

U.F.O. SIGHTED OVER CURRIE

Currie Postmaster, Mr. John New, had an eerie experience when making weather observations for the Bureau Meteorology at 6 a.m. on Saturday morning.

He saw an unidentified flying object pass across the sky to the north of Currie, travelling very fast in an east-west direction.

Mr. New saw the u.f.o. in the sky above the steeple of the Church of England Church, when he was checking the sky for cloud cover. Day was just beginning to break.

What he saw was quite large. From where he stood, the u.f.o. had a radius of about ten feet. It was bright silver in colour, had a definite spherical shape, and from its velocity it appeared to have a short, comet-like tail.

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The u.f.o. appeared to Mr. New to be at a height of about 1600 feet, but he said this would depend on the distance it was away from him. It travelled a fast parallel course and was in view for about six seconds.

Mr. New said there was no sound, apart from that of the 13 knot breeze that morning. With only one eighth cloud cover, the sky was comparatively clear.

Mr. Ron Ford, officer in charge for the Air Transport Division at King Island Airport, said that there had been no other reports of a U.F.O. on the Island on Saturday morning. Nor had there been any planes in the vicinity of King Island airport at that time.

Mr. New has sent a telegram to the weather bureau asking if they had any explanation or confirmation

planation. or confirmation of what he saw.

He is also very interested in hearing if any other King Island resident saw the u.f.o., or could offer any explanation.

Prior to Saturday, he was not a believer in "flying saucers", but now he has an open mind on the subject.

Mr. New stresses that he had not been out on Friday night. The sighting was most unexpected. "It was a particularly eerie experience," he said.