

over their heads in the direction of the sea.

"There were no reports of this case in the press. The investigators were not able to interview either of the Carottis, as both father and son were now away, working in Germany. However these details of the sighting were secured by them from Signora Dolores Carotti, the wife, residing at Corso Amendola 16, Ancona.

"(From the files of the "Bilancia" UFO Research Group, Ancona, forwarded to the Editor of *Il Giornale de Misteri*, and published in the latter, issue No.25, April 1973)."

#### Italy

#### Sighting by Pope Pius XII

Again, from *UFO In Italia*,—

"Mention has been made quite frequently of this famous episode, which took place on Monday, October 30, 1950. The original sources are news items which appeared in the newspaper *Il Mattino dell' Italia Centrale* of October 14, 15, and 16, 1951.

"His Holiness Pope Pius XII was in the Vatican Gardens. The day was cloudless, and the sun shone from a particularly clear autumn sky.

"Suddenly the Pope heard a mysterious voice nearby, which seemed to be whispering something to him, but for which he could find no explanation, being entirely alone. The voice told him to look up at the Sun. As it were unconsciously, and without the astonishment which would have been the normal human reaction, the Pope obeyed the voice and, raising his eyes, gazed intently at the heavenly body. But he suffered none of the blinding dazzle which would have been natural under such circumstances had he attempted anything so dangerous as looking straight into the Sun. On the contrary, as Pius XII gazed at the brilliant light, he experienced a sensation of extreme pleasure which he himself later defined as 'super-human.' And, as he continued to gaze, the same mysterious voice urged him not to take his eyes off the

luminous globe. He therefore kept them fixed upon it. And then he beheld a phenomenon which made a profound impression upon him. For the Sun assumed the appearance of a flaming disc that revolved like a wheel of fire while projecting in all directions beams of light which continually changed colour.

"But this was not the only occasion upon which Pope Pius XII observed this phenomenon. He saw it again three more times, namely on the two immediately following days, October 30 and November 1, and on November 8.

"From the wording of the press-reports it seems that this Pope had also already had some kind of UFO experience before this, but no details are given."

Credit: Mrs. Mary Boyd of Firenze.  
[What immediately leaps to mind, as one reads this account of the famous experience of a Pope, is of course the striking resemblance to the "Dance of the Sun" at Fatima in 1917,—

EDITOR.]

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