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-a Canadian retrospective special issue*



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LOOKING BACK AT UFO'S

Mid-1947 - when flying saucers
 atonia appeared daily in
 newspapers--a Canadian retrospective
 by Lawrence Fenwick

A BULLETIN SPECIAL ISSUE

One major daily newspaper in Canada's western province of British Columbia & one in Alaska featured UFO stories very prominently in June and July, 1947.

In the 24 days from June 28 to July 21, 1947, 11 UFO stories hit page 1 of these newspapers. Readers will notice the great contrast to today's coverage. Articles ranged from hoaxes, newspaper promotional stunts, opinion pieces and letters to the editor all the way to the old Tunguska explosion of a UFO, the Kenneth Arnold report, and the crash-retrieval at Roswell, New Mexico.

ATTITUDES STAY THE SAME

The editorial attitude toward them also differed, depending on whether the item was local or of foreign origin. Some local stories seem to be given the ridicule or humorous treatment. Others are sketchily retold, showing the lack of investigative reporters on staff. Foreign items, at least, were not ridiculed.

In these articles we have not just "flying saucers", but "flyng (sic) discs" and "sky saucers", the latter term invented by some headline writer at the Vancouver Sun. The Sun's Bill Fletcher has three by-lines on serious articles, yet he also had to throw paper plates with prizes for those who retrieved them after he dumped them from an airplane over Vancouver. This was the Sun's idea of promotion. Columnist Elmore Philpott has his "flying sausages" satire on saucers. Columnists have a habit of making fun of the subject. Most of the articles in the Sun were by reporters who deserved no by-line; the same applies to the foreign stories.

SAUCERS AS ADVERTISING

A full 20 percent of the items and photos concern the Sun's advertising stunt. This shows that the media were the first to try

to make money from the UFO phenomenon.

Aside from the laughter curtain, the military and scientific authorities state their opinipns. Only one ufologist, Meade Layne with his first name misspelled, is quoted. He is said to be the publisher of an "occult" magazine, which goes unnamed. All he offers is a theory and a "message" he supposedly got through a medium, according to the article.

ROSWELL COVER-UP STARTS

The cover-up of the Roswell New Mexico crash-retrieval was already in place, as you can see. The photo of General Roger Ramey and Colonel Dubose with the rawin balloor shows more of it than copies of the photo that have been in books published since then. The faces of Ramey and Dubose are hard to see as this is a very poor reproduction of the photograph. Compare it for details with the ones published in the books.

It has been said that the more things seem to change, the more they actually stay the same. This look back at 1947 proves the saying to be accurate.

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE -IMPLANT
TAKEN FROM ABOUCTEE GETS
SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS IN
CANADIAN LABORATORY

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MARINE 1161

FINAL HOME EDITION

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA



FIRST LUCKY SAUCER WINNER to claim his prize at The Vancouver Sun office today was Arnold Bonnerman, 11, 4225 Bond Street, Burnaby. Arnold picked up the paper saucer in his backyard Thursday afternoon,

the day 1000 discs were showered from The Vancouver Sun plane. Della Klimbo, cashier, gives Arnold a \$1 bill for his plate, No. 4903. Meanwhile no one had come forward to claim the main \$50 prize.

16 July 1947

SAUCERS JUST TISSUE PAPER

OTTAWA, July 16 (CP) - Ottawans will henceforth think twice before reporting another "flying saucer" which caused hundreds of persons to flood newspaper offices with telephone calls have turned out to be a hoax. Some practical jokers constructed four balloons of tissue paper, each four feet high with an opening at the bottom and each containing a small tin of alcohol. When the alcohol was ignited, the balloons were filled with hot air, causing them to rise. The flames later set the tissue paper on fire, causing the object to "disintegrate."

EXTRA PRIZES NOW

Flying Saucer Finders Get \$1 But Where's That \$50 Disc?

Lucky flying saucers were being traded in for dollar bills at The Vancouver Sun business office today.

Up to press time more than a dozen citizens, young and old, brought in prize-winning paper discs which were dropped Thursday afternoon by a Vancouver Sun plane.

One prize of \$50 and fifty \$1 prizes were offered for the return of the saucers. Winning numbers appeared in Saturday's classified section.

Because the big prize winner had not been turned in up to noon, The Sun is offering 10 extra prizes of \$1 each honoring those prizes up to 60 to the first ten persons who bring in any one of the plates.

Paper mache discs can be identified by The Sun's name and a number printed in red.

HE GOT SCARE

Arnold Bonnerman, 11 of 4225 Bond Street, brought the first winning saucer into The Sun office today.

"I was telling a friend never to go where the paper discs had been dropped," he said. "I thought they were real flying saucers and he came to tell my mother."

ONLY CHEAP PRANK

A few pranksters have the habit of dropping paper discs from the top of the building.

"I was surprised when I found out the prizes today," he said. "I was away and Bonnerman didn't tell me."

The office manager says he was a little mad at the Sun plane 4784.

It was not one of The Sun's saucers, however, which Bonnerman had found in his backyard and turned in at the office.

21 July 1947

FLYING SAUCERS: I have been following with interest all reports on and regarding "Flying Saucers." I would suggest that you take a more serious attitude toward a possible air menace. At a time when radical aircraft are undergoing tests, might we not assume that Canadian skies are being used as a proving ground for such machines? Do you not think that this subject is grave enough for a bit of serious thought? Thomas Atrill, Smithers, B.C.

15 July 1947

PRAIRIE NEWS

'Saucers' Seen at Lethbridge

DRUMHELLER, Alta., July 15—(CP)—Citizens here reportedly got their first glimpse of the flying saucers this week when J. K. Adam, who was sunbathing on his lawn, said he saw three of the mysterious discs fly through the air.

Two of them disappeared, but one hovered long enough for him to call some neighbors to see it.

Later in the evening several more were reported to have been seen over the valley. Some described the discs as flying saucers, others said they looked like a ball. The discs appeared from the north, disappeared as they headed southeast.

Drumheller is about 90 miles east of Calgary.

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FINAL HOME EDITION



"FLYING SAUCERS" became a reality Thursday when 1000 of them fell out of the blue onto Vancouver and Burnaby streets. The "discs," cardboard pie plates, were dropped from a plane 10,000 feet up by Sun pilot-photographer Ray Munro and reporter Bill Fletcher. Fifty-one of them bear lucky numbers. In this picture Audrey Tavender and Willie Imbrey jump for one of the descending discs. To the lucky saucer catchers, The Vancouver Sun will give \$100 in prizes.

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MYSTERY DISC STORIES GROW

Two Vancouver Residents See 'Flying Saucers' Here

Two Vancouver citizens reported today they had seen "flying saucers" over the city.

Similar mysterious objects have been reported today in eastern Washington and two other points this week.

William Crodic, 1635 Ad-
spac, said today he was "mys-
tified" at 8 p.m. Friday by
a silvery object, without
wings of tail, which he saw
disappearing into the horizon

as he drove east on Kings
way near Victoria.

"It was sinking slowly, so
I couldn't tell whether it was
going straight away from me
or dropping," he recalled.

Weather stations here oc-
asionally release balloons
about two feet in diameter
and usually a silvery white
color.

A woman on East Six
teen also reported today that
she had seen some vaporous
disc-shaped objects sweep
over her house and disappear

about a month ago but had
fear of fa herself because,
she said "people would think
I was crazy."

A U.S. Army rocket expert
in New Mexico, Lt. Col. Har-
old R. Turner said today he
thought the "saucers" were
merely jet planes, but a
dozen persons about the coun-
try said they'd seen them.
AMM in the words of
Mrs. E. G. Peterson of Seat-
tle, "they didn't look like jet
ships or anything else I ever
saw before."

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Mystery Ship Burns Off U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4 —
(AP)—Reports of a maritime
fire disaster off the Northern
California coast sent Coast Guard
and Army search planes today
on a hunt for survivors.
A state forest service lookout
north of Fort Ross on the So-
нома County coast reported to
the Coast Guard that a vessel,
believed to be a tanker, burned
and sank in less than half an
hour late Thursday.
Planes reached the scene about
6 p.m., but found nothing.
The Russian tanker Eibrus, en-
route to Vladivostok with high-
test gasoline loaded at Richmond,
Calif., put out Wednesday after-
noon.
The Eibrus' position would ap-
proximate that at which the
burning vessel was reported.
Early today, however, the
Eibrus accepted a radio message,
but did not reply immediately to
an inquiry regarding the fire re-
port.

30 Jun 1947

THOSE FLYING SAUCERS
A very logical explanation of the fly-
ing saucers mentioned in a recent
issue of The Sun can be found on
page 37 of The Sun's Illustrated May,
1947 issue. For further details in-
clude in P.T. Carr, 2100 Broadway Street

3 July 1947

SAUCERS SEEN IN MARITIMES

OTTAWA, July 3—(CP)
—Air Force experts were
clueless today on the fly-
ing saucer problem, but
offered to advance a theory
if somebody would catch one
and show it to them.

Another of the missiles—
said to fly from horizon to
horizon in 30 seconds—was
noted near Summerside,
P.E.I., Wednesday by four
islanders.

The officials said they
knew of no experiments be-
ing carried on either at
RCAF bases in the area or
at nearby fields in the
United States.

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JUST A GROUP OF INTERPLANETARY TOURISTS

Now Those Saucers Talk— Of Coming to Live Here

SAN DIEGO, July 4 —
(BUP)—Mead Layne, pub-
lisher of an occult magazine,
said today the flying "saucers"
sweep throughout the
country are etheric bodies
from another world.

Layne, who last November
reported having contact with

a "space-ship" seen over San
Diego, said he had received a
message from the people
aboard the "saucers" through
a trance-control or medium.

"It is possible for objects
to pass from an etheric to a
dense form of matter and
will then appear to material-
ize. This does not require a

an etheric condition," Layne
said.

"These visitors are not
ex-carnate humans but are
human beings living in their
own world," Layne explained.
"They come with good intent.
They have some kind of ex-
perimenting with matter. So,
that is, wanting to know the
world for another world."

'Sky Saucers' Seen Above Vancouver

Two 'Fly Straight Up,' Third Heads For Mountains

By BILL FLETCHER

Four residents of the Vancouver metropolitan area reported seeing the mysterious flying saucers over the weekend as British Columbians entered wholeheartedly into the nation-wide "crockery" spotting craze.

Like miniature golf and yo-yo's the flying saucers are "sweeping" the country. U.S. army jet planes and photographic units are standing poised at west coast air bases ready to zoom after the strange contrivances which are said to glisten high in the sub-stratosphere as they scream in northerly and easterly directions.

'B.C. INVENTION'

One Vancouver man today claimed to have been the first inventor of the flying saucer. He said he has the plans for a circular, "double-saucer" aircraft locked in a safety deposit box in Victoria.

Another resident of Vancouver, formerly a British government technical expert, said the saucers are probably connected with supersonic experiments.

Latest eyewitnesses of the phenomenon were Mrs. V. M. Bailey, Mrs. Edward Vere and Carol Watkins, all of 4125 Kingsway, who reported they saw three flying saucers at 4 p.m. Sunday.

"WENT STRAIGHT UP"

The trio were sitting on the steps of Mrs. Bailey's cabin at the Old Orchard Auto Camp when they saw the saucers.

"We saw a cloud of dust like two small tornadoes over the hill toward New Westminster, and then these three saucers came up from behind the trees," says Mrs. Bailey.

"Two of them went straight up. Then they went through the clouds, and seemed to hang up in the air like two stars. It was very pretty.

"One of them went along towards the mountains until it disappeared in the distance, too."

"They were going awful fast," said 12-year-old Carol.

Antoine Beauregard and two other Maillardville men claim they spotted a flying saucer over their town on Sunday.

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Beaugard said the object was flying at an estimated height of 15 miles and was like a "shiny aluminum disc." He said it was travelling at high speed and was about 300 feet long.

Plumber Robert R. La Marquand, 811 Thurlow, is the Vancouver man who claims to be the creator of the flying saucer.

"I never studied aeronautical engineering but you don't have to be an aviator to have an idea," Lemarquand said today in describing how he first got the idea in 1939 for his "invention."

PLANS TO OTTAWA

La Marquand said he submitted his plans to Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, who thought "the idea might be feasible." He added that they explained they were busy building bombers in 1942, however, and couldn't stop to retool for the new, experimental aircraft.

The Vancouver plumber said he also gave his plans to the National Research Council and received a code number from them.

Boeing in Seattle could not recall La Marquand's invention today. A spokesman said they were not doing any flying saucer research and have no opinions in the matter.

PLANE WAITING

Phone Sun If You See 'Saucers'

Standing by at Vancouver airport today is a Vancouver Sun chartered aircraft with Sun photographer Ray Munro aboard with special cameras to photograph any flying "saucers" seen over the city.

Vancouverites seeing the speeding disks are asked to phone The Vancouver Sun at MARine 1161 and Munro will immediately take off on the chase.

Following Sunday's reported appearance of the flying saucers over Vancouver, photographer Munro is anxious to obtain pictures of them for Sun readers.

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"SAUCER-EYED" is photographer Art Jones as he faces an attack by a piece of celestial crockery. Jones had just returned from an unsuccessful saucer search during a plane Monday night when he was confronted by the disc. His scolding critics are suspicious that Jones planned this stunt as a successful conclusion to his search.

Mystery Plane Hunt Launched

Supposed Down In Fraser Valley

Search aircraft were poised on Lower Mainland airfields today ready to search for a mystery U.S. plane which was heard above Vancouver early today and which may be linked with an explosion heard later at Abbotsford.

The mystery plane—RCAF and TCA officials are trying to establish whether it was lost or not—is believed American because all Canadian aircraft in the area have been accounted for.

Earlier, the air officials had untangled a web of clues which had hinted one of two U.S. DC-3 airliners may have met tragedy in B.C.

Later this morning, the confusion was cleared up, and it was established that only one DC-3 was involved, and it was safe at Portland after landing first at Mount Vernon.

It was a 21 passenger plane, owned by U.S. industrial magnate, Henry Kaiser.

MAYBE ARMY MACHINE

Airway control officials in Vancouver now trace from other clues that another plane, un-identified, and possibly a U.S. military plane, is down some-where in B.C.

They are waiting for a definite clue to send the search planes into the skies.

Vancouver air officials began their first search at 2:50 a.m. after an anonymous call to Aircraft Control. Sea Island reported an aircraft in difficulty over the First Narrows.

POLICE REPORTS

Then followed a stream of reliable police reports from 5 until 4:45 a.m.

Many of the reports indicated that the plane above the clouds had engine trouble.

At 5:11 a.m. radio operator Shirley Hartok at Abbotsford airport heard a "loud explosion."

The explosion still unexplained, was confirmed by the plant watchman at nearby Abbotsford brick factory who heard the same distant heavy blast.

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VANCOUVER, B.C.

SUN



A FLYING SAUCER was caught by the camera of Coast Guardsman Frank Ryan at Seattle, he claims. He believes the dot near the centre of the picture is "it." The photo has been enlarged 20 times its original size. (AP Wirephoto)

PHOTO TAKEN

'Saucers' Sail Over To Canada

From AP and BCP Dispatches

SEATTLE, Wash., July 5.— Coast Guardsman Frank Ryman, 27, had a picture today snapped from the front porch of his home which authorities hoped would clear up the mystery of the flying saucers.

Ryman said an enlargement of the shot made with a speed graphic camera at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the north end of Lake Washington showed a "white saucer" that was neither an airplane, a cloud nor a other balloon. He released the picture today.

Meanwhile, the flying saucers apparently were busy visiting Canada, as well as widely scattered areas of the U.S., and officials in two capitals were busy studying the reports.

In Ottawa, Mrs. P. H. Dubinsky said she sighted a bright-green-colored object flashing over her home yesterday, and J. H. Parkin, national research council official advanced the theory fog and mist in the upper spaces could reflect sunlight, possibly causing something resembling a spot in the sky.

In Washington, both the army which began investigations

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Thursday and the navy confessed they were unable to explain the saucers, but U.S. Naval Observatory officials concluded unofficially the objects were not, at least, astronomical phenomena.

The saucers were also reported at Saint John, N.B., and near Port Huron, Mich., across the St. Clair River from Sarnia, Ont.

Authorities were still skeptical that the mystery missiles were any sort of new aircraft as they checked scores of reports of the fast-moving shiny disks zipping through the sky over a large area of the northwest yesterday.

PLANE LOSES CHASE

The pilot and co-pilot of a United Airlines passenger plane said they turned their craft off its course near Boise, Ida., and chased a "strange object" for 15 miles before it outdistanced them or disintegrated in the dusk.

United Capt. R. J. Smith and Second Officer R. E. Stevens, both of Seattle, said "We can definitely say that what we saw was not smoke, not a cloud, and not another airplane."

A similar object was seen by John Corlett, British United Press staff correspondent, his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Selby, from Corlett's back yard in Boise.

POLICE SEE DISCS

Two Portland, Oregon, police scout cars three miles apart, notified Police Radio Officer Dick Haller, at 1:15 p.m. yesterday that they had sighted a group of strange objects weaving in a "playful manner" 10,000 feet above the ground over the southern suburbs of Portland.

Clark County Deputy Sheriff Fred Krives, stationed across the river from Portland, said he saw 20 flying discs "slewing off to one side, almost in single file" over the county court house.

OVER UTAH

The mysterious objects were also reported over Utah last night for the second time in two weeks.

Two Salt Lake city women, Mary Powers and Mrs. Genevieve Dangerfield, said they were watering their lawn at 7 p.m. when they saw three "flat discs" moving from north to south high over Salt Lake City.

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HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE'

Flying Saucer Reports Still Flooding Sun Office

VANCOUVER B.C.
Sun
8 July 1947

ROANOKE, Va., July 7—(UP)—Kyle Walker, a toy manufacturer, said today the flying saucers are a new type flying toy manufactured in his plant.

By BILL FLETCHER

If all the flying saucers which citizens think they have seen streaking through the skies over Vancouver were placed end to end there'd be enough to cool all the green tea in China.

Optical illusion, faulty livers and silver planes have all been suggested by authorities as being responsible for the epidemic of whirling discs sweeping British Columbia skies.

Monday afternoon the Vancouver Sun asked its readers to report immediately any signs of the mysterious saucers to Marine 1161.

We asked for it and we got it. All afternoon and late into the night the telephone jangled steadily.

The silvery discs were everywhere. They sparkled over Kingsway, glistened off Point Grey, dipped over South Vancouver and abot straight up in Kitlano.

From north, south, east and west The Sun's Night Editor logged dozens of reports of celestial crockery.

As he slowly trodged his weary way homeward, dodging diving devices, the Editor came to one conclusion. Vancouver was definitely seeing things.

As an experiment in psychology The Sun sent a reporter aloft Monday in a sleek, silver aircraft. The pilot rolled, dipped and did steep turns—all designed to catch the rays of the bright sun and send the discs shooting to the ground.

His wheels had hardly touched the tarmac at Vancouver airport when the phone calls started coming in.

Nine out of ten of the reports described the saucers as silver. They were glimpsed

for a second or two and then disappeared. It all added up to the reporter and observers at the Airport.

What almost all the callers

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FLYING SAUCERS? No, this Portland beauty, Nan Dawson, isn't viewing the real thing. She's watching a flight of pie plates skim the horizon in a gag demonstration of the latest skyline mystery. (AP Wirephoto.)

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saw was nothing more mysterious than the plane.

At the airport there are some 25 potential flying saucers—aluminum-bodied aircraft. In addition to this the perspex-covered cockpits of a host of others reflect the sun's rays and seem to sparkle and glint high in the sky.

Many of the watchers said no sound accompanied their visions of the discs. This is quite natural.

At 10,000 feet pilots say it is impossible to hear the sound of a light aircraft circling over the city.

Apart from shining planes, there are other types of spots a human can see by gazing aloft into the vivid blue con-

The dots may be in the eyes of the beholder.

Then again they may result from the reaction of certain types of liquid beverages on the optic nerve.

One old toper, staggering down Cordova Street, reported the delightful vision of six beer mugs hovering over Burrard Inlet.

Said another: Flying saucers are nothing but Canada geese. These birds, returning north too late had their roose cooked in the California sun and are heading for the pole on platters.

All of which results in the following appeal from the night editor:

If flying saucers are spotted before your eyes, run—don't walk to the nearest drug store or optician. If they persist, see your doc-

In Los Angeles today, R. Dewitt Miller, called by British United Press, "one of the world's foremost authorities on psychic phenomena," said "there is plenty of evidence that something very queer is going on."

Seriously, he said that the saucers may be, new weapons under army experimentation; actual visitors from Mars or other planets; or "things out of other dimensions of time and space."

He said that sky phenomena are not new things.

In 1870, a ship reported an object "strikingly similar" to the flying saucers in mid-Atlantic he said.

Others were seen in North Wales in 1894, India in 1839, and Norway in 1886.

The World Inventors' Congress offered \$1000 for delivery of a flying saucer to its exposition which opens in Los Angeles Friday.

In Montreal, a government meteorologist said the saucers were the tin foil "targets" attached to weather balloons sent aloft at airports at Halifax, Edmonton, Vancouver and other Canadian points. The "targets" are used in radar measurements of wind.

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\$3000 IF YOU FIND ONE

Saucers Hop Ocean, Seen Over Britain

Wobbling saucers and whizzing saucers, single saucers and whole teapots of them are still flying the skies today, according to reports from all over this continent . . . and in England.

The newest mystery of the ether turned up in South England, viewed by a vicar's wife and a Brighton hotel keeper.

But while as high as \$3000 has been offered in United States for a genuine flying saucer, nobody has got a hand on one.

ONLY WEATHER BALLOON

They never will, according to some schools of thought, that hold there is no such thing.

"Spots before the eyes, a sluggish liver," say some.

"The sun glinting on clouds," say others.

"Plates carrying T-bone steaks because they're so high," say facetious Chicagoans.

"Weather balloons," say American Army officials at Fort Worth, Texas, who revealed Tuesday night that a "mysterious" object found on a lonely New Mexico ranch was a harmless high-altitude balloon and not a grounded flying disc.

MAYBE MARS WHOOPER

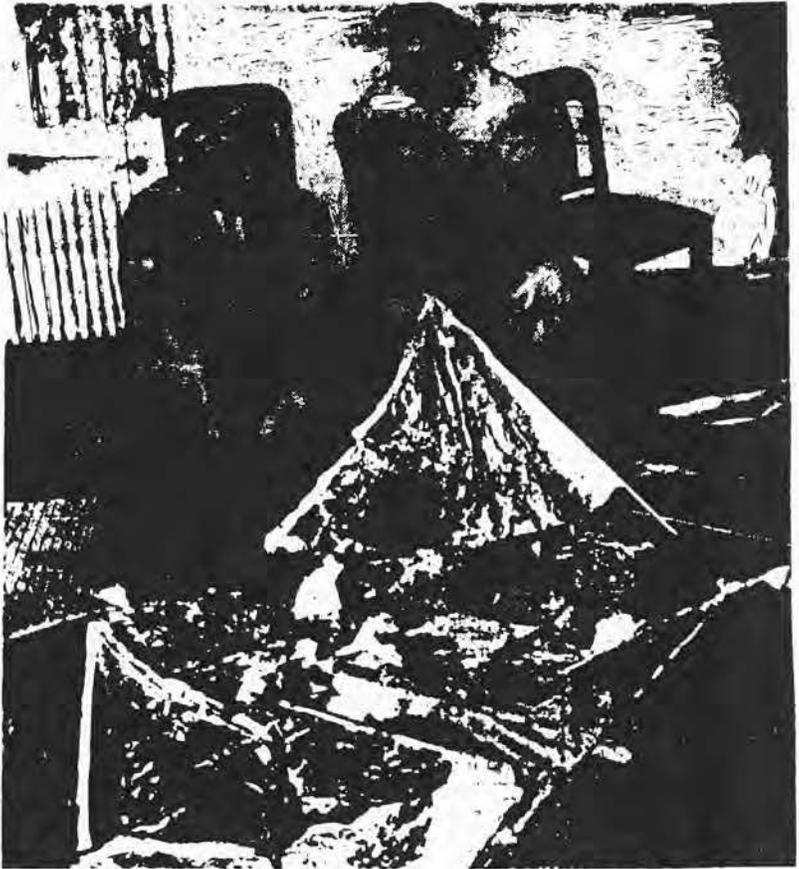
And one theorist advances the suggestion that the discs are evidence of activity from other planets.

Whether they're real or false they're still being seen.

Most recent reports locally come from A. Quigley, 3400 West Nineteenth, who saw a group of "13 or 14" silver flying discs travelling faster than a plane toward the mountains at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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2 *** THE VANCOUVER SUN: Wed., July 9, 1947



ONE ANSWER TO THE FLYING DISC mystery—as far as New Mexico is concerned — was given at Fort Worth, Tuesday, when a suspected saucer was identified as a high altitude ray wind weather recording machine. Remains of the wire are in photograph by Gen. R. M. Hickey (left), commanding 8th Air Force, and Col. T. T. Durbese chief of staff. (AP Wirephoto)

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N.A.
cover-up
story of July 8*



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Elmer Mitchell, 4296 Quesselle, who says he saw one about "13 feet across and four feet thick" flying from southwest to north east over South Vancouver, late Tuesday afternoon. It "was of a burnished color and was travelling very fast," he asserted.

A. Newton, 1635 McGowan, North Vancouver, who saw three of them zig-zagging in a "sort of rolling motion."

Mrs. Newton, their child and a neighbor also witnessed what they first thought were "pieces of paper about the size of large plates" floating through the skies.

Four women at Saanich saw one "fluttering" through the skies and an RCAF veteran in Victoria claims he was nearly "boamed" by one.

And in New Westminster afternoon shoppers report they saw "discs" gyrating over that city.

Today more eyes are turning skyward as the widely-spreading sport of "spotting saucers in the sky" goes on.

Pie in the Sky

Editor, The Sun: Sir, I'm not going to sign my name to this because the first thing you would do probably would be to send a strait jacket and an ambulance to take me to Essondale, but I think it is time somebody exploded this "terrifying rumor" about so-called "flying saucers."

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I have been seeing these things for years, in and out of the house, but I never knew what to call them before. And also I have been seeing transparent snakes that seem to be travelling across the sky. So, I do not drink, and definitely never saw a pink elephant.

The explanation I have for them is that a mixture of high blood pressure and general nervous tension causes these high-contrast objects to appear before the eyes, and my cure has been to sit or lie quietly in a darkened room till equilibrium is established. I can well imagine that someone more nervous than I am, and living under a greater tension, such as our American neighbors, could well imagine them as big as "five room houses" such as the lady in Idaho. LA FEMME

DID YOU GET ONE?

'Saucers' Shower Burnaby; They're Worth Money, Too

By BILL FLETCHER

Folks scrambled Thursday beneath a cloudburst of "lucky number" flying saucers. But there was nothing supernatural nor Martian about these heavenly visitors which scurried down onto the Lower Mainland from gusty afternoon skies.

Saucer-Eyed Watchers Spot More in B.C.

Elusive "flying saucers" are still being seen by startled British Columbians from Nanaimo to Nelson.

But there's still no clue from any source as to their real nature.

Nanaimo's first "flying saucer" was reported sighted Thursday by Mrs. R. H. Leighton and her father. They saw what "appeared to be a balloon, scintillating when in range of the sun's rays, but travelling too fast for a balloon."

It travelled west toward Ladysmith at a maintained speed, they said, and appeared round—and then flat.

A trio of Roseland fishermen reported sighting a saucer on the Trail-Nelson Highway.

"It looked about 15 feet in diameter and seemed to give off light," declared Dick McLean, one of the trio.

Even at far off Grande Prairie, Alta., the mysterious missiles were reportedly going through their paces.

Mrs. J. M. Smart, resident of Grande Prairie since 1918 and an adjudicator at Peace River musical festivals, sighted "a great shining light." It seemed to be not much over 100 feet from the ground and moving westward—but not at great speed.

She described it as a brilliant shining arc, eight inches broad. Mrs. Smart glanced away to see if anyone else had seen it; when she turned back it had disappeared.

They were papier-mache pie plates dropped from a high-flying plane by The Vancouver Sun in a prize-giving game for people who for the past fortnight have scanned the skies for the famous saucers without getting anything for their pains in the neck.

NUMBER ON EACH

With The Vancouver Sun flying-photographer Ray Munro I sent thousand of paper "saucers" skimming from our light planes high over the Burnaby district.

Each of the saucers was numbered. On The Sun's classified pages Saturday, 51 "lucky saucer" numbers will appear.

The big grand prize will be \$50. There will be 50 other numbers worth a \$1 prize each.

If you found one of The Sun's red-printed saucers look in Saturday's classified section — you may win \$50—you may win \$1. If you are a winner, rush your saucer down to The Sun building to collect.

QUICKLY GRABBED

For the "dollars from Heaven" stunt Munro took our plane almost to 10,000 feet over Burnaby.

Because of the municipality's central location — between Vancouver and New Westminster—we estimated the cross winds, at different levels, would scatter the saucers over a wide area.

We followed the saucers down to 3000 feet and watched as crowds of youngsters, curious pedestrians and motorists quickly grabbed them up.

For 51 citizens, many of whom have been scanning the blue sky for days to catch a glimpse of the reported soaring discs, it was really "pie in the sky."

'SAUCERS' FROM B.C. TAVERNS?

By Bob Staff Reporter

VICTORIA, July 11.—A high official of B.C.'s Liquor Control Board has the answer to the flying saucers. "Don't quote me," he said, "but I'm sure they are coasters from our beer parlor."

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ROLL OUT THE CARPET



ELMORE PHILPOTT

Flying Sausages

A TRAVELLING SALESMAN WAS first to report them.

He had been whizzing along in his car, at 60 miles per hour, with a rather fuzzy taste in his mouth. It was the early morning after the late night before.

He saw them first out of the corner of his eye as he rounded a bend.

He blinked, looked again, stopped the car.

There they were, sure enough—sausages, flying in formation, weaving in and out.

They made amazing speed. He put his foot on the gas, and let the old bus do her utmost on a level stretch—65-70-75—but the sausages still flew easily ahead.

THE PAPER PICKED UP HIS story in the next town. They put it in a box on the front page. "SALESMAN SEES SAUSAGES, NOT SNAKES." A clever desk man gave the text a nice touch of whimsy.

Then away she went.

The wire services picked it up, played it big. It was a welcome relief from the crisis—whatever crisis it was that particular day. Soon radio reporters were picking it out rather breathlessly.

The people of the best educated continent in all the world were not sure what to make of it, at first. But soon from every nook and corner of the continent reliable witnesses began to see them.

One group of housewives in Texas reported seeing a whole string of fried sausages flying in perfect formation. From a Canadian seaside resort sausages were reported as resembling Ogopogo, the famous sea serpent.

Some saw them singly. Some saw them in strings. Some saw them fat. Some saw them lean, some cooked, some raw. But scores, then hundreds, then thousands saw the flying sausages.

AT FIRST THE GOVERNMENTS were skeptical. But then the Congressmen and elected MP's began to put the bee on the top people.

The governments gave orders that airplanes were to stand by. Finally

a multi-millionaire—the manufacturer who made pens guaranteed to write under water gave a reward of one million dollars for the first person to capture a real flying sausage.

IN LESS THAN AN HOUR AFTER the offer a farmer in Montana claimed he had one so. Caught a whole string of them on his pitchfork as they flew by the barn door, he swore.

Then all over the country sausages began to land. They were all nice and fresh as a daisy.

By the next morning, however, the big packets were holding a conference by long distance telephone. Somebody in Mars, or Neptune, or on the Moon, was playing a dirty trick on Earth.

"What will become of us if this goes on?" asked the meat packets in Chicago.

By night-time the retail butchers of all North America were burning up the wires to Washington and Ottawa. Somebody had to do something and do it fast. The people were eating free sausages everywhere.

Next morning most of the hired hands on southern cotton farms quit work. "Why should we work when we can get sausages free for the picking up?" they asked.

Then outraged farmers soon began to gather in open air mass meetings. The prices of corn took a nose dive. Who wants corn to feed hogs to make sausages when sausages are lying all over the main free?

IN TWENTY-ONE DAYS AFTER the sighting of the first flying sausage the Congress of the U.S.A and the Parliament of Canada had both passed emergency laws.

Every property owner in city or country was made responsible for spraying with DDT or otherwise destroying each and every sausage that descended on his place.

NOBODY KNEW WHERE IT would all end.

Then suddenly they disappeared.

The travelling salesman who started the whole story was back in hospital with the D.T.'s. His wife reported:

"He always sees flying sausages when he drinks too much."

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Meteor Wipes Out Siberian Forest Area

MOSCOW, July 14.—(Reuters)—A huge meteor, exploding before it reached the earth, cut an intensive "rain of iron" in Siberia, blasting hundreds of cedar trees and pitting the ground with huge craters. It was reported here Sunday.

A Soviet expedition which travelled through hundreds of miles of pathless jungle swamps to study the meteor, which fell early this year in the remote Sikhote Alin mountains north-east of Vladivostok, reported that after examining the scene and questioning more than 200 villagers living in the area, the expedition considered that the meteorite, of undetermined size, created an air cushion in its fall and exploded on hitting it.

Over an area three-quarters of a mile long by nearly half a mile wide the earth's surface was pitted with 106 craters, the biggest 100 feet in width and 25 feet deep.

All round the dense forest the meteor appeared without trace, the report said.

More than 250 small meteorites were found in the field weighing altogether over 100 tons.

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SEAGULL SHATTERS FLYING SAUCER STORY

WEST VANCOUVER, July 14.—Flying saucers are no longer a mystery to Mrs. F. D. Ellis, 1768 Argyle.

A seagull, one of many that Mrs. Ellis regularly feeds from her beach-side verandah, flew off Sunday with a saucer to which some scraps of food had stuck.

The bewildered bird flew several hundred feet before the "flying saucer" slipped from its bill and skidded down to the pebbled beach, where it shattered, frightening a nearby group of beach strollers.

Sun 'Saucers' Worth Money

Have You found a Vancouver Sun "Flying saucer"?

If so, look for your number in today's classified advertisement section. You may collect one of the \$1 prizes—totaling \$100 being offered for the lucky numbers.

The lucky saucers—seven-inch paper pie plates with numbers printed inside them—were dropped from a Sun aircraft high over Vancouver, Thursday.

If the number printed on your flying saucers appears in today's Sun among the winners, bring it to The Vancouver Sun Want Ad counter on the main floor and collect your reward.

One prize of \$50 and 50 of \$1 are being offered for the return of the lucky numbers.

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