

# "Flying Saucer Man" For Hongkong

An Adelaide scientist whose research work in Melbourne on cosmic radiation has been the cause of dozens of "flying saucer" reports, will leave SA tomorrow to take up an appointment as Professor of Physics at the University of Hongkong.

He is Dr. Ralph W. Parsons, son of the Principal of the School of Mines (Mr. Rex W. Parsons).

Dr. Parsons said

Dr. Parsons his work in Victoria had involved the use of high flying balloons which photograph plates recording cosmic rays were attached. A sphere covered with aluminium foil that shone and flashed in the sunlight was fixed to each balloon to attract the attention of people on whose property it might land.

"Whenever our balloons were carried over Melbourne at low altitudes, people rang the newspapers to report flying saucers," Dr. Parsons said.

"However, reports of flying saucers have come in on days when we did not release a balloon."

None of the balloons had floated into SA, he said. The longest distance travelled



longest distance travelled was about 250 miles.

Dr. Parsons said the balloon experiments enabled him to learn something of the structure of the atomic nucleus, how it broke up and how it behaved.

He intended to continue research work in Hong-kong, but this would not involve the use of balloons.

"If one came down in Communist China it might not be appreciated," he added.