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A VOICE FROM "INSIDE" (formerly "MISC. RAVINGS")

In the wee morning hours of November 1st (in other words, just after Hallowe'en ended), a Virginia psychic named Rosemary DeWitt led several carloads of UFO enthusiasts to a location where the Space People had informed her that a craft would appear. Your fearless "Saucer Crone" editor had intended to join the group, but was prevented from doing so by another commitment - not to an asylum but to a radio broadcast; see below. Unfortunately, Ms. DeWitt admits that no craft was seen at the psychically-predetermined spot, in spite of the fact that (as she knew ahead of time by non-psychic means), other sightings had been made at the same spot within the previous 2 or 3 days. There was also a meteorite shower that night. This was seen by the crowd, as well as several semi-mysterious red explosions. But it seems a shame that, with Hallowe'en, previous sightings, and meteorites all going for her, Ms. DeWitt could not come up with a hard-core type of sighting. Better luck next time!

On the evening of October 31st, your editor joined Timothy Greed Beckley ("Ms. UFO") and several others on the Candy Jones Hallowe'en show, on WMCA in New York. This was our first appearance on the show since its new, saner time-slot began - 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Our principal contribution to the evening was a discussion of the recent Australian Case, in which a young pilot and his small plane disappeared completely after having radioed in that he was being harrassed by a low-flying UFO. If it isn't a hoax (as it well might be), this is the most sensational UFO case to come along in quite awhile. We are still hoping to eventually see follow-up clippings, to let us know whether the pilot and/or plane were ever found.

We never knew how many spooky Hollow Earth fans had crept onto our non-subscribers list, till we printed that little item in "Saucer Phone" about the missing secret diary of Admiral Byrd. An avalanche of letters - maybe 2 or 3 altogether - has come in, asking where more information can be obtained. We have two sets of names and addresses for this stuff: (1) International Society for a Complete Earth, % Tawani W. Shoush; R.R. #1, Box 63; Houston, Missouri 65483. (2) Hollow Earth Research Society, % Ivan Boyes; 1339 Fest-avon Court; Mississauga, Ontario; Canada L5M 1J7.

The venerable NICRAP organization seems to be on the verge of bankruptcy once again, according to the new issue of their thin little magazine - which is the first issue since May. A deficit of \$4,500 was registered for 1977, mainly because of the cost of "contracting services".....

Speaking of Money, "Just Cause" (Todd Zechel & friends) is soliciting donations for a new Freedom of Information suit, this time in regard to a specific crashed disc case from the late 1940's. Checks should be made payable to Peter Gersten (their lawyer), at 191 East 161st St., Bronx, N.Y. 10451. \$5,000 is needed. You may wonder if your "Saucer Crone" editor has donated anything to this Cause. The answer is no - not that we're unsympathetic to the suit, but because we feel we donated enough, somewhat involuntarily, to Zechel's research during the time he visited with us last year.

The current issue of "The UFO Examiner" (Rt. 1, Hazelton, Iowa 50641) contains a very interesting update on the "classic" UFO landing at Socorro, New Mexico in 1964. It

seems that two additional witnesses, mentioned in Ray Stanford's recent book, have finally been located and interviewed separately. Strangely, their descriptions of the object differ from each other in many details, and both differ from Lonnie Zamora's. But at least the author of the article had the decency to admit this, and he goes on to analyze the differences rather than merely rationalize them.....

A new UFO organization has recently come to our attention - the Maryland Center for Investigation of Unconventional Phenomena (MCIUP?), headed by one Willard F. McIntyre, B.S., B.A., M.A., M.S., Ph.D., with an assistant director named Arthur F. Rosen, B.S., M.S., Sc.D. In a personal letter to your intrepid "Saucer Crone" editor, McIntyre claims to have 1200 members, including 400 "with at least one doctorate in either physical or sociological sciences." Sounds great, but is it real? We are willing to be Shown, and meanwhile have decided to seek Membership. McIntyre invites us to join, and assures us that "W. Todd Zechel is not a member....." We hadn't asked about that, but merely asked what "name" researchers are currently members. Stay tuned. The address of MCIUP (?) is: Box 218, Kensington, Md. 20795.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

LLAMA ROBERT DICKHOFF treats us to the following:

"Thanks for nothing! The pre-Hallowe'en issue of 'Saucer Phone' was as phony as many of your charlatan-debunkers of spacecraft.....and this includes your loveboy Grumpy Erotic Fart, to whom you gave space in your zine.....Keep this up, and soon you will have a Tibetan curse trailing you.....Don't expect any help from Augie Roberts, who could not locate this llama's hideout in a hundred years, and now is back in his swampland in New Jersey.....Really, you are both a peculiar pair of Weirdos, and do tell this GEF to stop ringing my phone with phony calls at 2:30 a.m. Sun Daze certainly took its effect on him, and this character is still in a Daze since mailing back my letter marked 'refused'. The bum!....."

The llama apparently refers to his arch-enemy, George E. Fox. - Editor.

JENNINGS FREDERICK, Individual Scientific Researcher in Astrodynamics and Rocketry, writes:

"For Christ's sake, Jim - I read your latest issue of 'Saucer Phone' and laughed so damned hard I almost fell off the Thinker's Throne. The feud between Zechel and Klass almost gave me the runs. Maybe Klass ought to change his name to Mr. DeBunk, since he doesn't believe in anything whatsoever. What we have here is another example of a Hatfield and McCoy feud in process; but so far only mud has been slung.

"There has been a lot of weird shit going on in this neck of the woods lately. My car window was shot out, awhile back, in broad daylight, almost hurting my little girl and missing my head by only an inch or so! I had a UFO sighting this past Sunday (Oct. 22nd) with a witness.....and today our local paper ran the enclosed article, which I thought you might find of interest....."

Mr. Frederick lives in West Virginia, where there have been many sightings recently, by police and others. - Editor.

CHARLES WILHELM writes:

".....I'm sorry to hear what happened to Perry Collins - concerning his girl friend, and he then enlisting in the Service. At least now we know that his Space Friends didn't take him to their planet. Let's not give up hope about Mr. Collins. Most likely he joined the Service to try to become a member of the helicopter crew which is responsible for all the cattle mutilations around the world. Some guys will do anything to try to prove their theories!

".....Also in 'Saucer Phone', Mr. Jim Harris mentions that he feels NUFOC has no respectability. Could he please explain to me, either in your publication or by writing me himself, what he means by his statement.....I hope he has some substantial basis for the statement. There are too many so-called Ufologists who make claims without proof....

"We had our third Ohio Coalition meeting this past weekend, and things are going well. However, Mr. Moyers and Mr. Earl Neff don't seem to want to take part in this Coalition. It seems that the trend is continuing, concerning the older Ufologists who are be-

lievers only in the Extraterrestrial Theory, and who won't consider other areas of research. I feel this is why there is a lack of cooperation from these people....."

We believe that Mr. Harris was being semi-facetious in his remark. - Editor.

The inevitable BOB SHEAFFER writes:

"I recently returned from a trip to Texas, where we visited the Oberg Ranch, and I was given a behind-the-scenes tour of NASA by the notorious Captain Jim.

"Perhaps as a warning from the Powers That Be, the whole trip was something of a disaster. First my wife Charlene got sick, the victim of late October sunstroke, or yellow fever, or some other dread tropical disease. I was the next to fall, with some sort of stomach ailment.....Before we returned, our baby son had contracted what the doctor called a 'yeast infection', breaking out into the most horrible spots.....Jim's wife Cookie took a terrible fall from her horse, and was lucky to escape without serious injury. As a parting gesture on the day of our return, one-year-old Gregory Oberg bit me on the ankle!

"But what amazing secrets I learned! We broke NASA rules to steal a look at the unpublished astronaut photos (i.e., we walked across the grass in our eagerness to see them.) Now I know why NASA has kept them secret! The Government is hiding a shocking fact: Our astronauts are terrible photographers! Nearly every photo is badly exposed, out of focus, poorly composed, etc. Aunt Mabel's pictures of last year's family picnic look positively professional in comparison! Now I know why NASA is covering them up. What if the Russians should find out that our astronauts are a bunch of turkeys when it comes to cameras???

"Far more sinister, however, are the implications of the enclosed photograph - in which two prominent NASA stooges were caught in the act of stashing UFO information into NASA's secret files!....."

Sr. Sheaffer kindly enclosed a beautiful color photo with the following suggested caption: "CAUGHT IN THE ACT!: Non-subscribers James Oberg and Thornton Page were surprised by our ever-vigilant camera while in the act of performing their dastardly work at the Johnson Space Center in Houston - stashing UFO information into NASA's top-secret files!" - Unfortunately, we are too Cheap to include the photo in this issue. It shows the gentlemen in question in the act of placing a zine that looks suspiciously like "Official UFO" into a large trash bin marked "CLASSIFIED WASTE ONLY". - Editor.

HAYDEN HEWES writes:

"Just a note to invite all your readers west of the Mississippi River to tune in my radio show 'Perspective', with co-host Mike Simms.....on KOMA Radio, Sunday nights from 11 to 12 p.m. (CST), reaching 23 states and a million interested listeners.

"Also, I was surprised to read Art Gatti's statement in 'Saucer Phone' pertaining to his book 'UFO Encounters of the Fourth Kind'. It seems he forgot to relate that he approached me following the publication of 'The U.F.O. Seductions' in 'Genesis' of November 1976 - co-authored by noted sex-saucer-ologist James Maney, - asking for additional material. Jim and I forwarded our book proposal 'Sex, Outer Space Style' for Art to present to his editors at Zerbra. After several months he returned it, stating they were not interested in the book. However, his book was later published!

"Our sexual UFO encounters theme continued in several other magazines - all published prior to the April 1978 release of his book. It seems in this case, Jim and I were the victims of the screwing!....."

Witchcraft Expert ROBERT CARSON writes:

"Just a short note to say hello, and acknowledge 'Saucer Phone'. That leaves open all sorts of things, including 'Saucer Clone' - the magazine that reproduces itself (a kind way of saying something else); 'Saucer Tone' - the newsletter for muscle-bound UFO enthusiasts; 'Saucer Hone' - for the Sharp UFO investigator; 'Saucer Bone' - for the dog with the advanced degree in aeronautics; 'Saucer Stone' - for the non-tobacconist; etc.

"Sandy Teller and I are in the process of going over the final figures of our witchcraft survey, and before the end of the week we will have put out our 7th annual edition. You will receive your copy....."

What's this?? "Clone" and "Stone" have already been used! Is there someone out there who is not paying attention!? - Editor.

Famed NICRAPian George Earley writes:

"The notorious skeptic Phil Klass was a guest-by-phone on Hartford Connecticut's Mike Miller Show on Oct. 16th (WTIC Radio.) Studio guests were the infamous John Wallace ('Limbo of the Lost') Spencer, who busily pushed his new book, and local Fortean George Earley, who said he regretted not having a book to push. Klass, who spent most of his air time.....in long-winded responses to simple questions, told host Miller at one point that Earley must be an imposter because he (Earley) had just dismissed a UFO report phoned in by a listener as a 'probable meteor'.....

"The Klass/Zechel debate has degenerated into a mud-slinging contest which, I suspect, is what Klass wanted, since it takes attention away from the central issue: Is the U.S. Government in possession of crashed UFOs and/or Ufonauts, or isn't it????...."

RILEY CRABB of BSRF (formerly BSRA) writes:

"Here's another miscellaneous anecdote from the flying saucer lecture trail of the early 1960's. The leader of a Houston, Texas UFO club made a date for me to appear on a local TV station after the talk at the club.....The host for the show was a Jane Mansfield-type Texas blond. She told me that viewers were encouraged to call in with questions and comments. There would be a telephone right in front of me on a coffee table.....

"Once under way I made my position very clear, that I believed in the 3-D reality of the UFOs and that there was an official coverup.....We couldn't have been more than 15 or 20 minutes into the show when the blond hostess asked the obvious question: 'If the flying saucers are real and they are here, why haven't they contacted the leaders of our government?'

"I replied: 'what leads you to believe such contact has not been made?'

"That did it. The hostess apparently received a signal from the producer. She went into her closing and wound up the program. It was all over, and I didn't even have a chance to respond to calls of questions from the viewing audience.

"On my way out, one of the station staff told me the station switchboard lit up like a Christmas tree, but not one call was put through to our telephone in the studio. It is these small but constantly recurring incidents of media control which are the best evidence of the flying saucer coverup."

TIMOTHY GREED BECKLEY of Global Communications (303 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C.) writes:

"Your recent party was the best Ufological affair of the year, next to my appearance at the public session of the National UFO Conference this past summer. In light of some of her earlier films which did not impress me, I was fascinated by the super 8 motion picture shown by Stella Lansing. In fact, I overheard one of your skeptical guests (who just happens to be a photo buff of long standing) comment that it would have taken 6 or 7 people to fake such a film. I think Stella's footage is some of the best around.

"I am sending you under separate cover a review copy of 'UFO Prophecy' by Arthur Shuttlewood, the famed British saucer researcher, who has had close to 500 sightings and several dozen 'close encounters' in Warminster. This happens to be the first full-length book we here at 'UFO Review' have published. Things are going so well that we plan to come out with a whole series of tomes - some more 'scientific', others dealing with personal contacts, etc.

"Speaking of 'UFO Review', if any of your non-subscribers haven't seen a copy, I'd be happy to send them Issue No. 2 - free. This is the one with the cover photo showing a UFO following President Carter's helicopter while he was in Panama over the summer. I hate to brag, but in the short span of three months we've already gotten over 1500 subscribers and are printing 20,000 copies of each issue for distribution on newsstands, through book stores, UFO groups, etc. And, our chief of investigations, Lee Spiegel, is doing a daily 'UFO Update' on NBC radio....."

MARGARET SACHS writes:

"Thanks for the newsletters. WOW! (not W.O.W.) Yes, they're my cup of tea. Finally some UFOwit beyond the skeptics' tired old 'little green men' jokes. Speaking of which, Gabe Green of the Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America visited me a few months ago and brought me a gift of some tiny little green grapes which he said he grew in his Yucca Valley garden. I'm still wondering about those grapes, but they tasted very good.....

"Thanks again for the newsletters. Ufology is lucky to have you on its ass!"

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Oct. 14, 1978

Dear Jim:

Alright, so you want some grist for your editorial mill. Try this for size.

Todd Zechel and some of his supporters claim that my recent efforts to expose the "real Todd Zechel" are prompted by my concern that his efforts to obtain vital UFO secrets that the U.S. Government allegedly has kept under cover may reveal that UFOs really do exist as extraterrestrial spacecraft and that I then will be forced to pay off on several of my \$10,000 offer contracts, as well as buy ~~back~~ back copies of "UFOs Explained" at original price, as offered in the last chapter of my book.

A few months ago I wrote to James M. McCampbell, who had signed a \$10,000 offer/contract in 1975, to remind him that he was several months delinquent in making his annual \$100 payment. I pointed out that although I was not required by the contract to remind him of his delinquency, that I wanted to give him the chance to renew it if he so desired.

On June 19, 1978, McCampbell replied that while he would like to keep the contract in effect that he had lost his job and was then unemployed and thus unable to make the current year's payment.

I replied on June 22, expressing regret at his misfortune and offering "to simply ^{put} our \$10,000 contract 'in limbo.' That is...if at any time you wish to renew the contract, your next payment will constitute your third and you need not start all over again.

"Further, even though you have not made the payment for this year (1978), if any one of the 'payoff' incidents/events listed in the contract should occur during this year, I will send you my check for \$10,000 -- as if you had made your payment."

McCampbell replied on July 13th: "You are truly magnanimous in your offer to ignore my default under our agreement. Of course I gratefully accept the revision."

This is perhaps the best indication of how worried I am that Zechel, or anyone, will ever uncover any "proof of extraterrestrial spaceships" either through Freedom of Information Act actions, or by any other means.

The only real fear that I have is ~~because~~ ^{because} Betty Hill earlier wrote to me that she is sending ESP messages to the UFOs to ask one of them to hover outside my apartment window. My fear is that I might be out sailing on my new sailboat--"Hankypank"--when the UFO comes and that I might miss the biggest event of my life. (When I go sailing I post a large sign on my window, informing UFOs where I can be found, in the hope that they will find me on the Chesapeake Bay.)

Regards Pope Jim, Baby!

