
FLYING SAUCERS

Plans for Patents

COMMONWEALTH OFFICE DISCOVERY

Canberra, April 5.—The discovery of flying saucer plans in the Commonwealth Patents Office has caused a sensation in scientific and aeronautical circles in Canberra. The plans, most of which are overseas patents, have been lying in pigeonholes with dozens of tons of other patents for many years. Some specialists believe that experimentation with them overseas, probably in the United States, may be the answer to the reports of flying saucers hurtling across America. Experts who examined the four patents, which date back to 1930, said that they all embody the same fundamental principle and, if developed, might well produce a practical aircraft, identical with the saucer.

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The first applicant for a patent was an Australian, Mr. Charles Edmund Johnson, who lodged his application in November 1930. He gave his address then as Hill street, West Hobart. Other patents were received from Japan, France, and the United States. Illustrations accompanying the plans show the results as large, saucer-like objects, steepest in the middle and tailing out towards the edges.

The success of the inventions that the plans showed depended on the development of jet engines. Lacking these the inventors depended on a blower, driven by an ordinary engine which would certainly have proved unsatisfactory and probably have made their saucers unworkable. Many observers who have previously laughed off the saucers as figments of the imagination, are now seriously considering whether these patents could be the forerunners of existing craft. Most are waiting for further reports from overseas before committing themselves.
