

## 2 'SAW SAUCER' BUT A THIRD: 'NOTHING'

**C**AIRNS—Two Commonwealth radio officers on Willis Island, 400 miles east of Cairns, believe they saw a "flying saucer" last September.

They said they did not report it because "people would laugh at them."

The two men are Harry Hicks, 39, and Brian Darragh, 26, who reached Cairns last night after 12 months on the lonely island outpost.

[Willis Island is a weather station set up by the Commonwealth Government.]

Third member of the party, weather observer Mike Bruer, 27, said he looked where the others were pointing, but could see nothing.

"I think they had spots before the eyes," he said.

The three men who were relieved last week saw only one man during their 12 months on the island.

They have been gathering information to help in the forecasting of cyclones.

A Melbourne scientist spent three weeks on the island with them to study solar radiation and heat economy. Supplies were dropped to the party by RAAF planes from Townsville.