

FLOOD HAVOC IN ECUADOR

“Flying Saucer” Blamed

QUITO (Ecuador), April 7: Fifty persons are reported dead or missing in floods which have swept through Cuenca, destroying 15 bridges and driving thousands from their homes.

Some of those killed were swept away with bridges when the floodwaters of the Tomebamba River reached the city at nightfall. The water spread over large areas of the city.

People crowded churches yesterday to pray for relief. The floods have cut off the drinking water supply and destroyed highways, impeding the transport of food and relief supplies to the city.

The nervousness of citizens was increased yesterday by reports of a “flying saucer” over the city. Superstitious people blamed it for the disaster.—
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