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# Mystery of Flying Discs Deepens Today as More Reports Turned In

By Associated Press

The mystery of the "flying discs" deepened today as Washington and Oregon residents stepped forward to back reports of the eerie saucerlike objects first reported Wednesday by an Idaho flier to have been flying in formation over the Cascade mountains.

One witness, E. H. Sprinkle of Eugene, Ore., produced a photograph last night of "flying objects" which he said he spotted from a Eugene hill June 18. Enlargements showed seven dots in the sky in what could be military formation.

Still another version, this time of a night flight, was reported by Archie Edes of Wenatchee. While driving on the Moses Lake highway last Friday night with his father and family, Edes said he saw a speeding object "descending in a long shaft—it looked like a long, oval blue-white flame."

## Pilot Arnold Firm in Story Of Air Armada

RENDLETON, Ore., June 27—(AP)—Arnold, 30-year-old Boise, Ida., businessman pilot, today brought a \$100 movie camera with a telescopic lens and vowed that next time he sees objects flying 1000 miles an hour he'll get irrefutable evidence to back his story.

Arnold, who Wednesday reported seeing saucer-like "planes" flying over the Cascade mountains in western Washington at terrific speed, took off from here early today in his single-engine three-wheeler plane for Boise to spend the weekend with his wife and two children.

But before leaving, the six-foot, 200-pound one-time Missol, N. D., football star blasted at persons who vilified Arnold's speeding objects might have been illusions caused by snow blindness or by reflections from his instrument panel.

"I don't believe it either," he told a Portland Journalist, "but I saw it."

"He denied that he had been suffering from snow blindness or that there was 'anything wrong with my head.' He said his record as a flier was without blemish, that he never had been charged with a violation during his three years as a licensed pilot."

"If I were the kind of a pilot who did crazy things, who did every flying dare there might be some reason to doubt I saw what I saw."

"But I'm not," he declared.

Arnold, who has been flying 60-80 hours monthly for the past two years in his business of installing and servicing automatic fire fighting equipment in five western states, said he hadn't told the story because he wanted publicity.

"All I wanted was an explanation of what I saw," he said.

It was hoped that his story might

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"As we watched, it neared the ground and when it was about 200 feet high it exploded. There was no blinding flash, but there were great showers of sparks and piles of flame seemed to hurtle to the ground," he said.

A "very bright, shiny object" was reported by Mrs. Dennis Howell of Salem, Ore., a week before, according to Mrs. Howard K. Wheeler of Bremerton, she and her husband sighted three of the objects flying west about six o'clock in the evening.

A Yakima woman, Mrs. Ethel Wheelhouse, also reported sighting the "whatsits" Tuesday afternoon. They sped so fast she could not count them and abruptly disappeared, she said.

Seen in Bellingham

The "flying discs" may have been over Bellingham, Wash., if George Clover isn't mistaken.

Looking up while rebuilding his house about 10 a. m. Tuesday, Clover said he saw three shiny objects shaped like kites heading heading south toward Seattle. He insisted they had no wings nor pontoons and that they were not traveling "real fast."

"They don't shine like a looking glass," he recalled, "just sort of gleam. There were three of them flying kind of haphazard."

"They didn't fly any formation like our planes."

His wife also saw the mysterious objects, Clover said, but they were out of sight before his sons could get out of the house.

"At first I thought it was army jet jobs," he said, "because the engines didn't sound like no gas engine."

## Dam Hearings Ended After Much Argument

WALLA WALLA, June 27—(AP)—From Longview to Lewiston, Idaho, representatives of Columbia and Snake river cities took the stand yesterday to express opposition to a department of interior proposal for a 10-year moratorium on river developments.

As the two-day hearing closed, Col. Theron D. Weaver, chairman of the Columbia basin inter-agency committee, said its members would meet soon to draft recommendations to Washington.

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