

# UFOs Cluttering Country's Skies

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Reports of mysterious objects that float, sit and speed along in the atmosphere came in from Minnesota to the Mexican border Tuesday. Most of the sightings, which the Air Force said probably were nothing more than planets or stars, were in Oklahoma and North Texas.

It was the third straight day of activity in the latest flareup of "UFO watching," one of the peculiar hobbies of the space age.

One of the most persistent spotters was an Air Force weather observer who said the object he saw flying in the sky over Oklahoma City Sunday was "no mirage."

"It looked like it had a flat top and flat bottom, and it was not a true sphere," the observer said. "There were two rings around it and the rings were a part of the main body."

Another weather observer in Oklahoma City said he saw what at first looked to be a "typical UFO" that later turned out to be a four-engine radar plane.

## Pictures Taken

Two newsmen came up with pictures of UFO.

One of them, Bob Campbell, a radio newsmen from Sherman, Tex., watched a bright flare in the sky for about an hour and a half. He said it did not move while he was watching it.

A picture he took of the object showed a slightly oval burst of light that appeared to be giving off sparks.

The photographer for the Junction City (Kan.) Union said he took a picture which showed eight black dots in the sky. He said he did not see the dots when he took a picture of a skydiver parachuting to the ground. But when he developed the shot, the dots appeared.

Dan Dadian, recently won a science fair award.

Far to the south at McAllen, Tex., on the Mexican border, a man reported sighting four burning objects that fell on a residential street Monday night.

The man, Raymond S. Rodriguez, said he drove to the spot where the objects fell and said they were "hot coals, but ring-shaped."

## Ashes Recovered

He said he tried to pick one up with his fountain pen, but it burned the pen. He said he managed to collect some ashes from the objects and took them to an astronomy professor at Pan American College for testing.

Several residents reported seeing colored, star-like objects in the southwest Montana sky Monday night.

Flying object reports from throughout the nation may signal a new "American mythology," the former chief of the Federal Aviation Agency said.

Najeeb E. Halaby did not dispute the fact that "people see unusual sights in the sky." He noted many reports of "flying saucers" and other objects.

"However, reports of such objects seem to reach their peak in August and September, and it may be that the long hot summer expedites the imagination."

"Initial study of reports received would indicate the observations were astrological in nature," the Air Force said.

The photographer, George Goodson, said the dots were not caused by a technical fault in developing or printing and that "they don't look anything like airplanes."

Junction City is near Wichita, Kan., where the weather bureau's radar tracked several unidentified objects flying about 45 miles an hour.

## Sightings In Minnesota

The northernmost sighting early Tuesday came at Blaine, Minn., and Fridley, Minn., two suburbs of Minneapolis. Police officers touring the area reported seeing seven or eight objects which bobbed up and down, hovered and quickly darted about.

One report said the objects appeared to be spotted green on both sides with a bright red light on top.

Two 14-year-old boys in Willmette, Ill., a Chicago suburb, said they saw some UFO's through a telescope. They said the objects had their own lights, which varied in brightness. One of the boys,