx.)

(xx.) Ruppelt's personal papers, Lot II, Folder 29. Menzel File. Professor Michael Swords files.

Incredibly, Menzel, a man who expressed a conviction that "talking to witnesses was a waste of time," became UFOlogically's leading critic, representing science's judgement on the UFO mystery—at least in the eyes of many in the scientific community and the media. (xx.)

(xx.) Clark, Jerome. *The UFO Encyclopedia, The Phenomenon From The Beginning*. Vol. Volume 2: L-Z. "Menzel, Donald Howard." Omnigraphics, Inc.:Detroit, MI, 1998. p.367. There is much more about Menzel's darker side in Clark's article.

In spite of all the information that has been so far gathered on Menzel, the man's decades of obsession with a negative view of UFOs still eludes a complete explanation. The closest anyone has come to something that is clear cut is the "Shapley assignment." According to Michael Hall and Wendy Connors:

"Menzel was only a messenger in this [UFO skeptic] role. He had been assigned to this crusade by his boss at Harvard, Dr. Harlow Shapley. Shapley had taken it upon himself to make Menzel the nation's leading UFO spokesman because he saw flying saucers as a distraction to rational science." (xx.)

(xx.) Hall, Michael David and Wendy Ann Connors. *Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, Summer of the Saucers—1952*. Rose Press:Albuquerque, NM, 2000. p.124. The Hall and Connors source for this is Dr. Michael Swords. Swords had access to Menzel's private papers.

The "Shapley theory" might be questioned on the basis that the Spring of 1952 was a bit early to be concerned UFOs were a "distraction to rational science." Almost all of the nutty stuff came later. It is also interesting to note that the "Shapley assignment" was counter to Air Force policy at the time which was to take UFOs seriously.

A favorite idea among a number UFO buffs is that Menzel was privy to indisputable evidence that UFOs were alien craft from outer space and that the Harvard professor was trying to distract the public from that scary reality.

The ETH issue was mentioned in the July 1952 issue of *Look* and a comment by Ruppelt was not very encouraging:

"Flying saucers could be interplanetary spaceships or missiles. Air Force intelligence men say they are continually astounded by the number of trained scientists who believe they are interplanetary in origin. Lieutenant Ruppelt says he has talked with hundreds of scientists and heard many such theories.

"He adds, 'We can deal with these things if they are from Russia. If they are from Mars, I don't know what we will do!'" (xx.)

(xx.) Moskin, Robert. "Hunt For The Flying Saucer." *Look*. July 1952. pp.37-41

We might also mention that Menzel wasn't the only scientist to "attack" UFO belief at this point in time. Among others there was Dr. C.C. Wylie, Dr. Paul Heget, and professor Ernest Esclancon of the French Academy.

1 June. Walla Walla, Washington. (about 1:30 p.m.)

Adjutant of Air Reserve squadron makes a flying saucer report:

"The flying saucer season is here again.

"Bill Vollendorff, 133 Boyer Drive, officially opened the season early this week. Sunday he saw a saucer over Walla Walla, he reported Tuesday night.

"Vollendorff is adjutant of the 9406th Volunteer Air Reserve squadron of Walla Walla. He was a flying instructor in the last war with the rank of major.

"He spotted the object over Walla Walla about 1:30 p.m. and observed it from his home, for an estimated seven seconds. He estimated the object's altitude as from 10,000 to 15,000 feet. It appeared to be small in size, of oval shape and relatively thin. It was traveling northeast.

"Vollendorff observed what appeared to be a rocking motion of the object, then it changed course at approximately 45 degrees and disappeared from view at a high rate of speed.

"The best time of the year for observing the skies is from early June until September, according to Cliff Lincoln, flight commander of the Air Force Reserve here. He urged people to watch for objects in the sky during clear weather and to report immediately the sighting of any strange object.

"The U.S. Air Force is accumulating data on all sightings of strange objects. A report of such an object should be turned in to Lincoln, to the CAA communication station at the City-County Airport, phone 516, or to the headquarters of 9406th VAR squadron, 12 N. Second, phone 165.

"This information will then be channeled to the Air Force. [Note: Mr. Vollendorff's report, for some reason, never appeared in Air Force BLUE BOOK files] If the report shows promise, the Air Force will probably get in touch with the observer and review the information with him.

"Lincoln advised people not to think they were 'seeing things' in such a case, but to observe the object carefully, then report it immediately. [One can see why Dr. Donald Menzel's debunking in *LOOK* magazine was not welcome by the Air Force at this time] He cautioned against thinking about the occurrence too much before reporting it. The most accurate report can be given immediately after the sighting, he said." (xx.)

(xx.) Walla Walla, Washington. *Union Bulletin*. 4 June 52.

June? Near Tombstone, Arizona. (about 6:30 p.m.)

"We were amazed." "Its speed was unbelievable."

The testimony of Annapolis graduate John C. Williams, a Navy pilot who retired with the rank of Lieutenant Commander after ten years of service:

"The day was hot and clear, except for scattered clouds,' Williams reported. 'It was about 6:30 p.m., and the sun was still fairly high. My wife and one of our guests were watching the sunset reflections on Cochise's Hide-Out, north across the valley, when they sighted a strange object flying toward Tombstone from the direction of Tucson.

"My wife called the rest of us and we were amazed to see this huge, circular object in level flight somewhere between 20,000 and 30,000 feet.' (This estimate is based on the height of the clouds.)

"Suddenly, Williams said, the UFO stopped in mid-flight. It hovered, oscillating or tilting from side to side for several moments. Then it reversed its direction and retraced its course.

"Two times, it repeated this performance,' Williams told NICAP. 'There was no noise whatever. We saw no lights, nor any evidence of a jet stream or exhaust.'

"As the object hovered, Williams and his guests could distinctly see the shape of the strange machine.

"It looked like two saucers, one inverted on top of the other,' Williams described it. 'I estimated the diameter to be at least three hundred feet—though it could have been greater, depending on the altitude.

"It left at a slight climbing angle,' said Williams. 'Its speed was unbelievable. It headed northwest toward Tucson, diminishing to a tiny speck and then vanishing, in about four seconds.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Keyhoe, Donald. *Flying Saucers: Top Secret*. G.P. Putnam's Sons: New York, 1960. pp.47-48.

2 June. Malaga, Marbella, and Estepona, Spain. (daytime?)

Airplane or what?

AFP news service:

"—A bright flying disc shaped like a mushroom flew for about an hour—from 1230 to 1330 GMT—above the Spanish coast between Malaga, Marbella and Estepona. "Thousands of people claim to have seen the flying saucer, which, coming from the Mediterranean, moved in a southeast(or southward) direction at a height of about 5,000 meters, then reversed itself to a northward direction and disappeared over the horizon.

"Witnesses of this incident further state that the flying saucer left trails of condensation in its wake." (xx.)

(xx.) Malaga. June 2, 1952 (AFP)

3 June. Palermo, Sicily. (daytime?)

Hovered, then zoomed away.

AFP news service:

“—A flying saucer was seen by three persons who were on an outing near Palermo, in Sicily. At the moment when they first became aware of the disc it was immobile, at a height of about 3,000 meters. Then it began to sway from the right to left, and after a few evolutions in the sky it disappeared with great speed in the direction of the sea.” (xx.)

(xx.) Palermo, Sicily June 3, 1952 (AFP)

3 June. Poitiers, France. (about 9:30 a.m.)

“High velocity jumps.”

AFP news service:

“—A resident of Poitiers saw in the sky, about 9:30 a.m. (local time) this morning, a strange brilliant-russet-colored object, moving by jumps at high velocity at a very high altitude.

“He immediately summoned his wife and a neighbor, who likewise saw the ‘flying saucer’ distinctly before it disappeared above some clouds.” (xx.)

(xx.) Poitiers, France. June 3, 1952 (AFP)

3-4 June. Catania, Sicily and Ancona, Italy. (daytime?)

Rash of saucers.

AFP news service:

“—Another rash of ‘flying saucers’ has broken out in Sicily and Italy. Many persons reported seeing a ‘silvery object’ cross Catania at a very high altitude today. Two other saucers were reported over Ancona, on Italy’s coast, late yesterday.” (xx.)

(xx.) Catania, Sicily. June 4, 1952 (Reuters)

3 June. Professor Esclangon of the French Academy.

“Once-and-for-all scientific pronouncement.”

News dispatch from Paris:

"A new wave of 'flying saucers' rumors sweeping the Continent has brought a 'once-and-for-all scientific pronouncement from Prof. Ernest Esclangon of the French Academy.

"According to the professor, the natural laws of sound exclude all possibility that flying saucers exist as described by 'witnesses' in all parts of the world.

" 'People who say they have seen flying saucers report that the objects move at extraordinary speeds and without making a sound,' says Professor Esclangon. 'But a "saucer" traveling through our atmosphere at supersonic speed must inevitably produce a sound like an explosion. The absence of explosions could only be explained if the saucers were ghostly missiles and not material things at all.

" 'A projectile capable of traveling at high speeds makes a wake through the air like a ship through water. If it tears through the atmosphere at, say, 3,000 feet a second, it creates a "shock wave" which, reaching the human ear, gives the impression of a violent explosion. Any artillery man knows about such shock waves. A bullet makes a snock wave which sounds to us like the crack of a whip. A big flying saucer, traveling at supersonic speeds would produce a terrifying noise for whoever was in its wake—such as the airmen who have reported trying to catch the saucers.

" 'Moreover,' added the professor, 'none of the great number of astronomers who sit nightly at telescopes observing the skies has ever reported seeing a flying saucer.' (xx.)

(xx.) Baltimore, Maryland. *Morning Sun*. 4 June 52.

4 June. H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds".

"I wanted them to land in the desert." (See clipping about the making of the George Pal masterpiece on page 8)

4 June. Dr. C.C. Wylie.

"Saucers not seen." (See clipping on page 8)

4 June. Sacramento, California. (8:25 p.m.)

"Orange-yellow luminous thing."

A Zelma Meek said:

"There was one object in the northwestern sky about 30 degrees above the horizon. It looked like a huge glowing inverted comma in shape. There was no way to estimate its size, distance or altitude. It appeared to be larger than Venus; I would say about the size of a pea held at arm's length. The color was an orange-yellow and it seemed to be luminous. It must have been in the sky for some time before I saw it, for from within my home I had noticed several children gazing skyward for some minutes. Finally my curiosity prompted me to go out and see what they were looking at, and there it was. It appeared to remain stationary for some minutes, then descended slowly at a sharp angle. It then changed direction and moved a little faster going

This Clipping From
BRIDGEPORT, CONN.
POST

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SAUCERS NOT SEEN BY ASTRONOMERS

By DR. C. C. WYLIE

(Professor of Astronomy, University of Iowa)
IOWA CITY, Iowa, June 4—Not one "saucer" has been reported as the result of astronomical observations.

Looking over all the stories in magazines and newspapers reporting flying saucers, this lack of astronomical data is impressive.

In spite of the fact that astronomical telescopes and cameras are working in all parts of the country every clear night, that thousands of meteors have been observed by radar, and that astronomers are regularly interviewing persons who have seen spectacular meteors, not one "saucer" has been reported in astronomical work.

The fact that each saucer has been reported from only one point suggests that most have been spots of reflected light. Sunlight reflected from a bright surface produces, at the critical angle, a bright, silvery, round or oval spot, with no sign of the airplane or bird, responsible. The best saucers reported to us have proved on investigation to be due to airplanes. (I have seen one beautiful set of such saucers.)

The fact that each saucer has been observed from only one point means that the heights and speeds are mere guesses. Without at least one pointing from a different location, the height is unknown.

It was pointed out years ago that the question of the reality of the saucers could be quickly answered by having each story investigated promptly, as meteor reports are now being investigated in parts of the country. Fact could be separated from fiction and fancy in this way, as it cannot be for these old reports. The sensational features of most stories would be quickly eliminated, and should a real object be found, its path, height, and speed could be easily calculated.

The fact that none of the magazine articles suggests that a real investigation of the stories be made, as they are reported is evidence that the writers have little confidence in the reality of the interplanetary saucers. One suspects they are afraid that such an investigation, by producing commonplace explanations for the stories, would spoil material for good articles in the future.

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Life In Hollywood

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood (AP)—They're blowing up a large part of Los Angeles over at Paramount.

The city hall came down in rubble recently. Now they're leveling various other landmarks. All this takes place on a movie set, of course. But when it appears on the screen, it will look like a Martian invasion, for sure.

This is the latest chapter in the life of a literary work that has a long and chilling history. It is H. G. Wells' "War of the Worlds," which shivered Victorian readers when it was first published in 1898. The book depicted the invasion of London by octopus-like creatures from Mars.

Orson Welles in the days when he was really a wonder boy, put the story on radio, shifting the locale to New York. He did it in documentary style, as though it were actually happening. Some citizens of New Jersey, where the invasion was supposed to have started, were reportedly scared out of their socks.

Now it's a film version. The producer is George Pal, who has created such fantasia as "Destination Moon" and "When Worlds Collide." He has the Martians landing in the California desert and marching on Los Angeles.

"I wanted them to land in the desert," he explained, "because the reports of flying saucers and other phenomenon have so often happened over the desert."

westward. At the same time it seemed to change shape and elongate. I watched it until it disappeared in the distance. Later I compared notes with others who had seen it, and our observations tallied except that the others had seen it sooner and therefore observed it longer. One said she had watched it remain in the same spot for half an hour. At the time of this observation I was a supervisor at the Sacramento Air Defence Filter Center, but I did not report my sighting, as the Air Force at the time was ridiculing such reports, or at least that was my impression from my association with the military. At the Filter Center we received many reports of UFOs during that period, 1952-53, and never knew how they were analyzed. I, along with others, felt there was no use reporting sightings, if we never heard about them again, and were looked at askance for our trouble." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: From: Zelma H. Meek, Riverwood Ranch, Acampo, California. To: APRO. APRO files. Photocopy in author's files.

4 June. Catania, Sicily. (daytime?)

Strange object maneuvers:

"—Numerous residents of the Sicilian town of Catania were able to observe a flying saucer Wednesday as it maneuvered above them for a long time. According to some of the witnesses, the disc was at an altitude of about 30,000 feet. Of silvery color, it moved very slowly and stopped altogether on several occasions, but eventually it disappeared at a very high velocity in the direction of the sea. According to the *Giornale d'Italia*, the strange object was also observed by the Catania airport. It prints the statement of aviation commander Vittorio Sanzone, who followed the maneuvers of the saucer with field glasses. Comdr. Sanzone states in particular that the object was in every respect similar to that recently photographed by two Brazilian journalists." (xx.)

(xx.) Catania, Sicily. June 4, 1952 (AFP)

5 June. CSI Los Angeles appears on television.

A news story by reporter King Charles informed his readers:

"Are there such things as flying saucers?"

"A distinguished group of engineers engaged in top secret guided missile work will say that 'flying saucers do exist' when they appear with Roy Maypole on KTTV at 9.

"The list reads like 'Who's Who' in the engineering world. All are members of the Civilian Saucer Investigations and came into prominence recently when their findings were featured by *Life* magazine.

"The engineers are: Ed J. Sullivan, founder of CSI; Norton H. Nelson, electrical engineer and physicist; John C. Barnes, aviation structures engineer; Johannes S. Newton, mechanical engineer; Dr. Walter Riedel, leading propulsion engineer in the Guided missile industry and former director of development and design of the V-1

and V-2 at Peenemunde; Werner Eichler, professional translator in 30 languages, an engineer and engineering writer; Felix Knoll, consulting engineer; and Gerald Heard, BBC science analyst and author of *Is Another World Watching?*

"On tonight's program, the CSI plans to show actual photographs of flying saucers.

"The organization is eager to obtain information of all sightings of strange aircraft by the public. Any such information should be mailed to Civilian Saucer Investigations at P.O. Box 1971, Los Angeles. They have so far received and correlated news of sightings from six continents." (xx.)

(xx.) Long Beach, California. *Press-Telegram*. 5 June 52.

DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK
The professor has been
long associated with the
U. S. Air Force in govern-
ment investigations of un-
explained flying objects.



6 June. Col. Jesse E. Stay, ex-press relations officer.

One can tell Col. Stay was now "out-of-the-loop" in regards to current Air Force policy. In a speech to the Provo, Utah, Exchange club, the one time UFO PIO officer delivered an old project GRUDGE type of talk that emphasized prosaic explanations and the lack of any perceived danger from Mars, or even the Russians. No Exchange member would want to report anything to the Air Force after such an "education." (See clipping)

6 June. Willard, Ohio. (early morning)

He got the usual "ribbing."

A press account states:

"They're at it again—those 'flying saucers.' And Brink Hedden, Willard volunteer fireman, has become one of those persons who has seen a 'flying saucer' and knows that they're not just imaginary.

"Mr. Hedden saw a 'flying saucer' early Friday morning about three miles north of Mansfield on the Bowman road.

"It came from the northeast and was headed toward the southwest," he relates. "It made about a half circle, stopped briefly, and then shot away at a terrific speed."

"Mr. Hedden states that it appeared to be about 1,500 feet high. He could not see its definite outline. 'It was too bright to see the object's shape. It looked about like a bright light bulb does from a distance,' he states.

"When the fireman was telling his story at City Hall Saturday, he found many disbelievers and got the usual 'ribbing.' However, when a story came out in the Mansfield paper about a man seeing the 'saucer' about the same time as Mr. Hedder did and maneuvering in the same manner, the incident did not seem so fantastic." (xx.)

(xx.) Willard, Ohio. *Times*. 12 June 52.

6 June. Near Catawba, Wisconsin. (afternoon)

"Not a cloud."

A press account tells us:

"Rumors of flying saucers, or what have you, gained credence in the southern part of Price county when a strange object was seen in the sky by the family of Jerry Lukes,

This Clipping From
PROVO, UTAH
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JUN 6 1952

Exchange Club Hears About Flying Saucers

The public knows everything the air force knows about flying saucers, because the air force has held nothing back from the results of two years of investigation into the matter.

Provo Exchange club members were told this by Col. Jesse E. Stay at their regular meeting this week, in which Col. Stay drew on his experiences as head press relations officer for the air force on the saucer project. The colonel is now the commanding officer of the BYU Air Force ROTC unit.

The air force halted its special saucer project, as such, after two years of investigation, Col. Stay said, but it has not by any means stopped the investigation of any new reports which have been received since then or might be received in the future. These are being carried on as a regular function of the air force with its regular personnel, he said.

Of the 375 reports investigated during two years, all but 34 were explained to the satisfaction of the air force, the speaker said. Of the remaining 34, some of them from very reliable sources, he said the air force was unable to find any explanation.

Col. Stay said the air force came to the conclusion that there was no threat to the security of the United States from the reports, and only recently the air force announced they were not the results of any secret weapon being tested by the U. S.

Besides the "skyhook" weather balloons which accounted for so many of the reports, Col. Stay said three main conclusions resulted from the investigation.

1. A great many were the result of misinterpretation of natural, known phenomena—such as the way some stars appear at night, or even in the daytime.

2. A great many more were the result of a mild form of mass hysteria.

3. A sizeable number were proven to be out and out hoaxes reported for one reason or another, including the very human trend toward getting attention and publicity.

He said the two-year investigation provided "no concrete evidence whatsoever that they (the flying saucer reports) are a threat to our national security, either from a foreign or extra-terrestrial source."

living seven miles south of Catawba.

"Members of the family, who were returning to their home from Chicago between 4:00 and 5:00 o'clock Friday afternoon, saw what they thought was a cloud formation in the sky as they turned onto County Highway I from Highway 13. On more complete examination they discovered that the object they watched was not a cloud, but something which appeared to be long and flat, from which vapor of some sort seemed to be emerging.

"The object remained in the sky for a considerable length of time and, when the Lukes folks reached their home, they told Mr. Lukes who, in turn, secured field glasses for observation. From the reports given Saturday by Mr. Lukes, the family watched the object for more than an hour. The object seemed to hover in one position for a period of 15 minutes, and then would make a complete circle returning to about the same position it was previously.

"After considerable maneuvering the object headed straight south at a very fast rate, according to Lukes. There was no noise whatsoever, but what appeared to be white smoke streamed from one end of it.

"There is no information available as to what the object might have been, and there is little possibility of securing information about it." (xx.)

(xx.) Phillips, Wisconsin. *Bee*. 12 June 52.

6 June. Near Wendover, Canada. (2:30 a.m.)

"It was something we had never seen before."

A news dispatch from Canada stated:

"The flying saucers are back! Edgar L. du Plessis, manager of Community Loan and Finance reports sighting a mysterious object early Friday morning soaring over Wendover unlike anything he had ever previously encountered.

" 'We were on our way back home from a trip to Montreal,' he said. 'Just at Wendover, we sighted the object in the sky up about 2,000 feet. It was a brilliant red-orange in color and at first we thought it might be a fire balloon. Then when we looked closer we realized it was something else. At any rate, it was 2:30 in the morning and there would be no celebrations at this time.

" 'We were travelling fairly fast and so could not estimate the speed of the object. But it was definitely something we had never seen before. We were excited over it and it was hard to describe it exactly.' (xx.)

(xx.) Ottawa, Canada. *Citizen*. 7 June 52.

7 June. Lorain, Ohio. (8:30 p.m.)

"It had a dome."

An Ohio newspaper reported:

"Flying saucers, that on again, off-again phenomena for which no scientific theory has been universally accepted, is definitely 'on again.'

"The lid was lifted on saucer season here in Lorain Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. when a 15-year-old self-pronounced 'amateur girl scientist' spotted a swishing, whirling sky dervish.

"Joanne Polvak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Polyak 2321 East 35th St., says she saw the saucer while visiting a girl friend in Homewood Allotment.

"Joanne was visiting Marlene Molnag, 14, East Homewood Drive, when they both spotted the 'saucer' described as silver in color.

" 'We watched it for about two minutes,' said Joanne. 'When it got directly overhead, the saucer turned on edge and we saw it had a dome. It also had a sort of purplish glow to it.'

"The two girls, who will enter the 10th grade at Lorain High in the fall, believed they were the only ones in the immediate vicinity who saw the saucer.

" 'It was up above the cirrus clouds,' says Joanne who has maintained an avid interest in astrological science for quite a few years. 'I would judge it's altitude at about 10 miles.'

"The girls' story was matched strangely enough by Joanne's parents, who claim they saw the saucer while visiting friends in Sheffield Lake.

"They, too, told of the saucer's silver and purplish appearance and said the saucer was traveling directly toward Cleveland.

"The Polyak girl, who plans to work in the field of astronomy after her graduation from high school, admitted she 'has read some science fiction but most of that is a lot of bunk.

" 'I'm interested in fact and I saw a saucer,' she said.

"Drew Pearson, Journal columnist who has recently started a television show, will discuss the 'flying saucer' on his TV show Sunday at 11 p.m.

"Pearson has promised an over all coverage on the strange saucers that were first reported in 1946." (xx.)

(xx.) Lorain, Ohio. *Journal & Times-Herald*. 9 June 52.

7 June. Dr. Paul Herget.

"Optical Ghosts?" (See clipping on page 14)

7 June. Mansfield, Ohio. (about 2:40 a.m.)

Amateur astronomer sees one?

A press account states:

"Mansfield amateur astronomer Val Isham reported today that he saw what he took to be a flying saucer early this morning.

"He saw a strange round object in the sky about 2:40 a.m. It was in the east and he watched it for about seven or eight minutes as it traveled from the north to the south. It stopped a few minutes in the sky, then continued on its way, Isham said.

"At first I thought it was the planet Jupiter," Isham said. Then I realized it was too early for the planet to be visible and so from its brightness and movement, I concluded it must be some kind of large object in controlled flight." (xx.)

(xx.) Mansfield, Ohio. *News-Journal*. 7 June 52.

8 June. Calgary, Alberta, Canada. (11:47 a.m. MST)

"8:1 ratio."

Canadian UFO researcher Arthur Bray:

"A meteorological assistant was taking a Pibal observation at 11:47 AM, M.S.T., when a silvery ellipse, aspect ratio 8:1, crossed the field of vision of the theodolite. It was in view for 3 seconds. With reference to the height of the pibal balloon at the time, the object was estimated to be higher than 50,000 feet. The object appeared to have a sharp outline and to shine from reflected sunlight." (xx.)

(xx.) Bray, Arthur. "Summary of Sightings Reported to and Analyzed by Department of Transport During 1952." *The UFO Connection*. Jupiter Publishing: Ottawa, Canada, 1979. p.186.

10 June. The duel of the magazines.

The editor of a South Dakota newspaper had a problem with the apparent "journalistic duel" between *Life* magazine and the newsweekly *Time*. Ordinarily a small town editor could take his cue from the big national publications:

"A rather curious phenomenon can be observed these days on the newsstands, almost as curious as the 'flying saucer' reports themselves.

"This phenomenon is the opposite sides being taken by the magazines *Time* and *Life*, the two biggest of the Henry Luce publications. Normally, the two use material interchangeably and follow much the same editorial line, but on flying saucers they part company. One can be pardoned for lifting an eyebrow in skepticism.

"In the current issue of *Time*, the magazine

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Optical Ghosts, Scientists Says Of "Saucers"

Dr. Paul Herget, head of the University of Cincinnati Astronomy department, agreed Saturday with a Harvard scientist that the controversial "flying saucers" are "as real as rainbows" and phenomena as old as time itself.

"A thoroughly logical explanation," Dr. Herget said of the scientist's report. "The only trouble is, the people who should believe it probably won't."

The theory of Dr. Donald H. Menzel, Harvard professor of astrophysics, that most "flying saucers" are optical ghosts created by rarer types of mirages appears in the June 9 issue of *Time* Magazine. The article is titled "Those Flying Saucers: An Astronomer's Explanation."

Dr. Menzel thoroughly debunks the popular belief in some circles that "flying saucers" are space ships operated by a super-race from, say, Mars or Venus.

Dr. Menzel recalls that similar atmospheric phenomena described as swiftly moving "airships" were reported in various sections of the nation in 1896 and 1897. He reasons, too, that the "wheels" seen by the Prophet Ezekiel "way up in the middle of the sky" in biblical times well may have been "flying saucers."

Alternate layers of warm and cold air do funny tricks, Dr. Menzel says, with the light of the moon, sun and stars and even with that of auto headlights and street lights. This, he says, is particularly true in the southwest U. S. where the atmospheric conditions are most favorable to "flying saucer" sightings and where alert ser-

publishes 'an astronomer's explanation' of the saucers. Dr. Donald H. Menzel, Harvard professor of astrophysics, is the authority. He explains the sightings elaborately as refracted light through disturbed layers of air or clouds. To substantiate his theory, he set up a lens and a jar of water and a light in his basement and produced 'flying saucer' effects.

"And what of *Life*? That magazine, which published recently photographs supposed to be of strange lights and saucer-like objects, has an article by Robert E. Ginna, jr. This article apparently takes the side that by golly there is something to the flying saucer reports and the theory that they are spaceships from another planet is to be taken seriously.

" 'Strange reflections or refraction mirages have undoubtedly been responsible for a certain number of flying saucer tales, but it is inconceivable that they could satisfactorily explain the 10 sightings that *Life* reported in detail, or most of the still unsolved sightings in the air force's bulging files,' wrote Ginna.

" '...To aid in the undertaking, *Life* is making its widespread news services available to air force intelligence for the gathering of pertinent data...*Life* readers can aid the search for an answer to the mystery by reporting the sighting of any strange aerial objects to the nearest air force representatives.'

"It gives advice on how to observe, et cetera.

"*Time* is one side, apparently, *Life* on the other. Where does Henry Luce stand on this saucer business." (xx.)

(xx.) Huron, South Dakota. *Huronite & Plainsman*. 10 June 52.

10 June. Denver, Colorado. (about 4:35 p.m.)

"Tremendously fast."

A Denver paper tells us:

"A 'flying saucer,' brilliant orange and traveling 'tremendously fast,' was reported soaring over Denver for ten minutes late Tuesday afternoon.

"Floyd T. Lindstrom and his son, Glen D., both of 217 Twenty-third street, reported sighting the high-flying disk about 4:25 p.m. They described it as round and 'about as big as a B-36.'

"The two men said they watched the 'saucer' from 800 South Broadway as it flashed across the sky to the southeast. It then rapidly shot upward until it disappeared about 4:35 p.m.

"They added that it apparently was self-propelled, moving against the wind. But it was not luminous. Its orange glow, probably reflection of the sun's rays, turned to black as the object rose farther above the earth." (xx.)

(xx.) Denver, Colorado. *Post*. 11 June 52.

12 June. Townsend Brown

On June 12th a San Diego television reviewer mentions an interesting name:

"Seen any flying saucers lately? Television producers are seeing 'em. Three video programs tonight deal with various phases of space travel conjecture. At 9 on Channel 11, Roy Maypole talks with Townsend Brown, who has an electro-gravitational force theory in relation to possible power of flying saucers. Bradford Shank, research physicist, also appears. It's the second consecutive week's TV session on the subject. A 'working model' of a flying saucer is shown." (xx.)

(xx.) Charles, King. "Television." San Diego, California. *Tribune*. 12 June 52.

15 June. Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. (8:32 a.m.)

"Large silver disc?"

Another UFO report collected by Arthur Bray:

"On June 15 at 8:32 AM, A.S.T., a meteorological assistant on reserve army maneuvers noticed what seemed to be a large silver disc in the sky south east of Halifax. It moved southwest for about 30 seconds at an estimated altitude of 5,000 to 8,000 feet and then ascended vertically and in 2 to 5 seconds merged in alto-cumulus clouds at 11,000 to 12,000 feet. If the altitude estimates are correct, from the bearing and elevation data obtained from this observer, the diameter of the disc works out at about 100 feet. A large standard aircraft was also in the sky at the time and the object seemed to move much more rapidly than the plane. The object's speed was estimated to be at least 800 miles per hour." (xx.)

(xx.) Bray, Arthur. "Summary of Sightings Reported to and Analyzed by Department of Transport During 1952." *The UFO connection*. p.186.

15 June. Minnesota saucer poll.

One-fifth of the people in Minnesota believe in "saucers from outer space." (See page 17)

Mid-June. "Twin Earths."

It is a curious scientific fact that there is one area of space in the Solar system not visible to observers on Earth. A comic strip called "Twin Earths" made use of this fact. The sci-fi adventure made its debut in the middle of June, 1952, and articles appeared in the press discussing the concept. Unfortunately astronomers spoiled things by pointing out the gravity of any twin world would betray its existence, thus science knew there was no orb hidden behind the sun. (It might be a good place the park an interstellar Mother ship however.) (See article from the *New York World Telegram* on page 18)

16/17 June. Barcelonnette, France. (night)

"Shot upward at a dizzying speed."

An AFP news report said:

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MANY ARE SKEPTICAL, BUT . . .

19% Say Saucers MAY Be From Other Planets

While nearly one-fifth of Minnesota's men and women think that so-called flying saucers



Poll finds.

may be space-ships from other planets, the majority are inclined to consider such an explanation fantastic, the Minnesota

18 June. Spokane, Washington.
(about 2:30 p.m.)

Objects follow B-36? (See
Below)

This Clipping From
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JUN 19 1950

Two Report Flying 'Things'

Mrs. John Newsum and her son, Bradley, 16, E919 Twenty-sixth, reported that for about five minutes yesterday they watched two flying objects follow a B-36 bomber eastward and then suddenly turn south, climb higher and disappear.

Mrs. Newsum reported the experience to the weather bureau and to Maj. W. C. Bethold, commanding officer of the Spokane air defense filter center, W610 Sprague.

"But they didn't look like flying saucers," said Mrs. Newsum. "They appeared more like silver balloons."

Their attention was attracted

to the southern skies by vapor trails behind the B-36 as it gained altitude about 2:20 p. m.

"All at once we saw these two objects following the bomber at about the same speed, but seemingly at a lower altitude," said Mrs. Newsum. "They were about a mile apart and far behind the bomber, which we first thought might be towing them."

"They cast aside the idea of the 'low' when the objects made a sharp right turn and headed south," she said.

Both the bomber and objects, she said, were at a high altitude. The objects appeared to be about half the size of the bomber, she said.

IN MAY 1950 and again in May 1952, the Minnesota Poll questioned representative cross-sections of the state's adults about flying saucers.

More than nine out of 10 men and women interviewed in both surveys (96 per cent in 1950 and 93 per cent in 1952) said they had "heard or read" about reports of flying saucers.

These people then were asked:

"What do you think the flying saucers are?"

The answers:

	May 1950	May 1952
Government or military experiments by U.S. or other countries..	17%	19%
"Nothing at all; just hallucinations or imagination"	23%	15%
"Objects from other planets"	3%	5%
Balloons, meteors, stars	4%	8%
Miscellaneous replies	3%	8%
Don't know	45%	39%
Never heard of saucers	96%	94%
	100%	101%

A few persons offered more than one explanation in the latest survey, and the responses total more than 100 per cent as a result.

A Provocative Concept:



Science-Adventure Strip Tells About Life on Terra, Our Counterpart in Space—and Where Women Abound

A unique and intriguing theory is advanced by writer Oskar Lebeck in creating the new science-fiction strip "Twin Earths." His daily pictorial flight into fancy centers around the idea that there exists in outer space a planet which is a counterpart to our Earth—an identical twin rotating on the same orbit around the sun.

The author's contention is that this "Twin Earth" travels around the center of our solar system with the exact precision as ours, directly opposite to us, and forever hidden by the sun.

Has the Other Earth Already Contacted Us?

Moreover our planetary prophet presents the amazing possibility that Terra (his name for our twin) has already contacted us.

How fantastic is this? What about "flying saucer" stories which have originated here and abroad? Leading newspapers, national magazines and government agencies have investigated

these phenomena and have played with the idea that we have had visitations by flying crafts of unknown origin.

There is no terrestrial terror or lunar lunacy in the "Twin Earths" strip. Rather Lebeck and his accomplished partner, artist Alden McWilliams, present a daily action sequence which involves our own earthbound variety of homo sapiens and mostly-similar beings on Terra.

The population of our

global ghost is predominantly female. But these tempestuous Terranians are no ordinary distaff-side variety. A strange difference in their physical being is a baffling and completely unknown type of blood.

Terra is cons ahead of us in scientific progress. To them such things as atomic power, flying jets and television are old hat.

In the course of this story of rivalry between two earths we see developments such as locket-size walkie-talkies, houses made

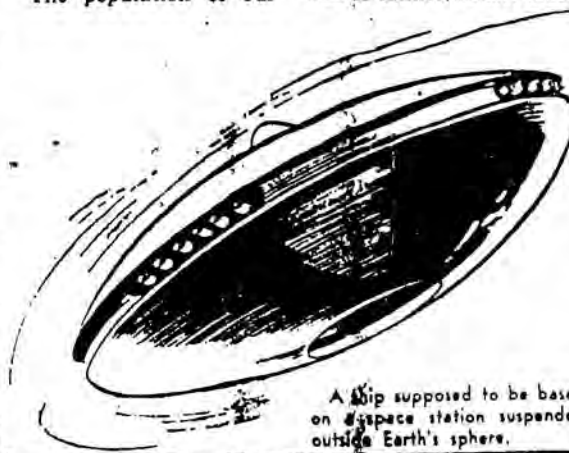
of polaroid glass which turn with the position of the sun, antennas which draw energy for power and light directly from the air into homes, new substances in metals and plastics, some without weight and not reacting to gravity.

Factories Grow Meat—And Life Lasts Long

On Terra there are autoplanes with amazing safety devices, chemical factories which actually grow organic foods such as meat. Indestructible fabrics which radiate heat or cold, wireless television telephones which fit into a handbag.

Oh yes, here's another tidy Terra tidbit. There, you can grow old, very old. Maybe not gracefully, but OLD. Seems that it's common practice with them to prolong life with synthetic organs.

And so it goes on our cozy, mostly-female and not-yet-so-friendly twin. They have endless and new developments far beyond our ken.



A ship supposed to be based on a space station suspended outside Earth's sphere.

"A bright light appeared in the sky on the night of June 16-17 above the mountain called 'The Gendarme's Hat,' at an altitude of about 10,000 feet.

"After travelling in a straight line to the northwest for about 5 seconds, the light shot upward at a dizzying speed, leaving a short trail of green color, and disappeared. The phenomenon lasted only ten seconds and produced no sound."

(xx.)

(xx.) Barcelonnette, France June 17, 1952 (AFP)

19 June. Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada. (night?)

Red disc.

A short dispatch states: "The presence of a glowing red disc was confirmed by radar and ground personnel at Goose Bay Air Force Base (Labrador). The same or a similar disc, which returned to the base on the nights of November 26 and December 15, easily eluded jet interceptors." (xx.)

(xx.) Kanon, Gregory. "UFOs Over The Maritimes." *Canadian UFO Report*. Vol.3, #8. Whole #24. Summer 1976. p.15.

19 June. Tacoma, Washington. (about 1:30 p.m.)

More UFOs haunt the McChord AFB area.

According to a Tacoma newspaper:

"Four mysterious silver objects were sighted by many Tacomans at approximately 1:30 p.m. Thursday and for the second time in three days the McChord Air Force base switchboard was flooded with calls.

"Observers claimed that the objects were round and silver, travelling swiftly at a high altitude and making no noise. McChord officials declined comment, but had earlier reported they were taking names and addresses of those who sighted the four 'fire-balls' Tuesday night.

"The McChord public information office said that the matter was being investigated by Air Force intelligence and the 25th Air Division.

"Unofficial sources said that the four objects Tuesday night, apparently noticed by hundreds of Tacomans, had shown up on military radar screens. There was also unofficial reports that McChord jet planes had unsuccessfully pursued the lights.

"Eyewitnesses said that the Thursday afternoon objects were seen clearly for a time in the sky southeast of Tacoma, then swiftly disappeared, one by one.

"Tuesday night observers said that the four lights moved slowly northward over the city in single file, then changed formation and moved out of sight." (xx.)

(xx.) Tacoma, Washington. *Reporter*. 20 June 52.

20 June. Are saucers Russian missiles? (See clipping below)

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Saucers May Be Guided Missiles, French Wonder

By GAULT MACGOWAN
North American Newspaper
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VERSAILLES —

may be guided missiles fired from the Russian polar regions, in the view of security officials here who are not convinced by Harvard astronomical experiments demonstrating that these objects are optical illusions.

Twenty reports of flying saucers over France are on security file since the implementing of the NATO agreement and they have reached a peak in the first five months of this year. The last report was dated May 28, 1952, and was received from a security officer in southeastern France who personally observed the phenomenon.

The incidence of reports follows: 1949, 1; 1950, 5; 1951, 3; 1952, 11.

WATCH INCREASED

Observation vigilance has been increased since the report by a German aviation engineer, Richard Miethe, that the flying saucers may be Russian mass production of Hitler's secret weapon V-7—a supersonic helicopter—that from the earth may appear to resemble an artist's palette in the sky.

The supersonic helicopter — successfully tried out in prototype over the Baltic in 1944—is said to be 126 feet diameter, capable of control by radar up to 2600 miles and of carrying an atomic bomb to 60,000 feet.

Until this year, authorities ignored the problem of flying saucers, partly from skepticism and partly from the feeling that

they were principally an American concern, but the increase of intensified reports, often with several witnesses, has changed this attitude. A global map demonstrates that the trajectory into France over the polar regions from Russia's far north, behind the Urals, is only 2400 miles.

REDS MOCK

No Russian official announcement of such experiments has been made and it is regarded as significant that the Communist press appears to have party-line instructions to make light of flying-saucer reports and treat them as a joke. Recent editions of the official Communist newspaper L'Humanite have compared them with Loch Ness monster stories.

On the other hand, the Russians are known to be secretly experimenting with guided missiles at supersonic altitudes and to have copied plans of the U. S. designed strategic platforms in space.

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Flying Discs 'Seen' By 4 Near Air Base

MIDDLETON, Pa. (U.P.) — Flying saucers are back. An Air Force officer said yesterday that several round and silver flying saucers and cigar-shaped objects were seen flying high over Jersey Shore, Pa.

Capt. Arthur Lloyd, of Olmsted Air Force Base at Middletown, said the objects were sighted last Thursday by at least four persons, including an Army captain and his wife.

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20 June. CT 0909 Grid area, Korea. (3:05 p.m. Korean time)

Flying oval.

Military records state:

"1. Object was oval in shape, from ten to twenty feet in diameter, was either white or silver. There was only one object and no vapor trails or gas trails of any type were noticed. The object approached from the south, made a complete left-hand orbit of the target area just worked by the flight and headed away in an easterly direction, where it was soon lost from sight.

"2. It was first observed at 1503/I and was out of sight at 1504/I on 20 June 1952.

"3. Visual observation was made from approximately 5300 feet, aircraft were in a left orbit south of their target indicating 180 knots. Type aircraft flown were F4U-4B.

"4. Observers were (at) CT 0909 over the west central sector of Korea. Object was approximately 4000 feet below and about two miles away from the reporting aircraft. Altitude of object was estimated at 1000 feet. It approached from the south and made a 360 deg orbit of the CT 091129 area and headed off on an easterly direction and as out of sight at CT 120118. One pilot made a dive at the object but was outdistanced. Aircraft's speed in dive was 250 knots indicated.

"5. Four pilots in a flight of five observed the object after it had been called to their attention by the flight leader. All of these pilots are well trained and have flown an average of 44 combat missions in Korea. The reliability of the report is considered A-1. Pilots names are: Captain Bobbie Foster 024474/7302 USMCR, Captain Richard Francisco 038989/7302 USMCR, Captain Teddy L. Pittman 036251/7302 USMCR, Captain Ronnie A. McDonald 039833/7302 USMCR." (xx.)

(xx.) Air Intelligence Information Report No. 30-52 dated 16 July 1952. Summary Sheet signed by Brigadier General Charles Y. Banfill, Director of Intelligence. Also: Haines, Richard. *Advanced Aerial Devices Reported During The Korean War*. LDA Press: Los Altos, California. P.O. Box 880, 1990. p.48.

20 June. Santa Rosa, California. (11:51/52 a.m.)

"I Saw a Flying Saucer But Who'll Believe Me?"

Newspaper columnist Ken Cornish of the Santa Rosa *Press-Democrat* had a big problem. He spotted something in the sky that was, without much doubt, a "flying saucer," but who would believe he wasn't just making it up so he could fill space in the paper for a slow news day. Here is his account:

"I had made a small purchase in a hardware store and returned to my parked car when a glint in the sky took my attention.

"The terrific speed of the object held my attention for possibly 8 seconds. When I first saw it I checked for and found no normal aircraft outlines. It appeared

just as a saucer should: big, round, thin, flat and shiny on top. From the angle it was traveling the speed didn't appear great, but the fact I was only able to see it for a few seconds and the last with great effort indicated that it was going much faster.

"At first glance it seemed as large as a B-29 at 2 miles and maybe 8,000 feet up. The 2nd look, after I'd relaxed my eyes a second, it was only a speck, and the last time I saw it, it melted into nothingness while I tried to force my eyes to pick it up again. All this happened in but a few seconds." (xx.)

(xx.) Santa Rosa, California. *Morning Press-Democrat*. 22 June 52.

21 June. CSI on the radio. (See clipping)

Coral Lorenzen's APRO.

A membership drive for Coral Lorenzen's band of UFO buffs had started in May. The group was to be called the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization or APRO.

Coral issued some embryonic UFO bulletins using dittos but they turned out to be too small in size and nearly unreadable. She would have to do better if she was to compete with CSI in Los Angeles with its big name membership and professional skills.

In July the quality of her UFO publication was upgraded by the acquisition of a mineograph machine. The results were so much better Coral decided to designate the July 1952 issue "Vol. I, No.1" (If any of the old dittos issues are around they would be collector items)

Mrs. Lorenzen need not have been too concerned. Her group would out last CSI and many other UFO organizations (Like the next one we will discuss, a "sighting center" in Amarillo.)

22 June. The Amarillo Flying Saucer Sighting Center.

This group didn't last long but it made a good start:

"Amarillo has a Flying Saucer Sighting Center. John R. Garbutt, Jr., 4311 Gables, is the acting director of the center, which is similar to one which has been operating in Los Angeles for some time.

"The group operating the center is composed of interested citizens of various occupations and professions and was formed as a result of a common interest in 'flying saucers.'

"In mid-April Garbutt wrote a letter to Old Tack [Probably a columnist for the local newspaper] in which he advanced a new theory of propulsion of 'flying saucers.'

"The response was rather startling, to say the least," said Garbutt. "As a result, a number of us who are interested seriously have formed an informal

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Flying saucers, "Top Story" subject, KFI at 3:30. Dr. Walter Riedel, chief designer at one time at a German rocket laboratory, and Ed J. Sullivan, president of a local civilian group investigating saucers, speakers.

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 which is scanned and we have plotted a few on a blank US map. The result is a little surprising. When the time elements are checked the results 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.'

" '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.'

"The 'big question' about 'flying saucers' is demanding more and more attention in the public prints and the Air Force has renewed its search for the answer." (xx.)

(xx.) Amarillo, Texas. *News-Globe*. 22 June 52.

22 June. Cheyenne, Wyoming. (between 2 and 3 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.)

Zig-zag pattern.

A Cheyenne newspaper reported:

"Flying saucers were back in the news today following a report by two Cheyenne couples that they had observed strange objects in the sky on two separate occasions Sunday morning.

"Mr. and Mrs. Wade Porter, Jr., 2020 E. 17th and Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Bailey, 1853 Fremont, reported seeing the high-speed, red and white colored objects between 2 and 3 a.m. Sunday and again after 10 a.m.

"Porter related that the Baileys had been visiting his home Saturday night and that shortly after they left, he spotted an object moving in a zig-zag pattern in the northern sky. He said he immediately called the Baileys and that they, too, watched the object for about 10 or 15 minutes.

"Porter said at times the object was white and at other times red.

"Shortly after 10 a.m., Porter said, he noticed another, he thought it was a piece of paper—red on one side and white on the other, and at times silver. Round, it wobbled in high speed and suddenly dropped down out of sight.

"Both couples doubted the objects were weather balloons or planes because they were too high up and moved with terrific speed." (xx.)

(xx.) Cheyenne, Wyoming. *Wyoming State Tribune*. 23 June 52.

23 June. CV 4 Grid Area Korea. (6:08 a.m. Korean time)

Black disc.

Military records state:

"A pilot of the 18th Fighter Bomb Group reported seeing a black disc shaped object about seven times wider than thick. The object was observed at 12,000 ft. altitude descending rather irregularly at 6,000 ft., flew at that altitude for six or seven seconds, approached the observer within 1,500 ft., and then disappeared into the clouds. The size of the object was estimated to be 15 to 20 ft. in diameter. The speed was estimated to be approximately 250 mph." (xx.)

(xx.) Haines, Richard F. *Advanced Aerial Devices Reported During The Korean War*. LDA Press: Los Altos, California, 1990. p.50.

23 June. St. Charles, Missouri. (about 7:00 p.m.)

Silver disc.

A press story said: "Another 'flying saucer' report by two residents in west St. Charles was received today. The object, seen about 7:00 p.m. last night in St. Charles skies, was reported to be very large, silver in color and disc shaped, flying fairly low and able to be viewed for at least a minute." (xx.)

(xx.) St. Charles, Missouri. *Banner-News*. 24 June 52.

24 June. East of Durango, Colorado. (no time)

"Scooting alongside a B-50."

A press report states: "State Patrolman Henry Long said he sighted a silvery object scooting alongside a B-50 bomber just east of Durango Tuesday, while three other persons also reported sighting saucer-like objects in the area." (xx.)

(xx.) Longmont, Colorado. *Times-Call*. 26 June 52.

24 June. Flying Saucer Research Forum.

Yet another UFO group appeared, this time in San Diego, California. A brief note in the press tells us: A thing called The Saucer Research Forum has been set up a Box 384, San Diego, California, to investigate the flying saucers and wants reports on any that turn up." (xx.)

(xx.) Dallas, Texas. *News*. 24 June 52.

25 June. Sawon, South Korea. (1123 GMT)

Military records state:

11 Flying Saucer Reported Seen At Jefferson City

JEFFERSON CITY — (UP) — The first "flying saucer" report from these parts in several months was turned in last week by three men who said they saw 11 white objects milling around at a high altitude over Jefferson City.

Louis Teura and Norman Teura of Jefferson City and William Hall of Helena said they first thought the objects were "birds" until they "lined up and traveled south at high speeds."

Dillon, Montana
Examiner
30 June 52.

"A wire to FEAF from CG FEAF, Tokyo, Japan dated 25 June referred to a ground sighting of UFOs at location K-14 at 11231. It looked like a 'coin,' dull silver and appeared to be spinning in a CW direction. Its diameter was estimated to be seven times its thickness. Its edges were dark-blue. It was reported for shooting a course at an estimated speed of 300 knots, alternately revolving 360 degrees in seven seconds and then proceeding on a spinning course for approximately 12 seconds. The object approached K-14 from the north, paused momentarily, and then rose straight up for 10 seconds, the exact altitude unknown, and then disappeared into the sky. A few seconds later this object was again observed by a second person at the same point of observation. The unidentified object which was seen proceeding at a rapid rate of speed from the south to the north at an approximately 45 degree angle, pausing and then returning in the same manner, each time passing in front of the sun and travelling an equal distance to each side of it. The time required to progress in one direction was three seconds." (xx.)

(xx.) Haines, Richard F. *Advanced Aerial Devices Reported During The Korean War*, p.64.

25 June. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (night)

Reddish cigar-shape.

This report was published in the letter to editor section of a Ray Palmer magazine. The value of the information is unknown:

"On June 25, 1952 at the time I was employed as a road bus driver for Penn. Greyhound Inc. I had just come in from Akron, Ohio, and was on my way home in Mt. Washington which is a suburb of Pittsburgh.

"At the highest point in town I glanced to my right and saw it. I stopped the car and got out. At first I thought it was a reflection from the mills but it was due north of where I was standing and there are no mills there. I watched it for about 5 minutes. It was cigar-shaped and had a reddish orange glow about the edges. It was very big, about the size of an airliner at a height of about 2,000 feet. This is a guess, as I am not an expert. It seemed to be stopped or going slow. Suddenly it began moving at an unbelievable rate of speed and it began to climb. I watched it for 30 seconds or so and it went out of sight." (xx.)

(xx.) Shaffer, Bernard K. "I Saw A Flying Saucer." *Fate*. February 1959. p.53.

26 June. Celina, Ohio. (1:30 a.m.)

"It would make an airplane look sick."

The local press reported:

"The first of the mysterious spacial visitors appeared over the city at 1:30 a.m. Thursday, according to Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Pummell who witnessed its flight.

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THE KOREAN WAR***



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"Mrs. Pummell said the object was dark-shaped and 'moved with terrific speed that would make an airplane look sick.' She described the color as that of the stars [?]. Asked if it might have been a meteor, Mrs. Pummell said that she had seen meteors before and that 'this was not a meteor.'

"Coming from the north, the visitor of unknown origin, purpose and destination moved on a continuous course, cutting diagonally across Main Street.

"The flying saucer was first spotted by Rev. Pummell from a window on the north side of their residence at 1171/2 West Fayette St. He immediately called his wife who also watched as it sped across the sky.

"They described the object as disk-shaped, and said that it appeared to be tilted on a slight angle. No individual lights could be seen—only that light of the entire ship itself." (xx.)

(xx.) Celina, Ohio. *Daily Standard*. 27 June 52.

26 June. Valdosta, Georgia. (between 8:45 and 9:00 p.m.)

Rapid 360 degree turn. Buddy Rich's orchestra.

A press account tells us:

"Flying objects in the sky were reported seen last night by a group of persons who were standing outside the Elks Club, 116 Wells street.

"Vince Randolph of radio station WGOV, who was one of the persons watching the antics of the moving objects, said that the things in the air were traveling too fast to be airplanes.

"The objects were described as orange colored with a brilliance of a star and about the size of a star. Randolph stated that one of the objects he saw made a 360 degree turn around Valdosta and then veered off. The other object was traveling at terrific speed, he added, faster than known aircraft.

"The group at the Elks Club saw the objects for about four or five minutes between 8:45 and 9 last night.

" 'It was a weird phenomena,' said Randolph. He explained that the objects maintained a constant light whereas both military and commercial aircraft blink their light on and off at night.

"Officials at Moddy Air Force Base reported that planes from the base had been flying at 9 p.m., but that none of the pilots reported seeing any strange objects at that time [See next page].

"Randolph, who was an ace flier in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II, said that the objects definitely were not airplanes. He added that he could not Estimate the height of the objects." (xx.)

(xx.) Valdosta, Georgia. *Times*. 27 June 52.

Another press clipping said the Valdosta objects were "two fiery orange orbs" which were also seen by members of Buddy Rich's orchestra, the musicians apparently working at the Elks Club at the time. (xx.)

(xx.) Valdosta, Ga., June 27—(UP)

More on the Valdosta case.

A letter to NICAP from a Eugene Henderson, who was piloting a jet from Moody AFB and was flying in the area at the time, tells us:

"I was about 20,000 feet when I saw an object in the right side of the windshield. I instinctually started to turn away either right or left. But my mind did not have enough information, i.e. was the object going from right to left or the reverse, or was it coming toward me or away. Upon analyzing the situation for a second or two I found that its position wasn't changing much. Since it appeared circular, I assumed I was flying directly behind another jet aircraft. After observing it for several seconds, I could see no wings, or horizontal or vertical stabilizer. The object started emitting thin smoke or vapor and suddenly started climbing, relatively slow at first, then incredibly fast. The initial acceleration was in a zig-zag fashion, then straight. It was out of sight in a matter of a few seconds. I was in a T-33, climbing at about 230 mph." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: NICAP. From: Eugene R. Henderson. Date: 4 August 1969.
Also: Hitt, Michael D. *Georgia's Aerial Phenomenon 1947-1987*. No
Publisher (Draft), 1999. p.12.

27 June. Fort Myers, Florida. (10:30 p.m.)

"Sharp-angled drop."

A story in the local paper said:

"A 'flying saucer'—a round, orange-red disc in the sky—was reported yesterday by Mrs. Mel Nelson of Russell Park.

"She related that she was sitting on the edge of her bed at 10:30 Thursday night looking out a window toward the west when she saw the object and called her husband who joined her in observing it.

"While they watched, it remained stationary in the sky for a minute and a half, then suddenly took a sharp-angled drop in which it appeared like a streak of light, then stopped again, regaining its round shape but appearing smaller than previously. It remained stationary this time for about half a minute and then moved slowly northward.

"Mrs. Nelson said she and her husband watched it for about five minutes until it finally disappeared from sight. They were unable to estimate its size or distance."
(xx.)

(xx.) Fort Myers, Florida. *News-Press*. 28 June 52.

27 June. Drew Pearson—Journalist or showman.

In spite of their huge popularity (and resulting influence), "news commentators" like Walter Winchell and Drew Pearson were more showmen than journalists. On June 22nd Pearson appeared on a TV show called "Predictions of Things To Come." Days later the news services carried a brief mention of the program that had featured Drew Pearson's prediction that: "...the earth will have visitors from other planets if they haven't already. Pearson was pictured holding up a still photo from the movie *"The Day The Earth Stood Still."* The film was playing in many theaters across the country. (See below)

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28 June. Dr. Hujer Blames 'Saucers'
On Cold War.

"Absolutely no scientific evidence."

BITTER TEA IN FLYING SAUCERS:

Civilization Due to Collapse Says Former Einstein Aide

VICTORIA, B. C., June 29 — (UP) — Astronomer Carl Hujer, former associate of Albert Einstein, said today that civilization is "due for a collapse."

"Civilization is already rotting," said Hujer, who is here for a meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

He said the decay is greatest in Europe and that collapse of civilization is due "because our culture has become purposeless." It consists of "groceries, sleep, amusements," he said.

Dr. Hujer, who is associated with the Jones Observatory at Chattanooga, Tenn., said there was ab-

solutely no scientific evidence to support stories of "flying saucers."

He attributed the stories to a "cold war" neurosis.

"When people of the world are troubled," he said, "they unconsciously seek escape in the unreal and see things like the Loch Ness monster and flying saucers."

28 June.

Malta (morning)

Royal Marines see
Saucer. (See below)

Now Malta Sights A Flying Saucer

Malta, June 28 (Reuters).—British Royal Marines handed in Malta's first flying saucer report today. They said a saucer-like object flying at high speed and height was sighted over the island early today.

28 June. Near Monroe, Wisconsin. (night)

"It turned upward."

A story in the *Evening Times* informed its readers:

"Three Albany young men, who were driving east from Monroe, said the object passed 'about over Shorty Meier's farm' as they turned the Highway 59 corner at the Weiss farms.

" 'It looked like an airplane coming in for a nice, easy glide. Then it turned upward and east,' Stanton P. Steurl of Albany said. He and James Sharer sighted the object and watched it as it disappeared over the trees. Their driver, James Price, did not see it since traffic was particularly heavy at that time, with cars coming from the Speed Bowl.

"Steuri described the object as giving off a greenish-white light, with the green more intense around the ball-shaped object. There was little or no tail." (xx.)

(xx.) Monroe, Wisconsin. *Evening Times*, 30 June 52,

29 June. Chicago's O'Hare airport sightings.

Details of the Air Police report is covered in the monograph *UFOs: A History, June-July 20th, 1952*, p.29. BLUE BOOK chief Edward Ruppelt was notified and he has left a record of some subsequent official activity:

"The intelligence officer [at O'Hare] told me that he had checked all the radars in the area within a few minutes after the sighting, and that they hadn't had any targets in the area when the UFO was seen. He'd also checked with every weather station within 300 miles and the UFO was no balloon. Unfortunately, no jet interceptors had been available to scramble. The intelligence officer had picked up a rumor, however. He'd heard that the Illinois State Police had seen the same UFO. He didn't know where it had been seen or who had seen it, so when I finished talking to him, I called the headquarters of the Illinois State Police at Springfield. After a good deal of call transferring, I finally got in touch with an officer who said that he would check with the outlying districts to see if they had any UFOs reported to them. He said that he would call me back in a few minutes.

"While I was waiting for the call, I figured it all out. The UFO was some phenomena associated with the setting sun. Sunsets can produce weird effects like 'sundogs,' 'mock suns,' etc. At 5:45 p.m. the sun is getting low and the UFO was off to the west. I'd wished that I hadn't even bothered to call the Illinois State Police.

"In about an hour my call from the State Police came in and the man who had been doing the checking told me that the officers in several patrol cars in the extremenorthern part of Illinois had reported a UFO. The time, description and movements tallied with the object that the airpolice at O'Hare had seen.

There was one big difference, however, and this knocked out my sunset phenomena theory in quick punch—the state policeman had seen the UFO off to the east. There was only one other answer, it might be a ‘skyhook’ balloon, but the next morning I had one of my people check all of the tracks of the big balloons and we drew another blank.

“All there was left to do was to stamp the O’Hare incident folder ‘unknown’ and drop it in the file that was now bulging with reports that had no solutions—all ‘unknowns.’ (xx.)

(xx.) Ruppelt, Edward J. *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*. Unpublished Draft. Chapter 11 “The Big Flap.” pp.24-25. These words omitted from the published book.

29 June. Bogalusa, Louisiana. (night)

A press report states:

“Three local men reported today a ‘ball of fire’ last night that lighted up the sky ‘as if it were daytime.’

“Sam Cerniglia, Howard Crawford and Glen Robertson, all of whom were working in the South GM and O yard early this morning when it was still dark, said they saw the large object hovering over the city and moving east in a direct line.

“Cerniglia said the object was probably over Talisheek or Bush, far up in the sky. He said the object was about 50 or 75 feet in diameter and ‘lit up the whole sky.’

“‘We could see the stars in the background,’ Cerniglia said. He said it didn’t look like a meteor to him and the other two men because it was moving so slowly and it moved in a straight line, making no arc or descent.

“‘It stayed in the sky in our view about three or five minutes,’ Cerniglia said. ‘Then it just went out.’

“He said it did not move out of their range of vision, but merely went black. ‘It stood still at one time and just hovered,’ Cerniglia said.

“He said he and Robertson saw it first while working in the South Yard and thought they were the only ones who had seen it. A few minutes later, Crawford met them in the yard and said he had seen it too, and all three men described it the same way.” (xx.)

(xx.) Bogalusa, Louisiana. *News*. 30 June 52.

? July. Near Sydney, Australia. (about 11:00 p.m.)

“They laughed, so I’ve kept quiet about it.”

A report from down under:

“Captain Bob Jackson of ANA, with more than 8,000 flying hours, said that he ‘met’ a UFO near Sydney. He had not reported the encounter at the time because of ridicule. He said: ‘I was flying towards Mascot, near Worinora dam, about 11:00 p.m.,

when suddenly I saw a flash of light. I watched the thing with an orange coloured light at the tail flash past toward the coast, near Wollongong. Naturally the first thing I did was to call Mascot Tower to ask if any other planes were in the vicinity. They replied their radar proved negative. About two minutes later the thing appeared again. It made a complete circle around us and vanished again towards the coast at a terrific speed. I can't explain it. All I know is it was nerve-wracking. I mentioned it to control that if their radar failed to pick it up an object—and it was a definite object—then it must be a flying saucer. They laughed, so I've kept quiet about it.” (xx.)

(xx.) Melbourne, Australia. *Sun.* 5 January 54.

1 July. ? Sweden. (about 8:00 p.m.)

A Swedish-American contacted CSI director Ed Sullivan:

“I sent a letter about ten days ago to ask a close friend of mine, Admiral Erik Samuelson, who is in command of the Southern Swedish Naval District, what he thinks of the Flying Saucers. He states that he firmly believes in their existence, in opposition to several other leading officers in Sweden, and he tells [me] that as recently as July 1, at about 8:00 p.m., a Major of the Royal Swedish Air Force, Fredrik Johansson, together with some other persons observed a flying object, looking like two saucers, one superposed the other one [sic]. The colour was silver-gray and the speed very high. It was quite cloudy at the [that] moment, the sight [visibility?] being about 12 miles. So now we have already revived [sic] the Flying Saucers as far as Sweden is concerned!” (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Mr. Ed J. Sullivan, 11067 Carson Drive, Lynwood, California.
From: Eric Langeskiold, Box 631, Rancho Santa Fe (California?) 5 July 52.
CSI files. Photocopy in author's files.

2 July. Dr. James McDonald interviews Delbert Newhouse. (See pages 33-38)

A frame from the Newhouse film shows five pairs of objects. (I've seen swarms of birds with pairs being a small part of the total mass but the Newhouse footage shows every object paired up and strung out. That's new to me—Loren Gross) (See page 39)

3 July. Ajax, Ontario, Canada. (between 6:00 a.m. and 6:15 a.m.)

Aerial Anomaly at Ajax.

The local newspaper had a better account than the *Toronto Star*:

“Two Ajax housewives reported seeing a flaming red ‘flying saucer’ streak across the dawn sky today. Mrs. Lloyd Stoneman and Mrs. E. McAllister, both of Windsor Avenue, Ajax, were out in their gardens between 6 a.m. and 6:15 a.m.



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Dear Art:

Thanks again for taking time for that very interesting and informative sandwich session on UFOs down at the Monument last week. Some of those facets of past history of the UFO problem, on which you were able to fill me in, were most intriguing. I do hope we can find some further opportunities to talk shop on more of these matters.

I had a long telephone discussion with Delbert Clament Newhouse last night. He was the one in El Cajon; the other one, amusingly enough, is his son. His son recently retired from Naval Aviation duty and now flies with United Airlines. We covered a lot of relevant points, and I'll try to hit the highlights here, for your information. There are one or two points that emerge from the discussion on which you might be able to do a bit more checking with Bob Neasham.

Shortly after I identified myself and we got down to brass tacks, Newhouse asked his wife to get on an extension phone, so I had the double benefit of getting comments from both of them as we went over details of that July 7, 1952 incident. It was particularly good to have Mrs. Newhouse on the phone, since she was the one who first spotted the objects and watched them for an estimated minute or so while she was trying to persuade Newhouse to stop the car for a better look. (She pointed out with a laugh that Delbert believed in stopping every 400 miles and only every 400 miles on such cross-country trips.)

Both of them emphasized that it must have taken two or three minutes for Newhouse to hunt through their luggage and locate the camera and film, which were in separate suitcases. In that initial period, the objects were considerably closer to them than at the time he finally began shooting, Newhouse stressed. It was his estimate that the objects lay only about 10° east of their zenith when they first got out of the car. He repeated his angular-size estimate that has been noted elsewhere, namely, about the comparative size of a B-17 at 10,000 ft. (This comes out to about one-half of a degree, roughly 10 times the maximum angular diameter of any of the

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images as measured by Baker or Hartmann.)

As you will recall, one of the key points that I wanted to check with Newhouse concerned the description given by Ruppelt (and repeated in Baker's analysis as reproduced in the 1968 Congressional hearings), namely, that they appeared to be silvery-gray, "gunmetal", and like two pie pans face-to-face. Both Newhouse and his wife fully confirmed that, Newhouse comparing the shape to a discus in his comments to me. Mrs. Newhouse pointed out that they occasionally tipped, so that their round projected area, as seen in the initial portions of the sighting when they were nearly overhead, was replaced occasionally by a side-view exhibiting their discoid shape. There was not the slightest equivocation or any element of uncertainty as either of them discussed that very important point.

I asked Newhouse if it was correct that he had given that description to Ruppelt after the latter had left the Air Force. He confirmed that, saying that the only time he personally talked with Ruppelt was at a filming session for that movie entitled "UFO" produced in about 1954 or 1955. He guessed that meeting must have been in 1954, and Al Chop was also present at that discussion. He brought out the important point that he also stressed the visually observed shape in those early portions of the sighting, when he was interviewed at his duty station in Oakland by an Air Force officer. He further remarked that he saw a copy of the officer's transcript of the interview, and that point appeared in the transcript. I told Newhouse that I may have an opportunity to dig into the Bluebook file on the Tremonton movies at a forthcoming visit to Maxwell AFB, and added that I will attempt to verify the presence of that important point in the Bluebook file.

I should add that Newhouse returned to the above point several times in the course of our 50-minute telephone conversation, since, as he remarked, the matter of the visual observation was extremely important in his estimate. He commented on the point that almost no one who has since discussed his sighting and movies takes note of that point. In particular, he volunteered some extremely negative comments about the analysis in the Condon Report, and, to my queries, replied that no one from the Colorado team ever personally contacted him. When I asked him, in that connection, if he rejected their "gull hypothesis," he replied in the affirmative and said that, if he had a chance, he'd tell Condon the same thing

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he told Ruppelt: "You'd better go take a better look at some sea gulls!"

Both Newhouse and his wife pointed out that the spot on U.S. 30 where they had stopped to look at the objects was in wide-open spaces broken only by a low knoll off to their east. The angular elevation of the objects was so high, he volunteered, that he never had any opportunity to get any landscape features or foreground objects in the frame. As I understood it, the objects were first seen a bit east of their zenith, but were moving northward. Newhouse stated that he had his back to the sun (a bit before noon) as he shot during the early portions of his filming. He was uncertain on the angular altitude of the group of objects at the time that he first began to shoot them, but, after some mental and verbal pondering, allowed that they might have been at about 45° altitude. (Note that, if the objects had moved purely horizontally from 10° off zenith to a point at about 45° zenith angle, there would have been no such diminution as the roughly tenfold difference in angular size estimated by Newhouse from his visual sighting *vs.* direct measurements on the films by Baker and Hartmann. It is, of course, well known that most people make serious errors in both estimates of angular size and estimates of angular elevation. My own present guess would be that the maximum angular diameter as observed visually was probably well under the 30-minute value one obtains from his "B-17 at 10,000 ft" rough estimate.)

Both of them discussed the "milling around" motion of the objects and the occasional tipping to present an edgewise view. Newhouse told me that he tried to hold the camera steady, as much as he could, to let the objects move through the field. He was particularly emphatic on that point with respect to the subsequent episode when one of the objects departed from the group and moved eastward across the sky. It was his recollection that he had held the camera steady, let that object drift through the field, shifted azimuth, etc., through three of those cycles before it got out of range.

That latter episode took place after the group of objects had made a turn to the west after moving northward for some time. It was after they had advanced westward that the one object peeled off; he explained, and, by the time he finished shooting that lone object, the others were too far off in the distance to pick them up again, as he recalled. (I got the impression that the Newhouses have not reviewed that footage for some time because Newhouse was careful to insert provisos

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to the effect that he was telling me his recollections of the details of the film.)

A rather interesting point, which I have never seen brought out before, was mentioned, almost by happenstance. It turned out that the footage which Newhouse submitted to the Air Force was spliced from about 20 feet that he shot on the end of one 50-foot magazine, plus about 40 feet that he shot on the first part of the next magazine. In other words, he had to change magazines in the middle of that shooting. I failed to ask him if he might have made the change of aperture at the same time as the change of magazine; that's not too important a matter, however.

A still more important point that I was unaware of: Newhouse said that the Air Force didn't send the originals back to him at any time. He wrote ATIC when a long time had elapsed, and what they did finally send back to him was a color print which he stressed was distinctly inferior to the original. Not only that, but he was positive that they had cut out the first 10 or 20 feet, which were shot when the objects were very much closer and appeared much sharper on the film. (Oh! it just hit me that this may account for the seeming discrepancy between the maximum image size on the Baker-analyzed film and Newhouse's rough recollection that he began the shooting when the objects were at a zenith angle of 45°. The missing footage, which he seemed positive was from the earliest and best parts of his original, would have shown the objects at an angular diameter larger than the later portions that have been involved in subsequent analyses. You follow me, I presume.)

Newhouse remarked that it had never occurred to him that he should not have sent the Air Force originals. He made some brief comment to the effect that, if he had it to do over, he would send only a print, but he fully expected to get back his originals. I made some off-hand comment to the effect that others have had similar experience with negatives and films, and he seemed to be faintly aware of that. He made some remark about being somewhat bitter about the Air Force handling of the whole business.

(Incidentally, though it's of secondary importance, I might point out that I learned that the Newhouses were en route to Portland on that trip, and were heading from Salt Lake City to Boise on the particular leg of the trip during which the sighting occurred. He had leave, which he was taking in Portland, before continuing down the coast to

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his next duty station at Oakland. It was from Oakland that he submitted his films to Project Bluebook. He confirmed to me that he had about 2,000 air-hours as an aviation photographer by 1952. I might add that it seems that he retired with the rank of lieutenant. I asked him, Art, if he recalled you from Anacostia days, but he remembered your name, and that's all.)

(On going over my telephone notes, I just noted another point on the lost film. It was at the time of the movie-making, in the mid-1950s, that he wrote to the Air Force to ask them to return the originals. A warrant officer at ATIC told him the originals had been lost in a fire. I see further that I jotted down a direct quote on his remarks about having sent off the originals: "Very naively, I sent them the original.")

I asked him about that matter of the color change of the objects, but it drew no response at all. That is, Newhouse has no recollection that the footage showed any coloration at all. By the time that I brought that up, he had already mentioned the missing footage from the earliest and best parts of his film, and I thought this was going to be the reconciliation between absence of any discussion of coloration in Baker's and Hartmann's analyses vs. your recollection of a non-ordered sequence of color changes, red-blue-green, etc. But that did not prove to be the case. Newhouse said that, as far as he could recall, the films showed nothing but white or silvery-white images throughout the entire footage, including the missing initial portion. This is a point which it would be interesting if you could check with Neasham. Is it possible that you have crossed your wires on that, perhaps? Newhouse did volunteer the speculation that he never had a chance to examine the films under high magnification, which he said might conceivably have shown a bit of color that he missed.

I found it interesting to learn that no contacts of any sort have been made with Newhouse since that movie was made. This evidently included Baker, as well as Hartmann and the Condon Project team. I was particularly surprised that Bob Baker had not contacted him, when doing that analysis for Douglas in 1956.

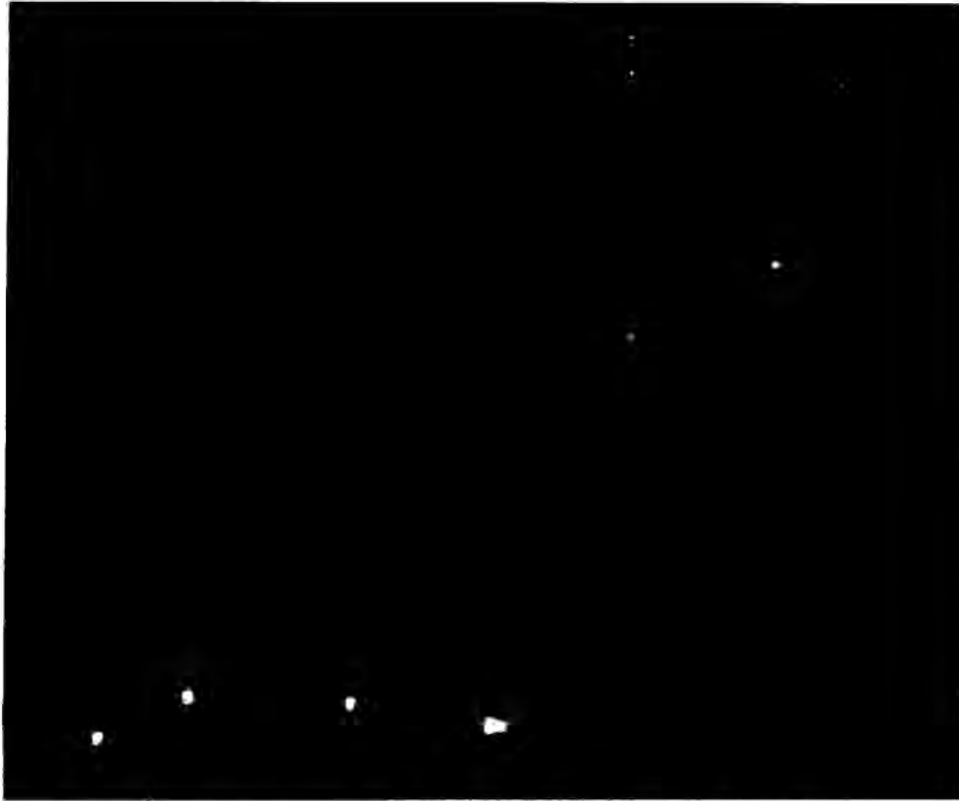
Newhouse had some very negative comments to make about Condon, whose bias he seemed to sense quite clearly. He had read the Condon Report, and made disparaging comments about the analysis of his films, as well as the rest of the report.

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I asked a few questions to try to get at the matter of whether he has followed the UFO problem in much detail, and decided that he has not. He did mention that, in the course of subsequent duty in the Navy, people who recognized his name, chiefly from the movie, would often bring up Navy sightings of their own. I thought I might be getting some leads, but he hadn't taken the trouble to jot down any names or particulars. He did say that some of them were fairly interesting sightings, even though most were not too impressive. He had been on a Navy carrier that was inbound to Rio de Janeiro at about the time of the Trinidad Isle photo-case of January 1958. He remembered it only vaguely as Brazilian photos, but took pains to ask me if I had ever seen them and whether I knew anything about them. He said he thought that they were fairly impressive, and that the Brazilian papers had taken them seriously at that time. That was the only UFO case on which he volunteered any questions.

He mentioned, somewhere in the latter parts of our conversation, that his son and daughter had gotten fairly good views of the objects, too. The son was then 14, the daughter, 12. He said that, in the minds of all four of them, there was not the slightest suspicion that what they had seen were gulls. This, he emphasized, was because, when first seen, the shapes were very distinct and bore no relation at all to sea gulls. He made further remarks to the effect that he supposes that others who have gotten good looks at UFOs must have about the same feeling he does, namely, that if you really see them yourself, there's just no doubt about their reality at all. He did remark, in connection with those Navy sightings that he ran into subsequently, that he knew of none of them that had been officially reported. He said this was because of fear of ridicule, and made the interesting added point that he wouldn't have reported what they saw on July 2, 1952, if he hadn't had those photos to back them up. When I asked him why, he was quite straightforward about saying that nobody would have believed him and they just would have made fun of it if there hadn't been the photos. I then pointed out that his reaction was paralleled by that of many dozens of witnesses that I have interviewed here and in other countries.

Those represent the salient points of my interview, at least as far as I can spot them in reading over my hastily scribbled three pages of notes. I certainly want to thank you for running down those addresses for me. It was a real privilege to talk to Newhouse, and I intend to needle Bill



1. String of bluish-white lights that appeared over Tremonton, Utah, on July 2, 1952.

Continued from page 33:

"They both saw a flaming red disc in the southern sky. 'It was just like a tea plate and it was leaving a vapor trail behind it,' said Mrs. Stoneman.

"Flying at high speed the disc travelled in from the south, passed over Whitly, and then vanished out over the inland area. It is the first time that either woman has seen a mysterious aerial body." (xx.)

(xx.) Oshawh, Ontario, Canada. *The Daily Times-Gazette*. 3 July 52.

6 July. Oskar Linke case.

UFO researcher Leon Davidson managed to locate Oskar Linke and obtain some first-hand information. For one thing, even though there is no official BLUE BOOK file on the incident, an American Air Force Colonel questioned Linke in West Berlin in 1952. Secondly, Linke claimed he fled East Germany with his family because word he had seen the strange "warming pan" machine had leaked out. Believing he had seen a secret Russian aircraft, Linke crossed over into West Germany to avoid arrest.

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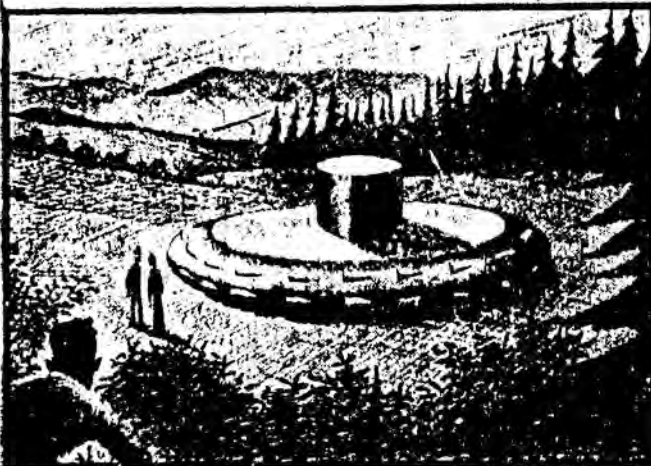
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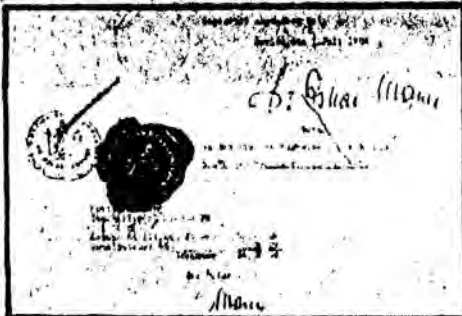
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**GREAT NEW
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The most amazing Flying Saucer story of them all BY THE MAN WHO SAW IT TAKE OFF



See above: Herr Linke (right) swears the artist to produce this vivid reproduction of the flying saucer he saw. They saw the flying saucer, claims Linke, had his daughter in the clearing. Below: He stated the 200 members of the crew who took off in it shortly after.



Here is part of the signed, sealed, official deposition which Herr Linke made in Berlin, telling the whole story of his fantastic experience.

Are 'Flying Saucers' a Russian invention? Western intelligence officers are now trying to answer this question following sensational reports by 48-year-old ex-Mayor Oskar Linke, who escaped from the Soviet zone. Linke has sworn an oath before a judge that he and his daughter saw two metal-clad figures and a '50ft saucer with a 10ft conning tower' take off from a forest clearing four miles inside the Russian zone.

**FULL
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LONDON PAPER REPORTS SAUCER SEEN—Above is the reproduction of the front page from the London "Sunday Graphic" of July 6, 1952. Although it published an affidavit of a German who allegedly saw a "flying saucer" take off from the Russian zone of Germany, nothing concerning it seems to have appeared in American newspapers. This copy of the Graphic was given The Chronicle yesterday. The London story is reproduced on Page 3—along with a reproduction of the Graphic's second page—for whatever it may be worth and the information of Chronicle readers. The small type beneath the document at the bottom left says: "Here is part of the signed, sealed, official deposition which Herr Linke made in Berlin, telling the whole story of his fantastic experience." Beneath the drawing above is: "Eye-witness Herr Linke himself directed the artist to produce this vivid impression of the flying saucer as he saw it in the clearing; beside it stand two members of the crew, who took off in it shortly after." The photo at the right has under it: "They saw the flying saucer: Oskar Linke and his 12-year-old step-daughter."

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Question 13. They today, who live in the space of the Soviet zone, I will put in danger. Four men, I am certain, saw the appearance take off.

Question 14. You may write to all my children, the daughter who was there, is named Gabriele.

Question 15. It was during the night from the sixteenth to the seventeenth of June 1950 at 2:30 AM middle Europe Time.

Question 16. How far away I was (60-80 meter), how the object looked, how the two figures behaved, what I saw as the object flew away and if I can later exactly draw (describe) it. These were the constantly recurring questions.

Question 17. By the Russians I was not believed. As it became known among the people, that I was a spy, I was sent to the West.

Question 18. That was the first time.

Question 19. Before we were over head.

Question 20. I had no other agents.

Question 21. No human.

Question 22. Therefore escape plan. They only afraid of an interrogator.

Question 23. Already.

Question 24. The plan of two small towns Hasel.

Question 25. No I have.

Question 26. I promise very happy that I have reporters.

So, Doctor, these have satisfactorily been interpreted by a translator someone that can translate retranslated.

Oskar Linke

My elderly Mother, with my 4 children send you for the dollars and a dollar (parts?) and re

Oscar Linke

Letter and translation.

Only two new bits of information.

Meine alte Mutter, die seit einem Monat bei mir lebt, meine Frau und meine 4 Kinder lassen Sie herzlich grüssen. Ich persönlich danke Ihnen nochmals für die Dollars und bin gespannt auf Ihren nächsten Brief mit dem Restdollarschein und verbleibe mit vielen herzlichen Grüßen

Hr. Oskar Linke
West-Berlin - Charlottenburg 1
Fritzschestr. 69 Gch. 4. Etg.
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8 July. Wheaton, Illinois. (night)

Trailed plane.

From the Chicago suburb of Wheaton came this report:

"A Wheaton couple has reported sighting 'flying saucers trailing a large multi-engined plane.'

"Karl Reimer, 31, of 1006 Lyford lane, in the suburb, and his wife, Marilyn, 29, said they saw two 'yellowish' disks flying over their home Tuesday night.

" 'They were below the long-nosed plane but going in the same direction,' Mrs. Reimer said.

" 'One turned gray and slid away. It looks like a saucer being heaved through the air sideways,' she said.

"They said the disks flew out of sight quickly." (xx.)

(xx.) Chicago, Illinois. *Chicago Daily News*. 9 July 52.

8 July. Ottawa, Canada. (10:15 p.m.)

Watchmen view UFO:

"A fiery round object, travelling low and at a very slow rate of speed, was seen flying over Ottawa at 10:15 Tuesday night by two members of the Corps of Commissioners on duty at Plouffe Park.

"Milton Tierney of Westboro and Alexander Factor, of 105 Guigues street, told *The Journal* to day they watched the bright object circle low over the city for a full minute.

"Both men claimed they saw the round fire-ball come in a perfectly straight line from the east. It turned slowly towards the south when it was almost directly overhead, did a slow circle and disappeared to the east from whence it came.

" 'Neither of us had ever seen anything like it before,' said Mr. Factor. 'It did not alter its altitude in the slightest, and it seemed to be going very slowly.

" 'It was definitely controlled by some outer force, because it traveled in such a straight line, and later performed a neat semi-circle.'

"The men described the object as extremely bright to look at and perfectly round. There seemed to be light radiating from it but this was not sufficient to reach the ground.

"It was brighter by far than any star or planet.

"It traveled without a sound, and they estimated the altitude at about two miles.

"They guessed it was travelling at about 200 miles an hour.

"The two Commissioners are watchmen at the army's Central Ordnance Depot at Plouffe Park on Preston street." (xx.)

(xx.) Ottawa, Canada. *The Ottawa Journal*. 10 June 52.

11 July. Kennewick, Washington. (about 9:45 p.m. PDT)

"Follow-the-leader."

Another sighting near the atomic plant;

"Flying saucers were reported to have been seen not far from the area of the atomic energy plant near Hanford, Washington, Friday night.

"George W. Walton, of Kennewick, Washington, told officers he and Lucille England, a friend, saw the two objects moving from west to east, one behind the other.

" 'They looked like flying saucers,' Walton told officers. "They disappeared in about 20 seconds and looked to be about 15,000 feet up." (xx.)

(xx.) Richland, Wash., July 13 (UP).

12 July. Near Delphi, Indiana. (9:00 p.m.)

"I saw a 'flying saucer.'"

Typewritten notes by a Mr. Jack Green:

"I use the term, Flying Saucer, loosely. I don't know what you would call it, but it certainly was an object that I have never seen before. I offer the following account of this experience with an effort to make it as accurate as my mental faculties will allow.

"The event occurred while my mother, sister, and myself (three adults over thirty years of age) were on an automobile journey from Detroit, Michigan to Los Angeles, California. The object was observed while driving Southwest on Indiana State Route No.25, between Logansport and Delphi, Indiana, on Saturday night, July 12, 1952.

"It was a clear, cool, moonlit night with all the stars out and not a cloud in the sky. Suddenly, a large, bright light appeared from the Southeast and passed across the highway in front of us and was immediately extinguished at approximately the same distance to the Northwest. The light was 'perfectly' round, about the size of an automobile headlamp, and traveled in a perfectly horizontal line of flight. The line of flight was perpendicular to the highway. The object consisted only of a white light; there was no tail, no outline of an airframe, and no colored glow. (My mother believes she saw a bluish tinge to the light). There was absolutely no sound whatever.

"According to the odometer and clock on my instrument panel, we were exactly two miles Northeast of Delphi and it was almost exactly 9:00 E.S.T. (A double check on my odometer in Delphi proved that we were exactly two miles Northeast of the town when the object was observed).

"Upon reaching Delphi, I immediately went to the Sheriff's office to make a report. While making this report, the State Police Headquarters came in on their intercom and asked the Sheriff if he had received any reports of Flying Saucers. The Sheriff said, 'Yes, I have a gentleman right here now making such a report.' The State Police then wanted to know if I held any official capacity in the Air Force or

aeronautical field. The Sheriff reported that I was an Air Force Reserve pilot with about 18 years experience in flying and recent experience in jet-type aircraft. After completing this communication, and my report, the Sheriff informed me that the report would be sent to Air Force Headquarters in Chicago and interceptor units at Canute Air Force Base would be alerted for interception. The Sheriff took my name and address, I thank him, he thanked me, and we continued on our way.

"In an effort to refrain from exaggerating, and to try and give the most accurate report possible, I stated that the object was traveling 'in excess of 500 miles perhour.' I am quite sure that the rate of speed was CONSIDERABLY [Emphasis by Mr. Green] in excess of 500 m.p.h. I estimated that the object was in view for a total period of from 3 to 5 seconds. I noticed the object 'out of the corner of my eye' when it first appeared in the sky at a considerable distance to my left. (Air Force eye examinations has always shown my field of vision, with my eyes focused straight ahead, to extend 90 degrees right and left). From this you can see that it was possible that I noticed the object at quite a distance to the left and—with the object still in view for the same amount of distance to the right—it must have been traveling at a very high rate of speed if it was in view for only 3 to 5 seconds.

"I estimated the object to be at an altitude of from 3,000 to 4,000 feet. As I have previously stated, the object appeared the size of an automobile headlamp. I think you will agree that it is very difficult, if not impossible, to judge the speed or height of an object if you do not have some idea of the SIZE [Emphasis Mr. Green] of that object. In other words, the object could have been (for example) 1,000 feet in diameter, at 60,000 feet, traveling 5,000 or more m.p.h.—and appear to be much smaller in diameter at 4,000 feet and traveling 1,000 m.p.h. I say the object appeared to be at an altitude of from 3,000 to 4,000 feet, but, without knowing the actual size, it could have been much higher and the total absence of sound or any outline of an airframe might give strong evidence that the object was at an extreme height—the stratosphere or the initial areas of free space. I believe, personally, that this apparent illusion caused by unknown size is the reason that jet pilots have failed to intercept them. They appear to be smaller and lower and CLOSER [Emphasis Mr. Green]—when actually they are larger, higher, and much too far away for interception by any piloted aircraft that we know of.

"My flying experience automatically forces me to consider the following possibilities:

"JET AIRCRAFT? I strongly discount this possibility. If a jet aircraft passed over me at three or four thousand feet on a clear moonlit night I would see a dim outline of the wings or fuselage. I would see it's running lights and I would hear a ringing whine or roar. There were none of these. There was absolutely no sound. We passed directly under the line of flight of this object immediately after it disappeared. If it had been a jet we would have heard the oncoming sound waves.

"COMET OR 'SHOOTING-STAR?' I doubt it. I checked this possibility with my older brother who studied astronomy at the University of Michigan. I have seen plenty of shooting-stars in my young life and I have seen plenty in the clear skies of Arizona and Nevada, but I have yet to see one travel in a perfectly horizontal line of flight and without a nebulous or progressive light train behind it. The light of a shooting-star 'fades' out when it disappears—this light was definitely extinguished or the object made an abrupt turn which made it appear as though the light was extinguished. This object

amounted to a bright distinct light rather than a shining star reflecting light from some other source.

“DOWNWARD RECOGNITION LIGHT, TAIL LIGHT, OR ASTRAL-DOME LIGHT ON AIRCRAFT? This is impossible. The inherent design of these aircraft lights would prevent them from being observed at the angles at which this object was observed and for the length of time. Furthermore, I have never seen a downward recognition or tail light the size of an automobile headlamp.

“SEARCHLIGHT? Also impossible. There were no clouds or overcast for a reflecting surface. There was no light beam from an originating source.

“WEATHER BALLOON? Brother, if that thing was any kind of a weather balloon I'll eat this typewriter—ribbon and all. (They had better not try and pass that 'excuse' off on me!).” (xx.)

(xx.) “I SAW A ‘FLYING SAUCER.’” Typewritten report by Jack A. Green, 715 South Street, St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles 5, California. No date. Report found in among the papers of Dr. James McDonald, University of Arizona Library, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. Special Collections Division

12 July. Indianapolis, Indiana. (night)

One check we can make on Mr. Green's story is to see if there was UFO activity in the region at the time. There was some that's for sure! (See pages 46-47)

12 July. Clearfield, Utah. (night)

“Saucer antics watched.”

A Utah paper reported:

“The antics of a glowing, elongated ‘flying saucer’ were followed for 10 minutes by eight persons Sunday night.

“Mrs. Ray Chidester of Layton Park, Clearfield, reported her 13-year-old son Jimmie and another 13-year-old playmate first sighted the strange object as it appeared on the eastern horizon.

“Mr. and Mrs. Chidester and their four house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Brice D. Redd and M/Sgt. And Mrs. Stanley St. Sure, all saw the high-flying ‘missile’ as it traveled across the sky.

“‘We observed the object with field glasses, and it would hover in the sky for a few moments then zoom very, very fast across the sky again,’ Mrs. Chidester said.

“Mrs. Chidester said the ‘saucer’ had a reddish glow and seemed to have a light which flashed on and off.” (xx.)

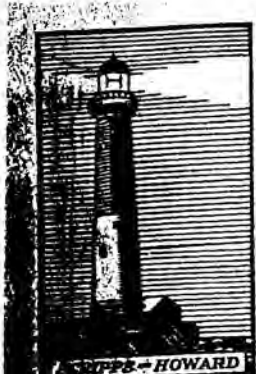
(xx.) Salt Lake City, Utah. *Deseret News*. 15 July 52.

The Indianapolis

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SUNDAY, JULY 1:



Mystery Aircraft Buzzing

Another story, P:

By ED KEN

INDIANAPOLIS was buzzed by a "flying saucer" or other type of spacecraft.

Thousands of people appeared in the sky as telephone calls flooded the Indianapolis Times, Weir Cook Police were flooded with calls.

Among the witnesses who were five pilots, two of them were at the time.

The flash in the sky, which swooped across the city, traveled northwest.

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"I had laughed about these things again," said American Airlines pilot as he made his official report.

"We were about 30 miles south when the co-pilot, First Officer, spotted it.

"It was then at 15,000 feet times faster than we were," the

Capt. Case was flying American 395 at 300 mph, which would be about 900 mph.

"It then changed course and altitude. It dropped to about 5,000 feet same as we were flying and then over the city climbing again.

"It was not a meteor. It was a controlled aircraft of some type. Capt. Case has been an air

Note that Captain Case claimed the object changed course, indicating a controlled body and not a meteor.

Note also the official admission there was an increase in the number of UFO reports over the midwest by military pilots.

—Loren Gross

Indianapolis Times

Sunday
Edition

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line pilot more than 10

years and recently returned from Korea where he
flew the airlift for a year.

An Eastern Airline pilot, E. J. Arnold, Chicago,
also spotted the object and made an official report.
His experience supported Capt. Case's report.

A spokesman at Weir Cook, who said all such
reports are secret, said they had been swamped with
calls and at least a half dozen pilots including a jet
pilot had seen the object.

The air defense filter center at South Bend, which
becomes operational Monday said they had had calls,
but were unable to do anything about them.

Officers there spent last week in Indianapolis in a
nearly fruitless attempt to recruit ground observers
to report just such events as occurred last night.

Most of the reports, including that of Capt. Case
described the object as being shaped like a football.
The body of the object was white with a long yellow
tail of flame.

Persons spotting the object on the ground saw it
from 3 to 10 seconds. At Weir Cook a tower official
held it in view with field glasses for five seconds.
Capt. Case, whose view was not obstructed was able
to follow it for more than half a minute.

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AT Ypsilanti, Mich., the headquarters of the 30th
Air Division, the filter center was flooded with reports
from several midwestern states.

A ranking officer disclosed that intelligence bul-
letins have been reporting an increasing number of
"flying saucers" over the midwest area.

"These reports are coming from pilots of military
aircraft," the officer said.

The Indiana State Police had three cars in dif-
ferent locations witness the flash as it passed over
the city.

E. J. Arold, 1315 College Ave.—"We were sitting
on our front porch when we saw this elongated,
yellowish object flying rapidly from southeast to
northwest. It seemed to be at about 5000 feet and
was traveling about three times as fast as the air-
liners we have seen so often. I couldn't see it dis-
tinctly—just like an elongated ball of fire—and I
couldn't hear any sound."

"What was it?"

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MR. Arold's report corroborated Capt. Case's
statement exactly.

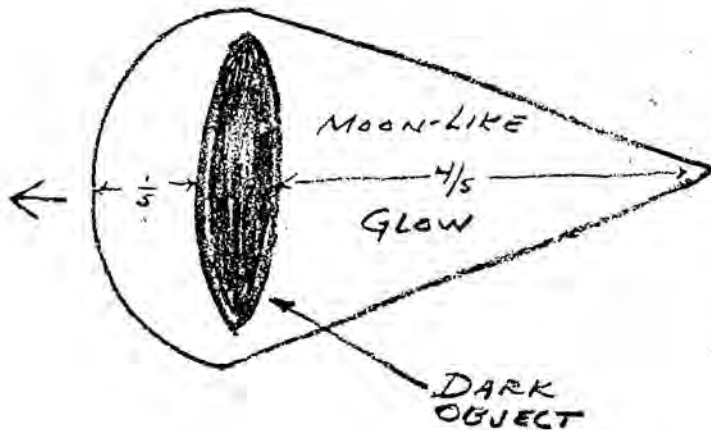
Chester Webb, 229 S. Walcott St.—"I was standing
in front of 1116 Burdsal Pkwy., with my cousin when
we saw this white ball of fire heading northwest. It
had a tail about three times as long as the object.
It didn't look like a meteor—it was flying on a
straight plane."

Robert H. Webb, 3000 S. Lyndhurst—"The thing
disappeared behind some trees after we spotted it. I
was in the Army and did some flying and a lot of
sighting. It didn't look like a meteor to me."

Donovan W. Peters, 2144 College Ave.—"It was
round in front and tapered off in back. It was flying
on a straight line and heading west. It seemed like
it was flying about the speed of an airplane. My wife,
Constance, saw it too."

Howard Griffith, 1516 Nelson St.—"It took about
40 seconds to pass from the east horizon to the west
horizon. We watched it as it faded in the west. There
was no sound but the thing seemed to be flying on a
straight line. It looked something like a star."

Mr. Ellis and his sketch. (See below)



Daytonian Saw It In The Sky

THIS IS Roy T. Ellis' own drawing of the mysterious object he spotted in the night sky from his back yard.

13 July. Dayton, Ohio. (12:35 a.m.)

The Roy Ellis case. More details.

According to the local Dayton newspaper:

"He [Ellis] was in his back yard at 200 Haver road, 'taking a peek at the stars, and watching for comets.'

" 'I saw a light suddenly appear,' he related. 'Not from behind something but just out of nowhere, it got brighter and brighter, just like someone turning up a rheostat on a light bulb.

" 'I thought sat first it was a meteor or a comet. But it wasn't going as fast as any celestial body travels.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Dayton, Ohio. *The Journal Herald*. 17 July 52.

Moreover:

"He said it moved 'very deliberately, traveling about the same speed as a jet plane—maybe faster.

"He said it looked very far away, but a lot bigger than any plane. He admitted size and speed were difficult to determine, because of distance.

"The object soon moved out of his range of vision behind some trees.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.



14 July. The Nash/Fortenberry airliner case.

Captain William Nash answers some questions submitted by Dr. James McDonald:

"1. The climb-out of the eight objects occurred after they had re-crossed Chesapeake Bay (after approaching our vicinity) and some of the land bordering the bay. Their angle of climb was steep (about 45 degrees). They bobbed up and down as they climbed, as though very sensitive on the controls.

"2. The angle of elevation, relative to our visual horizon was about 45 degrees up when they blinked out. The blink-out was not in front to back order, but mixed order. Not a disappearance by perspective diminishment.

"3. Regarding the fact that the Air Force interrogators told us that there were other witnesses in answer to our question about this (and this was very early the next morning), it seems that Dr. Menzel prefers to imply that I am not telling the truth because it was not in the files of the Air Force. Until a couple of years ago, I had no evidence to back this up, since the Air Force kept such sloppy files, apparently. However, Isabel Davis, when with NICAP, a couple of years ago, sent me a clipping copy confirming the other witnesses, which had been found by a man researching newspaper thoroughly for the purpose of writing a report. (I don't think it was Ted Bloecher, but it might have been.) [Nash may be referring to Jan Aldrich]." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Professor James E. McDonald, The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. From: William Nash, Windhuker Strasse 15, Vald-Trudering, Munich 82, Germany. 5 March 70. Dr. James McDonald papers. University of Arizona Library, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. Special Collection Division.

Additional comment by Nash:

"The steep climb was after the objects re-lighted, as they say, but after some horizontal progression away from us as I described above. Regarding the speed, we thought they'd think we were out of our minds, so instead of saying at least 12,000 miles per hour we had tried to conservatively compute, we said, 'In excess of 1,000 miles per hour.' I agree with their meteorological findings. There could have been no inversion for 'Searchlights' to shine on any inversion-created haze layer, as Menzel asserts. He based his 'solution' on a comment in my letters that it was a sharply clear night. The only clouds, according to what the Air Force investigators told us, and our own weather papers was 3/8 Cirrus at 20,000 feet, I believe." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

The clipping concerning the confirming witness.

This is the clipping found by Jan Aldrich:

"Editor:

"Upon reading the latest reports in the July 17 papers, I feel constrained to reply. You see, I am the naval officer who reported seeing the 'flying saucers.'

"First, let it be established that I did not report 'flying saucers.' Rather, I corroborated the report filed by the airline pilots insofar as possible from my position of considerably less vantage—i.e. the road inside of NOB running parallel to the golf course, not Hampton Boulevard, as erroneously reported this evening.

"Secondly I sighted eight red lights in the direction of Point Comfort. They were neither red and yellow nor white and yellow, nor any combination thereof. They didn't circle or swoop, they didn't dive or dip—they merely proceeded in a straight line, then disappeared. I realized that this is pretty dull for the fabulous disks, but that's the best I can do with the object I saw.

"To the picknicker who identified the objects as rockets I must confess that I, too, thought momentarily of those missiles but dismissed the idea because of the direction in which they were traveling toward Point Comfort. Of course, maybe someone at Langley Field was shooting that way.

"To the sharp-eyed person who compared hours reported when they were sighted, I did know what time it was. An appointment made for that evening at 9 o'clock was kept at 9 o'clock on time (Daylight Saving) after seeing whatever they were.

"Of all the people who saw the objects that evening, and nearly everybody seems to have been starrng at the sky the pilots seem to have the most convincing or, shall we say, the best story. Besides their authoritative resume, my vision seems paltry indeed. Yet compared to the varied colored visions of school girls, or the smoky spectacle beheld by bus passengers, my report assumes a quiet factual air.

"Frankly, before this barrage of reports, and the expert analysis of an Air Force veteran my confidence in the sight beheld has been shaken. Let me put it this way: I did see eight red objects streaking across the sky on the night the airline pilots reported seeing 'flying saucers.' I can't explain them; can you?

"Yours in bewilderment, THE WITNESS. Norfolk." (xx.)

(xx.) Norfolk, Virginia *Virginian-Pilot*. 20 July 52.

More details:

The letter writer quoted above refers to a July 17th news story in the same newspaper. "THE WITNESS," it seems, was a navy officer [unnamed] assigned to the cruiser *Roanoke*, the ship apparently docked at the Norfolk Naval Base. This officer mentions other witnesses in the July 17th news article and takes pains to point out his observation was less spectacular than theirs.

One should not assume the other witnesses did not report their observations accurately since it's easy to imagine the sightings varied as to time and the objects quickly went through changes in a matter of seconds. Afterall, Nash and Fortenberry reported a course change and a merging within moments. In the July 17th article, it says Betty Jean Killmon and a girl friend said they saw

seven or eight glowing objects while sitting on a bench in Stockly Gardens. Three of the objects were white colored and the rest were yellow. The objects circled overhead and then flew north at a high velocity. The other witness, R.D. Tankerly, a Seaboard Air Line Railway passenger agent, reported activity that was apparently due to flares set off by personnel at Langley Air Force and not anything exceptional. (xx.)

(xx.) Norfolk, Virginia. *Virginian-Pilot*. 17 July 52.

Who added the note? The phantom aircraft.

Ruppelt wrote:

"The report that the two men [Nash and Fortenberry] sent out through Norfolk radio reached ATIC about midnight and got me out of bed. As a routine matter I sent a TWX to Miami to have the two pilots interrogated as soon as possible, but the sighting didn't mean too much because of a note added to the bottom of the report, it said that five jet aircraft had been in the area at the time of the sighting and that the [airline] pilots had evidently mistaken them for the eight UFOs.

"The next day, as a matter of course, Lt. Andy Flues followed up on the five jets but he couldn't find anybody who would admit putting the 'P.S.' on the report. He checked with Langley AFB, the Norfolk Naval Air Station, Shaw AFB, and Marines at Quantico, and a dozen other bases within jet range of Newport News but no one had anything in the air around Newport News that night." (xx.)

(xx.) Ruppelt, Edward J. *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*. Unpublished Draft. Chapter 12. "The Washington Merry-Go-Round." pp.3-4. These words were omitted from the published book.

15? July. San Anselmo, California. (about 12:30 a.m.)

Saucer stops dead, makes a U-turn.

According to our source:

"Two excited teen-age youths are certain today they've seen a bright yellow flying saucer that flew over Marin, came to a dead stop in the sky and then zoomed off into space.

"The pair claim they saw the flying object last night while camping on a grassy knoll in the Morningside course section of San Anselmo.

"A short time after the colorful saucer made its visit to the Marin sky a speedy jet plane circled the area and departed, the youths report.

"The campers are Charles Stevenson, 16, of 14 Brockmont Circle, and Theodore Ciril, 14, of 84 Berkeley avenue, both of San Anselmo.

" 'We were lying in our sleeping bags watching shooting stars,' young Stevenson stated, 'when about 12:30 we saw this bright yellow object come across the trees.'

" 'At first we thought it was just another shooting star,' he enthused, 'when all of a sudden it made a dead stop in the sky, back-tracked a short distance and made a U-

turn.

"Right away we knew it couldn't have been a star because they can't stop—it must have been a flying saucer," the youth continued.

"They explained further that the object came from the north and went off in a southwest direction.

"It was bigger than a star and was higher than the range of any planes," they exclaimed excitedly. "There was no sound at all and no vapor trail behind the flying saucer."

"When it stopped in the sky above San Anselmo the youths said the object sent out luminous shooting objects in all directions [satellite bodies?].

"Then it backed up in a U-direction and shot off," they recalled.

"Afterwards they said two jets circled the area and flew off in another direction. Officials at Hamilton Air Force base could not be reached today for confirmation of the facts." (xx.)

(xx.) San Rafael, California. *Independent-Journal*. 16 July 52.

17 July. Ruppelt admits 15% are a mystery. (See clipping below)

15% of Saucer Reports Are Labeled Mystery

DAYTON, O., July 17—(UP)—Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, head of the air force's investigation of "flying saucer" reports, said today that about 15% of approximately 1,000 reported sightings in the last four years cannot be explained.

Jet fighters equipped with radar have been sent up into the skies but have yet to make contact with a saucer, Ruppelt also said.

Ground radar meanwhile has tracked some unexplainable aerial objects believed traveling at speeds of from 1,500 to 2,000 miles an hour but these were not reported to have been seen by any human being, he said.

Capt. Ruppelt declared that none of the sightings, mostly reported around atomic bomb centers, resulted from atomic bomb blasts or cosmic ray and guided missile research.

Reports Lately Increasing

The captain is the project officer for the air force's "Operation Bluebook," which is investigating all flying saucer reports from its headquarters at the near-by Wright-Patterson Base.

The project officer has spent thousands of hours tracking down reports, which are coming in at an increasing rate the last few weeks. He found that many of them had natural explanations.

(The Associated Press today said the reports of flying saucers throughout the nation now were almost double the number reported at this time last year.)

Of the thousand, 38% were meteors or other heavenly bodies, 13% were balloons, 22% birds and

aircraft, 2% were hoaxes, 10% were too nebulous to classify or confirm an actual sighting and 15% were unexplained.

The air force officer said no physical trace, such as a piece of wreckage, ever had been found following the receipt of a reported sighting.

The investigation started in 1948 but was dropped for a short period the following year. It was revived, however, when more reports came in during late 1949 and kept going as a routine investigation at the Wright-Patterson headquarters.

Capt. Ruppelt said the project would continue until all sightings could be satisfactorily explained.

"We are firmly convinced that persons making these reports actually see something in the sky."

In the last two weeks, about 60 reports of flying saucers were received. Capt. Ruppelt said the increase had no connection with the start of around-the-clock airplane watching by civilian spotters.

The two latest reports to be added to the long list were "eight glowing red-orange discs" noticed by American Airways pilots W. B. Nash and W. H. Fortenberry near Norfolk, Va., and an "ice cream cone-like object" seen by amateur astronomer Roy Ellis of Dayton, both sighted last Sunday night.

18 July. Washington D.C.
(2:00 a.m.)

Alex (Va)
Gazette

July 18 1952

Bright Orange Discs Fly Near This Area

WASHINGTON UP—At 2 a. m. today, Radio Engineer Elmer Chambers looked up at the sky. Here's what he says he saw:

Six or seven bright orange discs were streaking through the sky, in single file. The saucers sped along for about five seconds and then each, in turn, veered sharply upward and disappeared.

Chambers, 41, is chief engineer at the WRC radio station transmitter in the Washington suburbs.

(NOTE: The transmitter is located at Ager Road, Hyattsville, Md.)

19 July. River Edge, New Jersey. (midnight)

Newspaper reporter no longer a doubter. "As silent as death."

Things begin to heat up on the eastern seaboard:

"I [reporter Saul Pett] saw a flying saucer Saturday midnight about the same time some unidentified objects were picked up on radar over Washington.

"From now on, you can't convince me there is no such animal. And after 12 years as a newspaperman—almost six of them with the Associated Press in New York—I don't jump to conclusions.

"It was like this:

"I was sitting on my back porch alone. The night was clear and starlit, unknissed by the wind.

"Idly, I saw a tiny orange ball draw into view from the northwest. At first I thought it was a plane.

"Then as it drew closer, so distant still that it appeared to be about the size of a quarter, I had two thoughts that hit me with quite an impact.

"Planes have two lights that flicker on and off. This object was silent as death. Though my neighborhood—seven miles from New York—is very quiet, I couldn't hear a sound from above.

"Later when a plane did come by, I could see its lights distinctly and they looked much different from the other light. Its engines were very audible.

"The object flew to the southeast. I saw it for about a minute to a minute and a half.

"I called my wife. She watched it and thought it looked like a Japanese lantern.

"To me it looked like a sphere, so deeply orange colored that it appeared almost the shade of rust. It seemed to have depth.

"Could it have been a shooting star or a meteor?

"Well, they sort of shoot down and fade away. But not this thing—its intense glow stayed constant. It didn't get lost.

"Could it have been the reflection of a searchlight on a cloud?

"The sky was cloudless. Furthermore, the object left no trail of light as a beam would have done.

"And it was moving too fast and too evenly to be a balloon." (xx.)

(xx.) River Edge, N.J. 21 July 52. (UP)

19 July. Washington D.C. Ruppelt visits the Nation's capital.

BLUE BOOK Chief Edward Ruppelt was in Washington D.C. for a special purpose. He was doing an article for:

"...the *Air Intelligence Digest*, a classified magazine that has wide distribution among intelligence officers all over the world. We had long known that military people in the field knew very little about the actual facts behind UFOs. All their knowledge was based on what they had read in the few short articles that had

appeared in official publications and in popular books and magazines. In many cases these latter sources of material weren't 'too accurate.' After much discussion within the Directorate of Intelligence the staff of the *Air Intelligence Digest* decided to devote an entire issue to carefully explaining the facts of the UFO. My chief, Col. Dunn, had agreed to this idea on the qualification that I be given the final authority to pass on the material that was to be presented. Col. Dunn wanted to be sure that the material was not 'spiced up' or 'played down'—he wanted the UFO story to be exactly as it was. I was all for the idea of the article because from experience I knew how poorly informed field intelligence officers were and I had heard some of the wild rumors floating around about the UFO." (xx.)

(xx.) Ruppelt, Edward J. *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*. Unpublished Draft. Chapter 12. "The Washington Merry-Go-Round." pp.7-8. These words were omitted from the published book.

The above quote was cut from the final draft of Ruppelt's book. It seems innocent enough, but one might guess another reason. The Air Force didn't want the public to know the extent of its lack of preparedness and ignorance. The week of July 19th-26 would be a dramatic example of such weaknesses.

19? July. Madre de Dios section of Peru. (about 4:30)

During his travels in South America Jim Moseley investigated an interesting story out of the Madre de Dios district of Peru. Moseley gives the date for this incident as July 19, 1952. Barry Greenwood, however, has a clipping from the April 12, 1952 issue of the Lima, Peru, newspaper *El Comercio* that shows the famous photograph of a "V-2 rocket-type object." In any case, the picture is one of the more detailed images from the 1950s. Here is the Moseley report:

"In Lima I met Sr. Pedro Bardi, who is an agricultural engineer. On July 19, 1952, while on a farm in the Madre de Dios section of Peru, he and others saw a saucer. It was about 4:30 p.m., and they were talking to Lima by radio. Suddenly the radio went dead, i.e., they could not receive or transmit; and they looked out the window to see what the trouble was, and saw a round object going by at high speed. Its nose was yellow, it was electric blue toward the center, and pink in the back. It left a white vapor trail behind it that was visible for 20 minutes after the object had passed. It was at an estimated 1,000 meters altitude. It was a little smaller than a DC-3, according to Bardi. Among the others who saw the object was Pedro Arellano, owner of the farm. The object made a buzzing sound as it went by.

"The speed of the object was known by the fact that it made the 120 kilometers from the above-mentioned farm to Porto Maldonado, in 4 minutes; thus the object was going about [number not clear] kilometers a minute. Near Porto Maldonado the object was photographed by a man named Domingo Troncoso, who is customs administrator for that Port. He was photographing something else [his children] when the object flew by, and thus had his camera ready. In this photo, which I obtained a print of, the object appears to be cigar-shaped rather than round, but Bardi says that it looked round to him.

"This is one of the very few cases I know of in which a saucer left a vapor trail, and the description of the object as given by Bardi and the picture as taken by Troncoso, make it appear more like a V-2 type object, propelled by some sort of jet.

"I could not obtain the negative of the picture, but had a second negative made from the print I obtained, and had an 8 by 10 print made from the second negative." (xx.). (See picture below)

(xx.) NICAP *UFO Investigator*. Vol.I, No.2.



(xx.)

(xx.) "Flying Saucer Over Peru." *NEXUS*. Ed. James W. Moseley. Vol.2, #4 (Whole Number 10) April 1955. p.1.

19 July. GOC spotter August C. Roberts.

Roberts had joined the Jersey City, New Jersey, Ground Observation Post shortly after Jersey City Police Inspector Joseph B. Foley had established the unit in June, 1952. Enough people signed on to operate on a 24-hour basis by July 14th. Enthusiasm was high, especially after reports of UFO began to increase in number. Roberts, an avid photographer, always took along his camera when on duty. Not only was he serving his country, he hoped to be lucky enough to get a picture of one of the mysterious objects being sighted. When Mrs. Josephine Hetzel of Staten Island reported five UFOs in V-formation on July 18th, Roberts looked into the incident. Staten Island, afterall, wasn't that far from Jersey City. Roberts wrote:

"When I read the article [about Mrs. Hetzel] I called our Observation Post to see if anything had been reported in our area. It was then I learned we had seen them too. When I checked the time I found out it was only five minutes from the time Mrs. Hetzel had seen them.

"I asked Leo Murphy, a spotter, what he had seen and he told me he had only seen four, but about a mile behind them was another, going the same direction. He said he had not been too sure what it was so he did not record it. It was listed like this in our log-book: '20:10—four Flying Saucers spotted by Observer Leo Murphy, flying in a straight line one-half mile apart.'" (xx.)

- (xx.) Roberts, August C. "I Saw And Photographed A Flying Saucer." *Flying Saucer Review*. Ed. Robert J. Gribble. The Official Publication Of Civilian Flying Saucer Intelligence. Headquarters: P.O. Box 441, Seattle 11, Washington. February 1956. pp.2-3.

19 July. Chatham, Ontario, Canada. (2:00 a.m.)

"Circled around each other above the tree tops."

An art teacher named Miss (Dr.) Adele Read received a surprise when she looked outside early in the morning on July 19, 1952. Her house was on Thames Street in the city of Chatham, and the view from her back door included the tops of trees that lined the next street over. It was a clear night so she was able to see two round objects above the tree line. They were dark and gave off no sound. The objects were flying in circles above the trees and after a few minutes flew away together. (xx.)

- (xx.) George D. Fawcett "Flying Saucer" File. No case number. Dr. Adele Read. Chatham, Ontario, Canada. Date questionnaire filled in: No date. George Fawcett files. Roswell UFO Museum. Roswell, New Mexico.

19 July. Cleveland, Ohio. (night)

"I'm ready to say there's something doing."

According to the Associated Press:

"Control tower man at Cleveland Hopkins Airport said today they couldn't explain 'lights' in the sky over Cleveland. At least one said he had lost his skepticism over 'flying saucers.'

"Clark Croft, chief of the Civil Aeronautics Administration's tower staff, said:

" 'I'm ready to say there's something doing. Our people have seen the lights, and experienced pilots have seen them.

" 'I haven't the slightest idea what they are, I'd like to think that whatever it is, it's our own, but I don't know.'

"The subject came up as the result of some reports in suburban Parma last Saturday [July 19th] that 'golden lights' were seen in the sky. Several control tower men said they hadn't noticed anything on that occasion, but had seen 'lights' several times in the last two years. (xx.)

(xx.) Cleveland, Ohio. July 22, 1952. (AP)

19 July. Stewart Lake in the Yukon (?) (10:00 p.m. PST)

Canadian document tells of disk-like objects in the far north. (See below)

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20 July. Washington D.C. (about 3:30 a.m.)

"I thought it was some crazy airplane."

National Airlines pilots William Bruen and N.E. Dixon didn't get much attention but their encounter was more interesting than most. (See clipping below)

More Saucers Are Reported Near Washington Airport

PNT 23 July 52

JACKSONVILLE, July 22 — (AP) — A captain for National Airlines today told of three or four minutes early Sunday he spent watching an eerie light that traveled "three or four times faster than any jet I ever saw."

The flier, William E. Bruen, 37, who has lived here for 30 years, has flown for national since 1942. He had the experience about 3:30 a.m. while flying from Jacksonville to Washington with N. E. Dixon, also of Jacksonville, as his co-pilot.

Bruen's account came as the Air Force at Washington investigated reports of unidentified objects on radar screens on the outskirts of the nation's capital.

Bruen said he and Dixon had just crossed Richmond, Va., and were letting down for Washington National Airport when he saw the object. Here's his story:

"When we first spotted it, it was below us and to the left. It was a white-bluish light, stationary—sort of hovering. It wasn't over a city or an airport, nothing but black woods underneath it.

"The thing came up to about our altitude and maneuvered around a little bit. I couldn't tell exactly what it was doing, but it went out to our left side. I thought it was some crazy airplane up there playing around with one light on.

"I kept looking away from it. You get vertigo, you know, if you stare at an object too long at night. So I'd look at the instrument panel and then glance up again.

"It stopped several times and hovered. Then I knew it wasn't any airplane.

"It came back toward us, and I was worried that the thing might ram us.

"I flashed on my lights, signalling to it. If you see another plane at night, it will acknowledge that signal. But when I flashed at it, it turned and zipped

upward and disappeared off to the southwest. Went right up until it looked like a star. I'd say it was doing 1,500 to 2,000 miles an hour when it left us. It traveled more distance in one minute than we did all night—I'll guarantee you that."

Bruen said it was hard to gauge the size of the "thing" or its distance from his plane, because of the absence of any reference point in the night sky. But he guessed that it was about a mile away at its nearest approach, and that it was somewhat smaller than a DC-4.

"At first it looked like a round ball of light, but when we got closer I realized the white was a glow. In the middle, it was blue—sort of a star-blue color. I couldn't see any top or bottom to it, but I could tell it didn't have wings. It was round and flattened, from what I could tell of the shape."

He reported the incident at Washington.

20 July. Roberts visits UFO witness Josephine Hetzel .

On Sunday August Roberts and a friend paid a visit to Mrs. Hetzel to hear her story first hand. According to Roberts:

"She said, 'I was sitting in front of my house, when suddenly five colored discs with dark red rims about as large as dinner plates came right over the trees over my head. I thought they were going to hit me so I screamed. They flashed by and my neighbor, Frank Gondar, who also was sitting in front of his house, came over to aid me. I was so shaken up by what I saw.' She said she had never believed in Flying Saucers, and never again wanted to see them. From now on she was convinced they really existed." (xx.)

(xx.) Ibid.

20 July. Andrews AFB weather tower, Washington D.C. (about mid-evening)

"Appeared as clear solid blips."

Testimony of weather observer Betty Ann Behl.

Betty Behl spent four years in the Air Force as a weather observer. Eventually she obtained an M.S. in Physical Chemistry.

During the summer of 1952 Betty was stationed at Andrews AFB where she worked in the weather tower. She compiled weather reports and manned the weather radar scope.

Sunday, July 20th, about mid-evening, Betty was off duty but she decided to visit friends on duty in the tower, among them Corrine Farrell.

There was no moon. The sky was in broken cloud condition with some stars visible. Betty glanced at the scope to see if a storm was due. She noticed ten blips were approaching Andrews in an orderly and direct manner at high speed. Curious, Betty watched as the group of blips reached an area several hundred feet from the runway (No visual sighting is mentioned in her account but if she was in a darkened radar room no sky would be visible). At that point, the blips scattered and began to perform gyrations and reversals she had never seen on the screen before. Switching the range knob on the radar control panel, she was able to come up with at least one speed estimate: 900 mph. The blips were clear and solid, unlike fuzzy targets produced by weather. Compared with known returns made by aircraft, Betty estimated the blips originated from objects 100-200 feet in diameter.

After about 15-20 minutes, the blips, in a scattered dispersion, moved out of scope range.

Betty testified: "I have observed temperature inversions, etc. on scope but without a doubt the clarity and movement of the blips observed was other than identified phenomena. (xx.)

(xx.) NICAP UFO report form. Betty Ann Behl, 2313 East Webster, Milwaukee 11, Wisconsin. 14 September 60. NICAP files. CUFOS archives.

20 July. Washington D.C. flap. Captain Pierman.

Dr. James McDonald mentions his 1968 interview of Captain Pierman:

"One of the aspects that seems to involve the most discrepancies in the recollections of the persons involved is the matter of how Captain Pierman was first alerted. Both contemporary accounts and the remarks of some of the CAA men that I have now talked to indicate that Pierman was followed by Unidentifieds as he moved out from DCA. However, Pierman, himself, emphasized that he saw nothing until he got well beyond the Herndon, Virginia, area, and then saw only a single object that streaked rapidly across their line of sight. Some minutes later, he states that he saw two other objects, one moving out of the northwest and a second one, a few minutes later, returning from the southeast into the northwest. He was emphatic that there was no period when he saw lights moving up and down in rapid oscillation, as was attributed to him in press accounts." (xx.)

(xx.) Letter: To: Mr. Harry G. Barnes, 139 Edwards Ferry Road, Leesburg, Virginia, 22075. From: James E. McDonald. Date: 3 February 68. Dr. James McDonald papers. University of Arizona Library, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. Special Collections Division.



RADAR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER Harry G. Barnes (right) at Washington's National Airport tells fellow-controller Richard Thomas how he tracked mysterious objects on radar July 20.



AIRLINES pilot S. C. Pierman saw six "objects" at the same time the CAA radar did.

Last minute additions:

1 July. 52. McKeesport. Pennsylvania. (8:00 a.m.)

"Traffic stopped to watch."

Plant workers see silvery disks:

"The McKeesport area had its own flying saucers yesterday, according to several employees of Continental Can Co.

"Jack Pribula, of 7261/2 Grant St., said: 'They were in the sky, absolutely, all of us leaving the plant at 8 a.m. yesterday saw them.'

"He described them as two silvery discs, one the size of a large office building and the other smaller and trailing along behind.

" 'They were flying high,' he declared, 'and they sounded like giant bees—an awful buzzing sound.

" 'The little one started to cut under the larger one,' he continued, 'Traffic stopped to watch.'

"Mr. Pribula assumed that the Allegheny County Air port only a half mile away would detect the 'saucers' but, hearing no report from there, decided to tell the story himself to day.

"George Kochis, another Continental Can employee, was driving the car and said he spotted the flying metal objects first. The men work the midnight to 8 a.m. shift, Kochis recalls.

" 'I thought they were planes at first, then I saw they were round and not ordinary planes at all.'

"Others in the car watched the 'saucers,' he said. He lives at the McKeesport YMCA.

"Mr. Pribula estimates that they watched the oddities about eight minutes before they buzzed out of sight." (xx.)

(xx.) McKeesport, Pennsylvania. *News*. 2 July 52.

2 July. Kelso, Washington. (forenoon?)

"Like flattened out bubbles."

A press report states:

"The 'saucers' darted in the sky over the Rainbow Addition of north Kelso this forenoon and kept Mrs. Warren Lilliquist and her neighbors fascinated for about 10 minutes.

"The objects were seen shortly after a plane had passed over the area. Mrs. Lilliquist described them as looking like 'flattened out bubbles' and as changing colors.

"There were three spotted over the area. 'They would dart around, then come close together and then take off in different direction again,' Mrs. Lilliquist reported.

"She said the 'saucers' seemed to change color to white after remaining stationary for a short time and then dart off at high speed.

“ ‘I called my neighbors just to make sure I wasn’t having dreams,’ Mrs. Lilli-quist said. ‘They saw them too.’” (xx.)

(xx.) Longview, Washington. *News*. 2 July 52.

? June/July. Fort Hood, Texas. (daytime)

90 degree turn.

A news story said:

“Joe Swink, news editor of the *Hugo Daily News*, reported today that he and 15 others saw two ‘flying saucers’ over Fort Hood, Texas.

“Swink, just returned from Fort Hood where he took two weeks reserve training said he and others saw two whirling discs traveling at tremendous speeds in daylight. He and other soldiers were on a field problem when they saw two objects travel from horizon to horizon in a span of some 30 seconds.

“ ‘The objects appeared silver in color,’ Swink said, ‘and went through maneuvers no ordinary plane could accomplish, including a 90 degree turn from the horizontal to the vertical—then shot out of sight into the upper atmosphere.’

“Swink said Fort Hood officers said similar discs had been sighted in the area before.” (xx.)

(xx.) Tulsa, Oklahoma. *Tribune*. 3 July 52.

3 July. Garfield, New Jersey. (no time/midnight)

Multiple sightings.

According to our source:

“Three Garfield residents and one from Lodi stated that they had seen flying saucers in the area. One Garfield couple stated that they had seen a yellowish glowing object which took on all colors, travelling North to South and which hovered about Garret Mountain in Paterson. A Garfield man also stated that he had seen the same object at another time.

“Another person stated that he had seen an orange ball streak across the sky about midnight last Saturday. It was almost rust colored, he stated, like a wood flame. There were no vapor trails nor flames issuing from it. It seemed to be about the size of a quarter, and did not diminish in size when it crossed the sky, he said.

“When questioned further, this individual stated that he is not at all certain whether or not this was a flying saucer. But he did add significance to the fact that the Washington National Airport also picked up something at the same time.

“ ‘I have seen many shooting stars, but these are much faster, said this person. They could not have been aircraft. They were moving much too fast for that. They are about the same size as brighter stars. He said too that the ‘saucers’ changed pace.’” (xx.)

(xx.) Garfield, New Jersey. *Messenger*. 3 July 52.

5 July. St. Joseph, Missouri. (about 3:30 or 4:00 p.m.)

"Saw flying saucer three times."

According to a St. Joseph newspaper:

"From the front porch of his home at 422 North 17th street yesterday, William W. Crump had three looks at a peculiar flying object that made a zooming noise and looked about the size of the bottom of a wash tub. The time was about 3:30 or 4, he told a reporter.

"The object was silver colored and cast a dazzling reflection, he said. It flew easterly and then north, making a fairly loud noise, and wobbled in flight.

"North of the city the object went straight up in the air, Mr. Crump said, and disappeared from sight. He spoke about it to his landlady, Mrs. Leo Riley, and a few moments later Mrs. Riley noticed the object coming back.

"After flying south it went up straight and disappeared above the south part of the city, only to dive out of a cloud a few minutes later. Mr. Crump and Mrs. Riley watched it disappeared below the trees.

"Mr. Riley tried to call Capt. B.T. Andrews, civil defense director. Unable to reach him at the moment he told told Laurence O. Weakley Jr., his zone commander.

"Rosecrans Field personnel said no reports had been received about a strange craft." (xx.)

(xx.) St. Joseph, Missouri. *News-Press*. 6 July 52.

5 July. Albany, Oregon. (about midnight)

"Trailed a bluish-red smoke."

Three youths tell police of UFO sighting:

"Three high school youths reported to city police today that they saw a flying saucer about midnight Saturday high above Albany in the first report of the objects here in nearly two years.

"The three who say they saw the saucer were Louis Nunez, 319 E. 7th, Tom Hogg, 940 W. 11th, and Bob Collier, 1109 W. 9th.

"All of them agreed that the object descended on Albany from the west, seemed to hover about 3500 feet in the air over the Bureau of Mines building, and then it apparently flew away again in a westerly direction.

"Hogg estimated that the saucer was from 200-300 feet in diameter. He said exhaust was seen when it trailed a bluish-red smoke.

"The youths were standing on the corner of 11th and Elm near midnight July 5 when they happened to see the saucer. It made no sound, they said. On advice of the city police, the three later reported to T/Sgt. Robert Scott of the US Air Force. Scott said that he notified the Portland air base." (xx.)

(xx.) Albany, Oregon. *Democrat-Herald*. 7 July 52.

7 July. Capt. George Robertson. "Strangest thing he's even seen aloft." (See clipping on page 65)

8 July. Wheaton, Illinois. (8:30 p.m.)

Saucers follow airplane. "Quite a thing to see and hard to describe."

Here is the story:

"A Wheaton couple has reported sighting 'flying saucers trailing a large multi-engined plane.'

"Mr. and Mrs. Karl Reimer, 1006 Lyford Lane, said they saw 'two beautiful, yellow shiny disks' beneath the plane and a little in back, flying over their home Tuesday night at about 8:30 p.m.

"The saucers hovered for a while, then flipped over to display their other side, a dark grayish black color. Then they tilted over on edge and flipped away, disappearing, Mrs. Reimer said.

"Mrs. Reimer reported that the sight 'was quite a thing to see and hard to describe.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Wheaton, Illinois. *Journal*. 10 July 52.

9 July. Brightwaters Village, New York. (about 11:45 a.m.)

"What in blazes is that thing?"

A press account states:

"There may not be any flying saucers but you'd have a tough time convincing Patrolman Roger Carpenter of the Brightwaters Village Police, or George Valentine of the DiGiola Reltors, Brightwaters, that they are purely a myth. Then again, if you should happen to convince them, they would like to know what type of infernal machine they spotted last Wednesday, high up in the sky, which seemingly disappeared into thin air after being visible for about two minutes.

"Carpenter and Valentine were at the Six Corners Service Station at the Sunrise highway and Windsor avenue intersection at about 11:45 a.m. Valentine had pulled up to get gas. The owner of the station, Otto Noorgard, was in his office at the time.

"Carpenter happened to glance up into the sky and noticed what he describes as a cigar-shaped object. 'What in blazes is that thing?', he asked of Valentine.

" 'I don't know,' Valentine answered. 'It looks like a big cigar. It might be one of those flying saucers.'

"They continued to watch the object until a tree obscured their vision. They moved to see it once again but the object had disappeared completely.

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He Used To Scoff—But No More

Miamian Who Saw 'Flying Saucer' Over Atom Plant Is A 'Believer'

Capt. George A. Robertson used to be inclined to scoff at tales of flying saucers—but after his experience over the ultra-secret, heavily guarded atomic plant at Hanford, Wash., he's not scoffing any more.

Back home at 840 SE 10th st., Hialeah, Sunday, the 41-year-old aviation veteran said he was amazed when he saw "big newspaper spreads" on the latest saucer incident.

Robertson was one of four

Greater Miami air crewmen who reported seeing the mysterious object while flying near the atomic plant Saturday.

"We turned in our report on what we saw to Air Traffic Control at Denver," he said, "and we thought that would be all that would be heard of it." Robertson said that at first sight, the object seemed to be "a bunch of jets having a rat race." But jets don't usually tend to expel smoke at 13,000 to 15,000 feet—and the weird object was really smoking, he added.

Then Capt. John Baldwin of Coral Gables raced to the rear of the plane, where Robertson was on his relief period, and asked him if he'd seen the object.

It had been sighted by Baldwin, Steven Summers of 233 E. Fifth st., Hialeah, and D. D. Shenkel of Miami, who were all in the forward part of the plane.

"It seemed to be hovering,

maybe moving at our speed, which was about 200 miles an hour," said Robertson. "All of a sudden, it took off in a big hurry and disappeared to the southeast."

Robertson said he couldn't estimate the size of the object, since he couldn't determine how far it was from the plane in which he was travelling.

But he saw it for two or three minutes, and it seemed to have an "opaque" center—"colored like a cloud."

When their plane reached Denver, Baldwin listed the observations of his fellow-crewmen and turned in a report to the Air Force. The crew felt this was correct procedure, since its members thought the authorities should know about strange objects hanging around an atom bomb plant.

Robertson said the object was the "strangest" thing he's seen aloft in an aviation career dating back to 1930.

The plane manned by the four Miamians is owned by Conner Air Line. It was on a flight to Columbia, S.C., carrying 37 GIs just back from Korea. Robertson said most of the GIs were sleeping at the time, and none reported seeing the object.

"Both Carpenter and Valentine agreed it was too big for an airplane. "It must have been about 14,000 feet up. It was flying to the west of us in a southerly direction. It seemed to be going along at about regular cruising speed for an airplane, then it suddenly vanished." (xx.)

(xx.) Islip, New York. *Press*. 9 July 52.

9 July. Miami, Oklahoma. (no time)

Object "spies" on Goodrich rubber plant. "I don't give a damn what they say."

A UP dispatch states:

"Ten workmen watched a huge silver object which emitted a haze of smoke from its edges hover high above the B.F. Goodrich rubber plant at Miami for 15 minutes Wednesday before it skimmed away to the south at 'tremendous speed.'

"The object matching previous flying saucer descriptions was spotted by R.D. McCarthy, an electrician working atop the plant. He summoned other nearby workmen who said they observed the strange craft for a quarter-hour.

"It was a round, silver thing with a dark ring around its outer edge," McCarthy said. 'The ring gave off a dark haze that look like smoke. The way it fluttered a little now and then, you could tell the ring was spinning.'

"McCarthy said the object appeared to be at least 10 miles high when he first saw it. After a few minutes, it 'dropped so fast you could hardly see it,' he said, and hovered over an area southwest of the plant several minutes ~~more~~.

" "Then it shot back up high and took off to the south. It was ~~gone~~ in a split second.'

"McCarthy said when he first saw the object he called to his working partner, Perry Hollis, on the ground. Hollis promptly called all workmen in the immediate area, including six painters and two millwrights.

"One of the millwrights, Carl Hoffman, said 'I don't give a damn what they say, I know what I saw.' Others around the plant had 'ribbed' the group about the object.

"McCarthy said he was 'always skeptical about those flying saucer stories, but what I saw changed my mind.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Topeka, Kansas. *Capital*. 10 July 52.

10 July. Little Rock, Arkansas. (about 11:40 a.m.)

"Rolled over and over." "Mom, what's that?"

A newspaper account states:

"Three large silver objects, rolling over and over at a slow rate of speed, were sighted over Oak Forest by three Little Rock housewives shortly before noon today.

"A witness, Mrs. Chester Lamson, 2004 S. Harrison, said the objects were 'oblong and hovered above the area at about the height of a passenger plane.'

"She said they were not round but resembled 'big shiny pieces of cardboard.'

"Mrs. Lamson said the objects separated after moving over Oak Forest for several minutes.' She said one veered to the north, one traveled west and a third 'just vanished.'

"They picked up speed just before disappearing, she reported.

"Two other women, Mrs. Jack Greer, 2006 S. Harrison, and Mrs. Al Kozel, 2002 S. Harrison, witnessed the progress of the objects.

"Their attention was called to the shiny objects by Mrs. Greer's child who asked her mother what they were.

"Mrs. Lamson said they were first sighted at about 11:40 a.m. (xx.)

(xx.) Little Rock, Arkansas. *Arkansas Democrat*.- 10 July 52.

10 July. Wichita, Kansas. (evening)

Zig-zag, right turns, hover.

Our source states:

"One of the saucer spotters called *The Eagle* to describe the show. Lawrence McClain, of 1534 Garland, said he saw a gold-colored object, glowing with light, cross the sky. He called in his family and neighbors—about 10 persons in all—and the group watched the object zig-zag across the sky several times.

"McClain said there was no noise, that the light traveled faster than a plane; that it was able to make right turns and to hover.

"Also, he said, it seemed to avoid deliberately a spotlight which was playing about the skies at the time," (xx.)

(xx.) Wichita, Kansas. *Eagle*. 11 July 52.

11 July. Gary, Indiana. (10:30 p.m.)

"Airborne dinner plate?"

A Gary paper told its readers:

"Not the usual flying-saucer, but an airborne dinner plate was sighted skimming neighbors' roof tops by a Gary woman last night.

"It was much too big for a saucer—more the size of a large plate,' said Mrs. J. H. Schmidt of 717 Van Buren, who reported seeing the hurtling object about 10:30 p.m.

"The 'thing,' glowing like red-hot steel and with a tail like a red-hot poker 15 feet long, appeared over 712 Jackson and flew west a block before disappearing over her roof, Mrs. Schmidt reported.

"Speedy? 'I never saw anything go so fast in my life,' she said.

"Another witness to the brief flight, said Mrs. Schmidt, was the family dog which

she said is 'very smart and notices everything.'

"Neighbors, evidently inside their homes, failed to see the saucer, she said."
(xx.)

(xx.) Gray, Indiana. *Post-Tribune*. 12 July 52.

11 July. Wichita, Kansas. (10:00 a.m.)

Mystery cylinder.

According to a Wichita newspaper:

"A new 'flying saucer' incident was reported Saturday by employees of the Beech Aircraft plant here.

"Phil McKnight, the company's public relations representative, said about 100 employees reported seeing a cylindrical object which appeared alternately to hover in sky and move at 'terrific' speed.

"All said it was silver in color and made no noise audible from the ground. Some believed it appeared to linger over the area occupied by Wichita's three aircraft plants.

"The object was sighted about 10 a.m. Friday." (xx.)

(xx.) Topeka, Kansas. *Capital*. 13 July 52.

12 July. Chester, Illinois. (about 9:05 p.m.)

"Like a big bug." Witness draws illustration.

A newspaper article said:

"Widespread reports of a bright object in the sky near Chester were substantiated by an eyewitness account brought to the Southern Illinoisan office by a Murphysboro student at Southern Illinois University today.

"It was visible for about 40 seconds and had three distinct phases as it traveled from east to west at about 9:05 p.m. Saturday," said Robert Youngman.

"Youngman was riding in a car near Bloomington a mile east of Manfield when he saw the glowing object to the southeast.

"It was coming toward the car and seemed to be rising slowly," he said. "It reached its highest point at right angles to the car to the south of us, then it just seemed to evaporate—left with no trace.

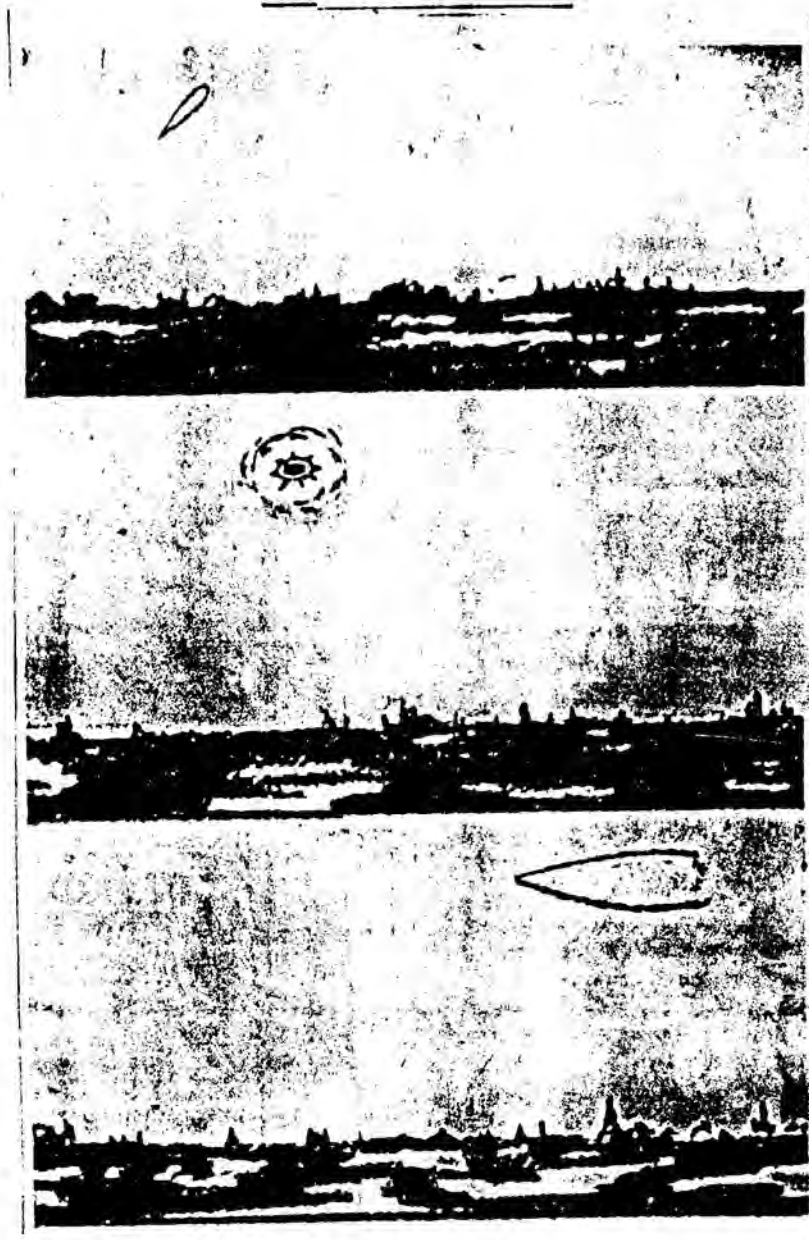
"It had no tail but changed shape three times and had several colors. When I first saw it the shape looked generally round and irregular—something like a big bug. When it hit its zenith it began to glow with a halo-like effect.

"Then it became rounder and seemed to have an inner circle of light. It was just fire, but no tail of smoke or anything like a comet.

"When it was directly opposite to me it seemed to flip on its side and the front became fuzzy and indistinct. The object flattened out and tapered to a narrow tail and its size seemed to be about three times what it was when I first saw it. It appeared to

be burning like magnesium and the after part was yellowish. One small part near the top front was pinkish red.” (See Robert’s drawings below) (xx.)

(xx.) Carbondale, Illinois. *Free Press*. 14 July 52.



13 July. Portland, Oregon. (about 9:30 p.m.)

"Darted back and forth."

A UP dispatch states:

"...[The] latest outbreak of saucer talk came in Portland last night when nearly 25 persons, including two policemen, said they had sighted a long, narrow object darting back and forth across the sky at about 10 times the speed of a jet plane.

"Police switchboards and newspapers began receiving calls about the object around 9:30 p.m. Police dispatchers immediately put patrols on the watch for the mysterious flying object.

"Patrolman Jack O'Keefe and Luther Hall, from a vantage point at Southwest Visita Avenue near Prospect Drive, said they saw the streak of light through field glasses.

" 'It was very high, and something like a shooting star,' said Hall. 'It came from around Ricky Butte, moved west, then south toward Milwaukee before we lost it.'

"The policemen said the object moved back north at a very rapid rate of speed a little later. They lost sight of it again as it appeared to cross the Columbia River.

"They described the object as a blue-white streak.

"Others who saw it reported to east side precinct dispatcher Irwin F. Parker that it was red, turning white when it slanted. They said it moved up and down and dipped while traveling very fast." (xx.)

(xx.) Portland, Oregon 14 July 52. (UP)

13 July. Kennewick, Washington. (about 1:00 p.m.)

"Mysterious body skitters back and forth."

According to a Mt. Vernon paper:

"Members of three Kennewick families said Tuesday they saw a 'flying saucer' hover over the city near the Hanford atomic works for about five minutes Sunday.

"Mrs. Virginia Kiesport said she sighted an 'oscillating object' at about 1 p.m. and viewed it through high-powered binoculars.

" 'It was round and had a flat aluminum color,' she said. 'It wavered in the air, then shot eastward, reversed direction and disappeared.'

"She said the object had been reported to her by her daughter, Pamlela, who thought it was a piece of paper. They alerted the neighborhood.

"Mrs. Chet Durdle and daughter and son-in-law Leonard Shields, said the object had an 'erratic speed, no exhaust and was flying at an elevation of from 12,000 to 15,000 feet.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Mount Vernon, Washington. *Herald*. 15 July 52.

14 July. St. Petersburg, Florida. (2:30 a.m.)

"Cut in a cloud."

A Florida newspaper reported something that reminds one of the July 10, 1947 Stephenville, Newfoundland case. According to the story the witness:

"...was in the vicinity of Lakewood Estates. It was a very clear night, he reports. High in the sky at about 20,000 feet, was a white, oblong cloud. A very distinct swath had been cut right through the middle of the cloud. Only a very hot object could have caused such evaporation right in the middle of the cloud.

"A plane would not have caused it; neither would a comet, he believes. The informant, who is a radio announcer and had been working late because of the GOP convention, has long been a skeptic about so-called 'flying saucers.' Now he is not so sure." (xx.)

(xx.) St. Petersburg, Florida. *Independent*. 14 July 52.

14 July. Tidewater, Virginia. (night)

Eight glowing yellow-orange objects.

A press account states:

"Tidewater Virginians can be excused for scanning the night skies a little more than usual this week, after a flurry of new flying saucer reports.

"Last night, Mr. and Mrs. George Bonine of Hampton reported spotting eight glowing, yellow-orange objects spinning at a high speed about 500 feet above the ground near Hampton [no more details]." (xx.)

(xx.) Moultrie, Georgia. *Observer*. 15 July 52.

14 July. Huntsville, Alabama. (about 7:40 p.m.)

The Huntsville *Times* printed:

"A bright, glowing object, flying through the sky at a high altitude and great speed—definitely not a falling star—was seen Monday night by three employees of the Thiokol Corp. mechanical engineering department at their homes on opposite sides of town.

"Whether it was one of the now almost forgotten 'flying saucers,' the three men could not say definitely. However, they agreed that it appeared to be a white, glowing circular-shaped solid object, and not merely a reflection or refraction of light, as one nationally known scientist has theorized.

"The observers were George L. Davis, 212 West Rhett avenue in Southeast Huntsville, Ralph Davis, who lives in Hillandale on Athens pike west of the city,

and Larry Lacy, 104 Tenth street in East Huntsville. All said they saw the speeding object at the same time, and in the same general location in the sky.

"Mr. Martin, a mechanical engineer, said he was sitting on his front porch with Mrs. Martin about 7:40 p.m. when a bright glow to the east attracted their attention.

"He said they saw a brightly glowing apparently solid object, traveling from north to south, and descending at an angle of about 30 degrees below horizontal.

"Suddenly, without slowing its speed, the object practically reversed its direction of flight, glowed a cherry red around the white light traveled back generally toward the north and disappeared, Mr. Martin asserted.

"Mr. Davis reported he, too, was sitting on his front porch with little Bert Bryant, a neighbor's child, when the youngster pointed to the bright light speeding through the sky.

"He said it was it was within his view for only a few seconds, but he gave the same general description as Mr. Martin.

"Mr. Davis, a draftsman, stated the bright glow surrounded the entire object, rather than stemming from one side. He said there was no evidence of exhaust. It appeared to be in controlled flight.

"Mr. Lacy, who works in the statistical report division, said he could not describe the object as having any particular shape. But he added he watched its flight for some time, including the circling of the neighborhood before heading to the south.

"He further said the bright white light at times faded out as the object turned, then glowed again as it went into straight flight.

"None of the men had any judgement concerning the size, altitude or speed of the object. They said it is hard for them to believe the thing they saw was reflected light, a falling star, or other than a solid object hurdling through the sky.

"They said they have no plans for reporting this sighting to the Air Force which is making a study of the 'flying saucer' question." (xx.)

(xx.) Huntsville, Alabama. *Times*. 18 July 52.

14 July. Hanford atomic works, Washington. (about midnight)

"Brother, I'm a believer now."

A clipping from a Pasco paper tells us:

"A flying object emitting a bright yellowish-blue light, which circled Hanford Works twice Monday night, was reported Wednesday by five Hanford construction workers.

"Their description of the object fitted in closely with that of a Bellingham man who reported a similar flying disc earlier in the evening Monday.

"Herbert Veason, 1023 F Avenue, North Richland, a welder, said Tuesday, 'I always laughed about flying saucers before. But, brother, I'm a believer now.'

"He said four of his friends first noticed the object at midnight as they were finishing the swing shift in one of Hanford's construction areas. The object circled

the project twice at tremendous speed and then disappeared. It was in sight perhaps 15 or 20 seconds, they said." (xx.)

(xx.) Pasco, Washington. *Tri-City Herald*. 16 July 52.

15 July. Pasco, Washington. (Second Veason sighting at 1:23 a.m.)

"After work, Veason got off the bus at North Richland where his wife met him. They were driving down the street in front of the North Richland drug store at 1:23 a.m. (Veason checked his watch) when he saw the object to the southwest.

"His wife also saw it as it seemed to fly above the ridge of the Horse Heaven hills on a steady course toward Pasco. Veason said, 'If it was going one mile an hour it was going one thousand.'

"When it seemed to be about over Pasco, it began to zig-zag rapidly and then seemed to turn southwest toward Pendleton and faded out. Veason said he was unable to estimate its height or distance or size because there was nothing to judge it by.

"He said his wife estimated they watched it about 15 seconds. Veason said it was much brighter than any star in the sky and couldn't have been a meteor. He pointed out it held a steady course all the way across the sky, until it zig-zagged over Pasco and then took off again toward Pendleton.

"Veason pointed at a Manila envelope and said 'Mix a little green and blue into that and you'd have about the color.' He said it had no tail but appeared to be round but 'misty in shape.'" (xx.)

(xx.) Pasco, Washington. *Tri-City Herald*. 16 July 52.

15 July. West Palm Beach, Florida. (10:10 a.m.)

"I was never so frustrated in my life."

This case has already been described in the monograph, *UFOs: A History 1952: June-July 20th*, pages 58-59, a description based on a detailed Air Force interview. A newspaper clipping telling of the event, while not as informative, does impart the emotional impact on the witness. For the record, the clipping also informs us of a detail the military file fails to do: the prime witness was a licensed pilot.

According to the *West Palm Beach Times*:

" 'I was never so frustrated in my life,' said a licensed pilot in telling of the 'flying saucer' he saw swoop down toward a high-flying plane over the city at 10:10 a.m. today and then proceed southward at 'terrific speed.'

"The source, who asked that his name be withheld, said he had a doctor check his eyes after the 'yellowish-greyish discs-shaped object appeared in the northern skies somewhat west of the city and continued its path directly southward as if heading to Miami.'

"The observer, who said he has been flying since 1929, let it be known that he was not alone when he saw the flying object but that his brother, son, and an out-of-state neighbor saw it.

"He went on to tell this story of the incident:

" 'I was standing outside on Olive Ave. in the near south side and a trainer flying at about 6,000 feet attracted my attention.

" 'Suddenly, out of the blue, cloudless sky I saw the discs I estimated as at least 20,000 feet up. It soon began an oblique approach down toward the plane from the rear and seemed to slow down to the speed of the plane.

" 'Then, it tilted up and sped skyward in a southerly direction until it disappeared over the distant horizon.

" 'The object traversed the horizon from north to south, being in view for about two minutes. It left no smoke trails and I could heard no noise, other than the faint noise from the plane.

" 'It moved swiftly in a horizontal position.'

"The caller said at 11 a.m. he still hadn't been able to do any work since seeing the 'saucer.' He said he called the control tower at Palm Beach International Airport, which had no knowledge of the 'saucer.'" (xx.)

(xx.) West Palm Beach, Florida. *Palm Beach Times*. 15 July 52.

Riedel speaks. (See clipping)

16 July. Tucson, Arizona. (daytime?)

"Flew away at great speed."

According to Arizona newspaper:

"A flying saucer was reported yesterday by personnel at Marana Air Base. It was reported to have remained motionless in the sky for half an hour.

"Civilian mechanics and pilots working on planes at Darr Aero Tech gathered in speculative groups and compared notes on what they saw.

"Barney Farley, a test pilot, estimated the object's altitude at 30,000 feet. It appeared round and white or silver in color.

"Joe Fowler, a mechanic, said he and Farley, taking a test hop in one of the planes, tried unsuccessfully to get a closer view.

"Spectators said that as Farley's plane rose into the air, the strange aerial visitor flew away to the north at great speed." (xx.)

(xx.) Phoenix, Arizona. *Gazette*. 17 July 52.

17 July. Salem, Ohio. (10:00 p.m.)

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Rocket expert to discuss 'saucers'

Dr. Walter Riedel, the man who designed the V-2 rocket, will tell what he knows about flying saucers tomorrow evening at an Air Force Association open house in Pasadena.

The public is invited to attend the lecture at 8 p.m. at Jefferson High School Auditorium, 150 S. Villa St., and also see movies and photographs of objects presumed to be saucers.

Dr. Riedel, a North American Aviation Co. rocket project engineer, will speak as a representative of the Civilian Saucer Investigation Committee.

He will speak on "The Possible Origin of the Unidentified Aerial Objects."

Saucer-like objects.

A press report from Salem stated:

"Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bak of Benton Road, R.D. 1 and their neighbors are speculating today on mysterious saucer-like objects they saw in the sky late Thursday night.

"Mrs. Bak said two flat, lighted objects which looked like flying saucers appeared at 10 p.m. and flew about the sky above their home north of Salem for about two hours.

"She said the objects appeared to move in a pattern and that they seemed larger than airplanes." (xx.)

(xx.) Youngstown, Ohio. *Vindicator*. 18 July 52.

17 July. Rapid City, South Dakota. (about 10:00 p.m.)

Two V-type formations.

An interesting news item from Rapid City said:

"The perennial and ubiquitous 'flying saucers' made another appearance over Rapid City late last evening at a speed, according to one observer, 'six or seven times the speed of a jet fighter.'

"Sighting the mysterious objects in the air about 10 p.m. Thursday were Gordon S. Anderson of the Rapid City Air Force Base, and Lee Gerber, Rapid City, as they attended the Starlite outdoor theater east of the city.

"Anderson, a privately-licensed pilot, gave the following account:

" 'The first appearance of these objects was over the air base. There were two V-type formations, one formation following the other. They resembled orange discs and their estimated altitude was around 15,000 feet. They were traveling at a rate six or seven times the speed of a jet fighter.

" 'As they traveled due southward, the perspective of them changed until we were looking at the formations from the rear whereupon they were a straight line of glowing lights, which indicates they were at the same altitude.

" 'From the appearance over the air base to complete disappearance to the south a time period of about five seconds had elapsed. Each object appeared to be about the size of a dime. The reason I believe they were over the air base is because the disappearance point appeared to be at a straight line to the south. If they had been further away from the base, the disappearing point would have been further east. The light was most brilliant in the center of each object and the outside edge appeared hazy.

" 'This occurred at 10 p.m. Weather conditions were ideal. It was a very clear and still night.'

"Miss Gerber substantiated Anderson's observations. 'I observed this group of orange-colored objects after they were further south from the point where Sgt. Anderson first noticed them. They were traveling at a tremendous rate of speed.'

"The air filter center in Rapid City said no reports had been made.

"At the airbase, officials stated, 'Subject phenomena was not observed.' However anyone sighting 'flying saucers' is required [!] to report such information to the military with all available data." (xx.)

(xx.) Rapid City, South Dakota. *Journal*. 18 July 52.

(Comment: One would think that air base officials would be well aware of two formations of conventional aircraft flying over the field at 10 in the evening. Apparently no such thing took place so that explanation was not suggested—L.E. Gross)

17 July. Balliettsville, Pennsylvania. (2:00 p.m.)

"Glowing like hot coals." Balls follow airplane.

A press report states:

"This afternoon two women in Balliettsville reported to the *Evening Chronicle* at 2:30 o'clock that they saw 'two round, glowing balls following an airplane.'

"Mrs. Clyde Smith, who lives in Balliettsville, and her mother, Mrs. Pearl Vogel, Palmerton, said they saw the two aerial objects shortly after 2 p.m.

"Mrs. Vogel, who is visiting her daughter, spotted the 'things' first and called her daughter. Then, both women watched the spectacle until the balls and the plane disappeared into the distance.

"Mrs. Smith could not say what type plane the aircraft was, nor could she estimate its speed." (xx.)

(xx.) Allentown, Pennsylvania. *Call*. 17 July 52.

18 July. Front Royal, Virginia. (8:45 p.m.)

Zig-zagged.

According to our source:

"Last night about 8:45 o'clock one ["saucer"] was sighted high in the air over Front Royal by Edward G. Dovell, clock carrier in the Guard Department of the American Viscose Corp.

"The mysterious object, coming from the general direction of Strasburg, was sighted by Mr. Dovell from the fifth floor of the Viscose building, while making a weather observation.

"He described the object as being whitish in color and traveling at a tremendous rate of speed. He said that the 'saucer' circled over Front Royal, then headed back toward Strasburg in a zig zag fashion.

"Mr. Dovell, who lives near White Post, said that the object, which resembled a large grapefruit, made its flight each way in approximately five seconds." (xx.)

(xx.) Strasburg, Virginia. *Northern Virginia Daily*. 19 July 52.

19 July. On the Pacific coast 28 miles north of Cambria Pines, California. (10:55 p.m.)

"We were afraid to say anything about it."

A news story said:

"Two San Luis Obispo county men have added their eyewitness account of 'aerial objects' to the rash of 'flying saucer' stories which are currently sweeping the nation from coast to coast and have even been 'seen' on radar in Washington D.C.

"Wilbur Dean, Atascadero warehouseman employed by the California national guard at Camp San Luis Obispo, and Sam Wright Sr., a Cayucos carpenter, also employed by the guard at the local camp, broke down this morning and admitted that they too had seen the mysterious objects last Saturday night.

" 'We were afraid to say anything about it,' Dean said this morning. 'We thought everybody would think we were crazy.'

" 'We were on a fishing trip up the coast highway,' Dean said, 'and were camped on the ocean front about 28 miles north of Cambria Pines. 'Saturday night about 10:55, we were awakened by our dogs barking and running up and down. We looked out and saw these lights flashing right straight out ahead of us just about ocean level [?]. There were seven of them. Suddenly one of them took off right straight up into the air and five others followed [leaving behind one] about 1,000 feet apart.'

"Dean described the objects as being 'round and flat' and said they appeared to be 'very large.'

" 'They went up into the air in a spiral, corkscrew motion, trailing a flame-like exhaust,' he said.

" 'They went real fast—faster than a jet, even, and when they got about 2,000 feet up in the air, they just disappeared.

" 'We watched the other one [the remaining object of the original seven] for about 20 minutes,' Dean concluded, 'then it took off the same way the other six did.'" (xx.)

(xx.) San Luis Obispo, California. *Telegram Tribune*. 22 July 52.

20 July. Lewiston, Idaho. *Tribune*. 21 July 52. (about 8:00 p.m.)

"We stopped the car and got out to look."

The local paper published:

"Four 'flying saucers' that circled around, then sped southward 'tremendously fast' were seen last night from the Waha grade by two Lewiston couples.

"Howard Youngchild, 800 6th Ave., said he and his wife saw the four objects as they prepared to drive down the grade.

" 'We stopped the car and got out to look,' Youngchild said. 'It was just getting dusk and we could plainly see four large, circular discs. They were yellow in

color and circled around rapidly. I would say they were 7,000 or 8,000 feet in the air. Then they headed south, going enormously fast. As they moved south they zoomed upward.'

"He said the 'saucers' made no sound. They were larger than airplanes, Youngchild said.

" 'I had never believed in flying saucers,' Youngchild said, 'but after seeing those discs, I do now.'

"Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kneisley, 428D 11th Ave., also saw the objects about 8 p.m. while driving on the North & South highway. Kneisley described the objects as round and orange or yellow in color." (xx.)

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"Green flat object eight feet in diameter." (See clipping below)

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'Flying Saucer' Invades County Sunday

A "flying saucer" invaded Montgomery County yesterday afternoon and quickly returned to Mars without firing one "parallax" or even an antiquated Buck Rogers ray gun.

Well, nobody can prove otherwise, but one of those mysterious pieces of mechanized kitchen ware was spotted by a pilot as

he was landing at Patco Airport, Plymouth Township at 11:30 A. M. Sunday.

Thomas Kunda, 24, Swedesburg beer distributor and student pilot, reported to State Police and Civil Aeronautics Authority officials that he saw one of the "things" with his own eyes.

Kunda told police he was fly-

ing his Aeronca pleasure plane for about 30 minutes and was circling "downwind" to land. As he was about 700 feet off the ground, Kunda said he saw the green, flat object about eight feet in diameter coming from an Easterly direction. He estimated the speed of the object at 500 miles an hour.

The "saucer" changed course, Kunda said, and disappeared in a West-Northwest direction. It was traveling about 200 feet from the ground, he said, and passed under his plane. He said he noted the color of the object as it passed over a plowed field near the airport's main landing strip. He heard no noise and said the disk reflected no light, but appeared to be of metallic composition.

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