

# SOME RECENT SPANISH REPORTS

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WE are much indebted to Sr. Ignacio Darnaude Rojas-Marcos of Sevilla for a great number of xerox copies of reports of recent cases in Spain. I give a resume translation of the most interesting of these.

**1. Pollos, Province of Valladolid (N. Central Spain) (August 22, 1975):** A vivid red UFO shaped like a rugby ball was seen by a number of witnesses hovering over a local cemetery at 9.45 p.m.

Julio Hernández and his girl friend Begoña Macías (their ages 24 and 21 respectively) were driving from Pollos to Castroño when they saw a huge red thing, shaped like a vertical rugby football, approaching. It passed right over, at only about four metres from their car roof. The girl was terrified. Her companion, while trying to calm her, watched the object swing away and then make a second pass at them, swooping overhead once more. (Meanwhile their engine had not given out.)

They returned into Pollos and got a man named Mariano "El Colorao" to go back with them to see the UFO, and this time they found it stationary over a mound in the local cemetery. Very shaken, all three repaired to a local bar. Other witnesses were found by the Charles Fort Group when investigating, and some of these said that when they had gone home at 3.00 a.m. the object was still over the cemetery.

All described it as like a vertical rugby ball or egg. The colour on one of its sides was of a vivid, almost incandescent red, while the other side was a paler, more yellowish red. The object was rotating on its axis, and from time to time projecting a beam of vivid white light on to the ground. Julio Hernández said the UFO had three projectors, one on top and two below, and that it was from these that the vivid white light came which lit up the ground. They said they experienced no discomfort in the eyes when looking at either the UFO or the projected white beam of light. All witnesses said that when stationary over the cemetery the UFO looked far bigger than the apparent size of the full Moon. The night was clear with good visibility. There is a power-line near by, and the River Duero is about one kilometre distant. There is a big dam (el embalse de San José) at a distance of some 20-25 km., near the town of Castroño.

**2. Valladolid area (N. Central Spain) (November 16, 1975):** A priest, who has asked that his name be not divulged, had been to visit a sick person at about 3.00 o'clock in the morning. Driving home, between the towns of Bocos and Curiel, at a place called Vale del Cuco, he was immensely shaken by the sight of a huge ellipsoidal reddish object... "much bigger than the full Moon." It was at a distance which he estimated at between one and 1½ km. to the left of the highway, and lower than the peaks of the nearby mountain range. He tried to turn his car round and drive back to the last town, but after moving it a little he found the engine died suddenly, leaving the car partly in the ditch. He was quite unable to get it going again. His lights seem to have remained unaffected.

The members of the Charles Fort Investigation Group at Valladolid, who questioned the priest, found him at first very unwilling to talk at all about the affair, and they think that there are still details which they failed to extract from him. He said the object was stationary the whole time until its departure, when it vanished very rapidly.

Unable to shift his car or start it up, he said he turned off the lights and walked two km. to the next village to get help. A man from there returned with him to the car, got it out of the ditch, and they found the engine started up with no trouble.

The priest has the reputation of being a very stable and solid sort of person, not easily alarmed, but when questioning the villagers the Charles Fort Group were told that he had been a very scared man indeed when he walked into their village to ask for help.

**3. Valladolid area (Mid-December 1975):** Two people, who have also asked for complete anonymity, were driving at 7.00 p.m. along the road from Castroño to Pollos when they encountered, near the bridge over the river Trabancos, a vivid white transparent light shining down on the road in front of them. They were unable to see the source of the light. The car engine failed, but the lights remained on.

They remained there for a few seconds observing it, and then the light moved off towards their left. The engine now started up with no difficulty. They drove up the track to a

nearby farmhouse to ask if the people there had seen the phenomenon or knew anything about it, and the farmer told them that his son had seen something very similar a few days previously.

They said the width of the light was about three-quarters the width of the road.

Investigating this case, the Charles Fort Group discovered that there were quite a number of other cases in surrounding villages.

**4. Manuera, Province of Navarra, Northern Spain (February 25, 1976):** The newspaper *La Voz de Galicia* (February 27, 1976) quoted a report from the Bilbao paper *La Gaceta del Norte* that a UFO had landed two days previously at Mañeru in Navarre Province, and left marks. Five children from Mañeru were playing on a nearby hill at about 4.00 p.m. when they saw it land in a field of barley. They said it had a transparent cupola on top and was a disc of metallic appearance and some eight to ten metres wide.

From the machine, according to the children, there emerged a being more than 2 metres 30 in height. The being took a few paces in the field and then returned to the disc. He was dressed in a sort of black overall from head to feet.

The report stated that the representative of the *Gaceta del Norte* found five big footprints in the field, and that these prints were over 40 cm. long.

This case was also investigated by the Charles Fort Group of Valladolid.

**5. Valmaseda, near Bilbao, Northern Spain (June 3, 1976):** According to the newspaper *ABC* of June 6, 1976, (Sevillian edition) numerous people of Valmaseda saw four UFOs between 11.00 p.m. on June 3 and 2.00 a.m. on June 4.

The paper recalled that, on the night of November 3/4 of 1975, a UFO had been stationary over the same town, Valmaseda, for more than four hours.

**6. Las Palmas, Canary Islands (June 22, 1976):** According to *ABC* (Seville edition) of June 26, hundreds of people on Grand Canary Island saw a UFO which landed on the north-western part of the island, at Galdar.

One witness described it as transparent, as high as a two-storeyed house, and circular in form. Inside it could be seen two figures, much

larger than humans, which were apparently looking at a control panel.

The time was about 10.00 p.m., June 22. Two of the witnesses (and the object was seen by many people from many directions) were a taxi-driver and his clients, a doctor and one other person, who were hurrying to visit a sick man. They had an astonishing view of the UFO for they saw it, standing on the ground, not more than ten metres from their car.

Several residents of El Hornillo, near Galdar, who also saw the UFO, said it remained on the ground for twenty minutes.

(See a previous report — *Onion Phobia* — already published in *World Round Up*, about this same case, and stating that the UFO was subsequently found to have wrought havoc with a field of onions. G.C.)

The newspaper *ABC* (Sevilla edition) of June 27 has a slightly fuller account of the experience of the medical man, Dr. Julio Padrón León. This fuller version mentions that the doctor was immensely impressed by the "majestic appearance" of the beings in the UFO and the perfection of their linear curves. He said there was nothing sharp or angular about them, and that it was a sight beyond anything he had ever seen in his life. (Sic.) He also said that he and the driver and his companion had all felt a terrible *sensation of cold*, and that the taxicab's radio stopped working. The driver turned on his big headlights, and then the UFO rose from the ground and took up position over a nearby house. He and his two passengers entered the house and, together with the people living there, they all watched the UFO from a window.

He said that when it rose it seemed to start getting bigger. He and his passengers all saw the two UFO occupants.

**7. Portugalete, Bilbao, N. Spain (July 4, 1976):** The newspaper *La Gaceta del Norte* (Bilbao) of July 14, 1976, reported that the new UFO wave over Northern Spain was now growing considerably, with numerous cases around Bilbao, Portugalete and Somorrostro.

On July 4 witnesses saw a gigantic half-moon-shaped UFO right above the Bilbao suburb of Recaldeberri and the nearby peak, Monte Arraiz. These three people (none of whom wished to give the paper his name) watched the UFO from the sixth floor of a house in the suburb of Zabala.

They said it was much bigger than the apparent size of the full Moon and that it gave out a very powerful yellowish light. They watched it for more than five minutes. Twice it moved away and then returned to take up

its position above the houses or above the slopes of Monte Arraiz. It made no noise that they could hear, and maintained an inclined position.

The time was 12.45 a.m.

On the following night (Monday/Tuesday, July 5/6), people living at Portugalete, just outside Bilbao and to the West, also reported a tremendous UFO. This was at 1.40 a.m. These observers watched it from the tenth floor of a house on Calle Carlos VII, near the local cemetery.

They described the UFO as red "...and bigger than the full Moon." It was to the north of Portugalete, as though it had just emerged from the sea. They watched it move upwards and then downwards once or twice, and then vanish very slowly towards the south. It seemed oval, with a sort of orange-yellowish periphery.

At about 2.30 a.m. during the same night it or a similar object was again seen, this time over La Reineta area. Watchers saw it perform four right-angle turns without pausing in its flight.

On July 13 one of the staff of the *Gaceta del Norte* photographed the same UFO, or a similar one, at a great height over Portugalete, at 10.20 p.m. It was stationary, bigger in apparent size than any star, and yellowish-orange in colour. The reporter took various pictures of it, in both black and white and colour, using telephoto lens and tripod. The UFO was motionless for about one hour.

**8. Estas, Tomiño, Pontevedra, N.W. Spain (July 1976):** The Madrid magazine *El Caso* of July 17, 1976, carries the strange affair (although not reported as a UFO case this is, perhaps, not so enigmatic to FSR readers) of a two-year-old boy, Hector González Portas. The child had been put to bed by his mother, Sra. Dulce Portas, who then went to another part of the house to chat with her mother. When she returned to the bedroom of little Hector, he was gone. After a vain search of the house and neighbourhood, the Guardia Civil were notified.

Eleven hours later, during the same night, the boy was found up in the mountains at a spot eight kilometres from his home. A doctor who examined him declared that the child definitely had not walked there. The boy had scratches on his arms and legs, and these were thought to point to a kidnapping.

When the mother had put the boy to bed, she had taken off his sandals and placed them under the bed. When found, he had the sandals on. But the child had not yet learned how to put them on unaided. His father, Martín González González, who is employed in the El Ferrol shipyards, expressed the opinion that the child

had been taken as a reprisal by somebody who had a grudge against him — the father.

**9. Bilbao, Northern Spain (August 4, 1976):** According to a Bilbao report in the newspaper *ABC* (Sevilla edition) for August 5, a ten-year-old boy, Lorenzo Alvarez Vázquez, claimed to have seen two small extraterrestrial beings about 1.20 or 1.30 metres in height. The sighting was in the Bilbao suburb of Bulla.

The boy said their eyes and noses were green and they were wearing silvery clothing. He said they did not address him but merely shone a light on him. He said they were standing beside a motorcycle. He said he watched them for about five minutes.

The boy told several local residents about it, but when the latter went to the spot they saw no beings, despite the fact that the boy maintained that one of the beings was still there, and that he could see him. One of the local men pointed a sporting gun in the direction of the motorcycle, and the boy then announced that the "Space-man" had taken refuge elsewhere — behind a car.

**10. La Palma del Condado, Huelva Province, S. Spain (July 30, 1976):** The newspaper *ABC* (Sevilla edition) of August 6, 1976, contains a letter signed by a Sr. Juan Jaren Romero who claimed that on July 30 he and a party of friends and relatives had observed a vivid silvery, luminous object in the sky. Examining it more closely with binoculars, they established that it was spindle-shaped. Then a second, much smaller object, emerged from the rear part of the spindle. This smaller object was quicker in its movements and less bright. Another small object appeared soon afterwards.

After the Sun had set, the larger object remained visible in the sky, though now seemingly smaller. Then it turned to a red colour, and less than fifteen minutes later it suddenly vanished from sight.

The UFO had been under observation for 75 minutes.

**11. Huelva, S.W. Spain (July 30, 1976):** An extremely bright spherical object was seen at 6.00 p.m. stationary at a great height above the town of Cumbres de Mayores near Huelva. It remained there for an hour and then moved off towards the N.W.

The phenomenon aroused great interest amid the population, most of whom had no doubt that it was a UFO.

**12. Real de la Jara, Province of Sevilla. (August 15, 1976):** At 3.00 a.m. on August 15, occupants of some twenty cars proceeding along the highway from El Real de la Jara towards the nearby Sierra observed an object in



space, apparently at a distance of some five kilometres or so. All the drivers stopped to observe it. Pablo Garcia García, driver of a taxi, which was first of the vehicles (he had his wife and children with him) got out and began walking towards the UFO, which had no visible shape but was merely intensely bright. Then he

came back and started flashing his headlights at the UFO, upon which the UFO began to approach the taxi. García's family and all the rest of the occupants of the twenty or so cars at once begged García to desist from his signalling, which he did, and he and the other drivers lit out and left the scene at speeds which

were described as "more than regular." On the early morning of the day before (Saturday, August 14) a similar object had been seen flying around over El Real de la Jara, observed by large numbers of people as there were big crowds taking part in the celebration of a festival.

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