

Harassed Saucer-Sighter Would Like to Escape Fuss

PENDLETON, June 23 (UP) — Kenneth Arnold said Friday he would like to get on one of his 1200-mile-an-hour "flying saucers" and escape from the furor caused by his story of mysterious aircraft flaring over ~~the~~ Washington.

He said a preacher called him from Texas and informed him that the strange objects Arnold claims to have seen batting through the ozone actually were harbingers of doomsday.

Arnold said he didn't get the preacher's name during their phone conversation, but the minister said he was getting his flock "ready for the end of this world."

That was unnerving, according to Arnold, but it wasn't half as disconcerting as the episode in a Pendleton cafe.

Arnold said a woman rushed in, took one look at him and then dashed out shrieking. "There's the man who saw the men from Mars." She rushed out of the eating place "sobbing that she would have to do something for the children," Arnold added with a shudder.

Arnold, a representative of a fire control equipment firm, startled the country Thursday by reporting he had seen nine shiny, round objects skimming through the air in formation between Mt. Rainier, Wash., and Mt. Adams. Arnold said he was able to clock them with the stop watch on his own plane's instrument panel. He said they were spinning off a neat 1200 miles per hour.

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"This whole thing has gotten out of hand," Arnold went on. "I want to talk to the FBI or someone."

"Half the people I see look at me as a combination Einstein, Flash Gordon and screwball. I wonder what my wife back in Idaho thinks."

But all the hoopla and hysterics haven't caused Arnold to change his mind or back down. He doesn't care if the experts laugh him off. He said most of his aviator friends tell him that what he saw were probably either one of two things: New planes or guided missiles still in the United States army air forces' secret category. Some theorized they were experimental equipment of another nation, probably Russia.

"Most people," he said, "tell me I'm right."

But meanwhile, aeronautical experts in Washington and elsewhere were teeing off on Arnold's story with facts and figures straight out of the books.

Their principle point seemed to be that if Arnold's saucers moved as fast as he claimed, they couldn't have been tracked with anything short of radar.

The fastest man has yet flown is 647 miles per hour—a record set recently by Col. Albert Boyd in a P-80.



KENNETH ARNOLD
He started "whatzit" hunt

Pendleton, Ore., June 25 (AP) — "Incredible" speed at 10,000 feet altitude were reported here today by Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Idaho, pilot, who said he could not hazard a guess as to what they ~~are~~ were. Arnold, a U.S. Forest Service employee engaged in searching for a missing plane, Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, in Washington state, he said, and appeared to weave in and out of formation. Arnold said he clocked them and estimated their speed at 1200 mph. Inquiries at Yakima last night brought only blank stares, he said, but he added he talked today with an unidentified man from Ukiah, south of here, who said he had seen similar objects over the mountains near Ukiah yesterday (6/24). "It seems impossible," Arnold said, "but there it is."

Arizona Republic, Thursday, June 26, 1947 - p. 13:
PILOT REPORTS SAUCER OBJECTS

June and July of 1947. The first report is of the now famous "Arnold incident" --- commonly considered the 'first' sighting of a UFO.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1947

Lone Flier Only One to Sight Big Objects in Western Sky

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Chicago Daily Tribune, Thursday, June 26, 1947 - p. 1:

SEES MYSTERY AERIAL 'TRAIN' 5 MILES LONG

Pendleton, Ore., June 25 (Special)-- A pilot of a private plane who arrived here today from Yakima, Washington, said he saw something strange in the air yesterday (6/24) while flying near Mt. Rainier and insisted whatever he saw consisted of at least 9 units strung out over five miles and traveling at a speed he calculated to be 1200 miles an hour.

He is Kenneth Arnold, 32, of Boise, Idaho, who uses his plane in his work as a salesman. He said he encountered the mysterious objects while he was north of Mt. Rainier, headed southeast. He said he was flying at 9200 feet altitude and that the objects, an estimated 25 miles away from him when he first saw them, were traveling due south at about 10,000 feet altitude.

A canvass of flying circles in Washington and Oregon today indicated no other pilots have reported seeing such a sight as Arnold reported (wrong: Richard Rankin, over Bakersfield, Calif. on 6/23) and Army sources in Washington said the Army is not conducting high speed tests in the area.

"The first thing I noticed was a series of flashes in my eyes as if a mirror was reflecting sunlight at me," he said. "I saw the flashes were coming from a series of objects that were traveling incredibly fast. They were silvery and shiny and seemed to be shaped like a pie plate.

"I counted nine of them as they disappeared behind the peak of Mt. Rainier. Their speed was apparently so great I decided to time them. I took out my watch and checked off one minute and 42 seconds from the time they passed Mt. Rainier until they reached the peak of Mt. Adams, 50 miles to the south. All told, the objects remained in view slightly less than two minutes from the time I first noticed them."

Arnold said his observations were made while he was flying at about 115 miles an hour on an almost parallel course, and they "went by me like a rifle bullet. I realize my observations indicate those things were traveling close to 1800 miles an hour, but taking into consideration the angle of my observation and the speed of my plane, and with allowances for error, they must have been going at least 1200 miles per hour."

He said he calculated the length of the air train at five miles by flying over to a mountain ridge behind which he had seen the lead object emerge about the time the tail object disappeared. This ridge proved to be five miles long, he said.

"I am sure they were separate units," he said, "because they weaved in flight like the tail of a kite." Arnold related his story when he landed at Yakima last night.

"About half the fellows at the airport asked me what brand I had been drinking," he said, "but I don't drink and I know what I saw."

After he told his story here today, Glen E. Stewart of Pendleton said he and his wife saw a strange shiny object in the air about 7 p.m. yesterday (6/24).

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TIMES, THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1947

'Flying Pies' Stir Skepticism

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By his plane's clock he timed them 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 1,200 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 eccse, 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 clock 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.

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Pilot Reports Winged 'Vs' Over Idaho

Salt Lake Tribune
July 23, 1949

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BOISE, July 24 —Seven V-shaped objects which appeared about the size of fighter planes were reported flying within 1500 or 2000 feet of a civilian aircraft over the Mountain Home desert Sunday.

The pilot told the Idaho Statesman, Boise, that so far as he could determine the objects were not United States planes.

He notified the Civil Aeronautics administration radio station of his experience and the 190th fighter squadron of the Idaho national guard reported it to McChord Field, Washington.

The Statesman quoted the pilot as saying he was "frightened and shaken" by the experience. He said the objects, in tight formation, but not the type of formation used by military aircraft, were flying "at tremendous speed."

The pilot, the Statesman said, has wide experience in aviation. He trained pilots during the war and operates an airport in the Boise valley. He made his information available only on the condition that his name would not be used, the paper said.

The pilot described the objects as being in the shape of a V, with a solid, circular body under the nose of the V.

There was no evidence of any means of propulsion, he said—no propeller and no smoke trails indicating jet or rocket power.

There were no markings of any kind. The color, he said, was a shade he "couldn't describe and hadn't seen before."

He said he had the objects under observation for two minutes.

The pilot said he was about ten miles west of Mountain Home, flying toward Boise at about 10,000 feet on the right side of the highway. He said the objects were flying at about 9000 or 8500 feet.

He described the formation as in two lines of three each with the seventh object either in the center, between the two lines, or above them. SALT LAKE TRIBUNE



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Kenneth Arnold

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BY RUGH A. WILSON

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BOISE, AUG. 1.--(UP)--KENNETH ARNOLD, THE BOISE FLYING SALESMAN WHO FIRST SPOTTED THE FLYING SAUCERS FIVE YEARS AGO, INSISTS WITH EVERY BREATH OF SINCERITY WITHIN HIM THAT THOSE MYSTERIOUS OBJECTS ARE REAL --- AS SUBSTANTIAL AS THE GOOD EARTH BENEATH OUR FEET.

BUT THEY ARE SOMETHING FROM BEYOND THIS WORLD OF OURS, HE SAID TODAY --- SOMETHING THAT HAS CONQUERED TIME AND SPACE.

ARNOLD HAS SEEN THE SAUCERS 11 TIMES. HE SIGHTED THE FIRST IN 1947. THE LATEST HE SAW WAS NEAR MC DERMITT, NEV., OVER THE SANTA ROSA MOUNTAINS, IN AUGUST, 1951.

NEVER, HE SAID, DID THEY APPEAR TO BE MENACING, AND NEVER DID HE HAVE THE FEAR THAT THEY WOULD COLLIDE WITH A PLANE IN FLIGHT. HE FIRMLY BELIEVES THEY ARE THE PRODUCT OF AN INTELLECT SUPERIOR TO ANYTHING ON EARTH.

BUT IF THEY WERE OF HOSTILE NATURE, SAID ARNOLD, HE WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THEM. THE FASTEST, MOST DEADLY INTERCEPTOR IN EXISTANCE TODAY WOULD BE USELESS.

YES, THE SAUCERS ARE REAL TO ARNOLD. IN DESCRIBING THEM HE SAID THEY SEEM TO BE A LIVING SUBSTANCE, CAPABLE OF BECOMING MORE DENSE OR LESS DENSE AT WILL. THIS, HE THINKS, GIVES THEM THEIR POWER TO MOVE THROUGH TIME AND SPACE.

SOME OF THE SAUCERS HE HAS SEEN APPEAR TO BE ALIVE AND ABLE TO THINK AND MOVE FOR THEMSELVES. OTHERS, HE SAID, LOOK AS THOUGH THEIR OUTER SHELLS WERE MADE OF METAL AND THEIR FLIGHT WAS CONTROLLED FROM WITHIN.

ARNOLD IS CONVINCED THAT RADAR ACTUALLY TRACKED FLYING SAUCERS IN THE RECENT MYSTERIOUS FORMATIONS THAT APPEARED OVER WASHINGTON, D.C. WHAT GOOD WOULD OUR MULTI-MILLION RADAR NETWORK BE TO DEFENSE, IF IT HAS NOT BEEN PERFECTED TO DISTINGUISH ACTUAL OBJECTS IN FLIGHT?

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Re: Arnold Case

From the summary of Project Saucer Report by Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Dayton, for release April 27, 1949 (No. M 26-49).

The objects Arnold saw "were judged to be of 'non-astronomical origin' according to an interim report submitted recently on Project 'Saucer' by Professor Joseph A(llen) Hynek, Ohio State University astro-physicist and head of OSU Observatory. Dr. Hynek is working under contract with AMC on an independent investigation of 'saucer' incidents to determine what percentage may ~~be~~ definitely be attributed to astronomical phenomenon.

"In his review of the Arnold incident, however, Dr. Hynek has come up with what he terms 'certain inconsistencies' in Arnold's estimate of size, speed and performance of his 'saucers.'

"'It appears probably,' Hynek reports, 'that whatever objects were observed were traveling at sub-sonic speeds and may therefore have been some sort of known aircraft.'"

Re Arnold case

By Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, USAFR, in TRUE Magazine, May 1954, pp. 22, 24.

"The skeptics were bolstered by the discovery that Arnold's account had some holes in it. His estimates of the size of the objects and their distance from the plane did not jibe. He reported them to be 20 to 25 miles away and from 45 to 50 feet in length. When his sighting was analyzed, it was discovered that objects of that size cannot be resolved by the naked eye from that distance. If his estimate of size was correct, the objects were only six or seven miles away--and flying about 400 mph, well inside the range of conventional craft."

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END of the WEEK

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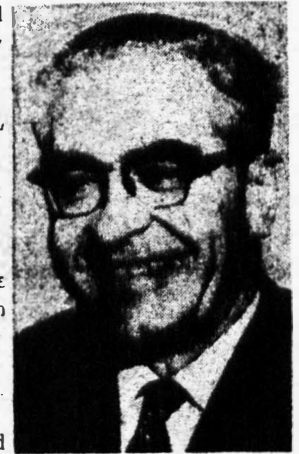
A couple of anniversaries slipped by late in June without my realizing it—probably because we've been so busy trying to find an official flower for the Round-Up city.

At any rate, this column had its 20th anniversary June 26 and I didn't realize the date had slipped by until last Saturday—and the column already was in type and couldn't be revised.

End of the Week got its start June 26, 1937 when Ken Olson, then city editor of the East Oregonian, started it as a weekly column dedicated to odds and ends, the underdog, and things that don't really matter.

He continued it until early 1939 when he left the East Oregonian for a job with the government AAA, and when he left he willed it to me—and I've continued it since with an occasional miss because of a vacation trip, or some similar absence.

In passing over this anniversary, I'd like to remind all you readers that if you have an item which you think would fit into End of the Week please send it or tell it to me. There are three chief requirements: (1) It must be true; (2) it must be of a character for family reading, and (3) it must not cast reflections on anyone's race, politics or religion.



Another Anniversary

The other anniversary that passed by without my realizing it came the same week—the 10th birthday of Ken Arnold's sighting of the famous string of flying saucers over central Washington state, and his subsequent report to the East Oregonian, which in turn printed the first modern "flying saucer" story, and the same day gave the story to the Associated Press, which flashed the news to the nation and the world. From then on there has hardly ever been a week without some story about a flying saucer or a UFO, as most unidentified objects now are called by the press and radio-TV interests.

We could have given Arnold's original flying saucer story a much better play than we did except for an approaching deadline. It was almost noon and Arnold came into the office and gave me the story. I wrote a couple of pages of copy and Bill Bequette, then news editor of the E.O., gave it as good a head as he could—a two-column head on the front page—without completely revising the paper. The story was almost smack on the deadline, and the press was rolling not long after that.

Then Bill forwarded the story to the A.P. in Portland, and after the first national bulletin, the A.P. asked Bequette for further information, and he obtained a much lengthier interview from Arnold—which served as the basis for a longer E. O. story the following day. Since then there have been magazine articles, books, countless newspaper stories, and countless more radio and TV reports. One of my souvenirs is a book written by Arnold about his sighting of the disc-like objects that June day in 1947, and what happened the next few weeks—and of course Arnold autographed it appropriately.

Arnold has been a regular visitor here since then, and right now he's on the trail of a paying uranium mine in the southwest—following a close shave with death in a forced landing after an aerial prospecting trip.

Portland Oregon Journal, Thurs., June 26, 1947 - p. 11

Kenneth Arnold report, Associated AP, Portland—no new data; also in headline story, Oregon News report, AP, Clatsop City, OR of about six weeks earlier; and A. T. Deschamps report, AP, Kansas City, on June 27—see elsewhere for details on both.)

Portland Oregon Journal, Sat., June 27, 1947 - p. 8

ARNOLD INSISTS TALK OF FLYING OBJECTS O.K.

Pendleton, June 27 (P)—(Follow-up on the original story: KA was flying eastward 27 miles west of Mt. Rainier when he saw objects flying south, against western side of Mt. Rainier. They twisted their way above and through to high peaks between Rainier and Mt. Adams, to the south, oscillating "like a fish tripping in the sun.")

OFFICIAL AIR FORCE STATEMENTS ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1947

June 27. Pentagon answer to press queries on Kenneth Arnold June 24 flying saucer report: "We have no idea what the objects are, if they actually exist."

July 5. Air Corps spokesman at Pentagon: "No investigation is needed. The saucers are only hallucinations."

July 5. Air Corps spokesman at Wright field, Dayton: "The Air Corps is making careful investigation."

July 7. Air Corps public relations officer at Pentagon: "We can't ignore this. Too many reliable pilots are telling the same story—flat, round objects able to outmaneuver ordinary planes and faster than anything we have. Too many stories tally. . . We have a jet at Muroc and fighters at Portland standing by."

July 7. Another Air Corps spokesman at Pentagon, statement to Associated Press: "The flying saucers may be one of three things:

1. Solar reflection on low hanging clouds.
2. Small meteors which break up, their crystals catching the rays of the sun.
3. Icing conditions could have formed large hailstones and they might have flattened out and glided a bit, giving the impression of horizontal movement even though falling vertically."

July 7. Pentagon statement to all press services: "Army Air Force Intelligence officers since July 2 have been investigating reports of unidentified objects flying at very high speeds in various sections of the country. No such phenomena can be explained by any experiments being conducted by the Army Air Force, and the statements of witnesses are being correlated in an effort to identify the reported objects."

July 8. Air Corps statement at Pentagon: "We are investigating a flying disc report by Navy rocket engineer C. T. Zohm and three other rocket scientists."

Sept. 23. Official analysis report from Air Technical Intelligence Center to Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, Commanding General Army Air Corps: "The reported phenomena are real."

Situation in 1947: The Air Corps was skeptical, then puzzled, and finally convinced that the reported objects were real. It issued orders for all pilots, including National Guard flyers, to bring down a flying saucer by any means for examination.

By JOHN SNYDER

The "flying saucer" man

DENVER POST - 5/10/59

Kenneth Arnold believes in "saucers"—but thinks they may be organisms from outer space

BY JOHN SNYDER



DO YOU believe in "flying saucers?" Do you think there really is something flitting around our skies—something strange and weird that darts in and out of human sight at tremendous, awesome speed?

Kenneth Arnold does. But he doesn't simply believe in them. He's convinced that saucers do exist—and that they are the "greatest aeronautical mystery of all time!"

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He landed at Yakima, Wash., and told what he had seen. His next stop was Pendleton, Ore., and a crowd was waiting for him. Pilots and newspapermen.

"What did those things fly like?" someone asked.

"Oh, they flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water," Arnold replied.

And the next day, in newspapers around the world, the nine objects that Arnold had seen became "flying saucers."

"They weren't new military aircraft or missiles of the U. S., either," Arnold says.

Arnold is 42 now. He lives at Boise, Idaho, and is president and general manager of the Solar-X Corp., a small business organization devoted to aerial exploration for uranium and other valuable minerals. Most of the corporation members are pilots like himself.

He is a heavy, square-built man, an inch under 6 feet, with dark brown hair. His speech is in-



William A. Rhodes of Phoenix, Ariz., snapped this photo of a saucer from his backyard back in 1947.



Capt. E. J. Smith of United Air Lines reported in July, 1947, that he saw five flying disks. Here, he talks with a United Stewardess, Toni Carter.

AP Wirephoto

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"We know so little about the universe," He points out, too, that it is aeronautically impossible for the bumble bee to fly. "And yet the bee does fly—often with a pretty good load of honey."

In 1952, Arnold and Ray Palmer of Amherst,

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Through it all, and despite public pooh-poohing by the U. S. Air Force, Arnold has decided in his own mind that the so-called saucers do exist in the skies above us.

And he is equally convinced that there is nothing new in saucers, that they've been around for years.

"This phenomenon that we call 'flying saucers' has been going on for centuries. Sightings were reported 600 years ago. Sailors 200 and 300 years ago made drawings of objects they saw in the skies, and these drawings look the same as the drawings I made of what I saw."

Arnold hastens to say that he didn't see the old drawings until long after he'd made his first sighting and drawn what he had seen. Neither had he heard of any sightings, and he never has read any science-fiction.

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Arnold never has talked to the pilot. But the pilot related his experience to a friend of Arnold's—a "highly competent, reliable man, an experienced investigator and a state official of the highest integrity."

"The pilot—who was known to this friend of mine—refused to identify the plane he flew except to say that it was a jet-rocket aircraft capable of great speed and altitude. He refused to say how high he flew, except that it was above 50,000 feet.

"But he did say his speed was 1,800 miles an hour—which was publicly unheard of in those days.

"As he was flying at that speed, at more than 50,000 feet, he suddenly noticed a cluster of perhaps 50 objects in the air to his right. They were of various colors, shapes, sizes and densities. Some were opaque, some translucent.

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"We know so little about the universe." He points out, too, that it is aeronautically impossible for the bumble bee to fly. "And yet the bee does fly—often with a pretty good load of honey."

In 1952, Arnold and Ray Palmer of Amherst, Wis., privately published a "documentary report on sky objects that have mystified the world." They called it *The Coming of the Saucers*, and reported experiences of Arnold and others in connection with the phenomena.

Only once has the ridicule aimed at Arnold rubbed off on his family. That was several years ago when his oldest daughter, Kiska, came home from school, sobbing. Her teacher had told the class emphatically that "there are no such things" as flying saucers.

Arnold put his arms around his daughter and told her there were "lots of things" that neither the teacher nor anyone else knew about—things at the bottom of the seas and things in space.

And a trace of a gleam sneaks into Arnold's blue eyes when he tells how—a short time after the teacher made her flat statement—the editor of the current events paper circulated in Kiska's school reported on the front page how he had seen a flying saucer.

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THE PILOT WHO DISCOVERED THE "FLYING SAUCERS" 17 YEARS AGO SAYS THEY ARE STILL AROUND BUT NOT BEING REPORTED IN MOST INSTANCES.

KEN ARNOLD TOLD NORMAN MARTIN OF U-P-I IN BOISE, IDAHO, THAT HE USUALLY STEERS CLEAR OF NEWSMEN BECAUSE----"I'VE BEEN BURNED AND BURNED BY PRESS AND MAGAZINE TREATMENTS." ARNOLD CONTINUES---"EVERY TIME I TALK TO A NEWSMAN ABOUT THE STRANGE THINGS I SAW, I GET IN TROUBLE---BUT I HAVE TO BELIEVE IN THEM BECAUSE I'VE SEEN THEM COUNTLESS TIMES."

ARNOLD WAS FLYING A SEARCH MISSION FOR A LOST PILOT OVER MOUNT RAINIER IN WASHINGTON ON JUNE 24th OF 1947 WHEN HIS PLANE WAS BUZZED BY GREEN GLOWING OBJECTS. ARNOLD SAYS HE GAVE CHASE BUT THE OBJECTS VANISHED IN THE TWI-LIGHT. ← ? 3 P.M.?

THE NEXT DAY ARNOLD TOLD NEWSMEN OF THE OBJECTS HE SAW THAT "LOCKER LIME SAUCERS SKIPPING OVER WATER" AND THE FLYING SAUCER PHENOMENA WAS BORN. ARNOLD, STILL A PILOT AND RUNNING HIS FIRE CONTROL EQUIPMENT BUSINESS BY AIR INSTEAD OF CAR, SAYS MANY OBJECTS HAVE BEEN SPOTTED SINCE HE FIRST REPORTED IT BUT THEY REMAIN SECRET BECAUSE OF THE "SENSATIONAL" TREATMENT GIVEN BY NEWSMEN.

ARNOLD SAYS ALL THE OBJECTS HE HAS SEEN ARE PULSATING GREEN IN COLOR---THEY ARE VERY FAST BUT CAN COME TO A SWIFT HALT. HE SAYS THE OBJECTS HAVE NO COCKPITS OR WINGS AND HE HAS NEVER SEEN PEOPLE INSIDE THEM

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1947 SIGHTING RECALLED

Reports of Flying Saucers Aren't New

Eighteen years ago a Minnesota native who has spent part of his life in the sky saw something here he had never seen before. His report ignited a controversy that remains unresolved today.

It was in June of 1947, while on an aerial search, that Kenneth Arnold spotted several flat, thin objects speeding across the sky near Washington's majestic Mt. Rainier.

Later a reporter asked Arnold to describe their light, and he replied: "They flew erratically — like when you sail a saucer through the air."

The flying saucer mystery was born.

It has sent the fancy of science fiction writers soaring into space, has brought a skeptical U.S. Air Force into open conflict with some of the public, has sent churchmen to their Bibles for hints of other life in the solar system, and has reaped a harvest for imaginative toy-makers.

Still Unmoved

Kenneth Arnold remains unmoved in his conviction that what he saw that day in 1947, and has seen four times since, were not psychic experiences, were not weather balloons or stars or distant planets or any other natural phenomena reported to the proper civil

phenomenon known to man.

"These things are real," Arnold said in a telephone conversation from his home in Boise, Idaho. "You have to see well in my business, or you wouldn't live long."

Arnold's business is fire-fighting. He is the president and founder of Great Western Fire Control Co., Boise, and at the age of 50 he still flies "about 100 hours a month" in fire control work.

Arnold, born in the small west-central Minnesota community of Sebeka, said he took up flying in 1932 in Minot, N.D., where his family moved when he was seven years old. After two years at the University of Minnesota, where his football career in the mid-30s was cut short by injury, he went to Idaho. He has lived there since.

He has, among other things, been a deputy U.S. marshal for Idaho, and was the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor of the state in 1962. He was beaten in the general election.

Claim to Fame

But Arnold's greatest claim to fame, or fantasy in the eyes of some, came that day 18 years ago in the sky over Washington.

"What I saw back in 1947 aeronautics authorities," Arnold said. "I didn't mean it to be what it was, and I was amazed at the public reaction — more so than at the sighting. I thought may-

be we had some new type of aircraft . . . but when I reported their speed, I was told we had nothing that fast.

Since that first sighting, Arnold said, he has observed similar objects on four other occasions, and has talked with "250 or 300 pilots through the years" who have seen them.

His observations of those things in the sky are a contrast to the popular belief among saucer-believers that they are spaceships from another planet.

'Not Machines'

While noting that he first thought the objects might be aircraft, Arnold went on to say that "after four other sightings, my impression was that these things are not machines, but something alive that has enough intelligence . . . that they are as aware of you as you are aware of them.

"If a person has actually seen one of these things, there are certain inflections and things he says so you know he has seen them. All of them have one thing in common — a pulsating or power comes from the center of them. You can watch a group of these things and

they pulsate like a firefly.

"There is something in the center that gives off terrific brightness. The brightness seems to be given off by pulsation . . .

"I do think that the impressions I have had and those of others are that these things do have the ability to change density.

"Almost every plausible explanation has been offered, but not one of these would satisfy me."

1952 Sighting

While sightings by the thousands are reported from around the world each year, Arnold said the last time he observed the objects was in 1952.

He said he was flying over Mt. Lassen, in California, an active volcano, when he made the sighting. "I was at about 12,000 feet when two of them went under me. They dived into a canyon."

Arnold said he also saw the objects while on flights near LaGrande, Ore., McDermitt, Nev., and in Idaho.

He said he worked in association with the Air Force for two years in investigat-

ing the mysterious flying objects and "wrote a book called 'The Coming of the Saucers' — a factual book having to do with my association with military intelligence."

Arnold, married and the father of four girls, said he has investigated thousands of flying saucer reports himself, has received "over 10,000 letters in the last 15 to 17 years," and has received hundreds of requests from people asking him to join flying saucer clubs.

True Experiences?

"The reason I stopped investigating this type of thing was that I got to the point where in interviewing someone it was almost impossible to tell if they had true experiences — whether it was physical or psychic," he said.

"I'd say that probably 65 or 70 per cent of the letters have had more or less religious connotations to them. I don't necessarily put this" on the subject of saucers, Arnold said.

The veteran pilot, who said he has logged more than 12,000 hours of flying time, has "something over 100" tape recordings from other pilots describing un-

identified flying objects they have observed.

"Every now and then a pilot will look me up and say 'Well, Ken, I just joined your club — I saw one of those funny things, too,'" Arnold said.

"One of the airline pilots here has seen them more than 35 different times," he added.

Solid Supporter

Among those solidly behind Arnold is Ray Palmer of rural Amhurst, Wis., owner of a publishing firm that prints, among other things, the magazine "Flying Saucers."

"I don't think anyone questions his (Arnold's) integrity," Palmer said Tuesday. "He's more conservative than I would be in his position."

Palmer, whose bimonthly magazine has a worldwide circulation of about 20,000, said that from his investigation of the saucers "I'm inclined to go along with Mr. Arnold and put them in an atmospheric origin. Interplanetary would be the last place I would describe as their origin."

But Palmer added that "I don't think anyone can tell from observation what they are. My opinion might go both ways. Possibly they are some form of natural living creature. It's also possible they are some kind of secret invention, though I'd be inclined to rule that out."

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TIME/PLACE OF SIGHTING: June 24, 1947, at approximately 3:00 p.m. local time/vicinity of Mt. Rainier, Washington: between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams.

DURATION: One minute, 42 seconds.

NUMBER OF OBSERVERS: One.

TYPE OF OBSERVER: Pilot of privately owned airplane.

NUMBER OF OBJECTS: Nine.

OBSERVER RELIABILITY: Appeared to be good.

SHAPE: Disc-shaped.

DIMENSIONS: Two-thirds the size of a Douglas DC-4 transport.

COLOR: Silvery bright when sunlight reflected off the objects.

SOUND: None.

ALTITUDE: Approximately 9,500 feet.

SPEED: Second estimate was 1,656.71 miles an hour (almost three times faster than any known aircraft, conventional or experimental, at the time; since estimate of speed depends on knowledge of distance of an object, another estimate was afterward made by an Air Force scientist (based on a shorter distance) of 400 mph; the observer's original estimate (later corrected) was 1,200 mph.

TACTICS: According to the observer, the UFOs flew in a chain-like line as if they were linked together, rather in the same manner of geese; every few seconds, two or three of the objects would dip or change course slightly; they flew in a line spread out over an estimated five miles.

COMMENT: This is the famous case of Kenneth Arnold, first person ever to sight a UFO. During a press interview, Mr. Arnold described the objects



he saw as appearing like saucers skipping over water. Hence the phrase "flying saucer" was coined. He was interviewed at length by a representative from Headquarters of the Fourth Air Force, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2 Intelligence, at Hamilton Field, California. Results of the interview were sent to Headquarters of the (then) U.S. Army Air Forces, addressed to the Commanding General, in Washington, D.C., on July 17, 1947. The interviewer made the following statement in his report: "It is the personal opinion of the interviewer that Mr. Arnold actually saw what he stated that he saw. It is difficult to believe that a man of Mr. Arnold's character and apparent integrity would state that he saw objects and write up a report to the extent that he did if he did not see them. To go further, if Mr. Arnold can write a report of the character that he did while not having seen the objects that he claimed he saw, it is the opinion of the interviewer that Mr. Arnold is in the wrong business, that he should be writing Buck Rogers fiction."

However, the conclusion of the Army Air Forces was that Mr. Arnold had seen a mirage because of the stable atmospheric conditions at the time, conditions associated with weather inversions and which increase the refraction-index of the atmosphere.

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Man Who Started It All Still Believes In Saucers

Objects May Even Be Alive, Idahoan Says; He Spotted Some Back In 1947

BOISE, Idaho, March 29 (AP)—Kenneth D. Arnold, who ushered America into the age of the flying saucer 19 years ago, said today he still is confident the things are real—and he thinks they may even be alive.

Commenting on new sightings of mysterious lighted

objects over Michigan, California, Wisconsin, and Nevada, Mr. Arnold declared:

"I think these people are reporting exactly what they saw. Let's face it, there are a great many things in the world we don't understand. Calling these things swamp gases is completely idiotic."

Mr. Arnold, a Boise businessman, made his saucer sighting on June 24, 1947, while flying his light plane near Mount Rainier in Washington.

Spotted Nine Objects

He said he spotted nine objects swerving in and out of peaks and canyons "like geese in a diagonal chainlike line."

Mr. Arnold estimated the length of the line as at least

five miles and described the objects as "saucerlike."

And so the name flying saucer was born.

In the years since, there have been reports of flying-saucer sightings from all around the world, rising to a peak of 1,501 in the United States alone in 1952.

Nervous people feared the earth was being scouted by beings from outer space. Skeptics suggested that military designers were trying out exotic new aircraft.

The U.S. Air Force set up "Project Blue Book," with headquarters at Dayton, to analyze the sighting reports. So far it has dealt with just over 10,000. Prosaic explanations were found for all but a handful.

No evidence was forthcoming that any of the objects seen came from anywhere but the earth itself.

A project investigator concluded last week that new sightings in the Ann Arbor, Mich., area were caused by ignited swamp gas, produced by vegetation rotting in wet ground.

Mr. Arnold said there could be no such explanation for the things he saw in 1947 and four other sightings he made from airplanes during the next five years.

"I came within a half a mile or two of them in 1952," Mr. Arnold said.

Feeling Of Awareness

"I felt they were aware of me. I had the feeling these objects were alive, not machines. It seemed to me they had the ability to change density.

"These things are with us, whether we like it or not."

The air force investigators, however, have attributed virtually all sightings to high-flying balloons or conventional aircraft, mirages, searchlights glinting off cloud lay-

KENNETH ARNOLD

Idaho businessman-pilot attracted nationwide attention in 1947, with his reports of "flying discs" seen over the Cascades. All but one of discs Arnold saw were shaped like the drawings below.

