

SANTA TERESA FLYING SAUCER REPORT INVESTIGATED

Following last week's report of a "flying saucer" nearly knocking a native from a horse when he was riding over a ridge near Santa Teresa Mission, 50 miles from Alice Springs, enquiries have been made at the mission.

One of the mission fathers said this week that it was found that several aborigines say that they heard a strange noise on the day of the reported sighting, March 17. However, the boy Sonny, who claims to have had a far too close a look at a strange craft is not at the mission.

Sonny's "saucer" was a round object with a tail which belched forth clouds of fumes from each side and travelled at a terrific speed. He told this to an Alice Springs man, Mr. Arthur Pope.

Jet This Time

What promised to be another Santa Teresa "saucer story" on Monday of this week turned out to be a Canberra jet

Father Cosgrove and Father Lixon both said that natives at the mission displayed great interest when something was spotted travelling through the cloud formation trailing a stream of

formation trailing a stream of "smoke". It emitted a strange noise and the smoke formed into a cigar shape.

When they arrived in Alice this week, Father Cosgrove remembered that the sighting was made at about 3 p.m. A check with Air Radio revealed that a Canberra jet had passed over this area at that time.

More enquiries are being made into the March 17, St. Patrick's Day, "flying saucer" report.