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A PROGRESS REPORT

NATIONAL UFO INFORMATION WEEK

As of the date of the publication of this issue of the P.I.P.E. Line, the following state organizations have responded with tentative lists of their plans for events to sponsor during National UFO Information Week, 1986: New Jersey, Indiana, Massachusetts, Northern California. As you will note in this month's Newsletter, I have included another plea for the State Directors to forward these lists to me. We will also soon utilize the TELUFONET in order to remind them to submit this information to me.

John Schuessler has promptly contacted Donald Schmidt (who designed last year's poster) and has asked him on behalf of our committee, to design this year's poster. I have not yet heard from Mr. Schmidt. Don Schmidt is Wisconsin's State Director for MUFON.

Barry Greenwood is working on compiling a bibliography of suggested reading for persons interested in learning more about the subject. This will be included in the package sent to State Directors so that they may make copies of it to distribute to interested persons who visit UFO displays or exhibits or attend UFO lectures and programs that week.

Walt Andrus has drafted a new information page for MUFON, which will be printed and also included in the package sent to each State Director. Walt has also taken care of the award for the 1986 recipient and the one for Dr. Hynek, both of which will be presented at the Michigan State Univ. symposium.

Other committee members are working on similar assignments, and have not yet responded. However, the original request in the last P.I.P.E. Line in regard to these projects does not require a response until May 1. Please do try to make that deadline, though, as these items must then be copied, sent to State Directors, and then copied again by them to disseminate in their respective states.

Thank you all very much for your assistance. It is much appreciated.

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR UFOLOGY?

Although these are difficult times for UFOlogy, things do seem to be progressing in a very positive manner at this time. If it is exciting to have our 1986 UFO Symposium at a prestigious university, with an impressive roster of scientists and researchers as speakers, it is even more encouraging that we will be holding the 1987 MUFON UFO Symposium on the very doorsteps of our nation's capital.

Washington, D.C. is the perfect site for the symposium which will be held in the year of the 40th anniversary of Kenneth Arnold's famous sightings. What better place to focus attention on the subject than in the capital city of the United States?

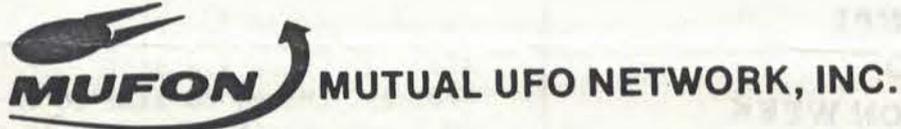
The possibilities for public information and for fostering better public relations for the subject and for UFOlogists during the 1987 Symposium are endless and mind-boggling. We must begin to plan early for credible, tasteful, prestigious public information activities regarding the symposium and the UFO subject itself, in order that we capitalize as much as possible on this opportunity. This must be done in conjunction with the Fund for UFO Research, as the hosts for this symposium. Since Fred Whiting is the 1987 Symposium Coordinator and is also a member of the P.I.P.E. Committee and is MUFON's new Virginia State Director, I would like to ask that Fred serve as an advisor to this committee over the next year, to recommend activities and programs to us that would be agreeable to both the Fund and MUFON. Fred and I will confer in Michigan and perhaps later in the summer in Massachusetts, and I will communicate the results of these discussions to all of you, via the P.I.P.E. Line.

If you have any good ideas or constructive suggestions, please send them to me for inclusion in the P.I.P.E. Line.

P.I.P.E. COMMITTEE MEETING at MSU

Since we will have just about 100% attendance of our committee at the 1986 symposium at MSU, we will hold a brief, but important meeting on Friday evening, June 27. Dan Wright will arrange for a room and meeting time. The meeting will follow the reception with the speakers and the tour of the MSU cyclotron, so will probably be at about 9:00 p.m. We will discuss the 1987 symposium public info. plans and other important matters.

PLANS HAVE BEEN PUT INTO MOTION IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE MUFON UFO JOURNAL. EDITOR DENNIS STACY HAS ASKED THAT THIS ISSUE OF THE P.I.P.E. LINE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PLEA WHICH HE HAS SUBMITTED TO SEVERAL RESPECTED RESEARCHERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THE PLEA IS OFFERED HERE IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE INVITATION TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION IN THE JOURNAL TO THE MEMBERS THE P.I.P.E. COMMITTEE. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE JOURNAL. OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS, FOR THE MOST PART, ARE THE ACTIVE PERSONS IN THE UFO FIELD. WE ARE THE PEOPLE DOING THE RESEARCH AND PROVIDING THE PUBLIC WITH CREDIBLE INFORMATION ON THE UFO SUBJECT. AS LEADERS IN THE FIELD, WE SHOULD SUPPORT THIS ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE OUR JOURNAL.



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Dear Past, Present and Future Contributors to the Journal:

I think I need not stress that these are perilous times for ufology. A majority of major UFO organizations are suffering financial and publishing difficulties. MUFON itself has been forced to raise its subscription rates substantially and this will inevitably result in a loss of some subscribers.

At present the Journal is the only monthly UFO magazine in the world, reaching well over a thousand interested researchers and field investigators. Yet the Journal also suffers from a dearth of hard-hitting, investigative articles that seek to grapple with, and not skirt, both the issues and the UFO phenomenon. Frankly, it is an embarrassment to admit that at least one leading skeptic outstrips us all in contributions to the MUFON Journal, second only to letters of complaint about appearance of said articles!

Where are your submissions? We need your thoughts, findings, theories, and reflections on the marvelously mysterious body of widespread UFO and related phenomena. For the field itself is not moribund. Numerous examples could be cited, in fact, to show that ongoing events rank in excitement and importance with those of any past period: the Cash-Landrum lawsuit, the Puget Sound case, the recent satellite UFO picture, the installation of a computerized UFO bulletin-board, and so on, ad infinitum.

Put your thoughts on paper and submit them to the Journal. Take advantage of the only publication of its kind that can offer a 30-day, or less, turn around from manuscript to publication. Don't keep relevant material that needs rapid dissemination buried in your files!

The Journal seeks no less than a renaissance in contemporary UFO writing. But to achieve that we need your help. We don't ask you to abandon previous affiliations or commitments, only to recognize what you can do for the MUFON Journal and what the Journal can do for you.

The material itself can be of varied nature as regards content. It should, however, be neatly typed, double-spaced and accompanied by any appropriate photographs or graphic art. We welcome all relevant manuscripts.

Sincerely,

Dennis Stacy

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