

# Latest Word On Discs

## Army Scientists Baffled as More Platters Reported

More "flying saucers" were reported in American skies yesterday.

The highest ranking officers and best scientific brains of the War Department and Army Air Forces admitted at Washington last night that they are baffled.

Surmise the so-called discs might be a secret weapon designed by some foreign power or a product of Army research projects was emphatically discounted.

New reports of swiftly moving aerial objects came from several local witnesses, as well as from persons in Nevada, Arizona, Idaho and Massachusetts.

An Associated Press tabulation showed that disc-like bodies moving at various speeds and at various altitudes have now been reported from 39 States, the District of Columbia and Canada, and from Mexicali and Jaurez in Mexico just over the border.

### ARMY SKEPTICAL

But although many responsible persons have reported sighting such objects, Army officials privately expressed doubt of their existence.

It was admitted, however, that since July 2 AAF Intelligence officers have been investigating the mystery.

And National Guard air units in Washington, Oregon and Idaho yesterday established plane patrols along the "flyways."

Witnesses have estimated the objects at from six feet in diameter to "the area occupied by a five-room house."

But David Bascom, 5823 Merriwood drive, Oakland, reported a flying object over his home and said "it looks more like a gravy boat than a saucer. And it seems to have a light beneath that flashes from time to time."

At Houston, Texas, Norman Hargrave, a jeweler, after telling of finding an aluminum disc, 20 inches in diameter and six inches thick, floating on the Gulf coast, yesterday insisted his story was "just a joke."

### SURVEYORS

In Nevada a survey team trained their transits, they said, on three flying objects and computed their speed at 900 miles an hour at an elevation of 20,000 feet.

Mrs. Robert Turley, 25, wife of an Albany policeman, said she saw three flights of 10 "flying saucers" near her home yesterday morning. And two school boys reported seeing discs in San Carlos and Mill Valley.

Dr. A. K. Carr, chief of the division of animal husbandry, State Department of Agriculture, reported two discs over Sacramento Saturday morning. Other reports came from Walnut Grove, Santa Rosa and Auburn.

(Notes and comments on discs, and an interview with Ole J. Sneide on page 12.)