

Americans are convinced
FLYING SAUCERS 'ARE
NOT A MYTH'

NEW YORK (A.A.P.-Reuter's) : Many Americans no longer ridicule stories of "flying saucers." Belief is mounting that the strange disc-like objects are a super-secret United States aeronautical develop-

ment.

Some radio and Press correspondents, claiming the advantage of "inside information," are now predicting that United States defence authorities will at some later date reveal that the "flying saucers" are both real and American.

Front-page treatment was given by many United States newspapers to a report published by the United States "News and World Report" magazine recently that the flying saucers were secret American experimental aircraft of a revolutionary type—a combina-

revolutionary type—a combination of helicopter and fast jet plane.

This weekly news magazine, regarded as a responsible publication, did not quote by name any authority for its statement that the saucers were real aircraft, but based its conclusions on reports by "engineers competent to appraise reports of reliable observers."

It said the flying saucer plane conformed to well-known principles of aerodynamics, was 105 feet in diameter, circular in shape, and about 10 feet thick.

Flat denial

A Defence Department spokesman, when questioned about the story, admitted that the Navy had developed a "pancake-shaped" aircraft called the Chance-Vought XF5U-1, but said it had never flown, and was scrapped more than a year ago.

Then came the flat denial of the magazine story that the flying saucers were in reality new American aircraft.

But many Americans remained unconvinced. Their belief that the saucers do exist was strengthened by a report from Italy quoting one of Italy's leading turbine engineers, Professor Giuseppe Belluzzo, as saying that designs for flying sauc-

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ers were prepared for Hitler and
Mussolini in 1942, and he had
personally designed one.