

IF YOU SHOULD MEET  
A MAN FROM MARS —

## The Flying Saucer Scare

(By E. M. England)

*Flying saucers, though the world's major mystery at the moment, are still something of a joke in this hemisphere. In the humour columns and on the radio they are giving the overworked mother-in-law and the henpecked husband a substantial rest.*

But in the United States, where most of the phenomena occur, the saucers have become a cause for alarm. Several writers who have been particularly quick off the mark, have already written books about them, and these bristle with figures, dates, and statistics.

The first flying saucer was seen in America over Oregon on June 24, 1947, and was attributed to hallucination.

The superstitious believe that these saucers are purely celestial bodies, and view them with foreboding, as forewarnings of a terrible cataclysm about to happen quite soon. Another school — the scientists — says positively that the apparitions come from other planets, and may presage anything from experiments on Mars to an invasion of earth.

The American writer, and one British, claim to have encountered a visitor who stepped out of one of these space vessels. The first

meeting took place in New Mexico, the second in Scotland, both very remote spots, with no one actually listening-in to the conversations — if there could be any.

Putting these fabrications aside, the alarm in America is said to be amounting to an obsession. Major Keyhoe, trusted as a reliable recorder by the United States Air Force, felt obliged to record and report all that he had known, heard, and believed about the saucers.

He has written two books, and states that the saucers have not been seen by microscopes, but by responsible people, such as radar men and pilots.

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Men at the air traffic control centre at Washington national airport tracked on their scopes some strange aircraft flying at a speed later estimated at over 7000 miles an hour. That was on July 20, 1952. These machines circled Washington for two hours, and when jet fighter planes went up to intercept them, vanished. But the moment the jets left, the saucers reappeared, and at 5.30 in the morning a radio engineer saw five huge discs circling in loose formation.

Six days later, at Key West, a redlit saucer flashed over the Naval Air Station.

Hundreds of people saw this, also the saucers which appeared over Washington and other places.

A radar man who had watched scopes for six years stated he had "picked up" all sorts of pictures, such as water tanks, buildings, shore lines, and so on (almost as one might see reflections in a mirage.) This, he stated, was due to a condition known as "temperature inversion," but he had never noticed anything remotely approaching flying saucers.

Among the strange craft reported over America was a carrier or mother-ship which divided into seven. Saucers, usually a metallic silvery hue, change colour when they turn abruptly, climb or reverse, when they glow as if redhot. The mother-ship sighted on July 23, 1952, over Culver City, California, was said by a technician with

by a technician with binoculars, to be flying very high. It had a rocking motion. It halted, hovered, and two small discs were launched from the starboard side. They circled over the area in a precise formation, then were taken aboard the mother-ship, which climbed upwards at tremendous speed. It was cigar-shaped, and quickly vanished.

The mother-ship which broke up into seven (three in V formation and the others in pairs), were calculated to be flying at 9000 miles per hour. The parent craft would be over 600 to 1000 feet in length, and the smaller about 100 in diameter. The tiniest saucers spotted were estimated to be about 10in.; the average 50 feet.

Major Keyhoe thinks the midgets would be T.V. scanners or photographic units used under remote control to spy on our activities on earth.

## **Leave Our Jets "Standing"**

One hot night in Indianapolis people in parks and streets suddenly saw a bright yellow glow overhead, and a huge oval machine raced out of the South-east over the city, trailing a fiery exhaust.

This was spotted by an American airlines pilot as his aircraft (some 30 miles out) was approaching the city at 300 miles an hour. He was 5000ft. up when he saw the strange machine, and calculated its height at 15,000ft., and its speed three times that of his own

10,000 ft., and its speed three times that of his own. It streaked down to his altitude, and darted over the city. Five other pilots reported this machine.

The acceleration powers of the saucers are said to leave our fastest jets "standing." They do not, it is thought, contain pilots, but are remotely controlled.

Canada is conducting research on saucers.

### **Only Interested in America**

Mr. Wilbur B. Smith leads a saucer research team, and is convinced that he is dealing with space visitors, who use an electro-magnetic system to solve their motive problems. The Royal Canadian Air Force also has its own investigation unit. The Canadian Government has a secret project devoted to the same end, conducted by its Defence Research Board. British journalist John Brandon says sceptically that it seems unlikely that this mysterious race can miss what Britain and Russia are doing. Saucer sightings have been said to be recorded over the scene of our atomic experiments in Australia, as well as over Korean battlefields. So the men from Mars are kept very busy indeed getting around.

Major Keyhoe fancies the spacemen may be short of uranium, and searching for that. Happily, to date, no saucer has behaved in a hostile manner. So that if you should chance to meet a man from Mars in the Canungra jungle, or the Channel country, there appears to be no need for panic —

nel country, there appears to be no need for panic — the important thing would be to get him to exchange a few words on the chance you might get an inkling as to what his intentions are.

### **You Can Read It for Yourself**

If you are curious about saucers, there is nothing to prevent you getting Major Keyhoe's two books, "Flying Saucers are Real" and "Flying Saucers from Outer Space," along with Harold T. Wilkins' "Flying Saucers on the Moon," and another Mr. Wilkins-Percy, this time, "Our Moon," which can be regarded as an off-sider and aid.

What strikes the ordinary citizen as amazing is the fact that all these writers are obsessed with the space-theory. It never seems to occur to any of them that the machines might be of earthly origin. There are corners of our own planet in

which much goes on which is never revealed to the outer world. What more likely than that the atomic machines might be controlled from there?