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Mystery Object Sighted in Sky Over Southside

Richmond (AP)—A mysterious and shiny "thing" flashed across the Southside Virginia horizon yesterday and astronomers, Weather Bureau officials and science fiction fans were taking turns today guessing what it was.

Was this "thing" a meteorite? Was it just a bright star, perhaps?

Or—here we go again—a flying saucer?

Whatever, hundreds of folk in the Southside region swore it was real. But that was just about all they could agree on about the "thing."

To some, it appeared round. To others, oblong.

To some, it was big. To others, small.

Sheriff F. W. Simpson of Powhatan County described the "thing" as "very high and in the shape of a spinning top, with two lights in the big part."

Commonwealth's Attorney William Blandford said "it looked just like a parachute at first. It seemed silver and looked like an oval."

Miss Margaret Satterwhite of Richmond, who was traveling in the Powhatan vicinity, said it was a "huge object, shaped like a glass ball."

Among the folks who might know, Weather Bureau officials (our weather man, volunteered an entire Powhatan scene of most said they hadn't seen the weird sky-ball, though. "Nothing but a lot of the reports. The proper phenomenon and therefore fireball," said Rubin. A fireball is fire headquarters, tho' he and coplin'l offer any help. Astronomers at Observatory said the same thing—the huge meteorite, which usually spend nothing out of the ordinary.

L. D. Rubin, a Richmond ama-, State police dispatched a troop-

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