

'FLYING SAUCER' ILLUSION ALSO AT NIGHT

SYDNEY, Tuesday: Professor Cotton, Professor of Physiology at Sydney University, said tonight that reports of "flying saucers" seen at night were not inconsistent with his opinion that they were illusions due to the passing of red blood corpuscles over the retina of the eye.

With a fair amount of moonlight as there was last night, the illusion could occur, he said.

The professor's theory of flying saucers had 90 per cent probability of being right, according to Professor H. Tas-

man Lovel, ex-Professor of Psychology.

He said: "An illusion depends on a genuine experience in one of the sense organs. The eye is more subject to illusions than any of the other organs."

Asked if the Loch Ness monster, Grafton crocodile and other legendary creatures came into this

enary creatures came into this class of illusions, he said: "Yes. It is not uncommon for imagination to add something to false perception if people are in a state of mind to expect what they think they see.

"Development of guided missiles and the present international tension could predispose people to record a false perception such as 'flying saucers'." he said.