

Mysterious Flying Saucers Reported In Birmingham Skies

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Although the reports to The Age-Herald last night dwindled off at about 9 p.m., there was a final call from a man at 10, saying he had seen the objects over the south-eastern section. This morning, there were more reports, more queries coming into The News.

Maj. White issued a message to Birmingham residents: "We'll do everything the Army Air Forces is empowered to do to run down the mystery of the discs. This thing seems to have gotten beyond the point of speculation. Birmingham can rest assured the air base will keep on the alert until the mystery is settled."

man admitted having seen the objects several weeks ago. "but was ashamed to tell my wife."

Whatever it is going on in the night skies, it has the entire nation in a dither. The flying discs have eclipsed every other national and international event in the minds of the American people. Broadcasts from England last night said the Britishers were scoffing at the story. But when persons in 30-odd states have reported seeing the objects, there must be something to the story.

Birmingham police headquarters was flooded with calls, too, last night. So was the Weather Bureau, the control tower at the airport, air-line officers.

At the Birmingham Army Airfield, Maj. Jack C. White, commandant, ordered an alert and dispatched a plane to fly around the city. The plane, with Lt. L. S. Robinson at the controls, circled the city for an hour and 15 minutes at from 4,000 to 5,000 feet. He was unable to report any unnatural objects.

Scientists indicate that the objects are merely tricks of the eyes. In fact, Howard Blakeslee, Associated Press scientific writer, has stated he has seen similar objects from his home on Long Island for many years and associated no mystery with them. They are a combination of eye and light tricks, is his answer.

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