

Officials Skeptical As 'Whatnik' Reports Continue To Come in

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A virtual shower of flying object reports swamped authorities across the nation today, and official skepticism over the "whatniks" mounted in proportion.

The current flurry of unidentified flying object sightings began during the week end and has been picking up steam since.

Sky gazers described the objects as appearing in many colors and in shapes ranging from a "meat platter," to "the open end of a bucket." Some of the objects zoom about, others hover overhead and kill automobile engines and lights.

Two persons, one an ex-convict in Nebraska and the other a Tennessee schoolboy, insist they have seen space ships manned by German-speaking men and women land. The boy said one of the spacemen tried to kidnap his dog.

Scientists Skeptical

Scientists, however, were cool to most of the reports. They said many of them stemmed from sightings of bright stars and planets, cloud and weather mirages, the aurora borealis, tricks of vision and, perhaps, a touch of hysteria brought on by Russia's Sputniks.

Dr. Harold H. Menzel, director of the Harvard College of Astronomy, dismissed most of the sightings as "another flying saucer scare."

A Chicago scientist pointed out the reports, which have ranged from the Fiji Island to Italy, all have come from the

free world while no such objects have been sighted in Iron Curtain countries.

Air Force officials investigated some of the stranger sightings.

But a spokesman at Wright-Patterson Air Force base near Dayton, Ohio, observed that of the thousands of flying saucer reports checked out in the past 10 years, only about three per cent of them still are in the "unknown file."

Could Be Identified

And those three per cent probably could be identified, the spokesman said, if more information about them could be learned.

The spokesman, a top official of the Air Technical Intelligence Center, also threw cold water on the reports by stating that not one bit of physical evidence of flying saucers has ever been found by the Air Force in checking out 5,700 sightings in the past 10 years.

He said preliminary studies of some of the current mystery sightings indicate the lights may have stemmed from "cloud ceiling light."

A Naval astronomer said a rash of "whatnik" sightings along the Eastern Seaboard on Wednesday night was the aurora borealis, or northern lights. The lights, described as "reddish objects" were seen as far south as Georgia. Astronomer Sylvan Bestul in Washington said it was "unusual" to have such a brilliant display that far south.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mildred F.—A woman needs more than her home.

Donald F.—A man shouldn't have to wash his own socks.

Mildred F.—Last year, after 25 years as a homemaker, I went back to work. My husband and I have two married children and one away at college.

It was Don's idea that I take a job. He thought there wasn't enough for me to do around the house with only the two of us. Besides, the extra income would help us build up a retirement fund. I wasn't particularly keen about going to work, but once I started I loved it.

The problem now is Don. He isn't used to doing anything for himself. He doesn't like helping out around the house and he is all upset if things don't run on oiled wheels the way they used to when I was home. He wants me to give up my job now and stay home, but I feel as though I'd be putting myself back in a jail. I love my home, but a woman needs more than that.

Donald F.—Okay, I was wrong. I made a big mistake. I didn't realize how much Mildred had to do in the house, even just for the two of us. Now I'm ready to appreciate everything she does — if only she'll stay home.

Mildred F. seems to think it's a joke when I have to struggle with the dinner dishes or when she sees me making a mess of washing out a pair of socks, but I don't think it's funny. A man shouldn't have to start learning to do things like that at my age.

The worst of it is that Mildred has turned out to be one of those people who bring the job home with them at the end of the day. All evening she's jabbering about the office and I don't get a chance to get in a word edge-wise. It doesn't take more time to sew on a button than to talk all that nonsense, but Mildred would rather talk.

The Council: It's too bad Donald can't see humor in the fact of a man of his age being knocked for a loop by a pair of socks and some dinner dishes. We agree with Mildred. It's really very funny.

It is fortunate Donald has had this opportunity to see the effort entailed in making "things run on oiled wheels" in a home, but

we don't go along with his plea for mercy—not yet. Mildred has had 25 years of housework. She still has the health and energy to try her wings and expand her life. It would be very unfair to put her back in the home at this time purely for Donald's convenience.

Donald ought to try to enter into the spirit of this thing with a little more enthusiasm. He should realize Mildred is doing more than escaping housework. She is tasting a new life and he should have the generosity to share her excitement.

On the other hand, Mildred ought to be a little more sympathetic with Donald's situation. It is not really just a question of the dinner dishes. Donald feels that his whole world has gone to pieces because Mildred is not planning her normal, wifely role. It wouldn't be a bad idea for her to do a little button sewing and sock washing — just as reassurance of her love.

We have a notion Donald pretends to more helplessness in these matters than he actually feels because he doesn't want Mildred to get so absorbed in her job that she'll no longer need him.

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Britannia Airplane Future Said Clouded

London — The future of the Britannia turbo-prop airliner may be in doubt unless investigators can quickly determine the cause of the crash Wednesday of one of the "whispering giants," aircraft sources said today.

Fifteen persons died when the giant four-engine transport crashed in a wood near Bristol on a proving flight.

Officials of the Bristol Aircraft Co. and the Ministry of Civil Aviation launched an immediate inquiry. Informed sources said the investigators are working against time in an effort to find the reason for the accident.

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