

Radars Detects More Saucers In Washington

WASHINGTON, Tues. (A.A.P.)—Radars showed that 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 the national airport report-

ed as many as 12 unidentified objects on the screen at one time from 1.30 a.m. to 5 a.m. They appeared to be travelling at 90-120 m.p.h. in a 15-mile long area.

About 3 a.m. an Eastern Airlines plane was directed into the area but its crew saw nothing in the sky.

Dropped By Planes

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

Air Force officials raised the possibility that devices dropped from planes to jam radar may have floated from the Canadian border,

where air exercises are in progress.

Dr. I. M. Levitt, director of Fels Planetarium, Philadelphia said pilots saw

delphia, said pilots saw mirages because of the extremely hot weather. He and Dr. D. H. Menzel, of Harvard, agree that weather conditions which cause optical mirages also cause radar and television mirages.

He was positive the objects would disappear as soon as the weather changed. As for objects "flying in formation," Dr. Levitt said city lights were uniformly spaced and their image reflected as a mirage would be in similar formation. Air turbulence could give the effects of "dog-fights."