

The flying saucer craze has reached Greece

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ATHENS (Reuter).—The flying saucer craze has reached Greece. Flying saucers, saucer-men, interplanetary journeys and problems and speculation connected with all these subjects have become one of the main topics of everyday conversation.

While the Greek press almost every day carries reports of sightings of flying saucers by peasants in remote mountain villages or islands, a well-known Athens medium, Mrs. Katy Constandinidou, has actually described the saucer-men, their habits, and the world in which they live.

A Greek journalist, following the example of the ancient Greeks who some 3000 years ago went to Delphi to consult the sacred oracle, Pythia, when they needed advice, visited Mrs. Konstandinidou to inquire about the nature of flying saucers and their inmates.

This is what she told him, mumbling her words in a hypnotic trance.

"I climb high up in the skies with difficulty," she declared. "I see the saucer-men.

"They are strange creatures who resemble human beings, but are smaller and have much bigger heads.

"They come from another planet, where the atmosphere is very purified and this is

planet, where the atmosphere is very rarified, and this is the reason why they can remain on earth for only a few seconds, otherwise they would be crushed to pulp by our heavier atmospheric pressure.

"Flying saucers are built of a most resistant metal alloy, and are pressurised. They come from another planet which is called by its inhabitants 'Mid-Sky Light'.

"The saucer-men have wished to visit the earth for a long time, and have been observing it through perfected telescopes. Owing to the invention of the flying saucer by one of their scientists,

they are now able to visit us."

Asked for further information about the characteristics and habits of saucer-men, Mrs. Konstantinidou added that their minds are extremely well developed. They do not need to speak, because their thoughts are automatically transmitted by telepathy.

That is why they live in complete harmony with each other—for no criminal acts are possible when any "bad

sible when any "bad thought" is immediately known to all.

"The saucer-men," Mrs. Konstantinidou continued, "do not use paper to write on. They have black slates on which they trace geometrical signs for their scientific work. They live not in houses but in barracks built out of light wood. Nor do they eat food like ours. They live on a specially prepared 'uniform cream'. They need to sleep only for two or three hours a day.

"Reproduction of the species is identical to ours, with the difference that saucer-babies are born with fully developed minds and grow up much faster." Mrs. Konstantinidou added: "They

have no religion, and therefore have no clergy. They communicate with their minds with a higher world, and even with the Supreme Being.

"When they die, their souls are liberated from their bodies, which disintegrate at once. Their souls then transmigrate to a higher world.

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"They are deeply interested in our world, and observe it continually through their telescopes, avidly awaiting reports from their emissaries in the flying saucers.

"Although the distance between the planet 'Mid-Sky Light' and the earth is millions of years, flying saucers are so fast that they are able to cover it in six months.

"Saucer-men are now planning how they can establish communication with human beings on earth, and by what means they will exchange information with us about our respective worlds.

"A scientific conference is scheduled to take place on 'Mid-Sky Light', where saucer-men will make a full report of their observations and findings on earth, and where concrete plans and devices will be discussed through which contact may be established.

"Communication with the saucer-men, however," concluded Mrs. Konstandinidou, "is not a matter of the near

"Is not a matter of the near future. It will be a long time before beings from 'Mid-Sky Light' and men from the earth succeed in establishing contact."

Meanwhile reports of flying saucers continue to pour in. Recently, from a small village perched high on the slopes of Mount Pelion, in Central Greece, came reports of a flying saucer which, after hovering over the village for fifteen minutes, suddenly disappeared.

The two "eye-witnesses" of the incident, however, disagreed on the shape of the flying object. One said that it was like a soup plate, and the other asserted that it looked like a flying cigar.

A part of Greece apparently most visited recently by flying saucers is the island of Lesbos, close to the Asia Minor coast of Turkey. Huntsmen, woodcutters and agricultural guards have repeatedly reported flying objects to the gendarmerie headquarters of this island.

Doctors, nurses and 100 inmates of a sanatorium at the village of Agiassos, on the island of Lesbos, are reported to have seen the latest, and strangest, apparitions.

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According to their statements, they saw a round, shining object, shaped like an alarm clock, flying at a great height over the sanatorium.

The "flying alarm clock" made a few rounds, then climbed upward at a tremendous speed, plunged down, and disappeared flying horizontally. A few moments later, where there had been one "flying alarm clock," two appeared on the horizon—and after similar movements vanished before the eyes of the astounded onlookers.