New Developments Abroad



"Flying saucer" developed for Air Force.

UNITED STATES

'Flying Saucer'
The Air Force recently reported that it

would soon have a vertical-rising, manbearing plane resembling a flying saucer. It was reported that the aviation industry has reached a period of technology in which aircraft of unusual configuration and flight characteristics will begin to appear. The artist's conception of what the plane, being developed by a Canadian concern for the United States Air Force, will look like depicts a huge disk with a raised central plateau that is serrated on one side by many vanes. Surmounting the plateau is a transparent cockpit like that in a conventional plane. The Air Force is expected to be testing another vertical-rising plane before the Canadian product is completed. The Air Force said that except for reducing runway requirements, it did not expect vertical-rising aircraft to have more outstanding military characteristics than conventional types.—News release.

GREAT BRITAIN .

Light Helicopter

An ultralight helicopter powered by a compressed air generator which supplies compressed air to pressure-jet units at tips of a 2-blade rotor was displayed in Great Britain recently. The plane which can be transported on a 3-ton truck has been flown. The pilot and observer sit facing forward or aft with a 350-dagree field of vision.—News refered.



Ultralight helicopter displayed at show