

# Melbourne 'Saucer' Also a Balloon

Melbourne yesterday joined in with London and Pretoria to report a "flying saucer."

A large balloon with a metal sphere three feet in diameter suspended from it passed high over the city about midday yesterday. It was mistaken for a saucer by several people.

The balloon was released at the University as part of a series of cosmic ray experiments be-

ing carried out by the Physics department.

Dr. V. D. Hopper, of the department, said last night the University authorities were most anxious to recover the balloon. It was carrying instruments which may have descended near Healesville.

In Pretoria, a senior air force officer said yesterday headquarters were investigating a mysterious radar contact which

indicated some unexplained phenomenon in the sky over the Cape Peninsular. The radar contact was "undoubtedly with something solid."

## A Balloon ?

An Air Ministry spokesman in London said last night that a strange object resembling "popular notions of a 'flying saucer,'" could have been a meteorological balloon.

An army radar unit in Kent reported an unidentified strange "object" flying high on November 3. The War Office announced that the mysterious "object" had been tracked for 10 minutes by the radar.

The Air Ministry said a meteorological balloon had been released in the same area on November 3 and "this could have been the object seen on

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the army radar screen."