

UFO WITH HYPNOTIC EFFECTS

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THIS event forms part of the great British wave of 1977. It came to light when the witness saw a TV programme about the Stonehenge movie film (see FSR Vol. 24, No. 4). The orange/yellow spherical objects in the film were, apparently, somewhat similar to the thing, or things, that she had seen. Consequently she decided to report the incident as a possible UFO.

The witness is a retired civil servant (aged 60 at time of interview in November 1978). She lives in Darlington, Co. Durham, is an active member of the local church community, and is very articulate. She often helps the old age pensioners in the locality, and, not wishing to alarm these folk unduly she has requested anonymity. Her name and address are on file at the NUFON/UFOIN HQ in Nottingham. We shall call her Vera.

It was a bank holiday, bright and clear. Being tired, Vera had gone to bed at 8.00 p.m. and fallen asleep almost immediately. At about 11.00 p.m. she was awakened by a blinding ball of light in the sky which was shining in through the curtains of her open window. She watched it for a few seconds and then it "went out." It had appeared at quite a high elevation, seemingly above the administrative buildings of the Department of Education and Science about fifty yards away. Being a bank holiday weekend this building would have been shut for a period of 3/4 days.

She lay watching for a few minutes and then three "stars" — still a yellowy colour — appeared in the same area of sky, but a little lower down. They came one after the other with a brief gap. Then suddenly all three merged into one with a blinding flash that poured light into the room. Scintillations or pulses of light appeared from either side of the object at random intervals and then all at once it disappeared again. It stayed for no longer than a minute or two.

This process continued an unremembered number of times — always several moments pause in between. Each time the yellow ball (apparently similar to the sun in colour and size) was lower in the sky, until it appeared to be almost on the DES building's roof.

Vera describes a curious sensation whilst this was happening. She says she felt the thing was alive and that it was "pulling" her. She became more transfixed each time it appeared, "rivetted" by the sight of it. Thinking back on it now she says it must have been like a kind of hypnotic trance. As the power increased she became very frightened. She felt that it

was going to drag her straight through the window.

Finally she summoned up her willpower, got out of bed, and rushed to the curtains to block out the light. Immediately the hold was released. Exhausted she went back to bed and fell asleep almost immediately. She was amazed to see the clock as she got back into bed. It showed 12.45 a.m., so almost two hours had elapsed. She says that the experience seemed to be nothing like that duration.

Obviously one can interpret this quite simply as a dream, but the witness is adamant that she was awake, and clearly recalls the various sensations involved. It may have been a hypnogogic hallucination — a very "real" waking dream on the borders between sleep and wakefulness. Even if this is so, it is an interesting example of what is often reported as a UFO experience.

Presuming it to be a real event, which we find no reason to doubt, it does compare well with other

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UFO incidents where a kind of hypnotic indoctrination has been performed. In this respect it is interesting to note that Vera claims to have had several psychic experiences since childhood. Although she was not very willing to talk about them, she does say that she has had several ESP experiences such

as knowing intuitively who was on the ringing telephone.

Our interview convinced us that the witness was sincere and reliable, and certainly not a lady prone to fancies. We must therefore conclude that this was a genuine close encounter experience.

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Dr. Moretti said. 'There were rows of instruments and control panels. Inside, there were about 10 alien beings like the one he had met outside. All the monsters looked alike and they had fingers like ours.'

'Fortunato said that although they spoke no Italian or any other human language, they communicated with him by 'light signals and sounds' transmitted through a helmet placed on his head. The helmet was so tight it gave him a headache.

'Fortunato does not need hypnosis to recall what happened when the encounter was over. 'The next thing I knew, I was standing in the dark, feeling groggy. I picked up my flashlight from the ground and ran toward my car. 'As I ran, I saw a great blinding light rise up. It was a UFO. I only saw that it was flat, triangular and white. It gave off so much light and heat that I couldn't see it clearly.'

'Describing his second meeting, Fortunato said: 'I couldn't keep my eyes open. The car drove itself.

'The car stopped suddenly, the door opened by itself and I saw the same lights as I saw before. I felt as if someone was calling me. After that I don't remember what happened.'

'Fortunato's boss Gianfanco Tutti was present at the second hypnosis session. He said: 'I don't believe in creatures from other planets but I do believe Fortunato. If he wanted publicity he would have found other ways of getting it.

'When he described the creatures, he also said they told him that the next

time they come they'll take him away.'

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Spain

Another huge UFO over the Canaries

In a letter dated Wednesday March 7, 1979, FSR reader, contributor and correspondent Sir Russell Guérard-y-Holmes wrote to say that he had attended a lecture on UFOs at the college "Naestra Señora del Recuerdo" in Madrid, given by Sr. Juan José Benitez, an Editor of the newspaper *La Gaceta del Norte* of Bilbao, and Editor-in-Chief of *La Hoja del Lunes*, both serious and respected organs of the press. Sr. Guérard, states that during his talk Sr. Benitez said two things that might interest readers of FSR. They are:

1. On the night of March 5/6, 1979, a gigantic UFO was seen in the sky above the Canary Islands (Sr. Guérard thinks Sr. Benitez says it was over Lanzarote). An important fact is that this object was seen by "thousands" of people, and by pure chance Sr. Benitez was able to interview the commander of an Iberian Airline 'plane which, at the precise moment,

was making a scheduled flight between the Canary Islands and the Spanish mainland (Bilbao). The conversation with the commander (pilot) was taped. The pilot said a) that up to that time he had been sceptical about UFOs, and b) that he and the rest of his Iberia crew calculate that the UFO had a diameter of 200 miles!

2. Sr. Benitez then gave the account of a sighting from a training ship on November 19, 1976, which (by chance) appears in this issue of FSR (see page 24). Accordingly we will not repeat that here, other than to say that officers and sailor-students *calculated* the object to be at an altitude of 60000 ft. Another interesting point is that Sr. Benitez told of his discovery that a Spanish Air Force 'plane was in the air at the time. The pilot was none other than the Commanding General of the Canary Islands Area, and Sr. Benitez had finally managed to interview him. The General had told the journalist that they flew *round* the object which he and other officers on board estimated to be the size of the Canary Island mountain "Teide." The crew of the training ship *Elcano* also used the "Teide" comparison, only that they thought the UFO might be larger than the mountain!

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by this knowledge; and, or, that the legend has some basis in fact.

Finally, the witness describes, "an increasing rumble as if it was a flying mechanism." In Chekhov's time noisy flying mechanisms were not current and instead he embellishes his story with the natural sound of the wind.

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