

# FLYING SAUCER "MEN" SINGED SCOUTMASTER'S HAIR

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**WEST PALM BEACH (Florida), Sun.** — The United States Air Force said last night that it had received a report from the only man in the world to claim he had had his hair singed by a flying saucer.

The story told by Mr. S. J. D. Desvergers, a scoutmaster, was receiving "further study from a scientific viewpoint," an Air Force intelligence officer said.

Mr. Desvergers, an ex-marine, said he was riding in a car on Tuesday night with three scouts on the edge of the Florida Everglades when he saw flashing lights.

He walked through the brush, 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 30ft. in diameter and shaped like a half-rubber ball, tapering down to a three feet thickness on the side.

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"I believe I was under, and near it for about three minutes," he said. "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 arm 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 feel-

ing, and even now I have a tingling as when your foot loses circulation and goes to sleep."

By the time he came to, Deputy Sheriff Mott Partin, summoned by the three scouts, had arrived.

Mr. Partin said Mr. Desvergers "looked like a wild man" when he came out of the brush.

## Grass Scorched

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Mr. Partin said that when he went into the woods the grass "seemed to be scorched or blistered" in the small clearing.

Mr. Desvergers 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's of vital importance," he told a reporter. "But it's better for me not to go any further for the public good, because it might cause panic."