

# Former Air Chief Describes “Flying Saucer”

**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, who was in the Air Force for 35 years said 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 about the speed of a Sabre jet plane.

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

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

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**Yesterday when Sir George 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."**

**Sir George 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."**

**Sir George said he had done considerable night flying during his 5,000 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 object came from the south and disappeared north. It appeared to be about 1,000 to 1,500ft. 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

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