

## **"Flying Saucer" Test In Melbourne**

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At Melbourne University today, Dr. V. D. Hopper, leader of the Cosmic Ray Research Team, demonstrated how some people could confuse a balloon with a "flying saucer."

He released a hydrogen-filled balloon trailing an aluminium container carrying photographic plates used for observing the effects of cosmic rays.

Within an hour, people were ringing newspaper offices to report a strange object in the sky.

"Flying Saucer" reports continue to pour into the Civil Aviation Department headquarters in Melbourne.

Department officers are checking them closely, and will probably turn them over to the RAAF for fuller investigation.

A department officer said today that the reports were being treated very seriously.

"Some highly-qualified engineers in our department are convinced that there is something in the 'saucer' mystery," he added.