

"DON'T FEAR RIDICULE" **"FLYING SAUCER"** **REPORTS SOUGHT**

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.—People who have seen unidentified aerial objects are asked "not to fear ridicule" but to report them to the Department of Civil Aviation.

This appeal was made to-day by the Superintendent of the department (Mr. R. M. Scymour). Captain Douglas Barker, of A.N.A., who reported an object over the Yarra Valley, to make a detailed report.

"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."

He said intensive research on unexpected aerial objects was being done in Britain

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

Since November, 1951, the Civil Aviation Department had received nine reports of strange aerial objects. The reports came from New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria.

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

Canada and the United States.

Official data had already been issued in the U.S. on radar observations of fast moving unidentified objects. The data was highly detailed, and gave radar plots and bearings, but was not necessarily conclusive.

The Superintendent of Air Navigation (Mr. W. E. Boud) said he had asked Captain Douglas Barker, of A.N.A., who reported an