

Flying Saucer May be Venus

SYDNEY, Friday.

The mytery 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 to-day.

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 flying saucers.

The Government Astronomer, Mr. Wood, commented: "Captain Savage has no doubt given a correct and level-headed explanation of the saucer."

Mr. Wood said that Venus could be seen anywhere either at night or in the daytime.

Captain Savage is a former Air Force Group Captain and a D.F.C. winner.

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 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 3,000 ft. 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 5,000 feet to get a better look at the phenomenon, which was drawing away from us at a high speed, and eventually disappeared into a veil of atmosphere, very much as a headlight disappears in a fog."
