

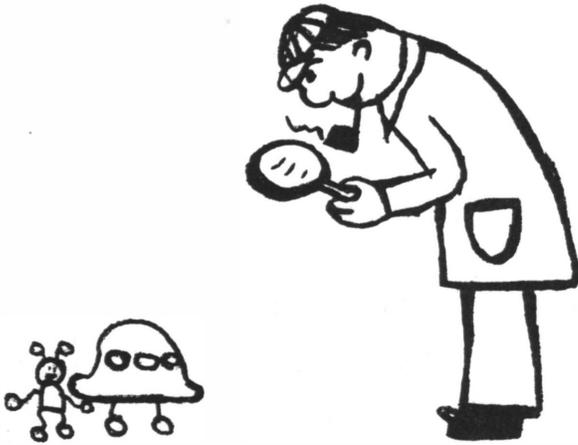
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MISC. RAVINGS: Glad to see that Al Greenfield has not kicked us off the list for his "Ufology Notebook", in spite of the Bad Blood that is allegedly between us. In the latest issue, he wonders "howcum Moseley's newsletters (sic) never print anything nice about me." Doesn't Al know that every zine gets mostly letters favorable to whatever point of view is being expressed therein? Now Al implies that we "censored" a favorable letter about him from Curt Sutherly - by not printing it. Well, we printed one such letter from Sutherly on the front page of "Saucer Booze" (July 4th, 1976), and I guess - gee - we just didn't want to print another letter from the same person (Sutherly) expressing the same viewpoint. Now, if any of you other non-subscribers want to write in something nice about Al, we promise to print a reasonable extract therefrom. That will make Al's Ego feel better, and allow us to get this terrible Burden off our Conscience....

A few words about some of the other zines we've received lately: Dave Fideler's "Anomaly Research Bulletin" No. 4 contains a fascinating "spook light" story by our friend Lou Wiedemann, plus a cool satirical piece and other worthwhile stuff. (Address: 7098 Edinburgh, Lambertville, Mich.).....Laura Mundo has sent us what she claims will be her last newsletter, after some twenty years of publishing. We wish her well, and hope that she changes her mind (as she has before) and continues grinding away at the ole "N. P. of B."Former UFO personality Gray Barker (P.O. Box 2228, Clarksburg, W. Va.) has cranked out another issue of his newsletter, with a lot of out-of-date gossip being the main attraction therein. We note that in a sort of popularity poll he recently conducted, George Adamski was mentioned 52 times, whereas your "Saucer Clues" editor was mentioned only once. This just proves again that it is less blessed to expose than to deceive.....Dr. Hynek of CUFOS has a new nifty-looking bulletin out, called "The International UFO Reporter" Unfortunately for many Fans, the price is \$12 per year. (Address: 924 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60202.).....

We didn't think we'd ever come across a saucer convention we could recommend more highly than our own 14th NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE (San Francisco, weekend of Aug. 4th), but there's a conclave coming up in Acapulco, Mexico, in late April that should be a really memorable bash, running for at least a week. Among the "invited" guests (who won't necessarily show up, however) are: Walter Andrus (ugh!), Kenneth Arnold, Gordon Creighton, Dennis Hauck, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, John Keel, Donald Keyhoe, Brinsley le Poer Trench, Jim Lorenzen (hope he leaves Coral home!), James McDivitt, Aime Michel, Carl Sagan, David Saunders, Jacques Vallee, and Erik Von Daniken. Wish we could make it to this one, but Time and Space just won't allow it. If any of our non-subscribers attend and care to give us a Report, we would be most grateful. (Our usual payment rate of 0¢ per word will apply)

I WAS SUCKED IN BY THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE
- by Prudence R. Prune -

(Editor's Note: The following is a true story. Only the names, dates, places and events have been changed, to protect the innocent.)

Life in a swank Miami Beach hotel can become nothing more than an endlessly boring round of cocktail parties, Charleston contests and sex orgies.

It was for this reason that late on the night of September 18th, my boyfriend Clyde and I slipped unnoticed aboard his 69-foot dingy and sailed windfully into the East.

Upon awakening the next morning, I felt the cold, relentless pounding of Clyde's mechanical hand upon my breast. I'll never forget that moment! The old clock on the wall had stopped at 7:13 a.m., but the second hand was still spinning wildly - at about 33 1/3 rpm's, as nearly as I can recall.

"Your clock is malfunctioning, Clyde," I gasped, pushing his hand gently away from my throat. Suddenly Clyde came to his senses, for the first time in our entire relationship.

"I don't understand what's going on here," he muttered. "I've never before tried to choak you till after my wake-up injection. I tell you, there's something wrong with the sea out there!"

"With the sea out there???"

"Yes, with the sea out there!"

And then I looked: Words (obviously) can't describe my terror. For, dead ahead of us, just off the starboard bow and hard to port, was a hideous triangular cloud, covering the ocean like a giant rack hovering over a pool table. At that very moment I knew I was doomed.

Ralph looked at me with narrowed eyes.

"Whatever happened to Clyde," I asked. "And what are you going to do about that hideous triangular cloud?"

It was then that I knew that in spite of Ralph's treachery, nothing on this Earth or in the Universe above could keep me apart from Clyde. Donning my after-hours playsuit, I dived into the ocean, and allowed my frail body to be sucked up into the Triangle - into the very center of its cruel swirling triangular mass.

Then, at last, I was re-united with Clyde. I reached desperately for that familiar mechanical hand as we sped together through the clouds - afloat in a 3½ D time-space continuum from which I feared there could be no return.

And now that the handsome, kindly Editor of "Saucer Clues" has promised to rescue me from this endlessly boring 3½ D existence, I have submitted this remarkable to say the least manuscript to him. He has promised me 2 cents a word for my story, as soon as he can get me back down out of here. He says that this is a very generous offer and I believe him, because he is my only hope, due to his supernatural powers and all that sort of thing.

- The End -

LETTERS TO U-NO-HU:

From Steve Elliott (who manages to get into every letter column, somehow), we hear: "Re 'Saucer Gnus', I was sorely disappointed by your 'Seven Severe Prophecies for the Year 1977.' All of them are unlikely to the point of ridiculousness. I am entirely confident that none of them will ever take place....."

"As usual, all of the letters were enjoyable, with the exception of Capt. Oberg's, which was nauseating....."

Curt Sutherly raves: "Thank you for not sending any letters lately, inasmuch as I don't want any from you anyway. And besides, if postage continues to rise, I'll be forced to burn my remaining stamps in order to heat the shack I'm living in.

"On to business (???): To Jim Oberg: If you recall, I did join you and Phil Klass at the breakfast table in Fort Smith (Arkansas.) However, as soon as I sat down, Klass left. . . (?) Meh, heh, Sutherly strikes again!

"Incidentally, to those who might give a damn (or who might not), the first of a series of columns by yours awfully, which is being published in 'Beyond Reality', is an attack of

sorts on the so-called Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. This group is really a counter-Forstean group comprised of such characters as (here we go again, Oberg) Phil Klass, Isaac Asimov, Carl Sagan, and many others. (Gee, Oberg, didn't you join this fanatical organization???) (Just kidding of course, heh, heh!) All of this got started back in the days of the 'Humanist' statement, 'Objections to Astrology', for those who remember the incident....."

From Gene Duplantier of Canada, former UFOzine publisher ("Saucers, Space & Science"): "There was so much of interest in your 'Saucer Gnus' that I have to write you. I still say that anyone can write up a bunch of predictions, and at least some of them will come true. I predicted to people at the office and to my wife Eileen, when Jimmy Carter came on the scene, that he would be the next President.....Future prediction about Carter? He's in for 8 years if he chooses to do so....."

"By the way, with all your talk about Forstean Phenomena lately in 'Saucer ----s', I would have thought that some mention might have been made of a private printing by Gray Barker called 'The Books of Charles Fart'. It was printed in 1958. I probably am one of the very few who have this masterpiece. Most likely you have one too, Jim.

"About that 'right-wing owl' (in 'Saucer Zoos'): Anything sinister in this cartoon? He's holding the flag in his left wing!....."

This shows that he is as confused as we are, Gene! - Editor.

From the mighty Captain Jim Oberg we have the following (and much more): "UFO buffs may recently have noticed a chap named Don Wilson beating a drum about a 'hollow moon' theory. He wrote a Dell paperback called 'Our Mysterious Spaceship Moon', full of lunatic drivel and amazingly arrogant ignorance. He claims that top Soviet scientists believe the moon is hollow and hence a giant artificial space vehicle.

"Wilson bases his claim to fame on an article written by two Russians named Vasin and Shcherbakov. Wilson calls them 'top scientists', but I checked the NASA computerized bibliography of the world's scientific literature and found no citations for these alleged 'top scientists'. But I have just found out it's even worse than that! Wilson has been the unwitting victim of a joke. The joke is on him.

"Vasin is really a journalist, I just learned from a top Soviet space scientist in Moscow. The article on the 'hollow moon' was written as a tongue-in-cheek scientific satire on the Shklovskiy theory that the Mars moon Phobos is hollow. Shklovskiy's theory, fascinating as it was, has been demolished by Mariner 9 photos and new reductions of astronomical data. Vasin's burlesque of the 'hollow Mars moon theory' was intended to show that precise space data is very important but that it is still very hard to disprove even the most far-out fantasy. Anti-ufologists in America are intimately familiar with this frustrating truth.

"So, here is Don Wilson who swallowed what the Russians wrote as a joke and put-on! As Bob Sheaffer has pointed out: 'You are what you eat. And you can judge the UFO movement by what it swallows'. How many UFO fans have joined Wilson in falling for this deliberate hoax???.

"Moving on - surely Steve Elliott is an outrageous exaggerator. 'Egomaniac', indeed! My associates can vouch for the fact that I am at best a second-class egotist, even in the heights of my conceit. If citizen Elliott would return to Earth occasionally from unknown worlds, he would have noticed my published articles in numerous popular scientific journals over the last several years....."

"And what's this I hear about my 'abrasive' style? Isn't this a UFO humor zine? Surely a little sarcasm and 'roasting' is long overdue for the high priests of UFOdom, however nice and friendly they are. For what it's worth, readers will be surprised to learn that I am a very pleasant young man, somewhat too tall for average tastes, full of fascinating anecdotes, aphorisms, and assorted cliches. Along those lines, I do sincerely invite readers who are visiting the Houston Space Center to give me a call and join me for lunch. (Dutch) Meanwhile, weave whatever fantasies you wish to, about my motivations, personal cleanliness, national origin, sleeping habits, childhood, and whatever. Such speculations have kept many ufologists warm over the long cold winter of 1976-1977. All I care about is that somebody punch holes in my facts, in my interpretations, and in my conclusions. So far it's all been stunned silence. Even Lucius Farish won't talk to me any more!

"Predictions for the year 1999: The Center for UFO Studies has released its annual

statistical listing of flying saucer reports for the decade 1990-1999. The true nature of the UFO phenomenon continues to elude us, admits the high priest of UFOdom, Dr. J. Alfred Prufrock, but the new 3½ D Theory has great promise. Of the 94% IFOs in the last decade, most were weather balloons, the Graf Zeppelin, the ghost of Stanton Friedman, the earth-moon commuter run, sundogs or suncats, the new Coors advertising satellite, and similar ordinary & common objects. Fourteen new UFO sex cases (pioneered by Hayden Hewes' ground-breaking book two decades before) have surfaced, generally after a delay of about 9 months. A class action paternity suit has been filed against the crew of a UFO which landed at a YWCA summer camp in 1997, but the claimant's lawyer has been unable to find an embassy at which to file extradition papers. Meanwhile, the National Enquirer's 'Blue and Gray Ribbon Panel' of aging UFO specialists has for the sixth straight year been unable to find a UFO case which lasted more than three weeks of investigation by the dreaded 'Phil Klass Society', with their black-robed minions and running dogs. Prufrock suggested hopefully that the millenium fireworks celebration should 'really smoke them out' and attract UFO tourists from as far away as Procyon-4. 'Perhaps next year the skeptics will have to eat their words,' concluded the dean of Ufology. 'That very hope has kept me alive all of these years!'

Bob Schiller raves: "Hi, good buddy. Just got the late, great, first rate, issue of 'Saucer Gnus'. 'Saucer -----s' is the most keen zine on the Fortean scene in months, years, ages - even longer, maybe. Anyway, 'Saucer Gnus' really let it all hang out - really let the controversies rage, for better or for worse, in sickness and in health.

"Like, look what a paradox Generalissimo Oberg is: He does a hatchet job on everything about UFOs, and yet he works gladly for one of the most controversial ufologists around: Ray Palmer. Well, Don Menzel and Ed Condon have departed for their Final Reward, and I suppose they need somebody like Oberg to harass ufologists. Is it his loyalty to the Air Force or the Filthy Green Stuff he gets from Palmer? But cripes, it sure would be dull without nerds like Oberg and Sheaffer to tell us we're all whacko because we dare to believe in something that the imperial U.S. Government insists doesn't exist. After Watergate, Wayne Hays, CIA and FBI violations, Wilbur Mills, slush funds, lame duck junkets, Pentagon cost overruns, campaign fund scandals, and much more Governmental bunco too numerous to mention - well, I think that we ufologists have a right to dare to question the almighty proclamations of the Government concerning UFOs.

"If Oberg thinks that UFOs are greasy kid stuff, then why is he still kidding around with them? If it's no big deal, why make a big deal of it? Is he trying to evangelize us out of the heathen belief in UFOs? Is he afraid we might blaspheme his precious tooth fairy?.....But keep the UFO critics in Ye Olde Mail Bag, Jim. They do add a note of interest....."

Lama Robert Dickhoff writes: "Your 'Saucer Gnus' must have the Martians worried! Oberg knows a lot about masturbation. I wonder if by now he has forgotten the real thing?

"Ted Zilch, residing in Acapulco, Avenida de la Puta 402, in sunny Mexico, is busy singing carols to lonely young widows, he says. This 'con artist' sells non-existing Walton models, whatever that is. When the Mexican Government catches up with him, he will wish he were in a good old U.S. jail!

"Jim Rigberg can afford dishing out coffee on the house, since he never offered any royalties on the books he sells, authored by Dickhoff.....

"Jim, you are a fair reporter, and I wish you the best of all good things, even a kiss from an invisible mermaid from Neptune....."

Charles Wilhelm of the Ohio UFO Investigators League writes: "Now I understand why your newsletter is the way it is. I was confused before, from the way you used to write in SAUCER NEWS. I wish I had been able to have read your SAUCER NEWS years ago, but I have only one issue in my files. Many people have talked about that excellent publication. I wish I knew someone who wanted to get rid of their copies, so I could include them in our organization's library.....

"Take care, and keep plugging away....."

George Earley remarks: "Have you ever noticed how Hayden Hewes wants folks to do his research for him? I have had several letters in recent months, each breathlessly announcing a new book, magazine, or journal - each requesting 'information from your files' or even an article, but never any mention of recompense in coin of the realm. Cheap, I call it!"

Notorious skeptic Bob Sheaffer writes: "I much enjoyed 'Saucer Gnu's', especially the expressions of paranoia surfacing among your readership concerning that sinister MIB, Capt. Oberg. Can it also be coincidence that he's taller than 99% of the population? Or is he really of average height for someone from Out There?.....

"Lately I've been digging up as much as I can about the many reliably-witnessed encounters with fairies (the winged kind, with pointed hats and Pan's pipes - not the other kind.) There exists an impressive body of such reports, many of them 'close encounters of the third kind', telling of sighting and even photographing fairies, elves, and gnomes, as they frolic in the flowers. Reliable first-hand evidence of this kind cannot be ignored; to do so is tantamount to denying the existence of UFOs. Jerome Clark agrees with me (see enclosed article.) Later this year, 'The Zetetic' will publish the results of my scientific fairy investigations, and will also announce the founding of my scientific fairy/gnome group, the Anomalous Phantasmagorical Research and Observation Network (APRON). Membership will be \$75 per year (not refundable.)"

The mysterious "Uncle Lou" writes: "We hear many rumors that Soviet scientists are ahead of us in parapsychical research, but we seldom know how much to believe. Now, through a crack in the Iron Curtain, comes an astounding device developed in the Polish People's Republic.

"As if in answer to all ET-ists, UT-ists, Hollow Earthers, Subjectivists and Middle Ufologists, this invention proves once and for all that saucers are actually from Poland. The method by which it operates is proof in itself!

"Operating on a previously undisclosed principle of perpetual motion, the Polish Saucer is guaranteed to spin forever if the instructions are followed precisely! Amazing as all this may seem, the diagram at the right is really not a diagram - It is the actual machine itself!

"Readers of 'Saucer Clues' will want to immediately cut out the saucer, after which it can be immediately activated by following the directions and the secret instructions. Of course, this will put a hole in everybody's copy of 'Saucer Clues', but since the info in this publication is already shot full of holes, one additional aperture will scarcely be noticeable.

"I will be interested in learning of experiments and modifications developed by other non-subscribers."

Ufologist Gilbert Ziemba writes: "Thank you kindly for sending me recent issues of your wild, zany, satirical publication - even though you do at times represent serious (between the lines) facts about Ufology, etc. However, Jim, it really shocks me to discover that you have changed Ufologically

ISN'T UNCLE SAM CLEVER? HE DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF VISITING EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS, BUT GETS A LAW ON THE BOOKS THAT CAN BE USED AGAINST THEM IF, WHEN THEY ARRIVE, THEY FAIL TO CONFORM TO SAID LAW. VERY INTERESTING...

Aliens Warned To Report

All aliens residing in the U.S. as of the first of this month must report their addresses by Jan. 31, the federal government has announced. Report forms are available at local post offices throughout the country, the Postal Service said. The registration is mandatory under a 1952 federal law.



POLISH SAUCER

(Not to be confused with Polish Sausage.)

from pursuing serious UFO investigation, research, and journalism, to this manical 'Saucer Zoos', 'Stews', or whatever. Then again, I do perceive and understand how really difficult it can be at times to pursue UFO research on a serious-minded level, when in fact the UFOs themselves represent such a constant state of confusion.....

"For those who wish to send letters of 'commendation' or 'compassion' in my regard, please submit them directly to: Mr. George D. Schwemin - Deputy Clerk - United States District Court - Everett McKinley Dirksen Building - Chicago, Illinois 60604. This is in regard to my suit against prison officials - Ziemba vs. Sielaff, et al - Case #76C4813....."

Dave Fideler raves: "I have seen within the pages of your repugnant publication several fleeting mentions of a group known as the 'Church of Saucer Worship' (1326 Walwood, Grand Rapids, Mi. 49505). I must inform you, however, that the 'church' is just a small part of the Grand Plan. Its parent organization, is the American Society of Saucer Worshipers and other Interesting Phenomena of the Extraterrestrial Sort (ASSWIPES, for short.) As you may have guessed, we specialize in Farcean phenomena. As Director in Chief of this remarkable group, I hereby appoint you to the position of New Jersey Coordinator. As an Honorary Member, you will receive 12 issues of our distinguished journal, 'I See It, I See It!' If this isn't enough, you will also shortly acquire, via the Postal Vultures, an official-looking Membership Card (which gives you the Power to investigate UFO sightings in your area) along with a limited edition Saucer Decoder Ring.....

"Now for my long-awaited (and belated) comments on 'Saucer Gnu's': I see that this issue is dedicated to the C of SW. HMMMM. Well, thanks for the plug - I guess. Perhaps my imagination is at it again, but I'm sure that I see traces of sexual organs on the right-hand (and presumably male) gnu.

"Obviously, your publication is going down-hill. I mean, every other letter is from a saucer skeptic. HMMMM. It is interesting to note, however, that the skeptics usually write better letters. I will send my explanation of this fact along with my next missive.

"Let me answer Janice Croy's questions: 'Have any of your readers ever seen any indication that I mutilate the English language?' Answer: Yes. 'Do any of you have any trouble understanding my editorials?' Answer: You mean those one-paragraph jobs are supposed to be editorials? 'Do you feel that I cannot write?' Answer: Yes!....."

Steve Miller (1326 Walwood, Grand Rapids, Mi. 49505) writes: "By the way, tell David F. that CSW wasn't my idea. His opinion of me as a raving egomaniac has only been strengthened. And while I am on the subject of David F., please do not refer to that heretic as 'of CSW.' His excommunication has been summarily undertaken, besides being all wrapped up weeks ago. And anyhow, he never was in it....."

Ted Zilch writes: "I realize it's a little late for predictions, but you must understand how it is here in bean country - everything moves a little slower - brains, people, mules, etc. Therefore, while my predictions are slightly late, at least I've made them - which is more than Bill Spaulding can say. Here are my predictions for 1977:

"Philip Klass will receive a large stipend from a Certain Investigative Agency, and will blow the entire amount trying to prove the needle marks on Travis Walton's arms are from Travis shooting himself up with marijuana.

"Jim Oberg will receive a major promotion for debunking the astronaut sightings, and will later be drummed out when NASA realizes he has inferred that the astronauts are a bunch of idiots.....

"John Keel will publish a humorous parody of Ufology, and only a reader in Wisconsin will discern that the text is exactly the same as 'UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse'.

"It will be disclosed that Coral Lorenzen once posed for a famous underground magazine - 'Whips, Boots, Bondage, and Alien Abduction'.....

"In an effort to compete with Hustler's unmitigated smut, Playboy and Oui will continue to publish the unmitigated drivel of certain Middle Ufologists (you know who you are!)

"President Jimmy Carter (Billy's brother) will fulfill a campaign promise and release all UFO data in the Government's possession - an 8 by 10 glossy of Al Hynek and Billy having a beer together.

"Walt Andrus's family will have Walt put into a rest home after getting a court order classifying Andrus as 'a hopeless bore'.

"William Spaulding will inadvertently disclose he once lived in Cleveland.

"The New Jersey Director of Ground Saucer Watch will embarrass the membership by being caught in a tryst with G. Harold Carswell....."