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**A** SYDNEY newspaper reports one of the lads who claimed he'd seen a flying saucer over East Malvern at the week-end as saying he'd noticed "shapes that looked like human busts" inside.

To us this is the most important saucer development so far. It seems to bear out the line taken by the comic strip people, that these other planets are mainly inhabited by beautiful girls, not funny little one-eyed men with radio antennae sticking out of their heads after all. Bring on the girls, we say. Who's going to jib on the prospect of meeting Miss Venus 1954?

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**T**HERE'S another thought on these latest flying saucers, though. If they can travel at such fantastic speeds how is it we never hear them breaking the sound-barrier?

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**A** COLLEAGUE, who found himself behind a funeral yesterday, says in the whole length of Sydney

terday, says in the whole length of Sydney Road he noticed only six bystanders who raised their hats. They were all elderly.

What's happened to the old respect for the dead?

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**T**HEY tell us the PMG people are to open a new post office practically next door to Tatt's Snags building. That's not surprising—except that the Post Office building was bought long before Tatt's move was decided. What you call a lucky break.

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**T**HE new book issued to explain Melbourne's master plan repeats that Essendon is the busiest airport in the British Commonwealth. This surprised us so we've done some checking with the civil aviation people.

Two years ago London Airport had only 200 more arrivals and departures a year than Essendon, but London traffic has increased 25 per cent in the past year while Essendon has remained much the same. Actually Mascot is busier than Essendon today. Essendon and Mascot average between 48,000 and 49,000 aircraft movements a year—both are busier than Montreal.

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**G**EOLOGICALLY, Australia is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, country in the world. That's always been known. But geologists working with the drillers

working with the drillers on the Snowy River scheme have recently unearthed fossils which prove that the Snowy mountains are at least 400 million years old.

How geologists manage to prove these things is another question, one we don't feel competent to get ourself embroiled in.



**A** BACHELOR friend who's managed to steer clear of the traps of matrimony these past 39 years tells us he's in real trouble. The young lady he's been taking out lately is knitting him a pullover.

He's come through similar hazards before, but this girl's knitting him a long-sleeved pullover. That's something we never knew. When it's a long-sleeved job things are serious, apparently.

—E. W. Tippins