

Coast to Coast

Rash of 'Flying Saucer' Reports Floods U. S.

Several persons reported seeing a "red ball" hovering over the Atomic Energy Commission's Savannah River plant near Augusta, Ga., last night.

There was an unofficial report that Air Force personnel at nearby Aiken, S. C., spotted the object on radar and issued an alert.

The object appeared to be a "constant red light," according to Augusta Chronicle executive editor Louis Harris, who saw the object from the downtown newspaper building. "It could have been a tiny red light a short distance away or a gigantic thing at a great distance," he said.

One witness, J. T. James, said he saw the object on two occasions from his home near Aiken. It was cigar-shaped, he said, and would alternate from bright to amber and occasionally got out altogether.

Elsewhere, strange "saucer" sightings were reported.

NEBRASKA

At Kearney, Neb., authorities held a "heart-to-heart" talk with Reinhold O. Schmidt, a salesman, later discovered to be an ex-convict, who said he talked to four men and two women in a transport space ship which had landed. He said the space people spoke in English and German.

Police roped off the area where the "whatnik" allegedly landed and examined various impressions and oil stains on the ground.

At Long Beach, Calif., three Air Force weather observers, one of them the commanding officer of the spotting unit, late yesterday reported sighting six unidentified, saucer-shaped flying objects over Long Beach Air Force base.

The Coast Guard reported picking up an unidentified flying object on radar over the Gulf of Mexico south of New Orleans. A Coast Guard commander said the object paused over the cutter Sebago in the Gulf and was on the radar scope for about 27 minutes.

WHITE SANDS

Military authorities apparently gave credence to a report by an electronics engineer who said he saw an object which made car engines stall near the White Sands proving grounds.

Col. John McCurdy, Air Force public relations officer at White Sands, said the engineer, James Stokes, 42, will be given a thorough medical examination and a radiation count test. Col. McCurdy said he was "personally satisfied" with Mr. Stokes' report.

A Civil Service worker at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex., said he saw an egg-shaped object land in a ravine about 200 yards from him as he drove near the city. He said his car engine and lights went off, and the object took off in a few minutes, enabling him to drive away.

At about the same time, the Ground Observer Corps at Midland, Tex., said it saw a large, red object and picked up unintelligible conversation on a sound detector. AP

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