

# **Radar sees saucers, but planes can't**

*Australian Associated Press*

**WASHINGTON, Tuesday. —  
Radar showed the air over Wash-  
ington was full of flying objects**

*early today, but an airliner directed to one of the sightings could not  
find a thing.*

Civil Aeronautics Ad-  
ministration radar opera-  
tors at the National Air-  
port reported as many as  
12 unidentified objects on  
the screen at one time

from 1.30 to 5 am.

They appeared to be  
travelling at 90-120 mph  
in a 15-mile-long area.

Height of the sightings  
was not determined, be-

cause the radar screen at  
National Airport does not  
give an altitude indication

## **Night mirages**

Dr. I. M. Levitt, direc-  
tor of Fels Planetarium,  
Philadelphia, said pilots  
saw mirages because of  
the extremely hot

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.

Major - General John Samford, director of Air Force intelligence, said today:

*"Six years of analysing mysterious object sightings revealed no pattern that shows anything remotely consistent with any menace to the United States."*

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