

## AUSTRALIAN NEWS.

A strange object in the sky was seen by the crew of a DC3 airfreighter about 30 miles from Sydney last night. Captain Gordon Savage and First-Officer Frank Hastilow, both of Melbourne, said it could have been a "flying saucer." The plane was flying at 6000 feet, and Captain Savage said a strange light was seen about 2000 feet below the aircraft. Captain Savage added: "Thinking the light could have been a navigation light of a plane, we contacted Mascot aerodrome, but were assured there were no planes in the vicinity. When we switched our navigation lights on it came into full view. It was a definite object. I am certain of this, although I could not distinguish its shape."

It is believed that the Commonwealth Government intends to "declare" at least three migrant organisations and to confiscate their property when the Communist Party Dissolution Bill becomes law. One of the organisations is comprised largely of Yugoslavs, and the authorities believe that through this organisation Moscow has established a direct link with Communists in Australia.

Jockey George Moore will not be in the saddle at Canterbury tomorrow. He is suffering from a chill and has been advised to remain in bed. The track has dried out considerably, following the breeze overnight, and unless further rain falls, there will

unless further rain falls, there will be no question of a postponement of the meeting. The forecast is for fine weather.

The Federal Government has decided to withdraw the Australian occupation troops in Japan. Announcing this in Sydney to-day, the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, said that details of the plan for the withdrawal of the troops are now being worked out. The troops will form the backbone of the Australian Home Defence Army, which will be established under the compulsory military scheme. The Australians are the only members of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces still in Japan. They comprise one Army Battalion, one R.A.A.F. Squadron and Navy port party and administrative personnel.