

## **INCREASE IN FLYING SAUCER REPORTS**

**DAYTON (Ohio), July 17.**

—A United States Air Force spokesman said today that about 60 reports of flying saucers had been received during the past two weeks. He could give no reason for the sudden increase.

Captain E. J. Ruppelt, of the Air Technical Intelligence Centre at Wright-Patterson Air Base, said that the reports were pouring into his office at an unprecedented rate.

Captain Ruppelt, project officer for "Operation Bluebook," the Air Force group that investigates unidentified aerial objects, said his office was requesting more information from two pilots who reported seeing "eight glowing red-orange discs" flying near Norfolk (Virginia) earlier this week.

"We are assuming the pilots are describing accurately what they saw, and we have no reason to doubt them," Captain Ruppelt said. "However, objects like they saw have been previously reported, and we need more information."

Lieutenant Colonel Richard McGee, Civil Defence Director of Dayton, said he was alarmed by the increase in saucer sighting. "There is something flying around our skies," Colonel McGee said, "and I wish we knew what it is."