

# 39 STATES SEE 'SAUCERS'

## MYSTERY DEEPENS, FANTASTIC THEORIES

"Sun" Special.

**NEW YORK, Monday. — Thirty-nine States have now reported seeing the mysterious flying-saucers tearing across American skies.**

*A Lightning pilot, who earlier told a sensational story of breaking one of the "saucers" in his propeller wash, later admitted that he had imagined it all.*

**General H. H. Arnold, wartime Air Force Commander-in-Chief, said the "saucers" could be a development which US scientists hadn't yet perfected.**

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They might also be a foreign development operating out of control.

He had a third guess—that they are "just plain jet fighters."

Fantastic theories are advanced to account for the "saucers."

Reported sizes vary from a five-room bungalow to a baseball.

In New Jersey, people reported them "as thick as skeeters."

In Glens Falls (New York) the County Treasurer said he saw one "the size of a headlight with red fire in front and blue

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In Essex Fells (New Jersey)

Mrs. Harold Doner said: "I saw some like beautiful balls of fire. They came quite close, very quietly."

A woman in Massachusetts saw "a group of white saucers whirling round at tremendous speed, like low-hanging clouds before a hurricane."

**Others compared their visions to cake-pans and pie-plates.**

Hearst newspapers, America's most strident voice against the "Red menace," came out with a story that the mystery objects are Russian, faster-than-sound, atom-powered planes.

**They said they received details in a letter from a man who said he was given the information by a Russian tanker officer in Los Angeles.**

This is the Hearst story:

The "plane" is 18 inches thick, with a kidney-shaped outline.

It lies flat on its belly, and is artificially cooled against heat friction. The outer surface is highly polished.

The energy required is only for climbing.

No energy is required when the "plane" is travelling along the earth's gravitational contour lines.

## "Meteors"

Yale professor Dirk Brouwer said the "saucers" might be the yearly appearance of the meteor group of Perseids, which come each summer in groups as large as 100, travelling 72,000 miles an hour.

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**He said he first heard of them in 1931 and yesterday received a letter from the inventor, Max Kopley, in which Kopley bragged of his invention as "something the world is unaware of."**

The pilot who put out the hoax story of having smashed a "flying saucer" was Vernon Baird, of Los Angeles.

He said that while flying over Montana at 32,000ft. he saw a group of "flying saucers."

One, he said, got caught in the propeller wash and "came apart like a clamshell."

He described the "saucer" as a "pearl-grey, clam-shaped airplane, about 15ft. in diameter, with a plexiglass dome on top."

After confessing that the whole story was a hoax, Baird said he had made it up "just as a joke."

## **"Saucers" Latest**

● *People in 39 American States have now reported seeing the mysterious "flying saucers" . . . In Sydney, six people claim they saw them over the sky last night.*

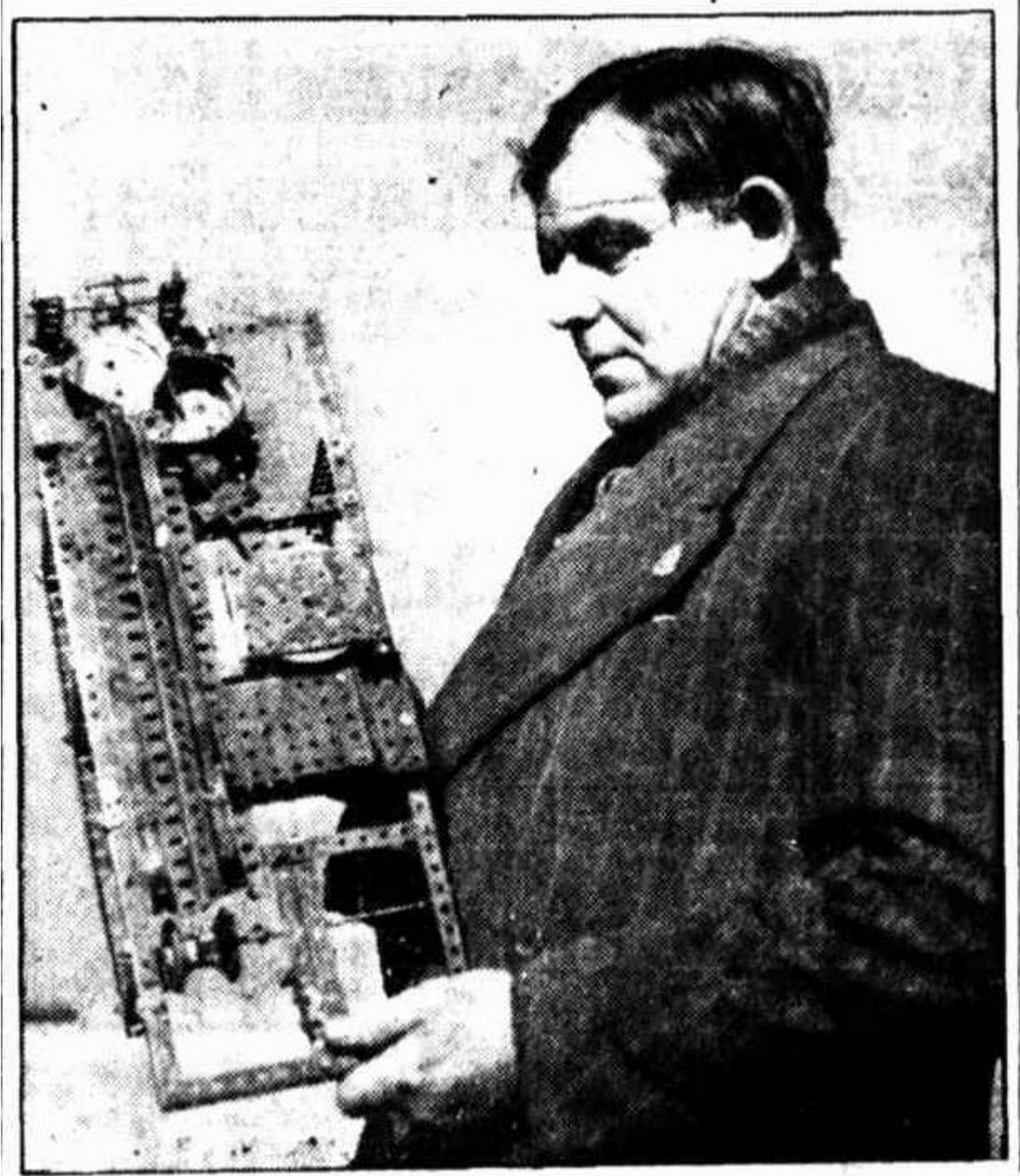
## **They're Saying**

● *The saucers are "Russian planes, faster than sound, with atomic power" . . . "They're the size of a five-roomed bungalow . . . or a baseball" . . . "They have red fire in front and blue fire in the rear."*

## **Because They Saw**



Our artist has read many reports of the "Flying Saucers" and this is his idea of how they would appear. In New Jersey (USA) people reported them "as thick as skeeters."



Mr. McGill with his experimental model of a "perpetual motion machine," which he says, is used to power "flying saucers." (See story, cols. 2 and 3 this page).

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