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Miller Confesses!

When word came that Miller had admitted the St. Peter and Paul Rocks hoax expedition I was relieved, but not really surprised. I was aware of a good deal of the evidence that the League had gathered against him in this and about twenty other of his operations. The PYØXA trip was of critical importance though since it was the *only* one where he had a surviving accomplice. I suspect that when Miller found that his accomplice was not about to chance imprisonment by lying under oath that he was trapped into confessing.

Where was he at the time he was claiming to be operating from the Rocks? Well, his license was running out and he didn't have time to get all the way down there to the middle of the Atlantic Ocean off Brazil, so he operated just off the coast of Venezuela, probably near Trinidad on board a ship and a good 1800 miles from St. Peter and Paul.

Miller has withdrawn his suit against the League and Huntoon and I expect that the suit against 73 and myself will be withdrawn shortly. Don't feel too badly if you were taken in by Miller and his stories. He is most convincing and audacious. If there is any rational reason for his doing the things he has done and acting the way he has acted, none of us intimately involved have been able to figure it out.

I understand that Miller's explanations for the other questioned expeditions were vague, contradictory and evasive. Proof of anything? Sorry, but most of the records have been lost or stolen. Passport? Lost that too, just recently.

The League would certainly seem, on the strength of the testimony given, to have adequate grounds for deleting credit for about twenty of Miller's operations. Pressure from DXCC members will probably force them to accept all but the most outrageous.

Where does this hoax confession leave CQ and their seemingly fictional series by Miller. How about the Miller DX book, promised about a year ago? Will CQ bring this out in the face of his disgrace? CQ has backed Miller to the hilt with their reputation . . . where does his confession leave them? Will they give us a public apology

for the libelous attack on me they published for Miller?

If you have any friends who stopped reading 73 because I was writing bad things about their hero, you might pass along the word.

UFO NET SCHEDULE

Wednesdays 0200 GMT 14,300
Thursdays 0200 GMT 3950

Net Controls Needed

The UFO Reporting Net has been growing larger every week and now is much too large to permit all of the interested stations to check in. The net has been meeting on 14.3 MHz every Wednesday night at 0200 GMT.

Jim Sipprell K2HYQ has kindly consented to take on the organization of net controls for nightly operation of the net. The frequency will continue at 14.300 MHz and the time at 0200 GMT. If you are interested in acting as a net control one or two nights a week please drop a note to Jim. You should have a good signal and be dependable. Jim will pick out two for each night that are widely enough separated so they should be able to hear all checkins. We've found that we can get just about everyone with one control up east and one in the south . . . or one in the west and one in the south, etc.

If you can't be sure of being available on any particular night you should call into the net whenever you can make it. The net control stations will keep you informed on how things are going and will be interested in any reports you have to pass along.

To participate in the UFO Reporting Net you should set up communications with your local agencies that might get reports of sightings or would be interested in knowing of nearby sightings. You should talk with your

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local and state police. Talk with your local newspaper and radio or television station. Put the word out through the CB group. It is a good idea to canvas all other users of mobile radio in your area too so that if anything is reported by any of them the word will be passed along immediately to you. This could be any doctors with mobile radio, power company trucks, road crews, delivery trucks, taxis, the telephone company, etc.

Our net is tied in with NICAP, the most energetic organization in the country investigating the UFO reports. Net members and net controls will be expected to get in touch with their local NICAP investigating groups so they can coordinate with our net. Your local NICAP man may have an interesting UFO slide show that can be put on for your club. You might drop a line to NICAP, 1536 Connecticut Ave., Washington DC 20036. Membership is \$5 and well worth while.

Even without any on the air alerts, the mere establishing of our net will provide both a useful service for any types of emergencies and a medium for excellent public relations for amateur radio . . . which we can definitely use. Try and get your local paper to do an article about your participation in the net. Perhaps you can get interviewed on the radio station. Talk about amateur radio.

NICAP reports that sightings have been way down for the last few months. Perhaps the UFO people are boycotting us in protest over the University debacle? Or are they worried over our UFO reporting net? Come on out, UFO's, let's see you! I do hope I am sitting by with a tape recorder when the net gets its first UFO report. That will be a historic bit of pandemonium to have on tape. I keep one of those little cassette recorders by the rig now at all times . . . never know when something interesting might happen.

I would particularly like to thank Chuck, W5GDQ (Dallas) for his net control work with the UFO net, right from the beginning. Chuck has only missed one net control so far, and that was when he was out of town.

Auto-Call Wanted

As our net grows more and more operators will be wanting to be able to be alerted whenever something is reported anywhere in the country. Few of us are going to just leave the receiver tuned into the frequency waiting for that call. What we need is a fairly fool-proof calling system. I should think that some sort of tone system . . . or perhaps