

## "Don't fear ridicule"

# REPORT IF YOU SEE "SAUCER"

The Department of Civil Aviation superintendent of Air Traffic Control in Melbourne, Mr R. M. Seymour, today asked all people who had seen unidentified aerial objects to tell the department.

"People who believe they have seen unusual objects in the sky should not keep the information to themselves for fear of ridicule," he said.

"We do not regard this business as a joke. People are definitely seeing objects, many of which have not been explained."

Mr Seymour said intensive research on unexplained aerial objects was being done in Britain, Canada and the United States.

The superintendent of Air Navigation, Mr W. E. Boud, said today he had asked ANA Captain Douglas Barker, who reported an object over the Yarra Valley at 10.15 a.m. on Fri-

day, to make a detailed report.

Captain Barker must be regarded as an expert witness. He was extremely careful and reliable.

Radar and meteorological reports received at Essendon did not record

Essendon did not record any object at the time and place of Captain Barker's report.

The object seen by Captain Barker was within the ambit of the short-range radar at Essendon, but there was a certain amount of "flutter" on the extremity of the sweep, and the object may not have been noticed.

The object could have been missed on the long range radar, because of permanent echo patterns on the screen.

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# **NINE REPORTS OF QUEER OBJECTS**

**The Civil Aviation Department has received nine reports of strange aerial objects since November, 1951.**

The reports came from Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

They included reports from an airline captain, the crew of a RAAF Lincoln bomber, Civil Aviation Department officers, and an aerodrome groundsman.

These are the reports:

**A South Yarra resident in November 1951** reported a fast-moving, unidentifiable object at 5 p.m.—in daylight.

**A resident of Chatswood, a Sydney suburb,** reported a cylinder-shaped illuminated object travelling at tremendous speed on a night in **June 1952.**

**A West Kempsey, NSW, resident** said he had a brightly-lit unidentified object in sight for one minute on the night of **May 10 last year.** It was not a star and travelled horizontally at great speed.

**A groundsman at Mackay aerodrome, Queensland,** reported a bright light travelling fast at between 2000 and 3000 ft. on **May 8.** There were no aircraft in the area, and it

craft in the area, and it was not a star.

**A Mackay fire officer** reported three lights in an inverted V formation, moving at great speed, silently, and leaving no trails, on the night of **May 14.**

### **Circled fast**

On the night of **May 17,** ANA Captain B. L. Jones, flying in the **Mackay area,** reported sighting an illuminated, fishbowl-shaped object, which manoeuvred fast round his DC3, and then disappeared. Mackay control said no other planes in area

**Mr W. Overell, officer in charge of the Mackay**

**control tower,** then reported seeing a light, which climbed at terrific speed from 4000 ft. to 5000 ft., and vanished.

**Nine hours later, at 3 a.m.,** a radio operator, Frank Hines, observed a rapidly moving light to seaward. There were no aircraft in the area.

**On the night of June 15 a DCA officer, flying near Perth,** saw a number of

**Perth**, saw a number of lights in the air. He could not identify them with aircraft or ground lights.

**On July 8** last year, a RAAF Lincoln bomber on a flight between **Townsville and Darwin** saw an unidentified, brightly-lit object. The pilot tried to intercept, but the object flew away and disappeared.

The last report before Captain Barker's came from **New Guinea late in October**.

## **Long tail**

Today, **Mr Norrie McPherson**, of Hammer Street, Bendigo, reported that on Sunday night he saw an object "like a round disc, with a long tail," shoot across the sky.

Mr McPherson, who was with a neighbor, **Mr Ted Brownin** Havlin Street, said the object looked like that described by **Captain Barker**.

"I've seen shooting stars and meteors several times, but this was different," he added.