

AVIATION NEWS AND NOTES

CANADA DEVELOPS "FLYING SAUCER"

(From Our London Correspondent)

No surprise was caused here by reports that Russia has supersonic atom bombers. The bombers, which fly faster than the speed of sound, will enable the Soviet, in future wars, to strike blows at distant countries. No details of these bombers are known. In London, but it is believed they are larger and more powerful than America's B52. It was expected that Russia, having produced atom bombs, would not long remain without the aircraft to deliver them. But the Russians seem to have done the job quicker than was expected.

AIR TRAVEL OF TOMORROW

Time is not far off when first class passengers will travel by helicopter from city centre, to city centre. And tourist class passengers will be carried at much cheaper rates between airports outside the cities. This was revealed by Mr. Masefield, chief executive of British European Airways, at a London conference. When B.E.A. flies helicopters on international services the fares are likely to be higher than those for aeroplanes, but there would be considerable advantage in time saved. B.E.A. carried over a million-and-half passengers 24 million miles last year—"not one of them was hurt."

FLYING SAUCER

Avro Canada is reported to have developed a "Flying saucer". The aircraft is believed to be a near circular machine with a speed of 1,500 m.p.h. It will take off vertically and will have a power-plant which will revolve inside a stationary wing of nearly circular form, with a series of exhaust orifices lining the outer rim of the disc. The news of the "Flying saucer" was first given by a Canadian journal. Later some details of this revolutionary aircraft appeared in 'Royal Air Force Review'. And now Sir Frank Fris, the managing director of Hawker-Siddeley group, has revealed that they have under development a new aircraft engine and vertical take-off plane. This obviously refers to Avro Canada's "Flying saucer."

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FLYING SAUCER OVER DIBRUGARH?

DIBRUGARH, Nov. 1.—A bright star-shaped luminous body was seen on the Dibrugarh sky this evening at 5.30 which ran at a great speed from east to west.

The bazar-going people of malihmari saw the luminous body which was reported to have a candelent tail.

This has caused a wide sensation among the public who thought it to be a flying saucer.—P.I.

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Spate Of "Flying Saucer" Stories

TEHERAN, Oct. 25.—Iran is now enjoying a spate of "flying saucer" stories.

Several strange objects of the flying saucer family are claimed to have been seen in Teheran and elsewhere in Iran during the past weeks.

A flying saucer was reported to have landed at Hamadan, north-west of Iran. The object was said to have been luminous and been seen by the entire population of the town.

Another flying saucer was claimed to have been sighted in the early hours of a morning by a resident of Teheran's radio station area. The man, who reported this saucer, said that it was on the ground, and that when he got within sixty feet of it, he saw a man on board with a grim look. The man started to laugh at him and then suddenly disappeared.

A third saucer, reported near Teheran railway station, was described as about 18 feet long. Strong beams of light were coming from its rear and sides. A short fellow was piloting the strange object, and was dressed in black from head to toe. He was wearing a mask shaped like the trunk of an elephant.

Kidnap Attempt

Ghassem Filly, a resident of the area, said that while he was looking at this spectacle he suddenly felt that it was pulling him skywards. It was only his screams that awakened the members of his household, that saved him when the flying saucer suddenly took off. This was reported as a "kidnap attempt"—"by radio magnetic beams".

Hot in the wake of these reports somebody from south-west of Teheran reported a flying 'cigar' in his area. The flying cigar was reported to be flying through the skies at a very low speed and sending out a strong white light from its rear.—P.T.I.

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GERMAN SCIENTIST BELIEVES IN EXISTENCE OF FLYING SAUCERS

GERMANY, Nov. 7.—Professor Hermann Oberth, one of West Germany's foremost rocket and space flight scientists, said here today it was "entirely imaginable" that flying saucers came from other celestial bodies.

In at least 34 cases the appearance of unknown flying objects could not be satisfactorily explained by scientific means known so far, he said in a lecture.

He said the explanation for the failure of any occupant of a flying saucer yet to disembark on the earth might be that they were frightened of human beings or that they were equipped with technical aids, with which they could learn everything about the earth without contact with its occupants.

Professor Oberth said the planning of space ships had made such progress that it was now theoretically possible to fly from the earth to the planet Mars and back in six months.

A three-stage rocket being developed in the United States would be able to fly at five miles per second and reach any point on earth within less than 45 minutes, he said.—Reuter.

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"LANDING OF MARTIANS" — A BIG HOAX

VARESE (North Italy), Nov. 11.—

The Italian police have formally charged a newspaper reporter and some youths with "spreading false alarming news about a landing of 'Martians' in a 'flying saucer' south of here.

It was a well-planned hoax, according to the charge.

Police said the silvery object was a big cloth and the "Martians", were two boys in disguise.

The reporter, who had witnessed the scene, sent a detailed story to a Milan newspaper, which published it on its front page.—Reuter.