

"'FLYING SAUCERS' ARE JUST JOKES"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—
"Flying saucers" were just jokes, mass hysteria, or misunderstanding of natural phenomena, a spokesman for the United States Air Force said to-day.

After two years investigation it has ended the special "flying saucer" project established to investigate the multitude of reports about alleged sightings of "saucers." The project was set up in January, 1948.

The announcement, its final report, served as a denial of the story published by "True Magazine" at the week-end, which said that "saucers" were real, and were from other planets.

The Air Force announcement said that all the evidence indicated that the reports of unidentified "flying saucers" were the result, in the first place, of misrepresentation of various conventional objects, secondly, a mild form of mass hysteria, and thirdly, hoaxes.