

Saucer Was A Balloon

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

It was variously described as pear-shaped and boomerang-shaped.

Switchboards at the Air Ministry, police headquarters and newspaper offices were jammed by calls.

Meteorological experts studied the object for more than an hour from the roof of the Air Ministry building.

Then came the official explanation. It was a 60ft. wide balloon released by scientists at Cardington, Bedfordshire, for cosmic radiation research.

Professor C. F. Powell, of Bristol University, explaining what happened to the balloon when released, said: "It drifts on and becomes flying saucers over half a dozen different countries."