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**EDITORIAL:** Manimals Newsletter (MN) is intended to distribute available information concerning the investigation of reported unclassified human-like creatures such as the Yeti of the Himalayas, the Kakundakari of the Congo basin, the Almas of the U.S.S.R., and the Sasquatch or Bigfoot of North America, etc.

MN will carry on the function of George F. Haas' Bigfoot Bulletin which ran monthly from 2 Jan. 1969 through 31 Dec. 1970, then quarterly in the first two quarters of 1971 before stopping publication. Haas felt the Bulletin was too much trouble for the information he was receiving in return, and that much of what he was receiving should not be published in the Bulletin because people who wished to kill a Bigfoot/Sasquatch might use the information to accomplish that end. The resultant lack of pertinent news in the Bulletin probably caused many recipients to lose interest in submitting news.

Although I am likewise opposed to any attempt to kill a possible "Manimal" specimen before determining its "man-or-animal" status, I feel a breakdown in information exchange will do little to aid our understanding of the Manimals phenomenon. Therefore great care will be taken to make MN as pertinent and useful as possible to all active recipients.

The chief immediate goal of MN is to re-establish an operative exchange among Manimals investigators the world over. The chief long range goal will be the acquisition of information which may clearly reveal the nature of the Manimals phenomenon.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE ON THE WORD "MANIMAL":** This word was chosen over "Sasquatch", "Bigfoot", "Abominable Snowman", "Humanoid", etc. because it is a relatively self-explanatory contraction of "man" and "animal", used to mean a man-like animal, or an "animal-like" man, and it seems to carry no other special occult, humorous, or ethnic connotation. Because people report entities whose descriptions fall outside the general Sasquatch, Bigfoot or Yeti categories, etc., and because these too should fall within the realm of our interest, I feel a very general easy-to-handle name like Manimals is ideal for application to this nebulous quantum of the unknown.

**FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PRIMATOLOGY, 15-18 AUG. 1972:**  
The Congress is meeting at the Portland (Oregon) Hilton. Many speakers and participants will receive issue one of MN as it is felt many serious primatologists may wish to keep abreast of the Manimals subject. Congress coordinator is Mrs. Robert J. Low, Oregon Regional Primate Research Center, 505 N.W. 185th Ave., Beaverton, Ore. 97005.

**RENE DAHINDEN'S EURASIAN TRIP:** Sasquatch investigator Rene Dahinden, Box 124, Richmond, B.C., Canada, spent from 4 Nov. 1971 to 12 Mar. 1972 in England, Holland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, U.S.S.R., and his native

Switzerland, showing interested groups of scientists and newsmen his collection of plaster footprint casts and photos, and a documentary film containing the much publicized 1967 Roger Patterson filmstrip of what may be a female Bigfoot, taken on Bluff Creek in California . The purpose of the trip was to gain publicity and possible support for the investigation in North America abroad, and engage in an exchange of information and ideas on the general subject, primarily with investigators of the similar Almasti phenomenon in the U.S.S.R. . Considerable time was spent in London exchanging views with Dr. John Napier, who has been devoting a certain portion of his time to investigating the Manimals phenomenon . ( Napier is to publish a book scheduled for a mid November release, which will deal with certain aspects of the Manimals subject .) Following is Rene Dahinden's synoptic report on the showings of the documentary film .

" London, 12 Nov. 1971, at Queen Elizabeth College, University of London . Present: Dr. John Napier, Dir. of Primate Biol.; Dr. Don Grieve, Dept. of Anatomy, Royal Free School of Medicine, biomechanic; Prof. Garth Chapman, Head of Biol. (?), Q.E.C.; Dr. Garth Gardiner, vertebrate paleontologist .

" Stockholm, 1 Dec. 1971 . Present: Prof. Carlsoo, Dept. of Anatomy, Karolinska Institute; and four others .

" Helsinki, Dec. 8, 1971, at the Zoological Museum . Present: Dr. Byorn Kurteen, paleontologist, U. of Helsinki; Dr. Bergman, zoologist, U. of Helsinki; and about 20 other people from the museum .

" Moscow, 13 Dec. 1971 . Present: Prof. Boris Porshnev, History Institute, USSR Academy of Sciences . This was first meeting \_\_\_ many others later .

" Moscow, 14 Dec. 1971, Boardroom of Izvestia (newspaper) . Present: 2 deputy editors and about 55 others . Showed film twice .

" Moscow, 15 Dec. 1971, at the Writers' Club . Present: editors of several magazines and 50 others .

" Moscow, 16 Dec. 1971, at the Darwin Hall of Evolution Museum . There were about 60-80 people . This was the monthly meeting of all the people from Moscow who have done work and are interested in Snowman research .

" Moscow, 17 Dec. 1971, at the Technical Youth Magazine, circulation 1.5 million . Present: Vassily Zakchartchenko, editor, and all the staff . They will do a big article .

" Moscow, 17 Dec. 1971, at the Ethnographical Institute . Present: Prof. Zubov, anthropologist; Prof. Urisson, anthropologist, U. of Moscow; Prof. Chebocsarov, Ethnog. Institute, USSR Academy of Sciences; Prof. Bounak, USSR Academy of Sciences; Prof. Alexiev, V.P., Ethnog. Institute; and about 40 other anthropologists and zoologists .

" Moscow, 18 Dec. 1971, at the Writers' Club again, sponsored by V. Zakchartchenko, Technical Youth Mag. About 300-400 were present .

" Moscow, 24 Dec. 1971, at the Geographical Society . Present: Dr. Marie Jeanne Koffman, member USSR Snowman research team, gave speech on Snowman; Igor Bourtsev, member USSR Snowman research team, also gave speech; Dmitri Bayanov, member USSR Snowman research team, also gave speech . About 125 others present .



PHOTO: Left to right, Igor Bourtsev, Dmitri Bayanov, Rene Dahinden holding plaster cast copy of apparent manimal footprint, and Dr. Jeanne Koffman .

" Moscow, 28 Dec. 1971, at the Geological Institute . Present: Prof. Gromov, V.I., paleontologist, USSR Academy of Sciences; Prof. Reshetov, Yuri G., paleontologist, USSR Academy of Sciences; Prof. Urisson, anthropologist, U. of Moscow; Prof. Boris Porshnev, USSR Academy of Sciences . B. Porshnev gave a speech on this matter . About 200 others were present .

" Moscow 6 Jan. 1972, at the Central Scientific Research Institute of Prosthesis and Prosthesis Construction, of the Ministry of Special Equipment of the R.F.R. Present: Dr. Slavutski, Jacob, Chief of Physiology Dept.; Dr. Vitenzonn, physiologist; Dr. Baskakova, Nina, biomechanic; Prof. B. Porshnev; and about 150 other members of the institute .

" Moscow, 11 Jan. 1972, at the Zoological Museum, U. of Moscow . Present: Dr. Vladimir Flint, zoologist, U. of Moscow; and about 150 members of the Museum and University, mostly zoologists .

" Moscow ( no date ) . Igor Bourtsev showed film to a group of criminologists who will study the film and footprints .

" Moscow ( no date ) . Film was shown by Igor Bourtsev to the Central Physical Culture Research Institute . Present: Dr. Donskoy, Dmitri, Dept. of Anatomy, specialist in biomechanics .

" Stockholm, 19 Jan. 1972 . Present: Prof. C. Carlsoo, Dept. of Anatomy, biomechanic, Karolinska Institute; and about 20 others . Carlsoo will make a study of the filmstrip . "

Rene Dahinden, 20 Jan. 1972 (edited)

( The filmstrip and footprint records will also be studied in depth by Drs. Don Grieve and Dmitri Donskoy, and by the Prosthesis Institute, mentioned above .)

INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY REPORT: " I'll get something to you in due course, but in the meantime you could say that International Wildlife is at The Dalles, Oregon, P.O. Box 632, zip 97058, has been there since the beginning of the year, intends to be there to the end of the year and possibly longer, and a) has found/seen/heard no conclusively supporting evidence of Bigfoot/Omah this year to date, b) is still not 100% convinced that the things actually exist, c) regards all of the evidence produced to date, from all states by all of the people concerned, as quite inconclusive and in many cases flimsy, d) will continue to explore and examine and investigate whatever 'evidence' is forthcoming, and e) will not hesitate to expose, without regard to consequences, any hoaxing that is perpetrated in the Bigfoot/Omah field ( including footprint making, films, gorilla suit 'acts' ) as well as the people involved in it . "

Peter Byrne, 21 July 1972 (edited)

ED KILLAM'S PROJECT: Ed Killam, Gen. Del., Woodland, Wn. 98674 until 1 Sept. 1972, then Dept. of Zoology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo. 80521 has acquired a grant for a graduate study pilot project attempting to get first hand evidence of supposed Sasquatches in the general vicinity of the lower Columbia River . A financing proposal was written and assistance was requested of 111 sources .

" As a result of these 111 inquiries, I received donations or grants from 9 individuals, 6 corporations, 1 foundation, 2 organizations, and 2 academic institutions . My proposal requested a total of \$15,200 . I have thus far received \$7,410 in cash grants, approximately \$2,400 in donation of equipment and approximately \$2,100 in discounts on equipment and supplies . All other inquiries returned rejections, with the exception of 11 which have not yet responded .

" With these resources I have been able to obtain two full time employees, use of two vehicles and a trailer, 4 tents, microscope, 3 binoculars, field lab including plaster of Paris, fingerprint equipment, etc., library of field guides, plant keys and technique manuals, food for 740 meals, 3 radios, 2 tape recorders, amplifier, parabolic reflector, and earphones, (3) 35mm SLR cameras, (2) 500mm lenses, (1) 1000mm lens, (1) 300mm lens, (2) 150mm lens, (1) 55mm lens, 2 sets of close-up lenses, 2 strobe flash units, Army infrared sniper scope, twin 6V infrared spotlights, 20 recordings of various animal and other sounds, 30 kinds of animal and food scents, and all necessary support and base camp gear . We have also arranged for immediate access, when needed, to infrared intrusion detection systems, 16mm motion picture cameras, Cap-chur tranquilizer equipment, police laboratories, and commercial starlight scopes . I have also budgeted the ability to acquire up to 6 additional men if they are needed as assistants or professional witnesses .

" As for our procedure; we do not in any sense of the word, hunt for the Bigfoot . We conduct no field sorties nor investigate sighting reports . Our concern is to attract and survey all life in the area, including, but not exclusively, the Bigfoot . Our study basis is to establish a camp in Bigfoot habitat and then attract all local wildlife to within camera range . We have been somewhat successful . We have brought elk to within 400 ft., deer to within 15 ft., coyote to within 40 ft., skunk to within 50 ft. and otter to within 5 ft., etc.

" To serve this end of a wildlife and plant survey, we establish small mammal traplines, scent lines, bait stations ( fruit, vegetables, fresh meat, carrion ),

salt licks, triplines, artificial sand and mud bars, and observation platforms . We record and play animal sounds, use infrared nighttime surveillance and photography, analyze feces and hair, and use live traps . We make efforts to locate, identify and photograph all dominant local plant, bird and herptile species . We do explore remote areas for tracks and drive back roads at night using red filtered headlights ."

Ed Killam, 22 July 1972 (edited)

Fieldwork on the project began 20 June 1972 and is scheduled to end in late September . Killam has made two previous fieldtrips into the same general area without turning up clear evidence for such a species . The first of these was the summer, 1971 Vanguard Research expedition .

NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE: George F. Haas has been camped in Shasta County, Ca. using various techniques and making diurnal and nocturnal forays in attempt to observe and record a Bigfoot . As of July 26, 1972 he has found no sign that any such creatures have been frequenting the search area . He expects to stay until the last week in August, then return to his home in Oakland, Ca. ( 5309 College Ave., zip 94618 ) .

Keith Laidler, graduate zoology student from England, will be unable to see a number of people involved in Sasquatch investigation as he had planned due to having his wallet lifted in the bus station in Seattle .

Bob Betts, leader of the 1970 Ruby Alaska "Bushman" search, currently c/o University of the Americas, P.O. Box 507, Puebla, Mexico, has been conducting an ethnographic study of the Nahuna Indians in the Sierra Norte of Puebla, and is currently working on an archaeological excavation of a pre-hispanic ceremonial site . He expects to have his B.A. in anthropology at the end of the fall quarter, and hopes to enter graduate school . Jan. through Mar. 1973 he expects to be in California completing work on his book on the Sasquatch and engaging in other Bigfoot/Sasquatch oriented projects .

John Green has sold his newspaper, the Agassiz-Harrison-Rosedale Advance , has built a "Sasquatch office" onto his house, and is hoping to support himself entirely on his book sales . He is working on a third book concerning the investigation of the Sasquatch .

Vanguard Research, Inc., despite steady and repeated attempts, has yet to secure major financing for a long range search . Numerous small, largely self-financed projects and forays have been undertaken by some members with various sub-sensational results and findings .

Rene Dahinden will be in California during August on investigatory work .

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