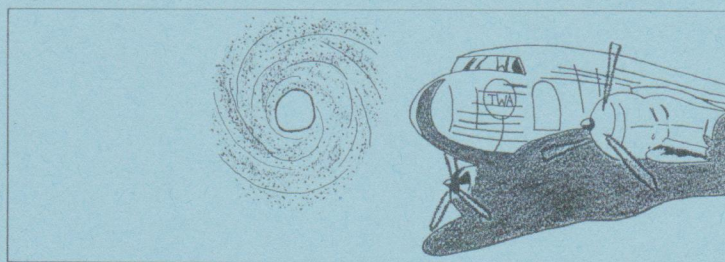
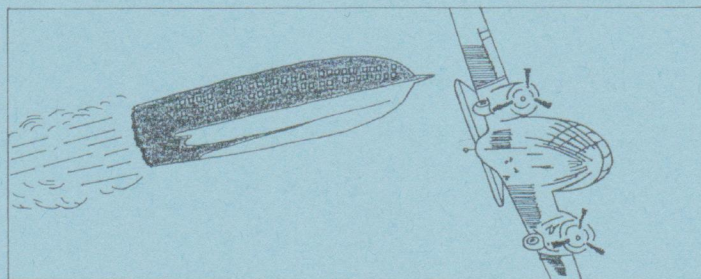
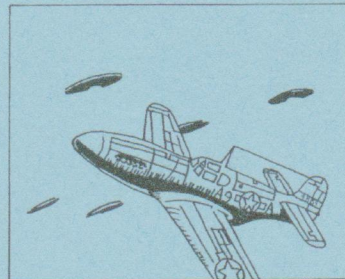
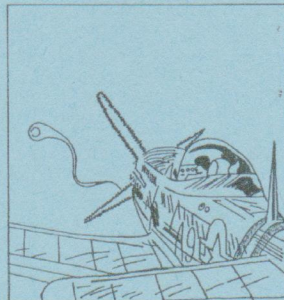


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No Effect, Capital Says

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 — No "detectable effects" have been noted from the mysterious "silver balls" that, American pilots recently reported, were floating over Berlin, an official Army Air Forces spokesman said today.

The objects were described as silver, or silver-covered, but the AAF does not know whether they are metal, the spokesman said. He added that the descriptions had been contained in newspaper reports and that headquarters here had had no reports from the theatre.

## New Weapon Used Against Allied Aircraft

A U.S. Night Fighter Base, France, Jan. 2.—The enemy has thrown something new into the night skies over Germany—the weird, mysterious "foo-fighter," balls of fire which race alongside the wings of Allied Beaufighters flying intruder missions over Germany. The balls of fire appear suddenly and accompany the planes for miles. They appear to be radio-controlled and manage to keep up with planes flying 300 miles an hour.

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"There are three kinds of these lights we call 'foo-fighters,'" Lieut.

Donald Meiers of Chicago said. "One is red balls of fire which appear off our wing tips and fly along with us; the second is a vertical row of three balls of fire which fly in front of us, and the third is a group of about fifteen lights which appear off in the distance—like a Christmas tree up in the air—and flicker on and off."

The pilots of this night-fighter squadron—in operation since September, 1943—find these fiery balls the weirdest thing that they have yet encountered. They are convinced that the "foo-fighter" is designed to be a psychological as well as a military weapon, although it is not the nature of the fire-balls to attack planes.

"A 'foo-fighter' picked me up recently at 700 feet and chased me

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## FIRE-BALLS STALK PLANES OVER REICH

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twenty miles down the Rhine Valley," Lieutenant Meiers said. "I turned to starboard and two balls of fire turned with me. I turned to the port side and they turned with me. We were going 260 miles an hour and the balls were keeping right up with us.

"On another occasion when a 'foo-fighter' picked us up, I dove at 360 miles per hour. It kept right off our wing tips for a while and then zoomed up into the sky.

"When I first saw the things off my wing tips, I had the horrible thought that a German on the ground was ready to press a button and explode them. But they don't explode or attack us. They just seem to follow us like will-o'-the-wisps."

[An Associated Press report from Paris on Dec. 13 said that the Germans had thrown silvery balls into the air against day raiders. Pilots then reported that they had seen these objects, both individually and in clusters, during forays over Germany.]

Lieut. Wallace Gould of Silver Creek, N. Y., said that the lights had followed his wing tips for a while and then, in a few seconds, zoomed 20,000 feet into the air out of sight. Lieut. Edward Schlater of Oshkosh, Wis., said that he had seen the "foo-fighter" on two occasions and it "looked like shooting stars." In his first experience with them, Lieutenant Gould said, "I thought it was some new form of jet-propulsion plane after us. But we were very close to them and none of us saw any structure on the fire balls."



## MORE REPORTS ON FLYING SAUCERS

PORTLAND, ORE.—(AP)—Westerners were seeing "flying saucers" almost everywhere today—from Canada to Texas—and a red-hot controversy raged about it all.

Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Idaho, flying businessman, started it by reporting that he saw nine mystery objects zipping over western Washington last Tuesday at what he estimated was 1,200-miles-an-hour speed.

Experts dismissed his report with statements that no known aircraft could go that fast and that no guided missile tests were being made in that part of the west.

Hardly were the world out of their mouths, when others began reporting "flying saucers" and the controversy was on.

There was a similarity in all reports—the objects were round like a saucer, travelling south at a high rate of speed with little or no noise, and of such brightness that reflections from the sun were "almost blinding."

Three persons in El Paso, Texas, said they had seen them in the last few days. Two persons in Vancouver, B.C., reported some. The latest of a score of reports in the Pacific northwest came from a Seaside, Ore., woman, who said she saw one before sunset Saturday night.

There were two popular theories—that the objects were experimental airplanes or guided missiles to which the armed forces will not admit, or that they were guided missiles from foreign soil.

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SAN FRANCISCO, July 6—Military aircraft hunted the skies over Pacific Coast states today for sight of the mysterious "flying saucers" that for twelve days have puzzled the entire country. Early reports of results were negative.

Five P-51's of the Oregon National Guard cruised over the Cascade Mountains of Washington—the area where the strange objects first were reported sighted. A sixth circled over Portland, in constant radio contact with the other five. All carried photographic equipment.

Col. G. R. Dodson, commanding, described their flight as a "routine patrol," but said they had been instructed to watch for the flying discs.

At Manhattan Beach, Calif., A. W. McKelvey took a Mustang fighter plane up above Van Nuys. For two hours he cruised at 35,000 feet.

"I didn't see a thing," he said when he landed.

Gen. Carl Spaatz, commandant

of the Army Air Forces, was in the Pacific Northwest. He denied knowing anything about the flying discs or of plans to use AAF planes to look for them.

"I've been out of touch with things for four or five days," he said. Then he went to Medford, Ore., on a fishing trip.

A P-80 jet fighter at Muroc Army Air Field in California and six fast regular fighters at Portland, Ore., stood ready to take off on an instant's notice should any flying saucers be sighted in those areas. Some of the planes carried photographic equipment.

First sighted on June 25 and greeted generally with scornful laughs, the objects have been reported every day since by observers in thirty-three states. Airline pilots said they had seen the discs, larger than aircraft, flying in "loose formation" at high speed.

A cautious attitude marked both official and scientific comments.

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# SKY DISCS HUNTED BY COAST PLANES

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but Capt. Tom Brown of the Air Forces Public Relations staff in Washington acknowledged that the Air Forces had decided "there's something to this" and had been checking up on it for ten days.

## Missile Theory Discounted

"We still haven't the slightest idea what they (the discs) could be," he added. "But we don't believe anyone in this country, or outside this country, has developed a guided missile that will go 1,200 miles an hour as some reports have indicated."

David Lilienthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, said that the discs had nothing to do with atomic experiments, and Army and Navy officials also entered positive disclaimers.

Commenting on a report linking the phenomena with "transmutation of atomic energy," Dr. Harold Urey, atom scientist at the University of Chicago, called it "gibberish." He said that elements could be "transmuted" but not energy.

## Details of the Descriptions

Reports generally agreed that the flying objects were round or oval. Estimates of their speed ranged from about 300 miles to 1,200 miles an hour. They were described as flying with an undulating motion at heights of 10,000 feet and less. Some described them as glowing, or luminous.

Nova Hart, a St. Louis mechanic who was trained during service in the war to spot all types of aircraft, said he saw one of the strange objects near Pattonville yesterday. It was flying at an altitude of 300 feet, he said.

He described it as circular, with a ribbed framework and silver gray in color. He said it appeared to have a motor with a propeller attached in the center and it kept turning like an airplane doing a slow roll.

First reports of the phenomena were published on June 25. Kenneth Arnold, a business man pilot of Boise, Idaho, told of seeing nine of the discs flying in formation at 1,200 miles an hour over the Cascade Mountains in Washington.

## "Washtubs" Fall and Vanish

SPOKANE, Wash., July 6 (AP)—Eight flying saucers, described as "more like washtubs" and each "about the size of a five-room house," were reported today by Mrs. Walter Johnson of suburban Dishman as having fallen in view of ten persons Thursday evening near St. Maries, Idaho. They flut-

tered down into the timber," she said, and vanished.

## Two Visitations in Jersey

New Jersey had its first reports of sky discs yesterday, according to The Associated Press. Patrolman Frederick Schlauch of the Elizabeth police told of seeing two shiny objects flying northeast last night, not very fast but diving in a fluttering fashion "like pursuit planes." Mrs. Harold Doner of Denver, visiting in Essex Fells, and Mrs. Leonora Woodruff of 184 South Arlington Street, East Orange, reported "balls of fire darting silently at high speed through the air" about 1 A. M. Friday.

The first flying disc in New York was reported in Rochester last night by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ohley, who were in their back yard when they observed it "zipping" eastward.

In Washington, D. C., Hazen Kennedy, a former flying cadet of the Army Air Forces, reported seeing at 8:40 last night an orange-colored object flying 1,000 to 1,500 feet aloft "well over 1,000 miles an hour." Maj. Gen. C. E. LeMay, assistant chief of staff for research, told The Associated Press that the phenomena were "nothing to worry about" and Dr. Winfred Overholser, the psychiatrist, said that some of the reports bore earmarks of "national hysteria."

Meantime, other versions over the country were reported by The United Press. A woman in Chicago standing on her porch said she saw a flying saucer "with legs" that seemed to be coming down "to slap me in the face." Two women in South Bend, Ind., recounted watching "a dogfight" of discs for twenty-five minutes. And Francis Howell of Tempe, Ariz., declared he saw a saucer two feet in diameter "ascend" near his home.

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## National Guard Airman Killed While Chasing 'Flying Saucers'

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Col. Guy E. Hix, commanding officer at Godman Field, adjoining Fort Knox, said he observed the "flying saucer" for some time. He said contact was made by radio with three National Guard planes and the pilots were asked to investigate.

"We lost contact in about twenty minutes," Colonel Hix said. "Two of the planes later called back and reported no success."

Captain Mantell, an air hero during the Allied invasion of Normandy, was the third pilot. His mother, Mrs. Thomas F. Mantell Sr., said in Louisville she was informed that her son flew too high in his pursuit of the object and lost consciousness.

Glenn Mayes, who lives near Franklin, said he saw the Mantell plane flying at an extremely high altitude just before it seemed to explode in the air.

"The plane circled three times, like the pilot didn't know where he was going," Mr. Mayes said, "and then started into a dive from about 20,000 feet. About halfway down there was a terrific explosion."

Captain Mantell entered the Army Air Forces soon after his graduation from high school and participated in the Normandy invasion and many other European operations during the war.

Since leaving active duty a year ago, he has been associated with the Kentucky Air National Guard.

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## Airliner Is Hit By "Ball of Fire"

LISBON, Portugal, Feb. 23--(AP)--Crew members of a British European Airways plane which arrived here from London last night said their aircraft was hit by a ball of fire in the air.

The crew members said they saw the flaming sphere hurtling towards them in the midst of a storm. They said it bounced off the nose of the plane, then cut a hole in the rudder, shaking the ship violently.

The passengers didn't see the ball, but felt a bump.

The plane is being repaired before taking off again.

## Flying Saucers Outdone By Huge Wingless Aircraft

Atlanta, Ga., July 25 (AP). — A strange wingless aircraft shooting red flame "like a Buck Rogers rocket ship" was described Saturday by two Eastern Airline pilots. They called it a double-decked speedster making 500 to 700 miles an hour.

The pilot, Capt. C. S. Childes, and co-pilot J. B. Whitted, said they were flying the Houston-Atlanta-Boston run when they sighted the ship southwest of Montgomery, Ala. "It was in line almost with our flight," Childes said. "We veered off to the left and this object turned to its left. When it came near to us, its fuselage appeared to be about 100 feet in length and about four times the circumference of a B-29 fuselage."

"It had two rows of windows. Out of the rear of the ship red flames were shooting 25 to 50 feet. There was a blue glow beneath the fuselage. The ship appeared to be doing between 500 to 700 miles an hour, heading toward New Orleans. "When it got alongside of us, it pulled up with a tremendous burst of flame out of the rear. Then the

ship disappeared into the broken clouds. The ship had no wings. It seemed to have an upper deck and a lower deck and was fully lighted inside. We saw no occupants."

At Montgomery, Maxwell and Dannelly army fields said they knew nothing about the report. The Civil Aeronautics Administration also said it had no information about the ship. The air force in Washington also could shed no light on the craft.



# MYSTERIOUS 'IT' SPURTS FLAME ON U.S. TRAVELS

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## MYSTERY LIGHT HIGH IN SKIES ELUDES PLANES

Hamlet, N.C., Dec. 30 (AP) — A mysterious object moving southward through the sky had scores of Carolinians agog today. The object, on which descriptions varied, was first spotted at Fayetteville, about 50 miles northeast of Hamlet, at about 4:30 p.m.

It was sighted again over Hamlet at about 4:45 p.m. and reports came from Greenwood, S.C., that the mysterious object passed westward over that city shortly after 5 p.m.

(Greenwood is about 180 miles southwest of Hamlet.)

At Hamlet and Greenwood, it was chased for several minutes by four pilots.

Hamlet observers said it resembled a balloon or blimp, and appeared to be about 20 or 30 feet in diameter. At Fayetteville, one observer said it looked more like a vertical neon lighting tube.

At Greenwood, two pilots said it appeared to be a streak of smoke about 15 or 20 feet long coming from an unseen plane. But the object, the pilots said, retained its shape during the 10 or 15 minutes that they followed it.

They were unable to gain on it in their light planes.

## Flying Saucers Seen Over Africa

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

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

A Lebanese pilot said he had seen them over Acre—traveling at a high speed in a westerly direction. Others described them as "discs travelling northwards at a great altitude and emitting a smoke trail."

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

Saucers were also observed Tuesday at Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital; at Santiago de Chile; over Nicotia Airport, Cyprus; other Bogota Medelin and Cali, all in western Colombia; and at the northern Caribbean port of Barranquilla.

## DULL RED GLOW POSSESSED BY LATEST 'SAUCER'

Chicago, April 28 (AP)—A Transworld Airlines pilot Thursday night reported seeing a "round mass" which "glowed a dull red like hot steel" as it cruised about a half-mile from his Chicago-bound plane.

"I used to laugh at all those flying saucer reports but it's no laughing matter now," said Capt. Robert Adickes. "I saw one."

Adickes said the object, "20 to 50 feet in diameter," overtook his plane bound from Washington to Chicago near South Bend, Ind. It cruised along a parallel course for eight minutes, Adickes said. The plane was at 2,000 feet.

Adickes said he turned north in an attempt to get closer.

"It picked up speed—300 to 400 miles an hour—and ran out of sight right over South Bend," the pilot related.

First Officer Robert Manning confirmed Adickes' account. Adickes said about half the 19 passengers aboard also saw the object.



## 'Flying Saucer'

LONDON—(Reuters)—A mysterious object was reported seen yesterday at 15,000 to 20,000 feet over Cowes Airport, Isle of Wight. George Wilks, chief engineer at the airport, and Capt. J. Jessop, a former R.A.F. Transport Command pilot, said the object was round, "emitted a hard, white light," and travelled at about 2,000 miles an hour.

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## Two Pilots See Flying Saucers

MIAMI, Fla. (CP)—Two airline pilots reported seeing flying saucers moving at an estimated 1,000 miles an hour over Chesapeake Bay Monday night.

They said eight of the saucers, 100 feet in diameter and about 15 feet thick, glowing like red coals, passed directly beneath their Pan American Airlines plane, wheeled sharply and zoomed out of sight.

First Officer W. J. Nash, 35, and First Officer W. H. Fortenberry "Watched the manoeuvre" for about 10 seconds.

Nash said they "had definite outlines—there was nothing fuzzy about them. . . they were brilliant, far more intense than ground lights."

He said the plane was flying at 8,000 feet and the objects passed beneath them at an estimated 2,000 feet, approaching from the southeast over Newport News.

Nash said he had no doubt in his mind they were missiles of some kind operating under intelligent control.

## STRANGE ACTION OF METEOR SEEN BY PLANE CREW

DENVER — (AP) — An airliner's crew had a ringside seat for the rare behavior of a meteor which apparently prompted reports of weird rocket ships flashing across Wyoming and Colorado Wednesday night.

Hundreds of reports from the ground followed a definite pattern. Witnesses told of two strange craft scooting southeast along the eastern edge of the Rockies about 3,000 feet above the ground and between 500 and 1,000 miles an hour.

But Capt. H. A. Gurney, piloting a United Airliner, believes he and his crew witnessed the incident that caused it all. And, he adds, "if I hadn't seen it from start to finish, I would have been ready to believe anything, too."

The plane's crew saw the meteor as they flew just east of St. George, Utah.

"A giant meteorite — or meteor — flashed by us, travelling east and a bit south," Gurney related. "It was white-hot, shaped something like a football. The tail was almost as hot, coming out from behind like a "

"When it was about 150 miles ahead of us, three pieces broke off the head. They turned from white to red to black. But they didn't fall. They faded out without seeming to drop."

"Then that white-hot nose blew into two pieces. They turned red. They just kept going into space, following the curvature of the earth and the whole thing swinging from east to southeast with the orbit of the earth."

Reports from pilots and others who caught glimpses of the display came in all the way from northwestern Colorado.

It was the second meteor report in two nights.

West Kentuckians reported Wednesday they had seen a meteor streaking through the early-morning sky. The object, also visible in Tennessee, Indiana and Illinois, was reported to have exploded in the air.

The Timmins Daily Press  
July 17, 1952 Page 14



## 60 'Saucer' Reports Fly At Air Force in 2 Weeks

By The United Press.

DAYTON, Ohio, July 17—An Air Force spokesman said today some sixty reports of flying saucers had been received during the last two weeks. He could give no reason for the sudden increase.

Capt. E. J. Ruppelt of the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Base said "people are seeing unidentified objects in the sky at a rate almost double over last year."

Captain Ruppelt, project officer for the Air Force group that investigates unidentified aerial objects, said there was no connection between the saucer sighting increase and the recent inauguration of Operation Skywatch by the Ground Observer Corps.

He said his office was requesting more information from two Pan American Airways pilots who reported seeing "eight glowing red-orange disks" flying near Norfolk, Va., last Sunday night. The pilots, W. B. Nashid and W. H. Fortenberry said the objects were traveling at 1,000 miles an hour.

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## "Lights" Theory Wrong?

# RADAR SEES "SAUCERS" IN WASHINGTON SKIES

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Air Force today investigated reports that several "flying saucers" had been spotted by radar virtually in its own backyard on the outskirts of the country's capital.

Not only were unidentified objects seen on radar - indicating actual substance instead of mere light—but two airline pilots and a reporter saw eerie lights fitting the general description of flying saucers the same night.

Officials could not immediately agree on whether this was the first time radar has picked up flying saucers. All agreed it was unusual.

The objects also were different from the average reported saucer in that they travelled at a relatively slow speed, as well as later disclosing the customary burst that far outspeeds normal planes.

One thing was certain: A thorough investigation is being made by the air technical intelligence centre, Wright-Patterson air force base, Dayton, Ohio, which has been set up to look into flying-saucer reports.

The saucers over the capital were reported late Monday, about 36 hours after the incident actually occurred.

This is the story as pieced together from air force reports, persons involved, and other sources:

An operator at Washington Na-

tional Airport spotted eight unidentified images on one of his radars. The images were going probably 100 to 130 miles an hour. That was around midnight.

Capt. S. C. Pierman of Detroit, piloting Capital Airlines flight 807, soon reported seeing seven objects between Washington and Martinsburg, W. Va. He said they changed pace, sometimes moving at tremendous speed, at other times hanging almost motionless.

Another airliner, Capital-National Airlines flight 610, also reported seeing a light following it from Herndon, Va., to within four miles of Washington.

Saul Pett, an Associated Press reporter, said he saw a "flying saucer" that same night near River Edge, N.J., outside of New York.

## SAW "GOLDEN LIGHTS" AT CLEVELAND AIRPORT

CLEVELAND (AP)—A control tower operator said today "golden lights" have been sighted over Cleveland, and on one occasion he sent an airliner to look for something that appeared on a radar screen.

George Beers, senior operator on the midnight shift of the control tower at Cleveland Hopkins airport, said "one night six of us watched from the darkened tower room while a light hovered north of the field. We don't know what it was but all six of us saw it."

"Another time I personally saw a light making a circular pattern over or nearby Elyria. I picked it up on the radar screen and watched it."

"I sent an incoming airliner over to take a look and the thing disappeared from the screen."

On another occasion a tower operator and an incoming pilot both reported seeing a "light" that "climbed and travelled in an easterly direction much faster than the normal operational speed of any aircraft known to be in this vicinity," said Beers.

The North Bay Daily Nugget  
July 22, 1952 Page 2



## Flying Objects Near Washington Spotted by Both Pilots and Radar

**Air Force Reveals Reports of Something,  
Perhaps 'Saucers,' Traveling Slowly  
But Jumping Up and Down**

WASHINGTON, July 21 (AP)—The Air Force disclosed tonight it had received reports of an eerie visitation by unidentified aerial objects—perhaps a new type of "flying saucer"—over the vicinity of the nation's Capital.

For the first time, so far as has been reported, the objects were picked up by radar—indicating actual substance rather than mere light.

In addition, they were described as traveling at a slow 100 to 130 miles per hour, instead of with the incredible swiftness attributed to earlier saucers, although at times they shot up and down. They were also described as hovering in one position.

The Air Force said no planes were sent out to intercept the objects, and no sightings were reported by "Operation Skywatch," the round-the-clock ground-observer operation now underway around the northern arc of the United States.

The Air Force said it had received only a preliminary report and therefore did not know why no attempt at interception had been made.

The air traffic control center at Washington National Airport, just across the Potomac River from the Capital, reported that its radar operators had picked up eight of the slow-moving objects around midnight last Saturday. They were flying in the vicinity of near-by Andrews Air Force Base.

The center said Capital Airlines Flight 807, southbound from National Airport, had reported seeing seven objects between Washington and Martinsburg, W. Va., at 3:15 A. M. (E. D. T.) the same night.

Officials of Capital Airlines said the pilot of Flight 807, Capt. "Casey" Pierman of Detroit, a veteran of seventeen years' service with the company, had spotted the objects and described them in these words:

"They were like falling stars without tails."

Captain Pierman, flying at normal cruising speed of 180 to 200 miles per hour, reported that three of the objects, which had the appearance of bright lights, were seen traveling with tremendous speed. No especial attention was paid to those, he reported to company officials, because those three could have been taken for falling stars.

Later three bright lights were observed, he reported, flying horizontally, and fast, at a tremendous height. They were watched from three to five seconds.

The pilot said he hadn't the slightest idea what the things were.

The eight objects picked up by Air Force radar were said to have been traveling at slightly more than 100 m. p. h.

The airport traffic control center said another air liner, Capital National Airlines Flight 610, had reported observing a light following it from Herndon, Va., to within four miles of National Airport.

The Air Force spokesman said that neither the center nor headquarters here had yet received reports on sightings said to have been made last Friday in the areas of Burlington, Vt.; South Portland, Me., and Staten Island, N. Y.

Two persons on Staten Island reported seeing saucers at about 10:15 P. M. (E. D. T.), Friday night. The objects, described as silvery in color tinged with red on the rims, were reported flying in a "V" formation of five. Said Mrs. Josephine Hetzel:

"I almost fainted when I looked up at the sky and saw what looked to me like five large dinner plates flying through the sky."

Frank Gondar said he saw them, too, "flying like geese." "They gave off a glow and didn't make a sound," he said.

At about the same hour, three New York residents reported sighting similar objects circling rapidly over Central Park.



## Air Force Jet Aircraft Scour Sky For 'Saucers' Picked Up on U.S. Radar

WASHINGTON (AP)—R a d a r—\* which normally doesn't show something that isn't there—has picked up "flying saucers" near here for the second time within a week.

Jet fighter pilots searched the skies Saturday night and early yesterday without directly contacting anything during the six hours that four to 12 unidentified objects intermittently appeared on radar screens at Washington National Airport and nearby Andrews air force base.

One pilot said he saw four lights approximately 10 miles away and slightly above him but they disappeared before he could overtake them. Later, the same pilot said, he saw "a steady white light" five miles away that vanished in about a minute.

So far as could be determined, this was the first time jets have been sent on the trail of such sky ghosts.

Officials carefully avoided mentioning "flying saucers," just as they did when radar picked up seven or eight unidentified objects near Washington last Monday. But the U.S. Air Force was expected to add the report to its long list of saucer sightings, which officials say are coming in faster than at

any time since the initial flurry in 1947.

An air force spokesman said all necessary steps are being taken to evaluate the newest phenomenon.

Radar normally does not register anything without substance—such as light. But it can pick up such things as a bird in flight or a cloud formation. And one expert said radar is not infallible.



## 'OBJECTS' OUTSTRIP JETS OVER CAPITAL

Spotted Second Time in Week  
by Radar, but Interceptors  
Fail to Make Contact

By The Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, July 27—The Air Force said today that jet fighter planes had made an effort to intercept unknown objects in the sky over Washington last night after the objects had been spotted by radar, but that no direct contact had been made.

It was the second time within a week that unidentified objects had been observed in the vicinity of the nation's capital, but no planes were sent up on the previous occasion, last Monday.

The Air Force said that at 9:08 o'clock, Eastern daylight time, last night the Air Route Traffic Control Center, operated by the Civil Aeronautics Administration, had picked up by radar "between four and twelve unidentified objects over the Washington vicinity."

The C. A. A. notified the Air Force and two jet fighter-interceptor planes were ordered up to make a check. These planes came from a base at New Castle, Del., about ninety miles from Washington.

The jet planes themselves appeared on the C. A. A. radarscope at 11:25 P. M. and were guided in on several of the unknown objects.

The Air Force said in its statement: "One of the jet pilots reported sighting four lights in front, approximately ten miles and slightly above him, but he reported he had no apparent closing [overtaking] speed. They disappeared before he could overtake them."

The sighting of the unidentified objects in the sky by radar indicated that something with substance was involved, not only light.

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## 'OBJECTS' OUTSTRIP JETS OVER CAPITAL

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Radar, which detects objects by radio, can "pick up" such things as cloud formations.

The Air Route Traffic Control Center made several further attempts through its radar observation of the unidentified objects to guide the jets to a contact. The efforts were unsuccessful, the Air Force said, until about 11:40 P. M., when the same pilot who had reported the first visual contact again reported sighting what he described as "a steady white light." The light disappeared within a matter of one minute, the Air Force said.

The C. A. A. radar operator at the traffic control center, located at the Washington National Airport, calculated the unknown object's position at about ten miles east of Mount Vernon, Va., which is near the airport.

The two jets left the area at 1:40 this morning, but two additional jet aircraft were sent over and they stayed in the vicinity for forty minutes.

The Air Force said that no further contact, either visual or by radar, had been made by the planes, although the "unidentified objects" were still apparent at 2:20 A. M. on the radarscope.

### Object Over Iowa Called Planet

IOWA CITY, Iowa, July 27 (AP)—An astronomer at the State University, of Iowa reported today that a spark-shooting object seen in the sky by southeast Iowans "most likely was the planet Jupiter."

The astronomer, Prof. C. C. Wylie, head of the university's astronomy department, said he had seen the planet about 1:30 A. M. today after having been notified by the Iowa City Police Department.

"I was told they'd had reports of something in the sky," Professor Wylie said, "and what I saw was Jupiter, which at this time of year is quite bright and rises about 1 A. M."

"I assume that some of the other reports referred to Jupiter too, although it is possible some people saw another star or even a meteor."

The Fort Madison police had reports of flying objects that shot off fire and bobbed up and down in circles. A highway patrolman in the Fort Madison area said the object "looked like a star at first" and was shooting off blue and red lights, going in circles.

Professor Wylie said that Jupiter, or any star, when rising above the horizon, would appear to be shooting off multicolored sparks.



## Air Force Explains 2-Hour Delay In Chasing 'Objects' Over Capital

WASHINGTON, July 28 (AP)—The Air Force said tonight the current series of "flying saucer" reports had brought no change in its twenty-four-hour-a-day program to challenge any unidentified and potentially hostile object in the skies over the United States.

Unidentified objects were spotted on radar screens at the Washington National Airport this week-end, as they had been last Monday.

Reports of the sightings reached the Air Force, and jet fighter-interceptor planes made a search of the Washington area. One pilot reported seeing "lights" that he had not been able to overtake.

An Air Force official tonight said its Air Defense Command had been ready for many months to challenge any unknown object aloft.

Air Force interceptors and pilots started the continuous watch on a limited basis before the start of fighting in Korea, the official noted. At the outset the watch was confined to the areas over key targets. Later, after the hostilities in Korea increased the threat of an all-out war and as more fast-climbing jets became available, the Air Force gradually extended the watch across the northern and the coastal sectors of the nation. The continuous state of readiness now extends to the air space above all areas of the country that contain vital military or industrial installations.

Jet interceptors were sent aloft during the week-end after the radar maintained by the Civil Aeronautics Administration near the Washington National Airport showed objects on its screen that should not have been there.

Actually the jet interceptors did not take off from their base near

Newcastle, Del., until nearly two hours after the radar watcher at Washington first had seen the unexplained objects on his radar screen.

The Air Force explained today that the delay occurred when the report was sent to an Air Force flight center at Middletown, Pa., instead of through the Air Force command post in the Pentagon.

Air Force officers happened to visit the radar post at the National Airport Saturday night and learned about the mysterious spots on the radar screen. These officers telephoned the command post and the jets took the air at Newcastle within five minutes.

Despite the renewed flurry of excitement about the unidentified objects, the Air Force maintained its stand that it still did not know whether any such thing as a "saucer" existed. For several years Air Force technical and intelligence experts have methodically studied and filed away all "flying saucer" reports that have been passed on to them.

### 'Objects' Seen Over Tarrytown

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., July 28—

Streaks of light, reportedly similar to those spotted over Washington twice within the last week, were sighted in the sky above this Hudson River village shortly before midnight last night. Eastern Air Defense Force officials are investigating.

The flashes were reported to the Defense Force Filter Center in White Plains by Joseph Pulsoni, post supervisor, and two ground force observers at a spotters' post atop an apartment house here. The report was relayed to an area radar station, according to Maj. F. B. Johnson, commanding the filter center.



## RADAR SPOTS 12 OBJECTS—ALL INVISIBLE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Radar showed the air over Washington was full of flying objects early Tuesday but an airliner directed to one of the radar sightings could not find a thing.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration radar at Washington Nat-

ional Airport, which reported scores of sightings from 2:30 to 6 a.m. EDT., refrained from transmitting its findings to the air force at nearby Andrews Field because "no visual sightings were made."

The air force said its Andrews Field radar showed nothing.

Meanwhile, the Air Research and

Development Command is continuing its upper-air research studies with a new type camera used in determining the source of light from luminous bodies.

A C.A.A. spokesman said the latest sightings showed as many as 12 unidentified objects on the radar screen at one time.

## DON'T SHOOT THE SAUCERS, YANK APPEALS TO AIR FORCE

WASHINGTON (AP)—The flying saucers have found a friend.

The air force received this telegram yesterday from Cincinnati:

"Urgently request reconsideration of your order to destroy flying saucers.

"Remarkably advanced aerodynamics indicate probably inter-  
celestial origin. Interference with-  
out more cause than saucers'

friendly curiosity could cause unbelievable suffering and death.

"People much aroused and worried. Respectfully. . ." Name withheld.

Air force spokesmen said that nobody is going around shooting at strange objects in the sky but that air defence command planes would attempt to destroy any aircraft or objects definitely identified as hostile and dangerous.



# These "Saucers" Can't Be Brushed Off



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

## AIRLINES PILOTS SEE THEM AND RADAR CONFIRMS IT ALL

Part One

By DOUGLAS LARSEN  
NEA Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NEA)—The flying saucers are back. And their return to the headlines has been the result of a startling new development:

For the first time, numerous and simultaneous visual sightings have been positively confirmed by official Civil Aeronautics Administration radar observations. This has happened twice under almost identical circumstances on two successive Saturday nights.

Up until now official and unofficial saucer debunkers have produced credible theories to explain away reports of visual sightings as natural phenomena. They have done the same for individual radar sighting reports.

But none of this reasoning satisfactorily explains away visual sightings absolutely confirmed by radar.

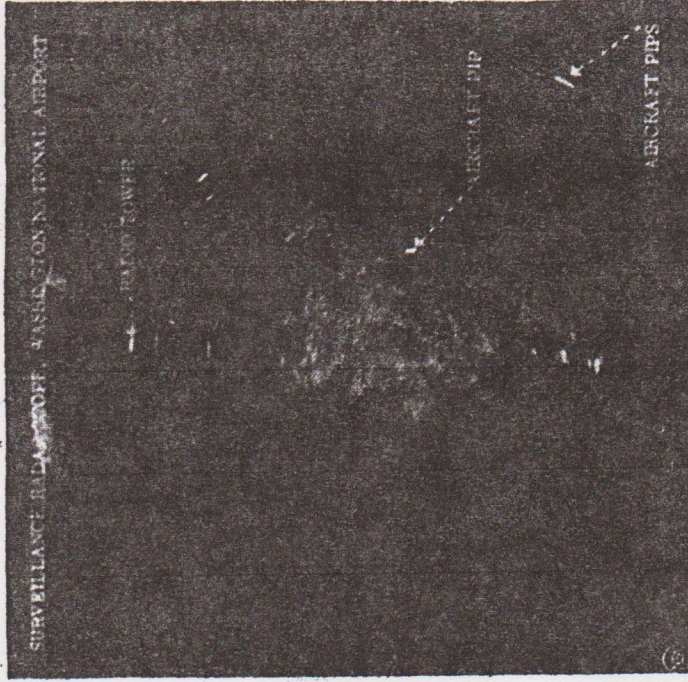
This remarkable new chapter in the weird flying saucer story was written in the skies over Washington for six hours before dawn on Sunday, July 20, and again one week later. The details and implications of what took place are now confirmed by CAA and the Air Force.

Since then the Air Force has quietly said it was closing to the press its special section at Wright Field in Dayton, O., which has been studying flying saucer reports. In addition, all information concerning that group's personnel, activities and budget is now strictly classified.

Full details of what happened the first night are being revealed for the first time by NEA Service. These are the facts:

Beginning shortly after midnight and continuing until dawn, eight experienced CAA radar operators and technicians, manning the air route traffic control center in hanger No. 6 at National Airport, tracked from seven to ten unidentified and mysterious objects performing strange gyrations in the skies in a 30-mile radius above Washington.

Harry G. Barnes, who has been with CAA for nine years, made



**LARGE RADAR SCOPE** at Washington National Airport presents a picture like this to CAA traffic controllers. Mystery pips were tracked from midnight until dawn on the first night.

porter in River Edge, N.J., wrote a detailed story on one that he saw just before seven objects appeared on the CAA radar screen at National Airport. He said:

"It looked like a sphere, so deeply orange colored that it appeared almost the shade of rust. It was silent as death. It was moving too fast and evenly to be a balloon. I saw a flying saucer and you can't convince me that there is no such animal."

He said it disappeared in the direction of Washington.



Harry G. Barnes, who has been with CAA for nine years, mostly in radar work, was in charge of the group. After making sure that the objects were not known aircraft and that the radar was operating perfectly, he checked his findings with the radar operators in the control tower. They instantly confirmed what he saw, and continued to do so. The two radars are completely separate units.

Later the radar at nearby Andrews Air Force base also confirmed the sightings.

"When the center radar showed one of the unidentified objects in a low position in the northwest sky, the operators in the tower were able to see it. One of them, Howard Cocklin, who has been with CAA for five years, describes it:

"It was a good-sized light, yellow to orange in color. At first it looked like a great big star. Then it began to move in a manner which made you realize it couldn't be a star. There was no unusual high speed about its movements and at

had this to say about the sightings:

"In my years of flying I've seen a lot of falling or shooting stars—whatever you call them—but these were much faster than anything like that I've ever seen. They were moving too fast for that. They were about the same size as the brighter stars. And they were much higher than our 6000-foot altitude. I couldn't estimate the speed accurately. Please remember I didn't speak of them as flying saucers—only very fast moving lights."

Charles Wheaton, first officer on the flight with Pierman, a veteran of 12 years of flying confirms Pierman's sightings and adds:

"Before the other night, I always discounted alleged flying saucers as atmospheric phenomenon. But now I feel I have actually seen some active strange objects which defy explanation."

Another Capital Airlines pilot also reported seeing a light off his wing, which showed up in that position on the radar scope. Other pilots in the air that night, Barnes reveals, appeared to be reluctant to discuss the subject with him on the radio.

The mystery of the flying saucers had its start on June 24, 1947, when a Boise, Idaho, businessman, Kenneth Arnold, flew his private plane over the jagged peaks of Washington's Mt. Ranier. When he landed, he breathlessly reported having seen "a chain of nine saucer-like objects playing tag at fantastic speeds."

Since then there have been thousands of sightings all over the world, many obviously reported by crackpots. But a substantial number have been so strange and reliably described, even the Air Force has had to admit that they were unexplainable.

Many books have been written on the subject. Hundreds of magazine articles have treated all aspects of the question. However, a review of most of what has been written and officially reported on the subject points up several unique aspects to the recent Washington sightings:

It's the first time that three separate radar sets have reported identical sightings.

It's the first time they have remained under observation in one area for so long a time.

It's the first time so many completely responsible men, including radar operators and pilots, all observed and reported the same thing at the same time, with all reports checking so accurately.

Both nights there were scores of unofficial stories of persons in the area who claim to have seen one or more strange lights moving about in the sky.

Saul Pett, a news service re-



## KOREA, JAPAN JUMP INTO ACT, SEE SKY SAUCERS

SEOUL—(AP)—Those "flying saucers" have popped up in Korea and Japan.

A Canadian destroyer recently reported sighting two such objects and recorded them on its radar, it was learned here today.

A navy report said 40 officers and crew members of the destroyer Crusader saw the "saucers" the night of July 10. All had the familiar qualities of the puzzling flying discs.

The report, addressed to the commanders of the far east naval forces and the fifth air force, said the ship's radar registered "fixes" on the objects. It placed them two miles high and seven miles away. The report said the objects disappeared before dawn.

A second report a day or two later dismissed the radar find as the planet Jupiter. One officer commented, however: "Jupiter doesn't come in pairs and it is several million miles out of range of our radar."

*Can't See Them*

## "FLYING SAUCER" FLEET FILLS WASHINGTON SKY

WASHINGTON (AP)—The heaviest concentration of unidentified objects yet observed in the skies here—a veritable fleet of "flying saucers"—moved across radar screens early today.

A spokesman at Andrews air force base said the blips were observed late last night, and that early today they were still moving slowly and steadily across the screens.

Planes were directed to intercept the objects, but reported they were unable to see anything.

Radar operators said the objects were moving at about 60 miles an hour from west to east.

## FLYING SAUCER ENTERS GIANT NATO OPERATION

TOPCLIFFE, Eng. (Reuters)—A "flying saucer" entered the eight-country Operation Mainbrace today.

The R. A. F. base here reported to exercise headquarters that an unidentifiable circular silver object had been sighted 15,000 feet above the airfield.

The object, which appeared five miles behind a jet fighter, maintained a slow forward speed before descending in a swinging pendulum motion. Then it began a rotary motion about its own axis and accelerated at an incredible speed in a westerly direction but later turned southeast.

It was seen by R. A. F. officers and men on the airfield. No one could identify it.

The whole incident lasted between 15 and 20 seconds.

One R. A. F. officer said it might have been a smoke ring caused by one of the jet engines suddenly clearing after a temporary blockade. The ring might have been caught in an air current, and with the sun shining on it it could have looked like a "flying saucer," he said.

As the second week of the two-week Mainbrace manoeuvres opened, nearly 30 ships of an amphibious "Blue" force waited under orders to sail for North Jutland. The ships are carrying U. S. Marines who will make an unopposed assault landing there to strengthen land forces opposing an imaginary "Orange" invader from the east.



# U.S. Airmen See Strange Flying Discs in Japan

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## Montreal Air Veteran Sees 'Flying Saucers'

MONTREAL (CP)—Adults might call them flying saucers but children will probably believe it was Santa Claus on a rehearsal visit.

Two adults and a number of children in different parts of the city said they saw "four or five" bright shining objects flitting across the sky Tuesday.

W. F. Garnahm said he was in central Montreal when he saw two young boys looking up at the sky. He looked too, and said "four shiny objects flashed in and out of sight as they turned in the sunlight."

Garnahm said he has 6,000 flying hours.

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The air force said a rotating cluster Jan. 9 near an air base in northern Honshu "was observed visually by a pilot of an F-94 jet interceptor for approximately one minute. . . . Radar contact for approximately two minutes was verified by both members of the crew."



## 8-Inch "Saucer" Made Pass at Jet

U.S. AIR BASE, Northern Japan (AP)—The U.S. Air Force today reported a small, metallic, disk-shaped object made a controlled, sweeping pass at an American jet fighter-bomber and was observed at very close range by another pilot.

The report, from air force intelligence files, said the sighting was made over northern Japan at 11.20 a.m. March 29, 1952, by Lieut. David C. Brigham.

It was a bright, cloudless day. Brigham said he had a very good look at the object from about 30 to 50 feet for about 10 seconds.

The pilot described it as "about eight inches in diameter, very thin, round, and as shiny as chromium; had no apparent projections and left no exhaust trails or vapor trails."

He said it caught up with an F-84 Thunderjet, hovered a few moments and then shot

out of sight. The F-84 pilot, whose name was not revealed, did not see it. It was the second disclosure in a week by air force intelligence of mysterious flying objects over northern Japan near the Russian-Siberia area.

On Jan. 21, the air force disclosed that "rotating clusters of red, white and green lights" had been sighted over northern Japan by American airmen.

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## Boss Convinced Saucers No Joke

VANCOUVER (CP)—Flying saucers no longer are a joke to Bill Boss, Canadian Press war correspondent.

Back from Korea, he said in an interview Wednesday that he is impressed with the reports of fighter-bomber pilots telling of flying saucers, disk clusters "or whatever they are called."

Boss told of reports from "seven independent" pilots on the same day, Jan. 9.

"There is more to this than we all thought," he said. "I think the story of the disks was the most significant to come out of Japan."

The evidence of the pilots, two of whom "locked" with the objects, "is too strong to be dismissed."

One disk kept its distance from the 700-mile-an-hour jet in a straight line and then drew away.

"It must have had a multiple of the speed of sound to do that," said Boss.

The sky clusters were always reported out from the Russian-held island of Sakhalin or the Russian-held mainland.

"Possibly it is significant that saucer stories always appear over Western places of strategic interest, like northern Japan or Texas, but never where satellite forces are committed."

"It looks like a Russian experiment?" a reporter asked.

"It looks like a Russian accomplishment," Boss replied.

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## Flying Saucers Arrive in Korea, Seen on Radar

SEOUL (AP) — Four U.S. Army airmen Sunday reported seeing a small "white, rounded, delta-shaped object" flying at 60 to 80 miles an hour over Communist territory on the Korean western front.

An official intelligence report said the sighting was made north of Pork Chop and Old Baldy hills where heavy fighting has raged the last few days.

An officer with a front-line division who asked not to be identified by name told The Associated Press that other luminous objects, travelling at super-sonic speeds of 800 miles per hour, had been observed in the Baldy-Pork Chop area and tracked on radar—also within the last few days.

However, the official G-2 report made no mention of these other incidents.

The release said:

"At approximately 1 p.m. today (Sunday) aerial observers in two separate planes flying routine reconnaissance missions, observed a white, rounded, delta-shaped object.

"It was estimated to be five to seven feet in diameter.

"It was travelling between 60 and 80 miles per hour in a vibrating motion. The course of flight was north northeast to south south west over enemy territory."



# U.K. RADAR TRACKS GIGANTIC SKY BALL

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## Object Seen By 2 Pilots

LONDON (AP)—A huge glowing object described by observers as metallic has been tracked by radar high over England twice this month, the war office disclosed Wednesday night.

Official reports of the sightings were made by members of two army radar crews who estimated the height of the object as 60,000 feet.

The first report came from Sgt. Harry Waller and three other witnesses who were making a test of a radar set for the 256th heavy anti-aircraft regiment in southeast London Nov. 3.

The report said the object was kept in sight for 40 minutes. Then it moved out of range.

"There was a strong echo on the screen, so I looked through the telescope and there it was, just like a tennis ball," Waller told reporters. "It was dead white and completely circular. I couldn't see it with the naked eye."

"The sky that day was very clear and blue with only a few high clouds. The object was stationary for about 15 minutes. Then it started moving off."

### NOT A BALLOON

"It couldn't have been a balloon. To get the kind of signal we got it must have been metallic. It must have been huge, because the signal was three or four times as large as that received from the biggest airliner."

A similar report was made Nov. 3 by FO. T. S. Johnson and FO. C. H. Smythe of the RAF. They were at 20,000 feet in a jet plane, they said, when the object passed far overhead at "tremendous speed."

An air ministry spokesman said every such report is investigated "but we are not prepared to comment on individual reports."

### 5 PER CENT PUZZLERS

"About 95 per cent are found to be due to natural phenomena," he added. "About the others, the experts can reach no conclusions."

Over London, the object was practically motionless, the war office said, and had an altitude of 61,000 feet. Its slowness excludes a plane and its height, nearly 11½ miles, excludes a helicopter.

The experts say no meteorite or other celestial phenomenon would have shown up in the same way in the radar screen.



# Snow Hampers Hunt for Jet

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. (AP)—Snow and low visibility today hampered planes searching for a United States F89 air force jet fighter missing over the bleak waters of Lake Superior since Monday night.

The missing plane with two high-ranking air force officers aboard mysteriously disappeared at 7.55 p.m. after taking off an hour earlier from Kinross air force base south of here.

Kinross officials said the plane was equipped with two rubber rafts and each officer aboard wore a Mae West life jacket. The men were not identified.

Four DC3s from Trenton and Centralia RCAF bases arrived today to take part in the search. It was expected the weather would

clear considerably this afternoon so that the search can get into top gear.

The jet took off at 6:22 p. m. (EST) with about two hours of fuel in the tanks, Kinross spokesmen said. It was last noted by radio some 80 miles northeast of the Keweenaw peninsula. This would have put the plane somewhere off the forbidding shores of the stormy lake.

A coast guard cutter was hurriedly dispatched to the area Monday night. Air-sea rescue units were alerted. And state police were joined by conservation officers in the widespread hunt along the shoreline.

## MAY BE ON LAKE

The coast guard station at Houghton and the St. Ignace state police post reported early today that the fliers were still missing.

The plane was reported to be carrying flotation gear and officials said it might be adrift in Lake Superior. They said they have received two reports that a plane was down in the water.

Planes from the Selfridge field near Detroit joined the search.

# U. K. Sky Ball Just Balloon?

LONDON (AP)—That "huge, glowing metallic object" reported by a military radar team as hovering menacingly over Britain's coastline, probably was just a weather balloon, the air ministry decided Thursday night.

At any rate there was a metal balloon in the area and at the precise time army radar crews spotted a mysterious object, an air ministry spokesman said.

The war office reported Wednesday night the "metallic intruder" had first been seen by FO. T. S. Jonson from the cockpit of a Vampire night fighter. Then Nov. 3 a military radar team plotted the object on their screens, tracing its movements.

These movements corresponded exactly with the passage of the meteorological balloon released that day, the air ministry said.



## PILOT REPORTS 'COLOSSAL SPEED' OF FLYING DISC

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) — A veteran Swedish pilot reported sighting a "symmetrical metal object" travelling at a "colossal speed" over southern Sweden Thursday.

The pilot's statement was released by the Swedish defence staff which said it was making a thorough investigation of the report.

The pilot who fought during the Second World War with the RAF was Capt. Ulf Christiernsson.

He said he saw the object while flying his DC-3 airliner at about 6,500 feet over Haessleholm. Visibility was good.

"As I got nearer I saw it was completely a symmetrical metal object. It is difficult to find words to describe something one has not seen before, but it looked like a robot."

Capt. Christiernsson said he was absolutely sure it was neither a meteor nor any other sort of celestial body.

## Expert Derides Labrador Saucers

By ALAN HARVEY

Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (CP) — Those flying objects over Labrador were slightly deflated today. A science writer said they are nothing more than "inversions."

Thursday, an experienced Canadian pilot reported seeing a formation of seven aircraft - shaped objects — a "mother" ship and six satellites — over the Atlantic ocean near Labrador. The pilot, 33-year-old Lee Boyd of Fillmore, Sask., said he was sure the things came from another planet.

Today, science expert Chapman Pincher of the Daily Express said what Boyd saw was probably just a reflection of the aircraft from

a wavy layer of air. This is Pincher's theory:

"At various levels in the atmosphere there are regions called inversions where the air temperature suddenly changes. Boundaries between layers of warm and cold air are such good mirrors that they cause mirages in the desert. "Because of the turbulence of the atmosphere, the boundary is sometimes rippled and breaks up an image into several parts which, after reflection, can be seen at eye level."

**NOT WORRIED**

Pincher supports his argument by noting that the flying objects accompanied Boyd's aircraft for 80 miles, travelling at the same speed and at the same distance;

could not be picked up by radar; and repeatedly changed their shape and size the way reflections do in ripply water.

Whatever the explanation, Boyd isn't worried. If they are objects from another world—as he is convinced they are—he figures they won't do any harm to people on this planet. "They probably think we're morons anyhow."

Boyd, co-pilot on a British airliner, sighted the objects Wednesday on a flight from New York to London. The pilot, Capt. James Howard also saw them and made an official report. Thursday night he said he thinks the flying saucers, or whatever they were, looked too solid to be merely reflections of his own aircraft.



## Flying "Objects" Intrigue Veteran Canadian Airman

Something new in flying "objects" has been reported by a veteran Canadian pilot. Francis Lehman Boyd of Fillmore, Sask., said he and fellow crew members of a British airliner observed a "mother" ship and six satellite craft for 20 minutes last Wednesday over the Atlantic near Labrador.

Mr. Boyd's experience may revive some of those flying saucer stories of recent years. Few people had much faith in them, and even those who had observed the phenomena could hardly believe what they had seen. And more than one scientist tried to debunk the "objects" by describing them as meteors or some freak of the weather.

But the veteran pilot's story sounds convincing. He said the things, whatever they were, were intelligently controlled and manoeuvred. And he did not think any science on this planet could produce them.

There was one large ship which "changed shape from time to time" and six smaller craft moving around it. Boyd and his friends had a perfect view. They watched the objects for 18 minutes during which they travelled about 80 miles and all crew members were called to confirm the sight.

Mr. Boyd could rightfully be described as an "expert" witness. He has been trained

to observe the sky about him, and he could hardly be fobbed off as a crackpot whose eyes had deceived him.

Mr. Boyd's experience is naturally intriguing to most of us. Many people will wonder whether one of the big powers has a new type of aircraft up its sleeve. We have heard and read about flying saucers and "secret weapons" about which no one in authority will speak. Boyd may have had his peek at one of these secrets.

But Mr. Boyd's own surmise that these "ships" had come from some other planet sounds more interesting. If there were "people" aboard, did they come to scout us? Were they friendly or hostile? If they know about us and our way of life, do they hold us in contempt for our wars, our atomic bombs and our general progress on the ladder of civilization?

If they are friendly and have a civilization superior to ours, we would welcome them as visitors. Perhaps they could tell us a few helpful things that may save us trouble in the future. Perhaps they have had their own atomic bomb wars and could tell us what would actually happen if we started to drop such death-dealing objects.

Mr. Boyd's experience could set us all thinking and wondering about the "visitors" who did not land.



# RCAF Confirms Pilot's Report Of Rocket Ship

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Reports from both sides of the Atlantic told Wednesday of a strange flying object seen off the coast of Labrador Tuesday night.

The pilot of a Pan American jet airliner said he thought it might have been a space rocket. An RCAF report described it as "glowing red and with a vertical tail."

Both sightings lasted 30 seconds and were located about 130 miles east of Labrador.

Capt Howard Gene was quoted by a Pan American spokesman in London as saying the airliner was at 2,000 feet when the object was sighted moving from south to north "at tremendous speed."

The RCAF report, filed to air defence command at St. Hubert, Que., said the object was moving in a north-to-south direction, exactly opposite from the Pan American sighting.

A United States missile base in Maine said there were no Snark missile firings which would account for the sighting.

## Claims Plane Scouted Object Like Saucer

NORTH BAY (CP)—A nearby West Ferris business man said he saw an RCAF plane make a scouting flight around a mysterious flying object early Sunday.

Harold Pirie said he saw the object, emitting a white light much too bright to be a star, at about 2 a.m. Then the plane came from the direction of the North Bay air

base with its running lights flashing, made a complete circle around the stationary object and headed back to its base.

Mr. Pirie said the object later sped off to the south with a tremendous red exhaust and disappeared.

Last week three workmen at the RCAF base said they watched a flying saucer hovering over the base for more than 10 minutes. A few nights later six Hydro workers at Wawaite falls, about 245 miles north of here, said they saw a saucer hovering above the forest for several minutes.



## Report All Strange Aircraft, Unusual Sightings, Pilots Asked

OTTAWA, CP.—Canada's civil complete as possible, the trans make every reasonable effort to fan fires are being asked to lend port department says, but should identify what they see the North American early warn- never be delayed for lack of CIRVIS reports need not be ing defence system a hand complete information.

Starting April 1, pilots are to The ideal report would say ular. Radio stations will auto- report any unusual sightings on what is being sighted, when, matically pass them on to appro- tricularly in the air. where and how many.

U.S. and Canadian air radio in which direction the sighted ob- CIRVIS" three times and pro- poses have been briefed to handle ject is travelling, its altitude and ced with his report the reports on an 'urgent' basis speed, and its general description. The reports are to be made by, and pilots are authorized to use including size, shape and any Canadian pilots flying anywhere, the international urgency call if identifying marks, over Canada, the U.S., Greenland, a station doesn't give their mes. The circular asks pilots to or Iceland.

The new plan is called CIRVIS, pronounced sur-vees.

A transport department inform- tion circular to airmen asks them to immediately report any- thing that appears 'hostile, sus- picious, or unidentified' and gives as examples: Guided mis- siles, unidentified flying objects, aircraft or their contrails which appear to be directed against North America, submarines, sur- face warships, identified as not Canadian or U.S. or any extra- ordinary ground activities, partic- ularly in the polar regions or other sparsely populated areas.

### REPORT MYSTERY FIELDS

To be reported on first land- ing are such indirectly hostile things as unmarked airfields or fuel dumps, weather stations, radio stations, or air navigation aid- CIRVIS reports should be as

## Mystery Object Seen in Flight Of X-15 Plane

MUROC, Calif. (AP)—Space agency officials released photo- graphs of a mysterious hand- sized object seen tumbling above the X-15 rocket plane as it streaked to a record 314,750-foot altitude last July 17.

They said they could not iden- tify or explain the object's presence in space.

The pictures were released Wednesday after air force Maj. Robert Rushworth completed a routine X-15 flight to 90,000 feet and told reporters he saw bits of insulation floating between the twin panes of the rocket plane's windshield.

The photographs, taken by a movie camera in the tail of the X-15, show a grey-white object above and behind the space- craft. They were taken as the plane, piloted by air force Maj. Robert White, roared upward to 270,000 feet on his way to the record.

Officials said they could not positively identify the photo- graphed object as the one seen by White. Rushworth added that he did not believe the particles he saw were the same as the one White reported.

Rushworth was positive the particles were bits of insulating material.

They were not outside the plane, as Maj. White said the larger object was, he said.

None of the 15 or 20 parti- cles, Rushworth said, was larger than the end of a cigarette.

The insulating material pro- tects the glass windshield from extreme heat caused by air friction.



## Pilot Reported Sighting Object Before Blackout

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — A pilot says he saw a huge fireball last Tuesday night in the vicinity of the main power line from here to Niagara Falls, moments after the power failure in the northeastern United States and Ontario.

Weldon Ross of Syracuse, an employee of the Carrier Corp. and a part-time instructor-pilot, told the Syracuse Herald-American he and a student were approaching Hancock Field here "when the lights went out" Tuesday night.

"We were over the high line which runs from Clay to Niagara Falls when we saw the fire flash. It looked like a barn fire, a barn full of hay and it lasted for perhaps 10 seconds."

The New York Power Authority has two 345,000-volt lines that run from Niagara Falls to the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. station in nearby Clay. After the blackout, early reports said that it was possible the failure began at Clay but Niagara Mohawk officials had said their investigation indicates the Clay station was operating normally.

## Track Seven Objects Flying over Superior

HOUGHTON (UPI) — Personnel at the U.S. Air Force radar base on the Keweenaw Peninsula today reported "solid radar contact" with 7 to 10 unidentified flying objects moving in a "v" formation over Lake Superior Wednesday.

The objects were moving out of the southwest and were heading north-northeast at about 2,000 miles per hour, the men said. They were at an altitude of 5,200 to 17,000 feet.

One of the men at the base said three other radar stations—in North Dakota, Minnesota and Luther Air Station in Canada—also reported spotting the objects. He said the Luther Air Station reported electronic jamming of its radar.

Seven other objects were spotted over Duluth and jet interceptors gave chase, he said, but could not maintain the speed of the UFO's and were easily outdistanced.

The radar personnel, Air Force enlisted men, asked that their names not be disclosed.



## Flying Object Gets Governor's Pursuit

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—Governor Haydon Burns of Florida saw a funny thing on his way to the capital—a UFO.

The governor ordered his airplane pilots to give chase, but the unidentified flying object's lights winked out and it disappeared — upward bound — as Burns' Convair bore down on it.

So says Burns, his assistant, a highway patrol captain and four newspaper men who were flying with the governor to Tallahassee from a re-election campaign session at Orlando Monday night. The citing was at 6,000 feet over Ocala.

"I much prefer to let the newspaper representatives be quoted," he said Tuesday. "I will confirm that I saw the same unidentified flying object they have alluded to in their writings."

Don Meldejohn of The Times placed the sighting at 9:52 p.m.

EDT Monday and said "I first became aware of something when Governor Burns shouted 'It's a UFO!'"

Melkejohn's timecheck was about 90 minutes after the flash of a vivid fireball, described by scientists as a meteor, excited thousands from the Carolinas to Toronto and as far west as Ohio.

### BURNS ORDERS CHASE

"Governor Burns ordered the pilots to 'turn into it'. The plane turned to the right and as it did the light pulled ahead quickly and began to rise steeply. It disappeared, as one of the pilots said, 'like someone turned off the juice.'"

Bill Mansfield of The Herald said the lights "generally followed the flight of the governor's plane although there were some definite changes of brightness."

Burns' executive assistant, Frank Stockton, estimated the distance the lights travelled with the plane as "at least 40 miles."

Co-pilot Herb Bates said he radioed air traffic control at Miami and was told it had the Burns plane on radar but nothing resembling the object as Bates described it.

## CPA Crew See Flying Saucer During Flight

VANCOUVER (CP) — Five members of a Canadian Pacific Airlines DC-8 crew never believed before, but they believe in flying saucers now.

The crew reported Tuesday they saw one on a recent flight from Lima, Peru, to Mexico City, and couldn't explain it away.

"We tried to discredit the thing from beginning to end, but it couldn't be anything we could think of," said Capt. Robert Millbank of suburban Burnaby.

He said he saw two beams of light during the Dec. 29 flight. Second officer John Dennis Dahl of White Rock, B.C., navigator Mike Mole of Mexico City, purser Joseph Lugs of Vancouver and pilot trainee Wolfgang Poepperl of Richmond gathered to watch the object.

"It was getting bigger all the time, and at one point shot out a trail of sparks like a rocket," Capt. Millbank said.

"Then it seemed to be getting closer and we could see a string of lights between two white lights."

"It then levelled off at our left wing-tip and, in the full moon, we could see a shape between the two lights which appeared thicker in the middle."

He said the object remained a couple of minutes then disappeared behind the big passenger plane. He said he filed a report in Mexico City after the flight.



## UFO Reports On Weekend

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (Reuters)**—Visitors from outer space took a good look at South America during the weekend, judging by the local newspapers.

Flying saucer watchers in Argentina, southern Brazil and Paraguay reported entire squadrons of mysterious objects zoomed through the skies.

Argentinian watchers reported a squadron of unidentified flying objects sighted in six provinces Saturday night. Flying at speeds up to 3,700 miles an hour, they were sighted by residents, pilots and airport control towers.

In Paraguay, at about the same time, six objects flying noiselessly in formation were sighted over the capital, Asuncion, for about 10 minutes. The airport said communications were completely disrupted while the UFOs were overhead.

## UFO Sighting in France

**PARIS (Reuters)**—Mysterious fireballs sped through the skies of Western Europe early today, spurring reports of "flying saucers" sightings from England to Italy.

Airline pilots, coast guard stations and nightworkers reported unidentified flying objects moving across the night sky in groups and singly, glowing orange and red.

A spokesman for the Greenwich Observatory in England said "the most likely explanation is that it was a satellite re-entering the atmosphere."

The coast guard station at Deal in England reported a fireball, with pieces breaking off, moving west to east toward France.

"It was travelling too fast for an aircraft and too slow for a meteorite," a coast guard spokesman said.

The crew of a French ferry off Dieppe reported spotting several UFOs, including a group of five that glowed orange.

Airline pilots landing at Paris and early morning strollers across France spotted the objects.

From Switzerland came reports of shining objects leaving orange and yellow trails behind them.

From Italy's northern Alpine valleys, objects like "flaming footballs" were visible moving toward Switzerland, their red light reflected in the snow of mountain peaks.

A train crew at Bologna saw a reddish object explode into three or four parts, sending out a brilliant fireworks cascade.



# Pilot Reports Sighting UFO At Whitefish

WHITEFISH — Two Whitefish area residents reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object, better known as an UFO, as they were preparing for bed Sunday night.

Everett Makela, of Grassy Lake Rd., Louise township, near Whitefish, said he had just tuned off the television set at 10 p.m. when he looked out the window and saw "A big red object" in the Western sky.

"It was brightly lit and once you saw it, you'd know it was something out of the ordinary," he said.

## WAS CIRCLING

"The sky was clear and you could see the stars. You couldn't compare it with a falling star for it circled up and down very slowly," he added.

After watching the object for a couple of minutes, he had his wife bring him a pair of binoculars for a better look.

"It seemed to be an oval dish shape with dozens of little jets along the edge. I could actually see the flames," Makela recounted. "It was very, very bright red."

It stayed in view for about 10 minutes before disappearing below the horizon. He estimated it had been hovering about two miles from his residence.

The Whitefish resident is a pilot himself and owns an aircraft repair service.

## N SIGHTINGS

A spokesman for Canadian Forces Base Falconbridge reported the base had no sightings listed in that area nor was any aircraft logged for that time near Whitefish.

However, Rev. Roger Leclaire, of the Laurentian University astronomy department said from what he could make of the description and time of the occurrence, the most likely candidate for the UFO was the planet Venus.

"Right now Venus is the brightest object in the sky outshining everything except the sun and moon," Rev. Leclaire said.

He pointed out it would have been setting below the horizon in the same general direction and the same time as the UFO was spotted.

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# U.S. jets scrambled on UFOs

## More sightings reported; radar base won't comment

By ROB ROWLAND  
Star Staff Writer

A squadron of U.S. Air National Guard F-105 interceptors were scrambled Tuesday morning to check the skies over Sudbury for UFOs spotted on radar. The Star learned today.

The jet fighters were sent aloft several hours after the last Sudbury Regional Police sighting at 7:15 a.m. A North American Air Defence (NORAD) command spokesman in North Bay said the fighters were scrambled from the U.S. Air Force base at Selfridge, Michigan, at 12:50 p.m. local time.

In Colorado Springs, Del. Kindschi, a public information officer for NORAD, confirmed something had been tracked over Sudbury.

He said an object was picked up on the Falconbridge radar about 30 nautical miles south of the station. He added that whatever was spotted visually by the station personnel — three glowing lights with dark cen-

tres — was not necessarily the same thing seen on radar.

The U.S. fighters did not find anything when they reached here, Mr. Kindschi said.

In North Bay, the public affairs officer for 22nd NORAD division said North Bay-based aircraft did not respond. Sudbury is part of the 22nd division and for a routine scramble, such as the one on Tuesday, the response comes from bases in the 22nd division.

In a real emergency, planes from North Bay would come, he said.

Another UFO was reported last night by Sudbury Regional Police. Two officers, whose names were not released, saw a lighted, blinking object while on patrol on Highway 69 north, from 1:40 a.m. to 2:20 a.m.

The officer said in a report the object was definitely not a star and displayed different changing colors.

In Nain Centre, Theresa Bouillon reported she and her two sons, Roger, 14 and Claude,

13, saw several objects over their home between 10 p.m. and midnight Tuesday.

The first object was bright yellow and orange and was seen in the eastern sky, towards Sudbury.

Later, another object bright enough to hurt their eyes, was seen to the east, over Espanola. Mrs. Bouillon said. She said she called provincial police in Espanola but an OPP spokesman said no other reports were logged at that time.

FOUR AT ONCE

At one point, Mrs. Bouillon said, she and her sons saw a total of four objects in the sky at once. At midnight because it was cold and they were frightened they went in to bed.

"It's the first time I've seen one and I hope it's the last," she commented.

A spokesman at CFB Falmouth had no comment today and referred The Star to NORAD when questioned about last night's sightings. In Colorado Springs, Mr. Kindschi said he had not yet received a report on the Tuesday night sightings.



## NORAD sends two fighters on UFO hunt

SUDBURY (CP) — Two U.S. Air National Guard jet fighters sent to this area to check for unidentified flying objects spotted by radar operators did not find anything, a NORAD spokesman in North Bay said yesterday.

The spokesman said the two jet fighters were sent from the NORAD base at Selfridge, Mich., Tuesday after radar sightings by staff of the Canadian Forces base at nearby Falconbridge. Several area police also saw four objects they described as bright white lights.

Another UFO sighting was reported last night by two Sudbury regional policemen on patrol, but Falconbridge would not say whether the objects had been tracked on radar.



THE CF-100. IT'S OBSOLETE FOR CHASING UFOs

## U.S. fighters sought Sudbury UFO because North Bay planes obsolete

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The CF-100 is now training 171 F-106 squadron of the Michigan Air National Guard.

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with an interceptor capability for the CF-101 Voodoo, east of Falconbridge, a NORAD They are part of the group in the area, a spokesman at the defence spokesman said National de- of aircraft in the United States

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fighter-interceptors from the modern United States fighters, is on the amount of fuel used for ridge, Mich., over 250 air miles closest 23rd division squadron The planes which came over training purposes, he added.



## Alaska radar, pilot spot speedy UFO

ANCHORAGE (AP) — Unidentified flying objects have been reported over the Chugach Mountains slightly east of here by a Northwest Orient Airline crew and a radar approach controller at Anchorage International Airport.

Citric Cernick, U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spokesman, said Friday that one of the controllers reported that on April 23 he saw "four blips which gyrated on his radar scope in an unusual manner."

"The controller, Terry Siegrest, saw the blips settle downwards, and then move across the scope at a rapid rate of speed," Cernick said.

Siegrest said the objects first appeared about 30 miles from Anchorage, moving slowly and eventually stopping completely. When they resumed movement, he said, they picked up speed and "zipped off to the east."

Harry Fluaharty relieved Siegrest after the radar sightings. He said a Northwest Orient pilot reported that he saw a single bright object at 60,000 feet moving at a high rate of speed.

## NO TRACE OF YOUNG PILOT AFTER REPORTING APPROACH OF UFO

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### SEES LIGHTS

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gine of his single-engine Cessna 182 was running roughly. His last message said: "It is not an aircraft."

Valentich's father, Guio, said he hopes his son has been taken by a UFO and has not crashed.

"The fact that they have found no trace of him really verifies the fact that UFOs could have been there," he said.

Valentich said his son used to study UFOs "as a hobby using information he had received from the air force."

"He was not the kind of person who would make up stories. Everything had to be very correct and positive for him."



## Pilot lost after UFO report

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## Pilot reports UFO, then vanishes

MELBOURNE (UPI) — "It isn't an aircraft. It's ..."

Moments after pilot Frederick Valentich told an Australian control tower an unidentified flying object with four green lights was chasing him, radio transmission was cut off, and nothing more was heard from the

20-year-old pilot or his single engine Cessna 182.

A full-scale search by the Australian air force resumed today for the plane — and its lone occupant — whose last known position was over the Bass Strait, 130 miles (208 kilometres) south of Melbourne.

Transport department spokesman Kenneth Wil-

liams said Valentich radioed Melbourne Flight Service Control Saturday at 7.06 p.m. and reported a UFO was following him at 4,500 feet.

He described his pursuer as "a green light and sort of metallic light on the outside."

Ground control said there was no air traffic in the area below 5,000 feet.

Valentich disagreed.

"It has four bright lights — appear to be landing lights. Aircraft has just passed over me about 1,000 feet above."

"Can you identify the aircraft," control asked.

"It isn't an aircraft. It's ... " Then silence.

Two minutes later, Valentich's voice rasped over the radio again.

"Melbourne, it's approaching from due east

toward me ... It seems to be playing some sort of game ... Flying at a speed I cannot estimate ... It is flying past ... It is a long shape ... Cannot identify more than that ... coming for me right now ... It seems to be stationary ... I'm orbiting (circling) and the thing is orbiting on top of me also ... It has a green light and sort of metallic light on the outside."

Suddenly, Valentich reported his engine was choking.

Metallic scratching replaced the pilot's voice. Then there was no sound at all.

When the aircraft did not arrive at King Island on schedule, investigators began an air search, but found no sign of the aircraft.



## Australians probing pilot's report of UFO

MELBOURNE (AP) — Australian authorities were trying to determine yesterday whether an oil slick spotted in the sea south of here came from a light plane that vanished after its young pilot radioed that a large object hovering above him was not an aircraft.

Frederick Valentich, 20, was on a short solo flight from Melbourne to King Island across the Bass Strait when he disappeared Saturday evening.

Air traffic controllers on the mainland reported he radioed at 7:06 p.m. that he could see four bright lights about 1,000 feet above him that appeared to be the landing lights of a large aircraft. He asked whether any military aircraft were in the area and was told there were not.

Two minutes later, at 7:08, he radioed: "It is approaching from due east toward me. It seems to be playing some sort of game... flying at a speed I cannot estimate."

At 7:09 he radioed: "It is not an aircraft. It's..." and radio contact was lost briefly. He was asked to identify the object.

"It is flying past. It is a long shape. I cannot identify more than that. It's coming for me right now," he said.

At 7:10 he said: "It seems to be stationary. I'm orbiting and the thing is orbiting on top of me also. It has a green light and a sort of metallic light on the outside."

A few minutes later he reported that his plane's engine was idling roughly and coughing.

His last words before radio contact was lost permanently were: "It is not an aircraft."

Air traffic controllers reported they then heard a noise on the radio.

## TV station claims film of UFO

MELBOURNE (AP) — An Australian television station says it has filmed an unidentified flying object over New Zealand.

An official at the station said yesterday the film, purchased by the British Broadcasting Co. and the CBS television network, was made Saturday. CBS said it would show the film on its news show tonight.

The official, George Wilson, said: "An oval-shaped object with three bands around it can be seen clearly. At one stage the film crew saw 25 of these objects."

The film was made at the direction of a reporter who was investigating a UFO report by a New Zealand airline pilot.

Wilson said the reporter "saw objects everywhere about him," and described them as being "lights in the sky which tracked and followed the aircraft."

Wilson said flight control at Wellington airport confirmed objects other than airplanes had appeared on radar screens at the time the seven-minute sequence was filmed.



# New Zealand interceptors ready for UFOs but experts skeptical

From AP-REUTER

AUCKLAND (CP) — Experts pooh-poohed a TV crew's claim that it filmed a swarm of UFOs amid a rash of reports of additional sightings today in Australia and New Zealand.

However, the New Zealand Royal Air Force put a squadron of fighters on standby alert to chase any more suspicious sky travellers that show up.

The Australian defence department said it was notified of 19 UFO sightings since the reported filming Saturday, but was not taking them seriously.

At least 12 policemen said they saw a bright blue object tracing a random flight for three hours over Australia's east coast early today.

Its color slowly changed to red. "We've got a UFO sighting and we're not kidding," one patrolman said.

A Melbourne couple said they were followed in their car Sunday by an egg-shaped object with spotlights shining out.

"We have now recorded sightings by six pilots on three aircraft over 10 days and a host of radar sightings," said Geoff Causer, an air traffic controller at the Wellington, New Zealand, airport.

"There is obviously some strange phenomenon and it needs to be investigated."

David Mabin, head of the New Zealand's Mount John Observatory, said the unidentified flying objects were almost certainly the planet Venus which is currently at its brightest and can be seen about 12 hours a day.

## MAY BE VENUS

"From a moving aircraft or from a car, it could appear to be moving at the same speed

because of the great distance."

Sir Bernard Loyell, a leading British astronomer, told London newspapers the sightings probably were meteorites that failed to burn up on entering the atmosphere.

The Australian TV films were shown in the United States on Monday night's CBS Evening News.

Afterward, UFO expert Allen Hynek of Northwestern University told CBS: "This is certainly one of the best, if not the best, purported UFO films I've seen."

"I'm cautioning us to be wary of it simply because it doesn't fit a general pattern. It is a nocturnal light, and light seen in the night sky can be caused by a great many things."

Quentin Fogarty, a reporter for a Melbourne TV station, said his crew filmed the UFOs

for seven minutes Saturday night from a plane over Kaikoura, in the eastern region of New Zealand's South Island.

"There were bright globules of light pulsating and expanding and lighting up the foreshore and town of Kaikoura," he said. "We got frightened when Wellington radar control told us we had one on our tail. Then it was joined by five more."

Fogarty said that as the objects came closer he saw that one was saucer-shaped with a dome on top and another was egg-shaped with white lights moving around it.

"The whole feeling was that we were in their domain. They seemed in control and aware we were filming. I don't think they were going to harm us."

## New Zealand on alert for UFOs

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — The Royal New Zealand Air Force ordered an alert yesterday after a television news team filmed what they said was an unidentified flying object. Aviation authorities reported the UFO apparently was tracked by radar as well.

The air force put a Skyhawk jet fighter on special standby alert to chase any newly sighted UFOs.

A television station in Melbourne, Australia, said it had film of a UFO taken Saturday night by a camera team flying over the Kaikoura area in the eastern region of New Zealand's South Island.

The television team, led by reporter Quentin Fogarty, was investigating a UFO report by a New Zealand Airline pilot at the time the film was made.

About the same time the TV crew reported seeing the UFO, an unidentified radar blip showed up on screens operated by the civil aviation staff in Wellington, New Zealand, aviation officials said.

Capt. Bill Startup, pilot of the plane carrying the TV crew, said he spotted "a very bright white light" that moved around his Argosy aircraft.

Capt. Startup, a pilot for 25 years, said that when he

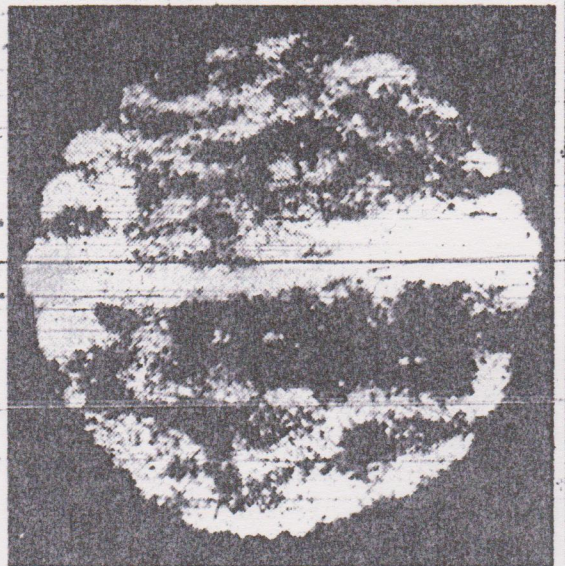
first noticed the object it was about 20 miles in front of his plane.

"It appeared to stay still until we got within 10 miles, then it turned with us as I changed course," he said. "It then went above us and circled and came down beneath us. It was making definite movements in relation to us."

An air traffic controller in Wellington identified only as A. Causer said: "We now

have recorded sightings by six pilots on three Argosy aircraft over 10 days and a host of radar sightings. There is obviously some strange phenomenon and it needs to be investigated."

The film of the purported UFO has been bought by the British Broadcasting Co. and the CBS television network for an undisclosed amount. CBS said it would show the film on its nightly news show.



UFO seen over New Zealand's South Island.



# Our jets scramble after UFOs

By Joe Hall Toronto Star

WASHINGTON — Canadian jet fighters "scrambled" at least twice in one week in an attempt to intercept unidentified flying objects, it was confirmed last night.

The incidents were revealed in previously top-secret documents released in Washington by the U.S. Air Force and the defence department. They were confirmed by a National Research Council official in Ottawa.

The U.S. and Canadian reports said the UFOs were seen near a top-secret Canadian military installation and hovering over a number of nuclear missile launch sites and bomber bases in the United States.

U.S. and Canadian military personnel reported mysterious craft visiting the North American Air Defence Command (Norad) base at North Bay, Ont., and defence bases along the Canadian border in Montana, Michigan and Maine, the records show.

## On radar

The sightings, both visually and on radar, at North Bay were described by Dr. Bruce McIntosh of the National Research Council's Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics in Ottawa.

All the sightings were reported in the last few days of October and first few weeks of November, 1975.

The U.S. government records describe the intruders variously as helicopters, aircraft, unknown entities and brightly lighted, fast-moving vehicles that hovered over nuclear weapons storage areas and evaded all pursuit efforts.

The U.S. air force sent fighter planes and airborne command planes aloft on unsuccessful pursuit missions. The released records do not indicate whether the fighters fired on the intruders.

McIntosh said that on the night of Nov. 5, 1975, apparent targets were spotted on the radar at North Bay — part of a chain

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# Canadian Forces jets sent on UFO chase

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of command centres on permanent alert to warn of air attacks on North America.

Canadian interceptors were scrambled later that morning when the targets remained on the radar screen. Nothing was found, McIntosh said.

The U.S. records show that several sightings were made in the same period at Loring Air Force base in Maine of objects hovering over the weapons area.

Radar and visual sightings were made and a KC-135 tanker plane took off to oversee pursuit efforts by a helicopter from the Maine National Guard.

The object disappeared toward the Canadian border where Canadian jets were waiting on alert, the records show.

There was no indication in the records that the Canadian planes spotted any craft.

There was a rash of UFO reports in Canada during the first week in November, 1975, from Newfoundland to British Columbia.

McIntosh's office gets about 200 UFO reports a year from across the country. His planetary sciences office is concerned primarily with sightings of meteors but a UFO file has been kept since 1962.

## Lack of evidence

McIntosh says he is not a believer in space ships piloted by alien beings "because there is just not enough concrete evidence."

"If I were a gambling man, I would not place any money on it. But there are lots of things we cannot explain. I would be the happiest guy in the world if one landed in my backyard. Now that would be proof positive."

The U.S. records show that two days after the North Bay incident, at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana, Capt. Thomas O'Brien was coming off duty as a missile launch officer when, he said, an

aircraft resembling a helicopter approached the silo area.

He and his deputy heard what they thought was a helicopter rotor over the building where they were resting.

The unidentified deputy looked out the window and saw "the silhouette of a large aircraft hovering about 10 to 15 feet above the ground" and about 25 feet from the launch-area fence.

He reported seeing red and white lights on the front, a white light on the bottom and another on the rear.

Darkness prevented him from seeing markings or personnel on the craft which left after a minute or so of hovering.

## Lights reported

Military crews at two other nearby launch facilities reported moving lights in the air on the same evening.

McIntosh said one explanation for whatever was spotted on the North Bay radar was that on a clear night a high density of ice crystal layers in the sky could reflect radar beams onto aircraft over the horizon, not normally picked up on radar.

"I looked at the situation at the time — not very thoroughly I must admit — and I talked to the officer on duty at NORAD and satisfied myself that it was a coincidence (the radar sightings) and the UFO," McIntosh reported.

Venus at some times in the year is 10 times brighter than any star and often seems out of place, "sticking out like a sore thumb," McIntosh said.

Having seen targets on the radar, the officer probably went outside expecting to see something in the sky, he added.

Defence department officials in Washington said yesterday that formal investigation of unidentified flying objects ended in 1969 and there are no plans to re-start the probe, which went under the code name Operation Blue Book.



# Crew and passengers reported seeing UFO

MOSCOW (AP) — Amazed crew and passengers on a Soviet airliner say they saw a star-like unidentified flying object beam a thin ray on the ground, suddenly turn its dazzling light on the aircraft and — just as abruptly — become a green cloud that "escorted" the plane, a newspaper reports.

Gennady Lazurin, co-pilot of the Aeroflot flight, told an air controller in Minsk about the sighting and was told at first that nothing could be seen on ground radar, the newspaper Trud reported Wednesday.

"Oh well, they'll be saying we're not normal," Lazurin was quoted as saying.

But then, ground control "registered splashes on its screens in the same part of air space," Trud said. The date of the flight was not given.

Nikolai Zheltukhin, a corresponding member of the Soviet Academy

of Sciences and deputy chairman of a state commission on unexplained phenomena, told Trud the occurrence "is indeed of interest, although the commission already knows of similar cases."

"That the object reversed course instantaneously and reached the ground with a ray of light of unusual intensity from a very high altitude is undoubtedly abnormal," Zheltukhin was quoted as saying.

The plane was flying northwest from the Georgian capital of Tbilisi to Tallinn in Estonia and was approaching Minsk when "what appeared to be a large, unblinking star suddenly shed a thin ray of light which fell plumb down on the ground" from an altitude of 40 to 48 kilometres, the newspaper said.

## PROVIDES VIEW

All four crew members reported that they "could see distinctly everything down in the

sector of the ground illuminated by the cone-shaped shaft of light — the houses and the roads," the newspaper said.

It said the ray suddenly focused on the plane.

"The pilots saw a dazzling white spot surrounded by concentric colored rings," Trud said.

The unidentified flying object then came toward the airliner "at flashing speed," leaving a green cloud in its wake and hovered next to the plane at an altitude of 10,000 metres for the rest of the flight "like an honorary escort," the newspaper quoted one of the pilots as saying.

Nervous passengers asked the flight attendant what was happening.

"Tell them it is some sort of cloud," the captain, Igor Cherkashin, was reported to have replied. "Say the yellow thing is a reflection of city lights, the green thing of polar lights."

## Chased UFOs

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)

Multicolored UFOs the size of ping-pong balls were seen over Brazil and fighter jets were sent to chase them, the air force minister said. The objects "saturated our radar system," Brig.-Gen. Otavio Moreira Lima said. They were reported flying at about 1,350 kilometres an hour and the fighters tracked them for almost three hours before turning back when they started to run out of fuel. "I can't give an explanation for this because we don't have any," Moreira Lima said.



# U.S. officials reopen their probe into pilot's report of UFO incident

ANCHORAGE (AP)

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration is reopening its investigation into an incident in which an apparent UFO dogged a Japan Air Lines cargo jet across Alaska's night sky for almost an hour last November.

"We looked at it about six weeks ago, but since then we've gotten a lot of public interest, so we went back and reinterviewed the pilot," FAA spokesman Paul Steucke said Sunday.

The veteran pilot, Kenji Terauchi, told investigators that the large UFO showed up on his cockpit weather radar. But images on military radar screens at the time were dismissed as "clutter," and a blip that showed up on FAA screens was analysed as a coincidental "split image" of the aircraft, Steucke said.

Radar tapes, transcribed interviews and radio messages are to be sent to the FAA in Washington, D.C., later this week for review, Steucke

said.

A JAL spokesman said Sunday that Terauchi was on a flight to Europe and was unavailable.

As Flight 1628 — a Boeing 747 — flew at 35,000 feet into Alaska from Canada, just northeast of Fort Yukon, Terauchi told investigators he saw three lights 13 kilometres in front of his aircraft.

The pilot reported the lights were yellow, amber and green, Steucke said, but not red, the international color for aircraft beacons.

"He flew for about six minutes before he decided to report anything," Steucke said. "I can't say I blame him for that."

Terauchi radioed Anchorage FAA air controllers, who direct all aircraft traffic in the state, except for planes near airports, Steucke said. Fairbanks controllers checked their screens but saw only Flight 1628, Steucke said.

The pilot reported the object was staying with him and controllers told

him to take any evasive action needed. Terauchi decreased altitude to 31,000 feet, but the lights went down with him "in formation," Steucke said.

South of Fairbanks, Terauchi turned the plane in a complete circle to see if the lights would follow.

"That was pretty clever," Steucke said. "It allowed him to eliminate any natural phenomenon which would have stayed stationary."

The lights stayed with the cargo jet, and moved to its left side, the pilot told the FAA.

The lights vanished, heading east, when the JAL jet was about 130 kilometres north of Anchorage, Steucke said.

## Hungary sees high-speed UFO

BUDAPEST (Reuters) — Hungary's Defence Ministry has investigated the sighting of a high-speed Unidentified Flying Object over a military airport, newspapers reported Monday.

Officers at the Kecskemet base south of Budapest said the object flew silently above the runway last Friday at a height of about 180 metres trailing a 70-metre exhaust flame.

Defence Ministry spokesman Gyorgy Keleti told the official MTI news agency that the object was undetected by radar.

"I do not believe in UFOs but I have no reason to doubt what my fellow officers say," he added after visiting the base.

Lieut. Gabor Toth said he saw the object, about 23 metres long, from the base's control tower and was certain that it was not an aircraft.

It was sighted two minutes later at Bekescsaba, 110 kilometres west of Kecskemet, which would mean it was travelling at 3,380 kilometres an hour.



## Close encounter of the weird kind baffles British aviation authority

Year-long inquiry finds no explanation of UFO that buzzed airliner

BY DAVID WALLEN  
Special to The Globe and Mail

LONDON — After a year-long formal inquiry, British aviation experts admit they are baffled by a close encounter between a passenger jet and an unidentified flying object on an approach to Manchester Airport.

The Civil Aviation Authority said yesterday it can find no logical explanation for the UFO, which apparently buzzed the British Airways Boeing 737 with 60 people on board last January

at the 4,000-foot level of its descent on a flight from Milan.

Captain Roger Wills, 35, said a wedge-shaped UFO, emblazoned with small white lights, came so close to his jet that co-pilot Mark Stuart ducked.

The object also was spotted from the ground, yet never appeared on radar screens. It made no attempt to deviate and passed very quickly down the right side of the aircraft. It made no sound and created no wind turbulence.

The incident happened at 6:48 p.m.

on Jan. 6, 1995, with the aircraft just above the clouds and visibility at least 16 kilometres.

Air traffic controllers had the following conversation with Flight 5061:

B737: "We just had something go down the right-hand side, just above us, very fast."

Manchester ATC: "Well there's nothing seen on radar. Was it an aircraft?"

B737: "Well it had lights, it went down the starboard side very quick."

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## British aviation body calls UFO 'a mystery'

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Both the captain and co-pilot were convinced the object was not a balloon, model aircraft, kite or even a stealth aircraft. Captain Wills said he had seen a stealth before and thought he would have recognized it.

Suggestions that the object might have been a reflection from a cloud or even a secret U.S. spy craft also have been discounted.

The CAA's Joint Airmiss Working Group said in its report, published yesterday, that it cannot explain the incident, confirming there was nothing else on the radar screens apart from the jet in that position at that time. It concluded that it was "not possible to suggest either the cause or the risk" of the incident. "The reported object remains untraced."

The report praised the crew for telling their story in the face of possible derision from colleagues.

"It's all a bit of a mystery," a Civil Aviation Authority spokesman said. "There was a similar case about three years ago involving Alitalia and it was not possible to explain that one, either."

On the ground, Mark Lloyd was near the airport and says he saw the object, too.

"There was like a glint in the sky and, as I looked, I could see this triangular-shaped object hovering quite high up and it had depth to it," he said. "It was rounded off at the back end and appeared to have something like back burners." He described a black line down the side and a triangular-shaped window.

When Mr. Lloyd told his girlfriend what he had seen, she said he was "talking a load of codswallop."

Later, he telephoned the airport and was put through to the control tower.

Mr. Lloyd said yesterday he was relieved that the official report backed his version with the words of the air crew.

While the incident has baffled aviation experts, it has delighted UFO enthusiasts. The word of pilots, they said, might give some credibility to their favourite subject.

"Now that the CAA have actually come out with a statement saying it was unidentified, we shall go straight back to them and try and get them to say more," said Eric Morrison, one of Britain's leading exponents of UFOs and extraterrestrials.

One of the best authenticated UFO sightings was made by the crew of one of the Apollo space missions, when an object tracked the spacecraft for some minutes before moving off at high speed. The astronauts told Houston they were being tailed, adding: "We'll assume it's friendly."



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## UFO nearly hit plane — Swissair

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP)—An unidentified, wingless object travelling at high speed passed dangerously close to a Swissair jetliner between Philadelphia and Boston, the airline said Friday.

The pilot and copilot gave U.S. investigators different descriptions of the object that passed about 45 metres from the Boeing 747 after it had taken off from Philadelphia on Aug. 9.

The pilot told the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board that the object as long and wingless, but the copilot said it was more spherical, Swissair spokesman Erwin Schaerer said.

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# Pilots spot mile-wide UFO close to Alderney

## Air traffic control receive two independent reports

BRITAIN'S X-File detectives are to investigate the sighting of a one-mile-wide UFO near Alderney earlier this week.

The UK Ministry of Defence's equivalent of FBI special agents Mulder and Scully will investigate the UFO reports made by two commercial pilots flying separate planes on Monday afternoon.

Radar equipment in Jersey did not detect the object, although the duty air traffic controller at Jersey Airport, Paul Kelly, confirmed that he received simultaneous reports from the pilots of Aurigny and Blue Island aircraft.

Aurigny pilot Captain Ray Bowyer claims to have seen the strange object during a flight from Southampton.

He spotted 'a bright yellow light ten miles west of Alderney', when his plane was about 30 miles from Alderney and flying at 4,000 ft.

The 50-year-old said: 'It was a very sharp, thin yellow object with a green area. It was 2,000 feet up and stationary,' said the

'I thought it was about ten miles away, although I later realised it was about 40 miles from us. At first I thought it was the size of a Boeing 737,' he said.

But he said it must have been much bigger because of the dis-

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tance and estimated it could have been a mile wide.

Capt Bowyer said he also saw a second identical object further to the west.

'It was exactly the same but looked smaller because it was further away. I am certainly not saying that it was something of another world. All I am saying is that I have never seen anything like it before in all my years of flying.'

Mr Kelly said that the Blue Island pilot made a similar report to that of Capt Bowyer.

The pilot was flying to Jersey and, as he went past Sark, described an object behind him to his left. The description was very similar to the Aurigny captain's and both described it as being in exactly the same place. But they were looking at it from opposite sides. Mr Kelly said the pilot confirmed that the object was 1,500 feet beneath his plane.

The Blue Island plane was at 3,500 feet at the time, so again both pilots placed it at the same altitude. Mr Kelly continued: 'If the object was stationary our equipment would not have picked it up because the radar would have screened it out.'



Pilot Captain Ray Bowyer claims to have seen a UFO in the English Channel near Alderney Photo montage: ADRIAN MILLER  
Below: Mr Bowyer's log entry recording the sighting

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Unidentified object seen. Bright yellow thin, stationary. Size of 737  
2nd object same shape seen behind first at some distance.  
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