

CLAIMS TO KNOW WHAT FLYING SAUCER IS

FEARS PANIC IF VITAL MYSTERY DIVULGED

NEW YORK, August 24 (A.A.P.): Mr. S. J. D. Desvergers, a West Palm Beach, Florida, scoutmaster, who claims that he was "shot at" by people in a flying saucer, said that he and high ranking officers from Washington, whom he refused to identify, were substantially in agreement on what the object was.

"I know what it is, and it is of vital importance," he told a reporter, "but it is better for me not to go any further for the public good, because it might cause panic."

Today he had a publicity agent to "protect" him from inquisitive reporters and the Air Force.

"The Air Force has no legal hold on Mr. Desvergers," the agent (Mr. Weil) said "This boy's interests need to be protected."

While he was being "protected," Mr. Desvergers vowed, "I shall keep my head down. I am not even looking up in the sky any more."

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ing in a car on Tuesday night with three scouts on the edge of the Florida everglades when he saw flashing lights.

With a machete and flashlight he dashed into the bush leaving the scouts in the car and telling them to call the police if he was not back in 10 minutes.

He said he saw an object "large enough for six or eight men to stand in."

"It was about 10 feet high in the centre, about 30 feet in diameter and shaped like a half rubber ball, tapering down to a three-foot thickness on the side. There was a phosphorous effect around the side.

"I believe I was under and near it for about three minutes," he said. "It was only 10 feet from

"It was only 10 feet from the ground. It made a hissing sound like a tyre going down."

Mr. Desvergers said "they" (apparently meaning those in the object) shot a ball of fire at him that seemed to "float slowly at my face." He said the hair on his arms was singed and three holes about one-eighth of an inch in diameter were burned in his Scout cap.

The scoutmaster said he then blacked out and when he awoke had no sense of feeling. "Even now I have a tingling as when your foot loses circulation