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MISC. RAVINGS

Don't forget the 16th annual NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE, to be held on July 14th this year, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The local sponsoring group is OUF0IL, and for further info you can write to Ron Schaffner, % OUF0IL, P.O. Box 12049A, Cincinnati, Ohio 45212. Your "Son of Saucer Wit" editor is (modestly) Permanent Chairman of the Conference.....

We were amazed to see an article by UFO conservative Richard Hall in the current issue of "Official UFO", the notorious fictional newsstand magazine. Together with Hall's article we have such items as "Trapdoors in Basements Lead to Extraterrestrial Pleasure Pits"; "World Health Plan Stolen by AMA Member"; and "Aliens Seen in Las Vegas".....

As a member-in-almost-good-standing of Ground Saucer Watch (GSW), your editor has taken it upon himself to trace the early history of this learned organization, which now consists of several hundred scientists & such, according to director Bill Spaulding. Well, back in 1958, Bill was only 16 years old, according to a yellowed news clipping slipped to us by an anonymous Source. Bill and his friend Ted Starrett, 13, were enthusiastic saucerers even then! They weren't quite on the ground, however, as they were in the process of building a 60-foot-high skywatch tower on Ted's property in Bedford, Ohio. Trouble was, they didn't bother to get a building permit beforehand, and thus ran into trouble with the town hierarchy! We think it's really inspirational to all of us that such a vast organization as GSW has emerged from such humble beginnings!.....

On the night of April 17th, your editor was on the Candy Jones radio show on WMCA in New York, for the first time since January. This time the real guests were Raymond Fowler, author of a new UFO book from Prentice-Hall called "The Andreasson Affair"; and Betty Andreasson, about whom the book is written. This is another abduction tale in the Betty & Barney Hill tradition, but somehow without the sparkle of the original. It was, as always, a fun evening for your editor, however.....

On this very same subject - we recently made contact with one Prof. Alvin Lawson of Long Beach, California, while we were on a semi-mysterious vacation in that area. Using a clinical hypnotist, Prof. Lawson has suggested UFO abductions to a group of people who had no previous interest in UFOs, and found that the stories they tell under hypnosis are surprisingly similar to the stories told by "real" abductees. The creatures they imagine meeting are also very similar to those seen by the "real" group. This leads Lawson to believe that both groups are drawing from a common reservoir of imagery deep in the human consciousness - but he admits being puzzled by the physical evidence, photos, etc., which back up many of the "real" occurrences. Prof. Lawson says the subject needs further study, and in the meanwhile he is running a "UFO Hotline" to obtain more data.....

Gene Buck, who gave us the well-remembered "Interplanetary Think-In" last Nov. 12th (What was that????), has come up with a couple of new gems - still in the same serious, scientific vein: There's the "executive purple shaft", which looks strangely like a phallic device of some sort; and best of all - the left-handed piano, with all the notes on backwards. For the piano, he has composed music which is written backwards. Fans, creditors, and others can reach Gene at: 257 Van Buren, Suite D, Monterey, Ca. 93940...

In an interesting paper which Space prevents us from printing in full, David Schroth points out a rather embarrassing error in Dr. Hynek's 1977 book, "The Hynek UFO Report". In this book Hynek includes a UFO picture taken by an American tourist in Norway in 1957, and in the caption he states, "No explanation for this 'UFO' has been found." But it appears that the Air Force identified this picture as a lens reflection many years ago, and this identification was even picked up by Dr. Menzel in his 1963 book, "The World of Flying Saucers". To make matters worse, Dr. Hynek was chief scientific consultant to Project Bluebook at the time the identification was made! Sloppy research, doctor!.....

YE OLDE MAIL BAG

DR. THORNTON PAGE of NASA writes:

"To the Serendipitous Editor:

"We like the Wit. Have you thought of 'Transmagnified Saucer Skit', (not shit), 'Memoirs of a Saucer Dim Wit', 'Quick Henry, hand me the Saucer Flit', and dozens of other 'its' that come to mind?

"Of course I do not want to make your job any easier, so I must tell you about EX-Capt. (Big Jim) James Oberg, EX-USAF. He toys with a bunch of Colorado boys who want to be little green men on Mars. On Jim's advice, they all came to the Lunar and Planetary Science Conference here at NASA Johnson Space Center two weeks ago, and then were dumped on me to feed, house, and transport for five days. They learned a little about Mars, but more about the Ufologists' nightmare: an attack on Earth by little green men diverting a 1-km, 5-billion-ton small asteroid (or large meteoroid) to impact the Earth. Chances are that it would land in the ocean, where it would produce 500-meter-high waves as far as several hundred kilometers from the impact, inundating coastal towns and whole islands. What a saucer skit this would be!

"Even more dramatic were the Voyager close-up photos of one of Jupiter's large moons, which show the surface pocked with red-colored active volcanoes. I would like to send the photos to you, but realize that 'Saucer Wit' cannot afford to publish color photos. (We need a financier rather than a reality man!)

"Sincerely, Thornton Page (non-X non-subscriber)"

DAVE SCHROTH writes:

"....I heartily concur with Bob Sheaffer's proposal regarding the importance of an Easter Bunny Watch. Indeed, I see no reason why scientific Easter Bunny investigators could not set up their own group - sort of a Mutual Easter Bunny Observation Network (MEBON). At various times of the year its members could schedule Watches not only for the Easter Bunny but also for the Great Pumpkin and the Jolly Green Giant.

"Furthermore, Easter Bunny investigators could emulate their Scientific Ufologist colleagues by publishing BUNNYCAT, a computerized catalog of authenticated Easter Bunny sightings and photographs. Of course not all reported sightings would be eligible for inclusion in BUNNYCAT. Obviously, there will be some misidentifications of Harvey the Hare, Bugs Bunny, Alice's White Rabbit, etc. But once these errors are eliminated, dedicated MEBON investigators could focus their attention on the 'residue' of genuine Easter Bunny sightings. Any significant findings could then be reported in a special issue of 'Saucer Twit'.

"On other matters, I trust that you and your non-subscribers are aware of Dr. Jacques Vallee's new book 'Messengers of Deception', portions of which appear in the Feb. and March 1979 issues of 'East West Journal'.....It seems that Vallee will advance, among other ideas, the thesis that UFOs are man-made physical devices used as part of an international deception stratagem for achieving certain social and political goals. Of course this is not exactly a new theory, as Dr. 'D' may hasten to point out. But it appears to represent a radical departure in Vallee's thought - a veritable quantum jump, as it were!

"Anyway, if I have paraphrased his thesis correctly, then I predict that the UFO groups will greet Dr. Vallee's new book with a resounding chorus of boos and hisses!"

Boo! Hiss! - Editor. (Alas, we have heard of no Bunny sightings this past Easter. It seems that, among our letter writers in the last issue, Jim Harris was most nearly correct. He stated that, because of the obvious near-inevitability of Bunny sightings at Easter, therefore there would be none. He was right! - Editor.)

Former researcher GRAY BARKER writes:

"Dear Former Colleague:

"It has just come to my attention that you have stated that you were present when the UFO film sequence known as 'the Airport UFO', was filmed. That sequence is part of a film I market, designated in our May, 1978 Book-list as 'Super-imm UFO Films'. It depicts scenes taken at the Bendum Airport during which an Adamski-type UFO appears and paces an airliner.

"If you were indeed present during the filming, I wonder why you have not come forward during the many years I have distributed these prints in an attempt to establish their authenticity or fakeness. Since you indeed were not the person who gave this film to me, we are led to conclude that you conspired with other persons to fabricate this film sequence and foist it onto me. Also, in the event you were present during the filming of an authentic sighting, I can only conclude that you are working with a highly-placed official agency, to gradually break the news of the reality of UFOs to the Public.

"You would be doing the UFO field a great favor if you either retracted your statement or became more specific. If the Airport sequence could be either verified or discounted, we could concentrate our efforts on the two others, consisting of the Lost Creek scenes and the Howard Menger 'life form from outer space' sequence....."

RON SPANBAUER writes:

"I specialize in collecting UFO photographs, film and related information. I realize of course that the Bendum Airport film (not Betherum; my mistake), which appeared in the movie 'Overlords of the UFO'....is a fake, and I am doubly intrigued by your mention of having been there when it was made. Naturally I'd want to know what your involvement was. You can't expect me to just drop this inquiry without giving me some information!

"Gray Barker is selling this film at \$25.00 a clip. That's an awfully steep price to pay for a fake UFO film....Don't you think I'm entitled to an explanation, like the many others who also purchased this film?

"If you'd care to state the nature of the restriction you are observing by not going into this further, I will respect that and let the whole thing drop - at least for now. Are you going to leave me dangling?....."

We erred in our statement in "More Saucer Wit", in that it was the "Lost Creek" film which we witnessed first-hand, not the airport film discussed above. Time dims the memory! Sorry to leave anyone dangling, but that's all we can reveal just now. - Editor.

Ted Zylche, alias Ted Zilch, alias TODD ZECHEL writes:

"McIntyre obviously knows nothing about you and (especially) Gay Bar-

ker, or he would not have accused you of having sired anyone, much less me. Perhaps he is referring to the time I attempted to persuade you to adopt me; but that fell through as soon as your perceptive daughter figured out that most of your huge estate would fall into my greedy hands (following your sudden demise, of course.)

"EX-Captain Oberg is right about calling a certain UFO entertainer an EX-nuclear physicist, but wrong, in his recent secret white paper, that this EX-nuclear physicist had anything to do with designing the Three-Mile Island nuclear plant. However, I do have a list of nuclear facilities, including several in New Jersey, that this EX-nuclear bonehead did help design, including their anti-UFO weapons systems.

"As one of those victims of EX-Captain Oberg's pernicious remarks in the pages of OMNI, I felt cheated, not maligned. The EX-OMNI columnist is clearly a master of juxtaposition and omission, juggling and rearranging quotes, facts and rumors, in order to achieve the type of results Daddy Phil must proudly smile at, like the schoolmaster over his favorite pupil. Evidently, Oberg's mention of me in OMNI was made with the idea I would appreciate any publicity, no matter how unfair or jaundiced, in the manner of our glorious GSW leader, of whom it has been said he would sell his mother to a sailor if it would get his name mentioned in the press!....."

MARGARET SACHS writes:

"Yes, you disappointed us. Why are you being so shy about moving on from 'Saucer Wit'? Are you reneging on your written promise that the titles would get sicker?

"Doesn't Gray Barker know that the easiest way to identify millionaires is by their slowness in picking up restaurant checks?...."

TOM BENSON writes:

"Regarding the Scientific Paper Competition on UFOs sponsored by Cutty Sark Ltd., a Scotch whiskey manufacturer, you requested in 'More Saucer Wit' a 10% kick-back from non-subscribers submitting UFO papers to them. I thought that since the end of prohibition, the Government, the Kennedys and the Mafia were the only ones getting kick-backs on Scotch whiskey imports. Now, does the Moseley Syndicate also want to horn in on the action? Well, I'm pissed off, and I didn't even drink any Scotch since you exposed yourself by your UFO extortion racket. But, nevertheless, I will submit a paper to the Contest, entitled: 'Theoretical Insights Beyond 3½-D, Viewed from the Porthole of our Leaky Cutty Sark Boat'. If my paper wins the contest, I will forward your 10%.....all in freshly laid turds!"

JIM HARRIS writes:

"Thanks for 'More Saucer Wit' and your card. MSW was so full of bull that it left me speechless; therefore I have no comments about it.

"It is my unfortunate duty to inform you that the wise and benevolent leaders of UFOCUS Research have decided to suspend publication of our zine. This decision was brought about because my college work detracted from my ufological work, and the fact that co-editor Wilfong has left town. This decision in no way means that my interest in Fortean phenomena has dimmed. We still intend to send a delegation to the '79 Convention in Cincinnati..."

PETER JORDAN writes:

"While Zechel and Klass continue to mutilate each other in print, cattle are also being mutilated near the town of Dulce, New Mexico. The New Mexico State Police are totally baffled, but kindly agreed to cooperate with me in an experimental probe of the situation through psychometry. The psychic I am using in this study has worked extensively for the police in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Kentucky, and California, in pursuing criminal offenders and locating the missing. Her track record is impeccable. Already, based on her psychometric evaluation of photographs taken at the mutilation site, of both cattle and alleged UFO landing marks, a

seven page report of her impressions has been filed with New Mexico police, the details of which show great promise of contributing to an eventual solution to this particular mystery.

"For obvious reasons, I am not at liberty to discuss the contents of this report at this date, but I would be willing to discuss the matter with anyone who has pursued similar cases in an intelligent and scientific manner.

"Thanks for the space, Jim, and especially for all you've done in establishing my personal contact with Howard Menger."

KENNETH BEHRENDT writes:

"I just received my second copy of your zine, and have reached the conclusion that it is a '3½-D' energy/mass projection, dredged up by the weary subconscious minds of many a frustrated Ufologist. So, please allow me to contribute some dredge to this issue.

"Recently, a friend and myself started (spurred on by masochistic urges) yet another UFO group, called UFOSCAN of New Jersey (= Unidentified Flying Object Surveillance and Collection of Alien News), to cover sightings in the central and northern N.J. areas. Soon we hope to begin publishing a whopping 100 pages per month of sightings. We are now hungrily searching for a corps of loyal supporters who, after several years of close scrutiny and Security checks, will be invited to join our inner inner elected legions of True Believers. Only then will our most secret mysteries be revealed: the unknown Einstein journal that is allowing us to build a real UFO; the several crashed saucers we've recovered from remote corners of the Earth; the captured aliens (dead and alive) that their eyes may gaze upon; actual contacts with alien diplomats; and, for those whose Belief is pure and strong - a trip to Venus!!

"Those interested may write to me for further details. (274 Second Street, Elizabeth, N.J. 07206.) Please, no CIA agents or weirdos."

JANICE CROY writes:

".....I saw the dreaded X next to my name, so thought I'd better get a letter out to you.....I'm interested in hearing from people who want to receive a copy of our magazine, 'Twilight Zone Fanzine'. To refresh the mind, we will still carry UFO reports, Star Wars news, Bigfoot reports, UFO-related sci-fi stories, strange phenomena reports, and other bits of news.

".....By the way, anyone interested in cattle mutilation reports can write to one of my staff: Rick White, 512 South Logan, #3, Denver, Co. 80209.My new address is: 137 S. Pennsylvania, #110; Denver, Co. 80209."

STEVE MILLER, of the Church of Saucer Worship (CSW) writes:

"I've been remiss, I know, and I've suffered the ultimate penalty - the dreaded X. Foolish talk of being busy, or overworked or whatever, just doesn't hold water anymore. No, I've transgressed the boundaries - I've gone too far!

"I hope I can clear my good name with this letter, though I am afraid my correspondence will add nothing to the field of Ufological research..... Please don't wipe my name from your list. Maybe one day it'll keep me from getting drafted."

KULTURAL KORNER

Few people realize that former researcher Gray Barker is a poet of note, having published several of his Works in amazingly obscure poetry magazines over the years. Below is an up-dated version of one of his Classic Poems. It apparently has no connection with UFOs, but was inspired by the recent nuclear fiasco in Pennsylvania. It is therefore called, appropriately -

THE HARRISBURG LAMENT

Who should think, in calm spring night,
Should come such warning flash of light?

What is that glow all over town?

Perhaps the core is melting down!

Mama, Papa, children all,

Come and watch the big fireball!

Swirling high and swirling wide

Comes the radioactive tide.

Raindrop touches baby's dimple,

Maybe it will cause a pimple.

Sister standing in the yard,

She makes the geiger go so hard.

Brother fleeing on his Honda,

Should have heeded words of Fonda!

Mama's sick and throwing up,

Got fallout in coffee cup.

Baby brother's constipated,

Bottle got contaminated.

Cows are stamping in the field;

Strontium 90 they will yield!

Kitty stretched out dead and cold;

With radioactive mouse was bold.

Puppy making piteous sound,

Chewed a bone from off the ground.

Auntie, do not run the water -

Just remember your poor daughter!

Grandpa, don't run helter-skelter,

It's too late to build a shelter!

Postman please return that bill;

We haven't paid, now never will!

Mother-in-law is on the bed,

Shake her, Mom - she may be dead!

Turn the Disco way down low,

All of us have got to go!

Turn the television off,

Can't stand Carson's sickly cough.

Father, throw away that truss,

You're no sicker now than us.

Baby sister's spitting blood

Should not have waded in the mud.

Take down that "Vote for Carter" sign,

Put up Nader's while there's time.

Do not use that chamber pot!

Radio said it might be hot!

When Uncle ordered suit of lead,

We thought that he had lost his head!

(But even he will surely die;

He forgot to button fly.)

Grandma's suffered with the gout

But now her hair is falling out.

Mom used Gleem to fight decay,

But now her teeth have dropped away.

Poor deaf Uncle's on the ground,

Didn't hear the alert sound.

No use now to write more verse,

For I am sick and feeling worse.

Richard L. Worsnop
America Takes Aliens in Stride