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- This issue is dedicated (quite obviously) to the Cattle Mutilation Mystery -  
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## "SAUCER MOOS" SPECIAL REPORT ON FATE MAGAZINE'S INTERNATIONAL UFO CONGRESS IN CHICAGO

On the weekend of June 24th-26th, your intrepid "Saucer Moos" editor attended the above-mentioned convention, and went away with a number of highly subjective impressions. Mr. Moseley is now back at the Home, resting comfortably, and has sent in the report quoted below.

Exactly ten years ago, on or about June 24th, 1967, we of SAUCER NEWS held a UFO convention in a prestigious hotel in New York City, to honor the 20th anniversary of Kenneth ("Nine Gleaming Objects") Arnold's famous sighting of flying saucers. (This convention, incidentally, was part of the annual National UFO Conference series, which still persists.) This was the largest indoor UFO convention ever staged, up until that time, and the attendance record set there seems to still be intact. Although Fate Magazine's recent Con. was far better organized, much more sedate, and featured many more distinguished speakers (including Arnold & Palmer, whom we tried unsuccessfully to get), our attendance in 1967 was considerably higher than theirs. In most respects the Fate people learned from our mistakes; but alas, they seem to have lost more money than we did.

Your "Saucer Moos" editor arrived in Chicago on the Thursday afternoon preceding the Con., and was somewhat startled to find one of our own former lecturers on the airport bus with us, as we crawled through traffic on our way downtown to the Pick-Congress Hotel. Stella Lansing, noted psychic UFO photographer, was there with her unfailing movie camera - taking shots of neon lights along the way. Would these same lights later appear as UFOs in some not-yet-conceived-of motion picture? The answer to this question is as murky as the answer to the Saucer Mystery itself. All we can report is that Stella is a charming, pleasant woman - not an obvious crackpot of any sort.

The next morning, we stumbled by sheer accident into the Convention's press conference. Not wishing to be denied admittance, we whipped out our ACCREDITED PRESS card, which has never failed us; and sure enough, we were issued full press credentials. "Saucer Moos" non-subscribers have been duly informed, in a previous issue, about the Power of the Accredited Press. For only about \$7.50 per year, anyone except a total illiterate can obtain such a card. (Among the people we have interviewed with ours: Harry Truman, Vivian Leigh, Jane Russell, David FidelRE and others.)

It would be excessive (in cost of printing) to go into detail about all the pleasant meetings we had, in the next two days, with the various speakers and other Big Name Fans (B.N.F.'s) at the Con., but our basic feeling was one of somewhat unexpected Ego-mania. Cordial greetings were exchanged with researchers we hadn't seen in twenty years or more, such as Ted Bloecher, Len Stringfield, and others. Contactee John Otto remembered us somewhat unfavorably from the 1968 Giant Rock (California) convention, but was cordial this time. Ray Palmer was his usual cool & genial self, though our daughter (somewhat spoiled at Age 13) almost took his seat at the Con. banquet. Dennis Huack (recently almost jailed by his New York publisher on an absurd trumped-up charge) was cordial, as were other Con. speakers such as Curtis Fuller (publisher of Fate); Betty Hill; J. Allen Hynek; Jerome Clark; David Jacobs (a loyal non-subscriber); J. Gordon Melton (in spite of his recent Bad Review in Fate, concerning our zine); R. Leo Sprinkle, and Jacques Vallee. We were equally pleased to run into a surprising number of rank-and-file non-subscribers.

Thus, your Editor seemed to come on as a genuine "old timer" or "semi-Big-Name-Fan" (S.B.N.F.) at the Con., which pleased him (us/me) greatly. The only "fly in the ointment"

was the attitude of Kenneth Arnold, the star UFO sighter whose thirtieth anniversary this Fate convention was honoring. Unfortunately, Arnold is a Holder of Grudges, among other problems. Ten years ago, Arnold asked, as his fee for attending our New York convention, round-trip first-class air fare from and back to Australia. This might have been reasonable except that he was in Boise, Idaho, at the time, and had never been to Australia - nor has he ever gone there, as far as we know. He was thinking, at that time, of migrating to Australia, and that was the basis of his request. Since we refused to meet this price, correspondence on the matter broke off in a mutual "huff". But now, ten years later, Arnold went to extraordinary lengths, on three or four different occasions during the Con., to avoid speaking to your Editor. This was his privilege, of course - but at least let him accept our semi-honorary award as Sorehead of the Year. (Could this conceivably be a truly Fartean phenomenon??)

For us, one of the High points of the Con. was an interlude with Coral Lorenzen of APRO, in the hotel bar. This was our first meeting with Coral since our Encounter at the Bar of a Holiday Inn in downtown Baltimore, several years ago, when your "Saucer Moos" editor and several co-conspirators were attempting to "crash" a "closed" APRO meeting. This time Coral was sitting alone at a small table, accompanied only by a 6-inch-high paper-mache "star", which had been given (with appropriate name placed thereon) to each of the Con. speakers. Her husband Jim was sitting at a table nearby, accompanied by his paper-mache star.

Coral was relatively genial, as we discussed UFO theories over a dry Martini or two (or three, etc.) Coral, who describes herself as "looking pretty good for an old broad", was arguing vehemently against our "3½ D" Theory, when we were unexpectedly joined by Dr. Hynek. Since Hynek had just finished delivering a pro-3½ D lecture at the Convention banquet, he joined the discussion apparently in opposition to Coral's viewpoint. It was fascinating to listen to this exchange of views between two of Ufodom's biggest Names; but we were due at a "Middle Ufology" symposium, being conducted in a nearby meeting hall by Allen Greenfield, and we soon had to hurry off to join that Scene.

Incidentally, in discussing the 3½ D Theory herein, we are not trying to imply that there is anything original about it. (See our rare back issue Vol. 23, No. 24, still available at \$10,000 per copy.) It was merely a semi-facetious re-hash of the best thinking of UFO philosophers such as Vallee, Keel, Peter Kor, Greenfield, and others. But how can we resist being pleased & gratified at the fact that the majority of Fate Con. speakers seemed to be on the vary same wave-length? Indeed, our one semi-serious conclusion from the Con. is that, ten or evan five years ago, many of these same speakers would have expressed different, more conventional conclusions publicly. The times they are a'changing, in UFO research as in all other phases of modern life!

Perhaps a very belated "thank you" is due, too, to a man rarely mentioned in conventional UFO circles. We refer to Dr. Meade Layne, founder of Borderland Sciences Research Associates (BSRA) of California - an organization still in existence. The late Dr. Layne claimed to have presented a 4-D UFO hypothesis to the public as early as 1946. No doubt he did so, but in language unacceptable to the Mainstream at that time. Perhaps Dr. Layne is still watching, from Somewhere Out There, and hopefully he is smiling.

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Now, let's NOT forget about the impending 14th Annual National UFO Conference, to be held on Saturday, August 6th at the Hotel San Franciscan, located at the Hotel San Franciscan, 1213 Market St., San Francisco, California. The speakers at the main or "open" session, Saturday evening, will be Stanton Friedman, speaking on "Flying Saucers Are Real"; and Allen Greenfield, whose topic is: "UFOs and the Crisis of Consciousness". Tickets are \$3.00 for this public session, and they can be obtained in advance from: California UFO Research, P.O. Box 11304, San Francisco, Ca. 94101. Numerous UFO research organizations will be represented there, and a variety of books & publications on the subject will be offered for those interested in learning more about the UFO phenomenon. Also, your "Saucer Moos" editor will be on hand to sign autographs (only if asked) and give Words of Wisdom to the Worthy. Don't miss this unique opportunity. Please make checks or money orders payable to California UFO Research.

See Page 6 of this issue for more information on the "closed" session of the Congress, to be held on the afternoon of that same day.

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## LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

Russ A. Rueger, Ph.D. writes: "This is my first communication with any segment of the ufology community since I quit as editor of 'Official UFO' nearly a year ago. I've avoided any further comments about the situation there because I wanted to give the new editor Dennis Hauck a clear hand. I figured that by keeping heat off the publication, I might help Dennis in retaining the publication's integrity. I should have known better.

"When I first read Dennis' form letter in 'Saucer Gurus', I thought it was a put-on, because it was almost exactly like my own announcement of resignation. Then I realized that what ultimately happened to the magazine - the July '77 cover hoax - was simply a natural evolution of publisher Fass' ideas.

"Some background data: I tried to assist Dennis with the last few issues under my editorship that were at the printer's shop when I left. Fass ordered me barred from the premises, and forbade his employees from dealing with me. As a result, the November '76 issue wound up with the UFO cover closeup upside down. Worse still, Fass took my last issue, December '76, artificially colored the color shot, and substituted false cover lines like 'I lived on a UFO and How it Changed Me.' According to Dennis, Fass told him that these were my cover lines!

"When Dennis' first issue appeared (Feb., '77) with a cover photo insert with a little old lady saying 'a UFO took my daughter to eternity', I knew Fass was succeeding in his 'true confessions' approach. Fass has the final say on covers and story selection, and once you budge an inch towards his conception of UFO coverage, you're going to end up with a situation like the July hoax. I certainly don't fault Dennis, as the same overwhelming pressure towards vulgarization was placed upon the original editor Bernard O'Connor and myself.

"An interesting footnote: I phoned the mag to see if Dennis was still around, and the receptionist told me that his replacement was a Jeffrey Goodman. Then I asked her if I could speak with another of Fass' employees, a fellow who had edited some of Country-wide's skin mags. She told me that he had also been replaced by Jeffrey Goodman. Perhaps I'm wrong, but it would seem that the same individual who will now be producing 'Official UFO' will also be doing girlie mags. I guess Fass has finally gotten what he wants!

"One last note: Now that there's no longer any reason for me to keep silent about the 'Official UFO' story, I'm interested in learning of any large-circulation publication seeking a full expose!"

Non-subscriber Dr. Thornton Page writes the following fascinating letter:

"Because an 'X' appears after my name on the envelope received from you today, I know I am no Guru. But I have to answer all the 'saucer views' and 'flying queries' received at NASA, JSC, probably because I am not a NASA Civil Servant. (I never was civil!) The latest was a color Polaroid photo of a gleaming yellow cloud over JSC in a sunless sky, taken by an auto mechanic recording the most desirable cars in his used car lot. It is a beautiful picture, but I turned it in to MUFON with the remark that the mechanic by chance snapped his photo just as cloud lightning illuminated the cloud from within (without permission from NASA) at 15:45 CDT on 14 June 1977. I hope you will not report this to NASA Headquarters, who (or which) wants to stay the hell out of UFOs.

"I got involved with flying saucers on the Robertson Committee, employed by the CIA in 1953. At that time I took a light-hearted view of UFOs and was severely reprimanded by H. P. Robertson. Later, I came to 'saucer sense', and organized an AAAS Symposium in 1969. E. U. Condon wouldn't come, so his Colorado Report was panned at the meeting in Boston; and Carl Sagan and I published the proceedings in 'UFOs - A Scientific Report' (Cornell University Press). This makes Carl and me look like Gurus, but we carefully maintained neutrality on the ETH and stressed the conflicting views of social psychologists and physical scientists. Condon later smashed a telephone in Boulder, Colo., when I phoned him about my article for the Encyclopedia Britannica on UFOs.

"What more do I need to say to qualify as a non-subscriber? If you want, I'll subscribe and send ravings like this for publication!"

Allright, already! You qualify! - Editor.

The inevitable Bob Sheaffer writes: "Poor Jerry Clark's reading comprehension is dropping alarmingly. In 'Saucer Gurus' he positively went soaring off to the conclusion that my case against those 'fairy photographs' (which he did indeed endorse; see 'Fate', Feb. '77) consists of nothing else but Spaulding's analysis. You will note that I plainly said, 'I expect to be able to very soon put together definite proof', which Jerry, poor guy, must have read as, 'Bill Spaulding, who is infallible, told me they're fakes'. Jerry has seen, at best, 25% of my analysis (a fraction that, I'm delighted to learn, he finds adequate); his keen paranormal insight must have supplied the rest. But the decay of his reading skills is nowhere more evident than where he says I called the Houdini statement 'conclusive proof' against the photos. My exact words were, 'I am now attempting to verify the correctness of that (Houdini) statement'. Moved by all the difficulties he has recently been having in reading basic English sentences, I am now taking up a collection to send poor Jerry Clark to night school to brush up on basic reading skills. I encourage all non-subscribers to contribute.

"As Mr. FidelRE-Miller correctly notes in 'Saucer Gurus', all Farteans with a good grasp of paranormal goings-on recognize this astonishing truth: The Sinister Men In Black are seen in exactly those places where they are seen, and nowhere else! Paranormal 'science' marches on!"

George Strich, a very long-time subscriber to SAUCER NEWS writes: "I received your latest issue, which is always welcome. As usual, I opened the envelope with anticipation, looking for the bits of 'newsy' items and enlightened comments. Sometimes I'm disappointed when over-emphasis is put on too much dribble by various letter writers. I enjoy a little kidding around, but some people can't write about anything else.....

"I thought that SAUCER NEWS was one of the best publications available, and hated to see its demise. I wish enough people would write you, to try and influence you to resume SAUCER NEWS once again. I believe there's a need for it. In any case, thank you again for the newsletters."

Gary Buell writes: "I just read 'Saucer Gurus' and thought I would write. I hope Sheaffer and Spaulding are proud of themselves for exposing the charming Cottingly fairy photographs as fakes. I'll bet they didn't clap for Tinkerbell either. Don't they know that every time a scientific Ufologist says that he doesn't believe in fairies, somewhere a fairy dies?.....

"Best wishes, and I hope you get back into NICAP, if that is what you want."

NICRAP cashed our check, but we still have not received our membership card! - Editor.

William A. Karpowicz, Jr., of the Church of Saucer Worship writes: "I am writing to you because my conscience is bothering me. It is time for the truth to come out in the open: There is no David FidelRE, nor is there a Steve Miller! Both are figments of my imagination. I am sorry for leading you, as well as everybody else, on like this. I realize now that it was just a bad mistake.....

"The reason I am coming out into the open about this is because people are finally catching on to my plan. J\*h\* K\*\*1, for one, has become wise to it, and there is no telling what he may do. Jim Oberg has written me letters, pleading with me to stop. Curt Sutherly is constantly watching my house, day and night. This cannot go on!....Honest, I apologize. Please, Jim, publish this letter, explaining to everyone that it was all a mistake. I'll never do it again. I promise. Please Jim, I'm pleading with you to tell everyone it was just a big hoax. Oh God. Why do I do these things? Why? As of right now, I terminate the Church of Saucer Worship. It's finished. Kaput. Zilch. Zilch?? I stand accused....."

Bill Spaulding of GSW (not to be confused with CSW, above) writes: "I truly enjoyed your latest issue, 'Saucer Gurus'. It was almost as serious as the APRO Bulletin. I noticed you ran the headline from the 'Palm Beach Times', describing my present status - my removal from the majors and being sent to a minor league. How did the 'Times' ever scoop the 'National Enquirer?' I can only marvel about their journalistic capabilities.

"I was sent to the minor leagues by our manager, Doc. Hynek, after a lengthy but

fair trial. The trial was conducted in a clandestine manner, and my judge was the honorable, yet tricky League President, Ted Zilch, of ex-Watergate fame, who has recently taken up with Martha Mitchell....

"As I was being reprimanded for my heinous actions, I nervously thought to myself - I guess I should not have acted the way I did! I never should have corresponded with the Tri-Axial Powers: Klass, Sheaffer, and Uberg. As punishment for this intolerable action on my part, the Judge had me write 150 times on his blackboard, 'I will not speak to Phil Klass ever again, nor will I knowingly think nasty thoughts about Travis Walton.'

"Ted Zilch finalized my trial by noting that my stay in the minors would be solely dependent on my efforts to lower my batting average. Despondently I walked away from the majors, jealously contemplating on how I could get back into their league."

Perhaps Bill should take a good cold shower before he goes back into the game! - Editor.

Non-subscriber Jacob A. Davidson writes: "When some of my friends look at the envelope that accompanies your literary efforts, automatically the assumption is made that I'm buying real estate in your area. The poor souls don't realize that the only dirt that is being invested in, issues from the mad ravings of . . . oh hell, I don't wanna pick on you.

"NICRAP, huh!? What about MUFART?

"Anyway, I have, more often than not, found your newsletter tremendously funny (and sometimes therapeutic.) I sort of think that it acts as a receptacle for all the collective anxieties that issue from Fartean and Urology.

"Because the subject of Ufology is often-times tenuous at best, Ufologists (in general) often strive for an aire of legitimacy. Facade, you know . . . good thoughts, a sense of decency, and the idea that 'good behavior will legitimize the subject of UFOs'. Bullfish!....

"I remember once when Rod Dyke received a letter requesting information on our clipping service, with comments by the inquirer to the effect that he was tired of subscribing to publications that were of poor quality and run off in the person's garage. Well, shit! At the time, that was exactly where the service was being run - in Rod's garage. We laughed like hell . . .

"So I ask you, what is the moral of all this? It's simple; there is none. The reason I'm writing this is because I don't want an 'X' next to my name. Please don't put an 'X' next to my name. You've successfully coerced me into communicating with you. You have instilled The Fear. Having one's subscription expire is one thing. Being booted off a freebie is the pits. So here's my communique. And remember, no 'X's....."

Boniwit Sushmuller (alias John Keel) writes:

"Dear butterfly brain:

"This is really getting monotonous. I'm running out of insults and I'm tired of lending class to your otherwise moribund non-news letter. Why don't you take up a new line of work - like flagpole sitting, and give all the poor slob on your mailing list a much-needed rest.

"I thought Fate's appraisal of your efforts was accurate and justified, although Melton chose to omit your well-known link with the CIA and your nefarious connection with the great Socorro, N.M. landing hoax. (You sure fooled Coral and Doc Hynek with that one!)

"I have been informed by an unimpeachable source that President Carter is going to reveal that he is really a Venusian and that the world is now under the control of the Intergalactic Federation. His statement is scheduled for network TV on September 31st. A quiet purge will follow in which all Ufologists will be rounded up and fed to the animal mutilators.

"The Great California Earthquake is slated for the week of your San Francisco convention. Please send me the money you owe me before you leave for California."

Daniel Cohen writes: "A belated thanks to your non-subscribers for sending material for my informal history of UFOs. Everybody will be acknowledged, in print. Now I must go begging again, this time for UFO photos and drawings. I'm not just looking for UFO photos (though God knows I can use them too), but I would like also to get photos of some of the personalities of the last 30 years - snapshots from conventions and that sort of

thing. I'm even willing to pay a modest fee for each photo used.....

"I'm astonished that Keel has been able to uncover the details of the secret project that Klass and I have been working on. He has been misled on one point, however. Judge Crater went to Zurich for a species-change operation. He then returned to America and became obscure under the name of John Keel."

Dan Cohen's address is: 49 Canal St., Port Jervis, N.Y. 12771. - Editor.

From Robert Carson, Executive Director of the New York Center for the Strange, we have received the following:

"It is with a great deal of anxiety and concern that we read the opening paragraph of 'Saucer Gurus', indicating that an 'X' might appear on our envelope if we were being considered for delisting from your mailings. After searching the garbage for more than two hours, we were able to find the envelope, and to our amazement and horror, there was the 'X'.

"After so many years of our Center doing basic research into your newsletters, it certainly would be unfortunate if we had to terminate this project, cold turkey. Do give consideration to maintaining us on your list.....

"Without being disrespectful, may we suggest a future issue of your newsletter, dedicated to waste removal from flying saucers, titled 'Saucer Uze'. No shit."

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SCIENCE-FICTION DEPT.

UFO Joke of the Month (submitted by Ted Zilch, Age 32.)

Question: How did Dr. Hynek classify the conversation between Jim Moseley and Coral Lorenson in the hotel lounge at the recent 'Fate' Convention?

Answer: A CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE SLURRED KIND.

(Hahahahaha.)

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