

Flying Saucer Rockets

CANBERRA, Aug. 1. — Some of the flying saucers seen over the United States undoubtedly were rockets from White Sands testing station which got out of control, a world radar authority said today.

He predicted that all reports of flying saucers and similar mysterious objects would eventually be found to have explanations which were neither supernatural nor sinister.

The authority was Dr. D. F. Martyn, chief of the C.S.I.R.O. radio-physics laboratory, who was one of the world pioneers of radar. He disclosed that early in the war mysterious objects, which appeared on radar screens in Sydney and gave the impression of large numbers of Japanese submarines in the vicinity, proved later to be part of a railway line nearby. He said he did not have sufficient information about Washington reports of flying saucers, but he imagined they would be accounted for by some equally simple explanation. It is always worthwhile checking on the movement of migrating birds at this time, he added. He said rocket-testing authorities naturally were not anxious to advertise their failures, but it was a fact that a substantial number of V2's and other rockets did get out of control.