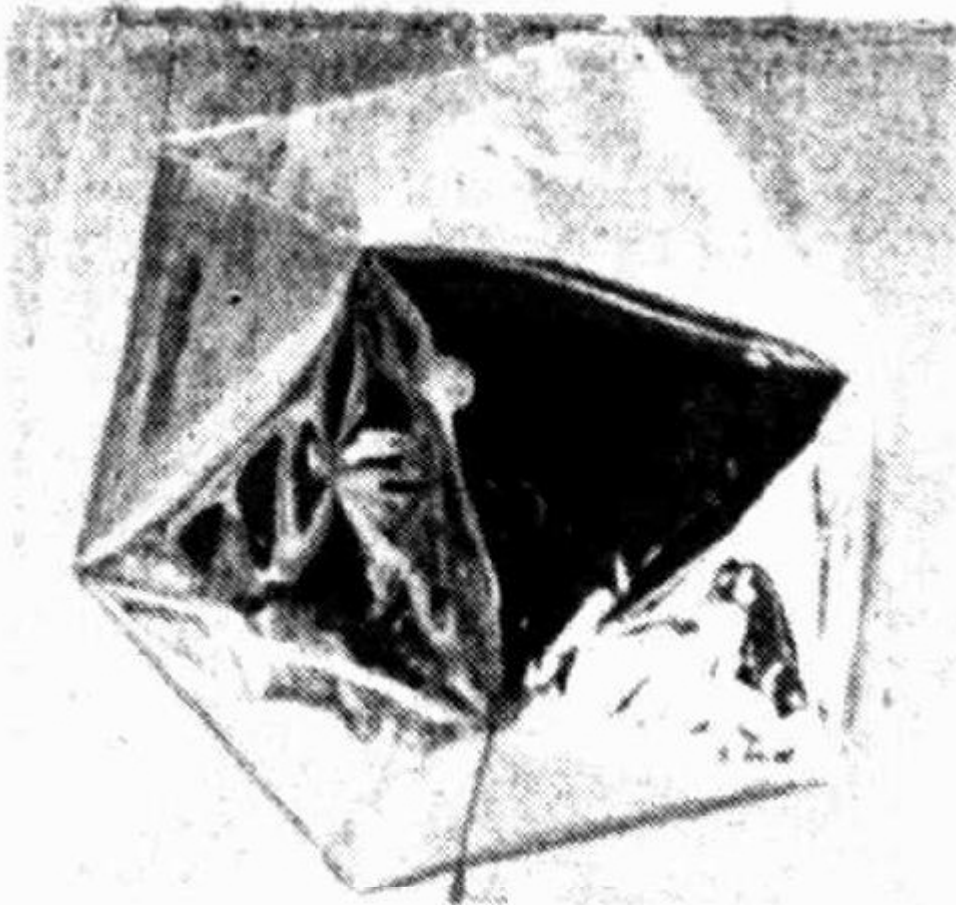


## **This was today's "flying saucer"**



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### ***Birth of a "flying saucer"***

Dr. V. D. Hopper, leader of the cosmic ray research team at the Melbourne University this afternoon invited Pressmen to see the start of a "flying saucer" story. This is how it happened:—

— And within an hour people had rung The Herald to report a strange object in the skies.

Mr R. Martin, of Stuart St., Moonee Ponds, telephoned The Herald to say a woman had just rushed into his shop with a report of a strange glistening object soaring overhead.

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## ***He wants them back***

The University's balloons never fail to bring in some "flying saucer" reports.

That is why Dr. Hopper asked the Press to see it go up.

He owned up to another selfish motive, too. He wants his apparatus back again, as soon as possible.

The balloons carry a notice saying: "This container and the attached packet are special scientific apparatus which has been carried into the stratosphere by a balloon. Will the finder please write or phone Dr. V. D. Hopper, Atomic Physics Laboratory, University of Melbourne."

Dr. Hopper said today that last year the University recovered about 90 per cent. of the balloons released. But this year so far they have released four and recovered only two.

## ***She has a theory***

ADELAIDE. Today—Mrs V. Reid, of Grovone, says she has an explanation for flying saucers.

"Bees!" she said. "I've seen them myself."

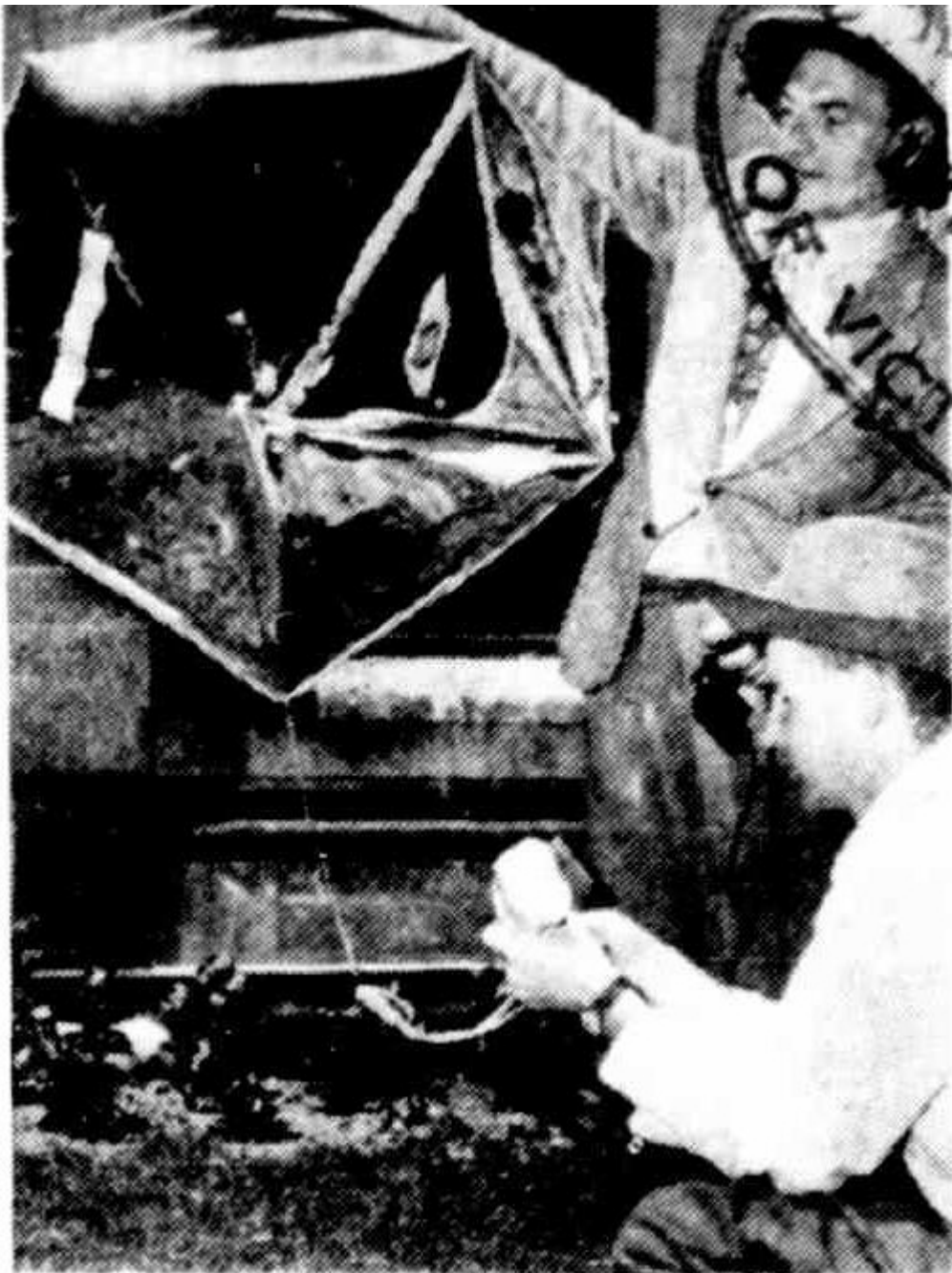
Mrs Reid said the "unidentifiable" object like a rectangular sheet of aluminium" which Mr J. W. Boyle saw fly-

ing over southern Melbourne suburbs at 11 a.m. on Sunday was probably a swarm of bees, changing its shape rapidly, with the sun glinting on the wings.



**1. Mr J. Darby, one of Dr. Hopper's assistants, filled an 8 ft. diameter balloon with hydrogen.**





*2. Then Dr. Hopper held up a glistening, aluminium-coated object, while Mr Darby attached it to the balloon. It contained photographic plates for observing the effects of cosmic rays.*

