

Mystery Hides 'Finding' of Disc

Doubt Is Cast On
Texan's 'Joke' Story

HOUSTON, Tex., July 7 (AP)—Military authorities are investigating a report that a Harris County business man found a mysterious flying disc yesterday on a beach at Trinity Bay, on the Texas gulf coast, 30 miles east of Houston.

Norman Hargrave, a jeweler, told a Houston Chronicle reporter yesterday he had found the aluminum disc floating near the beach while he and his wife were walking along the beach.

He said the disc was about 20 inches in diameter and six inches thick.

Today, however, Hargrave said it was all just a joke.

But the Chronicle today pointed out that "there are some mysterious facts contained in his (Hargrave's) first report that lend credence to the tale."

Hargrave yesterday reported the disc bore this inscription:

"Military secret of the United States of America, Army Air Forces M 4339658. Anyone damaging or revealing description or whereabouts of this missile subject to prosecution by the U.S. Government. Call collect at once, LD446, Army Air Forces Depot, Spokane, Washington."

In big letters, Hargrave said, were plainly printed "non-explosive."

Hargrave was quoted as saying he talked to the Spokane number and that a "Colonel Voyce" thanked him for calling and then cautioned him about revealing any of the information. He instructed him, Hargrave said, to turn the missile over to local police.

Police would not say they had the missile.

A long distance call from Houston today to Spokane brought interest on the part of Col. Frank D. Hackett, commanding officer of the airport, formerly of Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M. Hackett would not confirm or

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