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SPACE TRAVEL

A whirl in

a saucer

THE first spaceship probably will be a whirling saucer with its own man-made gravity pull.

That is the prediction of U.S. scientist Lovell Lawrence, who helped to build the first aircraft to travel faster than sound.

He told an Air Force Association group the first spaceship, about 50ft. in diameter, would travel at 25,000 m.p.h.

Passengers would live on the six-foot-high walls of the saucer walking, sitting and standing sideways because of the artificial gravity the spinning of the saucer would create.

If the saucer did not whirl when it left the earth's gravity passengers would float like crazy balloons.

A slight push would send a chair sailing toward a ceiling or opposite wall and a drink would float out of a glass before the first sip.

In New Orleans, German-born rocket expert Dr. Walter Dornberger said: "Give me £8,950,000 for research and I can take you on a round trip to the moon within 10 years"—A.A.P.-R., U.P

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(See information overleaf)

Ministers' Replies

NO LAUNCHINGS OF FLYING SAUCERS

Air Ministry's Assurance to M.P.

A solemn assurance was given on behalf of the Government at question time in the House of Commons yesterday that the Air Ministry have not been launching flying saucers recently.

The matter arose when Mr J. A. Leavey (Heywood and Royton—Con.) asked the Secretary for Air whether he was aware that an abnormal, brightly illuminated airborne object was seen near Wardle, in Lancashire, about 10 p.m. on Friday, February 15, last, and what reports he had received from the radar warning system about this.

Amid laughter, Mr Charles Orr-Ewing, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, replied:—"This object, which was described in the press as a flying saucer, did not emanate from outer space, but from a laundry in Rochdale.

"It consisted of two small hydrogen-filled balloons illuminated by a flashlight bulb and devised by a mechanic at the laundry. I understand that he planned to construct a small model radio-controlled airship. There would be no reason for the radar system to report a small object of this character."

"Martian Accent"