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saucer having been observed, the paper has received a number of calls from people who think they are able to explain the phenomenon.

2. Several people are of the opinion that it must have been a ball of lightning which was observed, but this possibility has already been investigated by Verdens Gang, who has consulted meteorologists and scientists, in whose opinion it was an unlikely explanation. The weather that night was very calm and almost clear, a type of weather to exclude ball lightning. It is also most exceptional that a ball of lightning stays in the atmosphere for as long as was the case with the object observed in Hallingdal, and the object was too large in size, also, to have been a lightning ball.

3. It has been guessed that the occurrence might be caused by disturbance of the Hol electric cable net, but the electro-engineer states that this is out of the question. Had that been the case, there would have been a small explosion.

Verdens Gang, 14 June 1952

The Flying Saucer in Hallingdal

1. Confronted with a question of what is the attitude of the Norwegian Air Force to the reports of the flying saucer observed in Hallingdal on Easter Sunday, this year, the Chief of Staff at the RAAF Headquarters, Colonel Tufto, Johnson states:

2. It is obvious that reasonable men within the Air Force are bound to take the reports in respect to mystical light phenomena, flying objects, etc. seriously, and one cannot dismiss such reports as purely optical illusions.

3. It transpired that a similar phenomenon has been observed during the last winter high up the Hallingdal, at Voss above Aale. Here a reliable person informs the above paper that he has seen it as much as four times in the course of the winter. The person in question is Harald Evendson of Kveitgaard, and states that he first observed the phenomenon just before Christmas, the other times between Christmas and Easter. It occurred each time at night, between 21:30 and 23:00 hours. He was able to give a detailed account of the movements of the ball of fire. In this case too, the ball stood perfectly still in mid-air, then shot off to the right at a moderate speed, stopped and once more, and performed a number of other maneuvers, with abrupt movements. The ball the whole time emitted a very strong light, but appeared to be surrounded by light had a green hue. Once Mr. Evendson forwarded the ball of fire through a pair of binoculars, but the light was too strong to allow him to distinguish the contours. Each time it appeared that the object was a perfectly round sphere. The ball of fire in each case disappeared in the same direction behind a hill and never reappeared.

COMMENT of the Preparing Officers:

The location of the village of Torpe is 60 38' N and 06 43' E. It is on the Oslo-Bergen RR and is in the wild, isolated center of Norway. This office has no way to check the veracity or dependability of the observer but has been promised by the RAAF to be informed on any results they get from their investigations.

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