

NEW FLYING SAUCER EXPLANATION

NEW YORK, April 11.—
The United States was sending a fantastic contraption as tall as an eight-storey building 20 miles above the earth, a radio commentator declared to-night.

It was one of several weird air vehicles which could be taken for flying saucers, said Henry Taylor in a nationwide broadcast.

He said the navy, at an airfield near Minneapolis and other places, was launching this "enormous translucent thing in pulsating plastic" to record cosmic rays.

It carried 70lb. of instruments, but no pilot. It was filled to only one per cent of its capacity with helium. This expanded at high altitudes and turned it into a gigantic monster, 100 feet high and 20 feet wide.

Taylor said the instruments were released by parachute then the strange craft exploded.

Some of the vehicles travelled all over the United States, often 20 miles up in the sky. They carried lights which blinked rapidly after sunset.

Taylor, in a broadcast last week, said flying saucers were top secret military inventions.

President Truman and the armed services denied the existence of the saucers.

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Taylor to-night said these denials were worth a billion dollars to Russia in the cold war. There would be no way to stem American hysteria if the Soviet suddenly announced she was sending flying saucers around the world.