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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON, REPORTS

JOHN FUHRMANN writes from Portland, Oregon, April 3, 1969 : "It looks like King Kong himself is roaming the mountains only 40 minutes drive from here ! Keith Soesbe and I went up Monday (March 31) with Dan Wiggins, whose group "Bigfoot Research Association", has been very active in the area the past few weeks, even using a helicopter and getting some amazing results. We had hoped to see some of those fabulous 22 inch tracks that Dan had told us about but the snow had melted too much by that time. We did see the cast at the Police Dept. and it is gigantic ! Due to the problem of taking a cast in snow, it shows only the general form and size of the track which was a slender one for its length, $7\frac{1}{2}$ " at the ball and tapering to a narrow $4\frac{1}{2}$ " wide heel. The normal walking stride was 4' 5".

"I called Mrs. John Durrell in Vancouver, Washington, the person who found the tracks and she told me that they followed the prints, which she guessed sank in about 3 to 4 times as deep as the people in the group (this was on March 9, when the snow was deeper than when the cast was taken) for a short ways, seeing about 15 tracks, before getting frightened and leaving the area. I don't blame them !

"Dan and his group found other giant tracks on a logging road nearby in patchy areas of snow. They would seem to indicate that the 22" tracks were joined by a set of 17" tracks. These were the ones we hoped to see but the snow is almost completely gone now. The prints of the creature that crossed the highway near Beacon Rock seemed to be about $15\frac{1}{2}$ " and Andy Roberts took a cast of a $12\frac{1}{2}$ " track near there so there are evidently at least 4 individuals that are living in the area."

Thanks to JOHN FUHRMANN, also, we are in receipt of the following clippings from the SKAMANIA COUNTY PIONEER of Stevenson, Washington :

March 14, 1969. Features magnificent drawings by Linda Ford, Stevenson High School art instructor, of the creature sighted by Don Cox, March 5. Drawn by the artist from Cox's eye-witness description.

March 28, 1969. A page and a half of articles and comments on "Bigfoot Hunters Comb County ; New Footprints Encourage Search" ... "Sheriff, Organized Parties, Vacationers Find Possible Evidence Of Legendary Ape-creature's Presence In Skamania County" together with seven of the finest, clearest newspaper photographs we have ever seen.

BIGFOOT NOW PROTECTED BY LAW. On April 1, 1969 (No April Fool joke they say) the Board of Commissioners of Skamania County, Washington, passed an emergency law making it a crime to kill a Bigfoot or Ape-creature, punishable by a \$10,000 fine and up to five years imprisonment. (Information from : THE OREGONIAN, Portland, Oregon, April 2, 1969. Credit : Mrs. John T. Davidson) This is apparently the first official recognition of the existence of the creature by any government body. Do any of our readers know of any other ?

THE ICE MAN

Most important recent newspaper article on the frozen body found in a carnival in Minnesota by Dr. Bernard Heuvelmans and Ivan T. Sanderson :

THE WASHINGTON POST, March 27, 1969. "Strange Ice Man Tale. A New Race ... Or An Old Hoax ?" by Phil Casey. (Credit : Geoffrey H. Lunt)

The following newspapers carried either reprints or rewrites of the same article : SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, April 14, 1969. (Credit : Jack Driscoll) ; ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT, April 10, 1969 (Credit : Ray Nelke) ; ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, March 27, 1969 (Credit : Lucius Farish); THE DETROIT NEWS, March 28, 1969 (Credit : Lucius Farish, Floyd Murray).

ARGOSY Magazine, May 1969, contains Ivan T. Sanderson's article on the Ice Man which he titles "The Missing Link". Illustrated by color photographs of the body by Dr. Bernard Heuvelmans and by drawings by John Schoenherr.

1917 WASHINGTON REPORT. "In the fall of 1917 when I was seventeen years old I was working for a lumber camp on the Cowlitz River in the state of Washington. One moonlit evening I was walking down a logging road enroute to a dance when I had the uneasy feeling that something was following close behind me. I kept looking over my shoulder but could not see anything. When I came to a bend in the road I ducked behind a tree and waited to see what it was. Almost immediately a very large man-like creature about six and a half or seven feet tall came into view. It was walking on its hind legs, was covered with dark hair, had a bearded face and large chest and so far as I could see was not wearing clothes of any kind. Startled, I let out a yell of alarm and the creature instantly turned and ran off into the woods, still on its hind legs. I told some of my co-workers about it and some laughed but others said they, too, had seen it. No one had an explanation for it and no name was given to it but all agreed that it was a large ape-like something and that it also resembled a very large man." - Albert M. Fletcher, Oakland, Calif., April 11, 1969.

DENNIS STAMEY of Asheville, N.C., writes : "The drawing of the Bigfoot footprint used on the front page of the BULLETIN is almost identical to tracks found in a banana grove in the center of a small, half-acre lagoon on a farm in Australia. Another set of prints was discovered near the outskirts of another farm in that area."

The BIGFOOT BULLETIN will soon have two reporters in Alaska. Do any readers have any old reports from that area ?

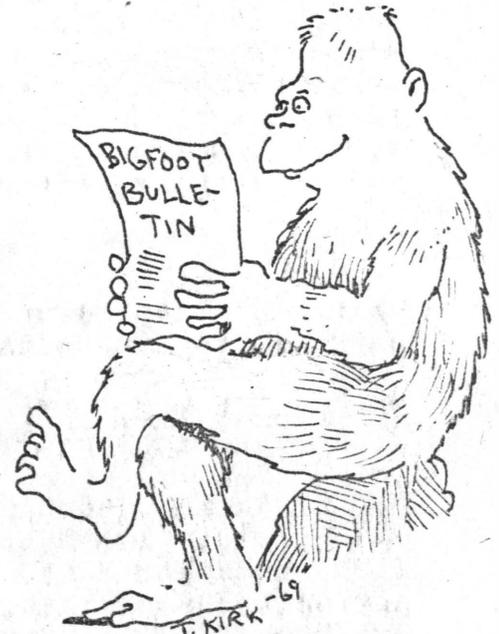
MANY SMOKES, the excellent Indian magazine, edited and published by Sun Bear, Box 5895, Reno, Nevada 89503 (\$1.50 a year, \$2.00 a year outside the U.S., 35¢ a copy) has a very interesting and delightful article in their Fall 1968 issue by Tawani Wakawa titled "Tawani Wakawa Tells of the Sasquatch". He describes experiences his grandfather had with the Sasquatch near Tule Lake and Mt. Shasta in California in 1897 and again a few years later. He says his grandfather "referred to them as people called MATAH KAGMI." It will be remembered that in Tibet they are called METOH KANGMI !

JOHN GREEN writes : "I have a word for you. It is 'Mistapawe', which I am told by John Tootoosis of Cut Knife, Sask., means 'large man' and is the Cree name for a Sasquatch."

ANOTHER NEW WORD ? The Oakland Tribune, Oakland, California, April 26, 1969, carried a UPI dispatch concerning the recent first annual spelling bee sponsored by the State Department of Education in which the winner correctly spelled "Zamzummin". The dispatch goes on to say "Incidentally, the third edition of Webster's unabridged new international dictionary defines Zamzummin as aboriginal giants reported in the Old Testament to have inhabited the region of Ammon prior to the coming of the Ammonites."

KLAMITY KOURIER, Willow Creek, California, April 9, 1969. From the column "Weitchpec Wigwam" by The Schuchmans : "Three gentlemen from Lancaster, California, have been searching the Bluff Creek area for Bigfoot this past week. They are Messrs. Ken Coon, Don Orr, both of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, and Bill Early of the Marshall's Office there. The men tracked way back into the Bluff Creek, Slate Creek and Cedar Camp areas on snowshoes in hopes of finding Bigfoot tracks in the snow. So far - no results ! Mr. Coon is the author of a book on Bigfoot which is being published at the present time. The gentlemen hope to be back to continue their research in late August or September or at an earlier date should any fresh tracks be found before then."

BRITISH COLUMBIA MAP. A large, beautiful map of Sasquatch country (British Columbia) can be had free by requesting same from British Columbia Government Travel Bureau, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., Canada, or British Columbia House, 599 Market Street, San Francisco, California. Ask for their 1969 road map.



Now you know why Bigfoot continues to elude us ; he keeps informed of our plans and movements !

If you like the BIGFOOT BULLETIN, write the editor and tell him so.

JIM McCLARIN writes : "In his article 'The Early Relatives of Man', appearing in July 1964 SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, Dr. Elwyn L. Simons mentions that the 4 foot tall ape-like Oreopithecus, known from 10-15 million year old fossils found in brown-coal beds of central Italy is "sometimes irreverently known as the Abominable Coal Man" ; perhaps particularly 'abominable' because its hominid-like characteristics at first mislead many to believe it may have been ancestral to man, whereas it apparently arose from a separate and later divergence from old world monkey stock and was predecessor of neither man or ape."

RUSSELL GEBHART of Lewiston, Idaho, writes : " In the May-June issue of OLD OREGON, a publication of the University of Oregon at Eugene, there is an article titled 'In Search of the Legendary Bigfoot' by Stan Bettis. The story is about Lee Trippett of Eugene and his beliefs concerning Bigfoot."

This may or may not be of any significance but just south of Mt. Shasta is SNOWMANS HILL and just west of Big Bar on the Trinity River is a MONKEY CREEK ! (Credit : Richard L. Tierney)

LIFE Magazine, March 29, 1968, printed the article "Mystery Man-Ape of the Cascades" by Jack Fincher. (Credit : Rene Dahinden) This was apparently printed only in the northwest edition.

GUN & CREEL , March 1969. "Leave Bigfoot Alone", editorial-article by the editor, L.J. Costelloe. GUN & CREEL is published by Oregon Trails Publications, Inc., Box 705, Winston, Oregon. The editor informs us : "Copies of this issue are limited but we can furnish some at 25¢." (Credit for telling us about this : Rene Dahinden)

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE. John Green's book On The Track of the Sasquatch , must reading for all Bigfoot researchers, should be on sale in most northern California cities soon. Ask your local book dealer to order it from Bay Area wholesalers.

RECOMMENDED READING LIST. Required homework for all good Bigfoot researchers. All 3 published by Dell Publishing Co., Inc., N.Y. and available in paperback at your nearest book store :

AFRICAN GENESIS, Robert Ardrey
TERRITORIAL IMPERATIVE, Robert Ardrey
THE NAKED APE, Desmond Morris