

Soviet physicists 'rubbish' UFOs

MOSCOW, Tues, AAP—Air pollution may be helping to create the illusion of flying saucers from outer space, according to Soviet scientists.

The official Soviet news agency Tass said yesterday researchers at Moscow's Institute of Oceanography had laboratory-simulated the formation of saucers with swirling air currents, water droplets and pollution-like dust particles.

Soviet geophysicists link with increased environmental pollution the fact that in recent years instances of the observing of these atmospheric phenomena had grown more frequent, the Tass story said.

It marked another setback for the Soviet union's UFO enthusiasts, who have continued to give informal lectures on flying saucers and circulate underground reports despite rebuttals by the Soviet press.