

## NEW VERSION OF 'FLYING DISC' REPORTED; 'SHINING OBJECT' DISINTEGRATES IN AIR

A former Oakland insurance executive revealed today that he and his wife had seen a "shining object" which zoomed across the sky near Placerville Thursday afternoon, then disintegrated before their eyes.

Both Ray A. Switzer and his wife, who now live at 3431 David Way, Sacramento, were hesitant about reporting the flying object because of the skeptical attitude on flying discs.

"However, there was no question at all about what we saw," Switzer admitted. "We hadn't given a thought to flying platters or anything like them before we saw this thing."

Switzer, who left Oakland a year and a half ago for an executive position with the McGuire and Wallace insurance firm in Sacramento, described the object as more like a rocket than a disc and said it looked about four or five feet long.

### VAPOR TRAIL SPOTTED

He and his wife were in the front seat of their automobile Thursday about 4 p.m. on the Cedar Ravine road four or five miles southeast of Placerville when both spotted the object.

"We were going up a slight incline and the car was near the crest of the hill," Switzer said, "when I observed a vapor trail of white smoke. My first impression was that it was a rocket plane and I wondered why it was so low. It was

about 750 feet above us and at such an angle that I could look at it without tilting my head.

"It cut across us very fast. It was tilted a little and it seemed to have a tubular shape with a semi-circle at the end. It was very shiny.

### NO EXPLOSION HEARD

"While I was looking at it, a good size puff of light grey-black smoke appeared, about eight feet square. The smoke turned to white and the object was gone.

"There was no explosion or flash. We didn't hear any noise. Nothing fell to the earth. There were no bits of metal. It just disappeared in the smoke pocket."

Switzer said he turned to his wife to ask if she had seen it and she

also had spotted the object and described it as he did, Switzer said.

Army Air Force Intelligence officers, who are still investigating reports of flying discs, said at Hamilton Field they would check Switzer's story.

A well known former Oakland business man, Switzer is the brother of Paul H. Switzer of 5346 Shafter Avenue and the brother-in-law of H. G. Gray, 420 Mountain Avenue, Piedmont.

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## Man Reports Sighting 'Flying Saucer' Here

Another "flying saucer" was reported seen over Sacramento yesterday afternoon.

Lewis Chatham of 1749 Vallejo Way, a salesman, said he saw a disc flying over the William Land Park. The object, he stated, was quite high and was travelling in an easterly direction. It appeared to be transparent.

Chatham reported it passed from sight in a few seconds. Several others persons have reported seeing such objects here recently.