Northsider Gives Detailed Description of Revolving Disk

Flying Saucer Reported Here

The first flying saucer to be described in detail in Fort Myers was reported yesterday by Harry Lamp, U. S. airplane purchasing inspector during World War II for the bureau of aeronautics.

"I never believed all those stories about flying saucers until I saw this one," said Lamp.

Lamp said he and four boys saw the flying disk over Caloosa Trailer Park on the North Side at 5 pm Tuesday. Lamp, agent for pre-fabricated aluminum buildings, lives in a trailer at the park. Said he:

"I had just stepped out of the trailer to join the boys in a game of passing a football when I saw this disk overhead. I asked the boys if they saw the same thing I did and they all looked and said yes.

"I ran to the trailer and brought out my 10-power binoculars and really got a good look at it.

"It was between 3,000 and 4,000 feet up. It was about 75 feet across, was 12 to 14 feet thick in the center, looked like it had a bubble on top and appeared to be about three or four feet thick at the outer rim. It was a silvery or shiny aluminum in color.

"We watched it for five or seven minutes. It appeared able to hover, almost at a standstill, then would scoot along, then hover again. When it finally took off in a northwesterly direction it zoomed away at a speed far greater than any airplane.

"The center appeared to be revolving, but not at any great speed. The revolving part took up most of the machine, all but about a four-foot outside rim. There was an orange circle at the outer rim of the revolving center. The outer rim was red in color.

"There were four distinct jets on the back side of the machine. Two were orange flames and the other two were clear white flames. There was no smoke.

"With the binoculars I could see the machine in detail, even to the seams which appeared to be welded, not riveted, but I could see no sign of occupants."

Lamp identified the boys who saw the machine as his son, Raymond, 10, Jimmy O'Hara, 14, Jerry Hines, 15, and Bobby Tomlinson, 10.