

Experts Take 'Flying Saucers' - Seriously

From Our Special Representative
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There is a case for inter-planetary "flying saucers," insists "Life" magazine.

In a comprehensive report, "Life" says that, for four years people wondered, worried or smirked over strange but insistent tales of eerie objects flying over American skies, but the tales rarely provoked serious analysis.

Now the US Air Force has adopted a policy of investigation of all unidentified aerial objects.

"Life" spent a year with Air Force officials going through all the facts known in the case, and finally came to these conclusions:—

- Discs, cylinders and similar objects of geometrical form for several years now have been, and maybe are now, actually present in the atmosphere of the earth.
- Globes of green fire, of a brightness more intense than full moons, have frequently passed through the skies.
- These objects cannot be explained at present as natural phenomena, but solely as artificial devices created and operated by a high intelligence.
- No power plant known or projected on earth could account for the performance of these devices.

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"Life" said that "saucer"-reports continue to come in at the rate of one a day.

Most have been written off, but the US Air Force still lists 34 cases as seemingly inexplicable.

"Life" reporters say the "saucers" cannot be psychological phenomena. They are not the products of US research.

They are not a Russian development.

It is inconceivable that the Russians would risk the loss of such a precious military weapon as a "flying saucer" over American territory.

Dr. Walter Dieder, once research director at the German rocket centre, at Peenemunde said: "I am completely convinced they have an out-of-the-world basis."

He said any known earth metal would melt at the speeds at which the "saucers" travel, and no human pilot could stand the manoeuvres they went through.

Dr. Maurice Biot, a leading aerodynamic expert, says:—"My opinion for some time has been that these objects have an extra-terrestrial origin."