

Four saw flying saucers speed over Hamilton

Two flying saucer stories came from Hamilton yesterday.

● At 4.25 p.m. last Thursday, Messrs. X. Karamostos and A. Pantazis, of the Victoria Fish Cafe, Gray st., Hamilton saw "a silvery, circular object with a parachute-like adjunct remain stationary for 20 seconds,

then fly off at incredible speed."

● At 9.45 p.m. the following day, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Brown, of Clifford st., saw a bright object to the north-west — "like two saucers, the top one inverted."

Its color was bright orange, and it left a vapor trail for 20 minutes, they said.

Mrs. Brown who, like her husband, served in the Air Force during the war, said the object's brilliance suggested powerful electric generation.

Both were certain that it was not a plane.

Meanwhile, reports about flying saucers continue to pour in at Civil Aviation De-

partment headquarters in Melbourne.

Nine arrived by yesterday's

mail, bringing the total to 59 in just over a week.

But if you thought you saw a saucer yesterday, be careful.

There's a very good chance it was a cosmic ray research balloon.

Dr. V. D. Hopper, leader of the cosmic ray research team at the Melbourne University, invited journalists to see the birth of a "flying saucer."

He released an 8ft. diameter hydrogen-filled balloon, carrying an aluminium-coated undercarriage containing photographic plates.

And he would like the apparatus returned to the Atomic Physics Laboratory, Melbourne University, if you find it.