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YES, GANG, IT'S "SAUCER CRUD" THIS TIME - AND POSSIBLY FAR INTO THE FUTURE! WE DIDN'T RUN OUT OF RHYMING TITLES; IT'S JUST THAT WE WERE RUNNING LOW ON GOOD ONES. SO, AS A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION, WE'VE DECIDED TO FINALLY GET OFF THIS KICK. OUR THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SUGGESTIONS FOR TITLES IN THE PAST, AND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THOSE OF YOU WHO DID NOT SEE ALL OF YOUR SUGGESTIONS USED.

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MISC. RAVINGS: A meeting of the "hard core" faithful of the National UFO Conference was held as scheduled in Cleveland on December 30th-31st. The dates chosen were apparently bad ones for several additional ufologists who might otherwise have attended. Tentative plans were made for conventions to be held in the summer of 1978 and 1979. Details will be announced in a future issue of this Zine.....On the night of January 19th Captain Jim Oberg will appear on the Long John Nebel - Candy Jones radio show, together with publicist Timothy Greed Beckley.....Our apologies to researcher Bob Easley for implying in our last issue that he is a former Black policeman. To the best of our knowledge, Bob has never been a policeman.....We hereby promise to publish in full the next letter we receive from Allen Greenfield, provided it's not too long for our format.

AMERICA'S LEADING PSYCHICS "STRIKE OUT" AGAIN: Following a long annual tradition (begun last year), your "Saucer Crud" editor has cleverly saved the National Enquirer's predictions for 1977, published just over a year ago, to see how accurate they turned out to be. Alas, out of about 60 predictions from "ten leading psychics", we can't find even one that definitely came true! This is, indeed, an astounding case of beating the laws of chance in a negative way - possibly proving that these alleged psychics have what Dr. Rhine might call "negative ESP".

Some of the predictions for 1977 are not only foolish but downright ghoulish. For Freddie Prince, it is stated that he "will become the father of twins". Even worse, the late Elvis Presley "will undergo a delicate but successful eye operation. The grateful entertainer will donate millions of dollars for eye research."

For us Space Fans, there are several goodies. A lady named Mrs. Bryant informs us that "archaeologists in Egypt will discover a spaceship that crashed in ancient times, proving once and for all that Earth has been visited by beings from another planet." Shawn Robbins says that "an unmanned spacecraft from another planet will crash in Arizona and researchers will gain fantastic new knowledge about space travel." The murky crystal ball of Hollywood psychic Kebrina Kinkade sees that "the Air Force will reveal it has captured an alien spacecraft and its humanlike occupants. Through telepathy, the beings will tell us they came from a planet free of disease and filled with fantastic technology."

Italian actress Sophia Loren has just signed a million dollar contract to do commercials in the U.S., according to a recent issue of the Enquirer - the same issue which also happens to contain their list of 1978 predictions. But in January, 1977, one of the Enquirer's seers predicted: "After an unsuccessful kidnap attempt against one of her children, Sophia Loren will give up acting and lead the life of a recluse."

Similarly, the international price of oil has just been stabilized for at least six months into 1978. Yet the prediction for 1977 is: "A major labor strike in the oil industry, lasting several weeks, will touch off another round of price hikes."

Other gems: Barbara Walters will give up her television work; Redd Fox will suf-

fer a heart attack during his nightclub act; Gerald Ford will start a new career as a sports director for a major university; Paul Newman will be badly burned when his racing car goes out of control; Gold fever will again hit Alaska; Muhammad Ali will be shot at during a speech in Chicago; and last, and by all means least: "Ethel Kennedy will fall in love with singer Andy Williams and marry him this summer (1977)."

Look, folks. It's not that we scorn the psychic - far from it! Your "Saucer Crud" editor has personally witnessed several poltergeist events in recent years. We believe mildly in almost every form of psychic phenomenon - even the ability to see the future. But no rational person could term the results of the Enquirer's team as anything more profound than pure rubbish! Or, to put it in strictly scientific terms: BULLSHIT!

Ye Olde Mail Bag

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, motion picture personality, writes: ".....Keep up the good work. We need perspective of a jolly kind."

Bill Nash (who, as a Pan American Airlines pilot, made a "classic" UFO sighting in 1952), writes: "I'm enjoying your UFO News - a lot of laughs, as well as 'Truly Newsy.'"

Jolly ole Captain Jim Oberg writes: "I saw 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' at an invitational pre-screening. Where did the special effects money go - to a Swiss bank? The Russians sure will be pissed when they find out who stole the chandelier from the Bolshoy Theatre in Moscow, and the alien ambassador reminded me of the Pillsbury dough-boy after twenty years in the Gulag archipelago. It's not a bad movie, really (and good acting), but I can't see it grabbing the public's imagination - nor setting off a wave of UFO hysteria, either. It's good publicity for Hynek and CUFOS, although poor Allen had to walk in during the phoniest part of the movie - the ghoulish exploitation of the 1945 'Flight 19' tragedy, which was never a mystery except to those duped by the 'Bermuda Triangle' con artists, but which the movie makes into a reopened wound of pain for the relatives of the lost pilots. That's shameless sensationalism, and unforgivable mental cruelty....."

"Brad Sparks is trying to sell a manuscript on 'debunking debunkers'. I won't reply to its attacks and allegations here (later, via 'Search' and 'Space World'); but the 13,000 word diatribe is so revealing that I want to help see it published. Accordingly, I'm making an offer for first publication rights, in 'Search', for the amount of 98¢. If this generous proposal is Sparks's best offer, I challenge him to accept it!....."

"The 'Playboy Panel' (January issue) on UFOs wasn't too bad as an exposition of positions. Astronaut UFO reports continue to be highlighted by Vallee and Harder, although Hynek has seen the light and has said so in print. Harder's fixation on the Gemini-4 tadpole is a good measure of his general reliability, and I'm delighted he has chosen to make such an indefensible stand. Essentially, there is no evidence that his 72 holy frames have anything at all to do with the McDivitt sighting. On-board film space home movies are full of such glares and blobs and bad exposures. A NASA photo technician's mistake has been ballyhooed into a top UFO photograph, which is about average for the quality of top UFO photographs."

"Note: To repeat my earlier admission of fallibility, the work of Maccabee on Gemini-11 has disposed of the theory that the object was Proton-3 at the given time. Either the time was different, or the object was different. Sparks hints that he may have found another prosaic explanation, which, when published, I'll take half the credit for. That's because he never would have done the work without my challenges."

John Peldyak writes: "As December 25th approaches, you undoubtedly will receive some crank mail concerning your continued North Pole photo requests. But in order to put this tiresome subject to rest, I am enclosing a no-nonsense scientific photograph of the area, which, upon careful scrutiny, reveals nothing unusual....."

John kindly enclosed a photo of the northern hemisphere, taken from Apollo 11, which shows (according to the caption) Canada, Greenland, Iceland, part of the U.S., and a flying saucer which is clearly visible near the North Pole. We are certainly glad to finally be able to lay this silly Polar Controversy to rest! - Editor.

Gilbert Ziemba writes: "Let me clarify the rumor about my bowing out of Ufology. Specifically, I have given up UFO research for the time being. I'm still in it, and just as strong as ever, but not socially or journalistically. I still have an article or two pending publication, but I won't be doing any social research or UFO investigation until I have achieved the freedom I now so desire. Being incarcerated places quite a heavy burden on my social activities. Maybe by late 1978 I will be able to continue socially and journalistically."

Peter Sutherland writes: "I enjoyed 'Saucer Shoes' a lot. You even got a letter from the editor of my favorite Prozine, 'Official UFO'. It's the only magazine that I really enjoy. The truth is too draggy....."

"Oberg's joke about Encounters of the Turd Kind is a misunderstanding. UFO sewerage gets all mixed and liquified by the acceleration and radiation. When they dump their holding tanks high in the sky, the stuff freezes into long strands which melt when they touch Earth, leaving a peculiar smell (aliens have weird body chemistry), and no residue. You know what I mean - it's 'angel hair'!"

Carl Wilfong writes: "Congratulations on your newsletters. Here at UFOCUS we're the kind of trained professionals that don't care what kind of trash we receive through the mail. I've found that if you give anyone a typewriter, they'll eventually hang themselves. The rope is being sent C.O.D....."

"Best of luck in future issues; and may The Force and C.I.A. funding be with you."

David FidelRE writes: ".....I was surprised to see my last lettRE heading up 'Ye Olde Mail Bag' in 'SaucRE Shoes'. My comments about MillRE, although perfectly true, have probably destroyed whatevRE credibility I have built up in the Unexplained Phenomena Field. I noticed that Bill Spaulding had some rathRE off-the-wall comments to make, but he doesn't have any credibility to lose."

"I was quite intrigued by the comments of Jeffrey Goodman, editor of 'Official UFO'. First of all, I would like to point out a glaring error in Goodman's letter. He refers to himself as being an 'unscrupulous fakir' (sic), which he surely is, except for the fact that fakirs only exist in the East (India, etc.), with the possible exception of Lama Dickhoff (who, as far as we know, just might drive steel skewers through his body.)....."

"For those who haven't noticed it, just about 100% of the material in 'Official UFO' is totally fabricated by staff writers. Personally, we are just waiting for them to print an 'I was raped by the Space Beings' article. Unfortunately, that day doesn't appear to be too far off. Want to blow your money? Pick up the next issue of 'Official UFO', the confession magazine of Ufology."

Kevin McCray writes: ".....I must say that I do enjoy your publication, even though it is a bit peculiar at times."

"I would appreciate it if you would run a notice of my new address, and also add that I am trying to rekindle my UFO interest. At this time I would like to survey the current literature (publications, newsletters, etc.) so as to get a feel for the state of the art....."

"Look for my old publication, 'Ufology Report', some time this Winter."

Kevin McCray's address is: 6625 Wickford Square, #36; Sylvania, Ohio 43560 - Editor.

Bob ("Raving Robert") Schiller sends us the following tid-bits: "Congratulations on 'Saucer Lous' - a real groovy title to ring out 1977. Wow, you really must have come down on ole Barker for his neglect in replying to all the Crank letters he gets from his fans. Why, he sent me a gen-u-ine MIB Xmas card, no less!.....I even got an Xmas card from 'Bobby' Sheaffer and (shudder) Janice Croy, even. The way it's going, you might even have gotten one from that Texas nut group (which sent you threatening letters several months ago), or (gasp) even Ray Stanford - either of which I'd turn over to the Bomb Squad before opening....."

"I gotta finish flushing my sedatives down the toilet before the guards get back, and so I ain't too sleepy to finish my tunnel. Happy Nu Yeeear."

Larry Stephens writes: "I am planning to publish my newsletter 12 times a year now, under 3 separate titles, beginning in January, 1978. However, they each can be only 4 pages long. At \$4.50 per annum, postage paid, that will still be a bargain. However, we will still exchange, take your money, or use your stamps, on our old programme! Also, we could increase our pages, but for the moment, 4 is really the maximum we can handle.

"Under our new editorial headship, we will have a 'blanket copyright permission form', which allows you to reprint from any of our issues without repetitive written permission for 12 issues, that is, from the nearest issue your request for a 'BCPF' arrives. Renewal is effective once a year. Any issues not covered by this form will require specific written permission. The forms will be ready by 1 or 31 January 1978 and will be effective for one year thereafter. This service is free of charge upon written approval. You may wish to pass this notice along in your newsletter."

Muh???? - Editor.

Lou Farish writes: ".....I recently received 'Saucer Shoes' and enjoyed it. In response to Cap'n Oberg's comments on the Skylab-3 'UFO' photos, I would like to add one rather significant detail which the good captain neglected to mention: The object seen and photographed by the Skylab astronauts was red in color. Much as I hate to question SS (Super-Skeptic) Oberg's analysis, 'ordinary nearby Earth satellites' do not appear red in color to either ground or space observers. I can only suggest that ole Cap'n Jim take another look at photos SL3-118-2138, SL3-118-2139, SL3-118-2140 and SL3-118-2141. Unless, of course, he thinks that because the object was red, it was a Russian satellite....."

Hayden Hewes writes: "Any reader who has not received a complementary issue of the new psychic tabloid newsmagazine, 'The Hefley Report', may do so by requesting one from the publisher. Direct your request to Mr. Carl Hefley, P.O. Box 7242, Burbank, Ca. 91510. In addition to factual stimulating stories of the occult, the supernatural, and UFOs, they are a new writers' market which pays before publication....."

The current issue, for better or worse, features an interview with George Van Tassel about his well-known Integration. - Editor.

Golly, gee! Just as we were about to go to press with the above Trash, we received another letter from Dave FidelRE, which reads in large part as follows:

"It is my pleasure to present you with FidelRE's Fearless Psychic Predictions for 1978, some of which will undoubtedly be validated. In fact, 1978 looks like a good year, and the only really disappointing prediction is the first:

"(1) Moseley will continue to publish 'SaucRE WhatevRE'.

"(2) Federal authorities will determine that John Keel is an android.

"(3) Steve Miller will mysteriously disappear from the field of Ufology.

"(4) Bob Sheaffer will develop a belief in fairies. He will then meet several in the Washington, D.C. area.

"(5) Lou Wiedemann will investigate the archetypal symbolism inherent in Fartean phenomena.

"(6) Allen Greenfield will be investigated by the National Women's League to Stamp Out and Dispose of Un-American Types (NWLSODUT).

"(7) Arizona will drop into the sea.

"(8) W. Todd Zechel will never be heard from again.

"(9) A pathetic Cleveland Ufologist, known to stand on the shores of Lake Erie and signal saucers with a multi-cell flashlight, will appear in a sequel called 'Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind'....."

Not quite, on that last one, Dave! "Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind" is the title of a soon-to-be-forthcoming parody expose-type article which is semi-scheduled for a future issue of "Saucer Crud"! - Editor.

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FINALLY, we have a missive from the Notorious Philip J. Klass (see Page 5.)

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Dec. 17, 1977

Dear Jim:

Some possible grist for your mill. Enclosed is PROOF POSITIVE that I have been paid off by the U.S. Air Force -- to the tune of \$300--obviously in return for my many years (11+) of debunking UFOs--and my recent lecture at the Air Force Academy.

Also enclosed is a copy of my expenses for the trip, all of which were/had to be paid from the \$300. Air Fare, you will note, was \$276 from Wash. to Colo Springs & Ret., and I donated copy of my book "UFOs Explained" to the Academy library, at a cost to me of \$6.60. So my NET PROFIT--after 11+ years of doing the USAF's UFO dirty-work, is 40 cents!!

By way of background, about 9-10 years ago, when Paul Cerny, then chairman of the NICAP chapter in the Bay Area (S.F.) and I first appeared together on a TV program out there, he accused me of being paid-off by USAF, CIA, Govt. I publicly offered to pay him \$10,000 if he could substantiate the charges--which he never attempted to do.

Then, in the spring of 1975, while I was in the S.F. area promoting my new book "UFOs Explained" on a night-talk show with Cerny, he again made such charges.

I responded by recalling his earlier charge, and my \$10,000 offer. I noted that since the earlier challenge there had been some inflation and that I would therefore raise my offer to \$25,000 if he could show that I had ever received any payment at any time from any government agency--except for a \$260 death benefit from Social Security on the death of my mother in the fall of 1974, and a \$100 refund from IRS for overpayment of my taxes.

Furthermore, I offered to let Cerny examine every one of my Federal Tax Returns since I first entered UFOlogy, i.e. 1966, if he would let me examine his since that date, and CERNY PUBLICLY AGREED TO DO SO. (I pointed out that IF he found that my tax returned showed secret government payments, he could collect the \$25,000; and if my tax returned did not show such payments but he could prove same, then he could have me jailed for tax evasion.)

Shortly after my return to D.C., I made a Xerox copy of my full Federal Tax Return for 1966, and sent it to Cerny saying that when I received HIS tax return for 1966, I would then send him mine for 1967, and on receiving his for 1967 I would send him mine for 1968, etc. etc.

CERNY RETURNED MY LETTER (and 1966 tax return) UNOPENED, marked "Refused, return to sender." Yet as far as many thousands of people who heard the radio program, they think that Cerny kept his word.

NOW that I have made a 40-cent profit from the Air Force Academy lecture, I would have to add it to my earlier list of exceptions, i.e. Social Security death benefit and one tax refund.

You are welcome to use any/all of the foregoing if it grabs you.

