

Flying Saucers

The mystery of the so-called flying saucer has been further deepened by the sight by many people over Galena (Illinois) of a "flying pole." This latest monstrosity of the air is, presumably, a development of the "flying ice-cream cone," seen last year in Europe, and may be certainly recognised as an offspring of the flying saucer itself.

So much has been written—a lot of it utter nonsense—about the flying saucers, etc., that the ordinary man hasn't the slightest idea of what they really are. He has his choice of military weapons or interplanetary machines. Theories have been advanced to support both possibilities; but both are offset by factors that make it at least extremely unlikely that the machines are the product either of mundane powers or men from Mars or Venus.

The principal argument against the military weapon idea is that the saucers accelerate too quickly for men to man them. It has been estimated that a man would be crushed by the rapid acceleration that has been a consistent feature of the saucers. On the other hand, so would a man from Mars or Venus. Of course, one recognised scientific writer has suggested that "intelligent bees from Mars" man the machines; but such a suggestion tickles the imagination just a little too much.

One strong argument in favor of a military weapon, of course, is that they may be radar-controlled, and thus completely crewless.

In the past few months, the things have been seen over parts of Australia. It is stupid to dismiss them as figments of the imagination. There is little doubt that they exist.

What they really are, perhaps only a small hierarchy of some nation really knows. The public will probably remain bewildered until a new war shows them the light.