

Oregonians Continue to Report 'Flying Saucers' Over State

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The "flying saucer" controversy continued to rage thick and fast Monday with eye-witness converts almost as numerous as the announced skeptics.

New reports of the mystery disks' appearances continued over the weekend.

The end of the world is imminent, declared Rev. Lester Carlson, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle Church in La Grande, after "flying saucers" were reported by several persons here Monday.

The strange zooming objects, first reported zipping across southwestern Washington, are the signs of the second coming of Christ, Rev. Carlson insisted.

He said the millennium would come at any minute.

The disks were reported here by Leland Jones, La Grande High School student, who said his attention was called to them by two Catholic nuns. There were nine, Jones said, and they kept weaving in and out of formation. He estimated their speed to be around 300 miles an hour.

Sound Like Tops

Mrs. Morton Elder, Pendleton area farm wife, reported seeing seven "perfectly round, umbrella-like" objects flying in a north-westerly direction about 11 a. m. Sunday.

She said the "planes" made a humming noise that resembled the sound of a musical top.

She said they were flying in a perfect wedge-shaped formation at a "very fast" speed. She described them as "white as snow" and "round like a mushroom or an umbrella."

At the same time, Bill Schuening, foreman of the Lester King ranch about 15 miles north of Pendleton, reported he saw similar objects.