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NEWS BRIEFIES: We're cramped for Space in this issue, as we've been receiving some Heavy Shit in the form of (allegedly) serious letters from several researchers; so we'll make this section as short as possible, in order to print as many of these Heavy missives as we can (as well as some Light ones too.).....This may be your final Warning about the 16th National UFO Conference (NUFOC), to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 14th. All rooms at the convention motel are now taken, but you can still book a room at a nearby motel by phoning the Cincinnati Travel Lodge at 513-559-1800, or by phoning Earl Jones of OUFOL at 513-631-6288. See you at the Con., hopefully!.....Another important & interesting convention, called the First London (England) International UFO Congress, is being held on August 26th and 27th. Wish we could make it!.....And now, our reluctant apologies to Todd Zechel for having erroneously printed, in our last issue, that he resigned as Research Director of Bill Spaulding's GSW organization. Both Spaulding and Zechel deny the story, which came to us via a telephone conversation with Zechel. Wish we had a tape of that one, but we still don't bother to tap our own telephone - even though the habit is becoming more common in the UFO field than ever before.....Our belated thanks to non-subscriber Gene Steinberg for providing us with the unusual typestyle letters with which we paste up our titles for the various issues of this newsletter.Finally, we learn via Augie Roberts that Howard Menger is now selling Lucky Tektite Amulets to the masses. The original was supposedly given to Howard by the Space People, years ago. Of course, tektites are from outer space, but that's about all we can find in this sales pitch that really sounds kosher!.....And now, let's all wallow off into the -

LETTERS TO YE EDITOR

TODD ZECHEL has the following (and much more) to say:

"It's evident that after 25+ years as a 'Ufologist' you've finally learned how to become a respected member of the inner circle. Or I should say, a respected Ufologist in the eyes of the so-called skeptics. After all, Robert Sheaffer, up-and-coming disciple of Klass, calls you one of the three Ufologists he has the most respect for, - the others being Bill Spaulding and Bruce Maccabee.

"Sheaffer's endorsement of you apparently takes into account your participation in the Straith hoax (with Gray Barker), your hoax book, 'The Wright Field Story', and a number of lesser hoaxes and fake feuds - including your long-term provocation of NICAP.

"So what have you done lately that suddenly makes you a man of honor? It seems to be the fact you've provided a platform for the skeptics to purvey their propaganda with, along with your continuing cooperation and participation in the Klass conspiracy against me.

"The most recent incident in this long chain of libelous attacks occurred in 'Saucer Wit Rides Again'. Once again you endeared yourself to the skeptics by reprinting an entire letter from Klass, after exercising

vigorous editorial judgment in making wholesale deletions in my letters regarding the same matters. But maybe you didn't do Klass such a big favor, judging by the fact that Klass has now (and once again) put his foot in his mouth and rammed it down his own throat.

"As usual, Klass comes on with his confident bravado, stating, 'Only Zechel could stuff so many paranoid falsehoods into a single sentence.' Then he says: 'At no time have I suggested, asked, or urged, let alone 'persuaded' anyone in the USAF to refer Zechel-related inquiries to my office.'

"I quote from a letter received from Lt. Col. L. C. Labell, Congressional Inquiry Division, Office of Legislative Liason, USAF, responding to a Congressional investigation launched in my behalf: 'Regarding the referral of a news inquiry from Mr. Scott Woodside, Captain Kennett suggested Mr. Klass as a possible source of information for three reasons: because Mr. Klass, a recognized UFO expert, offered to help with UFO inquiries whenever necessary; because Klass had noted he would be pleased to help in queries from a Mr. Todd Zechel, a UFO researcher whose career he had followed for some time (Mr. Woodside had indicated he was working on information provided by Mr. Zechel); and because the pressure of other priority news queries meant he could not satisfactorily research Mr. Woodside's query to meet the immediacy of Mr. Woodside's requirements. (Mr. Woodside was doing a program on UFOs that same day.)'

"Has there ever been any clearer evidence of Klass being untruthful, and outrageously so, at that? Captain Kennett himself admits that Klass asked him to refer Zechel-related queries to Klass, and that's exactly what happened.

"What had happened was that a National Military Command Center DDO UpDate had been released to me as a part of a file relating to UFOs, according to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs. The message in question stated that Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota, had been attacked by unknown attackers on Nov. 3, 1975, right in the midst of UFO overflights of SAC B-52 bases and missile sites. The obvious inference was that the attack was somehow associated with UFO activity. Woodside and I telephoned Grand Forks for more information on the incident, but were told there was none available at the base by the local PIO. He suggested we call the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Information (SAFOI) in Washington, which we did. Woodside just happened to reach Captain Doug Kennett, who, as soon as my name was mentioned (as the source of the info), referred Woodside to Klass, stating that I was not to be trusted.

"Since this was the first instance that I know of in which Kennett or anyone else at SAFOI had tried to do a job on me, I called Al Hendry and asked him to phone Kennett the following day. Hendry agreed to follow basically the same sequence as Woodside, i.e., merely to refer to the incident and relate that the information had come from Todd Zechel. This presented an objective and impartial test to determine if Kennett was in fact involved in some sort of conspiracy with Klass.

"Sure enough, Kennett reacted much the same as he had with Woodside, impugning the credibility of the information and my character, and then referred the query to Klass. The enclosed transcript of the tape-recorded call will allow you to evaluate the veracity of my version of this incident versus Klass's version of it.

"Since I plan to bring this entire matter into court in the near future with a multi-million dollar suit against SAFOI, Kennett, Klass, et al, I won't comment on Captain Kennett's motives at this time. I will, however, quote again from Lt. Col. Labell's letter: 'In summary, based on the results of our inquiry, Captain Kennett's 'off-the-record' reference to alleged comments made by Mr. Klass about Mr. Zechel does not appear to have been in consonance with good public affairs practices, and he has been counselled to that effect.' (Emphasis added.).....

"Another instance of Klass's prevarications....is this passage from

his published letter: 'When Hendry was asked if he knew me, he acknowledged that he had heard of me, but asked Kennett for my telephone number, which he was given. (This is curious because Hendry and I have exchanged a number of letters and he once called me at my office, some months earlier).'

"As you can see by the enclosed transcript, Hendry did not ask for Klass's phone number, it was proffered to him. I don't know why Klass chose to prevaricate about this point, plus make a big deal of it, other than to conceal the fact that Kennett was giving out his phone number. In any case, if there's any doubt whatsoever about the accuracy of the transcript, I'd be glad to play the tape for you or send you a copy.

"As you can see, Klass can't be taken seriously any longer, assuming he ever was. Brad Sparks tore Klass's silly contentions about NSA not being a civilian intelligence agency to shreds - literally destroyed him. Yet Klass continues to fulminate about NSA and ASA, even though his own source about NSA in his White Papers, Victor Marchetti, lists the Army Security Agency as a component of NSA.....

"P.S: You will please note that Al Hendry, once the darling of the skeptics because of his IFO reports in the IUR, is now on Klass's shit-list for being 'my friend'. Hendry's crimes include viewing the dispute between Klass and me as objectively as he looks at all other issues. Klass doesn't want objectivity - he wants adherence. No wonder he initiated the hatchet job on the Ocala case: revenge against Hendry. Let's face the facts: What the skeptics are doing has nothing at all to do with science. Their activities are strictly the manifestations of a political/psychological war against UFOs and Ufologists!

"Klass is apparently so dead-set on stopping me from getting government UFO files released that he will stoop to anything, including attempting to isolate me by punishing those who refuse to renounce me. Thus Hendry can anticipate further spurious attacks on his work by Klass and his gang of wreckers!"

It seems that our main crime has been not to give Zechel enough Space in this zine. We hope we have done sufficient Penance by publishing the above diatribe. - Editor.

EARL JONES of OUFOIL (sponsors of the 1979 NUFOC) writes:

"While reading your and my favorite UFO rag, I came upon a letter by would-be-famous, or would-be-infamous (I'm not sure which) Rick Hilberg of Cleveland. In this letter, Mr. Hilberg calims to have become a UFO skeptic in recent years, aligning himself with Al Greenfield and the other alleged skeptics in the field. In the next paragraph, he chides the NUFOC for not bringing skeptics and believers together, as speakers at the conventions. As well as I can remember, Mr. Hilberg spoke at last year's NUFOC convention. I propose that Mr. Hilberg is simply jealous because he wasn't invited to speak at this year's Con. This is due to the fact that we of OUFOIL-Cincinnati wanted reputable, knowledgeable, qualified speakers at this year's NUFOC. Should Mr. Hilberg have an objection to any of the speakers this year, I personally will be more than happy to match any one of their qualifications against his, two for one, and I will guarantee they will have qualifications left over!

"The speakers at this year's Con. all are active investigators, trained and qualified at OUFOIL's own hands. They are the type of investigators that get up and go to the alleged site, and personally acquire their own information, develop their own hypotheses and theories, and personally find the facts or lack of facts, to prove or disprove the cases. They are not glued to their favorite armchair with a telephone in their ears. These people do not take hearsay and other people's work as unquestioned truths. They find out for themselves.

"Therein lies Mr. Hilberg's problem, and the reason for his alleged skepticism. It's easier to be a skeptic, and rely on others' doubts, than to be a believer - or better yet, a totally objective investigator.....

"In regard to putting skeptics and believers together, as speakers, I would be more than happy to do so, except for a couple of small problems: #1. Many of the worthwhile skeptics do not credit us with enough worth, to make it advantageous for them to speak. #2. Others of the worthwhile skeptics charge too much for our more than limited budget to handle. #3. The rest of the skeptics fit into Mr. Hilberg's classification, and are not worthwhile.....

"Unfortunately, law prohibits me from expressing in print what I really think of Mr. Hilberg, as well as the majority of the Northern Ohio UFO Group, to which he belongs....."

This isn't exactly a plea for Unity in Middle Ufology, is it!? Will Jones and Hilberg snub each other at the NUFOC this year? Come to the convention and find out! - Editor.

LAMA ROBERT DICKHOFF writes:

".....Regarding 'Saucer Wit Rides Again', please do whistle Dixie through your ass, as Ronald Spanbauer suggests. Since you exist in Fart Lee, this makes sense.

"And, yes, do fill up your gas tank before you enter the Bermuda Triangle, or else it will be a one-way trip to Ganemede and beyond!....."

GEORGE EARLEY informs us:

"In 'Son of Saucer Wit' you noted the recent appearance of a Richard Hall article in the then-current issue of 'Official UFO'. Be advised that this article and about 5 others in that issue were reprinted from earlier issues of OUFO - issues that appeared before Fass started running fiction and calling it fact. And, as usual, no one at OUFO asked Hall's permission to reprint, nor have they paid him for the reprint. They did the same thing to me about a year ago with an 'Ancient Astronauts' piece, but I managed to extract reprint monies, and hope that Dick and other victimized writers will be able to do the same."

For several weeks now, an anonymous individual calling himself CONCERNED UFOLOGIST has injected himself into the complex feuds that center around certain past and present NICAP people in the Washington, D.C. area. We did not print the first two letters from CONCERNED, as they seemed irrelevant to the serious issues, not to mention libelous in parts! Below we give you the major portion of his latest diatribe, which for the first time was mailed directly to our Guttenberg, N.J. Headquarters. The letter seems particularly appropriate for this present issue of "Saucer Shit":

"Since the distribution of my last letter offering some positive proof of the clandestine activities of W. McIntyre and S. Nixon (of NICAP), the shit has literally hit the fan. McIntyre in a fit of obvious yellow journalism with a newsletter (even printed on yellow paper) accused W. Todd Zechel of being the author, and accused him of other inflammatory ludicrous charges, in an apparent attempt to attract attention away from himself and onto Zechel.

"W. Todd Zechel is not the author, nor does he have anything to do with this. Todd Zechel, a former intelligence agent, one of the few with enough intelligence to get out, has done more than any other UFO researcher today to expose the government's bungling coverup. Zechel's only failing that he can be criticized for is in being duped by information fed to him by McIntyre into believing that McIntyre is not still on the payroll of the CIA.

"Many have asked why I choose to hide behind a cloak of anonymity. The fact is that if I used my name, it would be instantly recognized, and when the applause stopped, I would be subjected to untold legal actions and harassment as McIntyre and Nixon attempt to save some face.....

"In the meantime, McIntyre's front organization, now called MARCEN, (probably appropriately standing for 'McIntyre and Rosen CIA Espionage Network') seems to be growing at a rate totally out of line for any known UFO group ever, as post office records show that McIntyre just recently mailed over 4,000 copies of their magazine; and attempts to contact Rosen of MARCEN have revealed that he is now in Israel and will be going to Africa from there in July - Kenya specifically.

"Not to be stopped by public pressure or good taste, McIntyre continues to foster the festering feud with W. Todd Zechel by continuing to write ridiculous charges about Zechel that continue to appear in the semi-literate UFO scandal shit-sheet edited by the semi-illiterate James Moseley in Guttenberg, New Jersey.

"Moseley demonstrates that he is obviously a part of this continuing conspiracy by continuing to print McIntyre's garbage and by writing with an obvious bias against Zechel. This should come as no surprise to many old-time Ufologists who have either known or suspected for many years that Moseley was and probably still is an agent for the U.S. Air Force and the CIA.

"Copy this letter and pass it on, and next month we will reveal the names of all of the covert agents of the CIA currently hidden in the UFO movement. It will rattle your eye-teeth and shake you off your apathy.....

"P.S: We hope to report in the next letter that McIntyre, Nixon, Klass, Lundahl, and Moseley along with a few others have finally gotten what is coming to them."

BILL MCINTYRE writes:

"You asked for it and here it is. You don't have to feel left out any more, because your associating with the enemy has gotten you the notice of 'Concerned' at last.

"This letter (above) again causes me to wonder if Todd is not at least dictating these stupid letters if not writing them himself. No one that was ever closely associated with NICAP here other than a maverick like me would be having anything to do with knowing you or writing anything about you. You just don't really know how you were portrayed at NICAP....

"I just cannot believe at this point that Todd is completely innocent in this letter writing and does not at least know who is doing it.

"You may be right that Todd is far from here, and I will concede that these myopic eyes of mine are not getting any younger, but I have seen an individual at least built like Todd and wearing a phony beard watching me come and go for the past week, and this latest letter shoved in behind my doorknob was not USPS special delivery! Neither do I think it is paranoia on my part, regarding the messages left on the MARCEN telephone answering machine earlier today, saying that I am going to die and that all of 'you unmitigated turds' are going to die. The voice was disguised into a fake falsetto, so it is not possible to speculate on the origin, but the telephone company is already involved in this, and the FBI are coming over tomorrow. The telephone company will not get involved in setting up their expensive equipment to trap people unless you sign an agreement to fully prosecute anyone caught. I have executed it, so maybe 'Concerned' will get lots of time to pursue his writing....."

Alien question stumps Carter

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WASHINGTON — President Carter has conceded that "no one has discovered an adequate answer" to

Conference Of Unions Okays Alien Cameramen In U.S.; 644 Furious

By FRANK SEGERS

The New York-based Conference on the resolution of Motion Pictures and Television Unions voted last

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Dear Jim,

So Dick Heiden (April 10th issue) thinks my claim that the CIA is causing the saucer sightings is a put-on! "OMNI" magazine, June 1979, p. 32, alludes to, but doesn't quote, an internal CIA document on the cover-up, dated July 25, 1958. (This was released in last December's batch of CIA documents.) On July 3, 1958 I had asked Allen Dulles, yes-or-no, whether the CIA had caused any saucer reports.

The internal CIA memo, from W. E. Lexow, shows how the "disinformation" department of the CIA arranged that I be told that such operations would be illegal, since the CIA was not allowed to operate in the U.S.! Many other internal documents in the released batch show that the CIA's top people could not give an honest direct answer to my question.

On a more current note, "SKYLAB IS FALLING IN! SKYLAB IS FALLING IN!" About the time you print this letter, the news media may be full of stories resulting from the Skylab reentry breakup (estimated now as between June 20 and July 14, most probably about July 2.)

NASA predicts that the time and location of the breakup would statistically be such that there is less than 1% chance that even one person (anywhere in the world) would be hurt. However, a serious tragedy could possibly occur, in an area where it could not be hushed up. This would damage U.S. prestige. ("How could the U.S. have been so stupid or so cheap as to launch Skylab with no assured way to remove it safely from orbit after it outlived its usefulness?")

Not to worry! The agency responsible for creating and planting saucer sighting stories is on the job. A flap of new saucer sightings, at the right time, would take the "sting" out of a Skylab reentry tragedy or bad scene.

I suspect that a large number of sightings have already been arranged so that (if needed to divert attention from a real Skylab tragedy) they can be unleashed shortly before or after the final plunge of Skylab. Logically, the actual breakup will generate many reports of lights and objects in the sky and falling to earth, resulting from the debris itself. The news media (if so directed) would carry the "arranged" stories of saucer landings, contacts, and other staged events, to take the edge off the Skylab facts, and blend in with them, so the real damage would be obscured in the public mind. (This is similar to the Nov. 1957 flap which started within two hours after the Russians launched "Sputnik-2" with the dog "Laika", to "cover-up" the reality that the Russians had beaten us again in the space race.)

Let's hope the pieces fall safely and the flap is not needed.

Sincerely,

Leon

Leon Davidson