

"Humor is the last line of defense against despair."

- Moseley ("Saucer Shoes", 12/10/77)

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(FOR THE UFOLOGIST WHO IS ALWAYS PUTTING HIS FOOT IN HIS MOUTH)

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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

A last-ditch attempt to save what's left of the National UFO Conference will be made this coming New Years Eve, at an informal meeting of "middle ufologists" in Cleveland. Your "Saucer Shoes" editor plans to attend.....Stan Friedman informs us that there has been quite an upheaval in the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal - (this being the well-known anti-Credulity group that is out to upset all of us Believers.) "Saucer Shoes" non-subscriber Marcello Truzzi, editor of their journal called "The Zetetic", has resigned because of "very serious disputes" with a co-worker. (Sounds like the UFO field!) However, the anti-UFO subcommittee, composed of the Terrible Trio of Klass, Oberg, and Sheaffer, is still going strong, according to Friedman.....On the night of November 16th, your Editor had the extinction of being on the lowest-rated Long John radio show since the program went onto the Mutual Network a few months ago. Phone calls to the station, which usually number in the hundreds or thousands, hit a low ebb of exactly 32, according to co-hostess Candy Jones. The main guest of the morning was "Saucer Shoes" non-subscriber Paris Flamonde, author of a book called "UFO Exist". There was nothing that much wrong with the show as far as your Editor could see, but apparently many thousands of people all over the country Tuned Out. (Could it be our breath??).....

"Saucer Shoes" non-subscriber Timothy Greed Beckley of Global Communications has been named UFO Editor for a new magazine associated with the hit movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". (Wait till you see the sequel that we're working on, entitled "Close Encounters of the FOURTH Kind"!.....We have recently received some rather strange literature from a publisher who is pushing a whole series of books and other items, on the theme that UFOs are the successors to secret weapons the Nazis built during World War II. For \$1.00 they offer a "Nazi spotter identification chart" and for a mere fifty cents you can get an "official Nazi saucer investigator pass". For further information, write to: Samisdat Publishers Ltd., 206 Carlton St., Toronto, Ontario M5A 2L1, Canada.....Former saucer researcher Todd Zechel (who??) recently phoned (at his own expense, thank God!) to tell us that he is now working for a "large midwestern company". He refuses to Reveal his address or the name of the company.....Our thanks to ufologist Bob Easley for help with this issue's title. (For more information on Easley, see the bottom of Page 5.).....To avoid the trouble of sending out a lot of Christmas cards, we hereby wish a Merry Xmas and all that sort of thing to all of our loyal non-subscribers. Happy Yuletide, Felice Navidad, Have a Cool Yule, etc., etc.

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Dave FidelRE writes: "I have decided to send along my comments on your latest effort ('Saucer Hues').....The photographic section was very much appreciated. I found the photo of you greeting your fans to be the most interesting. It goes to show you that any maniac with 50¢ can still get their picture taken in a 'photo booth' type machine, - although I'm sure that you offended no one, as I can't think of any fans you might have.

"Steve Miller, who just called me, said that he appreciated the poolside shot. He told me, in effect, that he likes your legs and gets hard every time he gazes at the photo.

"I'd appreciate it if you would say something nice about our Anomaly Research Bulletin (ARB) in your 'Misc. Ravings' section. If you don't want to write something nice about ARB, write something nasty about it - which is better than not writing anything about it at all...."

ARB is certainly one of the best of the "middle ufology" zines (seriously, folks!) The address is: 7098 Edinburgh, Lambertville, Michigan 48144. - Editor.

Super-skeptic Robert Sheaffer writes: "I wouldn't place too much credence in that account of a new world record for an around-the-world over-the-poles flight (as described in 'Saucer Hues'). I have it on good authority that the Pan American jumbo jet did not circumnavigate the globe. Instead, it deceptively plunged into the polar opening, and crossed the inner region, to emerge at the opposite pole. This trick shaved more than 4,000 miles off the length of the journey. The old record, therefore, remains unchallenged.

"When will our military leaders realize that the holes in the poles have far greater strategic value than the Panama Canal?"

Jeffrey Goodman, editor of "Official UFO" writes: "Say, now this is awful! An entire issue (Vol. 24, No. 12) of 'Saucer Hues' and not one word about those unscrupulous fakirs up at 'Official UFO' ! We are very fond of your publication up here at Country-wide, and we are truly upset when we do not get soundly debunked by one of your disgruntled non-subscribers. What with all this talk about the nature of reality and what-not, you could at least take the time out to say something awful about us heathens up here.

"By the way, our receptionist says George Earley is a square, and she knows about such matters.....

"Please put us on your mailing list."

We have written Jeff Goodman telling him how relieved we are that he is back from his recent kidnapping - which is the cover story of the current January 1978 issue of "Official UFO". We hear that even more dreadful things are going to happen to the hapless Mr. Goodman in the next issue! - Editor.

Salvatore Longo writes: "I rate your publication next to 'Mad Magazine' for its zany permissiveness.....

"I want to inform you that I will be editor of a forthcoming newsletter which I intend to distribute. You will be one of the first to receive its debut copy when it finally comes out.

"Have you heard lately from Mr. Gilbert J. Ziemba? There are rumors that Mr. Ziemba has finally bowed out of ufology. Are these rumors true? If so, inform me....."

Mr. Ziemba, though remaining still at the same address, seems to have possibly fallen into one of those polar holes he writes about. We have not heard from him in quite awhile. - Editor.

Robert Gillard writes: "Something is kind of wrong with that poolside photo of you in 'Saucer Hues'. Is the George Washington Bridge tilted, or is it you?? From the weird facial expression all the way down to the flat feet, you seem to be unbalanced! But keep up the good work, as we enjoy your zine greatly, here at the asylum....."

Gay Barker of Clarksburg, West Virginia writes: "During our recent conversation you characterized Major Keyhoe as 'the Billy Mitchell of the Saucer Movement'. I've been thinking about this, and considering the tremendous impetus given UFO investigation by Keyhoe in the 1960's, I agree that this could well be true, especially when and if UFOs attain recognition as a true phenomenon.

"Kicking this idea around further, I can come up with other comparisons.....When one refers to August C. Roberts, who organized and helped preserve the early UFO photographs, for instance, one might say: 'Augie Roberts is the Matthew Brady of the Saucer Movement'. Similarly, Gene Duplantier is the Picasso of the Saucer Movement; Allen J. Hynek is the Billy Graham; Coral E. Lorenzen is the Anita Bryant; and James W. Moseley is the Walter Winchell of the Saucer Movement.

"I enjoyed your Keel contest in 'Saucer Hues'.....I haven't written for some time,

but wanted you to know that I'm still in saucers, just as you, indeed, are still in your cups."

Steve Elliott writes: "WOW! Photographs on the front page of your zine! Although the subject matter of the photos was extremely dull, we can always hope for future improvement.

"You stated in 'Saucer Hues' that there was no need to write if the dreaded 'X' did not appear beside my name on the envelope in which you sent your trash; but since I have not written for about 3 issues, I decided to do so anyway. This despite the fact that I am Not At Liberty to Reveal the Cause for the Cessation of Publishing of 'Unknown Worlds'.

"Your worthless piece of sicko garbage remains one of the few remaining bastions of sanity in the increasingly confused field of Ufology.....

"John Keel's letter was predictably enlightening, and the other letters from your regular cast of idiots were not far behind. Particularly of note was the Uncle Lou Theory (ULT) on the nature of reality. It closely paralleled the true hypothesis, which is the Standard Heavenly Intervention Theory. (You can make up your own acronym for that one.) This theory is to be found in an obscure work by a bunch of lunatics, called the Holy Bible.

"Just kidding. I have no idea which theory of reality is correct. In fact, I rather doubt all of them.

"All seriousness aside, however, I am beginning to wonder how much longer you can come up with those ridiculous rhyming titles for your rag. As I may have said before, I will have no sympathy for you when you complain of running out of usable titles, until you have used at least one of the great titles which I sent to you about a year ago.

"As always, I'm looking forward to seeing your next issue."

James ("Captain Jim") Oberg writes: "Have you seen the latest 'Official UFO'? There really is a Chester, Illinois. I wonder if it really burned to the ground.....

"Since Moseley's zine goes to all the important people, maybe some of your readers can help Marjorie Palmer at 'Search' with quality reprints and/or opinions for Ray's quarterly. If they are tired of seeing my superskeptical reprints, then send Marjorie better material. And by the way, I will submit an original piece on the space photos of the 'hole in the pole'.

"For Lucius Farish's displeasure, the object photographed by Skylab-3 seems to have been an ordinary nearby Earth satellite. The crewmen's description was of a point source (no details perceived), slowly pulsating and then going out at sunset - similar to other sunlit tumbling pieces of debris. Four photos were taken, of which three show a point source and one shows a funny squiggle. I don't know what caused the squiggle (film advance, window contamination, other?), which is an uncertainty in which UFO buffs may revel. But I don't think it's too significant, since serious UFO investigators appreciate spurious sporadic photographic effects which are at variance with eyewitness testimony. Lucius, make the most of it! But Skylab crews repeatedly observed passing satellites, and I ran through a satellite inventory which listed more than sixty objects in appropriate orbits to account for the sightings.....

"Finally, here's a riddle for you: What do you call it when a UFO dumps its toilet over a witness?

"Answer: A close encounter of the Turd kind."

Lizette Leveille writes: "I have been holding off doing any more writing about your newsletter until I finally managed to make some sense of it. I have finally decided that there is damn little sense to be made out of it, but what the heck! I seem to be enjoying it anyway, for some reason, somehow. I actually found myself reading 'Saucer Hues' at the dinner table, and the moderately intelligent individual who sits across the table from me kept asking me who the fellow making the obscene gesture on the front was. I let him read it, and he handed it back to me without another word. I rather doubt that he will ask to read it again when the next Newsletter comes in, but you never know about people, do you? He was crazy enough to get himself involved with me, so he might even be crazy enough for another try at the Newsletter.

"A long time ago, when I first asked for a non-paid non-subscription to the Newsletter, you had asked me whether or not there were some strange things going on up in the northern part of Maine (where I live). In this state, I wouldn't put it past us, but as to personal knowledge of any 'irregularities' going on up there, I can't be of any help.

The local newspaper is violently anti-saucer. In fact, they're very close to being anti-everything, except possibly Archie Bunker. And I don't have the kind of money that will let me subscribe to the small local papers that might carry interesting things like MIB cases, or even mutilations.

"I have sent an inquiry to a person up in Bath who is running (?) something called the Earth Radiations Research Center. If I get any information on this, do you want to know about it? Or have you already heard about it? Or isn't it worth bothering about anyway? I'll enclose the usual stamped self-addressed envelope, just for the opportunity of giving the Post Office a chance to lose another one of my letters. That would be a very interesting topic to get the Newsletter into: Has anyone ever discovered certain areas, perhaps near ley line centers or anything like that, in which the Post Office loses more than an average amount of mail?? If so, then I must be near one of the busiest centers of the country!

"Well, I think it is just about time to quit for the moment. G.O.D. Bless. Thank you, Uncle Lou, for the interesting cosmological theory. Einstein should be spinning fast enough in his grave to run a turbine well enough to help power New York City!

"Keep sending the Newsletter. One of these days someone may come up with a Polar Hole Picture."

We're waiting Breathlessly for Oberg's forthcoming Palmer polar article! - Editor.

Bill Spaulding of GSW writes: "I am in receipt of your latest issue, 'Saucer Hues'. Our photographic staff was very impressed with your vivid photo section, but then again they adore funerals. The picture in the left hand corner, signaling the obscene gesture, was so overwhelming that we decided to process it with a complete computer analysis.

"The following modes of computer enhancement were utilized: (1) Edge enhancement. (2) Computerization. (3) Color contouring for density information. (4) Profiling. (5) Digitizing for resolution.

"It is the consensus of our entire photographic staff that the picture represents a crude attempt to 'cover up' valuable evidence. The following is offered as substantiation:

"(1) The photograph was taken indoors.

"(2) The subject is resting in a horizontal plane.

"(3) The subject image is most likely in a box-like structure.

"(4) The subject's facial area is artificially colored. Note the poor reflectivity and dull luminosity data.

"(5) Our IR (infa-red) technique revealed a cold image.

"(6) The subject is most likely a cadaver.

"(7) There is no photographic data to support necrophagia.

"(8) There appears, with high resolution edge enhancement, a lack of homogeneity, especially in the cerebral area. (This does not imply that the photograph is gay.)

"(9) There is a huge amount of digitized data to support the theory of a mummified astronaut body.

"(10) The projecting extremity (finger) proves beyond the edge of reality that the subject being in this photo has an outer space connection. I only wish John Keel could see this marvelous proof.

"GSW will obviously present this proof to Philip Klass and the National Enquirer for our reward."

Bill Spaulding and his assistant Fred Adiran sent us several photos, made from our original photo, to back up the above Research. Unfortunately, we are too Cheap to reproduce them here. Sorry about that! - Editor.

James Maney writes: "As a long-time friend and collaborator of Hayden Hewes, I just wanted to drop you a note to express my surprise at the naming of your Vol. 24, No. 11 of 'Saucer Whatevers' in his honor. Actually, sober thought forces me to realize that you were getting pretty near the bottom of the barrel for titles, and somehow 'Saucer Spauldings' or 'Saucer Keels' just doesn't fit the rules of English rhyme (although the latter would perhaps help us get to the bottom of the Mystery).

"More seriously, I just wanted to say that I consider Hayden has done about as much for the advancement of UFO research as anyone, especially in his work on the Tulsa (Smith) photograph, the Piedmont, Missouri repetitious sighting case, and the Eddie Laxson oc-

cupant case. He has not been without his faults, of course, most notably his long-standing reluctance to accept the obvious fraudulent nature of the Applewhite/Nettles business (the 'Two'); but everyone has to get burned once in awhile.

"I will say, however, that I have met few people in the UFO business who have persevered in the field for so long with such a high standard of personal integrity. I hope he prospers in the future."

Robert Dickhoff, the Manhattan Lama, writes: "It never fails to amaze this Lama as to how you put up with this gang of cut-throats who write for your 'Saucer Hues', etc., who are taking you for a sleigh-ride in the summertime, taking you for granted; and you, with compassion in your physical and mental makeup, give them space in your Newsletter, with the prospect of more abuse in the future for you - even with the 'fickle finger of fate' (your middle finger) waving at them, which, were you a Urologist, you could legally employ to shove it up their anuses with gusto and minus vaseline!

"Mensch, the professor of make-believe, has rocks in his head, because he took some out, photographed them, and with much pleasure announces that.....there is a Spacecraft chiseled into same. 'What fools these mortals be!' - to believe such horse-manure! The same goes for this Hole in the North Pole idea, by Sheaffer. There is no Hole there into which men can disappear into, like Alice in Wonderland of fantasy-fiction, except the proverbial Hole in the Head, to be examined by Sheaffer's psychiatrist. Mermaids may be there in that region, once in awhile coming up for air; but.....that is also in the land of a trauma brought on by Angeldust, Grass, or other hallucinatory psychedellics!

"This 'Uncle Lou' is stark raving mad.....His 'Turd' smells to high heaven and beyond. If we are nothing but turds and all else is illusion, could we have the Sanitation Dept. eradicate such turds to keep reality a basic fact?.....

"My best to you, and give out with some of your own ravings when you publish mine in the next issue of your Newsletter....."

Lucius Farish (not to be confused with "Uncle Lou") writes: "Here are some brief comments on what may be available in the way of UFO books: Leonard's 'Somebody Else Is On the Moon' is now available in paperback from Pocket Books. Sanderson's 'Abominable Snowmen' has been reprinted in paperback by HBJ/Jove. Charroux's 'The Mysteries of the Andes' is available from Avon. Wisner's 'Vanished - Without a Trace' is out from Berkeley. Two recent hardcovers which look interesting are Macvey's 'Interstellar Travel: Past, Present and Future' (Stein & Day); and Cohane's 'Paradox: The Case for the Extraterrestrial Origin of Man' (Crown).....

"Hynek's Dell paperback, 'The Hynek UFO Report' (nothing like a touch of modesty, eh?), is apparently due out shortly. Signet is bringing out a collection of material from various issues of Flying Saucer Review, with Bowen as editor. I have Ray Stanford's book on the Socorro case ('Socorro "Saucer" in a Pentagon Pantry'), and found it quite interesting; but since there is so much controversy about it, I really don't know what to think of it.....

"You might mention that I've taken over the production of Rod Dyke's UFO Newsclipping Service, and that new subscribers are welcomed (nay, eagerly sought!)....."

If you're black and can qualify to join the West Virginia state police, chances are you can find a better paying job outside the department, says the man who has been attempting to recruit blacks.

Robert Easley, a black former policemen, says the department just can't compete with private industry. The security supervisor for the Charleston Job Corps Center is currently a guest speaker at the State Police Academy.

Aliens allowed to pick onions

WASHINGTON (AP) — At President Carter's urging.

MUSIC-RECORDS

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Steinberg Sees Disk Boom Keyed By Expanded Retail Structure

The rather weird item on Page 6 comes to us through the courtesy of the inevitably semi-mysterious Uncle Lou.

November 19, 1977

TOP SECRET BULLETIN FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CIA

In keeping with the president's goal of conservation of energy and materials, as of this date all agents are hereby directed to adhere to the following rules:

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- 2.) Additionally, for maximization of utilization of paper, all bulletins will be used as toilet tissue prior to being destroyed.
- 3.) Requests for duplicate copies of bulletins will be met on a first-come first-served basis.

Respectfully yours,

THE DIRECTOR

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