

# Army Men Say 'Saucers' Are Hoax And Hysteria

**\$3,000 Rewards Offered But No Takers; Discs Not From Russia, Vice Consul Says**

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(UP)—A "flying saucer" in the hand was worth \$3,000 today, but those seen in the sky were still a dime a dozen. There were no takers for rewards of \$1,000 each offered in Chicago, Los Angeles and Spokane for a genuine flying saucer.

The army air and ground forces announced that they were investigating the reported cloud-hopping discs with an open mind. But privately, high-ranking army officers said they believed the saucers were a hoax and that some persons were the victims of hysteria.

One of the latest-reported "saucers" was from Lillington, N. C., where two college students, Albert Dugan and Charles Cross, said they saw a "bright light" in the sky about 10 miles from Raleigh at 11:55 p. m. yesterday. Dugan said they first thought it was a star, but when it started moving they stopped their automobile and watched.

"It moved in a circular orbit and appeared to be elliptical in shape with blue light radiating from it, mostly around the edges," Dugan said. "We drove toward it, but it vanished. We watched it for about three minutes. It appeared to be under the clouds."

Russian Vice Consul Eugene Tunantzev in Los Angeles scoffed at suggestions that the saucers might be from Russia.

"Russia respects the sovereignty of all governments and by no stretch of the imagination would it use another country for a proving ground," the vice consul said. "Russia has plenty of territory of its own for any scientific experimentation."

High-ranking U. S. army officers agreed with Tunantzev. They said it was significant that none of the discs had yet registered on army radar.

In Atlanta, veteran airline pilots poured cold water on the report of flying discs, asserting that they had seen nothing in the sky during thousands of miles of travel but "airplanes and clouds."

And in Bozeman, Mont., Vernon Baird, P-38 pilot from California who had a top "flying disc" story, had little to say today about the "aerial saucers" after it had become known his yarn was strictly of the imagination.

Baird startled quiet Bozeman and the world yesterday with a story of being chased by a large flying disc which disintegrated in the prop blast of his modified P-38 photo plane. He admitted the story was a phony in a long-distance call to A. J. Archer, his boss in Los Angeles, with the Airchild Aerial Surveys.

## Senate Relief On Forms Seen

U. S. senate committee approval of a measure seeking to eliminate ward-long useless immigration forms required of Havana-Miami passenger steamers was foreseen today in Washington, following a hearing late yesterday.

Information that there might be some relief for passengers subjected to long waits while the forms are filled out was pleasing to both immigration officials and to officials of the P & O Steamship co. here, which operates the Havana-Miami pleasure boat, Florida.

Every passenger thinks he or she should be first and when there are 200 or 300 aliens each trip, somebody is due for a long wait," one P & O official remarked. "We have had a lot of complaints and naturally we want to avoid these and give good service."

Francis J. H. Dever, chief of the immigration and naturalization service in Miami, said that seven to nine inspectors were needed for each incoming twice-weekly trip of the Florida. On the July 4 trip, there were 583 passengers and nine inspectors were needed to check 478 aliens, mostly Cubans. Dever had no estimate of time used in checking each person or in checking the entire group.

## Elks Here Leave For Oregon Parley

Members of the Elks clubs of Miami, Miami Beach and Coral Gables are leaving today and tomorrow to attend the organization's national convention Friday in Portland, Ore.

Those attending include Mr. and Mrs. Andrew T. Healy, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Wigman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Habershaw and Earl M. DeNoon of Coral Gables, Dudley Cavthon of Miami and Kenneth Oka of Miami Beach.

Some of the Miami conventioners plan sightseeing on the way to Oregon, stopping at various spots such as Yellowstone National park and Grand Canyon. They will be gone for two and a half weeks.

## Police, Firemen To Install Dixon

Paul N. Dixon, 5451 NW Sixth st., will be installed as commander

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