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Disc Mystery Is 'Solved' For Three Hours Until Roswell Find Collapses

ROSWELL, N. M., July 8 (AP)—A rancher's discovery of a strange object at first identified by an Army public information officer as a flying disc touched off a temporary flurry of excitement across the saucers-conscious nation today.

It was a good three hours after the first official announcement before an Army weather officer burst the bubble.

The object, he declared, was nothing more than an Army weather balloon and its kite.

Even as his decision was given, inquiries from as far away as London still clogged the telephone.

Saucers 'Appear' Over Australia And South Africa

By International News Service

A "flying disc" reported found in New Mexico caused a brief nationwide flurry of excitement last today but the object was identified by Army Air Forces experts as a weather observation instrument.

Americans lost exclusive rights in the big flying saucer mystery Tuesday when persons in far-off Australia and South Africa, as well as Denmark and England, reported sighting the strange object.

Another rash of disc reports also broke out in Portland, Ore. Three reports came in rapidly from widely scattered points in and around Portland.

Paul J. Hunt, a naval cutter at Roswell's local navy, mentioned a "flying disc" after sighting a disc.

He called three others to see the object. They reported that the disc appeared four different times as a round spot of light which wobbled, disappeared and reappeared. One of the observers said it looked like a parachute opening. Flashes from the object appeared in a couple of seconds and then dimmed out.

Five minutes later, Shirley Burtis of Ellendale reported watching an object that floated through the air, turning over with one side dark and the other bright. She said it suddenly started moving at a terrific speed and disappeared into a cloud.

R. D. Hutchinson, of Vesper City called to state he had watched three objects with him.

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Liquor License Transfer Is News To County Clerk

Another case of a transfer of a liquor license by the state without notifying county officials either before or after has come to light here, but county officials hope a provision in the new county liquor license regulations will compel reporting by the new licensee.

The latest liquor license transferred is that of the Paradise Valley Duke Ranch, in Tiguera Canyon. Transfer to Gerald C. C. was reported. Her records still showed Yates as licensee.

State law directs the state liquor control director to notify the county commission of the application for transfer of ownership, and to allow 30 days for the commission to make a recommendation.

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