

# 'Saw Flying Saucer'

MELBOURNE, January 1.—The Civil Aviation Department is giving serious consideration to today's report of a "flying saucer" near Melbourne.

Mr R. McComb, the regional civil aviation director, said "We will give serious consideration to all reports of this nature and our instructions are to forward them to our head office, where they are studied."

The "flying saucer" was reported by Captain D. Barker, an Australian National Airways pilot.

He reported seeing "a metallic mushroom-shaped object" flying low above the Yarra Valley at 10.5 a.m.

Airline officials said that a Convair airliner had been over the Yarra Valley about that time, but Captain Barker said he had never seen anything less like a Convair.

"First of all it was travelling at about 700 mph and well below the minimum altitude for the safety of normal aircraft," he said.

"It was also very big—about four times the size of a DC-4."

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Captain Barker said he saw the object flying at 2000 feet, from his home in East Doncaster, an outer Melbourne suburb.

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