

## **HAMILTON FIELD SEES DISC**

Saucer's Roar 'Like Thunder,' Say Observers

OAKLAND, June 21. (AP)

The Oakland Tribune said a "disc-shaped object," roaring at an estimated speed of 1000 to 1500 miles an hour, made five passes near Hamilton Air Force Base early today.

The newspaper quoted three Air Force noncommissioned officers who said the flying saucer, shooting blue flame and with a "roar like thunder" dived near a beacon just north of San Francisco.

Hamilton Field is in Marin County about 25 miles north of San Francisco.

Corp. Roger G. Pryor, a control-tower operator, said he saw a blue flame shooting out as the saucer flashed by from the southwest and headed northeast. "I thought it was a falling star," the Tribune quoted Pryor. "But it didn't fall. It just kept on going. Pryor said the first pass was at 1:35 a. m., and the object traveled so fast he couldn't see the subsequent approaches.

The Tribune said Pryor's observation was verified by S-Sgt Ellis R. Lorimer, another control-tower operator, and S-Sgt. Virgil Cappuro, member of the airways communications staff.

They said the saucer returned from the northwest and made another pass north of the field, then later made three more approaches. .

The Tribune said the airmen described the object as circular, thick in the center and tapering to the sides.

They used binoculars in following its course. The men said the disc was accompanied by a roar like thunder and the blue flame looked like an acetylene torch. They described its approach altitude at between 2000 and 5000 feet.

The men said the sky was clear over Hamilton Field, although high fog prevailed elsewhere in the San Francisco Bay area.