

misc. newspaper-reported UFO sightings in 1947-1950

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1. June 26, 1974: *Los Angeles Times*

"9 'Saucers' Flying 1200 mph Sighted -- But What Are They?"

Pendleton, OR, June 25 (AP) -- Kenneth Arnold reported seeing 9 shiny objects flying at 1,200 miles-an-hour over the Cascade range of western Washington. The objects were bright and saucer-like, flying at 10,000 feet altitude. When first sighted, they were approximately 25-30 miles away and flying north.

2. June 29, 1947: *Los Angeles Daily News*

"Many Report Seeing Flying Saucers"

White Sands Proving Ground, NM (UP) -- The Kenneth Arnold report of seeing 9 objects which flew like flying saucers -- and supported by other residents in the Northwest area as having seen flying objects -- was discounted by Air Force officers in New Mexico. Lt. Col. Harold R. Turner -- commanding officer of the Army's rocket proving ground -- said the disks must have been jet airplanes.

3. July 4, 1947: *Los Angeles Examiner*

"Air Force Probes 'Flying Disks' Mystery; Hits Missile Theory"

Wright Field, Ohio (INS) -- Officers of the Air R&D section of the AAF's Air Materiel Command were asked by the Army's air commander General Carl Spaatz to try to ascertain what the disks are. Lt. William C. Anderson -- the public-relations officer at the field -- said: "So far, we haven't found anything to confirm that the disks exist. We don't think that they are guided missiles." He said as things were, they now appear to be either a phenomena or a figment of somebody's imagination.

4. July 4, 1947: *Los Angeles Examiner*

"Airline Pilot Sights Flying Disk Cluster"

Boise, Idaho (AP) -- United Airlines pilot Captain Smith along with co-pilot First Officer Stevens reported "3-to-5" disk at an altitude of 7,500 feet, 15 miles southwest of Ontario, Oregon. The first photograph taken of the mystery saucers was claimed by Yeoman Frank Ryman. Ryman's estimate was that the saucer was 9,000-10,000 feet in the air and traveling 500 mph.

5. July 5, 1947: *Los Angeles Examiner*

"Mars -- Says 'Saucers' May Be Signals From Planet"

Detroit (INS) -- An unidentified Detroit meteorologist says that the disks may be signals from Mars.

6. July 5, 1947: *Los Angeles Examiner*

"Astronomer Fails To Locate Saucers"

Flagstaff, AZ (UP) -- Dr. V.M. Slipher -- director of the famed Lowell Observatory -- said that he hadn't noted any saucers from Arizona. But that "you can find anything you want to find in the heavens if you look long enough."

7. July 5, 1947: *Los Angeles Examiner*

"Reports Pour In On Saucer Puzzle"

UP release -- Numerous reports received from all over the nation are causing scientists to wonder if many Americans just don't have a bad case of jitters; seeing spots before their eyes; or aren't suffering from hallucinations or delusions. Reports noted from Pennsylvania, new Jersey, Georgia, Idaho, and other states in the far West.

8. July 5, 1947: *Los Angeles Examiner*

"Strange Find -- Object Like 'Saucer' Drops On Farm"

Circleville, Ohio (AP) -- Sherman Campbell reported having found a strange object on his farm in the form of a 6-pointed star, 50-inches high, 48-inches wide, covered with tinfoil and weighing about 2 pounds. Port Columbus air field weather station said the object tallied with objects used by the Army Air Forces to measure wind velocity.

9. July 5, 1947: *Los Angeles Examiner*

"Inventor's Test of 'Flying Saucer' Here in 1928 Bared"

Leo Bentz -- a one-time builder of automobiles -- said that he and a friend saw a confidential demonstration of a saucer-like flying model in Griffith Park in 1928. The inventor George de Bay was interested in a new principle for airplanes. De Bay produced drawings showing designs of contrivance that would skip through the air like a flat stone -- an upside-down saucer that worked on a vacuum principle requiring 10 times less power for propulsion. It is believed that inventor de Bay may have gone to Russia.

10. July 5, 1947: *Los Angeles Examiner*

"Fliers Get Close Up -- One Says Ovals 'Scared Him Silly'"

Dan J. Whelan and Duncan Underhill of Hollywood reported that near Santa Manica at 5 pm on July 4, they saw a disk above them at 2,000 feet. The fliers were about 7,000 feet altitude. It was a disk-shaped object, not spinning but resembling a rifle practice disk target, 40-50 feet in diameter and traveling about 400-to-500 miles an hour.

11. July 5, 1947: *Los Angeles Examiner*

"Flying Disks V.F.W. Chief Expects U.S. To Explain"

Columbus, Ohio (AP) -- Louis E. Starr -- the national commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars -- told the VFW Ohio encampment that he was expecting information from Washington regarding the "fleet of flying saucers". The commander did not indicate his source of information.

12. July 5, 1947: *Los Angeles Examiner*

"Link 'Saucers' To Atom Tests"

In headlines 1-³/₈ inches high, a story makes a stab at a tie-up between atomic disturbances and saucerian curiosity. A photo with the title "What Is It?" shows a flying disk at 10,000 feet. This is a print of the photograph taken by Yeoman Ryman ...

13. July 9, 1947: *Los Angeles Examiner*

Photo 6x9³/₄ inches. Title: "Now What?"

Captain roads, "Residents in almost every section of Kentucky reported seeing these luminous 'disks' streaking across the sky lat night. A newspaper photographer was on hand to snap this picture of two of the flying objects."

14. January 7, 1948: *The Louisville Courier*

"F-51 and Capt. Mantel Destroyed Chasing Flying Saucer"

Ft. Knox (UP) -- Capt. Thomas F. mantel of the Kentucky Air National Guard and a veteran of the Normandy invasion chased either a flying saucer of the planet Venus to his death today over Godman Air Force base near Fort Knox. 2 others in the formation pulled out at 18,000 feet. But Capt. Mantel went up to 20,000 feet before meeting his death.

15. February 18, 1948: *The Omaha Herald*

"Flying Saucer Sets Off Explosion?"

Stockton, Kansas (UP) -- A terrific explosion in northern Kansas rocked buildings, broke windows, and terrified natives. Its origin is unknown. A farmer near Stockton said that he saw a flying saucer before the explosion.

16. April 5, 1948: Manila, Philippine Islands

"Saucer Eludes Army Pilot By 90-Degree Turn"

Manila -- Lt. Robert W. Meyers of the 67th Fighter Wing, 18th Fighter Group, Philippine Islands was leading a group of 4 F-47s when he saw an aerial object 3 miles away. He turned around to check on it and watched it make a 90-degree turn and disappear within 5 seconds. It was silver-colored and left no exhaust trails.

17. April 8, 1948:

"2 Towns Report Silver Platter In Sky"

Ashley, Ohio (UP) -- Several witnesses reported an oblong silver string over 2 Ohio towns. Perkins Observatory said that there were weather balloons in the area at the time of the sighting.

18. July 28, 1948: *Los Angeles Herald and Express*

"Georgians See Weird Sky Show"

Montgomery, AL (INS) -- At least 15 persons in Georgia report seeing a ball of fire with a short flaming tail, which was variously described as being red, blue, and reddish-white. 2 flyers in Alabama reported seeing silvery flying objects which were moving westward very slowly. All agreed the objects were moving from West-to-East.

19. October 1, 1948:

"Gorman has 27-minute Dogfight With Disk Light"

Lt. George F. Gorman had a dogfight with a flying saucer over the Fargo, North Dakota Air National Guard field for 27 minutes. He chased the light up-and-down, dodged head-on collisions, and finally was lost at 14,000 feet, left behind by his assailant. 2 control tower officers and civilians in another plane witnessed the fight.

20. April 8, 1949: *Los Angeles Times*

"Sky-going Disk Sighted By Park Job Workers"

2 workmen in Griffith park reported sea silver disk flying at a high rate-of-speed. It left a trail of white vapor and zigzagged northward. They estimated its altitude at about 1-mile and the disks themselves to be about 5 feet in diameter. Griffith Observatory reported seeing-or-hearing nothing that day.

21. April 27, 1949: *Los Angeles Times*

"Flying Saucers No Joke, Air Force Said To Have Found After Inquiring"

Dayton, Ohio (AP) -- The Air Force has not ruled out the possibility that the flying saucers are foreign aircraft. They have assigned a crew of technical intelligence agents of the Air materiel Command to track down reports of the mysterious object. A total of 240 domestic and 30 foreign incidents of saucers have been investigated. 30 percent of these were found to be due to conventional objects such as weather, meteors, and cosmic ray research balloons. Commonplace answers are expected to be found for an additional 30 percent.

But the remaining 40 percent are still a mystery, the *Journal Herald* said. "It is believed very unlikely that any other nation of the Earth could have knowledge so far above the level of ours."

22. April 30, 1949: *The Saturday Evening Post*

"What You Can Believe About Flying Saucers" by Sidney Shallet

In a long article, he says that the Air Force has given him wholehearted cooperation and that the Service has not been able to locate a flying saucer. He follows the "mistaken objects" party line, but gives no opinion of his own that can be pinned down and quoted.

23. May 7, 1949: *The Saturday Evening Post*

"What You Can Believe About Flying Saucers" by Sidney Shalett

The author quotes various members of the high command -- Vandenberg, Norstad, McCoy, LeMay, and Spaatz -- all tending to belittle what you can believe about flying saucers. This is followed by case histories all tending to support the old "hallucinations" party line.

24. July 25, 1949: *Los Angeles Times*

"Wingless Flaming Sky Monster Seen"

Atlanta (UP) -- Airline pilots reported tremendous aircraft spewing a 40-foot stream of fire from the rear. The spaceship had a luminous glow like a giant fluorescent light which ran along its belly. It was going between 500-and-700 miles-an-hour.

25. August 21, 1949: *The Los Angeles Times*

"Just Old Contraptions 'Flying Saucers' Find Proves False Alarm"

Washington, DC (AP) -- The Air Force said that the 2 old machines found in a Maryland tobacco shed had nothing to do with the reported flying saucers. (Illustrated by a 1940 photo of rotor planes developed by Jonathan Caldwell. Remains of his works were found in Maryland.)

26. August 31, 1949: *Los Angeles Times*

"U.S. Officers Report Seeing Flying Disks" -- feature by Marvin Miles

White Sands Proving Ground, NM -- Flying saucers -- or at least some mysterious objects -- seen by the service personnel at this center were reported today. One officer believes that the objects were spaceships. Weather balloons -- familiar to observer -- were therefore disqualified. Observation made through a photo theodolite showed the ship to be egg-shaped, fantastic in size, and traveling at possibly 3-to-4 miles-a-second.

27. September 16, 1949: *Los Angeles Times*

"Our Flying Disk Expert Reads Some Of His mail" -- feature by Marvin Miles

Written in the humorous trend, the author quotes portions of letters received from people who stated the various and sundry things they have seen, such as "a huge blunt-nosed bullet", "bright golden object with a bluish-green light", and "looked like enormous shuttlecocks". Marvin Miles would like to have a photograph, he states.

28. October 6, 1949: *Los Angeles Daily Mirror*

"New Theory Hinted -- 'Flying Saucers' Are Really Real"

Flying saucers are real objects and not figments of the imagination reports the *Daily Mirror*. They may even be from some other planet. The basis for that conclusion apparently was that enough evidence has been gathered from varied and far-flung sources to blast the notion that "there's nothing to the flying saucers".

29. October 29, 1949: *Variety* (New York)

"One Flying Saucer Lands In New Mexico"

A 2-column feature by Frank Scully gives full details from scientists who researched a saucer. "It was 100-feet across with a cabin in the center that measures 18-feet in diameter and 72-inches high." It further stated that "16 men -- intact but charred black -- were found in the cabin. The spaceship contains 2 metals that have never been found so far on Earth."

30. October 31, 1949: *Los Angeles Daily Mirror*

"Weird Sky Monster Trails Mile Of Flame"

Aircraft inventor William B. Stout stated that the flying disk and weird spaceships cannot be laughed off. The same story of the "mile of flame" that appeared in the August 31, 1949 issue of the *Los Angeles Daily News* is run here.

31. November 23, 1949: *Variety* (New York)

"Flying Saucers Dismantled -- Secrets May Be Lost"

A 2-column feature by Frank Scully giving added details of flying saucers revealed by him on October 12, 1949. new details indicate that they traveled on magnetic lines of force and could, therefore, have come from a planet like Venus and have got back there in an hour. Ships, he says, were dismantled by the Air Force over the protests of magnetic research scientists.

32. December 27, 1949: *Los Angeles Times*

"Flying Disks Called Spies From Planet"

New York (AP) -- Article refers to Donald Keyhoe's story in the January issue of *True Magazine*. Many quotes direct from the article. The AP story seems to accept the True article as correct.

33. December 28, 1949: *Los Angeles Daily news*

" 'Flying Saucer' Myth Blown Sky-High By Air Force Study"

Washington (UP) -- The Air Force has closed "Project Saucer" because the 375 reports that it has made show now verification whatever of flying saucers. It attributes them to "misinterpretation of conventional objects; a mild form of mass hysteria; or hoaxes."

34. December 28, 1949: *Los Angeles Times*

"No Evidence -- Flying Disks Branded 'Joke' By Air Force"

Washington (AP) -- The Air Force today said that 2 years of investigation have convinced them that "flying saucers" are just a joke. It ordered a special "flying saucer" project which was set up in January, 1948 to be ended. The announcement of its final report served as a denial of a story published by True magazine, which said saucers were real and were from another planet. Analyses indicate that flying objects are: (1) misinterpretation of various conventional objects; (2) a mild form of mass hysteria; or (3) hoaxes.

35. December 28, 1949: *Hollywood Citizen News*

"Strange Blimp-shaped Aircraft Seen In East"

Hamlet, NC (AP) -- Several residents including 2 pilots report seeing a craft which was about 20-to-30 feet in diameter. One pilot chased it and reported seeing something dropped from the craft. It resembled a man. The theory of a weather balloon was disqualified as the object was much larger than a weather balloon, and furthermore the pilot was familiar with the standard weather balloon.

36. December 29, 1949: *Los Angeles Evening Herald and Express*

"Weird Signals In Skies As 1950 Dawns"

Ghostly "trails" over Los Angeles. Also seen in the east was a mystery vapor in strange designs. 4 pilots chased an object over Carolina for several minutes. It resembled a streak of smoke about 15-to-20 feet long coming from an unseen plane. Observers at the U.S. Weather Bureau spotted the trails spreading across the sky at an estimated 20,000-or-25,000 feet.

37. December 29, 1949: *Hollywood Citizen News*

"Flying 'Thing' Eludes North Carolina Pilots"

Many residents reported having seen an object looking like a balloon or a blimp over the North Carolina communities of Fayetteville and Greenwood. It appeared to be 20-to-30 feet in diameter. It flew into the setting Sun. 4 pilots in light planes attempted to follow it. The Weather Bureau at Charlotte said that it apparently was not a weather balloon. But the officials at Pop Field airbase said that the object could very probably have been a balloon.

38. December 30, 1949: *Los Angeles Times*

"Vapor Trails Traced In Sky By Military Planes"

A picture showing mile-long vapor trails coming from wingtips of military planes maneuvering between 25,000-and-35,000 feet. The turbulence created by the planes' passage caused a premature formulation of "clouds" which appeared as streamers behind the aircraft.

39. December 31, 1949: *Los Angeles Daily News*

[Editorial: Evidences skepticism as to the possibility of flying disks.]

"It would not be too difficult to believe that there are beings in the Universe more intelligent than man. But it is still a bit outside the bounds of reason to believe that spaceships from another planet have come here."

It further states that "Americans want their flying saucers and their Men from Mars. They want their bugaboos and boogymen. They want their scandal and ordeals by fire. If the facts interfere with the achievement of these, to heck with the facts!"

40. January, 1950: *True Magazine*, Volume 26, No. 152

"The Flying Saucers Are Real" by Donald E. Keyhoe

The author reports that he spent 8 months of intensive investigation. He is convinced that flying saucers are real. The article mainly rewrites Fort and Air Force reports.

41. January 11, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Queer Objects Sighted In Sky By Weathermen"

Tucumcari, NM (AP) -- The report of 3 weathermen comparing notes regarding 2 strange objects. One object soared through the sky, changing from white-to-red-to-green and back to white. It disappeared 22 minutes after it was first sighted. The second object was much smaller. It also changed color and disappeared in about an hour.

42. January 11, 1950: *Variety* (New York)

"Air Force Asked 20 Questions" by Frank Scully

Queries indicate that flying saucers were dismantled in New Mexico and Arizona and shipped back to Wright Field/Dayton, Ohio and never heard of since. The Air Force did not even bother to say "No comment". But newspapers like *the L.A. Daily Mirror*, *the Buffalo Evening News*, *the Christian Science Monitor*, *Fortnight*, *the Canyon Crier*, and radio commentators around the Country picked the questions up for further dissemination. As of April 1950, only one of the questions has been answered -- And that not by the Air Force.

43. January 11, 1950: *Daily Variety* (Review)

"The Flying Saucer" (reviewer not given Films Classics of Columbia Productions.

"Action unfolds at the famed Taku glacier near Juneau. Much of the footage is spectacularly effective. Narrative shows race between the U.S. and Russia to find the saucer. There is fact action in its unfoldment. Scenes purporting to show the lightning-like saucer are thrillingly presented." The producer, director, writer, and star is Mikel Conrad.

44. January 9-13, 1950: *The New York Times*

"Einstein Announces Profound Discovery"

Einstein used a quadratic type of equation to describe the fact that energy and matter are not different. "Now Dr. Einstein has gone one step further. He has a series of equations which he says express all the relationships of the physical Universe. Particularly, they tell the relationship between gravitation and the electromagnetic force that is all about us."

45. January 16, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily Mirror*

"Here Are Some New Puzzles On The Flying Saucer Riddle" by Dick Williams

Dick Williams picks up the [20 questions](#) asked by Frank Scully and is interested in what the answers are to these.

46. January 20, 1950: *The Kansas City Times*

"The Little Men In Spaceships Sail Back To Fiction's Limbo"

The Denver residents who told Rudy Fick about visitors from Venus and showed him "evidence" now disclaim authenticity of their conversational Frankenstein. Motorcar dealer passes story that was told to him by an engineer from Denver named George Coulter. The story became distorted as it circulated, ending up with R. Fick actually having seen the disks instead of passing on a story which had been related to him. A prank was played on the motorcar dealer.

47. January 23, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily Mirror*

"Did 15-year-old Boy Happen On Secret Of Flying Disks" by Dick Williams

This is the story of a 15-y/o boy interested in shortwave radio construction who accidentally hit on **the wavelength of magnetic frequency**. Every time he dialed this frequency, he shorted every motor-driven vehicle using the ignition system for a radius of 3 miles. This incident occurred back in 1941 in Appleton, Wisconsin. In check, Dick Williams found that motors of planes flying over his house were also shorted. The local airfield had made record of the phenomena several times. This story is related in that the explanation of magnetic frequency as being tied-in somewhere.

[StealthSkater note: It also reminds one of Bob Lazar's contention that gravity waves are in the general microwave frequency range => [doc](#) [pdf](#) [URL](#)]

48. February 2, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily Mirror*

"Flames Across The Sky -- Tucson Pilot Chases 'Disk' "

San Francisco -- Observations were made by 5 resident of San Leandro, CA and Lt. J.L. Kraker of an object which appeared like a 30-foot ice cream cone. It flew over the Alameda naval Station at about 5,000 feet and disappeared southeast at from 75-to-95 mph. Vapor trails were left.

49. February 19, 1950: *Los Angeles Herald Express*

"Flying Saucer Disintegrates Into Sparks"

Copenhagen, Denmark -- Farmer Christian Sandersen and his wife said that they saw 2 flying saucers. One passed over the roof the farmhouse. The other landed in the yard and in less than a minute, it disintegrated into thousands of flowing sparks. The saucer had a light shining through its apparently transparent bottom and flew a red ribbon.

50. February 23, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily News*

"Spaceships From Another Planet"

New York (AP) -- A Navy man tells about 'em (at usual rates). Commander Robert B. McLaughlin relates the theory that flying saucers are really "spaceships from another planet". He states that he saw one of the disks in May of 1949. Much of the information is that contained in his article in *True Magazine*.

51. February 22, 1950: *Buffalo Evening News*

"Critic Of Air Force Insists Bodies Were Found In Flying Saucers"

Announcement by the Air Force that its 'Operation Saucer' had been closed failed in its purpose. The announcement followed by 24 hours the appearance in *True Magazine* of an article by Donald E. Keyhoe. Frank Scully scoffs at the Air Force announcement of closing. The article lists Scully's [20 questions](#).

52. February 23, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Other Planet Send Saucers, Navy Man says"

New York (UP) -- A Navy commander is convinced that flying saucers are real spaceships piloted by strangers from other planets. Guided missile expert Commander Robert B. McLaughlin is the UP's authority.

53. March 8, 1950: *Denver Post*

"Sky Light At Gering Hurts Eyes"

Gering, NE -- A blazing white light flashed across the countryside in the early morning. The object was very bright and could not be watched continually without hurting the eyes. It appeared to be 100 feet high in the air and it traveled fast. It seemingly changed shape -- first appearing flat and wide ... then hourglass-shaped ... and then round. It was estimated to be 20-25 feet in radius.

54. March 9, 1950: *Denver Post*

"D.U. Students Hear Weird Tale Of Midget Disk Pilots Landing"

The story by staff writer Charles Little gives the account of a 45-minute secret discourse on flying saucers by an unidentified guest lecturer to several hundred students.

55. March 9, 1950: *Denver Post*

"Disk Expert's Identity Still A Dark Mystery"

Vice-Chancellor Alfred C. Nelson expressed surprise at the publicity given to the lecturer, since the students of the class were urged to "exercise logic" on whatever the lecturer told them in his address. The class instructor Francis F. Broman said that he permitted the lecturer to test the class' ability to weigh evidence of a scientific nature.

56. March 9, 1950: *Denver Post*

"Yank Claims He Saw Wrecked Flying Disk"

Los Angeles (INS) -- Ray L. Dimmick -- sales manager for the Apache Powder Co. -- states that he saw a disk land near Mexico City, killing its pilot who was 25 inches tall with a big head and small body. The object was 46-feet in diameter and powered by 2 motors. The disk appeared to be constructed of aluminum.

57. March 9, 1950: *Los Angeles Examiner*

"Showers From The Northwest: One Word Led To Another" by Arthur "Bugs" Baer

"If you have been perturbed by rumors of flying saucers, then don't worry until you see the rest of the dishes." In this vein, he says that scientists dispute the theory that Mars is throwing the dishes -- that they call it natural phenomena unexplainable by marginal notations in a cookbook.

58. March 10, 1950: *Los Angeles Examiner*

"23-in Pilot Reported Killed In 'Saucer' Crash"

Business executive and well-known amateur golfer Ray L. Dimmick reported that he saw a wreckage at a secret military installation near Mexico City of a saucer which was powered by 2 motors. The saucer was approximately 46-feet in diameter; built of metal resembling aluminum; and containing the body of a pilot 23-inches tall who was killed when the object supposedly crashed. The Mexican authorities roped off the area and removed the wreckage to a military installation. "Top Brass" from Washington, DC and Air Force headquarters professed to know nothing about it and said, "If American officers had seen the object, they would have made a report."

59. March 10, 1950: *Denver Post*

"Is Your Saucer View Dim Or Dimmick's?"

Los Angeles (AP) -- Ray L. Dimmick -- a dynamite salesman -- backtracked today. He said the flying saucer was related to him by 2 business associates. All that Dimmick actually saw -- according to a revised version -- was a strip of metal about 6-feet long, 8-inches wide, and 3/4-inches thick. Dr. Vallarta -- Mexico's leading nuclear scientist -- stated that the saucer-seers were viewing balloons released by the U.S. weather stations along the border.

60. March 10, 1950: *Denver Post*

" 'Zoom, Swish, Pfft!' Says Saucer Seer"

Denver aviation executive Lewis Hayden reported that he thought he sighted a saucer. "All I know is that it was very high, shiny like aluminum, and shot out-of-sight at a rate-of-speed unknown to modern aviation."

61. March 10, 1950: *Chicago Daily Times*

" 'Disk' Reports Start Jitters"

A 2-column report of the fallen saucer seen by Ray L. Dimmick which crashed in Mexico killing its 23-inch pilot is coupled with the Colorado version (as related by the Denver Post) of the lecturer who told several hundred students in a basic science class of the University of Denver that he knew of 3 saucers landing.

62. March 10, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Composer Sure He Saw Flying Saucer In Sky"

Composer and amateur astronomer Eddie Coffman told police that he had seen a genuine flying saucer about 400 feet over the San Fernando Valley. It was about 50-feet in diameters and observed through a 20-power telescope.

63. March 10, 1950: *Denver Post*

"D.U. Students Impressed By Talk Of Flying Disks And Little Men"

The reaction of the University of Denver basic science students to the lecture that they heard by an unidentified individual who claimed knowledge of disks and their men inside was one of great interest. The class had requested to hear from an "authority" on existence of the objects.

64. March 1950: *True Magazine*, Volume 26, No. 154

"How Scientists Traced A Flying Saucer" by Commander R.B. McLaughlin

The author was assigned to guided missiles at White Sands Proving Ground, NM. His article is mainly a detailed account of one saucer which he thought he saw at an altitude of 25 miles moving at 360 mph. He said he was convinced that they were spaceships from another planet.

65. March 10, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

Mexico City (UP) -- The government newspaper *El Nacional* quoted a Mexican scientist as saying his claim that flying saucers carry visitors from Mars would be confirmed in the near future. The scientist said that it was obvious from the manner of light and portions of these disks that they carry beings from another world -- undoubtedly Mars.

66. March 12, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Little Men Here Again, This Time Over Salinas"

Salinas (UP) -- Reports of saucers driving on an automobile and "looping-the-loop" and/or speeding across the horizon at low altitude were made by a score of persons in the Salinas, California area.

67. March 12, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Chilean Navy Reports 7-inch Flying Saucer"

Santiago (UP) -- The Chilean Navy's meteorologist observatory at Punta Arenas reported a spheroid celestial body -- about 7 inches in diameter and naked to the eye -- which cross the sky in an East-to-West direction.

68. March 12, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Amateur Photographer Snaps Weird Disk In Sky"

Amateur photographer Miss Bette Malles of Los Angeles has both seen and snapped a photograph of something resembling a flying saucer. The disk was a circular blob. What appears to be a cone of faint light connects the blob to the disk. A second cone of light projecting backwards from the disk narrows to meet another round blob of light which seems to serve as the disk's "rear guard". The disk and its rear guard are enclosed within a large and perfectly circular halo.

69. March 12, 1950: *Denver Post*

"Saucer-Talk Middleman Quiz Target"

George T. Koehler is the middleman in bringing the mystery scientist to speak to the basic science students of Denver University. Koehler gave his opinion: "Let's open our minds to the possibility of the saucer, at least. Why hide our heads in the sand? If the age is here, it is here whether there are denials that interplanetary travel has come of age or not."

70. March 12, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Mexico Sees Flying Saucers Or Something"

Mexico City (UP) -- Ever since the *True Magazine* story and the fact that the newspaper *Excelsior* printed a series of articles, citizens have "saucer craze". A picture taken of a strange object appeared very much like the picture of a klieg light.

71. March 12, 1950: *Denver Post*

"Saucy Saucer Story -- Shades of H.G. Wells and Jules Verne"

Feature by staff writer Thor Severson. Factual report of the lecture given to the basic science students of the University of Denver by the unidentified lecturer who reported on disks and the little men inside them.

72. March 12, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Calexico Has New Flying Saucer Tale"

Residents reported a strange round object in the sky. There seems to be a dispute as to whether the object was a weather balloon or the work of some prankster who attempted to augment recent flying saucer reports in the Riverside area.

73. March 12, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Flying Saucers? You Can't Be Sure" by Marvin Miles

Kites? Balloons? Reflections? Almost anything, says the Air Force. 349 reports have been explained to Air Force's satisfaction out of 375 selected reports of UFOs. They state the ratio is probably lower by now, and that it does not mean that the unexplained reports are necessarily spaceships or high-altitude cruisers from another nation.

74. March 14, 1950: *Los Angeles News*

"Experts Sight 4 'Saucers' Over Mexico City"

Mexico City (UP) -- Hundreds of persons said that they saw 4 flying saucers over the city and one at Monterrey, 350 miles north. Meteorologists calculated the altitude between 35,000-and-40,000 feet. Included also was the story of the 2 Colorado businessmen who were chased by a strange flying object while returning from a trip to New Mexico.

75. March 14, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Professor's Idea -- Saucer Pilots Could Be Smart Bugs Or Plants"

Dr. Gerard P. Kuiper -- professor of astronomy at the University of Chicago -- speculated that any little Martian who steps out of a flying saucer spaceship will be either an intellectual insect or an even more incredible vegetable creature. Dr. Kuiper further states that Mars is composed of carbon dioxide and there is absolutely no oxygen in the atmosphere. Hence, no form of life such as we know it. There may be forms of insect life, however.

76. March 15, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily news*

"Experts Sight 4 'Saucers' Over Mexico City"

Mexico City (UP) -- Trained aircraft observers and meteorologists confirmed reports today of hundreds of persons who saw 4 "flying saucers" yesterday over the city and done Monterrey, 350 miles north.

77. March 16, 1950: *Denver Post*

"Atomic Clouds?"

In the Open Forum Theory, John Leuthold submitted a letter that explained that the saucers are atomic clouds or cloudlets of released atomic ingredients arrested by -- and magnetically collected -- on sheets or shells of the Earth's magnetic field. Some of these "shells" have been detected by the scientists and named "ionospheres". **[StealthSkater note: I remind the reader of the long noted relationship between nuclear weapon tests and UFOs. They go hand-in-hand for some reason. The above is just one theory as to this relationship.]**

78. March 16, 1950:

"Technician Gets Close-Up Of Flying Saucer"

St. Mary's, PA (UP) -- Dr. Craig Hunger, 57, of Berkley Springs, WV -- a technical director for a Washington medical instrument supply firm -- reported that he saw flying objects that were moving slowly from East-to-West. Their altitude was first noted to be about 250-to-500 feet. The objects appeared to be 50-150 feet in diameter and about 25-30 feet thick at the center.

79. March 16, 1950: *Denver Post*

"Disk Talk Moves D.U. To Screen Lecturers"

Chancellor Albert C. Jacobs cautioned University of Denver faculty members to screen guest lecturers carefully. This action came as a result of the mystery lecturer that spoke at the university on March 8, 1950.

80. March 16, 1950: *Denver Post*

"D.U. Professor Places No Value On Saucer Lecture By 'Mister X' "

by Thor Severson, *Denver Post* staff writer

Francis F. Broman -- the University of Denver basic science instructor who permitted the controversial "mystery man" to lecture to his class on flying saucers -- said, "I told this man that I must present him and his remarks as an analytical study."

81. March 16, 1950: *Denver Post*

"Disk Pilots Getting Bolder -- One Takes 5-minute Break"

Denver Post Special -- A Swiss engineer reported that he had seen a flying saucer that had remained suspended in the air for 5 minutes.

82. March 17, 1950: *Denver Post*

"The University Gets A Deserved Spanking"

Denver Post Editorial -- "The skirts of academic freedom are wide and are often used to cover many subjects and sins. The case of the flying saucer lecture cannot be so covered, as Chancellor Jacobs (of the University of Denver) has said. It is gratifying to see the chancellor take such a strong stand on this case."

83. March 17, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily News*

[Excerpt from Matt Weinstock's column]

"... Granted that most reports of flying saucers are unreliable or due to wishful thinking, nevertheless plenty of people have a suspicion that there is more to them than meets the eye. ..."

84. March 17, 1950: *Denver Post*

"Students Identify Saucer Speaker" by Thor Severson, *Denver Post* staff writer

"Mr. X" who lectured at the University of Denver on flying saucers last march 8 has finally been identified. A picture of the mystery lecturer found in the Denver Post files has been identified as Silas m. Newton, president of the Newton Oil Company and Colorado amateur golf champion in 1942. One of the students who identified the picture as that of the lecturer was Bill Berry, who said that he "used to caddy for Newton at the Lakewood golf course."

85. March 17, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Flying Saucer Whirls Above Baldwin Hills"

Los Angeles Times Special -- Former jet test pilot Roy Wolford has designed a flying saucer that has 2 wings that rotate with the disk. Mr. Wolford originally designed the string-controlled disk as a high-speed tow target for aerial gunnery practice.

86. March 18, 1950: *Denver Post*

"New Mexico Town Sure That Saucer Mass Flight Was Seen"

Farmington, NM (UP) -- Most of the 5,000 residents of this northwestern New Mexico oil town said today that they were "absolutely convicted" that flying saucers exist. More than 50 witnessed -- including businessmen and private pilots -- said that they saw a mass flight of disk-shaped objects yesterday which came across the town in group waves and numbered "into the hundreds". Clayton Boddy, advertising manager of the *Farmington Daily Times*, said the day was clear with only a light scattering of cirrus clouds at an altitude estimated at 20,000 feet, and with no strong winds capable of picking up paper or similar material.

87. March 18, 1950: *Denver Post*

"Air Force Holds Flying Disks 'Bunk' "

Washington (UP) -- The Air Force still believes that there is no such thing as a "flying saucer" despite recent reports to the contrary. A spokesman for the Air Force said today that the "unidentified objects result from misinterpretation of various conventional objects, a mild form of mass hysteria, or hoaxes".

88. March 18, 1950: *Las Vegas Daily Optic*

" **'Space Ships' Cause Sensation**" by Walt Rogal, New Mexico Newspaper staff writer

For the 3rd consecutive day, flying saucers have been reported over Farmington. And on each of the 3 days, their arrival was reported between 11 am and Noon. Fully half of this town's population is certain today that it saw spaceships or some strange aircraft -- hundreds of them -- zooming through the skies yesterday. Whatever they were, they caused a major sensation in this community which lies only 110 air miles northwest of the huge **Los Alamos atomic installation**. One witness who took a triangulation sighting on one of the objects estimated its speed at about 1,000 mph and its size as approximately twice that of a B-29.

89. March 18, 1950: *Las Vegas Daily Optic*

[Editorial titled: "Give Us The Facts"]

Yesterday, hundreds of reliable, sober people in Farmington saw "something" in the skies. At least half believe what they saw was an armada of spaceships. Others saw something that they never saw before but won't venture a guess as to what it was. And still others say that was seen was cotton or jet planes or some other familiar object.

The American population is not composed chiefly of children or idiots. Most of us are adults who are willing to embrace new concepts of time and space without panic. Attempts to keep the public "in the dark" invariably hurt the general welfare -- not helped it. We can say, however, that it is high time the government of the United States cast aside the cloak of evasion and secrecy surround these manifestations, and present to the public the findings that it has reached on such matters.

90. March 18, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Scores Report Seeing Saucers' Flight In Formation Over New Mexico"

Farmington, NM (UP) -- 50 persons reported a mass flight of flying saucers over Farmington, NM. Among the saucers was one low-flying, red-hued, saucer-shaped object. All of the saucers except this one were silvery-colored. And all appeared to be very high except for the red-hued one.

91. March 21, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily News*

"See Saucer With Windows On Bottom"

Memphis, TN (UP) -- 2 airline pilots report that a flying saucer with windows on the bottom and a <blinking> light on top flew over Arkansas last night at a tremendous rate.

92. March 21, 1950:

"Air Force Fears Maybe It Talked A Little Too Much"

Washington (UP) -- The Air Force was reported red-faced today over some of its too candid disclosures to the House Armed Services Committee. The disclosures were made in a mimeographed 71-page document justifying Air Force requests for authority to built, repair, or expand its bases in this country, Alaska, Labrador, the Azores, and Libya.

93. March 22, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily News*

"2 Veteran Pilots Swear To Flying Disk"

Memphis (UP) -- Captain Jack Adams and First Officer G.W. Anderson reported an aircraft in controlled flight over Arkansas moving with terrific speed and possessed of a strange, strong blue-white light which <blinked> rapidly on top of the object. It was not a jet -- ot that, they are sure.

94. March 22, 1950: *Los Angeles Herald Express*

"Hundreds Watch Disk 4 Hours Over San Jacinto Mountains"

Idyllwild, CA -- Hundreds of people watched a saucer-like object over Idyllwild, California while watching exhaust trails from a jet aircraft. The disk was estimated to be flying at 30,000 feet and moving northward.

95. March 23, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily News*

[Matt Weinstock column] Weinstock relates the story of a Los Angeles businessman who inadvertently landed (due to carburetor trouble with his plane) in an area where a disk presumably had landed. He met with 8 hours of questioning by Air Force and was grounded.

96. March 23, 1950: *Variety*

Harry Hincle of Tucson, Arizona tries to talk an ex-Air Corps pilot out of some 16mm footage of flying saucer for George Pal's "When Worlds Collide".

97. March 23, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

" 'Saucers' Pop Up In L.A. Area -- 8 Seen Off Coast"

Picture and story of Bill Elder and Bob O'Hara from the Air Force reserve training center in Long Beach, California. They swear that they saw something in the sky near Idyllwild that they had never seen before. They did not say that it was a spaceship from another planet or "anything else". They saw 8 things of an elliptical shape about 100 feet in diameter at 2,000 feet.

98. March 24, 1950: *Denver Post*

[Ken White On-The-Air column] Ralph Edwards on the "Truth or Consequence" television program will offer \$1,000 to the first person to show up on his program with one of those little men from an interplanetary spaceship.

99. March 25, 1950: *The Mirror*

"Flying 'Disk' Dazzles .A. Writer"

Daniel Swinton -- a writer from North Hollywood, California -- observed an object near his home as being elliptical in shape, brilliant, and undimming.

100. March 26, 1950: *Denver Post*

"Saucers or Balloons? Piccard Not Certain" by William L. Hathaway

Minneapolis -- An exclusive interview by the Press with Dr. Auguste Piccard, famed scientist and balloonist. Dr. Piccard states that "most saucers may be experimental balloons which travel hundreds of miles." Air Force investigation has given no basis for belief that there are high-speed disks in the skies, says the editor of the Denver Post. Piccard says there will always be unexplainable phenomena -- however fewer today than a few hundred years ago ... most saucers can be explained by competent, scientifically-trained observers.

101. March 27, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily News*

"Report Disk Seen Near U.S. Capital"

Washington (UP) -- Betram A. Totten, clerk at the Congressional Library, saw an aluminum-colored disk about 40-feet in diameter and 10-feet thick while flying over Fairfax county on the outskirts of Washington.

102. March 27, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Planet or Saucer? Mystery Sky Visitor Sighted By Air Force"

Las Vegas -- Officers and men at the Air Force's Indian Springs gunnery range today were taking turns into an antiaircraft scope to glimpse "something bright in the sky". No one said it was a saucer. Just wild guesses.

103. March 27, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily News*

"Can Disks Be New Flying Target Drone?"

Austin, TX (UP) -- Target drones of apparently fantastic speed are being created by University of Texas scientists for sky scrimmages with new guided missiles. The Air Force has repeatedly denied the existence of flying saucers. Radio announcer Henry J. Taylor broadcast that "These disks that are flying saucers are real but that this nation need not be alarmed."

104. March 27, 1950:

Tulsa, OK (AP) -- 7 Tulsans relate how they saw flying saucers riding high in the dust storm that silted the city.

105. March 28, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Saucers Seen As Secret Of Our Air Force"

Dallas (AP) -- Radio commentator Henry J. Taylor said that in his opinion, flying saucers are real. And that when the U.S. Air Force confirms the news, it will be wonderful.

106. March 30, 1950: *Los Angeles Mirror*

"Navy 'Pancake' May Answer Flying Disks" by Dick Williams

Picture of disk-like plane that had windows underneath and rows of ports across the front. The plane is the aircraft jet models of the original XF5U. This radically-different type of Navy plane can hang stationary in mid-air or zoom through the skies at speeds up to 550 mph.

107. March 30, 1950: *The New York Times*

"More 'Flying Saucers' In Mediterranean, Orient"

London -- Reports of objects in skies above the Mediterranean as looking like strange bodies emitting smoke trails, moons with wakes of fire like full Moons. In Hong Kong, 3 flying fireballs were reported.

108. March 31, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Navy Plane"

Washington (UP) -- The Navy today discounted a California report that perhaps its twin-engine Chance-Vought XF5U fighter plane had been mistaken for a flying saucer. This type of aircraft was found not to be successful. One was purchased by the Navy 2 years ago.

109. April 3, 1950: *New York World-Telegram*

"They Use Big Words To Confuse Public" from Washington Notebook by Peter Edson

Washington -- The biggest off-the-record story in Washington is the flying saucer. The Air Force says "there ain't no such animal. They have never seen one and have no photographs or visible proof." Peter Edson says, however, that "privately, most officials believe that there's something to it."

110. April 3, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Air Saucers Called Top Secret Of U.S."

New York (UP) -- Flying saucers actually are 2 types of top-secret U.S. military inventions said radio commentator Henry J. Taylor. The real facts are good news for the Nation. One type is a disk that whizzes through space ... halts suspended in the air ... soars to 30,000 feet and more ... drops to 1,000 feet ... and then usually disintegrates in the air. Saucers are harmless, pilotless disks 20 inches to 250 feet in diameter. The other objects are Flying Phantoms, XF5U, jet-propelled.

"The navy is snot experimenting with or doing research on any type of plane r guided missile that resembles in any way a flying saucer." (quote by a navy spokesman) The XF5U-1 was unsuccessful and never flown.

Taylor said that it was June 15, 1947 when saucer experiments began. And they have been expanded constantly ever since. (The Air Force denied Taylor's story.) Taylor says that these words are stenciled on the back of every real saucer: "Anyone damaging or revealing description of whereabouts of this missile is subject to prosecution by the U.S. Government. Call collect at once."

111. April 3, 1950: *Los Angeles Evening Herald & Express*

"Bare Flying Saucers As Real Aircraft Being Developed By U.S."

Washington -- Reference to the *U.S. News and World Report* article which stated that there is competent evidence that flying saucers are real aircraft of revolutionary design, developed in the United States. "Flying saucers -- seen by hundreds of competent observers over most parts of the United States -- are accepted as real. Evidence is that they are aircraft of a revolutionary type -- a combination of helicopter and fast jet plane." It states that early models were built by engineers of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

112. April 3, 1950: (Drew Pearson)

"Congressional Flying Saucers"

Congress Mel Price (East St. Louis, Illinois) recently acted as a committee-of-one from the House Armed Services in badgering the Air Force into an investigation of flying saucers. Price's official Air Force reply was "There is absolutely nothing to them," he said. "They are caused by retina retention, mistaken identity, a mild form of mass hysteria, and just plain hoaxes."

113. April 3, 1950: *Hollywood Citizen News*

" 'Flying Saucers' Real Thing? Navy Testing Secret Planes, Says Magazine"

Washington (AP) -- The weekly news magazine *U.S. News and World Report* concludes that the Navy is doing the development relative to flying saucers being real aircraft. It is noted that an Air Force inquiry into saucer reports was called off last December. The magazine says that this clearly indicates that top Air Force officials **know where the saucers originate and are not concerned about them.** [StealthSkater note: This would echo what was told to me by a college buddy of mine who went on to become a Naval aviator. He said that "They are up there all the time. But they don't bother us, and we don't bother them.]

114. April 3, 1950: *New York World-Telegram*

"Dishing Out The Dirt On Flying Saucers"

Washington -- Cartoon by B. Pause with the caption: "The Flying Saucers seen around the country were arpad's latest dish washing service to conserve water ...". There are quotations from the *U.S. News and World Report* article of the validity of flying saucers being real aircraft developed in the United States.

115. April 4, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Air Saucers Called Top U.S. Secret"

New York (UP) -- Quotations from commentator Henry J. Taylor that flying saucers are 2 types of top-secret U.S. military inventions.

116. April 4, 1950: *New York Herald Tribune*

"Flying Saucers Called Secret U.S. Warcraft Of Terrific Speed"

Washington -- Picture given (which was also included in the *U.S. News and World Report* article) of the 1/3-scale model built in 1942. The model is said to be the prototype of flying saucers which the *U.S. News and World Report* article said are real aircraft.

117. April 4, 1950:

"Truman, Johnson Try To Down The Disks"

Washington (UP) -- Mr. Truman announced through his press secretary at Key West, Florida that he knows nothing of any flying saucers being developed by this or any other country. "We are not denying this because of any developments of secret weapons, but purely because we know of nothing to support these rumors," said Press Secretary Charles G. Ross.

118. April 4, 1950: *The New York Times*

" 'Saucers' Called Real Navy Planes"

Washington (AP) -- Recap of the magazine article from *U.S. News and World Report* which declares evidence indicating revolutionary craft are of U.S. development. Included a picture of a scale model built in 1942 mounted for wind tunnel tests at Langley, Virginia.

119. April 4, 1950: *Denver Post*

"U.S. Denies Saucers Test Weapons"

Washington (UP) -- The Air Force and navy say that they are not experimenting with any plane or weapon that could account for widespread reports about the flying disks. A spokesman for the Air Force -- after investigation of hundreds of saucer stories -- said the armed services are standing on the conclusions reached last December that flying saucers just don't exist.

120. April 5, 1950: *The New York Times*

"Truman, Johnson Ridicule 'Saucers' "

Key West, FL (Special) -- President Truman said today that he knows nothing about the flying saucers, while other White House comment relegated the reputed wanderer to the realm of myths. The *Miami Daily News* has been publishing copyrighted photographs of a glowing concave object which it identifies as a saucer that flies... White House secretary Charles G. Ross quoted Brig. General Robert B. Landry and Rear Admiral Robert L. Dennison as saying that they know nothing of the flying saucers.

Mr. Ross said that he wasn't denying them for security reasons. He thought it was extremely unlikely that they could be part of a secret weapon project concealed even from the President. And as far as he knew, no other country had them. Secretary-of-Defense Johnson said that he wouldn't mind having a few squadrons if they increased security.

121. April 5, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"White House Pooh-Poohs 'Secret Weapon' Saucers"

Key West, Florida (AP) -- Chairman of the Armed Forces Guided Missile Committee Dr. Clark B. Millikan gave a flat denial to chain-reaction rumors of Government disk developments. He confirmed reports that work is being done on space rockets capable of streaking out of the Earth's atmosphere.

122. April 5, 1950: *New York Journal American*

"Do Saucers Fly? Leaders Say 'Yes' and 'No'"

Washington (UP) -- One House member who should know flatly said that there is no such thing as a flying saucer. But another equally qualified member said that he has seen one himself. "I am confident of this," said Rep. Engel (R-MI). "If there are any such things as saucers, they are ours and not somebody else's."

123. April 5, 1950: *New York Journal American*

"Not Enemy Activity, Says Defense Dept."

Washington (UP) -- Here is text of the Defense Department statement on flying saucers: "There is no intention of reopening 'Project Saucer' -- an Air Force special project officially closed 3 months ago. However, the Air Force has and will continue to receive and evaluate through normal field intelligence channels any substantial reports of any unusual aerial phenomena."

124. April 6, 1950: *Hollywood Advertiser*

"Griffith Park Director Scoffs At Flying Disks"

"Just their imagination" says Dr. Dinsmore Alter, Director of the Griffith Park Observatory. "Flying saucers are all kinds of imagination-flavored things. But they certainly aren't spaceships from Mars!" He goes further to state that "The saucers just are 'ordinary phenomena' twisted by untrained observers whose reading and discussions about the possibility of space travel lead them to interpret some of what they see 'on high' as saucers."

125. April 6, 1950: *Rocky Mountain News*

"Flying Orange Spotted In Skies: Disk Too Seen Performing Aerial Antics"

A woman called the Rocky Mountain News reporting that she saw an object completely round except that it was silver and gray in color instead of orange. It was spinning in a conventional flying disk manner. This object was sighted by 4 other persons. Another object sighted in the same area was disk-like in shape but not round as the reported orange one.

126. April 6, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Reactionary Hold Out Against Saucers That Fly" by Max Hamilton

Hamilton states that if there were flying saucers, they would have to originate either on the Earth or elsewhere in the Universe. The latter, he feels, is preposterous. "Not even atomic fission -- the most sensational discovery in History -- burst full-blown upon the World. The possibilities of it were discussed generations before. But no reputable aeronautical engineer has ever suggested that a saucer-shaped vehicle would be a wonderful new way of conquering the air," further states Hamilton.

127. April 7, 1950: *Denver Post*

"Another Disk Guess"

"It isn't hard at all to explain the 'flying saucer'," writes Cornelius Donovan of New York City. "It is a 'secret' project of an Earth government -- namely the United States of America ... Quite understandably, Government officials deny having anything to do with the 'flying saucer' method of taking the American taxpayer for a ride through the stratosphere! Could they be just a bit ashamed by any chance?"

128. April 7, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily News*

" 'Flying Candles' Are The Latest"

El Centro (UP) -- Several residents reported seeing hundreds of light hovering over the city. Some moved fast and others more slowly before disappearing.

129. April 7, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily News*

"Expert Says Flying Saucers U.S. Military Secret"

Montvale, NJ (UP) -- Willy Ley -- one of the World's outstanding authorities on rockets and flight above the stratosphere -- said that he firmly believed that the flying saucers have been winging across the U.S. He said they are not rocket-propelled. The U.S. might very probably have learned how to send disks soaring over the Nation in controlled flight.

He gives 3 possibilities: (1) They are a U.S. military secret; (2) They are the secret of some foreign power; or (3) The flying saucers are from another planet. Ley's personal opinion is that the flying saucers are a U.S. military secret.

130. April 7, 1950: *Hollywood Citizen News*

"Flying Disks Not Hoaxes" -- syndicated feature by David Lawrence

Washington, DC. Quotes from the *U.S. News and World Report* and also Ken Purdy, editor of *True Magazine* which published the 2 articles written by Donald Keyhoe and Commander McLaughlin. "You are quite correct in saying that the flying saucers exist," Lawrence quoted Purdy as saying. "Of course they do, and I think no one can properly write this story without reference to the fact that we first made the statement in December 1949."

Lawrence added that "clearly something is lacking to explain what the competent Air Force flyers wrote in reporting their observations of the flying saucers -- which reports are reposing in official files and have never made public."

131. April 9, 1950: *Denver Post*

"Viewer Breaks Silence To Tell Of L.A. Saucer"

Denver Post Special -- One Denver flying saucer viewer broke a 10-month silence Saturday to describe what he says must surely have been a flying saucer that he viewed one afternoon last July in Los Angeles. Mr. J.S. Stankavage, a retired painter, said he kept quiet because "my wife and I were afraid that if I said anything about it, people would accuse me of 'seeing things'." Stankavage said the heart-shaped object that he saw appeared to have 2 portholes along the side. It did not spin but moved with the point of the heart headed forward.

132. April 9, 1950: *The New York Times*

"Those Flying Saucers: Are Or Aren't They?" by Joseph Nolan

In a by-lined story spreading over 4 columns, the Times recapitulated stories of the flying saucers. Everybody had been left puzzled including the President, and many quesses were made.

133. April 10, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Scorched Boy Insists He Touched Saucer"

Amarillo, TX (UP) -- David Lightfood, 12, sighted what was at first thought to be a balloon. But it turned out to be an object about the same circumference as an automobile tire and about 18 inches thick. It was rounded on the bottom with a top resembling a flat plate. He barely touched it when he claimed it was slick like a snake and hot. It was blue-gray in color and had no opening other than the divided section. There was some release of gas or spray when the object took off, which turned his arms and face bright-red, causing welts. A younger boy of 9 confirmed this story.

134. April 10, 1950: *The Salinas Sun*

"Salinan Spots Flying Saucer"

Lindsborg -- P.E. Patchin of Lindsborg said that he saw a gray-white, clam-shaped object streaking across the sky near Lindsborg at 11:30 am Wednesday. The object was visible to him for about 5 $\frac{1}{3}$ miles. It made no noise and according to Patchin's mathematical calculations, it was heading southwest at about 650 mph and at an altitude of 2 miles.

135. April 10, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily News*

"Links Flying Disks With Mystery Sub"

Boise, ID (UP) -- Kenneth Arnold is again in the news. Arnold believes that there is a link between the flying saucers and the mysterious submarines reported off the U.S. coastline. He agrees with those who think that the strange aircraft might be spaceships from another planet.

136. April 11, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Chrome-like 'Saucer' Seen over Monterey"

Monterey (AP) -- A chrome-like flying saucer was spotted here today by 7 persons. It was cruising at a high rate-of-speed over Monterey. The object was 30 feet in diameter and was at an altitude of approximately 4,000 feet.

137. April 14, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily News*

"Flying Disk Designed 23 Years Ago"

Monterey (UP) -- Alexander G. Weygers -- a mechanical engineer and architect -- designed a "discopter" 23 years ago. The patented designs for this gas- or jet-powered craft were rejected by Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. in April, 1945 as being "too advanced".

138. April 19, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily News*

"Texans Report Seeing Flying Banana -- Symington Pooh-Poohs It"

Dallas, TX (UP) -- Bewildered Texans today sought an explanation for flying saucers, flying bananas, and even a dinner plate which they thought that they saw in the sky. Hundreds saw them in Fort Worth, Austin, and Clarendon as well as in Dallas.

Ira Maxey -- a For Worth veteran of 3,600 hours of Air Force flying -- produced pictures of curved banana-like objects which he photographed. He said that they left vapor trails. Air Force Secretary Symington -- who wasn't in Texas but in San Francisco at the time -- said that "there is nothing at all to such reports."

139. April 20, 1950: *Denver Post*

"Air Force Orders 'Saucer' Watch In Texas Skies"

Fort Worth, TX (AP) -- The 8th Air Force still doesn't believe in flying in flying saucers. But its pilots will keep an eye for "any unusual aerial phenomena" said a recent memorandum issued by 8th Air Force Headquarters.

140. April 20, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Rancher Captures Flying Disk -- Says It's Navy Property"

Douglas, WY (UP) -- Rancher Everett Fletcher sighted a flying ball in the skies 32 miles north of here and followed it to the ground. Stamped on a nameplate was "this scientific apparatus is the joint property of the U.S. Navy and the University of Minnesota. Made in Lexington, Kentucky." A telephone call to Minneapolis said that it was a Navy instrument used for measuring cosmic rays. "Don't open it," a Naval officer warned. "Ship it here immediately, but don't touch it."

141. April 22, 1950: *Los Angeles Daily News*

"Man Chased By Flying Saucer Showering Sparks"

Lufkin, TX (UP) -- Jack Robertson, 28, a pharmacist graduated from the University of Texas, was motoring along Highway 94 west of town. He felt something following him. He stopped and got out of his car. An object approached ... hovered 200 feet over him ... turned a 50-degree angle and speeded off, dropping sparks as it climbed. It whirled like a flying saucer. 5 minutes later, his face started burning. His experience changed his views about the nonexistence of flying saucers -- Air Force or no Air Force!

142. April 26, 1950: *The New York Times*

"Civilian Training In Atom Detection"

"I believe," said Paul J. Larson, director of the Office of Civilian Mobilization of the National Security Resources Board, "that it is essential that insofar as it is possible, all of us tell the same story."

143. April 28, 1950: *The Rangely Driller*

"Oil Basin Folks Wonder: Did They See Flying Saucers?"

Rangely, CO -- 7 persons -- including the Continental Oil. Co. Superintendent A.W> Jay and his wife -- said that they simultaneously saw a glowing object flash across the sky Thursday night in this northwestern Colorado oil town. Mr. And Mrs. Glen Holden saw one 50-to-75 feet away. It was circular and appeared to be covered with a "phosphorescent metallic paint". Also oil field workers Ronnie Grisdale and Carley Cook reported a "strange glow which seemed to hang in the sky". By their report, one flew fast; one flew low; and one stood still.

144. April 29, 1950: *The Chicago Times*

"Airliner Flirts With A 'Disk' -- 'Twas Red, Round, and Glowing"

South Bend (*Chicago Times* Special) -- Veteran TWA pilot Capt. Robert Adickes and several passengers said that they saw a mysterious "round, glowing mass" in the air as they flew over South Bend Thursday night. "I used to laugh at all those flying saucer reports. But it's no laughing matter now," Adickes said. "I saw one." Adickes' story was confirmed by First Officer Robert Manning and several of the 19 passengers aboard the Wasington-to-Chicago flight. "It appeared to be controlled by repulse radar," Adickes said. "As I would turn toward it, it would veer away, keeping the same distance."

145. April 29, 1950: *Los Angeles Examiner*

"Saucer Glows As It Goes"

Kansas City (AP) -- Veteran Trans World Airline Pilot Captain Robert Adickes, 29, described a flying saucer that he saw as 20-to-50 feet in diameter and about 5-feet thick. His first officer, his hostess, and 19 passengers in flight from Washington to Chicago backed him up. They saw it too.

146. April 29, 1950: *Canyon Crier* (Los Angeles)

"Hillsider Swears He's Seen, Filmed, And Inspected Flying Saucers"

Mikel Conrad -- who lives at 1401 N. Sierra Bonita in Los Angeles -- swears that he photographed 8 flying saucers landing and taking off 40 miles north of Juneau, Alaska. The Government confiscated 900 feet of his film and released it with certain restrictions a year later. "I give information that I'm permitted to the Press," he said. "And they try to verify it in Washington and get no answers. Questions are completely ignored. But if you want to, go ahead and print it. It's all true."

147. April 29, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Venus Takes A Bow"

San Bruno, CA (UP) -- Police in these bay area peninsula towns were a little shame-faced when an officer reported a flying saucer. Police radios hummed with talk about the flaming saucer. But stations went silent when a dispatcher -- himself an amateur astronomer -- announced that the saucer "was nothing but the planet Venus taking a bow."

148. April 30, 1950: *Los Angeles Times*

"Flying Saucers Now Go In Formation -- 8 of Them"

Centrailia, WA (UP) -- Mrs. Albert Goelitzer said, "I happened to look out the window and saw 2 saucers. But they were immediately joined by 6 others." She reported that they were all of the same flat cylindrical shape generally described by others who have reported seeing the objects. But one was tinged a dark red.

149. May 1, 1950: *Quick Magazine*

New York *Quick* predicts: "The high command will have to make its demands stronger to stop flying saucer rumors. The Pentagon is full of officers who don't know what to believe."

150. May 22, 1950:

"Most Think Disks Are Secret Weapon"

Princeton, NJ -- George Gallup reported that the American Institute of Pulic Opinion's latest poll indicated that the largest number of people believe that flying saucers are new experimental weapons or flying contraptions being tested by the Army or navy. This represents quite a change from 1947 when the largest number labeled them as nothing more than an illusion or a hoax. 5 percent thought that they were something from another planet. And 6 percent thought that they were some kind of new airplane. Only 3 percent thought that they were something new from Russia.

151. May 1950: *The Way of St. Francis*

"Myth Or Fact"

If Proof is forthcoming that the flying saucers carry visitors from another planet, then the Biblical story of creation and Christianity are disproved according to a reader. The fact is that -- first -- that "if" is a big one. Besides that, the Bible and Christianity are God's provision for dealing with the children of Adam of this Earth. Moreover, the truth of all that is contained in the Bible and Christianity in no way excluded the possibility that God has created other groups on intelligent beings who may or may not inhabit other planets. In fact, the Bible tells us many times of a group of intelligent beings called "angels". It even records the visitations of a few of these beings to our Earth. God has told us about the angels. But there could be other beings that He has created about which He has told us nothing. After all, there are some men who find it difficult to accept what He has told them.

[StealthSkater note: As far as I can tell, the Bible as well as all "holy" scriptures from all other religions were written by men who claimed inspiration -- if not actual divine contact -- with God or the Creator. As yet, none of them can be **PROVED** to be more valid than the other. Why do certain people "believe" in one religion as opposed to another? Most

of the time it is because that is just how they were raised. If they were born halfway across the World, they most likely would "believe" in something else. Everyone has a right to "believe" -- but merely "believing" doesn't mean that it is necessarily 100% true.]

Chapter 16 -- "The Question Box"

On January 11, 1950, I asked the Pentagonian desk general 20 questions. They have not answered them to date. This has put me in a unique position. Everybody else has been answered. At least Donald E. Keyhoe, Henry J. Taylor, David Lawrence, Walter Winchell, Ray Palmer, R.B. McLaughling, and several thousand eyewitnesses to flying saucers have been answered. But I have been left in a deep freeze. They have been either ridiculed or diplomatically heave on to the huge rubbish heap which divides the sane from the insane.

I may have received a brushoff for violating protocol because instead of sending the questions to the Air Force Chief-of-Staff and delaying all publication until receiving a reply tersely worded "no comment", I caused the questions to be published in *Variety* (the showman's bible) and sent the military no personal communication whatever. I assumed that those hired for espionage and counterespionage can read and do not need either to have things drawn to their attention or spelled out for them. It was an erroneous assumption.

Others, however, picked up the questions and reprinted them -- notably *The Buffalo Evening News*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Fortnight*, *The Canyon Crier*, and Dick Williams in the *Los Angeles Daily Mirror*.

One of the editors of the eminent Buffalo daily went so far as to telephone me in California for permission to reprint the questions and -- as proof that capitalism is snot dead -- sent a check on publication, even though money had never entered the telephonic conversation. The others took the position -- I suspect -- that in spreading the saucerian inquest, they were doing a public service.

Of the 20 questions, only one has been answered. And that not by those to whom I was addressed but by an employee of a privately endowed institution in Chicago. He said 'No'. I of course could have then addressed the question to Philadelphia's Drexel Institute, New York's Museum of Natural History, Washington's Smithsonian Institution, or Denver's Phipps Museum and so on. But I was not interested in chasing the Air Force collaborators -- or indeed Air Force generals themselves -- on foot while they could either hole up in the Pentagon or skip off in a B-29 to check on installations anywhere between Frankfort-am-Main and Indo-China and bill me for the junket on the grounds that security was involved.

So without even exercising an editorial blue pencil or asking leave to amend, I am submitting the original questions again. I have been charitably explaining to believers in free inquiry that the Air Force closed down 'Project Saucer' with 34 of its cases still unsolved because the desk pilots didn't want to be asked any more questions to which they personally didn't have the answers. Nobody likes to say "I don't know" although Dr. Samuel Johnson added to his immortality when he explained that a wrong definition in his famous dictionary was the result of "pure ignorance, Madam."

As several months have passed since those questions were addressed to the Air Force, it is quite possible that by now they either have the answers or reasonable facsimiles of same. So I'm asking them again:

1. Do you think it such a good idea to close off 'Operation Saucer' at this time when the records show that more saucers fly the skies between December 21 and march 15 than at any other time of the year?
2. Why is it that pilots who have been trained to identify every make, model, and nationality of airplanes all describe these spaceships that they have seen as "saucer-shaped"?
3. Did the Air Force wrecking crews break up one of these ships instead of letting it into the hands of magnetic engineers until they could study in detail how such a ship -- if not put together on this Earth -- could have transferred from the magnetic lines of force from another planet? In other words, how could they leave on their beam and land on ours?
4. Did the Air Force ever make public what the "Explosives" -- looking like a dismantled flying saucer -- were which they transported in Army trucks from a western research base to Dayton, Ohio?
5. Weren't all the saucers found on the Western Hemisphere magnetic rather than jet jobs?
6. Wasn't the small one (which was 36-feet in diameter) -- equipped with landing gear which had steel-looking balls instead of wheels -- which when moving could not be tipped over by 10 men; but when not moving could be tilted by just 1 man?
7. Considering how many of our planes have smash-ups on landing, wouldn't it have been worthwhile to have studied the secret behind these magnetized ball-shaped landing gears before releasing parts to brass-bound souvenir hunters?
8. Why don't you release the tape recordings of comments and questions asked at the public viewing of one of the "men" picked up dead from a flying saucer, put in a preservative solution, and placed between human specimens from prenatal to grown man in an exhibit in Chicago?
9. What has happened to the remains of the 16 "men" found dead in one of the large saucers and the 2 in a smaller flying disk?
10. Did you ever find the secret of how these flying saucers were hermetically sealed so as to show no outside crack when the door was closed?
11. If you suspect the flying saucers were manufactured and released by a foreign power, don't you know that as late as 1930, the foremost of such nations was happy to get rehabilitated Liberty motors from us (worth \$100 and, with improvements, \$1,100) at \$3,000 apiece and hasn't shown any particular genius since in originating devices designed to conquer the air?
12. Have you looked thoroughly into what our own air plants might be manufacturing with-or-without your knowledge or consent?
13. Did you ever see a radio like the one which was on the flying saucer that landed on a ranch in New Mexico?
14. Why did the Air Force in its report pick 'Wolf-359' as an ideally habitable planet outside the Solar System?

15. What happened to the body of the "man" 3½ feet tall, taken dead from a saucer which had landed in New Mexico and exhibited in Chicago? Was that at the Rosenwald Institute?
16. What do you know about **magnetic fault zones** in certain areas on this Earth (notably in Oregon)?
17. Do you know how magnetic waves emanate from the Sun, revolve around the earth, continue on Moon, come back to the Earth, and return from there to the Sun? Do you know that magnetic waves following a similar course travel between the Sun and Venus? If you don't know much about this, why did you insist on tearing everything open that might have helped the magnetic scientists into determining if a saucer magnetically-controlled could hop from one magnetic zone to another? **[StealthSkater note: This reminds me of 1950's Canadian radio engineer Wilbert Smith's "Project Magnetic" => [doc](#) [pdf](#) [URL](#)]**
18. Since the scientists who researched these saucers have never been able to find any evidence of 2 of the saucer's metals on Earth, how much nearer to the solution has Air Force Intelligence come since taking over the project and now presumably solving it?
19. Don't you think it was something less than "cricket" to encourage Donald E. Keyhoe -- a former Navy-trained balloon pilot as well as a Marine Corps airplane pilot -- into writing that flying saucers are real -- only to deny the whole thing after his *True Magazine* story broke?
20. And finally, do you believe that were all chumped by Film Classics and their program picture called "The Flying Saucer"?

The last question was of course facetious and anticlimactic. It is a Shavian weakness that I encourage lest I be charged with taking myself too seriously. Nevertheless, Mikel Conrad -- who produced the modest little program picture -- has attested many times that he shot 900 feet of flying saucers in Alaska only to have the film confiscated by the military. 9 months later, Conrad said the film was "declassified" and returned to him. But it meant nothing to him in this form, so he whipped up a little number involving conflict between the airborne warriors of Uncle Sam and Uncle Joe wherein Uncle Sam's boys wrested the grounded saucer from their former allies.

As for the query concerning one of the "men" picked up from a flying saucer who was put into a preservative solution and placed between human exhibits in an exhibit at Chicago's Rosewald Institute, *Fortnight* said: "An old-time newspaper man with a strong sense of public obligation, Scully swore that his answers were based on good sources and wanted the Air Force to answer."

Herb Hildebrand -- a spokesman for the Rosenwald Institute -- was quoted in *Fortnight* as replying: "Regarding your question, the only specimen we have of a grown man is a plaster model showing one-half bone and one-half nerve tissue. Dating back to the World's Fair of 1933 is an actual medical exhibit which shows the development of the embryo from conceptions to the full term."

It was *Fortnight's* opinion that maybe I had stirred up something on one of the biggest stories in History of maybe I hadn't.

This 2-way escape hatch was followed by statement: "As usual, the Air Force was keeping discreetly silent and -- at fortnight end -- had issued no denial or answer to the Scully column."

As answers take time (and maybe 6 months was rushing matters), perhaps we might entertain ourselves -- if not the Air Force -- by asking some **more** questions.

21. What about the boy in Appleton, Wisconsin whose shortwave set hit a magnetic frequency which not only paralyzed automobiles within 3 miles of his home but any plane flying over his house? **[StealthSkater note: In addition to what I mentioned earlier about Bob Lazar's statement of gravity (could gravity be related to electromagnetism in a corrected-or-scalar form of Einstein's Unified Theory?) being wave-like in nature (in the microwave range of the EM spectrum), this also reminds me of Corso's view that it was a combination of the military's powerful radar waves around Roswell Army Air Field and White Sands with a horrific thunderstorm that interfered with the Roswell UFO's flight control systems. In case the following may be applicable, I bring attention to the fact the very unique and special FFR-24 Hummerlund radio receivers were allegedly used in The Montauk Project (and possibly the Philadelphia Experiment) to manipulate magnetic fields to create time vortices/portals => [doc](#) [pdf](#) [URL](#)]**

Chet L. Swital was sent by his paper from Chicago to cover the story. When he reached Appleton, he found the place crawling with FBI men. They confiscated the boy's shortwave set and shipped him, his family, and the mystifying radio to Washington for further study. This was in 1941. What happened? Or is that one still "classified" 5 years after the War and 9 years after the reported phenomenon?

22. What about the reported incidents of pilots who have been terrorized from their motors stopping dead and then suddenly -- after everything from 1 minute to 5 minutes -- starting up again? What about the incident specifically of the 2 Army Air Force pilots attached to the transport command whose plane was frozen high above the Himalayas?

I have talked with pilots who were in on that one from the beginning. One of them -- Charles F. Lane, who has been flying 20 years and is still at it -- told me how it happened. The pilots were flying over the "Hump". It was a clear day. Something bright whirled and circled around their plane several times. It was traveling at great speed. Suddenly their motors stopped. Their instruments froze. They felt as if they were gripped and suspended in mid-air.

The object circled a few more time and then zoomed away. With its departure, their instrument board began operating again, their motors coughed, their hair (which had stood on-end) had flattened down, and they were able to get to their destination again although they claimed that they would never feel the same again about our "mastery of the air" unless someone cleared up that mystery.

Did their plane stop in forward motion? Did the law that "a body in motion tends to stay in motion unless impelled by some external force to change that state" meet such an external force? Or did the force merely demagnetize their motor and leave it floating along for a short time, much as the planes flying over that boy's ham radio in Appleton, Wisconsin were left when a plane got in its way?

What about the young pilot at Muroc who suffered a similar experience in 1950? Was he quizzed by an officer of the Air Force brass who happened to be 3,000 miles from the Pentagonian frontier? Was he ordered to take it easy for a few days? Did he go up with a camera the next day, hoping to get a shot of the flying saucer which had left him suspended the day before? Was he ordered to return to the field and grounded for violating the previous suggestion to "take it easy" for a few days?

23. What about another case that Chet Swital reported? This one -- according to Swital -- took place over an Army airfield in New Mexico. Why do so many happen there? Is it because we are lousing up the atmosphere with our experiments and thus attracting the curiosity of those who fly on magnetic waves?

This pilot claimed his progress was intercepted by a flying disk. He said that it circled him, killed his motor, and paralyzed all movement of his instruments. The rest of his case history follows the classic formula. As soon as the flying saucer checked him as "harmless" and swished away, his motor sputtered to life, settled down to a reassuring hum, and -- to his relief -- his instrument board began telling that God was in His Heaven and all was right with the pilot's particular part of the World.

Are we going to be told that meteorites tossing off dust caught and reflected in the Sun effected the electromagnetic mechanism of these motors and -- in doing so -- heightened the imagination of the pilots to the point where they were seeing things? If so, it can also be argued that since these forces are in the Universe, somebody somewhere may be in control of them and capable of turning them on-and-off as easily as we turn lights on-and-off by touching one finger to a switch.

It can also be argued that they received warnings like Captain Mantel, but were spared the disintegration of body and ship which were the end-result of Mantell's determination to chase a flying saucer and bring it down. But whether Mantell's plane was disintegrated by (a) getting in the magnetic dust of a meteorite or (by) having his magnetic lines-of-force crossed by an intelligence more versed in the laws controlling magnetic energy, the whole thing is still a mystery to the Air Force (although I hope not any longer to our readers). **[StealthSkater note: Official statements were that Mantell flew too high for his on-board oxygen equipment and blacked out, subsequently causing his plane to dive out-of-control. What hasn't been explained is why thousands of wormhole-sized borings were found all over his plane as well as in his bones.]**

24. As to why the skies seem to have a heavier traffic load between December and March, men versed in magnetic research don't quite know. But they did warn me that it was as silly for 'Project Saucer' to close down at that time of the year as it would for police to vacate Times Square on election night. Ed Coffman -- an amateur astronomer of standing -- has suggested that perhaps that was the period when the magnetic lines-of-force between Venus and the Earth came closest together.

Question: What is the difference between crossing magnetic lines-of-force for propulsion and crossing them for destruction?

Answer: Essentially none. In both instances, the combustion is controlled. But in one, it is used to travel onward; and in the other, it is used to destroy pursuing pests as a fly destroys buzzing mosquitoes.

Question: What are eddy currents?

Answer: They are the magnetic lines-of-force that revolve around the Earth laterally. They measure 1,850 to the square centimeter as opposed to those which run at right angles to the Poles and measure 1,257 to the square centimeter.

Question: Didn't the Denver lecturer say that 2 scientists saw a flying saucer and a live crew on one of the proving grounds in the Southwest?

Answer: Yes he did. But they didn't report it in because (1) it could have been a mirage; (2) the men and the ship disappeared when they sought to come close to them; and (3) psychiatry is in the pilot seat of the Air Force, and it is sometimes easier not to see what you see than to be told to lie down on a couch and let a flock of Freudians psychoanalyze you to see what connection all of this had to do with your excessive affection for your other.

Joe Landon, however, advanced the thought that the visitors might have known how to bend light rays which would create a shield until they could get in their ship and sail off. In other words, they would be there but couldn't be seen. Magicians can even do this with mirrors.

Question: Doesn't much of this theory of magnetic propulsion violate the Conservation of Energy principle? In traveling along a magnetic band -- much as a package rides along on a conveyor belt -- aren't 2 things ignored -- all types of friction and gravity? Isn't more than one set of forces acting on a ship regardless of its shape? Since the saucer has no propellant force of its own, how would it offset the drag of wind resistance, convection of currents, and the pull of gravity?

How about obstacles thrown in its path? Wouldn't these knock the package off its conveyor belt? And if the friction forces were constant, wouldn't the saucer slow down inversely as the square of the distance as does a rock thrown by a boy in the air or a rocket shot into the sky by your Air Force?

Answer: Now, here are questions which it would seem might take chapters to answer. Actually, the answers can be reduced to a sentence or two.

First, get rid of the idea that magnetism and gravity are both fighting for control. They are one-and-the-same thing! When an object is traveling on magnetic propulsion, it is not fighting magnetic power -- rather, it is using it. It is the same thing that makes it possible to lift your arm to wave goodbye to a friend. If gravity were so all powerful, you could never lift your arm. Who said the saucer had no propellant force of its own? The contention of the magnetic research engineers is that Saucerians have mastered the greatest propellant force in the Universe -- namely magnetic lines-of-force.

Former Air Force pilot Robert Pike -- acting as spokesman for a group of 20 (which included one pilot who had flown everything from the crates of 1918 to modern bombers) - - listened to a recording of the University of Denver lecture and turned in a report that had much more depth but by no means the length of an Air material Command Digest.

A bit dazed by the whole thing, they found themselves divided on many points and united on others. They all agreed that the obviously high level of intelligence behind the flying saucers was the biggest single factor in its favor. Without it, the solid wall of skepticism which the Government had set up through its various Air Force denials would fortify the disbelief of the average person. These were some of their queries:

Question: What about those famous square-cornered turns? Any pilot knows that's impossible in an aircraft relying solely on aerodynamics. Or is the long sought anti-gravity machine that spares and crew alike?

Answer: It is indeed. Once everything is set in magnetic balance and the crew sealed in, say, a vacuum turret with oxygen tanks strapped to their backs, all talk about how many G's a body can stand loses its meaning.

There might be some question as to how fast an ordinary ship could be stepped up without cracking if veered at too sharp an angle. But a saucer isn't that sort of ship. It moves at all angles and no angles. We now have commercial planes which fly at 20,000 feet. Yet the pressure within the cabin remains at 7,000 feet. When that pressure is reduced to sea level, even cardiac cases may find flying at 50,000 feet as easy as lying on the sand. This is but a inkling of what is ahead of us and behind those who have mastered old theories of motion and gravity by controlling magnetic lines-of-force.

Question: What about those dimensions? We seem at odds as to those multiples of 9s. When I translated all the dimensions of a saucer, I found everything was divisible by 3. How would that apply to the metric system?

Answer: Frankly, I don't know. That was Dr. Gee's theory, not mine. He says that everything about the ships worked out in 9s or multiples of 9. Typical was the second ship. It was 72-feet in diameter. Its cabin was 18-feet across and 72-inches high. September has 9 letters and is the 9th month. There are 9 planets in our Solar System. According to Dr. Gee, Every 9th wave that beats on every shore on this planet is larger than the other 8. Check on this yourself and see if he's right.

Question: What is the significance of a "magnetic month"?

Answer: No significance except that it seems a more scientific way to measure time. It takes 23 hours 58 minutes to complete a "magnetic day". That makes 28 days 23 hours 29 minutes for a "magnetic month". Under this computation, the Earth completes its orbit around the Sun in 13 months instead of 12 months and ¼ days. The Chinese have used a 13-month calendar for centuries.

Question: Why can't metallurgists analyze any-and-every metal? Especially when your scientists say that the whole Solar System is comprised of blood relations? How could something be present on one planet and not on all, since according to your theory they are all castoffs of the same Sun?

Answer: This does seem to present a flaw in Dr. Gee's case. However, he did not say the flying saucers contained 2 metals which could not under any circumstances be found on Earth. He said that they had not been found to date.

After all, new elements have been found in our lifetime. We are now up to 97. 40 of these have been found on the Sun as well. That still leaves a lot unaccounted for. It is quite possible that on another planet, an element is on the surface whereas on this one, it is miles below. What Dr. Gee said was that 150 tests and 10,000 degrees of heat had not been able to break down two of the metals. And therefore it was assumed that they must have come from elsewhere. They could, of course, have worked out an alloy unknown to us made from metals which are known to us.

Question: Is the 1-inch square magnetic radio telephone that Dr. Gee and Mr. Newton use okayed by the FCC?

Answer: Yes. I've seen their license numbers.

Question: Are you sure that there were no written instructions on the ship? All of us are experience pilots of from 2,000 to 10,000 hours each. And we cannot conceive of an aircraft without written instructions all over the ship both inside and outside. My brother -- convinced that they cannot have a language or it would be printed some place on the controlling mechanism -- suggested that they might use an advanced form of mental telepathy such as birds and animals (and even ants) use. **[StealthSkater note: Now 50 years later, Bob Lazar said that the Area-51/S4 craft that he saw had strange almost-hieroglyphic symbols appear on a previously solid bulkhead when the ship was energized => [doc](#) [pdf](#) [URL](#)]**

Answer: Of course. As was said before, anything is possible. But it so happens that there were parchments on the ship which Dr. Gee said looked like picture language. These were turned over to specialists in the field who so far have not been able to make anything out of them.

Question: We find any conversation about "little men" is poison. Women are tolerant of the idea, but not men. Are you sure that they weren't dwarfs or Singer Midgets or something?

Answer: All of the Singer Midgets have been accounted for. And as I said before, the fact that the men were small is no more incredible than the fact that little Mickey Rooney is a big star in motion star in motion pictures. Climatic conditions have a great deal to do with size of men's bodies, but a good deal less with that of their brains. The dinosaur weight 120,000 pounds, but its brained weighed only 1 pound. He wasn't very "bright". At any rate, he's joined the dead dragons and the dragon slayers. It would be nice, of course, to be able to report that the Saucerians were 6 feet tall, weighed 175 pounds, and looked like members of a varsity crew. But Dr. Gee says that they measured between 36-and-42 inches and were 30-to-40 years old. Otherwise, he found nothing unusual about them.

Question: Could the facts be withheld on higher grounds than an inability to answer the questions? Say to avoid panic or religious controversies?

Answer: Some of the magnetic research scientists have advanced this as a possibility. But I doubt it. Panic is a 2-way street. Those skilled in public relations could condition the people, "prepare" them, and even work up a stampede of general acceptance of the idea before the facts were released.

As to the religious problem, none exists as far as theologians on this Earth are concerned. God created this Earth. We are descended from Adam. Other planets, other Adams. That God is almighty is best proved by the endless pattern of His creations. The more that is revealed, the more almighty He becomes. Even an atheist can find little comfort in infinity or eternity. But those who believe a divinity shapes our ends -- rough hew them as we will -- must welcome additional proof of this divinity. **[StealthSkater note: Of course, this greatly simplified view has been superceded by developments in modern times. The acceptance of other intelligences beside our own might upset a segment of the population as did the notion that the Universe did not revolve around the Earth. Some leading researchers maintain that aliens created "Adam" and "Eve". Of course, one could use this argument to ask who created them and eventually end up**

with a Creator (or a "Q"-type consciousness-based continuum as in the Star Trek shows).]

Question: What books are recommended on the technical aspects of all this business?

Answer: This one.

Question: Is there any available information about the exact function of the push-button controls in the saucers?

Answer: Ask the Air Force. They may be using the same buttons on their directed missiles for all I know. Probably listed as "reclaimed war surplus". [StealthSkater note: Lazar said that the craft seemed surprisingly devoid of all conventional controls as we know them. Corso theorized that there was a mind-machine mental interlink made possible by the mysterious headbands that were found in the Roswell wreckage. This would account for "fly-by-thought (control)" navigation as seen in the Clint Eastwood movie "Firefox". My own opinion is that it accounted for much more -- almost a living machine that could morph into many shapes and quantum tunnel in-and-out of normal 4-D space-time.]

Question: These portholes which they can see out of but nobody can see in. Could they be half-silvered to stop cosmic rays?

Answer: Could be. [StealthSkater note: Lazar said that he wasn't sure what the "portholes" were although he was certain they were not used for viewing outside. Why? Because when the ship was energized, some of its outer fuselage permitted a clear picture of the external environment almost as if the walls were transparent.]

Question: Did they have any heating devices?

Answer: None that one could see. But of course, a complete mastery of magnetic energy would include a mastery of heat because it is the lowest form of energy.

Question: How were their clothes? Where were the seams? How were the buttonholes made? How about their shirts? Did they wear ties? Did their pants have pockets? Did their shoes have laces? Were they high or low shoes? Did they have heels? Nails? Did they have stockings? Caps? Were the seats upholstered? Flat, hard, or soft? Did their bunks that disappeared into the cabin wall have blankets, pillows, sheets? Were the beds hard or soft? Was there any floor covering? Curtains? Any first-aid kits? Or drinks other than the heavy water? Any eating utensils? Pictures? Rings? Tables? Were their documents bound or rolled? Any other reading matter?

Answer: These are women's questions. They are good questions, but I can't answer most of them. Maybe a WAC assigned to Air Force Intelligence can after, of course, the first 20 questions have been answered by the WAC's superiors.

After all, 'priority' is still a magic word around the Pentagon. And I want my questions answered first.

[StealthSkater note: In his book The Day After Roswell, Col. Corso addressed some of these questions. In particular the "flight suit" of the crew which seemed to have been made by a strange molecular alignment (which may have led to development of Kevlar). Also the nonexistence of onboard food suggested that the visitors may have used a form of travel similar to Macroscopic Quantum Tunneling (MQT) {see [doc](#) [pdf](#) [URL](#) } that would enable them to travel great distances in almost no time, thereby negating the requirement for a large supply of food. Their autopsies revealed not the kind of digestive system that we have => [doc](#) [pdf](#) [URL-doc](#) [URL-pdf](#) .

What I have found interesting is that some of the stuff surrounding UFOs seems to have gotten lost over time while other peculiarities remain to this day. For instance, we hear almost of nothing of the "green fireballs" or "foo fighters" that were so common in the early UFO reports. But "sharp-angled turns", "unbelievable accelerations", and "morphing" have remained all through the decades.

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