

These US scientists pledge themselves to solve the flying saucer mystery

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A VAST army of "sky wardens" is being recruited from all parts of the world by a group of California (USA) scientists and technicians who have pledged themselves to solve the seemingly interminable mystery of the flying saucers.

The newest recruits are Intelligence officers of the US Army Air Force base in Dayton, Ohio, who arrived here recently to make liaison arrangements with the founders of the Civilian Saucer Investigation Group.

Though the lay scientific group has not yet arrived at any definite conclusions, most members are convinced that their concentrated effort to explore the various aerial visions of the last half-century will result in a logical and factual solution within the next 20 years.

"We're convinced of the existence of the phenomena," the organisation's founder, Edward Sullivan, says, "and we are equally convinced that their origin and purpose can be explained within 20 years."

A technical writer at the North American Aviation Corporation in Los Angeles, Sullivan and his colleague, Werner Eichler, founded the Civilian Saucer Investigation Group last December as a protest against the general attitude which prevailed about flying saucers.

Their own report of a glimpse they had of 30 fireballs in flight had been greeted with raised eyebrows and impolite scepticism by all but a few.

Among the few, however, were Dick Williams, a Los Angeles reporter, and Dr. Walther Riedel, former chief of development and research director at the German rocket centre in Peenemuende, and now engaged on secret research for the US Government.

Riedel, known more familiarly as the "father of the V-2," is convinced of the out-of-this-world basis of flying saucers, though he has never seen one.

With Riedel, Williams and 10 other scientists from California, Sullivan and Eichler began formal work on their investigation project, deter-

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To date they have received information from every State in America, from Brazil, Argentina and other parts of Latin America, and from Europe and Asia.

Letters with accounts of new and old sightings are pouring in at the rate of 75 a day. Most of them are, according to Sullivan, "from responsible people"—both civilians and servicemen, who seem to have been previously afraid of ridicule.

After a screening by the technicians, the letters are passed on to the scientific committee for analysis, which includes studying time and location cycles.

Sullivan says the letters tell of such things as the complete absence of sound, the high speed at which the objects fly.

The extraordinary manoeuvres point to the possibility of superhuman and extra-terrestrial origin.

In a properly scientific spirit, the Civilian Saucer Investigation Organisation has undertaken its long-range exploration as a labor of love. ●