

# ANOTHER SIGN FROM THE UNKNOWN

**MELBOURNE, Tues:** A Melbourne astronomer has reported having seen an unidentifiable object, like a rectangular sheet of aluminium, flying over the southern suburbs of Melbourne.

He is Mr. John W. Boyle of the Victorian Branch of the British Astronomical Association.

Mr. Boyle, who is a cartographer with the Department of Lands, has been interested in astronomy for about 26 years. He said:

"I've never before seen anything in daylight that has been as puzzling to me.

"I have always kept an open mind on the things that people claim to have seen in the sky. Now I am convinced that there is something peculiar going on."

Mr. Boyle sighted the object from St. Kilda as he was taking his four-year-old son,

Ian, to the beach.

It was in view for 15 to 20 seconds.

"My first impression was that it looked like a piece of paper being blown along by the wind — but it was a calm day with little wind," he said.

"As it rocked from side to side, it flashed in the sunlight like a sheet of aluminium. Each time it flashed a purplish halo appeared

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around it.

## No Vapour Trail

"I am certain it did not give off any light of its own, and there were no vapour trails or jets."

Mr. Boyle said Ian had described the object as a silver butterfly.

"That's about as good a description as any," he said.

"It was impossible to estimate its height, but at the time, I calculated its speed to be about five degrees a second.

"That means, that if the object was flying at, say, 30,000ft., its speed would be about 1800 m.p.h., and it would be about 60ft. wide."