

FLYING OBJECTS SEEN IN 4 STATES

Some Tracked by Radar— Reports Pour in Overnight

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 2 (AP) — Authorities in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas were deluged last night and early today by reports of unidentified objects seen flying in the sky.

The Sedgwick County sheriff's office at Wichita, Kan., said the Weather Bureau had tracked "several of them at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 feet."

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said that Tinker Air Force Base here had tracked four of the unidentified flying objects on its radar screen at one time, estimating their altitude at about 22,000 feet. A Tinker spokesman refused to confirm or deny the reports of radar observations.

Reports poured in from Pecos, Monahans, Odessa, Midland, Fort Worth, Canyon and Dalhart, Tex.; Hobbs, Carlsbad and Artesia, N. Mex.; Chickasha, Shawnee, Cushing, Buymon and Chandler, Okla.; and Oxford, Belle Plaine, Winfield, Caldwell, Mulvane and Wichita, Kan.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said police officers in three different patrol cars had reported watching the objects fly in a diamond-shaped formation for about 30 minutes in the Shawnee area. The patrol

said the officers had described the objects as changing in color from red to white to blue-green.

Tracked on Radar

At 3:40 A.M., the Weather Bureau at Wichita said it had tracked one of the objects south and west of Wellington. The bureau said the object had first appeared on its radar at an altitude of about 22,000 feet and had then descended to 4,000 feet.

Descriptions telephoned to the police and other authorities included these:

"I was a disbeliever, but I saw something up there tonight and so did other observers at the Weather Bureau."

"They were red and exploded in a shower of sparks and at other times fluttered like a leaf."

"I thought at first a plane had exploded in the air. The object appeared to go south, then disintegrated in all colors."

"You could see it with the naked eye. It looked like it was on the ground or hovering just above the ground. It was red, greenish blue and yellowish white, about 100 yards long and egg shaped."

Spokesmen at Tinker and McConnell Air Force bases are referring all queries to the Air Force in Washington. In the past, the Air Force has said the sightings have turned out to be such things as balloons, birds, search lights, jet exhaust, kites, meteors, missiles.

As of last July 20, the Air Force had checked out 9,127 such sightings since 1947, with 667 still unidentified.