

"Saucer" Fright For U.S. Motoring Salesman

NEW YORK, July 30. A.A.P.—A salesman told police at Enid (Oklahoma) last night that his car had been "almost swept from the road" by a huge "flying saucer" that had swooped low at high speed.

The man, Mr. Sid Eubanks, 50, was still trembling when he walked into the police station.

Mr. Eubanks described the object as a "yellow-green, then yellow-brown streak about 400 feet long."

He said it had dived low over the road, turned round, and then disappeared in a few seconds.

"The tremendous pressure nearly threw my car off the road," he added.

In Jersey City (New Jersey) a volunteer air defence observer, Mr. August Roberts, handed to the police what he claimed to be a photograph of a "flying saucer" over New York.

The photograph, which was printed in some New York papers to-day, showed a bright, nearly cylindrical object moving across the night sky.

The Director of Air Force Intelligence (Major-General

John Samford) yesterday told a news conference in Washington that in the past six years between 1000 and 2000 reports of "flying saucers" had been studied and fewer than 20 per cent of the aerial objects had

remained unidentified. Unidentification of the 20 per cent was largely due to lack of information by the "saucer" spotters.

The analysis had revealed no pattern that showed anything remotely consistent with any menace to the United States.

The Director of Fels Planetarium at Philadelphia (Dr. I. M. Levitt) said jet pilots had seen "mysterious objects" over Washington because of the extremely hot weather.

He concurred with Dr. D. H. Menzel, of Harvard University, who recently expressed, in a magazine article, the view that weather conditions caused optical mirages and caused radar and television mirages as well.

The President of the United States Rocket Society (Mr. Robert Farnsworth) in telegrams to President Truman, the Secretary of Defence (Mr. Lovatt), and the Secretary of the Army (Mr. Pace), urged that no offensive action should be taken against unidentified objects sighted over the United States.

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restial," he said, "such action might result in the gravest consequences, as well as possibly alienating us from beings of far superior powers. Friendly contact should be sought as long as possible."

FOOTNOTE: Professor Albert Einstein, the physicist, asked in a letter for his opinion on "flying saucers," replied: "These people have seen something (something underlined). What it is, I do not know.

"And I am not curious to know."