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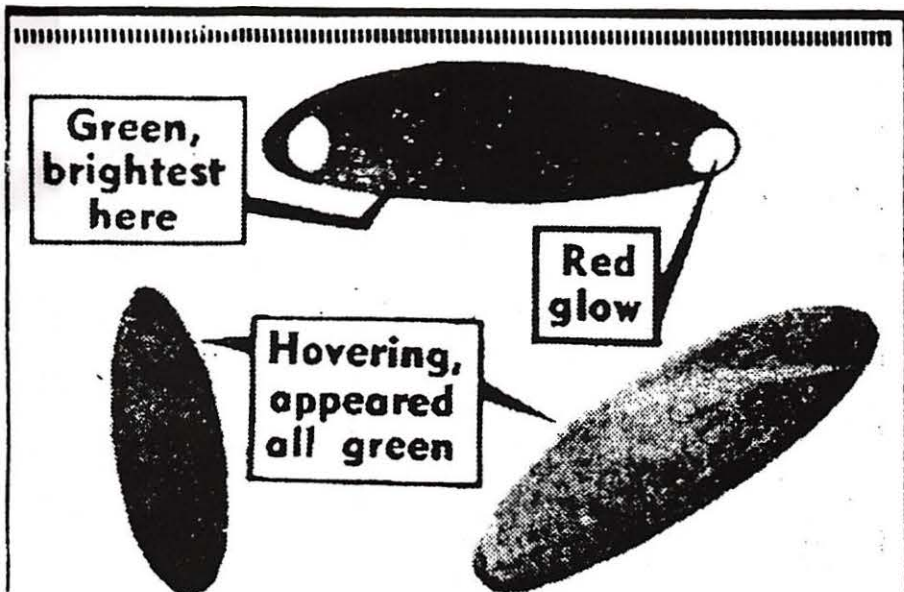
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• Mr. Kukla's impression of the "saucer".

"Saucer" dived on couple

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PERTH : A green-colored "flying saucer" swooped on two people driving near Carnarvon, and terrified them for almost half an hour.

This was the story told by a 43-year-old Nedlands professional man and his woman companion, who were on a rock-hunting tour that turned into a near-nightmare.

Antonin Kukla, of Bedford Street, Nedlands, a Perth suburb, who practised as a doctor in Europe said the queer object reminded him of a living cell under a microscope

He and Mrs. Audrey Lawrence, of Nedlands, said they had to slam on their vehicle's brakes when the flying object dived suddenly towards their headlights at great speed from where they first sighted it a good distance away.

They watched in fear as the object, in dead silence, pulsing with a transparent and fluorescent green glow hovered in front over the road 12 miles from Kimble Station.

They doused the vehicle lights, abandoned the vehicle and watched the strange object for almost half an hour, before it moved slowly away to the west.



ANTONIN KUKLA



AUDREY LAURENCE

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Both Mr Kukla and Mrs Lawrence agreed on the "saucer's" characteristics:

• It had a definite saucer configuration.

• While travelling, it was orange in color.

• When it swooped silently down towards the car's headlights, it was a vivid orange-red, glaringly bright.

• The color changed to a transparent, fluorescent green while it hovered near the couple.

• There was no sound at any stage.

He has two regrets

Mr. Kukla checked his monocular lens the following night.

He focused on stars to see if they gave the same characteristics.

They did not.

He and Mrs. Lawrence returned to double-check the bearing on which they had seen the "flying saucer."

Mr. Kukla had two regrets when he told the story of the sighting:

• There was nothing he could have used to gauge the size by comparison.

• He had a camera in the vehicle but grabbed the monocular lens instead.

Green, then orange lights

Their story is a strange one. This is how the episode unfolded, on the night of July 27:

The time was about 7.40 p.m., and though there were a few scattered clouds the night was fine. Their position was about 12 miles north of Pimble Station. The land cruiser's headlights were on high beam.

As they drove they saw a green light in the sky, moving slowly until it disappeared behind cloud.

They next saw the light some minutes later. This time it had changed color to orange. Mr. Kukla said today he thought it might have been a plane's lights coming out of Carnarvon.

Flashed towards car

Then things happened fast.

When about 40 deg. above the horizon, the object changed course with a right-angled movement, and dived towards the vehicle's headlights.

Within a second it had enlarged from about tea-saucer size to a mass measuring at least 3ft.

It was glowing a bright reddish-orange color as it flashed towards the car.

Mr. Kukla put up both arms in an instinctive gesture. "Then I put my foot on the brake, and with my hands and arms up called, "It's going to crash on us!" he said.

Mrs. Lawrence called out: "Kill the engine. Switch the lights off and get out to the bush."

Observed it with a lens

The car stopped, they switched off the headlights, and got out. About 15ft. from the car, they looked at the object.

It had stopped in mid-air, and was hovering, now green in color, and rocking gently from tip to tip.

"It was impossible to judge what distance it was from us," said Mr. Kukla.

After a while, he went back to the car and got out a monocular lens to observe the object, which was still hovering in silence some distance away.

His bull terrier Snowy, normally first out of the car, whenever it stopped, was crouched in the back seat, her hackles up. She refused to budge.

Resting the lens on the car, Mr. Kukla had a good look at the object.

His first impression was of a shape rather like a squashed football or a magnifying lens viewed from the side.

"Something not man-made"

Then his reaction was as if he were looking at a bright green cell or nucleus under a microscope.

"I had the fear in me that whatever it was I was looking at was something not man-made," he said today.

He watched the object for almost 30 minutes.

At times the object descended below the tree-line, then reappeared. Its outline did not alter, nor the color.

At times it hovered in a banked attitude, and at one stage appeared hovering on its edge.

His last sight of the object was when it drifted westwards and eventually disappeared changing color slightly, but with green as the predominant hue.

Vouches for truth of it

Then came another unexplained happening.

Mr. Kukla recalled how car engines had been reported to be affected by proximity of unidentified flying objects, and forced himself to go through the normal drill for re-starting the engine.

The engine was dead for 30 seconds, before it began firing.

Both he and Mrs. Lawrence vouched for the truth of what they saw that night.

And when they spoke to Mooka Station owner Ron Butler later about their experiences that night, he told them his entire camp had been lit up in a greenish glow when "something" passed over it.

The something had made a roaring, rattling sound, he told them. But he could not pinpoint the date or time he heard the noise and saw the green glow.

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