

"STRANGE LIGHT" IN SKY WAS SEEN FROM TAREE

At least two Taree residents saw a "strange light" in the sky last night.

One resident, Mr. L. Pinner, of Cornwall Street, saw the light just before 7 p.m. from the back verandah of his house.

The light appeared to be hovering above Bay's Hill.

Mr. Jack Hooper, of Wynter Street, who was travelling to Taree by car with his wife and family, saw the light in the vicinity of Krambach, at about 7.30 p.m.

[Sydney Press and Radio this morning featured stories that "strange lights" had been seen over the Metropolitan area between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.]

"WENT PINK"

Mr. Hooper told a "Champion" representative that the light was a "bright red which gradually went pink"

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It was far brighter than a star, and appeared to be at an altitude usually associated with an aeroplane.

However, the bright light was stationary. It disappeared for a short period, and then re-appeared.

Mr. Hooper stated that this could have occurred if a cloud-bank had passed across the light.

He had only seen the light, and had not been able to discern the outline of any type of a "Flying Saucer".

Mr. L. Pinner stated that his son had first noticed the light shortly before 7 p.m. last night, from the back verandah of his residence in Cornwall Street.

"BRIGHTER THAN STAR"

"It was far brighter than a star, and would fade, and come back again," he said.

"It put me in mind of a beacon of some description, although its timing was not regular."

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light seemed to be hovering above Bay's Hill for a long period, until it appeared to move away over the hill.

However, the light didn't get any dimmer until it disappeared behind the hill," he said.

Mr. Pinner stated that his wife said she could see the outline of "something black" when the light faded.

The lights in Sydney were reported by a Weather Bureau Official, a Flying School Manager and a sheet-metalworker.

The Weather Bureau Official, Mr. K. A. Smith, saw the lights outside the bureau between 7 p.m. and 7.10 p.m.

He stated that the lights seemed to be at an altitude of between 500 and 1000 feet.

"The thing seemed to be revolving, and showed a flickering red light which faded away and then returned," Mr. Smith said.

He thought that it may have come from a helicopter.

The Flying School Manager, Mr. Jim Fawcett, saw the lights at 7.50 p.m. from ~~W~~okstown Aerodrome.

"CHANGED COLOUR"

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He described it as "bigger
and brighter than a star,"
and that it changed colour

**"about 20 times from white,
red and orange."**

"After I had been watching
for almost five minutes I no-
ticed that the light was fad-
ing. Then it was gone—right
before my eyes."

The sheet-metalworker, Mr.
Fred Brown, of Lakemba, claim-
ed that the light appeared to
have a faint tail.

Civil Aviation officials at
Mascot control tower did not
see the lights.

The astronomer on duty at
Sydney Observatory could offer
no technical explanation for
the lights.