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**FBI CHECKING
RUSS DISC TIP**

Federal agents yesterday investigated a letter to the Examiner describing Russian supersonic atom-powered planes resembling the "flying saucers."
A top-flight atomic scientist to whom the Examiner referred the letter said it was "not all nonsense," and suggested the matter be turned over to the FBI.
The letter writer said he got the information from an officer aboard a Russian tanker recently in Los Angeles Harbor.

DEATH CLOUDS

The Russian, he said, also described experiments with controlled radioactive clouds in the Arctic, where birds, animals and even worms were killed.
The planes, as described by the Russian to the writer, are only 18 inches thick, with a kidney-shaped outline and no propellers. The pilot lies on his stomach, the Russian said, and is artificially cooled against the heat developed by air friction.
"The outer surface of the plane is highly polished," the writer said the Russian told him. "Both upper and lower surfaces are convex, like a giant lens. The lifting force is an entirely different principle found about 10 years ago among unpublished papers of a Russian chemist and developed recently at one of Russia's research laboratories.
"Energy is required only for climbing, but no energy is needed for support when the airplane goes along the earth's gravitational contour lines."

Reports of the flying discs dropped off sharply in the Los Angeles area yesterday and police said they had received no calls about them in the city or county since Saturday.

The writer of the strange letter said he met the Russian officer in Wilmington and, because he wanted to hear about Russia, invited him to dinner.

The Russian first asked where he could sell 18 polar bear pelts which he received "for very dangerous work."

He said he had been assigned to go over the route of the runaway radioactive cloud near Lake Baikal and pick up dead animals.

ANIMALS KILLED

"They loaded a few small ships with all kinds of animals and directed the cloud over them," the writer said.

"During this experiment, a violent storm blew the cloud far north into the tundra, but before it dissipated it destroyed all life on its way.

"The cloud may be controlled from land, from a plane or from a robot-piloted 'leader.' As I understand it, the control is based on electro-magnetic waves and the cloud has two components: The carrier and the killer.

"I asked him if the Russians have an atomic bomb. He said he doubted it, because the atomic bomb cannot be used without killing innocent people, such as children and women. But they have atomic energy, which they use for propelling supersonic airplanes."

The writer said he asked the Russian officer to another dinner, but when he came the second time his tanker was leaving unexpectedly and he could only say good-bye.

The nuclear physicist consulted by the Examiner said it was difficult to appraise the value of the letter because of the writer's technical ignorance.

"The remark implying that the Russians wouldn't use the atom bomb if they had it is nonsense. The Russians would like very much to have the bomb."

On the other hand, he decried the efforts of some groups who take advantage of "all this flying disc talk" to stir up suspicion of Russia's intentions.

The Examiner had two more reports of flying discs yesterday. Fred Dodge of 738 South Independence Avenue said he was in Westlake Park at 12:02 p. m. when he saw one flying westward at 2500 to 3000 feet. He said it was silent, round and shiny and was not an airplane.

Leonard Posella, 14, of 3267 Waverly drive, reported a flight of 20 near Griffith Park going west at 500 feet. He said they were round and silvery "with their noses pointing upward," and he watched them for three minutes.

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