

SCIENTISTS LOOK ON FLYING SAUCERS AS ILLUSIONS

SYDNEY, Wednesday.

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

He was commenting on a claim by former information chief for the Aeronautics Branch of the U.S. Commerce Department (Donald Keyhoe), who said that "flying saucers" seen over America during the past two years were space-vehicles subjecting the earth to observation by living intelligent beings on another planet.

Professor Von Willer said 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 hypothesis is only one of them. Another important fact is that no really trained observer has claimed to have seen a flying saucer.

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in Adelaide to-day that the general idea of scientists about the existence of "living" intelligent observers" on another planet was one of extreme scepticism. The most probable explanation of "flying saucers" was optical illusion.
