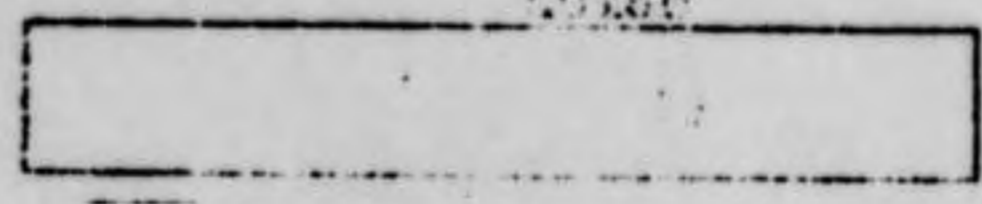


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ATIC NO. --- DATE OF INFO 30 March 50
 AF NO. --- LOCATION Salina, Ala.
 REPORT NO. AF wire SOURCE Civilian
 DATE OF REPORT 31 March 50 DATE IN ATIC ---
 TIME OF OBSERVING 1800-1813 CST COLOR Glowing like sun
 SHAPE Circular SPEED very fast
 SIZE "B-17" ALTITUDE high
 COURSE 270° LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 3 min.
 NO. IN GROUP three TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground
 SOUND --- DIRECTION Turned
 NOTES --- SKETCHES ---

Remarks: Objects traveled in formation.
 Not watched for three minutes. Turned
 straight up at one time. No contrails or
 noise

Temporary ATIC Form 329
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Saucer for Sale (It Flies)

Salesman's Pitch Includes 23-in. Pilot

NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)
SOURCE (Keyhee)

Witness: Hunter

March 1950
Pennsylvania

MARCH 1950 PENNSYLVANIA (USA) (KEYHOE-1950 P 12) 1 WITNESS
DR. CRAIG HUNTER, DIRECTOR OF A MEDICAL SUPPLY FIRM, REPORTED A HUGE
ELLIPTICAL OBJECT FLYING AT A LOW ALTITUDE IN PENNSYLVANIA. HE DESCRIBED IT
AS METALLIC, WITH A SLOTTED OUTER RIM AND A ROTATING RING JUST INSIDE.

Mexico Sees Flying Saucers --or Something

MEXICO CITY, March 11 (U.P.)
The director of a Mexican observatory today produced a photograph of a flying saucer but it looked more like an amateur's snapshot of a klieg light.

The photograph was a black square with a diagonal band of light across it. The caption in the newspaper Excelsior said it was "possibly the only picture of a flying saucer which existed outside the larger countries."

Luis Enrique Erro, director of the Tonantzintla Astronomical Observatory where the photograph was made, said: "The strange object crossed the sky March 2. Since that day we have wondered what it could have been. We don't know."

Meanwhile, dozens of reports of flying saucers poured into the capital from all over Mexico. The "saucer craze" began shortly after a Mexico City newspaper printed a series of articles which appeared in True magazine.

No Case Information Only
Source: Los Angeles Times dtd 12 March 1950

11 March 1950
La Crescenta, California

'Flying Triangle' Was Really There

What would you call it?
Mrs. Ruby Lytle, housewife,
2522 Montrose Ave., La Crescenta,
ta, called it a flying triangle—
only to have the flying saucer
people send her some saucers
and a strange little man.

But Mrs. Lytle had the last
laugh yesterday. What she saw
was a flying triangle, only the
experts in aviation matters call
it a flying wing. It was judged
to be between 40,000 and 50,000
feet up. Consequently, there was
no engine sound, etc.

Next time Mrs. Lytle sees
something maybe people will
take it seriously. Here's hoping
she doesn't see a flying saucer
because, we fear, she will be
right.

13 March 1950
Mexico City, Mexico
Monterrey, Mexico

Trained Eyes See Mexican Saucers

By the United Press.

MEXICO CITY, March 14. — Trained aircraft observers and meteorologists confirmed reports today of hundreds of persons who said they saw four flying saucers yesterday over this city and one at Monterrey, 350 miles north.

Official observers shied away from describing them as saucers but admitted that they were "flying bodies."

35,000 to 40,000 Feet Up.

Meteorologists at the Mexico City airport calculated their altitude at between 35,000 and 40,000 feet. They used weather balloon tracking instruments to make their reckonings.

An airline's weatherman said he thought the one he saw was an asteroid. Santiago Smith, the Mexican Aviation Co.'s chief observer, said the one he watched was in the shape of a half-moon. Mr. Smith watched it through a telescope.

"It was there," said Mr. Smith. "It was no illusion."

J. De La Vega, a veteran employee of the airport commander's office, said he saw all four of the saucers. He said they appeared to be the size of a silver peso. Other observers guessed they were about 100 feet in diameter.

Moved in Straight Line.

At Monterrey the government airport inspector, Francisco Martinez Soto, said he watched a flying body which moved in a straight line from southwest to northeast.

Pilot Sights Saucer Near Washington

By the United Press.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—A veteran private pilot yesterday reported sighting a flying saucer within 25 miles of the capital.

Bertram A. Totten said he saw an aluminum-colored disk about 40 feet in diameter and 10 feet thick while flying over the outskirts of Washington.

Mr. Totten, former airplane inspector for the Air Force, said he was flying at 5000 feet when he spotted the disk whirling along about 1000 below him. It zoomed up into an overcast. He said the saucer gave off vapor trails like those from aircraft engines.

NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)
SOURCE(New York Times)

27 March 1950
Hong Kong, China

HONG KONG, March 29 (AP)—
American seamen telephoned The
China Mail that they saw three
"flying fireballs" when their
ship entered Hong Kong Harbor
Monday. Nobody else saw any
flying fireballs, the newspaper
found.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1950.

More 'Flying Saucers' In Mediterranean, Orient

By Reuters.

LONDON, March 29—Flying saucers—variously described as like full moons, moons with wakes of fire, or strange bodies emitting smoke trails—have been reported skittering in all directions across the heavens above the Mediterranean.

In Haifa today, reports circulated that they had been seen over northern Israel.

A Lebanese pilot who took Riad es Sohl, Premier of Lebanon, to the Arab League conference in Cairo, said he had seen them over Acre traveling at a high speed in a westerly direction. Others described them as "discs traveling northward at a great altitude and emitting a smoke trail."

Italy reported that they had been sighted over various parts of the country five times yesterday.

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FORT MCPHERSON, GEORGIA

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17 March 1950

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Attention: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

1. Inclosed herewith is newspaper clipping re flying saucer in Alabama.

2. According to report from CIC Agent, Birmingham, Alabama, it has been ascertained that the reporter who wrote the article contacted Lt. William Preston, Public Information Officer, Birmingham Air Force Base. Lt. Preston told the reporter that he would follow pertinent regulations in the matter. The newspaper waited approximately two days; at the end of that time they had heard nothing further from Lt. Preston and printed the story. After the article had been printed, Lt. Preston informed the local OSI office that he had been contacted concerning the story. Up to that time, no other action had been taken.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

for *John Meade*
JOHN MEADE
Colonel, GSC
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Clipping dtd 14 Mar 50

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Those Flying Discs— 'Saucer-Like' Object Reported In Alabama

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Birmingham area may have been visited by a "flying saucer" that may still be hidden in nearby wooded hills.

This was disclosed today by a man and his wife.

Military intelligence has been informed of the report and will investigate.

The "saucer" was reported by L. L. Phillips, a representative of an insurance company of Louisville, Ky., who has an office in Haleyville.

Phillips reported that he and his wife were riding on Highway 5 between Haleyville and Bear Creek late on a recent afternoon. He said "something came from out of the West, going East. It crossed the highway and railroad nearby "only a few hundred yards from us," he said.

He said the "saucer" was going down at "an angle of 45 degrees." It "looked like a large electric light bulb," he said, "white with a streamer behind. It was not making fast time and we watched it until it was about to land on a hill a short distance from us.

"It seemed to disintegrate just before it landed. A few days later some men and myself searched the region but were unable to find a trace.

"It was a very pretty sight with its bright white light and streamer following," Phillips said.

There is no military unit stationed in the Birmingham region that investigates "saucer" reports. Lt. William Preston of the Air Force said.

He said "we will be guided by regulations on this."



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COUNTRY
USA-WATS

REPORT NO
IR-129-50

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Unidentified Flying Objects in USA

AREA REPORTED ON United States (Alabama;
California; Texas)

FROM (Library): Intelligence Division, Hq WATS
Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.

DATE OF REPORT
18 May 1950

DATE OF INFORMATION
29 March - 17 April 1950

EVALUATION
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PREPARED BY (Officer)
A. G. Love, 1st Lt, USAF

SOURCE
See below

REFERENCE: (Control number, directory, previous report, etc., as applicable)

IR-116-50, IR-88-50, USA-WATS

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

Report contains information on five alleged sightings of unidentified flying objects submitted by various WATS units. The sightings were all in the US and occurred during the period 29 March and 17 April 1950.

APPROVED:

W. S. Harris

W. S. HARRIS
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence
Division

2. The 1922nd AACB Squadron has forwarded the following items which appeared in the Montgomery Alabama Advertiser on the mornings of 31 March and 2 April 1950, respectively:

"Four observers reported seeing three symmetrical spinning objects maneuver at high speed near Selma, Alabama, late Thursday, 30 March 1950. At first they were thought to be clouds but then the observers noticed that the sun's rays were shining off them as they were metal and that they were travelling at a rapid speed. They all agreed that the middle object disappeared and then returned, then it rose straight up in the air and the others peeled off and followed.

"Reports by Selmians that they had observed three objects - presumably flying saucers - Thursday, were given substantiation Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], Prattville, said they saw three circular objects streaking through the sky near Autaugaville between 5 and 6 PM the same day. 'They were circular', said Mrs. [REDACTED] and each had a bright light about the rim. They seemed to be flying in formation, like those sometimes used by planes. We apparently got an edgewise view of them. They appeared to change their positions, up and down, and then disappeared from our view."

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BIRMINGHAM POST
14 March 50

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An airline's weatherman said he "thought" the one he saw was an asteroid. Santiago Smith, the Mexican aviation company's chief observer, said the one he watched was in the shape of a "half-moon." Smith watched the body through a telescope.

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DURANGO, Colo., March 14 (UP)—Two Southern Colorado businessmen said today that they were chased by a strange flying object while returning last week from a trip to New Mexico.

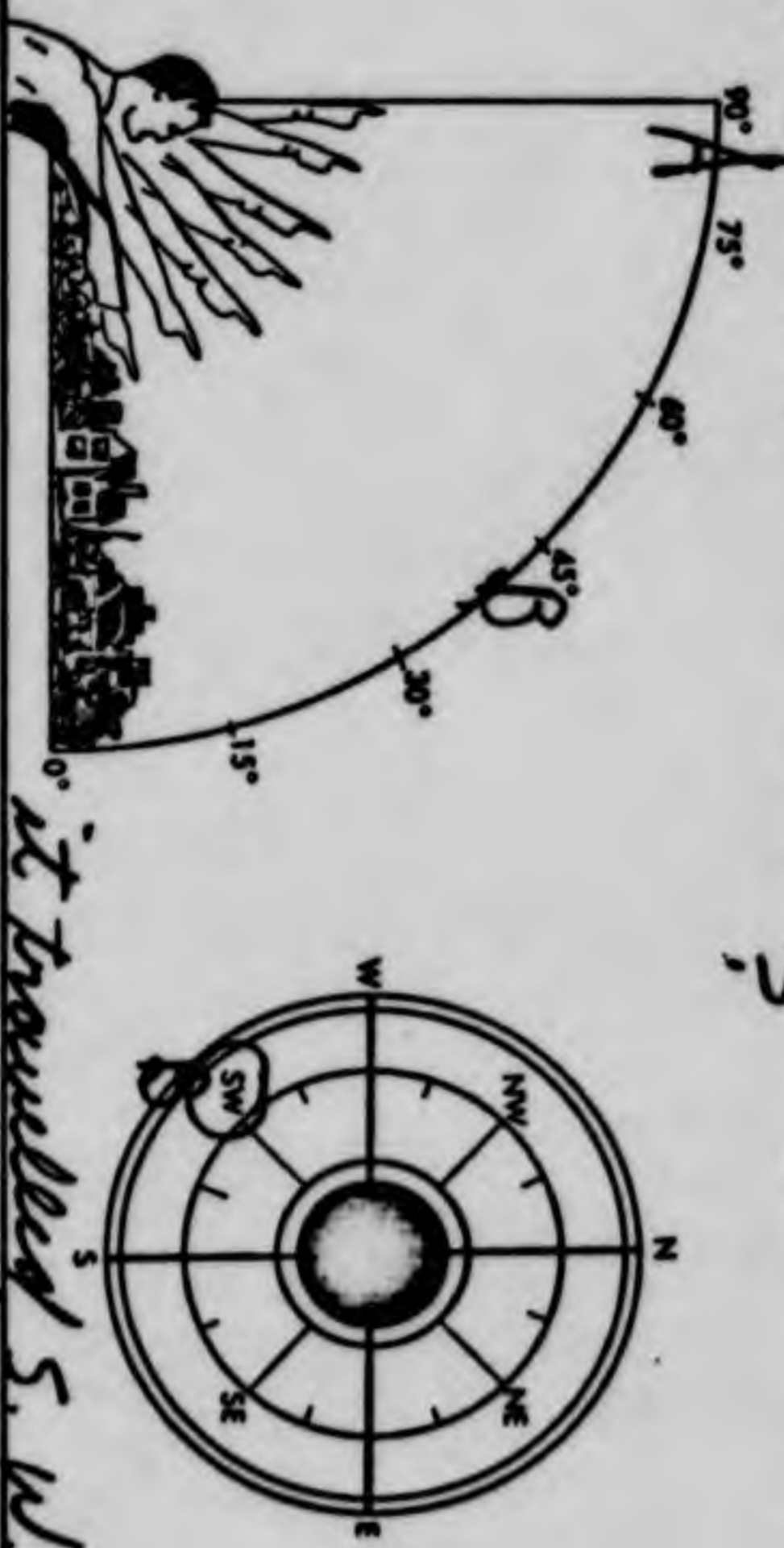
Lloyd Locke of Durango and Harold Tanner of Cortez, Colo., said they had tried to keep the story quiet to avoid ribbing from skeptical friends.

They said they were returning from Bloomfield, N. M., one night last week when the object began following their car. Both refused to call it a "flying saucer."

Tanner said he decided to stop the car. When he slowed, the object began circling the machine at a "tremendous speed." The object described as dark, flat, and about five feet in diameter, traveled on a 25 or 30-foot radius around the automobile, he said.

Official U.S. Air Force UFO form continued

27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the compass when you last saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning, "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

Almost motionless above me. when flying travelled like a jet

29. If there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? only one
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

We looked in the sky after it disappeared

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

no

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) Yes No

31.1 If you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) Yes No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

*Mrs. W. [redacted]
 1305 Western Rd. Ontario
 R2R2 London Ontario Canada*

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME: *[redacted]* Last Name: *[redacted]* First Name: *[redacted]* Middle Name: *[redacted]*
 ADDRESS: *[redacted]* City: *LONDON* Zone: *ONTARIO*
 TELEPHONE NUMBER: *[redacted]* AGE: *29* SEX: *F*

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

only 12 or 13 years old at the time. healthy - good vision with glasses on - just about equal a little. mother normal - healthy & excellent. possible

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Day: _____ Month: _____ Year: _____
never before everyone laughed at us.

Official U.S. Air Force UFO form continued

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34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

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Day Month Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

Standing on our lawn it became apparent that something was almost above me. Approx. 25-30', a little below our huge pines (30-40') or 15'-20' in diameter, pie-plate shaped, as only the bottom was visible, dark, dull brown, and metallic looking, and joined together in uneven sections, held with rodent brown something, like a huge screw with no cross-cut.

Since I was only 12 or 13 ignorance protected my fear. I had a good look at it for approx 3 min. As it purred and came a little closer to me terror seemed to make me almost freeze. In the center something moved a little and I felt I was being watched. Then with all the power I had I broke away, from something unseen (perhaps just my fear) that seemed to exist for a moment between us.

(I looked down at the ground and said "God - make my legs move")

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Finally I lifted my arms as one would if he were to be crushed by something and ran into the house to get my mother who was with me on the lawn in an estimated minute. She was doing dishes, I grabbed her arm, she dried her hands, and came out with me. In hot min. the object was off - into the sky travelling fast and within another minute or so was into the clouds. It shone in the sunlight, silver coloured (perhaps as a plane may) but round and silver, pink & blue streamers (as we saw them) came out the back. It did not look like gas. This was not seen when hovering above me. My mother said she never had heard a sound before as it gave off. Personally I don't think you would notice it in the sky unless you were looking for it, once it got going at high speed.

We said very little to anyone about it until recently.

It did me no harm.

Official U.S. Air Force UFO form continued

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *watched for 3 minutes in close range - ran in house - expected it there, the same place as it scarcely showed - mother + I saw it rapidly going into the sky & into cloud.*


15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?
 (Circle One) Yes No Don't know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: *ac cloud.*


16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?
 (Circle One) Yes No Don't know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: _____

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:
 a. Sound *a soft purr -*
 b. Color *copper brown - as our penny.*

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head? *perhaps one screw, not sure I understand question*
15-20' diameter
saw for 3 min - bottom only.

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

Picture 1

as seen when approx 20' above me barely moving

Picture 2

as seen when flying

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?
 (Circle One) Yes No
 IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?
 (Circle One) Yes No
 IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? *25-30'*

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?
 (Circle One):
 a. Inside a building
 b. In a car
 c. Outdoors
 d. In an airplane (type) _____
 e. At sea
 f. Other _____

23. Were you (Circle One)
 a. In the business section of a city?
 b. In the residential section of a city?
 c. In open countryside?
 d. Near an airfield?
 e. Flying over a city?
 f. Flying over open country?
 g. Other *between Brescia Hall, University, West. & Nelson College.*

24. If you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:
 24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)
 a. North c. East e. South g. West
 b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest
 24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.
 24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?
 (Circle One) Yes No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?
 a. Eyeglasses Yes No e. Binoculars Yes No
 b. Sun glasses Yes No f. Telescope Yes No
 c. Windshield Yes No g. Theodolite Yes No
 d. Window glass Yes No h. Other _____

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or object which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.
my mother and I have never seen anything in the slightest way similar - since that time - 15 years later.

WERE ALL TRAVELLING IN FORMATION - AT FIRST THEY WERE BROADSIDE TO THE
WATCHERS AND LOOKED LIKE PLACES THEN TURNED AND THE EDGE SIDE WAS
PRESENTED TO THE WATCHERS. THE MIDDLE ONE PULLED UP STRAIGHT AND THE
OTHER TWO FOLLOWED. AS TO COLOR THEY LOOKED LIKE LITTLE MOONS OR
SUNS GLOWING - WERE ILLUMINATED ALL OVER. HE IS NOT SURE OF THE SIZE
BECAUSE HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW HIGH THEY WERE BUT ESTIMATES THEY MUST
HAVE BEEN AS BIG AS B-17S AND WERE AT 10000 FEET OR HIGHER AND
MUST HAVE BEEN GOING AT TREMENDOUS SPEED. THEY WERE GOING WEST AND MR.
TOWNSEND AND HIS COMPANIONS WATCHED THEM FOR THREE MINUTES. THERE WAS
RP SA LAST LINE

[REDACTED] AND HIS COMPANIONS WATCHED THEM FOR THREE MINUTES. THERE WAS
NO SOUND NO EXHAUST TRAIL. THE WEATHER WAS CLEAR.

END CAFB-OPR-14 HARDY

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~~REDACTED~~ OF WGWC' MR. ~~REDACTED~~ HIS SON AND A NEWSBOY' ALL
OF SELMA' ALABAMA' SAW THREE OBJECTS IN THE SKY 30 MAR 50' BEWEN THE
TIME 1808 AND 1813CST. THE SELMA TIMES-JOURNAL' LOCAL NEWSPAPER' IS
PLANNING TO GIVE IT A BIG PLAY. THE FOLLOWING INFORMAION IS SUBMITTED,
MR. ~~REDACTED~~ FIRST IMPRESSION WAS THAT THEY WERE CLOUDS WITH THE SUN
SHINING THROUGH. BUT THERE WERE NO CLOUDS IN SIGHT' AND MR. ~~REDACTED~~
SAYS THEY DEFINIELY SAW THREE CIRCULAR OBJECTS OF SOME SORT. THEY



WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE—Above is a Times artist's drawing of the object photographed by Bette Malles on a miniature camera and which, if authenticated, may possibly be first picture ever taken of "flying disk."

Amateur Photographer Snaps Weird Disk in Sky

Girl With Miniature Camera Takes Picture of Something Resembling Flying Saucer

A local amateur photographer has both seen and photographed in the sunset sky a weird object which yesterday deepened the flying disk mystery. Whether or not a real "flying saucer" actually has been photographed for the first time will depend upon results of a scientific investigation.

Should the vivid picture of the object be authenticated after experts have ruled out all possibilities of nature's optical vagaries, the pretty assistant in a Los Angeles medical office will have scooped the world! She is Miss Bette Malles, a Los Angeles resident, who took the picture while visiting an aunt in Hawthorne.

"I saw something queer and photographed it with my miniature camera," she told The Times, "but I don't pretend at all to know what it was. In case it was something important, I don't wish to release either the film or prints until some authorities have passed on them. However, here are the pictures and you can see for yourself.

Snapped Strange Object

"I was about to take a picture of a small plane flying over a Hawthorne air field when I suddenly saw something shining closer by and to my left. I quickly snapped the shutter and this is what I got."

In the left background of the untouched negative and enlarged prints is a vivid object which defies description. The central part of the object is composed of a luminous oblong doughnut, the "hole" being suggested by the slightly darker center.

Like an outrider preceding this disc, is a circular blob which might be mistaken for a miniature sun. The upward flight of the disk is suggested by lines of light projecting backward



SNAPS DISK — Miss Bette Malles photographs weird object flying through sky. Times photo

from the blob toward the bright doughnut. Also, what appears to be a cone of faint light connects the blob to the disk.

Enclosed in Halo

A second cone of light, projecting backward from the disk, narrows to meet another round blob of light which seems to serve as the disk's rear guard. But this isn't all there is to the odd geometrically shaped assembly.

The disk and its rear guard are enclosed within a large and perfectly circular halo, a similar halo, bisecting the former, following in the wake of the contraption. Suggesting a jet exhaust is a luminous vapor-like line which streams behind the rear guard "sun."

In the left foreground are the black silhouettes of telephone poles. The plane which Miss Malles was about to photograph when she saw the disk-like object, is barely visible in the right background.

The photographer declined to speculate on the actual size of the object or the speed at which it was traveling.

LOS ANGELES TIMES

12 MARCH 1950

Mar 10, 1950

By the Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, March 10.—A dynamite salesman told reporters yesterday he had seen the wreckage of a flying saucer in Mexico, but later changed his story to say he saw only a strip of metal which business associates told him came from a space ship.

Ray L. Dimmick, sales manager for a powder company, refused to name the associates, saying only that one was an American and the other a Chilean-Mexican. Mr. Dimmick added he would furnish the names "if requested by the proper authorities."

Reports Body in Wreckage.

He said he was told that the wreckage was on a mountainside in Mexico City and that top U.S. military officials had viewed it. However, the Air Force in Washington said it has heard nothing about it and there was no confirmation from Mexico.

Mr. Dimmick said his friends told him that a man 23 inches tall was killed in the crash and the body embalmed for scientific study. The crash occurred three months ago, Mr. Dimmick said.

'Powered by Two Motors.'

He asserted that his associates described the aircraft as 46 feet in diameter, built of a metal resembling aluminum but much harder, and powered by two motors. He described the piece of metal as about six feet long, eight inches wide and three-quarters of an inch thick.

Reports Phone Call About Saucer.

Reminded that the Air Force announced last December it was dropping its investigation of flying saucers, Mr. Dimmick said:

"I'm big enough to take the consequences of what I've said and stand my ground."

"Why," he said, "I received a telephone call from Mexico this morning that another saucer was seen over Mazatlan."

At Dayton, Ohio, Col. C. H. Welch, public information officer of the Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force base, would make no comment.

Californian Reports He Saw Part Of Wrecked "Saucer"

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—(AP) —An expert on chemicals and explosives told reporters today he had seen the wreckage of an ultra-streamlined flying saucer on a Mexico City mountainside, and that top U. S. military officials have viewed it.

But there was no confirmation of the account, related by Ray L. Dimmick, sales manager of the Apache Powder company, and the Air Force in Washington said it had heard nothing about it.

Dimmick later told newsmen he actually saw only a strip of metal which he was told came from the space ship.

The remainder of his information, Dimmick said, came from two business men in Mexico City, one an American, the other a Chilean-Mexican. Dimmick, declining to name them, said he would supply that information "if requested by the proper authorities."

Part of his information, he said, was that a man 23 inches tall, the

pilot of the plane, died in the crash and his body was embalmed for scientific study.

"It was an exquisite piece of machinery," Dimmick told the first interviewer. He then described it in detail, saying it was 46 feet in diameter, built of a metal resembling aluminum but much harder, and was powered by two motors.

He said he was taken to the scene of the crash by associates and that the wreckage was roped off. The crash occurred three months ago, he said.

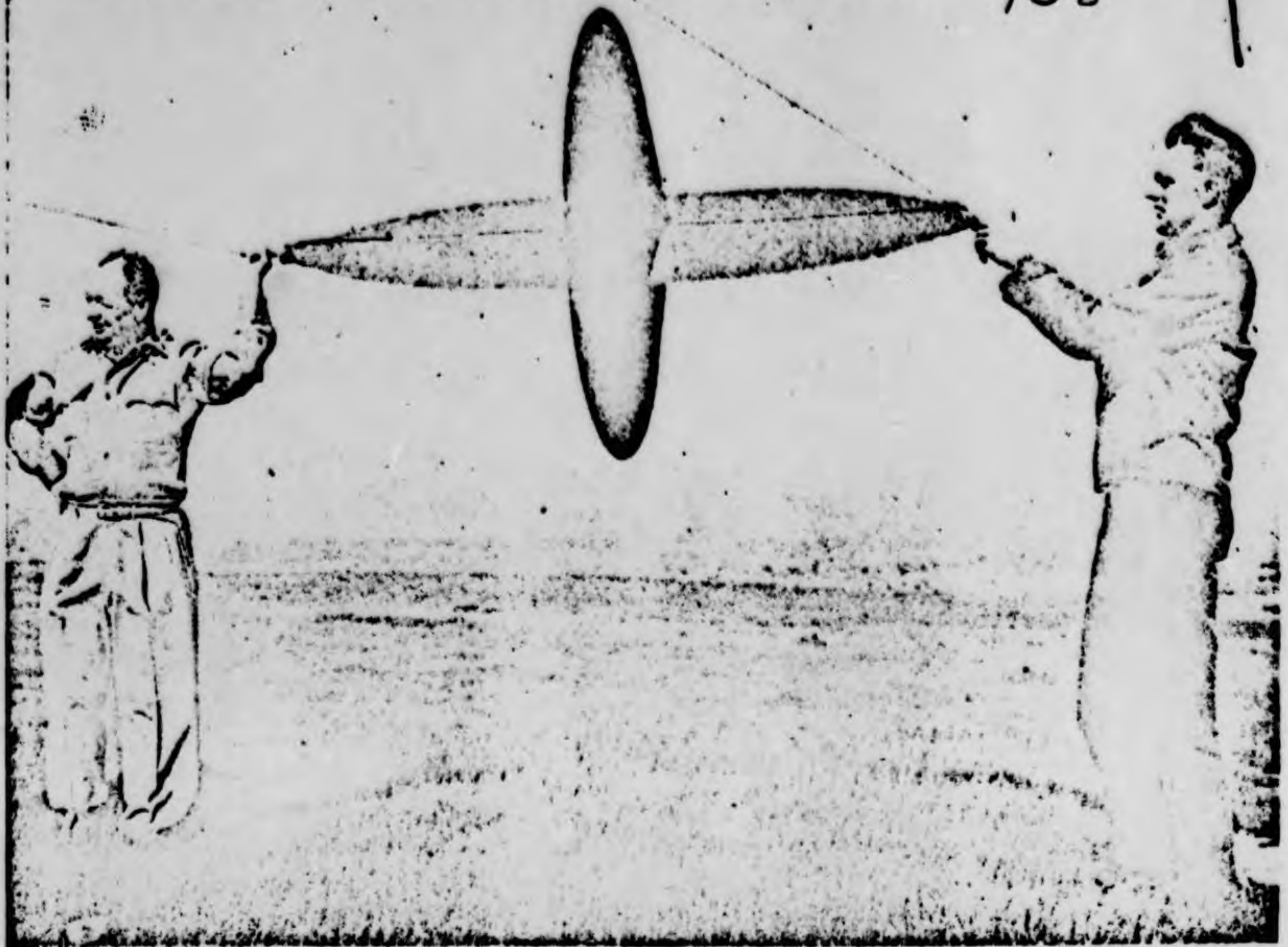
Dimmick said later that the piece of metal he actually saw was about six feet long, eight inches wide and three-quarters of an inch thick.

In Van Nuys, Calif., last night, Composer Eddie Coffman said he, Actor Reed Hadley and Mrs. Hadley saw a ship through a foggy sky. It appeared to be about 400 feet in the air and traveling at extreme speed.

Through a telescope, he said, it appeared to be about 50 feet in diameter.

*Los Angeles Journal-Herald
March 10, 1950*

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AIR-GOING DISK—Roy Wolford, left, and Don Shadle, engineering student, pictured with "flying disk" designed by Wolford for use as high-speed tow target for aerial

gunnery practice. Wolford, former jet test pilot, thinks some of flying disk reports from householders may have been due to their observing the targets.



ALOFT—Here's the Wolford flying disk kite as it appears in air, with strings attached. The "saucer" is red with curved yellow wings that rotate with disk.

Times photos

Flying Saucer Whirls Above Baldwin Hills

It's an Odd Kite, With String Control, Designed by Former Jet Test Pilot as Aerial Target

A flying saucer whirled over the Baldwin Hills yesterday—But it had strings on it!

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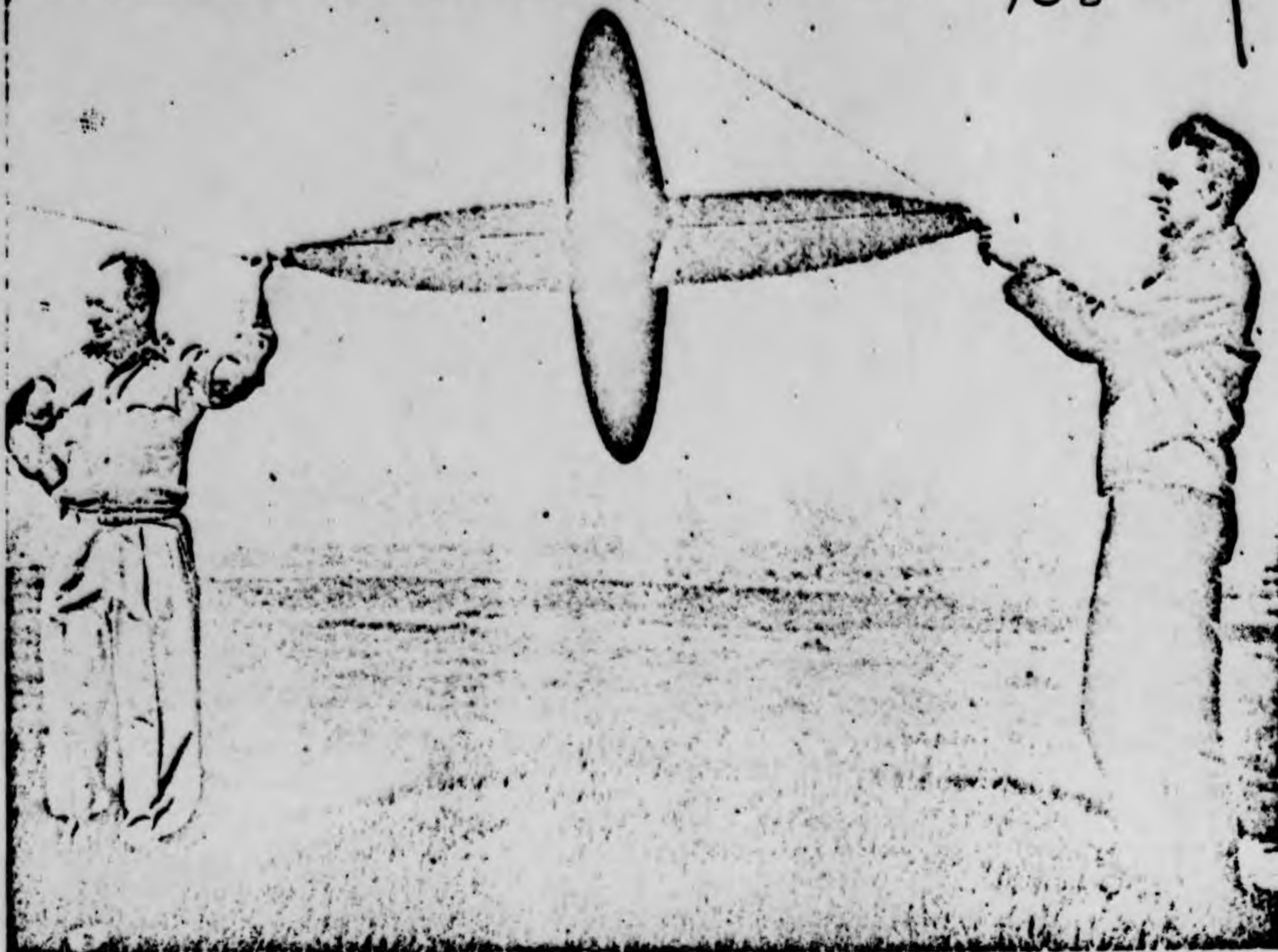
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AIR-GOING DISK—Roy Walford, left, and Don Shadle, engineering student, pictured with "flying disk" designed by Walford for use as high-speed tow target for aerial

gunnery practice. Walford, former jet test pilot, thinks some of flying disk reports from householders may have been due to their observing the targets.



ALOFT—Here's the Walford flying disk kite as it appears in air, with strings attached. The "saucer" is red with curved yellow wings that rotate with disk.

Times photos

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Flying Whatisit Chases 2 Westerners in Car

They Won't Admit It Was a Saucer

By the United Press.

DURANGO, Colo., March 14.—Two southern Colorado businessmen said today that they were chased by a strange flying object while returning last week from a trip to New Mexico.

Lloyd Locke of Durango and Harold Tanner of Cortez, Colo., said they had tried to keep the story quiet to avoid ribbing from friends.

Followed Their Car.

They said they were returning from Bloomfield, N. Mex., one night last week when the object began following their car. Both refused to call it a flying saucer.

"But it was too fast for a bird, and too small for an airplane," Mr. Tanner said.

Mr. Tanner said when he slowed down, the object began circling the machine at a "tremendous speed." The object, described as dark, flat, and about 5 feet in diameter, was said to have traveled on a 25 or 30-foot radius around the automobile.

Clear in Headlights.

"We could see it clearly when it passed the headlights," Mr. Locke said.

For about five minutes while they were parked, they said, the "thing" zipped around the car.