

'SKY SAUCER' CAUSES

BIG SCARE

IN CITY

HUNDREDS of people reported seeing a "flying saucer" over Melbourne late last night.

Home-going theatre crowds stopped and gaped as the "saucer" drifted slowly down and across busy Collins st., towards Victoria Dock.

Switchboards of The Argus office, the police, airlines, and the Weather Bureau were jammed as inquiries came in about "a huge object" in the sky.

Later a startled motorist told of a "huge black saucer, 30ft. across, with lights from underneath." It rose up from a paddock on the Geelong rd., and soared over some trees towards Laverton.

"I was just passing new bridge works, 16 miles from Melbourne, on my way from Geelong, when I saw it," he said.

He said that the weird low-flying object was almost an exact replica of overseas "saucer" pictures.

Late last night T.A.A. and A.N.A. issued a special alert to all inbound and outbound planes to keep a close watch for the "saucer" in a bid to track it down.

Many observers said the saucer was surmounted by a cabin with lighted portholes, and had four "landing knobs" underneath.

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'FLYING SAUCER' OVER CITY

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From Collins st., Mr. Frank Hoath, of Glenhuntly rd., Elwood, rang to say: "I've just seen a flying saucer going diagonally south and west over Collins st., below the clouds."

Mr. Alec Hume, taxi-

driver, of Barkly st., St. Kilda, said: "I just dropped a fare in Smith st., Collingwood, when he said, 'Can you see that?' and pointed to a dark, circular thing moving over the Exhibition dome.

"It was like a cone with a light inside it. I was

frightened until it went out of sight."

Mr. I. Crawford, of Edwards st., Kew, told The Argus: "I was on a training run in the Reservoir paddock off Cotham rd. when I saw the saucer at 10.55.

"It came from a quarter-

way up the horizon and swept right over my head, a flat disc with a cabin on top, silhouetted against the sky."

Mr. Peter Reilly, of Disraeli st., Kew, said: "It was low, below the clouds, and

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"I've never seen anything like it before.