

MORE NEW "SAUCERS" SEEN IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY: Despite the summing up by the Minister for External Affairs (Mr. Casey) that the flying saucer is a "romantic idea," 16 people today said they had seen a mysterious round silver object trailing blue smoke travelling at high speed over Sydney.

Some said it had a silver ring around it and estimates of its heights ranged from 1,000 to 6,000 feet.

Some people described it as a "flying saucer."

Seven factory workers saw it over South Hurstville. Spokesman Mick O'Connor said: "It was silvery like a balloon, but long and flat-looking."

Mrs. B. Santos, of O'Connell Street, Parramatta, two of her children, her sister, Mrs. G. Blake, and mother, Mrs. A. Porter, also saw it.

Mrs. M. Muir, of Middle Harbour Road, Lindfield, and Miss Mary Patridge, of Lakes End, Crow's Nest, saw it heading towards the

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Everybody said the object did not make any noise.

Civil aviation control officers said pilots of aircraft arriving at Mascot said they had not seen anything unusual.

The Weather Bureau said no balloons were in the area.

The R.A.A.F. had no jets in the area.

Government Astronomer H. W. Wood said: "Our men have not seen any meteor. If the object travelled in a dead-straight line I would say from the description and bluish trail it was a meteor.

"But from reports it travelled in a curve, and could not be a meteor.

"Heights are very deceptive to a layman and it would be almost impossible to say whether it had a straight or curving course unless a bearing was taken in two places."

CANBERRA: The Minister for External Affairs (Mr. Casey), who is a pilot, today debunked "flying saucers" reports in New South Wales.

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said.

The "flying saucers" were possibly meteors, meteorological balloons, or sunlight on aircraft at a considerable height," he said.

No reports on "flying saucers" have been received by the C.S.I.R.O., which is under Mr. Casey's control.