

No saucer — only Venus on a visit!

DON'T be misled by a bright, crescent-shaped object in the sky today; it won't be a flying saucer — just the planet Venus.

Astronomers said last night that Venus was visible now in daylight partly because of its nearness to the sun.

The planet was brightest on December 21, but will be visible for some days yet, whenever weather conditions are good.

However, if you spot Venus and it appears to be spinning

like a disc or shooting across the sky, it will probably be an optical illusion caused by staring at a bright clear sky.

Mr. Ernest Charles, of Glenhuntly, member of the Astronomical Society of Victoria, saw it shortly after noon.

For anyone wishing to see it at its best Mr. Charles advised an early rise — between 3.30 a.m. and 4 a.m., when Venus should be clearly visible in the east.