

'FLYING SAUCER' SCARE IN AMERICA

Objects Travel Across Sky

NEW YORK, Sunday (A.A.P.): Americans are baffled by reports of "flying saucers," which, according to observers, are round metallic discs racing high across the sky, singly or in groups.

FIRST reports of them, received on June 25, aroused scepticism but credence in the existence of the "saucers" has grown following similar reports from hundreds of persons in 28 States.

Descriptions of the phenomena agree on the shape of the objects but differ over their size from 10 to 12in. to "larger than any aircraft."

Explanations include the following:—

- 1—They may be signals from Mars.
- 2—The reports may have come from hysterical people, naturally upset by atomic war

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- 3—They may be the new experimental Navy planes, known as "flying pancakes."
- 4—They may be weather kites released by meteorological bureaus.
- 5—They may have something to do with atomic experiments.
- 6—They may be reflections from motor car spotlights.
- 7—They may be meteors.

The Navy denies that pancake planes have been flown in the areas where the "saucers" were observed, and military and scientific authorities generally reject the other explanations.

Planes Standing By

Six Oregon National Guard fighter planes, equipped with telescopic cameras, are ready to take off after any more "flying saucers" that are reported.

The Army tonight announced that it had fighter planes standing by at Muroc Air Base, California, to join in the chase.