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# Expert 'Explains' Flying Saucers

By United Press

ROME, March 25—Prof. Giuseppe Belluzzo, 73-year-old Italian turbine engineer, said today that designs for "flying saucers" were prepared for Hitler and Mussolini in 1942.

"According to those designs," he said in an interview, "the disks could carry a cargo of explosives of any kind—and today an atomic bomb—to destroy entire cities."

Of the present rash of reports of "flying saucers," which the U. S. Air Force has declared are without foundation in fact, Sr. Belluzzo said:

"It has passed my mind that some great power is experimenting with flying disks—without explosives or atomic bombs.

## DRAFTED PLANS

"There is nothing supernatural about flying disks. It's just the most rational use of recently-evolved techniques."

Sr. Belluzzo said he personally had drafted plans for a "flying disk" 32 feet in diameter, but claimed they disappeared with Mussolini when he fled to northern Italy in 1943.

"Both Hitler and Mussolini were interested in flying discs," he said.

"The principle of the flying disc is very simple. Its construction is easy and can be done with very light metal.

"Two jet pipes placed on either side of the rim of the disk, provide the locomotion. The orifices of these jet tubes are adjustable to permit maximum and minimum speeds.

## PILOT NOT NEEDED

"Propulsion comes from a mixture of compressed air and naphtha—the same fuel used in modern jet planes.

"The air is mixed under pressure and ignited at first by cartridges and then by an electrical device. Terrific pressure is set up and the expanding gas forced out thru the jet pipes.

"The reaction, coming from the opposing pipes on either side of the disc, start the entire apparatus revolving, making it airborne."

The missiles could be aimed like the war-time German V-2 rockets, he said, and would descend when the fuel was exhausted or cut off by an automatic timing device. No human pilot would be required.

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