

Benton attempts to demonstrate that before very long there will be a reversal of the earth's polarity and a displacement of the location of the geographic poles. Ms Benton's sources range from the prestigious *Encyclopedia Britannica* to such dubious authors as Raymond Bernard and Eric Norman, and her proofs include the alleged but invented reports of explorer Admiral Byrd regarding the "land beyond the poles" and the NASA satellite photographs showing the earth with a big black hole where the North Pole should be, and for which there is a perfectly adequate technical explanation. Ms Benton appears to know of this, but assures us that it is proof of the cover-up which the inner earth race practises to conceal their presence from us. Human civilisation is in fact heavily infiltrated with Inner Earth agents, many in high positions, and two who by their own careless words have given themselves away are Drs Carl Sagan and Allen Hynek! Students of the quirkiest corners of the UFO scene will probably find this 100-page paperback booklet full of fun and interest. It is published by Future Press and obtainable from Arcturus Book Service, 263 N. Ballston Avenue, Scotia, N.Y. 12302, U.S.A., price \$4.95.

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era will wish to obtain **Flying Saucer Treasure Trove**, a 12-page booklet containing 118 addresses around the world where magazines, catalogues, colour slides, stickers, tapes, T-shirts, pendants, and so on, can be obtained. Also available is *UFO Research Directory of Organizations and Publications for the 1980s*, a 28-page booklet containing around 600 addresses, though unfortunately it was already out of date on publication and contains some errors which indicate inadequate checking of data. Nevertheless, it will be useful to researchers wishing to make contact with foreign UFO groups. Both booklets are available from Gene Duplantier, 17 Shetland Street, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, M2M 1X5. *Flying Saucer Treasure Trove* costs \$1.50 plus 25¢ postage for foreign orders; *UFO Research Directory* costs \$2.95 plus 50¢ foreign postage. A free UFO book catalogue can be obtained from the same address, on receipt of a postal reply coupon to cover postage costs.

Three books already reviewed by us in their hardcover editions and now available in paperback are: *Guardians of the Universe?* by Richard Story (New English Library), *The Interrupted Journey* by John G. Fuller (Corgi, £1.25), *The Roswell Incident* by Charles Berlitz with William Moore (Granada, £1.25).

UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS FROM SPANISH SUBMARINES

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We are indebted to the author for this article which appeared in the daily newspaper *Diario de Mallorca* (Majorca) of February 4, 1981. Translation from Spanish by Gordon Creighton.

FOLLOWING close upon the recent UFO wave over Spain, Portugal, France and Britain,* lasting from December 7 to December 31 of 1980, here are reports of two more cases, both of which occurred in the Mediterranean, and involved Spanish submarines.

1. Report from the Spanish submarine *Tonina*

This event took place at 12.15 p.m. on May 26, 1980. The submarine *Tonina* (S-62) was in what is termed in naval parlance "a situation of alert," off the Almería coast, and, to be more precise, about 3.5 miles from the peak known as El Fraile, very near to the Cabo de Gata (Cape de Gata, just to the east of the port of Almería — 36° 41' N, 2° 13' W). The submarine was operating on the surface at the time, when its radar suddenly picked up a "contact" out over the sea and to the west of the Cabo de Gata.

The submarine's radar specialists and officers were

amazed as they watched the target, on the screen, flying from south-west to north-east, and at a speed of some 300 knots (about 600 km per hour).

The object passed at a distance of only 1.8 miles from the submarine and yet, to the astonishment of everyone aboard her, *not one of them saw it with the naked eye*. Despite all the attempts made by officers and crew to catch a glimpse of it, and despite the absolutely clear image on the radar screen, nobody registered it visually. The trajectory followed by the object, as observed on the submarine's radarscope, passed over the Cabo de Gata, and over the small port of Puerto Genovés, and then turned towards the north-east and vanished opposite the El Fraile peak, just ahead of where the submarine lay.

According to the calculations of the experts aboard

* Has there been much evidence here of a UFO wave over Britain in December 1980? — G.C.

the *Tonina*, the mystery object was flying at a height of only 427 metres above the surface of the sea and, as stated above, at its closest point it passed at only 1.8 miles from the submarine. Not only could nobody aboard the surfaced submarine see anything, they could likewise hear nothing from the "target." At such a short distance as 1.8 miles the sound of any sort of aircraft, be it an airliner, or a jet plane, or a light aircraft, would have been loud and clear. It only remains to add that the weather at the time was fine, with clear visibility up to ten kilometres, rippling sea surface, wind five knots, and everything smooth and calm.

2. Report from the Spanish submarine *Delfin*.

This second case (and there have been others since) happened on June 11, 1980. The *Delfin* (S-61) was travelling between 4.00 and 5.00 p.m., submerged to "periscope height," and the coordinates for her position were 37° 19 N., 1° 15 W.†

She had just come up to "periscope height." Peering through the periscope, her officers and crew observed an object of ovoid or ellipsoid shape, and estimated at about 100 metres diameter. To their great astonishment, this mysterious object (seen not on radar but by the naked eye) was suspended at a height of 200 metres or so above the surface of the sea, and at an estimated distance of some eight to ten miles from the submarine. The object appeared to be metallic, shining silvery-white in the sunlight.

At the level of submersion at which the *Delfin* was operating, all that was visible of her above water was the periscope, the snorkel, and her aerials.

Official silence still maintained

Naturally this case of the *Tonina* is not the first in which a UFO has been seen on a radar screen while nobody has been able to observe it visually. The same thing has already happened to jet airliners, fighter planes, and to observers situated on the ground. It looks as though the UFOs — these "machines" . . . if "machines" they be — are simply endowed with a technology that permits them to be "camouflaged" against human sight, though not against the cold eye of the radar. On the other hand there have also occasionally been cases in which they *have* been perceived by the human eye, and in these cases — such as the case of the Spanish submarine *Delfin* — the features revealed, such as the bright metallic gleam and the absence of sound, are quite typical.

In a word, the presence of the UFOs here among us is patent, not only in our skies, and over our fields and mountains, but also over our seas.

Meanwhile, the official silence continues . . .

† This would put the position of the *Delfin* slightly to the east of the Cape Cabo de Gata, and about half-way between Almería and Cartagena. — G.C.

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Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's fullname and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Straightening the Cosmos record

Dear Sir, — Is it possible that eminent scientists are not under so strict an obligation as the rest of us to be scrupulously careful about the reported facts of a situation when it is being debated?

For example, Television viewers who recently saw Dr Carl Sagan's *Cosmos* series will have noticed that, when he came to the problem of discussing UFOs, he did so as fleetingly as one might have expected, using — if I remember correctly — only one of the much debated Heflin photographs, and the Betty and Barney Hill abduction story. (None of which, by the way, is in Sagan's book of the *Cosmos* series, so their inclusion must have been an afterthought.)

If we consult the only published version of the experiences of Mr and Mrs Hill, John G. Fuller's *The Interrupted Journey*, (British edition by Souvenir Press, London, 1980) we will see — on page 5 — what the weather was like that night:-

"It was a bright, clear night, with an almost full moon. The stars were brilliant, as they always are in the New Hampshire mountains on a cloudless night, when starshine seems to illuminate the tops of the peaks with a strange incandescence."

So it was a fine, clear night. The night of September 19, 1961, in New England.

How then does Carl Sagan show it,

in his filmed re-enactment of the Betty and Barney Hill story?

He shows it all happening in a blinding, driving rainstorm, accompanied by thunder and lightning!

How would ufologists fare, I ask, if they dared to play ducks and drakes in this fashion with the reported facts?

Is it that when you are Carl Sagan, trifling considerations of this sort don't matter?

As one of France's top two or three astronomers, Dr Pierre Guérin (Maître de Recherche at the Institut d'Astrophysique and at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in Paris) pointed out in his interview with Jean-Claude Bourret in the best-selling book which I have translated as *The Crack in the Universe* (Neville Spearman), when scientists don't want to accept the facts about UFOs they