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## YE OLDE MISC. RAVINGS

All of the media are jumping on the bandwagon of the renewed public interest in UFOs. On the afternoon of Feb. 24th, Channel 5 in New York showed a far-out 90-minute documentary called "Overlords of the UFO", which uncritically examined a great number of sightings and contactee claims. Maybe some of our non-subscribers in the New York area saw this show. Also included in the documentary was the Bermuda Triangle, cattle mutilation, and Uri Geller bending keys. We can't give a definitive opinion on most of the material, but we do know something terrible about a 2-minute film that immediately followed the Geller segment. The film shows a saucer pacing an aircraft at low altitude. It is a fake. We were there when it was made. Enough said for now.....

Jeff Goodman, after endless fictional persecutions as recounted on the pages of "Official UFO", has finally reached the end of the line at Countrywide Publications. No, it wasn't the Aliens, or the Three Men in Black (or even those in White) who did Mr. Goodman in, but apparently an economy move by Myron Fass, the unpredictable publisher of "Official UFO" and a host of other sleazy zines. But Goodman has obtained another good job in the publishing industry, and we wish him well in his future travels along the murky path of magazine writing.....

Our old friend Al Greenfield is putting out still another new magazine, called "Waiting in the Wings" (see card at right.) In the latest issue of his other zine, "Ufology Notebook Newsletter", Al confesses that he has finally become a UFO skeptic - having come over the years all the way from ET Believer to "alternate reality" Believer to skeptic.

His worry is that his ufological friends will think the less of him because of his new-found skepticism. Some of them probably will, because Al is quite right in stating that Ufology is basically a belief system rather than a rational inquiry into a mystery. (We here at "Saucer Wit" have been pointing this out repeatedly, in our not too subtle ways.) But we say - more power to Al Greenfield in his sincere but endless search for Truth (whatever that may be.) And our thanks for his kind remarks about our zine. (He says he likes it much better since we stopped picking on him. Can't blame him for that!)

Incidentally, we know personally at least a couple of other well-known Ufologists who have quietly Lost the Faith, but are afraid to admit it publicly - for the same reasons that kept Al Greenfield quiet till now. As for your "Saucer Wit" editor - we sincerely and honestly Believe in something resembling the "3½ D" Theory, which has been duly explained in a previous issue of this zine. If we ever reach the point of (shudder!) skepticism, we'll admit it. Meanwhile, we'll continue taking pot shots

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at everyone in the Field who deserves our barbs. Being a boil on the ass of Ufology is really our cup of tea!.....

"JUST CAUSE" FOR CONFUSION & CONCERN: We have finally received the January issue of "Just Cause" (P.O. Box 4743, Arlington, Va. 22204), presumably written by Todd Zechel, its editor. After a discussion of the successful CAUS lawsuit against the CIA, the writer goes into a long, complex discussion of the current and past history of NICAP. Among other things, it is stated that Dr. Willard McIntyre, who has had some association with NICAP, has claimed that he is a former covert CIA agent. It is further alleged that McIntyre's claimed CIA connections failed to check out - the implication being that he made up this as well as other things, and therefore is not a believable person.

McIntyre, a loyal "Saucer Wit" non-subscriber, is Director of the Maryland Center for Investigation of Unconventional Phenomena, Inc. (MARCEN). He denies the allegations in "Just Cause", as well as similar charges in an anonymous chain letter which we have not seen, but which he believes may have been written by the same author.

In regard to Zechel, McIntyre has this to say: "MARCEN is not, never has been, and never will be a front for the CIA or any other Intelligence agency.....MARCEN agrees that the Freedom of Information Act suits by CAUS and GSW have served a useful function, in uncovering some important UFO data that may have been suppressed for a variety of reasons. However, it (MARCEN) cannot condone the tactics of a person whose credibility is seriously in question, and who continually telephones serious UFO researchers and demands that they confess to some alleged CIA conspiracy or other, and threatens to 'get' them when they refuse to cooperate in the farce; and then this same individual prints his own version of how events have happened, not bothering to worry about whether or not the facts are accurate - but only if they make a supporting story. MARCEN just cannot put much credence in the writings of a person who writes articles for national magazines about the CIA conspiracy, claiming to have been a covert agent for two Intelligence agencies, at the same time that he was employed as a clerk in a pornographic bookstore - especially when this same individual takes an old and once-respected organization, NICAP, and alleges that nearly everyone employed or associated with it was engaged in some covert scheme or other for the CIA....."

In a personal letter to your "Saucer Wit" editor, McIntyre goes on to say: "Never let it be said that Todd ever let facts get in the way of a supporting story for his grand conspiracy theories. It would appear that only you and John Keel remain to be accused of being CIA agents. The periodic phone calls demanding that I confess, and the threats to other persons that they either cooperate or he will get them, are beginning to wear a bit thin...."

We await further developments in this bizarre feud with Baited Breath!.....

NEWS BRIEFIES: Hilberg, Zechel (via "Just Cause") and others point out to us that the once-proud NICRAP organization has sunk so low as to sell its mailing list to a crackpot Nazi outfit in Canada!.....We had a brief phone conversation with John Keel the other evening, having obtained his Secret New York Number through our usual mysterious means. Ole John says he is no longer in the UFO Field, but then, he's been saying that for years.....Speaking of phone calls, have you ever received one from a dead person? We haven't, but according to the Feb. 27th National Enquirer, "dozens of people" have had this rather unnerving experience. Here's still another Fartean matter that needs further research by some unbiased group.....On Sept. 26th-30th, there will be a "Mind-Body-Spirit" Festival at the New York Coliseum, sponsored by an Englishman named Graham Wilson. Among the UFO luminaries there will be contactee Marc Brinkerhoff. For further info., phone 212-877-7616.....Non-subscriber Sandy

Teller, an old friend from the Long John Nebel radio show, made the front page of the Wall Street Journal recently, because of his extreme kindness to his dog. Yes, folks, dog food is Big Business, and so is Sandy Teller. "The dog is really like another child," Teller is quoted as having said. "What's a few cents more for food when you're talking about a loved one?" Bravo, Sandy!.....For another Journal item, way back on Page 35, see below.....

### YE OLDE MAIL BAG

DALE RETTIG writes:

"Fortean everywhere are laughing at your latest gaffe in 'Saucer Drone', wherein you stated that spontaneous human combustion (SHC) 'is one Fortean area which no researchers have pursued, to our knowledge.'

"Apparently, like most Americans, your reading matter is limited to the 'National Enquirer' and 'TV Guide'. That splendid British journal, 'Fortean Times', has published several pieces on the subject, including a three-part article by researcher Larry Arnold (who is also writing a book on the subject). A 300-page book entitled 'Fire from Heaven' by Michael Harrison has already been published on the subject, and Bob Rickard (editor of 'Fortean Times') & John Michell devoted a chapter to it in their superb 'Phenomena'. You at least ought to obtain a copy of the latter, which is available in a paperback edition for a mere \$5.95 (which even you can afford), if you care to increase your awareness of Fortean matters. Better yet, subscribe to 'Fortean Times' (\$8.00 per year, \$11.50 via airmail). Address: Fortean Times, % DTWAGE, 9-12 St. Annes Court, London W1, England.

"I am confident that Charles Wilhelm's letter to his fellow Ohio Ufologists (quoted in 'Drone'), with its tactful and persuasive reasoning, will do much to unify all those recalcitrant idiots who like to think for themselves. Now that Wilhelm is a member of the NUFOC 'Permanent Organizing Committee', I am sure you will put his diplomatic talents to good use.

"Hayden Hewes and James Maney shouldn't get too upset over Art Gatti's book. After all, they must have made a bundle from their article 'True UFO Sex Stories', which appeared in the August 1977 issue of 'New Pink' ('the Hot One for Men'). I can't comment on the quality of this article, however, because the plethora of pudenda pix in the zine always distracted my attention.

"Is it true that this year's NUFOC public session will feature Bob Easley's unique lecture & demonstration, 'How to have Sex with an Alien & Avoid the Cosmic Clap'?"

an emergency fund to help other evacuees. The liquor flowed all the way back to Rome, where we disembarked about five hours after takeoff—a little high, terribly tired, happy to be on the way home.

### Weeden Purchase of Moseley Approved by Shareholders

NEW YORK—Holders of Weeden Holding Corp. and Moseley, Hallgarten & Estabrook Holding Corp. at special meetings Friday approved the previously proposed acquisition of Weeden by Moseley. Both operate securities firms.

The combined company will start business today as Moseley, Hallgarten, Estabrook & Weeden Holding Corp., with the Moseley interests owning 76% and the Weeden interests 24%.

### ~~United Telecommunications Signs Accord on Acquisition~~

~~KANSAS CITY—United Telecommunications Inc. said it and Winter Park Telephone Co. of Winter Park, Fla., signed a definitive agreement to proceed with the previously proposed plan for United to purchase Winter Park for about \$87 million in common stock.~~

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MARTIN S. KOTTMEYER writes:

"With regard to your interest in spontaneous human combustion, in your thrilling, exciting, etc. 'Saucer Drone', I wish to point out that there are some researchers hot on the trail of the topic. Recent issues of 'Fortean Times' have made mention of two books: Michael Harrison's 'Fire from Heaven' and Larry Arnold's 'Ablaze: The Case For, and Cases of SHC' (the latter being serialized in issues #22 through #24). I have had the pleasure of not reading either book, but I couldn't resist writing that it warms my heart knowing that interest is being shown. But what does this have to do with UFOs?

"Remember - only you can prevent Fortist fires!"

It seems that your loyal "Saucer Wit" editor has really made an ash of himself this time. Great balls of fire! A near-record deluge of letters from non-subscribers (3 letters) have called our attention to this hot literature, which we were blissfully unaware of! - Editor.

RONALD SPANBAUER writes:

"Mr. Charles Wilhelm forgot to mention that there is an eighth category for his definitive list of Ufologists. I refer to this group as the Ufological Jokers. These individuals do nothing but sit around the house all day, trying to think of some witty, cute, clever things to say for your next zine. They are frequently encountered in the streets asking for money."

TOM BENSON writes:

"....In 'Saucer Drone' you make mention of the fact that you are a member of Ground Saucer Watch with Grand Dragon status. Please enlighten me in more detail what the Grand Dragon's functions and responsibilities are. Does your title, Grand Dragon, insinuate that there is some kind of connection between yourself and/or GSW and the Ku Klux Klan??? I would like to know, because I am an authorized field investigator for GSW. Also I may ask why your GSW card does not have a red dot validation and why you are not assigned a specific number???."

As far as we know, your editor is the only Grand Dragon in GSW, with no functions or responsibilities whatever. No connection with the Klan is claimed. We did have a numbered membership card, but apparently lost it. For further information, write to Imperial Wizard William Spaulding.  
- Editor.

DR. LEON DAVIDSON, alias "Dr. D.", writes:

"I just want to pass along another hunch or deduction from the current 'flap' of flying saucer news stories, TV shows, productions under way, etc., not to mention the big release of CIA documents to the public. I deduce that about at the time of the First National Aerospace Convention, to be held in Washington April 19 - 21, 1979, the saucer furore will have built up (as it did in 1952) so that a Pentagon press conference will be held on the subject. In fact, I understand 'they' are looking around frantically for the transcript of the 1952 press conference (by General Samford) to use again, since the master-craftsman who developed it passed away in 1969, and nobody around now can match his skill. (The reason for this 1979 flap will be in my next letter.)"

GARY UNDERWOOD writes:

"I just wanted to write and give you my opinion about the whole UFO phenomenon. It's all fake - a money-making idea that a bunch of people thought up to get rich quick - a mess of hoaxes, tricks, lies, and drugs.

"There used to be a time when I believed in these UFOs, bigfoot, etc. But to this day I have never seen anything, nor have I ever met any-

one who has ever seen a flying disc. Nor have I ever seen any Men in Black poking their heads into anybody's business. I saved an issue of the Enquirer back in '78, where all these famous psychics made about 100 predictions for the year. In January of '79 I looked back over them, and not a damn single one came true! So UFOs, bigfoot, psychics, etc., etc., are all bunk for money-thirsty bums.

"Thank you."

Thank you, too, Gary. You've apparently stumbled quite inadvertently onto some Great Truths in the course of your Research! - Editor.

Sex & Saucers expert ART GATTI writes:

"I too would like to fuck the matter to rest (grossness intended) regarding Maney and Hewes. (Now I've got two of these saucer loonies on my back!) How can grown men claim that putting together sex and UFOs was their original innovation? Even living in the sticks is no excuse for such self-delusion. 'Ecclesiastes', written over three thousand years ago, was aware that there's 'nothing new under the sun.'

"But Hewes and Maney, perhaps to enhance their 'macho' images and add to their slipping groupie rosters, want UFO people to think of them when they think of sex. Forget that the coupling of the ideas has been around since Villa-Boas; forget that my book - which neither Hewes nor Maney bothered to read - dealt with an infinitely larger scope of UFO sex than their thin proposal did. That proposal, for the sake of their stick-bound consciousness, went the route, as they say. I also went the route with it. I brought it from stage to stage, and I kept nudging the bastard of a publisher who kept sitting on a decision - and for what? Cow pies from God's country. I can't help it that there was nothing to their 'book idea'. My big fault was trying to be a nice guy and promising to help Hewes out before I saw his proposal.

"Look, guys: If you want all the erotic fringe benefits from the 'original' combining of sex and UFOs, take 'em. I hereby relinquish any whoopdee-doo coming to me from the writing of 'UFO Encounters of the Fourth Kind'; and direct that any hot groupie who wants to feel the real cosmic tingle, go visit the eagerer beavers over in Podunk."

Arch Skeptic BOB SHEAFFER writes:

"Reading 'Saucer Drone', I became very excited by Tom Bearden's 'alternate reality' theories, about which I have been hearing so much from progressive Ufologists. If it is true, as Bearden says, that any life form we imagine actually exists in some 'alternate universe' due to our imagining it, then a golden Fortean opportunity awaits us. As you know, Easter is coming up in less than two months, on April 15th. You also realize that there are literally millions of children, all across the world, who believe quite firmly in the Easter Bunny.

"Therefore, the Easter Bunny must really exist in some alternate universe, according to Bearden. Furthermore, it is possible to see, or even photograph and interact with the Easter Bunny, if the 'detection threshold' of the Bunny's universe happens to mesh with ours. To bring home proof of the Easter Bunny would be even more mind-boggling than bagging both Bigfoot and the occupants of Todd Zechel's pickle jars on the same day. This opportunity is too valuable to waste. We must set up an Easter Bunny Watch, beginning on the evening of April 14th, with as many observers and cameras as possible. Send all sightings and photos to: Bearden Bunny Watch, % SPECULA, Box 1182, Huntsville, Alabama 35807."

It seems that Bob Sheaffer has found a minor flaw in Col. Bearden's theories. Any comment from other non-subscribers? - Editor.

JIM HARRIS writes:

"'Saucer Drone' was great, but too short. Sorry I wasn't able to

grace that issue with my charming wit, but I've been too busy.....

"I wonder what kind of Ufologist Chuck Wilhelm is. As far as I'm concerned, any Ufologist seriously - not just publicly - interested in solving the UFO mystery is either a fanatic, or he hasn't sold too many articles/books lately. I think Gene Duplantier summed it up best when he asked what Ufologists were supposed to do after the 'Mystery' was solved: '....go chase butterflyfiles?'

"I too am sorry to see 'Anomaly Research Bulletin' go. Fideler is one of those rare Fortean/Ufologists with a sense of humor. As for the '3½ D' Theory, have you ever considered the role of Fortean phenomena as a cosmic teaching machine? Hey, that's a good idea for an article!

"I'm really looking forward to the July 14th NUFOC, and being able to shoot the bull with UFOlk. At that time, one other person will be attending the Con from our group, UFOCUS. He's a new recruit, and he has a lot of interesting ideas.

"Please sign me up for membership in CPDCBLGMU. I'm sure that W. Rod Pickel is not to be confused with Z. Rodd Tickle, or whatever his name is. I am unhappy to announce that I am forming a Committee to Place Phil Klass and W. Todd Zechel in a Locked Cell Together for 24 Hours. (CTPPKA-WTZIALCTF24H).

"Well, I have to be signing off. As a final note, never believe anything Carl Wilfong says about me. His comments about me are about as reliable as Gray Barker's comments regarding you."

TOMMY ROY BLANN writes:

"I received your newsletters and enjoyed the semi-humorous, satirical contents, which brought a few chuckles to the surface.

"It is indeed a sad thing to see an individual, such as Phil Klass, attack the efforts of those involved in serious research on the subject of UFOs, especially when he knows that the research program is sadly lacking in funds to employ the best data-gathering instrumentation to monitor this phenomenon. He realizes the situation in which the field of Ufology presently finds itself, and he knows that without a multi-million dollar budget and a staff of full-time personnel, the efforts of those few dedicated individuals gathering just a minute amount of data can be dealt a crushing blow. He is naturally on the winning side at the moment, but what if the budget and selected personnel were operational? It's easy to pick out the inconsistencies in data in this field of Ufology at this moment; anyone with a small degree of intelligence can do this! But give the field of Ufology its budget and certain scientific disciplinary actions, and I guarantee that there would be no room for such skeptics. There is no justice in what Phil Klass is doing presently, and the worst part is that he recognizes the facts. It's easy to shoot down a crippled aircraft. What about it, Phil? Let's discuss this seriously and get off the petty matters.....Klass would not stand a chance with me in a debate!...."

PETER JORDAN (217 Connecticut Road, Union, N.J. 07083) writes:

"Thought you might be interested to know that I will be offering a six-week seminar on parapsychology, beginning the week of March 12th....."

GEORGE EARLEY writes:

".....Did you know that there are two writers named Philip Klass? Both write science fiction, but only one admits it....."

Our old pal Lama ROBERT DICKHOFF writes:

".....I noted in your issue previous to 'Saucer Drone' that you are a millionaire - not that you ever proved it to me! Regarding Menger, I know this bird from years ago. Probably he has also found out that you are a millionaire-Spacecraft-addict, and wishes to cuddle up to you a bit closer....."