

FLYING SAUCER REPORTS INTRIGUE U.S. AIR FORCE

DAYTON (Ohio), Thursday.

More than 60 reports have been received of people seeing flying saucers during the past two weeks, announced a United States Air Force spokesman to-day.

The spokesman could give no reason for the sudden increase.

Captain E. J. Huppelt of the Air Technical Intelligence Centre at Wright-Patterson air base said the reports were pouring into his office at an unprecedented rate.

The U.S. Air Force, which says it does not believe in flying saucers but is always willing to investigate, disclosed today that it was looking over reports on a new batch of mystery flying objects.

Latent in a long series of such inquiries was prompted by the statement of two airline pilots that they had seen eight glowing red-orange discs flying in formation 150 miles south of here on Sunday night.

Air Force officials said that a preliminary report on the matter had been received at the Air Technical Intelligence centre.

The pilots have been requested to give more details to the air force.

The pilots, Mr. W. B. Nash and W. H. Fortenberry, had stated that the objects were travelling at 1000 miles an hour.

Lieut. Col. Richard McGee, Civil Defence Director of Dayton, said he was alarmed by the increase in saucer sighting.

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"There is something flying around our skies, and I wish I knew what it was" he said.

Speed Record of 1,238 m.p.h. by U.S. Navy Plane

LOS ANGELES, Thursday.

Two world records—one for speed and the other for altitude—have been established by the United States Navy D.558-2 sky-rocket.

The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Dan Kimball said the figures had been checked by the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics.

The new records are a speed of 1,238 miles an hour and an altitude of 70,494 feet.

His statement confirmed the disclosure that Douglas test pilot, Bill Bridgeman had flown roughly twice the speed of sound last August.

During the speed test, the plane was fitted with rocket engines.

He said the plane was not fitted with an special refrigeration equipment to nullify the terrific heat.

WILL ASK CONGRESS

WILL ASK CONGRESS TO RESTORE CUTS

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

A reshuffle of slashed foreign aid funds and a possible new appeal to the next Congress for more money were forecast today by Administration officials.

Congress recently cut President Truman's foreign military and economic aid request by 25 per cent. to just over 6,000 million dollars.

In signing the appropriation Bill on Tuesday, the President called the cut "the falsest kind of economy."