

# "Flying Saucers"

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**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.**

**F**IRST reports of them received on June 25 aroused scepticism, but credence in the "saucers" has grown as a result of similar reports by hundreds of persons in 28 States.

Actually the first mysterious flying saucer was sighted in Oregon on June 25 by Kenneth Arnold, a businessman-pilot of Boise, who reported that nine missiles flew in formation at 1200 m.p.h. Arnold confided, "I do not believe it, but I saw it."

Since that day the number of observers who have spotted "saucers" in the sky has increased daily.

The traditional Fourth of July outdoor picnics provided the best opportunity, yet—saucers were seen in all parts of the United States and several Canadian provinces.

Perhaps the most reliable de-

scription came from Captain E. J. Smith, of United Airlines, who reported seeing "round flat objects for 12 minutes" in the course of a flight over Idaho. The co-pilot, Ralph Stevens, and a stewardess confirmed Smith's story.

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Explanations include:—(1) Signals from Mars, (2) "saucer hysteria" by people emotionally upset by fear of atomic war, (3) new experimental navy planes known as "flying pancakes," (4) weather kites released by meteorological bureaus, (5) something to do with atomic experiments, (6) reflections from motor car spotlights, and (7) meteors.