

PLEA TO REPORT 'SAUCERS'

MELBOURNE,
Tues.—The Civil Aviation Department and the Australian Flying Saucer Investigation Committee want people to report “unidentified objects” in the sky.

Representatives of both organisations today urged people who saw strange objects to report them.

But they discounted theories that the “objects” came from another planet.

Captain Douglas Barker, an A.N.A. pilot, last Friday reported that he had seen a mushroom-shaped object

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On Sunday other people reported a "spherical" object a few miles from where Capt. Barker saw his "flying mushroom."

Aviation experts claimed that Capt. Barker had seen a Convair testing its landing gear.

They said the other people had seen a balloon from the Laverton R.A.A.F. Station.

Report sought

A member of the Australian Flying Saucer Investigation Committee (Mr. D. K. Thomas) said the Committee had asked Captain Barker to send it a report on the object he saw.

The Melbourne superintendent of Air Traffic Control (Mr. R. M. Seymour) today said: "People who see unidentified objects in the sky should not be frightened to tell us for fear of being ridiculed.

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“When they report we can check to see if any plane positions fit the time and place the object was seen.”