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House Member Swears He Saw Flying Saucer

By United Press

One House member who should know said flatly today there is no such thing as a flying saucer. But another member equally qualified said maybe not, but he has seen one himself.

Rep. Mahon (D) of Texas, chairman of the House military appropriations subcommittee, said it just isn't so what they say about those discs. He had no concrete evidence—but the solidest kind of support.

President Truman, Defense Secretary Johnson, the Air Force and the Navy all backed him up.

They said none of the armed services is messing around with saucers, and that nobody else is far far as they knew. The people, they said, are seeing things.

He Saw One

Rep. Engel (R) of Michigan, is the man who says he saw one. A member of Mahon's subcommittee, he also is a candidate for governor of Michigan when he isn't helping dole out the money it takes to keep the military in business.

He said the fact that he saw a flying disc may not be evidence, but it sure was convincing.

It happened about 1 p.m. one day last summer at Elsie, Mich. Several other citizens, all of them sober and well thought of, saw it, too. Two of them chased it in a plane, but the thing unfortunately was too high and too fast and got away.

Mahon put it this way: "I guess my subcommittee would know if there were anything to this flying saucer business. We even knew about the atomic energy experiments several years before the story was told."

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"I am quite sure the military establishment would have told us if they were working on such a thing as a saucer. But the fact is they haven't said a word about it."

As far as Mahon is concerned, the saucer is "just a fantasy."

Engel said maybe so, maybe not. It is perfectly true, he said, that none of the subcommittee's witnesses ever owned up to any connection with saucers. But then, as far as he could recall, nobody ever asked them about it.

"I am confident of this," Engel said. "If there are any such things as saucers, they are ours, not somebody else's. If another country were sending them over, I am sure the subcommittee would have heard about it."

Denials Repeated

Air Force and Navy officials have been denying the existence of "flying saucers" all along. And a Defense department statement late yesterday reiterated the denials.

But indications were that reports of the mysterious flying object would continue. L. Nobel Robinson, managing editor of the U. S. News and World Report, said his magazine had expected official denials of its story that the saucers are a "revolutionary type of new aircraft," probably built by the Navy.

Engel's testimony

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