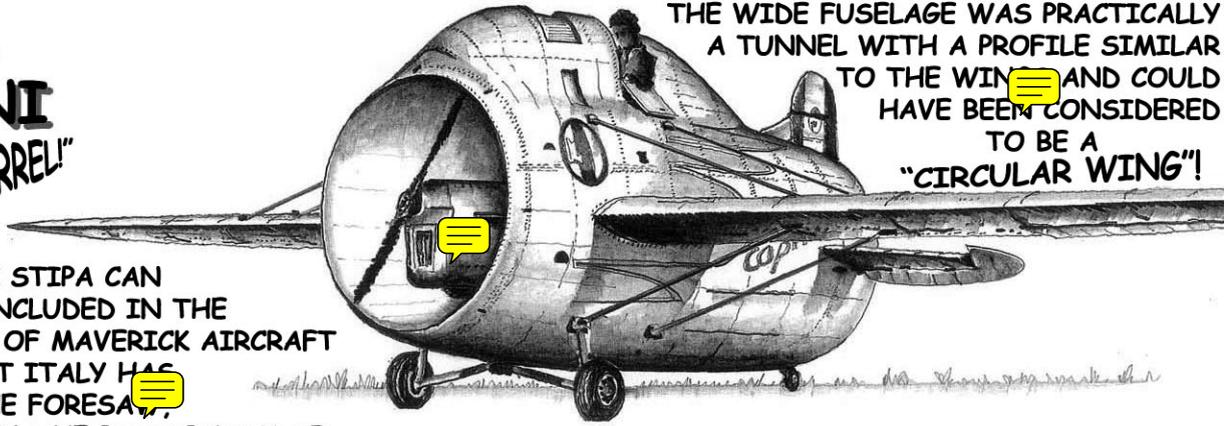


STIPA CAPRONI "THE FLYING BARREL!"

THE WIDE FUSELAGE WAS PRACTICALLY A TUNNEL WITH A PROFILE SIMILAR TO THE WING AND COULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED TO BE A "CIRCULAR WING"!



ENGINEER LUIGI STIPA CAN CERTAINLY BE INCLUDED IN THE SELECT NUMBER OF MAVERICK AIRCRAFT DESIGNERS THAT ITALY HAS PRODUCED, AS HE FORESAW, AS EARLY AS 1931, THE POSSIBILITY OF JET PROPULSION THAT HE TRIED TO INTERRUPT IN AN EMBOLDENED WAY.

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