

REPORTS OF SAUCERS NOW TOTAL 50

Melbourne, January 12.
— Reports from 13 people who claim to have seen "flying saucers" and other objects over Melbourne in the past few weeks were received by the Civil Aviation Department yesterday.

Fifty reports have now been received by the department in the last week.

Highlight of the reports came from Mr. J. W. Boyle, of Caulfield, vice-president of the Victorian branch of the British Astronomical Association.

Last night Mr. Boyle said: "At 11 a.m. on January 3 I was walking from the Victory Theatre, St. Kilda, toward the beach. My son, Ian, was with me.

"Suddenly, immediately overhead, we saw a strange rectangular object flying in straight and level flight.

"It resembled a huge sheet of aluminium, and was flying from west to east.

"It was clearly visible for 15 to 20 seconds, but too far away to describe in any detail.

"Ian saw it, too. He called out: 'Look at the silver butterfly.'

"It could have been some unknown kind of flying machine."

Most of the other eyewitnesses told the Civil Aviation Department that the objects they had seen had been illuminated. Many of them described the objects as "discs."