

WAS IT A "FLYING SAUCER"?

A number of people claim they saw a "flying saucer" pass over Armidale on Wednesday evening.

The Express was at first sceptical of reports that "a disc of light" had been seen passing over, but as the stories accumulated, decided to investigate.

Those who had seen "the light" agreed in their reports as to its time of arrival and direction of flight. They differed, however, about its colour.

One said it was green, another white, another blue.

Most jokingly called it a flying saucer, but Queensland authorities say a similar phenomenon seen there this week was probably a meteorite.

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Mr. R. K. Lindsay, of Barney
Street, said he saw a white
disc of light pass over at
about 7.10 p.m.

It travelled horizontally in
a north-south direction. It
made no noise, and disappear-
ed as swiftly as it had come.

Alan Burnham, of Markham
Street, said he was standing
outside the Capital Theatre
shortly after 7 p.m., when he
saw a disc of light about the
size of a football pass over the
main street heading south. It
travelled on a level course at
a high speed.

He thought it was a green
colour.

Wally Giles, Armidale Golf
Club professional coach, was
in Rusden Street, and saw a
glow travelling south at
about 2000 feet.

It moved at a high speed,
and was on a level course.

"It made no noise," he said.
"It was uncanny."

The glow continued on an
even level until it passed out
of sight.

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Mr. Reg Smith, New England University College lecturer in charge of ionospheric research and experiments at the College, said to-day he could give no explanation.

Rosemary Lucas, 15, of ~~Bracside, Armidale~~, said yesterday:— "While returning from a fishing trip with my uncle Cecil Torode, of Brooklyn, Guy Fawkes, by car last night at 7.15 on the Ebor-Guyra Road, our attention was attracted by a magnificent yellow light in the sky, almost directly overhead, about 200 feet up.

"We stopped the car. The night was perfectly still, yet we heard no sound. The object from which the light was coming was conical shaped, silvery black in colour, and was moving at a speed at least twice that of any plane I have ever seen over Armidale. It disappeared from sight very quickly.

My uncle thought it mysterious, and that it was something other than a plane.

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An aeroplane would not fly
so low in that hilly country
even in the daytime."