

# VENUS OBSERVED

In the sky over Rockhampton yesterday morning a "bright crescent" object was seen by a meteorological officer.

He was plotting the course of a weather balloon at the airport at 3 a.m.

He and his colleagues watched the object. It was seen again north-west of the city early in the afternoon.

For a long time no one would advance a theory for the "mystery".

Then the "object" was identified.

It was the planet Venus.

In the sky over Essendon airport, Melbourne, early yesterday a civil aviation officer saw a "shooting moon".

He said he saw a bright

Later in the morning, in daylight, pilots and officials at Essendon said they saw a stationary small silvery object over the aerodrome. They heard no sound.

Mr. L. T. Whitney, secretary of the Australian Flying Saucer Investigation Committee, said that reports corresponded exactly with reports from overseas on flying saucers.

object, the size of a full moon, travelling at terrific speed across the sky, at 3 a.m. The ground was brilliantly lit for two seconds, he said.

A "meteor-like" object was seen over Bayside suburbs between 3 and 4 a.m., and strange lights in the sky were reported from Bendigo, 100 miles north of Melbourne.

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