

know just a little too much about what is going on in the USSR, and are keeping an eye on things, especially such things as nuclear warheads?

9. Ostrander & Schroeder: *Psychic Discoveries Behind the Iron Curtain*. 1970.
- Gris & Dick: *The New Soviet Psychic Discoveries*. 1978.
10. In all the masses of material about UFO sightings, I have never seen a single hint that any human understands how they communicate. Is it not far more likely that, if their technology is as good as Zigel' says it is, then they would regard our radio — and possibly even our much-vaunted television — as very primitive and old-hat?
11. This seems to be just one more example of contradictory strands of thinking in the *Gente* articles.
12. If the USSR's peoples are unprepared to learn the facts about UFOs, are there any other countries that *are* so prepared?
13. Many will have heard — and will have disbelieved as at first I did — that strange story, widely circulated during the Presidency of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, that he had once “vanished off the map” for twenty-four hours — a situation that is inconceivable under prevailing conditions in the USA. The story went on to say

that the “disappearance” was due to the fact that, with a number of other VIPs, who included the Archbishop of San Francisco, Mr Gerald Light, and other prominent Americans whose names I no longer recall, the President had been flown in the greatest secrecy by the U.S. Air Force to an air base (Edwards Field?) at or near Palm Springs, in California, where the amazed dignitaries were shown landed craft, and their alien occupants, which (both machines and entities) proceeded to give a demonstration of “mat” and “demat” (materialization and dematerialization) before their eyes. The red-faced Ike, according to the story, looked around at his party and admonished them emphatically: “Remember! Mum’s the word!”

When the story first appeared I wrote to several of the VIPs named, and enquired whether it was true. The only one who replied to me — through his secretary — was the Archbishop of San Francisco. It was of course a flat denial, but I thought the wording of it rather odd at the time, and started to wonder whether the story might possibly have some substance. Now, in view of the allegedly expressed ideas by so distinguished a Soviet authority as Dr Felix Zigel', I find myself wondering still more.

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New UFO books reviewed by . . .

BY comparison with the thrilling events reported by UFO abductees, mere lights-in-the-sky UFOs might seem boring and “old hat.” But that that is not necessarily so is shown by Dr Harley D. Rutledge in his book **Project Identification** (Prentice-Hall, Inc., \$10.95, 265 pages, illustrated with maps, diagrams, photographs, and with references and index). Beginning in 1973 when people in parts of Missouri started seeing lights in the sky, Dr Rutledge mounted a scientific research project to study the phenomenon in the field. Despite problems and disappointments, the participants were very successful, and during 1973 they logged 105 sightings.

Those readers interested in a scientific approach to ufology will appreciate the thorough technical coverage of events, but the reader with no scientific background will also find Dr Rutledge's book readable — and intriguing. The data is intriguing because of Dr Rutledge's conviction that the UFOs were aware of being watched, and reacted accordingly. Dr Rutledge recalls 28 instances of this, and believes that not all could be attributable to coincidence. But if we accept that the UFOs were reacting to the witnesses, we must then accept that the project members were seeing either piloted craft, or balls of light controlled with split-second timing by something with a consciousness.

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Most of the sightings in the book were seen as light phenomena rather than solid craft, and despite Dr Rutledge's conviction that they were seeing controlled displays, we cannot on the evidence presented rule out a natural explanation for at least some of the sightings. Another possibility is that in some cases the witnesses were actually creating the lights they saw, especially in those cases where the lights seemed to react to the witnesses — almost as if there were some form of link between them. One of us has had the experience of seeing such a LITS “on demand,” and with another witness present, and we cannot therefore rule out this explanation in the case of Dr Rutledge and his team, however unacceptable it may at first seem. The human mind is a much underrated powerhouse, capable of baffling us all, including the “experts.” So while on the practical scientific side this book shows what can be done with sky-watching if it is well-planned and taking place in an area where UFOs are being reported, it is also a book for the ufologist following the clues towards a psychic interpretation (using ‘psychic’ in its purest sense, i.e. of the psyche).

John Taylor's book *Science and the Supernatural: An Investigation of Paranormal Phenomena* (Paladin paperback, £1.95, 192 pages, with bibliography and index) is a classic case of throwing the baby out with

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.

UFO enthusiasts who enjoy collecting UFO ephem-

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.