There Must Be Sound, Too

MELBOURNE, Tues: Anyone who claims to have seen a flying saucer will have to describe some sort of accompanying noise if he wants the claim to be taken seriously by aeronautical scientists.

This arises from what Commonwealth Aeronautical Research Laboratories superintendent L. P. Coombes said in Melbourne.

An object, several times the size of the average aircraft travelling at 700 m.p.h. would certainly emit some noise.

Two miles away and 2000 ft. up, this noise would be heard by an observer on the ground.

A flying saucer would have to have some sort of engine, either internal combustion, jet or turbine. Any of these would emit considerable sound.

But what if the engines were turned off and the flying saucer was gliding?

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There would still be noise, said Mr. Coombes.

No matter how aerodynamically-perfect the aircraft was, its passage through the air would set up considerable eddies which would emit sound waves distinctly audible if the saucer was at a height of only 2000ft.

And what sort of sound would a gliding flying-saucer make ?

Mr. Coombes did not know. But he's interested.