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SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
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g Mayonnaise Jars ported by Rehoboth Pilot

rest Wenyon Believes Mystery Discs, ot-Propelled, May Have Caused Big Plane Crash on Memorial Day

eteran Delaware pilot, Forrest Wenyon of 123 Rehoboth Avenue,
th Beach, disclosed last night that in the past 10 months he has
een objects now being loosely described as "flying saucers" but
he calls "flying mayonnaise jars."

e particular difference between the mysterious objects of Mr.
s report and those which have now been observed in some
40 states in that the former, accord-
ing to the pilot, held a true course
until they disappeared from sight.

This would indicate a guided or at
least an aimed missile while the
course of the "saucers" has been
described by observers as erratic.

Mr. Wenyon said last night that
he first saw what loosely resembled
a "flying mayonnaise jar" one after-
noon last September while flying at
about 1,000 feet. It was late in the
afternoon and the pilot was flying
north.

Suddenly, at an estimated distance
of 2,000 feet in front of his plane
and traveling from west to east, Mr.
Wenyon saw the "jar." It was going
at tremendous speed but the pilot
was able to note several things.

The most important of these ob-
servations, insofar as an explanation
is possible, is that the "jar" appeared
to have some sort of rocket com-
bustion. Mr. Wenyon said that
sprouts of silver flame from the tail
seemed to provide the propulsion.

Carrying out the description of
the "flying mayonnaise jar," Mr.
Wenyon said that the tail appeared
to be a lid which had been per-
forated and that from these per-
forations the flames escaped.

In a matter of two, at the most
three, seconds the object had dis-
appeared over and past Fort Miles.
The pilot did not see it land and
doesn't know whether it did or not.

Then on June 2 while flying at
1,400 feet in a Stinson four-passen-
ger ship Mr. Wenyon, a pilot of 30
years' experience, saw another "jar."

He didn't say much about it to
s. Rehoboth Airport attaches although
he did mention it. Mr. Wenyon,
with a theory in mind, called the
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

They were not interested and told
him so, he said. He then called
Eastern Airlines and the Civil Aero-
nautic Authority both of which
gave him a sympathetic hearing.
Thanked him and said they'd inves-
tigate.

To date he has received no answer
from either.

Mr. Wenyon's theory is that one of
these "jars" was responsible for the
crash of the Eastern Airlines plane
at Port Deposit, Md., on Memorial
Day which killed 53 persons. He
believes the stories of that accider
and believes now that the
crash was caused by a "jar" in mid-air,
the only witness.

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anged from the theory that they
were radio controlled flying missiles
sent aloft by U. S. military scien-
tists to the suggestion that they
might be merely sun light reflected
on wing tanks of jet-propelled
planes.

A. B. Cross of Chattanooga, Tenn.,
a 34-year-old watchmaker, an-
nounced he invented the "flying
saucer" and submitted it to the War
Department in 1943 but his idea was
rejected as not practical "at the
present time."

Later, he said, he became con-
vinced that the department elabo-
rated on his plan. His model was
powdered with a rubber band, Cross
said, but he believed atomic power
now is being used.

A Spokane, Wash., woman insisted
the objects she saw were of such
size that together they would take
up the space of a five-room house
if they landed, but a Clearwater,
Fla., woman said the disks she ob-
served resembled "pie pans."

A Rutland, Vt., woman re-
ported she and her husband wit-
nessed a brilliant object in the
night sky which she assumed to be
a "flying saucer" although it was
stationary.

But at Cambridge, Mass., a house-
wife said she saw "a group of white,
flying saucers whirling around and
going at a tremendous speed."

The Massachusetts and Vermont
reports brought to 40 the number
of states in which the objects have
been observed.

With New England getting into
the game, the Harvard University
astronomical observatory took note
of the reports but said it had had
no luck so far in photographing one
of the discs.

The mysterious saucers first were
reported June 25 in the State of
Washington, but Charlie T. Ham-
let, superintendent of the Kings-
port, Tenn., Times News composi-
tion room, said yesterday he had see
the discs two years ago.

They were "of a bright, aluminum
color" and "were going at terrific
speed," Hamlet said, explaining he
kept quiet about them because of
the Oak Ridge atomic bomb plant,
then a war secret.

Lester Barlow of Stamford, Conn.,
international known explosives in-
ventor, advanced the theory that
the objects were radio controlled
flying missiles.

Reports persisted that the Army
was looking into the phenomena but
Gen. Carl Spaatz, Army Air Forces
commandant, said he knew of no
AAF plans to search for the saucers.
The Navy and Atomic Energy

Commission said they had no con-
nection with the mystery.

The West, which originated the
saucer reports, continued to produce
observers who claimed to have seen
the whirling discs and also brought
forth one deflationary explanation
of them.

Bob Johnson, operator of a fly-
ing service at Missoula, Mont., re-
ported he had captured one of the
discs and found it to be milkweed
seeds.

Charles Odum, 23-year-old for-
mer B-17 navigator, theorized at
Houston, Tex., that the objects
might be a version of radio-con-
trolled "crystal balls" used by the
Nazis in the war.

These balls, which flew to the
altitude of the bomber and appare-
ly were magnetized to fly along w-
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