

ON FLYING SAUCER ?

Little Green Man

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NEW YORK, Friday.—If you run across a little man 18 inches high with a green complexion, he undoubtedly arrived on a flying saucer from another planet.

Two recently-published best sellers have convinced tens of thousands of Americans that the earth has been under observation by visitors from other worlds for at least two centuries.

In "Flying Saucers Are Real," widely sold in a paper-backed shilling edition, Donald Keyhoe quotes a number of reports from ships' officers, travellers and others since 1700 remarkably similar to the recent descriptions of the flying saucers.

Keyhoe, who admittedly has done an ingenious job in the examination of old records and recent reports, has persuaded himself and a remarkably large number of Americans that aerial observation of the earth begun around 1700 has been greatly stepped up in the past few years, probably as a result of the explosion of the atomic bomb.

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who scoffs at the credulous who believe old wives' tales about little men with green complexions, but has no doubt that the flying saucers are the observation planes of the mysterious beings from outer space.

INVESTIGATIONS

The Air Force took the reports of the mysterious aerial objects so seriously that for several years it assigned scientific personnel to investigate them, including even those which obviously came from cranks.

Although details of the investigations have not been published they have been made available to several journalists, except for certain suppressions indicating that there may be a few things which the Air Force does not want to discuss. Keyhoe, pouncing on these reticences, believes that the Air Force found itself up against a wall of mystery, but a more probable explanation is that certain secret experiments are

certain secret experiments are being conducted which have strategic importance.

As to the mass of alleged instances of flying saucers the Air Force has found that they are either a misinterpretation of various conventional objects, hoaxes or mild hysteria.

Air Force scientists speak approvingly of the experiment of Sydney's Professor Cotton who had his students seeing flying saucers after asking them to concentrate their gaze on a fixed point in the sky.

Whatever scientists say, we are going to hear of the flying saucers for a long time, especially as there is a lot still unexplained.