

**NOW YOU SEE
THEM, NOW
YOU DON'T...**

London. (AAP):
A flight of five
U.S. Navy planes
disappears without
a trace, so does the
aircraft searching
for them.

A yacht is found
at sea with sails set
and a meal on the
cabin table, but the
entire crew have mys-
teriously vanished.

A Navy supply ship
with 307 on board is
lost. It never sought
help.

Pilots report their

Pilots report their compasses moving erratically, and they are losing control of their aircraft. They tell of a weird green glowing light on the wings. Ships lose their way within sight of land on a clear day.

It all happens in the Bermuda Triangle on a section of the Atlantic Ocean stretching roughly between Bermuda, the tip of Florida and Puerto Rico with an alarming record of unexplained ship and aircraft disappearances.

Author Charles Berlitz in his book "The Bermuda Triangle", confronts the traveller passing through that sunny part of the world with the prospect of doom through the supernatural.

It's enough to make the passenger on a Miami-bound flight foresake his serving of cold airline chicken or accuse a tourist to default in a game of shuffle board aboard a

shuffle board aboard a cruise liner.

A sudden freak storm or a colossal wave might destroy his ship. Failing that, strange electromagnetic forces might force his plane into the sea or make a yacht lose its way.

Then too, possibly affecting insurance premiums on holiday excursions, Mr Berlitz reports theories that transport might be consumed by a fireball or even gobbled up by a sea creature related to Scotland's Loch Ness monster.

More serious consideration however, is given to the risk of being carried off by flying or high speed sub-

marine craft from another world whose beings have destroyed themselves ages ago and are anxious to prevent modern man from doing likewise.

Mr Berlitz, grandson

Mr Berlitz, grandson of the founder of a chain of language schools, also explores the possibility of planes and ships disintegrated by a laser beam blast from a civilisation now relegated to the ocean bed.

A work of reference, Mr Berlitz covers most of the risks in his 195-

page book citing works with titles such as "Limbo of the Lost", "This Baffling World", "Flying Saucers on the Attack", "The Bible", "Cataclysms of the Earth" and "The Space Ships of Ezekiel".

A student of Unidentified Flying Objects in the United States, Mr John Spencer, is quoted for this explanation for the disappearances: "Extraterrestrials periodically visit Earth and kidnap men and equipment to ascertain the state of our technological advancement."

The triangle's next

The triangle's past history is eerie.

What about flight 19 of Navy Avengers with five officers and nine crew members. It left Fort Lauderdale in Florida on a training mission on December 5, 1945, and the weather was perfect. About 90 minutes later Flight Leader Lieutenant Charles Taylor radioed back with an emergency: "We seem to be lost . . . strange . . . we can't be sure of any direction — even the ocean doesn't look as it should . . ." The planes were never found. A

search plane also vanished.

Another case: June 5, 1965, a C-119 cargo plane with 10 people on board disappears in the south-east B a h a m a Islands.

Chuck Wakeley, a former pilot with Sun-line Aviation in Miami, Florida, returning his charter flight from

charter flight from Nassau to Miami in November, 1964, reported seeing a strange pale blue-green glow on the wings which grew in intensity until it blinded his controls for five minutes.

The yacht Cinnemare IV is found abandoned 400 miles south-west of Bermuda in September, 1955. The same fate befell the 62-foot (13 metre) Maple Bank on June, 1969, and there are more.

A Cuban freighter, the Rubicon, is found deserted at sea off Florida in February, 1940, with only a hungry ship's dog on board.

Berlitz notes that the triangle has something in common with the so-called "Devil's Sea" off the east coast of Japan. Through both areas run a parallel of longitude (80 degrees west and 150 degrees east) at which the magnetic north and the true north are the same.

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The Devil's Sea also has its trouble. A scientific team aboard the Kairo Maruo No. Five set out to explore the fate of lost ships there. It vanished without a trace.

**FIVE PLANES
DISAPPEAR:
"Spacejacked" by
men from Mars?**

**A NAVY SUP-
PLY SHIP MISS-
ING: Gobbled up
by a sea monster?**

**Or is it all caus-
ed by freak weather
-conditions?**

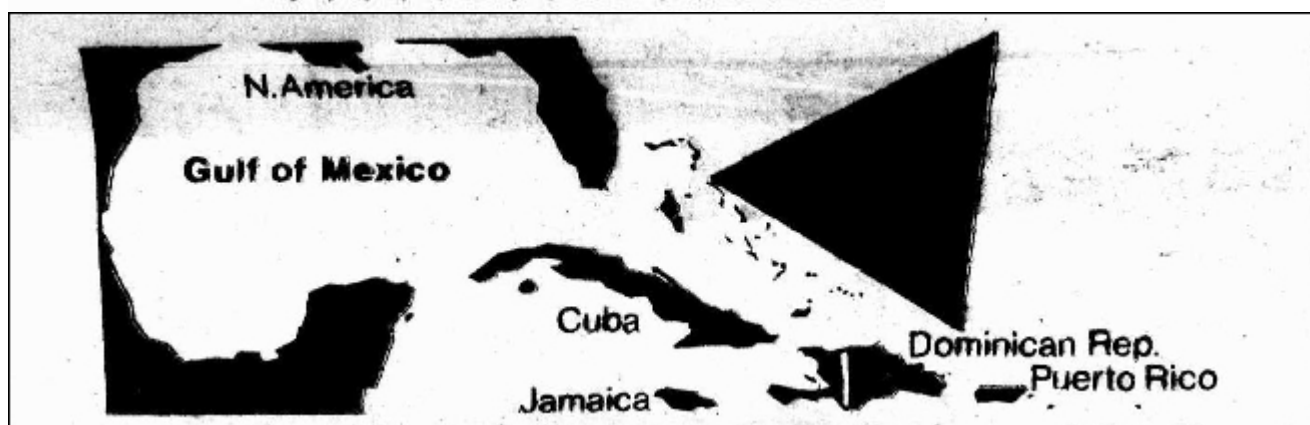
**Nobody knows
for sure, but what-
ever is happening
in a corner of the
Atlantic Ocean off
the United States
certainly needs
some explanation.**

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The area has a long history of mysteriously snatching ships and planes from the face of the earth.

In a book just released in London, some answers are put forward by author Charles Berlitz.

Whether you agree or disagree with his findings, the book is fascinating reading.



● THE 'Bermuda triangle'.