

THEY'LL SWEAR A 'SAUCER' DIVED AT TRAIN

FROM the cabin of their locomotive early yesterday morning two railway men saw a "hurtling, diving, gigantic flying saucer" — and they will swear to it.

Last night Mr. G. Templar, assistant station master at Cressy near Geelong said the men were "very dependable."

"I accept their story without question," Mr. Templar said.

The men are Mr. A. E. Smith, a 26-year-old engine-driver, and Mr. Colin Beacon, his 23-year-old fireman.

They have offered to give details of a four-minute "amazing, frightening" survey to the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

The men say they saw the "flying saucer" 45 miles west of Geelong, between Duver-

ney and Berrybank, at 7.20 a.m.

They were taking the 6 a.m. goods train from Cressy to Ararat.

"I nearly keeled out of the cabin when I saw the huge, round, dark mass plunging down at the train," Mr. Smith said last night.

"It screamed down and then suddenly raced up to the sky again.

"No illusion"

"I called Ted, my fireman, and we both saw it stand still in the air.

"It was frightening the way it just seemed to hang stationary in the air—like a

stationary in the air—like a huge monster hovering over us—unlike any possible aircraft."

Mr. Smith said that it was "a beautifully clear morning," and there was no doubt about it being merely an optical illusion.

"It came within 300ft. of us, and I had a feeling it was driven," he said.

"But it must have been by an amateur, the way it careered around the sky.

"It sounds a bit silly, but it must have been something from another planet.

"After plunging about the sky, it then rose higher and higher and went out of sight."

Mr. Beacon said he agreed with everything that Mr. Smith said, except that he had the impression that the flying object was dark blue and black.
