

"Flying Saucer" Mysteries

(By Wayne Johnson)

NEW YORK.—Have you seen a "flying saucer?" If not, keep your optics skinned and you may see one of these mystifying objects and, in consequence, may achieve everlasting fame as being the one man or woman whose evidence provides a solution to one of the most uncanny problems of the present age.

Now, as we all know, the "flying saucer" business has been arousing comment — and ridicule — for a few years, but what was originally considered an optical illusion or the unrealities of those people frequently meeting pink elephants has at last reached the stage when the phenomenon is being treated with respectful seriousness.

Our highly-paid sombre-minded scientists in Washington engaged in radar research are not given to tomfoolery and when "flying saucers" appear on the radar screens of some of our most important military establishments around Wash-

establishments around Washington and in other parts of the country Americans think that the time has come when our scientists and our military experts should publicly acknowledge the fact that we are obviously on the eve of an epoch-making discovery.

The American Air Force quite rightly hesitates to commit itself except to say that so many "flying saucers" have been seen in so many different parts of the world, but especially on the American continent, that we can no longer dismiss the subject as a Loch Ness monster or a wandering meteorite or similar heavenly body.

SPACE-SHIP!

I notice that the president of the United States Rocket Society considers that the "flying saucer" might well be an interplanetary space-ship. If so, those boys on the other planet must be determined to bridge the gap and contact Earth, because 12 distinct saucers have been seen on different radar screens and by commercial pilots within the last few days.

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Efforts are being made to try to collate sufficient information to plot the path of the "saucers" through the heavens and from the "flight" of several of those seen over here there is some evidence that they have crossed the Atlantic in an arc, which "runs through" Northern Ireland, Scotland and Scandinavia.

Beyond Scandinavia lies Russia, but at the moment America is not prepared to try to make itself believe that the "flying saucers" are linked up with Joe Stalin's secret weapons and military might.

The other day I received a telephone call from a journalist colleague living in Indiana, who told me, with excitement, that he had just seen a "flying saucer." I put this down to the heat and indigestion, but later in the day the various news agencies recorded that the police and military depots in this State had received reports of three separate "visitations." American scientists are working on the theory that it

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is quite probable that the objects are material and are propelled by some atomic power and are interplanetary. They argue that the present civilisation here on Earth should not hold the belief that we have solved all the mysteries of the air, because we have discovered electricity, hydrogen, oxygen and the rest.

Three or four hundred years ago electricity was completely unknown to the inhabitants of the Earth. Who knows but what there still remain undiscovered elements equally powerful which have been located by other planets? Therefore, they say, no scientist, no military expert, indeed, nobody, should dismiss the "flying saucer" talk with the smile of "stop pulling my leg," but seek to find a solution to the intriguing and baffling mystery.