

DEDICATED, ONCE AGAIN, TO TODD ZECHEL

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YE OLDE MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

A lady named Joan Boyes of Canada's Hollow Earth Society has sent us a strange document which purports to be the missing secret diary of the late Admiral Byrd. In it, the good Admiral tells of how he went to a beautiful city in the Inner Earth beneath the Pole, spoke to a Master there, and received great Revelations. The foreword to the pamphlet is written by the notorious Dr. William Bernard, D.D., Ph.D. What more can we say??

On the Klass-Zechel front, we have a set of twenty questions about Zechel from Klass, headed: "Will the real W. Todd Zechel - fireman, sex-shop manager, pool-hall hustler, and frequent 'borrower' please stand up?" By his questions, Klass goes on to imply that Zechel has run up huge phone bills elsewhere than at "Saucer Phone" Headquarters (which we already knew); that Zechel was once employed as manager of a pornographic book store in Milwaukee (which we already knew); that Zechel once made a livelihood as a "pool hall hustler" (which we knew); and that Zechel was employed by a civilian firm as a carpenter and a fireman during a six-year period when he claims to have been in Intelligence work (which we did not know.) Perhaps these jobs were merely a clever "cover". In any case, Zechel refuses to comment on any of these charges, and still says he is suing Klass. Zechel has sent us a photostat of a top-secret clearance he obtained from the Army Security Agency in 1963, and his friend Brad Sparks has sent us over 20 typewritten pages of letters from him (Sparks) to Klass, in which he defends Zechel in great detail. Then, Klass sent us his answer to Sparks together with a new challenge to Zechel: Since Klass has sent Zechel \$25.00 toward the cost of duplicating tapes of disputed phone conversations, and since Zechel cashed the \$25.00 check without sending out any tapes, although he had promised in an earlier letter to do so, Klass now accuses Zechel of a postal violation. (Complicated, isn't it!) Still lost is any solution to the question of whether (damn it!) the U.S. Government does or does not have tangible proof of the existence of flying saucers. Stay tuned.....

Former UFO researcher August C. ("Augie") Roberts has surfaced again, and is back living with his sister and her husband in Wayne, N.J. Olde-time saucer fans will remember Augie as having taken the famed flash-bomb photograph over New York City, which was included in George Adamski's "Flying Saucers Have Landed". Over the years since then, Augie operated a photo service of sorts, through which he sold or gave away many hundreds of copies of various UFO pictures taken by other people. In recent years, Augie has been in declining health and fortunes, and is no longer active in the saucer Scene, unfortunately.

Speaking of Augie Roberts, he made a rare public appearance at our recent 2nd Annual UFO Party, to which all "Saucer Phone" non-subscribers were invited. Of course, if all the non-subscribers had actually come, we would have needed a very large stadium; but fortunately only a small coterie of researchers and other weirdos actually made it to our Bash. Highlight of the evening was the showing of several real-life UFO films by Stella Lansing. In these we were treated to lights of various sizes, shapes and colors, dancing in front of a pure black background. The showing was interrupted when a somewhat disorderly guest slipped a 1950's vintage pornographic film onto the projector. - Other guests included "Mr. UFO", none other than Timothy Greed Beckley of Global Communications; Arthur Gatti; the former Eugene Steinberg and wife; Geneva Steinberg (former wife of the former Eugene Steinberg); Brandon Blackman, the Carribean celebrity; Anna Montgomery (estranged wife of former beat poet George Montgomery); Ted Hunt of electrical engineering fame, with

his charming wife Phyllis; Floyd Murray; John Keel - though not in the physical body; Edward Lopez of "Beyond Reality" Magazine; Michael G. Mann; and a host of others, too repetitive to mention here. Incidentally, star researcher Todd Zechel was in town just before the Event, but didn't show up for some reason.

Candy Jones of WMCA's night talk show has finally Made It Big, as she is mentioned favorably in a recent issue of the National Enquirer - having been seen in public with Allen Funt of "Candid Camera". According to the Enquirer, they were "closerthanthis". Can you believe how close "closerthanthis" really is?

YE OLDE MISSIVES SECTION:

PAUL MEMOLI writes:

"I've been picking up Perry Collins' mail, and have noticed a note from you, and now the piece about Collins in 'Saucer Stone'. I think I should advise you that Mr. Collins is no longer in Connecticut. He and his intended bride had a falling out, and he enlisted in the service to try and forget about her. I am not in communication with him at this time, although he was supposed to get in touch with me about his mail. If and when I get in touch with him, I'll pass this note and the 'Saucer Stone' on to him."

We are now trying to contact Tony Ranciato, who is head of the UFO Encounter Group of New Haven - of which Collins is merely a Member. If we can't reach Ranciato soon, next year's National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will have to be held elsewhere. It's really bad form, the way Perry Collins has run out on us, without so much as a "goodbye"! - Editor.

JIM HARRIS, of vast Ufological fame, writes:

"Thanks for 'Saucer Stone'. The artwork on Page 1 was marvelous.

"Unless I am mistaken, the 'International UFO Reporter' is now about two months late. It's too bad that more zines aren't 'unscheduled' like yours. Perhaps, though, Hynek is deliberately delaying his publication because he now has The Answer!

"That chart on your back page is interesting. Now I understand how your zine is funded.

"Surely Charles Wilhelm doesn't fear that Perry Collins will ruin NUFOC's respectability? How can NUFOC lose something it has never had? Naturally I can't comment about Collins' behavior (not having heard his presentation), but perhaps if he promised to clean up his act?.....

"May you have the Blessings of the Lords of Kobol."

BOB SHEAFFER, of vast Ufological infamy, writes:

"Enclosed are a couple of items I think you'll enjoy seeing. Capt. Jim sends along some info on Lama Dickhoff's fantasies about man-eating Venus Garudas. And 'Official UFO' has just published these terrific recruitment posters for the anti-UFO army, which you might want to share with your readers. To avoid future confusion, I want to make sure everyone understands that 'Official UFO's anti-UFO army is not in any way affiliated with the UFO Subcommittee of the CSICP.

"Speaking of 'Official UFO', the latest issue carries the following dispatch from the front: 'Amid the bombed-out ruins of what was once the thriving community of Chester, Illinois, local inhabitants manage to find strength in their rural traditions and their faith in their fellow humans.....'"

Thank God Chester is rebuilding! Stiff upper lip! - See our last page for the "Official UFO Bonus Poster", reproduced here without permission of anyone. - Editor.

RON SCHAFFNER writes:

".....I would much appreciate it if you would give Para-Hominoid Research a plug in your rag. Just something to the effect that I am interested in receiving reports of strange creatures and mutilations." Para-Hominoid

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EARL JONES writes:

".....I would like to thank you for unleashing my name and 'Alien' description on

the poor unsuspecting members of Ufology (Page 2 of 'Saucer Bone'.) .....Although your zine does it in a very humorous manner, it does quite often hit the proverbial nail (or Ufologist) correctly on the head....."

The legendary LAURA MUNDO writes:

"As Carmella wrote you, we had a run on 'Sex, Science, and the Mystic' before you ordered it, and before you put that kind notice in your Sept. 20th newsletter. Sorry!

"It is always interesting to note what people pick out of articles and books to mention or review. It tells a lot about themselves!

"Incidentally, it was Ray Stanford who interpreted any 'sexual developments' at Adam-ski's by his immature 14-year-old mind, not me - which your statement appeared to mean. Anyone who takes a 14 year old's assessment of sexual developments, as such, if they were, is looking for a way out!

"I'm happy to note the serious tone hidden by your gay abandon in 'Saucer News' - a lot easier to go down, I suppose, than with my writings, that hit head on. Every man to his own taste, said the farmer as he kissed the cow!"

Laura goes from Gaiety to kissing cows in one paragraph! - Too bad "Sex, Science, and the Mystic" is sold out. Instead, Laura has kindly sent us a free copy of "The Concept of Living Atomic Being or How to Survive the Present Times", which, whatever it is, is not what we were looking for. - Editor.

ARTHUR GATTI writes:

"A poll was taken last December, after the showing of 'CE3K' to a tribe of Backbay Boston and Easthampton Abos (separated during the Great Glacial Rift of 19,508 B.C.) One question was asked of each tribe member after they saw the movie:

"Based on today's semantic hip and hyponewspeak, what would you think a Close Encounter of the Fourth Kind would be?"

"Over 69% answered a resounding: SEX! Of the remaining 31%, 2% said 'Finding a God common to both peoples.' 3% said 'Having them over to dinner.' 6% said 'Sorry, I was asleep/too stoned/too involved with my earache.' 9% said 'I'm in a hurry to get out of the parking lot,' and 11% said 'Give me Sex!'

"So, in light of this, don't advertise that 'I-thought-of-it-first' stuff about a CE4K! Anyway, I thought of it first! (signed) Art Gatti

author of the current pb bestseller  
'UFO Encounters of the Fourth Kind'"

PETER JORDAN of The Association for the Study of Unexplained Phenomena writes:

"Thank you so much for forwarding me recent copies of your colorful lampoons of Ufology. I have eagerly awaited just such a treatment of this elusive phenomenon, and I can genuinely say that I am not now as eager as I was formerly.

"The redeeming merits of this journalistic outrage are difficult to summarize, let alone identify, so perhaps it is wise not to say anything at all.....

"What is terribly astonishing, I must say, is how your words can continue to flow after your mind has absolutely ceased to function! At the very best you are offering a refreshing elixir to the grimly disturbing realities of UFO research. At the very least, you are learning to form complete, meaningful sentences.

"May you succeed in reaching a speedy conclusion to this utterly mindless project, and resume your activities as a grossly negligent and deeply disturbed self-aggrandizing pseudo-researcher.

"And, may the boil never burst.....

"P.S: There are those who tell me that you are doing the work of two men. Is it true that those two men are Laurel and Hardy?"

Amen - May the boil never burst. - Editor.

DAVE REISSIG writes:

"I've been living in fear of seeing the Dreaded X appear on my label, so I thought I'd write you now and forestall it.

"I continue to enjoy your newsletter, although I didn't think you were too scatological before you were persuaded to change. So you made Melton blush - so what?.....

"I'm enclosing a picture of a flying saucer that I took in my living room. It's a poor picture because the saucer emitted a mysterious force that interfered with the camera."

"Most of the UFOs that I see outdoors look and sound just like ordinary aircraft. - They're very clever....."

"Please keep me on your mailing list, and I'll keep you in my prayers."

As for Melton - SHIT! - Editor.

GEORGE FOX writes:

".....In my most recent UFO experience, in Cliffside Park, N.J., I noticed something I had not noticed before. The light, from the two ships observed, had an indescribable mirror-like quality which I cannot explain. Also in this particular case, although the first ship was giving off a black substance, the second ship did not have to effect a rescue operation. The second ship headed for the West and the first ship headed for the North. The black substance could not accurately be described as smoke, although it was black in appearance. Compared to the white clouds nearby, it was more like a black smoke with tiny dots throughout. Again, I can't explain this phenomenon of a smoke that did not seem to disperse....."

Cliffside Park, N.J. is dangerously close to Guttenberg, N.J., where we live, but your Editor saw nothing. (Incidentally, our mailing address is still in Fort Lee.) - Editor.

JAMES ("CAPTAIN JIM") OBERG writes:

".....Stan Friedman is torqued that I called his participation in the Klass wager a publicity stunt. No insult meant, Stan! It's a damn good publicity stunt. But you've told me and others that you have no hope of collecting a cent from Klass no matter what happens - so, if that is true, what financial use is that wager?"

"Thanks to two unnamed Fellow-Truth-Seekers (Hint: Lou Farish is not in this group), I received the Keyhoe article from the Jan. '65 issue of 'True', and confirmed that the later ravings in other UFO articles were accurate quotations from Keyhoe's sillies. Nobody then or now could track anything for one full orbit, so Keyhoe was blowing smoke about the Gemini-1 radar UFO. The Polaris UFO story is hysterical, since Keyhoe says it took eighteen minutes to re-establish contact with a rocket that was only in flight for six or eight minutes. Keyhoe continues to spout nonsense, claiming (1978 MUFON Symposium) McDivitt says his genuine UFO photo 'is still hidden by NASA'; or that Gordon Cooper saw UFOs in Space (Cooper is suing Columbia Pictures for, among other things, saying that); and still flaunting his secret phantom satellites, and fantasizing that 'strange signals from an orbiting spaceship were recorded by NASA but no message was ever deciphered.' But I guess UFO buffs must tolerate a few buffoons, if only for old times sake. Ah, nostalgia!"

"Big interview (no holds barred, fangs bared) with me in upcoming issue of Belil's 'UFO Update'; and CBC-Toronto has been getting crank letters and phone calls from a 'Mister X' ('Monsieur X') who boldly objects to my guest appearances with Isaac Asimov on the 'As It Happens' talk show. It seems that Brand 'X' doesn't like foreigners telling Canadians about UFOs."

"There's a new 'cosmonaut UFO story' from Argentina, where papers say Russian general told Latin attache told friend told reporter that Salyut-6 cosmonauts told space officials they were shadowed by UFOs. I guess we'll have to believe it's true until proven otherwise - right, Lucius?"

"Suggestion: Hayden Hewes' Voice Stress Analysis program ought to volunteer to administer ten questions each between Klass and Zechel, to get relevant material onto public records. Too much energy is being wasted on spook games. So far the dispute has been in camera, but nobody is going to come up clean-faced if it goes on much longer."

"Marjorie Palmer is still soliciting UFO material for 'Search', the quarterly which absorbed 'Flying Saucers' Magazine a few years ago. Send submissions to 'Search', Palmer Publications, Amherst, Wisconsin 54406."

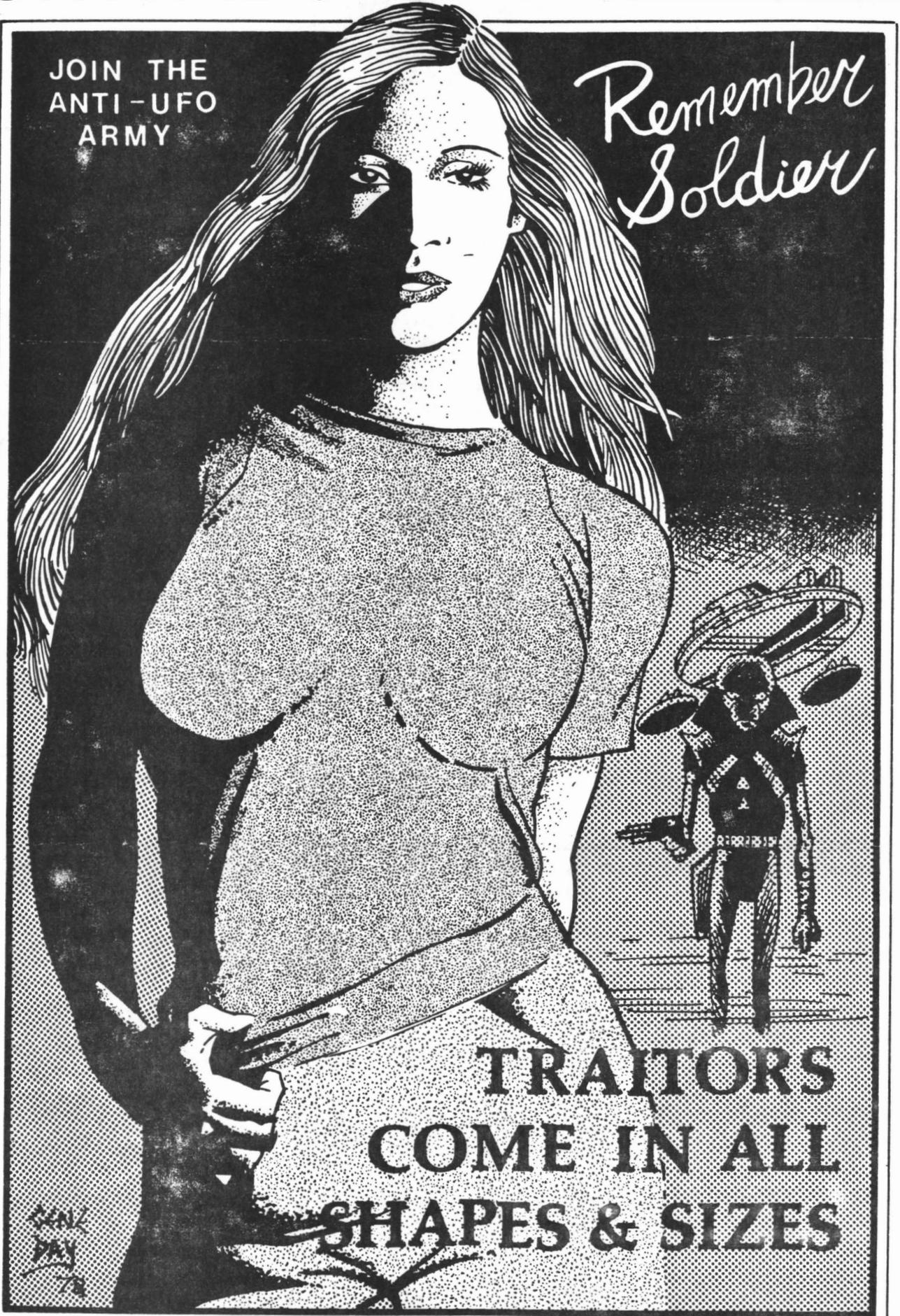
"Monsieur X" was a major speaker at the recent Fartean convention in Washington, D.C. He is for real. Beware! - Editor.

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