

*Marjory Stoneman Douglas talks about flying above the Everglades in a dirigible with Mr. Coe*

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Interviewer: (3:19) You had mentioned going to see the Everglades and you went in a variety of vehicles, um, not just vehicles you...

Marjory Stoneman Douglas: Yeah, well actually it wasn't that I, it wasn't my going to see it was that committee that we had brought down the other people. And the dirigible was the first thing they did; they took them up in a dirigible to show them the whole shape of the land and so on. Well, what happened was there was so many people, up in the carrier of the dirigible that there wasn't quite room for everybody and the people that had to be left out were Mr. Coe and me, as I was the youngest then on the committee and Mr. Coe was the secretary, the executive secretary, so of course he was not considered. So he and I were told we had to sit in a little kind of cabin that swung below the main cabin of the dirigible. Down below that, a funny little place with seats for two. So, I didn't mind, I didn't care, I got in. Well, when Mr. Coe got in, somebody came up and put in a bucket, and Mr. Coe apologized to me and said, "I'm very sorry, but I always get... I have to have a bucket when I'm up in this kind of thing" and indeed, we went up and it went "uh-ee" and "uh-ee" and it was very much more... You know, more sway in that funny little thing we were in than they had in the cabin. And poor Mr. Coe got very sick to his stomach and had to use the bucket, and you know, we just got down again before I would have had to use it too, because it was a little too much. So I much say, I didn't enjoy the dirigible very much. But everybody else who were up in the big cabin were thrilled, because we went slowly over great flocks of birds, and it didn't scare them off the way a plane would have, which was very important to everyone else but poor Mr. Coe and me. (laughs)

Interviewer: Did you have a more pleasant experience visiting the Everglades under different circumstances?

MSD: Did I what?

Interviewer: Did you have a more pleasant experience?

MSD: Oh, many. Oh, very many. I loved it. In the houseboat and we were in boats, and I've been over in planes and out in canoes and all sorts of things ever since and enjoyed in enormously. That was the only one that was a little rugged. (laughs) (5:45)