

# Balloon up on saucers

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**LONDON, Thursday.**

**—The balloon has gone up on a lot of flying saucer mysteries.**

It wasn't until London had its own "saucer" stir yesterday that the most likely explanation of this phenomenon was delivered.

Professor C. F. Powell, of Bristol University, said London's saucer was a 60ft-wide balloon released by scientists in Bedfordshire for cosmic radiation research.

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## Parachute

It carried photographic plates, and at 200,000 feet a timing apparatus would cause the scientific apparatus to drop by parachute somewhere in Western England.

**Professor Powell said the balloon then "drifted" on, and became a flying saucer over half - a - dozen countries".**

Thousands of people stopped in streets to watch London's "saucer" yesterday.

Switchboards at the Air Ministry, police headquarters and newspaper offices were jammed by thousands who reported a "pear-shaped" and "boomerang - shaped" saucer.