

“ FLYING SAUCER ” WAS EVENING STAR

SYDNEY, May 26.—Captain Gordon Savage, the pilot who reported a “flying saucer” near Canberra this morning, said tonight he first thought it might be a Russian plane, but he is convinced now that the red and white alternating lights he saw were a phenomenon caused by the planet Venus rising on the horizon.

Captain Savage and First Officer F. E. Hastilow, were flying a DC3 freighter from Brisbane to Melbourne, and near Canberra were turning back to Sydney because Essendon was temporarily closed, when they saw lights to the east, at 3.25 a.m.

In his official report to his company Hastilow said that white light alternated at 15 second intervals with a red light. They were flying at 3000 feet and the lights were above them, appearing some distance away and moving in the same direction at considerably faster speed.

Savage climbed to 5000 feet to get a better look. The object drew away and eventually

ject drew away and eventually disappeared; but when the freighter's navigation lights were turned off the strange lights ahead reappeared.