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INVESTIGATION ASSURED

WASHINGTON In a brief thirty-eight word announcement, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena broke the biggest story of its four year history.

Under the headline "Probe Assured", the UFO Investigator the Committee newsletter, said: "NICAP has just been assured of an official UFO investigation including a thorough probe of Air Force secrecy. As now planned, this will come within two or three months, but increasing pressure will probably speed up action."

In a more lengthly elaboration on the investigation, the Committee refused to identify the investigating body "to reduce the chance of Air Force interference." Nevertheless, ufology circles intimated that the fact-finding group would be a sub-committee of either the Armed Services or Space Committee.

The report, issued at a time when the NICAP was faltering in a financial mire, touched off a wave of speculation. What caused the sudden success in the battle for an open saucer investigation? Some said it was the constant pressure applied by NICAP. Others speculated in different veins. Chicago's Civilian UFO Research director, David L. Daughters, opined "Perhaps a certain Mr. Kennedy has done a little reading on his own."

Whatever the cause, the investigation was welcomed as long overdue. Donald Keyhoe, NICAP director, commented: "It should be plain that the UFO secrecy fight is nearing a climax."

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TACKER SACKED

Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Tacker, Air Force UFO spokesman has been replaced and reassigned to Germany. Although no reason for the removal was given, sources said that Tacker's failures in the UFO debunking program led to his replacement.

Under Tacker's successor, the relatively unknown Major William T. Colman, there will be little change in the Air Force UFO Project.

In a recent letter to a college newspaper editor seeking UFO data, Colman resorted to the familiar references of Tacker's F.S. and the U.S. Air Force, Ruppelt's revised Report on UFO's, and suggested an article on illusions common to pilots by a flight sergon.

GUEST EDITORIAL

It has been brought to our attention that the so-called "contactee group" is in the midst of planning a UFO convention to be held in Seattle, Washington during the time of the Century 21 Exposition of 1962. Notice arrived that the master of ceremonies is scheduled to be Major Wayne S. Aho.

It seems that twenty acres of camping space will be made available to those attending this convention of saucerers from all over the world, and has all the earmarks of becoming another example of the Los Angeles-type of contactee convention. They are inviting all those who would like to speak to contact them, so that arrangements can be made. Everyone to their own taste.

However, it does give the Ufologer something to think about when a purely scientific Exposition such as Century 21 draws people from all over the world and then they are confronted with the unproven, in some cases the unfounded side of UFOs. This group (the contactees) had conventions before and doubtless will have them again. But every time they gather in this fashion-attracting so many more people with their beautiful stories of benevolent space brothers, rides in spacecraft, et al, it should jolt the serious Ufologer a bit more and eventually wake us all up to the fact that the public is getting more of the sauceristic side of the subject than they are the scientific, objective side. This, of course, is our own fault.

However, we have little cause to bemoan the success of the contactee element in getting people interested in saucerism, as opposed to ufology since to date Ufologers have not made any special drive to offset the other faction. Individual organizations have worked long and hard to collect and correlate scientific and observational data on the subject of UFOs, and from time to time, they come out individually- with a press release. This is all good for the field of Ufology, and yet, it impresses us as not being enough. This is a particular sore spot with our organization, since we maintain our base of operations in Seattle-the setting of this 1962 convention of saucerers.

We are not excited about this convention. As far as competition is concerned, we feel that there is such a clear, firm line drawn between saucerism and ufology that the saucerers are nowhere near our field of study. It is a shame, however, to see only one side of ANY story--in this case saucerism vs. ufology. We have nothing personally against any of the individuals participating in these conventions. It is merely distressing to find that a one-sided story is being presented to the public.

The fault lies with the Ufologers, ourselves. There is no way to lay the blame elsewhere. The point is--for the benefit of the public the line between saucerism and ufology must be drawn more firmly and perhaps a bit more loudly.

What do you think?

(From APRA BULLETIN, 11323--14th Avenue N.E., Seattle 55, Washington.)

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by Norbert F. Gariety

NO SALVATION

UFO reports have been scarce during the month of April, and we feel that this is due to the situation in which the world finds itself at the present time. Such reports fade into almost insignificance as we ponder on the fate of freedom loving peoples as the forces of evil continue their bold march forward across the face of one country after another.

One thing we can be sure of, in the current world situation and that is,---that if we are going to solve it and evolve as a free world instead of a slave world, it will have to be done out of our own work, sweat and tears. No "salvation" is going to come to us handed on a silver platter by any "fairy god-mother", leading a flight of space ships from some other planet.

Many have been fooled and deluded into believing that such a salvation is forthcoming. We feel that this is just one more plan in the "sceme of things" to make Americans apathetic and looking for a false hope, so they will not work hard at keeping themselves free by the use of their own talents.

Remember that whatever or whoever is inside the UFOs have watched hundreds of injustices and wars on this planet and have not interferred in any way to help justice triumph over the forces of evil. We are here to work out our own problems, fight our own enemies and to win our own battles. And if we are not willing to do this, to study psychological warfare, and to counteract it, then we will have no one to blame but ourselves if we end up in slavery.

In 23 nations, a sad people are saying to each other: "If we had only known and recognized the enemy and his methods." Wake up America--while there is still time!

(From SPACE, 267 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, Florida.)

From the Editor's Desk

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"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

In the column above Norbert Gariety mentions that UFO reports fade into insignificance when placed besides today's newspaper headlines. Laos, Cuba, Communism, Recession scream daily from the news media, and we speak of the latest contactee claim, of Congressional saucer probes, of salvation by the space brothers.

When we realize this it leaves a sickening taste in our mouths.

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From the Editor's Desk--cont.

What would happen if even a half of the energy utilized in studying UFOs were used to solve--or at least study--the deficiencies of world?

What would happen if even a half of the money spent on saucer books and records and clubs were spent in behalf of the needy of the world and the nation?

What would happen if the talents of certain ufologers were expended in the cause of freedom?

While the world's problems would not be eliminated nor the world's needs filled, a beginning, a contribution to the eventual goal would be made.

This is what should be done; this is what must be done; this is what will be done--at least by this writer in the future.

Do not mistake my meaning. Many fine and sincere people are interested in ufology. This writer has had the privilege of talking and communicating with many of them.

Sincere idealists and individualists like Ray Palmer. Hard workers like APRA's June Larson. Dedicated persons such as Dave Daughters. Careful researchers like Jim Maney of Oklahoma. Friendly Mrs. Gladys Fusaro, Ancil Mitchell, Elnora Cramer and John Weigle.

On the local scene capable co-workers like Peg Bosley and friendly Mary Buckley; co-conspirator Ray Jordan; Bill Buckley--devoted to keeping our feet on the ground; Tom Owens faithfully watching the Albany skies each night; Mary Fitzgerald, not always holding the same opinion but always holding our respect; Ceil Herman of the Gazette, an accurate and very human reporter; and many others in many areas whose names alone would take another six pages to list.

But for this writer ufology has lost its charm. The situation is too serious. Perhaps nothing can be done and this writer can do even less.

But something must be done and whatever that something is it cannot and will not be found in ufology and is impossible to find in saucerism.

So this writer will look elsewhere--for what he knows not but which will be found with diligent seeking.

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Anthony M. Rudmann

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