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U. S. Planes Off On Saucer Hunt, Army Concerned

Idaho Woman Says She Saw Eight Of Flying Discs Land

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—se of plans to use AAF planes in 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. Louis E. Starr, national commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, told newsmen in Columbus, O., yesterday he understood Gen. Spaatz had a "group out right now looking for them."

At Muroc army air field in California a P-80 jet fighter stood ready to take off at a moment's notice should any flying saucers be sighted in that area.

Something To This

A cautious attitude marked both official and scientific comments, 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 10 days.

Brown said the air forces were not making a formal investigation. Official interest, however, was no longer casual.

"We don't believe anyone in this country, or outside this country, had developed a guided missile that will go 1,200 miles an hour as some reports have indicated," said the air forces public relations man.

Nova Hall, St. Louis mechanic who was refused a commission in the war to spot all types of aircraft, said he saw one of the strange objects near Painesville 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. Hart said it appeared to have a propeller on the leading attached in the center and "it kept turning like an airplane does."

A report of a "saucer" seen over the District of Columbia came tonight from Hazen Kennedy, former AAF flying cadet. He said he saw it about 5:40 p. m. through a window of his house, thought at first it was a reflection on the glass and raised the window for an unobstructed view. He estimated the object at flying about 1,200 to 1,500 feet up at "well over 1,000 miles an hour." He said it was of an orange hue. After a short time it just "disappeared," he recounted.

Saucers in Miami

At Miami, Fla., Fred Walsh, a visitor from Chicago, reported one day that he sighted "several round silver objects, 10 to 15 feet in diameter, flying at about 4,000 feet" while fishing near Miami Springs early this morning.

First published reports of the phenomena occured June 25, Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Ida., businessman and pilot of seeing nine of the discs flying in formation at 1,200 miles an hour near the Cascade mountains in Washington. Today Arnold said he had invested $150 in a movie camera to get film photographic proof of the discs he and flipped through the air "like fish skimming through water." He said he would take the camera with him on every flight "because I'm in a business territory because I'm sure of them would be the most beautiful thing you ever saw and it would provide a record of what I saw and I know to be true."

Arnold said the avalanche of reports since he first told about the "flying saucers" have poured up from "observers in every civilized area." Most observers on the ground and in the air estimate the heights of the discs at "4,000 feet or higher—never any lower." Generally a large volume of reports of saucers being sighted in the Pacific northwest "occurs only on days when the air is quiet—hardly ever when the air is turbulent."

At Birmingham, Ala., telephone lines of the Age-Herald were swamped tonight by hundreds of residents who attested to seeing the flying discs. One of the first to call was Gene Plumstead, program director of radio station WSGN who said he saw several of the discs flying over a suburban area.

Most of the calls to the Age-Herald came within an interval of an hour and were from residents in various sections of town. Descriptions of the mysterious whirling lights were more or less consistent. Robert R. Crandall, telegraph editor of the paper was among those who called in. Crandall said he and a group were standing in front of his apartment when the whirling objects appeared. He said he talked to his 11-year life rafts and were moving in

NEGOTIATORS ARE DEADLOCKED

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top industry representatives of the powerful steel company "captive" mines and big northern commercial producers. Attorneys have been trying to put that agreement in writing since last Thursday. Meanwhile the southern, midwestern and far western operators who don't relish the terms of the northern agreement, are trying to whether they would sign the same kind of agreement and keep their mines from shutting down tight next Tuesday. The northern and steel company agreement calls for a 441-2 cent boost in the miner's basic hourly pay.

The northern and steel operators employ nearly 100,000 miners and another nearly 150,000 miners. They account for 60 percent of the annual production of more than 500,000,000 tons of bituminous coal. Some of the steel company mines, whose output goes entirely into the making of steel, and doesn't reach the commercial coal markets, are located in the south.

George F. Canobell, president of the U. S. Steel corporation, speaking to steel mine operators for universal disarmament, and strengthing of the United Nations, including the world court." They also urged a huge relief and reconstruction program to help people everywhere, including Russia, and the strengthening of democracy at home through aid to education, improved health facilities and general lifting of living standards.

The president's commission urged prompt action on a law requiring universal training for America's youth but congress leaders have indicated they expect no action at this session of congress.

CLERGYMEN URGE BAN

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a German girl could send for her only after he had returned to the United States and waited a specific time. "That would give him a cooling off period which would test their attachment. I'll wager that most of the soldiers would send for his German girl to join him after they get home."

Wall Trained Nazis

Rabbi Heller agreed with Dr. Cavert and added: "We must remember that practically all of these young German women were through the Hitler youth indoctrination, whether they wanted to or not."

Rabbi Heller disagreed, however, with a young American Jewish chaplain here, Lt. Mayer Abramowitz, who refused to perform marriages between Jewish soldiers and German girls because he felt such marriages would not be successful.

"I regard those just as Jewish-German weddings as I do American-German weddings and if the army permits them it is the soldier's right," said Rabbi Heller. "It is the wisdom of any such marriages which is challenged."

Since the lifting of the army ban, several thousand marriages have taken place. Last January Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, commander of the Berlin command, classified marriages between German girls and GIs would be more successful than with British and French war brides. He said the prospective German brides he interviewed appeared to be "of superior quality," and that the army permitted marriages in haste.

SCIENCE SCRIBE BLAMES EYES

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an occasional closeup would be almost inevitable. There is no explanation for reported speeds of 1,000 or more miles an hour. Meteors, although they go much faster than that, do not explain it because the saucers mostly appeared in daytime and there are not enough daytime meteors.

Ice crystals forming little round clouds have been suggested. But these fail to fit in most cases because the ice crystals form at altitudes which are higher than most of the saucers reported. Nothing published in science or atomic studies gives the slightest clue to flying saucers unless the objects are aircraft. One scientist today said that many of the saucers are explained by the force of suggestion which causes a person to say to himself:

formation. One man told an AP reporter he saw discs have wheels ago and was ashamed to tell his wife.

Dozens of persons telephoned police headquarters and the weather bureau here. All callers agreed the objects were disc-shaped, fiery and clearly outlined against the night sky. The speed was generally described as "very fast."

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