

Deputies Report Flying Disc Seen Near Huge Army Post

Monterey, Calif., April 12 (AP)—An army intelligence agent opened an investigation today into reports by sheriff's deputies and others that they saw a flying "saucer" near the army's huge Fort Ord.

Deputies Ted Cross and Jim Matney, a former aerial gunner, were questioned for more than a half-hour by the agent regarding the object they saw streaking across the countryside near here Sunday.

The air force and other defense officials have continually denied existence of the "saucers."

Cross said today that he was "convinced it came from another world." The deputy added, "I don't think anything on earth could have caught it."

The two deputies were driving between Monterey and Salinas with Matron Barbara Harris and a prisoner when Cross spotted the object "directly over the highway." The time was 7 a.m., PST.

"At first we thought it was a morning star from its brightness," Cross said.

"But we looked again and saw it wasn't. It was a round object, about 30 feet in circumference and was traveling at a high rate of speed. I'd say it crossed the highway at an altitude of about 4,000 feet."

"Then it stopped and began spinning. After a minute, it left in a northwesterly direction towards Fort Ord."

Fort Ord is a huge army reservation near Monterey. Part of it lies alongside the Monterey-Salinas highway.

A few minutes later, two deputies in the Castroville area north of Fort Ord radioed they, too, had seen the mysterious object. Later a Greyhound bus driver reported seeing it near Salinas.

Cross said the object appeared to be "pretty heavy." He said from the way it glittered in the early morning sun it looked like it was made of chromium or cast aluminum.

"It gave off no smoke or vapor," he added.

The U. S. Air Force has stated that its investigations of so-called flying saucers show no basis for the frequent reports of them.

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Interim Committee Meets Opposition

Portland, April 12 (AP)—The state legislative interim committee report on highways ran into opposition yesterday.

The report would "create a superman dictatorship to control Oregon's roads," Guy Boyington, Clatsop county judge, told officials of seven northwestern Oregon counties at a highway meeting.

"It is a plan to remove control of the state highway commission and place it under a super-engineer. The county commissioners and county courts would have to deal with this super-engineer directly on road problems instead of with the highway commission as they have in the past," he said.

He described it as a "slap in the face and insult to every taxpayer in the state."

Boyington said it would bring about an expensive system of super-highways, taking all highway revenue and forcing counties to resort to sales taxes and other special taxes.

Gresham, April 12 (AP)—The northern Oregon high school music contest will be held at Gresham, beginning Saturday. Instrumental contests will be conducted there, followed on the next Saturday by vocal contests.



State Game Commissioner Answers Tompkins Attack

Portland, Ore., April 12 (AP)—J. H. Van Winkle of Oregon City, Member of the Oregon state game commission, today said state Grange Master Morton Tompkins was "all wrong" in charging that the state game bulletin was printed and distributed at public expense.

Truman Banned from Using Party Label

Jackson, Miss., April 12 (AP)—Mississippi supporters of President Truman are officially banned from using the democratic party name.

Acting Attorney General George Ethridge advised Secretary of State Heber Laddner yesterday that only one party is entitled to use the word "democrat" in its title, and because the states' rights democrats registered first, he said Truman democrats cannot use the title of democrat.

The controversy began when the legislature enacted a law requiring all political parties in the state to register with the secretary of state.

The law bans use of the same name or any part of the same name by more than one party.

New Air Chief—Thomas K. Finletter (above) has been appointed secretary of the air force by President Truman to succeed W. Stuart Symington, who becomes chairman of the national security resources board. Finletter, a student of air power in modern war, was a former chairman of the president's air policy commission. (Acme Telephoto)

Oregon Court Takes Stand For 'Integrity of the Family'

The Oregon supreme court Tuesday took a firm stand for "the integrity of the family," and reversed a Multnomah county circuit court decree granting a divorce to Betty Jean Guinn.

The circuit court decree, granted by Fred W. Bronn, judge pro tem, awarded Mrs. Guinn a divorce from John E. Guinn and gave her custody of their minor child and temporary alimony.

The court concluded: "Whether, with a better will on her part, this marriage may yet be saved is not the test of the court's decision. It is our function to weigh the evidence in the light of the law for the purpose of ascertaining if the charges have been sustained. We think they have not been, and the decree must, therefore, be reversed."

Noting that both Guinn and Mrs. Guinn, despite the discrepancy of their age—he was 43 and she was 21 when they married May 9, 1946—were potentially good parents, said:

"Marriage under our law is a civil contract in which the state has a vital interest. It is not to be dissolved by mutual agreement nor for light reasons. It is still true that the integrity of the family is basic to our American civilization."

Nut Growers In Big Show

Northwest Nut Growers, Dundee, representing a majority of the filbert and walnut growers in Oregon, is going to play a prominent part in the activities of Oregon products week, April 17-22, reports R. L. Melden, sales manager of the grower-cooperative organization.

Oregon products week, Melden explains, is being sponsored by the Portland Retail Trade Bureau to point out to Oregonians the importance of supporting their own industries by buying Oregon products, as a dollar spent by an Oregonian on an Oregon product will come back to the spender in some beneficial way and all Oregon will benefit.

The slogan "What Oregon Makes, Makes Oregon" has been adopted. Oregon industries have been invited to display their Oregon products during the special week and downtown stores, hotels, restaurants, banks and

Newby Cancer Chairman Willamina—Mrs. A. D. Newby is local chairman for the Cancer Crusade, put on by the American Cancer society. The Yamhill county quota is \$2,056. Mrs. Newby mailed out letters asking for contributions, and coin boxes will also be placed in several business houses.

"Tompkins is all wrong," Van Winkle said. "The state game bulletin is not published at public expense. None of the cost of publishing and mailing the bulletin comes from the state general fund. The game bulletin is supported entirely by license fees, voluntarily paid by sportsmen. The game bulletin is the sportsmen's magazine in Oregon."

"It is fitting and proper that it carry information or arguments slanted to the sportsman's position. This position has evidenced in many resolutions by sports clubs and in a sportsmen's sponsored referendum is in opposition to the high dam at Lewis creek on the Rogue river."

"Tompkins uses the support of grangers to espouse public power in the Grange bulletin. Sportsmen think it is the grangers' business and do not meddle in it. They expect reciprocal consideration from Tompkins."

Van Winkle said the position taken by anyone writing in the game bulletin on controversial matters "need not necessarily be that of the game commission."

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Lien Placed on \$65,000 Sack

Atlanta, April 12 (AP)—The federal government tossed a \$50,587 tax lien on a 50-year-old woman who went to jail carrying \$65,000 in a flour sack after she was arrested on a liquor charge.

The tax lien was filed against Mrs. Elizabeth Spears yesterday just before she waived a hearing on a charge of possessing non-tax paid whisky.

"A person works hard all their life and then when you get old they try to take it away from you," commented Mrs. Spears, who also faces a state charge of selling liquor without a license.

She had come by the money honestly, she said — "mostly through pinball and juke box machines."

She kept the money with her because she didn't trust banks, she added.

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Amity School Band In Perrydale Concert

Amity—The high school band, directed by Joe M. Barr, presented a concert at Perrydale high school.

Going to and from Perrydale, the band serenaded Briedwell, Ballston and Bethel schools.

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