

TODAY'S OVERSEAS NEWS

**Air check on objects unsuccessful**

# SAUCERS MIRAGE OR ANTI-RADAR DEVICE?

**WASHINGTON, Tues.:** Scores of flying objects over Washington today might be anti-radar devices dropped in air exercises or might be mirages.

These are among the theories offered on the latest flying saucer appearance.

Radar showed the air over Washington was full of flying objects early today, but an airliner directed to one of the sightings could not find a thing.

Civil Aeronautics Administration radar operators at Washington National Airport reported scores of sightings from 1.30 to 5 a.m. As many as 12 unidentified objects were on the radar screen at one time.

They appeared to be travelling at 90 to 120 m.p.h. in an area 15 miles long.

Altitude of the sightings was not determined because the radar screen at the airport does not give an altitude indication.

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Air Force officials raised the possibility that devices dropped from planes to jam radar might have floated from the Canadian border, where air exercises are in progress.

One of the first scientists to deny the existence of flying saucers said today objects seen over Washington on Saturday night were mirages.

The director of Fels Planetarium, Philadelphia (Dr. I. M. Levitt) said jet pilots saw mysterious ob-

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jects over the capital because of the extremely hot

He agreed with Dr. D. H. Menzel, of Harvard, who said recently weather conditions that caused optical mirages also caused radar and television mirages.

Dr. Levitt said he was positive the objects would disappear as soon as weather conditions over Washington changed.

As for reports that the objects were flying in formation, Dr. Levitt said city lights were uniformly spaced and that if their image were reflected on clouds or the atmosphere

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as a mirage they would be  
in similar formation.—  
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