

Expert believes flying saucer reports

Willy Ley, one of the world's outstanding authorities on rockets and flight above the stratosphere, says he is firmly convinced that "flying saucers" have been winging across the United States.

Mr Ley, a founding member of the German Rocket Society from which Nazi Germany drew natural scientists to produce the rockets which bombarded Britain, said in America that the "saucers" probably are United States military secrets.

"One thing I can say in a loud and clear voice," Mr Ley said, "Flying saucers are not rocket propelled. If they are, they have the worst possible shape for speed and efficiency."

The problem facing engineers would be how to control and sustain the flight. One of the secrets, he said, could be that the discs do not really fly.

"I don't think the flying saucers which have been seen really

cers which have been seen really fly in the sense that a bird or an airplane flies," he said. "I do think they fly only in the sense that a projectile fired from a gun flies."

He said that although he has

never seen a flying saucer, he is convinced there are such things because they are possible to build and because "a larger number of honest witnesses have seen them."

"There are three possibilities," he said.

"One is that they are a United States military secret.

"The second is that they are the secret of some foreign power, presumably enemy. They can't be stupid enough to test them over an enemy's territory. So that is discounted.

"The third is that they are from some other planet. Even assuming that some planet has learned to use atomic energy in a different way from us, the size of the saucers would make their range insufficient to make a direct flight to any other planet. From observations scientists have made, we must discount the tales that small green men are piloting the saucers.

"That leaves only one of the possibilities. I believe the sau-

possibilities. I believe the saucers are a military secret -- and there's not much can be done about it."