

SEVEN MEN REPORT SEEING A "FLYING SAUCER"

Seven men reported seeing a "flying saucer" over the Sydney area and at Parkes, 180 miles by air west of Sydney, yesterday.

They said it was a cigar-shaped object, well lit, which flew silently and very fast.

R.A.A.F. and Civil Aviation officials and meteorologists at the Sydney Weather Bureau could not give an explanation.

The "flying saucer" was reported over:—

PARKES at 6 a.m. (by one man);

ENFIELD, western Sydney suburb, eight miles from the city, at 6.10 a.m. (by three men);

BELFIELD, adjacent to Enfield, at 6.10 a.m. (by one man);

BEROWRA, seven miles north of Hornsby, at 6.17 a.m. (by two men).

PARKES:

"White Object"

Mr. L. Bailey, of the Parkes radio station 2PK, said he saw a white object, flat at one end and pointed at the other, flying over the town at 6 a.m.

It was about 4,000 feet up and travelling at 450 miles an hour.

Mr. Bailey said he was on his way to conduct the station's breakfast session.

He watched the "saucer" for at least two minutes until it disappeared into cloud. It travelled silently.

BELFIELD:

Fast And High

Mr. G. McKenzie, of Linda Street, Belfield, said he was on his way to work about 6.10 a.m.

work about 6.10 a.m. when he saw a "flying saucer."

"I thought I was seeing things and could hardly believe my eyes but the object passed overhead at about 500 miles an hour and travelling at around 25,000 feet," he said.

ENFIELD: "Like Ship At Sea"

Three P.M.G. employees said they were on their way to work at Enfield at 6.10 a.m. when they saw an object which appeared to have many lighted windows.

The men are:—Reg Edwards, of Hawthorn Parade, Haberfield; William Anderson, of George Street, Enfield; and Ken Shippley, of Victoria Road, Burwood.

Edwards, who acted as spokesman for the three, said: "We were in my truck outside the Enfield post-office when we saw the 'flying saucer.'

"It was well to the north of Enfield and travelling north to south.

"It took us a couple of seconds to realise we weren't dreaming.

"We then dashed from the truck to get a better view.

"It was a long thing like

an airship or a submarine, and all lit up like a liner at sea.

MADE NO SOUND

"It was at least three or four times larger than a four-engined Skymaster, it made no sound as it flew, and travelled at about 500 miles an hour.

"One thing we were all convinced about, it was definitely not a meteor or any kind of star.

"It travelled across the sky as straight as a gun barrel and appeared to be on a fixed course.

"We saw it for at least a full minute, and ran to the corner of the street to watch





MR. R. EDWARDS

it finally disappear into a bank of clouds.

"I used to think stories about flying saucers were fairy tales but now the three of us are convinced they really do exist.

"We could even see the exhausts at the back of the 'saucer' which looked like jets.

"When you see things like this it kind of makes you wonder how long we all have to live.

"None of us were suffering from hang-overs yester-

day morning and no one will ever convince us we didn't see the 'saucer.'"

BEROWRA:

"Due South"

Keith Holmes, 19, dairy-farmer, of Turner Road, Berowra, and Gordon Ross, 21, university student, of

21, university student, of Crowley Road, Berowra, said the object they saw appeared over Berowra at 6.17 a.m. It was travelling due south at a high speed.

It was well lit and they could see sparks coming from a type of exhaust.

OFFICIALS:

No Known Plane

Officials in the operations room at the Kingsford Smith airport, Mascot, said no known aircraft was in the area at the time the "flying saucer" was reported.

Meteorologists at the Sydney Weather Bureau said there were no meteorological balloons in the area yesterday.

Mr. N. Ward, building merchant, of York Street, Berala, said last night that last Thursday while driving from Punchbowl to Bankstown he saw an intensely bright object flash across the sky.

Last month "flying saucers" were reported over Arizona (April 5), Minnesota (April 10), and Singapore (April 30).

In each case the "saucers" were reported by scores of eyewitnesses who said the objects were "cigar shaped"

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"Flying saucers" were reported to have been seen over Bondi and Maroubra on December 17, 1950.

They have also been reported from Maryborough, Queensland, Adelaide, and Canberra.