

"FLYING SAUCER" HAS FLOWN, U.S. NAVY ADMITS

"Real Story" Disclosed

WASHINGTON (A.A.P.).—Denying a report that "flying saucers" are a real aircraft of revolutionary design developed in the United States," a U.S. Defence Department spokesman said the nearest thing to a flying saucer the Navy had ever developed "has not flown since 1947."

The weekly magazine, "News and World Report," in what it called the "real story" behind the welter of reports about "flying saucers," said on Monday that an early model of the saucers built by U.S. engineers in 1942 achieved more than 100 successful test flights.

THE magazine added that engineers "competent to appraise the reports of reliable observers" had reached the following conclusions—

- 1**—"Flying Saucers," seen by hundreds of competent observers over most parts of the United States, were accepted as real. Evidence was that they were aircraft of a revolutionary type, a combination of helicopter fast jet plane.
- 2**—They conformed to the principles of aerodynamics.
- 3**—An early model of the saucers built by U.S. engineers in 1942 achieved more than 100 successful test flights. That project was taken over by the navy during the war and much more advanced models were now being built.

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Early models were built by the engineers of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. The first model was elliptical in

shape with two piston engines driving it at a top speed of between 400 and 500 miles an hour.

More important, it had landed at a speed of about 35 miles an hour and could rise almost vertically.

The magazine, in what it described as an analysis of reports from observers, said the machines were exactly 105ft. in diameter and appeared to be about 10ft. thick.

"A top-level Government aeronautical engineer" had concluded that variable-direction jet engines supplied the power for both propulsion, manoeuvring and direction. The speed was determined by a number of engines switched on the angle to which they were turned.

Enquiry Off

The fact that the air force enquiry into the "flying saucer" reports was called off last December indicated clearly that "top

air force officials know where the saucers originate and are not concerned about them."

An official report on the air force investigation said that all

force investigation said that all the evidence from hundreds of reports pointed to a misrepresentation of various conventional objects a mild form of mass hysteria or hoaxes."
