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Former Air Chief Believes In Flying Saucers

Melbourne, Friday.— Air Marshal Sir George Jones, Chief of the Air Staff from 1942 to 1952, to-day told how he had seen a strange object in the sky less than three months ago.

Sir George Jones, who was in the Air Force for 35 years, said that he had seen a shadowy object like a transparent balloon with a brilliant white light at the bottom on the evening of October 16.

It travelled overhead silently at about the speed of a Sabre jet plane when flying at an altitude of about 500 feet.

His wife, Lady Jones, saw it first and pointed it out to him, at their Mentone home.

Sir George Jones watched it for about four or five seconds before it disappeared.

Yesterday when he was addressing a group of Rover Scouts at Warburton, he was asked if he believed in flying saucers.

He said: "Yes, I have seen one, but I'm not going to stick my neck out by saying anything about it".

He said to-day "Nothing can shake me from my belief, in what I saw. But I wish I had had four or five witnesses,

"I have reported it, but I have been loth to talk of it publicly lest people think I was either an incompetent witness or getting a little screwy in the head.

"It was like nothing else that I have seen or heard about — nothing that I could explain".

Sir George Jones said he had done considerable night flying during his 5000 hours in the air and he knew what normal aircraft and other night phenomena looked like. He had seen a disintegrating meteor and it was not that, nor was it reflected light.

The object came from the South and disappeared North. It appeared to be about 1000 to 1500 feet above the earth and its most mysterious feature was its absolute silence, he said.

It looked like a meteorological balloon with a very bright light at the bottom but "meteorological balloons don't float over at 400 m.p.h.", he added. A.U.P.