

Reports of Flying Disks Spread Through West

By the Associated Press.

Conjecture multiplied today as widely separated areas reported incredibly fast disklike objects flashing through the sky—but skeptics remained.

After yesterday's report at Pendleton, Ore., by Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Ida., that he had seen nine saucer-shaped, shiny objects dipping and skimming through the sky between Mount Rainier and Mount Adams in Washington at an estimated 1,200 miles an hour, came these observations today:

Byron Savage, Oklahoma City businessman pilot, said that five or six weeks ago he observed a flat disklike object hurtling through the sky at tremendous speed.

Disks Just Too Fast for Camera.

At Kansas City, W. I. Davenport, a carpenter, said that yesterday he, too, saw nine speeding objects, moving west high in the sky. They were going fast and he could not make out their shape. However, he reported engine sound and vapor trails.

A Bremerton, Wash., housewife — west across the Cascade Mountains from where Arnold saw his objects—said that twice in the past 10 days she had seen "platterlike" light-reflecting objects.

"I thought surely nothing could travel so fast," Mrs. Elma Shingler said.

At Eugene, Ore., E. H. Sprinkle said he nearly got a picture of them. A week ago Wednesday, he said, he took his \$3.50 camera to a local butte to test it. He spotted objects in the southwest, racing toward the northeast, but before he could click his shutter they were nearly out-of-sight. He said he had not told of seeing the objects—which he said were similar to those Arnold reported—because he thought no one would believe him. Enlargement prints from his film showed nothing but clear sky.

And Maybe It's Just Snow Blindness

Against these supporting observations, skeptics sought explanations. Capt. Al Smith, United Air Lines pilot on the Seattle run, said he thought Arnold saw reflections of his instrument panel. Dr. J. Hugh Pruett, University of Oregon meteorologist said that "persistent vision," often noted after looking at bright objects such as the sun, could have kept such reflections before him after they had passed.

Elmer Fisher, first-assistant meteorologist in the Portland Weather Bureau, suggested a slight touch of snow blindness.

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