

# Mystery Object Sighted Over Pt. Phillip Bay

**MELBOURNE, Sunday. —** Switchboards at police headquarters, Essendon airport, the Weather Bureau and newspaper offices were jammed with calls following the sighting of a mysterious object over Port Phillip Bay late to-day.

The object was also reported from country centres.

Callers told officials the object appeared to be either the signal of a ship in distress, a plane in flames, a rocket, a flying saucer or a meteorite.

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ais to the R.A.A.F. and the Harbour Trust showed there were no planes or ships missing. They believed the object was a meteorite.

The weather bureau said it may have been a meteorite, but descriptions given were not consistent with the shape or formation of a meteorite.

An official of the bureau said he had not seen the object himself but had seen the vapour trail.

Bayside residents said the object was silvery in colour and left a white or bluish-white vapour trail. They said it appeared to crash into the bay.

Most thought it was an aircraft crashing or a distress signal from a ship.

The duty officer at Laver-ton, Warrant Officer Cardew, said no aircraft from Melbourne was in the air at the time. He said he had seen the object himself.

It did not look like a conventional aircraft, as the object left a zig-zag

**the object left a zig-zag vapour trail running from east to west," he said.**

**An official at Essendon said pilots, who stated they had seen it at Lubeck and Benalla, believed the object to be a meteorite.**