

TAKE YOUR PICK

'Ball Of Fire' Flashes Across Southern Sky; Question: What Was It?

By The Associated Press

A ball of fire flashed across the southern sky as the sun sank last night, trailing a streamer of flame and startling thousands.

Or did it? Was it just a speeding plane with the sun's last red and gold rays playing tricks with its vapor trail? Was it a real ball of fire, a meteor? Or was it—could it have been—a flying saucer?

What direction did it travel? take your choice: East to west or south to east.

And where did it land? If it was a jet plane, at El Paso, Tex.; if a meteor, perhaps in the swamps of Louisiana.

Or maybe there was a meteor as well as a jet.

Here are the known facts: A brilliant light, variously described as a fire ball and a fiery streak, was seen from Montgomery, Ala., to Fort Worth, Tex., at about 7:40 p. m. (CST). A ship 350 miles at sea from Galveston, Tex., saw it. A similar flash was seen an hour earlier at Natchez, Miss., and about 20 minutes later at Abilene, Tex. During this period a jet plane was whizzing over the south on a course from Langley Field, Va., to El Paso.

Nevertheless, a Fort Worth amateur astronomer who didn't see the flash but painstakingly tried to trace it—said he would be "almost willing to stake my reputation that it wasn't a jet plane sighted tonight."

Phone Checks Made
Astronomer Oscar Monnig said he made telephone checks of the fire ball's trajectory at Monroe and Lake Charles, La., and at Houston, Tex. All these, he said, indicated that the phenomenon was traveling southeast. Most reports said it was moving west.

"The meteor was the sort that leaves a sustained dust trail usually visible for a radius of 300 to 350 miles," Monnig said. He figured the appearance of the fiery streak was caused by the sun's reflection on the dust.

Because a Lake Charles radio-man sighted the object directly overhead, Monnig assumed the meteor "fell somewhere in the swampy coastal country south of Lake Charles."

The weather bureau at Moisant International airport in New Orleans said there were theories that the fire ball was either the tail-end of a comet or the vapor trail of a high-flying aircraft.

At Abilene, a CAA communicator talked to the westward-speeding jet at the same time a brilliant light flared there. He suggested it probably was the sun's reflection on the plane.

But when Lt. James Bryant of Roswell, N. M., landed at El Paso's Biggs air force base, he said all the talk about weird lights in the sky left him in the dark. Bryant said he didn't see anything unusual between Langley and Biggs. Presumably he would have been in a good spot to see a meteor, if any.

Bryant talked to a reporter only after Biggs field had said information on the jet's flight was secret, then switched signals.

Could Be Sun Reflection
The lieutenant didn't believe his plane had left a vapor trail as it sped along at 340,000 feet. If it had, he conceded, the sun's reflection could have given a fiery illusion.

Dr. David V. Guthrie, director of the Louisiana State university astronomical observatory, was sure it was a meteor. But, like Monnig, he hadn't seen it.

New Orleans weather observer E. A. Aime, who did see it, wasn't sure what he saw. He carefully reported the aircraft vapor trail theory, then said:

"It looked like something that came from outside our atmosphere (which reaches upward about 75 miles) and burned up in our atmosphere."

Aime said "It started out like a shooting star—a blue flash, and a vapor trail appeared about five or six minutes later."

A number of people at Monroe, La., telephoned their newspaper

that they'd seen a flying saucer—and the CAA countered: "No flying saucers are scheduled over Monroe tonight."

At Austin, Tex., A. X. James, an airlines agent, said he saw the flash and "shimmering, it appeared and disappeared like it was going into another dimension." It was "unearthly," he said.

So what was it? Take your choice.

Ernest Seaton To Head Umpqua Basin Council

Ernest A. Seaton of Drain was elected president of the Umpqua Basin Conservation council at the meeting Friday night. Seaton succeeds John Amacher of Winchester.

The other new officers are Henry Ford, Canyonville, vice president, and L. D. Bloom, Roseburg, secretary-treasurer. George Meyers of Drain is retiring vice-president, and Ray Kimmey, Drain, is retiring secretary-treasurer.

Jim Taughn, district supervisor of the Oregon State Game commission, reported to the council on conditions relative to hunting in this area. On his report the club based its recommendations to the game commission at its July meeting.

There was discussion on deer in the low lands, feed conditions and damage caused by deer.

The council went on record to recommend to the commission that the pheasant season be the same as that of last year, and as favoring a continuous 60-day migratory fowl season.

The club also went on record as favoring an open season on the white tail deer refuge again this year. The refuge, closed for several years, was opened last season.

Joss Newcomb gave his final report before leaving for Corvallis to take up his new assignment with the state game department as chief fishery research biologist.

Bill Pitney, who will replace Newcomb as resident biologist, also was elected.

All member clubs had representatives at the meeting.

Trygve Lie Hits Back At Question Of Commie Tag

LAKE SUCCESS, June 24.—(AP)—An angry Trygve Lie said last night that a question about any Communist affiliations he might have was "not a proper" question.

Lie had added that he has "always been a member of the Norwegian Labor party, which is a Socialist, not a Communist party."

The statement from the secretary-general of the United Nations was issued three hours after he failed to give a direct answer when asked by a newspaper correspondent to state whether he is or ever has been a Communist.

Lie's statement said he now is "responsible to all the governments and all the peoples of the United Nations and I do not and cannot take part in partisan politics, national or international."

"The only ideology I advocate is world peace and progress," the statement said.

Earlier Lie told his questioner, correspondent Chesley Manly of the Chicago Tribune, to seek his information from Norway's prime minister or the head of his country's conservative party.

"I think there should be some respect for my integrity," Lie said. Lie's associates quickly said after the press conference that the secretary-general is not and never has been a Communist.

Manly had asked several members of Congress, particularly Senators Bridges (R-NH) and Knowland (R-Calif) that Lie is pro-Communist.

James Byrd With Navy At Amphibious Base

James Lee Byrd, seaman, USN, of Idealyd route, Roseburg, serving with Beachmaster unit 2, naval amphibious base, Little Creek, Va., is participating in summer training in amphibious techniques for 8,000 officers and men from ships and shore-based units of the amphibious force, Atlantic fleet.

Byrd entered the naval service May 1, 1948, and received his recruit training at the naval training center, San Diego, Calif. Before entering the navy, he attended Roseburg high school, and was employed by Powell's grocery store.

Roseburg Student Listed On Honor Roll At SOC

The honor roll for spring term at Southern Oregon college at Ashland lists William A. Carstens of Roseburg and Frederick Goddard of Glendale.

Students with at least 12 quarter hours and a grade point average of 3.50 or better are eligible for the honor roll. One student, Barton LaFon of Ashland was able to reach the ultimate 4.00 average.

Sixth Annual Rodeo To Start Tonight

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Local rodeo committee and another \$2,200 posted by the cowboys as entry fees.

Little Brown Jug Reynolds, known to western movie fans as "Beaver," will be the featured added attraction at both rodeo showings, entertaining the crowd with riding and roping trick acts. His father, Fess Reynolds, is booked as the bull fighter and rodeo clown. Mrs. Reynolds will also perform with her "Lucky Act" of trained brahma bulls.

Entrants include: Bareback riding—Art Cook, Cypress, Calif.; Bob Yanes, Santa Paula, Calif.; Dick Luke, Sacramento, Calif.; Don Boag, Portland; Bill Kunkle, Portland; Bud Linderman, Red Lodge, Mont.; J. R. Akridge and Eddie Akridge, Beaver, Okla.; Walt Sullins, San Diego, Calif.; Jim Sloan, Phoenix, Ariz.; Bob Maynard, Hollywood, Calif.; Chuck Black, Roseburg; Fess Reynolds, Lee Haller, Red Bluff, Calif.; Jim Davis, Phoenix, Ariz.

Saddle bronc riding—Tee Hibert, Breckenridge, Texas; Johnny Campbell, Bishop, Calif.; Bill Kunkle; Bud Linderman; Eddie and J. R. Akridge; Pete Gill, Patterson, Calif.; Dick Murray, Hollywood; Lee Haller, Red Bluff, Calif.; Bob Henry, Portland; Tuffy Federer, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Gene Pruett, Yakima, Wash.; Pete Wheelhouse, Arlington.

Rail riding—Art Cook; Dick Luke; Don Boag; Walt Sullins; Jim Marrs, North Platte, Neb.; Dwight Maddox, Weiser, Idaho; Ray Beem, Sharon Springs, Kans.; Tuffy Federer, Bob Maynard, Wing Millon, Modesto, Calif.; Bill Mulder, Red Bluff, Calif.; Jim Davis; Clinton Bogart, Eugene; Eddie Akridge.

Calf roping—Ed McFarlane, Klamath Falls; Howard Pruett, Roseburg; Leon Smith, Grants Pass; Bud Linderman; Dave Stout, Phoenix, Ariz.; Pat Smith, Dorris, Calif.; George Richmond, Camp Verde, Ariz.; Eddie Akridge.

Bull dogging—Bill Kunkle; Bud Linderman; J. R. Akridge; Pete Gill, Patterson, Calif.; Dwight Maddox; Bob Henry, Portland; Gene Pruett; Bob Maynard; Fess Reynolds; George Richmond; Eddie Akridge.

Team roping—Ed McFarlane and R. B. Fowler; Leon Smith and Dave Stout; Bud Linderman and Sonny Tureman; Pat Smith and George Richmond; Bud Linderman and Dave Stout; Leon Smith and George Richmond; Stub Bartleson and Sonny Tureman; Pat Smith and Leon Smith.

Lover's Lane Robber Killed By Policemen

KANSAS CITY, June 24.—(AP)—Police killed an unidentified lover's lane hold-up man in an exchange of shots near a northside city park early today.

Detective J. J. Halvey said the man was surprised in the act of holding up a couple. Two patrolmen who had been summoned by Callis Bosworth, a motorist who called the scene when the armed man attempted to rob him and a companion.

Halvey said the holdup man fired at Patrolmen Carey Maders and Eugene Todd. One bullet struck and lodged in Major's heavy leather tunic belt.

The officers returned the fire as the man fled in the darkness. Approximately half an hour later his body was sprawled face down in an abandoned pigeon.

Halvey said at least three of the police shots had struck him.

President Signs Rent Control Extension Bill

WASHINGTON, June 24.—(AP)—Federal rent controls now will continue for the remainder of 1951, and cities wanting to keep them for the first six months of 1952.

A bill extending the rent control law beyond June 30 was signed yesterday by President Truman.

It calls for end of controls Dec. 31 except where cities or their local governments vote to retain them. In such cases they could continue controls until June 30, 1952.

Mr. Truman had asked for a full year's extension.

Fire Threatens Town

CYNTHIANA, Ky., June 24.—(AP)—The business section of this city was threatened with destruction by fire early today after flames destroyed two frame buildings, and spread to a warehouse of a hardware company and a four-story brick building.

Cynthiana, county seat of Harrison county, with a population of about 4,800, is midway between Lexington, Ky., and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Firemen were trying to prevent the flames from spreading to other buildings in the area. The Paris, Ky., fire department sent a truck to aid Cynthiana firemen.

There was no immediate estimate of damage and no other details.

Other Air Disasters Recalled

NEW YORK, June 24.—(AP)—If all aboard a missing Northwest airlines DC-4 are lost, the toll would be the most disastrous in American commercial aviation history.

The missing plane carried a crew of three and 55 passengers.

The previous high was that of an Eastern air lines plane which crashed near Washington, D. C., Nov. 1, 1949, killing 55 persons.

The airliner plunged to earth after it was rammed by a fighter plane piloted by a Bolivian army flier.

The heaviest toll in world heavier-than-air aviation history occurred on March 12, 1950, when 80 persons died in the crash of a transport near Cardiff, Wales. The plane was loaded with fans returning from a Dublin soccer match.

Other major airplane disasters include: Sept. 19, 1946—Thirty-nine killed in crash of Belgian airliner near Gander, Newfoundland.

Oct. 3, 1946—Thirty-nine killed in crash of Northwest Airlines DC-4 in Newfoundland.

Feb. 15, 1947—Fifty-three killed in DC-4 crash at LaGuardia field, New York.

May 29, 1947—Fifty-three die in airliner crash near Port Deposit, Md.

June 13, 1947—Fifty killed in Blue Ridge mountain crash in Virginia.

Oct. 24, 1947—Fifty-two killed in crash of airliner in Bryce Canyon, Utah.

June 17, 1948—Forty-three died in crash near Mt. Carmel, Pa.

Aug. 1, 1948—Air France flying boat with 52 aboard vanished at sea in flight from Martinique to French West Africa.

Aug. 23, 1949—Thirty-seven killed in crash near Winona, Minn.

Oct. 21, 1948—Dutch airliner crashed in Scotland with 40 killed.

Dec. 28, 1948—Thirty-two missing when a chartered airliner disappeared in flight from San Juan to Miami.

June 7, 1948—Fifty-three killed when plane crashed into Atlantic on takeoff from San Juan.

Oct. 29, 1949—Paris-New York airliner crashed into Azores mountain peak with loss of 48 lives.

June 13, 1950—Forty-six killed in crash of Northwest Airlines DC-4 in Persian Gulf off Bahrain island.

June 14, 1950—Thirty-nine killed when another Air France plane crashed the following day in the same area.

AP Has New Prague News Correspondent

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, June 24.—(AP)—The Associated Press was represented today in the Czech capital by an American correspondent on the first time in 11 weeks.

William N. Oatis arrived from London yesterday to head the AP's Prague Bureau. His predecessor, Nathan Polowetzky, was expelled April 8 after the government accused him of unobjective reporting.

The AP denied the charge, which was not documented.

Since Polowetzky left Prague, the AP bureau has been operated by editorial assistants who are Czech citizens. They filed only news material circulated by the official press agency and radio.

Spruce Budworm Extent In West Oregon Studied

EUGENE, June 24.—(AP)—Foresters planned here yesterday how to survey the extent of spruce budworm infestation in western Oregon forests.

They estimated that 14,000,000 acres of timber might now some of the forest. Private insecticide foresters will survey the extent of infestation during the next few weeks, while state and national foresters concentrate on spraying the timber.

The budworms, which only been seen and killed during this season of the year.



ESTABLISHED TWO YEARS—The I-Deal Concrete Co., owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers, has been established two years. The plant has six full time employees, operates six trucks, including mobile mixers, bunkers and a tractor. The daily capacity is 125 to 150 yards of mixed concrete. Approximately \$100,000 has been invested in the home, plant and equipment. The company has poured such jobs as Mercy Hospital, county home, Riverside school, REA building, Pine Motor Theater, Benette theater and many homes and private construction jobs. (Picture by Paul Jenkins).

58 Aboard Missing Northwest Airliner

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the place the pilot spotted the wreckage.

Had No Dye Marker
Dye marker is usually equipment on line lifts. Officials of Northwest airlines said the plane did not carry dye marker.

If all aboard the DC-4 are lost, it will be the most disastrous crash in U. S. commercial aviation history.

The plane was enroute from New York to the Pacific Northwest.

A gigantic air and surface search net was thrown out from both east and west shores of Lake Michigan.

Fogs clinging to the surface of the water hampered early morning searches.

There was a crew of three aboard the craft. The skipper was Robert Lind, 35, of Hopkins, Minn. Co-pilot was Vern F. Wolfe, 35, of Minneapolis. Stewardess Bonnie Ann Feldman, 25, of St. Paul, completed the crew roster.

The night plane last reported its position at 11:15 p. m. (C.S.T.) yesterday. At Minneapolis the Civil Aeronautics authority said Capt. Lind told them he was over the eastern edges of Lake Michigan at the time.

Request Denied
He asked permission to descend from 3,500 feet to 2,500 feet. The FAA denied the request because there was too much traffic at that altitude already.

The CAA said Capt. Lind did not mention storm conditions. Sections of west Michigan, however, were lashed by electrical storms at about midnight. Winds of gale force slashed through the region.

The plane—flight 2501—left La Guardia field in New York at 8:25 p. m. (E.S.T.) and was due at Minneapolis at 1:23 a. m. (C.S.T.) on a non-stop run. NWA officials in Seattle said among the 53 passengers, 11 were bound for Spokane, eight for Seattle, and two for Portland, Ore.

The Chicago headquarters of the coast guard dispatched the cutter Frederick Lee as soon as it was established the plane was overdue.

All coast guard stations and state police posts in Michigan were alerted. Two amphibian planes and a helicopter were sent to search for the missing liner. Early in the search police at suburban White Fish Bay, reported seeing a light on the lake. After 10 minutes it vanished, they added.

Four-Year-Old Ready For Channel Attempt?

ST. LOUIS, June 24.—(AP)—Come August the pint-sized splash in the English channel tonight may be Russell (Bubber) Tongay Jr.

Bubber, at the age of four, proved he is a long-distance swimmer yesterday by stroking 22 miles down the Mississippi river from Alton to St. Louis.

Russell, senior, says the swim was just a practice grind for the channel effort to be sponsored by the Elks club of Miami. That's the Tongays' home town.

Bubber's kid sister, Kathy, aged two and a half, is following his wake. She swam five miles down the river herself yesterday.

Zonta Club Will Sponsor Dance At Vets Hospital

The Zonta Club will sponsor a dance at the Veterans hospital Monday night, June 26. The Eugene Zonta club will be here to help put on the dance. All women of Roseburg are invited to attend.

The dance, which is being held in Washington, D. C., on business will go on to Miami, Fla., to attend the International Zonta club convention.

FALL FATAL TO MAN

THE VALLES, June 24.—(AP)—The Valles, who tumbled into a claimed—indirectly—its first Oregon victim.

Preston E. Gaige, 47, Ordinance, one of the men hired on an emergency basis to move cargo away from the flood-threatened port of The Dalles, tumbled into a barge hold yesterday. He was fatally injured in the fall.

Conant was stricken yesterday shortly before his scheduled departure for Europe. He was taken to the Phillips house of the Massachusetts General hospital.

Dr. Dean A. Clark, hospital director, said Conant will require an extended convalescence.

Turman Wilson Tells Events In Criminal Career

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 24.—(AP)—Turman Wilson, one of two brothers charged with the kidnapping of a 16-year-old girl, testified Friday he had been "bounced" by police for more than two years.

Prompted by questions of Attorney Irvin Goodman, defending him and his brother Utah, Turman said from the witness stand that police tried to force a confession from him by threats and promises after he was arrested in Sacramento, Calif., on the kidnap-murder charge.

Turman said he was released from the Oregon State penitentiary on April 16, 1948, after serving nearly six years on a rape conviction.

A short time later, he said, he was arrested on a robbery charge in Portland. This later was reduced to petty larceny and he was sentenced to six months in jail.

After his release, Turman testified he was picked up and taken to jail here, but that police refused to tell him why he was arrested.

Later, he said, two officers from Legally fired a gun at a Kalamazoo where he was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon for allegedly firing a gun at a Lalama man. This charge was dismissed, and Turman testified he was told by a Kalamazoo policeman that the warrant had been signed at the request of Vancouver police.

Turman said he then was charged with vagrancy but was acquitted. Car theft charges brought against him by Portland police also were dropped, he said.

The witness testified that after his arrest in Sacramento, Julian Ulmer, a Vancouver city detective, who went to the California city to question him, told him that his whole family would end up in jail if he didn't confess.

Turman quoted Ulmer as saying that he would get off with an alibi if he confessed. He added that the detective told him if he didn't confess before Sheriff Earl Anderson and other officers arrived in Sacramento he "wouldn't recognize his own face and wouldn't be able to confess to anyone."

The witness denied he had said anything about the case while held at Sacramento and had asked only for an attorney.

Witnesses called Thursday did not remember times and dates clearly enough to prove an alibi that the Wilson brothers were out of this city when Jo Anne Dewey was kidnapped March 19.

New Iron Lung Invention Told

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—(AP)—Not breathing is a good treatment for chronic tuberculosis. Impossible? Not quite. A glorified iron lung that allows patients to live without breathing has been developed by Dr. Alvan L. Barach of Columbia university's college of physicians and surgeons.

Reporting on its use to the American College of Chest Physicians in San Francisco yesterday, he said in 19 out of 29 patients treated TB had been arrested.

Unlike the ordinary iron lung, the lung muscles are not kept in motion. At rest, the damaged lung tissues have a chance to heal faster, said Dr. Barach.

The Barach machine—which he calls an immobilization chamber—supplies oxygen to the lungs by maintaining the air pressure constant inside and outside the body. Patients can breathe, but it is not necessary.

He said the treatment probably would aid less acute TB cases, but the high cost of the expensive machinery limits its use. Dr. Barach estimated cost of the treatment at about \$500 a month.

PITCHER SOLD

KLAMATH FALLS, June 24.—(AP)—Joe Nicholas, right-handed sidearm pitcher, has been sold by the Klamath Gems of the Far West Baseball league to Tri-City of the Western International.

Census Cuts Population Of Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS, June 24.—(AP)—They'll be calling Klamath Falls the ghost town of Oregon.

Here in this fastest-growing state in the nation, census figures show that Klamath Falls has about 700 fewer residents now than in 1940.

The figures for Klamath Falls show a metropolitan area population of 15,803, compared to 16,497 ten years ago.

The outlying suburban area, however, has an estimated (by census office) population of 9,309. Klamath county's population is now 42,014, an increase of 1,517 over 10 years ago.

German Reds Drop Claims To Sudetenland

East Germany's Communist government announced new concessions last night to a Soviet satellite neighbor. The Red regime renounced all claims on the Czech Sudeten area.

Agreements signed in Prague by Russian zone Deputy Premier Walter Ulbricht and Czech Premier Antonin Zapotocky also recognized as "permanent and just" the post-war expulsion of 2,000,000 Germans from the border area seized by Hitler in 1938 and returned to Czechoslovakia after the war.

That was expected to bring a protest wave from expelled Sudeten Germans, at least from those in West Germany. Contending that they were "ruthlessly" driven from their homes, they have been campaigning to return to Czechoslovakia.

The declaration by Ulbricht and Zapotocky said East Germany and Czechoslovakia "have no territorial claims on each other nor are there any claims for an alteration of the present frontier."

That was not expected to appeal to Germans already aroused by East Germany's cession to Poland. Two weeks ago all former German territory east of the Oder and Neisse rivers.

Ulbricht, who also signed the agreement with Poland, meanwhile continued his treaty-negotiating tour of neighboring nations in the Soviet orbit. With his delegation of four other Germans he left Prague by air for Budapest to sign economic and cultural pacts with the Hungarians.

Cowl Services Readied

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., (AP)—Funeral services were arranged today for Jane Cowl, one of the great actresses of her time.

Selected to deliver the eulogy was actor Gregory Peck, with the Rev. J. Herbert Smith, rector of All-Saints Episcopal church in Beverly Hills, officiating.

Miss Cowl, 65, died Tuesday in St. John's hospital, Santa Monica.

HABIT

BATAVIA, N. Y., June 24.—(AP)—A state trooper who arrested Donald A. Moyles, 24, for speeding, sent him home to get his license.

On his way, Moyles was nabbed by city police for speeding. He paid two \$25 fines.

TRAFFIC HAZARD

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24.—(AP)—A stray cow showed up on a main thoroughfare near the stock yards last night.