
“FLYING SAUCER” JUST A BALLOON

MELBOURNE: People who reported seeing a “flying saucer” to the Department of Civil Aviation yesterday and on Monday night may not have seen one, but they had plenty of excuse for thinking they did.

Dr. V. D. Hopper, Melbourne University senior lecturer in charge of cosmic ray research in the physic's department, told a reporter why today.

At 2 p.m. yesterday Dr. Hopper and his assistants released a 10ft. diameter balloon with a 3ft. diameter silver-coated plastic sphere slung underneath.

The under-slung vessel, although spherical, was composed of 20 flat surfaces which glistened blindingly in the sun as the balloon rose.

Dr. Hopper said · “The flashes could have looked like Morse code signals, and the whole thing could have looked like a flying saucer.”
