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Famed Woman Pilot in Alien Roundup

Baroness Lisette de Kapri, of Romania, long known as "the mystery pilot of Roosevelt Field" and one of the best known aviators of her sex in the United States, taken into custody at Mineola, N. Y., along with some 150 "suspicious aliens" detained in the metropolitan area.

FBI Arrests Woman Pilot T-H 12/10/41 Romanian-Born Baroness Seized

MINEOLA, Long Island, N. Y., Dec. 9 (N. Y. News).—Beautiful Baroness Lisette de Kapri, Romanian-born woman pilot and the mystery woman of Roosevelt Field, was picked up on orders of the FBI today and hurried into detention quarters at Ellis Island.

Nassau county police, who also arrested two German-born business men today on the same order that named her, apprehended the baroness at the Roosevelt Field inn where she has been living for some time.

She came to this country from Cuba, where she had been a secretary in the Italian consulate, about four years ago. Pilots who knew her at Roosevelt Field said she always seemed plentifully supplied with pocket money and professed a great interest in aviation. She learned to fly at the Long Island field and, in the last three years, piled up an impressive log with 1,200 flying hours to her credit.

She holds a private pilot's license, a ground instructor's rating for radio, navigation and meteorology and a flying instructor's certificate.

As a foreigner—her citizenship is Swiss—she is barred from acting as a flying instructor for pay, but has been an advisor to Frank Steinman, who operates a charter and flying instruction service at Roosevelt Field.

In 1939 she made an 11,000-mile plane tour of Mexico and the United States after having been received by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt at the White House.

Friends said today her visitor's visa expired six months ago and that the baroness, who has a husband in Switzerland, had been trying to get it extended under nonquota status.