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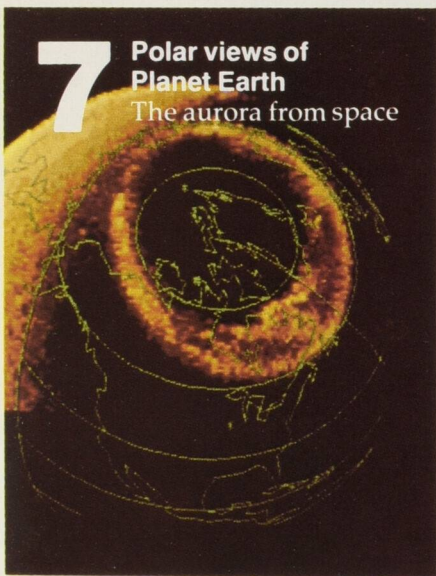
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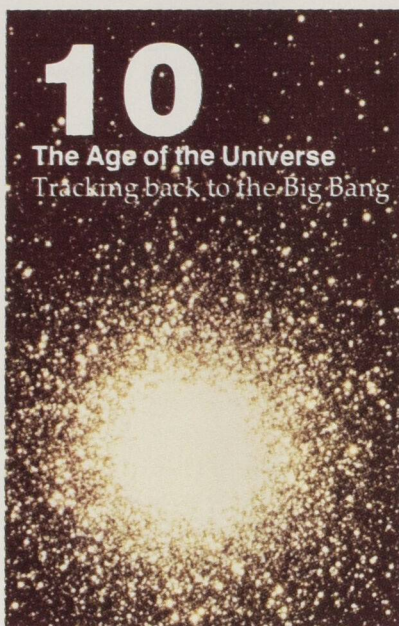
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The shimmering veils of the northern lights look somewhat different from 25 000 km above the North Pole, particularly when the camera is "seeing" ultraviolet light. This view of the circular aurora, offset by the planet's dayside disc, is just one of several striking photographs taken by the special cameras aboard the satellite Dynamics Explorer 1. A map has been superimposed on the photograph to indicate the landforms on the planet's nightside. See the story "Polar views of Planet Earth" on page 7.

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The Age of the Universe
Tracking back to the Big Bang



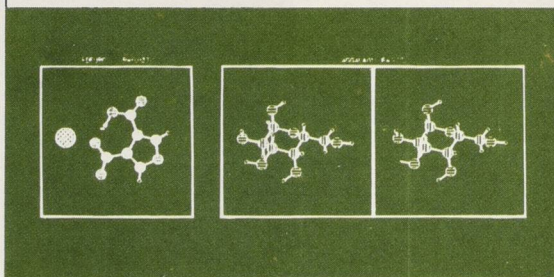
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