

Mystery Object Over Bathurst Was Planet

SYDNEY, Wednesday.—Two R.A.A.F. Sabre jet fighters to-day searched the skies over Bathurst for a mysterious flying object.

The search began when more than 1,500 Bathurst residents saw a "cigar-shaped" object high in the sky and moving westwards.

The object was first sighted soon after 3.30 p.m. and hundreds of people stood in streets and open spaces using binoculars and telescopes to get a

better view of the object west of the town.

The R.A.A.F. authorities were informed and two fighters sent to investigate.

Both pilots reported that they had been unable to locate the object although people on the ground could see it while the planes were overhead.

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The mystery was cleared up to-night when the Assistant Government Astronomer, Mr. Robertson, said it was the Planet Venus.

Venus was now at its zenith over Bathurst and moving westward, he said.

His claim was confirmed by police who said the object became a bright star as darkness fell.