

Mrs Roosevelt: "Saucer Story Impressed Me"

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NEW YORK, Sunday. — Three developments today in the "flying saucer" story, which has intrigued the world for more than a year, were:

Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt, previously sceptical, said that she was "impressed" by a report of a "saucer" from two veteran American airline pilots.

A private pilot, Bertram Totten, a clerk at the Congressional Library, said he saw a "saucer" within 25 miles of Washington today.

An Egyptian airline pilot said that he saw three saucers flying in triangular formation 35 miles south west of Haifa on Saturday.

Mrs Roosevelt interviewed the Americans, Captain Jack Adams and First Officer G. Anderson, on her weekly television programme.

Changed View

They had said that they sighted a strange circular craft with blinking lights speeding over Arkansas last Monday night.

In her broadcast, Mrs Roosevelt said that she had thought people who reported "flying saucers" were "seeing things" until she heard the pilots' story.

She described it as "evidence

we have not heard before — from qualified people."

She asked Captain Adams whether he thought people were aboard the "saucer"

He replied: "I don't know, but I am positive it was a controlled flight."

Like Coolie Hat

A scale model of a weird craft fitting the pilots' description was televised. It was shaped like a Chinese coolie hat with one large light at its pointed top. Other lights were spaced around the brim.

Totten said he was flying at 5000 ft. when he sighted an aluminium-colored disc about 40ft. wide and 10ft. thick.

It was whirling along 1000ft. below his plane.

"I dived toward it, but before I could get close it zoomed up at several hundred miles an hour," he added.

"The 'saucer' gave off vapor trails like those from aircraft engines."

The Egyptian, Captain Ali Basyouni, of the Misr Airlines, said in Cairo today that he was flying over the Mediterranean from Cairo to Beirut when the second pilot pointed to the west.

"There I saw three metallic discs travelling at staggering speed at a height of about 1200

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ft." he said.
"They were about the size of
a fighter plane."