

# Scientists called in on "saucers"

**WASHINGTON, Tues.— The U.S. Air Force has called in top scientists in a new attempt to unravel the "flying saucers" mystery.**

This development came after reports of mysterious objects having flown over Washington again last night.

A U.S. Air Force spokesman announced today that jet interceptor pilots were standing by ready to take off instantly in pursuit of any "flying saucers" they had a chance of running down.

"Air Defence Command planes are now on a 24-hours alert for anything that flies in the air that is unidentified," the spokesman said.

Last Saturday F-94 jets unsuccessfully chased

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Mysterious objects had also been reported the previous Saturday.

## **"White lights"**

One jet pilot reported having sighted "steady white lights," but said his 600-miles-an-hour aircraft had been unable to close in on them.

The Civil Aeronautics Traffic Control centre today reported having picked up the objects on its radar screen over a period of about five hours last night.

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An official said the objects were travelling about 100 to 120 miles an hour in a 10-miles arc around the capital.

**This placed them in the same area in which the other strange objects were seen last Saturday and the Saturday before.**

The official said the radar had charted at times as many as eight or 12 of the objects at the same

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## **"Not mirages"**

The U.S. Air Force Director of Intelligence (Major-General John Samford) today held his second conference this week with his experts to discuss the reports of the mysterious objects.

United Press says he will probably hold a news conference tomorrow to give the latest available details on what these things are.

In Albuquerque, New Mexico, Dr. Lincoln La Paz, Director of the Institute of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, said:

"These discs are not mirages. Radar proves that.

"Furthermore, any suggestion that these come from the depths of space is fantastic. Their origin is earth."

(From United Press and A.A.P.)