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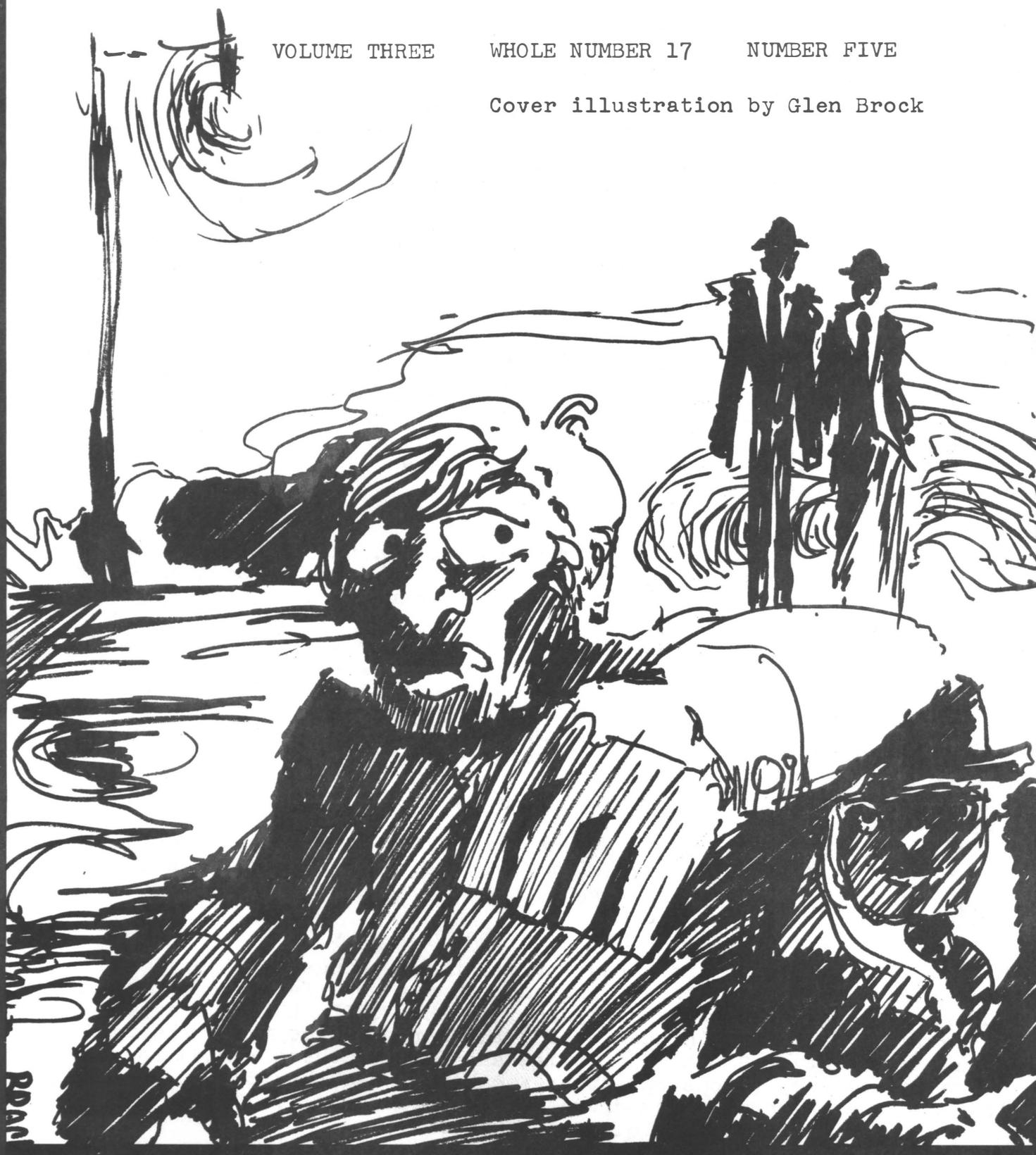
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Editor's Note -- In this issue we begin a series of extracts from past issues of Alternate Horizons Newsletter. We project publication of these for this and the next issue of AHN, to be followed by publication of a special booklet containing these extracts and a new introduction to be used as a "permanent" informational document for AHN, the AR theory, FPA and/or etc. These quotations do not necessarily reflect our present thought on a given topic.

".... at least in my case, it is not completely clear as yet what we have hit on.

" Maybe it's just another theory like so many others: hoaxes; psychological solutions; natural phenomena; spaceships; 4-D ships or whatever. But I think we just MAY HAVE hit upon something of significance...."

(From Alternate Horizons Newsletter,
Volume 1, Number 1)

".... The AR theory does not rule out the possibility of interplanetary visitations, but rather says that this may be only a part of the explanation of the phenomena observed...."

(From AHN, Volume 1, Number 1) *

".... While on the surface the AR theory may seem to imply a mystical attitude, to the contrary it is an attempt to explain in objective scientific terms various phenomena previously relegated to mysticism and cultism. The AR theory firmly recognizes the basic concepts of logic and fixed reality....but maintains that if we are to fully understand the objective nature of reality, we must have an expanded frame of reference, a brader view...."

(From AHN, Volume 1, Number 1) *

".... Just what is a reality warp? To explain this integral part of the AR theory in brief terms, it is the concept of some sort of 'door' between realities. Such a door might be natural or artificial; permanent or temporary, or semi-permanent....

"Background research in this area might begin with the discovery of two separate concepts: the so-called 'leys', or lines between ancient monuments, and the orthoteny theory, or the concept of straight lines in UFO reports....

".... Whether either or both alignment theories are true, the association of UFO and other fortean reports with the sites of ancient monuments may have some validity. The 'why' of it is not an easily answered mystery (assuming, for the moment, that a valid relationship exists)

" If such warps do exist and are artificial rather than natural we get around to the question of motive. In this context we are going to introduce a term with disturbing portent. That term, my friends, is 'BEACHHEAD'."

(From AHN, Volume 1, Number 3)

" If you catch the thrust of all this, things might begin to fall immediately into place. The unicorn may be a fabulous animal in our world, but maybe he is as typical in THE WORLD BESIDE US as the horse is here. Maybe in that world, the horse is the myth, the unicorn the reality! Somehow, at times and places, these worlds touch or merge in some way to one extent or another. When they do, it is then that men see unicorns. And dragons. And werewolves...."

(From AHN, Volume 1, Number 5)

" A clue or perhaps a full answer may be found if we go under the following premise: Whereas the history of UFOs has been observed to be interrelated with the history of mankind and whereas there are indications that UFOs have had a bearing on the history of mankind, THE MOTIVATIONS OF THE UFO OPERATORS MAY AT LEAST BE PARTIALLY DEDUCED FROM HUMAN HISTORY.

" Before we go on we wish to acknowledge immediately that we are not in any way attempting to assert that the UFO-nauts have been the sole source of the ups and downs of human history, but rather that they may have been one of the contributing factors. For example, if we come upon an era of human history where status is known to have been generally poor, we can conclude that this was perhaps an era where the 'anti-human' element among the UFO-nauts was on the ascendant, while the converse would indicate an era of 'pro-human' influence...."

(From AHN, Volume 1, Number 5)

" History, it seems, is crawling with reports of parapsychological, fortean and UFOlogical phenomena. One need only pick up a copy of a number of books published by University Books (not to say that there isn't a cornucopia of data from other sources as well) to find a treasury of ARish data...."

(From AHN, Volume 2, Number 1)

" We had been loaned a copy of Faries At Work and At Play, an unusual book by Geoffrey Hodson, a person supposedly able to see an invisible world beside our own. One of Hodson's 'visions' dated June, 1922 showed a remarkable similarity to a UFO-related incident which took place over 30 years later. The latter incident was part of the John Black/John Van Allen case, covered in Gray Barker's They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers and H.T. Wilkins' Flying Saucers on the Attack. The particular event in question is the observation allegedly made by Black on June 20, 1953.

" The description of the entity involved in the two cases was similar, at least insofar as the words go in our reading of them. The action described, at least partially, was the same (i.e., the drawing of a bucket of water)...."

(From AHN, Volume 2, Number 2)

" The term 'AR' itself comes from 'alternate reality', and in a way this in itself sums up the theory....the theory - at least as I conceive of it - includes the thought that it constitutes an all-encompassing view of unusual phenomena of various sorts, from ghosts to flying saucers. It offers the idea that perhaps our own world is paralleled by one or more different worlds (or realities) which exist in something of a coequal state side by side, in a manner of speaking. It associates many of the phenomena previously relegated to the supernatural with this concept of alternate co-realities, and maintains that these phenomena may be manifestations of some kind of interpenetration of realities, either by natural cause or by design...."

" AR also goes on and says that there may have been interpenetration for as long as our own world has existed, and that there may have been a conscious intervention in human affairs from the outside for as long as man has existed...."

(From AHN, Volume 2, Number 2)

".... at the present state of the art I cannot see categorizing the alternate world or worlds under any strict mechanical concept. The term '4-D' already throws a mechanical concept at you; a dimensional

one. Why dimensional? What proof is there that these hypothetical alternate realities are dimensional in nature? The idea of 'vibrations' has also been introduced. But what proof is there of this?"

(From AHN, Volume 2, Number 2)

" the alternate reality mystery constitutes a challenge to the widespread concept that we pretty well know the score with regard to what is and is not reality. The threats are easy to see, if not so easy to avoid, and similarly the finer points of life are well known if not always accessible to everyone.

" In this secure world items like little men, flying saucers and other worlds beside our own but continually interplaying are not in the best of taste. If they must be considered at all, then by all means they must be considered in the most conventional terms reasonably available. It simply would not do to think that everything we do and say might be observed or...perish the thought...actually influenced from the outside. It wouldn't do at all.

" Ultimately, such reasoning, although it contains a grain of truth, has to be wrong whether there is anything to AR or not. It is somewhat abstract, but as I see it the fact that there might be something to the AR evidence...and indeed there might...in itself negates the type of thinking that says, for all practical purposes, that there simply isn't, or that constantly looks for the intellectually easy way out.

" But, existentially, attitudes are what they are. It isn't easy to talk about the possibility of real, honest-to-Crowley magical practice or natural reality warps at the North and South Poles in a world that is so damned gung-ho on getting a good job with a good education...."

(From AHN, Volume 2, Number 5)

" On Sunday, August 25th, 1968 a skywatch was held in the Metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia area. The office which serves as headquarters of the Foundation for Philosophic Advancement and other groups was the command post for this watch, held under the auspices of the Atlanta Watch Organization.

" It was an uneventful watch, perhaps the most uneventful in this writer's experience. At approximately 10:15 PM, however, we received a call of an unusual nature. I answered the phone and almost immediately recognized that what we had here was a 'contact' type call. Without waiting to hear what the specific nature of the message was, I handed the phone to Mr. Frank M. Campbell, III who was sitting across the desk from me. As far as I am able to tell my impulse to do this was based on the desire to have confirmation of the call.

" As Campbell listened I quickly activated a tape recorder on hand for the watch, and handed the mike to him. He managed to pick up a brief portion of the ~~watrd~~ message. A part of the recording....which was made under less than ideal circumstances of a message which was difficult to understand in the first place....appears to state, '....you will discontinue this project or reap the result(s).'

" The message, hoax or not, was technically impressive. It included a rather convincing voice speaking in monotone, with a background of some type of electronic noise...."

(From AHN, Volume 2, Number 5)

Editor's Note - Two extracts from Volume 1, Number 1 above, are marked with asterisks (*). These quotations are from an article which includes the following notation: " The Editor wishes to thank Mr. Donald R. Cook, Jr. for his assistance with the above article." As far as we know, with this qualification, all material herein written by Allen H. Greenfield.

P L E A S E N O T E -- in connection with Alternate Horizons Newsletter, Volume Three, Number Four, Whole Number 16: The photograph appearing on page 2 in connection with the " ' Storm Photo ' Narrative " may not constitute an accurate reproduction of the print used. Therefore the reproduction as it appears in print should not be given undue value in evaluating both the original photograph and the account by Mr. Lucius Farish.

----- Allen H. Greenfield, Editor
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A L S O P L E A S E N O T E -- In connection with Alternate Horizons Newsletter, Volume Three, Number Five, Whole Number 17: One should not jump to conclusions with regard to whether UFOs, etc. are hostile, friendly, indifferent, or etc. to mankind in general. If the quotations selected give the reader one slant or another on this matter, one should not necessarily place too much importance on this alone. A great deal of additional information may be needed before "hard" conclusions should be drawn. In the meantime, caution in both research and analysis is advised.

----- Allen H. Greenfield