

Many Explanations Are Given for Mysterious 'Flying Saucers'

(By United Press)

Five hypotheses were advanced Friday to explain the mysterious "flying saucers" which persons in 11 states have reported seen streaking through the sky.

The theories ranged from a San Francisco layman's flat assertion that they were "space ships" from older planets to a Chicago scientist's preposterous comment that the witnesses were seeing "spots in front of their eyes."

Three of the other explanations came from Army air force officers who began a preliminary investigation and then dropped it because they weren't writing anywhere.

The A. A. P.'s experts said:

- 1—The phenomena might be caused by natural weather conditions such as heavy halos and clouds.
- 2—Perhaps they were meteorites composed of silica that broke up when they hit the earth's atmosphere.
- 3—Perhaps, as A. A. P. spokesman said "if some foreign power is sending flying discs over the United States, it is our responsibility to know about it and take proper action."

After a preliminary A. A. P. investigation, however, Maj. Paul Clayton, Army air force spokesman, said:

"We feel that it is up in the clouds and we can't do anything until we get more concrete information."

The mysterious discs, usually reported as shiny and traveling at great speed, first were reported 10 days ago over the Pacific northwest.

Reports of the phenomenon poured in from Oregon, Washington, California, Kentucky, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, South Carolina and northern Canada. Yesterday reports in Texas and Ohio reported seeing the "flying saucers."

On J. Studebaker, of San Francisco, said he was surprised that the witnesses didn't know they were seeing "oblate spheroid space ships from the older planets."

In a letter to the San Francisco Chronicle Studebaker warned the people of the earth to "set up no barrier" or they would be wiped out in less than 24 hours.

He said the "masters" of the "space ship" passages from our

of this world "planted the original human race here."

They have been absent from our planet since before the fall of the Roman empire, when the Great Master left earth for the outer galaxy by fission teleportation," he explained.

"He is now back and what is going to be depends upon mankind."

Alfred engineers at the University of California commented that if the "flying saucers" were traveling at 1,000 miles per hour as reported by some witnesses, any passengers must be "out of this world."

One professor, Dr. A. Johnson, said air travel at more than 400 miles per hour was impractical now because of temperatures generated by air friction at 1,000 miles per hour. Air friction would generate a temperature of 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit, which is about the limit of safety for metals now in use, he said. He said V-2 rockets traveled 1,600 mph, but were in the air only a short time.

BOISE, Idaho, July 4.—(UP)—A party of four persons reported here Friday night that they had seen one of the flying discs streaking the sky some 100 miles above the city.

The group included United Press Associated Press correspondent John Corbett, Joseph A. V. H. Kelly and their wife. Corbett said they had been at a garden dinner and were lying out on blankets when Mrs. Corbett spotted the disc.

The disc moved across the sky from the northwest to the southeast, Mr. Corbett said. It was unobscured and traveling at a high rate of speed. Both Corbett and the wife said that they caught a glimpse of it as it moved across over them. It took about three seconds to disappear from view.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 4.—(UP)—The Portland police department and the nearby Clark county (Wash.) sheriff's office reported "flying disc" sightings at a high rate of speed over Portland and Vancouver today.

Patrol cars 13 and 22 of the Portland police department first reported the strange-looking objects hovering over the southern suburbs of Portland.

Shortly thereafter officers of the Clark county sheriff's office reported "about 30" of the discs flying in a straight line south over the coast house. It was estimated the objects were about 10,000 feet high.

The wife of a United Press correspondent at Salem, Ore., 50 miles south of Portland, said she saw a "flying saucer" speeding 10 to 15 miles from her home in a northwesterly direction over Salem.

EGGERS, Ore., July 4.—(UP)—A Eugene railroad cashier said Friday he saw silver discs being dropped out of a light airplane flying over the city.

K. J. Smith, route 5, Eugene, an assistant radiator for the Southern Pacific railroad, said he was driving on a Eugene street when the plane began dropping the discs. They seemed to be about two feet in diameter, and were balanced together. A dozen or more were dropped.

His eyes returned to the road momentarily, he said, and when he looked again he couldn't find them. Newspapers were trying to identify the plane and find the discs.

DENVER, July 4.—(UP)—Even as an air force spokesman in Washington said reports of flying discs failed to warrant further investigation, two Denver men reported seeing silver saucers.

William P. Le Pore reported sighting a single disc south of Denver. Priority carrying several thousand feet in the air and about half the size of a full moon.

A. L. Cochran, an air force veteran, said he saw three discs "copping and burning" southeast of Denver. They swung toward the southwest and disappeared Thursday, he said.

SUMMER SCHOOL—You may enroll now. It ends the first week of August. Make us enroll or make arrangements to enroll now.

Always Something Interesting at the

MAIN BUFFET
Dance 28 N. Main, Combs

DANCE TONIGHT
A JACK CHALKER'S and HELEN BLAKE, Piano
JIM'S BAR
2700 Elm Street

Your Favorite Drinks Served Over the Historic Thornton Bldg.
GUS OTT'S TAVERN
715 S. Utah 7126

DANCING
RUE THORI AND FIVE BANDS
OCEAN BAR
712 E. PARK
Fine Drinks - Fine Music

PRE-WAR BOUQUON CROQUE WINEES

Clipped By:



James Carrion
Thu, Jan 4, 2018