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We know that this is a taxing season for many of our loyal readers, but we want, nevertheless, to get right down to some hard-core information:

RE-STATEMENT OF POLICY: It is important that all our non-subscribers (i.e., free-loaders) understand that, whereas we take UFO's very seriously, we do not necessarily take ufologists nearly as seriously as they take themselves. Nor do we want to libel anyone unnecessarily (except John Keel, of course.) To quote from our glorious Vol. 23, No. 16: "(This Newsletter is) to be published free as frequently as apathy drives us to it. At times we will be serious, at times we will attempt to be facetious, and at times we will not be certain whether we are being serious or facetious, and you will have to make up your own minds."

WILD RUMOR DEPARTMENT: We have it from a reliable source that "mock UFO hearings" will be held at the forthcoming UFO convention called "Mysticon II", also known as "Saucers, Space, and Science Fiction." This convention will be held in the Cleveland area on the weekend of May 22nd, and will include speeches by several renowned UFO experts. Write to us (☞ Wild Rumor Dept.) for further information.

INSIDE "GIANT CROCK": Gray Barker's latest tome, modestly called "Gray Barker at Giant Rock", is a highly fictionalized account of a trip he took to the last of the great Giant Rock (California) conventions, in the Fall of 1970. With him were James Moseley and UFO researcher Barbara Hudson, both of whom are mentioned so frequently in this book that it would take too long to list the page numbers here. The introduction, purportedly (but not actually) written by James Moseley, is a flight of egotistical fancy which would scale the heights of mediocrity, were it not for the insipid style. A high point in the book is a photograph at the bottom of Page 15, showing Moseley with a (hopefully) imaginary 27-foot wingspan. Closer adherence to the Truth would have enhanced this book in some ways, but unfortunately would have changed it from a "PG" to an "X". Available for \$6.95 from Saucerian Press, P.O. Box 2228, Clarksburg, W. Va.

AND NOW, A SERIOUS NOTE: A new book (which we haven't read) called "The Sirius Mystery" is either the ultimate in confirmation of Von Daniken's theories or else it's a neat put-on. According to the author, named Robert Semple, a primitive African tribe called the Dogon, was visited thousands of years ago by mermaid-like creatures from a planet of a "white dwarf" star now known to revolve around the star Sirius (the dog star); "white dwarfs" are in the early stages of collapse, and have a density of material much higher than anything on Earth. (A matchbox here would weigh 50 tons there!). The primitive Dogon people have supposedly passed down, from generation to generation, their ancestors' worship of this far-off planet and its strange inhabitants. They supposedly knew, without benefit of modern science or telescopes, about the unusual density of this "white dwarf." High priests of the tribe have allegedly told French anthropologists details of the star's orbit, which turned out to be correct in the smallest detail.

Hopefully, one of our more ambitious readers will buy this book and investigate its author, who is described as "an orientalist and astronomer" in the article we have read. (Chicago Tribune, 3/28/76; Article written by Leonard Santorelli.)

And then, there's the case of a man in the midwest whom we will call Ted Zilch. (We will call him that, even though it's not his real name.) Ted has been writing us long & interesting letters ever since last December, mainly about an incident which allegedly occurred in 1954, at which time he was an employee of a well-known Governmental agency. According to Zilch, the Government captured a grounded flying saucer at that time, and

the dead body of one creature or "little man" was found inside the craft. The information gained from a thorough examination of the craft was used to improve the "heat shield" on our space capsules, according to Zilch. He does not know, or will not tell, any further details. He does not believe in any UFO landings other than this one, and is very skeptical about saucer sightings in general. He hopes to eventually force the Government to admit the truth of his information, but at the same time, he has a certain hesitancy about doing so.

We have followed the "crashed disc" rumors since the early 1950's; and, in fact, one of the most substantial of these rumors was written up in fictionalized form in "The Wright Field Story", a book we published several years ago; (Still available from Saucerian Press at an inflated price.)

Whereas it is very tempting to believe that our Government has such physical proof regarding flying saucers, it seems unlikely that such earth-shaking information could have been kept secret for so long. We do know that there was a strong rumor in 1954 (propounded by BSRA and others), that President Eisenhower visited Muroc Air Force Base in California on a secret inspection of a crashed disc. We also know that this whole class of rumors was apparently started by the publication, in 1950, of Frank Scully's classic UFO book, "Behind the Flying Saucers." It remains to be seen if anything new can be added now to these dead "little men" stories which were so prevalent in the earliest days of ufological research. We will keep you posted regarding whatever new information we receive on this subject (if any.)

It is interesting to note that, in a private interview with your Editor last January, (together with one other researcher \*), Dr. J. Allen Hynek commented on the Zilch information as follows: "On a scale of one to five, I would give it three quarters."

YE OLDE MALE BAG: From George Earley, free-lance UFO writer, we hear:

"Having (or so I am told) a low sense of humor, I have gotten a chuckle or three out of your recent return to the ufological publishing scene. Of course, I could carp at your failure to take Publick Notice of my recent debut as Book Editor of OFFICIAL UFO magazine, wherein, starting with my second column (in the current issue) I have begun to comment on the publications of some of the 'batter' UFO research groups. This, I hope, will prove of interest to the field, and may serve to broaden it, since the vast unwashed majority of readers are probably unaware of the private groups, except as initials banded about in some of the articles. I would also hope that by publicizing the better private publications, they will sell more. While you can, if you wish, tell the troops that I am receptive to review copies of their efforts, receipt of same does not guarantee a review, let alone a favorable review."

George also informs us that he has a lot of surplus UFO books & other saucer material he wants to sell. Send stamped self-addressed envelope for a list of same. Address: 9 Hiram Lane, Bloomfield, Conn. 06002.

Bob Tarte, UFO & psychic investigator, writes:

"I want to thank you for sending me regular issues of 'Not to be Confused with SAUCER NEWS.' I enjoy reading it very much. Your sense of humor (not to mention perspective) is admirable...."

"A piece of bad news: Our group, called Psi-Mappson, unfortunately is dead before we ever had a chance to get it off the ground. My partner (a former graduate student in chemistry at Indiana University) and I had been doing rudimentary research in the field of psychic phenomena, trying to be as objective as possible, when he suddenly suffered a complete nervous breakdown. We had both been experiencing unusual phenomena in our homes as a result of some of our work, but nothing of a particularly frightening nature. My friend is getting much better now, but while he swears our investigations had nothing - or at least little - to do with his illness, he has decided not to resume our experiments.

"In the long run, he's probably right. Operating more from enthusiasm than knowledge, we would probably contribute nothing of importance to the field, although we did get a couple of beautiful phantom leaf pictures on a home-built Kirlian photography device. The point is, though, that we have disbanded...."

Keel's latest blast (signed General Maxwell Carter) is rather amusing, but unfortunately we have run out of Space. Sorry, John.

\* See Vol. 23, No. 16, for the name of this Researcher.