

Flying Businessman Sticks To Tale Of "Super" Planes

PENDLETON, Ore., June 26 (AP)—A tale of nine mysterious objects—flat like a pie-pan, and so shiny that they reflected the sun like a mirror—was reported today by the army and air experts.

The man who reported the objects, Kenneth Arnold, a flying Boeac, Idaho, businessman, during, however, to its story of the shiny, flat objects, such as big as a DC-4 passenger plane, racing over Washington's Cascade mountains with a peculiar weaving motion "like the tail of a kite."

An army spokesman in Washington, D. C., commented, "As far as we know, nothing flies that fast except a V-2 rocket, which travels at about 3,600 miles an hour—and that's too fast to be seen."

The spokesman added that the V-2 rockets would not resemble the objects reported by Arnold, and that no high-speed experimental tests were being made in the area where Arnold said the objects were.

A civil aeronautics administration inspector in Portland, Ore., added, "I rather doubt that anything would be traveling that fast."

Arnold described the objects as "flat like a pie-pan" and so shiny that they reflected the sun like a mirror.

He said he was flying fast at 2:50 p. m. two days ago toward Mt. Rainier when they appeared directly in front of him 25-30 miles away at 10,000 feet altitude.

By his plane's clock he timed that at 1:42 minutes for the 47 miles from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Adams, Arnold said, adding that he later figured by triangulation that their speed was 1200 miles an hour.

"I could be wrong by 200 or 300 miles an hour," he admitted, "but I know I never saw anything so fast."

He said at first he thought they were geese, but quickly saw they were too big—as big as a DC-4 that was about 20 miles away, he said. The DC-4 pilot reported nothing unusual sighted. Then Arnold said he thought of jet planes and started to check them, "but their motion was wrong for jet jobs."

"I guess I don't know what they were—unless they were guided missiles," said Arnold, who continued here on a business trip.

"Everyone says I'm nuts," he added ruefully, "and I guess I'd say it too if someone else reported those things. But I saw them and watched them closely. It seems impossible, but there it is."

Arnold said he was 25-30 miles west of Mt. Rainier, en route from Chehalis to Yakima, when he sighted the objects. He explained he had decided to look for a marine corps plane, missing since last January, while he was in the area.

Blinding Flashes

He told a reporter the planes remained visible by the bright, "almost blinding" flashes of reflected sunshine as far as 50 miles away. Arnold admitted the angle from

which he viewed the objects would make difficult a precise estimation of their speed, but insisted any error would not be grave "for that speed."

The DC-4 was closer than the objects, but at 14,000 feet and somewhat north of him, he said, adding that he could estimate the distance of the objects better because an intervening peak once blocked his view of them. He found the peak was 25 miles away, Arnold related.

He also said they flew on the west sides of Rainier and Adams, adding that he believed this would make it more difficult for them to be seen from the ground.

The Boise man said that at first he thought the window of his plane

might be causing the reflections, but that he still saw the objects after rolling it down.

He also described the objects as "saucer-like" and their motion "like a fish flipping in the sun."

Threaded Through Hills

Mostly, he said, he was surprised at the way they twisted just above the higher peaks, almost appearing to be threading their way through the mountains.

"Ten thousand feet is very low for anything going at that speed," he said.

Arnold was flying a three-passenger, single-engine plane at 3500 feet at the time, he said, adding that his own speed was about 100 miles an hour.

He landed here yesterday and said he would remain another day or two before returning to Boise.

Church To Be Site Of Ceremony

TAOAMA, June 26 (AP)—Historic St. Luke's church, rebuilt stone by stone as funds were raised dollar by dollar during the last 11 years, will be re-consecrated at its new site Sunday in an impressive Episcopal church ceremony.

The towering structure, built here in 1883 from plans of an ancient English edifice, was closed and fell into disrepair during the 1920's when a large part of its parishes moved away from the downtown area in which it was located.

Dr. Arthur Bell, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, conceived the idea of having the building removed to a site in the north end of the city and reconstructed. A drive was started to raise funds and the work has progressed step by step as the necessary cash came in.

The congregation has invested \$60,000 in the structure's removal and rebuilding and architects value it at \$200,000.

Dr. Stephen Fielding Bayne Jr., recently consecrated bishop of the diocese of Olympia, and Dr. Cecil Swanson, dean of Christ Cathedral in Vancouver, B. C., will speak at the morning and afternoon services.

Briton Gives Morse OK

PORTLAND, June 26 (AP)—Senator Wayne Morse has "caught the fancy" of the British, an English newspaper correspondent here today said.

James Hamlin-Howard said he was collecting biographical material on Morse for a newspaper published by the Empire Industries association.

"They wonder about what sort of a man Morse is to be able to follow his own convictions even when they differ from those of his fellow Republicans, and still remain unharmed by the siner efforts of those who would brand him a communist sympathizer," he said.

He added that Morse's filibuster against the labor bill would change their opinion, since British industrialists do not admire the Taft-Hartley act.

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Fruit Case Out Of Court

PORTLAND, June 26 (AP)—Dismissal of a federal court suit here left the Eugene Fruit Growers association today with only an appeal before the Washington, D. C., tax court in an attempt to regain \$25,000 paid as "excess war profits" to the government.

The payment was to the war contracts price adjustment board following the year 1944, in which the association sold 11,384,608.81 in vegetables to the armed services.

The association protested the payment on the ground the money belonged to the growers and the association had no right to send the money to the government.

In its suit, dismissed here by Judge Claude McColloch, the association also contended the price board's action was an "abuse of arbitrary power" and asked an injunction under the emergency price control act.

Judge McColloch ruled the act did not apply to the situation.

British Team Upsets Americans

WIMBLEDON, June 26 (AP)—With 80-year-old Queen Mary watching from the center court stand, the British-Australian doubles combination of Tony Mottram and Billy Siuwell staged the first upset of the Wimbledon tennis championships today by ousting the fourth-seeded Californian team of Tom Brown and Budge Patty, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4, in an opening doubles match.

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The American defeat was the only startling development of a routine day devoted to second round matches in men's and mixed doubles.

RULING GIVEN

BALEM, June 26 (AP)—Attorney General George Neuner ruled today that county clerks cannot act as administrators of estates in their own counties, and that holders of free hunting licenses given to veterans and pioneers must pay the 80 cent deer tag fee.

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