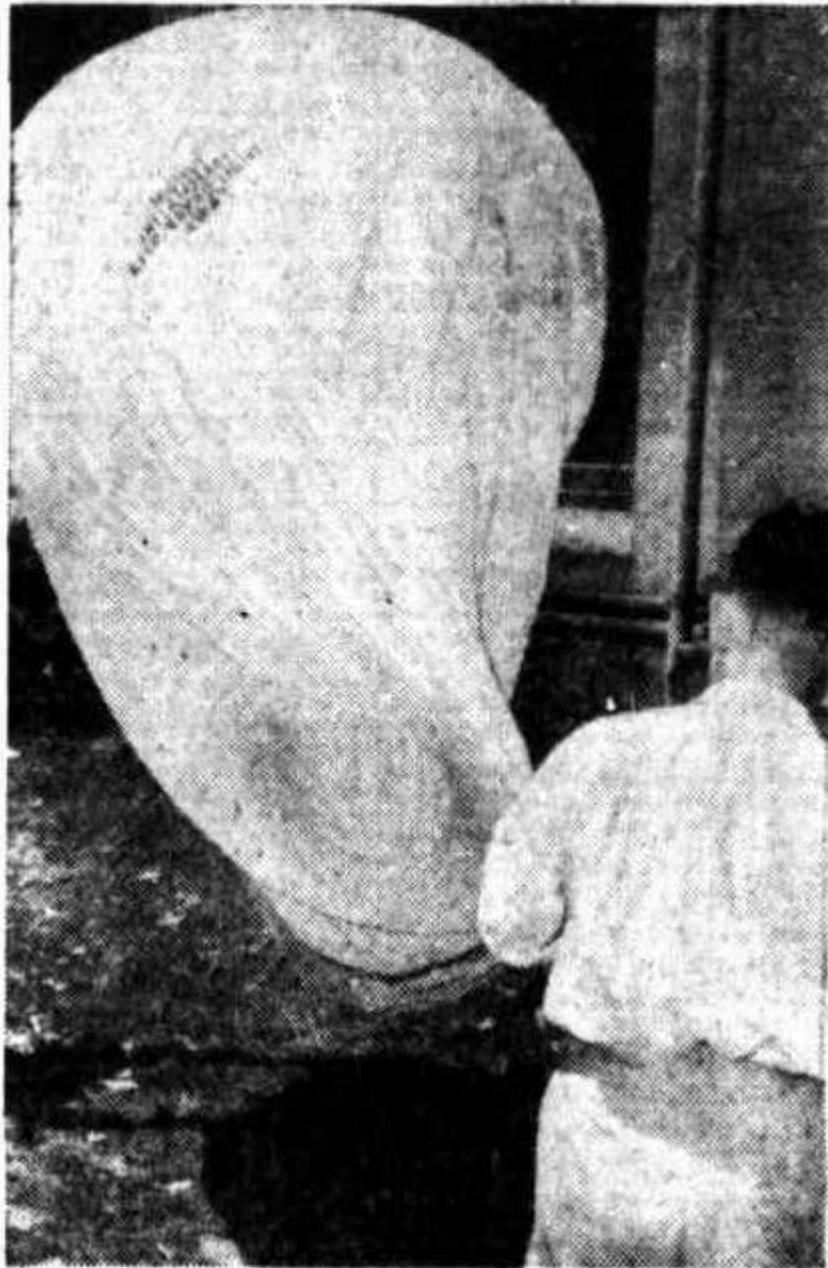
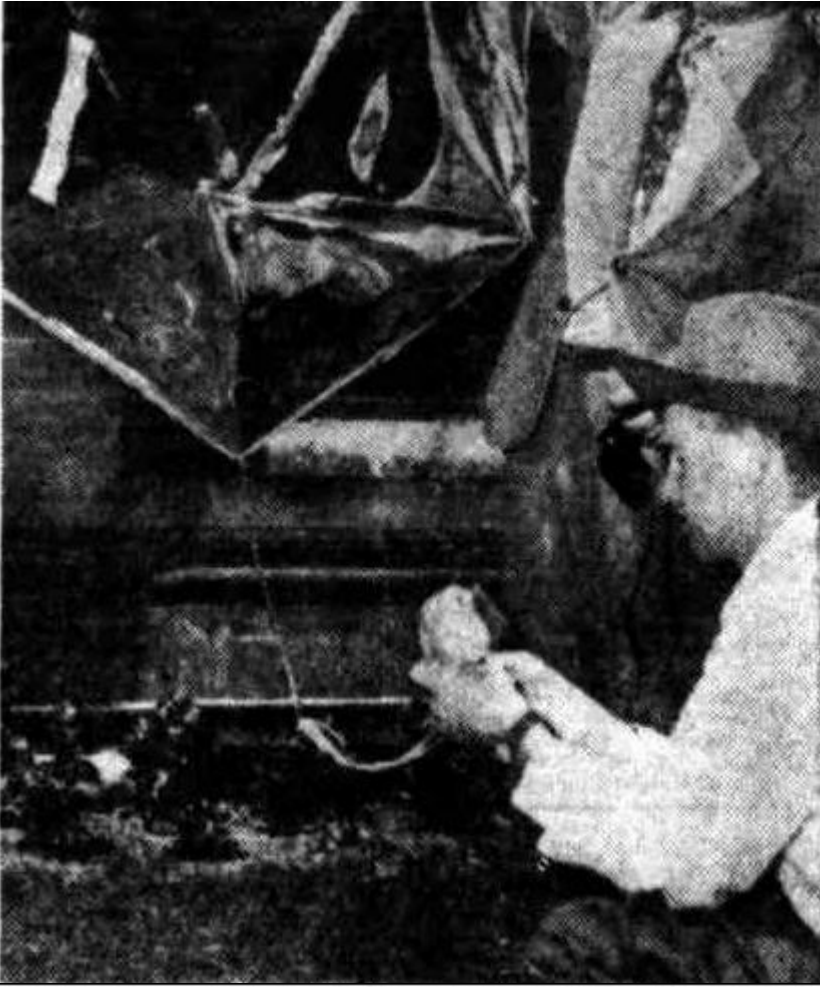
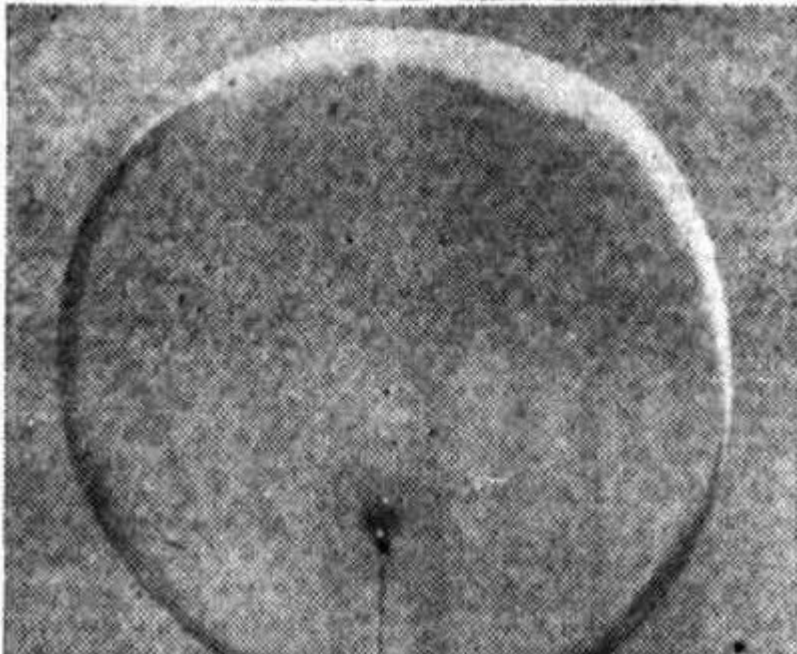


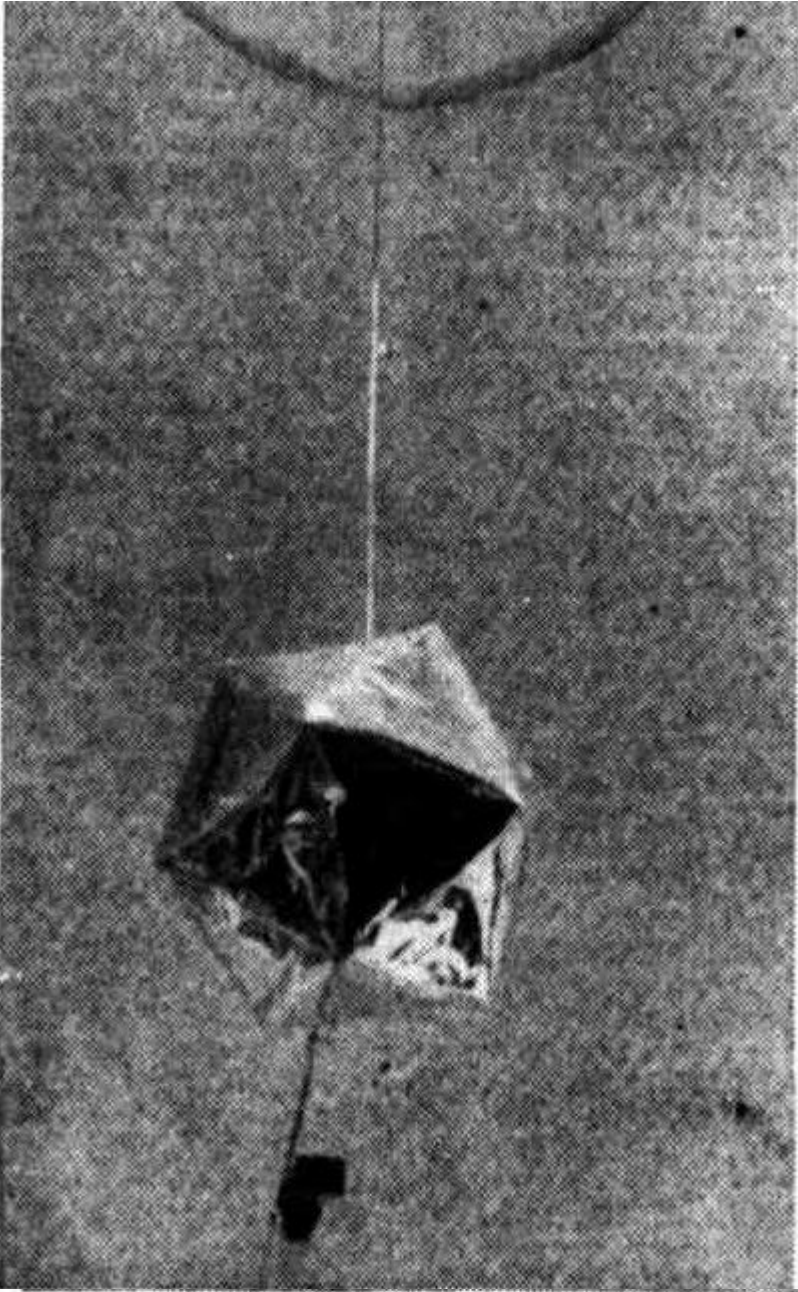
# BIRTH OF A "FLYING SAUCER"





Dr. V. D. Hopper, leader of the cosmic ray research team at the Melbourne University, invited Pressmen this week to see the start of a "flying saucer" story. This is how it happened. **LEFT:** Mr. J. L. Darby, one of Dr. Hopper's assistants, filled an 8ft. diameter balloon with hydrogen. **RIGHT:** 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.





They released the "flying saucer" and up it shot at one thousand feet a minute. And within an hour people were ringing Melbourne newspapers to report a strange object in the skies.