

Canada May Build "Flying Saucer"

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—Officials here today confirmed in part press reports that Canada was considering experimenting with "flying saucers."

The officials said that a number of "radical ideas" from Canada's new fighter aircraft were under preliminary consideration and that some of the ideas concerned "flying saucers."

Earlier a report in the "Toronto Star" had said that a "ying saucer" to fly at 1500 m.p.h. might be built at the Avro-Canada plant at Malton (Ontario).

The report said that a wooden "mock-up" of the unconventional aircraft was already in existence at Malton, but it was under security guard.

The aircraft, in theory, would be able to take off vertically, fly at 1500 miles an hour and be about 40 feet in diameter.

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The newspaper said

that blueprints of the aircraft had been studied by the British Air Ministry.

Officials said Canadian defence officials were studying all possible suggestions in the search for ideas for a supersonic plane to succeed the CF-100's and F-86E Sabres of today. But there was no indication that there was any solid backing at this stage for a plunge into the saucer field, they said. Two officials described the reports as far-fetched.

So far all the ideas were in the preliminary stage of pure research, and it was likely to be some months before anything hard and fast began to emerge.

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seven years or more
before production of
the new plane could be
expected, officials said.**
