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".....A BOIL ON THE ASS OF UFOLOGY"

- John Keel, writing in the March 25th,
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ANOTHER BORING BUT NEVERTHELESS
S E M I - S E R I O U S E D I T O R I A L

A mild but reasonable criticism from anti-saucerer Robert Sheaffer (see Page 3) regarding our recent issues, has made us decide that it's time to re-define our goals (if any), here at "Saucer Stud".

When we started this newsletter series a little over two years ago, our Zine was largely satirical and even sentimental in tone. Our main purpose, as we saw it then, was to chronicle the foibles of the UFO "hard core", so that we in this chaotic field of research could perhaps begin to see ourselves as others no doubt see us - a disorganized band of non-scientists, pseudo-scientists, and near-scientists - all with a never-ending, ever-changing array of wildly differing opinions. (Even a few "real" scientists have joined us, to our delight, though this fact has done nothing to decrease the confusion.)

Gradually, our willingness to print just about anything humorous or Negative about anyone else, has caused more & more of the letter writers to deliberately display their zaniest side. So the mirror becomes distorted. We end up like the TV cameramen for whom the riot starts when the cameras arrive, and subsides when the cameras depart.

So maybe, as Bob Sheaffer so aptly puts it, it's time we get "back to more meaningful mudslinging." What we want to be is the forum for brief ravings of whatever kind that would not be acceptable to a "normal" UFO zine for whatever reason. Among the qualities we look for are wit & humor - but also - truth (even Great Truths!); fairness, originality, sincerity, pertinence to current UFO situations, and other qualities much too nebulous to define. A healthy Ego doesn't hurt, either, but that's one thing few saucerers lack! (However, don't be offended if we deliberately deflate over-blown Egos, as that's another of our purposes!)

When these mighty newsletters are placed in a Time Capsule some day, we want them to reflect an accurate picture of the Darker Side of UFO research in the late 1970's. So with this noble goal in mind, let us strive on - and may The Farce be with each and every one of you.

T H E E N D O F A N E R A
(See also our last page.)

Several of our Sources have recently informed us of the sudden death (by heart attack) of UFO contactee George Van Tassel, and it is with genuine sadness that we report this event to our "Saucer Stud" readers.

Van Tassel, of course, was the proprietor of Giant Rock Airport, near Yucca Valley, California, where huge outdoor UFO conventions were held every year from 1953 through 1970. Your editor was privileged to attend 3 or 4 of these, including the last one, which became the subject of Gray Barker's highly fictionalized book "Gray Barker at Giant Rock" written & published by the same Gray Barker in 1976.

For those of you who have never been to the Rock, all we can tell you is that there was a magic out there on the desert that made even a skeptic almost believe that a UFO might be landing at any moment. Other than selling the only food around, George and his wife did not seem to profit from these annual conclaves. Everyone was welcome to park on their property for free and "do their thing". There was no charge for book stands; and the podium on the Rock was open to anyone with anything coherent or even semi-coherent to say. We were impressed by George's kindness to us, every time we came out, particularly in view of your editor's well-known reputation as a CIA agent / tool of Wall Street / agent of the Dark Planet / fink. But each year the podium was opened up to us, with no time limit, and there was a touching hospitality shown by our hosts.

But what about the Integratron - that huge dome-shaped building that was to house a rejuvenation machine, the plans for which were given to George by the Space People many years ago? There were those who said that the Integratron was nothing more than a device to grub money from the Faithful, and that it would never be finished. Ironically, it failed to rejuvenate its builder, and indeed, it still is not finished.

So goodbye, George, and thanks for having done so much to spread the UFO Message - whatever that Message may be. There will never be another George Van Tassel, and there will never be another Giant Rock.

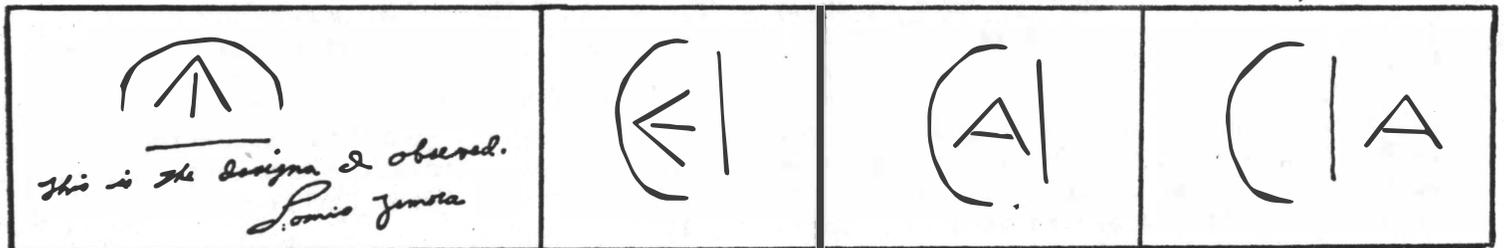
YE OLDE MISC. RAVINGS COLUMN: Allen Greenfield (formerly Allen GERenfield) is currently living in Tucson, Arizona - having migrated from Atlanta, Ga. originally. Al & wife Barbara first went to Tampa, Florida, where the winds were not right for them; and they now have settled, temporarily at least, in Arizona. Address: P.O. Box 49227, Tucson, Ariz. 85717.....FLASH: As reported exclusively in "Saucer Shoes" last December, there has been some sort of upheaval in the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of the Paranormal (CSIP???) . Marcello Truzzi of Eastern Michigan University, who was editor of their zine, called "The Zetetic", is now editor of a new zine called "The Zetetic Scholar". Whether the new publication is a sequel or a rival, is not clear. In any case, "The Zetetic Scholar" is available for a mere \$10 per year, and includes Dr. Hynek among its listed contributors. Address: Dept. of Sociology, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197.....Your "Saucer Stud" editor continues to appear regularly (about every 2 weeks) on the Long John Nebel - Candy Jones radio show, but most of the programs are on subjects other than UFOs. Among them: Eye disorders (common among Ufologists!); psychiatry (Ufologists in desperate need of this!); and astrology (a useful Science for Ufologists). Come to think of it, all these programs do have a bearing on our favorite subject!.....

LETTERS TO THE ALLEGED EDITOR

Dr. Leon Davidson 964 Prospect St., White Plains, N.Y. 10606) writes as follows:

"Thanks for letting your non-subscribers see this graphic analysis of the 'Socorro Symbol', so they can make up their own minds as to whether it is composed of the letters 'C I A' exactly. (This was a sighting that Hynek thought so highly of, he made it Case No. 1 in his list of 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' in his book 'The UFO Experience'.) The insignia below was photocopied from page 67 of Emenegger's 'UFOs Past, Present, and Future' (Ballantine #25036). I'd be glad to hear from anyone who wants to check this out further.

"Steps of analysis show the insignia as drawn by Zamora, rotated 90 degrees, then the arrowhead rotated, leaving the 'stem' alone, then the letter 'A' moved outside. QED."



Dr. Thornton Page of NASA writes: "Here are two contributions from a faithful, if somewhat confused, reader of 'Saucer Mud'. The first, from the 'New Yorker' Magazine of Feb. 6th, 1978, is easy. Latin Americans are enhanced by UFOs, and call them OVNIs. (How's your Spanish?) The second is more difficult. In this.....I understand mass ratios (Sun: Jupiter: Earth, etc.) but I don't see how the Bible gets in on the act. Perhaps your readers can inform us, and you can issue a 'Saucer Bible' (in your newsletter series.) Donald Menzel, where art thou? Or do we need a Close Encounter of the Fourth Kind?"

Dr. Page refers to an interesting (but quite negative) "New Yorker" article about UFOs, and to an unintelligible pseudo-scientific UFO treatise he received from someone named Frank Hatch. Our thanks to Dr. Page for these items, both of which are too long to reproduce here. - Editor.

Hayden Hewes (P.O. Box 441, Edmond, Ok. 73034) writes: "As most of you know, the PSE (Psychological stress evaluator) is an instrument that detects, measures, and graphically displays certain stress-related components of the human voice. To the human ear, a person may sound perfectly normal, free of tremors or 'guilt-revealing' sound variations. The PSE senses the difference and records the changes in the inaudible FM qualities of the voice on a chart. The example below (omitted here) indicates that an individual was under stress when asked if he had ever lied to his mother. His answer was 'no', but the chart shows that he had.

"I am putting together a regular feature series for Saga 'UFO Report' Magazine, using the PSE on various UFO claims. If you have any taped interviews that you would like to have evaluated by the PSE and possibly used in 'UFO Report', please forward a copy to me at the above address. Full credit will be given to you if used."

Lou Farish writes: ".....I received 'Saucer Mud' a couple of days ago and found it interesting, as always. I wish I had thought to tell you about George Hunt Williamson previously, as I've known for some time that he is still among the living. He had an article published (using the D'Obrenovic pseudonym) in 'Probe the Unknown' a few years ago. Also, I understand he was a speaker at the Giant Rock convention this past October. I didn't know about the Clearlight Energy Conference, but I think GHW is supposed to be affiliated with some college in the Santa Barbara area....."

Bob Sheaffer writes: "No doubt about it. Your mysterious non-subscriber Dick Henry really does exist. I met him when we appeared on the same TV show here in Washington, he of course being dressed in black, with a black trenchcoat and dark glasses. I have it on good authority, however, that some people are saying that Bob Sheaffer doesn't exist, and there may be some truth in that. Dick Henry, by the way, asked me if I knew whether Jim Moseley really exists. I said I doubted it.

"I must confess that I fear the last few issues of your Crud & Mud have slipped a bit. Too much farting around, if you know what I mean. It reminds me of what passed for humor in the seventh grade. Let's get off the farting pot & back at more meaningful mudslinging....."

See our editorial. - Editor.

NICRAPian George Earley writes: "Special crypto-note for Dr. Leon Davidson: Moseley has P.O. Box 163. That results in the letters AFC - 'Air Force Controlled', perhaps??

".....Maybe you can get Phil Klass to buy you a tape recorder. He bought one for NICAP some years ago (much to Keyhoe's distress when he heard about it), so why not one for you?....."

Gilbert Ziemba writes: "Thank you for continuing to include me with your interesting and 'strange' newsletter. Being an advocate of the Hollow Earth theory, I was quite surprised to discover the apparent truth of the existence of the Hollow Earth. (See 'Saucer Mud'.) The enlarged view which penetrates into this hollow opening and which

reveals your identity definitely shocked and intrigued me. I need not search any more for proof of who occupies this inner world of the Hollow Earth. Uncle Lou has definitely proven to me the reality of the existence of the hole and the character therein....."

Jim Harris writes: "So you just couldn't stand it! You couldn't give up those rhyming titles, could you? Anyhow, thanks for the recent ish of 'Saucer Mud', which was as strange as always.

"Your Uncle Lou is right about David Fideler (or Fididler or whatever.) Strange ain't the word for him! We have received certain letters from him which lead me to believe that he is a crazed maniac ready to break out of his shell of respectability.

"Well, I'm due to go out and mutilate a few cattle....."

Jim's latest UFO tape, "Hamsters from Beyond", is a real Fortean Gas, and we highly recommend it. Yes, we have finally purchased a tape recorder, mainly just to hear this stuff! - Editor.

Lama Robert Dickhoff raves: ".....Regarding 'Saucer Mud' - Ramona Cortez; the last name irks me, as the Aztecs considered the name of the Conquistador Cortez as the devil, and thus evil. Editor H. Belilski once called me up on a Sunday morning at 12:20, when I was in the middle of my favorite wrestling program on TV. That bird is rotten to the core, and 'Beyond Reality', literally speaking.....

"Keel the Heel sick? Good! Who needs him, anyway!....."

Steve Erdmann writes: "Thanks for your card.....and for the copies of 'Saucer Shoes', 'Mud', 'Moos', 'Lous', 'Gurus', 'Hewes', etc.

"Could you dedicate one to me and call it 'Saucer Blues' - which I have been having for many years now, since my divorce and before. My ex-wife's lawyer mentioned flying saucers in the dark Erdmann past, and the judge threw the book at me - I believe it was one of Keel's! (At least Keel makes more sense than Missouri divorce law.).....

"Okay, if you could give our organization, NCAM, some publicity, even if in jest, it might bring in some cattle mutilation reports. If we could be sent the actual mutilation that would be even better - with the culprits handcuffed and ribboned. Our headquarters are at 5125 South Compton, St. Louis, Mo. 63111....."

The former Curt Sutherly writes: "Just a note to let you and your readers know that I'm alive and well these days - pursued by numerous ladies (of ill-repute), writing newspaper copy by the dull (and not-so-dull) stack daily, and hard at it learning and practicing the techniques of fiction writing - something I find extremely fascinating. Part of the reason I write just now is that, in the past many weeks, numerous persons have asked me why I don't seem to have anything published on the UFO/Fortean scene any more.....So for you, Jim, and any others who may care - I am still writing, but my efforts are much redirected. I leave the Fortean field to those who come after.....

"Keep publishing your newsletter. It is definitely a source of non-inspiration to all of us....."

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THE NIGHT PHIL KASS WENT TO THE MOVIES...



It is with deep sorrow I announce the sudden death of my beloved husband, George W. Van Tassel. His passing over occurred on February 9, 1978 with a heart attack.

There will be a Love Memorial held for him on Sunday, March 12, 1978, at 2:00 P.M. It will be held at the Institute of Mental Physics located on Highway 62 in Yucca Valley, California. The Reverend Donald Waldrop will conduct the ceremony.

As Director of The Ministry of Universal Wisdom since 1958 his desire and determination to complete the Integratron to benefit humanity was his sole purpose in life. This work was financed by private contributions and is nearly completed at this time. This project can continue on because he had designated his successor in 1977. The man selected had been involved with George Van Tassel through the years and is qualified to finish the Integratron. It was his desire that the work go on without any delay and it can with your support. It is now ready for the final phase.

George Van Tassel always worked with people Not large corporate involvement and therefore remained independent. All donations for this project came from individuals. I sincerely and humbly suggest that in lieu of flowers a donation of financial support be given toward the completion of The Integratron. Machinery, workshop facilities, fencing, lighting, etc., must be purchased immediately. All donations are tax deductible and contribution breakdown will be furnished to each donor.

His Goal, Our Goal, Everyone's Goal Is At Hand Now— 25 Years Of Work!

As President of the Corporation I dedicate myself and the Board of Directors to finish this work. We will with God's help and Yours!!!!

Yours with love and understanding.



Dorris Van Tassel
President

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