

**They're Seeing "Flying Washtubs"**

# **AMERICAN PLANES PATROL FOR "FLYING SAUCERS"**

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**NEW YORK, Monday.—**The U.S. Army yesterday moved into the "flying saucer" mystery when it detailed fast fighter planes to patrol western states.

Hundreds of people from 33 States and Canada now report having seen unidentified objects described as "flying saucers" but their descriptions of size and speed vary considerably.

The Army has included jet-propelled planes in the fighter squadron which is scouting the skies because of the reported great speed of the objects.

The fighter planes are mainly over Washington and Oregon States, sources of most of the reports.

The planes carry special photographic equipment, and most are cruising at high altitudes, ready to dive at great speed toward any of the

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The planes are in radio contact with aircraft at lower altitudes, and with the ground.

So far they have not reported sighting any "flying saucers."

**The Army Air Force's public relations officer at Washington (Captain Tom Brown) said yesterday that the Air Force, believing there was "something to the reports," had been trying for 10 days to check on them.**

"We still haven't the faintest idea what these things can be," he said.

"But we don't believe that anyone in this country, or outside it, has developed a guided missile that will travel at 1200 miles an hour, as some reports have suggested."

## **"Widespread"**

Captain Brown agreed that the reports, some from reliable observers like a commercial airline pilot, were too widespread to be considered groundless.

But he added that the Air Force was not dismissing the possibility that it was all a hoax.

In St. Louis (Missouri) a mechanic, trained during the war to identify all types of aircraft, said he saw one of the objects flying at a height of only 300 feet.

He said it was circular, with a ribbed

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framework, and silver-grey in color.

It appeared to have a motor in the centre, with propeller attached, and kept turning like an aeroplane doing a slow roll.

Guides on the roofs of the Empire State and R.C.A. Buildings in New York watched for the objects, but did not see any.

**But in neighboring New Jersey, a policeman and two women reported that they had seen discs flying through the air on Thursday and Saturday nights.**

The policeman described what he saw as "two shiny objects flying north-east, not very fast, but diving in fluttering fashion from time to time."

A woman at Hagertown (Maryland) said she saw five discs travelling eastward in formation at high speed, "with a roaring sound like a faraway train."

She said they were flat, like saucers, "with something on the rear end."

A National Guard pilot flying over South Dakota yesterday received radio instructions to "run down a silvery disc with a short tail," which a Sioux Falls resident said he had seen shoot across the sky a few minutes earlier.

The pilot flew in the direction of the reported disc, but radioed that he

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**In Canada, scores of people at Wallaceburg (Western Ontario) have reported having seen two large formations of illuminated discs swing over a wide arc in the sky on Saturday night.**

Two farmers and five separate parties of seamen at Halifax (Nova Scotia) also report having seen discs.

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