

# New Report Of "Saucer"

**MELBOURNE, Thursday. — A "flying saucer" report was received to-day from a traveller fishing on the Gippsland Lakes.**

He is Mr. D. R. Macdonald, 54, of Government-road, Paynesville, on the Gippsland Lakes.

He said that, as he was crossing the lakes at 3.30 a.m. with two companions, he saw the object flying about 1000 feet above the ground.

Mr. Macdonald said it looked like a bright new ball-bearing cut in halves. It had a flat, round bottom with a hemispherical top. It had no wings. It came to within half a mile of the boat, flew past and then turned east.

He said it was travelling about the same speed as a Vampire jet fighter and looked about half the size of a DC-3 airliner when half a mile away.

He would write a report and send it to the Department of

Civil Aviation.

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The Senior Lecturer in Charge of Cosmic Ray Research in the Melbourne University Physics Department (Dr. V. D. Hopper) said to-day that a large balloon used for cosmic ray research by the Physics Department could have been mistaken for a "flying saucer" yesterday and on Monday.

He said that he and his assistants had released balloons on Monday and yesterday and would send up another in about a week.

The balloons were 10 feet in diameter with a 3 feet diameter silver-coated plastic sphere slung underneath. This plastic sphere glinted brilliantly as it rose.