

## **FLYING SAUCER MYSTERY EXPLAINED**

### **THEY ARE COSMIC RAY BALLOONS**

America officially announced on Tuesday that "flying saucers," which have mystified millions for three and a half years, are plastic balloons used in U.S. cosmic ray research.

The explanation was given to the "New York Times" by Dr. Urner Liddell, chief of the Nuclear Physics branch of the Naval Research Office, Washington.

Reports of "flying saucers" started in 1947.

At that time, he said, the Navy began to use the new 100ft balloon to carry electronic instruments aloft.

Dr. Liddle insisted that all reliable "flying saucer" reports, without exception, could be attributed to the Navy's balloons.

He said the Navy compiled a list of 2,000 such reports, eliminating those that seemed overwhimsical. "This left a solid base of reports from aeroplane pilots, scientific observers, and reliable laymen which could not be brushed aside.

"After investigation, we find there is not a single reliable report of an observation which is not attributable to the cosmic balloons."