

Whom can you tell if you see a flying saucer?

By a Staff Reporter

If I saw—or thought I saw—a flying saucer tonight I would be hard pressed to find an authority willing to take action on my report.

Mr. D. M. Scherek, of Kirkcaldy, had this bother early on Saturday morning.

He told a reporter he had unsuccessfully rung the Adelaide Observatory, the police, the University, and physics Prof. L. G. Huxley to report the unusual bright object, now thought to have been the planet Jupiter.

If another flying saucer should appear, someone with access to good astronomical instruments should be available, he said.

I tried the Civil Aviation

Department.

A spokesman said: "We will check all reports of aircraft seen. If we find there was no aircraft in the vicinity we will take no further action."

"Would you consider a flying saucer is an aircraft?" I asked.

"If a flying saucer should come along, I would most definitely keep my mouth closed," was the reply.

The RAAF was more helpful.

The CO of No. 34 Transport Squadron, Wing

Commander McCormack, said:

"We record such reports on a special form which is forwarded to Air Force headquarters in Mel-

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Prof. Huxley, president of the Adelaide Astronomical Society, said he had got up at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning to observe the planet Jupiter, which he thinks was the object seen by Mr. Scherek.

"But once in a while is enough for me," he said. "I don't want everyone ringing me when they see something strange in the heavens."

And that's as far as I got.

However, the Adelaide Camera Club is enthusiastic about one phase of the current spate of flying saucer reports.

A spokesman said: "If you see people carrying cameras wherever they go, don't conclude they're tourists.

"They'll probably be Camera Club members ready for the chance to claim The Mail's £100 prize for the first authentic picture of a flying saucer over SA."
