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Reports Increase

Portland, Ore. (AP)—The "flying saucer" mystery reached fever pitch today after 71 saw them myself statements from a vacant United Airlines crew, scores of Portland residents and 60 pacsakers at Twin Falls park in Idaho.

The UAL pilot, co-pilot, and stewardess reported sighting nine saucers as "flying saucers" Saturday and they saw such objects last night while flying a passenger plane from Boise, Idaho, to Portland.

Their statements followed a day during which the "saucers" were reported seen in many parts of the country.

Many Portlanders — including police, experienced fliers, and three newspapermen — declared saw silvery discs undulating over Portland.

Mrs. Chiloon Mae Lillian Lawson said she saw an object, shining like silver on chromium, flying at a great height and at a terrific speed in a northeasterly direction over Lake Perrydistrict.

Describing what they saw as flat, roundish objects flying in formation, a number of several Port Heights Methodists reported seeing the saucers.

Capt. E. J. Smith, Seattle, a veteran of 14 years with United Airlines, said he observed the round flat objects — like a pancake sailing in an erratic course — over Mountain Home, Idaho, which is a basic southeast of Ontario, Ore.

He radioed the Ontario airport but airport officials saw nothing.

60 See Discs

Many persons purchasing at Twin Falls park, Idaho, Friday night said they saw the discs yesterday afternoon. A party of seven first saw some and ten minutes later, a crowd of 25 or 30 people saw another batch of nine or ten. Word passed around and soon the waiting throng at the entire beach district was looking and climbing.

At Seattle, Frank Herman, coast guard yeoman, said he took a picture of what some residents north of Seattle thought was a flying disc. The photograph showed a reddened light spot against the dark evening sky.

Herman dispatched a plate to Port Portland's airport. It found nothing but empty sky.

Seen by Plane Crew

Boise, Idaho (AP)—The entire crew of a west-bound Boise-to-Seattle United Airlines plane late last night reported they had seen nine saucer-like objects in the air flying over Emmett, Idaho.

Capt. E. J. Smith of UAL flight 105 which left Boise at 9:34 p.m., said that his co-pilot, First Officer Ralph Stevens, blinked the plane's landing lights in the belief that they were being buzzed.

Blinking landing lights during a night flight is a pilot's signal of warning to other aircraft that a plane is flying in the same area.

Smith said it was eight minutes after takeoff from Boise that Stevens reported the objects were flying what appeared to be a 'V' formation.

They called Marty Morrow, stewardess, to the cockpit to verify that they were actually seeing the discs, said Smith, and she agreed they saw them.

Smith said he counted seven of the objects, three clustering together and a fourth flying "by itself. Way off in the distance."

The plane was flying into the dim twilight sky when the objects were first sighted, Smith told The Idaho Daily Statesman by telephone from Seattle where the transport first landed after leaving Boise.

Smith said he and Stevens had been joking about the discs before they left Boise. They said, "You'll have to shove up those things to us," referring to the discs.

Objects Lose Up

Then, said Stevens, they were off the ground, climbing to cruising altitude, when the objects loomed out of the gathering darkness.

"At first I thought it was a group of high planes in formation, when Stevens said, 'Look at those things,' " said. "Then I realized the things were not aircraft but were flat and circular."

Stevens said the first group appeared to open and close in formation, and then what he described as a 'vee formation.'

The first four group quadrangled, said the first officer. "I saw the second group three together and a fourth off by itself."

By then the transport had reached 8,000 feet and was cruising over the rugged country leading into the mountains, eleven the pilot's pair.

Streets said those objects "merged, then disappeared, then came back in sight and finally vanished again in the northeast. When they did finally disappear, they were gone."

Smith and Stevens said they had no chance for other observations for from 7:10 to 15 minutes.

The plane, they said, was southeast of Ontario, Ore. when they lost all track of the discs.

Smith said that at no time "there were nothing from the ground, in the way of firecrack reflections or anything like that. I know they weren't smoke. I know they weren't aircraft. I don't know how fast they were going. We all saw them. They are flat and circular. They are bigger than aircraft."

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