

## **'Saucer' reports banned**

**MELBOURNE, Mon.—The Civil Aviation Department has banned the release of "flying saucer" reports.**

**It hopes to encourage people who see "flying saucers" to make confidential, detailed reports.**

**The Department today received a report from an Australian National Airways pilot, Captain B. L. Jones, who saw a strange flying object circle his plane south of Mackay, Queensland.**

**The object, which appeared to have an illuminated glass dome, manoeuvred around his plane and disappeared at high speed.**

**The Department's supervising aeronautical engin-**

**eer (Dr. Shaw) said today that the Department would not release Captain Jones' report or comment on it.**

**"We have decided that people will discuss 'sightings' more freely if they know their reports will not expose them to ridi-**

**not expose them to ridicule," he said.**

**"The Department has examined every responsible report, but has not yet reached any conclusions."**

**The secretary of the Australian Flying Saucer Investigation Committee (Mr. L. T. Whitney) said today that his committee had investigated 18 sightings since it was formed in February.**

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**Six of the sightings were of luminous disks which resembled "shooting moons," he said.**

**A civil aviation security officer today reported that he had seen a "shooting moon" over Essendon airport about 3 a.m.**

**He said that the object, which lit up the ground, travelled at great speed, and disappeared in a few seconds.**

**The officer, Mr. J. Whelan, said that a companion on duty at the other end of the airport also saw the object.**

**No aircraft were in the**

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**area at the time, he said.**