

Veteran Pilot Dived At Flying Saucer

NEW YORK, March 27. A.A.P.—A veteran private pilot reported having dived at a flying saucer which he saw whirling along below his plane yesterday, 25 miles from Washington.

Bertram Totten, a clerk at the Congressional library, said he was flying at 5000 feet when he sighted an aluminium coloured disc about 40 feet wide and 10 feet thick.

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

The saucer gave off vapour trails like those from aircraft engines, added Totten.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said yesterday that she was impressed by the report of a "flying saucer" from two veteran airline pilots.

She interviewed Captain Jack Adams and First Officer G. Anderson, on her weekly television pro-

gramme. They had caused a stir by declaring that they had sighted "a strange circular craft, with blinking lights," speeding over Arkansas on the night of March 20.

Mrs. Roosevelt said she had thought that 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."

Mrs. Roosevelt asked Adams whether he thought people were on board the saucer.

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

A scale model of the 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.

Captain Ali Basyouni, a pilot of the Egyptian Misr Airlines, told in Cairo yesterday of three silver flying saucers which he said he saw on Saturday over the Mediterranean, 35 miles south-west of Haifa.

He added that they were flying in perfect triangular formation at a great speed at a height of about 1200 feet.

"I was flying from Cairo to Beirut, when suddenly the second pilot pointed to the west, where I saw three metallic discs travelling at a staggering speed."

He estimated that they were about the size of fighter aircraft.