

Discs Presage 'Day of Doom'

La Grande Pastor Makes Prediction

Flying rumors and eye-witness reports of more "flying saucers" continued to reach newspapers and officers over the Pacific Northwest Monday as a La Grande minister predicted the mysterious missiles indicated that the end of the world is at hand.

Rev. Lester Carlson, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle church, declared that the shiny discs were "the advance guard" of the second coming of Christ. The millenium, he added, "will come at any minute."

Leland Jones, La Grande high school student, said he and two Catholic nuns saw nine of the flying discs last week. They were weaving in and out of formation and looked "bright and round" Jones said. "They seemed to have fins."

But in the Pendleton area at least two residents saw objects answering the description of those spotted by a Boise, Idaho, private pilot last Tuesday.

Mrs. Morton Elder, McKay creek farm wife, said she saw seven perfectly round, umbrella-like objects lying in a northerly direction about 11 A. M. Sunday. She said the "planes" made a humming noise resembling the sound of a musical top.

Ranch Hand Adds Testimony

She sighted them while picking peas in her garden at the family ranch seven miles south of Pendleton. They vanished from her sight before she could call her husband and a hired man working in a nearby field.

At the same time William Schuening, foreman of the Lester King ranch, about 15 miles north of Pendleton, reported he saw objects similar to those reported near Mt. Ranier by Arnold. The objects were so high, Gruening stated, that he was unable to determine their shapes, but he said they were "weaving in and out of formation" and were traveling at an "unusual" rate of speed.

At Moscow, Idaho, seven persons made it clear they were "not drunk or crazy" when they reported seeing a "flat, shining disc" oscillating across a clear sunny sky Sunday.

Portlanders See 'Whatzit'

Frank Lark, who said he saw his neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cook, gazing at the sky shortly before 1:30 P. M., said he also looked up and saw the "disc" moving rapidly "above cloud level" in an easterly direction.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Heilman, also neighbors, joined the gazers and watched the object move across the sky. It wasn't a plane, they said. The party was joined by two daughters of Mrs. Cook and then the object was gone.

"It seemed to pick up speed as it went out of sight east," said Mrs. Heilman. None could estimate the object's size or speed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Raeburn, West Barnes road, Portland, said they saw the flying "whatzit" about a year ago and watched the papers for a story on its passing. It flew very fast and silently, arcing toward the earth, they recalled. It had a tail like a rocket but it was saucer-shaped.