

Are those saucers 'flying phantoms'?

NEW YORK, Tues. (A.A.P.): Some of the zooming objects which people took to be "flying saucers" were really "Flying Phantoms," Henry Taylor, radio commentator, said last night.

Taylor said that they were officially known as XF5U jet-propelled aircraft.

There were two types of "saucers" hurtling across the skies, both top-secret U.S. inventions, Taylor said.

The real facts behind both were "good news for the nation."

The U.S. Navy had acknowledged that it was experimenting with the XF5U, Taylor said.

These planes were circular, wingless, and capable of flying at fantastic speed.

Persons who had seen them claimed they looked like a "flying cigar" giving off a shower of

sparks, but anything round moving at great speed appeared elongated.

The U.S. Navy has said

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The U.S. Navy, however, said last night that the nearest thing to a flying saucer it had ever developed had not flown since 1947.

Taylor said that the other zooming object was a "true flying saucer"—a disc that shot through space, halted in the air, soared to 30,000 feet, dropped to 1,000 feet, and then usually disintegrated.

An Air Force spokesman also denied that the U.S. services were developing anything that could be mistaken for "flying saucers."