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# 'Flying saucer' myth broken

**L**ONDON, Sat. (Special). — "Flying saucers" simply do not—and never did—exist.

This conclusion has been reached, although skilled United States Air Force investigators travelled thousands of miles in an attempt to find evidence to support "flying saucer" rumours.

This complete denial of the existence of either "flying saucers" or their crews of "little men" was made by Colonel Harold E. Watson, U.S. Air Force Intelligence chief-in-charge of the official investigation into the "fly-saucer" scare, in a special interview with Bob Considine, published in the London People.

In his official statement Colonel Watson said: "Every single saucer investigated turned out to be either a reflection or something readily explainable.

"I don't know what it takes to convince the public, but there are no such thing as flying saucers. They just don't exist."

Asked to account for the many reports of strange ob-

jects in the skies, Colonel Watson sighed.

"Hallucination," he explained. "We have kept a careful check. These periods of mass illusion reach a peak soon after any unusual stir in the "saucer" field.

## All traced to "cranks" and jokers

It's a lot of darned nonsense. At the end of nearly every flying saucer report that can be tracked down stands a crackpot, a religious crank, a publicity hound, or a malicious practical joker.

Hundreds of people have become helpless foils of mass hysteria induced by fear of aerial invasion."

AERIAL INVASION.

Asked about the reports of mysterious flying objects made by responsible pilots, Colonel Watson replied: "Fatigue and the power of suggestion. And the optical tricks that windshields can play on an airman."

## And professor says "nuts"

"This planet is not being spied upon by space creatures, nor has any potential earth enemy sent observation ships against us."

"That is the official Air Force view."

Dr. Donald H. Menzel, astronomer at Harvard University, when asked about the space-ship theory, replied in one word: "Nuts!"

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