

More "Flying Saucers" Seen; "Flame-Shooting Monster" Over Alabama

WASHINGTON, Monday (A.A.P.): The "Flying Saucer" era has returned to the United States.

Civil Aeronautics Administration employees and a farmer report having seen a "silvery moon-sized object floating through the air" over Yakima (Washington) on two occasions yesterday, while in Portland (Oregon) a resident has reported "big round bright object coming west".

Meanwhile at Atlanta (Georgia) the two pilots who claimed on Saturday that they saw "a huge flame-shooting Speed Gordon type of sky monster" while flying over Alabama, stoutly maintained today that it was a "man-made gadget".

They described it as "a wingless affair with a circumference four times that of a Super-Fortress fuselage. They said it was definitely jet-propelled and had two rows of windows, each about the size of ordinary house windows.

The pilots are taking still and movie cameras with them when flying the same route this week in case the mystery monster appears again.

"Flashing Lights"

The three Yakima men say they first saw the moon-sized object floating through the air over the city just after midday yesterday and again at 4 p.m. local time.

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"It could not have been a weather balloon because it was floating upwards," they said. "It was flying low and appeared to have flashing lights like a fog light."

The Portland resident said the object he saw was going west when it suddenly veered south-west "in an awful hurry." He said it bore no resemblance to an aircraft and was roundish, like a disc.

Two other airline crews in the Southern United States now report seeing "streaks of light" during Friday night near Blackstone (Virginia) and Washington (D.C.) respectively. "The times of sightings indicate that all three crews may have seen the same thing," said one of the pilots.

Hundreds of people at Yakima after the initial report telephoned the Civil Aeronautics Administration, saying they had seen a "moon-sized" blob travelling across the sky above the city.