

# A "SAUCER" IF IT'S NOISY

**MELBOURNE,** 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, Mr. L. P. Coombes, said this yesterday.

He said an object several times the size of an average aircraft and travelling at 700 m.p.h. would certainly emit some noise.

Two miles away and 2,000 ft. up, this noise would be heard by an observer on the ground.

A flying saucer would have to have some sort of engine either internal com-

bustion, jet, or turbine, and any of these would emit considerable sound.

But what if the engines were turned off and the plane was gliding?

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No matter how aerodynamically perfect the plane was designed, its passage through the air would set up considerable eddies which would emit sound waves distinctly audible if the saucer were at a height of only 2,000 ft.