

When silence is not golden

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.—If you see a "flying saucer" you'll have to describe some sort of accompanying noise if you want your claim to be taken seriously by aeronautical scientists.

Superintendent of the Commonwealth Aeronautical Research Laboratories L. P. Coombes said today that a flying object would emit some noise.

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

But what if the engines were turned off

and the plane was gliding?

There would still be noise, said Mr. Coombes.

No matter how aerodynamically perfect the

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dynamically perfect the
plane was, its passage
through the air would set
up eddies which would
emit sound waves.

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

Mr. Coombes said he
didn't know.

On the other hand, De-
partment of Civil Aviation
Superintendent of Air
Traffic Control in Mel-
bourne R. M. Seymour
asked all people who had
seen unidentified aerial
objects to tell the depart-
ment.
