

## **U S pilot killed chasing "flying saucer"**

*From our own correspondent*

**New York**

**A strange object seen in the sky over Kentucky has indirectly caused the death of Captain Thomas F. Mantell, of the US Air Force, and has revived the "flying saucer" reports.**

**Late on Thursday Colonel Guy F. Hix, commander of Fort Knox airfield, Kentucky, spotted the "saucer" from the airport's observation tower.**

**He watched it through powerful binoculars until clouds obscured it.**

**He described it as being umbrella-shaped, "about half the apparent size of the moon,"**

**and absolutely white except for a streamer of red which appeared to be revolving.**

***He radioed three pursuit planes which were aloft to examine the object.***

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**Two pilots reported that even at 15,000ft they were unable to get near the object, and they returned to land safely at the airfield.**

**Meanwhile, they had lost sight of Mantell, who had given no radio signal to account for his absence from the formation.**

*Later a woman on whose farm Mantell's plane had crashed reported that she heard the plane roar over her house and then saw it fall apart at about tree-top height. Mantell was killed instantly.*

**The two pilots who landed said they saw the strange object high above them when they were at 15,000ft, but they could not match it for speed.**

**Highway patrol headquarters at Elizabethtown, Kentucky, also reported receiving calls from persons who had seen the object. Some said it resembled an ice-cream cone with a little fire at the bottom.**