

# FLYING SAUCER SCARE IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Sunday.

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, 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.

Descriptions of the phenomena agree on the shape but differ on the size, ranging from 10 to 12 inches to "larger than any known aircraft."

Explanations include the following:—

- 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 Bureau.
- 5.—Something to do with atomic experiments.
- 6.—Reflections from motor car spotlights; and
- 7.—Meteors.

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

Six Oregon National Guard fighter planes, equipped with gun and telescopic cameras are being kept ready to take off after any flying saucers.

The Army last night announced that it had a fighter plane standing by at Muroc airbase, California, to join in the chase.