

# A New Sort Of "Flying Saucer"

**LONDON, Thursday:** London had its own flying saucer scare yesterday when thousands of people halted in the streets to watch a mysterious silver object floating high in the sunshine.

Switchboards at the Air Ministry, police headquarters and newspaper offices were jammed by callers asking about the object — variously described as pear-shaped and boomerang-shaped.

Metacological experts studied the thing for over an hour. Then came the official explanation. It was a 60-foot-wide balloon released by scientists in Bedfordshire for cosmic radiation reach.

**FOOTNOTE:** Professor C. Powell, of Bristol University, said it was the biggest balloon the scientists had ever launched. Asked what happened to the balloon when it released its equipment at a given altitude he blandly replied: "It drifts on and becomes a flying saucer over half a dozen different countries).

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Beauty is the mark God sets on virtue.—Emerson.

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