

Claim They Saw Mysterious Object

LAUNCESTON, Friday.— A flying saucer, or some other mysterious object, was seen over Launceston last Sunday, but those who saw the object did not decide to make public statements on it until to-day.

Mr. T. D. Wivell, of West Tamar, was playing golf on the Riverside course when he drew the attention of his companions to a large bird. While they were trying to identify the bird, Mr. Wivell saw a "shiny object" very high in the sky.

It was "flying in circles and giving off a stream of white smoke," he said.

"I cannot say the exact shape of the object as it was too high to be seen clearly," he said to-day. "I would say it was 10 times as high as most aeroplanes.

"All I could see was that it was aluminium-colored, and when it turned it flashed in the sun."

With Mr. Wivell were Mr. A. E. Brown, 24 Como St., and Mr. T. Wilson, of Hill St., Launceston.

Mr. Brown said the object was travelling northwards when Mr. Wivell pointed it out. "It seemed transparent and twinkled in the sun. It was very high, and gave off a white vapor trail," he said.

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Mr. Wivell saw it again later when it was flying in circles over Launceston, and gradually moving southward. From the way it was moving, and because it left a white trail, he thought it might be a jet or rocket type of machine.

People at Mowbray Heights who saw a "bright light" in the sky on Sunday afternoon thought it was a reflection of the sun of an aircraft. It was impossible to judge the height.

To-day civil aviation authorities at Western Junction denied all knowledge of the object. They said it could not have been a weather balloon because they did not leave vapor trails.

There were no jet planes over Tasmania on Sunday