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The first sighting was reported by James K. Pendarvis of Highland Park Road, a fruit driver, and his brother, Glenn, a student at DeLand Junior High School, in the

A Monday night, about 9:30 an unidentified flying object was sighted by two local young men, just east of Kahului. Flying low and in an erratic manner, speeding up and slowing, rising up and down, they thought there was no possibility the object could have been an airplane. Lights circled it in flashing neon fashion, alternating red, white, and yellow, resembling the round or spherical shape. It flew to the east, to the south and then north.

Two early conclusions have been dismissed by the USAB study: that UFOs are a hoax, or the result of mass hallucination. This is negative progress, but an advance from the attitude of sheer skepticism that featured the opening stages of examination.

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Saucer Search Closed

There'll be no more official searching for Unidentified Flying Objects. The U.S. Air Force, which was committed to the investigation of flying saucers is going out of the flying saucer business.

Now, only dedicated ufologists are left to pursue the truth or fantasy of "little green men" from outer space.

It was a pilot named Kenneth Arnold, who 23 years ago reported sighting "saucerlike" objects near Mt. Rainier in Washington. This observation started an avalanche of like reports which grew, finally, to the establishment of an official

Department of Defense Task Force - Blue

scientific "check-up" by the Air Force on each story. There are volumes of reports on the reports with few of them coming to any realistic conclusion.

There is one conclusion which can be safely made. If, after 23 years of darting about in the atmosphere, those "little men" do not wish to alight and communicate, we may as well admit we're socially unacceptable.

Another thing seems pretty certain, too. In a few years, our own spacemen will become UFOs in the Martian atmosphere — and that'll give the little green men something to report to their Air Force.

The saucer watch

Christian Science Monitor

Ah, how modern research marches along, taking the romance out of things. No sooner has the moon been debunked as an orb of mystery, with astronauts clumping around its ancient surface, than along comes the United States Air Force to say that it won't investigate flying saucers anymore.

No wonder some people feel that poetry is seeping out of life. All those myths being trashed aside like old cobwebs! The moon no longer inspires "June — moon" verse. Venus is found to be merely a red desert — no habitat for little green men. And now flying saucer probes (call them Unidentified Flying Objects or UFOs if you prefer) are abandoned by the Pentagon to be a waste of time and unjustifiable in terms of national security or scientific progress.

Reported sightings have indeed diminished — from 1,501 in 1952 to 146 this year. But maybe the saucer folk

are just lying low; or maybe they do like our smug. Anyway we advance some sort of continuing scrutiny. So one competent person with a notebook and some travel funds — and not a cent's expenditure of "several million dollars" which the Air Force used up twenty-two years of probing.

And we're glad to note that Mr. Nixon is prepared to continue such sky-watch. Ah, that isn't President Nixon, but Stuart Nixon, secretary-treasurer of the National Investigative Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

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Two deery halting of UFO probe

By Robert J. Sales
Globe Staff

Two veteran observers of Unidentified Flying Objects made a case yesterday for continued research in that area, but were answered by a flying missile which made a case against them.

J. Allen Hynck, director of Northwestern University's Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center, and James E. McDonald, professor of meteorology at the University of Arizona, both chided the Air Force for ending its 22-year study of UFOs and the Condon Report, on which it was based.

Professor of Astronomy, chided Hynck and McDonald for their techniques and their position.

Menzel's speech was read by Dr. Walter Orr Roberts, president of the University Corp. for Atmospheric Research. Carl Sagan, chairman of the meeting, said that Menzel was absent due to a cold.

Hynck said there were 1200 instances of close encounters with UFO's, many of them by respected members of the community.

"If you're going to say they're crazy," he said, "you'd better be prepared to run."

McDonald said that information on UFO's was inadequate and superficial primarily because the "failure of scientists to look at the problem carefully (has) left it in limbo." He cited four "truncated" cases in the Condon Report which are "crying for scientific investigation."

"Man constructs myths to explain anything he cannot understand," said Menzel. He added that there was "slender evidence" that the Extrater-

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'DRIPPED SPARKS'

Another UFO Seen Up-Island

DUNCAN — A fiery object that "dripped sparks and took off straight up" was watched for two minutes by a Duncan woman as it appeared over the Strait of Georgia Tuesday night.

Mrs. G. C. Drinnen said she was looking out her large plate-glass window in her home at 11:15 p.m. when the red object appeared at a high distance from the direction of the B.C. mainland.

She said it was not a plane but speculated it might have been part of a meteorite or satellite re-entering the earth's atmosphere.

"The only thing was it hovered for a while and then

down which is what I would have expected it to do. It revolved towards the island in a counter-clockwise direction and dripped sparks."

It had no definable shape and seemed darker on one side than another, she said.

The Cowichan Valley has been the scene of many unidentified flying objects the last month and a half, including one spotted New Year's day in which two human-like objects were reported in control of a saucer.

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ASTRONOMER RAPS SCOFFERS

Flying Saucers Backed

By ARTHUR J. SNIDER

Special to The Sun

BOSTON — A conservative astronomer, professor and chairman of the department at Northwestern University and director of two observatories, J. Allen Hynek's first flaunting of orthodoxy was wearing a goatee years before it was fashionable.

His second has been a resolute unwillingness to accept the conclusions of the recent Condon report which states

unidentified flying saucers do not exist and are a worthless object of scientific study.

Participating in a panel discussion today before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Hynek said he will continue his interest, no matter how it may compromise his position with the scientific establishment or Northwestern University.

"No one has made any suggestion to me that I drop

my interest in the subject," he said in an interview. "In fact the board of trustees asked me to address them on the subject of UFOs."

Allowing for crackpots, cultists, hoaxsters, visionaries, fanatics and the deluded, there is still a small residue of observations by credible witnesses over the world, such as airline pilots, that have not been explained by the Condon report, Hynek declared.

To shut the doors of scientific investigation and to lar-

discussion in the scientific journals is deplorable, he insisted.

Hynek says he has always been an "organization man" and had he not been asked by the U.S. Air Force 21 years ago to investigate some sightings, he might still be as much of a scoffer as most of his orthodox colleagues.

The panel discussion, which continued a day and a half, brought together 13 scientists with a wide spectrum of views.

Astronomer Thornton Page, program chairman, said Dr. Edward H. Condon of the University of Colorado, author of the Condon report, not only declined an invitation to participate but also sought to prevent the symposium from being held, even to the degree of asking intervention by Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew.

Two of Condon's associates in the study, Dr. Franklin Roach and Dr. William Hartman, in general supported his conclusions. Roach, however, dismissed the common argument of orthodoxy that no astronomer using telescopes has ever seen a UFO.

All 310 astronomical telescopes of the world cover less than one-hundredths of one per cent of the sky, he said.

Jan 1, 1950

Letters
To The Editor

JAN. 1, 1950 Cleveland Press
Flying Saucers

A few years ago a large number of people were frightened by a radio program dramatizing the invasion of the earth by another planet. Now again we read or hear occasionally of "Flying Saucers."

The government has set up a "Project Saucer." The Air Force has warned "the saucers are not a joke." Two years ago, Jan. 7, 1948, three Air Force pilots tried to intercept one of these "saucers" and the pilot that made contact and chased this thing was killed.

Now we are to understand that the earth is under surveillance of another planet. Now with all these facts, don't you think the people should know more of this "Flying Saucers?" What does Washington think? What has been the deduction so far?

Not so long ago, I think you said, "There is too much double talk." I think the people all over the world would be very interested. It may have panic later on. How strong is the power of The Press?

FRANK R. PETRO, 2412 Castle Ave.

Editor's Note: There was a story in The Press yesterday that "flying saucers" that Obians were seeing in 1947 and 1948 could have been anything from the planet Venus to flocks of birds. Investigators concluded that the mysterious object chased by the pilot you refer to was Venus. This planet was extremely bright at this season two years ago and "shining through interstices in a host of clouds could very easily give the effect of a flaming object with a tail."

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Were They All Imaginary?

IN ABANDONING its 21-year investigation of unidentified flying objects, the United States Air Force says it "no longer can be justified either on the ground of national security or in the interest of science."

The decision follows the recommendation of researchers from the University of Colorado who made a two-year, \$540,000 study of UFO reports at the request of the air force.

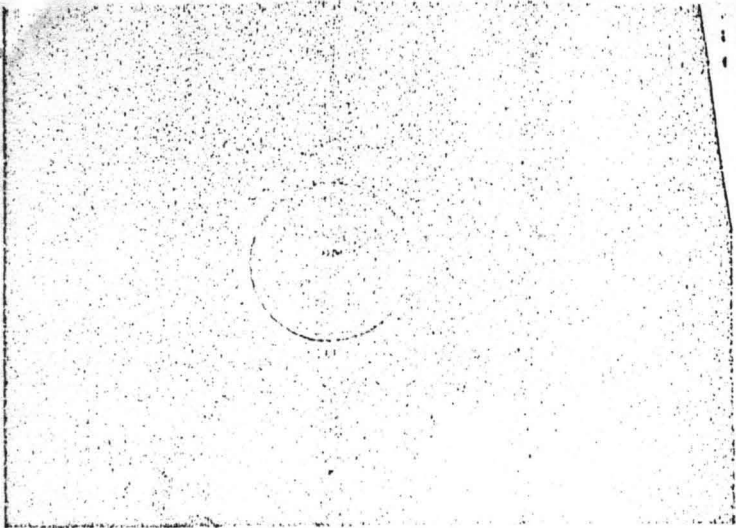
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still remain unaccounted for, the study concluded there was no evidence any were from another world.

The decision to suspend official investigations will not be popular with some who have become fascinated by the phenomena and are convinced there is more to at least some of the reports than meets the eye.

One private investigator has asked that the files accumulated by the various studies not be destroyed, but made available to others interested in pursuing, on their own, further studies.

That surely is not too much to ask.



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January 11, 1970
Oakland, California
(Tribune)

Mysterious Flare Lights Hayward Sky

A mystery light sighted over Hayward about 9 p.m. Saturday remained a mystery overnight.

The light was reported as "a yellow fireball southbound near Hayward" by California Highway Patrol officers in Oakland.

Hayward Airport control tower operators said they saw what they speculated might be a red flare hanging from a balloon. Tower operators saw the flare drop toward the ground, followed by a large yellow flash and the concussion of an explosion.

Tower operators speculated it might have been a balloon flown by someone near California State College at Hayward.

A security officer at the college reported hearing an explosion while inside the building. When he went outside to investigate, he could find nothing amiss.

Raymond Boeche, 14, photographed this object over Nebraska City on December 29. A home near Twelfth Street and Second Corso is visible in the lower left hand corner.

UFO photographed over Nebraska City

Two Nebraska City boys displayed a half dozen pictures of an object they photographed over Nebraska City at 2:30 p.m., December 29, 1969.

Raymond Boeche, son of Mrs. Dorothy Boeche, and Reger Gieseking, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gieseking, photographed the object with a Brownie Hawkeye camera using 127 Kodak Verichrome film.

Raymond was reluctant to tell anyone about it for fear of people laughing at him.

But he said, he did see a black disc, it hovered, it wobbled and it moved and after approximately five minutes it disappeared in the east.

The boys were in the Boeche home at 1215 Second Corso adjusting a crystal set made by Boeche. They opened a window

to jiggle the ice from the antenna when they saw the object north of the house.

Raymond grabbed his camera and the two boys ran outside.

"It was coming from the west, stopped, hovered, rocked back and forth then turned about 25 degrees to the east and disappeared."

He estimated the disc at 30 to 35 feet in diameter and about 15 feet thick. He saw no blinking lights nor windows and heard no sound.

Ray and about six other boys have formed a UFO club in Nebraska City. He keeps a file on UFO stories and has accumulated about 35 books on the subject.

It's not the first time he has seen moving objects. In the company of friends he has seen moving lights at night in the sky

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UFO Probers Speak At Planetarium

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, world renowned astronomer, will speak at the McDonnell Planetarium on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 8 p.m.

Dr. Hynek is presently chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University and was formerly in charge of the United States optical satellite tracking program, during which time he helped organize the establishment of 12 tracking stations around the world in such places as: Naini Tal, India; Shiraz, Iran; Mitaka, Japan; Arequipa, Peru; and Cadiz, Spain.

Professor Hynek is probably best known for his investigations of the UFO's since he has served for 20 years as consultant for the United States Air Force.

He is also director of the new Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center at Northwestern University where he is presently researching image conversion methods in astronomy, conducting a search for supernovae and developing a lunar telescope program.

Dr. Hynek is the first "Distinguished Lecturer" in the 1970 series sponsored by the Education Department of the McDonnell Planetarium. He will speak on "Unidentified Flying Objects." The lecture is open to the general public, with admission being \$1.50.

JUST A BALLOON Golden Glob No Riddle

Sun Staff Reporter

COQUITLAM — That golden glob seen in the sky over Coquitlam was just a lot of hot air.

The mystery light was made by candles burning in a home-made balloon, according to 26-year-old Dave Thompson, of 1165 Cottonwood.

Al Major, 22, of 2510 Sullivan Burnaby, reported seeing a "golden glowing glob" in the sky Sunday night as he walked near North Road and Foster Road, Burnaby.

He said it looked as if it were dripping silver.

But Monday night Thompson phoned The Sun with an explanation for the phenomenon.

"It was a balloon made from a large dry-cleaning bag and a balsa wood base," he said.

The open end of the bag is fastened to a square balsa base, with a wooden upright supporting the bag, Thompson said. Candles are pinned to the frame.

When the candles are lighted the hot air rises in the bag, inflating it and lifting it into the air.

Thompson said the light from the candles gives the balloon a golden glow. Mollen was falling to the ground could explain Major's description of "dripping silver."

The plastic bag balloons disintegrate after about 10 minutes, Thompson said.

"I know that one was launched in Coquitlam Sunday night and it drifted west," he said. "It could have been the one seen."

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SPOTTED BY BURNABY MAN

Golden Glob Glows in Sky

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Sun Staff Reporter

BURNABY — A Burnaby man said he saw an object like molten gold glowing in the sky in the Burnaby area Sunday evening.

Al Major, 22, of 2510 Sullivan, said he and a friend were walking near North Road and Foster Road when they spotted a "golden glowing glob" about 1,000 feet up in the sky.

It was the second sighting of a strange object in recent days.

Major said the object was a bit larger than a plane and didn't move. He said it looked as though it was dripping silver.

"We saw it for two or three minutes then it either passed through the clouds or consumed itself," he said.

"I've seen a couple of things

in the sky before, but never anything like this," he said.

On New Year's Day, Jim Drummond, 22, and his wife Diana, 18, reported they studied a bright light in the sky at Mill Bay, on Vancouver Island, through a telescope.

"It was brighter in the middle and I could see four distinct lights of the same color that looked like tips of candles only a bit bigger," he said.

The couple said they observed the object for about five minutes before it disappeared.

Drummond said he had no idea what the object could have been but he believed it was not an aircraft because there were no colored navigation lights.

"I have never heard of anything that could manoeuvre that slow and that fast without making some sort of noise," he said.

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S-1498 'Saucers' sighted

Island residents see colored lights

First reports of flying saucers in B.C. to have been 12 months have been made by three residents of Mill Bay, Vancouver Island.

Mrs. James Drummond said she saw an object moving over the bay about 7 p.m. on New Year's Day.

"It was coming toward us," she said. "The color of the light was very hard to describe; it was somewhere between orange and red."

Mrs. Drummond was speaking to her son, anchored offshore from her home in his boat, when she saw the light.

Jim Drummond, 22, and his wife Diana, 18, went on deck with a telescope and a camera. They watched the object about 15 minutes, but did not take a picture because Drummond thought it would only show up as a dot of light.

"Judging by the cloud level, which was 900 feet, and the setting which I used on my telescope, I would say it was about 800 to 900 feet off the ground," he said.

"It was about two miles away when we first saw it. It came toward us, over the boat, and then rose up into the cloud and out of sight about a mile beyond.

"It appeared to be a dot of light to the naked eye, but when I got the telescope on it, it turned out to be four lights, close together, like the tips of candles pointing upward."

The object moved too slowly to maintain conventional flying speed, he said, and had no visible or audible means of propulsion.

"As it passed overhead, a kind of ray came out from the front end. It shone like a light, but was curved. It was not steady, but came out in sections, with breaks in between.

"It came down lower as it went over, and then gradually rose up and went away, disappearing into the cloud level about a mile away."

The object did not veer from its southward course, he said.

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UFOs Seen Flying Over Saddle River

SADDLE RIVER — Patrolmen Jerry Rosalia and Lester Osborn responded to a call from Edward M. Judd of 51 E. Saddle River Friday night about 11 p.m. concerning unidentified flying objects hovering near his house.

Pt. Rosalia reported that he himself saw objects traveling slowly above in a straight line from west to east.

Judd said he and his wife had been observing the objects for an hour or so before calling the police. The yellow-orange colored objects were traveling in pairs a couple of minutes apart, according to Judd. He said he couldn't determine the height of the objects due to the darkness, but said that a jet traveling out of the east was substantially higher.

Through binoculars, Judd said, he could see nine individual lights on each object in the shape of an X. The lights were rotating in a clockwise fashion but he couldn't determine the shape of the objects or hear any sound.

The police reported that a man on West Saddle River Road had seen youngsters setting off rockets last evening.

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The Upper Islander
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CAUTION

Local Pilot Sees Strange White Light

A local pilot came across something unusual last Friday night. While flying towards Toronto Island Airport shortly after 7 p.m., he noticed a single bright white light which seemed to be over the middle Lake Ontario. The light was oscillating up and down but with no apparent side motion, and not moving towards or away from him.

He was flying at 3,000 feet, just on top of the smog layer over Southern Ontario. Visibility was so good the lights of Kingston were visible.

After observing the strange light for 10 minutes, he reported it to the radar advisory control at Toronto by radio. Nothing was detected on radar. Another pilot in the area also reported seeing the light. A check was made which determined that no weather balloons were aloft in the area. The manifestation was recorded at Toronto as a UFO.

About five minutes later, the light stopped bouncing and disappeared to the southeast, apparently at very high speed.

The pilot had no comment as to what it was, except that it was a known type of flying machine.

UFO SURPRISES MAN

"Hey, look! What is that? Looks like a Flying Saucer! This is incredible, but I'm actually seeing a UFO!"

These words were spoken by a well-known local citizen who wishes to remain anonymous, because his son came outside to witness this phenomenon, and very casually said:

"Oh that's only some of the kids making flying saucers. Everybody is doing it."

The boy was nine. The father felt foolish.

While many of these "saucers" flew about harmlessly, some did land on shake roofs, and create a fire hazard which was reported to the fire department.

Fire Chief Dave Cornish soon realized what was happening after several phone calls were received reporting these incidents. He began investigating and learned from some of the young "scientists" that the objects were

being constructed in basements.

It was reported the youngsters did some pre-flight testing in their basements - using gasoline soaked rags for fuel.

Cornish said while he did not like to indulge on youthful adventurous experimentation, he did feel the fact the youngsters, aged between 9 and 12, were playing with fire, and this was bound to create a problem.

Cornish noted an article which appeared in the Upper Islander last month as the source of their experimental flying saucers.

Officers at Northern Division of the American Gun Company also reported seeing the flying saucers. From Chambersburg, which is in Pennsylvania, they believed to be from the same area as the phenomenon. Officers on the phenomenon came in through the county, but state and local police officials had no information. said state police officials in Harrisburg. "I hope they're not using the way."

The reporter had the impression that the circles may have been illuminated by the rubbing of lights.

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Reports of lights in the sky early this morning were received from across the country. A Public Opinion reporter in Springfield noted the flashes at 6:45 a.m. high in the sky east of Springfield, Mass. She said she

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Ex-Consultant To Air Force Criticizes UFO Study Methods

By JEROME P. CURRY
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

Unidentified flying objects may no longer be of interest to the Air Force, but a scientist talking about UFOs drew an overflow crowd last night.

About 500 persons jammed the 400-seat lecture hall at McDonnell Planetarium to hear J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the department of astronomy at Northwestern University and a UFO consultant to the Air Force for 20 years. Extra seats were moved in to accommodate the crowd and there were several persons still standing.

Eugene J. Hanses, educational director of the Planetarium, said other listeners gathered in a room below the lecture hall to hear Hynek through a loud speaker system.

It was the largest crowd at the Planetarium since Edward Teller, an atomic scientist who helped develop the atom bomb, spoke there last year. He probably drew the largest number of listeners since the Planetarium opened.

The audience was receptive as Hynek noted what he considered flaws in the Condon Report. This report for the Air Force analyzed 12,600 UFO sightings and recommended that Air Force investigation of UFOs be discontinued. Project Bluebook, the UFO Air Force inquiry team, was subsequently ended.

"They investigated the sightings on an individual basis," said Hynek. "A more scientific approach would have been to do that but in addition to search for commonalities involved."

Hynek showed slides of reported UFO pictures and outlined the history of UFO or flying saucer sightings. He said

that some persons who reported the UFOs "obviously were batty" but others were credible witnesses.

"The only thing we know for sure is that we don't know," said Hynek. "Some of the witnesses are not liars and are not deluded. Project Bluebook did not settle the UFO problem."

He said that UFOs may not be synonymous with extraterrestrial intelligence and suggested that they might be something as natural as the Northern Lights "which were not understood at first."

Hynek said that some UFO sightings probably were never reported because the witnesses

feared ridicule. He asked how many of the audience had seen a UFO or knew someone who had. Several raised their hands. He asked then how many had reported it and only a few raised their hands.

The scientist, who said he had not seen a UFO, called for the establishment of an independent scientific institute to continue investigation of unidentified flying objects.

"If there is something unknown, you should make an attempt to find out what it is," Hynek said. "An attempt to understand the unknown is the credo of the scientist."

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Mon., Jan. 5, 1970 St. Louis Enquirer

Group Here Plans To Continue Study of UFOs

With or without the U.S. Air Force, the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis will continue to scan the skies for those elusive inter-galactic visitors.

The group, headed by John F. Schuessler of O'Fallon, Mo., held an organizational meeting Sunday to decide how best to track and investigate the UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects).

In an economy move, the Air Force recently closed its Project Blue Book, the official government investigation of UFO sightings.

"The scientific study of UFOs has been placed in the lap of the scientific community," Schuessler said Sunday. "The end of Project Blue Book was a logical step in a time of tight dollars. Now the scientific community will bear the burden of investigating UFOs."

In spite of reports that UFO sightings are becoming less frequent, Schuessler said that such sightings are on the increase in Missouri.

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Look Up, Islanders: The UFOs Are Watching You

December 22, 1969

Victoria Times, B.C.
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By ED GOULD

Some residents of Duncan, Ladysmith and Thetis Island have been "seeing things" again. Others have just been hearing them.

During the last month several Unidentified Flying Objects have been spotted by reliable witnesses over these areas.

Four observers from the Ladysmith area agree on the sighting of a UFO which they said moved too fast to be a plane. Graham Toole, 24, and Albert Birkeland, 22, were out for a drive when they saw an object about 45 degrees elevation from their position at the junction of Bayview Road and the Trans-Canada Highway.

The men said it appeared to be within a quarter-mile of their car which was facing towards the water. Three lights on the object were white on top and red on the bottom "not as bright as looking into a light bulb." It covered a three-to-four-mile radius in three or four seconds, they said.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Knight of Ladysmith saw what must have been the same UFO. Knight, a furniture store owner, said the object was

over Thetis Island when his wife called him to see it.

"We didn't see it for long and it headed off towards the north," he said. They both agreed with Toole and Birkeland that the object moved about a mile a second.

It was Knight's second sighting of a UFO. Last September near Nausimo he noticed an object in the sky when driving past a bakery warehouse in South Wellington.

He estimated it at about one mile high. "You could see cabin lights clearly." It hovered about 600 or 700 yards ahead of his car for about 10 minutes before tak-

ing off towards the direction of the mainland.

Last week in Duncan a "greyish, saucer-shaped object with a transparent centre" hovered for about three minutes over Alexander Elementary.

It was seen by five persons: a teacher, three aides, the school secretary and a student.

Spokesman for the group Mrs. Edith Bichling, one of the aides, said they watched the phenomenon from inside the school for about a minute before rushing outside to get a better look.

Mrs. Bichling, a no-nonsense

sort of woman, said "it was definitely not a cloud or any other type of weather disturbance."

She was equally adamant that it was not any type of aircraft. "Have you ever seen a circular aircraft?" A resident of Duncan for 19 years, she said the saucer-shaped object was of the same grey color as the low-hanging clouds and was transparent in the centre.

It appeared to move sideways "but did not wobble" and suddenly took off upward at great speed and disappeared into the clouds.

It did not appear to make any noise that could be heard on the ground, the witnesses agreed.

Something that does make a sound, "a beep, beep noise," has been puzzling Thetis Island residents Jim Egan and Jack Nesbit for two years.

"It seems to start whenever there is a cold spell," Egan said. Last year they recorded the sounds on a tape recorder but later erased them because "it sounded just like so many beeps that could have been anything," Egan said.

A marine biologist, he said the latest sounds came during the cold snap at the end of November. The two men

chased the sound but were never able to pinpoint it.

During the last 10 years many sightings of UFOs have been reported over the Cowichan Valley and Gulf Islands including one by Capt. V. C. Best of Ganges. A Search and Rescue official trained in aerial spottings Best reported a red flaming object that flew over Salt Spring Island.

Although the latest sightings seem unrelated, except the Ladysmith UFO seen by four persons, all witnesses seem in accord on one thing.

They all said that from now on they'll be looking up a lot more.

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Ozden, Utah

(Standard-Banner)

Bluebook Closed

The Air Force has officially closed "Project Bluebook," code name for its investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects.

It comes as a shock to realize that it has been nearly 20 years since a private pilot named Kenneth Arnold of Boise stated the whole thing off by reporting a formation of "saucer-like" objects playing tag over Mt. Rainier, Wash.

Truly it can be said that never in the course of human history were so many people to report seeing so many things that turned out to be so few.

Ah, where are the flying saucers of yesterday?

Dedicated ufologists will no doubt continue to believe in the things, and someday perhaps their faith will be rewarded. Others will go on muttering darkly about a government conspiracy to keep the truth from the public, as there have been muttering since the beginning.

But if after two decades the saucer men are still too skittish to make contact with us earthlings in a plain and unadorned manner, let us then, we say. They'll know how it feels when our science technology advances far enough that we can start making sense out of their tales.

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UFO Sightings Decline

Come to think of it, a real falling off has occurred in the sighting of flying saucers.

It was only a few years ago when we could count on a story about once a month of a saucer or some other strange flying object being sighted.

In some of the more bizarre accounts, we were even asked to believe that the saucers had landed and little men from the wild blue yonder were seen pattering about.

In a number of the sightings in the United States, policemen and sheriff's officers were quoted as having confirmed sightings of saucers or other objects zooming through the skies and emitting powerful light.

What brought about the decline in reported sightings? Was it the space program, with succeeding screams of astronauts finding outer space barren? Has the discovered bleakness of the moon and the ab-

sence of any form of life thereon cooled out the spotters?

Whatever the reason, the United States Air Force has concluded that the time has come to end its investigation of unidentified flying objects. They've been probing the phenomena for 23 years and gone through several million dollars in the effort.

In closing down the study, the air force states that its continuation can "no longer be justified either on the grounds of national security and in the interest of science".

And that seems to be reasonable in view of the fact that no support for the idea that flying saucers exist could be found in the investigation of 12,618 sightings.

But the UFO investigations will be continued privately by the U.S. National Investigations Committee of Aerial Phenomena, who believe they can do a better job "free from military considerations".

A New Turn for "Flying Saucers"

WASHINGTON—The U. S. Air Force on December 17 sought to write "finis" to concern about "flying saucers." It may prove to be a task the military cannot bring off.

The Air Force canceled its 21-year-old program of investigating reports of saucers. In a memorandum, Air Force Secretary Robert C. Seamans, Jr., said the program "no longer can be justified either on the ground of national security or in the interest of science."

Since 1948, "Project Bluebook" has looked into more than 7,000 reports of saucer sightings.

One study under "Bluebook," conducted by the University of Colorado, cost \$539,000. Another by the National Academy of Sciences cost \$15,000.

What has been learned? Mr. Seamans reported—

- No unidentified flying object—UFO—has given any indication of a threat to national security.
- There is no evidence that any of the objects sighted came from outer space.

But the national preoccupation with flying saucers seemed likely to go on and on. The National Investigations Committee for Aerial Phenomena (NICAP)—which claims 10,000 members—said the Air Force decision would only pave the way for a fresh and more thorough scientific study.

UFO's, the organization said, "can now be given the serious, scientific attention they require, free from military considerations."

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Human-Like Pair in Saucer

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By ED GOULD

The Cowichan Valley has been the scene of half a dozen sightings of unidentified flying objects within the last six weeks—the most remarkable of which was reported Sunday.

Mrs. Doreen Kendall, RN, of Nanaimo reported she saw a bright, circular object about 50 feet in diameter containing two human-like occupants and which hovered only 40 feet away from the Cowichan District Hospital where she works as a nurse.

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Mrs. Kendall, a woman in her 50s who has commuted daily the last nine years to Duncan to work, said the two male-type figures were inside a brightly lit dome on the saucer-shaped craft.

She described her experience to John Magor of Maple Bay who edits and publishes the Canadian UFO Report, a journal of aerial phenomena, who later verified a description of the craft by five other witnesses in the hospital.

Only Mrs. Kendall saw the occupants.

She said she had gone into the extended-care wing on the second storey of the hospital to examine an elderly patient around 5 a.m. on New Year's Day.

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Concerned that the sleeping patient might be too warm, Mrs. Kendall pulled back a curtain by the bed and found herself looking at the glowing cockpit of an object, stationary in the air opposite

the children's ward, one storey above her. It was slightly tipped downwards towards her, 40 feet away, and 60 feet off the ground.

At first she could only see the upper halves of the figures inside, but, later, when the craft tilted more, she said she got an even better look.

She said the vehicle was silvery, metallic and had a "necklace of lights" around the middle. The two figures inside the dome had "strikingly good-looking physiques" and were clothed in tight-fitting uniforms of a soft-looking material.

One stood before a glowing, chrome-colored instrument panel while the other, either shorter or standing in a recessed spot, stood behind him. Both had stools to sit on, she said.

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The craft gave off no sound and she soon realized that her first impression that it was a helicopter was incorrect.

After a few moments, the second man, sensing he was being watched, turned to look directly at her, Mrs. Kendall said. She said he was wearing a darkish fabric, similar to his uniform and headgear, which obscured his facial features.

He touched the pilot with his ungloved hand, which was flesh-toned and human-like. The pilot pulled back, forward and then back again on a control lever "like the joystick of an old aircraft" and the craft tilted sideways affording Mrs. Kendall an excellent view of the interior.

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The craft was tilted in the air, and when the object was tilted, it made no sound.

In December, a Duncan teacher said he saw a UFO hovering over his school. He said he saw a UFO hovering over his school. He said he saw a UFO hovering over his school. He said he saw a UFO hovering over his school.

Although she made no secret of her experience, it was only when a family friend of the Magor's — also a hospital employee — tipped him to the story.

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UFO Sightings May Result from Stresses of Life

By ANDY MERTON
HIT Staff Reporter

The frequency of UFO sightings has been tentatively linked by two Harvard psychiatrists with the increasing stress of modern living.

In a paper presented at the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science meeting yesterday, Drs. Lester Grinspoon and Alan D. Persky said that "a significant fraction" of reported sightings of unidentified flying objects probably resulted from the viewers' regressions to "more primal modes of thinking."

Persons with psychological disorders are more likely to fall back on this "primary process thinking" than persons enjoying relatively good mental health, the paper said. But almost everyone, the report added, is suscep-

tible to this type of regression during times of stress.

"Studies . . . indicate that man's psychological nature is such that he first attempts to explain the world by magical or animistic beliefs and then by religious, and finally by scientific means.

"Primary process thinking is characterized by the absence of negatives . . . and by the use of allusion, analogy, displacement, condensation, and symbolic representation. It is the source of myth, of magic, of fantasy," the paper said.

Grinspoon and Persky continued: "While there is no question that it is conjectural, we are suggesting that a population of emotionally disturbed people is more likely than a non-disturbed population both to be attracted to the possibility that we are being

visited by extra-terrestrial forms of intelligent life, and to make observations which support this possibility."

THE PSYCHIATRIST made a point of noting the high degree of emotionalism, even among scientists, involved in the UFO controversy.

"This effect appears to be generated from the nuclear issue of whether or not at least some UFO sightings indicate the existence of extra-terrestrial intelligent beings," they stated, adding:

"It is also possible that some of the affective energy which is displaced onto the UFO controversy derives from the unconscious concern with death and immortality."

Whatever the reason, the UFO controversy has split the scientific community, according to astronomer Thornton Page, who discussed the possible effects of including a discussion of

UFO's in high school and college science curricula.

PAGE AND ANOTHER astronomer, Carl Sagan of Cornell University, deplored what they said was a continuing decline of interest in science among bright young students. Both said that unless UFO's are studied, the scientific community will not be treated with respect by the students.

"It has not been science, but subjects drifting away from science, that attract the attention of bright, young, socially committed people," said Sagan.

Extra-sensory perception and astrology, as well as UFO's, fall into this category, he said.

Sagan said the UFO's present an opportunity "to show how the scientific method works in controversial subjects." Sagan noted that although

many explanations for UFO's have been advanced, only one -- the extra-terrestrial being theory -- receives constant wide publicity.

Other explanations, such as spiritual happenings and time travelers, are overlooked, he said.

THE FACT that UFO's were discussed at all at the prestigious scientific meeting was considered a victory for "liberals" in the scientific establishment over "conservatives."

The "conservatives," led by Dr. E. U. Condon of the University of Colorado, who led a \$500,000 investigation which found UFO's to be non-existent, had appealed to Vice President Spiro T. Agnew for help in keeping "such nonsense" off the program of the annual meeting.

Dignifying UFO's by discussing them under the association's auspices

was a disservice to science and the nation's science programs, they argued.

After losing in the inner circles of the association, they asked Agnew to intervene, counting on his influence derived from his powerful position in the space program. But Agnew did not act, and the program planned for over a year began as scheduled.

Two astronomers on the panel, Dr. Franklin Roach of the University of Hawaii and Dr. William Hartmann of the University of Arizona, helped prepare the Condon report. A very small "residue" of reported UFO's have not been explained and this keeps the question open in their view.

The UFO symposium will continue today, with 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. sessions in the ballroom of the Sheraton Plaza Hotel.

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Are All Those UFOs Mental Phallic Symbols?

(Copyright, The Calgary Herald)

BOSTON — Subconscious thoughts of the universal sex symbols — the breast and penis — may be behind some of the sighting of "flying saucers," two Harvard University psychiatrists suggested here Friday.

The researchers told a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that these sexual overtones might well account for the emotional laden atmosphere surrounding the whole subject of unidentified flying objects.

But the panelists generally agreed that the 22 years of UFO reports around the world have not been adequately studied by serious scientists.

And some of them argued that the existence of thousands upon thousands of reports is ample cause for investigating why sensible, reliable people report they have seen something entirely out of their understanding.

But Friday Lester Grinspoon and Allen Persky, both psychiatrists at Harvard, suggested that UFO sightings are one indication of tension-ridden times where normally logical persons to fall back on magic, myths and symbols.

Typical of UFO picture are saucer-shaped or cigar-shaped objects, which the two psychiatrists suggest, could be projection of the breast and phallus.

"They are symbols of extremes of gratification and of omnipotence," they state.

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Scientists seek to keep records of UFOs intact

Special to The Spectator

BOSTON — Fear that the U.S. Air Force will destroy its classified records of Unidentified Flying Objects was voiced here yesterday by scientists still interested in serious study of "flying saucers," what they are and what makes some people think they see them.

The Air Force this month announced that it is ending Project Blue Book, its 21-year investigation of UFOs as possible menaces to national security.

No one among scientists discussing them before the American Association for the Advancement of Science thought any UFO has represented visitors from outer space.

BUT SEVERAL are interested in what they call "the small percentage of them still unexplained" because:

— They just might be the result of physical phenomena — like quarks in the atmosphere — that science does not understand.

— They might shed a pool of light on the social and psychological phenomenon — "mass hysteria, individual psychopathology" — which has made hundreds of people see and report strange objects in the sky.

"THE AIR FORCE has said it intends to have its Project Blue Book records from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to Maxwell Air Force Base for storage, except for the classified (se-

cret) records," said Dr. Thornton Page, Wayne University astronomy professor and research associate at Houston's Manned Spacecraft Centre.

"I understand that the classified records will either be declassified or burned. Destroying these would be a pity."

"WHEN a scientist wants to go back and look at any subject," said Dr. J. Allen Hynek, of Northwestern University, who as scientific consultant to Project Blue Book, "he doesn't go back and read the summary reports. He looks at the original data."

"I don't know what the air force is going to do now. I do know that when I went to them recently and asked to look at the punched records on all sightings up to 1962, I was told they had been destroyed, though the original material is still in the files."

AT LEAST "a large portion" of UFO reports can be accounted for by hysteria or individual aberration, said Dr. Robert Hall, University of Illinois psychology professor. "But I find very subtle and difficult accounting for a hard core of cases that do not resemble cases of hysteria."

"Angels — odd reports return from odd atmospheric phenomena — probably account for some, and perhaps many, sightings at the Air Force's Central Research Laboratories. Others are hallucinations, birds, airplanes, nuclear and debris of space exploration."

(Spectator Staff Writer)

with our thanks to James Wardle

Latest Disks Leave A. F. Cold

1949 Paper Unknown

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 1949 - The secret of where flying saucers might come from is still a secret, so far as the U. S. air force is concerned.

It decided Saturday two experimental aircraft found in a Maryland barn "have absolutely no con-

nection with the reported phenomenon of flying saucers."

Less than 24 hours earlier, however, an air force spokesman had said there was a "good chance" the two weird devices found near Glen Burnie, Md., might be prototypes of the flying saucers or disks.

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Flying Saucers Traced

To Former Lair, Aug 21/1949

The countless persons throughout the United States who have been making reports on "flying saucers" have finally been vindicated, or at least it would appear so in news from Maryland, where air force investigators have located the remains of two battered aircraft of unusual design. The man who invented them, according to the air sleuths, was Jonathan E. Caldwell, who is said to have disappeared from his former haunts, but may be operating in some other part of the country with bigger and better "saucers."

These flying saucers have been viewed by a great many people. Some spectators were earthbound, while others were pilots or passengers in airplanes. Their accounts varied in many respects, but they were almost unanimous in their descriptions of "something queer" floating or darting through the atmosphere.

One of these abandoned planes discovered in a barn near Glen Burnie, in the free state of Maryland, is said to look something like a cross between a helicopter and an amusement park device with a short fuselage, no wings and a couple of discs that apparently whirled about aloft. The other flying machine resembles a large tub made of plywood which contained the motor and the cockpit.

From the descriptions it is quite understandable how a person viewing them in flight might report "something queer" flying through the air. The designs, according to an aircraft mechanic who had been associated with Caldwell before his departure for other parts, told air force investigators that the old planes were ten years ahead of their time. It is quite possible, an air force officer said, that improved models of these unusual aircraft are being flown now and that they are responsible for the constantly recurring reports of "flying saucers."

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Flying Saucers Get K.O. From Air Force

Dec. 27, 1949

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 1949 - The Air Force said today that 2 years of investigation have convinced it that flying saucers are just jokes, mass hysteria or misunderstandings of natural phenomena.

It ordered ended a special "flying saucer" project to investigate the multitude of reports about alleged sightings of saucers. The project was set up in January, 1948.

The announcement of its final report served as a denial of a story published by True Magazine over the week end which said the saucers were real and were from other planets. The Air Force announcement tonight said:

"The Air Force has discontinued its special project investigating and evaluating reported flying saucers on the basis that there is no evidence the reports are not the results of natural phenomena. Discontinuance of

the project, which was carried out by the Air Force, was concurred in by the departments of the Army and the Navy.

"The Air Force said that all evidence and analyses indicate that the reports of unidentified flying objects are the result of:

"1—Misinterpretation of various conventional objects.

"2—A mild form of mass hysteria.

"3—Or Hoaxes.

"The project was established 2 years ago at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, O., headquarters of the Air Force's Air Materiel Command.

"Since January, 1948, 375 incidents have been reported and investigated. Assisting special investigators were scientific consultants from universities and from other governmental agencies.

"Continuance of the project is unwarranted since additional incidents now are simply confirmings already reached."

March 10, 1950

YES? NO?

Do These Flying Saucers Really Exist

(By United Press)

The world of fantasy was assailing the world of reality with "flying saucers" again today. Very weary of it all, an air force spokesman in Washington tried once more to stem the "invasion."

"Misinterpretation of various conventional objects," he said, "A mild form of hysteria or hoaxes."

Astronomers across the country said the new "invasion" probably had its origin in what a fine looking planet Venus is right now. Venus can be seen riding the sky clearly in most parts of the country.

Mexico was the center of the "invasion." Newspapers in Mexico City were printing reports from all parts of the country about "silvery balls," "luminescent discs," "strange objects," and "fantastic phenomena."

The reports, all unsubstantiated, followed the wide play given by Mexico City newspapers to a "flying saucer" fantasy in an American magazine "True." Practically all the reports followed the patterns outlined by the magazine.

Mexican authorities refused to dignify with comment the claim of Ray L. Dimmick, a Los Angeles salesman, that they were preserving as a "state secret" the crash of a "flying saucer" near the capital three months ago in which the pilot, a man only 23 inches tall, was killed.

But they said privately that there

was no such "secret" and certainly no such crash and no such "little man." The coincidence of the tale with the "True" magazine story was pointed out. It also was remarked that it corresponded with a recent North Carolina radio station hoax.

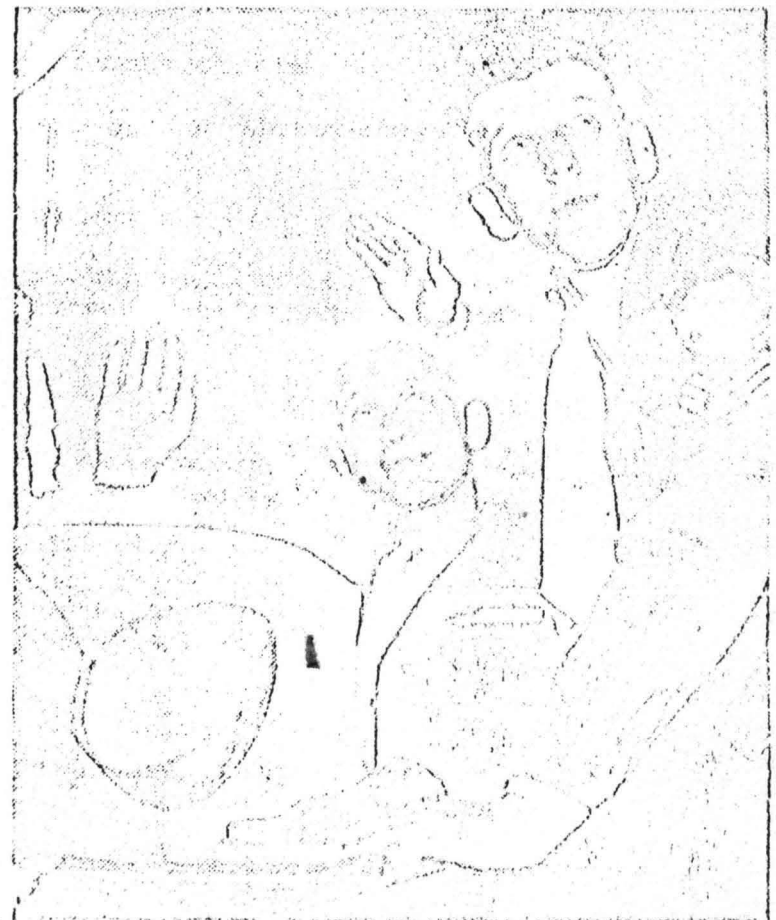
Dimmick was telling his story on the authority of what he had been told by unnamed business men he met in Mexico City. He had

been shown a piece of metal, he said, which had been sold to him as a piece from the wreckage of the saucer.

But a "flying saucer" was reported again in the Carolina skies where they have been "seen" before. In Orangeburg, S. C., several residents described a "disc" which they said had hovered over the city for 15 minutes and then disappeared, leaving a vapor trail.

Positive of Sky Shapes

March 2, 1950



At Force Sergeants Bill Elder, left, and Bob O'Hara swear on the Bible—or even a stack of Bibles—that they saw a fantastic sky formation flying over a mountain resort near Long Beach, Calif., for nearly two hours. Their drawing of the "pinkish, pancake-like affair with a disk on one side" is shown on the left. "Our eyes don't play tricks on us," the alumni claim. Elder was a Navy lookout during the war and O'Hara was an Air Force air-sea rescue spotter. (NEA Telephoto).

July 24, 1949

Pilot Reports Winged 'Vs' Over Idaho

Salt Lake Tribune

BOISE, July 24 (AP)—Seven V-shaped objects which appeared

about the size of fighter planes were reported flying within 1500 or 2000 feet of a civilian aircraft over the Mountain Home desert Sunday.

The pilot told the Idaho Statesman, Boise, that so far as he could determine the objects were not United States planes.

He notified the Civil Aeronautics administration radio station of his experience and the 190th fighter squadron of the Idaho national guard reported it to McChord field, Washington.

The Statesman quoted the pilot as saying he was "frightened and shaken" by the experience. He said

"at tremendous speed."

The pilot, the Statesman said, has wide experience in aviation. He trained pilots during the war and operates an airport in the Snake Valley. He made his information available only on the condition that his name would not be used, the paper said.

The pilot described the objects as being in the shape of a V, with a solid, circular body under the nose of the V.

There was no evidence of any means of propulsion, he said—no propeller and no smoke trails indicating jet or rocket power.

There were no markings of any kind. The color, he said, was a shade he "couldn't describe and hadn't seen before."

He said he had the objects under observation for two minutes.

The pilot said he was about ten miles west of Mountain Home, flying toward Boise at about 10,000 feet on the right side of the highway. He said the objects were flying at about 2000 or 2500 feet.

He described the formation as in two lines of three each with the seventh object either in the center or between the two lines.

Aug. 1, 1949

Mystery Flare Talk Banned

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1.—Air Force security bans have halted airline pilots' discussion of an unidentified aircraft that dropped red and white flares in this vicinity Saturday night.

But police of two states and several towns are still puzzled by the distress-type signals that caused the Portland-Columbia municipal airport to order commercial traffic away for an emergency.

The aircraft and flares were sighted by Northwest Airlines pilot Capt. Paul Thrush and Co-pilot C. J. Cole as they brought in a run from Spokane. A United Airlines pilot told The Oregonian he also detected the flares at a distance while en route north to Portland at the same time.

Bernard Basford, Civil Aeronautics Administration airport control tower operator, reported seeing the aircraft and taking bearings on its position. Basford said it dropped several flares and, when Capt. Thrush radioed he had sighted the distress-type signals, he ordered four scheduled airline landings to be delayed. Basford said he cleared the airport for an emergency landing and notified all ground service agencies. When nothing happened, he directed the commercial lines to come in.

The Oregonian reported that McChord Field, Wash., Air Force light service officers had asked the airline pilots to say nothing on the subject. The newspaper said the Air Force officials affirmed the subject had been classified as "security matter" here. They added the aircraft was not a military airplane, the newspaper said.

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July 18, 1949

Chicago 'Dises' Balloons

CHICAGO, July 17, 1949.—"Flying discs" and "fast moving jet planes" that had some Chicagoans worried were identified today as gas balloons used by the University of Chicago for cosmic ray research.

Large numbers of Chicagoans reported seeing mysterious objects in the sky Friday morning. Descriptions varied from jet planes to silvery globules 20 to 50 feet long.

Prof. Marcel Scheln ended the mystery when he explained that the university's physics department had released 12 balloons from the football field early in the morning. Attached to the balloons were aluminum-sheathed gondolas carrying radio instruments and photographic equipment used in the scientific research.

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Chehalins See 'Cigar' Saucer

The speeding "cigar-shaped" object given newspaper headlines in Seattle Monday after being seen twice over Puget Sound Sunday afternoon was also apparently seen from Chehalis.

Two Chehalis, Paul Boorman and his son-in-law, Lloyd McMath, said they were in a car on Hillside drive when they noted a peculiar object high in the sky, and apparently leaving a short vapor trail.

Boorman said attention was drawn to the "thing" because of its terrific speed. He said it appeared headed northeast and was very high. The Chehalis discussed the peculiar sight but thought little of it until news arrived of the report from Seattle. He added he and McMath, still aren't sure what they saw, "but it wasn't an airplane."

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SCIENTIST THINKS FLYING SAUCERS FRAGMENTS OF AIR FORCE ROCKETS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 29.—(UP)—Dr. Gerald Wendt, one of the country's top ranking scientists, said Saturday he believes he cracked the mystery of the "flying saucer."

The former science editor of "Time" believes they are fragments of rockets exploded in the stratosphere by the air force. This was done in an experiment to establish a global radar screen.

"The air force wants to put rockets in outer space to use as reflectors for ground radar," Dr. Wendt said. "These reflections, returning wider radar detection zones to earth, would increase the range of present radar."

Before it puts the scheme into effect, the air force has blown up rockets in the stratosphere, he said. It wants to study the fragments to see if they react favorably.

Dr. Wendt said the rocket fragments are blown away at high speeds, they can keep in flight definitely. Since there's no air resistance in outer space to act as a braking force, the fragments will

even become satellites, constantly circling the earth.

Dr. Wendt believes these fragments are our "flying saucers."

If they prove the theory is sound, permanent rockets will be shot up to act as radar reflectors.

Dr. Wendt, formerly dean of physics and chemistry at Penn State college, was science director of the New York World's Fair. He's currently on a science lecture tour of American cities.

DEC 29 1949

Carolínians Agog

HAMLET, N. C. Dec. 29, 1949 A mysterious object moving south-westward through the sky had scores of Carolínians agog today.

The object, the descriptions varied, was first spotted at Fayetteville, about 50 miles northeast of Hamlet at about 4:30 p. m. Wednesday.

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

(Greenwood is about 180 miles southwest of Hamlet on a direct line extending from Fayetteville.)

Scores of residents in all three cities reported sighting the object. And at Hamlet and Greenwood, it was chased for several minutes by four pilots.

Hamlet observers said it re-

sembled 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 15 to 20 feet long, coming from an unseen plane. But the object, the pilots said, retained its shape during the 10 minutes or more that they followed it.

Ground observers all said that it drifted into the direction of the setting sun.

But the four pilots who chased it at Hamlet and Greenwood said they were unable to gain on it in their light planes.

The weather bureau at Charlotte said that the object apparently was not a weather balloon. But Pop field air base officials at Fayetteville said that it very likely could have been such a

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Low Flying 'Saucer' Shatters Windshield

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By MARY E. BOSTWICK

At Bluffton, previously high flying flying-saucers are flying low, and one even kicked a hole in the windshield of a bread truck. Anyway, that's what Max Landey says.

He was driving along on Indiana 124, minding his own business, when a mysterious

thing came hurtling in his direction. Its aim was all too good, and the windshield went to pieces. Then there was a flash of fire, and the object went up in smoke—exactly like what's his name in the opera "Faust." Police Chief True Shepherd and Deputy Raymond Durr investigated, and what did they find? Nothing.

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Flying Saucers 'No Joke,' Air Force Reveals

Dayton, Ohio (AP) An intensive Air Force investigation has proved flying saucers "are not a joke," but there is no cause for alarm, the Dayton Journal-Herald said Wednesday.

The newspaper said it had scanned hitherto unpublished reports of intelligence papers on flying discs at the Wright-Patterson Air Force base here. The disclosure, it said, has not ruled out the possibility the flying saucers are foreign aircraft.

"They are not a joke," one report was quoted as saying. "Whether are they cause for alarm to the population."

The Air Force has assigned a crew of technical intelligence agents of the Air Materiel Command to track

down reports of the mysterious objects. The Air Force, it was learned, still is receiving about 12 reports a month from persons sighting flying discs.

More than 220 domestic and 30 foreign incidents where flying saucers have been reported men have been investigated, according to intelligence reports.

Investigators found 39 per cent of the reports were due to conventional objects, such as weather, meteors and cosmic research balloons. Commonplace answers are expected to be found for another 30 per cent. The remaining 40 per cent remains a mystery, the Journal-Herald said.

It said the Air Force has left few stones unturned in its investiga-

tion. Even sightings from other planets, such as Mars, or sightings of flying saucers have been considered, but pretty thoroughly discounted, it added.

The intelligence reports drew no conclusions, the newspaper said. It added the Air Materiel Command investigation would continue indefinitely.

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Mystery Flare Talk Banned

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Air Force security bans have halted airline pilots' discussion of an unidentified aircraft that dropped red and white flares in this vicinity Saturday night.

But police of two states and several towns are still puzzled by the distress-type signals that caused the Portland-Columbia municipal airport to order commercial traffic away for an emergency.

The aircraft and flares were sighted by Northwest Airlines pilot Capt. Paul Thrush and Co-pilot C. J. Cole as they brought in a run from Spokane. A United Airlines pilot told The Oregonian he also detected the flares at a distance while en route north to Portland at the same time.

Bernard Basford, Civil Aeronautics Administration airport control tower operator, reported seeing the aircraft and taking bearings on its position. Basford said it dropped several flares and, when Capt. Thrush radioed he had sighted the distress-type signals, he ordered four scheduled airline landings to be delayed. Basford said he cleared the airport for an emergency landing and notified all ground service agencies. When nothing happened, he directed the commercial lines to come in.

The Oregonian reported that McChord Field, Wash., Air Force light service officers had asked the airline pilots to say nothing more on the subject. The newspaper said the Air Force officials affirmed the subject had been classified as "security matter" here. They added the aircraft was not a military airplane, the newspaper said.

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Chicago 'Discs' Balloons

CHICAGO, July 17, 1949 (AP)—"Flying discs" and "fast moving jet planes" that had some Chicagoans worried were identified today as gas balloons used by the University of Chicago for cosmic ray research.

Large numbers of Chicagoans reported seeing mysterious objects in the sky Friday morning. Descriptions varied from jet planes to silvery globules 20 to 30 feet long.

Prof. Marcel Scheln ended the mystery when he explained that the university's physics department had released 12 balloons from the football field early in the morning. Attached to the balloons were aluminum-sheathed gondolas carrying radio instruments and photographic equipment used in the scientific research.

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Chehalins See 'Cigar' Saucer

The speeding "cigar-shaped" object given newspaper headlines in Seattle Monday after being seen twice over Puget Sound Sunday afternoon was also apparently seen from Chehalis.

Two Chehalis, Paul Boorman and his son-in-law, Lloyd McMahon, said they were in a car on Hillside drive when they noted a peculiar object high in the sky, and apparently leaving a short vapor trail.

Boorman said attention was drawn to the "thing" because of its terrific speed. He said it appeared headed northeast and was very high. The Chehalis discussed the peculiar sight but thought little of it until news arrived of the report from Seattle. He added he and McMahon still aren't sure what they saw, "but it wasn't an airplane."

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SCIENTIST THINKS FLYING SAUCERS FRAGMENTS OF AIR FORCE ROCKETS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 29 (UP)—Dr. Gerald Wendt, one of the country's top-ranking scientists, said Saturday he believes he cracked the mystery of the "flying saucer."

The former science editor of "Time" believes they are fragments of rockets exploded in the stratosphere by the air force. This was done in an experiment to establish a global radar screen.

"The air force wants to put rockets in outer space to use as reflectors for ground radar," Dr. Wendt said. "These reflections, returning wider radar detection zones to earth, would increase the range of present radar."

Before it puts the scheme into effect, the air force has blown up rockets in the stratosphere, he said. It wants to study the fragments to see if they react favorably.

Dr. Wendt said the rocket fragments are blown away at high speeds, they can keep in flight definitely. Since there's no air resistance in outer space to act as a braking force, the fragments will

even become satellites, constantly circling the earth.

Dr. Wendt believes these fragments are our "flying saucers."

If they prove the theory is sound, permanent rockets will be shot up to act as radar reflectors.

Dr. Wendt, formerly dean of physics and chemistry at Penn State college, was science director of the New York World's fair. He's currently on a science lecture tour of American cities.