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NEWS BRIEFIES: If "The Dreaded X" follows your name on the envelope in which you received this zine, then this will be your LAST ISSUE unless we hear from you (favorably or otherwise) within the next week or so. We only send this miserable rag to people who Interact with us in one way or another.....Now, hear this! The 1979 National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will be held on July 14th, at the Cincinnati (Norwood) Quality Inn Central, in or near the veritable Heart of Cincinnati, Ohio. The event is sponsored by the Cincinnati chapter of the Ohio UFO Investigators League (OUFOIL). For toll-free reservations, phone 800-323-5151. For further info., keep reading future issues of this zine.....Notice that we've grown to 8 pages this issue?? According to Moseley's Law, one sure sign that a zine is about to fold is that it starts getting larger and more elaborate. We didn't want to go to 8 pages, but too many people have long-winded things to say, all of alleged significance to themselves or someone.....The manufacturer of a Scotch whiskey has announced that it will award a prize of 1,000 British pounds for "the scientific paper or essay that contributes the most to our understanding and knowledge of UFOs". For details, write: Scientific Paper Competition, Cutty Sark Ltd., 42 Albemarle St., Mayfair, London W1X 3FE, England. Good luck to all you non-subscribers! Save a 10% kick-back for us!.....We've got a really interesting item here, about one Prof. Alvin Lawson of Long Beach, California, but maybe we better save it for next time when we have more Space. See you then, hopefully!

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

JIM OBERG writes:

"To tell you the truth, it's time for honesty on all sides. We can start setting the trend by, for example, referring to a well-known UFO personality as an EX nuclear physicist. (There are, to be sure, few disciplines in which one's education and experience become more rapidly outdated.) We can follow up by sadly dispensing with the paranoia and referring to me as an EX Air Force officer. (I've decided to homestead here in Texas as a civilian.) 'Captain' will still be an appropriate form of address if you cannot break the habit.

"I looked up the verb 'to malign' in my Webster's Universal Unabridged, and it said: 'to regard with envy or malice; to treat with extreme enmity; to injure maliciously'.....Well, I've been accused of maligning people in my first four OMNI columns, so I looked over them again: I criticized Harder for flaunting the Gemini-4 photo. I said that Betty Hill 'has become something of an embarrassment to the UFO movement'. I suggested that Jeanne Dixon is spouting nonsense about a UFO home planet on the other side of the Sun. These are my most severe criticisms of anyone, and they can hardly be construed as maligning them (unless there is a planet on the far side of the sun.)

"Now compare the above to such statements as 'Oberg is writing the

UFO column, so we don't have to expect fairness and objectivity' (MUFON Journal); 'Oberg has a lack of dedication to the truth' ('Saucer Blown') - paraphrased remarks that I find insulting, and entirely worthy of 'Saucer Blown', where the give-and-take is taken for granted - but not elsewhere. So, who is being maligned?.....

"The most obnoxious thing about Lou Farish's bad-mouthing me in the MUFON Journal is that he uses the term 'Super-Skeptic', but never applies the same standards to the opposite camp. Probably he has a vocabulary problem, so I'll coin a new term, to apply to people who eagerly believe anything they're told about UFOs: 'Super-Dupe', or in extreme cases, 'Super-Dooper-Dupe'. Note also that people who knowingly spread rumors and hoaxes can be called 'Super-Dupers'. I leave the list of nominees to the reader.

"I thought my 'Ancient Astronauts in Africa' (Fate, Nov. 1978) article was pretty fairly balanced, but Farish didn't. Neutral parties should read it and see whose bigotry is showing. (When I suggested to Walt Andrus that such ad hominem defamations did not belong in a scientific journal, Farish called me a 'crybaby'.).....

"Speaking of misunderstanding, a lot of people are going around boasting that the U.N. passed a resolution on UFOs. Anybody who uses the word 'resolution' is flaunting his ignorance. Gairy withdrew his proposed resolution and settled for a much weaker action, a 'consensus', which consisted almost entirely of diplomatic buck-passing. Big deal! But the accuracy of the UFO media has obscured the triviality of the whole affair!..."

RONALD M. SPANBAUER writes:

"You mentioned in 'Saucer Wit' that the Betherum airport film is a fake. You also said that you were there when it was made. Any half-wit can see that the film is a fake, but I would like to know what your involvement was.

"Some time ago I purchased a copy of the film from Gray Barker, who claimed that he had no real information on it, other than the fact that some 'mysterious' person sent it to him. Were you that mysterious person?"

"Also, since you and he are supposed to be old time friends, was he part of the plan to produce a fake UFO film? I'd hate to think that the two of you had conspired to produce a fake film, which this one certainly is. I don't consider that very ethical on your part. What's the story?"

Sorry that Security (= ours) does not permit us to reveal anything further at this time. However, we find it curious, as well as quite fascinating, that only one of our non-subscribers noticed our (alleged) admission of guilt, in "Saucer Wit". - Editor.

TOM BENSON writes:

"Regarding Arch Clown Skeptic, Bob Sheaffer's comments about the Easter Bunny in 'Saucer Wit', I ask him: What in the heck do you think comes out of all those elliptical, flattened football and 'egg' shaped UFOs - why, an Easter Bunny, of course! Why not....call them all Easter eggs? And all that so-called angel hair dropping down after these UFOs depart, actually is just Easter basket straw! Where in the '3½ D' does the Easter Bunny and his machine go? Well, where else but through a crack in the cosmic Easter Egg shell that encompasses our whole universe! Santa Claus goes through the hole at the pole! That is why it is called the North Pole, you dumb nut! By the way, I can't wait to see Capt. Jim Oberg's satellite photos of it all! But I don't know if his cameras are using the appropriate '3½ D' lenses!"

MARTIN KOTTMEYER writes:

"Bob Sheaffer's proposal of an Easter Rabbit Test of Bearden's '3.33 D' Theory (we think it somewhat less than 3½ D) in April, appears outwardly to be a pregnant idea. At the risk of appearing to be a cad and a

bounder, however, I must suggest that he is taking liberties with his limited knowledge of Bearden's brainchild.

"The chief objection to accepting Sheaffer's proposal is, if Bearden's 'Fortean Times' essay is any indication, 3.33 D Theory is very, very Jung, which makes for imponderable theoretical complications. An Easter Bunny tulpoid would not arise simply by innocent belief or presumably even by wishing on a star. Tulpoids must pass through 'the species unconscious, the racial unconscious, the national/cultural unconscious, large subgroup unconscious, group unconscious, personal unconscious, etc.' all of which 'modulate and shape the pattern of reality that is pushing up.' It would inevitably be questioned whether an Easter Bunny could pop up through all those layers. Bearden's thesis also states that there must be a form of collective stress to push the archetype through these layers. Perhaps a move to ban Bugs Bunny cartoons would provide the necessary stress stimulus. I'm a bit bored with all those reruns they're showing Saturday mornings, anyways. Finally, it is to be noted that older archetypes (like phalluses and gazongas) have precedence over recent ones (like easter bunnies and allen hyneks), meaning the latter are less probable in appearing to exist. All these exegetical niceties make a theoretical harei-kari fuzzily avoidable...."

JIM HARRIS of UFOCUS Research (Rt. 4, Lisa Lane, Mt. Carmel, Illinois) writes:

"Thanks for 'Saucer Wit'. It was muchly enjoyable. Bob Sheaffer's criticism of Tom Bearden's modified $3\frac{1}{2}$ D Theory so greatly enraged me that I almost wet myself. Apparently Mr. Sheaffer is totally ignorant of the 'Everything You Know is Wrong' postulate, which was first added to the theory by the Firesign Theatre. Greatly simplified, (since Mr. Sheaffer's mentality is obviously severely limited) according to the theory, if something is a sure thing, forget it. Therefore, with so many children (and adults) believing in the Easter Bunny, one would naturally assume that the detection threshold of the Bunny's universe would mesh with ours, making his appearance a sure thing. So naturally, there will be few if any sightings of the Easter Bunny, especially on Easter when a Bunny sighting would be most likely, and therefore highly unlikely. Understand?

"The above paragraph proves conclusively that I am a ufologist of the eighth kind....."

Our thanks to Messrs. Benson, Kottmeyer, and Harris for their learned & scientific analyses. We just want everyone to keep in mind the fact that we, not Bearden, are the original authors of the $3\frac{1}{2}$ D Theory, in its pure & unadulterated form! - Editor.

JOHN BARLOW writes:

"As always, thanks for your last issue of 'Saucer Wit'....I don't see why Al Greenfield should be embarrassed for turning unbeliever. Most of us started out as skeptics and some of us will become die-hard skeptics. In any event, skepticism is an extremely valuable tool for anyone interested in this subject. Even Phil Klass admits that UFOs (as unidentified objects that confuse the sighter) are real. Do we need any other justification for our interest?

"....I have an embarrassing confession of my own to admit: I really enjoy reading your gossip newsletter, because it's written by and about all the various people, groups and cults in Ufology, and I always found them to be more interesting than the UFOs themselves. There, I've admitted it and I won't take it back...."

We feel pretty much the same way! - Editor.

DAVE REISSIG writes:

"....I can't for the life of me figure out what 'Saucer Wit' might

rhyme with."

Yes, it sort of boggles the mind, doesn't it? Stay tuned! - Editor.

SCOT MORRIS of OMNI writes:

"I wanted to thank you for keeping me on the rolls as a non-subscriber to 'Saucer Etc.' I enjoy each issue and read it cover to cover (top to bottom). My lack of prose input does not indicate a lack of interest.....

"'Penthouse' still has not scheduled my article on Fringe Groups. I'll let you know when they do."

GENE DUPLANTIER of UFOLK and many other publications (17 Shetland Street, Willowdale, Ont., Canada M2M 1X5), writes:

"Just received your version of 'Saucer Wit' and nearly rolled off the bed reading it. You really know how to make a guy write to you after he hasn't written for ages. Simply this: state something like on Page 6 of 'Wit', where I supposedly said 'butterfiles'. WHAT is a butterfile? Now, if you had said 'butterflies', I would have understood. Or was it a typo? (yes, I know it was), because your secretary was probably on lunch hour when it was ready to proofread....

"Aging and former Ufologist Gray Barker tells me that 1969 was his best year for book sales. So to give him fond memories of yesteryear, I suggest to you and your readers that everyone cut out of the newspapers, magazines, advertising material, etc., anything with the number '69' in it. So if a chair is \$69, cut it out; if a bottle of shampoo is on special for 69¢, cut it out. Put them all in an envelope and send them to Gray in Clarksburg. Let's make him happy to be alive!....

"That's all for now, Jim. Trouble with writing is that I'm more of a listener than a talker; hence I don't write unless I feel I really have something to say. Some friends of mine ramble on and on and on, not saying anything. From one extreme to the other. Of course, when I do write finally, I feel that I should if only to let the person I'm writing know that I haven't dropped dead! Which reminds me - I owe a letter to Allen Greenfield too!"

The above-mentioned GRAY BARKER, former Ufologist, writes:

"Re Dr. McIntyre's comments in 'Saucer Wit' about Todd Zechel's allegations of CIA infiltration of UFO organizations, Zechel has overlooked the two prime suspects in not naming you or John Keel.

"UFO fans have long suspected you of being an Air Force agent. Keel could not be supporting himself and living his high life style on the penurious income from his UFO articles and books; and even though you have pretended to be a millionaire, I've noted that you are very slow in picking up a restaurant check!

"Even your notorious zine is free, no doubt supported by those big CIA checks you're receiving. Your sheet certainly performs its purpose of spreading confusion and turning Brother Ufologist against Brother Ufologist.

"I do hope, however, that these notorious Big Brothers keep supporting Keel's writings and research, since I am eternally one of his greatest fans!"

May Gray Barker devote his remaining energies to chasing 69 "butterfiles"! - Editor.

The brilliant & Mysterious TODD ZECHEL sends us an alleged transcript of a phone conversation in which Dr. McIntyre admits having worked for the CIA, and then goes on to state:

"As you can see - or should be able to see - none of what McIntyre had to say was beaten out of him, as he now implies. If you question any of this, I invite you to listen to the tapes and decide for yourself.

"What I did do was to give McIntyre a number of opportunities to recant his story, since I knew it was totally false. This is what he apparently refers to when he implies I brow-beat him. Unfortunately for him, he never backed off any of his allegations about Acuff (of NICAP) or himself.

"The recent article about NI-CIA-AP in 'Just Cause' was the result of months of exhaustive investigation. Source material includes hours of recorded interviews, NICAP publications, books by Keyhoe, background interviews with real CIA persons, and examination of many cubic feet of NICAP files. Every accusation was double-checked and verified. I stand by every word in the article.

"I have nothing against Bill McIntyre, nor do I think his organization is a front for the CIA. I disavow any involvement with or knowledge of a purported chain letter mentioned in your newsletter. In fact, in light of Bill's problems, I regretted bringing him into the story at all. But since he is personally responsible for bringing about Acuff's downfall, it was impossible to leave him out.

"Most sincerely,

W. Todd Zechel, Editor, 'Just Cause'"

In a more recent missive, the same brilliant and Mysterious TODD ZECHEL has this to say, in part:

"Re your postcard of March 9th, my habit of 'stirring up personality disputes' can be attributed to the fact that those who choose to oppose me either specialize in ad hominem attacks or are forced to resort to insult and smear campaigns in order to obscure the real questions and issues. Furthermore, having decided upon a course of action which strongly opposes the Government's past and present UFO policies, I expect to be the object of any number of attacks mounted by Government dupes, stooges, toadies, and just plain agents.

"Ordinarily I would not bother to respond to these unmitigated turds and their attempts to maintain the status quo, but McIntyre (as usual) overstepped the boundaries of poor taste by challenging an article in 'Just Cause'. In doing so, he has sealed his own fate, in that he will ultimately be forced to reveal that the 'Just Cause' article was totally accurate in reporting his actions and statements.

"His only defense, once he has admitted to having repeatedly lied, will be to say he was putting me on - or something to that effect. Or, to be more precise, he was attempting to bullshit me. He will, of course, utilize the libelous 'white papers' of Klass in an effort to further obscure the issue and attempt to discredit me. (For example, his comment in 'Saucer Wit' alleging I was 'a clerk in a pornographic bookstore' - a charge he cannot provide one shred of evidence to substantiate.)

"As for Klass, my would-be arch-nemesis, I understand he has sort of taken his anti-Zechel conspiracy underground, having enlisted the aid of his buddies in the Air Force Office of Information (SAFOI) and persuaded them to refer Zechel-related inquiries to his office. Then there's the cozy relationship Klass has developed with the National Security Agency (NSA). While ignoring the fact I have obtained and distributed documents fully establishing that I worked for NSA in a component known as the Army Security Agency, and that I held a Top Secret plus security clearance, Klass has continued to charge that I never worked for NSA.....

"You ask me to confine my activities to proving 'one or more crashed disc stories'. I'm sure your advice is well-intended, but I cannot allow myself to be confined to one particular aspect of the phenomenon so long as situations such as the CIA take-over of NICAP exist. However, I can report that the 'crashed saucer' aspect of my investigation is progressing quite nicely, and the pieces of the puzzle are falling into place much faster than I expected. At the same time, though, I must report that we are not quite ready to go public with it all. But when we do - look out! Ufology - and the world - is in for one hell of a shock. I will take spec-

ial delight in watching the East Coast faction of 3½, 4, and 5-D'ers, along with those who've dropped off 'The Edge of Reality' (Hynek and Vallee), choke on their own theories!....."

Meanwhile, DR. WILLARD McINTYRE of MARCEN has written us several very interesting letters, far too long to include here. In part, he has this to say:

"Just thought you would like to hear a comment that arrived in the mail today: 'Did you know that W. Todd Zechel is the illegitimate son of either Jim Moseley or Gray Barker?' The writer went into a spicy scenario that I do not have the stomach to repeat. I have already replied to the writer that Todd looks more like Gray than you, so now I have probably started a whole new wave of rumors flooding Ufology....."

"I don't know what you might be missing by not reading the January 'Just Cause', but I can guarantee you that I and everyone else that I have talked to who has read it can't quite figure it out either. All that I can figure out for sure that triggered all of this bullshit is the remarkable coincidence of my having signed a publishing contract for my book, 'The Great UFO Ripoff - UFonies from Adamski to Zechel' a mere week before the shit started hitting the fan.

"If you believe the 'Just Cause' article that TZ took credit for, everyone except Major Keyhoe and Jimmy Carter are CIA agents, and even Keyhoe is suspect. So why did he print all of this fiction about me? If what I allegedly said was discounted, why print it at all?

"My mistake, like yours, was probably even talking to him in the first place.....When NICAP started falling apart (and Zechel's version of things in 'Just Cause' is totally incorrect), and in marshalling people to attempt to save NICAP, I called, among other people, Dr. Hynek - who was out of town; but I talked to Allen Hendry, with Todd sitting beside him. Now that he had my telephone number, Todd called me two nights later.

"Now, here I was talking to someone I did not know and had never talked to before, and about whom I had heard nothing good; and after a few seconds of small talk, he pops up with, 'What did you do when you were an agent for the CIA?' I guess I just decided to throw some more bullshit into the grinder, and I said, 'Oh, I collected Military Intelligence around the world.' 'Was I spying on NICAP?' I answered, 'No.' 'What about (a long list of people at NICAP)? Were they also CIA?' 'Of course, isn't everyone?' I replied. 'And what about Acuff and SPSE? I already know he was an undercover Government agent.' 'Oh, we all used Acuff and SPSE to provide cover stories and backgrounds for our undercover activities.'

"After half an hour of bullshit I could take no more and hung up. The following four or five nights were filled with more verbal inquisitions from Todd, until I had to finally tell him I wasn't interested in talking to him any more, at which point he said that he was going to get me!

"By this time we had MARCEN starting to roll, to fill the obvious void should NICAP be folded, as seemed inevitable; and rumors started circulating that we were being bankrolled by the CIA. In one of my letters to NICAP board members and related interested persons, I stated that the CIA rumors were being generated by one unemployed budding UFO writer whose paranoia caused him to see spies in every bush and behind every lamppost. Well, within a week I got a call from Todd saying how furious he was, and that everyone knew I was referring to him, and he demanded I mail out an apology. I told him where to go, and ten minutes later I got another call from someone identifying himself as Todd's attorney in Chicago. The next day I discovered that there was a lawyer by the same name in Chicago and called him. He had not called me and never heard of Todd Zechel. Now I was beginning to get a little angry, and went to a friend in the phone company, who checked the long distance billing computers and found that the 'lawyer' call came from The Center for UFO Studies!

"About a week later, Todd began circulating a two-page damnation of

me, making a lot of the same charges in 'Just Cause'. Although in his phone calls, Todd swore he was not recording anything, in his letter he claimed to have tapes to back up his charges. Strange that like the famous Klass tapes, he has never produced anything. At that point I was pissed off and went to the FBI in Baltimore and filed a complaint against him. By now I was aware of the war between Zechel and Klass, and compared a few notes with Phil a couple of times, and decided that Todd's reputation and past were so shady that it was not worth the effort in getting him; so I dropped the complaint and circulated my own rather simple and short letter of response to his garbage.....

"Now back to 'Saucer Wit': I find I must take exception to the remarks of Tommy Roy Blann, and this is not to be interpreted as a Carte Blanche defense of Phil Klass because we share a joint dislike for Zechel, or any other reason. Those of us in Ufology are dealt mortal blows by Klass only because we allow him to wound us. We are too busy in our inter-necine wars to defend ourselves against his methodical, well-thought-out and planned attacks. We are more busy collecting data so we can claim the biggest UFO collection, instead of analyzing what we have. We go up against Phil with thin threads of circumstantial evidence that he easily breaks - seemingly mindless of the fact that all of the threads could be woven together to form an unbreakable rope. Granted, unlimited funds would be great, but they are not necessary.....If after more than three decades we cannot make anything out of what we already know, it seems unlikely we will ever find anything better to give us answers. Phil is simply a shark circling a leaking dingy. Unless we work together to patch the leaks and bail out the water, he will feast well....It is immaterial who is the most important person in the sinking boat, when we are all going down together!"

The above-mentioned TOMMY ROY BLANN writes:

"If you get a chance, I would appreciate it very much if you would enter my name and address in your zine, to the effect that I am interested in exchanging and receiving cattle mutilation reports, photos, etc."

Tommy's address is: 1002 Edmonds Lane, #152; Lewisville, Tx. 75067. - Ed.

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Moseley's boot was right on cue

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TOM BENSON writes:

"What's wrong with Phil Klass and 'Capt.' Jim Oberg? They didn't tip us Ufologists off Intelligence-wise as to the recent coup d'etat in Grenada. With all the contacts Klass has via 'Aviation Week', and 'Capt.' Oberg with his Landisat satellite cameras which would pinpoint difficulties with Grenada's nutmeg and banana crops, why then did they not tip us off?"

"Intuitively, I sincerely believe the recent events in the island nation of Grenada, were initiated by slippery, cryptic-backed Intelligence agencies which are behind the UFO buff's deposal there. I refer to the Prime Minister, Sir Eric Gairy, who served on the Queen of England's Privy Council. I ask: Was this coup d'etat an attempt to silence and/or block Sir Gairy's strident efforts to establish a scientific UFO research organization under the auspices of the United Nations??"

BOB TARTE writes:

".....If you have space in 'Saucer -----', I would appreciate a small solicitation for information on appearances of the Virgin Mary. We are: The Blessed Virgin Mary Research Society, 303 East Fulton, Apt. #2; Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503....."

He's serious, folks! - Editor.

LUCIUS FARISH writes:

".....Since you mentioned 'phone calls from the dead' (in 'Saucer Wit'), you may be interested in knowing that a book with that title, written by D. Scott Rogo and Raymond Baylass, is scheduled for publication this month by Prentice-Hall. They've apparently collected a good many cases....."

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

"Many thanks for your latest newsletter. (Not really, but what the hell - I might as well make a guy feel good and boost his ego!)"

"I know I'm opening myself up for a good ass burning - especially from none other than Phil Klass, with what I'm about to say.....but I'm letting your readers know anyway! It has taken me quite some time.....to finish my forthcoming book, 'The Flying Saucer Omens', and in my book I'm putting a chapter stating once and for all that the U.S. Air Force (and other world military factions) have indeed shot down flying saucers and have indeed captured the occupants of such craft, and have furthermore studied these entities. My reports will be backed up by solid statements from witnesses who encountered this information either by accident or thru Security channels. In short, there is no bullshit to this! And I myself know this to be true too! Let me add that the U.S. Government is not the only government involved here, as far as the UFO scene goes!"

"Also hopefully this summer I'll be starting another UFO research and analysis group, to be called ARUP (Associates in Research of Unexplained Phenomena.) Let me say that this group will not be conservative, liberal, or any such bullshit - but straight down the middle!....."

RICHARD HEIDEN writes:

".....I think that Dr. Leon Davidson's ignoring my suggestion that his 'CIA is behind UFOs' claim is a deliberate put-on, speaks for itself! Jim, you've known Davidson for a long time. What do you think of his hypothesis?....."

We've known "Dr. D" a long time and respect his opinion; but currently we don't believe a word of it. He is serious, however. - Editor.