

# 'Neither Airplane, Nor Cloud, Nor Balloon'

By United Press

Coast Guardsman Frank Ryman, 27, had a picture today snapped from the front porch of his home near Seattle which authorities hoped would clear up the mystery of the flying saucers.

(It didn't.)

He said what he saw was neither an airplane, a cloud nor a "silver balloon."

The pilot and co-pilot of a United Airlines plane said they turned their craft off its course near Boise, Idaho, and chased a "strange object" for 15 miles before it outdistanced them or disintegrated in the dusk. Capt. R. J. Smith and Second Officer R. E. Stevens, both of Seattle, said "we can definitely say that what we saw was not smoke, not a cloud, and not another airplane."

A similar object was seen by John Corlett, United Press staff correspondent, his wife, and two friends from Mr. Corlett's back yard in Boise. He said it was a white disc flying about 10,000 feet directly

overhead. It disappeared in three or four seconds.

Two Portland, Ore., police scout cars three miles apart notified headquarters at 1:15 p. m. yesterday that they had sighted a group of strange objects weaving in a "playful manner" 10,000 feet above the ground over the southern suburbs of Portland, Clark County (Wash.) Deputy Sheriff Fred Krives, across the Columbia from Portland, said he saw 20 flying discs "slewing off to one side, almost in single file" over the county court house.

T. L. Huckaby of Pine Bluff, Ark., said he saw a flying object "about the size and color of a Bluff area. Decatur, Ill., and Salt Lake City also reported in today.

At Philadelphia, Dr. M. K. Leisy of the Pennsylvania Hospital for Mental Diseases, said he saw a big dark saucer-like object move slowly across the sky just before sunset yesterday. He said it was surrounded by a luminous halo and appeared to be propelled by whirling jets.

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