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OUR MOTTO: "NO GNUS IS GOOD GNUS"

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MISC. RAVINGS: We're going to keep this section short this time, as we've got a lot of weird letters we want to leave room for.....First, let us urge, beg, or threaten each and every one of our loyal non-subscribers to do his, her, or its best to publicize the August 6th annual meeting of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC) - to be held in San Francisco this year. Details are on the back page of "Saucer Zoos", our last issue.....Sorry we printed an obsolete address in "Zoos" for the Accredited Press. Current address is: Box 6038, Jacksonville, Fla. 32205.....

Two other items of (hopefully) interest: We recently heard Dr. J. Allen Hynek and ufologist Jacques Vallee speak at a science-fiction convention in New York City. Hynek is still trying to sound "sane" in public, but Vallee is "way out" - just about where we are. In fact, you'd think he had read our illustrious "3½ D Theory", published in a recent issue of this zine. Three and a half cheers for Vallee, and a lifetime non-subscription to "Saucer Gnus".....Some of you may remember the North Hudson Park, N.J. UFO landing case, which occurred in early 1975. Almost a year later, your Editor got involved in a psychic fiasco at the landing site in North Hudson Park (one mile from where we live), and this non-event was written up in detail in one of our early issues, last year. Now, just the other day, Geneva Steinberg (co-editor of "Crossroads Quarterly") got us involved in what was to be a quiet seance in the Park, to mark the first anniversary of the earlier seance. And what happened? It snowed hard all evening, and our little group never even made it to the Park! It looks like the Space People are trying to not tell us something!.....

**Moon Leaders
Defend Church**

NEW YORK (AP) —

Finally, a semi-anonymous friend who sent us the above mysterious newspaper headline, explains it as follows: "I interpret this to be the Moon people's response to an announcement by Rev. Billy Graham that space people not only exist but look like us. I would guess they are reciprocating Graham's kind remarks by expressing sentiments favorable to organized religion."

"Saucer Gnus" Presents:

SEVEN SEVERE PROPHECIES FOR THE YEAR 1977

(Check us out on Dec. 31st; I'll bet we hit over 50%!)

1. Political problems in the Orient will cause severe international repercussions.

2. A high executive of Exxon will be found drowned in a secret underground oil storage tank on his Long Island estate. Renegade Arabs will be suspected.
3. The sun will rise in the East every morning and set in the West every night.
4. A severe winter cold spell will bring snow as far south as the Miami, Florida area.
5. The Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations will make an extremely controversial and generally unpopular speech.
6. Jimmy Carter will become the first president in history to walk down Pennsylvania Avenue during his inauguration parade.
7. Moral standards in the Times Square area will hit a new low, except for a small pocket of Virtue on the 5th floor of the Hotel Woodstock (Phone 8 to 12 p.m. and ask for Laura; \$20.) (Fake advertisement.)

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Dan Cohen, free-lance science writer, writes us as follows: "I would like you to put a little note in your newsletter that I am doing a casual history of the UFO movement (not re whether UFOs are real or not; Everyone knows my opinion on that, and no one cares.) I would appreciate hearing from people who would like to provide histories of their organizations, stories of conferences they have held, and that sort of thing. I don't need sighting reports. I would also like copies of any recent UFO publications.....You can print my address, and I'll even put up with the possibility of hearing from John Keel again....."

We hope you will all want to cooperate with Dan. His address is: 49 Canal Street, Port Jervis, New York 12771. - Editor.

Jim Oberg (a dreadful skeptic) writes: "I have finally had time to study McCampbell's book, which he grandiosely misnames 'Ufology'. All I can say is, it sure proves one thing: You can put a spit shine on a turd. But it sure doesn't transform the material you are working with, so don't poke your finger into it. Admittedly, the shine is quite glossy, but like any shine, it will only reflect your own face. In other words, the book really sucks. I called up CUFOS to confirm their grandeloquent praises reprinted on the back cover, but was told that really they have reconsidered and don't like the book, but I shouldn't tell anyone about it, lest it hurt someone's feelings; but gee please don't hold us to our original words, but gee sorry but we cannot publicly retract them, but for god's sake don't quote us either way! That's what I like about Ufologists - not afraid to take a stand on issues!

"Also I've had a chance to read the Hervey book ('UFOs: The American Scene'), and I barely avoided puking. Now I see why Ufologists praised Hynek's 'Edge' so highly. It does have a wit and a vision and a modicum of scientific lip service that is so terribly lacking in these other abortions. It's still a lousy book, however, with an appallingly irresponsible attitude towards rules of evidence. But if we really applied such standards, we'd all be left with just reading the Readers Digest, wouldn't we? I guess you can prefer 'Edge' to 'Ufology' and 'Scene', just as you would prefer dandruff to diphtheria and dysentery.

"I still haven't heard from anybody who wants to go on radio and debate the facts of Tunguska, astronaut UFOs, moon hoaxes, and similar UFO fantasies. I guess either (a) everyone is scared silly, or (b) everyone wishes I would go away and I will if nobody speaks to me, or (c) the news media realizes that the public enjoys being entertained through a little harmless misinformation and gossip. (This is an intellectual form of masturbation; but don't forget - even though masturbation is harmless and OK occasionally, if you get too much of it, you forget about the real thing.)....."

Captain Oberg also has some sensational charges to make regarding the book "Our Mysterious Spaceship Moon", but we will save this for next time. - Editor.

Steve Elliott of "Unknown worlds" writes: "well, the inevitable has occurred. You have gone to six pages, despite your valiant attempts to turn out your trash more often. This, to me, signals the eventual demise of your august journal. I base this view on an article in Vol. 0, No. 0 of 'Crossroads Quarterly'. Some obscure ufologist, in said article, noted that UFO publications seem to expand beyond their means and finally collapse.

".....I agree with your judgment - Oberg does seem to be some sort of egomaniac. He doesn't seem to be able to write a letter without making reference to all of the glamorous publications he 'will be publishing' material in. Of course, he is right in pointing out the lack of objectivity on the part of many UFO researchers; but as long as there is just one Curt Sutherly, Robert Easley, or Steven Elliott around, all is not lost....."

Not to mention James Moseley! - Editor.

Gilbert Ziemba, former UFO investigator, writes: "As you may be aware, my National UFO Newsletter is now defunct. I realize that you realize that I am an incarcerated person in a penal institution of the State of Illinois. It is my understanding that you have made mention of this in one of your newsletters. I guess it really doesn't matter, though, because it is about time that all concerned ufologists who have associated with me as a friend or associate should now know the truth.....By the way, I have been incarcerated since 1972....."

"I am writing to you because I have just filed a civil law suit against certain named prison officials who are the responsible cause for causing my publication to cease. I am seeking \$1,800,000 in this law suit from all 20 defendants named, and from all apparent indications, my suit is strong. However, I do not at this time have my own private attorney to represent me, and I am asking the courts to grant me same. The court has accepted my case, and I have permission to proceed in forma pauperis. Gray Barker, Steven Elliott, David Graham and a host of others are aware of this fact....."

On a happier note, Ted Zilch writes us the following, from sunny Acapulco, Mexico: "Here I am in beautiful Acapulco, thanks to the generosity of your fine readers. If you remember, in 'Saucer Flus' you ran a 'Fake Advertisement' sent in by William Spaulding of GSW, in which he stated that I had for sale some Travis Walton UFO models w/ perfume. The fake ad also stated that I would deliver such items for only \$8.95.

"Well, either your readers don't read your ads too closely, or else they've got a lot of money to throw around, because within two weeks I received over 40,000 orders from your very fine subscribers for the Walton non-existent model. Most of these orders came with rush instructions, and small-denomination bills (cash) enclosed. Only a few readers enclosed money orders or checks - mostly the conservatives like Keel and Barker. The others all sent cash!!!

"Needless to say, I could not deliver a single order from my non-existent stock. Unfortunately, some time during the recent Holiday Season (perhaps while I was in church on Christmas eve, or possibly while I was out singing carols to lonely young widows) someone broke into my home and stole all the envelopes with the return addresses of the orderers on them. Believe it or not, these were the only items taken! Sadly, I could not return anyone's money to them. It was with a broken heart that I headed south, hoping to ease the pain of this regretful experience through some good old Mexican therapy.

"After a few weeks in my brand new villa, I'm happy to report that I'm feeling much better. So good, in fact, that I've opened up a mail-order business dealing in Ufological artifacts. The first item off my new production line is one that I'm sure your readers will want to have: A William Spaulding UFO club Director's doll. Not only is the Spaulding doll miniaturized to Bill's exact dimensions (enlarged cranium, gestulating arms, etc.), but when you wind it up, it says: 'Your interest in scientific Ufology is greatly appreciated.' This is a doll your children will love tearing apart! It's also a doll you can play over the phone whenever a normal person calls you. And this cute little 2½ inch replica sells for \$29.95!

"The first 20,000 readers who rush their orders to me will also receive a free auto-graphed picture of yours truly. However, as a word of warning, don't expect your orders to be received in only a few short months. Please leave time for my Mexican employees, strike-prone as they are, to handle each order with their personal attention.

"Once again, thanks for all the free publicity, and if you or any of your readers ever get down this way, please give me advance warning."

Ted can be reached % Zilch Enterprises, 69 Prostituto Row, Acapulco, Mexico. - Editor.

Robert Dickhoff writes: "'Saucer Zoos' is really something! This Curt Sutherly (alias Xerox) is really out of this dimension. What he calls you, I would not call a dog or

even Ted Zilch, the fantastic fantasy-writer, with all his thumbprint impressions and Dalai Lama fever, a la Swine Flu. Zilch is really for the birds (Garuda's) and will wind up in the stomach of those marauders from Space Station Venus, for making such nasty remarks about my lama business, which is legitimate, authorized, and recognized by the U.S. Government, as I have had incorporation papers since 1947. Zilch's invention of being chummy with the Dalai Lama, allegedly here in the U.S.A., is an outright fabricated lie, since the Dalai Lama is still in exile in India to this day. Zilch's 'rescue operation' has yet to come about. Perhaps it will happen in the year 2000, and it would have to be done with a spacecraft and by Martians, as no nation wants the Dalai Lama around, being afraid to offend the mighty Mainland China Marxist cabal....."

Lama Dickhoff goes on to tell us about a recent incident on 158th St., N.Y.C., in which a man vanished almost right before his eyes. - Editor.

Bob Sheaffer, another UFO skeptic, writes: "Many thanks for sending me 'Saucer Zoos', as well as the pile of previous issues. Unfortunately, your celebrated 3½ Dimensional theory was not to be found among them, so I could only catch furtive glimpses of it from the subsequent howls of outraged non-subscribers. I have long held the theory that UFO's come from the Dimension mathematically represented by the square root of minus three. According to this theory, the saucers can come from inside the Earth, outside the Solar System, as well as from Vallee's mysterious kingdoms, because the square root of minus three is an imaginary number.

"Actually, my own 'explanation' for UFO's - telling in detail why I am so skeptical - will soon be printed in the premiere issue of Kevin Randle's new magazine, 'Quest'. (plug, plug).....

"Please disregard Bob Schiller's seminal remarks about UFO debunkers, which appeared in 'Saucer Zoos'. He's probably still hurt because in my last letter I equated UFO's with the tooth fairy....."

well, what's wrong with the tooth fairy?? - Editor.

Janice Croy writes an angry open letter in her zine, as follows: "As most of you are aware, in the Nov.-Dec. issue of 'Unknown Worlds', there appeared a hate-filled letter to me from Robert S. Easley. His letter was full of perverted lies. Among the lying statements he made were: 'If you think you can write, you have another thought coming. A five year old could make more sense than you.....You completely mutilate the English language.'

"Have any of you readers ever seen any indication that I mutilate the English language? Do any of you have any trouble understanding my editorials? Do you feel I cannot write? No, not one of you feels as Mr. Easley does. I therefore ask that each of you send a letter of protest to either Mr. Easley (P.O. Box 696, Defiance, Ohio 43512) or to Unknown Worlds, Rt. 2, Box 159.

"The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you, not to get A's in English! If you have trouble understanding some of the editorials by other people such as Mr. Stephens, why should I be put down? Mr. Easley has no right to lie about my newsletter. Our Lord has said, 'Let he who is without sin cast the first stone.' Is Mr. Easley without sin? I certainly am not, but I am going to speak the truth as I see it. And the truth is, Mr. Easley is a liar, (for) making the afore mentioned statements."

Our good friend Bob Easley is not without Sin, but he is not a liar, either. Nor does he usually need as much editing as Miss Croy's letter (above), which we have only partially edited for reproduction here. - Editor.

Ufologist George Fox writes: "After reading your review of King Kong, I have decided that you are in reality a script writer - or is it Reality Script Writer? For some reason the heroine in the film turned me off. I am tired of women born in the Snake sign; there are too many in films. If I had my way, I would limit casts to different signs each month. That is, each month the films shown would be required to be built around a particular sign. Since there are 12 signs (Chinese), we could start with the RAT sign. Mr. Carter is a Rat sign, so all movies for the month of January would be made with a cast of people born in the Rat sign and those with whom they have a rapport. Do I make myself misunderstood incorrectly?"

Yes! - Editor.

Jim Rigberg, a book seller on ufological and occult subjects (359 West 45th Street, N.Y.C.) writes: "I do really enjoy your newsletters. Keep up the good work; and do stop by and say hello. Coffee is on the house. Store hours are: 12 noon to 2:30 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. - 7 days per week."

Steve Miller of CSW writes: "'Saucer Zoos' had to be the funniest issue yet of your pseudo-saucerzine career. It was, to use a cliché, quite good. The thing was so big, it had to be good, I suppose, to keep from collapsing under its own weight....."

"Now for a bit of news: The Church of Saucer Worship (CSW) heartily endorses the three books called the Illuminatus Trilogy. If you have a chance to get & peruse these books, do so immediately. I do hope, however, that you have heard of the Illuminatus group before; because otherwise you will be carrying on the Conspiracy unwittingly. You see, the Universal Life Church is somehow tied up with the Illuminati (akin to the Masons and the Rosicrucians), and the Illuminati are the biggest conspiracy the world has ever known....."

Dennis Pilichis of the Page Research Library writes: "I have found some evidence pertaining to the controversy raging between Maitrevamantaka (Dickhoff), Ted Zilch, Ground Saucer Watch (GSW), and almost everybody else. The subject, as everybody knows, is the Zebra Striped Spacecraft - after-image of a thumb print hiding behind a cloud."

"In my sitting room, I have a painting (very old) which has an after-image of a thumb print imbedded in its surface. I feel that this discovery leads toward a misunderstanding of origin and should be investigated for evidence of pre-ancient astro-zebra-striped-spacecraft-thumb-print (ZSSCTP) imbedments in paintings and artifacts, etc.....I'd be glad to mail it off to GSW. In this way, micro-analysis of the energy ripples going across the surface of my ZSSCTP can be compared with the other ZSSCTP, which could lead to a great discovery!

"This could be a bigger discovery than the silhouette of Stan Laurel I and a friend actually saw in the ancient astronaut movie, 'The Outerspace Connection', or the UFO I saw go across the sky in the 'Jaws' movie (which was later cut out.)"

"I agree with Steve Elliott regarding the phenomenon of getting violently ill, and even going so far as throwing up at times in the reading of your zine. It would be interesting to see if a 'flap' has developed among readers, in the light of any more attacks of this sort. In fact, your issue about Farlean Phenomena may have been so potent that the very reading of the material may have caused actual Farlean Phenomena to manifest!"

Bill Spaulding of GSW writes: "I read your latest issue of 'Saucer Zoos', and found it very enjoyable. However, printed in this newsletter was a letter from Lama Dickhoff, highly critical of GSW. His letter was so nasty, it was one of the major topics at the GSW Board of Directors meeting. It was apparent that 'Lama Boy' was upset with our analysis of his anomalous photograph, and that he still has an ever-present fetish for posteriors."

"Obviously, Mr. Dickhoff does not realize the effort that went into the photographic evaluation. Commencing with a 'good' tenth generation copy of his original picture, hundreds of seconds were spent interpreting this valuable pictorial evidence. As a matter of fact, we exhausted more time and money on this single picture than the combined total for George Adamski and Dr. Daniel Fry's elaborate photographs!....."

Jeff Anderson writes: ".....If you run out of rhyming words for your newsletter, you might use Kudzu. Use the plural, of course. It is a vine that has slowly been taking over the South, and could be tied to UFOs by pondering whether or not the little green men have been secretly planting Kudzu vines to eventually take over the world - re all the cases in which Ufonauts have been seen fooling around with soil samples and pulling up plantlife."

Tom Adams writes: "I'm tremendously pleased to be added to your list of depraved non-subscribers. I have readily recognized the potential that your newsletters have for shedding light on some terribly pertinent and controversial issues. For instance, what do you know of the rumors of some years' standing regarding John Keel's association with Texas congressman Oscar Mauzy, and of the meetings they may have had at the Fairy Food Diner on New York's West 51st Street?....."

Lou Wiedemann writes: "If you could include in your zine a little 'plug' for 'Vestigia', we would appreciate it. Within a few days you will read of our Spotlight experiment in a report I sent to Dave Fideler for his ARB. Further information will appear in the Vestigia Newsletter, now in preparation. We may (just may) have stumbled onto something fantastic - even important! The address for information about 'Vestigia' membership is: 'Vestigia', R.D. 2, Brookwood Road, Stanhope, N.J. 07874....."

Highly recommended! - Editor.

Dave Fideler of CSW (not to be confused with GSW) writes: "Hey, did you know that Curt Sutherly used to be in the United States Air Force - foe of the hard-core ET-ists?? Gads! It sounds pretty strange to me! Who is Sutherly to call anyone a MIB? Personally, I am convinced that he is receiving cash from Uncle Sam to churn out loads of anti-ETH material. This propaganda is paying off, and the theory that holds The Truth (i.e., the ETH) is now going downhill - due to paid Government agents like Keel, Clark, and Sutherly. I suggest that you print this information, and inform your readers about these Government spies working in our midsts....."

Not only that - but Sutherly actually showed up a few years ago at a "closed session" of the National UFO Conference, wearing an AIR FORCE UNIFORM! Boy, were we embarrassed! Naturally, we made him take it off before allowing him to sit in on the proceedings. - Editor.

Bob Schiller writes: "Hi! Old Raving Robert here again. Hey, I really must commend you on the latest 'ish' of 'Saucer Zoos'. Wow, the letter section was a profound gas, and I'm not just saying this because my letter was published, even though I read it over ten times. I must say that you have assembled a diversity of UFO-addicts the likes of which the World may never see again. Maybe Norman Lear will someday read a copy of 'Saucer ----s' and be inspired to create a new TV series called maybe 'All in the Far Out', or 'Merry Martian, Merry Martian'....."

How about "As the Stomach Churns"? - Editor.

A semi-anonymous correspondent writes: "Isn't it interesting that Ray Palmer, who for years blasted NICAP for having 'military men' on its Board of Governors, and who complained about the military & other Government people having harassed him for years, has now acquired a 'research editor' for his 'Search Magazine' who is both an Air Force Captain and part of the NASA establishment?? 'Search' has carried a long article, debunking astronaut UFO sightings, written by this man - Jim Oberg. Has Palmer sold out??

"And, you might want to check out a report that Hynek's appearance at the big 'Fate' UFO conference in Chicago in late June (Kenneth Arnold's 30th anniversary) is dependent on the banning of, among others, Stanton Friedman! I have heard this from two sources....."

George Earley writes: "I have just finished another devastating column for 'Official UFO', wherein I dispense bouquets and brickbats, as deserved, upon those writers lucky enough to attract my attention. Some writers, as you might surmise, resent my attentions; Reichian apostle Jerome Eden came up howling after reading my review of his book, in the March '77 OUFU. But those are the risks one takes when one chooses to publish unsupported claims."

Bob Zanotti, a radio personality, writes us all the way from Switzerland: "Many thanks indeed for taking the time, trouble, and expense to send me the various editions of 'Saucer X', all of which have been read religiously. With reference to the Universal Life Church, I must agree with your observation that creeds make a mockery of true religion. Having known you off and on for the last 15 odd years, I'm confident that you, as a newly-ordained Minister of the ULC, will set an example of how a 'free' approach to religion can be used to greatest advantage.....Could Reverend Kirby J. Hensley and Reverend James W. Mosely (sic) be one and the same person?....."

Not likely! - Editor.