

# **"Flying Saucers" Reported Over Lithgow Last Night**

**Reports that a Sydney man last night saw an object resembling a flying saucer in the sky coincided with a claim by two Lithgow men that they saw an unidentified object move at terrific speed across the sky at approximately the same time.**

**They claim the object shot from east to west shortly before 7 o'clock and disappeared in the direction of Sydney. In this morning's papers a Sydney man, Mr. Fred Sault, 59, of Zoeller-street, Concord, said he was reading gas meters when he saw a similar object at 6.55 p.m.**

**Five members of the Mercury Cricket Club were practising on the Glanmire sportsground, when two said they saw a strange object move across the sky in an easterly direction.**

**Practice had ended for the day and two members, Messrs. N. King and R. Cullen, were sitting on the grass packing the kit when their attention was attracted to the moving object.**

**Both were facing south and saw the unidentified object appear high over Lithgow park, speed south-easterly and disappear several seconds later.**

**Mr. King immediately commented on the speeding object calling the attention of the four others to the phenomenon. The three other members of the team who were present, Messrs. C. Logan, J. Spence and K. Lyons commented caustically on the presence of "flying saucers," but Mr. Cullen verified the presence of a strange object.**

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"That's a funny thing, I saw it, too, it looked like a green leaf," he said.

Having served in R.A.A.F. aircrew during the war, Mr. King said today the object he saw was similar in size and shape to a ball of fire from a green Verey pistol used for signalling, or a rocket.

"The object travelled at terrific speed and glowed like a Verey light. It had much the same trajectory and travelled at a similar speed, being in full view for at least four seconds," he said.

Neither claimed the object was of a saucer shape, but both agreed the movement was in an easterly direction. The light was still good and the object clearly visible.

The only Sydney report received by the morning press was that from Mr. Soult, who works for the Australian Gas Light Co., and who was reading meters at the Mortlake works at 6.55 p.m.

Mr. Soult said he saw "a brilliant disc-like object" flash across the sky and disappear in a northerly direction.

"It was bright blue and had no tail," said Mr. Soult, who added: "I have seen plenty of falling stars and meteors, but this was something I have never seen before. Although the object was at a terrific height it appeared to be as big as a football.

"I watched it for three or four seconds before it disappeared. It looked like a flying saucer because it had a disc-like shape."

During recent months, reports that strange, saucer-shaped objects had appeared in the sky at different intervals began in America, spread to England and other parts of Europe, finally reaching Australia.

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Many of the reports were verified by aircraft crews flying at night or at dusk and the Governments of most countries have not yet given a satisfactory answer to the phenomena.

A belief has grown that the objects are a secret weapon being developed by the Allies under the utmost secrecy. Reports that objects have been seen above Australian cities would tend to give rise to the belief that the Woomera rocket range is being used to test guided missiles.

Yesterday's report was the first received in Lithgow, but, so much scepticism surrounded similar reports that many reputable citizens hesitated to comment publicly on similar objects seen by them.

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