

FLYING SAUCER MYSTERY DEEPENS

WASHINGTON, Monday (A.A.P.): The United States Air Force was "reasonably well convinced" that "flying saucers" sighted over America were not solid objects, Air Force Director of Operations, Major-General Roger M. Ramey, said last night.

The Air Force, however, felt a responsibility to investigate the flying saucer reports, though they did not enter into the defence problem of America, he said.

General Ramey said the Air Force knew of nothing in modern aviation that would fit the description given of "saucers" or behave as they were reported to do.

Asked if they might be guided missiles, he said they had shown no pattern or track to suggest they were controlled.

He pointed out that they have been reported to appear and disappear almost instantly, something any known aircraft could not do.

They were not a product of the United States Air Force.

General Ramey predicted that by the use of special cameras, the Air Force would be able to determine the source of any lights appearing in the sky and thus dispel much of the mystery.

Dr. J. Sprowls, Professor of

Abnormal Psychology at the University of Washington, said in a broadcast yesterday that flying saucers "just ain't there."

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Apologising for his lapse in grammar, aimed at emphasis, Dr. Sprowls said he attributed the deluge of reports on strange things in the upper atmosphere "primarily to hallucination."

Anybody looking for a real flying saucer had about as much chance as a "blind man in a dark room looking for a black cat," said the Professor.

He had a solution to offer—"Just forget about it."

Dr. Sprowls said the human mind had a process of "segregation" that would not permit different sorts of ideas to mix. In that situation a man could "tend to believe he saw a flying saucer when he knew he did not see one."

There had been widespread hallucinations of various sorts after nearly every great war or disaster, Dr. Sprowls said.

"I am sorry to say this, but I actually believe not more than one in a 1000 of the general population of America or any other country is capable of independent thought," he added.