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WOMAN SAYS 8 FLUTTERED DOWN IN IDAHO

'The Great Saucer Mystery' Deepens

"Sane" a Platter

Grafton, Wis., July 6 (Special)—The Rev. Joseph Brusky, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church, Grafton, 45 miles north of Milwaukee, called in federal bureau of investigation agents after he "heard a whistling and roaring noise and a blast" and found a metal disk approximately 18 inches in diameter in his rectory yard. The FBI identified the disk as a circular saw, bearing the label of a mail order house. Father Brusky is the author of a new book entitled "Fish Tales."

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San Francisco, July 6 (Special)—The great disk mystery of the North American sky was more of a mystery than ever tonight as new reports of the flying platters—including one by a woman who said she saw eight disks land in Idaho—were accompanied by indications that military and scientific authorities are preparing for serious efforts to find out whether such objects actually exist and if so what they are.

Mrs. Walter Johnson, who saw disks land

The first of such efforts today was a cruise of five P51s of the Oregon national guard over the Cascade mountains of Washington where the disks first were reported seen June 24 by Kenneth Arnold, 32. A sixth plane circled over Portland in constant radio communication with the other five. All carried photografic equipment, but failed to sight any disks.

Jet Ready for Hunt

Authorities at Muroc army air field in California tonight had a jet fighter stood ready to take off at a moment's notice should any flying saucers be sighted in that area. Capt. Tom Brown of the air forces public relations staff in Washington acknowledged that the air forces had decided "there's something to this" and had been checking on it for 10 days. Results so far have been negative, he said.

Capt. Brown said the air forces had not begun a formal investigation but conceded that official interest is no longer casual.

"We don't believe any one in this country or outside this country has developed a guided missile that will go 1,200 miles an hour as some reports have indicated," Brown told a reporter.

Floats Hysteria Thesis

Another indication of the growing seriousness with which reports of the saucers are being received came from Syracuse, N. Y., where Dr. Henry A. Steckel, psychiatric consultant to the veterans administration, went on the air to discount the "mass hysteria" explanation advanced from many sources in the past two weeks.

"The element of mass hysteria should not be taken into consideration," said Dr. Steckel, who is professor emeritus of psychiatry in the Syracuse university college of medicine. "They have been seen by too many people in too many different places to be dismissed so lightly."

Dr. Steckel added he believes "full credence should be attached to the stories we have read about those objects having been seen." He advanced the theory the appearance of the disks is possibly a result of experiments "by some unknown government agencies, unwilling or unable to reveal their activities at this time."

Seen in 33 States, Canada

Since the first reported sighting of the disks, hundreds of persons, many of them experienced observers, have reported seeing them in 38 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada.

Most grafic of today's crop of new reports on the disks came from Mrs. Walter Johnson of Dishman, Wash., who said at Spokane, Wash., that she and nine other persons saw

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