

"Flying Saucers" and Science

SYDNEY, Wednesday: Until somebody "captured a flying saucer," or one fell to the ground, any hypotheses that they were space-ships from another planet were worth little, said Professor O. U. Von Willer, Emeritus Professor of Physics, of Sydney University, today.

He was commenting on a claim by a former information chief for the Aeronautics branch of U.S. Commerce Department (Mr. Donald Keyhoe).

Mr. Keyhoe said that "flying saucers" seen over America during the past two years were space-vehicles, subjecting the earth to observation by living intelligent beings from another planet.

Wants to See One

Professor Von Willer said until somebody captured one, or at least a photograph was taken, he was inclined to believe that it was only an optical illusion.

He added: "I would not say it is impossible for living beings on another planet in the solar system to send space-ships to earth, but there could be a thousand hypotheses to explain the appearance of the saucers. The space-ship hypotheses is only one of them.

"Another important fact is that no really trained observer has claimed to have seen a flying

claimed to have seen a flying saucer."

Professor Sir Kerr Grant said in Adelaide today that the general idea of scientists about the existence of "living intelligent observers" on another plane, was one of extreme scepticism.

The most probable explanation of "flying saucers" was optical illusion.