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A "flying saucer" reputed to be capable of taking passengers on an excursion to the moon was grounded today by Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz.

In an investigation involving what he described as a "Buck Rogers" scheme to capitalize on the public interest in space age securities, the Attorney General obtained an order requiring the promoters and designers of the alleged space ship to appear for questioning by members of his staff on September 26, 1960.

The order, signed in Supreme Court, New York County, by Justice Louis J. Capozzoli names O.T.C. Enterprises of 2502 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, Md., and Otis T. Carr, of the same address, its president, and Norman E. Colton, of 5000 Denmore Avenue; Baltimore, its director of public information.

According to Attorney General Lefkowitz, "space age charlatans have victimized investors of more than \$50,000 in the sale of stock in 0.T.C. Enterprises, since 1958."

The affidavit of Assistant Attorney General Stanley Levy states that "O.T.C. falsely and fraudulently claimed it had developed a miraculous motor capable of producing a perpetual source of energy. It claimed the motor would be used in its OTC-XI flying saucer space ship which could travel hundreds of miles in space indefinitely with no danger and no need to refuel.

"It was also represented that the flying saucer would make several tries at the moon and back."

The affidavit states that "no motor developed by 0.T.C. Enterprises ever had such capabilities and no such space ship was ever flown."

The affidavit relates that stock in 0.T.C. was sold by

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direct personal solicitation. Often, the interested investors contacted the company after listening to Carr or Colton address a local club or after they appeared on a radio program.

O.T.C. announced that it would test a six foot prototype of the OTC-XI near Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. After considerable drum beating and promotional efforts, the test was suddenly cancelled. O.T.C. said the test was cancelled because it learned that if it was successful, the federal government would confiscate the model and classify the information.

The affidavit states that "this cover-up story was used despite the fact that every governmental agency contacted by Carr has shown no interest in the space ship.

"The reason why the test was cancelled was the fact that the flying saucer could not fly," the affidavit states.

Other individuals and corporations named in the order obtained by the Attorney General are:

UTRON ATOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. 2502 North Calvert Street Baltimore, Maryland

HILDEGARDE SHEA 2502 North Calvert Street Baltimore, Maryland

MELVIN MILLS 235 East 53 Street New York City

MARGARET SIORM Route 2 Fayetteville, Pennsylvania CARROTTO DYNAMICS, INC. 2502 North Calvert Street Baltimore, Maryland

ALEX ANDREOTTA 166-26 Powell's Cave Blvd. Whitestone, Queens, New York

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