

PLANET ILLUSION

MAY BE ANSWER TO FLYING SAUCER PUZZLE

SYDNEY, Friday.—The mystery of the “flying saucers” may have been solved by a Trans Australia Airlines pilot, who saw a “saucer” about 30 miles south-east of Sydney early today.

The pilot, Captain Gordon Savage, believes the “saucer” he saw was an illusion created by the planet Venus rising above the horizon.

Professor of Physics at Sydney University (Professor Love) said that Captain Savage's theory might be the explanation of the flying saucers.

Captain Savage's explanation not only tallies perfectly with Venus, but also with most other planets,” he said.

Government astronomer, Mr. Wood, commented: “Captain Savage has no doubt given a correct and level-headed explanation of the saucer.”

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The Civil Aviation Department and the R.A.A.F. are investigating his report of seeing "a very bright light alternating in colour from red to white at 15 second intervals."

Captain Savage is a former air force group captain and a D.F.C. winner.

Captain Savage and First Officer F. E. Hastilow made the following official report of the incident:—

"Flying in a northerly direction near Canberra, on our way to Sydney, we sighted to the eastward and above our aircraft a very powerful white light, which alternated at 15

second intervals to a red light.

"We were flying at 3000 feet. We continued to watch for a while. It seemed to be proceeding on the same course as we were, but at a considerably faster speed.

"Captain Savage climbed to 5000 feet to get a better look at the phenomenon, which was drawing away from us at a high speed, and which eventually disappeared into a veil of atmospherics, very much as a headlight disappears into a fog".

