

Views here on 'saucers'

It was most unlikely that any of the huge plastic balloons which were used in America for cosmic ray studies, and are now blamed for the "flying saucer" scare, reached Australia, two Adelaide authorities said today.

Prof. Sir Kerr Grant, former professor of physics at Adelaide University, said if the balloons reached a height of 19 miles, as stated it was just possible that a stream of air in the stratosphere, travelling at several hundred miles an hour, might carry them toward Australia.

"However, I think that it is most unlikely any did reach

Australia and that if anyone here saw 'flying saucers' it was either something else or imagination," Sir Kerr Grant said

The Weather Bureau climatologist (Mr B. Mason) said if the balloons had been released in the Southern Hemisphere it was just possible that some of them could have reached Australia. But it would

reached Australia. But it would have been impossible for the balloons to reach Australia from the Northern Hemisphere because a transfer of air did not occur from the Northern to the Southern Hemisphere.

"If you go outside close your eyes for a little while then open them and stare vacantly into space, it won't be long before you will be seeing things—which are really small dust motes floating in the liquid across the iris of the eyes." Mr Mason added.