

Pilot Says Light Was Venus

PO R. A. Baddams, RAAF, who flew to Port Pirie to investigate reports of strange lights in the sky, reported that he believed the object seen the planet Venus.

The president of the SA Astronomical Society (Professor L. G. H. Huxley) said that Baddams's opinion confirmed his own belief.

"If a planet is near the horizon, especially over hot land, atmospheric refraction can make it appear to jump about appreciably, including lateral movement," Professor Huxley added.

A planet could appear to be keeping a parallel movement with a car.

Constable E. W. A. Philp, who with Constable J. H. Sykes and Mr A. L. McHugh, had observed and measured by compass the movement of a strange light in the south-western sky from Port Pirie, said yesterday he was not convinced the light was Venus.

A sky object, with red, green and orange lights flashing simultaneously was seen by four people for more than 30 minutes while driving from Victor Harbor

driving from Victor Harbor to Strathalbyn last night.

Mr. W. D. Raines rang from Strathalbyn shortly after the party's arrival and said the object was visible throughout the journey.

He added that it remained in sight too long and travelled too slowly to be an aircraft.